
VETTE NEWS

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President's Corner

We have had a great year of Corvette fun, good weather, and more memories of Corvettes of Buffalo activities to enjoy and talk about for a long time. It is amazing how quickly the weeks have passed because here it is December, with the holidays fast approaching. The club Christmas Brunch on December 9th is expected to be even better than in the past, with near capacity attendance signed up! I know everyone that can attend will have a great time!

As most of you know, elections were completed at the November meeting and I am honored to be your President for a second term. My congratulations to Frank Pastore elected as Vice President, along with the incumbent Officers and Board Members. I also want to congratulate Jim Brett as our newest Board Member for the New Year. And a special thank you to Pete Ricigliano. As vice president, Pete did a great job assisting me during my first year as President of COB.

The club has continued to grow and get better each year thanks to the efforts of our past, present and elected club Officials. As I look forward, I know we will continue to improve on club activities by getting more members involved. Your input, ideas and involvement is what makes this club great! We want to add new events to our activities calendar and welcome your ideas.

We also need your help in organizing events and/or co-chairing an event. It really is rewarding and fun when everything comes together as you planned. So I urge you, get more involved this year! You will have more laughs, Corvette Fun & food!

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What's Happening

2007 Corvettes of Buffalo Christmas Brunch

December 9th

At the Millennium Hotel

2040 Walden Avenue.

Starting time is 11:30 am

Serving will be until approximately 12:45 pm.

Our New Officers for 2008 are

- ☞ **President** – Skip Polowy
- ☞ **Vice President** – Frank Pastore
- ☞ **Secretary** – Linda Bonus
- ☞ **Treasurer** – Mel Skeide
- ☞ **Board of Directors**
 - Jim Bonus
 - Jim Lawson
 - Jim Brett
 - Reas Graber
 - Pete Ricigliano

Reminder

Please send/e-mail Lynn Ienco a picture of your favorite Corvette (for those of you who own more than one). We need to limit the number of pictures to one/couple.

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Meeting every second Saturday of the month at

First Presbyterian Church
9875 Main St. Clarence, NY
Meeting starts 7:00 p.m.

Corvettes of Buffalo is open to all Corvette owners and enthusiasts over the age of 21

Visit us at <http://www.corvettesofbuffalo.com/>

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Submissions must be in by 26th

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In closing, AND in English, I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Save the Wave.....

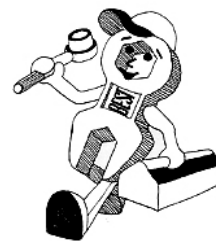
Skip Polowy

February Pizza Party

The club is sponsoring a Pizza & Wings Party following the February meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, 9875 Main Street, Clarence, NY. All are welcome..... There will be a sign up sheet at the January meeting so we can order enough pizza & wings for all in attendance.

Recommendations on pizza toppings are welcomed!

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January 2008 Auto Show Trip

Anyone interested in a weekend “get-a-way” trip to the 2008 Detroit Auto Show? If you are interested, contact Pete Ricigliano or Skip Polowy.

We will plan to drive to Detroit, Michigan through Canada on Friday January 25th & return home on Sunday January 27th. Members can double up to share travel expenses or you can take a romantic ride with your sweetheart alone. We will get rooms reserved once we know how many are interested in this “get-a-way weekend”. Questions can be asked to Skip Polowy or Pete Ricigliano.

There will also be a sign up sheet at the January club meeting.

The Detroit Auto Show runs from January 13th - 27th at the COBO Hall Convention Center, at 1 Washington Blvd., Detroit, Michigan 48201. The show is open to the public beginning January 19th - 27th.

Corvette History

- ☞ **December 24, 1953:** Production of 1953 Corvettes stops for the year, yielding a total of 300 Corvettes built for 1953.
- ☞ **December 1953:** Corvette production moves from the Flint, Michigan assembly plant to a General Motors Assembly Division plant on Union boulevard, in St. Louis, Missouri.
- ☞ **December 1954:** Production of the 1954 Corvette ends with a total of 3,256 built and 1,076 left unsold.
- ☞ **December 1958:** Bill Mitchell begins work on the Q-Corvette, with a rear-mounted transaxle and fully independent suspension
- ☞ **December 1958:** Zora Arkus-Duntov hits 183 mph on the General Motors Proving Grounds, Phoenix, AZ in a Corvette SS.
- ☞ **December 1982:** At the Riverside International Raceway in California, Chevrolet previews the 1984 (not 1983) Corvette, where the automotive press tests the car.
- ☞ **December 6, 1963:** At the International Bahamas Speed Week races in Nassau, the 112 mile Governor's Trophy race is held. The Corvette Grand Sport, driven by Richard Thompson, blows its engine, ending its participation. Grand Sport No. 003, driven by Roger Penske, takes first in prototype class and third overall. Grand Sports No. 004 and 005 take second and third in class, and fourth and sixth overall.

