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Notes from the President:

I have just returned from the WNYCC/West Herr all Corvette Cruise. I want to congratulate Val Horan on her win as the Best C6 Corvette in show. (Editor-picture next month) She was just one of the 24 Corvettes of Buffalo cars to attend the show. This month we had in the first ever COB Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt. Everyone who attended enjoyed the day and agreed that we need to do it again next year. I want to thank my wife Norma for her persistence to hold and organize the event. I also want to thank Jim Kaczmarek for setting up another Ice Cream social and Mike Buccilli for the first men's luncheon of the season. Way to go to the 18 cars and 36 members who supported our NYS police officers at the Back the Blue Rally in Rochester that raised over \$3000.00 for a great cause.



Coming up this month is the 4th of July Parade on Grand Island. If you have not already signed up let Marianne Pastore know you would like to attend this year, as she needs a count for the luncheon afterwards. The final date to register for the 19th Annual Corvette Caravan is coming up fast. The last day is July 7th, with the July meeting the last day for COB members.

The month is going to be a busy one so be sure to refer to the events page on our website for all the latest COB happenings. As always watch your email for any reminders and the latest information of what's happening at Corvettes of Buffalo.

Save the Wave.... **Bob**



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Send newsletter articles to: Dave Spencer – c7hotrod@gmail.com (before the 25th for the next month's publication) Note - sooner is better!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

12th Paul and Joanne Brozyna
12th Etienne and Julia Kojza
21st Mike and Cindy Erdey
26th Dave and Kathy Huber



Note: Anniversaries need not be just for marriages – Contact the editor for your special anniversary.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

1st Mike Erdey, Val Horan
9th Jim Kuczmarski
10th Joanne Brozyna
11th Paul Jedrysik
13th Carl Balmas
14th Giulio Cedric
17th Sue Blum
18th Debbie Tkach
20th Roberta Strychalski
29th John Heffernan



Editor's Pages: *Dave Spencer*

Note: I optimize all photos in the newsletters, so view them on a big screen for even better results. Be sure to check out the Corvettes of Buffalo website. Pictures and videos have been added. Also, thanks to Bob Joseph, George Sparks, and others who contribute to making this newsletter a better publication.



Cover: Like some of us, I drive a C8 Corvette. But how does it compare to what Chevrolet has offered us in the past? The C6 Corvette is two generations old, but let's take a look at excerpts from an article about its most powerful edition, the ZR1. He misses a few things, like safety and gas mileage, and it's his opinion, but with another ZR1 coming out, I found it interesting.

Note: 6/21 WNYCC West Herr "ALL Corvette" Cruise photos will be next month (too much June material).

10 Things That Make the Chevy C6 Corvette ZR1 Better Than The C8 Corvette

BY DIMITAR ANGELOV PUBLISHED MAY 31, 2023

While the C6 Corvette ZR-1 may be more than a decade old, there are several ways in which it outshines its mid-engine sibling

The Chevrolet Corvette is in its eighth generation and continues to enjoy great success, both, on its home soil in the U.S., and abroad. The definitive, American sports car by Chevrolet has been around since 1953, and it quickly became the best value-for-money sports car, money could buy. It also made it possible for the U.S. automotive industry to give Ferrari and Porsche a run for their money. Every generation of the Chevy Corvette brought some kind of innovation for the nameplate, but when it comes to modern-day performance, the C6 ZR-1 may be the most important Corvette. Even the standard C6 Corvette was a force to be reckoned with. The Z06 was a more powerful, more track-focused version and arguably, the best driver's car of all C6 versions, but the C6 ZR-1 was the ultimate fast Corvette when it arrived in 2009. Moreover, it packed so much performance per dollar that the C7 generation that came after it was almost obsolete. With the C8 Corvette being a sharp deviation from all Corvettes before it, the C6 ZR-1 remains, the most significant, high-performance Corvette in modern times. With that said, here are 10 aspects, in which the Chevrolet Corvette C6 ZR-1 is better than the C8 Stingray.

