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Can you identify the years of these Corvettes?  
When was the traditional Corvette 4-light tail light configuration introduced?

Jerry Burton, author of several Corvette books and founding editor of Corvette Quarterly will be speaking in Portland on September 19th 2007.

Pre-register for the event by contacting Tony Corless at [tonycorless@freightliner.com](mailto:tonycorless@freightliner.com)

Answers to these questions are inside



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Preview of upcoming events starting in August  
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## Group Baseball game at PGE Park

With summer in full swing, what better way to celebrate than going to a Portland Beavers game at PGE Park on August 16th? With 15 or more in the group, infield tickets are \$11. Please RSVP early to Keith Neubauer at [keithbrakesystems@earthlink.net](mailto:keithbrakesystems@earthlink.net) if you're planning on attending the game (starts at 7:05 pm). If you can't make it but would like to go, please also let Keith know. With enough requests we maybe able to change the date as there are a few games in August.



## Outdoor Gokart event

For some, an outdoor gokart race with 45mph gokarts at Pat's Acres may be a better way to celebrate and enjoy the summer. We have one planned in August or September, please contact Tony Corless ( [tonycorless@freightliner.com](mailto:tonycorless@freightliner.com)) if you're interested in this event. This event will be part of Oregon SAE's new gokart championship series that was started by Vijay Gopalswamy last year.

## Corvette-heads Unite!

As was mentioned in cover of this newsletter, we will have Jerry Burton coming to Portland to speak to us on the night of September 19th. Feel free to bring your Corvette as we plan on having a large enough parking lot to look at the vehicles after Mr. Burton's presentation. In order to have a well-planned event we need as many early RSVPs as possible. If you would like to attend this event, please email Tony Corless ([tonycorless@freightliner.com](mailto:tonycorless@freightliner.com)) by July 31st to receive a \$5 discount.



## Student Night

This year marks the fourth year we've had the Student Night where the local college teams come to talk about their previous year's efforts as well as plans for the next year. 2007 was a great success for many of our student teams with Oregon State University, Portland State University, University of Portland and Oregon Institute Technology able to attend and compete the SAE Baja and SAE Formula. Members are very much encouraged to attend this event in October. It is a great way to meet the new engineers and get to know them before you will be working with them in the near future.



## Student Grant Committee

Many of you know that Oregon SAE have customarily given support to local university teams who compete in any of SAE's Collegiate Design Series. In an effort to improve our support for the students, we are asking for your input. In addition, we will be setting up a committee to review and if necessary, update the current procedures. If you're interested in being involved in this process, please contact Katie Knudson ([katieknudson@freightliner.com](mailto:katieknudson@freightliner.com)).

## ConRod Article Submissions

Please feel free to contact me with any article ideas that you would like published in the ConRod. In order to be published in the coming month's newsletter, please have them sent to me (Andre Susanto; [andresusanto@freightliner.com](mailto:andresusanto@freightliner.com)) by the 20th of the month. This as much your newsletter as the section is yours, so please feel free to let me know on how I can make this newsletter better for you.

Thank you, Andre Susanto

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Answers: Pictured from left to right starting from the top: 1953, 1956, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1984, 1997, 2007. 1961 was the first year Corvettes came with the now famous four round tail lights

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