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# VETTE NEWS

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## ***President's Corner***

The month of January has traditional meaning to many of us, such as announcing our New Year's resolutions, but for the Corvettes of Buffalo, January is the first month in 2007 to plan and organize another year of exciting and interesting events for our members to participate and enjoy.

January also is the month to introduce the new elected Officers for 2007, and to proceed with swearing all Officers into office at the January meeting. This year we have another talented group of Officers, Board Members and Committee Members that will provide great leadership for the club. I am honored to be a part of this group. I also would like to thank Bruce Mussehl, and last years club Officials for sharing their talents and time on behalf of the Corvettes of Buffalo.

As your new President for 2007, I am looking forward to another great year of Corvette fun! While our calendar of events has not been completed as of this date, I know it will include several fun events that you will enjoy. The Corvettes of Buffalo is the best Corvette Club in our area because of your participation and involvement in club activities.

We are in the planning and organizing stage of our annual Corvette Show/Cruise and plan to have our third Corvette Caravan this year. These events have been very successful in past years to help raise money for various charities as well as generating income for club-sponsored events. Frank and Marianne Pastore have done an outstanding job in past years to coordinate our annual Corvette Shows & Caravan.

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## ***Editor's Message***

Hello COB members!

If you are reading this, then you have just received the January newsletter, and I am sure you have noticed the new look. I hope you like it!

When I volunteered to take over the newsletter I thought that with a new editor maybe a new style newsletter might be appropriate. Although it has a new look, the name remains the same and won't change. Lets call it a frame off restoration with a little high performance and customization thrown in. I hope to make this newsletter fun and interesting with different articles, features and pictures.

I spun my wheels at first in trying to get the right format but I think I got it. You'll notice that envelopes are no long used. This newsletter is edited using Word so if you are going to make a submission to the newsletter, a Word document is preferred, but not necessary (makes my job easier and saves wear and tear on the assistant editor's fingers). Any text file will be ok, including an email message.

As was Lowell's mantra and will be mine *submissions, submissions, submissions!* Folks, this newsletter is yours as members; it will only be better if you submit articles. If you have gone somewhere or done something of interest with your corvette or without it, let the membership know through the newsletter. It doesn't have to be on the scale of War and Peace just a few short words and if Linda and I can help we will. Please if you have pictures to go along with your article all the better!

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Meeting every second Saturday of the month at

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Meeting starts 7:00 p.m.

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## ***Editor's Message***

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As this newsletter accelerates off pit lane and on to the straightaway any suggestions or comments would certainly be welcomed.

Finally I would like to say that doing this newsletter takes some effort! I would like to commend **Lowell & Karen Rothenberger** and **Joe Dionne** for all the years they put in providing this newsletter to the club.

***Lowell we salute you!***

***Jim Bonus***



## ***President's corner***

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But I am certain with everyone's help we will have another great Corvette Show/Cruise & Caravan in 2007.

Your participation has made these events possible and successful. We all need to help do our part in the planning, organizing and conducting of the events. Yes, it is a lot of work but it is also a lot of fun!

Each year we plan a few weekend Corvette trips and occasionally some are longer than a weekend. This year we are planning a trip to NCCC National Convention in Nashville, from June 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. We also are planning a trip to Newport RI. I encourage you to join us on as many of these trips as your schedule allows. We will be discussing more details at our meetings, in the newsletter and on our COB Web page.

See you at the next meeting.....

***Skip Polowy***

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## ***Christmas Brunch***

This years Christmas brunch was held at the Holiday Inn on Niagara falls blvd and was well attended. Food was excellent and served right on time. For those of that may have missed it snow birds Larry & Donna Petro called Bruce from their winter retreat in Texas to wish every one a good time and to also remind us that it was near 80 degrees that that Sunday! After the brunch Frank Pastore lead a group of COBERS on the trip to Ridge Road Station, no report on how much the group came home with!



