



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2016

ANNUAL LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

If you didn't attend the Lighthouse Children's Home Christmas Party and Gift presentation you don't know what you are missing. The girls were patiently waiting for the arrival of the Corvettes for nearly 30 minutes before our expected arrival time. There was some fantastic pizza, deserts provided by CCOT Members, all of which were delicious! And then after the lunch, Debbie Russo presented the girls with some amazing presents that were provided on behalf of our CCOT Members who donated proceeds for the girls. Their smiles when Santa's Elves brought in the presents as well as watching the girls find all of the goodies in the baskets that Debbie put together is amazing to see in person. Then the girls want to go out to the Corvettes, get behind the wheel of their favorite one, start them up and feel the horsepower!!! Upon leaving is when our members have fun, a tradition that Ed Huck began a few years ago! **A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to **Debbie Russo** for putting together the wonderful gifts for the girls and another **THANK YOU** to **Jacque Hume** for hand making each of the pocket mirrors that are truly a work of art! ~ *Chris Keena*



NOVEMBER MYSTERY DINNER CRUISE!

Ron Brower organized a cruise up to Z-Bardhi's for the November Dinner Cruise and what a great event! The cruise was busy with heavy traffic but we all made it there safely. Dining out on the outside patio, covered with vinyl sides and heaters - all who attended had a fantastic time. We met some potential new members who relocated to Tallahassee. The dinner was delicious and desert at Ron & Rona's house in Golden Eagle was outstanding! Some great friendship, ports and ice cream was dynamite close to a wonderful event. Thanks Ron and Rona for making it so special!!!! ~ *Chris Keena*

CLUB ELECTIONS

The annual election of club officers was held on Thursday, December 8, 2016, 7:00 PM at Backwoods Bistro, 401 E. Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301. We had a

small crowd, roughly 24 - 30 members. The slate for the 2017 candidates was as follows:

President - Chris Keena

Vice President - Mike Wallenfelsz

Secretary - (Mike Russo will fill this temporarily until filled)

Treasurer - (Lynda Watson will continue to fill this position until a permanent candidate is assigned)

Directors: Ron Brower, Lynda Watson; John Opper; Mike Russo; John Harris; Russ Sobczak; Evan Hume; Paul Mahaffey.

The vote for the candidates as presented was moved and had a second. There was no further discussion and the membership present voted unanimously to approve the slate as presented. Congratulations to the officers for 2017 and thank you for your efforts on behalf of the club!

TOYS FOR TOTS CAR SHOW

In a quickly arranged activity, ten of our members met and cruised over to Doak Campbell Stadium for a Toys for Tots Car Show. The weather was a little overcast but cool and as it turned out the contingent of Corvettes was the largest group present. Seems the event had a few organizational challenges and it was the first year so attendance was slow. In any case, our group had a good time, contributed toys for the event and got another opportunity for a Saturday morning drive so what's not to like. We will be ready for next year!



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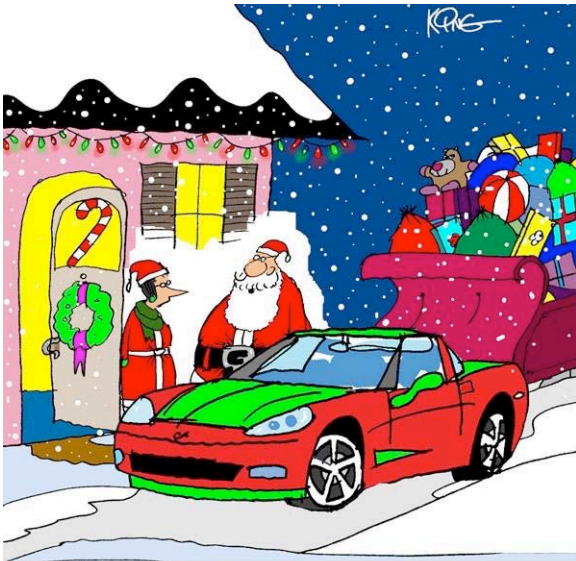
The Cruisin Corvettes Annual Christmas Party was held on December 17th at the lovely home of Diney and Chip Perkins. The food, prepared by Luxe Catering, was outstanding and the bar was well stocked. Guests had a choice of chicken marsala and rosemary garlic filet mignon. The committee did a fantastic job assisting the decorations, set up and overall planning. The party was a generally relaxed affair with good food, friends and conversations. Everyone enjoyed seeing Lee and Phyllis who were visiting from Orlando as well as the regular crew. There was a dedicated police presence thanks to Moe and Mike just in case... And, there was a small run on the bar when the hot chocolate and Fireball came out after dinner. The gift swap was a fairly organized event with a few folks sometimes ending up with two gifts in transit and a little clarification as to which direction left and right really was. All in all a wonderful evening and a great close to 2016. A very special thanks to Diney and Chi for hosting the party once again. Also a great thank you to Mike Wallenfelsz and **BLUE RIBBON CLEANERS** (\$400), Chip Perkins and **TALLY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT** (\$200) as well Chris Keena and

ADVISORS REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC (\$200) for their generous donations towards the Christmas Party, which helped keep the cost down for each member attending.



APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS





"If I'm going to be delivering gifts all over the world, why not have fun doing it?"

FIVE THINGS I LIKE

ALMOST AS MUCH AS DRIVING MY CORVETTE

1. LOOKING AT MY CORVETTE.
2. TALKING ABOUT MY CORVETTE.
3. WATCHING TV PROGRAMS THAT FEATURE PEOPLE DRIVING CORVETTES.
4. WEBSITES ABOUT CORVETTES.
5. BACON.



You know who you are!

QUICK TAKES!

