

From the desk of Frank B.

Happy New Year everyone!

Last Tuesday evening Jan. 8, was the first of the 2008 board meetings and the beginning of our clubs new year. Our new slate of officers and the activities chair people began to lay out their plans for the year, promising another twelve months of fun filled activities and events. All that being said, I want to both welcome and thank this great "team" of our dedicated members for their active participation along with their commitment to "you", our members.



The attending group was unified in a common purpose that is, being the "friendliest Corvette Club in Florida"! It was understood that as we continue to grow both time wise and in membership enrollment; we need to be mindful of maintaining a cohesive and cooperative structure within the context of our By Laws and the clubs organizational structure. Your attendance, participation and volunteering are the fabric for the making of a strong and even better club! So, please, get involved! Make a contribution by attending the monthly meetings, show up for the "mystery dinner runs", and participate in other club events; let's make 2008 the best year yet!

As a final note, may I add that I am privileged being a part of the great legacy and traditions that our past officers and members have established making The Indian River Corvette Club the great club that it is. Thanks to them, we continue on and I pledge to do my best to follow in their footsteps.

Semper Fi,

Frank

Jim's Jottings

Greetings Members:



Here we go...another year begins! I'd like to take just a moment and thank our immediate past President Ro Bryant. What a super job she did as President. Nice work Ro! At the same time I look forward to the exciting things the Board and new President Frank Baudo will bring to the forefront of this outstanding Club. All the very best to Frank and the Board.

It's high season for our tourist friends and I'm sure you notice the increase in traffic, the wait at restaurants and the crowding at the supermarkets. It's great to have everyone back.

The busy season also means more interest in the Corvette. But, it's not just about the car. One club member recently told me "The car is reason for the Club but the members are the fabric of what this Club is all about." How true it is.

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Last, we are honored to again sponsor the Club for 2008 and thank you for the privilege.

Here's to a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Jim

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for January

Paul Magee	January 6
Ro Bryant	January 14
Sherri Brower	January 16
Gorden Byers	January 18
Paul Kovac	January 30

Birthdays for February

Betty Brousseau	February 3
Joan Magee	February 5
Leslie Spurlock	February 9
Pat Lundell	February 14
Dave Myers	February 22
Kelly Castillo	February 23
Hollyann Quina	February 24
Wayne Sandlin	February 28

Happy Birthday to everyone!

NEW MEMBERS

Jim & Ann Peabody
Tony & Shari Chila

Welcome!

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

WELCOME to our newest club members **Jim and Ann Peabody**, and **Tony and Shari Chila**. We hope



you will choose to participate in as many club events and activities as you can. All the information you will need to get started is posted on our website at ircorvettes.com.

We would like to send a ray of sunshine to our treasurer; Dick Cantner who's recovery is kneeded!

For those of us whose birthday are in January, remember the following: People who say, "You're only as old as you feel", are all wrong, fortunately.

THE ONE AND ONLY,

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Activities Committee 2008

Members:

Beth Butcher -- Operation Manager,
and all around astute person

Pat Lundell -- Hostess, event
coordinator and assistant to all members.

Georgia Irish -- Mystery dinner
coordinator, road trip planner and Hostess.

Danny Bryan -- Genius in training????

A Little History

Overview

We are a social club. More interpersonal activities are being planned for 2008. We will of course have our car shows and dinners. We are adding even more events, which will allow us to share each other's space without being under the influence of carnauba. These plans will encompass the following: activities at member's homes and garages (As an example, Wayne Sandlin is having a garage christening-car-show this summer at his new garage. Bobby Harp is hosting a road christening and car decorating party at his garage in October.) There will also be two road trips, which Georgia is planning. On June 20th and 21st we are going to St. Augustine, and in October, we are going to Islamorada. And, the best we are saving for last. We have been invited to have our Toys for Tots collection party at Cyn and Louie Seo's Christmas paradise and home in December.

Details on all of our events will be posted on the web and announced at the future meetings.

Volunteers are the key to our success and will be appreciated.

When our committee contacts you for help, please sign on. We will ask.

Complaints should be posted on www.Getalife.com.

SHOUT OUTS

We wish to clarify yahoo group communications. We want our members to announce non-club events. If you are attending an event that you think might interest the club, under Subject write: **SHOUT OUT**.

As an example, if you are going to a dance at St. Helen's and you think other members might want to see you dance, write an invitation as a:

SHOUT OUT.

Please make any other communications after the invitation by phone. Talk to each other.

You may want to say: We are going dancing Saturday, (time, place, etc.). If you are interested, please call me 555-5555. Please share.

Activities

COMING IN January

8 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting
SPECIAL DATE

Officers and Directors are asked to please attend,
Club members are always welcome!

