

## The Prez Says

For a short month, we sure did a lot of activities in February.

Are meeting was well attended on February 9. We meet visitors,



Judy and Bob Mathias (who are now members), and Lindel Bennett and welcomed new members Norma and Dean Warcup. Norma and Dean own four Vettes, ask to see their pictures.

On Saturday February 18, we had an in house picnic at the home of Brad and Judy Grandage. We enjoyed some fun games, good food and great company. A big thanks to Brad and Judy for opening their beautiful home to us.

The last day of the month, Jean and Dave led the mystery dinner tour to Mulligans, in Sebastian. It was a beautiful evening on the Indian River. Thank you Jean and Dave.

Don't forget to check the calendar for events and shout outs.

Remember the Wave,  
**Susan**

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### 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!*

## Activities 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

## COMING IN MAY

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

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

**30 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise**  
Our Host John & Lisa

## The Mid-Engine Vette's Codename Is "Emperor," Might Be a Hybrid

*Road & Track - Collin Woodard - 8/5/2016*

We've heard rumors for years. We've seen test mules. And the latest report from The Detroit News says it's happening in 2019. But that report includes another bit of information. Supposedly, the mid-engine Corvette is known internally as "Emperor."

Obviously, all mid-engine Corvette rumors need to be taken with a grain of salt, but if the mid-engine Corvette really is happening, and if it's actually codenamed "Emperor," then that's one heck of a nickname. It's far more grandiose than "King" or "Boss." But how significant is that name?

It's generally accepted that the

Corvette's performance would take a huge leap forward if it switched to a mid-engine layout. The Detroit News thinks it'll be more in line with supercars like the Ferrari 488.



And in an email Bob Lutz told The Detroit News, he thinks there might

even be a performance-hybrid version. Giving the mid-engine Corvette a 10-to-15-mile all-electric range "would only require a 5-kWh battery, or \$1,300 at today's lithium-ion prices (plus motors and control hardware). It would be enough to give it a 50 mpg city label, and the electric motors at the front would enable limited AWD capability."

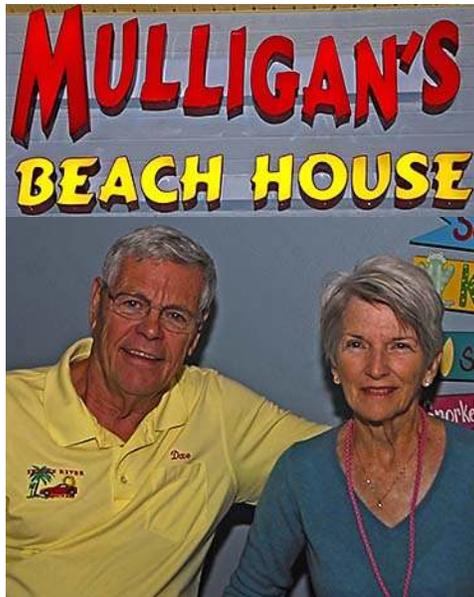
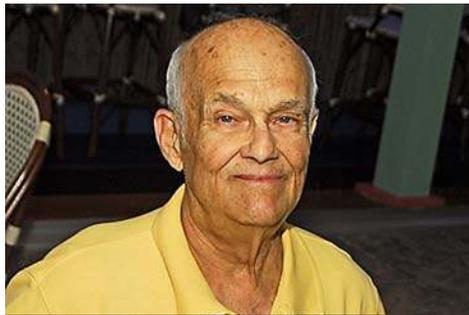
### February Dinner Cruise

Dave and Jean were our hosts for the February dinner cruise. Their choice for dinner was the Mulligan's Beach House in Sebastian. There was a great member turnout

Mulligan's has a great menu. The fried shrimp I had were very good. I also saw loads of salads, fried chicken, steaks and more. The food is fresh and service is good even with a group as large as our club.

Thanks to Dave and Jean for a fun evening.

Save the Wave,  
**Hollyann**



# GREAT PICNIC AT BRAD AND JUDY'S HOME

The picnic was organized by Yogi Steinbach. The picnic was planned for May last year and was cancelled because of bad weather (the weatherman predicted 100% heavy rains). Brad and Judy offered their home for the afternoon. This time there was glorious sunshine all day.