10 An Appreciating American Icon - The Chevrolet Corvette C6 ZR-1 was produced between 2009 and 2013. In those five years of production, a total of 4,695 examples were built. In 2009, the starting price of a C6 Corvette ZR-1 was \$103,970. Prices bottomed out around 2021 when you could pick up a used C6 ZR-1 in good condition, for a little over \$60,000. Since then, things have changed, and prices have been on the rise.

9 The Classic Layout- Zora Arkus Duntov, the father of the Corvette, always wanted the American sports car to be a mid-engine model. Although most generations of the Chevy Corvette were accompanied by a mid-engine concept, a production version only came in 2020, with the C8 generation. The C6 Corvette ZR-1 retains the classic sports car formula of positioning the engine at the front and sending its power to the rear axle, like any production Corvette before it, and the C7 that came after it. In truth, the C7 was a more powerful C6 with a more angular design that foreshadowed the design of the mid-engine C8.

8 In The Real World, The C6 ZR-1 Is Faster Than The C8 - There's no doubt, the C8's mid-engine layout comes with inherent advantages, such as better off-the-line acceleration, and potentially, better weight distribution. On that front, the C6 Corvette was always a balanced car, with a near-50:50 weight distribution, GM claimed a 2.9-second 0 to 60 mph time for the C8 Stingray. *Good Life 777* confirmed that even managing a 2.7-second time on one of the few attempts. The C6 ZR-1 has a slight disadvantage off the line due to its layout, but a 3.1-second run is possible, due to longer gearing - first gear is good for over 60 mph (97 km/h). The C8 was also built with downforce in mind, which

slows you down at high speeds, hence the top speed of "only" 194 mph (312 km/h) versus the much more powerful C6 ZR-1's 205 mph (330 km/h).

7A More Engaging Car Than The C8 Stingray - The Chevy C6 Corvette ZR1 is a well-balanced car like all other versions of the C6. With that said, its driver assists are not as sophisticated as those in the new C8. It comes with the front-engine, rear-wheel-drive platform, which is more prone to kicking the tail end out, and you get a much more engaging driving experience when pushing the car near its limits. The good news is, the C6 ZR-1 is a very civil car when driven at normal speeds while the C8 Stingray feels more "nervous" at low speeds. Although most things in the C6 ZR-1 happen fairly progressively, the monstrous V-8 at the front requires you to be on top of things, when you are pushing this 'Vette through its paces.

6Manual Transmission - One of the main reasons the C6 ZR-1 is a proper driver's car is that it comes with a Tremec TR6060, six-speed manual. The C6 Corvette ZR-1 is the last high-performance Corvette to be offered, exclusively, with a six-speed manual. The 3.42 rear gears give the high-power C6 plenty of room to stretch its legs all the way to 205 mph (330 km/h). For the record, the C6 ZR-1 manages 200 mph (322 km/h) on top of fifth gear and de-limited, it boasts a theoretical top speed of over 211 mph (340 km/h). The C7 also featured a manual, but it also introduced an eight-speed automatic. The same automatic is the only available transmission in all C8 versions.

5Better Practicality - We are nit-picking here as no one buys a sports car for its practicality, but in case you care, the C6 Corvette ZR-1 is very practical for what it is. One aspect, in which the front-engine, rear-wheel-drive platform has a clear advantage is storage space. The C6 Corvette puts to shame, not just the C8 Stingray, but also many modern-day, sedans, hatchbacks, and even some station wagons, as it offers 22.39 cubic feet (634 liters) of cargo space. Moreover, there's a hatchback tailgate for even more practicality, which is a strong argument in front of your better half. Meanwhile, the C8 Corvette offers 12.6 cubic feet (357 liters), which is comparable to a sub-compact hatchback. Moreover, it's separated into two areas - a "frunk" and a rear storage area behind the engine.

4More Power, Baby! - Another aspect, in which the C6 Corvette ZR-1 offers more than the C8 Corvette is raw power. The 6.2-liter, supercharged, LS9 V-8 produces 639 horsepower at 6,500 RPM and 604 pound-feet (819 Nm) at 3,800 RPM while the C8's 6.2-liter, naturally-aspirated, LT2 V-8 packs 495 horsepower at 6,450 RPM and 470 pound-feet (637 Nm) at 5,150 RPM. Although the C8 is quicker off the line, the C6 ZR-1 more than makes up with sheer power. While quarter-mile times are near-identical, the lighter and more powerful Chevrolet C6 Corvette ZR-1 will obliterate the C8 Corvette Stingray on anything longer than 1,320 feet, or a rolling race.

