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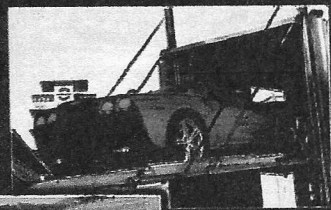
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### Club Motto

*Cruisin'  
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Indy Edition



## *Hello and Greetings from the Cruisin' Corvettes of Tallahassee*

April  
Issue 04.07

### Letter from the President

Springtime is here and it is time to dust off the Vette and go cruising! If you haven't had your Vette out already this year, you have missed out on the club's fun adventures, uh, I mean activities!

Actually any time Corvette enthusiasts get together an activity can quickly become an adventure!

The January Chili/Membership Kick off was a great success with lots of laughs and a cruising good time.

The February Sweetheart

Party was bunches of fun with great food and friends. And, the March Corvette show was a huge success!

Many thanks to Champion Chevrolet for once again sponsoring our yearly Corvette show.

As you see members from Champion Chevrolet, let them know how much we appreciate their support! This show was the best ever and Russ promised double the participation for next year.

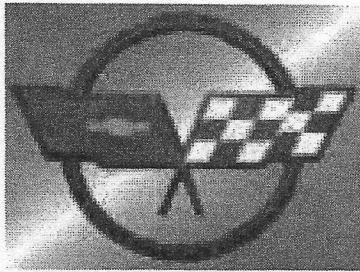
Thank you Russ, for chairing the car show committee and keeping all of us on task! Thank you to all the helpers who came out to

stuff goodie bags and set up for the show (You know who you are!).

And last, but certainly not least, thank you Lee for the fantastic job you did directing and parking all the participants! The show would not have been the success it was without the strong support from our members. See you at the next adventure!

Beverly





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Anyone interested in joining the Cruisin' Corvettes can visit our web-site at [cruisincorvettes.com](http://cruisincorvettes.com), click Membership Application at the top of the page. This link contains additional information regarding the membership fee, what is included in the fee and mailing instructions. If you are interested in seeing our club in action, one can always drop by our monthly tire-kicking gathering or business meeting. The gathering is always at What-A-Burger, located on Thomasville Road the third Saturday of each month around 6:00 p.m. The business meeting is at the Golden Corral, located on North Monroe Street the first Thursday of each month around 7:00 p.m. Pass the word along to anyone interested in Corvettes and tell them to look on the Internet under [www.CruisinCorvettes.com](http://www.CruisinCorvettes.com) to obtain more information about the club.

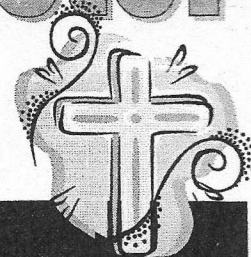
### Welcome New Members:

Paul and Kathy Hewett - Rich and Connie Zuchowski - Paul Walker  
Dale and Melissa Griffin - Lance Maxwell



