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A NOTE FROM ZOPREZ

We've left the pits!!

We owe a special thanks to Judy Hunt and her crew at the Best Western (I-95 & SRD 60) for accommodating the club on such short notice. We plan on meeting at our regular place next month.

The club was offered a job on the Service Chevrolet Habitats for Humanities construction crew, and we accepted. Bobby and Amy Harp started the engine by donating the plumbing. We're in luck, we know the guys in the, "BIG BLUE TRUCKS."

All members that want share in this great cause should have their hammers tuned and their hard-hats ready. Schedules will follow!!!

Lots of fun planned this month. Hope to see you smiling and driving.

ZORO

P.s. If any break downs occur, please call your trusty pit crew. We work for you.



Greg's Gab

Hi Folks!

Well we have been getting allocations from Chevrolet weekly for corvettes, which I am not complaining about but I definitely need to move the ones I have on the lot. We have filled 1 Z06 allocation which it will be a Victory Red 2LZ loaded up car with Chrome wheels, and we received another allocation for a Z06 that has to be filled by Tuesday the 20th so if anyone wants to order one with the options they want give me a call otherwise I am trying to get Hank to order it in Atomic Orange!!!

If you stop by the store make sure that you ask for me or find me even if you are in for service. Save the Wave!!!,

Greg



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Birthdays for March

Derek Craver	March 13
Terry Smith	March 15
Tom White	March 17
Christine Grant	March 18
Dan Bryant	March 25
Karl Steene	March 25
Ken Porter	March 28
John Mulligan	March 31

Happy Birthday to everyone!

MEET OUR CLUB MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Karen Atwell (our Club Secretary) owns and operates the Karen Atwell Insurance Agency. Karen has twenty-five years of experience in life and health insurance, 401K and IRA planning as well as dental plans for all your personal and business needs.



Karen and Clint were married in July last year. They grew up in the same area, even went to school together. In fact Clint was Karen's prom date. Each married someone else, later as happens, life changes come about and they met again and life goes on.

Be sure to call Karen for a quote on any of your insurance needs or stop by her office.

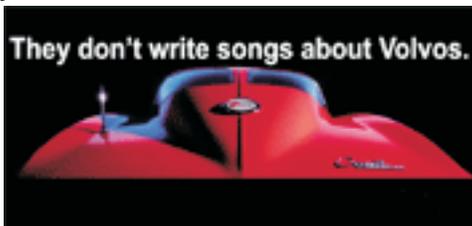
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At this month's membership meeting, by unanimous vote we agreed to volunteer for Service Chevrolet's Habitat for Humanities construction crew.

We are still getting all our information together, but if you would like to take a look at schedule and other information that we have, go to the WEB Calendar page and click on the Habitat logo on the left hand side.

The Friendliest Corvette Club in Florida



February Event - A Night to Remember!

BY Z0Prez

If you happen to sit next to Linda and Harry Fallon at the next meeting please give them plenty of space, because, after attending the River Dance at the King Center in Melbourne on February 10th, Linda and Harry have become River Dancers in training.

All had a great time, where the food was slow, the drive was fast, and the dancing was superb.

Thanks to the activities committee for arranging it.



Italian Food Festival Draw Near...

Don't forget the Italian American Civic Association Italian Food Festival, Saturday, March 3rd. Hours for displaying your Vette are from 11:15 to 4:00,



or if you can not spend that much time, at least stop by and have a great lunch. This is a fundraiser for the IACA scholarship funds along with other charities they support through the year.

