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PONCE INLET CORVETTE CLUB
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Our Beginning...

The Ponce Inlet Corvette Club originated in March of 2005. The Club has grown into a respected, active and acknowledged Corvette Club that meets in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. In January of 2005, local Ponce Inlet residents Gary and Dianne Swanhart purchased a new C6 red coupe from local Chevrolet Dealer Jon Hall. The twist in the story took place shortly after they got the car home. Jon Hall was contacted by representatives of Wrangler Jeans and Dale Earnhardt Jr. to see if the Dealership could provide them with a red Corvette to film a Wrangler Jeans commercial at the Daytona International Speedway. At the time they did not have another red C6 in stock but they remembered just having delivered a red C6 coupe to Gary and Dianne. The Swanhart's were contacted and asked if they would be willing to support the filming with their new Corvette. They agreed and Gary and Dianne took the new C6 to the track and met Dale Jr. During the filming they both got to meet him and had Dale Jr. sign the dash of their new Corvette. Shortly after that event the Club was organized and Jon Hall Chevrolet became the Club's first Sponsor. The initial meeting was held on February 22, 2005. Sixteen prospective members from Ponce Inlet, Daytona Beach Shores, Ormond Beach and Port Orange were in attendance. A general design for a "Club Logo" that depicted the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse with a C5 emblem across the background of the lighthouse was adopted. Since that initial meeting, the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club has become well known for attending local car shows, cruise-ins and is a Charitable and Social Club. Members are owners of Corvettes from 1958 to 2022. Proceeds from our annual VETTES AT ONE DAYTONA show and fund raisers are donated to charity. Our annual car show has become a focal point of Corvette Clubs and Corvette enthusiasts throughout the state of Florida.

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2022 President Dave Tyree

BECOMING A PICC MEMBER

Membership shall be open to any Corvette owner over 21 years of age and their spouse or significant other. Any membership paid on or before March 22, 2005 shall be considered a Charter Membership. Each membership shall have only one vote. Application will be made on the club membership form (available on our website) and given to the Membership Chairperson. The Membership Chairperson forwards to the treasurer, all membership registration funds. Members that no longer own a Corvette will have six months to obtain ownership in another Corvette or forfeit membership in the Club. There will be no refund of dues to members who forfeit their membership. Any member whose annual dues and fees are current is considered an Active Member. If a club member resigns from the Club, that member will not be entitled to participate in any Club functions, until that member formally requests a new membership application. At that point, all new membership requirements must be once again satisfied. Our annual membership dues are \$50.00. Membership dues are payable at time of application to the Club.

CLUB INFORMATION



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

We had a good turnout for our November membership meeting and welcomed another new member, we now stand at 99 members. If you weren't at the meeting, I announced that I had been contacted by Hidden Lakes Restaurant that they are raising the price for the buffet, we have been paying \$18.50, it will be going to \$20.00 starting with the November meeting, and they have also added a 20% gratuity for those who order from the menu.

I will be sending out information about our PICC Christmas Party at Sugar Mill Country Club, I should have a dinner cost in a few days, We also will have nominations for Board member elections at the November meeting and election at a special December meeting if needed.

Thanks, Dave

MESSAGE FROM MIKE WASSON:

Kalynn Green with the Salvage Army will be at our November 16th meeting with the Angel Tree Bags. If you can't make the meeting and you want to help with filling a bag, please let Mike Wasson or Don Bush know and we will get a bag to you.

It's that time of the year when the Salvation Army will be distributing bags for their annual Angel Christmas Tree campaign. Our club members have always been very generous in filling the Angel Tree Bags with gifts for kids in Volusia and Flagler County.

MESSAGE FROM DENICE STANFORTH:

The Membership list for the club has been update on the member page of our website. We now have 99 members, 4 Associate members, and 1 Honorary Lifetime Membership. Two new members were added to the membership, Joe and Penny Nestore and John and Karen Postle from the September and November meeting.

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at the October meeting

NOVEMBER MINUTES from Victor Toews

President Dave Tyree started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops and first responders. Dave made a motion to except the secretary's minutes from the last membership meeting. The motion was moved by Don Bush and seconded by Chuck Fast and approved by the membership.

