



THE FUEL LINE NEWSLETTER

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JCC 2010 Officers	
President..... Tom Runck	Events Co-Chairs..... Nancy DeLoach, Sandy Banning, Joanne Hibbard, Ella McKee, Laura Pinter, Christine Sperry & Terry Yerger
Vice President... Bill McKee	Officer At Large..... Joe Powell
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The President's Corner

Well 2010 is upon us! After a fun filled 2009 we have a lot to look forward to in the coming year! We have a great slate of Officers and committee co-chairs to take us on some fantastic trips, outings, day trips along with car shows and social meetings at different locations.

This is the 35th Anniversary of the Jacksonville Corvette Club and it is growing each year. As we grow our trips attract larger crowds! This year started out with the

Gator Bowl Parade with Bobby Bowden the Grand Marshall of the parade and his wife Ann. Sandy Banning was the host car and Eric Barron and his wife (the new President of Florida State University) rode in my car! What an honor and a great way to break in the New Year! Our club is well respected in Jacksonville and it is great to be a member! I look forward to the upcoming year and if there is anything I can do to make 2010 better please don't hesitate to share your thoughts with me.....

Vette Stats

The new 2010 Corvette Grand Sport coupe is now available with an MSRP starting at \$48,930. This includes the standard 430 HP LS3 engine, six speed manual gearbox boasting a test track top end of 190 mph. The convertible starts at \$53,580. As you might surmise the price of a new Vette has escalated over the years. In 1953 you could drive a new one off the showroom floor for less than \$5000. It wasn't until 1979 that the price broke the \$10,000 level. It punched through the \$20,000 mark in 1984. Prices have risen

steadily every year breaking the \$40,000 barrier in 2001.

In terms of body style the Corvette started out as a Roadster in 1953. The convertible took over as the only option from 1956 to 1962. The coupe returned in 1963 as both styles prevailed until 1976 when the convertible left the lineup through 1985. In more recent years, hardtops have accounted for about two-thirds of total sales. The top production year for the Corvette was 1979 when over 50,000 units came off the line.

Club Happenings

Silver Springs Corvette Show - In early November the Club participated in the annual Silver Springs Corvette Show. In all 26 cars made the trip which allowed us to win the award for largest club attendance out of more than 250+ entrants. Although a number of our folks placed within the top 40 awards category, Jim and Pam Sullivan came away with the 1st prize trophy. Congratulations to all.

JCC Club Photo - In another milestone, the club had its picture taken as a group in mid-October at the World Golf Village. Individual cars/owners photos were also taken by Julie Noble Photography. Although many members helped out, Joe Powell deserves a tip-of-the-hat for organizing this special event. Since a total club photo has not been taken in many years, a framed print will soon grace one of the walls in our room at the Ronald McDonald House.

JCC Annual Dinner - And speaking of the World Golf Village, this year's Annual Dinner certainly had a unique flavor as members enjoyed not only good food and camaraderie, but were treated to a tour of the World Golf Hall of Fame Museum. The Bob Hope display complimented a very interesting array of golfing memorabilia. Outgoing President, Bob and Secretary, Sheryl McLennon along with their committee did an outstanding job of planning this dinner party where the Club celebrates its member's contributions. During

the festivities our new Officers were inaugurated including incoming President, Tom Runck. Pictures of dinner activities and attendees are profiled on our website courtesy of club photographer-at-large Elmer Boggs.

JCC Chili Cook-Off & Auction - Our fall season kicked off with a bang at the home of Earle & Terri Yerger where the Club held its Chili Cook-Off and Charity Auction. The food was awesome with only a few cases of heart burn reported. Importantly, the auction was highly successful and produced the sum of \$1360 which was donated to the Safe Harbor Boys Home located in Jacksonville.

JCC Christmas Party - Once again Santa was kind to over 70 of our members with another outstanding party held at Pace Island courtesy of Ron & Sandy Davis. In case you missed it, the food arrived piping hot and delicious from Nonna's in St. Augustine. With all the desserts being supplied by the membership no one came away hungry.

JCC Fall Trip –

Everyone began to arrive at around 7:00 am Friday morning and soon the Holiday Inn parking lot was abuzz with Corvettes of every color and model! Chris & Mick Sperry began passing out directions and itinerary for the adventure to Tallulah Falls, GA.

