

from the desk of
Frank Baudo...



As my term of office closes, I want to give my appreciation to all of the officers and committee members for truly making 2008 a successful and fun filled year. Without you, this could never have been so; and as I've continued to say, "Thank You"

The new board is both eager and enthusiastic to continue to keep the IRCC as the friendliest Corvette club by providing an atmosphere that welcomes and respects all of its members. I've had a great year with you all and am looking forward to our continued friendship.

May I extend my very best wishes to you and your family for a very Merry Christmas and Holidays for each of us all. May your NEW Year bring you all the good things that you hope for and be filled with love, friendship and peace.

Semper Fi..

Frank



From Dyer Chevrolet

December's Dyer Difference Award went to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch. This organization



provides a statewide network of residential child-care facilities, camping programs, and community-based counseling service to Florida's needy, neglected youth and their families. The Youth Ranch's mission is to prevent juvenile delinquency and develop lawful, productive citizens through a broad range of family-centered services. The award will help support the 15th Annual Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches Fund Raiser Barbecue. This event will take place on March 4th, 2009 at the IRC Sheriff's Office complex from 2:00-7:00pm.

Habitat is back! Habitat for Humanity is back in partnership with Dyer Chevrolet and the Indian River Corvette Club! In January, Dyer Chevrolet and the Indian River Corvette Club will begin on the construction of a home off Oslo Road between 12th and 18th avenue. The site is in close proximity to Thompson Elementary. We hope each of you will participate in such a wonderful project.

Safe Driving,
Will and Tatiana Dyer



ZOPREZ PART DEAUX

Frankie has completed another lap as a great and wonderful friend. Thanks....



Change is the answer. I have inherited an economy on the brink. Therefore, I have decided to change. I will not field a pit crew this year. I have decided to go with Bale Out Specialists. They are Tony Chila, Hollyann Quina and Dick Cantner.

More specialists will be added in January. To those that have already volunteered - - it's gonna be fun.

I will lead these specialists on a quest for our TARP money, fine dinners, great conversation and sharing. May we experience another year of driving Corvettes with friends.

As Dino Basili says, "The perfect journey is circular-the joy of departure and the joy of return".

It's good to be back!!!!!!!

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays for December

Cyn Seo	December 7
Bill Ulisky	December 8
Shari Chila	December 9
Alan Papitto	December 14
Louie Seo	December 19
Bonnie Porter	December 20
Judy Gallagher	December 25
Carl Michaud	December 27
Dave Lundell	December 31

Birthdays for January

Paul Magee	January 6
Ro Bryant	January 14
Sherri Brower	January 16
Maria Ferro	January 27
Paul Kovac	January 30

Happy Birthday to everyone!

LAST EVENT FOR THE YEAR

As always, the year is coming to an end and our Christmas party was the finale for the year. Panther Wood Country Club turned out to be attractive with good service. The wait staff was efficient and serviced a large crowd in a timely fashion. I hate to say that I was not impressed with the food. It was a plated dinner and the amount of the food on the plate was skimpy. Several people mentioned still being hungry. I hope the Christmas Party Committee will consider a buffet if we return to Panther Woods next year.

Jerry and The Dolls are always great entertainment and we were not disappointed. They were great. It was nice with everyone in the same room able to enjoy the evening.

The lounge area, entry area and dining area has tons of room to move around the tables to mingle and talk.

In closing I wish each and everyone a healthy and happy New Year and hope to see all of you at our first meeting in January

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Activities

COMING IN December

5 - 7, Fri - Sun - Sebring Historic Fall Classic
World Championship Vintage Sports Car Racing

13 - Saturday - Annual Christmas Party
See WEB calendar for details

25 - Thursday - Merry Christmas COMING IN January

6 - Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting
Officers and Directors are asked to please attend,
Club members are always welcome!

9 - Friday - General Membership Meeting
Culinary Capers

17 - Saturday - Reflections In Glass XXIV
Boca Raton
Hosted by America's Corvette Club

24 - Saturday - NCRS Winter Regional Meet
Old Town

27 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise
Our Host Is a Mystery, Also.

Check the WEB Calendar for details

Meet Fran Kamberger a man of many talents!

