

The Prez Says

Hi Everyone. The summer is over and we will get back to our regular meetings and events beginning in September.



I hope some of you attended **Sue's** event the end of August. I understand from those who attended the music and the singer were fabulous.

Because of eye surgery, **Rich and I** could not attend **Sue's** events or the mystery dinner run hosted by **Stan and Andy**. We will get back on track in September.

We have lots of events through the end of the year. Sue will plan another activity in October. We will have our usual mystery dinner runs in September and October. November 11, we will hold our **Toys for Tots** party at **Brad and Judy's** house. Our Christmas party is scheduled for December 3, at **Capt. Hiriams** in Sebastian.

More information will follow.

Remember to check the website for upcoming events.

Remember the Wave,
Susan

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for September

Bob Dunne	September 2
Susan Roberts	September 17
Gene DiPol	September 19

Birthdays for October

Lisa Krance	October 3
Nancy Kelly	October 5
Tom Quina	October 26
Barbara Randolph	October 27

Birthdays for October

Barbara DiPol	November 9
Fred Foley	November 17
Robert Mathias	November 18
Susan Mobini	November 21
Cathy Blaschke	November 23
Judy Mathias	November 25
Shirley Beringer	November 26
Dean Warcup	November 27

Happy Birthday to everyone!

Activities

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

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

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

26 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Geno & Barb

COMING IN OCTOBER

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

16 - Monday - Vero Beach Cruise-in
Car Show at THE T/A TRAVEL CENTER

21 - Saturday - 15th Annual "Vettes On The Avenue"
In Historic Downtown Melbourne
Hosted by the SPACE COAST CORVETTE CLUB

31 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Brad & Judy



Elections Are Coming - Want to be an Officer!

We are a club that runs by its self. 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, Historian, and Web Master. 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 6 times a year and after the meeting we go eat. Please consider running for or volunteering for an office. If you are interested in being an elected officer please contact: Tom Quina at 772 519-2748 or

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Andi Smykowski at 772 918-8751 or
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October 11th

The schedule for the election:

- October Meeting: Nominations are closed.
- November Meeting: Elections. If Needed.
- December Holiday Party: Elected Officers Installed
- January Board Meeting: Appointment of the rest of the Board.

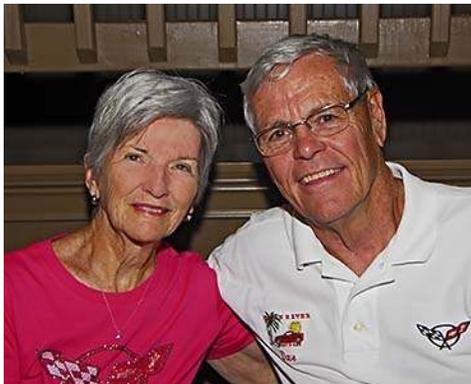
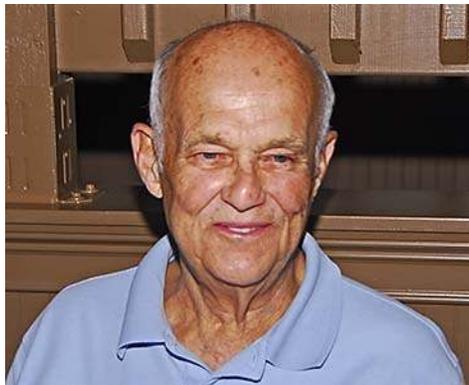
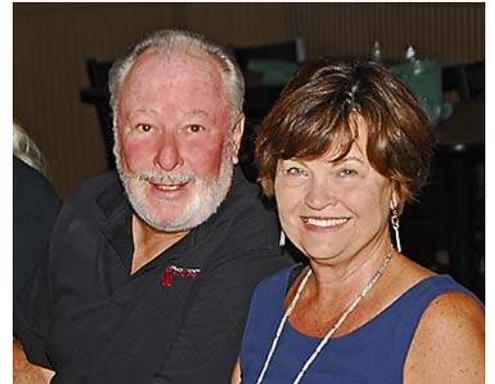
August Dinner Cruise

The August dinner cruise was planned by **Stan and Andi Smykowski**. The **Sean Ryan Pub** which is located in downtown Vero Beach was their choice for dinner. The restaurant is decorated like a true pub. We were seated in an area designed for groups which was nice since could talk those around us.

