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CORVETTE HEARTBEAT

THE STUART CORVETTE CLUB NEWS

From the Editor Ron Kruse

I'm breathing a sigh of relief that the 'Toys for Kids Car Show' is behind us, after months of planning. I worried about rain or the possibility no one would show up. My fears were groundless. The weather was just perfect and the show field was filled to capacity. By all accounts this was a very successful show. We raised a record amount of toys and cash for the Love Doctor's Charity. We could not have had such a successful show without the hard work of so many Club members. I am so grateful to all the people who worked so hard to bring this show together. Space limits a personal thank you to each individual personally, but I would like to offer special thanks to all the members of the team handling registration, voting results, ticket sales and baskets led by JoAnn Langella and Barbara Fisher. The team's hard work resulted in an outstanding job. I want to express my deep appreciation and thanks to the members of the parking team led by Dan Kikkert and Harry Wyrzten. That team did a great job with the darn near impossible task of parking about 80 cars and keeping most everyone happy at the same time. Special thanks go out to Lucy and Dick Kesler for the music and announcements they provided. They made the day such a pleasant experience. Pat and Dick Aziere were life savers to the tired and



hungry when they opened their fabulous home to the members, for a post show pizza party. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, Pat and Dick. On behalf of all the members of the Stuart Corvette Club I would like to express our deep appreciation to our Club sponsor, Schumacher Chevrolet, represented by Gary Berger and Marla Burns. Gary and Marla have been great assets to our car shows over the last several years by always being available to answer questions and show details about the new Corvette product line. They have proven to be a wealth of information and great friends.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !!

... *Ron*

NEWS FLASH

BOARD MEMBER CHANGES

Mike Fleming submitted his resignation from the Stuart Corvette Club Board of Directors effective December 1, 2008. Mike is pursuing a long time dream to move to Texas. Frank Pilla has been appointed to fill the position that Mike held. Please join the Board in wishing Mike the best in his new home and Frank the best of luck in his new position serving on the SCC Board of Directors.

President's Message

GREAT MONTH IN THE STUART CORVETTE CLUB

It has been a very exciting month here in the SCC. We had 20 members make the trip to Melbourne in November and we came away with a good number of trophies. We almost got the one for the greatest number of attendees. Then we had the Toys for Kids Car Show at Tradition Town Square. Over 80 cars showed up to help the Love Doctors give away a total of over 27,000 toys to local needy kids, from sources all over the area. Then we had a great Nightrider's at Shrimpers restaurant in Pt Salerno with over 40 members and guests attending. For this month's "Brunch with Barry" a large group cruised to the Disney Resort in Vero Beach. We then had our Christmas Party at Josef's restaurant on December 20, 2008. 67 members and guests came for the festivities and it too was a lot of fun. Finally, when we ran the numbers, we found that we have over 90 members in our club by year end, with more joining each week.

The point that I am trying to make is that we are having fun in the club and that the word is getting around. Let's keep this spirit going into the New Year. We have new and exciting things coming up in the next couple of months, so watch the website and the "Corvette Heartbeat" newsletter for details.

I am always open for your suggestions on how to make the club even more meaningful for you. Please let me know.

Dee and I want to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Great friends, great cars and great fun. Save the wave!

BARRY

Welcome New Members!

Please join me in welcoming our newest members to the Stuart Corvette Club family



- Dennis and Tracy Kamper – 1964 White Conv

Corvettes & Warm Hearts

Know a club member who is ill or hospitalized? Contact **Jo Ann Langella at 834-9936** and she will send get-well wishes on behalf of the club.

Birthdays This Month

01/03 Rose Weaver
01/11 Rebecca Thompson
01/16 Mark Brooks
01/17 Dianne Kruse
01/17 Judith Colozzo
01/18 Robert Carroll
01/25 Thomas Albanese
01/26 Benjamin Colozzo
01/26 Mark Mosteiko
01/31 Lynn Pilla



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

KARL SEZ...



