



## January 2018 Newsletter



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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**All this  
and more  
inside**

## Editor's View

# Welcome to your January 2018 VVSC Newsletter

Howdy Vintage Vehicle folks, I wish you all a healthy and happy new year. I'm looking forward to feeling better after a nasty virus made me miss a few meetings and/or events. I wanted to go to McDonalds recently to see and photograph any new cars and mingle, but I was still in overtemp.

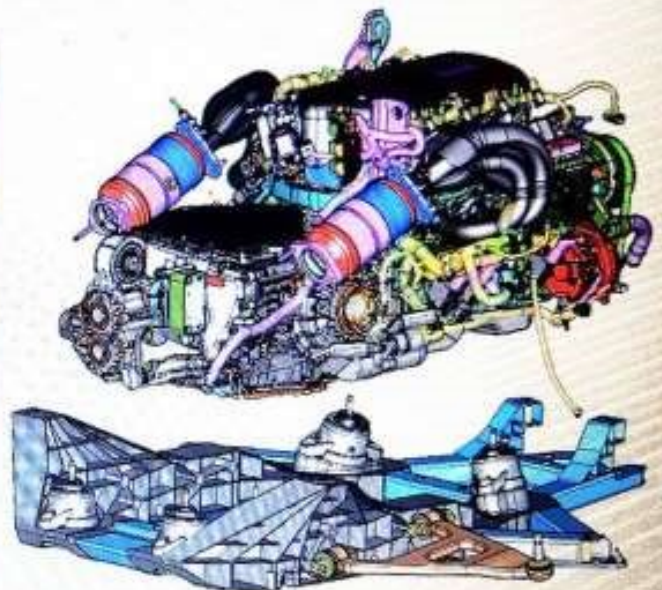
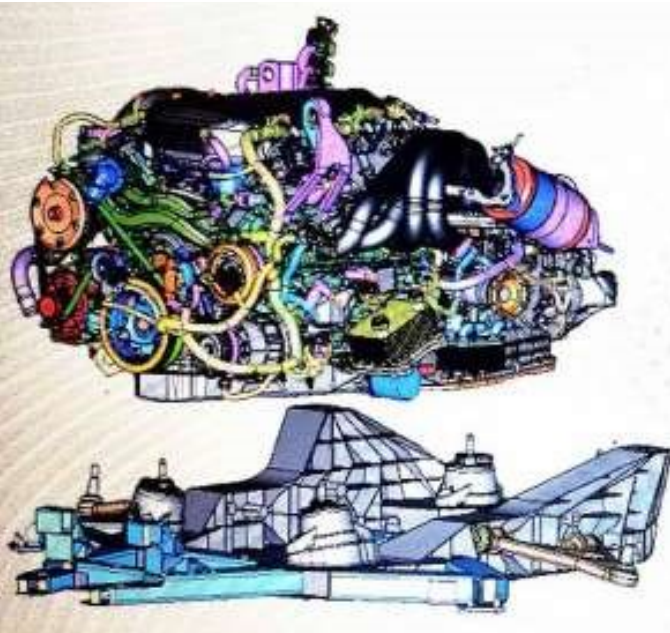


Before the bug got me, I managed to mostly clear my garage to remove the alleged nasty, hopefully not asbestos tiles in the washer/golf cart area. The Audi finally arrived this Monday.... I hope I didn't infect Chuck my sales person. For now, until my wife shoots the idea down, I finally have a **3 car garage** as the Boxter fits handily in the golf cart area. Not much else fits except for my workbench and roll-a-round. Don't ask where everything else went to. The living room makes a fine storage area... I can still see the TV.



Check the URL below concerning the **Mid Engine Corvette**. I plan on selling all 3 vehicles in my garage for one. Besides the ubiquitous spy shot on the left I think most of you have seen the leaked CAD drawings of the mid DOHC V8 and it's cradle below, complete with motor mounts and lower A arms. Nice headers and transaxle. Those Corvette fanatics out there already have.

<http://www.automobilemag.com/news/report-the-mid-engine-c8-chevrolet-corvette-might-make-850-hp/>



# Coming events

**Breakfast at Bobbie's** - This is the ongoing breakfast get together that is scheduled for 7 am Thursdays. **(note change from 8am to 7am)**

**Bobbie's Café is located at 15472 North 99th Ave.**

**Cruise-in at McDonalds** - This event is every Wednesday at 5pm . MacDonald's requests that we don't show up too early, certainly not before 4 PM.

