

The Prez Says

Hello All,

Unfortunately, the first thing I need to address is the fact my e-mail address has been hijacked. Do not open any e-mails that appear to come from me. If you have recently received an e-mail that appears to be from me asking for any sort of money, it is absolutely not from me.



Now we can get on with the good stuff. April was another fun month. Our monthly meeting was well attended, even considering we had a slight drop off in attendance, enough we could all fit into one room.

In addition, we had an outstanding turn out for our mystery dinner ride, which was hosted by John and Lisa. The weather was perfect for our short ride to Mr. Manatee's, which allowed for some of us to ride with our convertible tops down. I think we had a total of 18 cars and there were at least 2 guest couples that came along. We all had a lot of fun with a great variety of food and wonderful conversation. We do hope to see our new friends again soon. Thank you Lisa and John for a great pick!

I would also like to take time to remind everyone, if you have something in mind for either an activity or a shout out please let either Sue or I know. We both prefer the old fashion telephone as a way of communication. Remember if it is something you think would be enjoyable, chances are there are many other's in the group that would enjoy it as well. One thing about meeting the guests at the last dinner ride, who were new to the Vero

Activities

COMING IN MAY

- 1 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting
Officers and Directors are asked to please attend,
Club members are always welcome!
- 4 - 5 Friday - Sat - VETTES AT THE LIGHT XI
Ponce Inlet, FL
- 10 - Thursday - General Membership Meeting
C.J. Cannon's at the Airport Terminal Building
- 29 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Greg & Beth

COMING IN JUNE

- 2 - Saturday - Trip to Elliott Museum in Stuart
Leaving at 8:30AM from Fresh Market
with lunch at Dolphin Bar - Shrimp House Restaurant
- 14 - Thursday - NO General Membership Meeting
Due to low attendance in the summer
The regular membership meeting at C.J. Cannon's
will be suspended for June, July and August.
Mystery Dinner Cruises and Shout Outs will still go on.
- 16-17 - Saturday - Sunday - 24 Hours of Le Mans
Factory Vettes competing in France!
TV schedule to be Announced!!!
- 26 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Bill & Abbie

COMING IN JULY

- 12 - Thursday - NO General Membership Meeting
Due to low attendance in the summer
- 15 - Sunday - Shout Out For A trip back in time
Brunch at the Seminole Inn in Indiantown
- 31 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Joe & Diane

For details check club calendar on the ircorvettes.com WEB site

Beach area, it made me think about how we felt when we first moved to the area and did not know anyone.

As always, remember
Save the Wave!

Beth

JUNE CLUB EVENT
REMEMBER TO SAVE
Saturday, June 2nd
For our trip to the
ELLIOT MUSEUM in Stuart
and then
Lunch at the
DOLPHIN BAR - SHRIMP HOUSE
See WEB calendar for details

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS
Birthdays for May

Nancy Foley	May 7
Barbara Benoit	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

Cathi Canal	June 5
Judy Grandage	June 17
Diane Bernardo	June 17
Beth Butcher	June 22
Jose Machado	June 30

Birthdays for July

Lisa Grandage	July 9
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•Happy Birthday to everyone!

APRIL DINNER CRUISE

John and Lisa Krance were our cruise directors for the evening. We went over the bridge for a short ride on A 1 A and back to Mr. Manatee's on Royal Palm Pointe. The club has been there several times in the past and enjoyed the food. The food is really good and the serving of our large group was handled quickly. And as usual the food was great. We were seated in their dining room in the back of the restaurant. It was a tight squeeze for the members but it was a fun evening. Two great waitresses kept everything moving.

We had a nice evening and two new couples joined us for the dinner run. They are in the process of relocating to our area. I hope to see them in future.

Thank you to John and Lisa for a great dinner cruise.

Save the Wave,
Hollyann



The 2019 ZR1 is the Official Pace Car of the 102nd Indy 500

corvetteblogger.com - Keith Cornett

With a dramatic entrance on the front straight of the Indianapolis 500 and flanked by previous honorees, the 2019 Corvette ZR1 was announced as the official Pace Car for the 102nd Indianapolis 500 which takes place on May 27, 2018. This is the 15th Corvette chosen to lead the famous race, more than any other car.

For 2018's race, the Corvette ZR1 is outfitted in Blue with Red and White Door graphics. The Pace Car has the high-wing ZTK Performance Package. A small "wings and wheel" graphic re---presenting the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is affixed to the front canards.

Chevrolet's Corvette first paced the iconic race in 1978 and fourteen times since then. It's also the 29th Chevrolet to lead the field which dates back to 1948 when a 1948 Fleetmaster Six convertible paced the race.



To celebrate the iconic supercar's connection to "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing," the 2019 Corvette ZR1 and the other 14 Corvettes that have paced the "500" were on display on the front straightaway today at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

Chevrolet has a storied history with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Chevrolet was founded in 1911, the year of the inaugural 500-Mile Race, and company cofounder Louis Chevrolet, along with brothers Arthur and Gaston, competed in early Indy 500 races. Arthur Chevrolet competed in the 1911 race, and Gaston Chevrolet won it in 1920.

Corvette Racing at Long Beach: Gavin, Milner Go Back-to-Back!

By Corvette Racing - 4/15/18

Seventh victory for Corvette Racing in IMSA at Long Beach

Corvette Racing's Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner raced their way to back-to-back victories in southern California by claiming the Bubba Burger Sports Car Grand Prix of Long Beach for the second year in a row. The duo won by 2.157 seconds in their No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R.

It was the 107th class victory all-time for Corvette Racing and the first of its 20th season of competition. The team also won for the 16th time in the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship's GT Le Mans (GTLM) class.