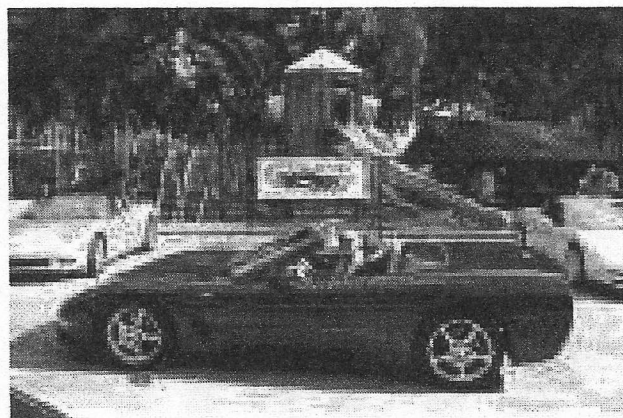
# Happy Easter

(Mat 28:6 NKJV) "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

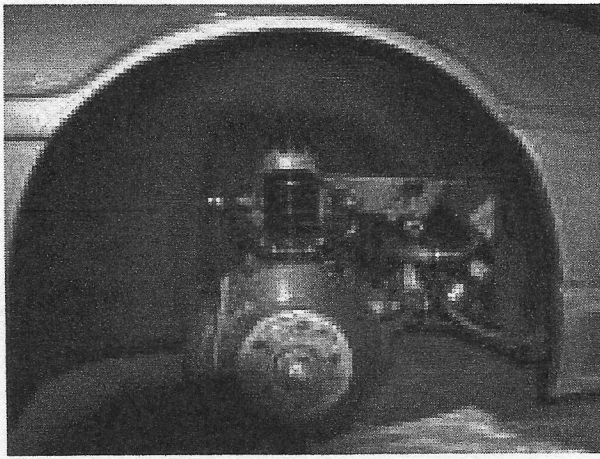


## Corvette of the Month

April Vette of the Month belongs to David Parke.  
David's Vette is a 2003 Anniversary Convertible



# CORVETTE RULES, SAVE THE WINE



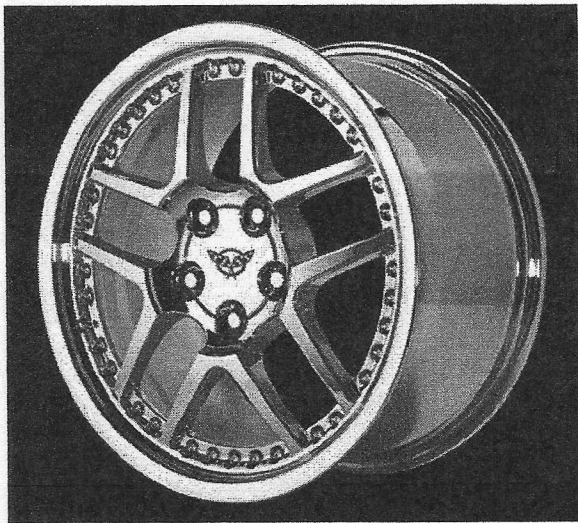
## Corvette Maintenance (Excerpts from Tender Rubbing Car - The Ultimate Detailing Newsletter) Detailing Wheel Wells

By Jim Pyatt

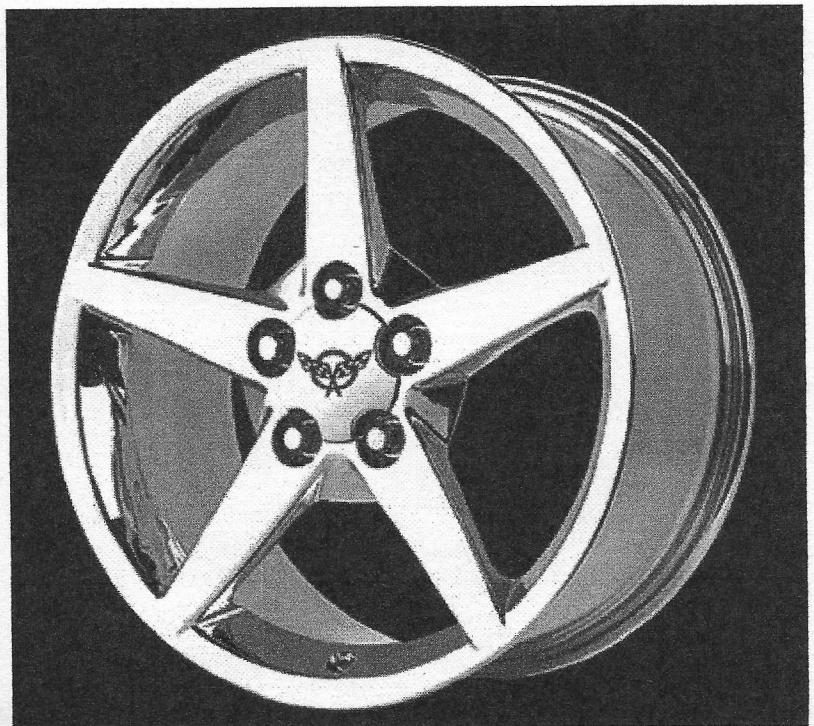
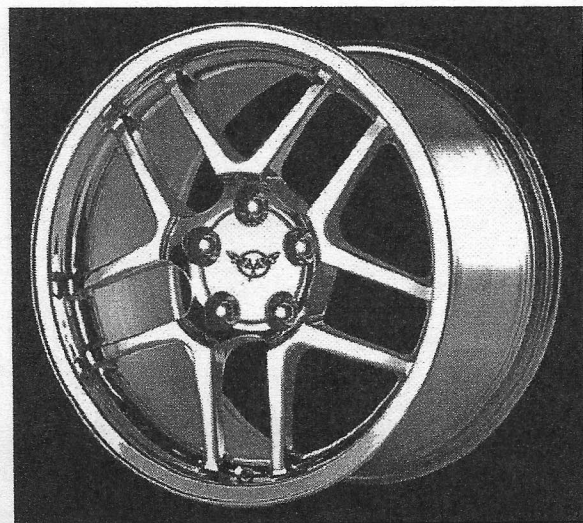
There is nothing worse than having a freshly detailed car and all that stands out is the unsightly wheel wells. You may be saying to yourself that they are behind the wheels, so who could see them. Easy! Just stand back and take a good look.

