

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



November has arrived and that just about completes my term of office. You all elect a new board while a new year approaches bringing all of our holidays to another joyful experience with friends and family. This has been a challenging year for all of us; some more than others, yet we all have a lot to be thankful for. Thanksgiving and Christmas along with other holidays help us to reflect and be great full for the special life that we have the opportunity to enjoy. Appropriately, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every club member for all support and efforts helping to make this a most successful IRCC year! Likewise may all of your holidays be blessed with love, friendship, family and surely good health.

Speaking of the holidays please remember to mark your calendars and attend our annual Christmas Party being held at the Panther Woods Country Club in Fort Pierce, Saturday evening, December 13. Friends, family members, significant others, all are welcome. For more information kindly contact Ro Bryant/Connie Baudo, who will be happy to assist you. By the way, it's a sit down dinner and live entertainment featuring "The Dolls"! What could be better? Guys, jackets are required as per the clubs protocol.

Last but not least Dues are "DUE" ! Very best wishes to all.

Semper Fi...

*Frank*

**From Dyer Chevrolet**

The Education Foundation of Indian River County was nominated for November's Dyer Difference Award. The Education Foundation is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to working through funding initiatives designed to enrich educational opportunities for children enrolled in public, private, parochial, and home schools throughout Indian River County. This organization is unique in that it is the only one in the state of Florida that does not fall under the umbrella of the local public school systems allowing them the ability to easily channel resources directly into the classroom. The awarded monies will help sponsor the 2008 Indian River Regional Science and Engineering Fair where over 10,000 students will compete. This past year, more than \$350,000 in college scholarships and academic awards were distributed to participants.



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!

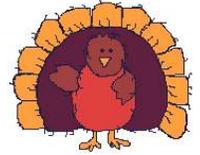
Save The Wave

**Will and Tatiana Dyer**



**Welcome Sun & Turkey,**

Our northern and traveling Veters are arriving back this month. We are glad to have



John and Densie Mulligan, Jim and Judy Gallagher, and Paul Magee home. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Dave and Melinda Myers who are digging out in South Dakota. (The weather here is a 10). Get well wishes to Amy Harp, Larry & Leslie Spurlock and happy rays to Dave Lundell. Our dear friend and club member Bob Dunne had a brain scan last week. They found nothing.

In closing, I would like to quote Grandma Moses. Grandma believed that, "Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be", so on this Thanksgiving lets be thankful for each others friendship, love of family, and an appreciation for corvettes. Hey! Let's be thankful everyday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Next report will be on the 100 and one ways to serve turkey after your sick of it.

Gobble, Gobble,

**ZoRo**



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



**ACTIVITIES:**

Frankie's year is ending with a bang. Chila's Party, Toys for Tots at Louie and Cyn's and the Christmas Parade and Party will cap off a great social calendar. We look forward to sharing it with you.

Next year we want to build on the success of the SHOUTOUTS. Every member can post invitations. Invite us and we will come. Shout it out and we will hear it. Be active and be social. We are a social club built on sharing our smiles, conversations and Corvettes. May 2009 be as friendly as our past years.

Thanks to all!!!

Your Activities Crew

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**Birthdays for November**

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

**Birthdays for December**

Cyn Seo	December 7
Bill Ulisky	December 8
Shari Chila	December 9
Alan Papitto	December 14
Louie Seo	December 19
Bonnie Porter	December 20
Judy Gallagher	December 25
Carl Michaud	December 27
Dave Lundell	December 31

*Happy Birthday to everyone!*

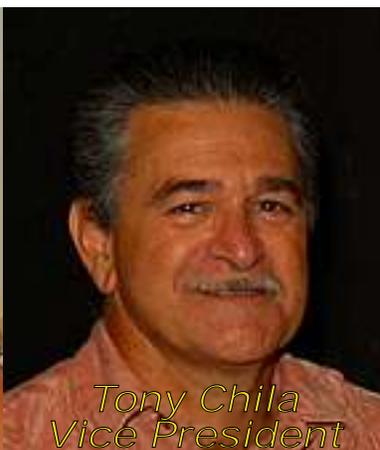
**Activities**

**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.)
- COMING IN December**
- 5 - 7, Fri - Sun - Sebring Historic Fall Classic  
World Championship Vintage Sports Car Racing
  - 13 - Saturday - Annual Christmas Party  
See WEB calendar for details
  - 25 - Thursday - Merry Christmas**  
Check the WEB Calendar for details



*Ro Bryant  
President*



*Tony Chila  
Vice President*



*Dick Cantner  
Treasurer*



*Hollyann Quina  
Secretary*

**Meet Our Elected Officers For 2009**

President -- Ro Bryant, Vice President -- Tony Chila, Treasurer -- Dick Cantner, Secretary -- Hollyann Quina.

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.

### OCTOBER DINNER CRUISE

Frank and Connie Baudo were the leaders of the pack for the dinner cruise. The restaurant of choice was The Pearl. We were seated in the bar, which of course we managed to take over in quick order. The food was excellent, great service and best of all great conversation.

Quite a few of the members had never been to this really fantastic place and were very surprised to find such a jewel.

We had a good time, a great turn out and lots of fun. Thanks to Frank and Connie.



### SHOUT OUT LOTS OF FUN

Tom and I did a shout out for a morning trip to Indiantown for brunch at the Seminole Inn. We were happy to have the Bryant's, Overlay's, Sperry's, Brock's and Pagano's join



us.

