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From The Man

ISpring is in the air, love is in the air. Do we have a groundhog day here? Our first event for the year was put together by Diane to The Dolphin and Shrimp Grill in Jensen Beach. A beautiful, scenic ride and great food. Nice job Diane.



Wayne gave the club the February event. A Muscle car show of yesteryear in which he showed one of his cars, a 1970 Chevy 396 SS El Camino. The show brought back memories of our youth. He is also putting together an event for a motorcross race later on in February, sounds exciting.

Our first cruise in 2012 was a great success with 20 cars attending to Dockside Grill. Great job Jack and Mary.

Holly is back from her little scare. God bless.

Come on down and join us, y'all.

Stan

PS- Anyone who wishes to share the club's hospitality at club events, eg, dinner cruises, should support the club and become members.

VERO BEACH GRAND PRIX BRINGS BACK THE ROAD COURSE RACING

Like all things go, this went from small to large in mach speed. The word started to spread and everyone wanted to get involved.

The Audubon Society was selected as the receipt of funds that would be raised.

The Sheriff's office, Corvette Club, Porsche Club and lots of individuals stepped up to help.



However, Wayne Sandlin was the main person to do the organizing.

A total of seventy one cars were entered, sixty three actually came to run against the clock on the paved streets on the land on loan for the race. Our Joe Bernardo entered his car and won the Corvette class.

Under things worth a thank you or a mention The Audubon Society received approximately \$10,000. Dan and Ro Bryant donated \$500 in

the Corvette Club's name. Rich Steinbach provided a tent. Dan and Ro also donated bottled water. Many club members filled in where needed, selling tickets, watching road turns, directing traffic and helping anywhere and everywhere.



Thanks to everyone that stepped in to help. Wayne said this may turn into an annual event.

Congratulations Wayne on a great job well done!!! And, thanks to all our members that helped make this event a great success.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for March

Marino Silva	March 3
Beatris Laird	March 7
Al Lucarelli	March 12
Terry Smith	March 15
Dan Bryant	March 25
Jim Gavin	March 29

Birthdays for April

Deryle Hunt	April 1
Clinton Atwell	April 22
Stuart Laird	April 27

Happy Birthday to everyone!

Below is a picture of the 2009 Corvette Corral at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring! The Corral is free to all Corvette owners, if you request the Corral when you order your tickets!



FEBRUARY DINNER CRUISE

Stan the Man and Andi led a large group of members to Sebastian for dinner at Capt'n Butcher's Seafood Grille & Bar. It's located on the waterfront with lots of seating and really great service.

Drinks, salads and soup all were served quickly. The menu is great, just about everything you could think you might want. The fried shrimp dinner was fresh, lightly breaded and fried to perfection. Lobster looked and smelled great. Dinners all looked great and no one had anything but raves for the food.

There is an outside area to dine if the weather is good.

Andi gave out homemade candies to all. Thanks to Stan and Andi for a great evening and a divine dinner selection.

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Activities

COMING IN March

- 6 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting
Officers and Directors are asked to please attend, Club members are always welcome!
- 8 - Thursday - General Membership Meeting
C.J. Cannon's at the Airport Terminal Building
- 17 - Saturday - 60th Annual
12 Hours of Sebring
Sebring Raceway - Corvette Corral
- 24 - Saturday - Under The Oaks Antique Car Show
Hosted by Indian River Region AACA
- 25 - Sunday - Club Trip to The Crab House
at Jupiter Inlet
- 31 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Dave & Melinda

COMING IN April

- 12 - Thursday - General Membership Meeting
C.J. Cannon's at the Airport Terminal Building
- 14 - Saturday - 2012 Corvettes on Clematis
Hosted by the Corvette Club of the Palm Beaches
West Palm Beach
- 14 - Tuesday - Vettes At The Port
Hosted By Cape Kennedy Corvette Club
- 24 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Jim & Ann
- 29 - Saturday - River Cruise-In Corvette Show
Hosted by the Stuart Corvette Club
Fort Pierce



2013 Corvette offers 427 convertible collector's-edition

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The C6 Chevrolet Corvette is going out in style--and with plenty of performance.

Chevrolet confirmed on Thursday that the 2013 Corvette will be the final year for the sixth generation of its iconic sports car, which it will send off with a 427 convertible collector's edition and a 60th-anniversary package.

The cars will be shown in the flesh on Jan. 21 at the Barrett-Jackson auction ahead of their launch this summer. The first 427 convertible will be auctioned at the Las Vegas sale with the proceeds going to the Drive to End Hunger relief program.



As the name implies, the 427 edition has a 427-cubic-inch LS7 engine borrowed from the Z06, and it's rated at 505 hp and 470 lb-ft of torque. Chevy says this is the most powerful production convertible in Corvette's history. This model will be offered only with a six-speed manual. Carbon fiber is used for the raised hood, the Z06-style fenders and floor panels and as an option for the front splitter and rocker panels.

The 427 rolls on 19-inch wheels front with 20-inchers rear. Black cup and chrome ZR1 wheels are options. The car checks in at a lithe 3,355 pounds and can blitz to 60 mph in 3.8 seconds.

The 427 follows in the lineage of special models offered from 1966 to 1969, before displacement expanded to 454 cubic inches.

Meanwhile, the 60th-anniversary edition offers arctic white paint, special badging, a carbon-fiber splitter and rocker panels and a 60th-anniversary gauge cluster and sill plates. There's also an optional stripe package. The 60th-anniversary trim will be available on all 2013-model-year Corvettes, and the convertibles have a blue top.

