

Corvette Gazette

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The Indian River Corvette Club

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From the desk of Frank Baudo.....

Do you know who are the founders of our club or when all of this came to be? Although many existing members know our beginnings, there are those of us including the new members who would be interested. In the spring of 1999, Terry and Sue Smith obtained a list of all the registered owners of Corvettes in our county. They contacted these people and asked them to get together and meet for the purpose of forming a local Corvette Club. Their response was enthusiastic and hence began the creation of the Indian River Corvette Club. The IRCC would function like the numerous Corvette Clubs throughout the USA that are both social and auto sport oriented. By August 31, 1999 the first organizational meeting took place that was made up of approx. 30 enthusiasts who were in attendance. Our membership grew from the original charter members and we rapidly became an active club in Vero Beach. In August 2000, the popular Mystery Dinner Cruise is a popular monthly happening. Since then, the years have added new members to our rolls bringing us to where we are today. All this being said, it is with much gratitude and sincere thanks to those founding members who made all of this possible.



As President, may I welcome all of you, especially our new members to another great year with the club. Finally, my gratitude and appreciation to all those mentioned or not mentioned and have come before me that made all of this possible for all of us!

Semper Fi
Frank Frank

WE INTERRUPT THE SERVICE CHEVROLET COLUMN THIS MONTH TO BRING YOU AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR PREZ.

Subject....Charities and Outside Organizations

Policy for.... The Indian River Corvette Club.

From time to time local clubs and organizations as well as charitable groups will solicit money for some good cause or attendance at some event by the IRCC.

As much as we individuals support these bona fide groups; as a club we are not structured either financially or by our organizational structure to participate in these activities.

The IRCC is not an income producing organization; as such all monies collected are applied to our minimal overheads and or expenses incurred for maintaining our club.

(NOTE: Please refer to the treasurer's monthly report for more details re. expenses)

Further to this issue, as a policy, we do not participate in showing/displaying our Corvettes in support of local business and or related special interest groups. By doing so we remain unbiased to any/all such organizations as bona fide as they may be.

All that being said, any individual or group of individuals (members) may elect to participate in any function or charity as they so choose however independent of IRCC sanctioning.

We respect and appreciate our members' interest with the above and thank you all for your cooperation and understanding

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for March

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

Birthdays for April

Sanya Kovac	April 7
Larry Spurlock	April 11
Clinton Atwell	April 22
Linda Fallon	April 29
Cathy Papitto	April 30

Happy Birthday to everyone!

Sunshine Princess Report

Welcome to all our recent visitors. Our club members have been bringing their visiting guests to club functions so they don't miss a minute of sharing



Lots of sunshine goes out to **Cyn Seo, Bonnie Porter, and Renae Brock**. Speedy recovery to you all

The sore throat and flu is going around again. A quick fix is always cough syrup, Tylenol cold and flu, and a ride in your vet (top or windows down). This will cure what ails you.

Any one who needs a ray of sunshine be sure to let me know.

Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money (mines Atomic Orange).

ZORO

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

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ACTIVITIES SMACTIFITIES

Habitat for Humanity:

Tony Chila and Dave Meyers have signed on as carpenter trainees. Dave can recognize a hammer and is studying the tape measure. Tony uses the wrong hand. It is challenging, but we will teach them.



Activities:

The **Andretti Experience** brought out the worst in some of the participants. **Bobby Irish** was exposed as a cheat. He actually ran ahead of the best driver and scoped out the fastest car. He then jumped in it and drove it to a two-lap victory. **Billy (I-follow-best) Ulisky** and **Frankie (Don't-go-too-fast-I-get-scared) Baudo** got in the way of the best driver. Other than that, it was funnnnnn.



March's car show and picnic is coming on Saturday 3/29/08, at Riverside Park. **Pat Lundell** will arrange for the barbeque and volunteers will supply all the other essentials. We have a volunteer for the plates, napkins, cups, forks, and knives. If you want to register your car, applications are available at your friendly club.

