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October 2008

Scott Teeters' Corvette Report

*A Look at the Past, Present & Future
of America's Favorite Sports Car... The Corvette
This Month...*

*Zora Arkus-Duntov's '56 150.583 MPH Daytona Flyer
and*

The 1957 Q-Corvette - "The Genesis of the C5 Corvette"

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Greetings,

This month we have a "two-fer" for you! Illustrated Corvette Series No. 139 covers Zora Arkus-Duntov's first Corvette speed machine. Try to imagine doing 150-mph on the semi-wet beach sand of Daytona Beach, in a '56 Corvette... riding on snow tires! That guy was something else!

Then in ICS 140 we cover the proposed 1957 Q-Corvette. This proposed 1960 Corvette was so far out of the box, it took 40 years to get all of the advanced hardware into production. While it's true that Zora had little to do with the Corvette's stunning good-looks, were it not for that silver-haired man with this thick accent, the Corvette probably would have probably been long gone.

So, every time you're driving your Vette and you drop her down a gear and give it the gas, remember Zora Arkus-Duntov.

Here's what I have to share with you this month...

- * Illustrated Corvette Series No. 140**
"The Genesis of the C5 Corvette"
- * Illustrated Corvette Series No. 139**
"Duntov's 150.583-MPH Daytona Flyer"
150.583-mph on the Daytona Beach with SNOW TIRES!
- * The "New Deal" Corvette Art Prints**
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To check out the latest Illustrated Corvette Series No. 140 1957 Q-Corvette "The Genesis of the C5" [CLICK HERE](#)



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3. Mako Shark Introduced - A Vintage GM Film

The 1965 Mako Shark II just knocked everyone over at the car shows. This video is class '60s!

4. Corvette Manta Ray Show Car

As if the Mako Shark II wasn't enough, GM's Chief of Styling, Bill Mitchell took the Mako Shark II to it's final form, the slick, swoopy Manta Ray!

5. Zora & Elfi Duntov's beloved '55 Corvette goes off at the RM Auction for \$134,750!

This was the late Mr. & Mrs. Duntov's daily ride for many years, now in the hands of a new owner. A genuine piece of Corvette history.

*** Let's Play Corvette Odd-Ball:**

What's the Highest Mileage Corvette on Record?

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The Latest Illustrated Corvette Series: ICS No. 140

'57 Q-Corvette Corvette "The Genesis of the C5"



In the mid-50s, Zora Duntov probably knew more about sports cars than anyone else in Detroit. He was definitely the only employee in GM that had actually raced at Le Mans. Chevrolet was on a roll with the success of the '55 - '57 Chevys and was looking towards the future. Engineers came up with a bold plan for the entire 1960 Chevrolet line that was code named, "The Q-Chevrolets." To open up the interior space in their cars, all 1960 Chevrolets would have a

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transaxle, thus eliminating the big transmission hump in the front of their car's interiors. And yes, there was a proposed "Q-Corvette."

Unfortunately, the economy started to turn sour in early '58 and Chevrolet dropped the entire Q-Chevrolet concept. Fortunately, there were people in the Corvette design group that didn't forget the proposed Q-Corvette.

This is the story of some serious advanced thinking that took 40 years to see into production. But the wait was

well worth it!

You can also read the complete Q-Corvette / C5 Corvette story [HERE.](#)

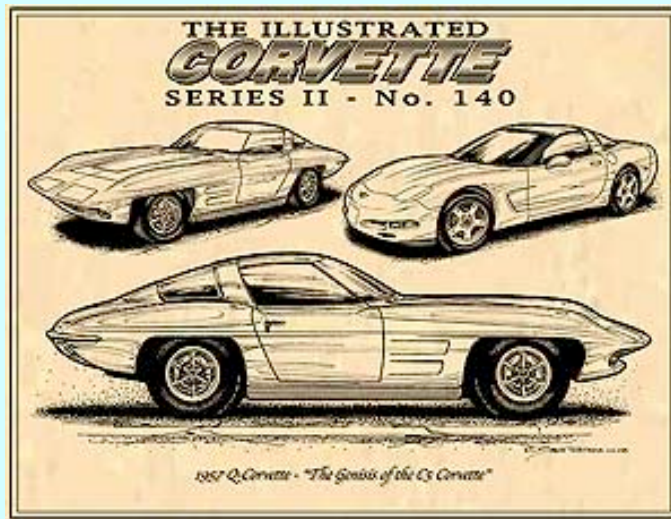
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The Latest Illustrated Corvette Series: ICS No. 139
1956 265 V-8 Corvette
"Duntov's 150.583-MPH Daytona Flyer"



