



## November 2017 Newsletter



### We meet again!

Over 60 members turned out for the first meeting of the year. The main topic of discussion was our ongoing quest to secure a facility of our own. Click the "news" tab on our web page for the latest info.

Up coming events were discussed as well. Richard Holcomb the events chairman, could use several good people to help plan and implement upcoming events. He asks for volunteers to attend the next events committee meeting on November 14th. See coming events or check the web page.

Board candidate Dale Lehrer was on hand to discuss her candidacy. She is endorsed by the whole newsletter staff!



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**Looking for an obsolete gasket? This info passed to us by Bill Senter may help.**

**ANYONE THAT IS LOOKING FOR OBSOLETE GASKETS:** Go to our Vintage Vehicles web site and click on the deals tab, this will show you how and where to obtain gaskets and or gasket sets. It gives you the web site, address and phone number as well.

**Order your “Hellcrate” today**



According to Motor Trend, Mopar is going to offer a Hellcrate kit for cars 1976 and older, and yes it will be a full 707 HP and 750 lb-ft of torque. The adventurous will be able to massage the PCM included in the kit. Other bits included shown below. No price was given for the kit.



# 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**

**November 7th - Car Show - Bell Center southeast lot 2 pm to 5 pm.**

**November 14th - Events Committee Meeting - 10 am to 12 noon**  
**Bell Center Multi Purpose room.** Come on down and help Richard with events planning!

**November 14th – VVSC Ladies Luncheon – 12:30**

**Abuelo's Mexican restaurant**

**16092 N. Arrowhead Fountains Center drive Peoria. (Bell and 83rd next to Theater)** We will be ordering from the menu

**Connie Sherman 509-546-7131 [golfwithlynn@yahoo.com](mailto:golfwithlynn@yahoo.com)**

**November 15th - Car Show at Centerra Mirage Stem Academy, Kids at Hope School.** Estrella Parkway, south on Van Buren, left on Harrison St. go past the Mormon Church about 2 streets, **7am to around 9 – 10am**

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

**January 20th - Annual Anniversary Party – The party will be held at the Lakeview Social Hall 1, Saturday 6 pm to 9 pm. More info coming soon.**

**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.**

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



## Editor's View



## Welcome to your November 2017 VVSC Newsletter

Hi Vintage Vehicle Enthusiasts,

We've had our first meeting and enjoyed a few car shows so now the new season is officially underway! A few stragglers have yet to show up, and when they do, we may need more meeting space.

We have a strong vibrant club and I'm looking forward to meeting the new members and eyeballing their cars.

As usual, I am looking for a few good articles on your car or any other topic you feel may interest our members.

Submit materials to:

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# 1969 2013 Mustang Hybrid Beauty



The 50 Coyote fits flawlessly with the 2013 strut towers and smoothed firewall

Fitting the 2013's dash into the 1969 cabin was pretty straight forward and did not require any major structural surgery.

Tom Welle Submitted the link to this incredibly desirable Mustang article. He writes that this is a digital version of a featured story that is going to be in the January issue of Mustang Monthly.

Here are a few photos to enjoy before you click on the URL below to get the whole enchilada.

<http://www.hotrod.com/articles/perfectly-paired-combining-1969-mustang-2013-mustang/>





# Corvette No. 5951: The EX-87



Submitted by **Les Litzenberger**

The Corvette started life with a serious – nearly terminal – disadvantage. Chevrolet's new-for-1953 sports car was tragically underpowered, hamstrung by the in-line six-cylinder under its hood, a warmed-over version of the engine used in Chevy sedans. The car's Powerglide automatic transmission didn't help performance, and sales were further hampered by quality problems and a slow production ramp-up.

Cancellation of the model was a distinct possibility, but a timely rescue arrived in the form of a compact, lightweight V-8. For 1955 models, General Motors management, urged on by Chevy engineers, agreed to put the company's new 265-cid Small Block V-8 in the Corvette. Before it could become a production model, though, there was much testing and validation to be done; prototypes, known in the industry as test mules, had to be assembled. Among them was Corvette No. 5951, designated EX-87, a car that would later become a test bed for Zora Arkus-Duntov, Chevrolet's legendary engineer and performance maven.



**Zora Arkus-Duntov**

Incredibly, this Corvette still exists, and commensurate with its vital role in Corvette history, it occupies a place of honor in the collection of Ken Lingenfelter, owner of Lingenfelter Performance Engineering in Brighton, Mich. Over time, during which record-keeping was less than meticulous, many details of the car's service have been lost. Still, the overall picture is clear: It is historically significant.

