

A NOTE FROM ZOPREZ



We have almost completed half of my lap as your driver. As you know a ZO is a limited edition vehicle. I am a limited edition driver. I can only go one lap at a time. And, what a lap it is.

Thanks to all for the picnic and boat ride event. **Terry Smith** had a zero fatality day on the river in the SS Vette, **John Mulligan** did not get martini poisoning, and all enjoyed the food. It was a winner.

On a personal note, Corvettes make great bride transportation vehicles. **Heather** looked great arriving in **Danny's**.



Paulie Walnuts a.k.a. **Paul Kovac**, the Sopranos best character got married. **Mrs. Sanya Kovac** is from Jersey and we look forward to her arrival.

Please remember **Dick Cantner** during his recovery from surgery.

Atomicly yours,

ZORO

P.S. Did you see the bumper sticker that said, "Am I self-centered, or is it just me?"

A man said his credit card was stolen but he decided not to report it because the thief was spending less than his wife did.

Adam to Eve: Hey! I wear the plants in this family!

Greg's Gab



Hi Folks!

I want to again apologize for the mixup I made on the Habitat dedication, I don't know where my head was at when I told you all at the last meeting of the time and date, but Oh well.. I hope that everyone that attended the cookout had a great time. The Habitat Home dedication will be June 16th at 12:00 and I will get directions to the house for those who need it, closer to the date.

You will want to make sure that you are at the July General membership meeting, I will have a special guest from GM accessories Mr. Robb Bauman. He will have some accessories to look at and answer any of your questions concerning GM corvette accessories. And along those lines dont forget to see me if you come into the store for accessories so I can show you our new kiosik for ordering accessories and assist you in your purchase.

Take Care and Drive Safe!

Greg

Save the Wave!!!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Birthdays for July

Syl LaRocca	July 11
David Ancil	July 16
Denver Sperry	July 17
Harry Fallon	July 26
Jim Gallagher	July 26
Dr. Allan Erde	July 30
Greg Williams	July 30
Eva Sandlin	July 31
Cheryl Casano	July 31

Happy Birthday to everyone!

GT1 Help for the Vettes

ALMS could see more competition

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A Saleen and a Maserati could rejoin Chevrolet in the American Le Mans Series' GT1 category before the end of the summer. Chevrolet is currently the only GT1 competitor, and company officials say it won't continue to race against itself for long.

Germany's Konrad Motorsport is finalizing plans to bring back a pair of Saleen S7Rs in time for round six at Lime Rock in early July. A privately entered Maserati MC12 owned by longtime sports-car driver Fredy Lienhard also could enter a couple of races before the season's end. Konrad, who won the GT1 (then known as GTS) title with the Saleen in 2001, said a tire supply is the only potential stumbling block.

Lienhard bought an MC12 and placed it with Doran Racing; he expects to test the car before making up his mind whether to race it.

Billboard facing the road in front of a funeral home: Drive carefully. We'll wait.



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MY FAVORITE CAR SHOW

If you have never been to Ponce Inlet at Daytona Beach you have missed my idea of the greatest car show. Not only do you get to go to a great show, see fabulous Corvettes, you get to meet some of the nicest car owners.

Ponce Inlet is located at the south end of Daytona Beach where there is a beautiful lighthouse, which is the tallest in the state of Florida. Also, they have a sea animal rescue facility and some of the best seafood restaurants in the area. The park where the show is held is a large, oak shaded area with nice bathrooms, great walking areas and more.

It turned out to be a great day for the Indian River Corvette Club members. **Fran Kamberger** received a second place plaque for his car. **Christine and Steve Grant** took a third in class for C1 and receive a plaque. **Judy and Jimmy Gallagher** and **Tom and I** took great pleasure in watching our friends cars place at the show, especially since we only had the four cars entered.

This was the second annual show for the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club and they really went to great efforts to make it very special for everyone that attended. It our second year and we will be going again next year for sure. I hope more members will put it on your calendar for next year.

