

# THE VETTE SETTE



A Monthly Publication For The Members of  
**The Classic Glass Corvette Club**  
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## President's Corner

As the cold north wind starts to blow and winter gets it's icy grip on us, we are already dreaming of warmer weather and cruising with the tops down...

I want to start out by saying THANK YOU to all of our members for making it a great two years as President! It really makes it easy to be President with the wonderful amount of support I have received. It has been a real pleasure to have been able to serve you all.

I will still be on the board as a Director in 2006 and I know that you will all give Barry Tomlinson the same great support you gave me.

Since our November meeting, we had an absolutely picture perfect day for the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th. We had about 9 or so cars from Classic Glass and another 9 or so from one of our sister clubs, Corvette Atlanta. It was the least that we could do for all of the sacrifice and selflessness that our fighting men and women give to allow us to continue to enjoy the freedoms we have.

The same weekend, we slayed the Tail of the Dragon again! We had a total of 49 Corvettes and 1 Jeep (Corvette Support Vehicle). After a full day of cruising the North Carolina, Tennessee, and North Georgia Mountains; most of us returned to the Brasstown Valley Resort for dinner and some after dinner drinks and entertainment. Let's just say that some folks can play Pictionary a little better than others...

Our 2005 Holiday Party and Annual Meeting provided some wonderful surprises from Santa and Mrs. Claus. There was plenty of dinner, dancing and fun for everyone that attended. I know why some folks, including myself, don't need to get a microphone and entertain... ☺  
After our surprise presents of the Lifetime Membership to the National Corvette Museum, we got overwhelming approval to donate all of the money that had been dropped into the two donation boxes to the Foster Care Group. This will be another banner year for that charity and well worth it!

We have also had volunteers shopping their little feet off buying for the Needy Families that were picked this year. The hard part is going to be wrapping all of those gifts. I know that these families will be very appreciative of the thoughts and gifts from the club.

I would like to thank the 2005 Board of Directors for keeping me on the right track this year. A good leader surrounds themselves with great people and this was another great group to help keep things running smoothly.

Join me in welcoming the **2006 Board of Directors and Officers:**

**President** – Barry Tomlinson  
**V.P. at Large** – Randy Cooper  
**V.P. of Membership** – Don Shamel  
**V.P. of Activities** – Cindy Owens

### **Board of Directors**

Joe Owens  
Reggie Martin  
Bob Renneke  
John Pardus

**NCM Ambassador** – Fred Hale

Treasurer and Secretary positions will be announced after they have been approved by the Board of Directors. Chris Siddal has agreed to run the CGCC Store for 2006.

Thanks again for a GREAT 2004/2005 and here is to an even better 2006! It's all yours now Barry, take it away!

After all.... It's about the people who love the car!

Every day is a "Ragtop" day!

*Joe*

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**Editor's Corner**

By Cindy Owens

Hello Corvette Lovers!

We made it thru another year! Can you believe the time has gone by so fast? We have had a lot of good times this year and next year will be even better.

If the turnout for the Holiday Party was any indication, next year is going to be phenomenal. The party was visited by none other than jolly ole St. Nick (AKA, Santa Claus) and Mrs. Santa. Santa presented to the club a Business Lifetime Membership to the National Corvette Museum.

We are now member # 1709. This was such a great Surprise! Santa also got us in the mood by having us sing Christmas songs, which included Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer. He presented some of our members with reindeer antlers and light up red noses. Pictures to follow....

I will write more about the Holiday Party later, but for now I must mention that American Idol has nothing on Classic Glass Karaoke.

This will be my last newsletter as Ron Floyd has volunteered to take the newsletter over next year for us. He has contributed to the newsletter over the years and he will be a great person for the job.

I want to personally thank everyone for voting for me to handle the activities next year. I am so looking forward to it. I have a lot of ideas in mind but I will need volunteers to make them work. ARE WE IN? YES WE ARE!

So on that note, I will be sending out another e-mail about the Club Boat Cruise in April at the beginning of the year after everyone has had time to get over the holidays and start thinking about next year.

If anyone would like a copy of the 2005 Classic Glass DVD that Joe and I put together just let us know. It is just a sampling of all of the pictures that I have taken during 2005.

Current membership is 229 with 134 renewed for 2006. Last year we were at 245 and 98 paid renewals for 2005. This a great start to a new year.

As Always,  
Have a "SUNNIE" day!

