



THE VETTE GAZETTE

In my first issue of this newsletter I would like to thank all those whom nominated me for this position and to the Southern Colorado Corvette Club for the great opportunity to take over the newsletter. Most importantly I want to thank Mr. Adams for letting me do this and having the faith in me to do so. I hope in the coming newsletters I can fill everyone with information, ideals for doing it yourself and how to's. So thanks again to everyone in the Southern Colorado Corvette Club!! And I hope everyone had a wonderful time **celebrating** the New Year!!!



In my first issue, I would like to talk about the NEW C7, there is so much speculation on what the C7 will offer and bring or improve upon the C6? Despite rumors from it being all wheel drive to just being a simple more aggressive looking C6 there are tons of what if's floating around the internet and GM is keeping a pretty tight lid on any information on what will be in the new Corvette. After some

more reading around its looks like it's now beginning to appear like the 2014 Corvette will simply be an evolutionary step from the current C6, both in terms of styling and engineering. Perhaps that's a good thing; since GM knows it can't radically change the American icon that's served as a halo car for Chevrolet for over five decades. Or can they? Only time will tell on this topic...



Corvette Trivia:

What generation of corvette was the first to have windshield wipers that sweep in the same direction instead of opposing directions.?

According to GM inside news (GMI), the next Corvette will bear a more "European looking" design, but without significant restyling from the current C6 model. If GMI is correct, reports of a split-window rear design (as seen on GM's Stingray concept) are incorrect, and the C7 will carry on with the same rear-window styling as current C6 models.

Furthermore, despite rumors of a fuel-saving [5.5-liter V-8 base engine](#) in the C7, GMI maintains that the car will soldier on with a 6.2-liter V-8, and will be offered with a seven-speed manual transmission. Which is a pretty interesting topic cause I had read where Porsche is doing something along the lines of a new seven speed transmission. It's really exciting with the world of car's today, the exotic supercars are getting rid of manual transmissions altogether in favor of the more fancy

Automatic gearbox's. While GM and I am soooooo glad they are allowing the Corvette to stay with a manual gearbox, but then again would it feel right to own a sports car without a manual...

As far as the interior goes it seems that GM is tired of hearing complaints on how lack luster the interior is or has been on the two previous generations... I personally love how the



interior looks and feels in any generation of a Corvette. But I guess others don't, so look forward to seeing higher quality materials, as well as featuring an infotainment display in the center stack with a redundant display in the gauge cluster. However I doubt the C7 will see the new CUE system that some of the new Cadillac cars are going to get. Then again a lot

can change from now till the C7 comes out. The CUE stands for Cadillac User Experience, and it consists of a few things, all based around a better user experience and at the same time keeping you safe while still using technology (like your mobile phone). The Center Console has an 8" capacitive LCD touchscreen with haptic feedback in both the screen and on the buttons below the screen. They've introduced something no other car manufacturer has that I know of - a proximity sensor. As you reach towards the screen, it'll become aware and give you the appropriate menu options. That way you're not distracted by irrelevant information until you need it.

The Instrument Cluster is highly customizable. You can display whatever you want on your dash.

CUE is based on Linux, and that means there are a lot of possibilities for the future!

As far as a launch date goes as of now for the new Corvette it's looking like its shooting around for mid-2013 as a 2014 model, which means one thing: the rumors about the car's design are a long ways from done.

The C7 Corvette will not look like anything like the car in transformers, which for one I am glad, the next gen Corvette will not have a 1963 split window like so many have said, and it will not have a retro look to it. I really do think GM has been listening to what the Corvette enthusiast wants the car to be. The next gen Corvette will be I think a welcome to the rich history that makes a Corvette a well Corvette!

Corvette trivia:

What year did the
ZR-1 become an RPO
code on the Corvette?

NEWS:



Trash Pickup

When Sat, January 7, 9am – 10am

Where: Furrs parking Lot ([map](#))

SCCC Club Meeting

When: Tue, January 24, 7pm – 8pm

Where: Pueblo City/County Library ([map](#))

Description: Southern Colorado Corvette Club Monthly Meeting
Dinner Following

As per Mr. Bert Jaco..The guys over at Big O tires in Canon City have the ability to fill your tires with Nitrogen at a great price. The address for the shop is 3030 East Main Street Canon City, Co 81212 phone number 719-269-8000

For those who are not sure they want to use Nitrogen in their tires here are a few benefits of using this wonder gas!

Corvette trivia:

What three years was the
speed warning indicator
option offered for?

Here's how using Nitrogen in your tires can help you keep your car running newer, longer.

- **Tire Pressure**
Because of its larger molecular size, nitrogen migrates through a tire three to four times slower than oxygen. A tire filled with compressed air will lose 1 PSI in less than a month; with nitrogen this could take three months or longer.
- **Fuel Economy**
Proper tire pressure lessens rolling resistance and helps maintain optimum fuel economy between services.
- **Tire Life**
Setting and maintaining proper tire pressure for your vehicle assures that you will receive the maximum tire life that was engineered into your tire. It will also optimize your vehicle's handling and ride characteristics.
- **TPMS**
For vehicles equipped with a tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS), nitrogen provides for more consistent tire pressure, reducing the likelihood of alerts triggered solely by fluctuations in outside temperature.

...and it's better for the environment!
- **Environment**
The optimal fuel economy you can maintain more easily with nitrogen will produce less air pollution and less greenhouse gas emissions.

Remember, just because your tires are filled with Nitrogen doesn't mean you can't top them off with regular air. It's best to use Nitrogen in your tires whenever possible, but if you run into a situation where you can't get it, go ahead and top off with air. Then when you get a chance, head back to the store that inflated your tires with nitrogen for a refill. It is recommended that you continue to check your tire pressure periodically.

This is information was borrowed from the Firestone website

Corvette Racing updates for January 2012



NEXT EVENT

Corvette Racing's next event is the 60th Anniversary Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on Saturday, March 17, 2012.

There is not a lot of info going on in the Corvette racing world right now until the March 17. Then I will add more coverage to the whole racing world in my updates through the