

from the desk of Frank Baudo.....

"Fun in the Sun"

Several weeks ago, twelve members traveled up to spend an exciting weekend in St. Augustine say the least, it was truly a great experience. We all enjoyed the museums there,



"ghost tours", tours around the city and great dining. What could be better? The trip there took less than three hours and as for me, I got 26 miles./gal. ! Not bad for a 400 hp Corvette cruising over 70 mph.

This was such a great trip that we all considered making this an annual "event" or something like it.

That being said, our dedicated hard working activities committee will be meeting soon to structure a calendar of events that will encompass both the traditional and new ideas for our participation. We want to introduce new and different activities that will appeal to our many interests. Here is where you can help; get involved "please"! Your energy and enthusiasm make a difference so step up with your ideas and suggestions; better yet, chair an event of your own. Use your talents and experiences and make a contribution.

As ever, your participation is always appreciated and we thank you all for your contribution and friendship.

Semper Fi.....Frank

From Dyer Chevrolet

From all of us here at Dyer Chevrolet, we want to thank each of you whom attended our Corvette Corral on June



14th. What a great addition this was to our Grand Opening! We hope it was as fun for you as it was for us; Will and I have had a lot of positive response from both employees and our customers. Thank you again for taking part of your Saturday to support Dyer Chevrolet and our Grand Opening.

As we are enjoying the summer months and hopefully some vacation time as well, don't forget to make sure your vehicle is operating properly before you go. Check your tires, wipers and fluids and be sure to take care of any scheduled maintenance before you leave on your trip. Don't forget about the 10% discount on parts and labor that Dyer Chevrolet extends to all Corvette Club members. You can use this on your other vehicles, too!

Again, thank you to all Corvette Club members who came out to support us on June 14th! We hope to have more events in the future where we can participate together.

Regards

Will and Tatiana Dyer

SUNNY DAZE

Summertime has planted its feet firmly in Vero Beach, but I can assure you there are other places HOTTER. It is great to still see lots of members out and about in 90-degree weather to participate in our club events. (Remember no tops down between the hours of 11-4).



Bill and Marlene Ulisky and Terry Smith were down and out for a while. We hope they are happily recovered.

Congratulations to Tom and Hollyann Quina on the birth of their first great-granddaughter. We look forward to the pictures.

See if you and guess who said this quote"

"The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not our circumstances."

- a) Mother Teresa
- b) Eleanor Roosevelt
- c) Martha Washington or
- D) Dolly Parton

If you guessed Dolly you would be wrong! If you guessed the woman behind the father of our country egging him on you would be correct. Yeah Martha.

Keep the sunshine going,

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From The Activities Folks:

St. Augustine was a blast. It is amazing what you can learn about people when you are given such a casual environment to share.

The Bed and Breakfast was within walking distance of everything and the staff was most professional. It receives eight cylinders from all the judges, except for Lou and Brock. The Ghost Ride will go down in history as the most informative ride EVER---not. Thanks go to Bobby and Georgia Irish for coordinating the trip.

July is a hold month for a called club event. The July Mystery Dinner is on the 29th, and it will be hosted by Jim & Jan Pagano.

Our August event is a party. Details are in the developmental stages and will be forwarded as a SHOUT OUT.

Vettely yours,

The Activities Committee



Activities

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
- 25 - Friday or 26 - Sat - Cullinary Capers
Evening of Scrumptious Fooof and Wine Tasting
Reservations Required
- 29 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Jim & Jan Pagano

COMING IN August

- 8 - Friday - General Membership Meeting
- 26 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Crystal Hofford

Check the WEB Calendar for details

FUN, FUN, FUN IN THE SUN

Dan & Ro Bryant, Bobby & Georgia Irish, Louie & Cyn Seo, Frank & Connie Baudo, Jerry & Renae Brock and Tom & I all meet in St. Augustine on Friday. We all got there at different times but we made up for that with tons on fun. (But everyone showed up on time for the civilized cocktails on the veranda in front of Frank & Connie's room.)

The place of choice was the Westcott House on the Avenida Menendez along the bay. What a great view from the windows of the rooms. The whole house has balconies everywhere. Porch swings, relaxing areas and seating in the sun and shade. We had breakfast each day in the beautiful shaded courtyard. Relaxing each late afternoon for wine and appetizers from 5 to 7. Then off to great locations for fabulous meals.

At breakfast we planned the daily schedule. Do what ever you enjoy. We toured to local winery, did the wine tastings and purchased our favorites for later consumption. Visited the Lightner Museum and enjoyed the collections of the Lightner family and items donated and added by others.

What we all seemed to do best was relax in our rooms during the heat of the day and come back out at night to enjoy the city and all it has to offer.

It really was a great weekend. It gave everyone a chance to relax and enjoy the small talk as well as the car talk. We parked our cars on Friday and did not get in them again until we left on Sunday.

I hope that other members of the club will go along on the next adventure.

Hollyann



DYER CHEVROLET GRAND OPEN HOUSE

The Club was invited to take part in one of the Saturday open house events during the month of June. Eight members can with polished, cleaned and sparkling Corvettes for the event. It was a beautiful day; we also had Craig and Leona, a couple come from Palm City that joined in on the fun and conversation. The disc jockey kept the tunes coming as we lounged around watching others admiring our Vettes up on the showroom floor.

Louie and Cyn's new 2008 Corvette Emerson Fittipaldi Indy 500 Pace Car replica was the true crowd attention getter, they also drove their yellow C5 convertible. Dick Cantner actually drove his 1976 low mileage orange Coupe, Bill Ulisky, Dan Bryant, Harry Fallon and Tom and I went in our C6. Sue Smith also stopped by to joined us and visit her Corvette, which was in for service.