Congratulations to Dick & Sue Brownlee, for chairing this years event. It was overheard in conversation that Dick could be persuaded to be the Brunch Chairman next year!



Bruce in one of his last official duties addressing the membership at the Christmas Brunch

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### ***February Pizza Party***

***Following the February Club meeting, there will be a Pizza Party for any interested members at the Church on Main Street in Clarence, NY.***

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The Club will sponsor the soft drinks and chicken wings. The pizza costs will be \$2.50 per person. If you are interested in attending, a sign up sheet will be available at the January meeting. If you cannot make the January meeting but plan to attend in February, you can respond to Skip or Maureen Polowy by E mail or phone call. We need to know how many members are attending, so we order enough pizza!

The pizza money will be collected at the January & before the February meeting begins.

See you at the meeting!

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## ***Installation Dinner***

Our annual COB Officers' Installation Dinner & Dance will be held at ***Suzanne's Fine Dining on Saturday, March 24, 2007.***

Every member will have a choice of one entrée (beef, chicken or fish). Each entree includes a salad, potato, vegetable, dessert, and coffee or tea.

Before dinner we will have a Cocktail Hour that includes an open bar stocked with beer, wine, and sodas, and also a delicious assortment of hors d'oeuvres. During the Cocktail Hour, as well as after dinner, we will be entertained by the fabulous A&W Music Show.

We know that you will not want to miss this night of food, friends, fun, and surprises! And best of all, the cost to you will be less than \$20/ member!!!! Mark your calendars now. You deserve a wonderful evening.

We will be giving you more complete details at our next meeting, January 13th.

***Carol Kinney & Pamm Seifert***

## ***NCCC National Convention***

Anyone interested in attending the NCCC National Convention from June 16th - June 23rd should reserve a room: (You would need the Nashville Room from June 17th- 23rd)

Go to NCCC website - [corvettesnccc.org](http://corvettesnccc.org)

Click on: NCCC Annual National Conventions - Past-Present-Future

Click on: 2007 National Convention in Nashville, TN.

Click on: Hotel Reservation Information - Marriott Nashville Airport

There is a special group rate for NCCC members of \$109. + Taxes (per night)

***Skip***

## ***JANUARY***

### ***COB BIRTHDAYS***

16<sup>th</sup> – Nicolet Brett

26<sup>th</sup> - George Frank

### ***COB ANNIVERSARIES***

28<sup>TH</sup> - Donna & Jim Gangloff

## ***CORVETTE HISTORY***

**January 1, 1956:** The 1956 Corvette makes its debut at the Waldorf Astoria in New York for the Motorama show.

**January 1, 1975:** Zora Arkus Duntov officially resigns from Chevrolet. David McLellan takes over as Chief Engineer.

**January 6, 1997:** Chevrolet unveils the 1997 Covetted, dubbed "C5". A new small block V-8 engine is introduced, the LS1, with 345hp and 10:1 compression ratio.

**January 17, 1953:** The prototype Chevrolet Corvette "Dream Car" is displayed at the Motorama show at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

**January 21, 1962:** General Motors' Chairman, Frederic Donner issues a policy memo, re-iterating the company's compliance with 1957 AMA company-sponsored racing ban. This officially cancels production plans for the Corvette Grand Sport, with only 5 of the intended 125 cars built.

**January 1956:** Zora Arkus Duntov, sets a two-way record breaking average of 150.583 mph at the Daytona Beach Raceway in a modified 240hp V8 powered Corvette.

**January 1986:** Chevrolet announces that the Corvette has been chosen to be the Official Pace Car for the Indianapolis 500 race.

**January 1999:** At the 24 Hours of Daytona race, Chevrolet debuts the GT2 class C5R Corvette race car. Ron Fellows and Chris Kneifel drive one to third in GTS class.

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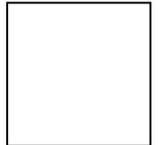


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