In the '50s, "how quick?" wasn't nearly as important as "how fast?" When the new '55 Chevy small-block V8 engine was introduced, it was like a shot of steroids for Chevys and especially Corvettes. Zora Duntov knew that what the Corvette needed was some impressive automotive publicity. The NASCAR Speed Weeks at Daytona beach, Florida was just the place to show off the new V8-powered '56 Corvette. Now, I'm not talking about the Daytona race track. NASCAR used to sanction speed events on the flat beach sand of Daytona Beach!

Duntov and his crew took a team of three specially prepared Corvette speedsters to the sand to prove to the automotive world that the Corvette wasn't just a show car queen. "How fast?" you ask? **Does 150.583-mph on the semi-wet Daytona Beach sand... riding on snow tires, get your attention?**

This is the story of Duntov's first official Corvette race car. The cars showed so

much potential that the team stayed in Florida and attended the big Sebring race. Since that time, there's been no keeping Corvettes off the race track!

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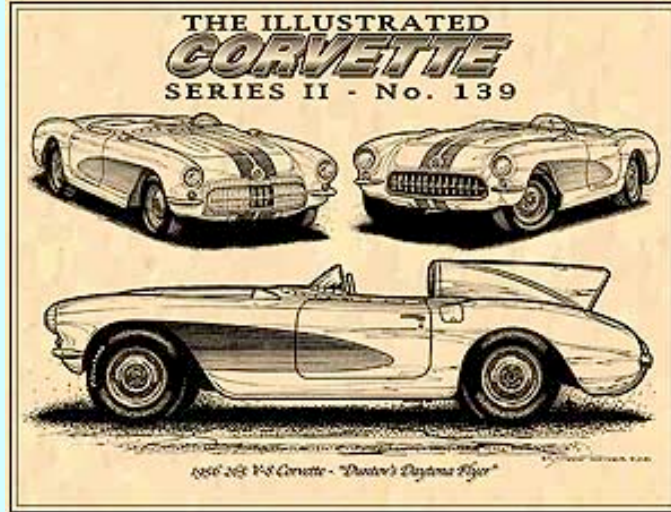
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Corvette Concept & Show Cars

I've always loved the Corvette concept cars and show cars. Since this month's *Illustrated Corvette Series* covers one of the earliest and most advanced Corvette concept cars, I thought this video should be first in line.

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Z3 Corvette Concept Car

Concept cars used to begin as a flashy color rendering. Now, those beautiful chalk and airbrush renderings have been replaced with computer generated and animated renderings. This one is pretty cool!

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The Mako Shark Introduced - A vintage GM film short

The Mako Shark II was arguably the single most influential Corvette concept car ever made. As stunning as the Sting Ray was, when the Mako Shark II hit the show car circuit, people were just STUNNED. There was no way the Shark could not be the next generation Corvette. This video is classic, mid-60s style! It's also worth noting that Bill Mitchell and his styling group were masters at proportions. While the Mako Shark II looks large when viewed by itself, it was actually a very small car.

To enjoy this Vette Video, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Corvette Manta Ray Show Car

Since we're on a roll here with concept and show car Vettes, I just had to add this one. Although the images are of a very cool Manta Ray model, it's a very nice presentation. Two years after the introduction of the C3 "Shark" Corvette, Mitchell and his team rolled out another version of the Mako Shark II, called "The Manta Ray." Designers often have "other things" they want to do with a new design and the Manta Ray represented the next level of the Shark concept.

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Zora's 1955 Corvette Sells for \$134,750

Elfi Duntov, widow of Zora Arkus-Duntov, passed on October 23, 2009 at the age of 93... going on 19. As a power hitter in the Corvette engineering department in 1955, Zora had his own '55 Corvette. This was the car that Zora and Elfi drove for many years. The car was sold at the RM Auctions, as part of the Al Wiseman Collection on December 1, 2007 for \$134,750.

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Let's Play, "Corvette Oddball!"

Quirky Vette Factoids



Photo by: Bill Pierceall

Question: What's the highest mileage Corvette on record?

Answer: Well, good luck trying to find out the answer to that question. But I did find a 1960 Corvette that had just over 500,000 on it before the car's owner gave it a second total rebuild.

