

from the desk
of
**Frank
Baudo.....**



Now that we have found a "new home" for our monthly general meetings (Culinary Capers), we continue to move forward planning for the balance of 2008. Your attendance is both important and appreciated. Building relationships and having a good time with fellow members is all a part of why we are a club in the first place. Our mystery dinner cruises and other planned club activities add additional opportunities to get together, have a good time. Bottom line, you are a great group and I appreciate the pleasure of your company; so keep it coming!

"ACTIVITIES"... Here too, we are attempting to increase the range of places to go and likewise things to do. Under consideration are places to visit like the Kennedy Space Center, The Air Museum, Art and History museums, Historical Places, scenic trips, the theater, sporting events, bus tours and other like places of interest. Our activities committee people are investigating some of the above so that our club remains an interesting organization to be a part of. Please feel free to give us your input, better yet, volunteer your skills and services to make an event happening.

Finally, and once again, thank all of our board members and supporting committees along with our mystery dinner hosts and of course all of you for being the great group that you are!

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Frank

**From Dyer
Chevrolet**



June is a big month for us here at Dyer Chevrolet; it's our Grand Opening! On June 14th between 10:00am and 2:00 pm, we invite you to show off your Corvette for all to see. We will be advertising that the Indian River Corvette Club will be participating in our grand opening that weekend and hope you all can come by and share in the fun, food, and festivities! Your treasured Corvettes will surely be a sight to see for both adults and children. The following weekend on the 21st, we will be grilling out and have special activities for children. So bring by your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews. We want our grand opening to be exciting and enjoyed by all!

Also exciting, Dyer Mazda and Dyer Chevrolet will be launching the "Dyer Difference Award", an award saluting those individuals and organizations that make a difference in our community. A committee will vote on each month's winner, and a monetary donation will be given to a nonprofit organization on behalf of that individual or organization. June's "Dyer Difference Award" was given to the local chapter of the American Red Cross. This year was the 9th year for WPTV Channel 5's Steve Weagle to do his bike trek from Sebastian to Boca Raton in support of hurricane awareness for the American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter. Dyer Mazda and Dyer Chevrolet are proud to support the American Red Cross: an organization full of individuals making a difference in our community.

We hope to see you on June 14th for our Grand Opening!

**Save The Wave,
Will and Tatiana Dyer**

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for June

Diane Houston	June 6
Sharon Sperry	June 11
Bob Irish	June 15
Frank Nardi	June 17
Nancy Murray	June 19
Beth Butcher	June 22
Jim Peabody	June 24
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
Sharon Korsman	July 26
Dr. Allan Erde	July 30
Cheryl Casano	July 31
Eva Sandlin	July 31

Happy Birthday to everyone!

**SUNSHINE ON YOUR
HEAD**



Summer is officially here, so get out your sunscreen. A hurry up and get back to Jim and Judy Gallagher, John and Densie Mulligan, and Dave and Pat Lundell.

And a get well and stop coughing on me to Tom and Hollyann Quina, Linda Fallon, and Marlene Ulisky, and all the other bug afflicted campers, Atwells and Michauds.

With the price of food on the rise I have a good tip for all our members. I personally stay away from natural foods. At my age I need all the preservatives I can get.(George Burns)

ZORO

Tom and Syl LaRocca hosted an exceptionally nice dinner at Avanzre. The turnout was enhanced by the return of the Mulligans. John and Densie came prior to their departure for the summer. Most everyone was pleased to share with the group.

Harry and Linda Fallon hosted the club to a Landshark event at the Elks. The crowd, food and entertainment was fun, fun, fun. The reserved parking gave us a special feeling.

Thanks to these two couples for embracing these opportunities to socialize.

Our next trip is to St. Augustine. Read the SHOUTOUTS. Lunch is at Dixie Cross Roads in Titusville, at noon on Friday. We will rally at I-95 and 60 Mobil and depart for lunch at 11:00. Civilized cocktails will be at 5:00 on the porch at Frankie's room in St Augustine. See you there. We will vote on dinner, breakfast and tours there.