SHOUT OUTS:

Keep them coming. We have enjoyed our **LULU'S cookies** (www.lulusmondelbread.com), the Literacy Run, and look forward to the Italian American event. We need to know what you are doing. If you wish to share, **SHOUT IT OUT.**



It is still deeds not dialogue that count.

Activities

COMING IN March

- 4 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting
- 7-8 - Fri - Sat - Eckler's Corvette Reunion Celebration, FL
- 12 - 15 - Wed - Sat - 56th Annual 12 Hour of Sebring Sebring, FL – Corvette Corral
- 14 - Friday - General Membership Meeting
- 25 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise Our Host Clint & Karen Atwell

CLUB EVENT FOR MARCH

- 29 - Saturday - Annual Antique Auto Show and CLUB PICNIC Riverside Park (Under the Oaks), Vero Beach

COMING IN April

- 4-5 - Fri - Sat - Acura Sports Car Challenge of St. Petersburg Corvette Corral - 2:45 Duration Street Race
- 11 - Friday - General Membership Meeting
- 12 - Saturday - Uptown Altamonte 2008 Corvette Show Hosted By Florida Corvette Club, Inc.

CLUB EVENT FOR APRIL

- 19 - Saturday - Paddle Wheel River Cruise on the Miss Stuart
- 19 - Saturday - Vettes at the Port Car Show Hosted by Cape Kennedy Corvette Club
- 29 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise Our Host Bob & Georgia Irish

Check the WEB Calendar for details



GIGLIOTTI CONFIRMS SEASON, SEBRING LINEUP FOR 2008

LG Motorsports and Riley Technologies have announced its driver lineup for the 2008 American Le Mans Series and the 56th Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring presented by Fresh from Florida. Team owner Lou Gigliotti will team with Doug Peterson in the Riley-built Corvette C6 and take aim at the likes of Aston Martin, Dodge, Ferrari, Ford, Porsche and Panoz in the fiercely contested GT2 class.



"With the support of Riley Technologies, we're extremely confident that the new Riley C6 Corvette will be a hit with Corvette fans and a stout performer in its class," said Gigliotti, who joins the Series after winning three championships in SPEED World Challenge. "Our team has worked long and hard putting all of the pieces in place in order to make this happen. I have total confidence in my guys. The 2008 American Le Mans Series season, specifically in the GT2 class, will be one of the biggest challenges we've ever faced as a team, but we're up for it."

"It takes a strong dedication on all fronts to run the type of events the American Le Mans Series schedule provides," said Peterson. "I have a great co-driver and a very capable team behind me, so I am very confident."



"We expect to be competitive," stated Bill Riley. "We are looking forward to seeing this new Corvette in action at Sebring and against this world-class GT2 field."

The 10th season of the American Le Mans Series appropriately begins with where it all started in the first place - Sebring. North America's oldest and premier sports car event brings out only the best teams in endurance racing. They all will test their mettle on the historic 3.7-mile, 17-turn circuit that sits on the site of a former World War II air base. Coverage can be seen live on SPEED starting March 15, 9:30 a.m. ET.

Sebring Announces "Fresh from Florida" as Presenting Sponsor

Sebring, Florida - Sebring International Raceway announced "Fresh from Florida" as the presenting sponsor for the 56th running of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring. America's premier sports car endurance race runs Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the famed raceway in central Florida.

The Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by "Fresh from Florida" is the opening race of the prestigious American Le Mans Series. For six



decades Sebring has hosted the most important endurance race in North America, a key prelude to the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Chevrolet's Special '427 Limited Edition Z06 Salutes the Classic 427

Chevrolet announced the 2008 Corvette 427 Limited Edition Z06, a limited-production model that pays homage to the big-block Stingray models of the mid-1960s. The 427 Limited Edition Z06 features a Crystal Red tint coat exterior, the first Z06 ever offered with red metallic tint coat paint. It also features graphics on the hood and fascia that evoke the style of the famed "stinger" hood design and graphics that were offered with 1967 models equipped with the 427 engine. Also unique to this model are "427" hood badges. Each example is numbered and signed by Wil Cooksey, the Corvette assembly plant manager who is retiring after 15 years on the job, and comes with a certificate of authenticity.

