

SUMMER VACATION IS OVER!

We will be back to our General Membership Dinner Meetings on Thursday, September 13th, around 5:30pm, at C.J. Cannons. Please join us!

Prez Sez

From The Man

Whew! Dodged a nasty, wet storm by the name of Isaac. Two big months coming up, hope to continue with the good luck.



August was a very slow month for the club with little activity. Dinner cruise was hosted by Diane to Norris' Ribs with a better attendance of 15 people. As always Diane picked a restaurant with great food and atmosphere.

Hey gang, we need some shout outs. Ball game, Sunday brunch, casino, Church dance, local concert, put it out there. Do we all just stay home?

Hope everyone had a nice Labor Day weekend.

Smile, be happy.

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AUGUST DINNER CRUISE

The hosts for the August dinner cruise were Joe and Diane Bernardo. Joe had a date with their daughter for the evening. So Diane led us south on US1 to Norris's Restaurant in Fort Pierce.

There was a good turnout of members for a summer month. Clint Atwell is back from duty in Afghanistan safe and sound. It's great to see him and Karen active in the club again.

The bar-b-q ribs were as good as ever. The restaurant treated the club to free onion bricks for all, which we enjoyed. You can see from the picture how few people were dining in addition to the club. The economy is really taking a toll on many of the restaurants in the tri-county area.

It was good to see that Cyn Seo is out of the wheel chair and without the big boot on her foot.

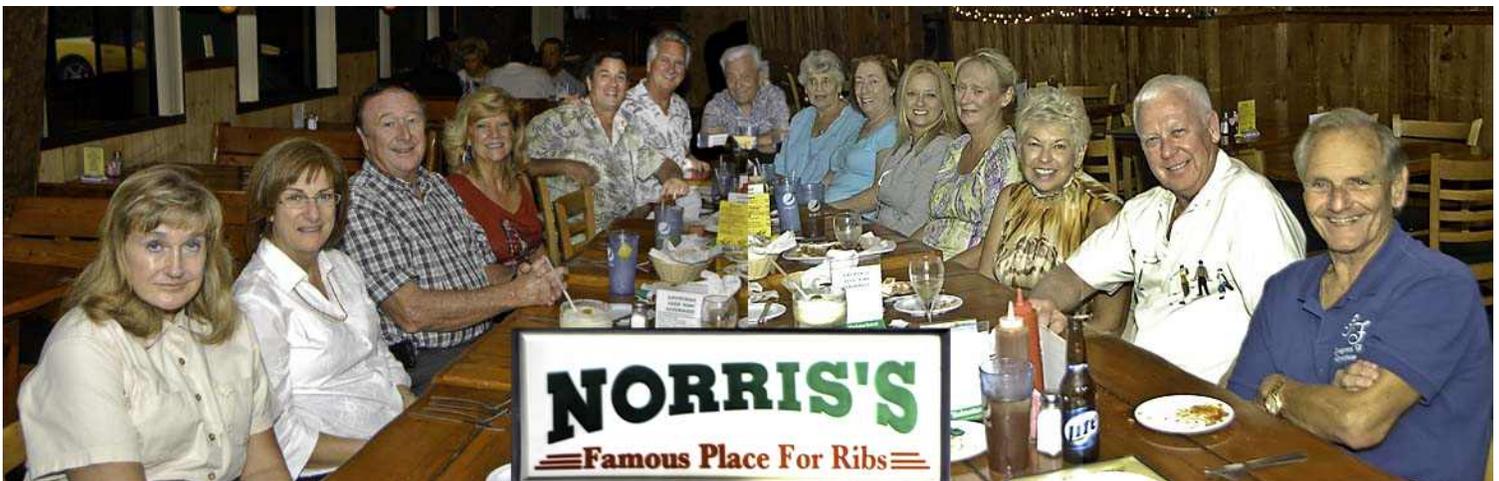
Nan Dunn is walking great, her wound on her foot is all healed up and the scar is going away.

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Elections Are Coming Officers Needed!

We are a club that runs by itself. But, we do need officers to blame things on or spread rumors about. We have four elected officers; President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, plus four appointed officers, Activities Director(s), Newsletter Editor, Web Master, and Historian. The out-going President serves as the Officer-at-Large to make up the 9 member Board of Directors. The good thing about being an officer is that we meet only 5 times a year and after the meeting we go eat. Please consider running for or volunteering for an office. The schedule for the election:

- ✓ **September Meeting: Nominating Committee appointed.**
- ✓ **October Meeting: Nominations are closed.**
- ✓ **November Meeting: Elections.**
- ✓ **December Holiday Party: Elected Officers Installed**
- ✓ **January Board Meeting: Appointment of the rest of the Board.**



Corvette Racing at Road America: A Celebration of Speed

by CorvetteRacing.com on 8/15/12

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The long and winding road to the American Le Mans Series championship runs through Road America, a track that is revered and respected by generations of sports car racers.

Like the famed French circuit that is the series' namesake, Road America's soaring straights and high-speed curves are a test of both horsepower and fortitude. The track has long been a proving ground for America's iconic sports car, from the early days of solid-axle Corvettes, Sting Rays, and Grand Sports to today's advanced Corvette C6.Rs.



