

February Meeting--11 am Saturday, February 8
Spring Creek BBQ, Richardson, TX Details on page 3



February 2025 Legends Ledger



5:30 pm--Dinner 6:30 pm

Payment and RSVP due by Saturday, February 15, 2025

payment must reach Kevin Shadden or Post Office Box by February 15

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1000 Lebanon Rd., The Colony, TX

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5:30 PM--Social Hour & Cash Bar

6:30 PM--Served Dinner--

- * House Salad/Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette
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- * Dinner Rolls and Butter
- * Strawberry Cheesecake or German Chocolate Cake

**7:30-9:30 PM---Short Meeting,
Member of the Year Presentation**



Directions: Exit Hwy. 121 at Main St. (FM 423) in The Colony. Go North 4.8 mi. West on Lebanon Rd. (traffic light) Go West 3.2 mi. to Tribute Golf Club.

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\$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100. There will be a sign at each table to remind players and dealers of the color values.

♦ You cannot receive more chips. You cannot combine chips with another person.

♣ Playing will stop at approximately 9pm. Each player is to count their total remaining chip value at that point.

Prizes will be awarded to the members with the highest remaining chip value. There will be a first, second, and third place winner.

Upcoming Events 2025



*CLoT Club Participation Event

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- *Feb 8 Legends Meeting** 11 am Spring Creek BBQ Richardson, TX
- *Feb 14-16 Autorama** Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Fwy. Dallas, TX
We have 6 Corvettes selected to be in our Club's Display! The cars move in and we set up on Thurs. Feb. 13. The Show is Fri.-Sun. 14-16. Move out is Sunday evening. Call Tom, if you can help set up the display on Thurs. or man the booth on Fri.-Sun. Contact Tom Hubbert, 972-897-3045 or email thubbert@verizon.net.
- Feb 20-23 N. TX. Auto Expo** Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas, TX
- Feb 20-23 Decatur Swap Meet** 8am-6pm Fairgrounds, 3101 S. FM 51, Decatur, TX
- Feb 22 Classics on the Square** 7:30-10:30 am McKinney, TX
Car Meet event at McKinney Performing Arts Center, 111 N. Tennessee St., on the 4th Saturday of every month. Organized by Morning Maniacs.
- *Mar 1 After-Holiday Party-Casino Night** The Colony, TX
See page 1 Reservations must be paid for by **February 15!** Due to the forecast for severe weather, the After-Holiday Party has been RESCHEDULED for Sat., March 1 at the same venue, Tribute Golf Club, 1000 Lebanon Rd. Original reservations for the Party will be applied to the new date. If you have a paid reservation and cannot attend on March 1, please cancel by Feb. 15 and it will be refunded in full. If you did not sign up for the Party on Jan. 11, and would now like to attend on the rescheduled date (March 1), reservations will be re-opened until Feb. 15.
E-mail new reservation requests and cancellations to Sharon Conde, Cocker-Mom57@gmail.com (include your choice of beef or chicken meals) and submit payment of \$50 per person to Kevin Shedden at the February 8 meeting or mail to Legends, PO Box 260316, Plano, TX 75026-0316.
- Mar 12 FM Senior Center Car Show** Flower Mound, TX
Free, 9-11 am, 2701 W Windsor Dr., Pre-register: june.buscemi@flowermound.gov
- Mar 28-29 Southwest Swap Meet** 1000 Lone Star Pkwy. Grand Prairie, TX
- *Apr 12 Legends Meeting** 11 am Prairie House Lewisville, TX
- Apr 24-26 Pate Swap Meet** TMS Ft. Worth, TX
- Apr 25-26 Good-Guys Spring Show** TMS Ft. Worth, TX
All New 2-Day Format! Fri & Sat: 8am-5pm
- *May 15-18 Big Bend Corvette Trip** See page 10 Alpine, TX
Dennis Conte 972-839-8473 is beginning the planning stage of this trip for Corvette Legends and needs to know approximately how many hotel rooms to block for our group. Sign up soon.
- May 16-17 Lone Star Corvette Classic** Hilton DFW Lakes Grapevine, TX

WHAT YEAR AM I

by John Spencer



Answer on page 4

1. I am modeled after the Stingray race car and carry its name on the front and rear Corvette emblems.
2. I have a newly designed twin-cowl dash. My emergency brake is operated by an under-dash pull.
3. I have hidden headlights above an egg-crate grill.
4. I have a one-lite rear window.
5. I have 3 gill-like vents on my front quarter panel, but no vents on my roof pillar.
6. I have finned knock-off rims.
7. I have side pipe exhaust.
8. I am powered by a 427 cu.in. engine identified by my front fender badge.
9. The scoop on my hood has grill-like trim along its sides.

