

The Prez Says

Hi everyone. Our year is winding down and we have a lot of activities in the coming months. September brought us hurricane Irma and a cancellation of our Board meeting. We did have our regular meeting on September 14th. Because it was right after the hurricane and cleanup and repairs were still going on the attendance at the meeting was low. However, we did meet two new couples **Phil and Cathi Canal**, and **Mike and Christine Shaffer**. At this meeting we also appointed a nominating committee to line up our slate of officers for next year. The slate of officers will be presented at the October meeting.



Both couples have joined and also attended our mystery dinner cruise hosted by **Geno and Barb DiPol**. **Geno and Barb** led us to **Pineapple Joes** which is a pretty well known restaurant in our area. I think everyone had a great time and we got to know our new members much better.

Our Activities director, **Sue Smith**, also announced our October event which will be a car show and dinner on October 16th.

Again I remind everyone to check the web site and calendar for upcoming events.

Remember the Wave,
Susan

**DON'T FORGET
OUR
CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Our annual Christmas Party
will be:
Sunday, December 3rd

Activities

COMING IN OCTOBER

24 - Tuesday - **Mystery Dinner Cruise**
One week early do to Halloween
Our Host **Brad & Judy**

COMING IN NOVEMBER

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

11 - Saturday - **Toys For Tots Party**

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

COMING IN DECEMBER

3 - Sunday - **CHRISTMAS PARTY**



2018 Nominees For Club Offices

At the October General Membership meeting the Nominations Committee presented the following list of nominees for the elected 2018 board of officers. The Nominations were declared closed by President Steinbach, Since all offices are unopposed their election will be confirmed at the November meeting.

The Candidates are as follows:

President – **Beth Butcher**, Vice President -- **Sue Smith**, Secretary -- **Barb DiPol**, Treasurer -- **Diane Bernardo** and carry-over Past President / Officer at Large **Susan Steinbach**

At the January Board of Directors meeting the elected officers will appoint the following offices: Webmaster, Newsletter, Historian, and Activities Director(s). These appointees will be confirmed at the January General Membership Meeting.

September Dinner Cruise

Geno and Barb DiPol led our group south to Fort Pierce for dinner at **Pineapple Joe's**. The club had not had a Mystery Cruise to the restaurant, but it is one of the favorite places for the dinner after the board meetings. As usual everyone I spoke with was happy with their food. Tom had a chef salad which was really large and looked great. I had a burger and onion rings, as always it was cooked to perfection.

This was a great pick; it was a fun dinner cruise and a club thank you to **Geno and Barb** for a fun evening and great food. Several new members really enjoyed finding a new place in the area.

Save the Wave.
Hollyann



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TOYS FOR TOTS

Christmas is just around the corner and it is time to start thinking about the holidays. This leads me to the Toys for Tots drive for this year. This year we are dealing with many of the same problems as years before. I am sure that you feel as I do that no child deserves a bare Christmas. Please help make this Christmas better for the kids. Our club has been collecting toys for this worthy cause for over 15 years. The Toys for Tots party will be Saturday, November 11th starting at 6PM. You can also bring unwrapped toys to any club



meeting if you will be unable to attend. **Brad and Judy Grandage** have offered to host the party at their house for the fifth year. Dinner will be covered dish. Thanks for helping with this worthy cause. These toys will be donated to the Marine Toy drive. Toys should be for all ages of children, and at least \$10.00 in value and unwrapped. Thanks for helping with this worthy cause.

The club will provide spiraled ham, roast chicken and dinner rolls. We are asking you to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. Bring your beverage of choice. Sodas water and Ice will be provided.

Save the Wave,
Hollyann



This What a Z06 Looks like After Slamming Into a Tree Doing 125 MPH

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Just seconds before he crashed in a curve in May, the driver of a yellow C7 Corvette Z06 was doing 125 miles per hour, authorities say.



Knowing that, and seeing the mangled wreckage of the vehicle after it hit a tree, it's amazing that 21-year-old driver Jiefu Gong of Ypsilanti, Michigan and his 17-year-old female passenger survived, with only broken bones!

