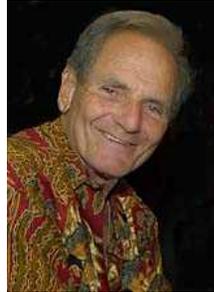


## From The Captain

Happy days are here again. Yes, it's February, and by now all of our New Year's resolutions have been broken, forgotten and abandoned. It's back to our fun and unhealthy lifestyles. Happy days are here again.

I got to thinking that since we are a Corvette club, and Corvettes are made by Chevrolet, and Chevrolet is part of General Motors, and General Motors got a nice bail out from the government, that we should also be eligible for some bail out money. I will be writing to Obama and requesting \$500,000.00 bail out money for our club. We can use \$400,000.00 of this money to give all members approximately a \$4,000.00 bonus each, similar to what General Motors employees just received. With the balance we can have an Easter, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas party this year. I will keep you advised and let you know when the money arrives.



Our club function for this month was a car show at McKee Botanical Gardens. Sue and Dan did another good job of picking an interesting function and ordering great weather. It was well attended and there were an amazing number of beautiful cars. I did not stay until the end but I'm quite sure that the winner of the most outstanding vehicle was the corvette at the very far end on the left owned by our own Ro Bryant.

Sue and Dan announced at our last meeting that our March club function will be the murder mystery dinner. This event was a great success when held year before last and again will require several actors and actresses to perform. Anyone interested in being in the show should get with Sue and Dan at the March meeting and they will go over the available parts with you.

Until next month, drive safely, and if you see a police car on your tail, put the pedal to the metal; your Corvette can surely outrun any cop car on the road. If you happen to get caught, don't tell them that I suggested it.

**Louie** 

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## Sunshine Report

The Sunshine committee is happy to report that this month we have run into an unexpected spell of wellness. This by no means lets you guys off the hook in the future. Please report any sniffles, snorts, or coughs directly to me, cuz happiness is good health and a bad memory.



Keep shinin!!!!

ZoRo

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Birthdays for February

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Pat Lundell    | February 14 |
| Andi Smykowski | February 19 |
| Dave Myers     | February 22 |
| Hollyann Quina | February 24 |
| Wayne Sandlin  | February 28 |

### Birthdays for March

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Marino Silva  | March 3  |
| Curt Randolph | March 7  |
| Terry Smith   | March 15 |
| Dan Bryant    | March 25 |
| Ken Porter    | March 28 |

*Happy Birthday to everyone!*

## Gotta love NASCAR folks!

### Super Bowl National Anthem - Daytona 500 National Anthem, what a difference!!!!!!

"So, with all the kindness I can muster, I give this one piece of advice to the next pop star who is asked to sing the national anthem at a sporting event: Save the vocal gymnastics and the physical gyrations for your concerts.

Just sing this song the way you were taught to sing it in kindergarten straight up, no styling.

Sing it with constant awareness that there are soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines watching from bases and outposts all over the world. Don't make them cringe with your self-centered ego gratification.

Sing it as if you are standing before a row of 86-year-old WWII vets wearing their Purple Hearts, Silver Stars, and flag pins on their cardigans and you want them to be proud of you for honoring them and the country they love not because you want them to think you are a superstar musician. They could see that from the costumes, the makeup, and the entourages.

Sing "The Star Spangled Banner" with the courtesy and humility that tells the audience that it is about America, not about you."

Unknown



### January Dinner Cruise

Harley and Joey Ludmer were the hosts for the dinner cruise which took us to Las Palmas Cuban Restaurant in Sebastian. It is a quaint eatery tucked away just off of US 1, with a small but nice outside seating area overlooking a little pond with a fountain.

The menu is loaded with a large selection of authentic Cuban food at reasonable prices. If you didn't understand something on the menu our waitress would explain it in detail.

From the look of Terry and Sue below they must have something special in the appetizers, but everyone else behaved themselves.

This run was well worth the trip to Sebastian, and we certainly had a great fun filled evening. Thanks to Harley and Joey.



