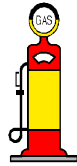


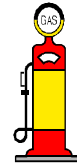


Jacksonville Corvette Club



THE FUEL LINE NEWSLETTER

1st Quarter 2009



JCC 2009 Officers	
President.....Bob McLennon	Events Co-Chair.....Jim & Diane Simpson, Chris Sperry, Nancy Deloach
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Newsletter.....Bob Tank	

FROM THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Time is seemingly passing by. We are entering into some of the best weather of the year. Not too hot, nor too cold. It is a great time for getting out in our Corvettes and having fun. The club officers are committed to putting together events and activities for us to enjoy throughout the year and we jump-started 2009 with a great membership showing at the annual Prime Osborne New Car Show. Weather did not detour 30 Corvettes from making their presence known. We had a wonderful St. Valentines Day cruise that included a lunch and a nice

visit to a maritime museum. Mother's day will soon be upon us and we will make a presentation of Mother's day baskets to the Ronald McDonald House. There are several more outings to include the spring and fall trips to look forward to. What make these car cruises, trips and shows so memorable are all the wonderful folks in our club. It is always a pleasure teaming up with club members for our meetings, socials, and other events and I look forward to each and every one. Corvette, America's only true sports car, Save the Wave!

Club Stats

As we start the new year, it is interesting to review just who makes up the Jacksonville Corvette Club. Currently we have 103 family memberships and 118 Corvettes. 2% of us own the C1; 9% own the C2; 14% own the C3; 13% own the C4; 40% own the C5; and 33% own the C6. We come from far and wide: 48% from the East Side; 33% from the West Side; 14% from out of town; and 5% from out of State. We are truly a diverse group of car enthusiasts.

Charitable Results

In addition to our love of cars and cruising, we are also a charitable group. For 2008 we donated a total of \$1658 to four organizations including Bikes for Tykes, Food Banks, National MS Society and the Ronald McDonald House.

Corvette Fast Facts

1. Paul McCartney owns an Electron Blue C5 which he drives around greater LA.
2. The Bowling Green plant is still shut down and hopefully will reopen this Spring.
3. There are more than 2000 '08 and 6500 '09 cars available through dealerships.

The Spark Plug

Ten Myths About Synthetic Motor Oils

1. Synthetic motor oils damages seals.
2. Synthetic motor oils are too thin to stay in the engine.
3. Synthetic motor oils cause cars to use more oil

4. Synthetic lubricants are not compatible with petroleum.
5. Synthetic oils are not readily available.
6. Synthetic lubricants produce engine sludge.
7. Synthetic oils cannot be used with a catalytic converter.
8. Synthetic motor oils void warranties.
9. Synthetic oils last forever.
10. Synthetic motor oils are too expensive.

Synthetics offer a truly significant performance difference due to their superior high temperature oxidation resistance, high film strength, very low tendency to form deposits, stable viscosity base and low temperature flow characteristics. You will need to decide if the extra cost is justified. Change guidelines vary from 7500 to 25,000 miles or usually one year maximum.

C5 Convertible Trunk "pop up" Problem

A number of droptop owners have reported that, when they release the trunk lid, it doesn't pop up enough to get fingers under it. Do not waste time and money

replacing the latch assembly unless it is broken. The following web address will give you the steps to follow to inspect and fix the problem:
<http://64.209.142.240/faq/trunklid.htm>

Member trip to Old Town by Connie Schmitt

Bob and I enjoyed a recent trip to the annual Winter National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) Meet at Old Town in Kissimmee. Formed in 1974, the NCRS is a non-profit hobby group of over 15000 members dedicated to the restoration, preservation, history and enjoyment of Corvettes from model years 1953 thru 1986.

We stayed on Friday night at a motel adjacent to Old Town. Early on Sunday morning we drove across the street to the spectator parking lot. This Corvette only lot filled up quickly and included a beautiful array of colors and years. We had arrived at a Mecca for thousands of Corvette enthusiasts.

We quickly found the judged Corvette area. These cars were immaculately prepared, and to say that the judging was very serious would be an understatement. Separate

judging forms are used for chassis, exterior, interior, mechanical and operations. Some judges use flashlights, magnifying glasses and mirrors to inspect originality, condition and overall cleanliness. The judges use reference manuals to confirm originality details. Unlike other judged car shows, there is no time limit. We noticed the same team of judges at one car several hours after weknew from Balitimore. Dave had first walked by. Another spectator whispered to us that the unusual color on the race car was original. The entrants are seeking various awards including Flight which is restoration and preservation of '63 to '82 Corvettes based on a possible 100 total score and original "as manufactured" standard and Bowtie Award for a high standard of un-restored Corvettes. We also watched a judging clinic that had a 1964 on a lift with an expert explaining details on originality and preparation.

At the National Corvette Museum tent in the swap area, we splurged on a Corvette handbag complete with a small seat belt as the fasterner.

Finally, we listened to Richard Earl, grandson of legendary Harvey Earl. See Richard's website with a wealth of information on Harley at <http://www.carofthecentury.com>. While waiting for this seminar we had the pleasure of meeting Dave and Glenda McLellan through an old Covette connection that Bob weknew from Balitimore. Dave was appointed as Corvette Chief Engineer after Zoraq Arkus Duntov retired. He continued in that position from 1975 to 1992 when he also retired. He still enjoys attending Corvette events around the world.

If you've not been there before, mark your calendar for next year's event.

Message From The Webmaster Gallery Pictures – Submission Requirements

If you wish to submit pictures for display on the Club

website, please follow these guidelines:

1. Pictures can be submitted by email, attachments, single or zip file or on CD-ROM.
2. Pictures must be less than 400KB in size.
3. Pictures must be no larger than 640x480 pixels.
4. File names cannot contain a space or special characters.
5. Pictures must be of Club activities or events.
6. Pictures must be sent to Club president for screening who will forward to the webmaster.

Please set your camera to "VGA" or other low resolution setting. Thanks for your help.

For Sale

2004 C5 Silver Coupe, 5000 miles with automatic transmission. Contact Sam Carter at 904-272-0498.