

# INDIAN RIVER CORVETTE GAZETTE

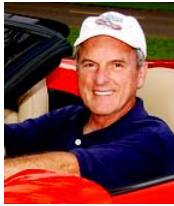
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## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

### THE PREZ SEZ:



The March events calendar certainly has something for everyone. We hope to see you at the board meeting and general membership meeting, and everyone is invited to drive in the March 11th **St Patrick Day Parade**. This is also **Super Chevy Show** weekend at Moroso. The following weekend is the 54th annual( where were you in 1952 when it all started) **12 Hours At Sebring**. We anticipate a good turnout for the A.A.C.A. **Under The Oaks** car show on the 25th, the same weekend as the **Daytona Spring Car Show Swap/meet**. Reserve March 28th for the **March Mystery Dinner Run**. If these events don't satisfy your appetite, Tom has others posted on the web page.

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### MYSTERY DINNER NIGHT RUN

Bonnie and Steve Pfiester picked a great place for the club dinner run, Zapata's in Port St. Lucie. We had a fantastic turn out of members and it was a great ride. Zapata's gave us a private dining area and we could be loud and silly. The waiter really gave us great service, the food and drinks came out in rapid order and every thing was fabulous. Bonnie had brought along sombreros for the guys to wear and the waiter came out in a bigger hat than anybody else.

It was great to see so many of the newer club member join in all the fun and it's great that they are taking turns with planning dinner events and giving the activities girls some ideas.

The cars are really attracting a lot of notice when parked together and we are having people stop in their Vettes to inquire about our club. It's great that no matter what year car you have they all look great and are fun to drive.

If you aren't coming for the dinner runs, please try to join in on all the fun. Check the club website for more information.



### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

#### Birthdays for March

Freddy Cernuto	March 1
Derek Craver	March 13
Terry Smith	March 15
Tom White	March 17
Dan Bryant	March 25
Karl Steene	March 25
Ken Porter	March 28
John Mulligan	March 31

#### Birthdays for April

Paul Toth	April 13
Linda Esposito	April 13
Betsy McMahon	April 19
Larry Spurlock	April 21
Clinton Atwell	April 22
Steve Miltonberger	April 27
Linda Fallon	April 29

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Derek & Diane Craver**  
**Michael & Eli Verderber**

### DID YOU KNOW?

**March 14, 1977:** The 500,000th Corvette drives off the assembly line.

**March 23, 1992:** General Motors applies for a registered trademark of "STINGRAY".

**March, 1964:** A Corvette finishes first in GT category at the 12 Hours of Sebring race

**March, 1966:** Roger Penske, in his 1966 Corvette with 427 ci engine, finishes first in GT class at the 12 Hours of Sebring race.

**March, 1992:** Ground-breaking ceremony is held next to the Corvette plant for a permanent home for the National Corvette Museum

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## IT'S SEBRING TIME AT LONG LAST

Sebring International Raceway originated from a World War II military training base known as Hendricks Field. During the war, this air force base trained over 10,000 B-17 pilots and crewmen. After the war, it became the Sebring Airport.

In 1950, sports car enthusiasts thought that it would make an ideal track for sports car racing. The first event was held December 31, 1950, the event was a six-hours in length. The first 12 Hours of Sebring was held in March 1952, and every year since except for 1974.

Sebring was the first race of the newly formed FIA Sports Car World Championship in 1953. Sir Sterling Moss was a co-driver in his victory in 1954.

Sebring Raceway was also the site of the first Formula One race ever held in North America in December 1959.

The glory years were in the 1960's when Cobra, Chaparral, Ferrari, Porsche and Ford GT40 battled for wins on this great track. One of the greatest races may have been between Steve McQueen and co-driver Peter Revson nearly won the race, finishing a close second to Mario Andretti.

Sebring fell in to disrepair in the 1970's, but began a steady rise back during the 1980's, and by the 1990's had returned to its rightful place as the USA's greatest sports car race. In 1999 the track underwent a major, multi-million dollar renovation, and now ranks as one of the finest tracks in North America.

This will be the 54th Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring. Come to Sebring March 15-18 and see history as it happens. The Corvettes are one of the most popular cars. There will be a corral for Corvettes with many events and drawings for you to enjoy. This year the corral has been moved to allow for more Vettes. Over 250 are expected to be in the corral for several days of this event. Come and be a part of The America Le Mans Series, the luxury brand of North America motor sports. This race was born from the roots of the most renowned auto race, the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Hope to see many of our club members at the track!



## MEMBER HAS RUN IN WITH TREE

Bill Ulisky was leaving the Carriage House after our monthly meeting and was less than a block away before losing control of his vette. He slide into an oak tree which managed to take out the entire right side, shattered the windshield, popped the top off and buried the front end in the grass.

Someone upstairs was watching and Bill has no serious injuries, sorry I can't say the same about the car.

No news yet if the car will be totaled. It's at Dale Warrington's shop waiting for an inspection from the insurance company.

## Final words for FASFWRD

It is with deep regret and sorrow that as of 3:38 pm on Feb. 15, 2006 my 2000 Corvette FASFWRD (LIC. plate) was declared a total lose.

I survived, FASFWRD, did not. Her life began in the fall of 1999 in BOWLING GREEN KY. She took up residence in Ohio for the first 11/2 years of her life. She was brought to Florida by Jim. I bought FASFWRD from him in Feb. 2002. I think her greatest thrill came in the summer of 2003 at the ATLANTA MOTOR SPEEDWAY. She did 5 hot laps hitting speeds of 130 to 140 mph in the straightaway.