The New Year is upon us. This is a good time to do some regular maintenance checks on your Corvette to keep it in a safe and good running condition. Some of the things to do on a regular basis include:

- Every three thousand miles or six months, change the oil, lube and filter
- For older Corvettes, built before 1992, rotate the tires every five thousand miles.
- For Corvettes built after 1992, see your tire dealer for the recommended tire rotation frequency.

Happy New Year!

Karl

Club members Karl and Kathy Sterner are the proprietors of ASK Auto, which is a Corvette service facility in Port St Lucie.

THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD

“TOYS for KIDS” CORVETTE CAR SHOW - SPECIAL COVERAGE

Close to 80 cars were on display for this year’s Stuart Corvette Club’s “Toys for Kids” Corvette Car Show. The weather was just perfect, sunny, low humidity with temperatures around the 80 degree mark. A truck load of toys were donated by the show participants as well as two bicycles by a spectator who wanted to help out. In addition, a record amount of \$857.00 in cash from the proceeds of baskets, silent auction and the 50/50 ticket sales were donated to the Love Doctors Charity (see picture at right). By all measures, this year’s show was a great success.



Twenty Plaques and four Trophies were awarded as follows

Best of Show Trophy

Jim Campbell – Palm Beach Club

Schumacher Chevrolet Trophy:

Larry Ruehman - SCC

Stryker Electrical Trophy:

Norm Handzush - SCC

Dale Warrington Trophy:

Rich Black - SCC

Best Holiday Decorated Plaques

Helen Kikkert - SCC

Ralph Scott - SCC

Chip Colburn - SCC

People’s Choice Plaques:

Dick Aziere - SCC

Karl Sterner - SCC

Rick Saxner - SCC

Barry Bracken - SCC

Frank Phillips SCC

Alan Oelschlager - SCC

Lamar McLaughlin - SCC

Kerry Keller - SCC

Jerry Edge - SCC

Steve Hockman – Palm Beach Club

Dick Barrett – Palm Beach Club

Paul Scharone - Palm Beach Club

Tom Stukel – No club affiliation

Dan Dunlap – No club affiliation

Doug Anderson – No club affiliation

Sal Arena – No club affiliation

Fran Kamberger – No club affiliation

The Car Show Committee wishes to thank the following people who donated baskets:

Barbara and Dick Fisher, Barry and Deanna Bracken, Harry and Adele Wyrzten, John and Kristie Clegg, Rick and Eileen Saxner, ASK Auto, the SCC Club Store, the Palm Beach Credit Union. Publix.

The Car Show Committee is also grateful to the following businesses and individuals who donated cash, gift certificates and door prizes.

Schumacher Chevrolet, Dale Warrington Custom Paint, Stryker Electrical Contractors, Sam Snead’s Restaurant, Golden Gate Tire and Service , Advance Auto Parts, Paradise Car Wash, Waterway Café Restaurant, CARQUEST Auto Parts, Bagel Brothers, NAPA Auto Parts, On The Edge Framing, Corner Stone Bistro, Frank and Lorraine Phillips, Mark and Rosolia Maffei. **REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORTED OUR CLUB**



CORVETTE CRUISING AROUND

Night Rider

On Wednesday evening December 3, Club members met behind Block Buster Video at US 1, just North of Port St Lucie Blvd in Port St Lucie, for this month's Nightrider event. The destination this month was Shrimpers restaurant.

Thanks to Adele and Harry Wyrzten, who planned this month's event.

Alexus Scott was the lucky ticket holder and won the 50/50 - **Congratulations Alexis.**



Brunch with Barry

(Story courtesy of Barry Bracken, photo courtesy Dick Kesler)

Thirty two members showed up on a very crisp morning for this month's trip to the Disney Resort in Vero Beach. Those attending were Mark Mosteiko, Jo Ann Langella, Galinats, Hinkens, Shaws, Cleggs, Sterlings, Wyrztens, Fishers, Saxners, Kellers, Kikkerts, Coscheras, Epsteins, Maidas and the Brackens. Also arriving were the Habermehls, but their car was showing a "service engine light" and they decide not to make the trip.



We headed north along the Indian River and then up to Vero on A1A. It was a wonderful cruise and we met the Keslers in Vero Beach. They then took over the lead and saw us safely to the resort. We arrived and immediately went to the Shutters dining room for a great lunch ordered from the menu.