Your Activities Committee

Activities

COMING IN June

CLUB EVENT FOR JUNE

6,7 & 8 - Fri, Sat, & Sunday - Weekend Trip to St. Augustine

A fun weekend for all club members

Rumor is; Dan is in search of the Fountain of Youth

13 - Friday - General Membership Meeting

14 - Saturday - Dyer Chevrolet Grand Opening

Display your Vette 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Special Parking & Lunch Provided

24 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise

Our Host Steve & Judi Overly

COMING IN July

1 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting

11 - Friday - General Membership Meeting

19 - Saturday - Eckler's Casino Cruise

Boarding 6:00, Depart 7:00, Back In Port 1:00 am

29 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise

Our Host Jim & Jan Pagano

Check the WEB Calendar for details

NCM Delivery for Louie & Cyn

By CynSeo

On April 15, Louie Seo and CynSeo went to Bowling Green, Kentucky for the "Buyer's Tour;" and they witnessed the birth of their new 2008 Corvette Indy 500 Pace Car replica. IT'S A BEAUTY! Prior to their visit to the Corvette Assembly Plant, Emerson Fittipaldi visited the Corvette Assembly Plant and personally signed and numbered the center console covers. Louie and Cyn have number 91 of the maximum 500 that will be produced (see photograph).

On May 12, Louie and Cyn went to Bowling Green again; and they participated in the "R8C Museum Delivery" program. They really enjoyed this, and they said that it was great to see their new convertible Indy 500 Pace Car replica on display in the National Corvette Museum (NCM).

The photos of Louie and Cyn in the Museum Delivery Area of the NCM were captured by Tom Quina. The outside photos were taken by the tour guide and by Cyn.



2008 Callaway Corvette

By MARK VAUGHN AutoWeek | 05/29/08

You enter the Callaway compound, in deepest Orange County, California, through massive wooden doors that are not unlike those guarding the fictional Emerald City in *The Wizard of Oz*. Like Oz, Callaway's is a place of wonder, complete with Munchkins in the form of the youngest Callaway kids.

Reeves Callaway's oldest son, engineer and company scion Pete Callaway (more than six feet tall, easily, and therefore no Munchkin) welcomes you. Pete is an engineer, having graduated from Northeastern with a degree in mechanical engineering before returning to tweak spring and damper rates for the family business. He now helps his father build the many fine rides that roll out of company doors both here and in Old Lyme, Connecticut. A third shop in Leingarten, Germany, keeps the Europeans supplied with handling and horsepower.

Of late, we've been writing about the special-edition Callaways, the C16 coupe, convertible, roadster and such.

"What do you call these?" we asked.

"Uh, Callaway Corvettes?" Pete Callaway answered.

Yes, Callaway Corvettes. We had forgotten, over the last few years of special editions debuted amid much fanfare at Pebble Beach and at the L.A. auto show, about the bread-and-butter Corvettes from this famous maker. Callaway does most of its business merely making the already fast Corvette even faster.

Our first drive this time would be in a silver 2007 Callaway Corvette Coupe with six-speed manual transmission. As you no doubt know, 2007 Corvettes had the 6.0-liter V8. Callaway fits the 6.0 with an appropriately sized 112-cubic-inch Callaway Magnacharger supercharger that makes 616 hp and 582 lb-ft of torque.

The engine work and a few ancillary parts that make up the base Callaway Corvette--bulging hood, doorsills, badging--cost \$18,500. But if you're going to go in that deep, we say throw in the \$5,960 Callaway/Eibach Multi-Pro suspension at the very least. While the weight of the car is still held up by the transverse leaf springs, the Callaway/Eibach setup adds supplemental coil-overs with remote reservoirs for much better control of damping. They were well worth it.

We know this because after we drove the fully loaded 6.0-liter 2007, we drove a 6.2-liter 2008 model with only the engine work done to it. While the larger 122-cubic-inch Callaway Magnacharger blower in the '08 peaks at only 580 hp, 36 less than the 6.0-liter '07, Callaway claims that the quarter-mile times are identical, at 11.1 seconds.

"The old car is not as snappy off the line but really comes on at the top" of the quarter-mile, Callaway said.

But without the suspension upgrades, the body of the '08 moved around an awful lot more than it did on the '07 with the full kit. The front end was up and down much less in the car with the Eibachs, and the back end stayed nicely planted, too.

"The stock Corvette is in dire need of some rebound control," said Callaway.

Heck, we could even see getting just the suspension work done, but then you'd be missing the 616/580 hp, which would be a shame.

Indeed, during our drive of the fully loaded '07 up and over a long, winding and very familiar local pass, we thought maybe the gearing had been changed. Corners through which we would normally have cruised in third gear we were flying through in fourth. The supercharged engine pulled powerfully at 3000 rpm but was still highly useful at 2000 and even at 1500. Who needs six speeds?



