

# Vette Gazette January 2013

#### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:**

The general membership meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The next meeting is on February 12, 2013; location is to be announced. Bring a friend. All are welcome!

#### 2014 Chevrolet C7 Corvette

If you're going catch the 2014 C7 Corvette in action, it's somehow much more satisfying when it happens at a high-speed test track versus, say, catching a hungry engineer parked at fast food drive-thru. Our spy photographers have snapped images on the next-generation Corvette roaring its way around GM's Proving Grounds in Michigan. Apparently the sound of the engine was very impressive as it blasted past. Like other test mules, the camouflage is pretty intensive on this prototype. Yet the overall shape is coming into focus, along with details regarding the design of the front and rear fasciae.

It's not often we start at the rear of the car. Then again, not many cars have an exhaust like the massive quad-pipe setup seen on this C7 Corvette test car. They're centrally located and look as though they could double as storm pipes for the Chesapeake Bay – no wonder this bad boy is said to have made an almighty growl. Rumors suggest that Chevrolet will downsize the Corvette's V-8 engine from its current 6.2-liter capacity, or perhaps even offer a turbocharged V-6. That day might be coming, but this exhaust system spells out nothing but old-fashioned, tire-smoking V-8 fun under the hood of the next Vette. The V-8 might be smaller than before, though you can bet that power will take a sizeable jump from the current base Corvette's 430-bhp engine.

The headlights appear larger and more vertical on this prototype, and the lower air intake appears to be slightly wider than before. At the back, there appears to be less rear overhang. That fits into previous suggestions that the next Vette will be shorter overall, but feature a longer wheelbase for better stability and increased cabin room.

While those strange scalloped openings along the back of this test car hint at some kind of wild air intakes (or extractors), we'd hedge our bets that they're simply there to vent the cammo and make sure it doesn't blow off – especially during high speed testing. Overall curb weight will be trimmed from the present car's 3,200 lbs. And for the first time ever, a 7-speed manual transmission will be offered. A 7- or 8-speed dual-clutch automatic gearbox is also likely, though nothing is officially confirmed at the moment. **Information taken from Road & Track** 

http://www.roadandtrack.com/future-cars/spy-shots/caught-testing-2014-chevrolet-c7-corvette

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Membership Appreciation Dinner**

The Membership Appreciation Dinner date has been changed and will be held on February 23, 2013 at Bullwinkles, 19 N. Main Street, Miamisburg. A guest speaker is needed, so if anyone has any suggestions please contact Mike Mills at Michael.mills@etcacq.com or by phone at 937-748-5039.

#### Corvette Expo in the Smokies

Swap Meet, Auction, and Show March 22-23, 2013. Taking registrations now. http://www.corvetteexpo.com/

#### **MVNCRS Judging Meet**



10th Annual Miami Valley Chapter Meet organized by the Miami Valley Chapter is to be held May 11, 2013 at Voss Cheverolet in Dayton, Ohio. Registration is available on line; link can be found on the website. Payment must be mailed in as payment on line is not yet available. Judges are also needed so be sure to sign up early for a judging position.

#### **Corvettes at Carlisle**

August 23-25, 2013. Registration for the 2013 Corvettes at Carlisle is open! Register online or call 717-243-7855 today. Pre-registration discounts are available now through July 22, 2013.

#### **JUST FOR FUN**

Money cannot buy happiness, but it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than on a bicycle.



Nice little garage! Check it out!! Awesome! http://www.youtube.com/watch\_popup?v=\_M0-xrF2kpA&vq=medium

#### 2013 Miami Valley Chapter Membership Renewal

Just a friendly reminder regarding your **2013 Chapter Membership Renewal**. If you have not yet renewed, you can still do so by sending your \$20.00 check, payable to the Miami Valley Chapter NCRS, to Bob Puls, 2158 Carloway Ct., Miamisburg, OH 45342.

The deadline for dues renewal is January 31, 2013.

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