



THE MIRACLE STRIP CORVETTE CLUB

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EDITOR'S COMMENT

The new internet address to the MSCC website is www.miraclestripcorvetteclub.org.

2008 MSCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS / OFFICERS

The 2008 officers of the MSCC Board of Directors/Officers are:

President	Steve Bohannon
1 st Vice-President	Rick Gordon
2 nd Vice-President	Ken Williams
Governor	Matt Thomas
Secretary	Kay Blanchard
Treasurer	Ernie Martinez
Directors at Large	Terry Mills/Gerald Hooker

MSCC BOARD MEETINGS

The Miracle Strip Corvette Club Board meets at Leo's Automotive every first Tuesday of the month. See the Calendar of Events for the date of the next meeting. Also, this meeting is open to the general membership.

Leo's is located at:
Leo's Automotive and Corvette Specialist
5590 N. "W" Street
Pensacola, FL

GENERAL CLUB MEETINGS

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Starting in 2008, all MSCC General Membership meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Lucia M. Tryon Branch Library. Dining afterwards is optional.

"Cruise-In", hosted by the Panhandle Cruisers Car Club at Burger King on Nine Mile Road in Pensacola, holds a general car show every Saturday. The MSCC attends the Saturday before the General Meeting. The meeting time is **4:00 p.m.**

(Dining afterwards is optional) Bring your Corvette and have a great time!!!

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES

Please contact Kay Blanchard at kayb_blanchard@yahoo.com or any board member listed at the end of this newsletter, if you have a change in your address, phone number, or e-mail address.

MSCC MEMBERSHIP CARDS

All club members should have their membership cards at this point. However, if you are a new member or if you have not received your membership card, please contact Steve Bohannon at sbluiz@bellsouth.net.

Upcoming Shows/Events

Miracle Strip Corvette Club

Our Seventh Annual Pre-Valentine's Day Cruise



**SUNDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2008 AT
11:00AM**

The Miracle Strip Corvette Club is hosting the Seventh Annual Pre-Valentine's Day Cruise and Brunch at Zeke's Down Under located on the Bay in Orange Beach, Alabama.



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Bring your Favorite Sweetheart and enjoy a fantastic waterfront view while you enjoy Zeke's fabulous food. Zeke's will provide us with our private buffet to include some breakfast items, as well as lunch fare. Cost per person will be about \$12.95.

MSCC and PLAYGROUND Corvette Club members will DEPART from LEO'S AUTOMOTIVE, 5590 North "W" Street, Pensacola, Florida at 10:00 am and arrive at Zeke's by 11:00 am.

MSCC Tallahassee Museum Trip

The Miracle Strip Corvette Club will be cruising to the Tallahassee Museum. Starting point is mile 30 at the I-10 Rest Area. Lunch will be at the Cross Creek Restaurant (home style cooking). Call Clarke Duarte at 850-221-6250 for more details.

First Annual Panhandle Cruisers National Car Show

The Panhandle Cruisers Car Club in conjunction with the Mustang Club of America National Show will host its first annual show on March 29, 2008 at the Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds in Pensacola Florida. For more information visit www.pandandlecruisers.org.

Friday Night Cruise-In

Historic Downtown Milton on Willing Streets, every Friday 6pm near the River-Walk.

FOR MSCC MEMBERS

Discount Services

Leo, owner of Leo's Automotive-Corvette Specialist, is offering a discount to MSCC members for service. **Discount amount will be determined at time of service.** MSCC members are requested to present their membership card as proof of membership.

Leo also pays the first year MSCC membership dues for individuals who purchase a Corvette from him.

Leo's Automotive-Corvette Specialist is located at 5590 N. "W" Street, Pensacola, FL. The telephone number is 850.429.1560.

MSCC CLUB POLO SHIRTS

Miracle Strip Corvette Club Shirt & Patches can be ordered at "Wings & Things Monogramming" located at 3815 Navy Boulevard, Pensacola, FL 32507, 850.455.3081. Ask for Kecia. Hrs: M - F, 8:30 - 5:30 (CST). The club voted on a Jerzees Racing Sport Shirt, birch in color as the "official" shirt, but you may order additional colors.