11 - Friday - General Membership Meeting
NEW MEETING PLACE

9 - 12 - Wed - Sun - NCRS - Winter Regional Meet
Old Town, Kissimmee, FL

19 - Saturday - Reflections In Glass XXV
Corvette, GM Car & Truck Show - Boca Raton, FL
Hosted by America's Corvette Club

24 - 27 - Thur. - Sun. - Grand Am Rolex 24
Daytona International Speedway

29 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Dan & Ro

COMING IN February

2 - Saturday - American Lung Association's
Cars for the Cure 2008! - Car Show
Colonial Town Park in Lake Mary, FL

8 - Friday - General Membership Meeting

CLUB EVENT FOR FEBRUARY

23 - Saturday - Andretti Thrill Park & More...

26 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Louie & Cyn Seo

Check the **WEB Calendar** for details

HABITAT HERALD

Work is progressing extremely well on our latest house. It should be



completed soon and we will invite all of you to the delivery ceremony. Service Chevrolet's generosity and our labor have produced one fine home.

We continue to meet at the Oslo Diner in the Winn Dixie Plaza at the intersection of Oslo and 27th Avenue. Frankie, Harry, Gallagher and friends of club members Al and Sweet make up the Wednesday Wonders. We hammer, paint, and aggravate the staff but mostly we enjoy great friendship. Ain't it wonderful when you help someone else?

Some people have the mistaken impression that this is an all male

club. It's not. Any lady that wants to join is welcome.

Thanks to Bobby Irish for starting the Irish Quickstep crew. He will give you a SHOUT OUT when work gets a little further along on the next house. We are at a slow period due to permitting. It should be in early February. KEEP HAMMERING ON!!!!

DANNY BRYANT

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Chevy Unveils Two Unique Corvette Pace Cars

History will be made at the 2008 Indianapolis 500 when a pair of distinctive yet highly differentiated Corvette models will serve as the official pace cars - one highlighting Chevrolet's commitment to fuel solutions and the other marking 30 years of Corvette's pace car heritage. Chevrolet and Indianapolis Motor Speedway officials gathered at the Indianapolis Auto Show to make the historic announcement.

One of the pace cars is a customized Corvette Z06 E85 concept that runs on E85 ethanol fuel, a domestically produced alternative fuel similar to the E100 fuel that powers all of the racecars in the IndyCar Series. It will be driven during the race's pace lap by two-time Indianapolis 500 champion Emerson Fittipaldi. The other official pace car is a black-and-silver commemorative edition that marks the 30th anniversary of the celebrated 1978 pace car - the first Corvette to pace the field at the Indianapolis 500. Chevrolet will produce a total of 500 pace car replicas in both coupe and convertible form, each signed personally by Fittipaldi at Corvette's Bowling Green, Ky., assembly plant. The 92nd Indianapolis 500 takes place on Sunday, May 25, 2008. It will be Corvette's 10th appearance as the official pace car - a record unmatched by any other vehicle.



The 2009 ZR1 may be the tops for Corvette horsepower in the future.

By RICK KRANZ, AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

The Chevrolet Corvette will live on despite tougher fuel economy rules. But the redesigned car, expected in about 2012, could be lighter and smaller than today's Corvette.

And the V8 that powers the Corvette of the future may be smaller than the one used today.

"I don't think we're going to design a 700-hp Corvette," Tom Wallace, vehicle line executive for the Corvette, said at the Detroit auto show. "What's going to be more important is fuel economy, carbon footprint and green. We have already paid a lot of attention to those areas. Where we can pay more attention is pounds per horsepower."

Two engines are offered for the 2008 model year, a 430-hp 6.2-liter V8 and a 505-hp 7.0-liter V8. The 2009 ZR1 features a 620-plus hp supercharged 6.2-liter V8.

Wallace won't talk about specifics of the next-generation Corvette. But he said if the car's weight was dropped by 300 to 400 pounds and a 4.7-liter V-8 is offered with 150 fewer horsepower than the 2008 models, the "pounds per horsepower are the same."

Wallace said he envisions a Corvette that is "more fuel efficient ... even nimbler than it was before. But he said no decision has been made about horsepower or engine size.

The 2009 ZR1 will have a top speed over 200 mph.

Rather than trying to top those performance numbers, Wallace said: "I think we need to say, 'We reached performance levels that are pretty good. Let's maintain those and improve fuel economy.'"

Did you hear about the parade? It was coursing through this small town and a band was passing the review stand and one of the members was out of step. A lady in the stands, stood and faced the crowd and declared in a loud voice, "Look my Peter is the only one in step."

2007 CHRISTMAS PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS

We had a great turnout as usual for the Christmas party. It was one of the best parties the club has had. The food was great, as it always is at the Indian River Country Club. The decorations were very festive.

The disk jockey was the same as last year. He really is a fun guy to listen to as well as for dancing. We also had The Party Dolls and they are GREAT to listen to and fun to watch. For any one new to the club that didn't know, Heather (the cute blonde) is Dan and Ro Bryant's daughter. What great voices they all have. It was fun to see all the members having such a good time. There was Lots of dancing and fantastic conversation.

The new officers were introduced to the club. President Ro (ZORO) received a plaque for her year long leadership. An orange jacket with the club logo was also presented. She did a remarkable job and the club had one of the best years ever. Take a look at some of the pictures taken at the party. The rest will be available for display on the on screens and some of the next club meetings.