Dave started by letting us know that we were supposed to have a speaker tonight, the Salvation Army, however they had to cancel because they didn't have the bags. They will be in attendance at the next meeting Nov. 16th and will be bringing with them the angel tree bags.

Dave wanted to bring up one of our members, Rich Malaszowski, who was involved in an accident that was not his fault and what he went through to get his car repaired. This should be good information for the rest of us if we have to go thru a similar situation. Rich mentioned that he didn't want the car repaired he wanted the car restored to it's original condition. He noted that there are only 3 certified by Chevrolet to restore your car in the state of Florida. One is John Hall Chevrolet. All of the bent part and pieces have been replaced, measured and by all in tense and purposes the car has been restored. The amount of damage amounted to about \$9200. His car was rapped so because it was repainted and would have to cure for 90 days it couldn't be re-rapped until after that. Now if you call up Carfax, the car is no longer listed as a certified preowned automobile anywhere because it has been wrecked. That now affects the resale value of your car. In Florida, they have what is known as diminished value, so if your car goes down in value you are entitled to compensation for that.

The value of his car has dropped by approximately \$12000 and that is the amount in addition to the \$9200 that the insurance company needs to pay. Now the insurance company is baulking at paying this amount however they are in discussions to remedy this issue. Rich has all the information about how the process works, so just get in touch with him if you're interested. Food for thought.

Dave wanted to let everyone know that starting next month the because of increased food costs, our dinners will be going up to \$20. That cost includes tax and gratuities. Last month anyone ordering off the menu was having a 20% gratuity added to their bill.

Our Christmas Party will be on Dec 8 so we will need to have our angel tree bags filled and back in before or at the party. Dave will have a meeting with Sugarmill next Tuesday to finalize the food menu and pricing. Will need to get reservations in shortly thereafter to get numbers to Sugarmill. Dave said that he has spoken with Susie about looking for another venue for next year's Christmas Party. This will probably be our last year at Sugarmill. Dave has heard back and they have come up with the Spruce Creek fly-in and they have a great room and since one of our members, Ron and Laura Gilkes, belong there they will waive the fee. We will have to pay a \$175 linen fee.

Next month we will also take nomination for officers. If there any contested races or runoffs they will have to be done on the first Tuesday of December. Since our last meeting when we announced the death of Gene Gross, I reached out to Gene's wife to ask if he had any favorite charities that we could donate to in his name. She said that his charity was Cuda's unhooked. So we sent a donation in his name to them.

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Vice President Mike Wasson discussed two charities that the board had voted on at our last meeting. We voted to give \$1000 to the Police Department and \$1000 to the Shop with a Cop program. Mike made a motion to donate to both charities, Don Bush seconded the motion and the membership approved.

Membership Chairperson Denice Stanforth introduced 2 new members, John & Karen Postle – 1965 Red Roadster. We have 99 members, 4 associates members and 1 honorary life member.

Treasurer Julie Bush gave her report on Club Finances.

Secretary Victor Toews recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Sunshine Committee Victor Toews read the names of 17 members with birthdays and 7 couples with anniversaries this month.

Director at Large Reed Miller started by mentioning that New Smyrna Chevrolet will be hosting and Trunk R Treat on Thursday Oct. 26. They said that if we had some folks they were going supply a diner for those who participate. The next car show is in Melbourne on the Saturday the 22nd where we have 10 cars going down. We have been going to this show for some time with very good participation. Following that will be the Marion County Car Show on Sat. Nov. 11th in Ocala. This will be a judged show. Up next will be the New Smyrna Chevrolet Christmas Car show on Dec. 9th. This will also be a judged show. Then on Sunday March 10 there will be a judged show in Inverness FL.

We have decided to go to this show instead of going to the Venice Car show which we have been going to in the past. In Inverness there is a hotel called Woodspring Suites across the street from a lot of shops and bars with a reasonable rate of \$119 a night.