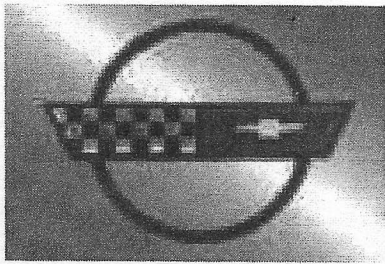
This is especially true if the vehicle has been lifted. They collect dirt, mud, and rust, and so this eyesore destroys the overall appearance of the splendidly shining, mirror-like vehicle; the good news is that this problem can easily be solved. With a little elbow grease you can have the wheel wells looking as great as the rest of the vehicle.

The front wheel wells contain steering assemblies, brake housings, and sometimes lift kits. This whole area can be painted flat or semigloss black. Black wheel wells look far better, compared to unsightly rusty ones. I like to use semigloss because it will be easier to clean in the future. I like seeing brake calipers painted, to match the car color (for example, painting a red car's caliper red creates a great look).



Some lifted trucks paint the various parts like the stabilizer bars, springs, and fittings to highlight the lift kit. If I'm selling the vehicle, I just paint everything black. This leaves a nice clean look--that is, unless it's an exotic, classic, or show car. In this case, paint each part the original color it received in the factory.





## Club History

Cruisin' Corvettes of Tallahassee, as it is known today was established in 1997 with a small membership of 10 Corvettes.

Today the membership has grown to a total of 100, mostly from Tallahassee but does include members from the South Georgia area.

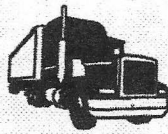
Within the ranks of the membership, there is a wide variety of Corvette's ranging from the first generation C1 that began in 1953 through the current generation, the C6.

With this variety of cars, the club is able to demonstrate how the style has changed and improved over the past years.



