

## From The Captian

It's hard to believe that 2010 is gone already and we are well into 2011. There is an old saying that time flies when you are having fun. Another saying to take seriously is that the older we get, the faster time flies. In my case, they are both true.

The year 2010 was another to remember for the Corvette Club. We had many fun outings, mystery dinners and club activities. Arguably, the best two of the year were saved for last, the annual Toys-For-Tots campaign at the end of November and the Christmas party in December.

The Toys-For-Tots campaign was held at the Seo residence (Cyn & Louie) in conjunction with the tour of the trees and was attended by 44 people. We collected 67 toys for the kids. Cyn had the barn, the guest house and the main house all decorated with 70 theme trees, several manger scenes and a lot of other Christmas paraphernalia. The residents of the barn, our four horses and our one boarder horse, seemed to enjoy the company. Decorating help was provided by Andi and Stan Smykowski and especially by Ro Bryant. In fact, Ro was there so often I thought Dan had thrown her out of the house.

The Christmas party was held again at the Meadowood Country Club thanks to Frank and Connie Baudo. The entertainment was lively, the food was great and the camaraderie was even better. The only problem was that the food was so good it was hard to leave room for the sumptuous desserts.

Your board has several ideas for functions for 2011 that should make it a very interesting year. We will be discussing and finalizing these in the near future. In the meantime, here is wishing all a happy and healthy 2011.

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## Sunshine Report

It sure has been hard to find the sunshine these days, but I am happy to report Dave Lundell is



home from the hospital and waiting for the o.k. to come to FLA. Pat is now in a boot from her foot surgery, but she can still out run Dave. Dave and Melinda Myers are back to warm??? weather, along with Jim and Judy Gallagher. Always good to see smillin faces. Congratulations to Stan and Andi on their new arrival. They have adopted a descendent of Ricky Ricardo. They have named him Desi.

The weather should be breaking soon, but if we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes have a taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome, or just move to Hawaii!

Until the sun comes again,  
ZoRo

## Buy a Corvette, Learn to Drive It for Free

When buying a sports car, you may feel that at times you're in for more than you bargained for. This is why most of the manufacturers who roll off their assembly lines such cars have very good driving instructors and driving schools, nearby to teach the noobies with a lot of money how to use their new toys.

Corvette is one of those manufacturers, one who decided this week to treat its customers with a little extra. Should you buy a new Corvette by February 28, you will get a free two-day tuition (three days for ZR1 buyers) at either of the two official Corvette driving schools: Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving and Ron Fellows Performance Driving School.

The offer comes like a God sent gift for the marques fans that until now were eligible for the driving schools only if they bought Corvette ZR1. Now, even if you go for a Coupe, Convertible, Grand Sport or Z06, you'll still get the chance to get some proper driver training.

"This special offer extends an exclusive piece of the Corvette driving experience to new owners," said Jim Campbell, US vice president of performance vehicles and motorsports. "Corvette owners have experiences open to them unlike any others, from touring the plant and National Corvette Museum, to advanced driver training, and even building their own engine."

Corvette says you can go and take some driving lessons anytime you like, provided you do so in the first year following the purchase of the model.

### Johnny O'Connell Makes Transition from Corvette Racing to Team Cadillac

Record-Setting Racer Reunited with Corvette Racing Teammate Andy Pilgrim in New Cadillac SCCA World Challenge GT Program



Johnny O'Connell will move from Corvette Racing to the new Team Cadillac motorsports program in the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) World Challenge GT in 2011. After 10 successful seasons in Corvettes, O'Connell will join former Corvette Racing teammate Andy Pilgrim in a pair of Cadillac CTS-V Coupes as Cadillac returns to racing in the SCCA production-based series.

"Johnny O'Connell has made a tremendous contribution to the success of Corvette Racing both on and off the track," said GM Racing director Mark Kent. "Now as GM launches a new motorsports program with another iconic brand, Johnny was the unanimous choice for Team Cadillac. We are very pleased that Johnny will continue to be a valued member of the GM Racing family, and we believe that his proven speed, racecraft, and outgoing personality will be great assets for the Cadillac racing program."



# Activities

## COMING IN January

- Tuesday - Board of Directors Meeting
- 13 - Thursday - General Membership Meeting  
C.J. Cannon's at the Airport Terminal Building
- 22 - Saturday - Reflections In Glass  
Hosted By America's Corvette Club - Fort Lauderdale
- 25 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise  
Our Host Harley & Joey
- 27 - 29 - Thur - Sat - Winter Regional NCRS Meet  
Old Town - Kissimmee
- 29 - Saturday - 100 Years of Cars  
Hosted by The Pine School in Hobe Sound
- 30 - Sunday - A trip to the Vero Museum of Art,  
then we will caravan to Sonic Drive-In  
Meet at the Museum at 1:30
- 30 - Sunday - 15th Annual Wonderful World of Corvettes  
Old Town - Kissimmee

## COMING IN February

- 10 - Thursday - General Membership Meeting  
C.J. Cannon's at the Airport Terminal Building
- 12 - Saturday - McKee Botanical Gardens Benefit  
Modern Exotics and Sports Car Exhibition  
10 a.m.-3 p.m. McKee parking lot. \$9 per person for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children 3-12.  
Details to Follow
- 22 - Tuesday - Mystery Dinner Cruise  
Our Host Jack & Mary



The largest Corvette event in Florida is the American Le Mans Series season-opening Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, FL on March 19. About 1 hour west of Vero Beach.