NCM Ambassador Chuck Fast Gave an update on the repairs to the Motorsports Park after the tornado came through a couple of years ago. The Pavilion has been restored and has added a restaurant area. The Holly Tower should be completed by mid-November. Chuck said that they have finally been able to finalize the purchase of the RV park across the street. They did give the current renters a 1 ½ yrs to a maximum 2 yrs lease before they will have to relocate. Also a reminder that next year will be the 30th anniversary of the museum and will be celebrated Aug 29 – Aug 31. So if you're interested in attending you'll need to get reservations to hotels in early. For those interested in attending, He and Jane will try to set up a date for a get together to discuss plans for the group to travel together.

Social Director Susie Amaro started with a report on the Mt. Dora Drive out. She had 27 people attend. They had lunch at the Lakeside Inn and then the amazing boat tour of Mt. Dora area. There will be no drive outs in November or December, just too much going on during that time. However, the ladies are and on Oct. 27, 14 ladies are already signed up for a wine glass painting class. Bring your own glass to paint. Then on Dec 11 the ladies luncheon will be in Port Orange and everybody will bring a dish, Susie will get it all sorted out. That will be all for now and will start back up in January.

Old Business-

New Business- Kevin Kirsch talked about a open car show in Titusville located at the Valiant Command Warbird Museum Open from 5 – 8 this Saturday. Ponce Inlet had reach out to see if we could provide 2 corvette convertibles on Dec. 2nd to transport veterans in the Christmas parade

Meeting adjourned

CLUB INFORMATION



EVENTS BY SUSIE

Attention Ladies of PICC:

Please Save The Date:

Date: Monday, December 11, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

What: Annual Thieving Elves Gift Exchange Party

Why: Because it's fun to gather and laugh and enjoy great food and get to know your fellow ladies of the club!

Where: Linda Gambalvo's Community Room at 829 Stonybrook Circle, Port Orange

Bring: A wrapped gift (value up to \$20) and a dish to share ..CHECK EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS

CLUB EVENTS

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday November 7th:	PICC Board Meeting	Nelson's House	5:00 PM
Thursday November 9th:	PICC Men's Lunch	Eagle's Club Port Orange	1:00 PM
Thursday November 16th	PICC Monthly Meeting	Hidden Lakes Golf Club	5:00 PM
Friday December 8th	PICC Christmas Dinner	Sugar Mill CC	5:00 PM
Monday, December 11th	Ladies Thieving Elves Gift Exchange Party		11:30 AM

Upcoming Car Shows:

Sat:Nov 3/4:	NCRS Melbourne
Sat. Nov 11:	Marion County Corvette Show
Sat. Dec 9	New Smyrna Chevy Corvette Show
Sat Jan 18-20	NCRS Melbourne
Sun Mar 10	Inverness Car Show









Anniversary Car with Anniversary Guitar







Information from Chuck Fast: Annual NCM Celebration

National Corvette Museum

I want to give you a update on the current Exhibits at the NCM :

Nostalgia Gallery

Stroll down a Main Street & see a mid-20th barbershop, a Mobil One service station and a 1960's Chevrolet dealership showroom then there is also a St. Louis Assembly Plant line....

The McMichael Family Education Gallery :

It's a 2,000 sq ft dedicated education gallery that provides a state-of-the-art educational experience geared directly to the next generation of Corvette enthusiasts, engineers, designers and more.....

The E. Pierce Marshall Memorial Performance Gallery :

This gallery features digital projections, interactive touch screens paroled with artifact display cases, 180-degree video footage, and an impressive line up of cars....

The Design and Engineering Gallery :

This "Driven by Design" inspires, educates, and entertains by using interactive elements by using interactive elements, artifacts, hands-on objects, and motion activated...

An American Love affair: 70 Years of the Corvette

For seven decades Corvette has been finding new roads as an experience built only for TWO...it has been the Heartbeat of America ... enjoy it.

The Custom CARisma area : the legendary Creations of Carl Caster

For decades, Casper-produced custom car shows have entertained and delighted car enthusiasts all over the country, here's your chance to experience some amazing cars that take "exotic" to a whole new level....

You and your family will enjoy the time spent in the galleries !