*Cindy*

**\*\* Holiday Party – December 3rd \*\***

Our annual Holiday Party was held this past Saturday at Timber Ridge Conference Center. We once again had our traditional social hour with everyone showing up in their most festive holiday attire. As everyone came in, they were given a ballot and 2005 Classic Glass Ornament. Since this is our annual meeting, the election of our 2006 officers and directors also was taking place. Dinner was served at 7:00 pm and 2 special guests entered the dining room. To everyone's surprise, Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa made their entrance bearing gifts. They presented to Joe Owens a plaque proclaiming Classic Glass Corvette Club as Business Lifetime Member #1709 to the National Corvette Museum. An acrylic trophy was also given. Santa and Mrs. Santa led us all singing such favorites as jingle bells and Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer. He also made some of our member's part of the pack by giving them antlers and red noses.

Pictures were taken in front of the wonderfully decorated Christmas tree before we started the last 2005 meeting. Joe Owens thanked everyone for all of the support that has been shown for the past 2 years and to show his appreciation for the officers and directors for 2005, he bought them each a C6 Red Convertible (\*1/18 scale). Each car had the officer or directors name, position and thank you inscribed.

The election results were announced and are as follows:

- President: Barry Tomlinson
- VP at Large: Randy Cooper
- VP of Membership: Don Shamel
- VP of Activities: Cindy Owens
- Board of Directors: Joe Owens
- Bob Renneke
- Reggie Martin
- John Pardus
- NCM Ambassador: Fred Hale

Joe was presented by the 2005 board as a token of their appreciation a denim jacket embroidered with his name and both years 2004-2005 of his presidency. They also presented him with a travel bag to match.

A motion was made to adjourn this meeting and for the party to begin. Fred O'Neill provided our entertainment for the night and he proceeded to fill the dance floor with every song. A disco dance broke out and Jim Johannes showed everyone that John Travolta has nothing to worry about. Rumor had it that John Iroff "couldn't get no satisfaction", so Fred fixed him right up with a karaoke version and gave him the microphone. Let's just say the rest is history.

We also found out how "talented" some of our other members are especially in a group situation. "Summer Nights" and "Love Shack" will never be the same again. Fred finally had to cut us off – I think we would have kept him there for at least a couple more songs and I think that was what he was afraid of. Another Great Event to go down in history.

Santa's "Other" Reindeer



(L-R) Jamie McSwain, Suzanne French, Mildred Cooper, Tonie Etter, Ken (Stud Man) Hamilton, Hillary Dukas, Anne O'Neill

### As the Steering Wheel Turns...

By Joe Owens

This has been certainly a fun-packed year! Tequila finally arrived, Sunnie and Blue have made a number of outings to shows and events, and the fun is just beginning.

While I had the opportunity at the Holiday Party, I sat upon Santa's lap and secretly told him what each of the 'girls' want for Christmas... Including Cindy. He asked if they had been good, and I said OF COURSE!! We will see what shows up under the tree for them.

With the basement bathroom finished, I was able to move Blue down to her new spot. She seems to be very content to share space with Ruby (My Harley).

Now begins the large task of finishing the rest of the basement and getting more usable space... But I won't bore you with details.

It has been fun writing this spot for the past few years and if you want to see more of it, let Ron Floyd know. Since, he is our new Newsletter Editor.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from "The Busted Knuckle Garage".

### C4 / C5 Owners Alert...

By Ron Floyd

I've mentioned this in previous newsletters but it does bear repeating, especially at this time of the year when there are even more leaves, pine needles, etc., on the roads. C4's and in particular C5's, are unfortunately, terrific vacuum's, scooping up just about anything from the roads. Problem is that this stuff accumulates on the radiator fins and begins to block the airflow, reducing the engine cooling capability.

At minimum, at least twice a year, one should carefully use the thin/flat nozzle on a shopvac or similar and with a flashlight lay under the front fascia and suck out all the accumulated debris. Do it gently so as to not damage the radiator fins. Your Vette will overheat, sooner or later, if this is not done. If you have never done this, you will be amazed at how much stuff is there.