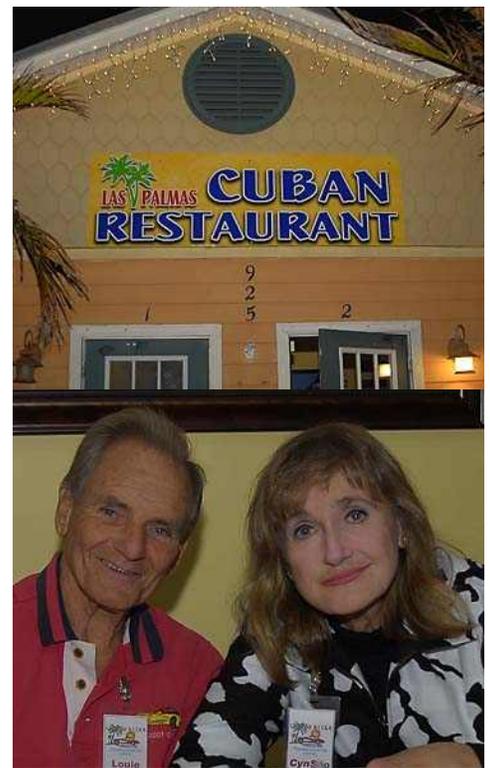
# Activities

## COMING IN February

- 5 - Saturday - 2nd Annual RIDES Car Show  
Indian River County Fairgrounds  
Proceeds go toward the Indian River Chamber of Commerce
- 10 - Thursday - General Membership Meeting  
C.J. Cannon's at the Airport Terminal Building
- 12 - Saturday - McKee Botanical Gardens Benefit  
Modern Exotics and Sports Car Exhibition 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 22 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise  
Our Host Jack & Mary

## COMING IN March

- 8 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting  
Officers and Directors are asked to please attend,  
Club members are always welcome!
- 10 - Thursday - General Membership Meeting  
C.J. Cannon's at the Airport Terminal Building
- 13 - Saturday - Silver Anniversary Spring Meet  
Hosted by Sunshine Corvette Club, Miami, FL
- 16 - 19 - Wed - Sat. 12 Hour of Sebring  
Sebring International Raceway, FL  
Corvette Coral Hosted By NCM and Corvette
- 20 - Sunday - Corvettes in Venice on the Isle  
Hosted By Venice Florida Corvettes  
Centennial Park, Venice
- 26 - Saturday - 34th Annual Auto Show  
Hosted by Indian River Region Antique Automobile Club  
Riverside Park, Vero - Formally Under The Oaks
- 29 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise  
Our Host Tony & Shari



### Great Dane: Zenvo ST1

Copenhagen, Denmark Zenvo Automotive doesn't exactly have the cachet of a Bugatti or, for that matter, a Corvette. But the Danish company intends for its Zenvo ST1 to join those familiar marques in the supercar pantheon, thanks in part to a highly modified LS7 V8 lifted from the Corvette Z06.



The massive 7.0-liter is being supercharged and turbocharged (hence the initials ST) and tweaked to deliver 1,104 horsepower and 1055 pound-feet of torque roughly twice the output and torque of the stock LS7 powerplant. Fed through a six-speed manual gearbox and a hydraulic limited-slip diff, the bi-fuel engine is electronically governed to hold top speed to 233 mph, with 0 to 60 mph accomplished in a whisker under 3.0 seconds.



Under the carbon fiber shell is a steel space frame and a double-wishbone suspension with adjustable stabilizer bars and hydraulic shocks, plus 19-inch Michelin performance tires in front and 20s in the rear.

According to Britain's Autocar magazine, Zenvo plans to begin hand-building the first of only 15 cars by the end of the year with stickers



### Club's Event For January

We met at the Vero Beach Art Museum and had planned to take the full tour. However, they were celebrating the Museum Anniversary and we were way under dressed for that event. We had all dressed in red, white & blue to celebrate our great American spirit.