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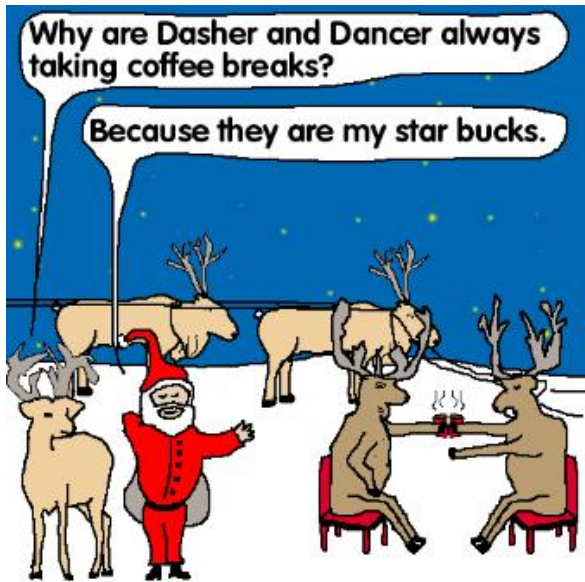
Has coupled their expertise and advanced technology to mold America's most beloved sports car to one capable of seafaring travel. Known also for their C4 and C5 Corvette platforms, this new C6 Sport-V will take on the title of being the fastest inboard water sports boat ever produced. Malibu Boats will make a Coupe and **Z06 edition** available for order by their impatient captains. Both will be fitted with the cove styling and stainless steel exhaust. The Z06 package includes Z06 emblems, trailer wheels and the notorious 7.0 liter "LS7" engine, which propels the C6 Sport-V with 505 horsepower and 470 lb.-ft. of torque.

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Did You Know?

- December 24, 1931: New York City construction workers, at the future site of Rockefeller Center, dragged in a 12-foot Christmas tree and decorated it with tin cans and paper. The first official Rockefeller Center tree, with 700 blue and white lights, appeared two years later.
- Electric Christmas tree lights were first used in 1895. The idea for using electric Christmas lights came from an American, Ralph E. Morris. The new lights proved safer than the traditional candles.
- According to the National Christmas Tree Association, Americans buy 37.1 million real Christmas trees each year; 25 percent of them are from the nation's 5,000 choose-and-cut farms.
- Alabama was the first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday. This tradition began in 1836.
- In 1907, Oklahoma became the last US state to declare Christmas a legal holiday.

Christmas Dog


Tonight's my first night as a watchdog,
 And here it is Christmas Eve.
 The children are sleeping all cozy upstairs,
 While I'm guardin' the stockin's and tree.
 What's that now---footsteps on the rooftop?
 Could it be a cat or a mouse?
 Who's this down the chimney?
 A thief with a beard--- And a big sack for robbin'
 the house?
 I'm barkin', I'm growlin', I'm bitin' his butt.
 He howls and jumps back in his sleigh.
 I scare his strange horses, they leap in the air.
 I've frightened the whole bunch away.
 Now the house is all peaceful and quiet again.
 The stockin's are safe as can be.
 Won't the kiddies be glad when they wake up
 tomorrow
 And see how I've guarded the tree.

December COB Anniversaries

15th Gisela & Dan Hess

COB Birthdays

4TH Bernie Colucci
 10TH Nancy Graber
 11TH Karen Rothenberger
 13TH Shirley Arndt
 14TH Mel Skeide
 14TH Pat Artieri
 15th Harry Kwiek
 16TH Rich Kirkland
 20TH Phil Gionet
 25TH Sue Brownlee
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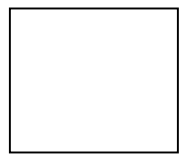
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