### Corvette Racing Update



2006 Corvette Racing Schedule		
Mar 18	<a href="#">Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring</a>	
May 12	<a href="#">Lone Star Grand Prix of Houston</a>	
May 21	<a href="#">American Le Mans Mid-Ohio</a>	
June 17-18	<a href="#">24 Heures du Mans</a>	
July 1	<a href="#">New England Grand Prix</a>	
July 15	<a href="#">Utah Grand Prix</a>	
July 22	<a href="#">Grand Prix of Portland</a>	
Aug 20	<a href="#">Generac 500 at Road America</a>	
Sept 3	<a href="#">Grand Prix of Mosport</a>	
Sept 30	<a href="#">Petit Le Mans</a>	
Oct 21	<a href="#">Monterey Sports Car Championships</a>	

### \*Corvettes For Sale\*

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**Corvette Trivia**

- 1. In 1969 Corvette added map pockets to give it more of a European flavor. **True or False**
- 2. The 1963 Corvette was the first year of the 454 engine. **True or False**
- 3. The catalytic converter became standard on the Corvette in 1974. **True or False**

**Bonus:**

The Corvette Grand Sport race cars used some non GM parts, which of the following parts was NOT used?

- A: Halibrand wheels
- B: Girling disc brakes
- C: 377 cu. in. V-8
- D: Weber carburetors

**Answers on the last page**

**\*\* Something to Think About \*\***

By Wayne Ray

What the heck is a fender skirt?

I came across this phrase in a book yesterday "FENDER SKIRTS". A term I haven't heard in a long time and thinking\*\* about "fender skirts" started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice.

Like "curb feelers" and "steering knobs." Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some elderly person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you

Remember "Continental kits?" They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point "parking brake" became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with "emergency brake."

I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the "foot feed"

Didn't you ever wait at the street for your daddy to come home, so you could ride the "running board" up to the house?

Discuss fender skirts.

**\*\* 2006 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductees \*\***

The following three people have been voted as our 2006 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductees. Additional information will be made available in the coming weeks through NCM eNews and our "America's Sports Car" Magazine. Congratulations to these inductees and their family members.

- David Hill** - Corvette Chief Engineer
- Gary Mortimer** - One of the Founding Members of the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)
- John Lingenfelter** - Corvette Performance Engineer and Racer

**\*\* Special News \*\***

*You must have your 2006 dues postmarked by December 31, 2005 to take advantage of the renewal rates. If your renewal is postmarked after December 31, 2005, you are subject to the New Member rates. Save that \$10 and send them in before the deadline!*

*Also, if you have not renewed, this will be the last issue of the Vette Sette you will receive...*

**\*\* Best Resale Value \*\***

According to the September/October 2005 Kelley Blue Book Residual Value Guide, the Chevrolet Corvette is in the top 10 of best resale values.

**TOP 10** (in alphabetical order)

- BMW 5 Series
- Chevrolet Corvette
- Honda Accord Hybrid
- Infiniti G35 Coupe
- Infiniti M45
- Lexus GX 470
- MINI Cooper
- Porsche Cayenne
- Toyota Prius
- Volvo XC90

**BY CATEGORY**

- CONVERTIBLE: Chevrolet Corvette
- SEDAN: Honda Accord Hybrid
- COUPE: Infiniti G35 Coupe
- LUXURY: Infiniti M45
- HATCHBACK: MINI Cooper / Toyota Prius
- SPORT UTILITY: Porsche Cayenne
- PICKUP: Toyota Tacoma PreRunner
- WAGON: Subaru Outback
- VAN/MINIVAN: Honda Odyssey



**CLASSIC GLASS CORVETTE CLUB**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

It is time again to renew your Club Membership for the coming year. As per the club by-laws, dues are payable between October 1 and December 31 each year. Please note the following important considerations:

- Membership automatically lapses if dues are not paid by the December meeting.
- Dues not paid by December 31 will require member(s) to rejoin CGCC and pay the higher new member dues.
- **No member may be listed on election ballot unless dues are paid by end of November meeting.**
- No member may vote on the officers and directors' slate (or any other Club business) at the Annual Holiday Season party if their dues are not paid at or before the meeting.
- **PLEASE** remit your dues for the upcoming year as soon as possible to ensure your payment is recorded prior to the December meeting/holiday party.

Please mail this form completed with your check made payable to *Classic Glass Corvette Club* to: P. O. Box 4936, Marietta, GA 30061.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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**CORVETTE(S) OWNED**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Remember to contact Bridget Stephens ([bridget.stephens@comcast.net](mailto:bridget.stephens@comcast.net)) to have your Corvette showcased on the Website!!!

