

from the desk of
Frank Baudo...



Well here it is, the autumn of 2008. Our club perks with activities and upcoming events that fill the calendar right through our annual Christmas party. Which is being held this year at Panther Woods Country Club, Saturday evening, December 13th.

Our newsletter and website, thanks to Tom and Hollyann completes our calendar of activities as we wind down the final three months of the year. Did that ever fly by!! The nominating committee for next year's new officers is beginning their review of prospective candidates to carry our club through another great year. Nominations were closed at the October meeting

Our sponsor, Dyer Chevrolet, fully supports our club and welcomes both your business and suggestions regarding their services and we thank them for their continued cooperation and support. These are challenging times for so many of us with the economy in such turmoil so let's support all those companies and organizations that we at the IRCC are connected to weather they be companies/business of fellow members or related organizations, banks, realtors, contractors, etc. Do what you can to patronize these organizations.

Well, that's it for now. Keep up your great support and thank you all for your participation!

Semper Fi...

Frank

From Dyer Chevrolet

October's recipient of the Dyer Difference Award went to the March of Dimes Treasure Coast Division.



They will be using the beneficiary monies of the Dyer Difference Award to help support their 3rd Annual Deck the Mall in Pink and Blue Holiday Spectacular. The mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, infant mortality and premature birth. The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health; it has a proud 70-year history of funding breakthroughs for babies from the discovery of the polio vaccine in 1955 and PKU screening test in 1961 to the regionalization of Neonatal Intensive Care Units for very sick babies in 1976 and the Folic Acid Awareness Campaign in 1994. Funds raised by March of Dimes events on the Treasure Coast not only support national research into the causes of birth defects and premature birth, but also local programs such as the "Share Group" for families of premature babies and the "Partners in Pregnancy and Parenting" program implemented with March of Dimes funding by the Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition.

Don't forget about the 10% discount on Parts and Service that we extend to all Indian River Corvette Club members! It doesn't matter what vehicle you drive; we'll honor it on any of your personal vehicles. You're always a Dyer Chevrolet preferred customer!

Save The Wave,
Will and Tatiana Dyer

"Boo"tiful Sunshine News

A warm ray of autumn sun goes out to Syl LaRocca and Pat Lundell. These two girls are on the mend.



Our newly wed couple Dave and Melinda Myers have a new arrival in their house. The wee one is a Crystal Red, 2009 coupe six speed, with black interior. Congratulations to mom and dad!

I hope everyone has his or her costumes ready for Halloween. It is time to start collecting candy for the teeters and maybe some for you.

Remember that next month you can pay for your dues and the Christmas Party separately or together.

With Halloween just around the corner I would like to close with a quote from Robert Neville. "Living with a saint is more grueling than being one".

Until the sun comes round again,

ZoRo



RULES TO LIVE BY:

If you have to give a book report, read the book. Do not rely on the friend to tell you the story. That friend may not have even read the entire book.

ACTIVITIES:

October's activity is the annual bull grading in Fellsmere. It promises to be a ball. It is on the 11th.

In November two of our member families are hosting holiday parties. The Chilas are having pre-holiday dance and party. Tony and Shari have arranged for live, as opposed to dead, music, food and frivolity for all. And, Cynseo and Lou are hosting our second annual TOYS For TOTS. This will encompass a tour of Cyn's Xmas displays and munchies. Get your two \$10.00 toys ready for collection at the party, and we will deliver them to the Marine Corp. collection site at Dyer Chevrolet.

We look forward to sharing these parties and appreciate these families hospitality.

Get your Xmas garb ready and make your reservations by paying early. The Xmas party is the event of the year and Frankie and Connie have secured Panther Woods as our venue. Music, fine food and dancing will fill the evening.

ALL DETAILS TO THE ACTIVITIES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.



