

**A NOTE FROM ZOPREZ**



We have started down the backstretch and we have an addition to the pit crew. Dick Cantner has stepped up as the Officer at Large, and we look forward to his help.

The ride on the Spirit of Stuart was a hoot. Any reference to this being the Ship of Fools must stop immediately. We were under that limit by two. Beth thinks we may want to do this once a year, or at least annually. Let her know your thoughts.

Frankie and Connie hosted another great Mystery Dinner. Thanks to Baudo Testing, Inc., we now know who the dumbest two people in the club

are, or is it ignorant? The conversations and the bad jokes were wonderful.

Now for the best part: My new Vette is my first. And the first person to call me to congratulate me (the first female president of the Indian River Corvette Club) was the First Lady of Speed Betty Skelton Erde. Her most touching question was, "What are you going to name her?" After much contemplation, I have decided my Atomic Orange Corvette will be christened:



Atomically yours,

ZORo

P.S. Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects. If you cannot laugh, smile.

**Greg's Gab**



Hi Folks,

Well the changes to the C6 are out and rather impressive too. For those of you that have not heard, the Horsepower is now going to be 435 on the coupes and convertibles you can now get a 4LT package that will include a linen wrapped steering wheel and center console. I have not heard of any changes to the Z06 for the 2008 model year but that could change.

We now have a aftermarket kiosk in the waiting room. Please see me for all of your genuine corvette accessories because it is now a part of my payplan if you order anything through me. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

SAVE THE WAVE!!!  
Greg

**Corvette Racing to Reunite Fellows and Pilgrim**

Corvette Racing will enter a third Corvette C6.R driven by Ron Fellows and Andy Pilgrim in the Grand Prix of Mosport to be held at Mosport International Raceway, on August 26. Former teammates Fellows and Pilgrim will be reunited for the ninth round of the American Le Mans Series at the famed Canadian track near Fellows' home in Mississauga, Ontario. The Corvette C6.R will run in Arctic White paint that celebrates the limited edition Ron Fellows ALMS GT1 Champion Corvette Z06.



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**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**Birthdays for May**

Robert Ewry Sr.	May 1
Marlene Ulisky	May 7
Sue Smith	May 14
Dick Cantner	May 14
Hal Gore	May 16
Nancy Michaud	May 18
Nan Dunne	May 26
Tom LaRocca	May 29
Frank Casano	May 31

**Birthdays for June**

Ronald Derby	June 10
Sharon Sperry	June 11
Nancy Murray	June 19
Beth Butcher	June 22
Tarie Harris	June 26
Betty Skelton Erde	June 28

*Happy Birthday to everyone!*

**NEW MEMBERS**

Dan & Julie McCusker

*Welcome!*

**Club Member & Mayor Tom White honored as leader in Vero Beach**

April 10, 2007 Press Journal

Mayor Tom White is one of 109 local leaders in the country honored by peers for leadership.

The National League of Cities awarded the 10-year council member with a gold certificate of achievement in leadership at its March 11 meeting in Washington, D.C. The certificate is given to local officials who demonstrate competency in areas that include communication and collaboration.

The Washington, D.C.-based league is the oldest and largest municipal organizations and represents 18,000 municipal governments.

### DOWN THE INDIAN RIVER

Nothing could be nicer on a Saturday than a ride down the Indian River on a boat. So . . . the Corvette Club left the dock for a cruise on The City of Stuart which happens to be a beautiful paddle boat. A pleasing lunch of a variety of salads, sandwiches and homemade carrot cake was enjoyed by the group.

A slight breeze was blowing and the sky was a little overcast. It did not dampen our spirits or the view of all the fabulous home we could view as we cruised on the river. The three hours was a great time for conversation and great relaxing.

Nothing could be finer for an afternoon unless it would be a cruise in our great Corvettes!

If you missed this activity you missed a special event.



# Activities

## COMING IN MAY

5/1 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting

5/5 - Saturday - Vettes At The Light  
Ponce Inlet, FL

5/5 - Saturday - Corvettes On The Circle  
Saint Armand's Circle in Sarasota, FL

5/11 - Friday - General Membership Meeting

5/12 - Saturday - Corvette River Cruise In  
Fort Pierce

### CLUB EVENT FOR MAY

5/19 - Saturday - Family Picnic & Boat Ride

5/29 - Tuesday - Monthly Mystery Cruise  
Our Host Crystal

## COMING IN JUNE

6/1 -6/ 2 - Fri - Sat - "CORVETTES AT MYRTLE BEACH"  
Myrtle Beach, SC

6/8 - Friday - General Membership Meeting

6/14 - 6/17 - Thu - Sun - Bloomington Gold Corvette Show  
St. Charles, IL

### CLUB EVENT FOR JUNE

River Ranch

6/26 - Tuesday - Monthly Mystery Cruise  
Our Host Tom & Sylvia

*Check the WEB Calendar for details*

### FUN DINNER RUN

The April dinner run was sponsored by Frank and Connie Baudo. Their choice was the Beef OBrady's on US #1 at Oslo Road. Members met at T J Maxx as usual and drove down to the restaurant. After the drinks were served a game of Corvette trivia was played for prizes

The food was great as usual and everyone had a good time. A good turnout made it great for conversation and getting acquainted with some of the newer members.

