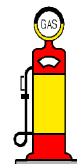


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The Presidents Corner

What a great year we are having. Here it is more than halfway through 2009, where has the time gone? Our events committee is keeping us fulfilled with all sorts of great activities and there is still more to come. We can look forward to a club photo, the fall trip, the Silver Springs All Corvette show, the Annual Dinner, The Christmas Party, the chili cook off and auction and the list goes on. I am also thrilled to report that we have many new members to our club. We had five potential new members at just one meeting! We have a wonderful club filled with friendship, humor, and of course, Corvettes.

I would ask you to start thinking about nominations for next years officers. We will open the nomination process at the first meeting in September.

As always keep yourself safe and the shinny side up.

Bob McLennon

Vette Stats

The State of Florida ranks number two in overall Corvette registrations. First is California followed by the Sunshine State, Texas, New York and Illinois. As of 2009, Florida had 58,000+ units registered. Corvette owners are passionate about customizing their vehicles. 87% reported purchasing a custom part or accessory over the past year. Other than polishes/waxes, exhaust

upgrades were most popular. Intakes, brake upgrades and performance tires are also frequent additions. 52% of new owners purchased a used vehicle. 34% of owners are less than 48 years of age; 32% between 48 and 57; and 35% are 58 or older. Over 75% report having at least some college level education or higher.

GM News

According to Fritz Henderson, recently appointed CEO of GM, the future holds exciting things for Chevrolet's iconic sports car. He says that Corvette "pays its rent" meaning that its a money making operation for the General. Nobody

at GM is talking about a mid-engine Corvette anymore. However, the C7 is on hold and unlikely to launch earlier than the 2014 model year. Henderson adds that the current C6 chassis is still an excellent unit to build off and one that's fully competitive with the best sports cars from around the world. In addition, as reported by Corvette Magazine in their September issue, Henderson was quoted as saying "We're making changes in the Corvette architecture as we speak to make sure it maintains its leadership position." GM Vice President Tim Lee was also quoted as saying that GM has "100% confidence in the Corvette line".

Corvette Production

At the June meeting of the Greater Atlanta Automotive Media Association Chevrolet announced the recent production of the 1,500,000th Corvette at the GM Bowling Green Assembly plant. The car was a white convertible 3LT with red interior and black top. Pricing for the all new 2010 Corvette Grand Sport Coupe will be \$55,720 while the convertible will be offered at \$59,530. The Grand

Sport achieves a 0-60 time in less than four seconds, pulls 1.0g on the skid pad and boasts an impressive 26 highway mpg. Chevy says these numbers are unmatched by any of Corvette's competitors.

The Spark Plug

CAFE Standards

President Obama has unveiled new CAFE standards (Corporate Average Fuel Economy). The new standard includes a 35.5 mpg for 2016. The NHTSA (National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration) will use an "S-curve" to accommodate different size cars and trucks in setting individual CAFE targets. In other words automakers can build performance cars if a larger number of high fuel mileage models offset them. Consumers can expect an average of 39 mpg for cars and 30 mpg for trucks when the EPA fully develops the standard. The goal is to cut greenhouse gases by 30 percent by 2016.

Factory Bulletins, etc.

Rob Burton, Service Advisor at Garber Auto Mall has offered to print out any of the hundreds of bulletins

supporting the C5 & C6 should you have a maintenance problem. He can be reached at 904-264-2442 or rburton@garberautomall.com. He is also a source for hard to find parts and comes highly recommended by Tom Runck.

Glass Top Repair

Another member reports using the cleaner Novus 1 to keep his glass top free of scratches. Their website www.delviesplastics.com/waxes_cleaners_novus.htm details an array of their various products.

Vette Meets Jet

Want to know how a 638 HP ZR1 six speed stands up against an F/A-18? Then check out the recent article on page 30 of the August edition of Motor Trend Magazine. Most cool.