**McDonalds is located on the NW corner of 99th Ave and Bell**

## Ladies Luncheon

**Monday, January 8th at NOON**

**Mimi's Cafe**  
**7450 West Bell Road**  
**Glendale Az.**  
**Phone 623-772-6470**

**Please RSVP before January 6th 2018**

**Connie Sherman**  
**509-546-7141**



**January 5th - Car show at the Bell Center SE corner Friday 2 pm to 5pm**

**January 9th - Events committee meeting at the Bell Multi-purpose room  
10 am through noon**

**January 20th - Annual Anniversary Party – The party will be held at the Lakeview Social Hall 1, Saturday 6 pm to 9 pm. See the website for more information or call Denny Lockmon at 623-794-5424. Signup deadline Jan. 13th**

**January 23rd– Membership meeting at Lakeview Social Hall 1 & 2  
Tuesday 1 pm. (note this is a change from the usual 2nd Tuesday of the month.)**

**February 5th – Car Show At the Marinette Center parking lot Monday 10  
am to 2 pm.**

**February 13th - Events committee meeting at the Bell Multi-purpose  
room 10 am through noon.**

**Please check the web page events entries for  
the most up to date and accurate information!**

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# GM Features Worth Surfing

Motor Trend has put out 2 must read  
articles on Bill Mitchel's "studio-x"



**Mako Shark and interior view**

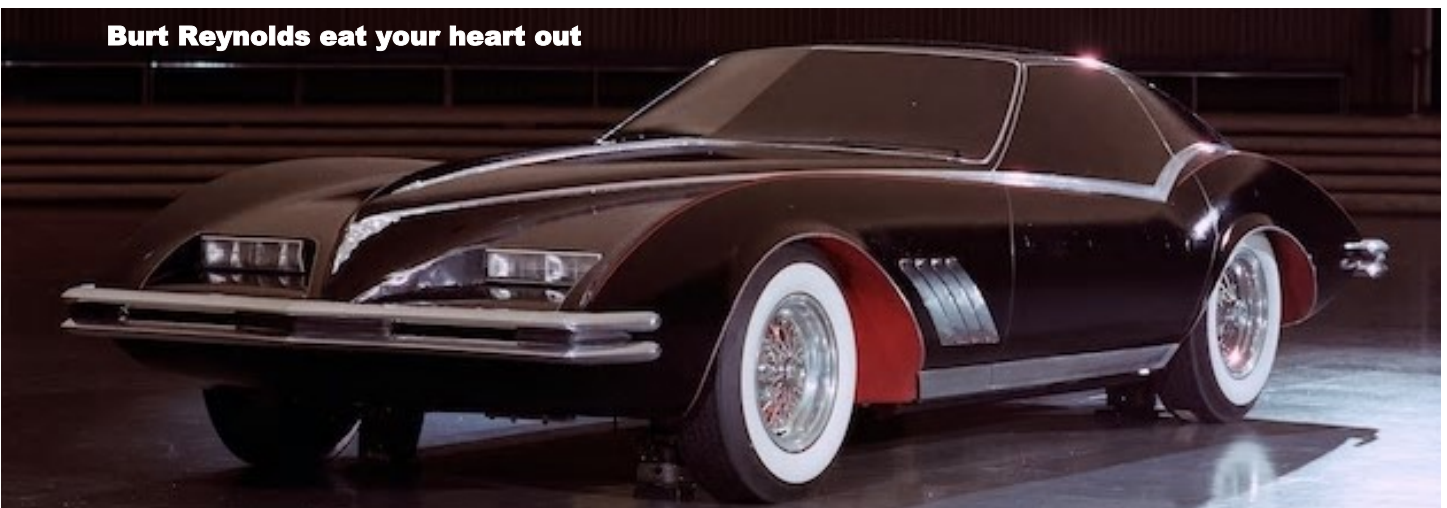


**Spiffily dressed Bill Mitchell atop the fabulous  
1959 Corvette Sting Ray concept**

<http://www.motortrend.com/news/general-motors-bill-mitchell-studio-x/>

<http://www.motortrend.com/news/pontiac-phantom-mini-camaro-cars-of-studio-x/>

**Burt Reynolds eat your heart out**



<https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2017/07/19/a-1966-gto-fitted-with-cancelled-8-lug-wheels-is-featured-in-a-pontiac-sales-film/?refer=news>

# Low Volume Replicar & other Topics



**Overdue federal regulations force low-volume replica car builders to delay production**

<https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2017/12/19/overdue-federal-regulations-force-low-volume-replica-car-builders-to-delay-production/?refer=news>

<https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2017/12/27/five-car-hobby-predictions-for-2018/?refer=news>



Hemmings gives us these illuminating articles on regulations coming to help low volume Replicar manufacturers, Car hobby predictions, a possible Cord revival, and article on how the Cord club is managing to survive the tough times some marque clubs are now enduring. All are a very good read and close to home for some of us.

