

The Prez Says

What a busy January.

We have a new Vice President. Thank you Beth for stepping up and taking the job and we welcome back our returning officers, Diane, Treasurer and Lisa, Secretary. Thank you both for continuing as these officers.



On January 15, Sue Smith, our activities director, planned an outing to see a very funny play, Cash on Delivery, at the Vero Beach Theater Guild. Afterwards, we enjoyed an early dinner at Applebee's. Thank you, Sue. Everyone who attended had a great time.

January 26 to the 29, several of our members went to the Rolex 24 hours at Daytona. On our way we stopped at Dixie Crossroads for lunch where Sue and Terry joined us. On Friday, Jan 27, several of us got to do parade laps on the Daytona track. What a thrill.

The last day of January, our Mystery Dinner Cruise took us to the Riverside Grill. Beth and Greg Butcher arranged the cruise; unfortunately Greg was sick, so his sister filled in for him. It was nice to get to know her and new members Dean and Norma. And the food was delicious.

It looks like February will be another busy month. Don't forget to check the calendar for upcoming events and shoutouts.

DON'T FORGET THE WAVE
Susan

Activities

COMING IN FEBRUARY

28 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Dave & Jean

COMING IN MARCH

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

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

15th to 18th - Wed to Saturday - 12 Hours of Sebring
Corvette Corral

28 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Curt & Barbara

COMING IN APRIL

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

25 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Louie & Susan

This Corvette Costs \$125,000 Because Of Its Zagato Body

by Martin Bigg CarBuzz.com

Would you pay \$125,000 for a rebodied Corvette C6?

Italian coach building company Zagato is most commonly associated with Aston Martin, with rare examples including the awe-inspiring Aston Martin Vanquish Zagato. Based on the Corvette C6, the rarely-seen sports car first appeared as a concept at the 2009 Geneva Motor Show before it began production a few years later.

In that time, AC Cars was revived, and the Z-One effectively became a precursor to the re-badged AC 378 GT Zagato. Consequently, very few Z-Ones were made, only ten examples in fact and only seven thought to have been delivered in the US one of which has

now been listed on eBay for \$125,000 with only 2,765 miles on the clock. For the asking price, you get a 6.2-liter LS3 V8 with 430 horsepower being sent to the rear wheels via a six-speed automatic transmission. What you don't get, however, is traction control, so handle with care. \$125,000 sounds like an awful lot for what is essentially a quirky-looking Corvette C6, but its rarity bumps up the price considerably.



Then again, it's relatively cheap compared to how much Aston Martin has charged for its limited Zagato models remember when dealers were asking \$850,000 for the privilege of owning a Vanquish Zagato Volante?

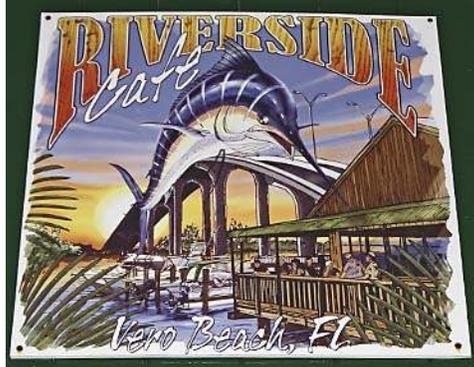
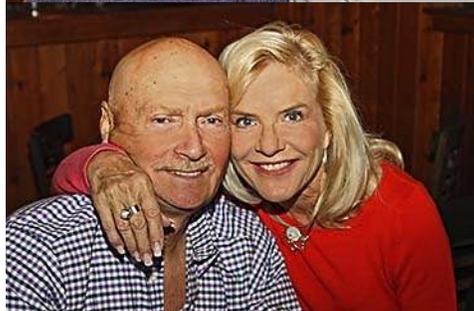
JANUARY DINNER CRUISE

Beth and Greg were in charge of the dinner cruise for this month. Their restaurant of choice was Riverside Café on the causeway in Vero. The food has always been very good. The café has a laidback atmosphere with good service.