**Do Not Forget
Save December 13th
For our annual
Christmas Party**



Activities

COMING IN October

**4 - Saturday - Petit Le Mans
Corvettes last endurance race of the year**

10 - Friday - General Membership Meeting

**11th - Saturday - 1st Annual 5K Run
for a Healthy Start Family**

Sponsored by Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition

**28 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Frank & Connie Baudo**

COMING IN November

**1 - Saturday - 11th Annual Corvette Show
At Silver Springs**

**4 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting
Officers and Directors are asked to please attend,
Club members are always welcome!**

**8 - Saturday - 15th Annual Corvettes In Paradise
Holiday Isle Resort MM84**

Hosted by Florida Keys Corvette Club

14 - Friday - General Membership Meeting

**15 & 16 - Sat. & Sun. - Corvette Garden Party
at Cypress Gardens**

**Hosted by Bay Area Corvette Club
Show By the DRIFTERS and the COASTERS**

**22 - Saturday - Tony & Shari Chila's
Pre Holiday Party**

1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

East end of 5th S.W.

in the Serenoa Community

Please RSVP by November 1st.

27th - 30th - Thur - Sunday - 35th Annual Turkey Run 2008

Daytona International Raceway

Details to follow

29 - Saturday - Annual Toys for Tots Party

Hosted by Louie and Cyn Seo

Admission 2 un-wrapped toys (Appx \$10.00 ea.)

Check the WEB Calendar for details

2009 Nominees For Club Offices

At the October General Membership meeting the Nominations Committee presented the following list of nominees for the elected 2009 board of officers. The Nominations were declared closed by President Baudo. Since all offices are unopposed their election will be confirmed at the November meeting. The Candidates are as follows:

President -- Ro Bryant, Vice President -- Tony Chila, Secretary -- Hollyann Quina, Treasurer -- Dick Cantner and carry-over Past President / Member at Large -- Frank Baudo

At the January Board of Directors meeting the elected officers will appoint the following offices: Webmaster, Newsletter, Historian, and Activities Director(s). These appointees will be confirmed at the January General Membership Meeting.

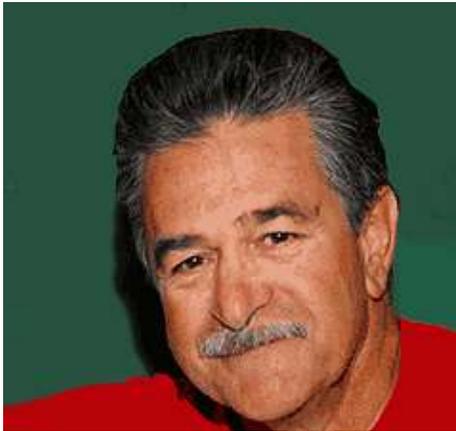
Getting To Know You ---- Tony Chilia

Hi, everyone,

This month we are getting to know one of our members, Tony Chila.

Tony is a native "upstate" New Yorker, growing up in Greenwood and Newburgh, NY. That is a beautiful part of New York State that is about an hour north of the city.

After graduating from H.S., Tony joined the Air Force during the Viet Nam era. He served as an aircraft engine mechanic for eight years. He spent a year in Viet Nam and about 6 months in Guam. It was a good experience for him and he has fond memories of the friends he made during that time.



Tony had a brother living in Jacksonville and he decided to move there after the Air Force. Tony attended college there and met and married his late wife in Jacksonville. They had a son who is 38 yrs old now and have 3 grand daughters all still living there.

His experience as an engine mechanic led him to employment for 9 yrs at Smith Coroner Machines, Inc. as the manager. When he left that position, he worked for the Government as an aircraft engine tester. Tony worked mostly on testing fighter jets and refueling jets engines. He retired after 25 years and found his way to Vero Beach. (Which he says is so much better).

A couple of years ago Tony decided to attend his H.S. reunion in Newburgh, N.Y. He was introduced to a lovely lady named Shari. After a brief long distance courtship they were married and have just celebrated their One year Anniversary on June 6th. Congratulations!

Tony bought his first Vette after his stint in the service. It was a 1962 Vette. He now owns a 2005 C6 which has led him to the IRCC. Tony wanted to mention that since joining our club, we are the nicest people he has ever met.

The feeling is mutual, Tony!



Curious Connie

NIGHT VISION

The folks at TAG Heuer have come up with some "dark" glasses they say can help improve our vision during the low-light hours.



The aptly named Night Vision glasses feature lenses that "enhance perception of contrasts" to make objects stand out better. The titanium frames are fitted with pale yellow lenses offering a high light-transmission rate to contrast dark blue and green surroundings without changing color perception.

And yes, they really work. The ophthalmic lenses offer an antireflective treatment, which reduces glare and offers more accurate sight.

