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Chairman's Comments

by Bud Jessee

Motor Trend Car of the Year 2020 Corvette

Rick Hendricks purchased the 001 2020 Corvette at Barrett Jackson that officially has not even been built yet. It is amazing that a car that has not even been officially built is presented with this award. That goes to show you what the judges expect from the C8 generation of the Corvette. At Barrett Jackson, the C8 was a hot item on the showroom floor. Here is an explanation of what is involved in the selection of The Car of the Year.

Having not even rolled off the assembly line and receiving this award is very prestigious. But bear in mind, in 1971 *The Car of the Year* was the Chevrolet Vega. Hope the C8 Corvette does not meet the same fate.

The *Motor Trend Car of the Year* (COTY) is an annual award given by *Motor Trend* magazine to recognize the best new or significantly refreshed car in a given model year.

Background

Motor Trend, which debuted in 1949, was the first publication to name a Car of the Year. The inaugural *Motor Trend Car of the Year* award recognized Cadillac's V8 engine in 1949.

The earliest awards were given to the manufacturer or division, not for a specific vehicle. The 1958 Ford Thunderbird became the first single model to be selected.^[3] In 1970, the Ford Torino won the COTY while *Motor Trend* selected the Porsche 914 for its first Import COTY award.

In 1972, the low-volume imported Citroën SM won the overall COTY award. Between 1976 and 1999, the COTY award was split in two: Domestic COTY and Import COTY.

The trophy was recombined in 2000 because the distinctions between domestic and import cars became increasingly difficult. The award has expanded to include a pickup truck (starting in 1979) and a separate sport utility vehicle (starting in 1999), which are recognized separately from the Car of the Year.

Over time, other publications and organizations have copied *Motor Trend's* Car of the Year award and created their own. These COTY designations may focus on regional markets, vehicle types, specific market segments, or other criteria. Some examples include the European Car of the Year that began in 1964 by a collective of automobile magazines, the Green Car of the Year selected by a panel of automotive and environmental experts, the Tow Car of the Year chosen by selected sponsors in the industry, and the Fleet Car of the Year that is voted by professional fleet managers.

Impact

Motor Trend's Car of the Year is "one of the most prestigious honors bestowed in the auto industry.

The trophy for the winner, a depiction of calipers, is often used in the winning automaker's marketing and advertising.^{[8][9]} Most cars that win the award report a spike in sales.

Criteria

To be eligible for the award, a car must be an "all-new" or "substantially upgraded" vehicle that has been on sale within twelve months from the

previous November. Vehicles that have been on sale for over five years are ineligible for the award.

Between the contenders, it is not a comparison test. In 2014 as an example, the *Motor Trend* judges debated and evaluate each vehicle against six key criteria:

Criteria Note: Design Advancement well-executed exterior and interior styling; innovative vehicle packaging; selection of materials

Engineering Excellence vehicle concept and execution; clever solutions to packaging, manufacturing and dynamics issues; cost-effective technology that benefits the consumer.

Efficiency low fuel consumption and carbon footprint, relative to the vehicle's competitive set

Safety active: help the driver avoid a crash; secondary: protect occupants from harm during a crash

Value competitive price and equipment levels, measured against vehicles in the same market segment.

Performance of Intended Function how well the vehicle does the job its planners, designers, and engineers intended

Motor Trend also only considers cars with base MSRPs less than \$100,000 in order to avoid expensive luxury and super cars dominating the competition.

Vehicles are subjected a battery of tests: standard car tests such as skid-pad ratings, acceleration and quarter-mile times, and evaluations of the interiors are combined with a track run conducted by [Sports Car Club of America](#)-licensed testers and taking the cars out on normal roads to test their drivability under normal conditions, and fuel economy.

February Breakfast Meeting

Our monthly breakfast will take place on Saturday, February 1, 2020. The location is Ollie's Station Restaurant in the Redfork area of West Tulsa. The address is 4070 Southwest Blvd. The phone number is (918)446-0524, in case you need it.

You can choose the buffet or you can order from the menu. The time to be there is 8:30 a.m., but people always start arriving by 8:00 - 8:15 a.m.

Oklahoma Chapter Merchandise

by Bob Clark

We currently have [Oklahoma Chapter denim shirts, long and short sleeve](#), and [Oklahoma Chapter sweat shirts](#) for \$25 each. We also have chapter caps for \$15 each.

The T-Shirts are in and the price is \$15. I have a few extra t-shirts in sizes Lg and XL. They will be available at our breakfast meeting on Saturday, February 1.