We gathered by the pool and in the kitchen to talk and enjoyed the appetizers. Everyone brought an appetizer or dessert. The main meal was catered by Woody's BBQ in Sebastian. What a meal we had! BBQ chicken, sliced pork, beef brisket, baked beans, Cole slaw, rolls, iced tea, and lemonade. What feast!

Members paid five dollars each and the remaining amount was paid by the club.

Activities and games were organized by Mrs. Yogi Susan Steinbach. Prizes were awarded to winners of the games.

We had a fun day with loads of fabulous food and games and laughs. Check out the pictures.

Thank you to Rich and Susan for a day to remember.

Save the Wave,

**Hollyann**



## New Vettes Damaged in Ala. Transporter Crash

By Keith Cornett [corvetteblogger.com](http://corvetteblogger.com)

A transporter carrying a load of brand new Corvettes was in an accident with a large dump truck and the ending result is several damaged Corvettes! These photos were provided by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency showing the damaged load of Corvettes.

The accident occurred in Alabama on I65 southbound at the 199 mile-marker in Chilton County. While there is no official account of how the accident occurred, it appears that the side of the transporter scrapped against the side of the dump truck.

There is a huge gouge in the side of the dump truck as well as damage to the Corvettes and the left side of the transport trailer.

If I were recreating the accident, I would think that the dump truck was overtaking the Corvette transporter and somehow the dump truck caught the rear left of the transporter causing those Corvettes in the rear to be pulled to the left.

We count at least three Corvettes with damage that is viewable from the photos. But it's possible there are additional Corvettes that may also be showing signs of damage from the accident.



## GM Just Bought CERV 1 for \$1.32 Million

By Keith Cornett [corvetteblogger.com](http://corvetteblogger.com)

The Chevrolet Engineering Research Vehicle known as CERV 1 is one of the most significant engineering examples from Zora Arkus-Duntov and his team and it's considered the car from which the modern Corvette was born.

CERV 1 was Zora's personal Corvette engineering test bed and it was used to develop the 1963 Sting Ray's independent suspension and a host of other features. The transverse leaf-spring is the predecessor of the same design still being used on Corvettes today. With its 377 cubic inch OHV aluminum V8 engine, Zora drove the car to 206 mph at GM's Milford Proving Grounds!

When CERV II was developed, CERV 1 was headed for the crusher. But Zora talked the brass into donating it to the Briggs Cunningham collection and that's how this rare engineering mule made its way to the outside.



For the last 21 years, the car has resided in Mike Yager's MY Garage. It was offered last summer but failed to sell and so Mike offered it again under the bright lights of the Barrett-Jackson Auction.

On Saturday night, CERV 1 took its turn on the auction block in Scottsdale. Bidding for the rocket body was fierce and when it was over the hammer fell at \$1.2 million! With the seller's commission, the total price was \$1,320,000! Following the sale, Sources told us the buyer of CERV 1 was General Motors!

As the car offers significant historical value with its connection with Zora Arkus-Duntov and the Corvette program, we are glad to hear that it's coming back home.

## Custom Fastback '53 Vette

[Corvetteonline.com](http://Corvetteonline.com) - Dave Cruikshank

Disclaimer: No 1953 Corvette was harmed in this build! Cutting up old Corvettes is considered blasphemous by some, so let's clear this up right away and not have anything spoil the fun of this outrageous fiberglass beauty.



With that out of the way, here's a killer little C1 Corvette kit car that was rescued from oblivion by Corvette Guru Mike Walker from Street Rods Only based out of Macon, Illinois.

A former customer had this car sitting around and when Mike asked what was in store for it, the owner said, "You can have it..." Au gratis, pro bono, free. Now, that's a price we can all agree on.



The car was already atop a no-name tube frame that although serviceable, need much massaging from Street Rods Only to get into shape. They added C4 front suspension components and a nine-inch Ford solid axle rear end. Front brakes from a C6 and drums in the rear completed the running gear.

The car is powered by a small block Chevy lifted from a sprint car off all things Hilborn electronic fuel injection and a 4L60E automatic transmission. Be sure and check out the old school, ribbed valve cover covers too.

With the foundation sorted out, Walker turned his sights on the body and flared the wheel wells, added front fender louvers, shaved all the side trim and for the finishing touch, added a Street Rods Only, exclusive removable top in the image of the old fastback Corvette Corvair concept from the early fifties.