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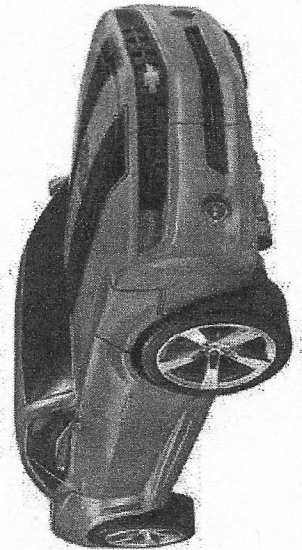
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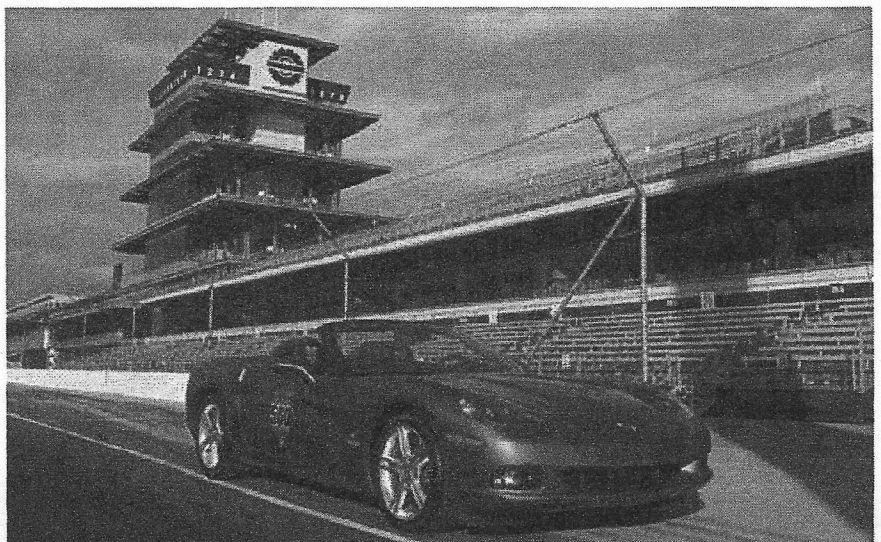
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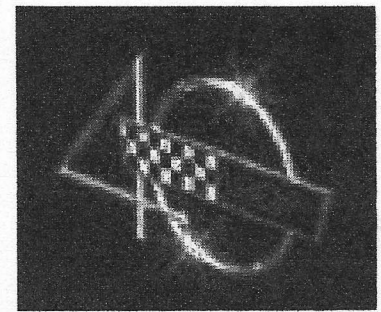
## 2007 Chicago Auto Show: Indy 500 Corvette Pace Car

### BACK COVER

The Chevrolet Corvette will once again pace the Indianapolis 500 this year and, as usual, a limited number — 500 — of production versions will go on sale this spring. Available only as a convertible, the special edition comes in only one color, Atomic Orange, and comes with a number of dress-up items to grab the attention of otherwise colorblind passersby:

- Special Indianapolis 500 fender badges
- Z06 rear spoiler
- New aluminum “split-spoke” wheels in Sterling Silver
- Ebony seats with embroidered Indianapolis 500 logos
- Interior trim plate and pods painted Atomic Orange
- Atomic Orange engine covers

Otherwise, the pace car is a basic 2007 Corvette six-speed manual with the Z51 performance package, navigation system and Bose stereo. The price? It's \$66,995, including destination. A six-speed automatic with shift paddles is available and will cost \$68,245, including destination fee.



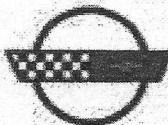
**C1** - Optional engines in 1956 had nine fin alloy valve covers, 1957 had seven or nine fin alloy valve covers, and the 1958 had seven fin alloy covers on optional engines.

**C2** - While the 427 was developed first, the 396 went into the Corvette, Chevrolet, and Chevelle in 1965 due to a GM policy restricting them to less than 400 cubic inches.

**C3** - In 1969, the ignition lock was moved from the dash to the steering column. It would remain there until 1997 when it was returned to the dash.

**C4** - In 1986, Corvette offered the "Malcolm Konner Commemorative Edition" with two transmissions. A manual 4-speed and an automatic. Only 20 4-speed manual transmissions were installed at the factory.

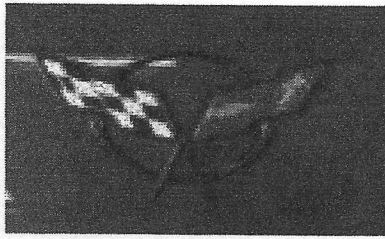
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## Corvette Legacy

**C1 (53-62)** The first generation "solid axle" Corvettes



**C2 (63-67)** The mid-year "Sting Ray" Corvettes



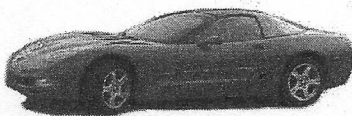
**C3 (68-82)** The "Mako Shark" Corvettes



