

From The Man

Happy Thanksgiving y'all.



No meetings this month nor any cruises. We all just have to enjoy that turkey with family and friends and just put aside any worries.

Judy and Brad opened their beautiful home for the Toys for Tots party with great food prepared by **Hollyann** and treats from our members.

Be Thankful we can Save the wave.

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for November

Suzanne Badley	November 12
Marc Badley	November 19
Susan Mobini	November 21

Birthdays for December

Jack Yolinsky	December 2
Camillo Stefanacci	December 16
Louie Seo	December 19

Birthdays for January

Ro Bryant	January 14
Bill Fenton	January 15
Stan Smykowski	January 18
Maria Ferro	January 27
Pat Lucarelli	January 31

Birthdays for February

James Kelly	February 10
Brad Grandage	February 13
Andi Smykowski	February 19
Dave Myers	February 22
Hollyann Quina	February 24
Wayne Sandlin	February 28

Happy Birthday to everyone!

Officers for 2014

RichSteinbach



President

Brad Grandage



Vice President

Andi Smykowski



Treasurer

Sue Smith



Secretary

At the Board meeting in January, 2014 the elected board will appoint the balance of the board which consist of Webmaster, Newsletter editor, Historian and Activities Director(s).

Anyone interested in applying for one of the appointed offices please contact Rich. Stan the Man automatically stays as the Officer At Large.

YAHOO E-GROUP - Your Link to Other Club Members!

Indian River Corvette Club has used a Yahoo E-Group since the beginning of the club.

This is a private group restricted to members of IRCC to enable us to communicate between each other and to notify everybody of up coming events.

New members will receive an invitation via email to join the Club's E-Group. They must accept this invitation to be come a member.

Messages that are sent out as reminders are put on the E-Group calendar for all fixed club events, (general meetings, board meetings, and mystery dinner cruises) The reminders are automatically sent out 7 and 2 days before the event.

In addition to the reminders any member of the E-Group can send a message to all the other members by emailing using the groups email address - **IndianRiverCorvetteClub@yahoo.com**. But, remember if you send by this address it can be read by all the members of our group.

The E-Groups has nothing to do with the club's web site <http://www.ircorvettes.com>,

If you are having problems receiving the club email, add the address **IndianRiverCorvetteClub@yahoo.com** to you address book, So your anti-virus program will recognize that you know the sender.

SHOUT OUTS

We want our members to announce non-club events the Club's Yahoo E-Group using **IndianRiverCorvetteClub@yahoo.com**. If you are attending an event that you think might interest the club, under Subject write: **SHOUT OUT**.

As an example, if you are going to a dance at St. Helen's and you think other members might want to see you dance, write an invitation as a: **SHOUT OUT**.

Please make any other communications after the invitation by phone. Talk to each other. You may want to say: We are going dancing Saturday, (time, place, etc.). If you are interested, please call me 555-5555 or email me at (your email address). This is also good for runs to the ice cream store.

TOYS FOR TOTS PARTY

Thanks to all that came to the Toys for Tots party. We had a very large pile of beautiful toys. They will certainly make a lot kids happy on Christmas morning. Some lucking child will have his (or her) first Corvette and will probably grow up to be in our Corvette Club.

For those that could not make it to the party the food was great. We had so much food. It was a fun evening.

A big thank you goes to **Brad and Judy Grandage** for having the party at their home.

Check out the pictures of all the toys.

Save the wave.

Hollyann



National Corvette Museum Receives Largest Donation to Date Corvette enthusiast Don Messner leaves his car collection to the Museum

Corvette enthusiasts are known world-wide for their passion towards America's sports car and the lifestyle it inspires, but some people take their love for this car beyond the extra mile. Such a person was businessman and Montoursville, PA resident, Donald L. Messner, who made arrangements for his Corvette collection to be gifted to the National Corvette Museum upon his passing.



In business Don was known for his focus, determination and ability to make things happen. In his personal life, he was equally determined to make the most of it, enjoying a wide variety of activities including scuba diving, horses, racing, power boating, radio control airplanes, fishing, hunting and Corvettes.

Don's love for Corvettes led him on a search to acquire low mileage, rare cars that were in excellent condition. Over the years, as his collection grew, he had a special climate-controlled garage built for them that he called The Toy Box.

In January of 2012 Don was diagnosed with melanoma. Knowing it was incurable; he continued to enjoy life as much as he was able. He joined the Museum for the exclusive unveiling of the 2014 Corvette Stingray at the Chevrolet Media Event in Detroit, and traveled to the National Corvette Museum to take delivery of his 2013 Corvette, as well as a visit to the Corvette Assembly Plant. While at the Museum, he decided that it was the best place to permanently display his Corvette collection.

For his wife Marlene, she is gratified to see Don's collection going to the Museum to be enjoyed by the thousands of visitors who visit annually.

