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Sponsored by Koons Tysons Corner I got this over the e-mail today and have been in touch with this gentleman several times. I thought it was a touching story as apparently his symptoms cause considerable suffering. Maybe we can pick a few of the emblems up for him from the club. Donations can be sent to me and I'll send them over all together.

### George

My name is Marc Veenhuis, I'm from The Netherlands and I've loved beautiful cars like the Corvette ever since I can remember. I am 42 years old. Because I've got scheuermann joints disease I am handicapped. This is why I started to collect car emblems about 7 years ago. It's a nice hobby and I enjoy it very much and it gives me something car related to do because I love cars so much.

But there are a lot of emblems I don't have including Corvette emblems. Perphas you've got a spare or slightly damaged emblem left somewere. I will appreciate it very much if you can send it to me. I hope you can help me. I will be very honored if you can send me an emblem for my collection. I love collecting them. Maybe it is even possible to print my request in your club magazine. That would be nice.

Thank you for reading my e-mail, I hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards, with respect,

Marc Veenhuis

**EDITORS NOTE** - SCHEUERMANN'S KYPHOSIS - THIS CONDITION (OFTEN CALLED SCHEUERMANN'S DISEASE) OCCURS WHEN THE FRONT OF THE UPPER SPINE DOES NOT GROW AS FAST AS THE BACK OF THE SPINE, SO THAT THE VERTEBRAE BECOME WEDGE-SHAPED, WITH THE NARROW PART OF THE WEDGE IN FRONT. THE WEDGE-SHAPE OF THE VERTEBRA CREATES AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF NORMAL CURVATURE. THE PATIENTS UPPER BODY IS SEVERLY BENT FORWARD. THE CAUSE OF SCHEUERMANN'S DISEASE IS UNKNOWN, BUT IS THOUGHT TO BE DUE TO A GROWTH ABNORMALITY OF THE VERTEBRAL BODY.

Scheuermann's disease does not spread and is not really a "disease" but a condition that can arise during growth. It is more common in males and appears in adolescents usually towards the end of their growth cycle. If the roundback deformity is severe, patients are more likely to have discomfort or pain along with the deformity as they age. There is no known cure.

You can really tell when things around you are starting to pick up and get busy! In the last month the club has started the steam rolling effect. Now that the banquet is over and spring is almost here people are starting to pull their babies out of hibernation and get them ready for springtime.

First all, the first Teen Driving School that NVCC is holding is almost filled to capacity already! This event is promising to be an absolute blast for everyone involved! One thing that needs to be mentioned though is without member Howard Snook and Long & Foster this school may not have happened. They have stepped up and paid for the facility in whole so that we can keep it free for the students. Most of these schools are charging anywhere from \$200 to \$400 for each student. We also need to thank all the volunteers from not only our club, but other clubs as well. I will have all of the details in next month's newsletter.

One item that needs to be mentioned is our relationships with other car clubs. It is really improving; almost on a daily basis. It's kind of funny when you put on quality events, how other people want to be part of them (and help out). I think that NVCC is really getting to that point now and everyone that is involved with these events should give themselves a pat on the back. Personally, I think it's a case of Corvette envy and they just want to be around the cars! We've even got a group of cars from another club that want to join in the ralley program this year. We also have members from other club's helping out at the HPDE event as well as registering to participate.

Speaking of which, Our April 10th HPDE registration for the Summit Point main track is now open and people need to get their registrations in as soon as possible. Everything is in place and we are ready to go. We even have use of the skid pad for the day. There will be a registration form at the end of this months newsletter and the tech sheet is available on our website. If you don't have your NCCC high speed license and would like to run Spook in the fall, this would be a great time to attempt qualification!

Chuck Pellerin, your V.P., is working dilligently on getting the Rallye season going. We need volunteers and participants for these events! Rallye is one of the cornerstones of this club and participation has declined over the last couple of years. We held a brainstorming session on Valentine's day in February and some really great ideas resulted. I will let Chuck make all of the announcements towards rallye. I would like to say though that we are currently looking for a Rallye chair person so if you are interested please see Chuck and he will get you pointed in the right direction.

