

The Year Was 2009...

- Captain "Sully" Sullenberger lands plane in Hudson River and all survive
- Salmonella outbreak linked to peanut butter
- Hillary Rodham Clinton sworn as Secretary of State
- "Octo-Mom" Nayda Suleman has six boys and two girls
- President Obama announces plan to withdraw troops from Iraq by August 2010
- California upholds ban on same sex marriage while Iowa, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont ruled to allow same sex marriage
- Somali pirates capture American ship and take Captain hostage – Navy Seals kill three pirates and rescue Captain
- David Souter steps down as Supreme Court Justice and Sonia Sotomayor is nominated
- Alaska Governor Sarah Palin resigns
- Movies: Taken, X-Men, The Taking of Pelham 123, Julie and Julia & The Ugly Truth
- Deaths: Michael Jackson, Walter Cronkite, Farrah Fawcett, Paul Harvey, Ed McMahon, Jett Travolta, John Updike, Natasha Richardson and Bea Arthur

In 2009...

- The Z06 remained mostly unchanged for 2009. Improvements included a larger capacity oil sump and 10 spoke "Spider" wheels (right)
- The anticipation in the late 1980s for a super performance Corvette, (eventually known as the ZR-1) was repeated in 2007 - with the big difference being the Internet to really fan the flames of interest. The hype included names, such as SS, Blue Devil, Sting Ray, Z07 and ZR-2. The SS was short for "Super Sport" and a tribute to past high performance Chevrolet models. Corvette lore however had SS as short for "Snake Slayer", implying superiority over the Dodge Viper, the Corvette's main competition. "Blue Devil" was a reference to the sports teams of Duke University, which was GM CEO Rick Wagoner's Alma Mater. Sting Ray was last used on early C3 Vettes, Z07 implied a better Z06 and ZR-2 was a nod to the LT-5 engined 1990 thru 1995 ZR-1s.

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