

The Prez Says

February is the month known to celebrate LOVE. The club members and visitors showed their



“love” for the club by attending our February meeting on Valentine's Day, the 14th. Our attendance was one of the largest meetings yet. Friendship and appreciation was felt by all. I was busy adding chairs and set-ups to tables to accommodate the larger than normal turn out. Thanks to each and everyone of you for making the meeting a fun event and a great success. We have a great board of officers to work with, so my appreciation goes out to each of you.

The club is especially excited about our growth. We were able to meet several new visitors. Ro Bryant does a great job introducing our visitors and making them feel welcomed. I had gleaned some interesting information from some of the visitors so I asked them to share the details of where they are from and information about their Corvette. Some of the visitors are now members and will be added to our phone list. Name tags are a big help in conversations so wear them or get one from Ro if you do not have one. Continue to check the calendar on the website for upcoming events and your emails for information about shout outs. We want to share these events with you! The Daytona race was attended by a few and the lunch at Dixie Crossroads got the event off to a great start. Everyone enjoyed

the event. We have had two Mystery Dinner Rides so far and both were wonderful and well attended. Thanks to Joe and Diane & Dave and Jean. You make it look effortless and we are grateful. Don't miss the Mystery Dinner Rides, they are uplifting. It is such a thrill to see all the different Corvettes going down the road together. It is such fun to experience different restaurants and their cuisine. The event hosted by Frank and Connie Baudo was not only informative and enjoyable, but also appreciated by all. Thank you, Frank and Connie.

We are essential to the phrase “Save The Wave” soooo remember to “Save the Wave” while driving your exceptional Corvette!

See you at the next event,
Sue

Activities

COMING IN MARCH

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

14 - 16 - Thur - Sat - 12 Hours of Sebring
Tickets still available for the Corvette Coral
Be sure to ask for Corvette Coral Tickets
Corvette Parade laps Thursday

26 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Robert & Judy

COMING IN APRIL

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

30 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Greg & Beth

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for March

Marino Silva	March 3
Curt Randolph	March 7
Walter Beringer	March 7
Terry Smith	March 15
Dan Bryant	March 25

Birthdays for April

Joyce McCall	April 1
Deryle Hunt	April 1
John Krance	April 6
Gene Benoit	April 6
Bill Manville	April 7
Judi Manville	April 25

Birthdays for May

Barbara Benoit	May 7
Nancy Foley	May 7
Mike Flipse	May 12
Sue Smith	May 14
Arlene Silva	May 18
Nan Dunne	May 26

Happy Birthday to everyone!

FEBRUARY MYSTERY CRUISE

Our dinner cruise leaders for the evening were by **Dave and Jean**. Their selection for the evening was the **Olive Garden Italian Restaurant** in Vero Beach. It took us just a short trip west to the restaurant.

The staff quickly seated us and took orders. We enjoyed talking to other members that were sitting close to us. Salads and soups were served next. I had the pasta e fagioli soup and it was very good! Tom had the endless salad with fresh grated cheese. By the time the main course was served we were all most full. Tom and I had the Shrimp Scampi with asparagus and angel hair pasta, it was cooked to perfection. We both enjoyed the dinner.

We had over thirty members for the February dinner cruise. It was great evening. The service was really good especially with a group that large.

It was a lot of fun and a great dinner cruise thanks to **Dave and Jean**.

Save the Wave,
Hollyann



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The Vero Velocity Club Event for February was a huge success!

A special thank you goes out to Frank Baudo for setting this up with local restoration specials, Todd Biron. Todd his staff and his wife took time of their busy schedule to show the club



members how he transforms classic cars in the beautiful works of art. They even went over the top and provided us with appetizers, beverages and complementary glass wear custom etched with Indian River Corvette Club for the members. Todd has been restoring and repairing vehicles on the treasure coast for decades. A few years ago, he decided to retire and sold his business, then shortly realized he needed a project to work on. This was just going to be a couple of cars for a hobby. However, once word got out about Todd's hobby work, a few locals asked if he could do them favor of doing a little work on their cars. Before Todd knew it, the cars started coming in so fast, he no longer had time to work on his hobby cars. The day we were there, we saw several corvettes and some race cars in the shop all in various stages of rehab. If you would like one of your vehicles to become one of his works of art, sign up on his waiting list, and you might get in by November.

After our tour we all headed over to the American Icon Brewery for another wonderful lunch, great food to share with great friends. I'm sure everyone would agree, that we could not have asked for a better day.

