



Cruzin'



River City Corvette Club Newsletter



Leaving Bowling Green in two new Corvettes.

Cruzin' into 2009



*Vol. 15, Issue 1
Jan. 2009*



It is a privilege to serve as your President for 2009. My objective is to promote a diverse menu of club activities. We have over 130 members whose interests are as diverse as the membership.

My objective is to address these varied interests by promoting a diverse menu of club activities. These activities will be designed to promote the enjoyment of driving a Corvette, showing a Corvette, friendship among members and site seeing. Heck you may even make life long friends, it has been known to happen before.

Some of us like short dinner cruises on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, others like the over night cruises to areas of interest, some like car shows, others like more lengthy trips such as Biloxi, Joplin or Daytona. These type of activities will be offered in 2009. I would expect suggestions from the membership on new activities for the club to try or favorite restaurants, parks or leisurely drives. Above all else my objective is for the membership to have fun. It is understandable that everyone cannot make every activity, due to family obligations, prior commitments etc. But do make it a new years resolution to become actively involved in your club. I ask for you help in making 2009 a year to remember. Your suggestions and help to make these things happen will be required. It is not easy to set up some of these events. It takes people and work. Are you up to the task? Are you ready for some Vettin'? It's Vette time right here in River City. Come and make some memories, you will be glad you did.

Buddy Johnson

Contents:

President Message	page 2
Editors Message	page 3
High Tech World	page 4
Christmas Party	page 5
Tech Tip	page 6
Events	page 7

2009 Officers:

President: Buddy Johnson
Vice President: Ron Kellogg
Secretary: Nancy Price
Treasurer: Larry Johnston

Board Members:

Mike Nabors
Eddie Price
Ron Hastings
Michael Pittman

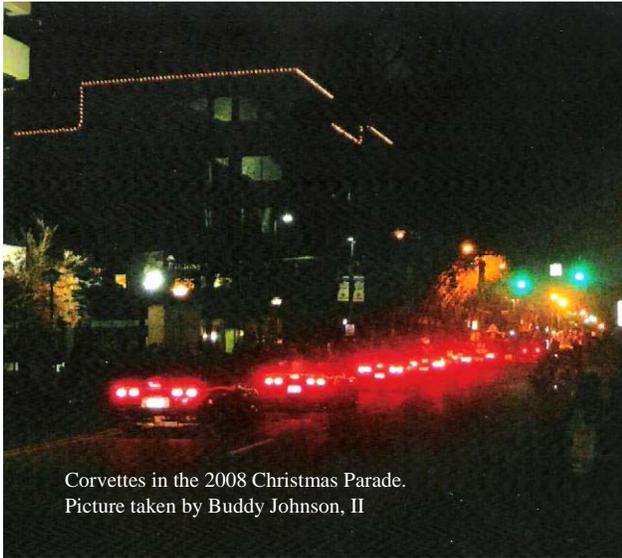
Monthly Contributors:

Larry Harless, Article
Carol Kellogg, Article
Ron Kellogg, Tech Tip

Sponsors:

Mountain View Chevrolet

2009 Dues are now due.



Corvettes in the 2008 Christmas Parade.
Picture taken by Buddy Johnson, II

2008 has cruised on by, leaving only memories to be cherished. 2008 was a very memorable year for me. Norma and I truly appreciated the trips to Maggie Valley, NC and Joplin, MO with our Corvette family. Who can forget celebrating Marilyn Nabor's birthday at the downtown street fair while at Maggie Valley. Even though Mike still owes us a birthday cake. Or Ron Hastings finding out that leaving at 8 am means being at the car at 7:45 am.

The Joplin trip allowed me to mark off one more item on *my "bucket list"*; I got to run part of route 66 in a Corvette. Can Key West hold both me and Jimmy Buffett in 2009?

Then there was Vette Fest, as with every year, there has to be some memories not as good as others (this relates to the service at one of the premier dining establishments in Gatlinburg) but my buddies all got free desert out of the disaster and I got to sing "The wheels on the bus go round n round" with 42 strangers.

The most memorable moment would have to be taking museum delivery of our 2009 Corvette at the same time as Ron and Carol Kellogg took delivery of their 2009 Corvette. We shared this experience with family and good friends Buddy and Sherry Johnson. In 2008 Buddy, Ronnie and I all purchased new Vettes and all have a story behind the purchase.

My Dad got to ride in his first parade at age 79, and he as told everyone about that line of Corvettes in the parade. As we move into 2009 I would say, God bless us, God bless us one and all. Come join your Corvette family in 2009 and make your own lasting memories.