The service was good, with our drink order served quickly. Prime rib was the special of the night and it was selected by a quite number of us. I ask others and they enjoyed their dinner.

Thanks **Stan and Andi** for another great dinner cruise.

Save the Wave.
Hollyann



Corvette Racing: A Big Win at Virginia International Raceway!

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Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen took a much needed win at Virginia International Raceway as the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R claimed victory in the Michelin GT Challenge at VIR. Garcia crossed the finish line to win by 12.031 seconds over the Ford GT of Ryan Briscoe and Richard Westbrook. The victory is a repeat of the duo's 2016 win here at the 3.27 mile, 17-corner circuit.

Garcia/Magnussen and Corvette Racing in turn extended their lead in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship's GT Le Mans (GTLM) Driver's standings. The win also put Chevrolet back into the top spot in the Manufacturer's Championship continuing the neck and neck race with Ford. Only two events remain in the championship and the competition remains tight. This victory marks Corvette Racing's 106th all-time win back to 2000 with three of those victories celebrated at VIR.



Magnussen and Garcia drove measured stints after starting sixth on the grid. Magnussen drove the first 51 minutes and weathered several close calls with slower competitors. He pitted from third to hand over to Garcia, who rejoined fifth.

The final stop for the No. 3 Corvette saw Garcia rejoin in third place and directly ahead of the No. 67 Ford GT. After two stellar laps on cold tires to build up grip on the Corvette, Garcia put his sights on the No. 25 BMW of

Bill Auberlen/Alexander Sims and the No. 62 Ferrari of Giancarlo Fisichella/Toni Vilander.



Magnussen, who turned the car over to Garcia during the first stop was a bit surprised, but very satisfied with the victory. "It's unbelievable for us to come away with a win. Honestly, in the middle of the race it kind of looked like a situation of 'OK, we aren't losing too much in the championship a couple of points here, a couple of points there, but we would still stay in the lead of the championship.' Then for things to turn around like they did in the last half-hour with the BMW coming up short (on fuel) and the Ferrari falling off... crazy, absolutely crazy result. This is such a fantastic result for the whole team. In a race like this with no yellows, which we kind of knew it was going to be, you can't really take advantage of strategy. There are very few knobs you can turn in that situation. I think the crew, Antonio, just everybody on saving fuel to start with and then going at the end putting a lot of pressure on everybody... this is fantastic!"

The No. 4 Corvette of Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin almost made it to the podium of the GT-only race, but like the two races prior, late contact with the No. 66 Ford GT of Dirk Mueller and Joey Hand pushed the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R from second-place. Milner drove a great final stint and had just moved up from third with a pass going into the braking zone of the track's long backstretch, but the two cars went off track and briefly stalled. Milner was able to rejoin the field, but a punctured tire as a result of the collision added insult to injury. He

and Gavin eventually finished sixth.

Doug Fehan, Corvette Racing's Program manager was very proud of the team coming out of VIR. "This just goes on the long list of races where odds and statistics might indicate we would not have a good chance of success. But when you take our engineering, our strategy, our drivers and our crew into account, those are the reasons why we have won 106 races. Today was a demonstration of all those things coming together as we are known for and once again we executed according to our plan."



The August Club Event was "A Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald" performed by the **Space Coast Symphony Jazz Orchestra and Singers**.

August 27th musical event at **Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center** was fabulous. The musicians were outstanding. It was the best 20 dollars to hear music i ever spent.



Nine of us had second row seats and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Afterwards we enjoyed a lovely dinner on the porch at **Wilke's Fourteen Bones Barbeque**.