Instead of flowers, FASFWRD would like for all of you to take your Corvette for a wash and wax. The good news is through an expansive trans plant network; many of her vital organs will go to help other Corvettes live. Her final wish was for the CORVETTE community to forgive me for destroying an AMERICAN ICON.

Thank You and Good Night,  
Bill



# ABC

Activities  
with  
Bonnie & Cathie

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Indian River Corvette Club doesn't just have fun driving around in our cars, but we have a chance to make a difference. It's time to start collecting for our Women's Refuge Bath, Body & Beauty Drive. We will be collecting donations in April and take last donations in June. Members can bring their donation to club meetings or drop them off at my work, Longevity Fitness Club & Spa.

♀The idea behind this drive is to donate items that would help to encourage and build up the ladies that come to the Women's Refuge. Preferred items should be bath, body and beauty products. I would like to encourage you to be creative. If there is a product that you absolutely love that you think they'll enjoy go for it! We really look forward to helping these ladies get back on their feet. Thanks for your support!

♀Shopping Ideas:

♀Bath Gel

♀Body Lotion

♀Fragranced Body Spray

♀Nail Polish

♀Pedicure/ Manicure Sets

♀Hair Products (*shampoo, conditioner, hairspray, etc*)

♀Crest Automatic Toothbrush (only \$6-7)

♀Toothpaste

♀Make-up Sets (*offering a variety of colors, like you would get at Walgreens*)

♀Black Mascara

♀Lip Glosses (*Lip Gloss Sets*)

♀Perfume or Gift Sets

♀Costume Jewelry

♀Hair Accessories (*hairbrush, ponytail holders, clips, etc*)

♀Face Wash & Lotion

♀Purse (*most girls would always welcome a new purse!*)

♀Hair Appliances (*inexpensive hair dryer, flat iron, etc.*)

♀Deodorant

## FUN TIME AT ANDRETTE THRILL PARK

A good number of members showed up to speed up the highway to Melbourne for all the fun. The Go Karts were the first and most regular stop for everyone. The crew soon found out which were the fastest cars and how to get to them the time around. No one was injured and we all had a good laugh. Seems to me that Bonnie was the fastest a lot of the time.

Then off to the batting cages for some great laughs, at least from those of us that didn't try it.

After several hours we headed off to Texas Longhorn for a lunch and a lot more laughs. The food was great and we all got a time to relax. Then we all saddled up for the ride home

If you didn't come this time you really need to try for the next time.



Bonnie



Cathie

## MUSEUM MAKES USA TODAY

USA Today travel section names the Corvette Museum as one of the ten greatest places to get reved up about cars. the article states that "Americans have always loved their cars because they provide freedom of mobility and, for some, image enhancement."

If you need to wonder why you are willing to spend \$50.00 for gas, go out and look in your driveway at your Corvette.

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### Events for March 2006

7 - Tuesday

Board of Directors Meeting

Everyone is invited

Board Members are expected

10 - Friday

General Membership Meeting

11 - Sat

St. Patrick Day Parade

11 - 12 - Sat. - Sun

SCCA - SOLO II Event

Indian River Community College,

15 thru 18 - Wed thru Sat

Mobil 1 - 54th Annual  
12 Hours of Sebring

25 - Saturday

Under The Oaks

Riverside Park - Vero Beach

25 - Saturday

Corvettes at TownPark

25 - Saturday

Corvettes in the Sunshine - III

Homosassa, FL

28 - Tuesday

Mystery Dinner Cruise

Our Host

Harry & Linda Fallon

## YAHOO E-GROUP - Your Link to Other Club Members!

Indian River Corvette Club has used a Yahoo E-Group since the beginning of the club.

This is a private group restricted to members of IRCC to enable us to communicate between each other and to notify everybody of upcoming events.

New members that can receive email are automatically added to the Club's E-Group when they join.

Messages that are sent out as reminders are put on the E-Group calendar for all fixed club events, (general meetings, board meetings, and mystery dinner cruises) The reminders are automatically sent out 7 and 2 days before the event.

In addition to the reminders any member of the E-Group can send a message to all the other members by emailing using the groups email address - **IndianRiverCorvetteClub@yahoo.com**. But, remember if you send or reply to a email sent by this address it can be read by all the members of our group. Private messages should be sent to individual email address not the group address.

If you do not have a members email address you can go to the E-Group web site

**<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/IndianRiverCorvetteClub/>** and find their personnel email address.

The E-Groups has nothing to do with the club's web site

**<http://www.ircorvettes.com>** ,

This E-Group is set up for the use of our members so please feel free to use it to communicate with the other members of our club.

If you are having problems receiving the club email, add the address **IndianRiverCorvetteClub@yahoo.com** to you address book, So your anti-virus program will recognize that you know the sender.

**The Cape Kennedy Corvette Club**  
Presents the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Vettes At The Port**  
Open Corvette Show  
**Saturday April 22, 2006**  
Live DJ  
Come Join the Fun - Rain or Shine!  
People's Choice Concours - NCCC FL001  
National Kidney Foundation- Poker Walk  
Door Prizes

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## Corvette C6.R Named North American Car of the Year by dailysportscar.com

Corvette Racing's championship-winning Corvette C6.R race car has been named the "North American Car of the Year" by dailysportscar.com, a noted online magazine that provides in-depth coverage of sports car and GT series worldwide.

In announcing the selection of the Corvette C6.R over marques such as Audi, Aston Martin and Maserati, the editors wrote, "The two yellow missiles utterly dominated proceedings in GT1. They were nothing short of world class throughout the year, taking ALMS and Le Mans titles at the first attempt - how many more might follow?"