The alternative was to see the back section of the museum and tour the garden area and see all the sculptures and plants. Check out the picture of Terry Smith as the working man statue. The area we saw was covered with painted tiles from some of the children's art classes what a treat.

Tom and Cyn won the prizes for best dressed for the red, white and blue event.

Then it was time for lunch. We moved on to Sonic America's Drive In. We took up most of one side of the drive in with all the cars. After our orders were taken they were delivered to the cars by kids on roller blades. We took our lunches and went to the tables and all eat together. The food was good and the manager sent us free desserts to try and was very gracious to everyone and thanked us for coming. It was a fun event well planned by Sue and Dan. Thanks to all that came.



### Meet Jim and Deryle Hunt.

Jim and Deryle met when they were five years old. It was some time later when Deryle's mother set them up at a surprise party. As the saying goes the rest is history.

Deryle went to Illinois State and after her children were of school age she began to teach second grade and did so for 20 years. Jim was a machinist and supervisor at Argonne Industries, near Chicago.

Jims father was a Midget car racer and Jim soon became a racing enthusiast. His interest in cars never slowed down.



You may have noticed (as many people do) the Hunts unusual Vette. It is an 07 with a distinct body not like any Vette in our Club.

Jim and Deryle landed in Vero by the way of his brother who traveled all over Florida and decided he would settle down here. Not long after, the Hunts

followed and became snowbirds.

Deryle and her brother share the care of their mother and she makes frequent trips up north so she misses some of our good times.

Needless to say Jim is a NASCAR enthusiast. Both volunteer in their spare time.

Dan introduced the club to the Hunts and told them we were the friendliest club in Florida. They agree. When you see the hybrid on the street, say hello to our fellow members Jim and Deryle Hunt.

Thank you,  
Jim & Deryle



*Nosey Nancy.*

### For The History Of The First Corvette Assembly Line



**See The March Newsletter**

### N2A Motors create the 789 custom car

California based custom auto manufacturer N2A ( No 2 Alike ), have created the 789 which is a combination of 3 Chevs.

The 789 has been built using a Le Mans-winning Corvette C6 chassis with the "hooded eyes" and chrome grille of a '57, a mid-section that's reminiscent of a '58 Impala and the "bird in flight" rear tailfins of a '59. You have probably figured out were they got the 789 name from now ('57, '58, '59).

This hot looking custom car is powered by a 6.2L LS3 V8 engine which kicks out 440hp. It can hit 60mph in 4.5 seconds and has a top speed of 180mph

The 789 offers retro looks and styling. The body is constructed of lightweight composite panels. We have developed a process of using 80% carbon fiber with 20% fiberglass. This process gives us a light weight rigid part as if it was 100% carbon fiber with the minimal properties of fiberglass that allows for show quality paint and finish.

After stripping the 'Vette of its stock body, N2A hand-graft the retro body panels over the stock frame, suspension, and massive 440-horsepower, 6.0-liter aluminum-block V8 engine.



The base cost of conversion is \$80,000, which includes choice of interior/exterior color schemes, specific 789 exhaust, and PST high-performance sway bars.

The price of this vehicle is \$139,500.00. There are approximately 500 miles on this vehicle, which is presently owned by n2a motors. For more information, visit their website at [www.n2amotors.com](http://www.n2amotors.com)

## Corvette is ready for Sebring Race

### Corvettes Run Fastest Lap in GT Class in Every Session of Two-Day Sebring Test

**SEBRING, Fla.** - Corvette Racing's twin Compuware Corvette C6.Rs ran the fastest laps in all four sessions of the two-day American Le Mans Series Winter Test at Sebring International Raceway. After Jan Magnussen turned the quickest times in the first three sessions on the historic circuit in the No. 4 Corvette C6.R, Olivier Beretta posted the fastest lap of the test in the GT class with the No. 3 Corvette C6.R in the final session.