The NCM is almost finished rebuilding the buildings that were taken down by the Tornadoes two years ago the Kimberlee Fast Pavilion which now has a full Kitchen will soon be supplying meals starting next month. The Holly tower will be completed by the end of November!! It's been a long stretch because of construction problems and cost over runs, but the MSP will be moving into the building before Christmas....

The good news is that we have closed on the land that the RV sales operation is leasing and we now own it, we did have to give them 2 years to vacate but they are paying us rent....

Another item I want to remind everyone about is the 30th Anniversary next year!!

There are several of you that are going and your more than welcome to join us, we are

Not going to be joining the NCM caravan leaving from Florida, and we will sharing everything with you in a December meeting....the 30th Anniversary is 8/29 - 8/31

If you're thinking of going you will need to make reservations for a motel room the first of January or you will not get a room in Bowling Green. You will want to go in a day early and stay a day later(leaving on Sunday) We will have info on rooms in December and any questions you may have on how to get there and if you want to take the 2 days by traveling 6 hours and staying over night in Alabama and then driving the 6hours into BG etc....

Remember to Save the Wave ☺



BY ALEXANDRA PURCELL— OCT 16, 2023

A 25-year run for the factory-backed Corvette Racing team wrapped up on October 14th, 2023. Things looked good for the No. 3 C8.R team early in the race, but unfortunately, the race car was forced to retire due to an engine failure with less than five hours left in the 10-hour event.

The No. 3 C8.R was running in fourth just three hours into the endurance race before pulling into the pits to the attention of the crew, who executed a blisteringly fast pit stop to get the race car back to the lead in Jordan Taylor's hands. After a driver swap, Tommy Milner took control of the Corvette Racing machine, when he lost power, forcing him to slow. To add insult to injury, the No. 3 C8.R was leading the GTD class at the time of its mechanical failure, having led 87 laps to that point.

"At the end of the day, it's not the result we were hoping for and on track for. The car was great today. Antonio and Jordan did a phenomenal job today. The engineering guys made the right pit calls, even a little risky setup call for the race today that we weren't totally confident in," Milner said. "But those guys worked hard to give us a great Corvette today, and they definitely did. So I'm disappointed with the finish but I'm super proud of what this team has achieved from the very beginning of the C8.R's life."

"It's sad and a bittersweet ending," he said. "We went out leading, which is a positive. It's too bad the fans didn't get to see us finish one last race in IMSA in the C8.R."

While its factory-backed days are behind it, Corvette Racing certainly isn't done for good. It will live on in the new Corvette Z06 GT3.R, which will take to the track as part of the organization's customer racing program.





Scott Kolecki·Racing·3 weeks ago

Longtime SRO America entrant will run Chevrolet's latest Corvette race car offering in Fanatec GT World Challenge

DXDT Racing owner David Askew announced on Thursday that his North Carolina-based race team would utilize the new GT3.R Corvette for the majority of next year's Fanatec GT season, making DXDT the first customer-based team to purchase-and-race the new Corvette race car in SRO competition globally.

For those not in the know, Fanatec GT World Challenge America powered by AWS is the premier North American GT race series, contributing to the global GT World Challenge championship. Racing across the best circuits from Sonoma to Indianapolis, the three-day race weekend events feature 90-minute double-header races throughout the weekend. The series top-level GT racing program continues to have a global impact and outreach as the series helps host the Intercontinental GT Challenge powered by Pirelli Indianapolis 8 Hours and a Total 24 Hours of Spa tie-in to help series competitors run in the greatest GT races in the world.

In 2024, DXDT Racing will transition from the Mercedes AMG GT3.R seen here to Chevrolet's latest Corvette Z06 GT3.R Race Car developed by Pratt Miller Engineering. (Image courtesy of DXDT Racing)

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In an interview with SportsCar365, Askew stated that DXDT Racing will begin Round 1 & 2 of the 2024 GTWC season in at least one of their current Mercedes-AMG GT3 Evo race cars. Round 1 of 2024's GTWC season will kick off the weekend of April 5-7, 2024 at Sonoma Raceway in Sonoma, California. Round 2 will take place April 26-28 at NOLA Motorsports Park in New Orleans, Louisiana. After these races, DXDT plans to transition its drivers to the Corvette Z06 GT3.R race car, starting at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas on the weekend of May 17-19.