I also want to mention Concours. Laurie is already starting with the preparations for this event. As many of you know she took on this challenge with little experience last year and the event was a HUGE success! She is promising a bigger and better response this year. When the call goes out for help, let's support her and not wait until the last minute. Now that she has a good base line, things should go smoother for her this year.

That's it for this month!

George

As I write this, we are still trying to pull together our 2006 rallye season. As you might remember from my e-mail, we had a brainstorming session on February 14th to decide if we wanted to rallye this year and, if we did, how to best structure it to spread the workload. My sincere thanks to those of you who braved the ire of your significant others to attend a meeting to talk cars and driving on Valentines Day. If they are still talking to you, you have my permission to blame everything on me. I also appreciate the e-mails of support. Anyway, I feel that it was a good meeting. As you might expect, the meeting ran long and overflowed into the Council Meeting. But that turned out well. We took the opportunity to put several motions before the council and received their unanimous support.

I will spare you all of the details and try to sum things up for you. First, we are going to put together a 2006 rallye series. So far, Dick Hammaker has agreed to host Rallye 101 and teams Alice Arielly & Jack Hufnagle and Karen & I will host two of the rallies. One of the problems we experienced last year was the small number of people who regularly participated in the rallies. This year, many of the new and prospective members have expressed an interest in rallying and I expect them to help swell the ranks. In addition, we are opening up the rallies to other clubs and started by inviting Crossroad members to participate. Early feedback is that they plan to come out for the rallies and, once they get a feel for how we put them on, they will consider hosting one during the series. My thanks to George Kerns and Hector for working this partnership.

For those of you following the math...that means we still need 2 or 3 more volunteers to host events. Hint! Hint! Now is the time to help out your club: Give me a call or send me an e-mail. George and I can promise advice, emotional support and any help that you might need. If some of the less experienced members would like to host an event, I would like to team them with an experienced Rallye Master to help them out and to teach them the tricks. I will need volunteers for that as well...

One of the things that we plan to do differently this year is to provide some financial support to the Rallye Master. We know that it takes time and lots of Corvette gasoline to plan a rallye. The council has voted to reimburse Rallye Masters \$2.50 per rallye mile up to \$100. This will not necessarily cover all of the expenses but we hope that it will help.

OK! Now you know. We are through with the talking, now we need to deliver. If you care about the club and want to see rallying continue, you have to support it. Volunteer! I don't know about Uncle Sam, but Uncle Chuck Needs You!

Chuck Pellerin

Concours 2006 is fast approaching and I am once again calling out to the membership for assistance in pulling off this event. The event will be held again at Koons Tyson Corner thanks to their hospitality and we will again benefit the Special Olympics with the proceeds. The C6 Z06 will be the theme of the event, and I am hoping that with the help of the club, we can donate even more money to Special Olympics this year, and make it the biggest and best Concours ever.

Below are descriptions of tasks needing completion for the show. Please read through each one and make a commitment to volunteer for at least one task. Many hands make light work! Actually, you will find that the show is a lot of fun to staff. Although mostly an indoor show, the weather is usually beautiful and there are burgers/dogs going on the grill, music, and wonderful cars and people to hang out with!

**Judging:** Judge the cars for the event. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! There is a seminar that we hold each year to teach you how to be a judge. "Newbies" will be paired with "veterans" so do not let that stop you from signing up! We need at least 12 judges, with the optimum number being 16. If you want your car to be in the show, you can still judge (a class that your car is not in) or work another aspect of the show if you wish.

Classification and tech: Classify the cars according to different classes in the show. There are different classes such as Concours, Modified, Custom, Wash and Show, etc. This information is given in the judging seminar as well. Teching cars involves checking the functions of the car (such as headlights, etc). The first people the entrants meet are the tech people. Four people needed in this job.

**Operations and staging:** Directs the cars to where they need to go, keeps the flow of the show moving, makes sure everything and everyone is in their respective places. We have a map layout of Koons, this will be VERY EASY this year! We try to keep each generation of Corvette together. Three or four people needed for this task.