Magnussen piloted the No. 4 Corvette C6.R to a fast lap at 2:02.260 in the Wednesday morning session, and then improved to 2:02.235 in the afternoon session



and 2:02.197 on Thursday morning. Beretta turned a 2:02.186 in the No. 3 Corvette C6.R in the final minutes of Thursday's rain-shortened afternoon session. That lap set the performance standard among the 16 entries in the GT class for the only official test before the season-opening Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on March 19.

"The team did a really good job," Beretta said. "We had many things to test, and we stayed with our plan. Sometimes when you are testing, you know it is not the right direction, but you have to keep going. At one point I was like a fish out of water, but my engineers were 100 percent sure of what they were doing. They told me to be patient, and when they put everything together, the car was very quick."

"I think we've had a good test, and we got through many of the items we wanted to do," Magnussen said. "We've had no major issues and we were improving all the time, so I'm very happy. The GT category is so tough that if you can find even a slight advantage somewhere, it's going to show on the final results. Of course, a

driver always want more testing - if you have two days you want three, if you have 10 days you want 11!"

Corvette Racing participated in the preseason test with two new race cars and two new drivers, Tommy Milner and Richard Westbrook. Milner gained experience in the No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R with co-drivers Antonio Garcia and Beretta, while Westbrook turned laps in the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R that he will share with Oliver Gavin and Magnussen in endurance events.

Announced as a full-season driver in the No. 3 Corvette C6.R in January, Milner settled in quickly with the Corvette Racing team. "I feel very comfortable in the car now, and getting more laps is good for me," Milner said. "The crew made some damper adjustments during my long run in the morning session today, and I could feel the differences those changes made. That reaffirmed that I can give good feedback to the engineers, which is important to make the car better and more consistent."

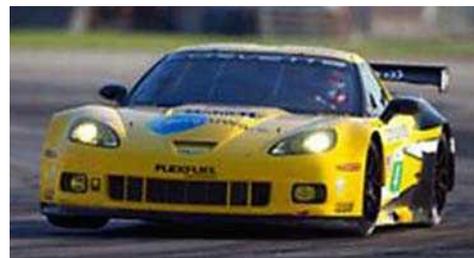
Westbrook's time in the No. 4 Corvette was limited by red flags and weather, but the Briton adapted quickly to his new ride and ran impressive times in the final session. "We made good progress, and the changes we made were positive," Westbrook reported. "I'm getting more comfortable in the car, and it was nice to be in P1 for a while. The Corvette C6.R is an excellent piece, and a pleasure to drive. "Every time I get the call to get in the car, it puts a smile on my face."

Corvette Racing went to the ALMS Winter Test with a long to-do list, and checked most of the boxes. Although the test produced positive results, much remains to be done before the start of the season in Sebring.

"You never really know what the competition is doing, but it's good to be near the top," said team manager Gary Pratt. "A successful test like this gives everyone confidence, especially the drivers, and that's a good feeling going into race week. The new systems in

the cars worked well and proved to be reliable. That's why we test, to make things better."

Corvette Racing received more good news this week with official invitations to the 24 Hours of Le Mans from the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO) for both of its Corvette



C6.Rs. The twin Corvettes will compete as Nos. 73 and 74 in the GTE-Pro class in the 24-hour endurance classic. Eighteen invitations were issued for the highly competitive GTE-Pro category.

"One Corvette C6.R was automatically qualified with our dramatic victory at Petit Le Mans, but the second Corvette needed an official invitation from the ACO," explained Corvette Racing program manager Doug Fehan. "We know what it means to the fans to have the Corvettes race at Le Mans, and we're looking forward to competing in the world's greatest sports car race for the 11th consecutive year."

Corvette Racing's next event is the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in Sebring, Fla., on Saturday, March 19. The season-opening 12-hour race will be shown live on [ESPN3.com](http://ESPN3.com) and [americanlemans.com](http://americanlemans.com) starting at 10 a.m. ET. ABC will televise race highlights from 12:30 to 2 p.m. ET on Sunday, March 20.