If you have an article or Corvette story you would like to share with the club feel free to send it to me and I will get it in the newsletter. If you have suggestions for improving the newsletter also let me know. If you have complaints about the newsletter, volunteer to take it over, just kidding ... My email address is

C5Biscuit@comcast.net

It is a high tech world out there:

Norma drove the new Vette in the downtown Christmas parade and I drove C5Biscuit. After the parade, we removed all the lights etc. Several of us were going to drive to Sticky Fingers for dinner. Norma was in front of me and behind Ron Kellogg. Ronnie was concerned Norma may not be able to keep pace with his new gray ghost and would yell at me on the radio every so often ... is Norma keeping up ... yep was my reply ... I did notice she was driving a bit more aggressive than she usually does, which is usually the pace of the Slowski turtles on the Comcast commercial. When we got to Sticky Fingers Buddy was kind enough to park the car for her. As he was doing this Norma walked over to me and said ... don't tell anyone but I couldn't find how to put the windows up and it was one COLD drive over here, so I came as quick as I could. I said didn't you see the buttons on the door ... yep was the reply ... I saw a lot of em ... figured if I hit the wrong one the seat would fly back and I couldn't reach the steering wheel so I didn't touch any of them.

I was visiting with my Brother over the Christmas holiday and he told me a friend of his had bought his first Corvette, a new 2009 coupe. He and his wife decided to drive it to Gatlinburg for the weekend just to get it out and run it a bit. They get to the hotel and unpack the car. He takes the car to the parking lot ... parks it ... gets out ... hits the lock button on the fob. As he starts back to the hotel he decides just to make sure the car is locked. So he goes back, pulls on the drivers door handle and to his surprise the door opens. He hits the fob lock button again, pulls the door handle and the door opens again. This can't be right he thinks to himself ... a new Corvette and the door lock is busted. He calls the dealer in Kentucky, tells him what just happened. The salesman does not know what the problem is and suggests he call a roll back and have it towed to the nearest local Chevy dealer. He calls a wrecker and they tow it to the local Chevy service department. He tells the service manager of his problem. The service manager grins and says ... did you have your fob in your pocket ... he replies ... yes ... then he informs him the car locks automatically when you walk away from it and unlocks automatically when you approach it if you have the fob. But the good news is ... the car is under warranty and this bit of information does not cost you anything. The bad news is you owe the tow truck driver \$125. Moral of the story ... read your owners manual or call Ron Kellogg.

Never would have believed it...

This year RCCC celebrated Christmas at The Warehouse. I must admit I wasn't sure what to expect, but I went with an open mind. Anytime there is a buffet my cohorts try to knock each other down to get in line first. This time Sherry and I won. The problem was we were so "revved" up we didn't listen to directions. We started at the wrong end of the table. It didn't bother us, we did a u-turn and got seconds. The entertainment at this party was the audience. Everybody had to go on the stage to act silly. And silly we did! Three of the

ladies must have eaten something I didn't, because when they got on the stage they became very "top heavy." I wasn't too jealous because some were pointed North & South and some East & West. The Foggy Mountain boys sang. They definitely needed dental work. Elvis sang too. One of the ladies in the audience got so excited she threw her tent size panties on stage. I know everyone on the front row felt a draft. About a dozen ladies came on stage to take part in the 12 Days of Christmas. You know, you can give a person a microphone and they think they are on American Idol. I know. I got stiff armed to the back to give her room. I know my singing limitation so I just yelled mine. For me the best part of the night was the rope contest. The guys against the girls. (I was a little concerned when they were told to loosen their belt.) My husband can still amaze me. Who'd thought he would reach up another guys pants leg to pull a rope out and push it down the pants of another. At the end of the night we put up the tables and chairs and did the Chicken Dance and ended the evening with a slow dance. As we drove out of sight you could hear echoing through the misty hills and dales *"I didn't know you could do that with a rope!"*

Submitted by: clft



Corvette Tech Tip, By Ron Kellogg



Tired of those unsightly cords hanging down from your windshield from your radar detector? Forget to plug in the detector after that last stop? There is a cure! The “Invisicord”. This product fits C5 and C6 Corvettes and many other cars with

Powered auto-dimming rear-view mirrors. The ones with the plug on the back of the mirror.

The cord can be purchased to fit most major brand radar detectors and gets it's power from the mirror plug. It comes with simple to understand instructions and usually takes about five minutes to install. The 8” cord works fine for most applications and cost \$15. Details, installation and order information can be found at <http://www.invisicord.com>

Events

Local:

RCCC meets at the Highway 153 Dairy Queen every Tuesday @ 6:00 pm.

RCCC monthly meeting, 3rd Thursday of each month at O'Charleys on Hixson Pike.

February RCCC Valentine Dinner, time and place to be announced.

March 27th and 28th Corvette Expo, Sevierville, TN

Regional:

May 23rd and 24th, Vettes in the Valley, Maggie Valley North Carolina.

August 28th – 30th Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA.

September 3-5, 2009 Corvette Museum's 15th Anniversary Celebration and Caravan.

Don't forget - your 2009 dues are now due. Please give your dues to Jerry Ray or one of the officers. You can also mail to:

RCCC

P.O. Box 1061

Hixson, TN 37343

Please support our local sponsors.