It really is a great Corvette trip on Sunday morning. No traffic, so to speak, lots of open space and a great look at what Florida was like a very long time ago. Some of the crew that went along had never seen the miles of open grass and trees and were surprised that this type of Florida still exists.

The Inn is known for the loads of great food on the buffet, too much to choose from and too much to eat for all of us. It was a lot of fun and I bet nobody ate anything else the rest of the day.

The Inn has decorated the upstairs walls with the pictorial history of the Seminole Nation including pictures of the Seminole Chiefs and other items. The Inn was built over a hundred years ago and is still owned by the same family.

Wish that you could have been there. Save the WAVE!!!

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### New Vehicle Line Executive Appointed for Corvette

NCM - ENEWS - By Bobbie Jo Lee - 10/31/08



Gene

Effective November 1st, Eugene (Gene) Stefanyshyn - GM's Global Rear Wheel Drive Vehicle Line Executive,

will take over as the new VLE for Corvette. Current VLE Tom Wallace's official retirement is

November 1. Tom has been a tremendous resource to the Museum and our staff and we wish him a wonderful life filled with Corvette fun, family and friends.

Gene's duties will include Corvette, Sky, Solstice, Camaro, XLR, and Pontiac G8. He is based at GM Holden, Australia. Gene Stefanyshyn's background includes stints at the Saab Technical Center in

Sweden, and at Opel's International Technical Development Center. We look forward to welcoming Gene to the Museum and to the Corvette family.



Tom

## C7 on hold--How long must fans wait for a new Corvette?

By **MAC MORRISON** -AutoWeek| 10/16/08

Corvette Racing's C6.R won the American Le Mans Series' inaugural Green Challenge competition at Petit Le Mans, but General Motors' troubles with the type of green that really matters have thrown the Corvette's future into disarray.

Multiple sources confirm that the General's financial crisis has led the company to put whatever plans it had for the next-generation Corvette on indefinite hold, with no official or set timetable.

In this climate--we've even heard tales of janitors removing lightbulbs from corporate headquarters in an effort to save money--not only is an all-new C7 now more than just a few years away, but even a significantly refreshed or upgraded C6 looks unlikely to appear anytime soon.

One version of the story says that when the decision was made to shelve the C7 for the time being, a plan was suggested to upgrade the C6 significantly in 2012 as a '13 model. Today's Corvette would be eight years old at that point and as much as 12 years old by the time the upgraded car was finally phased out in favor of the C7. Had this occurred,

the C6 would have gone down as tied with the C4 generation as the second-longest-serving model in Corvette history. As things stand, multiple sources say this idea also is dead.

Perhaps the most disconcerting thing for fans is not that a new car has been delayed but that GM leadership does not appear to have a clear roadmap for the Corvette's future. On the other hand, no one has suggested that the model is in danger of becoming extinct. While the Corvette is the most visible GM product to enthusiasts and therefore the subject of much speculation, the fact is that GM's entire product port-folio was under review as of press time.

"Whether [you are talking about] the C6 or C7, I'm not going to comment on future product [specifics], including engines or any of that," Corvette vehicle-line executive Tom Wallace told AutoWeek. "We're still working on future Corvettes, but the scope of change is not yet decided. There are changes, some neat stuff, coming for 2010 that I can't talk about yet."

However, Wallace did not imply that those changes would cause anyone



to consider the 2010 C6 to be a new car. He also denied that there ever was a specific year targeted for the C7's launch. And he acknowledged that new-in-2007 federal standards pushing corporate average fuel economy to 35 mpg by 2020 are playing a role in determining the layout and hardware of the next-generation Corvette but stressed that the issue "hasn't inhibited Corvettes. No one is saying we're not doing Corvettes. We're still bullish on Corvettes."

Asked whether there was any chance that the car could die, Wallace was emphatic. "No way," he said.

But with the next car's characteristics not even decided and GM in financial disarray, we don't anticipate the next incarnation of America's sports car to bow before 2014--and we won't be surprised if that estimate turns out to be optimistic.

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## CORVETTE RACE TEAM FINALLY GETS COMPETITION

Chevrolet Corvette Racing won its eighth consecutive GT1 team championship title as well as taking home the manufacturers championship trophy for eight straight years.

No brand in the American Le Mans Series is as well known and as recognized as GM. General Motors is one of the most successful manufacturers in the series with 68 victories. The Corvette Corrals at races contain more Corvettes than any other make or model participating in the race series. Fans are dedicated to following the drivers as well as the C6.R's. General Motors has been a leader in Green Racing by campaigning the two Corvettes with E85 fuel. This will

help market the ethanol-based fuel to its consumer product line through its participation in the American Le Mans Series.

The 2008 season ends a chapter in Corvette Racing history. The new chapter will start in 2009 as the Corvettes move into the ALMS GT2 category after the 24 Hour of Le Mans. Manufacturers currently represented in the ALMS GT2 class or confirmed for future participation include Ferrari, Porsche, Aston Martin, BMW, Ford, Dodge, and Panoz. Other manufacturers produce high-performance cars that could compete in the new GT category.

The new GT Corvette C6.R race car will be based on the production

Corvette's chassis and body design. A 6.0-liter version of the LS7.R small-block V-8 will power the Corvette GT2 entry in the transitional 2009 season. A new naturally aspirated 5.5-liter version of the production GM small-block V-8 will be developed to meet the new GT regulations that will take effect in 2010. The chassis and powertrain specifications of the new Corvette GT entry will be submitted to the ACO and FIA for homologation approval.

The teams are looking forward to more competition than each other. New challenges will take determination to succeed. They may not win every race but they will certainly have a great challenge and will be prepared to succeed.