If you have not been coming to the dinner runs why not give it a try? It really is a lot of fun.



## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HEALTHY START

### Ensuring A Better Beginning

By Agnes Ash - March 2007 - Vero Life Magazine

Since baby Moses was fished out of the bulrushes, there has been a need for public support of infant care.

The rescue agency in this county is the Indian River Healthy Start Coalition. It offers both mothers and babies

help during pregnancy and continues to provide customized assistance during those exhausting, stress-filled months when walking the floor all night doesn't solve the problem. If you can't call on Grandma, call Healthy Start.

Calling Grandma isn't in the mission statement but Leslie Spurlock, executive director of Healthy Start, recognizes the disadvantages a mobile society has added to the need for help from outside the family. "Grandma isn't nearby anymore to answer questions or give a hand."

Healthy Start's mission statement reads, "Healthy Start provides moms and newborns with resources and information needed to have a healthy pregnancy and birth."

Spurlock points out that it's a free program, available to all pregnant women and children up to the age of 3. Income isn't a factor. The agency screens applicants and finds a public health facility for those who can't pay for medical services. Women covered by health insurance or with enough money to pay for services, can also benefit from free childcare instructions, breast-feeding education, and referrals to other support groups in the community. Healthy Start will even tell moms where to get help to stop smoking or whom to talk to if they want to escape from an abusive relationship.

Healthy Start focuses on three major areas of birth and parenting. The first stage is similar to emergency room triage. An in-depth interview, conducted by a Healthy Start professional, provides information that leads to accurate assessment of the pregnant woman's physical condition and that of the unborn child. In one case, a patient with serious problems was transported by helicopter to a hospital specializing in the pre-natal treatment needed to save both the woman and her child. However, the help provided might be less dramatic vitamins and advice about following a healthy diet.

Another program offered is "Healthy Families." Spurlock says the objective here is to prevent child abuse through education and by empowering families to be self-sufficient. This is accomplished through one-on-one home visits. "We teach parents to be better parents. Guide them in ways to promote the physical, social and emotional development of their baby."

The Healthy Start director felt she had a very good day when a woman who had seven children told her, "The Healthy Start baby is doing much better, developing faster than the other children did."

Spurlock says, "You can't put a dollar value on those results."

"TLC Newborn," is a program for all families regardless of risk or income. Shortly after delivery, an associate stops by the maternity ward to ask the new mother if she's interested in receiving weekly phone calls that provide an opportunity to ask parenting questions. The new mother is also asked if she wants to receive the monthly newsletter "Wee Wisdom," a publication which provides tips on feeding, teething and even offers a column designed to help new fathers. Mothers are encouraged to phone TLC during weekdays if they need advice. This program has also initiated an Internet Group where parents post questions and TLC associates answer.

The Healthy Start Coalition had its beginning in 1992 when the late Gov. Lawton Chiles pushed through legislation aimed at improving Florida's shameful infant mortality rate. "Several counties piloted the concept; now coalitions are operating in every county except one."

Spurlock explains, "We aren't a government agency, we're a 'not-for-profit organization.' The Florida Department of Health, however, provides about 80 percent of our funding, the rest is private donations."

Healthy Start is attempting to increase the level of private donations through fund-raising events, chiefly "A Taste of the Treasure Coast," held each January and sponsored by many of the best restaurants in the community. There is a great need for volunteers. To call attention to the need and to honor those who have served, each April, with a luncheon, the coalition names a "Beverly O'Neill - Volunteer of the Year." The 2006 honoree was John E. Moore. Also recognized for volunteer services were Jean Anderson, Tim Cheney, Rene Donars, Shelly Distl, Agnes Warhurst and Connie Ward.

Spurlock heads a permanent staff of three based at 1603 10th Ave. Basically, their job is to evaluate the needs of the community, provide programs for clients, and guide them through the maze of public services available to mothers and children. Healthy Start tells the pregnant woman where to go to get the particular help she needs and then makes sure she gets it. Approximately 1,700 families receive assistance from that modest base each year. Spurlock emphasizes the fact that Healthy Start is entirely a volunteer program, parents sign up because they want to do the best for their unborn children.

