

# INDIAN RIVER CORVETTE GAZETTE

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## IRCC OFF TO A GREAT START FOR 2006

### THE PREZ SEZ:



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who pledged their support for the club and our activities in the coming year. Numerous members have volunteered to help whenever needed. If we spread the work around, no one will be overburdened!

Looks like 2006 is off to a great start. Approximately 40 Indian River Corvette Club members will be attending the January function at Hurricane Harbor.

There are several events at the end of the month so check the web site for details.

Bonnie and Cathie are working very hard to set up a variety of events for this year so check the schedule often.

We hope to see you all at the regularly scheduled club meetings on the second Friday of each month.

Here's waving at you.....  
D Kesler

### JAY LENO AND CORVETTE Z06 WILL BE THE PACE CAR DUO

A specially outfitted Corvette Z06 with Leno will serve as the official pace car of the 48th running of the Daytona 500. This makes the second consecutive year that a Corvette has been selected for the honor.

This is the first time that a pace car actually has more power than the race cars competing. Just so you can tell with one is the Corvette, Dupont has given it an intricate paintwork that



creates the look of tremendous speed, even sitting still. The hot to cool color transition starts with Lemon Drop Yellow on the nose and Lemon Glow, Amber Ecstasy, Blazing Copper, and Hot Poppy. Some how I don't think you will be able to miss the Corvette.

The Daytona 500 is one of the largest events in motor sports, drawing more than 168,000 fans to the track and 11 million television viewers.

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### CHRISTMAS PARTY SPECTACULAR EVENT!

I'm sure every club member that came to the Christmas party was impressed with how great every thing was organized, presented and decorated the food was great. Ro Bryant really knows how to throw a party. The pictures are up on the website. Everyone looked great. We had a lot of fun with the gift exchange and the dancing. Dan Bryant had a ball with his harem of gorgeous women ([check web pics](#)). I have never seen a bigger smile.

Rob Callery was honored for his long and faithful service to the club as Richard Kessler took over the honors of President. Dick introduced the new members of the board and thanked the members leaving the board for their great service.

A great time was had by all and if you missed it, plan for December 9th this year's party.



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## NOTES OF INTEREST FROM OUR HISTORIAN

Since 2003, I have been historian for the Indian River Corvette Club. Appointed by the elected officers, I serve on the Board of Directors for the club. My duties include collecting pictures, recording events and assembling other interesting information concerning the membership and their Corvettes. Members are encouraged to provide me with appropriate pictures and articles for inclusion in the history books.

History books are brought to the dinner meetings on the second Friday of each month. All club history books are displayed for the member's perusal at the annual Christmas party. At the end of each year, I write a history of the club's activities for that year.

Lucy Kesler, Historian

## NEWSLETTER STYLE CHANGES



I hope you like the style changes of the newsletter. It has been several years since I have done this type of work so have patience with me. Anyone with news or information please call or e-mail me.

All types of Corvette events will be reported and I will refer to Tom and the website for the related pictures. Personal items of interest will be listed if you will just let know. Remember this is the club newsletter not mine.

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## CORVETTE ICON DAVE HILL RETIRING

Chief engineer and vehicle line executive Dave Hill has been involved with Corvette for the past three decades. He was responsible for the refocus of the brand with his effort to increase the quality control, comfort and the day to day usability which has lead to the car's current level of refinement.

Hill is a 41 year veteran of General Motors, started at Cadillac and moved to the Corvette team in 1993. He has truly helped make Corvette a legend and a car second to none.

Dave Hill is the type of person that loves the Corvette. He will stop and talk to everyone and is interested in any problems and wants to hear from you how you like your own Vette and why.

I am sure he will be missed by all of us.

## TOM WALLACE NEW CHIEF ENGINEER

Corvette's new chief engineer Tom Wallace on January 1, 2006 took over the reins from Dave Hill.. As head of Corvette Nation, Wallace will become only the fourth person to carry the title.

Wallace began his career as a cooperative student with Buick Motor Division in 1970. He most recently was the vehicle line executive for small/midsize truck division. He was a star in the Sports Car Club of America for more than 30 years, raced professionally in the International Motor Sports Assoc., droved the 12 hours at Sebring and the Daytona 24 hour events. Both his sons are avid road racers.

Since Wallace and Dave Hill worked together and have been friends for years he feels there will not be major changes in the Corvette operations..

## FORMER MEMBER IN ACCIDENT DECEMBER 29TH

John McKee and his sister-in-law were involved in a serious accident near Dodgertown on December 29th. John's car veered into the path of an oncoming Mercedes. The collision killed Amada Guevara and John was airlifted to the Medical Center in Melbourne. His condition is listed as stable as of Saturday.

John's wife and Amanda's husband were in a vehicle following the corvette. The accident happened about 3 p. m.

The cause of the accident is unknown at this time. The driver of the Mercedes was taken to Indian River Memorial and is listed in stable condition.

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Birthdays for January

Ro Bryant	January 14
Sherri Browers	January 16
Gary Auberry	January 18
Robert Dolan	January 21
Jeanie Shearer	January 24
Paul Kovac	January 30

### Birthdays for February

Betty Brousseau	February 3
Kathy Sterner	February 12
Madel Vitrano	February 13
Sue Kranenburg	February 18
Karl Sterner	February 21
Hollyann Quina	February 24
Wayne Sandlin	February 28
Danny Hearndon	February 28

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ken & Bonnie Porter  
James & Judith Gallagher  
Fran Kamberger  
Karl & Karen Pfiester