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I ran across an interesting article that I thought our members may enjoy.....

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August 31, 2017, will be the day the 8.4-liter V10-sourced music dies, to paraphrase one Don Mclean. The [Dodge Viper](#) will depart for good and America will have lost a true sports car hero. It goes off not so silently into the night after the Viper ACR proved American sports cars could not only tussle with the best, it was one of the best.

So, what will become of the Dodge Viper customers left without a sixth-generation snake? It could be prime time for General Motors and the upcoming [C8 Corvette](#), as [Road and Track](#) predicts. If you've been absent from Corvette news for the past few years, it's largely the industry's worst-kept secret that the next-generation Corvette will have its engine mounted in the middle of the car. The feat will realize the dreams of so many designers and engineers from GM over the past few decades.

Though the Viper fan base is relatively small compared to the Corvette, Chevrolet could and should present an olive branch and showcase its next Corvette offers a place to call home, likely as

many fifth-generation Viper owners realize they're now sitting on investment pieces.

There's another piece to the puzzle, too: estranged Ford GT customers. It's doubtful Chevrolet will be as picky as Ford when it comes to buyers as well, as the blue oval is with GT customers. To be fair, the Ford GT is a much more exotic car than the C8 Corvette will likely present itself to be, including its price. Those who have been passed over for a GT could look to the C8 Corvette as a solution, and GM should be there with open arms.

Only time will tell, but right now, the sting from the Viper's departure still resonates. Although rivals, the Corvette and Viper have long made for a dynamic duo to showcase what American sports cars are capable of.

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