More detail are on the WEB site calendar or call Frank Baudo at 299-5742

Activities

COMING IN FEBRUARY/MARCH

2/27 - Tuesday -Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host - Greg & Beth - Terry & Sue

3/6 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting

3/9 - Friday - General Membership Meeting

CLUB EVENT #1 FOR MARCH

3/17 - Saturday - St. Patrick's Day Parade

CLUB EVENT #2 FOR MARCH

3/24 - Saturday - Antique Car Show
Under the Oaks 10:00 to 4:00

3/27 - Tuesday - Monthly Mystery Cruise
Our Host Clint & Karen

Check the WEB Calendar for details

Join us for a very special night of Dinner and Dancing at

Club Med Ψ



**On Tuesday, February 27th
We will be enjoying a beautiful
all you can eat theme buffet,
with a dinner show, at Club Med in Port St. Lucie.
It is my understanding that there will be dancing
afterwards, for those that want to stay.**

**The costs is \$25.00 per person or
\$50.00 per couple (plus tax)**

**If possible, it would be appreciated if you could
RSVP Beth Butcher at 772-461-8707
or email Vette81lvr@aol.com.**



Check the WEB Calendar for details



First Autograph Edition In 54 Year History

Corvette racing living legend Ron Fellows is celebrated this year with a specially prepared 2007 Corvette Z06 production model. All cars are Artic White (including the door handles) with accented red racing-style fender stripes and Ron Fellows autograph. There is also a maple leaf logo incorporated with graphics, to represent his Canadian heritage. Ron was born in Windsor and lives in Mississauga. Fellows has played a major role in both the development and racing success of the Corvette at Le Mans and in the American Le Mans Series, where it has won six consecutive GTS/GT1-class manufacturer's championships. Ron has also won the ALMS GTS class championship in 2002 and shared that position in 2003 and 2004, as well as recording class wins at Le Mans in 2001 and 2002.

This is the first Corvette special edition to be signed in the Corvette's 54-year history. Also the first Artic White Z06 ever offered. Only 399 will be produced, 300 for the United States, 33 for Canada and 66 for other export markets. Fellows is particularly pleased that the car features a full width rear spoiler, which will be a very valuable asset for racing.

The Ron Fellows ALMS GT1 Championship Corvette Z06 will be available this spring. It carries an MSRP of \$100,795 CAD (\$86,542 USD). On Star and navigation are the only options. Appropriately, No. 001 in the series - the car unveiled at the Chicago auto show will be Ron's own.



Hollyann getting a kiss from Ron Fellows before he started the 2005 Petit Le Mans

History of the Corvette Emblem

Over the years, the Corvette has gone through many design changes; some subtle, some not so subtle. The Corvette's symbolic crossed flags emblem has also seen its fair number of changes. If you've taken a close look at the emblem over the five generations of Corvette, you'll notice that even though the design has changed dramatically from time to time, a few design cues remain. These include some form of a checkered flag and a bow-tie emblem. From time to time, a strange, maple leaf type of insignia, called a "fleur-de-lis" also shows up from time to time in the emblem. So what does all this mean and how did it get started?

The original Corvette logo (Figure 1) was designed by Robert Bartholomew, an interior designer at Chevrolet in 1953. This emblem was destined to appear on the 1953 Corvette prototype which was introduced to the public for the first time at New York's Waldorf-Astoria hotel in January of 1953. It had crossing staffs with the checkered flag on the right hand side, and the American flag on the left hand side. The problem with the proposed emblem was that it included the American flag which is illegal to use on a commercial product. The new emblem contained the checkered flag on the right side as well as the white racing flag, red Chevrolet bow-tie symbol and a fleur-de-lis (Figure 2).

Where did the fleur-de-lis come from? At the time, Chevrolet was conducting research on various emblem designs for the 1953 and 1954

passenger cars. Chevrolet is a French name and the fleur-de-lis (flower of the lily) is a French symbol meaning peace and purity. They decided to use the fleur-de-lis along with the famous blue Chevrolet bow tie on a new flag which replaced the American flag on the Corvette. When the 1953 Corvette first appeared to the public at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, the redesigned emblems were in place.



Figure 1



Figure 2

NEW OVERSEAS RECORDS

The sixth Corvette generation has officially become the fastest-selling Corvette in European history. The 2005 set a new record of 1098 units.

Now with service and dealerships available the 2006 Corvette closed the year with 1330 units sold. GM sold about 32% of its worldwide volume in Europe. The Corvette is disassociated from the Chevrolet brand in that market.