**C4 (83-96)** The "new generation" Corvettes



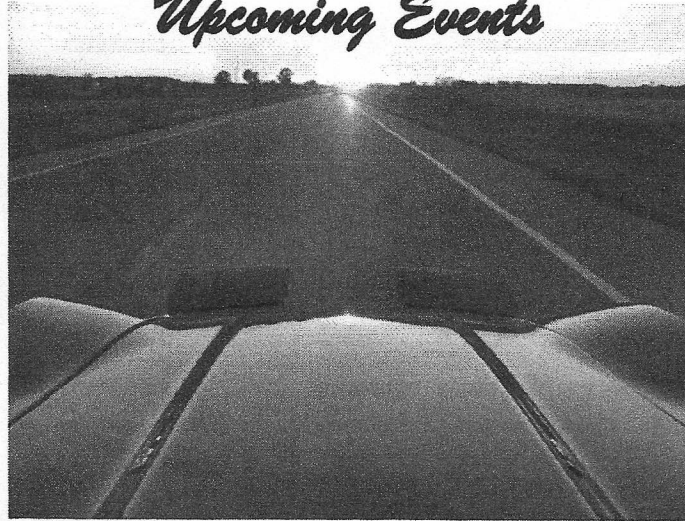
**C5 (97-04)** The "world-class" Corvettes



**C6 (05-06)** The Refined Performance Corvette...



## Upcoming Events



**April 5, 2007** - Business meeting on the first Thursday the month at the Golden Corral beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**April 14, 2007** - Cruisin' the Night Away at the Moon (110 E. Lafayette Street) Benefiting the Girl Scout Council of the Apalachee Bend, Inc. If you have questions, please call 386-2131.

**April 14, 2007** - Florida Corvette Club Corvettes Uptown Altamonte (formally the Mercado), Saturday, Limited to 300 Corvettes. Beginning at 8:00 am till 4:00 pm, cars must be parked by 9:30 am. Further information can be found at [www.FloridaCorvetteClub.com](http://www.FloridaCorvetteClub.com)

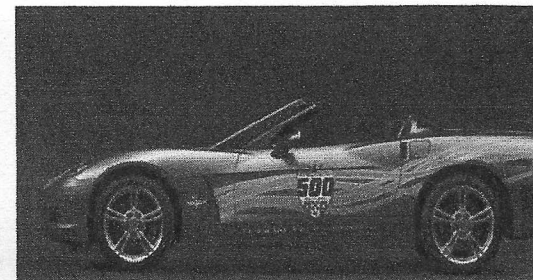
**April 14, 2007** - Cave Tour and Burger Party at the Robertson's in Marianna. We'll start off by meeting at the Florida Caverns State Park which is just north of Marianna at 10:00 (CST). The cavern tour fee is \$8.00. We will meet up with Circle City Corvettes at the Park. At the park, all are invited to participate in a tour of the caverns. We'll then caravan over to Jim and Charley's place (a 15 minute drive) and settle down for some grilled burgers and socializing. Cruisin' Corvette members will meet at the rest area on I-10 just west of Capital Circle NW at 9:00 a.m. (EST) to caravan to the Caverns.

**CANCELLED** - April 21, 2007 - Cruise to Cairo for lunch at Mr. Chicks and tour of private museum then cruise to Bruster's Ice Cream Shoppe in Tallahassee

**April 21, 2007** - Whataburger Cruise In

**April 21, 2007** - Vettes and Jets at Museum of Naval Aviation, Pensacola (Time and place to meet to be determined at April Business meeting and will be posted on the bulletin board.

**May 6, 2007** - Arrowhead Cruise-in & Family Fiesta (email [arrowheadcruisein@yahoo.com](mailto:arrowheadcruisein@yahoo.com) for further information).