DXDT Racing has yet to announce their driver lineup for the 2024 race season.

"I'm tremendously excited to run the new Corvette Z06 GT3.R next year," Askew said. "We have developed a great relationship with the folks at Corvette Racing and Pratt Miller. I look forward to working closely with them. They have a long history of winning races and championships all over the world, and we aim to leverage that expertise and put it to use at DXDT."

DXDT is the third customer team to be confirmed with the Pratt Miller-built car, joining TF Sport and AWA. Both of these teams will also campaign a pair of Corvette Z06 GT3.Rs in the FIA World Endurance Championship and IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, respectively. When combined with the factory-supported Corvette Racing program by Pratt Miller Motorsports, the four teams promise to showcase a grand total of EIGHT Corvette Z06 GT3.R race cars across multiple series next season, making next season one of the strongest in terms of presence of the Chevrolet's premier sports car!

"It's a significant honor to have DXDT choose the Corvette Z06 GT3.R for the GT World Challenge America championship," said Corvette Z06 GT3.R program manager Christie Bagne. "Our groups at Chevrolet Racing and Pratt Miller are very impressed by the investment that David Askew and his group have made with their race operations and level of professionalism during this process. We look forward to working with DXDT to contend for race wins and titles in GT World Challenge America."

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The 2024 Corvette Z06 GT3.R is the first Corvette race car of its kind to be offered to GM customers for use in their race programs. This factory-backed race car includes extensive customer support programs. After multiple years of behind-the-scenes development, Chevrolet unveiled the racing version of the production Corvette Z06 earlier this season. Built by Pratt Miller Engineering, a longtime partner of the Corvette Racing program, the Z06 GT3.R is the flag bearer of Corvette's first-ever customer racing program. The 5.5-liter, V8-powered Z06 GT3.R will need more than just raw speed to be successful, which is why Chevrolet has also built out a robust customer support program for Z06 GT3.R teams. Complete with a parts truck, engineering staff and remote support, the customer support program will be crucial to making 2024 a successful debut campaign for the Corvette GT3 car.



WEATHERTECH CHAMPIONSHIP

Orey Fidani, Matt Bell, Anthony Mantella and Nico Varrone confirmed at AWA...

by John Dagys

Orey Fidani, Matt Bell, Anthony Mantella and Nico Varrone have been confirmed as full season drivers for AWA's two-car Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3.R effort in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship next year.

Announced in August, the Canadian organization will be fielding a pair of Corvettes in the GTD class.

All four drivers were part of the the Andrew Wojteczko-led operation in the LMP3 class this year, with Fidani and Bell returning as co-drivers for a third consecutive season.

"Stepping up into the GTD class is both a very exciting and intense feeling," said Fidani. "The competition at this level is world class, and features some of the best racing drivers in motorsports. All eyes will be on us, and I have full confidence in this team and this program."

Bell added: "To be competing with a Corvette is a dream come true, as I've loved these cars since I first began competing in IMSA in 2014. Chevrolet is an iconic motorsport manufacturer so to represent that name in the GTD ranks is a great opportunity for us all."

Mantella, who had two LMP3 class wins this year, will be returning to the production-based ranks alongside Varrone, who was part of the team's winning lineup in the Rolex 24 at Daytona.

Varrone also went on to win the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the FIA World Endurance Championship in GTE-Am with Corvette Racing.

"This is a unique and rare opportunity that I feel very privileged to be a part of," said Mantella. "Corvette's worldwide customer program is a trusted network, and it was a very easy decision to make after having worked with Chevrolet in the past."

Varrone added: "I'm looking forward to this next season and I can't wait to race for victories with Anthony Mantella. We've built an awesome friendship and both of us have the same desire to win.

"We have a busy year ahead of ourselves with new challenges but we like it that way."

Additional drivers for the Michelin Endurance Cup races have not yet been announced.





DETROIT (Oct. 30, 2023) – Can Corvette Racing go out on top to end 2023? That’s certainly the plan as the team goes for its fourth FIA World Endurance Championship victory this year in the season-ending Eight Hours of Bahrain.

