

## **The Year Was 1989...**

- Berlin wall crumbles and the East is opened
- US Troops invade Panama and capture Manuel Noriega
- Tanker Exxon Valdez sends 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound
- San Francisco Bay earth quake of 7.1 magnitude kills 67
- Technique of "Virtual Reality" is developed
- First World Wide Web server and browser are developed
- Chinese Students rally for Democracy in Tiananmen Square in Beijing
- Median household income \$28,906, Federal Debt \$1143.17 Billion and Stamps \$.25
- Movies: Born on the Fourth of July, Field of Dreams and Driving Miss Daisy
- Deaths: Lucile Ball, Bette Davis, Salvador Dali and Sugar Ray Robinson
- Song of the year was: Don't Worry, Be Happy by Bobby McFerrin

## **In 1989...**

- The Corvette Convertible cost \$36,785 and 9,749 were produced while the Coupe cost \$31,545 and 16,663 were produced
- Most of the Corvette publicity this year centered on the eagerly-awaited ZR-1 which was claimed to be the world's fastest production automobile.
- Chevrolet built 84 ZR-1 type 1989 Corvettes for testing, but then said on April 19 that the ZR-1's introduction would be delayed until 1990.
- Joining the option list was a new FX3 Delco-Bilstein Selective Ride Control system with a switch to select the desired degree of shock absorber damping for touring, sport, or competition driving.
- Only hatchbacks with a manual transmission and the Z51 Performance Handling package could get the ride-control option.
- For the first time since 1975, a removable fiberglass hardtop became available for the convertible, but not until late in the model year.
- Selective Electronic Ride and Handling would cost you \$1,695

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