Greg was not feeling up to par that night so Beth brought his sister Cheryl along.

New members Dean and Norma joined the group for their first dinner cruise. Welcome to the club.

Save the Wave,
Hollyann



Rolex 24 at Daytona: Hard-Fought Result for No. 3 Corvette C7.R

By Corvette Racing 1/29/17

Antonio Garcia, Jan Magnussen and Mike Rockenfeller led the #3 Corvette Racing's C7.R effort in the GT Le Mans class of the Rolex 24 At Daytona which placed fourth in a battle that saw the top seven entries separated by 7.5 seconds after a grueling 24 hours opening race. The



No. 3 Corvette ran a nearly perfect race with no mistakes and incredible performances in pit lane. With a majority of the race run in cold, damp conditions, the Corvette Racing team found itself in position to challenge for a third straight Rolex 24 class victory heading into the final three hours.

Twice in the final two hours, the No. 3 Corvette crew sent Garcia out in the lead making up four spots on the penultimate stop and three on the final stop. Over the last three stops of the race, the No. 3 Corvette gained nine positions. Garcia eventually finished 4.593 behind the class winner after coming back from a lap down in the early morning hours that saw rain soak Daytona International



Speedway for more than 12 hours.

The # 4 Corvette C7.R, the class-winner in 2016, placed ninth in GTLM after suffering a loss of power and a broken right-rear lower control arm following contact with another GTLM competitor near the six-hour mark. Gavin, Milner and Fässler all cycled through in the cold and wet conditions to help support the team's strategy for the No. 3 Corvette.

The next event for Corvette Racing is the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida on March 15-18 from Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Florida. The race will air from 12:30-11 p.m. ET on FOX Sports 1. Corvette Racing has won at Sebring 10 times since 2001.

ANTONIO GARCIA, #3 C7.R FINISHED 4th

"I think we need to be happy with the race we had. In any race, you have to do your best and take it to 100 percent and more. Corvette Racing did that today optimizing everything we had to have a perfect race and a perfect Corvette to the end. What else can you say about the pit stops? We made up so many positions and came out first so many times. When you have all that and don't have the pace to keep it, it's a shame. We gave everything we had. We congratulate the winners."



JAN MAGNUSSEN, #3 C7.R FINISHED 4th

"It wasn't what we wanted. We were just lacking a little bit of the speed that we needed to be able to fight at the end there. The team did a fantastic job there throughout the event. The pit work today was absolutely fantastic. We came out in front almost every time. Unfortunately we didn't quite have the speed to stay there.

MIKE ROCKENFELLER, #3 C7.R FINISHED 4th

"We did all we could to try and win the race. The result is pretty much what we kind of expected after practice sessions if you look at the pure speed we had. Even though we had a good chance at the end, we knew it likely wouldn't be for long because you need to have speed on the straights. We just didn't have enough to stay ahead of the others but I have to say

thanks to my teammates and my team. It was good fun in these difficult conditions. We kept fighting till the end. It was nice to be there at the end to feel the emotion of maybe



winning the race.

OLIVER GAVIN, #4 C7.R FINISHED 9th:

"The first lap, as it always is here, was difficult to weigh the risks of looking to pass someone, shooting a gap with so many cars. You try to weigh the risks. It was a good first couple of laps. I was able to pass a couple of cars and it seemed to go backward and forward. Overall it was a good first stint. I was pleased to get it done and out of the way."

TOMMY MILNER, #4 C7.R FINISHED 9th::

"I was having fun which is a positive thing. We were so far behind that we were just trying to get laps back and doing everything we were supposed to. We were competitive aside from the incidents, which also makes it more fun. So some you win, some you don't. With the contact early on and then the electrical problem we had, that is racing. Sometimes it goes your way, sometimes it doesn't."