"Road America is a fantastic circuit, a great track for teams, drivers, and race cars," said Oliver Gavin, who shares the GT championship points lead with teammate Tommy Milner. "It's got all the ingredients to make a great race. It's the highest speed track we run on apart from Le Mans.

"We tested at Road America early in the year when we were preparing for Le Mans," Milner revealed, "and the new wide-body C6.R was very good there. I got a feel for how far the car has progressed since last season."

"Every race is important, and there are bonus points on the table at Road America because it's a four-hour race," Milner explained. Gavin agreed, I think that a four-hour race at Road America suits Corvette Racing's strengths," he said.

Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia are aiming to rebound after contact in the closing minutes at Mid-Ohio knocked them out of the lead in the

Activities

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

1 - Saturday - Corvettes at the Pier
St. Petersburg Pier
Hosted by Suncoast Corvette Asso.

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

13 - Thursday - General Membership Meeting
C.J. Cannon's at the Airport Terminal Building

25 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Danny & Ro

COMING IN OCTOBER

11 - Thursday - General Membership Meeting
C.J. Cannon's at the Airport Terminal Building

17 - 20 - Wed - Sat - Petit Le Mans
Road Atlanta - Braselton, GA
Last Race of the Corvette Racing Season

20 - Saturday - Vettes On The Avenue
Hosted by the Space Coast Corvette Club
In Historic Downtown Melbourne

30 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Bob & Nan

COMING IN NOVEMBER

6 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting
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8 - Thursday - General Membership Meeting
C.J. Cannon's at the Airport Terminal Building

GT championship race. They will go into Road America third in the standings, 13 points behind their teammates.

"Road America is a very challenging track with mega-fast bits and some good technical corners," Magnussen said. "Of course there is the Carousel and the Kink that everyone talks about. " It's a fantastic feeling going through there when the car works and when it doesn't work, it's not so fantastic!"

"Racing for four hours at Road America adds both strategy and points," he continued. "The track lends itself to really good racing because of the long straights; it's possible to tow up behind people and then outbrake them going into Turn 1 and Turn 5. We're going there with a clear goal to win the race."

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for September

Bob Dunne	September 2
Dale Warrington	September 20
Shelagh Ancil	September 26

Birthdays for October

Mike Nisbet	October 3
Melinda Myers	October 19
Tom Quina	October 26

Happy Birthday to everyone!

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Police recover rare Corvette, Chevelle stolen

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The battery was dead, the gas tank was empty and it's covered in fingerprint powder, but other than that, a 1965 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray is in excellent condition after being stolen from a Puyallup warehouse, along with a 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle.

"I didn't think I'd get any of them back, and I got both of them back, so I got to credit these guys, man," said Gary Rucci, the cars' owner.

"These guys" are detectives with the Automobile Crimes Enforcement Task Force. They work undercover, so KIRO 7 isn't identifying them.

The team said it used information within the car-collecting community to put pressure on the alleged thieves that caused them to park the cars and walk away.

Tucci's Chevelle was found. The thieves tried to sell the Corvette to a buyer in Las Vegas, and even back to Tucci himself, the Pierce County Sheriff's Office said. But finding a buyer for a rare and unique car isn't easy.

"Yeah, I guess...unless they put it on a container and shipped it overseas right away, but they didn't do that," Tucci said.



The Corvette is worth about \$150,000, detectives said. It's all-original, even after 47 years.

Tucci said getting it back in one piece is a relief. "It's not just the money, it's that this thing is perfect and I don't know that you can find one that's in as good a shape as this," he said.

Police haven't yet arrested any suspects in the case.

2014 Chevy Corvette: First Video

Matt Hardigree

We were so early with the first images of the 2014 Corvette that some refer to the design of the next generation C7 sports car as the "Jalopnik Corvette." Of course, GM designers deserve all the praise (or criticism).

Jalopnik is also not responsible for the rendered 3D video of the C7 Corvette from Trinity Animation, but when they said they were turning our drawings into a trailer who were we to complain?

Using our experience with the car we gave the team of animators our impressions and the result is this

Forza-esque video of the new Corvette in action.

Jalopnik showed you a detailed rendering of the design of the next generation Corvette more than a year before its reveal and months before anyone else could even muster up a realistic copy of our own render. Some people scoffed, saying it was impossible that we'd be able to see the car so early. It was unprecedented.



But the slow trickle of spy photos and renderings have made it clear that either we were correct or GM is exceptionally good at espionage tactics.

It is a radical departure for the brand, but Corvette is known for its radical departures. Does a first-generation look that much like a C3 and does a C3 look that much like a C5? The C5-

to-C6 transition was more evolutionary, but the C7 is clearly another major leap for the brand.

Still, we've mostly been judging the

vehicle from a couple of angles and well-camo'd spy shots. Big thanks to Jim Lammers and the Trinity Animation crew for giving us rolling footage of the new 'Vette.

Does this make you like it more/less than you did before?