Available under order code Z44, this special Z06 enters production this spring. Only 427 will be offered in the United States and Canada, with 78 more exported outside North America. That's a total of 505 production vehicles the same number of horsepower produced by the LS7 engine.

The special-edition Corvette carries a MSRP of \$84,195 and includes the 3LZ premium equipment package with a custom, leather-wrapped interior



is statutorily mandated to assist Florida's agricultural producers with marketing their products throughout the United States and abroad. The "Fresh from Florida" program also helps increase public awareness of the importance of Florida's agricultural and natural resources industries, which have an overall economic impact estimated at over \$97 billion.

MARCH DINNER CRUISE

Thanks to Louie and Cyn Seo we had another fantastic dinner cruise. The restaurant of choice turned out to be in Fort Pierce. The Out of Bounds Restaurant. For those of you that could not make the cruise it has been around the area for about twenty-five years. Lance, the owner also owned Ian's that was north of Fort Pierce for quite sometime

Out of Bounds is quite an unique place. Newly redecorated and new items on the menu added make it very enjoyable. On weekends they have a someone playing the piano. Lot of things to look at like, Humphrey Bogart with his gun ready to add to the fun. Take a look at the pictures. Some will be shown on the screens at the meeting and some in this newsletter. Seems like we all wanted our pictures with a famous film star

The food was the pleasure of the evening. Not one complaint! How about that!!!

Thanks again to Louie and Cyn for a spectacular selection. Cyn made the ultimate effort for the dinner cruise since she has had both her feet operated on and is wearing a cast on both feet. Cyn, We all hope you are doing better.



Pratt & Miller to Unveil Convertible Corvette C6RS Supercar at Sebring 12-Hour Race

SEBRING, Fla. - The first convertible version of the Pratt & Miller Corvette C6RS supercar for the street will be on display at this weekend's Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, the season-opening round of the 11-race American Le Mans Series. The bright yellow C6RS that will be featured in the Corvette Corral at Sebring International Raceway belongs to Jim Miller, co-founder of Pratt & Miller Engineering. Orders are now being taken for the limited-edition Corvette in both coupe and convertible body styles, with the first deliveries to customers slated for April.



"Developing the Corvette C6RS supercar has been as rewarding as developing the championship-winning Corvette C6.R race car," said Gary Pratt, co-owner of Pratt & Miller Engineering. "We focused on performance, of course, but also on noise, ride quality, and passenger comfort - attributes that aren't considered in a purebred racing car."

The Corvette C6RS can now be built on a Corvette Z06, Corvette coupe, or Corvette convertible platform. "Our prototype was based on the Z06's aluminum chassis, but in building the first convertible, we've now developed a suspension package for the hydroformed steel chassis used in Corvette coupes and convertibles," Pratt explained.

Conceived, designed, developed and constructed by the championship-winning Pratt & Miller team, the Corvette C6RS bristles with sophisticated materials and race-inspired technology. Powered by a Katech Performance 8.2-liter (500ci) all-aluminum small-block V-8 engine that produces 600 horsepower and 600 lb.-ft. torque, all versions of the Pratt & Miller Corvette C6RS employ purpose-built carbon fiber body panels to reduce weight and improve aerodynamic efficiency. A computer-controlled adjustable suspension system, center-nut forged aluminum BBS wheels with Michelin tires, and massive Brembo monoblock disc brakes enhance vehicle dynamics. A two-tone leather interior and a comprehensive sound control system produce a quiet, comfortable environment for driver and passenger.