Corvette Museum Raceway?!?!

via the Bowling Green Daily News: The National Corvette Museum has brought a lot to Bowling Green and through the years it continues to draw crowds for special events, as well as large numbers of Corvette enthusiasts.

The museum, which has a \$10 million expansion under way, recently purchased 70 acres off Grimes Lane, near Porter Pike, that will be the site of a Motorplex Park.



The park will include a 1.5-mile drag strip, autocross track and road course that will be used for the museum's driving school and major events it now hosts at the nearby museum.

This will no doubt be a great addition to the museum and for those who are Corvette enthusiasts.

Land cost will be financed by the property owners. Construction will not begin until the estimated \$2.5 million cost of construction is pledged or in hand. Sponsorships and naming rights will also be considered. Enthusiasts might also have the opportunity to "purchase" an acre of the land. A person would then be given a fake deed.

This appears to be a creative approach to raising the needed funds.

Once the track is completed, hopefully in the next few years, the museum would have the flexibility of adding more driving events without having to coordinate with Beech Bend.

The museum has been limited to the number of racing-related events it has for gatherings to about four a year because of the busy schedule at Beech Bend Raceway.

The new track won't be competing with Beech Bend, according to Wendell Strode, the museum's executive director.

Another big plus for the new track is that the museum already employs a certified driving instructor in Roc Linkov, who currently serves as events manager of the museum.

His knowledge will certainly help drivers better handle their powerful sports cars.

This park will be a great asset to our community. The new course will be an additional draw for the museum and will enhance Bowling Green as a tourism destination.

May's Italian Delight

By Tom LaRocco

May's Mystery Dinner Cruise took us to 14th Ave and Avanzare for a delightful dinner and evening of fellowship. The owners Roger and Terry Lenzi set up the private dining room for us and 36 folks enjoyed a true Italian feast.

14th Ave never looked better with an impressive array of Vette's including the Louie and CynSeo's new Indy Pace Car. The food was excellent as was the wine and comradeship enjoyed by all in attendance.

Tom and Syl LaRocca were our hosts for this event.

Dan Bryant was our inquiring photog for the event.



Summer cruisin': Hertz to rent limited-edition Corvettes

By GREG MIGLIORE 6/10/08

Hertz is hawking the newest addition to its Fun Collection, a yellow-and-black-clad Corvette, as the ultimate summer ride.

Called the Corvette ZHZ, the car packs 436 hp, drawn from General Motors' 6.2-liter LS3 aluminum-block V8. Aside from the bumblebee livery, the car also gets seven-spoke chrome wheels that measure 18 inches in front and 19 inches in the rear.

The ZHZ has the usual Corvette performance touches, including paddle shifters for the six-speed automatic and a dual-mode exhaust system, an option on retail Corvettes that adds 6 hp to the output. Inside, there is ZHZ embroidery on the console armrest.

There will be 500 of the cars available at 24 major airports throughout the country, starting later this month. Sites include New York, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Seattle.

The ZHZ would be one of the pricier vehicles in Hertz's Fun Collection, with an online reservation showing it would cost a base rate of \$165.49 per day for a weekend reservation in June in Los Angeles. That's more than a Shelby GTH (\$150.49) and an Infiniti FX35 (\$109.49). Still, it's cheaper than a Vette convertible, which checks out at \$180.99, according to Hertz's website.

Mindful that some consumers look for more than cookie-cutter econoboxes for their summer getaways and business trips, rental companies have been spicing up their fleets in recent year, adding sports cars and hybrids to their offerings. Hertz's archrival, Avis, rents specialty cars under its Cool Collection and in March announced plans to add the Corvette to its fleet as well.



LANDSHARKS AT THE ELKS

The Landsharks are a band with roots that started in Vero Beach. They returned to the area for several appearances, one of which was at the Elk's Lodge. Harry and Linda Fallon did a shout and invited anyone interested to be their guests. What a nice evening we all had. There was a great turnout of our members and we needed three tables to accomodate the group. I didn't realize the club had so many great dancers. The group was great! They played all the old Beachboys and Jimmy Buffet songs and loads of other songs. They were Great, we all enjoyed it.

The Elk's Lodge also served Bar B-Q from Bono's. They set up a great buffet area for the sliced pork, ribs, green beans, cole slaw, potatoes and several desserts.

Thanks Harry and Linda for the Shoutout and for inviting us for the fun.