We headed up US 1 towards The Dutch House in Wrens, GA for a delicious lunch with a couple of potty stops, a minor issue with one of the cars which turned out to be a bad fuel gage along the way. After lunch and some conversation with members that joined us along the way we headed for the Lodge at Tallulah! It started raining around three clock (imagine that, rain on a fall trip!) Upon our arrival at the lodge, I was in the lead at the time, missed the turn and tried to convince the group cheering us on outside as we drove by when we got there that I was just doing a drive by!..... They didn't believe me either!

Jim & Diane were there to greet us as we pulled into our designated

“Corvettes only” parking area! The Lodge staff was very accommodating and went out of their way to make us feel welcome with warm cookies and yummy treats to hold us over till the dinner was served! The rooms were spacious and everything was new and fresh!

The first nights dinner was catered in and was a fantastic Italian fair that everyone seemed to enjoy and some more than once! There was even a *waiter serving wine out of a box with a paper napkin draped over his arm!* At that point people started moving in to the lodge area to sit around the huge fire place, get reacquainted and catch up!

The next morning after a superb complimentary breakfast and a bunch of car washing (the lodge provided hoses and buckets) Jim had several activities planned for the day some of which were a tour and short movie about the Gorge a drive up to Black Rock Mountain State Park with winding roads for the cars and breathtaking views of the fall colors at their

peak for the members, lunch in town on your own and then a short hop to Tiger Winery for wine tasting and a demonstration on the different methods of wine making! The rest of the afternoon was free to shop or not! Then we all met back at the lodge to travel to Clarksville for a delicious dinner at the Attic Restaurant. Then we traveled back to the lodge (I missed the turn again!) for some more warm cookies, a nice hot fire and a Corvette trivia contest with chocolate and candy as the prizes! Nice job Elmer! After a lot of conversation, some true, some not the late hour brought the fun to a close and on to a new day!

Sunday morning was beautiful and after another good breakfast there were several groups that went out in different directions, some went to tame the “Tale of the Dragon” a couple of the groups went to Highlands, NC via different routes all leading to the same place. Along the way there were beautiful overlooks like Bridal Vail Falls, Mud Falls, Dry Falls to name a few.

We ate lunch in Highlands at Top of the Hill Barbeque and it was delicious! (Thanks, Bill McKee) Then we headed back to Dillard, GA over a different winding route, WHOOOOO for an all you could eat meal at the famous Dillard House! Then back to the lodge for
 you guessed it, more warm cookies and sitting around the fire!

Monday morning was a beautiful morning as well and provided a great travel day for those that had to head home! The event was a great one with around 26 cars participating! Hats off to Jim & Diane Simpson and Chris & Mick Sperry for a fun weekend! The food, the rides, the routes and the accommodations were superb and Jim & Diane will be greatly missed as they now reside in Hendersonville, NC. They will remain members of the club however they will be missed at the regular meetings! Good Luck Jim & Diane!!!! Marilyn & I had a great time. Submitted by Tom Runck

Route 66 Excursion -

As many of you may know, this past October Alan & Bobbye Anthony took a long planned trip with friends out and back on Route 66. Here are some of the highlights from Bobbye's diary:

- Worst Meal - Chili at Robert's Grill in El Reno, OK
- Best Natural Wonder - the Grand Canyon
- Best Man-made Wonder - the Hoover Dam
- Best Shopping for Indian Jewelry - Santa Fe, NM
- Best Hotel - the Mirage in Las Vegas
- Best Casino - the Venetian in Las Vegas
- Best Museum - the Oklahoma State Route 66 Museum
- Worst Museum - the Natural Route 66 Museum
- Best Art Museum - the Georgia O'Keefe Museum in Santa Fe
- Best Meal - lunch at La

Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe

- Best Neon Sign - the 1930's Blue Swallow Motel
- Biggest Thrill - cruising the Mother Road with tops down and fulfilling a long-time dream
- Save the Wave - For a more detailed narrative and pictures, go to <http://route66trip.over-blog.com>

The Spark Plug

Several vendors displayed at the Silver Springs show that may be of interest to membership. Burke Corvettes, www.burkecorvettes.com, is located in Maitland, Florida and specializes in collision repair, refinishing and restoration. Owner Tim Burke has 40+ years experience working on Corvettes. He can be reached at (407) 539-1717.

If you own C1, C2 or C3 (Model years 1953-82) and find yourself in need of parts, Paragon Corvette Reproductions www.corvette-paragon.com may be the

solution. The material claims that many of their reproduction parts have been re-engineered from original historical blueprints and GM tooling. They can be reached at (800) 882-4688.