

# Corvette Gazette

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## WORDS FROM ZOPRES



Well we're off. We appreciate the support at our first meeting of '07. We had the largest crowd ever.

We really look forward to the social calendar set up by Beth and Sue.

We are sorry we missed the Sebastian lunch with our neighbor clubs from Stuart and Melbourne; however, we were at Disney with club members, the Brocks. Jerry and Renae treated us to dinner at Jinkos in the Animal Kingdom for my 37<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Please share with Hollyann any stories, pictures and the like for our newsletter.

ZOPRES

*Ro*

p.s. Thank you for your patience at my first meeting. Heckling was kept at minimum and duly noted. I will get better...

## Greg's Gab



Hi Folks!

Well, I cannot believe that we are already a month into the new year.

Time sure does fly!

Everything here at the dealership is going well, we have a great selection of New and Pre-owned corvettes on the lot. I promise to get back into the habit of updating everyone via the Yahoo eGroup of our inventory at least a couple times a month and if you have any questions please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

I am looking forward to another great year attending meetings and other corvette functions with everyone in the club.

*Greg*



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## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Birthdays for January

Ro Bryant	January 14
Sherrie Brower	January 16
Gorden Byers	January 18
Linda Paduan	January 29
Paul Kovac	January 30

### Birthdays for February

Betty Brousseau	February 3
Leslie Spurlock	February 9
Pat Lundell	February 14
Dave Myers	February 22
Kelly Castillo	February 23
Hollyann Quina	February 24
Wayne Sandlin	February 28
Danny Hearndon	February 28

*Happy Birthday to everyone!*



## WOW! WHAT A CHRISTMAS PARTY!

If anyone missed our club Christmas party they missed a great time. Each year it seems that Ro is able to do something bigger and better. The food was fabulous as always, the decorations and the decor of the country club make the party a very special ending to the club year-end. I think this was our biggest turnout ever. We have a lot of new members in the club and it was a great way to get a chance to talk and get acquainted.

The biggest change made this year was that no gifts were exchanged. Each member was ask to give a cash donation and the money collected went to the Toys For Tots campaign. It's a great feeling to be able to help someone else at Christmas.

Pictures were taken of each couple, if you have not received yours please check at the next meeting.

**The Friendliest Corvette Club in Florida**

**IACA ASK FOR HELP IN CHARITY EVENT!**



The Italian American Civic Association of Vero Beach

invites all members of the Indian River Corvette Club to participate in their annual Italian Food Festival on Saturday March 3rd. Service Chevrolet, our Club's sponsor, will be displaying some of their corvettes there from 12:00--4:00pm. You are invited to participate in this event also by displaying your car at that time.

The event itself is a fundraiser that contributes to the IACA scholarship funds along with the other charities that we contribute to through out the year.

We need your help by displaying your cars on Saturday from 12 - 4pm. Your cars will be secured with people present at all times in the car display area.

Contact Frank Baudo at 299-5742 as soon as possible so that he can make the necessary arrangements for your car.

**INDIAN RIVER, STUART AND SPACE COAST CLUBS MEET**

The annual joint luncheon of the Indian River Corvette Club, Space Coast Corvette Club and the Stuart Corvette Club was held at the Cowboy and Captain's Restaurant in Sebastian.

This year the turn out was a little smaller than usual. The weather was cool and some people may have stayed away.



It was great to see all the cars and friends we don't get a chance to be with regularly. Also we got to see all the new C6 Vettes everyone had purchased. A great time was had by all that attended

**Activities**

**COMING IN FEBRUARY**

**9 - Friday - General Membership Meeting**

**CLUB EVENT FOR FEBRUARY**

**10 - Sat. - River Dance**

**Melbourne's King Center**

**27 - Tuesday -Mystery Dinner Cruise**

**Our Host - Greg & Beth - Terry & Sue**

**Check the WEB Calendar for details**



**24 HOUR ROLEX RACE AT DAYTONA**

I hope that some of you were watching the race coverage on Fox and Speed channels. The racing was really great. So many of the NASCAR drivers were involved in the event. Jimmie Johnson, last year's cup champion, Jeff Gordon,

Tony Stewart, Scott Pruitt, Max Pappas, Boris Said, Rusty Wallace, and many others were mixed with the international and other teams.

The weather was a little bit cold but the racing was hot, hot, hot. The track was really in great condition. The garage area was open to the public if you had the proper credentials you could go anywhere. We were able to go every where we wanted and talk to drivers and crew members. I'm sure the pictures will show up at one of the meetings.

As usual the cars ran in the rain as well as the sunshine, however the rain always seems to come at night and the track is harder to see. The added lighting makes seeing from the Goodyear Tower. As morning dawned the sun came out and the race ended on a fabulous sunny, if a bit cool day. In the end it was:

Chip Ganassi with Felix Sabates Winners 2007 Rolex 24 Hour

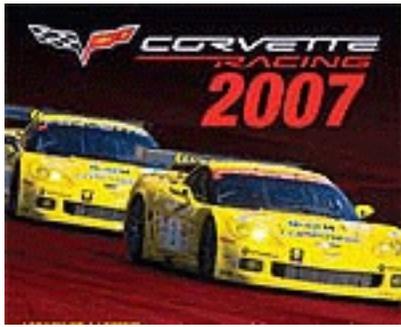
Drivers: Scott Pruett, Salvador Duran, Juan Pablo Montoya

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The guest speaker and Grand Marshall for the Rolex race was no other than "The King", **Richard Petty**. What a gracious person he is. He gave quite a talk and then answered questions, signed autographs and did a lot of pictures with the fans. Just for information, he doesn't look a bit older than he did twenty years ago. He told us about how the **Victory Junction Gang Camp** was coming along and how many children are coming from all over the states. The amount of money that has been donated just by the NASCAR drivers is amazing. You can go to [www.victoryjunction.org](http://www.victoryjunction.org) to learn more about this camp for children with chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses that provides life-changing camping experiences.