Please call me at 918 / 625-2303 if you want to pickup a shirt that you have on order. You could also send an email to bobclark77@cox.net

Membership Chairman's Comments

by Mike Aichele

Our current membership roster sits at 102 members with **53% of those having paid their 2020 dues**. If you haven't paid your dues, I encourage you to do that. If you are unsure if you have paid or not, then call me or see me at the Breakfast Meeting on February 1st, 2020.

Being a member is more than just attending an obligatory meeting once a month. It's a chance for camaraderie, a chance to get involved, a time to come together with like-minded people. It's an excuse to leave behind the struggles of daily life and visit with other Corvette-minded people.

It could be a chance to grow closer to a spouse. Think about bringing your spouse to a meeting.

Think about the memories you've developed over your time as a member of this Chapter Breakfast discussions, social events, judging events, road trips, Regionals, Nationals and sometimes working on cars just to name a few. Because of our cars and the love of all things Corvette, we have shared some pretty good memories.

Take the opportunity to visit with someone at the breakfast meeting that you may not normally visit with. Take the time to make a new person feel welcome to our Chapter. Without the membership, we don't have a Chapter to share with anyone.

Think about what we've shared and bring a friend to the next meeting.

Dues of \$30.00 are due on January 1st of each year and your Chapter is looking forward to your continued support. You can bring your dues to the monthly meeting or mail them to me at the address below. If you have any questions, please give me a call – I'm in the directory. Remember you must be an active member of the **National Corvette Restorers Society** before you can be a member of the Oklahoma Chapter of NCRS, Inc.

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Attitude Adjustment Night In Oklahoma City

by Gene Holtz

We are hosting an Attitude Adjustment Night in Oklahoma City to get Members together.

The gathering will be held at Rudy's Country Store & BBQ located at 3437 W. Memorial Road, Oklahoma City on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month. February's gathering is the 25th with arrival time between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm.

There is a busy schedule this spring with chapter judging in Wichita, Nebraska, Kansas City, and Oklahoma. There is something that all our club members can participate in from showing to judging. The best way to learn about your car and meet lifelong friends is to get involved.

Call me if you want further information at (cell) 405-317-3919 or email blue65l84@aol.com (that's an L84, not 184. Thanks!)

Judging News

by Russ Grimm

Spring Oklahoma Chapter Meet - Saturday, April 18

The spring chapter meet is fast approaching and as of today we have one car to judge, a 1966 small block convertible. At our March breakfast meeting we will send around a sign up list for tabulator(s), support help, judges/and observer judges. We will be looking for a lot of help, and we will need volunteers for Operations check, Interior, Exterior, Mechanical and Chassis judges. Judging points are awarded at the chapter level. If you have never judged I would recommend to start with working as an observer judge in an area that would be of interest to you. Maybe exterior or mechanical would be great areas to review if you are considering any upgrades or changes in the future for your car.

You do not need to pre-register with payment; however, an RSVP is appreciated. Completing a registration form will allow for assignments to be made prior to the event.

Owners will need to pre-register with a \$45.00 payment. All judges and support help will need to sign in that morning for judging awarded points and pay a \$10.00 fee for lunch.

Attitude Adjustment Night

The gathering place for our February Attitude Adjustment Night on Tuesday evening, February 18, 2020, will again be the Rib Crib at 8040 S. Yale. The meeting room is reserved for our use. The bar is open for early arrivals.

Membership Directory Update

We should have new membership directories at by the March meeting. Please, if any of your information has changed from the red 2017 issue, please send an email to bobclark77@cox.net, or mail to 10809 S. Louisville Ave., Tulsa OK 74137. I'll have copies of the membership update sheets at breakfast meeting on February 1 meeting.

Here is our event schedule:

Friday 4/17	7:30 pm	Staging of cars to be judged
Saturday 4/18	8:00 am	Open Registration
	8:30-11:30 am	Judging Seminar
	12:00 pm	Lunch
	1:00 pm	Judging begins
	1:15 pm	Judges/Owners
Meeting		
	3:00-3:45 pm	Wrap up Judging and tabulation
	4:00 pm	Awards presentation

I am looking for ideas and facilitators for the morning judging seminar. I thought of an area we might consider. Since it appears we will be Flight Judging a 1966 we could use a comparison to another 1966 for concourse vs flight judging session. My 1966 is a low mileage frame on restoration (sort of) it retains some untouched originality with a lot of which is not. This could go either way as a flight car or a concourse but that can be determined by the review and recommendation of the group. Any interest, concerns or thoughts or other ideas?