"This team just does not give up," said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President, Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. "While we didn't have the ideal starting position, Olly and Tommy took advantage of every opportunity on track and the crew executed in the pits. Congratulations to the No. 4 Corvette team for back-to-back wins at Long Beach."

Gavin also won for the 50th time with Corvette Racing – the most of any driver in program history. He now has five victories at Long Beach, three of them with Milner.

Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen finished fourth in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R in what ended up being a comeback drive for Garcia. A mechanical issue dropped him from second to eighth

on a restart with 52 minutes left.

Gavin started the race fifth and drove the first 40 minutes before handing off to Milner during a full-course caution period. The No. 4 Corvette crew leap-frogged the No. 66 Ford in the pit lane, and Milner joined third among GTLM cars that stopped during the



yellow.

The first car in class out of the pit lane was the No. 3 Corvette, which gained two spots on the stop. Magnussen started fourth and moved to third on the opening lap. Things looked to be going the way of the No. 3 Corvette until it didn't go in gear on the restart. Once Garcia got under way, he went from eighth to fourth in the span of 36 minutes. He ended less than two seconds from a podium position.



Meanwhile, Milner went from third to second with 37 minutes left and took the lead for good 15 minutes later. It was a much more conventional victory than a year ago when he and Gavin won after the track became blocked in the final corner, and he got around the stuck No. 3 Corvette.

The 65th anniversary Corvette is a performance beast for data nerds

Engadget.com - Roberto Baldwin - 4/24/18

The Corvette is 65 years old. Take a moment to let that sink in. Typically, in your sixties, you slow down. You relax and if you're lucky, settle into a nice long retirement. The 2018 Z06 Carbon 65 convertible is doing none of those things.

If anything, Chevrolet has produced one of the best Corvettes ever. It's fast (duh), but thanks to lightweight materials and an onboard data tracking system, the Vette is ready for the new generation of drivers to take the wheel. Just be ready to drop a lot of cash. Like, all your cash.



At \$111,000 the Carbon 65 special edition Corvette will drain your savings. But, if you do cash out your 401k for the special edition convertible, you'll join a special group of owners. Chevrolet is only building 650 of these, and I got a chance to spend time in number 140.

When you sit in the Z06 it's immediately apparent that it's made for weekends at the track. With 650 horsepower and 650 pounds of torque and a zero to 60 time of 2.9 seconds, it's unlikely you're going to get the full experience of the car (unless your cool with collecting tickets like they're Pokemon). You need a road without other drivers and the cops. And Chevy is practically encouraging that with new features.

For drivers that want to go faster than the law allows while simultaneously learning how to be better behind the wheel, the automaker has introduced the Performance Data Recorder (PDR). The onboard computer tracks 34 channels of performance while recording video. It replaces the aftermarket GoPro mounted to the windshield and performance tracking systems drivers place in their track cars with an easy to understand and use the system.

The recorder fires up directly from the infotainment system with only two taps. It's really so simple, on the first try I thought I missed a few steps. Sure, it said it was recording, but was it really? To my delight after pushing the stop button and parking the car, I was able to watch back my drive right there with data overlays of my speed, tachometer, which gear I was in, and what g-force I was pulling around corners. It's super nerdy, yet simultaneously helpful.

The teaching tool only gets better when you transfer the video (stored on an SD card in the glove compartment) to the Cosworth application (Windows only). The app displays your drive on a map along with an incredible amount of detail, such as steering angle or pressure applied to the brakes and accelerator. It's an extravaganza of data that should appease both data nerds and car nuts.

Sure, with all that power, you might be tempted to drift your way around every corner, and thankfully the steering feels precise. The result is that I always felt completely in control of the situation.



The interior is pure sports car. The racing seats keep you from sliding around the cabin during your recreations of the Fast and Furious. But after three or four hours they do start to wear on your body especially if you happen to skip cardio days at the gym. The steering wheel is wrapped in carbon fiber and suede. The latter is for better grip. Everything in the car is driver-centric -- the center dash is pointed so far away from the passenger their climate controls are mounted on to the very right below the vent.

The infotainment system suffered just a hint of latency. I hoped Chevrolet would update it for the 65th anniversary Vette. Alas, it's adequate and with Android

Auto and CarPlay support, you'll likely only use it for the PDR. The dash cluster, on the other hand, is a wealth of knowledge from the typical speed limits and tire pressure to a timer that tracks your zero to 60 runs (and tells you how warm your tires are).



Then there's the secret compartment. Well, it's not really a secret, there's a big button that says "screen" next to it. When you push that, the 8-inch display lowers to reveal an additional storage area revealing enough room for my phone, wallet and sunglasses.

But the potential to do easily do donuts in abandoned parking lots is there and when you do find a stretch of empty road in the desert or make it to the track, the car delivers. That said, you really don't have to drop over \$100,000 to put a Corvette in your garage.

Let's take a quick look at that \$111,000 price point of the Carbon 65 version. Again Chevy will only make 650 of these so you're probably not going to get one anyway. Plus, there's a Z06 Corvette with a manual transmission (you should only buy this car with manual transmission) starting at about \$80,000. That's still a lot of money but for the power and features you're getting, it's a steal compared to offerings from Porsche, Ferrari, Audi and other automakers.

Plus it's just a fun car to be in. Of course, once you're over the age of 40 everyone thinks you're having a mid-life crisis (and maybe you are) when you're seen in the vehicle. And again it's one of the least practical cars you can purchase. But who cares, it's a Corvette and after 65 years it still quickens the pulse and with the PDR system, you can note the exact moment that happened.