**Registration:** Once through tech, the entrants are parked and directed to registration. We need people to help process registrations via computer. We have a program set up (basic spreadsheet) that is very easy to use and only takes a few minutes to learn. Paperwork is printed out and everything begins! One or two people are needed to run this aspect of the show.

**Tabulation:** Tabulates the judging results so that trophies and plaques can be awarded. This person/persons will be needed toward the end of the day after judging is finished to "get busy" with his or her calculator! One or two people are needed here.

**Door:** Those who "work the door" hand out the goodie bags, sell Concours t-shirts and raffle tickets, give each entrant a door prize ticket, collect donations for the Special Olympics jar, etc. Keeps records of sales and watches over the club cash box. Calls out door prize numbers and hands the respective winners their door prizes. Also directs entrants to the restrooms or anywhere they need to go. Three or four volunteers wanted for this job.

**Prizes:** Hunts down door prizes and raffle prizes from area businesses to give away at the show. Concours Director will give flyers/written information on club letterhead to each person in this role to assist this task. Prizes that are popular with show participants are gift certificates to dinner out, car related services, etc... Looking for three or four people to help with this.

**Sponsors:** Approaches businesses and individuals to help sponsor the show (provide money). Also receives flyers/written information on club letterhead to each person in this role to assist this task. There are many different levels of sponsorship and every little bit counts! Need three or four people pounding the pavement on this one.

**Publicity:** Approaches radio, television, and print media to help advertise the show. Gathers cost information and other details....makes arrangements when decisions are made. Two people needed for this task.

**Computers and printers:** Obtain, set up, and run the computers and printers used in the show. Troubleshoots when necessary. In other words, techies needed! At least two people needed to help with this, please.

**Photographers:** Photographs each car and covers the event throughout the day. Compiles and posts the photographs on the club website event posting for all to enjoy. Two or more shutterbugs appreciated to guarantee good coverage for the event.

As you can see, some pretty simple tasks to do, but it requires bodies! Without club members coming forward, a show of this magnitude will not be successful. So, sign up as a worker for Concours 2006...Sunday, June 4th is less than 4 months away! I can be emailed at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com to sign up for any of these jobs.

We are also looking for club members to enter the show. There are many classes to choose from...more details to follow. Remember, your entry fee ensures that we can put on the show as well as give more funds to the Special Olympics!

# Laurie Kistner

Wow! The temps are still blustery yet the club calendar is beginning to heat up. Your resident Social Director is busily getting dates set and events planned for the 2006 calendar year. Most, if not all, of the usual yearly events (Spring and Fall Skyline Drive Cruises, Corvettes at Carlisle, etc, etc) are already up on the website calendar, with imminent posting of other social events quickly approaching.

You, too, can help. First, by attending the events you help to represent the club at shows, charity cruises, and parades...very cool! Secondly, if you have an idea for an event, you can help the Social Director out by hosting an event yourself. If you can make a few phone calls and gather time/place details, you can plan an event! Simply contact me at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com if you have an idea you wish to explore and to ask for available club dates.

Don't forget to check out the club website calendar at www.nvcorvetteclub.com and click on 'EVENTS' to see the 2006 calendar month-to-month. So dust off the cobwebs on the 'vettes...see you at an early spring event soon!

Laurie Kistner

Sun. 3/12 - St. Patrick's Day Parade. We have an opportunity to participate in the Washington, D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown (http://www.dcstpatsparade.com/). Additional details to follow as soon as they are known. The parade begins at noon.

If you are interested please email Joe Daly at jdthree@cox.net ASAP. There is no limit on the number of cars that can attend, he just needs a headcount for the application. Also, if anyone has any kids that want to carry the club banner, ahead of the group, let him know.

Sat. 3/18 - NVCC Dyno Day @ Tony's Corvettes in Gaithersburg, MD. Event starts at 8:30 AM. Cost is \$80 per car for 2 x dyno pulls and A/F check (02 bungs required prior to dyno day for A/F check). Check out http://www.tonyscorvetteshop.com/ for more info about the shop.

Information required to submit to shop: 1) Owner name, address, phone #, 2) VIN Number, 3) Trans: auto or six speed and 4) Rear axle ratio

Please submit this info to Mike Higgins, event coordinator, at higginsm@mitre.org. Must have at least 8 cars to hold the event since the shop requires a \$600 club cost minimum.