Member trip to Punta Gorda by Tom Runck

On May 15 we all met at the Publix Market in Fruit Cove anxiously awaiting our departure for a

yummy lunch at “Pisces Rising” in Mt. Dora. There were 11 cars that arrived and everyone was prepared for the trip south. Radios in hand, we headed down SR 13 over the Shands Bridge to Hiway 17 towards Palatka. Bob had held a brief safety meeting while Mick handed out maps along with cell phone numbers for the group and explained the day's events as they were to unfold.

After a brief and well needed potty stop at a grocery store (one bathroom for each), about an hour and a half into the trip we converged on Mt. Dora.....11 Corvettes in a row! We received the usual thumbs up and an occasional horn honk from the locals and wound our way to the restaurant for a delicious lunch. We took some pictures, saw the local train and jumped back in our Corvettes. The route was a perfect leisurely route with back roads the whole way. We did hit a couple of rain showers along the way, but nothing torrential. Made another potty stop in Arcadia and breezed into Punta Gorda around 4:45pm. Mick and Chris informed the group that after check-in we would meet in the lobby about 6:15 to head over to “Bella Luna's Italian

Restaurant” for a great dinner with a complimentary bottle of wine for each couple. I've never seen so many empty bottles at a club event! The Wyvern Hotel was great and kudos to Mick and Chris for checking it out ahead of time.

The next morning everyone gathered for breakfast while several members wiped down their cars and took more pictures. Come to find out they were short two staff, but we all helped out and had a nice breakfast anyway before heading out to “Muscle Car City” on Highway 41 just a short distance from the hotel.

There was an outdoor car show going on celebrating their Grand Opening with live 60's entertainment. What a great collection of muscle cars, mostly GM brands, from the 50's, 60's and 70's. There were a few from the 30's and 40's sprinkled in for good measure.

Mick and I introduced ourselves to the owner (Mr. Rick Treworgy) who was walking around greeting folks. He said he wanted a picture of us and our cars to put on his web site. When we were ready to leave we pulled four cars in front of the “Muscle Car City” sign and took pictures of all of us.

While talking with Mr. Treworgy he mentioned a restaurant he owned called “Smugglers” on the water not too far from where we had eaten dinner. So a few of us left there and tried it for lunch. A beautiful view of the Peace River and again, great food!

After filling our tummies we needed to fill our tanks for the trip home. About 5 cars went up I-75 toward Ocala, while others cut over on I-4. We encountered some more rain on the way home, but overall the trip was great. Compliments to Mick and Chris Sperry for a well executed event. Everyone had a great time and the museum was just what us “Gear Heads” like to see; fast cars among a great collection of America's Number One Sports Cars.

For Sale Corvette Books

A friend of Bob Schmitt's has a number of Corvette specific books ranging in price from \$10 to \$80. For a list contact Don Lykins at dlykins@bellsouth.net

Saving Bond Value??

By Bob McLennon

Like most of us I too have saving bonds, some from a long time ago, stuffed in an envelop and forgotten about for the most part. What got me thinking about them is an article I read in the Times Union Paper. I would like to share some of this information.

To summarize, Ever wonder what the bonds are worth? Ever wonder if now is the time to cash some of them in? How about this, currently there are 16.6 Billion dollars in unredeemed matured savings bonds, meaning their no longer earning interest. There is an official web site that you can visit that will help you find out if your bonds are matured to the point that you should cash them in. Keep in mind that tax is paid on bond interest earned so watch what you do. The web site is

www.treasuryhunt.gov.

Sounds kind of hokey but it is for real, I have used it already. There is also a savings bond calculator at www.treasurydirect.gov that you can use to see the current value of your bonds

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so you know; according to the web site, the following bonds are mature and no longer earning interest: Series E may 1941-July 1979, Series H June 1952-July 1979, Series HH January 1980-July 1989, and savings notes May 1967-October 1970. A,B,C,D,G,J,K: all issues. Bottom line you may have some extra cash sitting around and did not even realize it. Hope you have some luck with those bonds, happy hunting.