It isn't easy to find obstetrical care. "Three doctors and three midwives in Indian River County deliver 68 percent of the babies." It's a busy field.

A native of Glens Falls, N.Y., Spurlock spent most of her life in Florida. She attended Miami-Dade and entered the maternal child field in Martin County, assisting the Director with the development of Martin's Coalition. She worked there for eight years, serving ultimately as the financial director and director of community relations. The Okeechobee Healthy Start program gave her the opportunity to serve as executive director for two years before moving in May 2005 to the Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition.

Although she's never actually delivered a baby, Leslie Spurlock has had intensive on-the-job training raising children. She's the mother of two and stepmother of two more. Her husband, Larry Spurlock, is a manager for the Palm Bay Fire Department. "The most important job I have held in my life is that of being a mother," she says. Her career has given her the opportunity to pass that message to other women. Now she's alleviating the "empty nest" syndrome by raising her dog, Molly.



**CLUB MEMBER  
LESLIE SPURLOCK**  
Pictured is Leslie Spurlock, executive director  
and Shira Johnson, program director  
Photography By TRACIE VAN AUKEN

## 2008 Chevrolet Corvette

### Faster, more luxurious and probably more expensive

By RICHARD TRUETT | AUTOMOTIVE NEWS - AutoWeek - Updated: 04/27/07

For 2008, the Chevrolet Corvette is getting a boost in performance, more luxury features and, most likely, a higher price.

The changes are coming three years after the introduction of the current sixth-generation body style. They are aimed at keeping the Corvette ahead of the performance-car pack amid stiffening competition, says John Rydzewski, the Corvette's assistant chief engineer.

General Motors made the announcement Friday at the Corvette plant in Bowling Green, Ky.

The new standard engine for the Corvette is a 6.2-liter aluminum push-rod V-8 called the LS3. It's rated at 430 hp and replaces the LS2, a 6.0-liter that made 400 hp.

When ordered with the optional two-mode exhaust system, horsepower rises to 436. The superhigh-performance Corvette Z06 returns for 2008, still boasting 505 hp.

The two-mode exhaust system has a valve that opens when the engine is accelerating hard. The valve reduces the pressure of the exhaust flowing through the system.

Despite the bump in power, Corvette's fuel economy of 18 mpg city and 28 highway is not affected, says Rydzewski. Emissions are lower, moving the new engine into a cleaner EPA certification category, he says.

The 2008 Corvette reaches 60 mph in 4.3 seconds and has a top speed of 190 mph, GM says.

New Corvette engines are somewhat rare.

With the exception of the original Blue Flame six-cylinder engine, few Corvette motors have had shorter production runs than the LS2.

Says Rydzewski: "We were working on the next level of emission upgrades for the engine. And at the same time, the work we were doing would allow us to go one notch up on the competition.

"It's the right time for us to put this engine into production. We have a good product, and we want to get it out to the customers."

Other changes include upgrades to the manual and automatic transmissions. GM says the six-speed manual offers more positive gear changes, while the paddle-shifted automatic has new hardware and a new controller that delivers faster shifts when the driver presses the shift buttons on the steering wheel.

New features that were optional in 2007 and will be standard include OnStar with navigation, XM radio and mirrors that dim automatically. The interior also has been made more luxurious with bright trim on the center console and door sills.

Production of the 2008 Corvette begins in late July with sales scheduled to start in late August. Chevrolet has not announced prices. The 2007 Corvette Coupe starts at \$44,995 including delivery charges

**For complete details and specifications go to:**

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/specs/2008/index.shtml>



## Corvette Racing Considers Its Future

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Corvette Racing could step down from the GT1 class to GT2 to compete against Porsche and Ferrari if no GT1 opposition materializes soon in the American Le Mans Series. Chevrolet has been left to race against itself in the ALMS GT1 class this year after the factory Prodrive Aston Martin team was unable to put together a full-season effort.

Corvette program manager Doug Fehan said that building a GT2 version of the car is one option open for next season. Another option is to take the C6.Rs to race in the European-based Le Mans Series.

"Since we started planning the Corvette program in 1996, we have continuously evaluated a wide variety of arenas in which the car could race," Fehan said. "I can't say we are leaning toward GT2, although all the homework is done."

Fehan denied that the Pratt & Miller factory team will test a GT2-spec Corvette this summer. He stressed, however, that Chevrolet could only justify competing against itself in the ALMS for one season.

Fehan maintained that Prodrive-campaigned Aston Martin Racing will return to the ALMS before the end of the season. He suggested that the team could return for the new Detroit race in September.

Rumors that Aston Martin's new owners have signed off on an ALMS comeback were dismissed by AMR's George Howard-Chappell. "It is possible but by no means planned," he said.

