

# Crow River Corvettes

## "Cruzin News"



### Letter From The Prez:

Hello Everyone,

Here we are nearing the end of the year. I am reflecting back at 2009 with a smile on my face and can hardly wait until Spring arrives. Seems like just yesterday we were cruising up to Brainerd for our Fall Run. How time flies. Since I am trying to get this newsletter out before our Party, I thought I would remind everyone to bring along a food shelf item for the less fortunate. Also for those who would like to participate in the White Elephant gift exchange, remember to bring along a wrapped gift, under \$10 to pass around. Don't go out and buy anything as it should be something you already possess. It can be anything you desire, remember it's for fun. Come prepared to have a good time. We will have a "putting" contest so we can give out our last 2 awards which were never used during last year's show. We will have a boom box playing music so bring along your CD's to sing along with. Again the dinner will be buffet style with chicken and shrimp. The Elks Club assured me it would not cost an arm and a leg. We will be holding a quick meeting beforehand at 5:30 pm to get everyone up to speed on what we have planned for next year's show & try and put together a calendar of events for next year. Thanks to all who contributed to this newsletter and remember to keep sending in your pictures and newsworthy items to me as I will be again editing the Club newsletter. One last bit of business. We need to come up with a new name for our newsletter, as "Vette Happenings" is already being used by another MN club. Now put on your thinking hats and get creative!

Ron

### Letter From The Vice Prez:

GREETINGS TO ALL!

I KNOW YOU HAD A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS. UNWRAPPING PRESENTS, SEEING THAT WONDERFUL RELATIVE YOU ENJOY BEING WITH ONCE A YEAR.

"YA, WELL I'LL SEE YOU ----- NEXT CHRISTMAS." OR MAYBE YOU DON'T HAVE ONE OF THOSE. OPP'S MAYBE YOUR CHRISTMAS WAS; "I CAN'T MAKE IT BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER". IT WAS GREAT WASN'T IT. OH WELL WE DID CELEBRATE IT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. IT'S KIND OF NICE BEING WEATHER BOUND.

IN MY CASE IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO HEAR FROM YOUR DAUGHTER ABOUT IT BEING ONLY 60 DEGREES IN HAWAI; SHE LOVES REMINDING ME. LAST CHRISTMAS WAS AUSTRALIA THIS YEAR HAWALI. TODAY WAS VETTE START UP DAY. I'M NOT ONE OF THOSE THAT PUTS IT UP ON BLOCKS AND PULLS THE BATTERY.

START IT UP; PULLING IT OUT; RUNNING IT; OF COURSE SITTING IN IT; PLAYING THE RADIO LOUD ; AND WITH MY SHORTS ON OF COURSE. I NEVER DO THIS WHEN IT'S SNOWING; IT KIND OF BREAKS THE MOOD. WELL THIS MONTH DON'T FORGET THE PARTY ON THE 9TH.. BE SURE TO BE EARLY FOR THE MEETING; A LOT OF THINGS WILL BE DISCUSSED. WHAT WE NEED IS INPUT IDEAS FOR THE UPCOMING CANCER DRIVE. WERE NOT LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS SO THAT'S NOT AN EXCUSE FOR NOT BEING THERE. PLUS REMEMBER; "OH DEAR I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU OUT FOR DINNER". YOU NEED ALL THE POINTS YOU CAN GET FOR WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING WRONG!! AND OF COURSE, I'LL DRIVE MY 120 MILES THROUGH THE SNOW, COLD, WIND,SLIPPERY ROADS, TO SEE EVERYBODY. feel guilty? WELL YOU BETTER. ALSO BRING UP ANY IDEAS FOR SUMMER OUTINGS. BEFORE I FORGET DEBBIE WILL BE THERE WITH HER CAMERA TO UPDATE PICTURES OF ALL THE MEMBERS. THAT'S ANOTHER REASON TO SHOW UP. I'LL SEE----- EVERYBODY----- ON THE 9TH. !!