EVENT PHOTOS

We greatly appreciate the members who are now taking club event photos. If you want your photo(s) posted on our website, e-mail them to our Webmaster, Ernie Martinez, at erniemar@yahoo.com.

CRUISE / EVENTS CORNER

HOLIDAY PARTY 2007!

White tree branches, tiny sparkling lights and white birds, a winter wonderland of snow - hey wait a minute this is Florida and it was 70 plus



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degrees. Even without cold weather and snow, everyone was in the holiday spirit. Thirty Members gathered to celebrate the holiday season. Thanks to Kay Blanchard, Jeanne Williams and Diane Kalivoda each table was decorated with cups of candy, white trees, snowflakes, and toy drums. Our chocoalics – Kay and President Steve Bohannon particularly enjoyed the candy. Bruce Mackey entertained everyone at the ‘children’s table’ with a stirring rendition of “Little Drummer Boy” on the drums – red ones only if you please. After everyone had satisfied himself or herself with Skopelos find food and desserts, we got down to the serious business of the night – Dirty Santa.

Ken Williams reviewed the rules – once picked a gift could only be ‘stolen’ two times and all gifts were to be left in plain sight on the table until it was retired. Suzy Gordon did not hear that part or was really cold because she put on the boxers with the Corvette embroidery and they were never seen again. Judy Olsen and Carol Mills got tired of picking gifts. They had at least six gifts each taken from them in the course of the evening. The most popular gift appeared to be a McGuire’s detailing kit in a bag. There were two of those and they each changed hands at least three times. I should know because I stole each once myself only to lose them in the end.

Tequila with worms, candles, sleigh bells, Corvette models in numerous sizes, liquor, chocolate and a Corvette watch were just a few of the gifts. Not a bad gift in the bunch. Ernie this was not the year for you to miss the Holiday Party! Be sure to ask Kay about her present or maybe Darrell could give you a better picture.

We had many laughs and a few serious moments as Steve thanked those who had served as officers in 2007 and thanked all the Club Members who help to make the many events during the year special. The cruises, parties, car shows and everyday business of the Club would not be possible without great Members.

Everyone left with a smile on their face, clutching a gift and wishing one and all Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Gifts ready for “Dirty Santa”

SANTA CRUISE 2007!

Harassment! Harassment! Harassment! After all these years of harassment about us driving our prototype Corvette to the Santa Cruise, we bring the ‘65 Corvette and where do we end-in but at the tail end. It did not start out that way. The Club let the old guy lead the caravan from the Winn Dixie on Blue Angel and HWY 98. We set off with a smile, wearing reindeer antlers followed by eager drivers in elf ears, red and green ribbons with bells and more Santa hats than I could count. Eleven Vettes headed toward Geno’s in Orange Beach. We arrived just as the Port City Club was pulling-in. Dennis Frasier and the LACC Members were there to direct us. They positioned both clubs in front of Geno’s where the cars could preen for all the passer byes.

After a quick hello and more waivers to sign we all filed into Geno’s for a great breakfast bar and fast service. Much improved from last year. Fueled with coffee and good food some went to ogle the Vettes, some to drool over new yachts (too big to just be called boats) and a few ladies did a little last minute shopping for stocking stuffers. By 12:30, we were all ready to get on the road.

After last year’s near misses in front on the Tanger Outlet Mall, the route was wisely changed to the Foley/Beach Expressway. Thirty –seven Corvettes from ‘58 to ‘08 headed to Robertsdale at 1:00 with plenty of police escorts to ensure a safe drive. The C-5 and C-6 drivers bunched in the middle between Dennis Fraizers’58 at the head



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and our '65 at the tail complained about the slow speed until they got on the Foley/Beach Expressway. Once there, they seemed to take off. If you have ever been the last car in a caravan, you can relate. We had to speed to keep-up. We could not help but smile as we exceed the speed limit because the police escort was behind us the whole way. We actually got into fourth gear trying to keep-up. "Speeding and no ticket," it will be hard to ask for more for Christmas.

A local Boys Scout troop met us to help carry the toys from the parking lot to the Catholic Relief Society building. The CRS volunteers greeted us with juice and water, popcorn and donuts. Bag after bag and box after box of toys were carried in. The Scouts walking with us were commenting on all the neat toys.