Save The Wave
Beth Butcher

Seven months worth of Vettes are sitting unsold on dealer lots

That's about 9,000 unsold models *autoblog.com -- Reese Counts -- 2/20/19*

The next-generation Chevy Corvette is coming. We don't know when and we don't know where the mid-engine C8 will finally make its debut, but we've been watching and waiting for years now. There was hope that the new model might debut at last month's Detroit Auto Show, but nothing came to pass. As much talk as there's been about the new model, we can't forget that the C7 is still in production at GM's factory in Kentucky. It seems production has far outpaced demand, as CorvetteBlogger reports that there are about 9,000 unsold cars sitting on dealer lots.



The data comes from eInventoryNow.com, a site that connects dealers to help move and trade unsold inventory. 9,000 cars equates to 232 days worth of inventory, a number calculated using the average daily sales over a 30-day period. That's more than any other GM product listed aside from the all-new Chevy Blazer. The number can fluctuate based on how well a car is selling (and Corvette sales could see a seasonal uptick after the winter months pass), but as it stands, there are more than seven months worth of Vettes sitting around on dealer lots. CorvetteBlogger says that nearly 180,000 C7s have been sold since the car went on sale in the summer of 2013.

There are a lot of reasons that dealers keep ordering a car that's sales are slowing. Allocation is one. If a dealer doesn't order enough C7s, it's likely to get fewer C8s. GM could also be padding numbers so there are cars available while the plant is retooled for the C8. Poking around the internet might reveal some pretty good deals.



Fire Destroys a New C7 at South Florida Dealership

corvetteblogger.com -- By Mitch Talley – 2/4/19

On Sunday afternoon we were riveted to this video of an Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic C7 Corvette convertible going up in flames at a Fort Lauderdale, Florida dealership. On the website for Grieco Chevrolet, the car appears to be a 2019 2LT model with two-tone seats (at least it did have them) and an MSRP of \$70,455.

WSVN-TV reported that the huge blaze, captured on video by onlookers, erupted when a light fixture above the Corvette ignited and dripped hot plastic onto the car.

Watch as Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue firefighters battle the blaze, quickly extinguishing it.



This is one C7 that refused to die, as video from the scene shows the running lights on the front of the car still flashing even in the aftermath of the fire. Unfortunately, the interior of the car looks to have suffered heavy damage, and the windshield glass is now gone.

Miraculously, firefighters did such a good job on the blaze that it didn't do any damage to several other Corvettes right next to it, although the building itself did sustain significant smoke damage.

"It was a little nerve-racking 'cause, honestly, we didn't know if anyone was injured or not," witness Joan Bennett-Kusnetzov told WSVN-TV, "but once we found out it was just a car, you know, poor Corvette. The Corvette was destroyed."

Firefighters responded to the scene around 6 p.m. Sunday at Grieco Chevrolet, located at 1800 North Federal Highway.

1958 George Barris Custom Corvette

corvetteblogger.com -- By Steve Burns – 2/18/19

George Barris is widely considered to be the king of custom cars. His notable creations include the original Batmobile, the Munsters' Koach, and Black Beauty from the original Green Hornet series among numerous other famous creations. Another of his creations, a crazy custom 1958 Corvette, is up on eBay right now



looking for a new home.

According to the listing, Lee Sims of a company called Accessories International commissioned Barris to build this unique C1 as a marketing tool for his company. The car began life as standard, brand new, 1958 Corvette. The finished product we see here was completed later in 1959.

The car spent most of its life on the west coast following the car show circuit. During that time, it won at the Los Angeles Arena show in the early 1960's. It has also been featured in Vette and Motor Trend magazines over the years. It was restored during the 1990's and then did the car show circuit again. Today the car appears in very good condition with some



minor blemishes denoted by the seller.

Power currently comes from a 1964 Corvette's 327/340 hp motor. Those ponies get to the road via a 4-speed transmission and 12-bolt rear end.

The engine itself appears relatively stock save for some cool finned aluminum valve covers.

Outside you can't miss that extended nose with the huge opening. The hood wears a custom scoop and the rear fenders sport a pair of tall fins above some Buick tail lights. The 1958-signature trunk irons are long gone. Two non-functional vents



adorn the top of the factory hardtop. Polyester whitewall tires wrap Anson Auto Engineering mag-style with wheels.

The interior of this straight axle Corvette is relatively stock in appearance. The only modifications are a walnut steering wheel and a tall Hurst shifter. The seller states that "The seats, door panels, dash pad, carpet are in excellent shape." Based on the photos, that appears to be accurate.



Here's a great opportunity to procure a truly unique vintage corvette built by one on the custom car industry's icons. If you're looking for a Corvette your neighbor doesn't have, this just may be the car for you. It's being listed by the Volo Auto Museum with a Buy-it-Now price of \$98,998. Once you've got that tax return check, head on over to eBay and check it out.