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GM Announces Corvette Chief Engineer David Retire

Tom Wallace to lead performance car team



DETROIT - General Motors Corp. announced today that David Hill, currently GM vehicle chief engineer (VCE) for Corvette and vehicle line executive (VLE) for performance cars, will retire effective Jan. 1, 2006 after more than 41 years of dedicated service.

Tom Wallace will replace Hill as vehicle line executive - performance cars and vehicle chief engineer for the Corvette. Additionally, he will assume responsibilities for compact rear-wheel-drive performance cars including Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky. W. VLE for small/midsize trucks.



Lori Queen, currently VLE compact cars and the Pontiac Solstice and appointed VLE for small/midsize trucks, replacing Tom Wallace.

"David Hill has taken the Corvette to heights that few of us can imagine performance, refinement and value, he has truly helped to make Cor none. Dave is a true car guy who will take his rightful place among tl Corvette lore," said Bob Lutz, General Motors vice chairman, global p development.

"What do you do to replace a guy like Dave? You do your best to get



Wallace also is a car guy and racer who will make a perfect choice to and Performance team. Besides, Tom was Dave's choice too. That sh you need to know," Lutz concluded.

Hill has a rich history with GM since joining Cadillac Motor Car Divisic moved through various engineering positions and was named an exe

In 1982, he was named chief engineer of the Cadillac Allante. Follow introduction of the Northstar engine in 1992 in the two seat luxury rc assumed chief engineer responsibilities for the Cadillac Deville and C

Hill was named in 1993 as chief engineer for the Chevrolet Corvette, chief engineer for the sports car in the vehicle's 53-year history. In 1 named vehicle line executive for performance cars and led the devel generation Corvette and the introduction of the Cadillac XLR.

Last year, Hill launched the latest sixth generation Corvette followed introduction of the new 505 bhp Corvette Z06 for 2006.

Hill holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Michig; University and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the Michigan.

Wallace has been with GM since 1966 when he joined Buick Motor Di Mich. He was named to an executive engineering position in 1980 wf and was later named to the GM Truck Group in 1995. Wallace holds ; mechanical engineering from Kettering University (formerly GMI), ar Fellow, earning a master's in business administration from Stanford I

Wallace and his team were responsible for the development and laur TrailBlazer, GMC Envoy, Buick Rainier, Chevrolet Colorado, GMC Can SSR. Additionally, he led the highly successful launch of the Saab 9- HUMMER H3.

An avid performance car enthusiast, Wallace has enjoyed competing and professional road racing, rally car and drag racing. He started ra Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) more than 30 years ago and has of Sedan and GT classes with race-prepped Oldsmobile, Buick and Cl

Queen received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Ke (formerly GMI). She recently led the launches of some of GM's most products currently in the market: Chevrolet Cobalt and HHR, Saturn Solstice and the soon to be released Saturn Sky.

Queen has been with GM since 1974 and has held numerous Enginee including vehicle chief and VLE assignments for both cars and trucks

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