Edmond Summer Judging event is set up for August 15th at Allan Brown’s building again and we are working on a couple of corvettes. Gene is helping get a 1967 big block ready and hopefully we can add to that. So hold the date and more details to follow .---

Check Out The Corvette Plant Manager’s Restored C2 ‘Vette

by Jeffrey N. Ross

Where Does The Corvette Plant Manager Go To Buy A Vintage ‘Vette?

Kai Spande is the plant manager for General Motors’ Bowling Green Assembly Plant where the Chevrolet Corvette is produced, so it’s safe to say this guy knows his Corvettes. So when it came time to pull the trigger on the purchase of a vintage ‘Vette, he turned



And it looks good parked next to a mid-engine C8 Corvette!

to Corvette Mike to buy a fully restored, award-winning C2.

Where Does The Corvette Plant Manager Go To Buy A Vintage ‘Vette?

Corvette Mike sells Corvettes from all generations (C1 through C7), and Spande took home the Milano Maroon 1966 Chevrolet Corvette you see here. This car received a frame-off restoration about 20 years ago, and it is the proud recipient of the prestigious Bloomington Gold Award. Under the hood is the L72 427 CID V8, which is good for 425 horsepower, and this engine is paired to a four-speed manual and the rare factory side exhaust option. This beautiful car is also equipped with Kelsey-Hayes knock-off wheels with Goodyear Goldline tires.

Oddly enough, this car was discovered in original condition somewhere in Kentucky, but it was in bad need of a restoration. After a two-year, nut-and-bolt restoration, this Corvette turned out in incredible condition before being sold through Corvette Mike’s original Anaheim, California location.



That means this beauty will be headed back to its original home where it will surely meet up with plenty of other noteworthy 'Vettes. In fact, being the plant manager seems to have the advantage of driving home in the not-for-sale-yet mid-engine Corvette, and as you can see in the image above, Spande's new '66 Corvette looks absolutely stunning even when parked next to a Rapid Blue C8!

If you're in the market for a Corvette new or old (or even a non-Corvette classic), be sure to contact Corvette Mike. They are the go-to source for anything having to do with Corvettes from daily drivers to show winners.

(from the internet)

This Is Likely the Mid-Engine Flat-Plane V-8 Corvette Z06 Testing Out in the Open



by Brian Silvestro

The Corvette switching to a mid-engine layout is huge news, but it's not the only major change happening with the car. In October, Chevy revealed the race-ready C8.R, now packing a naturally aspirated 5.5-liter flat-plane crank V-8 engine—a big step away from the pushrod V-8s found in the new road car and last-generation race car. A Chevy engineer confirmed the engine would make its way to a road-going Corvette, and this test car is likely it.

Facebook user Jim Lill shared a video to the C8 Corvette Owners group showing what looks to be a heavily camouflaged Corvette testing in the mountains east of San Diego on Monday afternoon. The car's looks aren't what interests us—it's the sound. Unlike the normal Corvette, which has a traditional, deep pushrod V-8 noise we're familiar with, this one sounds more like the flat-plane C8.R. It has more in common sound-wise with a Ferrari 458 than it does with any Corvette.

Though Chevy hasn't officially confirmed it, the dual-overhead-cam flat-plane V-8 will likely be the engine powering the C8 Z06. In the race car, it uses direct injection, and makes around 500 horsepower and 480 lb-ft of torque, according to engineers. It's expected to make more in the road car. We're curious to see what Chevy has in store.

(from the internet)

Barret Jackson Auction-- 2020

by Jim Elder

The 2020 Scottsdale Barrett Jackson Auction was the best car show I've been to since the 2018 Barrett Jackson. The quality and quantity of cars was amazing.'

The first thing I did was visit the Chevrolet area and take a high speed ride in a Camaro. At the end of the ride,

Chevrolet had two 2020 Corvettes that you could get in and see if you fit. Ford, Dodge & Toyota offered the same type of rides in their vehicles.



The rest of the day was spent wandering through the various tents looking at the cars that had gone through the auction and at the cars waiting to go through. All of the cars that have been thru the auction have the sale price listed on the windshield.