Former VETTE Magazine associate editor, John Nelson covered a 1960 Corvette owned by Bill Pierceall that had OVER 500,000 miles on the odometer!. Bill said, **"I pretty much drive the hell out of it,"**

Pierceall bought the car in 1970 with over 100,000 on her and did what Zora Arkus-Duntov wanted all Corvette owners to do with their Corvette... **DRIVE AND ENJOY IT!** So, for the next 3 years, the '60 Vette was Bill's daily driver. By 1973, he had 200,000 miles on the odometer. Needless to say, it was time for a rebuild, so everything was upgraded, including the installation of a new, 1970 LT-1 engine and a new paint job. And that pretty much held Bill over for 13 years.

By 1986, Bill's '60 Vette was completely used up, with just over 500,000 mile on the odometer. You can read the details of the restoration story here...

http://www.vetteweb.com/features/vemp_0106_1960_chevy_corvette/photo_01.html

This is a wonderful story about the love, affection, and passion Corvettes bring out in people. Eventually, Bill's Vette was completely restored for the second time and was brought up to '90s performance standards. When the work was complete, the '60 Covette weighed only 2900-pounds and was packing a tweaked LT4 engine that could do just over 160 mph! Most owners would have sent to car to the graveyard back in the '70s, but not Bill Pierceall.

If anyone has an update on this car, I'd sure like to know.

Got a **"Corvette Oddball"** factoid or an unusual Corvette that you'd like to share?

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[MotorheadGear.com](#) Store Update!!!

Over five months in the making, we finally got our NEW Yahoo Store website online. I have had many websites since launching my first site, Precision-Illustration.com in 1999. I can honestly say that this is the nicest site I have ever owned. Building it was a very different experience and I have to give a BIG THANK YOU to the crew at SolidCactus.com for not only building the background structure of the sites, but for assisting me with how to stock and manage the site.

As of this newsletter (October 2008) I have the **store fully stocked with Corvette leather and cloth jackets** and the complete Illustrated Corvette Series II prints. I have about 300 more Corvette prints to add over the next few months. But for now, we have our "New Deal" art prints of every production Corvette from 1953 to the 2009 ZR1 Corvette. Whatever year Vette you own or love, we have an art print for you!

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From the Rumor Mill: Will GM & Chrysler Get Married???



Photo: <http://charlesgilchrist.com/>

I'm somewhat of a news-hound. I don't like TV news (can't STAND all the pharmaceutical ads), but I do peruse the internet for stories. **As a lifelong Chevy guy, I just about fell out of my chair when I saw this story.**

<http://freeinternetpress.com/story.php?sid=18622>

It's no big surprise that the American automobile industry is having an extremely difficult time. Some are even saying that the car companies are literally fighting for their lives. I'm still getting over the deaths of Plymouth and Oldsmobile. Ford's stock is somewhere around \$2 a share. One year ago, it was \$8.99. GM's stock is currently around \$6.00, and a year ago was around \$43 a share.

Diversity is a good thing in the marketplace. Think of how the presence of Ford's Thunderbird in 1955 inspired the Chevrolet to make their little sedan-based, beauty queen Corvette into a real sports car. Then Ford walked away from the sports car niche, leaving it all to Chevrolet. Actually, the Thunderbird was designed from the beginning to be a car that would attract buyers that could then be upsold into a bigger, more expensive car.

If the merger should happen, the automotive press will have a field day speculating on which car lines will survive, which die, and what models will be blended together in the name of efficiency. Perhaps another GM car line will be put to rest (Buick?) or Dodge dropped and all Mopar cars sold as "Chrysler" cars. **Will the Viper be updated and built at Bowling Green with the Corvettes and Cadillac XLRs?**

STAY TUNED!

If you hear of something juicy, e-mail me at: lightoak@comcast.net

Coming Up In The Illustrated Corvette Series

Here's what's coming up in the series for the next few months in VETTE Magazine on the next to the last page...

No. 141 - Mallett Corvette Supercars - Redefining Speed

(November 2008)

No. 142 - 2009 Production Corvette
(December 2008)

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That's all for now. Here in New Jersey our pumpkins are getting frosted already. Guess I'll have to break out one of those very cool, warm Corvette leather jackets we sell. Where ever you happen to be, I hope you still have a few nice days to put the top down, or take out those roof panels, and get some open air motoring in before the cold sets in.

And for those of you in California, Florida, and the other southern states, like we say here in Jersey, "Fahgetaboutit!"

See ya next month, and as always, Save the Wave!

Scott



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