3The C6 ZR-1 Has More Tuning Potential - As a platform, the C6 ZR-1 has been around for much longer than the C8 Corvette. The C6 platform benefits greatly from a wide variety of aftermarket upgrades, some of which are available directly from the manufacturer. Then, you have the tried-and-tested LS platform, which is capable of great power with a large number of performance mods readily available. More importantly, the C8's E.C.U is locked from the factory, in order to make tuners' life more unbearable. To this day, people are having trouble cracking the C8's control unit, which prevents them from making more power reliably. The C6 came out way before such restrictions and is practically begging for four-digit horsepower figures.

2Better To Look At - Aesthetics are subjective, but when the C8 Corvette came out, many thought it looked like a mid-engine Camaro from behind. The front was sharp and not that dissimilar to the likes of the Ferrari 488 and company while the rear was much squarer, making it look like the C8 Corvette was made of two completely different cars. Somehow, that mashup of design cues works and people warmed up to it, but most will agree that the C6's curvaceous lines and classic proportions are a much more pleasant view. The sixth-generation Corvette is more in tune with all Corvettes that came before it, featuring not just a traditional, FR layout, but also signature design elements like the quad round taillights that date back to the 1953 C1, and the four stacked exhaust tips, first seen on the C4 Corvette.

1More Reliable Than A C8 Corvette - The Corvette C6 has stood the test of time and is considered one of the most reliable sports cars money can buy. Its simplicity and stout mechanicals mean, upkeep will not break the bank as long as you get a good, looked-after example. The C8 Corvette had a predicted reliability score of 2/5 for the first year and a 3/5 for the second year. With that said, certain areas to look out for with a C8 include electronic and powertrain issues, trim, paint, and body. C8 Corvettes also had a few recalls, concerning the front trunk opening and missing transmission bearings, although the latter included just 22 units. Meanwhile, the C6 ZR-1 never had any recalls, and no major issues have been documented over the years.



right side profile of a dark-grey 2009 Chevrolet Corvette ZR-1



shot of the manual transmission in the 2009 Chevrolet Corvette C6 ZR1



rear 3/4 view of a blue 2009 Chevrolet Corvette C6 ZR-1



an overhead view of a 6.2-liter supercharged LS9 V-8 in Chevrolet Corvette C6 ZR-1



front 3/4 view of a 2009 Chevrolet Corvette C6 ZR-1



front 3/4 view of a yellow 2009 Chevrolet Corvette C6 ZR-1

Current Planned Club Events July/August 2023 (from website)

Activities Director-

Lynda Graham

JULY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 10:00 AM Ellicottville Distillery	26	27	28	29 6:00 PM Beechwood	30	1
2 10:00 AM COB Cars and Coffee	3	4 9:00 AM Grand Island Parade	5	6 4:00 PM Queen of Heaven	7	8 9:00 AM Pirates Festival Car Show +1 more
9 10:00 AM Dunkirk Harbor Cruise	10 3:30 PM Corvette Night at the Wurlitzer +1 more	11	12	13 5:00 PM Corvettes at Drifters	14 4:00 PM Annual St. John's Cruz...	15 9:00 AM Burgerfest Car Show
16 12:00 PM Supershow at the Shrine	17	18	19 th -12:00 COB Men's Luncheon at Yelling Goat		21	22 12:00 PM Williamsville Depot\Lehig...
23 9:00 AM COB Cars and Coffee	24	25	26	27 5:30 PM Akron Corvette Cruise Night	28	29 9:00 AM 30th annual Vettes at the... +1 more
30 9:00 AM 19th Annual Alden Car Show	31	1	2	3 5:00 PM Brookdale Cruise	4 5:00 PM St Gabriels Super Cruise	5
6 8:30 AM COB 19th Annual Caravan	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 12:00 PM COB Picnic	14	15 10:00 AM Rosina Food Plant Tour +1 more	16	17	18	19 9:00 AM UAW Car Show & Auto Expo
20 10:00 AM Cruise into Kenmore Sup...	21	22	23 5:30 PM Medina Super Cruise	24 12:00 PM Corvettes at Carlisle	25	26
27 9:00 AM Toy Town Car Show	28	29	30 12:00 PM National Corvette...	31	1	2 8:00 AM Olcott Beach Super Car Show
3 9:00 AM Classics on the Niagara Car... +1 more	4	5	6	7	8	9 10:00 AM Rally at the Ridge +1 more