To view video copy and paste the link below into the address bar of your browser.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=PfFyZ3aaiQg

GM CEO Akerson auctions 1958 Corvette for charity

By: Jake Lingeman on 8/17/2012

General Motors CEO Dan Akerson is auctioning off his 1958 Regal turquoise Chevrolet Corvette for Habitat for Humanity Detroit. The proceeds will go to rebuild the Morningside Commons area of the lower east side of the city.



Akerson's ride will sit alongside more than 200 Corvettes spanning all 60 years of production. Alternately, people can go to www.facebook.com/corvette.

Distinguishing features of the '58 Corvette include dual headlights and twin chrome trunk spears. Safety belts were factory installed for the first time, and in total, only 510 were painted in Regal turquoise.

"The 1958 Corvette is a great example of American passion and ingenuity, and my hope is that the auction will help bring attention and resources to Habitat's efforts to revitalize a historic Detroit neighborhood," said Akerson. "I love this Corvette, and if putting it on the block can help rebuild the heart and soul of a neighborhood, I am all for it."

Interested buyers can get a preview of the car during the Woodward Dream Cruise. It will be on exhibit at the 60th anniversary Corvette display at the Birmingham Triangle in downtown Birmingham, Mich.

Plastic is Fantastic:

Corvette Celebrates 60 Years of Advanced Lightweight Construction Materials

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One can argue that the horsepower game between sports cars manufacturers is really getting out of control. On the other hand, you can never have too much of a good thing, more power means better acceleration and a higher top speed, which is certainly a good thing for gear heads.

Not that anyone can accuse the only longest running sports car nameplate coming from the US to be short on power the top of the range ZR1, after all, packs a 638HP V8 that helps it accelerate from zero to 60 mph in 3.4 seconds and top out at 205 mph.

It's just that, for the last six decades, the people who have been developing and building the 'Vette believe that low weight is just as important. Case in point, the 2013 Z06, Its 505HP may fall short of some rivals, but its curb weight of 3,199 pounds (1,451 kg) means that it has a power-to-weight ratio of 6.33:1.

It all began in 1953 and the first-generation Corvettes that were built with an all-fiberglass body. It was chosen by legendary GM designer Harley Earl because it was light, rustproof and economical since it did away with the need for metal stamping dies.

As the years passed and technology progressed, so did the materials used in the Corvette. From 1968, the third generation car's bodywork was smoother due to the use of a die-cast tool for shaping the fiberglass and resin.

The big change, however, came in 1973. That was the year that pure fiberglass was replaced by sheet-molded composite, or SMC, which comprised of a reduced ratio of resin to fiberglass and included a catalyst formed under high pressure and heat.



SMC made the bodywork panels smoother and, as a result, the paint finish was improved. All Corvettes constructed since have an SMC body, though once again technology made it possible to alter its composition and make the panels stronger and, at the same time, thinner.

Not only were its panels very light, due to the use of more plastic than ever before, but the all-new chassis' floorpan used high-strength rails and hydroformed sections to combine rigidity with low weight.

Even the small-block V8 contributed to the 'Vette's "diet", thanks to its aluminum block (instead of the iron used in the C4) and heads, its composite intake manifold and an exhaust system made of titanium that was 70 percent (!) lighter than conventional systems.

The C6 Z06 in 2006 has the distinction of being, in GM's own words, "the most significant advanced materials initiative" in Corvette history. Aluminum replaced steel as the chassis material, reducing its weight by one-third. Moreover, exotic materials like magnesium and carbon fiber were used in many areas further reducing weight.

"Corvette has never been focused on an exclusive material be it aluminum, carbon fiber, or fiberglass", claims Corvette Executive Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter. "Instead, we are constantly looking for the best materials structure, powertrain, and chassis to improve the performance."

Corvette Featured at Monterey Motorsports Reunion 2013

Monterey Motorsports Reunion

The 60th anniversary of the Chevrolet Corvette will be celebrated at the 2013 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, scheduled for August 15-18 at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Salinas, California.

Corvette's recognition in Monterey, California, will come during its 60th anniversary model year, and a large contingent of Corvette racers are expected representing each of the car's six generations in competition. Corvette also was the featured marque in 2002.

"Corvettes and racing have been inextricably linked since the very

moment Zora Arkus-Duntov slipped behind the wheel for the first time," said Chris Perry, Chevrolet global vice president of marketing. "His spirit is felt in today's winning Corvette Racing program, which continues a proud legacy and one we're looking forward to celebrating next summer."



The Corvette's racing heritage began in 1956, when a trio of Corvettes

engineered under the Duntov's direction, competed in the 12-hour Sebring endurance racing. By 1960, Corvette was racing at Le Mans and in its first year at the French 24-hour classic, drivers John Fitch and Bob Grossman drove their Briggs Cunningham-prepared car to a first-place finish in the GT class.

Corvette Racing has won the 24 Hours of Le Mans seven times, most recently in 2011 when the team edged out Ferrari. Corvette has a winning history at Laguna Seca, too, including a one-two sweep of the six-hour American Le Mans Monterey race in 2012.