Coming in April...
Sat 4/1 Springpalooza
Sun. 4/2 Aquia Creek Annual Crab Cruz

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We currently have 109 active members and 21 prospective members.

# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Joseph Caucci - 2005 Red Coupe Eric Hagerty - 1996 White Coupe

# **Prospective Members:**

Cassidy Nolen-2004 LeMans Blue Coupe Dan Nowak - 1978 Black/Silver Pace Car Donna Ojjeh - 2005 Blue Convertible Chris Scopp - 2002 Electron Blue Coupe Dean Shepard - 2005 Red Convertible Dan & Sue Sloan - 2005 Monterey Red Convertible Mike Wanjon - 1965 Maroon Roadster Jeanie Wine - 2004 Silver Z06 Bruce Witkowski - 1996 - Silver Coupe Garry Shields & Rebecca Maksel - 1986 Red & Black Coupe Jeff Ajaste - 1996 Green Coupe Ben Duling - 2005 LeMans Blue Coupe Mounir Hadiji - 1998 Black Coupe Dolores Hallinger - 2005 Sunset Orange Coupe David Hegland - 2005 Red Coupe Steve Jones - 2005 Daytona Orange Coupe Rita Mars - 2000 White Hardtop Joe Michaliga - 1985 Red Coupe Bruce Miller - 2000 Silver Coupe Steven Moline - 2005 Silver Coupe Prospective Mark Neblett - 2004 Black Coupe

Members: You remain a "prospective" member until you pay your membership dues and return your NCCC form to Judy. Additional NVCC key rings (\$6 ea.), NVCC window decals (\$2 ea.) and NVCC windshield banners (\$5 ea.) are available to active members. See Judy for these.

Remember to let me know if you make a change in the database to your address email. I don't get an automatic notice of this and the emails in the database are not linked to the actual email list so if you don't let me know, your emails doesn't get change on the list.

# GM RESTORATION PARTS AND CHEVROLET DONATE TO RESTORE STOLEN CORVETTE

GM Restoration Parts and Chevrolet have donated \$2,500 in genuine parts to help restore the 1968 Corvette convertible that Alan Poster recently had returned to him after being stolen 37 years ago.

Alan Poster, who made a number of headlines last week for having his stolen Corvette returned just before being shipped to a would-be buyer in Sweden, was surprised by the gift during an interview with Cruise Control Radio, a national automotive talk radio show. Harlan Charles, Corvette product manager, called to congratulate Mr. Poster on having his Corvette returned and informed him that GM Restoration Parts and Chevrolet were giving him \$2,500 credit to use for genuine Corvette parts. Mr. Poster's Corvette was returned missing several original items such as a gas tank, carburetor and a transmission, and its original International Blue paint scheme had been changed to silver. "We're happy to help Mr. Poster restore his long-lost love," said Charles "We understand what it's like to fall in love with a Corvette and to get it in your blood. Corvette enjoys a 70 percent loyalty rate, which means 70 percent of people who buy a Corvette purchase another one." Mr. Poster had just purchased a 1974 Corvette prior to having his stolen 1968 Corvette convertible returned and plans to restore the car, repaint it blue and give it to his 17-year-old daughter.

# 2005 CORVETTE PLANT TOUR STATS

The Corvette Assembly Plant had an outstanding year for tours and is already preparing for the 2006 season. 48,484 guests visited the plant from February through December 2005 Safety glasses are now being used for guests visiting the plant and there are plans to update the safety video and plant website, and redecorate the tour room. For more information on the Corvette Assembly Plant visit their website at: http://www.bowlinggreenassemblyplant.com/tour\_information.html

### RAFFLE WINNER TAKES HOME THE PRIZE

Susan Persing, the winner of the Christmas raffle drawing that took place on December 9, took delivery of a new 2006 Monterey Red Coupe yesterday. She and her husband Bill spent the day touring the Corvette Plant, Museum and had the afternoon to learn all about their new Corvette through the handson training experience made available as part of the delivery program.