October's club event is now being planned.

See ya on the road,
Sue

Is A C7 ZR1 Debuting at Road America?

corvetteonline.com - Dave Cruikshank 8/2/17

The past six months have been a wonderland for Corvette fans around the world.

From "Super" C7 ZR1s, multi-valve motor rumors, and mid-engine dreams materializing, these are the golden years for Corvette.

What we'll see in the next 18 months arguably will be hazy mythology for buff books and click bait for decades. What a great time to be not only a Corvette fan, but a General Motors supporter as well, see SS/ZL1 Camaro, V-Series Cadillac et al.

Their have been so many wiggly YouTube vides of the swirly cameo's C7 ZR1 that they are almost ho-hum now.



Don't get complacent just yet though.

According to Don Sherman, veteran Car and Driver scribe, he says the ZR1 should debut at Continental Tire Road Race Showcase IMSA event at RoadAmerica.

There has been much speculation of what the final specs will be on the car. As we have mentioned before, the 2018 C7 ZR1 will be to the Z06 what the Camaro ZL1 1LE is to a base ZL1.

We've been following closely and combined with our network of other enthusiasts and industry watchers, we're certain the following are the final specs of the new 2018 ZR1 Corvette.

- Pushrod supercharged V-8 engine with big displacement 2650cc blower with 750-800 horsepower. We aren't saying that a DOHC motor isn't on the way; we just think it'll debut as a "double-whammy" with mid-engine model.

- Running gear upgrades mirroring Camaro ZL1 1LE Multimatic shocks, bigger sway bars, revised, track focused suspension tweaks, and sticky, gumball Goodyear rubber.

- Active Aero we'll see two versions of this "heat sink" killer technology. We've all seen the "big wing, little wing" mules in the videos so expect two flavors of high tech cooling plumage to choose from.

- Revised styling from A-pillar forward including hi-rise hood bulge, revise front fascia and unique from fender vent/badging.

- Braking is where the ZR1 and 1LE Camaro sibling will diverge. Count on the ZR1 to have the Z07 carbon disc brakes as standard equipment, while little brother pony car relies solely on non-ceramic Brembo brakes.

- Interior will mostly be carry over but with specific badging and all of the bespoke factory options we've come to expect over the last few years.

- Available in Coupe or Convertible

Finally, how long is the C7 for this world? Rumors have it that the car will be Corvette's front engine, rear drive "swan song" and will fade away after the mid-engine model debuts. Other reports say the car will soldier on until 2021 or so.



The Bowling Green shutdown for plant upgrades August 1st, and will reopen in November which would be just in time to crank out some new ZR1 and show 'em off at the first of the year ZR1 and show 'em off at the first of the year.

Spied! Mid-engine C8

autoweek.com - Zac Palmer 8/2/17

Interior and more detailed exterior shots give us a better idea of what the new 'Vette will look like.

While it has yet to receive one spoken word of confirmation from Chevrolet, the spy photos don't lie: A mid-engine Corvette is probably on its way.

These spy shots give us our first glimpse of the interior, as well as small hints of the shape that will most likely be revealed at the 2018 Detroit auto show. Clearly, the doors open conventionally, and everything about the curves scream mid-engine. Even the larger rear brake rotor size hints at more weight being further back in the car -- another mid-engine tip-off.



These photos are more detailed than before and reveal what looks to be a car further along in the production process. The front of the car looks decidedly un-Corvette like, but the rear certainly reminds us of the C7. Not looking over a mile of hood and still being in a "Corvette" sure will be weird, but we can't wait to see what Chevy can do with a seriously dynamic chassis.

This is decades-in-the-making supercar? is dangerously close to being reality now. A small-block V8 with something around 500 hp or more could make this thing competitive with most budget supercars out there now. Obviously, a massive price hike above the normal front-engined Vette is to be expected, but a cheap McLaren/Ferrari alternative sounds great in our book.