<https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2016/11/23/cord-brand-slated-for-revival-possibly-as-early-as-next-year/>

**Then there's this interesting car club plight and solution.**

<https://www.hemmings.com/blog/2017/12/29/tucker-club-merges-with-aaca-museum-clubs-are-not-what-they-used-to-be/?refer=news>

# Product Review – QUICKJACK model BL-5000SLX



Prospects for raising my garage roof and installing a 2 poster look glum so I decided to try Ranger's Quickjack solution. This one will hold 5000 pounds and should be good for all my cars except the Silverado. As you can see on the box and on the manual below, it is a two piece unit. The "frames" as they are called, fit between the wheels so they can be removed while the car is hoisted. The frames come in 2 different sizes. The shorter size fits between the wheels of my Boxter, and the larger size is better for pickups and land barges. Each frame for the smaller BL5000 weighs



75 pounds and the larger frames can weigh up to 95 pounds. They do have wheels on one end which makes them tolerable to move, however anything heavier than a bale of hay (and they are) requires at least 2 cups of coffee. This was going to be a one and done thing but I got a nasty virus and I'll take it as far as I got in this issue. There are quite a few reviews of this product on YouTube, they are easy to look up and helped me make the decision to buy this particular solution. On the left is the well made manual. **Cont.**

## Quick jack continued



Here are the components laid out on my bench above with the frame below left. Starting in the center and going clockwise is the hydraulic unit with the red handle. 2 1/2 quarts of power steering fluid are needed. In the corner are 8 lifting blocks to mix and match for your jacking points. The top of the frames have shelves for the blocks and you can move them to fit your jacking points. Next are 2 short hoses that quick connect to the frames and two long hoses for between the frames and hydraulic unit. All fittings and quick connects follow. Finally a nifty height control. Below right is where I left it after the bug hit me. Next I have to bleed the cylinders. Continued next month.

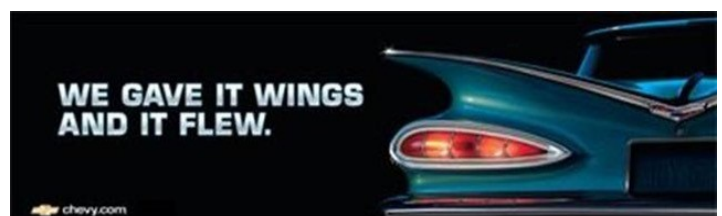
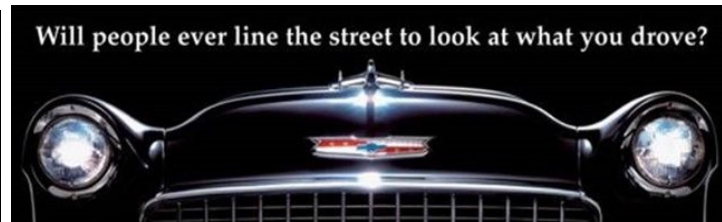




## Real Billboards displayed by GM in Detroit Part II

**Submitted by Les Litzenberger**

Some others were submitted by Yvonne Ahrens and shown in the September 2016 newsletter. Looks like Les has found a bunch more. The top picture is a carry over from 2016.



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**Don't forget the FABULOUS car auctions happening in our area this month!**

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/classic-and-vintage-car-auctions-2681337>

ROLLING ACROSS THE BLOCK AT THE  
47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCOTTSDALE AUCTION



**LOT #1301.1**  
**1953 BUICK ROADMASTER ESTATE WAGON**

This Roadmaster Estate Wagon is a California car that was put into storage in the 1970s. 380 miles since a concours-winning restoration. Powered by 322ci 8-cylinder engine with automatic transmission. *No Reserve*

**Great website to get an overview of all the auctions!**

**Take advantage of auctions with FREE previewing days like Sotheby's. I'll be there!**



**LOT #1413**  
**1965 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CUTAWAY COUPE**

Designed to showcase the Corvette's many new features, safety and performance, this car was built from a 4-mile car pulled from the assembly line during early production.

# Funny pages



**What could you possibly get this guy for Christmas?**



Think! Don't invite an Opossum to your home, he'll drink all of your liquor and run off with your wife and car!



The **O** in "**opossum**" is spelled but not pronounced. It is a **silent** letter, just like the H in the **word** "honest." The articles "a" and "an" are correctly based on the first pronounced letter, not simply the first letter.



**2007 Ferrari F430 Challenge for sale. Runs and drives. The rear wheel looks weird and the monocoque looks twisted.**

