

The Prez Says



Hello all, Beth Butcher here. I don't know about you, but I cannot believe that we are already almost half way through the year. That being the case, I wanted to take a little time and talk about both short range and long range events.

For the short term, I want to remind everyone that we do not have the monthly meetings in the summer, but we do have our mystery dinner ride each month. We also have trip to the Elliott Museum coming up in June. Of course, we are always open to shout outs, and we are considering a brunch run.

For the long range, 2019 will be here before we know it. There are several big events that will need to start planning for, if we want to participate in. The event that will need the most planning for is the 2019 Corvette Caravan celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. For those who may on be familiar with the event, every 5 years the museum welcome caravans of corvettes from all over the country. The celebration in Bowling Green is scheduled for August 25 -31, 2019. The Florida festivities begin on August 25 with a meet and greet at the Daytona Speedway and time to enjoy the track. The caravan is planning on leave at 8:00a.m on August 26, with a lap around the track and then an escort out to I 95 north bound. There are several planned stops along the way, of course you can always just stop where you wish. Some stops will have an escort, but some have made sure that they will keep the lights green for us.

Activities

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

While we were at the car show at Ponce Inlet I was able to speak with some of the captains of the event, which is still in the planning stages. However if anyone is interested, they would like to get some type of idea of how many would like to participate. If we would like, they would be willing to come to one of our meeting, provide more specific details and answer questions. You can check out the web page that Tom has posted a link to on our main page.

Depending on where you are at in life, with both time availability and good health, this is an event that you may want to put this on your bucket list of things to do.

Hope to see you all at the next ride, until then, always remember

As always, remember
Save the Wave!
Beth

24 Hours of Le Mans June 16 - 17

Velocity Channel 8:00 AM 6/16



U-Verse #1104 Comcast #412

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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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Birthdays for August

Matthew Gurmun	August 9
Rich Steinbach	August 13
Jim Merklingshaus	August 18
Gary Deshon	August 18
Joe Bernardo	August 21
Karen Atwell	August 23
Susan Steinbach	August 26
Greg Butcher	August 27

Happy Birthday to everyone!

MAY DINNER CRUISE

Greg and Beth Butcher were our cruiser leaders for the evening. We headed south on U S 1 to Fort Pierce South Beach, across the bridge to the Manatee Island Restaurant for dinner.

We had a great turnout for the dinner cruise with a group of twenty five members. Beth brought enough Memorial Day goodies for everyone, hats, fans and more.

The food was great as usual. Tom had shrimp and grits with the grits shaped like a slice of bread with the shrimp on top. I had the lobster and macaroni with cheese. It is my favorite thing on the menu. Everyone at our table said they their loved the food.

Thank you Beth and Greg for a great dinner cruise.

Save the Wave,
Hollyann



CRUISING TO PONCE INLET

Greg and Beth, Rich and Susan with Grand kids plus Tom and I headed North on 95 to Daytona Beach Shores for the "Vettes at the Light XI" hosted by Ponce Inlet Corvette Club. Terry and Sue and Bill Manville drove up on Saturday to join us for the car show.

We did take a side trip to **Dixie Crossroads**. We never go North without a stop at our favorite restaurant.

What a great turnout for the show their club registered one hundred and fifteen Corvettes. All were parked on the lawn under the blue sky and in the sunshine. We did have a few rain drops from time to time. What a fabulous sight to see all the colors and from brand new to back to the sixties. We ate lunch along the water at the end of the island.

We also went to the rescue center to see the owls, pelicans, and other animals in need of care. They were also working with a dolphin that had been hurt by a propeller. There is a great gift shop with more information about the rescues and items to purchase.

We had a very pleasant weekend with fun and sun and our great Corvettes that we all love.

Save the Wave,
Hollyann



10 Years Ago the C6.Rs Banged Doors at Mid-Ohio

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Hard to believe it has been 10 years, but the 2008 race at Mid-Ohio was one of the great moments for fans of Corvette Racing. With the team returning to Mid-Ohio this weekend for the first race since 2012, we thought a Throwback Thursday post would be an appropriate way to remember the battle of the C6.Rs at Mid-Ohio!

The ALMS GT1 category had been thoroughly decimated by the Corvettes until it got to the point that only the two Corvette C6.Rs remained. The C6.Rs were racing each other and when you race a familiar opponent week in and week out? Yep, things can get a little out of hand.

The two drivers who were in the middle of this epic battle out of the pit lane were Olivier Beretta and Johnny O'Connell, and both ignored a red flag as they blasted out onto the track. The track officials were not amused and the Corvette C6.Rs would be given a 2:40 stop and hold penalty



that would be served together.

Beretta and O'Connell would leave the penalty box without incident, however, the battle on the track continued and soon the Yellow/Black Corvettes were back in the penalty box, this time for 5:00 minutes for taking "unjustifiable risks".

In the end, the No.3 C6.R with Magnussen and O'Connell would come out on top over teammates Gavin and Beretta. We are sure they had a stern talk from management following the race as well. In reality, it made the two-car GT1 Class more entertaining.

Racing at Mid-Ohio: Garcia, Magnussen Back on the Podium

By Corvette Racing – 5/6/18

Hard-fought third place for No. 3 Corvette in return to Mid-Ohio

LEXINGTON, Ohio (May 6, 2018) – Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia earned a podium finish Sunday in Corvette Racing's return to Mid-Ohio Sports Car in the Acura Sports Car Challenge at Mid-Ohio. The duo piloted their No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R to a third-place finish in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship's GT Le Mans (GTLM) class.



The result vaulted Garcia and Magnussen into a fourth-place tie for the GTLM Driver Championship with Corvette teammates Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner. They placed eighth in GTLM on Sunday in the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R as the team returned to Mid-Ohio for the first time since 2012.

Chevrolet is third in GTLM Manufacturer points – three points out of first place – as Corvette Racing takes a break from IMSA competition to travel to the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the 19th consecutive season.



The Garcia/Magnussen duo began fifth, but Garcia gained a spot on the

opening lap. The close level of competition and constant traffic around Mid-Ohio meant the No. 3 Corvette held its position for the middle of the race.



It wasn't easy, especially for Magnussen who was part of a three-way fight for third place in class inside the final 40 minutes. He hung tough and made his move going into the first corner with 27 minutes left to move into podium position.

Milner and Gavin started eighth, but the No. 4 Corvette moved up through the field with a strong start from Milner. He drove the opening hour before handing off to Gavin. The No. 4 squad had some of the worst luck with traffic and opted to pit with 70 minutes left in hopes of catching a caution period to gain track position. Unfortunately the race went green for the entire two hours and 40 minutes. Gavin eventually had to take a late splash of fuel two laps from the end.

Corvette Racing's next event is the 24 Hours of Le Mans on June 16-17. The team has won eight times in the French enduro.

JAN MAGNUSSEN, NO. 3 C7.R – FINISHED THIRD IN GTLM:

"For how things developed, this is not a bad result. Obviously we would like to have had the pace of the Porsche and BMW today but we kind of got in the middle of them, so only one of each got ahead. It was a good race... good strategy and good pit stops from the crew as usual. We had a good race car. It was all-around fun. I had really a fun battle with Joey (Hand). We got a little racey but it was good fun. Hopefully we get to have more good racing like that throughout the year. I really enjoyed it."