A report that shows the Corvette was going 125 mph five seconds before the crash and had slowed to 93 mph a half-second before impact, according to the vehicle's data recorder. The report says that investigators with the sheriff's office confirmed the recorder's accuracy (The posted speed limit on the road was just 35 mph.)

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for October

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

Birthdays for November

- 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

Birthdays for December

- Kelly Flipse December 14
- Jean Jacobs December 16
- Louie Seo December 19

Happy Birthday to everyone!

2019 Corvette C8 “Zora” and C7 ZR1: What to Expect Two Vettes are better than one

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After seven generations of front-engine, rear-wheel-drive Chevrolet Corvettes, the C8 is switching to a mid-engine configuration. The C8 Zora is likely to be unveiled January 2018 at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, with production to begin in time for a fall '18 release, possibly earlier. The Corvette's Bowling Green, Kentucky, assembly plant suspended public tours this year, suggesting that Chevy has begun to build C8 prototypes there.



Arguments against a mid-engine C8 are the configuration's higher cost and its departure from the Great American Sports Car's image. Arguments for it are stronger. First, Corvette buyers are getting old, and they would find little reason to trade in for an evolutionary, front-engine C8 Corvette. Foremost, by switching to mid-engine, Chevrolet is doing what Porsche refuses to do with the Corvette's direct competitor, the 911. By going mid-engine with the C8, Chevy may finally have a Corvette that can out-handle the 911.



Spy shots suggest the C8 will not be mistaken for any other mid-engine

sports car, with a hood nearly as long as the C7's, though with a short dash-to-axle ratio and a long rear deck.

Sale of brand-new, front-engine C7s will overlap with the release of the C8 by up to one calendar year.



Spy shots of C8 Zora mules show the car accompanied by C7s with big rear wings and camouflaged front clips. The illustration below shows the ZR1 featuring huge air intakes and additional aero tweaks. The C6 ZR1's LS9 is rated at 638 hp, and the C7 Z06's LT4 supercharged small-block makes 650 hp. We expect the C7 ZR1's supercharged small-block's horsepower number to begin with a seven.

The C8 Corvette is expected to again use the latest performance variants of Chevrolet's venerable small-block V-8 under its relocated engine cover. GM also has been developing a new 4.0-liter double-overhead-cam turbocharged V-8 primarily for Cadillac models. That engine would provide more variation, beyond the sheet metal, to distinguish the C8 from Cadillac's rumored mid-engine sports car.

Although not confirmed, a Cadillac sports car based on the mid-engine Corvette is believed to be under development. GM has trademarked the Manta Ray name for a performance variant of the C8 and E-Ray for a performance hybrid.

The 2019 Corvette goes on sale in mid- to late 2018. The C7 ZR1 should start from an estimated \$105,000, while the Zora might offer a base price as low as \$65,000 or as high as \$95,000.

Assembly Plant Update with Kai Spande

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Sept. 1st was the first day of the National Corvette Museum's annual Anniversary show that traditionally runs over the Labor



Day weekend. One of the first seminars held and the one we were most anxious to see comes from Bowling Green Assembly's plant manager Kai Spande who provided an in-depth update on the renovations at the plant.

Before getting into the actual renovation details, Kai started the presentation talking about several employee programs. One is called “Protect the Vette”, which aims to reward the autoworkers for finding defects or flaws in a car and bringing attention to it so it can be fixed. “The Perfect 10” is aimed at engine builders and it's a Challenge Program designed to reward those builders who can assemble an engine without a single failure or defect. The Perfect 10 rewards those builders who can do this with 10 engines in a row. Kai also mentioned that Bowling Green Assembly is GM's safest plant in North America.

Over 1000 contractors are working on the plant and Kai says there is a lot of concrete and steel work going on.

Kai also showed off the newly announced Sebring Orange exterior color first unveiled at Carlisle by showing the new color painted on a rear quarter panel. Kai says the new color will be exclusively offered from the new paint shop. He says it shows the paint shop is real and they are making a lot of progress. We've got some new things that are going and were absolutely very busy and were proud and I think there's going to be a lot of people who like this new color,” said the Plant Manager.