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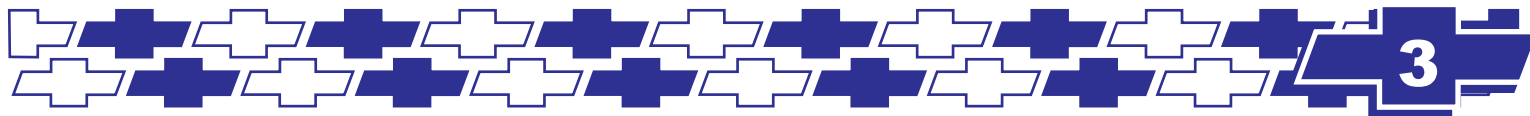
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Membership Information:

Coordinated by Dennis Conte (see above)
\$40 for annual membership
Dues are paid annually at a meeting or mailed to:

Club Mailing Address:

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Answer: I am a 1966 Corvette.

What detail defines me as a 66 ?

1. The 1963 thru 1967 (midyear) Corvettes are commonly known as the Corvette Sting Ray. Unlike the race car which spelled Stingray as one word the mid year Corvettes separated the name into two words "Sting Ray". No one knows why. The tell here is the front and rear emblems. Only the 1966 displayed the Sting Ray Corvette badge on both the front and rear, all others displayed this badge on the rear only.
2. All midyear Corvettes had the Dual Cowl dash. This design was met with a lot of acclaim, it displayed large round gauges easily read and unobstructed by a deep dish steering wheel. The under dash emergency pull handle was replaced by a center console lever in 1967.
3. All midyear Corvettes have hidden headlights. This will remain a signature trait of Corvettes through 2004. The egg crate grill appeared only on the 1966 & 67 Corvettes.
4. The single pane rear window was a characteristic of all midyears except the 1963 (aka - the split window Corvette).
5. The front quarter panel vents were changed from two scoop-like (non-functional) vents to three gill-like (functional) vents in 1965 and then a five-gill array in 1967. The vents on the roof pillar were deleted in 1966.
6. Finned aluminum knock-off rims were introduced in 1963, but not available until 1964. They were replaced by a bolt-on look-alike rim in 1967. It is recognizable by its center cap.
7. Sidepipes were introduced in 1965 and available on midyears through 1967.
8. The 396 cu.in. powerhouse introduced in 1965 was replaced by the 427 cu.in. in 1966.
9. The hood scoop (or bulge) indicative of the Chevrolet big block engines (396 & 427 cu.in.) appeared in 1965 and 1966. It was replaced in 1967 by a hood scoop and stinger in 1967.

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"The 2025 Corvette ZR1 exceeded our expectations," said Josh Holder, chief engineer, Corvette. "It's the pinnacle of performance, providing unrelenting power."

C8 Corvette Performance at a Glance:

- Stingray (Z51): 2.9 seconds
- Z06 (Z07): 2.6 seconds
- E-Ray: 2.5 seconds
- ZR1 (ZTK): 2.3 seconds

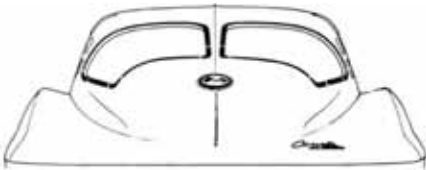
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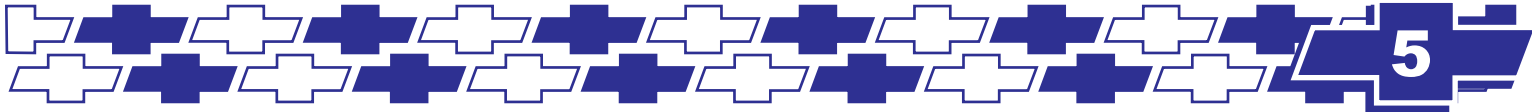


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Chevrolet Corvette Zora: Everything We Know



The Zora is real, and it should be a bonafide hypercar when it arrives.

Even before the eighth-generation Corvette debuted, there were rumors of a bonkers new model named after Zora Arkus-Duntov—the father of the Corvette. The famed Chevrolet engineer envisioned a powerful, mid-engine sports car decades before the C8 arrived. Concept cars through the 1980s and 1990s teased the future, but sadly, Zora wouldn't live to see a production 'Vette with the engine behind the driver. He died in 1996.