Lingenfelter purchased the gently restored car in 2009. He has an affinity for General Motors cars and owns hundreds, including, at last count, 65 Corvettes, the model closest to his heart.



With the expert help of Christo Datini, lead archivist for the GM Media Archive, I was able to study documents relating to the car at the General Motors Heritage Center. Many were revealing. For example, correspondence of April 1954 notes that two '53 Corvette bodies were repurposed for V-8 testing. An Engineering Department Build Order of Aug. 1, 1954 requests the purchase of '54 Corvette frames and instructs technicians to modify them to meet '55 specs.

That build order answers a question raised over the years: When and why was the car's '54 frame replaced with a '55 frame? It appears that it wasn't replaced; it was altered before testing began. And since '53 and '55 bodies were identical, 5951 was effectively a '55 model when it went into testing; subsequent documents describe it as such.

After tests at GM's Michigan proving grounds, the car was released to Duntov for use as a mule for engine performance projects, including speed-record attempts. Based on various GM documents, Duntov took delivery of the car in October 1955.

While in initial testing, the car's appearance remained showroom stock. But after being assigned to Duntov it was fitted with a minuscule windshield, a cockpit tonneau cover over the passenger's seat and a tall fin meant to improve stability. A build order of Nov. 7, 1955 signed by Duntov requests reworking of the body, engine, transmission and rear axle. The reason: "To develop a Corvette racing car."

Several engines were tested in Corvette No. 5951. Correspondence dated Dec. 2, 1955, citing modifications to the car for performance testing, describes it as having the '56 Power Pack engine with dual carburetors and "ram's horn" exhaust manifolds, which stands to reason because that engine was arriving in dealerships at the time.

NASCAR racer and engine builder Smokey Yunick may have had a hand in preparing engines, including the V-8 now in the restored car – a 307-cid version of the original 265. It is a true 1955 engine, as it's fitted with early exhaust manifolds and does not have an oil filter.

Duntov, who was a competitive racer, drove the car. His record attempts are not well documented, but by all accounts 5951 was the first Corvette to exceed 150 mph, and its engine was reportedly used in another car to set official records on Daytona Beach (Fla.).

Following its useful life, 5951 was given to NASCAR for use in a promotion that fizzled. The car changed hands several times before being donated to the Bible Broadcasting Network. At some point the engine was removed, "record run" was scribbled on its bell housing, and it was stored in Yunick's shop, in Daytona Beach, where it remained until after he died, in 2001. Years later, collector Steve Tate reunited the car with the engine.



**The End**





Les IS "Laid-Back"  
as Tim looks on







**Ed Gordon's dog  
wants your love**





## Featured Daily blog of the Month: Hemmings Motor News



I told my wife I was gutting the house leaving only one bath, one bedroom, and a mini bar so I could increase garage space. When I asked Uncle Tony for a “loan” for two million bucks, the interest quoted to be 346% was a deal breaker. Someone else purchased this treasure rich in fine details at the Hershey auction. Back in reality, I enjoy several daily automotive blogs delivered to my inbox. I think in this I am not so unique and most if not all of you do as well. You and I can’t know or get them all so from time to time I will feature one of them that one of our members thinks is noteworthy. I grew tired of piling up the old “phone book” style Hemmings News publications only to give them away or recycle them. This daily blog saves me all that trouble and money. (and makes me drink that extra cup of coffee which inevitably causes my wife to say in an amused but concerned voice: “How much coffee did you have today?”) To have gems like this car greet me each morning as well as the many other articles that interest me is great fun and free!

If you have any favorite daily blogs, please pass them along to: [locascio2000@hotmail.com](mailto:locascio2000@hotmail.com)