SAVE THE WAVE!!

Hollyann



Activities

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

COMING IN July

3 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting

13 - Friday - General Membership Meeting

31 - Tuesday - Monthly Mystery Cruise
Our Host Karl & Bonnie

Check the WEB Calendar for details

MAY DINNER RUN

The monthly dinner run was lead by **Crystal Hofford**. One thing can be said for our dinner drives is that they are always fun. The different types of restaurants that we have in the area make it a surprise every month. As always, you can never go wrong with seafood. **Chuck's Restaurant** on Seaway Drive in Ft. Pierce is never a disappointment. A Florida landmark restaurant with great fresh seafood. What a view, one of the best in the area. You are sitting twenty feet from the coastal waterway.

It was a nice ride and a very pleasant evening dining on the patio while watching the yachts and a few dolphin go by.

Lots of conversation and good byes to the members that are heading North for the summer.



Blasphemy: A Four-Door Corvette?

Reprint from Winding Road for Drivers 5/22/07



While this writer sits at a café directly across the street from one of our nation's largest Corvette dealers, news has broken of a potential addition to the Corvette family. We can see it now: hundreds of people flocking to the dealership to see what all the fuss is about: another set of doors and a backseat.

What we find interesting here isn't that the Corvette could spawn a four-door model. It's that Mr. Bob Lutz, GM's vice chairman, isn't opposed to the idea.

Of course, he may be thinking that if Porsche and Aston can pull it off, so then can General Motors. Whether or not people are willing to buy four-door sports cars seems to be a discussion that was clarified decades ago: in other words, "yes." In fact, more people buy sports sedans than they buy sports coupes. It's not hard to figure out why this makes sense.

But does it make sense for Corvette? Some people think that Lutz's "four-door Corvette" is actually just a metaphorical primer for the forthcoming Impala, itself a rear-wheel drive stromer based on Zeta architecture that should finally give Chevy a serious mid-size car with actual high-performance capabilities.

Or is Lutz actually talking about a real, four-door Corvette? An four-door coupe, done in the style of the Mercedes-Benz CLS, but with a real-world pricing strategy of around \$55,000? Anything is possible in the era of Lutz, but this one sounds too far a field for us to consider seriously.



For the true Bow Tie lover there is a new web site "Chevy Nation" by Chevrolet.

Go to: <http://www.chevynation.com>

You must have high speed broadband to view this site, but any thing Chevy or Corvette can be found at "Chevy Groove", "Racing Garage", "Chop Shop", Chevy Stadium", or "Chevy Clubhouse".

You can download a copy of a 1953 Corvette dealer's brochure or any other year for that matter, view history or concept cars, old ads, new ads, even hear Dale Jr. and Johnny O singing.

It will be well worth your time to visit this site.

Other interesting Corvette Sites are:

Corvette Action Center at:
www.corvetteactioncenter.com/

Digital Corvettes at:
www.corvetteactioncenter.com/



The countdown to the biggest race in the world has started.

The challenge of many faces is endurance racing; it tests performance over extended time and is the best test of technology achievement. It generates great spectator appeal which also has emotional appeal for spectators and creates media interests which is rich in stories of drivers, cars and the manufacturers.

This is a continuing contest organized on a regular basis since 1923, it is the biggest sporting challenge for car manufacturers because it is based on "being

the best over 24 hours".

With the last three races in the tight confines of concrete lined streets the Corvette drivers were ready to return to the wide-open spaces of the 4.5 -mile track in Utah. Miller Motorsports Park is the longest road course in America, and its flat, smooth conditions are very similar to those that the Corvette Racing teams will encounter on the immense 8 mile track at Le Mans in June.

The selection committee for the Le Mans race has chosen 55 teams from the 76 entry forms.

The elite racing teams of the world will make up the list of teams. There will be 13 nationalities, conclusive proof of the international impact on this event. The top category, the prototypes are the star attraction and will make up 28 of the 55 entries.