MARCEL FÄSSLER, #4 C7.R FINISHED 9th:

"In those difficult conditions the only thing you can do is stay patient and stay on the track. It is really very easy to make big mistakes. It was very tough. Behind the spray on restarts you couldn't see. We had to survive these showers before we could push again."



Vette Museum Announces Assembly Plant Tours to End on June 16th

corvettemuseum.org - By Keith Cornett 1/30/17

The National Corvette Museum today put out a notice this afternoon that tours of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant will soon be ending. If you want to see the birthplace of new Corvettes by taking the factory tour, you'll have until June 16th to do so.

According to the NCM, the plant will be closing for the 2018 model year change over and no details are yet available on when they will resume.



The National Corvette Museum and the NCM Motorsports Park will be open to the public during this time. To check on plant tour dates and to make your reservations, visit corvetteplanttours.com.

The Bowling Green Daily News reports that the shutdown is expected to occur sometime during the third and fourth quarters of 2017. The length of the shutdown is still unknown.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for March

Marino Silva	March 3
Walter Beringer	March 7
Curt Randolph	March 7
Terry Smith	March 15
Dan Bryant	March 25

Birthdays for April

Deryle Hunt	April 1
John Krance	April 6
Bill Manville	April 7
Judi Manville	April 25

Birthdays for May

Nancy Foley	May 7
Mike Flipse	May 12
Sue Smith	May 14
Arlene Silva	May 18
Jerry Link	May 19
Brian Blaschke	May 20
Nan Dunne	May 26

Birthdays for June

Judy Grandage	June 17
Diane Bernardo	June 17
Beth Butcher	June 22

Happy Birthday to everyone!

Callaway 'AeroWagen'

Foxnews.com - By Viknesh Vijayenthiran

It was in 2013 that Chevrolet tuner extraordinaire Callaway first previewed the design of a shooting brake based on the C7 Corvette. Since then, the company has been gauging market interest and further developing the design.

On Friday, Callaway finally unveiled its Corvette shooting brake and confirmed the vehicle's debut at the 2017 Michelin NCM Bash, the annual get-together at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky which this year will run April 27-29.

Called the C21 AeroWagen, the conversion is only available for the Corvette's coupe body style and can be reversed should the owner desire. Carbon fiber is used for the panels while the rear piece is tempered safety glass that retains a defogger.

The good news is that the design doesn't impinge on the car's removable roof panel. In fact, it uses the original hardware and latching mechanisms. The downside is that since no structural changes have been made there isn't space to squeeze in an extra pair of seats to form a 2+2 configuration. You still get extra storage in the trunk, however.



Since Callaway is a specialist constructor with close ties to OEMs, similar to Alpina (BMW), Mountune (Ford) and Ruf (Porsche), the conversion is to the same standard as the cars coming out of the factory. Pricing starts at \$14,990.

Order books are currently open. Installation will be performed at Callaway workshops in Connecticut and California, as well as at authorized Callaway retailers.

Trip To The Rolex24 Race

Rich & Susan, Louie & Sue, Dan & Ro, Brad, Terry & Sue and Tom and I met in Vero to start our adventure. We headed north on I-95 on our way. However since we were going north we had decided to stop for lunch at Dixie Crossroads. I don't know anyone that would drive past the restaurant and not stop for lunch. As usual the food was very good. Terry and Sue left us after lunch and headed back home. We headed on to the hotel on Daytona Beach.

We made it to the hotel, got signed in and unpacked. We had planed to meet and go to dinner together, we did this everyday. We found a great place for dinner that we could walk to, the food is fabulous. Several times we saw owners and drivers from the track.

The weather was hit or miss. It was hot, cool, warm, really cold and some time rain. The tent in the Corvette Corral was heated and it was a good place to hang out. We did get to do parade laps on the race track, some cars made it to a triple digits several times. A great change from last year.

We had a good time, ate lots of good food and we saw great racing. Everyone got home safe. Check out the pictures.

You are welcome to go along if you are interested, just let us know. You must sign up for tickets months in advance. If you want more information you can call Tom.

Save the Wave,
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