After lunch we had pictures taken on the steps next to the Christmas tree. Some of us then looked at the rest of the decorations throughout the resort. After a quick glance at the ocean and the pool area, the group then started the journey back home.

Overall it seemed liked everyone had a great time on this month's Brunch with Barry. Watch for details on the website and in the newsletter for next month's cruise to a local restaurant. Try and join us.

Great friends, great cars, great time. Life is good.

BARRY



CORVETTE CRUISING AROUND-CONTINUED

SCC HOLIDAY PARTY

The Stuart Corvette Club held its annual Holiday Party on December 20, 2008 at Josef's Restaurant, located at The Saints Golf Course in Port St Lucie. More than 60 people attended this gala affair of the year. The evening began with cocktails as the members mingled together and conversed. Shortly after 7:00 Pm, Barry Bracken took center stage to call off the winning ticket numbers for the many door prizes. After a number of prizes were given out, Barry suggested a break in announcements for folks to get a chance to eat from the great buffet served by Joseph's attentive staff. Our meal consisted of salad, buffet style main course, then dessert and coffee. A wide variety of music, which catered to all kinds of tastes, was provided by Dick and Lucie Kesler for our dancing and listening pleasure. The music inspired many to get up and dance and before too long, the dance floor was full to capacity. Little did we realize that among us were two "Dancing with the Stars" caliber dancers as we watched Harry and Adele Wyrzten wow us with some of their neat dance steps. More door prizes were given out and we believe almost everyone left with something.

Barry Bracken again took the stage to make an announcement which turned out to be the highlight of the evening. This year, it was decided to give out a very special award to the member who made a most significant contribution to the Stuart Corvette Club. Barry announced that **Barbara Fisher has been honored as the Club member of the year** and presented her with a beautiful, high quality, hand crafted trophy made especially for the Club by Dick Aziere. A heartfelt thank you and congratulations goes out to Barbara for her hard work and many contributions toward the success of our Club.

The night went on with more dancing, conversation and fun until it was time to call it a night and go home to prepare for the busy Christmas and New Year week ahead. This marks a great party, a wonderful time by all and the end to a very good year for the Stuart Corvette Club,



(See more pictures of the SCC Holiday Party on our web site)

THE CLUB PAGE

SCHUMACHER CHEVROLET – CLUB SPONSOR

The Stuart Corvette Club is proud to be a member of the Schumacher family through their support and sponsorship of our Club. . Please make Schumacher your dealer of choice for all your Corvette and family car needs. Their product line includes Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, Volkswagon and Mitsubishi automobiles. As members of the Stuart Corvette Club we are privileged to have Gary Berger and Marla Burns as our personal Sales and Leasing Consultants. Gary's direct line is 561 227-6186 and Marla's direct line is 561 227-6181. It is recommended that you call them for an appointment to ensure they will be on site when you visit the showroom. Be sure to mention that you are a member of the Stuart Corvette Club when contacting them. The Schumacher showroom is located at 3720 Northlake Blvd, Lake Park, Florida 33403 and is a treat to visit with a large selection of new and late model Corvettes.

CLUB BUSINESS

OFFICERS

Barry Bracken – President	344-1434
Barry Hinken – Vice President	336-7074
Mark Mosteiko – Treasurer	834-2748
Ron Kruse – Secretary	344-8301

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Newsletter Items

Contact Ron Kruse at
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Post Your Vettes Picture on The Web Page

Contact Susan Howard at
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CLUB STORE

Lots of Club apparel such as T shirts, golf shirts, hats and various club and Corvette accessories. Contact Harry or Adele Wyrzten at 772 221-2442, cell#772 285 6072. Further details, pictures and order form at our web site www.stuartcorvetteclub.com



BITS AND PIECES

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

This month you will again notice some changes in the format of our Newsletter as part of our commitment to continuously make improvements and revisions as things or needs change throughout the year(s). This month you will notice a new page entitled "THE *CLUB* PAGE". We wanted a way to give our sponsor, Schumacher Chevrolet greater coverage and at the same time, let the members know who to contact directly when looking for another Corvette or family car.