- Ron Brower has done it again! Nice silver Grand Sport at the Xmas Party!
- Spies have located technical notes for a new LT5 Corvette engine rumored to be slated for the C7 ZR-1 and perhaps the mid engine model that does/doesn't exist? It's supposed to be a high revving, DOHC model with over 700HP! Hmmmm.

- C4 Corvettes are beginning to come up a little in value. Considered the most unappreciated generation by many, the cars, especially the 1990 and later models, are getting a renewed look by many.
- LOL, OMG, Seriously! – Recent article on the top ten sports cars where some members of the evaluation team were going to exclude the Corvette Grand Sport because its was TOO GOOD??? Finally they decided to put it in the list since really that was the point of the comparison – to select the top ten. Really!

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!

New Hall of Famers! – The next class of members of the Hall of Fame has been announced! The National Corvette Museum has announced the following inductees to be recognized as part of the 20th Annual Corvette Hall of Fame Ceremony in 2017: **Peter Brock** in the category of Enthusiast; **Jim Minneker** in the category of GM/Chevrolet; and **Tommy Morrison** in the category of Racing. These three individuals will be recognized with the highest honor bestowed by the Museum for their contributions to the past, present and future of Corvette.

At just 19 years old, **Peter Brock** was one of the youngest designers to ever be invited to work at GM Design. As an enthusiast, Brock has done just about everything relating to motorsports. He has designed and raced cars, written books and articles, and even became a photojournalist capturing one of the greatest eras of motor-racing history.

Jim Minneker is a great example of the way Chevrolet infuses racing DNA into the Corvette. As both a racer and an engineer, he brought to the table an understanding of what makes power, and what it takes to control that power on a track. When the National Corvette Museum was just beginning, he was instrumental, helping out early on in arranging for displays relating to powertrain and engineering.

Tommy Morrison's Corvette race cars began dominating in showroom stock racing and making Corvette history along the way. At the 1990 24-Hour Speed Endurance World Record Run, he and his team took a stock ZR-1 Corvette and drove it 24 hours straight, averaging 175.885 miles per hour.

The 2017 Corvette Hall of Fame recipients will be inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame during a ceremony and banquet on Friday, September 1, 2017. Their induction will take place as part of the Museum's 23rd Anniversary Celebration August 31 – September 2, 2017.

Upcoming Events for 2017! – The NCM has a great series of events coming up this year. By all accounts these trips are quite memorable so take a look. Time to begin thinking about the 2019 Caravan!

- Museum in Motion: Daytona Rolex 24 presented by Michelin (SOLD OUT) | January 25-30, 2017
- Michelin NCM Bash | April 27-29, 2017
- Museum in Motion Annual 'Tail of the Dragon' / Biltmore (Asheville, NC) | April 30 - May 3, 2017
- Museum in Motion: NASCAR in the South (Charlotte, NC) | May 8-13, 2017
- C4 Gathering | May 18-20, 2017
- Museum in Motion 24 Hours of Le Mans (Paris / Normandy / Le Mans France) | June 9-20, 2017
- NCM Le Mans Viewing Party | June 17-18, 2017
- Museum in Motion Northwest Passage (Oregon / Washington) | end of July / early August 2017
- Museum in Motion California Dreamin' | August 13-17, 2017

- [Museum in Motion 'Diamond in the Rough' \(Roanoke, WV\) | August 27-29, 2017](#)
- [23rd Anniversary Celebration | August 31 - September 2, 2017](#)
- [Museum in Motion Lone Star Corvette Club National Park Tour \(Arizona / Utah\) | September 17-23, 2017](#)
- [Museum in Motion: Kentucky 1-Lap Tours | October, 2017](#)
- [Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 | November 9-11, 2017](#)
- [National Corvette Caravan | August 28-31, 2019](#)

Not a Member? It's Really Easy! – Remember that being a member of the National Corvette Museum is not only a tax deductible contribution, but also gets you tons of perks like a quarterly subscription to America's Sports Car Magazine, discount in the Corvette Store, discounted registration on Museum events, free admission to the Museum, plus discounts on things like bricks, build sheets, window stickers, Corvette Plant tours, NCM Insurance, hotels and car rentals! Not only that but your membership helps us continue to preserve the history of the iconic sports car. Annual membership is only \$50 a year but think about the other options that are available. For example, you can become a **lifetime member** through monthly payments while enjoying all the great benefits. You could also upgrade to the family membership for just a little more and bring your spouse into the museum family as well. It's never too late to join and remember there is a tax deduction included! Learn more and sign up online [here](#).

LAST CALL! - New Raffle Tickets Available Now - The next \$10 per ticket Corvette Raffle will be drawn in February. This time it will be for a **2016 White Stingray Corvette Coupe**. Tickets will be available at the business meeting until gone. You can also contact John Opper for additional information.

UPCOMING AND NOTABLE!

- Business Meeting – Tonight! January 6th. – Beef O'Bradys Midtown, 7PM
- Mystery Dinner Cruise – January 19th.
- Cars and Coffee – Jan 21 – Texas Roadhouse
- Annual Cruisin Corvettes/Dale Earnhardt Corvette Car Show – April 9th
- 2017 Corvettes on the Circle – St Armands Circle – May 6th

Check the Events Calendar on the website for more upcoming activities!

GARAGE SALE!

Members with any unwanted Corvette items for sale that might be of interest to others can send the details and pricing info for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter.

- **Corvette C6 Removable Top**, White, No hardware included. \$50 – Contact John Opper (850) 508-8957.
- **Aluminum grill for C6 Corvette**. Simple attachment to existing inlet. No screws or bolts required. \$30 – Contact John Opper (850) 508-8957.

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