Corvette Zora rumors only grew after the 2020 Stingray debuted. We heard wild stuff about prototypes with twisted frames, cracked windows, and electrical systems unable to handle the load. Everything pointed to something with insane power, but those stories could've been about the ZR1. It's been the most powerful Corvette for the past two generations, and this latest version packs 1,064 horsepower. It's the most powerful Chevy ever—but it won't hold that title for long.

Chevrolet hasn't officially confirmed it yet, but there's undeniable evidence that another model above the ZR1 is coming. Here's everything we know so far about the Corvette Zora.

What Will the Corvette Zora Look Like?

At a glance, you probably won't notice any difference between it, the Z06, and the ZR1. The camouflaged prototypes we've seen have similar front and rear fascias, big wings, and the same quad-pipe center exhaust. That's not to say the production model won't have some Zora-specific design cues, but such differences will likely be relegated to small trim items. And Zora badging, of course.

Our rendering attempts to predict the nuanced differences between the Z06 and ZR1, but ultimately, it still looks like a Corvette with a big wing. Not that that's necessarily a bad thing.

Will It Be A Hybrid?

In a word, yes. Rumors have long pointed to Zora having the ZR1's engine paired with the E-Ray's hybrid system. Speaking with Corvette's former Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter at the ZR1 debut, he all but confirmed it by saying the company was "still working on stuff in the future" for the C8. Considering the ZR1 already has 1,064 hp from its twin-turbocharged 5.5-liter V-8, there's little left to do aside from sticking the E-Ray's front-mounted electric motor in there.



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Beyond that, we had the opportunity to get an up-close look at the ZR1's construction and noticed some peculiar features. Hoses are shaped in ways to accommodate an electric motor, despite one not being there. The ZR1's center tunnel also has room for the E-Ray's battery pack. The E-Ray uses a different gasoline engine, so ZR1 designers could have changed this up for better packaging. They didn't—which strongly suggests electric assist was the plan all along.

And then we come to the prototypes. Cars with hybrid or electric power trains lapping the Nurburgring must have yellow stickers, and we see them on recent C8 Corvette sightings. Looking closely at the front, we spot the same distinctive radiators used by the E-Ray. It's the proverbial smoking gun for Zora's all-wheel-drive hybrid power train.



How Much Horsepower Will It Have?

Going strictly by current stats for the ZR1 and E-Ray, we get 1,224 combined hp. That's 1,064 from the engine with 160 hp coming from the electric motor, but there's nothing stopping Chevrolet engineers from adding more to the pot. Long standing rumors suggested the ZR1 would have around 850 hp with Zora topping 1,000, so there's a precedent for Chevy coming in with higher-than-expected figures. Does the V-8 have more to give? Can the electric motor draw more juice from the battery? In any case, expect a minimum of 1,224 hp.

How Fast Will It Go?

With the extra weight of an all-wheel drive hybrid powertrain and potential limits to the electric motor, Zora may not outrun ZR1. Considering GM President Mark Reuss recently hit 233 miles per hour in a ZR1, only a few production cars in the world can beat it. That said, we expect the all-wheel-drive Zora to be the quickest accelerating of all Corvettes, trouncing ZR1 off the line. A 0-60 mph time in the low two-second range is likely.



How Much Will It Cost?

The Chevrolet Corvette Zora will be supremely expensive, or a straight-up bargain depending on your point of view. It will be more expensive than the ZR1, which is expected to start somewhere in the \$150,000 to \$180,000 range. It could be way more expensive if Chevy decides to make Zora a limited-production trim like the Ford Mustang GTD. But, it will have legit hypercar performance usually reserved for multi-million-dollar machines like the Mercedes-AMG One. We'd be shocked if Zora cracks \$500,000, making it the hypercar bargain of the century.

When Does It Debut?

Thus far, Chevrolet has followed a debut pattern of roughly two years between trims. If that holds true, expect to see the Zora unveiled late in 2025 or early 2026.

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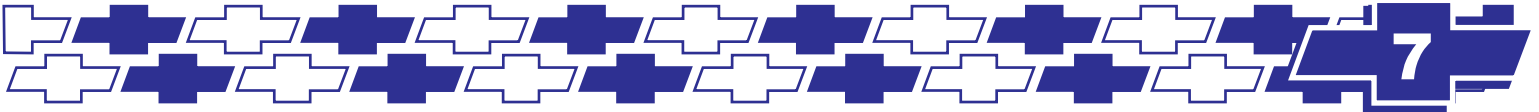
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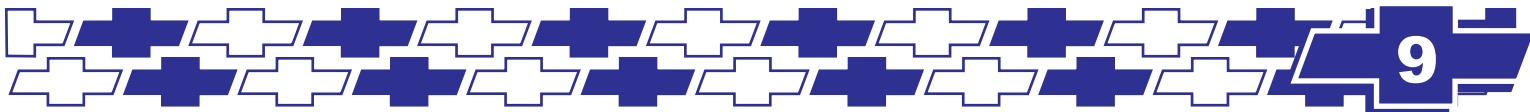
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Legends Big Bend Corvette Trip

May 15-18, 2025

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Dennis Conte 972-839-8473 is beginning the planning stage of this trip for Corvette Legends and needs to know approximately how many hotel rooms to block for our group. Sign up soon.