The LM GT1 category will be a contest of 14 cars with Aston Martin back in force with six cars, the factory Corvettes #3 & #4, and Luc Alphand Aventures with 2 private Corvettes, the ISAO Nortake's Lamborghini Murcielago, 2 Saleen's entered by team Oreca and some last minute teams which are yet to be listed. This will make the race very interesting with a few dark horses in the category and many last minute surprises.

Finish Line - Meet Jake

Reprinted from CORVETTE QUARTERLY
BY CHUCK AREHART

How a simple observation became the mascot and attitude of Corvette Racing

HE'S mysterious. And more than a little menacing a yellow skull with black crossed-flags eyes. His name is "Jake," and he can be found tucked beneath the XM Radio logo on the B-pillar of the C6.R factory racer. You'll also find his likeness on the driving suits, uniforms and hats worn by the Pratt & Miller Corvette Racing team.



Jake has no relation to any sponsor and, if anything, he looks like the antithesis of what you might find on a factory-official racecar. But nothing goes on a C6.R without a reason, so we talked with Corvette marketing manager Gary Claudio and Corvette Racing program manager Doug Fehan to investigate how "Jake" came to be.

"I was simply putting on my shoes the morning of the 2001 Le Mans race when it hit me," said Claudio. "On the tongue of our team shoes was a skull and crossed-bones emblem and I asked the guys during our team meeting what that meant."



"Pirates," a crewmember replied. "And what do pirates do?" Claudio further probed. "They take no prisoners," another teammate answered. "That's what we're gonna

do today," Claudio coached. "We're not taking any prisoners, we're gonna kick ass and win this race!" And win they did, sweeping the GT1 class.

A skull and crossed-bones decal was then affixed to the No. 4 car,



reminding them of the Le Mans effort and success. But they wanted something more unique that you wouldn't see in the typical pirate movie. "Don Male, who's one of the truck drivers, came in with 'No Fear' flaming skull decals," explained Fehan. "And then Ed Jabbour who is with Kick Design in New York offered to help us come up with something of our own that was unmistakably Corvette. So we worked on it some more and finally came up with something that looks cool and integrates the Corvette crossed flags, which was a great idea."

"We call him Jake because it's a tough, no-nonsense name for a tough, no-nonsense team," adds Claudio. "He's a symbol of unity and team strength that the team really came up with on their own and reflects their passion." Jake in his current form made his official debut on the C6.Rs at the 2005 Le Mans race where they again swept the GT1 class.

Jake seems to be earning his keep. Since that 2005 Le Mans sweep, the C6.Rs have won the ALMS driver and manufacturer's championship two years in a row. Jake will be along for the ride as they go for a third this March at Sebring.

Visit www.badboyvettes.com to purchase Jake merchandise and get more Team Corvette information. .

BOWLING GREEN FACTORY TO STAR IN SERIES

National Geographic has chosen to feature Bowling Green Assembly this year in their series "Ultimate Factories", with a focus on the Corvette.



Showcasing the world's most innovative and popular products, the series explores accomplishments in designing and fabricating exciting and iconic items. Each 50-minute show explores one awesome product. From start to finish, they uncover how each product is made and the factory that makes it. They look at the culture of each product - what makes it special and why people love it. As this is a National Geographic Show, engineering science and the consumer responsiveness behind design innovations are an important part of the program. Iconic brands they profiled last year include **Ferrari, Harley Davidson, Budweiser, Peterbilt and John Deere**. The show will be screened both locally and internationally.

Here's a little more information. National Geographic Channel International and National Geographic Channel combined reach 230 million households in 27 languages in 151 countries.

A typical USA National Geographic Channel program is aired ten times and is seen by five million viewers.

The National Geographic's web site, www.nationalgeographic.com, gets 50 million page-views per month, and the television programming is actively featured on the website.

To check out a preview of their **Harley Davidson** show, log on to <http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/ultimatefactories>