It would be a fitting exit for the Chevrolet Corvette C8.R, which will race for the final time in the hands of Nicky Catsburg, Ben Keating and Nico Varrone. Already this year, the No. 33 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette has won the GTE Am category at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the 1,000 Miles of Sebring and Six Hours of Portimão.

By finishing no worse than fourth at any race so far, the No. 33 Corvette Racing squad locked up the GTE Am Drivers and Teams championships two rounds ago at Monza in Italy. A fourth WEC win would give the C8.R a total of 21 victories worldwide in 82 events and close Corvette Racing’s two-year campaign in the FIA WEC with a fifth win. As much of a coronation as Bahrain will be for the Corvette program, it also serves as a transition point for the Corvette brand. The Corvette Z06 GT3.R is slated to be part of the WEC grid next year in the hands of TF Sport for the LM GT3 category while the No. 33 C8.R team transitions back to the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship under the Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports banner.

There’s still work to do in the present, however. Corvette Racing finished second in GTE Pro last year in its first race at the 3.36-mile, 15-turn Bahrain International Circuit with stellar drives from both Tommy Milner and Nick Tandy. Armed with that experience and notebook from the event, the goal is to finish one step higher on the podium this time around.

Working in the benefit of Corvette Racing is its perfect 2-0 record in races longer than six hours in FIA WEC competition this year with wins at Le Mans and Sebring – each by at least one lap. It also doesn’t hurt that Keating is a two-time GTE Am winner at Bahrain, Catsburg posted two top-five finishes in World Touring Car Cup a year ago, and Varrone has previous history in the C8.R at Bahrain from last year’s Rookie Test.

As in previous races, the C8.R will run at Bahrain with a level of rewards weight due to its successes earlier this year: 15 kilograms for leading the championship and 10 kilograms for finishing second in the previous race at Fuji on top of 10 extra kilograms added to the car’s minimum weight ahead of the Monza round for a total of 35 kilograms – five less than at the Japanese round but still the heaviest in GTE Am.

The Corvette also will race with a two-liter decrease in fuel capacity and a 0.6mm restrictor adjustment to limit engine power.

By: Ryan Smith & Judy Kouba Dominick





BY RICH CEPPOS

If you find yourself at a stoplight without enough time to activate the special launch mode, you'll still rocket to 60 mph in under 3.0 seconds.

The 2024 Chevy Corvette E-Ray posted a 2.5-second 60-mph time in our instrumented performance testing—the quickest ever for a Vette. On the street, the E-Ray's combined 655 horsepower, all-wheel-drive traction, and instant electric-motor torque make it a stoplight hellion, capable of brutal launches that are as easy to attain as flooring the accelerator. To see how the E-Ray would fare in a theoretical stoplight drag race, we launched the E-Ray with and without launch control to see the difference in acceleration times.

Welcome to Car and Driver's Testing Hub, where we zoom in on the test numbers. We've been pushing vehicles to their limits since 1956 to provide objective data to bolster our subjective impressions (you can see how we test here).

The time it takes a car to go from rest to 60 mph is one of the most important, best-understood, and longest-running benchmarks for judging performance—and for winning one-upmanship arguments that erupt between car enthusiasts. Our standard array of acceleration tests unearth that 60-mph time, among numerous other performance data points, as scientifically as possible in order to extract the quickest acceleration result.

We test on a closed, flat, proving-ground track, utilize the driving technique that will deliver the quickest time—that can mean using a car's launch-control system, or not—run our tests in two directions to account for the effects of wind, and then average the two best runs and also correct the results to standard weather conditions. (Temperature and humidity affect horsepower in internal-combustion engines).

No Time for Launch Control?

Thorough as this data-gathering is, the hybrid all-wheel-drive Corvette E-Ray got us thinking: What could it do without the effect of launch control? Activating launch control in the Corvette is a bit tedious. First, the Performance Traction Management (PTM) system must be set to Track, Race 1, or Race 2. If a burnout is required to clean off the tires, Race 2 is required. With the correct PTM mode selected, launch control is now available. From there, the custom launch-control interface is accessible through the steering wheel controls. The engine rpm can be adjusted to compensate for wheel spin, as can the target slip percentage. Or launch control can be left in Auto mode and the E-Ray will figure out what's best.