The following raffles currently underway:

\* 2006 Silver C6 Coupe – Tickets @ \$250 each – Drawing on April 21.

\* "Build Your Own" Coupe/Conv - Tickets @ \$100 limited to 2006 tickets – Drawing on April 22.

\* 2007 Red Coupe – Tickets @ \$10 each – Drawing on September 3.

# Find out more by visiting NCM's website at:

http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml or call them at (800) 53-VETTE.

#### C5/C6 BASH UPDATE

Approximately 250 people have pre-registered for the upcoming C5/C6 Bash – April 20-. There are still several weeks to beat the pre-registration deadline for the upcoming C5/C6 Bash – April 20-22 but activities are filling fast.

\* Makers Mark Excursion - sold out

\* Diamond Caverns road tour outing - 20 slots available

\* Autocross activities - 12 open slots left

\* Andy Pilgrim Golf Challenge - 20 player positions open

April 5 is the deadline to register to guarantee your commemorative event dash plaque designed by Tom Peters, and the event lapel pin and name badge. Find out more about the exciting activities at this year's C5/C6 Bash by visiting the NCM's website at:

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#### C6 CORVETTE RACING HIGH PERFORMANCE BOMBER JACKETS

The new C6 Corvette Racing bomber jackets have arrived in the Corvette Store and these buttery soft lambskin jackets are a must have for the Corvette racing enthusiast!

This stylish jacket features the C6 Racing emblem inlay on the left chest and back with the Corvette script running lengthwise down both arms, inside pockets, zippered/snap cuffs, and a storm guard covering the zipper.

Take a closer look and place your order online at: http://store.corvettemuseum.com/or call them at (800) 53-VETTE.

#### BACKGROUND

NVCC is one of the founding members of the NCM. Club benefits are:

\* Free individual or group admission to the NCM.

\* Ten % discount on NCM and Catalog merchandise.

\* Free subscription to the magazine "America's Sports Car."

\* NVCC plaque in the museum.

If any NVCC members are planning a trip in the vicinity of Bowling Green, Kentucky, a visit to the home of the NCM and the Corvette factory should be in your plans. The NCM card can be borrowed from our President. For additional information log on to:

http://www.corvettemuseum.com or call the NCM at (800) 53-VETTE

A specially outfitted 2006 Corvette Z06 will serve as the official pace car of the 48 th running of the Daytona 500. "Tonight Show" host and auto enthusiast Jay Leno will drive the pace car.

The Daytona 500 is NASCAR's premier race and traditionally kicks off the Nextel Cup racing season. Selection of the Z06 model marks the second consecutive year that a Corvette has been selected as the Daytona 500 pace car.

"It is a wonderful honor to have Corvette serve once again as the Daytona 500 pace car," said Ed Peper, Chevrolet general manager. "Chevrolet has a long, successful history at Daytona and there's no better vehicle to showcase our performance legacy than the Corvette Z06 — a car that was born on the race track."

The Corvette Z06 that will serve as the Daytona 500 pace car is mechanically identical to those available at Chevrolet dealerships. It is the fastest vehicle ever offered by Chevrolet and General Motors. With 505 horsepower (377 kw) and 470 lb.-ft. of torque (637 Nm) from its 7.0L all-alumi-

num, racing-inspired engine, the Corvette Z06 leaps from 0-60 mph in 3.7 seconds and has a top speed of 198 mph. It also differs from other production Corvette models with extensive use of lightweight materials, including carbon-fiber front fenders and a chassis comprised of aluminum and magnesium. A racing-ready suspension and large, 18-inch front wheels and 19-inch rear wheels help keep it glued to the tarmac, so it requires no drivetrain modifications to satisfy its role in front of the racing pack. In its official capacity, however, the pace car is outfitted with a vari-



ety of safety equipment and highly visible strobe lights. **Interestingly, the Corvette Z06's 505-horsepower** (377 kw) output is actually more than the power produced by the race cars that will compete in the **Daytona 500** — a first for a pace car. This is because of the unique "restrictor plate" rule established for the Daytona and Talladega, Ala. racetracks. On these 2.5-mile-long super speedways, the restrictor plate reduces airflow into the engine to limit horsepower and keep race car speeds below 200 mph. With a restrictor plate, racing engine power is reduced from about 750 horsepower to about 450 horsepower. Race cars can still average more than 190 mph on Daytona's long straights.