AUGUST



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August 15th to August 20th

Planned Events



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Pratt Miller Tours
Henry Ford Museum
M1 Concourse Show**

Available Rooms



**Residence Inn
3333 CenterPoint Pkwy.
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(248) 858-8664**

**MENTION:
CORVETTES ON WOODWARD**

19th Annual

Corvette Caravan

Rain or Shine!

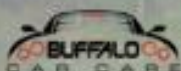
Sunday, August 6th, 2023 – 8:00 AM to 4 PM

Police Escorted Caravan
Gathering at Grapevine Banquets
333 Dick Rd. Depew, NY

Door Prizes
50/50 Split
Cash Bar

Registration Includes: Continental Breakfast & Served Luncheon

Mail registration form & check payable to: Corvettes of Buffalo
C/O Mike Buccilli 4001 Essex Place Hamburg, NY 14075 *** NO Later than July 7th 2023
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Assembly & check in 8:00am
Drivers Meeting: 9:45 am
Departure at 10:00 am

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Phone : _____ Club/ Group: _____ Year & Color of Corvette: _____

Signed: _____ E-Mail _____

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Passenger \$35.00 \$ _____

Event Polo Shirt S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, \$25.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Lee Buccilli (716) 648-2037

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Summer is in full swing and there are so many “Car” related things to do. Car shows, caravans, sight seeing trips, and of course the NCM 29th Anniversary is next month. If you haven’t made plans, registration is now OPEN.

And next year the Museum is celebrating their 30th Anniversary and thousands of Corvettes will be arriving from all over the country and even from abroad. Everything fills up quickly, especially hotels. You may find that some are already booked for this event.

As we keep driving, I will keep reminding you that insurance through NCM is worth your time and money. Get a free quote. What better time than now to save some money.





More from George "Sparky" Sparks...

Good morning, if there was a "special" year to see/do this event (below), it is this year. Tribute to the CORVETTE. As you will notice, several programs **sold out** in **October of 2022**, as soon as the registration opened. It's worth looking over the information just to get an idea of how huge this event is. Obviously, it is a crowd pleaser every year. However, this year was extra special because of CORVETTE.

If you have never been to this annual event, you should attend at least once. Karen and I were "special" guests in 2002 because the "MINI COOPER" was being introduced to the public. We were the "lead" car behind the local Sheriff's vehicle. The whole experience was a blast. Great memories.

Enjoy the link (copy and paste), George and Karen

<http://grandprixfestival.com/>



No news to report this month...

Car of the Month Series: Frank and Marianne Pastore

2015 Laguna Blue Coupe and 1966 Nassau Blue Convertible

Hi COB Members,

Here is a little story about how Marianne and I got started in the Corvette hobby many years ago.

While walking around Summit Mall one day in 1995, we spotted several Corvettes on display from members of Corvettes of Buffalo. We were approached by members at their display table asking if we wanted to join. We did not have a car at that time but they signed us up for the club newsletter. We kept that newsletter until 1998 when we started shopping for our first Corvette. We located a 1980 C3 in excellent condition in our home town of North Tonawanda with less than 10k on the odometer. Since this was the first car we looked at we decided to shop around.

That summer we bumped in COB members Mike Erdey and Jim Lawson at various car events. They suggested we travel to Corvettes of Carlisle and buy a car at the fairgrounds. After looking at dozens of cars for sale, most requiring repair work with pricing all over the map, we realized the car for us was right in our backyard.

We bought the C3 Corvette in NT the next week with an inspection by Mr Best Wrench, AKA Rod Reisdorf. In 2003 we bought a C5 coupe for our first caravan to Bowling Green and kept the C3 for one more year for showing at car shows. We then sold it to an old friend of Mel's. We moved up to a C7 model 12 years later, my neighbor bought the C5 which he still has.