We also went to the Leake auction to view their cars. Leake had very nice cars, just not as many as Barrett Jackson. Saturday afternoon was the big day with all the high end cars going across the stage. Also there was quite a crowd that formed when the first 2020 production Corvette Serial Number 1 went across the auction block. Everything went great. Our NCRS group from Tulsa attending included Mike Smith, David Clark, Don Johnston (Fayetteville), Pat McMichael, Bud Jessee and and Skip Hale(a friend from Joplin), and myself. I think that you can easily say is that we all had a great time. Also attending from Tulsa were Roy, Shari and Antony Sinor.

If you ever have a chance to attend a Barrett Jackson Scottsdale auction, it will be one of the best car shows you will ever attend.

A First Time Attendee's Look At The Barrett Jackson Auction

by Pat McMichael

This was a bucket list item, and with some fellow car enthusiasts and it was even better than expected. I found out that I was really interested in so many more cars than just Corvettes. Like the Trans Am's, GTO's, Shelby Cobra's and pickup's. Way too many to say or remember. On one of the days we all went to the Leake Auction. It was quite a bit different in the fact that

the cars seemed to be more down to earth and my style. In particular we all looked over a car that Dave Williams was very interested in.



We probably looked at just about every inch of that car (1965 Blue coupe) more than once. It was agreed by all that this was an exceptionally good car. It is very interesting to me being surrounded by this group of guys that are so knowledgeable and fun to be around. I continue to learn a lot every time I'm with them.

One of the highlights for us was watching the Red 2020 Corvette go across the auction bloc. We were amazed at the price it sold for. The crowd was very loud and excited. And then back for more fish tacos and beer. Last but not least the Chairman of our club, Bud Jessee, found a very interesting way to get free VIP parking and entrance to the show. He will be on the hook to tell that story. The Auction was incredible and I'm hoping to do it again.





2020 C8 Corvette Stingray Coupe sells for \$3 million at Barrett Jackson Auction



by Paulina Pineda

A 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, the first-ever mid-engine Corvette, sold for \$3 million in an auction to raise money for Detroit children.

It is the top seller so far this week at the Barrett-Jackson car auction in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The proceeds will benefit the Detroit Children's Fund, a nonprofit organization that works to grow the number of quality schools in Detroit.

The Auction shot up to \$1 million in less than a minute

The auction started at \$250,000 but shot up to \$1 million in less than a minute.

The crowd got on its feet as the bidding war continued, with the price reaching \$2 million in about two minutes.

Rick Hendrick, owner of NASCAR team Hendrick Motorsports and an avid car collector, made the winning bid.

First-ever hardtop 'Vette: GM debuts 2020 Corvette Stingray convertible



Award winner: GM's redesigned Corvette Stingray wins MotorTrend Car of the Year award

The money will be put toward educational purposes, Tonya Allen, president and CEO of Detroit Children's Fund, told Barrett-Jackson after the sale.

The sale marks the most expensive charity car sold this week at Barrett-Jackson.

A 2021 Lexus LC 500 Convertible Inspiration Series VIN 100001 sold for \$2 million on Friday. All proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

Other cars sold this week that benefited charities included a 1974 Ford Bronco that was commissioned by NASCAR driver Ryan Blaney and built by Gateway Bronco as a tribute to his late grandfather, race car driver Lou Blaney.

In total, the charity cars raised about \$7.6 million for various causes during the auction.

But the Corvette's sale was extra special for Barrett-Jackson CEO Craig Jackson.

Jackson told The Arizona Republic that he was born in Pontiac, Michigan, and both of his parents worked for General Motors.

Education is one of the auction's and Jackson's biggest causes, he said.

"Being the greatest nation, we should have the number one education system, and unfortunately we don't, so ... this falls right in line with our mission," he said.

First retail production of the Stingray

The new 2020 C8 Corvette Coupe is also the first-ever mid-engine Corvette.

This Corvette has an all-new 8-cylinder, 6.2-liter LT2 V8 engine, backed by an 8-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission.

The car has a black exterior, black seats with red trim, red seat belts, GT2 seats, a removable roof panel, rear spoiler and a performance data recorder.

Mary Barra, CEO of General Motors, said this car is "taking Corvette to the next level."

She said General Motors has raised more than \$21 million for charity over the last 20 years at Barrett-Jackson.

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For Sale: My Collection of die cast cars in original boxes - mostly Corvettes. I have original boxes. Also have Corvette model kits. Larry Mills 918 645-6203 Contact me for a complete list.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 1 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK
Feb 18 Attitude Adjustment Night - Rib Crib - 8040 S. Yale Ave. - Tulsa, Oklahoma
Feb 19-22 NCRS Florida Regional - Lakeland, Florida - Details in current *Driveline*
Mar 7 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK

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