"He said he wanted to plant a seed. He wanted others in similar situations with rare Corvettes to see the Museum as a place for them. Most of all, he wanted to inspire future generations to work hard to buy their own Corvettes some day so that they, too, could enjoy the lifestyle that goes with owning them."

The Corvettes in the Don Messner Collection include:

- 1965 grey coupe, custom race built Corvette
- 1967 427 convertible Corvette
- 1969 convertible/hard top Corvette
- 1989 coupe Corvette
- 1990 ZR-1 Corvette
- 1996 Collector's Edition Corvette
- 1996 Grand Sport Corvette
- 2000 convertible Corvette
- 2008 Z06 Corvette
- 2013 60th Anniversary Corvette

Don passed on May 22, 2013, but he has left behind a stunning collection of cars that will demonstrate his love of Corvette to others for years to come. "When people see these cars," Marlene says, "I want them to remember Don Messner and his legacy. He was an amazing and very generous man."

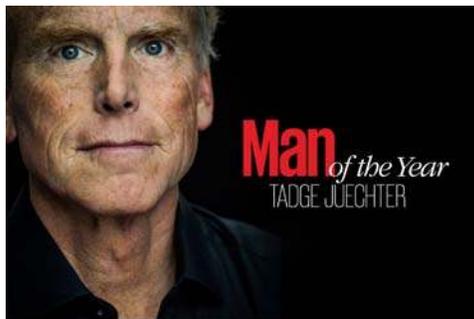
A special exhibit of these cars will be held in the Museum Exhibit Hall from May 10-September 12, 2014.



Automobile Magazine Honors Tadge Juechter and 2014 Corvette Stingray

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On a recent visit to the National Corvette Museum, Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter took a moment to speak with us about his 2014 Man of the Year award from Automobile Magazine. It is no coincidence that this man's creation, the 2014 Corvette Stingray, also earned top honors by being awarded the designation of Automobile Magazine's 2014 Car of the Year.



seats..." The article also hails the car as being full of thoughtful engineering, innovative technology and awe-inspiring design.

"You know, we've been nearly a full year now of almost continuous media coverage, starting with the long lead media previews before we even introduced the car in Detroit," says Tadge. "So basically last November all the way through now, we've been in the media spotlight, you know kind of feeding out bits of information, and basically showcasing what the car is and I think it really captures people's imagination. Not just the automotive press but also the popular press, the national and international press."

Father/Son Delivery

While all of our R8C Delivery customers are so special to us, yesterday we welcomed a duo, half of which you will recognize, that further illustrates the pride GM and their family have for their products.

Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter joined his dad, Mat, as he took R8C Museum Delivery of his 2014 Laguna Blue Stingray. The car is Mat's second Corvette, the other being a C6 which is his daily driver. Mat is proud to tell you about his vanity plate, which reads MYSNSCR... an abbreviation for My Sons Car.



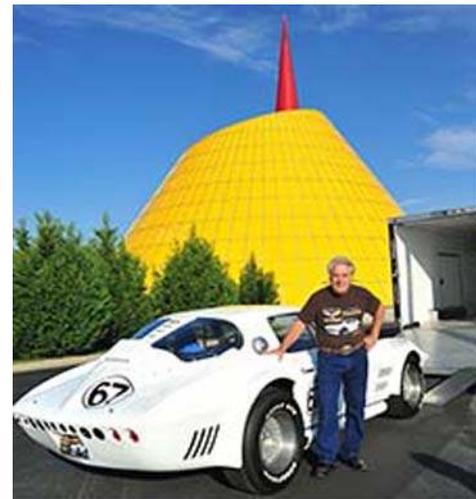
Tadge Juechter with his father, Mat Juechter at the Museum on November 20, 2013 for the R8C Museum Delivery of Mat's brand new C7

"I said Tadge, if it's about you, it's about me... I'm very, very proud." - Mat Juechter

Dick Coup Donates Corvette

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Dick Coup created a car - all hand built - that was inspired by the Chapparral of Jim Hall and all of his racing. Back in 1964 Dick saw that car lead the first lap of the Sebring race, and after learning more about what a Grand Sport was... he decided he wanted to build one.



After eight years of carefully putting the car together, it was on the race circuit for five years, at shows for a year and then retired to Dick's barn. "It was built as a show car. In a barn [people] could not appreciate it." Dick felt strongly that people needed to see the car, and there was no chance of that in his barn.

"Talking with Johnny Downs [NCM Board Member], he kind of triggered the idea that it would get an everlasting view from the public if it were at the Museum," said Dick. "And I gave thought to it, and I didn't have to think too hard. And it's my indeed honor to put this in this building and have the public exposed to it."

DON'T FORGET OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday, December 15th at Capt Hiram's Resort Tiffany Room.
For more info call Stan at 772 918-8751