HOTEL - Hampton Inn - Alpine, TX (432) 837-7344
Rooms have been blocked for "Corvette Legends" or under Dennis Conte's name and reservations need to be made by May 1 the latest.

Schedule:

Thursday, May 15 - Day 1 - Meet at Buc-ee's in Denton at 7:30am. Leave by 8am. Will stop in San Angelo for lunch. After lunch will proceed to Hotel in Alpine. We will use this location for our base during the trip.

We will have dinner in Alpine that evening. I also got info on a Car shop in Alpine that is a suggested place to visit. Stable Performance Cars.

Friday, May 16 - Day 2 - Leave at 9am to go to the McDonald Observatory near Ft. Davis. From there we will go to Ft. Davis and tour some sites. We will most likely have lunch in Ft. Davis. From there will go to Balmorhea State Park. (San Solomon Springs). We will head back to Alpine from there to Hotel for some down time and head to Marathon for dinner.

Saturday, May 17 - Day 3 - Leave at 9am to go to Big Bend. First Stop Terlingua. From there we will head up to Lajitas. Most likely have lunch there. We will head up to Persidio and loop over to Marfa on the way back to Alpine. We can stop for dinner in Marfa.

Sunday, May 18 - Day 4 - Leave at 8am to head home. For those interested there is the Petroleum Museum in Midland that has a car collection and is a place to visit. However on Sunday it does not open till 2pm and would mean spending the night there unless you don't mind driving at night.

Big Bend National Park was authorized by Congress in 1935 to preserve and protect a representative area of the Chihuahuan Desert along the Rio Grande for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. The park includes rich biological and geological diversity, cultural history, recreational resources, and outstanding opportunities for bi-national protection of our shared natural and cultural heritage.

The Big Bend area of Texas derives its name from its location on the bend of the Rio Grande. The river ceates a natural border that separates the United States from Mexico.

Big Bend National Park's purpose is threefold:

Preserve and protect all natural and national register-eligible cultural resources and values.

Provide educational opportunities to foster understanding and appreciation of the natural and human history of the region.

Provide recreational opportunities for diverse groups that are compatible with the protection and appreciation of park resources.

In 1933, Texas established Texas Canyons State Park using 15 school sections owned by the state. Lands forfeited for non payment of taxes were quickly added and the name was changed to Big Bend State Park, and by October 1933 included about 160,000 acres. On June 20, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill that authorized the establishment of Big Bend National Park. On June 6, 1944 a deed for about 700,000 acres was formally presented to President Roosevelt. On June 12, 1944, Big Bend was established as a national park by Congressional Act signed by President

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Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was designated an International Biosphere Reserve in 1976.

Park Significance

The park is significant because it contains the most representative example of the Chihuahuan Desert ecosystem in the United States. The park's river, desert, and mountain environments support an extraordinary richness of biological diversity, including endemic plants and animals, and provide unparalleled recreation opportunities. The geologic features and Cretaceous and Tertiary fossils in Big Bend National Park create opportunities to study many sedimentary and igneous processes.

Archeological and historic resources provide examples of cultural interaction in the Big Bend Region and varied ways humans adapted to the desert and river environments. The Rio Grande is life-sustaining for plants, animals, and human inhabitants beyond its banks. Along with three Mexican protected areas, Maderas del Carmen, Cañon de Santa Elena, and Ocampo, Big Bend is now part of one of the largest transboundary protected areas in North America. More than three million acres of Chihuahuan Desert resources, along with more than 200 miles of river, are now under the national protection of the United States and Mexico. Lastly, it was determined that Big Bend's remoteness has created conditions for



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2-03 Jerry Echols	2-14 Linda Rockett
2-03 Tina Oyster	2-17 Walter Plumley
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2-12 Bob Van Guilder	2-27 Bill Preston

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Human History

Evidence of nearly 12,000 years of human occupation by Paleo-Indian, archaic peoples and a variety of southwestern tribes, including the Chisos, Jumano, Mesquero Apache, and Comanche. Around 1870 ranchers began to migrate to the Big Bend, and by 1900 ranchers,



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