CORVETTE PICKUP IN ENGLAND

Adrian Bown fell in love with Corvettes as a boy in America. Now living in a seaside town of Weymouth, England his dream of owning a Corvette finally came true. He built the 1984 one-off C4 which has been converted into a pickup for his business, ABM - an English garage focused largely on repairing, maintaining, and modifying Corvettes, especially on C3 and C4's.

Adrian also has a 1990 Corvette that was wrecked and he rebuilt from the ground up.

GM's Small-Block Lives On!

Corvette Racing's C6.R race cars are powered by race-prepared LS7.R small-block V-8 engines. The GM small-block V-8 is America's most popular and most successful production-based racing engine. Total production of GM small-block-based engines is approaching 90 million units. This motor has powered more winning race cars and won more championships than any other engine in American motorsports.

*Do vegetarians,
eat animal crackers?*

*Even a fish wouldn't get in trouble,
if he kept his mouth shut.*

All-Star: 2007 Chevrolet Corvette Z06

By Don Sherman

Photography: Andrew Yeadon

We love the way that the Corvette Z06 cocks its blue collar and thumbs its NACA duct to run with blue-blood sports cars that cost up to four times as much. Skipping an exotic layout, overhead camshafts, induction boosters, and ground-effect bodywork clarifies the Corvette's focus and sharpens its intent. With raw speed as the mission, the Z06 hustles to 150 mph ahead of a raving pack of Ferraris, Lamborghinis, and Porsches. To beat it, you'll need turbos: four boosting a Bugatti Veyron or only two if you have a Saleen S7 handy.



To exploit all this speed and agility, bring your best driving skills. Those inclined to flick off the Active Handling system do so at the risk of seat stains and Corvette-shaped guardrail dents. Like an F-16 fighter jet, the Z06 is a fly-by-computer craft that works best with all its faculties--electronic and otherwise--up and running. What the government calls "relaxed static stability" means that an F-16 constantly flies at the outer limits of control for optimum maneuverability. The same can be said of the Z06. Powering out of a bend with the throttle down seriously strains the rear Goodyears. As the revs climb and the power swells, timely steering corrections are necessary to manage drift angles. Active Handling's competition mode disables fun-inhibiting traction control while maintaining the bacon-saving stability control.

When your skills are finally worthy of operating this 505-hp, 3147-pound driver-guided missile, you can switch off Active Handling to enjoy the boy-racer mode with nothing but ABS and your preservation instincts to keep you and the Z06 whole. That switch makes this Corvette a true dual-purpose machine--a sports car as well suited to daily commuting as it is to trouncing those expensive blue bloods on track day.

Double-barreled fun for the price of a base Porsche 911 is what has earned the Z06 its second consecutive **Automobile Magazine All-Star award**.

If only closed minds came with closed mouths.

Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life.

Maintenance-free: When it breaks, it can't be fixed.

Cal Ripken Jr. To Pace Daytona 500 in a 2007 Corvette



Cal Ripken Jr., known as baseball's "Iron Man" for playing in a record 2,632 straight games for the Baltimore Orioles, will be behind the wheel of a 2007 Chevrolet Corvette as he paces the field for the 49th annual Daytona 500 on Feb. 18 at Daytona International Speedway.

Voted to baseball's Hall of Fame in 2007, his consecutive games played record, which took 16 years to establish, made him a popular player with baseball fans everywhere as evidenced by his 19 All-Star Game appearances. "The Daytona 500 is one of the most storied sporting events in the country, and I am thrilled and honored to be a part of it," Ripken said.

SEBRING REMINDER

If you did not purchase your Sebring race tickets yet, do it now. There is a limited number on cars for the Corvette Corral and if you do not have your ticket when you arrive you will have to parking in the general parking. That's not a great place for a Corvette. You must ask for the Corvette Corral parking when ordering. You can call to purchase tickets in advance by calling 800-626-7223 The gates open Wednesday, March 14th, the race is on Saturday the 17th and starts at 10:45am.

Hope to see you therefore all the fun and racing at the Mobile 1 12Hours of Sebring.



*If we trust banks with our money,
why don't they trust us
with their ball point pens?*