The Corvette Z06 Daytona 500 wears a unique paint scheme, inspired by the hot-to-cool color transition of a space capsule entering Earth's atmosphere at a high rate of speed. The paint scheme is carried out with an elaborate, interlocking scallops design — a twist on hot rod-style flames — that blends "hot" Lemon Drop yellow at the nose of the Corvette with Lemon Glow, Amber Ecstasy, Blazing Copper and Hot Poppy. The colors culminate with a cool Sapphire Trance blue color at the rear of the vehicle. DuPont, the sponsor of Jeff Gordon's No. 24 Monte Carlo, supplied the colors, which are from the company's "Hot Hues" line of automotive paint.

"As if the Corvette Z06 needed help in looking fast, the intricate paintwork of the pace car gives it the appearance of tremendous speed," said Peper. "It is one of the most elaborate and stunning vehicle designs we've created."

# HPDE on the Summit Point Main Track Hosted by the Northern Virginia Corvette Club Monday April 10th, 2006 Rain or shine

Participant Name		
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Phone	E-Mail Address	
Car Make	Model Year	
	ircle one (novice, intermediate, advanced, instructor). Please describe your torganizations you have participated with (for example FATT, BSR, PCA, N	ASA,
If registering as an instruc	or, list instructor experience and specify which organizations you instruct for	
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Cost: \$150. Registrations after April 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$175. Instructors are free, but must register. The NVCC will determine instructor qualifications. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and will close on April 7th. There will be 25 slots in each run group. No refunds after April 3rd. Please make checks payable to NVCC. Please mail registration forms and checks to:

George Kerns 13544 Wyecrosse Ct. Bristow, VA 20136 (571) 921-0620

NVCC website: www.nvcorvetteclub.com

Fire extinguishers, Helmet SNELL SA 2000 or newer, and roll bar for convertibles are required. Cars must pass tech inspection. No timing equipment allowed. See administrative sheet for additional details.

Directions to Summit Point: Take Route 7 West past Leesburg toward Winchester, VA. Continue on Route 7 West past the Berryville exits and turn Right onto Route 632 (Crums Church Road). Follow 632 until you reach the "T" intersection. Turn right onto Route 761 (Old Charles Town Road). Continue on 761 until you reach the next "T" intersection. Make a right turn and follow 300 yards. The entrance will be on your right.

Springpalooza '06 is a spring carnival sponsored by the Fort Belvoir Elementary School PTA.

They are looking for a car club that will be set up in front of the school. This is another great opportunity for us to show who we are. There will be about 300 people in attendance. They will most likely be providing us with some lunch as well...will confirm:)

The event itself is from 11AM-2PM (excluding travel time) on Saturday, April 1st, 2006 at the Fort Belvoir Elementary School Cafeteria & Gym. I will need as many club members to come out as possible to make a good showing for the club.

I will post meeting point and caravan info as the event draws closer. At this point I am looking for participants. Register on the event posting, post on the website forum, OR email me if you wish to be in this cruise-in and show.

Laurie Kistner

#### NCM Ambassador Don Patrick visits Florida club.

Don attended a meeting of the Miracle Strip Corvette Club in Pensacola, Florida. Former NVCC members Pat and Sid Dennis are now members of that club and this is the article from their club's newsletter.

Who would have thought that a Corvetter and friend on business travel from Washington, D.C., would take time out of his busy schedule and attend our MSCC Membership Meeting. Well, it did happen. Don Patrick of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club (NVCC) and an NCM Ambassador, contacted us (we were members of the NVCC until 2001) indicating that he would be in town and wanted to see us. I invited him to our meeting, which he attended (see photos). He also joined us for our after meeting dining experience at Madison's Restaurant. Don said it best, "It doesn't matter where you go, as long as you are in the company of fellow Corvetters".

Thank you Don for being our friend and we highly enjoyed your visit to the MSCC!!!!!!

Submitted by Sid and Pat Dennis