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Single Regular Member Renewal  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 For Spouse/Significant Other                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

**NOTE:** If you were a new member in 2005 and your new membership dues were received on or after October 1, you are not required to pay renewal membership fees until the Oct-Dec period the following year.

## Meeting Minutes from December 3rd Meeting

There were no minutes taken at the Holiday Party

### Treasurer Report

P. J. reported a financial summary of the below numbers for November 2005:

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$10,502.43
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Membership	\$1,420.00
Advertising	\$ 75.00
Club Store	\$ 251.00
50/25/25 Raffle	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	\$ 1,821.00
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
P.O. Box renewal	\$ 68.00
Sunshine	\$ 103.49
Newsletter Postage and copies	\$ 72.01
Sock Hops shirts and Cd's	\$ 180.00
Office Supplies	<u>\$ 6.82</u>
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	\$ 430.32
<b>Ending Balance:**</b>	\$11,893.11
<b>**Includes \$2,000 rainy day Fund</b>	

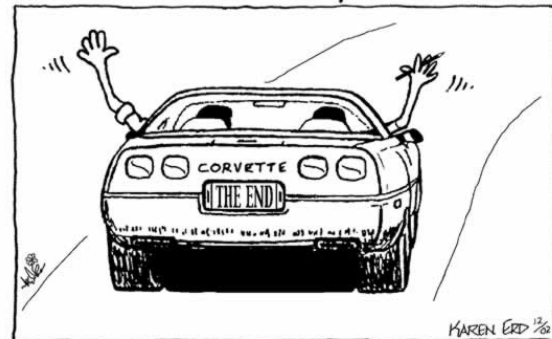
### LOOKING BACK – Classic Glass 15 Years Ago

By Ron Floyd

The "Classic News" for Dec. 1990 reported that Marty Nixon would be the new club president for 1991 and that Tonie Etter took no minutes at the holiday party/meeting because "we were all having too much fun"!

A major feature of the newsletter that month was copies of two separate newspaper articles (with pictures) on stolen Corvette's. One was about a 1979 recovered from a storage trailer where it had been for *10 years*. And the other was about a 1965 that had been stolen *17 years prior*, vin number changed, etc. In both cases, the police were able to track down and arrest the thieves! Unfortunately, the current owner of the '65 who had bought it in good faith was the big loser when the car was seized and returned to the original owner.

### DAVE'S VIEW... by Dave Berna



The final view...

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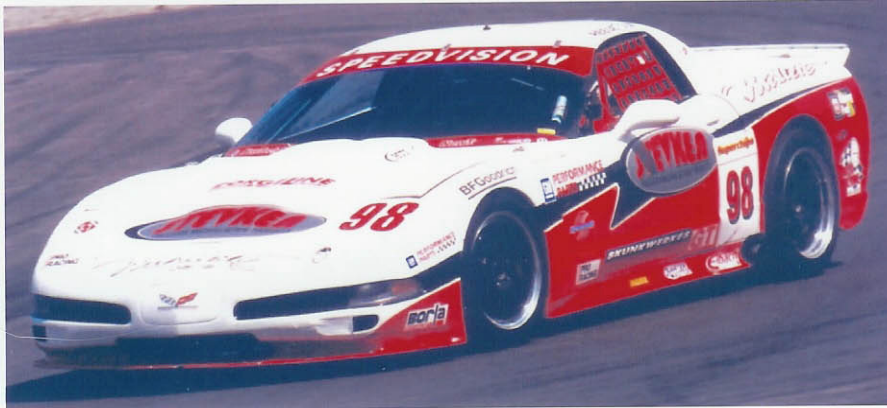





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**Upcoming Activities:**

Dec 17 – Peach State Posse Toys for Tots, Kennesaw, Ga

**National Corvette Museum Activities**

2006 Events

Apr 20-22 - C5/C6 Birthday Bash

May 4-6 ZR - 1/C4 Gathering

May 25-27 – Corvette Forum Cruise-in

Jul 20-22 - Z06 Fest

Aug 31 – Sept 3 – Anniversary Celebration

Sept 28-30 – R8C Xperience Reunion

Oct 12-14 – C3 Extravaganza

**Answers to Trivia: 1 - True, 2 –False, 3 – False, Bonus – C: 377 cu. in. V-8**



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Meeting Location

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Approx. 1 Mile East of the Big Chicken

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month

**Meeting Time: 7:30 PM**

**Next Meeting: Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>**

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