## CORVETTE'S RETURN TO American Le Mans Series

At a press meeting Dough Fehan, program manager told America's Sports Car that "after examining the rules package, we've decided to go ahead and proceed. It looks very promising for a return to the ALMS."

Not only will Corvette be racing under GT1 ACO rules, IMSA will limit the limitations on the frequency and adjustments it allows. Check the website for more information on races coming up and locations. Several new races have been added, one of which is the St. Petersburg Grand Prix on March 31st, and as always the Sebring race is scheduled for March 17th.

All race venues will have a Corvette Corral and all the normal events.

Adjustments have been made to the rule changes from last year, weight changes and restrictor size will give the Corvette's a better chance to beat the larger performance cars.

For more information go to: [www.corvetteracing.com](http://www.corvetteracing.com)

## 2007 ALMS Corvette Corrals

The 2007 race season starts with the continuing partnership between **Corvette, Corvette Racing and the Museum** to bring the C6.R racing support to the fans.

Tickets for the races are available through each individual track. Be sure to ask for the "Corvette Coral Tickets" when ordering your ticket.

Check on the Museum website ([www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com)) to see the latest.

- Sebring , FL March 17
- St Petersburg , FL March 31
- Long Beach , CA April 14
- Houston , TX April 21
- Salt Lake City , UT May 19
- Lime Rock, CT July 7
- Mid Ohio , Ohio July 22
- Road America , WI August 11
- \*\* Mosport , Canada August 26
- Belle Isle, MI September 1
- Petit Le Mans, GA October 6
- Laguna Seca , CA October 20

\*\*Mosport Corral is not an NCM operated corral



## BITTEN BY A CORVETTE

In the Corvette Quarterly I found a small article I thought you might enjoy as much as I did.

It seems that a Mercedes-Benz salesman is driving Corvette's. He had a 1973, 1996, 1999, 2002, and is now driving a 2005 that is supercharged, custom painted, and fitted with Z06 rear quarter panels and has 600 horsepower.

Final comment was that the best part of his day was driving to and from work in the Corvette! Wonder what his boss thinks and if his customers know the score!

## DID YOU KNOW

### January, 2005

In Braselton, Georgia, General Motors unveils the completed Corvette C6-R race car. Two such cars will be raced in the GT1 class of the American Le Mans Series, and the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France. Road & Track magazine declares the Corvette the Best Car for 2005 in its Readers' Choice Awards.

### January, 2006

In Scottsdale, Arizona, the 30th Annual Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction is held, over six days. Included are 100 Corvettes. Some highlights (not including buyer's fee): 1953 #003: US\$1 million; 1957 convertible, silver exterior, ZL-1 454 ci 510 hp engine, 5-speed transmission: US\$275,000; 1957 convertible, white exterior, red interior, fuel-injection, air-box: US\$225,000



## National Corvette Caravan returns to Bowling Green in 2009!

Registration for the 2009 National Corvette Caravan will be opening in the spring, and you can sign on now to be a part of the exciting Caravan chat!

Stay on top of the caravan details and specifics and enjoy the company of other enthusiasts preparing for the 4th National Corvette Caravan organized in conjunction with the Museum's 15th Anniversary! Find out more about the upcoming Corvette Caravan and sign on to the Caravan Chat area here: <http://www.corvettecaravan.com/>



# RECORD SETTING TURNOUT FOR FIRST MEETING OF 2007

The **FUN HAS BEGUN**. We can look forward to more members participating in running the club. Please get involved, if you have any ideas, suggestions or want to be part of the planning of events, don't be shy. **Contact Ro, Sue or Beth and tell them you want to be part of running your club.**

## JANUARY MYSTERY DINNER RIDE

**Beth and Greg Butcher** hosted the January dinner ride. The place of choice was **Dino's** restaurant north of Ft. Pierce on U S 1. It was a great place for the club since they had a separate room large enough for the great turnout.

It was nice to see the parking lot filled with the Corvette's. The ride was long enough for everyone to get a chance to get the car's up to speed and not to far from home for most of us.

The menu is so large that I'm sure most had a hard time trying to decide what to eat. The food came in fast order and the service was very good. The food was great, hot, delicious and plenty of everything. The comment I heard most was how great the food is and what a nice place to choose.



What a great way to start the **NEW YEAR!!!**



## 2 Special Editions for 2007

Corvette announces two special-edition models: the Ron Fellows ALMS GT1 Champion Corvette Z06 and the Indianapolis 500 Pace Car Replica Corvette Convertible.

Only 399 of the Ron Fellows ZO6 and 500 of the Pace Car will be produced.



**What not to do with your Corvette when A simple large bow would do!**

**Corvettes are like potato chips; you can't stop at just one.**

**A closed mouth gathers no feet.**

**All in favor of saving gas, raise your right foot.**

**Bore: A person who has nothing to say and says it.**



## SEBRING TICKETS

Advance tickets for the 12 hours of Sebring race must be purchased prior to **February 15th** to receive advance purchase rates on Sebring Supertickets.

Remember to order your **Corvette Corral tickets!** 1-800-626-7223 [www.sebringraceway.com/corral.lasso](http://www.sebringraceway.com/corral.lasso)

Exclusive reserved parking for owners of Corvettes & You must have a Corvette to enter the corral.

**No Yugos Please**