Many of our club members know Fran because he has the only 1966 Milan maroon Corvette. Fran purchased his car in 1970. His first and only other Corvette was a 1961, which he found in 1970 and paid the huge sum of \$750.00. The Vette bug has bitten him like so many of us. Fran is gathering parts for his car and plans a complete restoration, which he is going to be doing his self. His car, which has been several other colors in the past, will be restored to its present color, which was the way it came from the factory.



Fran enjoys going to car shows with his great 1966 Corvette. He has a bookcase full of gorgeous trophies and plaques to prove that judges also think his car is GREAT. (Check out the pictures.)

Fran originally came from Maryland where he worked in construction. He did government training and later added surveying to his list of talents. Fran's only child is his daughter who is now in college and will be a teacher when she graduated in January. She will also be celebrating her twenty fifth birthday.

Fran is retired now, however he seems to be the busiest person I know. He purchased a house that was only constructed to the shell stage and that's when he took over. He built the rest of the home by his self. The kitchen cabinets are fantastic both in color and in style. All the closets, walls, bathrooms and everywhere you look you can see the great work put in to making the house a home.

I don't think that Fran is ever bored. He has a complete woodworking shop in his house with every tool you could imagine. His spare time is spent building trucks and cars out of wood. It takes about forty hours to build a car. The 1956 Greyhound Scenic Cruiser bus out of walnut and redwood is just fantastic. The bus took one hundred hours to create. Fran works without patterns and designs from his own ideas.

Check out the pictures of his car and his wood working skills.



Just a few of the Plaques and Trophies that Fran and his Corvette have WON!!!



It is great to have someone in the club that can complete and win at car shows, BUT ALSO KNOWS HOW TO TURN A WRENCH!!!

TOYS FOR TOTS PARTY

Louie and CynSeo very graciously offered their new home, Sawgrass Farm for the venue of one of the best parties this year. Toys For Tots is the only event that the club does that is not just a social event, but is important since it is for needy children in the area and sponsored by the Marine Corp.

Cyn has been collecting and decorating over thirty trees for years. Each tree has a theme and is decorated to perfection. This year with more space the quantity of trees grew quite a bit. A lot of helpers were put to work this year to help with the decorating since the move to the new house was also done just before the party.

There was a great turnout and lots of fun, food, and drink with loads of things to see. A complete manger in the barn, loads of decorations, more trees and more trees.

If you missed the party you missed a chance to see one of Christmas seasons best-decorated homes. Take a look at the pictures.

The toys were delivered to Dyer Chevrolet and a good time was had by all.



Corvette Racing to skip Le Mans?

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Despite adamant denials from General Motors road racing boss Steve Wesoloski, anonymous sources insist that Corvette Racing will skip the 2009 24 Hours of Le Mans as the operation looks to cut costs by focusing solely on its move to the GT2 class in the second half of next season.

Corvette Racing's original plan for 2009 calls for the team to race its two GT1-class C6.Rs at the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring to open the American Le Mans Series season, followed by appearances at Long Beach and Le Mans. The team would then contest select races in GT2 to finish the year, before a full-season GT2 effort in 2010. However, sources say that word came down recently to

reduce the racing budget, and that cancellation of next year's GT1 outings is the solution.

But Wesoloski answered a call from AutoWeek on Thursday saying "It's not true" in response to the rumor, which was published first this week in U.K. racing magazine Autosport.

"We are still going ahead with our plans for a reduced program of Sebring, Long Beach and Le Mans," he said. "No one has come knocking to tell me otherwise."

"We are, of course, prepared for all eventualities. It all hinges on what happens in Washington [with financial bailout talks]."

At first glance, eliminating Le Mans from Corvette Racing's schedule

seems unlikely. The team's budget is already in place for next year, and contracts with sponsors and partner Pratt & Miller are also in effect through 2010.

Wesoloski did not completely dismiss the possibility of pulling the plug on Le Mans--if indeed he is ordered to slash costs.

"[The 2009 GT1 operation] would be the place to start," he said. "[But] the difficulty is our sponsorship commitments. Due to the international exposure of Le Mans, it might end up costing us more not to do it."

Speaking at a GM press event in Detroit on Thursday, a high-ranking GM official said the company would quit NASCAR before it quit Le Mans.