

**A NOTE  
FROM  
ZOPREZ**



We are nearing the end of this lap. All is well. We have a great crew and our Vice President Frankie Baudo was a great sub for me while I was sailing the Danube. He'll make a fine President. I look forward to serving Frankie and the club as the Officer at Large.

Please give serious thought to your role as an officer or committee member for next year. The nominating committee will be named soon.

Sorry we missed the wonderful dinner ride hosted by Tom and Syl LaRocca. All of the comments have been most positive. We appreciate your support.

The Service Chevrolet Habitat for Humanity home was turned over on June 16, 2007. We wish to thank Service for allowing us to help and we wish to recognize the following members for their labor:

1. Jim Gallagher
2. Frankie Baudo
3. Dick Kesler
4. Harry Fallon
5. Danny Bryant.

We appreciate those members that have kept personal messages off the yahoo group and those members that have shared pictures through the web-master. This considerate behavior is greatly appreciated and Santa is watching.

Atomically yours,

ZORo

p.s. Freedom is the right to be wrong, not the right to do wrong.

**Greg's Gab**



Hi Folks!

I hope that everyone is enjoying there summer and staying cool in the air conditioning when needed. We received our last 2007 Z06 last week and it is setting in the showroom floor along side the Indy 500 replica Pace car. Both are looking for a nice place to call home!

Don't forget that at the July membership meeting, My GM accessories rep. will join us and show off some genuine corvette accessories and answer your questions. I will also have with me our new Service Manager Bill Donnelly. He has taken over for our previous manager and is making strides in turning around the service department. I hope that a lot of our members will be in attendance and make sure that you have brushed up on your corvette trivia, you never know when you might need it!

Till next month...

**Greg**

SAVE THE WAVE!!!

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**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

**Birthdays for August**

Lucy Kesler	August 4
Claudia Woodhouse	August 10
Natalie Castillo	August 12
Fran Kamberger	August 17
Bobby Harp	August 20
Harry Woodhouse	August 23
Karen Atwell	August 23
Crystal Hofford	August 26
Greg Butcher	August 27
Julie McCusker	August 27
Lou Ericsson	August 29
Jane Gore	August 30

*Happy Birthday to everyone!*

**FYI**



The Argument has started that the Cadillac Cien (above) should get the SS LS9 650 HP engine instead of the Corvette SS.

Quote from Motor Trend: "Cadillac should get the SS as a Cadillac Cien super-car to directly go up against the Audi R8, and upcoming Lexus LF-A. The Corvette Z06 already has the performance and weight to slay all of them anyway so simply upping the HP to 600HP and giving it a better interior would justify a price tag of \$75-90K. Giving the SS underpinning to Cadillac as the Cien would be the way to go.. it could sit above the XLR and XLR-V as a coupe-only with perhaps an added AWD version... sell it between \$110K-150K depending on amenities and drive-line."



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# FRENCH DINNER DELIGHT

The June dinner run was planned by Tom & Syl LaRocca. The choice of the French Quarter Restaurant was a fantastic choice. It is located on 14th Street in Vero Beach, with a choice of outside or inside dining. The courtyard is nicely covered and has loads of fresh greenery everywhere. It is a first class dinner experience. The staff is well versed on the menu and clearly understands the wine list.

The dining room is very attractive with lots of color and small enough to not have the noise of larger places.

The wine list goes on forever with great selections. They have early bird specials if you are seated before 6:00PM. The presentation is great; the food was served hot, which isn't always the case when the club goes with a large group. The response from everyone I ask was they were very pleased and would go back again.

# Activities

## COMING IN July

3 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting

### CLUB EVENT FOR JULY

7 - Saturday - Gifford Family Fun Day  
Car and Bike Show  
At Gifford Aquatic Center

13 - Friday - General Membership Meeting

14 - Saturday - Eckler's Casino Cruise  
31 - Tuesday - Monthly Mystery Cruise  
Our Host Karl & Bonnie

## COMING IN August

10 - Friday - General Membership Meeting

24 - 26 - Fri - Sun - Corvettes at Carlisle

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30 - Sept 2 - Thru - Sunday - National Corvette Museum  
Anniversary Celebration

Check the WEB Calendar for details

## FUN NIGHT EVENT

Due to a change in plans the club went to Mama Clara's Italian Restaurant for dinner on Saturday night. The food was fresh prepared and was delicious. We all had a great time exchanging information about what has been going on with vacations, new grandbabies and other family events.

The turnout was small since it was a Saturday but we still had a fun get together. Dinner was followed by a walk over to the bowling alley and then it really got silly. Many had not bowled in quite a long time and some not at all. We all laughed so hard, you can understand if you look at the pictures.

Coffee at Starbucks after bowling was the end of a great evening of friendship.



## 2007 Cadillac XLR-V

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**AS-TESTED PRICE:** \$100,000  
**DRIVETRAIN:** 4.4-liter supercharged V8; rwd, six-speed automatic  
**OUTPUT:** 443 hp @ 6400 rpm, 414 lb-ft @ 3900 rpm  
**CURB WEIGHT:** 3804 lb  
**FUEL ECONOMY (EPA/AW):** 18/20.0 mpg



**OUR TAKE:** The XLR's folding hard roof entertains onlookers every bit as much as any of Mercedes', is quick enough to put down at a traffic signal, and yet you have a weatherproof and quiet cabin when it's up. There's lots of power here, more than in our long-term Jaguar XKR convertible, though not as much as in a Corvette Z06 or AMG SL55. The Northstar V8 with the supercharger built into the intake manifold yields nothing to the Europeans on sophistication or, it seems, efficiency: 20 mpg, given how hard we drove it, was spectacular.