Dyer Chevrolet had sodas and water available. Lunch from Fat Boy's Bar B Q was served for the club, employees, and our new friends from Palm City.

Check out the pictures and I'm sorry if you missed this opportunity to support our sponsor.

Thanks to Will and Tatiana for inviting us.

Hollyann

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
Sharon Korsman	July 26
Dr. Allan Erde	July 30
Cheryl Casano	July 31
Eva Sandlin	July 31

Birthdays for August

Lucy Kesler	August 4
Ann Peabody	August 6
Claudia Woodhouse	August 10
Georgia Irish	August 14
Fran Kamberger	August 17
Bobby Harp	August 20
Karen Atwell	August 23
Harry Woodhouse	August 23
Crystal Hofford	August 26
Julie McCusker	August 27
Greg Butcher	August 27
Lou Ericsson	August 29
Jane Gore	August 30

Happy Birthday to everyone!

Five Minutes With Sherri Browers

Radio operator talks to the world

By Wendy Dwyer · Luminaries

Sherri Brower says she just wanted to talk to the world. So the Vero Beach resident embarked on a self-study program and learned the basics of electronics and radio wave propagation, finding a way to make her dream come true and help the community in a unique way. She became a licensed ham radio operator.

Ham Radio, which is the semi-official slang term for Amateur Radio, is a means of communication utilizing two-way transmissions. Another name for ham radio operators is life savers and very humble heroes because, like many of the other 656,000 "hams" in the United States, Sherri Brower and her husband, David (aka W4DKB) worked tirelessly during and after the twin 2004 hurricanes to help provide emergency communication between shelters, hospitals and the Emergency Operations Center.

Sherri supports first responders and provides primary communication when all other forms of communication are down. Like other hams, Sherri is a volunteer, and when she's not on the radio, she's helping spread the word about amateur radio and its benefits.

In 2002, she was awarded the Philip McGan Silver Antenna Award for excellence in public relations on behalf of Amateur Radio. For the past five years, Sherri has been involved on a national committee to help raise awareness and address Amateur Radio public relations issues.

For the Brower family, volunteering is a family affair. Sherri and David work with the Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County. Even their long-haired Dachshund, Baron Wolfgang von Freunlich (that's Wolfie to friends and family), volunteers for the Humane Society's Happy Tails program. During the 2004 hurricane season, the Brower family volunteered at the Humane Society. Sherri is also an active member of the Audubon Society and has assisted with the Christmas Bird Count for 10 years. A retired Social Security worker, she is also a volunteer with the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees and was a member of this year's United Way Citizens Review committee.

A member of the American Radio Relay League (AARL), Sherri is also involved in local radio clubs. She says there are approximately 4,000 hams on the Treasure Coast and 10 active radio clubs locally.

And, while Sherri has realized her dream of talking to the whole world (over 300 countries and all seven continents, to date) she'd love to share the gift with others who might be interested in ham radio. To find out more about amateur radio locally, you can check out www.wedothe-radio.org, the official Web site of the AARL.



Chevy limits Corvette ZR1 to top dealers

By JAMIE LAREAU, AUTOMOTIVE NEWS 06/23/08



In early June, Jeff Cauley got the news he was waiting for--a letter from General Motors confirming that his suburban Detroit Chevrolet store will get four new Corvette ZR1s when the cars go on sale this August.

"We've taken names on a list, and we've committed to two of those four cars already," said Cauley, owner of Cauley Chevrolet in West Bloomfield Township, Michigan. "I'm happy to be getting them, but it's frustrating, too, when you have 60 or 70 people who want to buy one."

Of Chevrolet's 3,932 dealers nationwide, just 338 are getting a crack at selling the ZR1. GM is basing the tight allocation on those who have high-volume total retail sales and sell a lot of Corvettes. Cauley sells about 150 Corvettes a year.

Ken Fichtner is not one of the lucky dealers. He wanted a ZR1 in his store near Billings, Montana, so badly that he took extra Corvette stock last year to try to boost his sales and earn an allocation.

"We're not a big boy," said Fichtner, who owns Fichtner Chevrolet in Laurel, Montana. "The system is what the system is--I'm disappointed." Fichtner sells 35 to 40 Corvettes a year.

"I understand what the small dealers are saying, and I can empathize," said Chevrolet spokesman Terry Rhadigan. "On the other hand, would it be fair to take a dealer who sells Corvettes for us all year, every year, and not give them one? There are always trade-offs."

The superfast ZR1 starts at \$105,000, including shipping and a gas-guzzler tax. Its 6.2-liter V-8 is rated at 638 hp. The car can go from 0 to 60 mph in 3.4 seconds and achieve a top speed of 205 mph, making it the fastest Corvette ever made.

Some small dealers say they'd like a chance to sell just one ZR1, but Rhadigan says that's not practical because dealers must pay for special training and equipment to service the car.

Voss Chevrolet in Dayton, Ohio, sells 90 to 100 Corvettes a year and about 2,400 total Chevrolets. GM awarded owner John Voss two ZR1s. He's a bit worried about selling them because of the high price tag. He says a small dealer would struggle.

GM will not say how many ZR1s it intends to build. But Cauley hopes that GM will build extra and he'll get a fifth supermachine to sell.

JUNE DINNER CRUISE

Steve and Judi Overly choose the Undertow Restaurant on 14th Street in Downtown Vero Beach. The Undertow has a very eclectic atmosphere, high ceilings, large windows facing the street and a large dining room.

Not many places are able to seat the entire group at the same table. However the Undertow easily accomplished this task. Service was good with several attentive wait staff members. Lots of food choices on the menu made it easy for everyone to find just the right thing for each and everyone.

Thanks to Steve and Judi for finding another great place for the club dinner cruise.

