

from the desk of
Frank Baudo...

Here it is, August already, eight months into the year and less than 120 days until 2009! Labor day officially ends the summer and for most people a return to the norm. Returning snowbirds begin their migration South and by early October we'll have a "full deck". All this brings me to making plans that will carry our club throughout the rest of the year. Our Activities Committee is making plans to complete the year's events with eating places, places of interest and a number of entertaining things to do; so stay tuned.

Our new meeting place, namely, Culinary Capers is working out very well and the member feedback is all very positive. The food is great, the price is right and the accommodations suite all our meeting requirements. Incidentally, the election committee is beginning to scout out new candidates to replace the officers and board members for 2009. All members interested in serving on the board please step up and let us know of your intentions.

Finally, it's not too soon to mark your holiday calendars. The club's annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday evening, December 13, at Panther Woods Country Club. (Sit down dinner) Before you know it, we'll all be there! Thank you all for your contribution, support and friendship.

Semper Fi...

*Frank***From Dyer Chevrolet**

July's recipient of the Dyer Difference Award went to Dollars for Scholars, a non-profit scholarship foundation which awards need-based college scholarships to Indian River County high school graduates. The Dollars for Scholars Kickoff Classic will take place on August 29th where Vero and Sebastian High School football teams will come face to face for this annual event. All funds raised through sponsorships such as our Dyer Difference Award as well as through ticket sales will go directly toward local need-based scholarships and scholarship programs. Congratulations to Dollars for Scholars!



Each month, Dyer Chevrolet posts a service Tip of the Month. This month's tip is "The New Tire Test." Especially applicable given our wet summer thus far, the new tire test will help keep you and your Corvette safe from hydroplaning as well as improve your Vette's stopping distances on wet roads. Traditionally, the Penny Test was a quick way to check your tires for tread wear. The Penny Test consists of placing the coin upside down in a tire's tread grooves. If the top of Lincoln's hair is visible, it indicates that the tread has worn to less than 2/32 of an inch. Recent research strongly states that such little rubber leaves you extremely susceptible to hydroplaning. The new tire test, the Quarter Test, recommends that the tread does not get below Washington's scalp. This measurement is taken when the quarter is placed upside down in the tire's groove. What a simple yet effective little tip. So grab your quarters everyone!

Safe Driving,
Will and Tatiana Dyer

Let The Sunshine In...

Welcome the month of August and football!!! I hope my Bucs have a better year!



Please take a moment and check to see if you might need new corvette club nametags or maybe you could use an Indian River Corvette Club license plate. Please let me know and I will get it to you.

A little bit of sunshine goes out to Billy Ulisky who is recovering from weak knees. We hope to have those raffle tickets back to him soon.

I recently heard from our lifetime members **Betty and Allan Erde**. On August 12, 2008, Betty and Allan will be in Detroit Michigan for **Betty to be inducted into the Motor Sports Hall of Fame**. We wish them both a safe trip and we can't wait to see the pictures.

Remember the child actress Shirley Temple? I just read an article about her feelings on coping. "One has to handle negative experiences alone. You can't get help from your friends or family. You're finally alone with it, and you have to come to grips with false accusation, and go on." I think she drives an atomic orange corvette and does a lot of coping with the music on and top down.

Until the sun shines again,
ZoRo



Activities Committee

Jan Pagano is a champ. She hosted a special evening at the Lemon Tree, for our July mystery dinner ride. The weather was very threatening and the crew still showed. Everyone enjoyed the restaurant and the company. Jan is a special person and we are blessed to have her and Jim in our club. (Jim is in Ashville, workin'.)

August's event is comedy and dessert. See the details on the web and act now. Seating is limited and one of our members is going to perform. Don't miss this opportunity to see magic unfold. No fruits or vegetables will be allowed.

September's event is open. Please give us your ideas. We will vote at our next meeting.