**May 11-12, 2007** - 19th Annual Great Souther Antique Car Rally Featuring "Corvettes". Antiques, Classics and Street Rods welcome! Cairo, Georgia. Registration for all activities: \$40 before May 1st and \$50 after May 1st. For more information contact:: Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce (229-377-3663)

**May 18-20, 2007** - 18th Annual Lone Star Corvette Classic @ Texas Motor Speedway

**May 17-20, 2007** - Circle City Beach Caravan. [www.circlecitycorvettes.com](http://www.circlecitycorvettes.com)

**June 15-17, 2007** Bloomington Gold Auction @ Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 East Main Street, St. Charles, Ill.

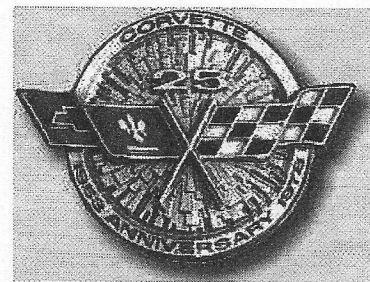
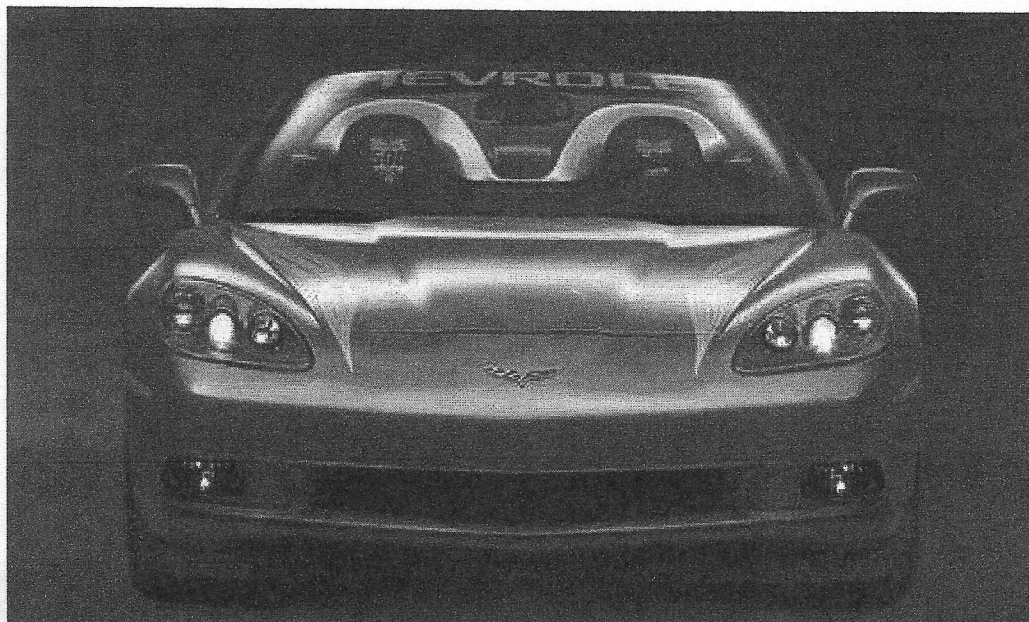
**June 16-17, 2007** - Miracle Strip Corvette Club, Lower Alabama Corvette Club, and Panhandle Corvette Club will visit Tallahassee to visit the Car Museum and join Cruisin' Corvettes at the Whataburger cruise in. Dinner at Marie Livingstons after cruise-in.

**September 22, 2007** - The 10th Annual Dimmitt Corvette Show in Clearwater. ([www.baccvette.us](http://www.baccvette.us))

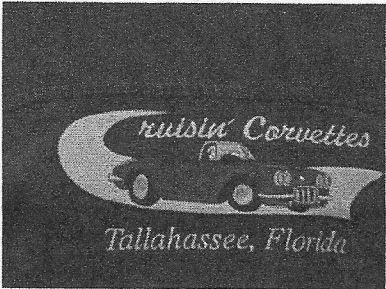
**October 27, 2007** - 10th Annual Corvette Show at Silver Springs with Bobby Vinton in Concert ([www.ocalacorvettes.com](http://www.ocalacorvettes.com))