Corvette Racing eyes another championship in 2012

Corvette team names drivers for American Le Mans

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Corvette Racing will seek its ninth American Le Mans Series championship and its eighth victory in the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2012. With a win in the GTE Pro class at Le Mans and runner-up finishes in the ALMS GT team and driver championships last year, the premier U.S. production sports-car team has focused on improving all aspects of its performance as it prepares its Compuware Corvette C6.R race cars for the 2012 campaign.

Corvette Racing's revised driver lineup delivers a powerful combination of youth and experience. Antonio Garcia joins Oliver Gavin, Jan Magnussen and Tommy Milner as the four full-season drivers. Richard Westbrook will reprise his role as third driver in endurance events (Sebring, Le Mans and Petit Le Mans), and Jordan Taylor will join Corvette Racing for the three long-distance races.

"The level of competition in the 2011 American Le Mans Series GT category was intense, and we expect it to be just as fierce in 2012," said GM Racing director Mark Kent. "Corvette Racing has been working hard over the winter to develop a complete package of cars, drivers, team and technology that will be able to win in this extremely competitive environment."

Jordan Taylor, a 20-year-old from Apopka, Fla., will become the 23rd driver to race in Corvette Racing colors. The son of championship-winning driver Wayne Taylor, this second-generation racer literally grew up at racetracks. After progressing quickly through karting and school series, he made his debut in the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series in 2008. Taylor and his co-driver piloted the Autohaus Motorsports Chevrolet Camaro to a runner-up finish in the 2011 Rolex GT championship, just two points short of the title. He will continue to compete in the Rolex Series in 2012 with Autohaus Motorsports in addition to driving for Corvette Racing in endurance races.

"Corvette Racing is one of the most iconic names in motorsports, and joining this team is a huge opportunity for me," said Taylor, a student at the University of Central Florida. "There are certainly going to be challenges as I learn the capabilities of the Corvette C6.R race cars, become familiar with the team, adapt to new tracks and race with new competitors. It's going to be amazing to race a Corvette at Sebring, Le Mans and Road Atlanta, and I can't wait to get started."



General Motors has a longstanding association with the Taylor family, going back to the Chevrolet Intrepid GTP, the Oldsmobile Aurora WSC and the Cadillac LMP programs. Wayne Taylor Racing currently campaigns a Corvette Daytona Prototype in Grand-Am.

"We have watched Jordan develop as a fine young driver over the years, and when he had an opportunity to test for Corvette Racing, his performance was very impressive," Kent said. "He is totally dedicated to racing, gives great feedback, understands how to interpret data and knows how to make changes to the car and his driving style to suit the conditions. He has tremendous potential, and we see this opportunity as an investment in the team's future."

"I also want to acknowledge the contributions of Olivier Beretta to Corvette Racing," Kent continued. "Olivier was a valued member of the team, and he played a key role in our success in the ALMS and at Le Mans. Although we have parted company with Olivier, we'll look forward to seeing him at the racetrack, and we wish him all the best in the future."

Corvette Racing will participate in the Sebring winter test on Feb. 8-9 in preparation for the season-opening 60th-anniversary Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring on March 17. With two automatic invitations to qualify for the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the team will return to the French circuit for the 80th running of the classic endurance race on June 16-17.

2014 Corvette spied with C7 body!

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Corvette's future is crystallizing as the temperature drops. The C7 was captured by spy shooters in cold-weather testing in the Great White North, and the profile indicates a wedge-like silhouette, curvy, slightly flared fenders and a potentially longer wheelbase.

Production of the next-generation 2014 Chevrolet Corvette will begin next year. These shots advance previous knowledge of the C7, which now appears to have been photographed in an actual body shell. Older pictures indicated the longer wheelbase but were C6-bodied.

These fresh shots show the quad exhaust in the rear, the distinctive taillights and a prominent air intake in front. We also expect the C7 to employ an all-aluminum frame and perhaps some carbon-fiber techniques. But, insiders have noted that the Corvette is a reasonably light car already, and Lamborghini or McLaren-style techniques might not be necessary.



The engine is also a source of much speculation, and a twin-turbo 5.5-liter V8 is a strong possibility. Currently, the top-end Corvettes run 6.2-liter V8s. A seven-speed manual transmission is also a possibility.

Interestingly, these shots appear to offer an authentic first look at the styling direction of the C7, as it's heavily clad with both camouflage and dark armor.

The sightings come as Chevy announced plans last week for a 427 convertible, which draws Z06 power into an open-air configuration, and a 60th-anniversary edition to celebrate the final run of the C6. This car will have a shortened model year.

General Motors said in May that it will spend \$131 million and will add 250 jobs to improve the Bowling Green, Ky., factory that builds the Corvette. That's a dramatic increase from the \$39 million spent in 2005 when the site changed over to produce the C6.

JANUARY CLUB EVENT

Our meeting place was the South beach causeway in Fort Pierce. We were headed to the Dolphin Bar & Shrimp House south of Jensen for a late lunch after a cruise on a Sunday morning. Car tops were off or down and we made quite a pretty site. About forty minutes later we were there. The restaurant used to be Francis Langford's place, it is well maintained and is full of the sixty's timeline furniture and memorabilia.

The food is great, well prepared and served with style. We were in one of side rooms and it made lunch very nice. The river was beautiful to watch. We had a fun trip an enjoyed each other company. But isn't that want we went for. . . .