In addition to a good time and great conversation, I am sure we all drove away knowing we may have helped some kids have a much happier Christmas than they would have had otherwise. Thanks: Ken and Jeanne Williams, Darrell and Kay Blanchard, Brad Christman; Matt and Sherry Thomas, Clark Duarte, John and Linda Winn, Dave and Karen Bennett, Leah Pittman and her son Tyler; Sam and Cindy Samshal, and the Winn's friend Laurie for helping to make this Christmas special for some needy kids..

[Diane and Jim Kalivoda](#)

Burger King -New Year, New Day

With 2008, the Club's meeting day changed to the second Tuesday of the month. The Burger King Saturday night cruise-in also changed. We are now gathering the Saturday after the Club meeting. The first Burger King cruise-in this year was on January 12 - a clear, but cool night. Not many of us - Dave Bennett, Ernie Martinez, Eddie Lane, Jim and Diane Kalivoda - but we had a good time visiting and admiring all the cars. We did visit with a couple who are looking seriously at resorting a 1977. Ernie passed along that his '77 is for sale. As he pointed out, a lot of work has already been accomplished and they would be a lot closer to having a nice car to drive than starting with parts in a basket. Who knows maybe they will get back with Ernie and we might

have new members. Also joining us was Steve Ernest who is learning the problems of trying to fit a new baby and all his stuff along with Mom and Dad in a two-seater sports car.

Remember that Burger King is a chance to meet potential members as well as spend time talking with Club Members you might not have had a chance to visit with at the meeting. Hope we see you at the February 12 meeting and at the Burger King Cruise -in on February 16.

[Diane and Jim Kalivoda](#)

Leah Wins Corvette on Biloxi Cruise

You know how the casinos are always giving away cars; well MSCC did the same thing. Everyone participating in the Cruise to Biloxi was entered into the drawing for a beautiful yellow C4. Leah Pitman was the lucky winner. She promised Brad he could drive it any time he wanted. All right, it was only a model but she seemed pleased and more than one of the cruisers were envious that they didn't win. Winning the Corvette was only the start of Leah's winning streak. When we checked with her later in the day, she had managed to make money on the slots something not all of us can say we did.

Dave and Karen Bennett organized our cruise and got everyone in the mood with a grab bag of goodies. Diane Kalivoda had the winning hand - a Royal Flush in Spades. Not sure if that translated into monetary rewards for Diane but she did manage to garner enough points to walk away with a Hard Rock Mardi Gras necklaces. May be she will model it at the February meeting. Diane claims she played for two hours on \$20. Hmmm, could that be a little bit of a fish story or did the grab bag winning hand really bring her some good luck

Judy and Bruce Olsen also cruised over. Don't know Judy's secret but she was able to get a room for \$59.00 a lot less than the rest of us. She didn't ask questions, just took it and ran. Checking with her later my guess is the casino got the difference back at the slots. At one time, Judy, Diane and her friend Donna were lined up side-by-side



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pushing those buttons in unison all the while laughing and talking. Jim and Bruce had long given up the enticing sounds of the casino in favor of less monetary intensive pursuits.

Oh, as mentioned Dave and Karen organized this little road trip and provided us all maps. Some how they missed the Biloxi exit and ended up in Slidel. We were all at the Hard Rock checked in and ready to start pulling those one-armed bandits before they found their way back.

Thanks Dave and Karen we had a great time!

Diane and Jim Kalivoda

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

If you have any trivia questions you'd like to see in the newsletter, just send them to us at tmills3@bellsouth.net

NEWSLETTER STAFF MESSAGE

Newsletter Ideas ☺

The MSCC Newsletter needs articles from Club members. For any and all events, please submit a brief note. If you have any pictures it would also be appreciated.

CLASSIFIEDS

If you have a corvette for sale, let us know and we will place an ad in this classified.

2002 Millineum Yellow six speed convertible with black top and interior. Still under GMPP warranty with all options except for Z-51. Mileage 26,475. Asking \$32,500. For more information contact Sanford Flach at 251-679-0081 or email at flachusnret@comcast.net.

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