RULES FOR LIFE:

NEVER LET JOSE CUERVO HELP YOU WITH A HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

AUGUST DINNER CRUISE

The dinner cruise was a great success thanks to Jan Pagano. It was a really bad weather evening. The sky was overcast, dark with rain starting to fall as we left the parking lot for the cruise over to the Lemon Tree Restaurant. Once inside everything was nice and comfortable.

As usual the summer turnout was smaller than the normal. However, everyone had a fun time and a great meal. If you didn't make it we missed you. Hope you try to make the next cruise.

Thanks again to Jan Pagano for her efforts, especially with Jim working out of town. Dan Bryant tried to stand in for him.



Activities

COMING IN August

- 8 - Friday - General Membership Meeting
- 16 - Saturday - Comedy Night at Riverside Theater
7:00 pm - \$15.00 per person
- 26 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Crystal Hofford

COMING IN September

- 2 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting
- 5 - 6 Sat - Sun Corvettes In Venice 5th Annual Vette Show.
- 12 - Friday - General Membership Meeting
- 23 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Tom & Hollyann Quina
- 26 - Friday - National Drive Your Corvette To Work Day

Check the WEB Calendar for details



ZR1's European sticker double the U.S. Price

By JAKE LINGEMAN : 07/28/08

Here's one more reason, besides the gas prices and congestion taxes, to be glad you don't live in Europe: the awesome new Corvette ZR1 will sticker for twice as much there as it does in the United States.

Dutch importer Kroymans, which handles Corvette sales in Europe, said the ZR1 will have a sticker price of 136,000 euros. At current exchange rates, that equals \$214,146.64. In the United States, the ZR1 will sticker for \$105,000, which includes shipping charges and a gas-guzzler tax--but good luck finding one for sale at that price.

Similar to the United States, the ZR1's European price includes a driver training course.

"There is a huge demand for this car," Kroymans spokesman Dick

Braakhekke said. "It offers great performance at a relatively low price."

With a top speed of 205 mph (330 kph), the ZR1 will be at home on Germany's autobahn or doing laps on the Nürburgring, where it's handling was developed.

GM expects to export 70 ZR1s to Europe this year and around 150 units in a full year. Last year, Corvette sales totaled 1,244 units in Europe.



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Birthdays for September

David Brower	September 1
Jim Pagano	September 2
Bob Dunne	September 2
Renae Brock	September 11
Lee Harris	September 12
Dale Warrington	September 20
Jan White	September 22
Cathie Callery	September 25
Shelagh Ancil	September 26
Alan Korsman	September 26
Rob Callery	September 28
Densie Mulligan	September 30

Happy Birthday to everyone!

New GT-racing rules throw Corvette for a loop

By GARY WATKINS -AutoWeek 7/10/08

As reported previously (Competition, May 19), Chevrolet's plan to graduate to the sports-car prototype ranks with a Corvette "look-alike" built to the so-called Evo rules outlined in June 2007 have been put on indefinite hold. The Automobile Club de l'Ouest--which sets the regulations for the Le Mans 24 Hours and the American Le Mans Series--backed away from the concept. Now, General Motor's road-racing boss Steve Wesoloski faces another problem, courtesy of the FIA.

While the ACO makes the prototype-class rules, the FIA sets the rules for international GT racing, including the GT1 and GT2 Le Mans classes. New regulations signed off on in principle in late June by the FIA World Motor Sport Council and due to take effect in 2010 will bring the career of the ultra-successful Corvette C6.R GT1 contender to an end. Chevy and its racing partner, Pratt & Miller, could build a Corvette to new, low-tech GT1 rules that will form the basis of a world championship in 2010. Yet if it does, it might find itself with an all-too-familiar problem: a lack of competition.

The Swiss Matech team is developing a Ford GT with Ford's approval. Nissan is believed to be evaluating a program for its new GT-R but has yet to acknowledge the project's existence. Lamborghini and smaller niche marques such as Ascari and Mosler might also be represented.