At the same time we needed a better place to show important Club information such as Board Members, Club Store and how to contact us. All this information is now readily available in one section.

These changes also free up more room on some of the other pages, so that more space for information and event coverage is available.

(...Editor)

AN AFTERNOON AT THE BARN THEATER

The Stuart Corvette Club is planning to have an afternoon at the Barn Theater on **Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 PM** to see "The Sugar Bean Sisters", an absolutely wacky comedy set in the swamplands of Florida. If more that 10 people attend, the tickets will be \$20.00 per person, (otherwise they will be \$25.00). A group of seats is blocked for us, but **reservations and payment must be made to Barbara Fisher (772-336-3435), no later than February 15th**. Of course after the play, plans will be made to go to a local restaurant for dinner. Look for further details next month.

INVITATION FROM THE CORVETTE CLUB OF THE PALM BEACHES

The SCC has been invited to a special evening on Clematis Street, West Palm Beach, on Monday, February 2, 2009 by the Corvette Club of the Palm Beaches. This invitation was the result of their members attending our Toys for Kids Car Show this month and having a great time getting to know us. They have gotten the cooperation of the police dept who will close Clematis Street for the evening so that we all can put our cars on display. We will then go into a restaurant on the street for something to eat and drink. It is good that our clubs are starting to get together again.

We will leave for the event at 5:00 PM from the Cracker Barrel on Kanner Highway. So be in the parking lot by 4:45 PM.

Watch for additional information in the weeks to come.

STUART CORVETTE CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY PLANNED EVENTS

JAN 7 – Nightrider Meet behind Blockbuster Video, US1 just north of Port ST. Lucie Blvd at 6:45 PM. A brief meeting is held for Club announcements. We will then head out promptly at 7:00PM for our mystery restaurant.

JAN 16 Brunch with Barry The Brunch Bunch will meet at Blockbuster Video at 10:00 AM. We will then cruise to a local restaurant for brunch.

JAN 18 – Cruise To Vero Beach On Sunday January 18, we will meet at Blockbuster Video at 12:00PM and cruise to Mulligans Beach House in Vero Beach for lunch at 1:00 PM. Please RSVP Lucie Kesler at 772 231- 1742 or Barbara Fisher at 772 336-3435

JAN 20 - Board Meeting. It will take place at Josef's on Morningside Blvd, Port St Lucie on **Tuesday** 1/20 at 7:00 PM for the regular scheduled Board meeting. All SCC members are welcome and encouraged to attend



FEBRUARY PLANNED EVENTS

FEB 2 Corvettes of the Palm Beaches Cruise Night On Monday, February 2nd, we will meet at Cracker Barrel on Kanner Highway in Stuart (just east of I 95 exit 101) and cruise to Clematis St in West Palm Beach to join the Corvettes of the Palm Beaches at their cruise night. Please arrive by 4:45 PM as we will leave Cracker Barrel by 5:00 PM

FEB 4 – Nightrider Meet behind Blockbuster Video, US1 just north of Port ST. Lucie Blvd at 6:45 PM. A brief meeting is held for Club announcements. We will then head out promptly at 7:00PM for our mystery restaurant.

FEB 20 Brunch with Barry The Brunch Bunch will meet at Blockbuster Video at 10:00 AM. We will then cruise to a local restaurant for brunch.



FUTURE PLANNED EVENTS

UPCOMING CAR SHOWS

1/17	Reflections in Glass XXV. Boca Raton
1/21	Winter regional Vette Meet. Old Town, Kissimmee
1/25	Wonderful World of Corvette. Kissimmee
2/13 -15	Sumter Swap Meet Show and corral, Bushnell, FL

Check the event or SCC web site for further details

CAR CRUISE NIGHTS

Treasure Coast Mall – Every Tuesday evening behind the Mall

Ft Pierce – Held in downtown Ft Pierce the last Friday evening of each month

Tradition Town SQ. – Every 2nd Saturday of the month, 5-8:00 PM
Cars 25 years or older.