Finally, 6 years ago Mel & Diane Skeide were out for dinner with Sam & Raynee Iraci. Sam had a friend who was selling a C2 and C5 roadsters for a deceased friend. Mel asked me if I was interested in purchasing the C2. After discussing the car with Marianne, we set up a viewing with Sam, Mel and the friend Gary Bohlen. So on a cold day in February in 2017, we made a deal for the '66. We brought the car home a month later with no snow or salt on the roads!

So as Paul Harvey use to say "And That is the Rest of the Story"Frank & Marianne Pastore



Prospective Member Bill Zinno

My name is Bill Zinno and I recently signed up as prospective member to COB. I live in Clarence with my wife Jan, of 60 years. I've always been a Corvette fan and in 2000, purchased a new torch red fixed roof coupe (the precursor to the Z06, which followed in 2001.) I kept it for 9 years and after 40,000 fun filled miles, I sold it.

I was convinced that would be my last Corvette experience until the C8 was introduced. I fell in

love all over again. I decided to pull the trigger on buying a new one in the summer of 2021. I got on the waiting lists of 5 dealers. And waited for an allocation. After waiting a year, I had pretty much given upon my dream of getting a C8 and decided to buy a used sports car instead. In July of 2022, I found a super clean 2004 Porsche Boxster. (Are we allowed to use the "P" word in this forum?)(Editor: of course). I drove it until September, when I got a call from Heinrich Chevrolet that they had an allocation for a C8. I didn't think twice-sold the Porsche and placed an order for a C8 Red Mist Metallic Stingray. It came in In January of this year and I have been loving it ever since. I have been blown away by the driving experience. Transmission and handling are awesome, even with Z51 option. I'll be putting a lot more miles on it in the months ahead. The Porsche was fun, but didn't compare with the Corvette.

BILL



Prospective Members Roger and Donna Baker

I (we) have been looking for a corvette that would fit our needs for about two years. While on our phones and looking through the internet, Donna came across this orange and black 99 C5 in our local area for sale. She said to me, " Roger, here is a car that's in your favorite color I think you might like". I made an appointment to take a look and test drive it. We were sold. We made the purchase.

We decided to join the Corvettes of Buffalo through a friend Bob Woodley. We work together.

We look forward to being club members.

Thank you.

Roger and Donna



Prospective Members Jim and Nancy McGoldrick

Hello! My wife Nancy and I (Jim) are looking forward to joining the club. We attended the June club meeting as prospective new members and were overwhelmed by the warm greeting we received by all of you! I could not imagine a better recruitment officer than Barb.

We enjoyed meeting and chatting with some of you at the Sunday cars and coffee event at the Eastern Hills Mall, and the corvette cruise event held at West Herr Chevrolet.

Nancy and I have been together since high school, and when I was 17, I saw a beautiful corvette and told her one day I would own one. For 47 years every time I saw a corvette, I would comment that one day I would have one. After mentioning it again in February she finally cracked and said " would you just please just buy it"!! And so I did ! She's a 2005 C6 coupe hatchback, magnetic red. And I could not be happier.

We look forward to meeting all of you, attending the club events, and talking corvettes.

Jim and Nancy



May 23rd Dinner at Pasquale's



May 25th Woodlawn Beach Car Show

This new place was an idea from Len Zawadski, so we checked it out. Not too many cars (everyone got a prize of some sort) There was a band playing and a fair number of people attended that weren't in the car show. One amenity was the large area for car shows (this was a startup attempt). The boardwalk to the beach was interesting and scenic. Afterwards we went to the Uncle Joe's Diner show, still in progress.



May 28th Olcott Show



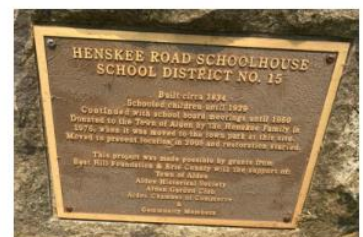
May 29th Ken-Ton Parade – at least 2 miles of spectators





Eighteen cars and 36 COB members participated in the first ever Road Rally and Scavenger Hunt run out of Como Lake Park in Lancaster. Congratulations to Jim & Nicolette Brett , Mike & Sue Blum and the 1st place winners, Ray & Debbie Schafer who were able to find the correct clues at 8 locations in the area. After the 3-hour run everyone got together at the park for a light lunch provided by the club. It was a crowd-pleasing event that everyone wants to return next year.