**November 4, 2007** - Corvettes in Motion Fun Run & Show ([www.tccorvettes.com](http://www.tccorvettes.com))

**November 10 & 11, 2007** - Corvette Garden Party at Cypress Gardens ([www.baccvette.us](http://www.baccvette.us))



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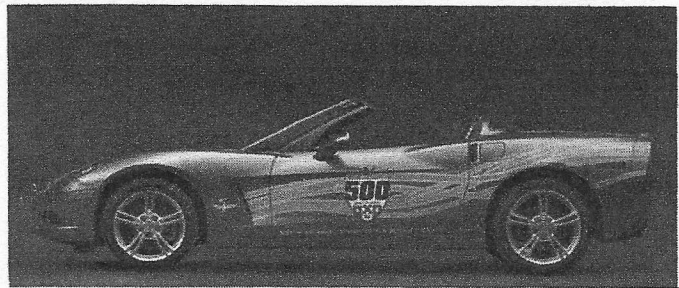
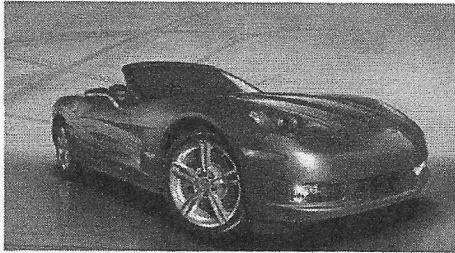
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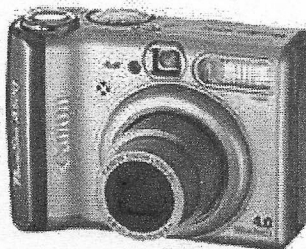
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- Photo of the month
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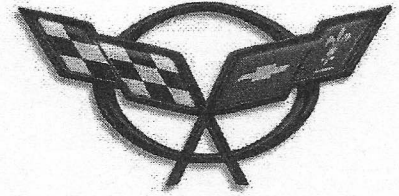
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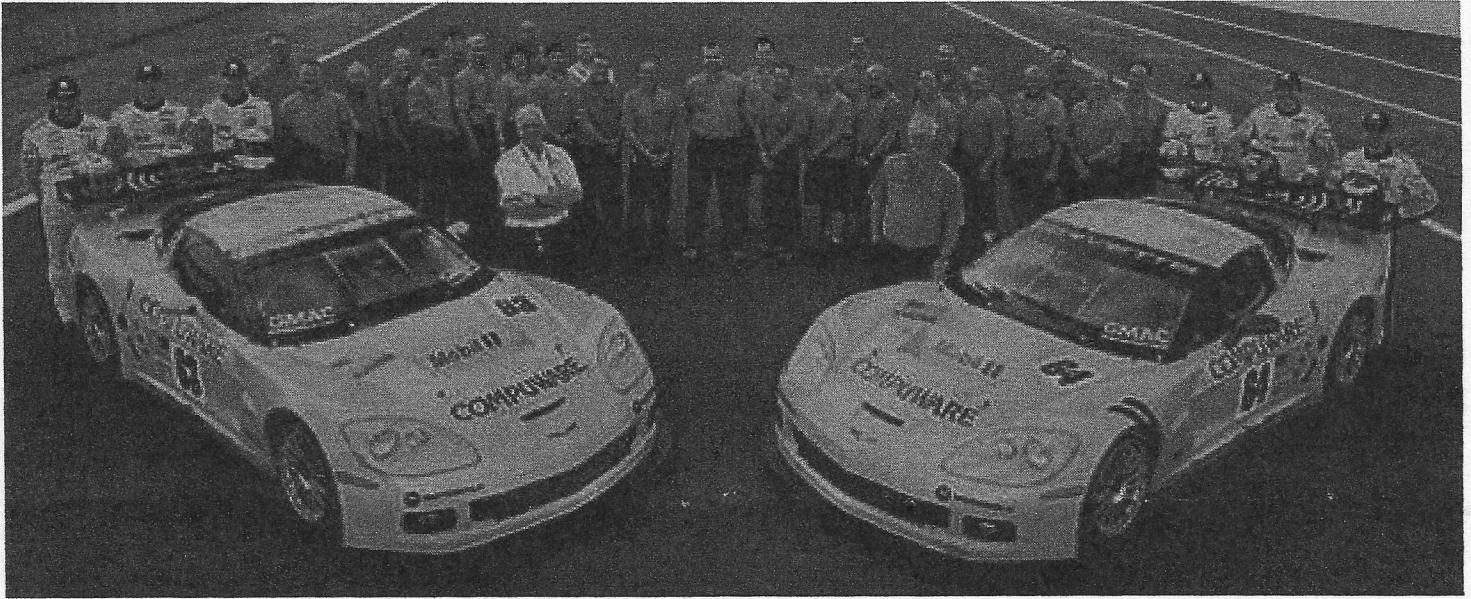
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# A historic milestone was reached yesterday at St. Petersburg.