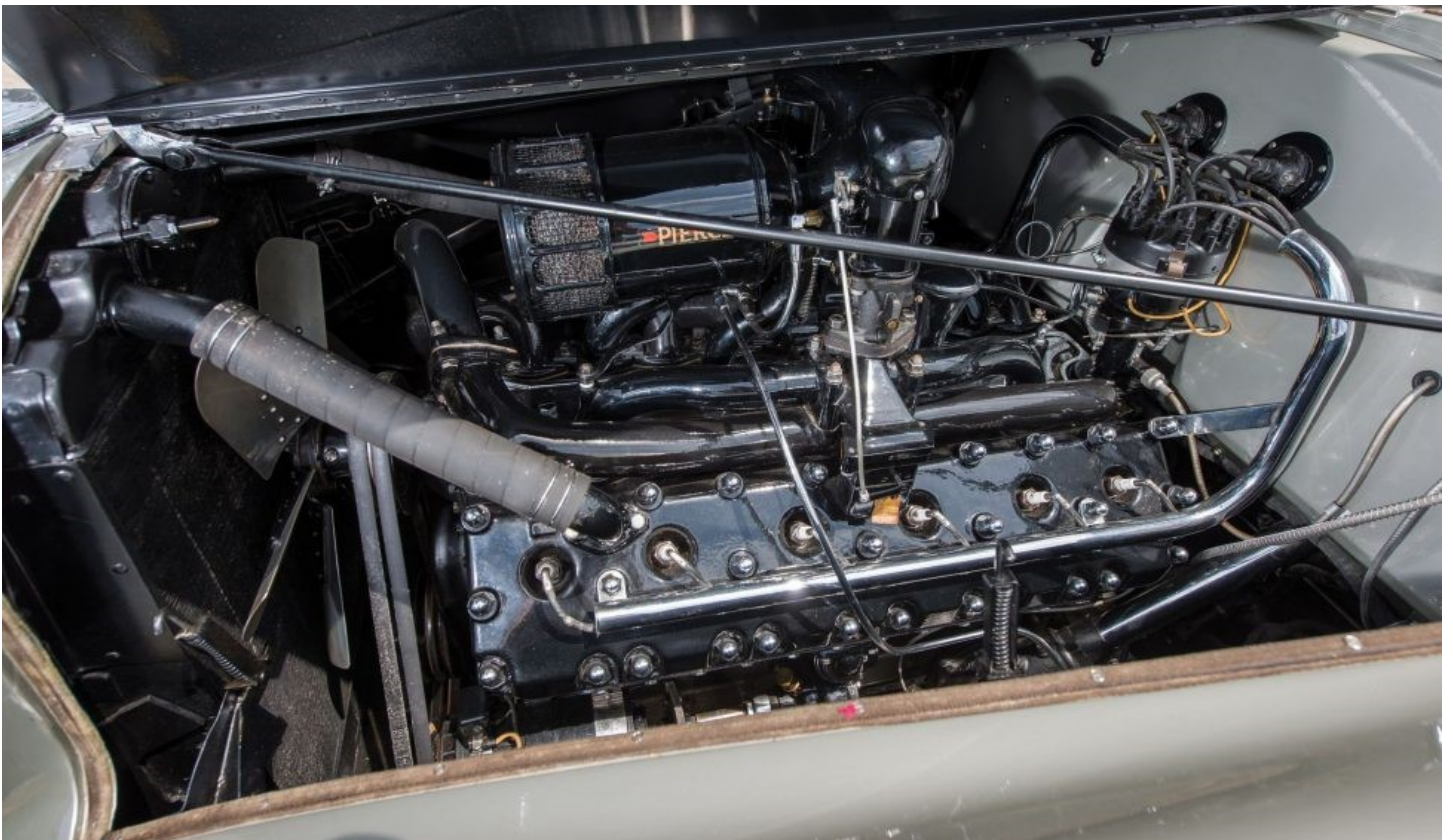
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**OMG.... The interior.... The door latches.... The 175 HP V12....**

**The End**





## Missed October deadline

# Funny pages



"Apparently, you got the brain of a Porsche lover. If he wrecks my car, you'll pay for it."



"I got tired of turning into a bat and flapping around town. It's time I traveled in style."

## Coming soon! Guardians of the Galaxy III



**True fate  
of the  
Millennium  
Falcon**



**WHOEVER SAID  
"MONEY CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS"**



**BOUGHT THE WRONG CAR**

**IF SOMEONE TELLS YOU THAT YOUR  
CAR DOESN'T NEED THAT MUCH POWER**



**STOP TALKING TO THEM. YOU DON'T NEED  
THAT KIND OF NEGATIVITY IN YOUR LIFE**

**BAD CARBS**



**GOOD CARBS**

**More nuggets of wisdom compiled  
by Laid-Back Les**



**PROJECT CARS**

**Because clean fingernails, free weekends, intact knuckles and financial  
stability are totally overrated.**