Bob & Norma Joseph



June 11th COB Scavenger Hunt/ Road Rally





June 14th Anderson's Ice Cream Party





June 15th COB Men's lunch meet at Danny's South



On June 17th Corvettes of Buffalo had 18 cars travel to Rochester along with 14 cars from Syracuse club to raise money for NYLEAP at the **Back the Blue Rally** sponsored by the Rochester Corvette Club. Over 150 Corvettes participated raising over \$3000 for the Law Enforcement Assistance Program.

Bob Joseph



FREE FOR ALL PAGES: Back the Blue Event (Mike and Lee Buccilli photos)



FREE FOR ALL PAGES: More Watkins Glen photos (Dan Krakowski)





Rick Corvette Conti, is a YOU TUBE video that Karen and I watched. In this May 23, 2023 You Tube video he features the Watkins Glen Festival 2023. Below is the link to that video. Our Corvettes are featured towards the end of the video.

Enjoy, it is great to see some of our members on You Tube. (copy and paste it)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdVDCE8qoQo>

(Below) A couple shots there from Tony Malagisi:



More on Pete's Corvette that went overseas...

Gary, I did change that cushion and all the body mounts with 1973 bushings for a better ride. The cushion by the rear end comes lose and will clunk with age. I changed then all in 2010.

When you adjust the park brake, make sure they don't drag or they will over heat and cause problems. They won't designed to stop the car and can't hold the car on a big hill.

I like the idea of cutting the cross member to get the transmission out because GM did the same thing when then they put in auto transmissions in.

As for Nick's 1966 corvette, if is still at the body shop waiting for paint.

Rosie and I already did two trips, and 1000 miles on our C7 corvette .We are planning to go to a corvette convention in Kentucky, where GM builds corvettes. It is a 2 day drive to get there and 5 days of, car shows, drag racing, high and low speed race track driving. There will also be parties and all kinds of event tours like going to the corvette factory. Rosie and I have attended about 22 of these events in a different city every year. It is fun. Save the wave and stay safe!

Your friend across the pond ... **Pete**

Hi Pete, hope you all well, had the 72 up on the lift yesterday, took up the end float in the front wheel bearings, and changed out the diff cushions to see if it was the cause of my drivetrain clunk. I couldn't see any movement in any of the universal joints. I only went for a short test as it was dark but seemed to be better. Will take it out again today for a longer test. The old rubbers didn't look too bad as I guess they were new when you restored it.

Adjusted the park brake up again while she was in the air, pretty reasonable now, ... (for a C3!) Had a good look around the trans and crossmember to plan for my big job when I cut out the crossmember to fit the removable flange kit . I don't think it will be a terrible job and will make doing any future clutch work easier and finally sort my missing bolt and rear bush /seal issue. Any more pics of Nick's C2? Is she in paint yet? Keep me posted.

Hi to all in the clubs. Take care,
All best from the UK.

Gary.



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My girlfriend left a note on my brand-new Corvette. It said, "This is not working!" I got nervous. I started the car and it is working fine.

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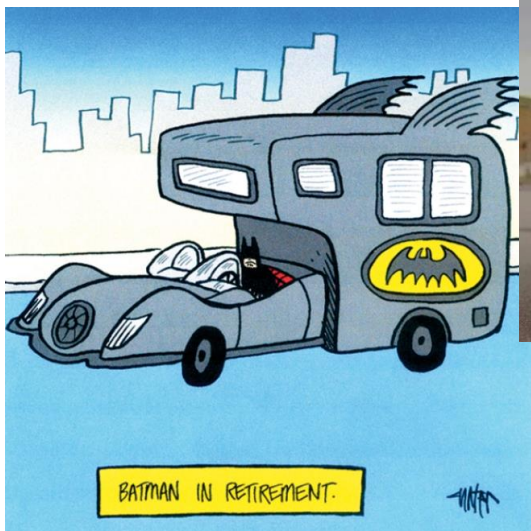


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