We're not real fond of remote key fob/push button starts, but this one works pretty neatly and is as programmable as you like it. The Head Up Display works nicely, too, to keep you constantly aware of your speed. That's good when you're in a known trap zone.

If anyone had told us 20 years ago that a day would come when we'd consider a Cadillac in the same breath as a Jaguar, we'd have laughed ourselves into an institution. But that just might be the case here. Our long-term Jaguar XKR has considerable charms more comfortable ingress/egress and a smoother ride, that English ambience in the cabin but with the Caddy you get a hard roof instead of the soft top, more sporting handling and performance, and better ergonomic design of the dash and navigation screen/audio interface, and all for just a touch more precious legal tender.

## CORVETTE SS RUMORS DEBUNKED!

By Explorer\_97 of digitalcorvettes.com

I see more and more wrong information floating around on this car everyday, so let's fix all that right now. Rest assured I'm not guessing on this stuff.



Let's start with the obvious that will not come as a surprise to 99% of the people here.

- The motor is a 6.2L supercharged V8. It's called LS9. I still see some articles and a few people thinking it's nothing more than an LS7 with a supercharger. Some people still also seem to think it will be a turbo'ed motor and not S/C'ed. The decision to make the motor S/C'ed was made \*at least\* a year and a half ago. A supplier (which I won't name) was chosen to make the supercharger at that time as well, if not earlier. The supercharger will utilize an intercooler that is integrated into the intake manifold. While the motor is making significantly more than 650hp on a test stand, I would look for it to be rated very close to, if not at, 650hp.
- Do I even have to say it's not switching to a mid-engine...?
- The program code is GMX245 SSC.
- The body will have significant use of carbon fiber as well as some polycarbonate. As for CF use, expect at least the hood, roof, fenders and rockers to be CF.
- Program timing is the big one. The super vette has never been a car for the 2008MY. That would've made it going into production sometime in 2007 which just isn't possible with the amount of engineering work needed. The original timing for the car had it starting production in March of 2008 at an annual volume of 1500 units. While I'm not aware of any volume change, the production date has changed. Due to issues GM is currently having with a supplier (which I won't name) involved in the program, the start of production has slipped to July 2008.

Expect this car to debut at NAIAS 2008. There is only one auto show GM would debut a car like this at, and it is Detroit. The only way you wouldn't see this car at NAIAS 2008 is if the program suffered a major set back or was cancelled. While a major set back is always possible on a program with such tight tolerances as this one, cancellation at this point would take an act of god given the money already invested in the program

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - CORVETTE HOUSE

The Habitat for Humanity Corvette home is finally finished. Dedication ceremonies were held on June 16, 2007. The Cummings home was a joint sponsored building project of Habitat Home Center, Service Chevrolet and the Indian River Corvette Club.

The Corvette House was one of the final three homes that completed the Grace Groves community of 81 houses. The houses are home to 350 family members. Ms. Cummings and her two sons are ready to move into the beautiful new home. The house has a stove, refrigerator and a washer and dryer. They also have a great utility shed in the back yard, which was built to match the house.

Among the guest speakers were France Kenyon, Indian River Habitat for Humanity Chairman, Reverend Carol Trax, Community Church, HFH board member, Susan Rohani, Chef-Long Range Planning for Indian River County. Special guest Mayor Bob Young, Regional Director- Atlanta Region of US dept. of Housing and Urban Development, Former Mayor of Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia.

Frank Baudo spoke for the Corvette Club; Hank Dieffenbach owner of Service Chevrolet and Jim Pagano, Public Relations Manager and club member also spoke. Service Chevrolet was the company contributor of money for housing materials.

Thanks to all that worked on the Corvette House, you did a fantastic job and gave a family the first home they ever owned. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



### MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Lee and Tarie Harris are our members of the month.



Their 1966 red/black 427/425 roadster - won Gold at Bloomington Gold Corvettes USA Show held at St. Charles, IL, in June this year. The same Vette also won Gold Spinner at last Falls' Chevy Vette fest in Rosemount, IL and will soon be a Triple Crown Corvette.



In August it is off to NCRS competition in Galena, IL, then on for the Triple Crown.

Lee was a real estate broker from Chicago for 25 years and then retired. Tarie is a designer, graduated from Harrington Institute of Design. Both work on rehab projects in Chicago.

Lee has a passion for glass blowing and sculpting, metalsmithing, and bronze artwork. The current project is converting their 16,000 square foot former 80-year-old glass studio to their home and studio. The building once was the Drehobl Brother Art Glass Works. Lee and Tarie have



worked on renovation and design projects together since 1983.

They have two other Corvettes, 1962 black/red 327/360-fuelie roadster and 1969 red/black 427/400 tri-power roadster, original air which won the Triple Crown 10 years ago.

You can read Lee's artist statement and see other designed items on the



website at [www.leeharrisstudios.com](http://www.leeharrisstudios.com).

Lee said to tell everyone Hi and they will see us all at the Christmas party if not before.