What seemed an embarrassment to some, Team Corvette racing unchallenged yesterday in its GT1 class (like Speed Channel's post-race insult to Vette heroes Beretta & Gavin: "so guys, I guess the biggest challenge to you in this race was avoiding the road debris...") was in fact a much bigger triumph than winning that trophy.

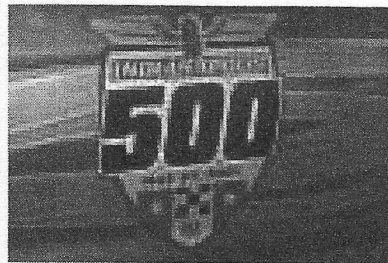


Back in '96 GM hatched the plan to enter and race their number 1 crown jewel in the most grueling and prestigious road race in the world: the 24 hours of Le Mans. For those first few years starting in '99 Corvette Racing routinely got their asses kicked by the likes of Vipers (remember them?) and Ferraris (remember them, too?).

It goes without saying that there were people within GM ready to pull the plug on this "embarrassment" right then and there. But lead by Godug (& we mean *lead*) the team persevered, honed their skills, and stuck to three rules: Don't break it, Keep it on the track, and Take no prisoners. It all started to pay off in 2001 and in the following 6 years they've so far tallied up 5 class victories at Le Mans, 6 ALMS class victories, 5 driver championships, 4 Sebring class wins...

One by one, faced with this "GM Dream Team", the competition dropped out. All the menacing "racing giants" - Viper, Ferrari, Saleen, Lamborghini, Maserati, Porsche, and Aston Martin - just disappeared... Which brings us to yesterday. The milestone reached goes well beyond racing and right to the heart of what a company can do when they put their passion, people, technology, and commitment to a goal: They become second to none.

***We know & the world knows: Corvette Racing is second to none - Alexander the Great in Nomex***



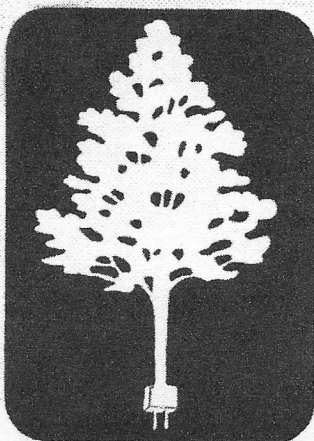
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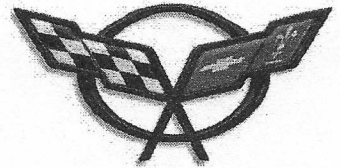
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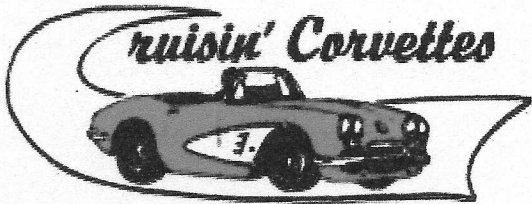
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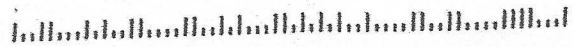


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