

The Year Was 1979...

- Shah leaves Iran, Ayatollah Khomeini takes over and Embassy is taken US hostages held
- Soviets invade Afghanistan
- Three Mile Island releases radiation
- Median household income \$16,461
- Stamps are \$.15
- Tom Wolfe published "The Right Stuff"
- First rap hit "Rappers Delight" by Sugar Hill Gang
- Deaths: John Wayne and Nelson Rockefeller
- Movies: Apocalypse Now, All That Jazz, Electric Horseman and Kramer vs Kramer
- Music: Just the Way You Are by Billy Joel and Every Which Way But Loose by Eddie Rabbit

In 1979...

- The Corvette Coupe cost \$10,220 and 53,807 were produced
- Under the hood, the base engine received the dual-snorkel air intake introduced in 1978 for the optional L82 V-8, which added 10 horsepower.
- The L82 V-8 had a higher-lift cam, special heads with larger valves and higher compression, impact-extruded pistons, a forged steel crankshaft, and finned aluminum rocker covers.
- The "Y" pipe exhaust system had new open-flow mufflers, while the automatic transmission received a higher numerical (3.55:1) rear axle ratio.
- Standard equipment included the L48 V-8 with four-barrel carburetor, either automatic transmission or a four-speed manual gear box (close-ratio version available), power four-wheel disc brakes and limited-slip differential.
- AM-FM Stereo Radio with CB system and power antenna was only \$439
- Trailering package would cost \$98
- Sport Mirrors are \$45

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