**Below is a picture of the 2009 Corvette Corral at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring! The Corral is free to all Corvette owners, if you request the Corral when you order your tickets!**



## 1973 Chevrolet Corvette sports wagon

My first thought was that this 1973 Chevrolet Corvette converted into a sport wagon was the product of John



Greenwood's experimentation with the body style, but some quick googling shows that Greenwood's conversion(s) were meant for the later rubber-bumper third-gen Corvettes. It appears, then, that this one came from an earlier design, possibly by Chuck Miller and almost certainly marketed by Eckler's. From the seller's description:



Body Style: Sports Wagon

Condition: excellent

1973 Corvette Sports Wagon, 1 of 10 made, very rare piece of Corvette history, 350, auto, number matching, they don't get much better. \$125,000

## KIPLINGER RATES CORVETTE



In the past decade, Corvette has won a Kiplinger's Best award in the sports car category six times. Why? Beastly power, a tame price and considerable cargo room, where the back seat would otherwise be. The Vette was introduced in 1953, getting more powerful and faster with the years. The sixth generation Vette is shorter and narrower than its predecessor - more like the European sports cars - and the fastest yet: It clocks zero to 60 in 4 seconds flat. You can if 430 horses aren't enough, consider the Z06 (505 hp) or the ZR1 (638 hp). Both have top speeds of around 200 miles per hour

## Barrett-Jackson to auction commemorative Z06 Corvette for museum fundraiser

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In honor of the Chevrolet Corvette's inaugural appearance and victory at the 24 Hours of Le Mans some 50 years ago, Chevrolet built a special 2011 Corvette Z06 wearing the same paint scheme--Arctic White paint, blue stripes and the number "3"--to pay tribute to the class-winning 1960 Cunningham Corvette.

Chevrolet and the General Motors Design Center built and added several special one-off features for this car, which has vehicle identification number 001:



- Competition Gray headlamps, mirrors and wheels
- Special 50th-anniversary of Le Mans racing logos
- Blue brake calipers
- Z07 performance package with Brembo carbon-ceramic brakes
- 19-inch front/20-inch rear 20-spoke Competition Gray wheels with Michelin PS2 tires
- Magnetic Selective Ride Control
- Black carbon-fiber front splitter and rockers
- ZR1-style rear spoiler
- Ebony leather-wrapped interior with Competition Gray trim
- Carbon-fiber fenders and floor panels

Corvette Racing fans will recognize the special-edition Z06 as a participant in the Legends of Le Mans event at Laguna Seca in 2010. Driven by Corvette Racing legend Ron Fellows, the Z06 was accompanied by the 1960 Cunningham, the 1967 Bondurant/Guldstrand, the 1973 BF Goodrich and the C6.R GT2 Corvettes for a parade lap on the track.

Barrett-Jackson will auction the one-off Corvette Z06 at its Scottsdale event, with all proceeds to benefit the National Corvette Museum's planned 500-acre motorsports park in Bowling Green, Ky. The park will feature road courses, an autocross course, a skid pad, a karting track and a drag strip.

How does anyone pick the best vehicles of the past 10 years? Fortunately, Kiplinger ranks cars every year, picking the best in various price categories based on performance, value and safety. So we combed a decade's worth of our buyer's guides to find the vehicles that showed up as winners time and time again. When the choices got tough, we gave the nod to iconic vehicles that pioneered a category and have stood the test of time.

# WHAT A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Some Christmas parties are dull, some are boring, and some are a real disappointment. Indian River Corvette Club only has GREAT parties. A great turnout of our members made for a fabulous evening. I am sure that some were surprised that we all clean up very well.

Meadowoods or Panther Woods what ever you choose to say is a very special setting for a party. The large dinning room has plenty of area for dancing and to mingle and talk. The buffet dinner was nice and the dessert selection was a good finish to the meal.

The Bobby Owen Band with Heather and Mark did an outstanding job with the music. It was very enjoyable for both dancing and listening. It was also announced that Dan and Ro will be Grandparents next summer.

The party was also the changing of the guard for the board members. Ro was given an orange jewelry box with the Corvette logo on top for her great year of service.

If you missed the party, we had a lot of fun and I hope that you be able to make it next year.

Have a great 2011 and come to more events when you can.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

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## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Birthdays for January

- Ro Bryant January 14
- Stan Smykowski January 18
- Lynda Nixon January 20
- Maria Ferro January 27
- Paul Kovac January 30

### Birthdays for February

- Pat Lundell February 14
- Andi Smykowski February 19
- Dave Myers February 22
- Hollyann Quina February 24
- Wayne Sandlin February 28

*Happy Birthday to everyone!*