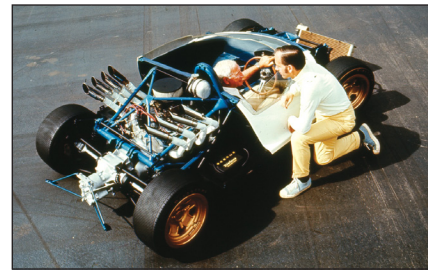


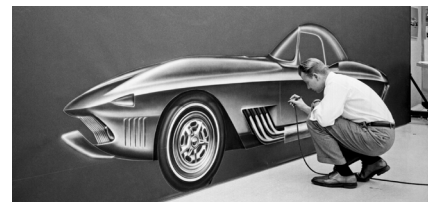
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*The author and Zora consult during test drive of CERV II in 1970.*

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*Tony Lapine airbrushes a rendering of the XP-755 in 1961.*

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*Karl Ludvigsen with Corvette creators Zora Arkus-Duntov and Bill Mitchell.*

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