Bob

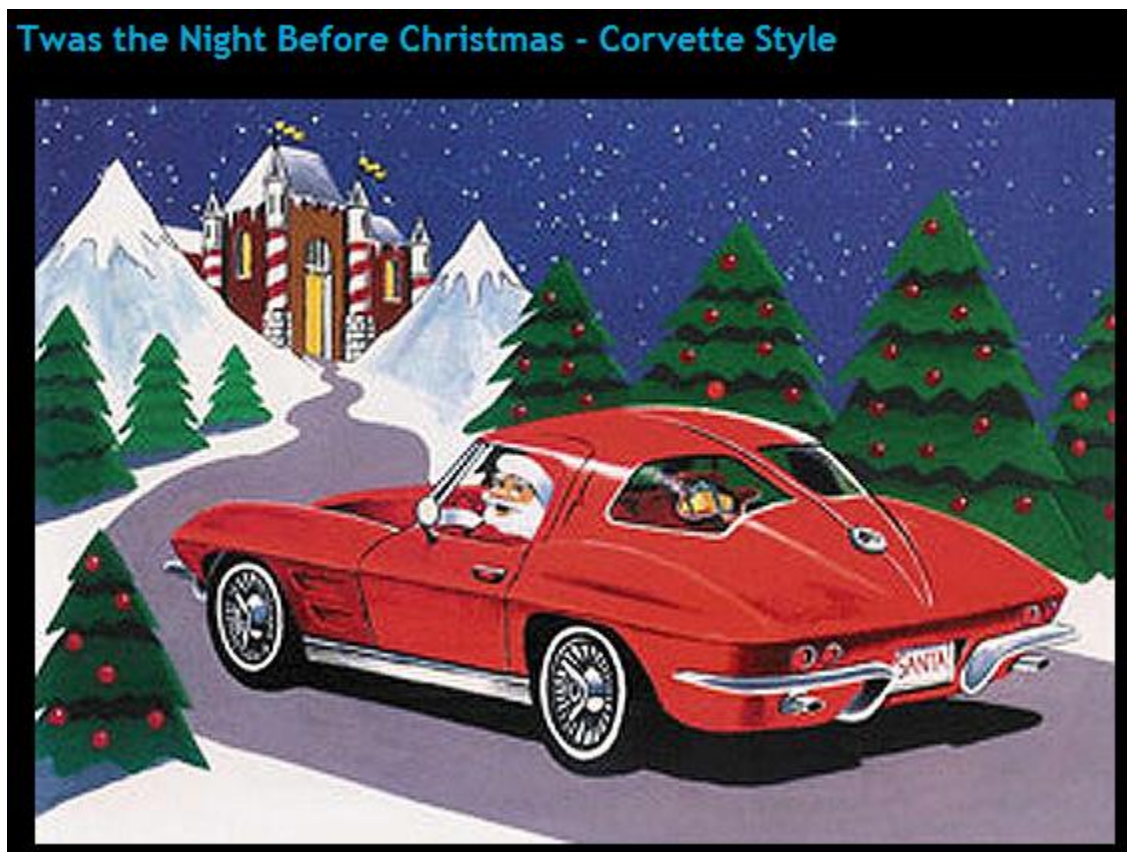
### Upcoming Events:

January 9: Crow River Corvette Christmas Party, held at the Elks in Hutchinson, 5:30 pm

February 18: Corvettes For A Cause Meeting held at Squeaky's at 6:00 pm

March 14: Corvette Chili Challenge held at Jimmy's in Vadnais Heights, 1:00 pm

### Pic of the Month:



## **'Twas the Night Before Christmas – Corvette Style**

'Twas the night before Christmas and out in the garage,  
There wasn't a trace of a Honda, Toyota, or Dodge.  
The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit,  
So I figured I'd mess with my classic Corvette for a bit.

I popped the release and lifted the hood,  
When a deep voice behind me said "looks pretty good."  
Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick,  
And there, by the workbench, stood good ol Saint Nick!

We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say,  
Then he said "don't suppose that you'd trade for my sleigh?  
"No way, Santa" I said with a grin,  
"But if you've got the time we can go for a spin!"