One of the things we love about the E-Ray out on the road is its brutal, instantaneous, and easily accessible acceleration. Thanks to the 495-hp 6.2-liter V-8 in its tail pumping power to the rear wheels, a 160-hp electric motor driving its front wheels, and a 1.1-kWh battery that's almost always at a 70-percent-or-higher level of charge on the street, the E-Ray leaps ahead from almost any speed.

And with all-wheel-drive traction it launches from stoplights as if shot out of a Howitzer.

rolled up to a stoplight to find, say, a 797-hp Dodge Charger Hellcat Redeye in the next lane and the E-Ray's launch control isn't prepped for battle? Could you still beat the Dodge—theoretically, of course—if all you did was slam your right foot to the floor when the light turned green?

A Stoplight to 60 MPH Takes 2.9 Ticks

In the interest of science we performed exactly that gas-it-and-go run with our VBox test equipment attached to the E-Ray. In a previous test of a Charger Hellcat Redeye it hurtled to 60 mph in 3.5 seconds with its launch control disengaged; it was slightly slower with it on. The E-Ray hit 60 in 2.5 seconds in our track testing—the quickest time we've ever recorded for a Corvette—with its adjustable launch control on and optimized. However, with no help from launch control, the E-Ray clocked in at 2.9 seconds. So, the Charger driver would be watching the E-Ray's quad exhaust pipes fade into the distance.

Part of our normal testing includes a 5-to-60-mph rolling start, in which we creep at 5 mph and then smash the accelerator. This test removes the effects of a high-rpm, launch-control start. The E-Ray completes the rolling start in 3.1 seconds, just 0.2-second slower than smashing the throttle from a standstill.

How would the E-Ray fare in a stoplight shootout against other hypercars like the Ferrari 296GTB or Lamborghini Huracán STO? That's a good question; we don't have comparative 60 mph data for other supercars, which we virtually always test with their launch on.



**NEWS AND INFORMATION ABOUT VETTES AT ONE DAYTONA 2024****Date**

The date of the 2024 edition of Vettes at One Daytona has now been confirmed. The show will take place on Saturday May 4th. Because of scheduling issues with the facility, our traditional second Saturday in May date became unavailable. The times for the show will remain the same as they have always been, with registration starting at 7:00 am. The show will run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

BASKETS AND AUCTION INFO FROM BEV...

It is never too early to start on the baskets. We are now starting to take donations and contributions at our next meetings for the car show in May. Any contributions will go towards purchasing additional items for the baskets. Thanks for always being so generous in your contributions. Bev...

Committee listings and contact persons:

Judging: Chuck Fast and Charlie Vedral

Parking: Bill Cumberland, Gerald Hager

Registration: Mike Wasson

Baskets and Silent Auction: Beverly Vedral

Set Up: Bill Cumberland

50/50: Margaret Dibling

Trophies: Paul Thompson

Lucky Numbers: Bill Nelson, Jean Kelchner

Tabulation (Judging) Julie Bush, Holly Miller

Tabulation (People's Choice) Mike Wasson

We will continue to keep everyone updated on the progress of the show. If you have comments or suggestions, please reach out to Reed Miller or Dave Tyree.



Ponce Inlet Corvette Club member Jeff Bernatovich recently participated in the Historic Sportscar Racing Classic 24 at Daytona International Speedway. Jeff drove his own Vintage Corvette during the four-day event in the Vintage Car Sprint Series where he competed against cars of similar specifications set up by the governing body of HRS Vintage Car Racing. Jeff's 1990 Corvette GT1 racecar is specially built for sportscar racing.



Jeff started his racing career doing Auto Cross racing in upstate New York near his home in Brewerton, New York. This led to more intense racing when he got a chance to race at Watkins Glen International Speedway. From that point on, Jeff was hooked on sportscar racing. He has owned the number 90 Corvette since 2005, racing it when time and money permit. His sponsors include his family business Ber-National Controls. Friday Jeff brought his Corvette home first in his class at Daytona for his first ever podium finish at DIS.

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