But Chevy wants to race against the other GT grandees--Ferrari, Porsche and Aston Martin. Along with those companies, it put forward a set of counterproposals at the end of last year. They called for a new, one-class GT structure with cars similar to today's GT2 racers. Instead of accepting that, the FIA has adopted a compromise that will keep GT2 alive and also allow manufacturers to homologate a kit to upgrade a GT2

car to compete against the GT1s. The new GT1 rules will create heavier, low-technology cars using more standard parts. The FIA hopes that this will allow engineering specialists or "tuners," and not just manufacturers, to develop GT1 cars. Wesoloski said that none of the four main manufacturers favors that route.

That might suggest that a GT2 program is Chevy's way forward, but under the new rules, any car whose engine displaces more than 5.5 liters is categorized as a GT1. A standard Corvette street car has 6.2 liters.

Wesoloski said he expects to see a provision that will allow Corvettes to use smaller engines and that GM has not closed the door on GT1 or even prototypes.



Skelton, Andretti, Baker, Force, Ginther, Rainey, and Goldsmith Elected To The Motorsports Hall of Fame of America

BETTY SKELTON-ERDE IRCC LIFE TIME CLUB MEMBER HONORED

MOTORSPORTS HALL OF FAME OF AMERICA

Seven Heroes of Horsepower have been elected to the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

The 2008 Class of Inductees will be honored at the Motorsports Hall of Fame's annual Dinner and Ceremony on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at the Fillmore Detroit.

"On land and in the sky, the Class of 2008 represents race wins and championships in every series in America and beyond," says Ron Watson, President of the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

The new Hall of Famers include:

Michael Andretti, Indy and CART Racing

Buddy Baker NASCAR

John Force NHRA.

Richie Ginther Grand Prix Racing.

Wayne Rainey FIM motorcycle racing.

Paul Goldsmith Major motorcycle racing, NASCAR, USAC and Indy 500

Betty Skelton learned to fly an airplane before she could drive and ultimately won the Feminine International Aerobatic Championships from 1948-1950. Her Pitts biplane, "Little Stinker" is in the National Air and Space Museum. She went on to become the first woman to drive more than 300 mph on the Bonneville Salt Flats, to establish transcontinental auto records across the U.S. and South America and to break records driving a Corvette on Daytona Beach. She also was among the first women to take astronaut testing in 1959.

Getting To Know You

This is the first article in a new column of the newsletter, which will highlight a member of our club each month. We are all so unique and interesting and I hope you will enjoy getting to know each other and sharing your experiences with us.

This month we will be getting to know **CynSeo**. She actually has a one-word name, Cyn. Most of her younger years were spent in Darien, CT. Cyn has a very impressive educational background.



She attended Purdue University, and earned a B.S. degree in Animal Science, and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in Immunology and Infectious Diseases.

After two post-doctoral fellowships, Cyn was employed by the U.S. Army as a research biologist/ immunochemist. She served as a principal investigator for the development of rapid diagnostic techniques for the detection of infectious agents in the field. This research yielded two significant U.S. Patents for the "DITAM" (Diffusion Through A Membrane) Assay. ...Whew- easy for me to say!

While Cyn was in graduate school, she visited Guatemala for a field research project on Veterinary and Medical Parasitology. Currently, Cyn uses her knowledge to help The Mobile Zoo to identify parasites.

Cyn uses her right side of her brain also! Her hobbies are photography, (she has 96 photos printed on canvases), and writing. She has been trying to get her book published. It is called "My Name Is Joe" and is about a Chimpanzee. Brian, Cyn's oldest son, did the illustrations. When this gets published, Cyn will designate the proceeds to The Mobile Zoo.

Cyn says she was very fortunate to meet her husband, Louis R. Seo, when he took her seat on an airplane. The rest, as they say, is history. Between them they have seven children and 10 grandchildren. Holidays are huge gatherings. Last Christmas she put up 31 decorated Christmas trees and each tree had a different theme.

For the past four years, Louie and Cyn have lived on their boat for 5-6 months a year. She and Louie are the entire crew!

On August 1, they will be moving to a 46-acre horse farm in Vero Beach. They will be adding a new and exciting chapter to their lives. Good Luck!

Thank you, Cyn!

Curious Connie