During a test, we found that TAG Heuer's flexible temples with antislip elastomere arms were comfortable and easily fit under motorcycle and racing helmets. The lenses do, in fact, increase contrast, which, over a long drive, helps reduce eye strain and could help you arrive at your destination a bit less fatigued.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for October

Steve Overly	October 1
Otis Humanes	October 1
Judi Overly	October 4
Jan Pagano	October 9
Dan McCusker	October 12
Richard Cathcart	October 14
Sandy Ericsson	October 15
Amy Harp	October 16
Carolyn Cathcart	October 16
Melinda Thompson	October 19
Jerry Brock	October 20
Tom Quina	October 26

Birthdays for November

Dick Kesler	November 2
Bonnie Steene	November 13
Connie Baudo	November 19
Susan Humanes	November 26
Frank Baudo	November 28

Happy Birthday to everyone!

Top 5 Stretched Chevrolet Corvette Limousines

Most limousines are stretched Cadillacs, Lincolns, etc., but sometimes the limo builders go crazy and stretch things like a Corvette.

Most of the stretched Corvette limousines seem to be based on the modern Corvette, but here and there you can also find models based on the classic Corvette from the late seventies.

The limousines look very long, but apparently the longest Corvette limousines are 'just' seven meters long (23 feet). It must be the height of the Corvette that cheats the eye.



OCTOBER DINNER CRUISE

Tom and I had the dinner cruise for October this month and wanted to do something really fun. There was a great turnout for what looked like it might be a rainy evening.

We selected one of our favorite seafood haunts in Ft. Pierce called the Harbor Cove. The restaurant is located at the foot of the north bridge in the Harbor Town Marina. The center room is perfect for a large crowd of lively, friendly club members. The food has always been great and we were not disappointed.

I hope everyone liked the little fun prizes that Tom and I collected for your enjoyment. It was great fun with lots of talking to all the club friends. The open-air area in the restaurant was perfect for the evening.



CHEVY TEMPORARILY HALTS CORVETTE PRODUCTION

By JOHN AUSTIN Wed, Sep. 17, 2008 Star-Telegram.com

First, high fuel prices take the fun out of driving fast. Now the economy slams the brakes on Chevrolet's iconic Corvette.

The news that Chevy will temporarily halt production comes just as parent General Motors is celebrating its 100th birthday and as it hits up Congress for billions in low-interest loans. GM has announced plans to close other plants, and, after a \$15.5 billion second-quarter loss, will drop sponsorship for the 2009 Oscars and Emmys, according to the Los Angeles Times. GM lost about \$39 billion in 2007.

The halt on the Corvette, a sports car that generations of Americans have drooled over, is scheduled from Oct. 6 to Oct. 13. Wendy Clark, a Chevy spokeswoman, said she couldn't recall the last time Corvette production was shut down.

"They just built a few too many," said Haig Stoddard, a Global Insight analyst. "Demand overall is down, and especially for the Corvette. Sales this year are down on the Corvette about 14 percent."

The Bowling Green, Ky., plant that builds the Corvette will see layoffs of about 70 hourly employees, according to plant communications director Andrea Hales. When workers return, they'll trim production from 18.5 cars an hour to 15 an hour, Hales said.

"Chevrolet sold 33,685 Corvettes in 2007, Stoddard said. GM recently made employee pricing available to the public in hopes of moving inventory. Not usually available on Corvettes, the special pricing sliced what Vandergriff Chevrolet dealer Rick Cantalini called "a ton of money" from the car.

The manufacturer's suggested retail price for the 2008 Corvette coupe is \$46,100, according to the Motor Trend Web site. Thanks in part to the employee pricing, Corvette sales rose about 49 percent in August from a year earlier to about 4,000 cars, Clark said.

"In 2007, we built more Corvettes than we've ever built," Clark said. "It's a double-edged sword. We built a lot of cars to meet demand."

A new generation of Corvettes that might lure performance fans back into showrooms is not scheduled to appear for a couple of years. But according to Lindland, many potential customers won't care until then anyway.

"There's certainly no sign of recovery," she said. "I don't think anybody can say things are going to be back to normal in the next four to six quarters."

But Chevy isn't sidelining the Vette permanently, Clark said.