His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow,  
Turned into a smile and he said "Sure! Let's go!!"  
So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat,  
We quietly pushed the Vette out to the street,

Then, taking our places to coast down the hill,  
I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill.  
The sound that erupted took him quite by surprise,  
But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.

With tires a' screaming and side pipes aglow,  
We headed on out to where the hot rodders go.  
And Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears,  
With every shift up as I banged through the gears.

Then he yelled "can't recall when I've felt so alive!"  
So I backed off the gas and asked Santa if he wanted to drive.  
Ol Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,  
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!

The Corvette exploded with side exhaust sound!  
And when Santa let out the clutch and the tires shook the ground!  
Power shift into second, again into third!  
I sat there just watching, at loss for a word,

Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight,  
"Merry Christmas to all, it's one hell of a night!!!"

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## Wave "Rules"

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by Dan Woomer, **Lost Caravan Corvette Club**

The Corvette Wave is an integral part of the mystique and culture of the Corvette owner experience. Corvette owners who wave at fellow Corvette owners when they pass on the road, show a mark of recognition that you are among the elite group of intelligent people who are driving America's True Sports Car. And as a member of this elite group, you should be recognized for your poise and intelligence. So for those who don't know the five simple Corvette Wave rules, here they are:

- 1. There is no excuse for not waving at your fellow Corvette owner.**  
Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette.
- 2. Whoever sees the other Corvette first, starts the wave.**  
There isn't any rule about who waves first. This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!
- 3. Rules 1 and 2 apply to both sexes.**  
As far as who starts the wave, it doesn't make a difference if you are a man or women. Rules 1 and 2 apply.
- 4. Any type of wave is okay.**  
Whether you shoot a big wave up through your open Vette top, out the window, or a quick salute with your hand on the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay. However, this does not include any style of jester that can be interpreted as obscene or insulting. Remember, Corvette owners are a class act; while someone might have been rude or stupid to you, try not to return the favor. (This is a tough rule not to break with all the stupid drivers who manage to get a driver's license.)
- 5. A late wave is better than no wave.**  
If you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, get a wave off as soon as possible. The other Corvette driver may see your wave in their rear view mirror and realize that you were just a little late in getting your wave going. Although missing the timing of your wave is a "goof," getting off a wave that the other Corvette driver has a chance to see can acceptably cover this slip-up.

So you can see the underlying concept here is simple: Wave at your fellow Corvette owners, whoever they are, whenever you see them. This will show you are a person who understands the full measure and etiquette that comes with your proud ownership of a Corvette.

## Club Membership

We now stand at **45** members in our little club. Please help us grow our club and encourage your friends to join!

Ahlbrecht, Terry & Kathy / Betker Paul & Jan Roelike / Blasing, Ken & Debbie / Cleland, Ron & Linda / Dovenmuehle, Al & Theresa / Fluck Brad / Hotvedt, Debbie / Houk, Galen & Pamela / Husefeldt, Larry & Kay / Husske, Don & Sherry / Irwin, Ronald / Lekander, John & Shirley / Loveland, Dick & Char / Luckemeyer, Jon & Sheryl / McKinven, Monty & LaRae / Mellius, Charles & Mary Lou / Miley, Bob / Monahan, Tim / Ritz, Dale & Donna Miller / Rosenow, Ralph & Josie / Rude, Justin & Val / Sanken, Tim & Cheryl / Tschida, Bob / Weide, Bill & Linda / Winter, Kathy / Fox, Ted & Carole
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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Community-Involved club, raising money for various local charitable organizations and National Foundations. We also donate our time by volunteering at various local activities and events.

#### Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to promote good fellowship among Corvette owners and enthusiasts, to preserve the Corvette as a classic car, and to share information on all phases of ownership and restoration. The club supports the maintenance of the highest standards of courtesy and safety on and off the road.

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As A courtesy to all new members, and for old ones who can't remember names as well as we used to, Please remember to Wear Your Name Tags at club meetings and at all club functions.



## 2010 Club Officers

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### January Birthdays

Char Loveland 1/5

Tim Monahan 1/20

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**Welcome Party**

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**Car Show**

**Banquet**

**Vette Olympics**