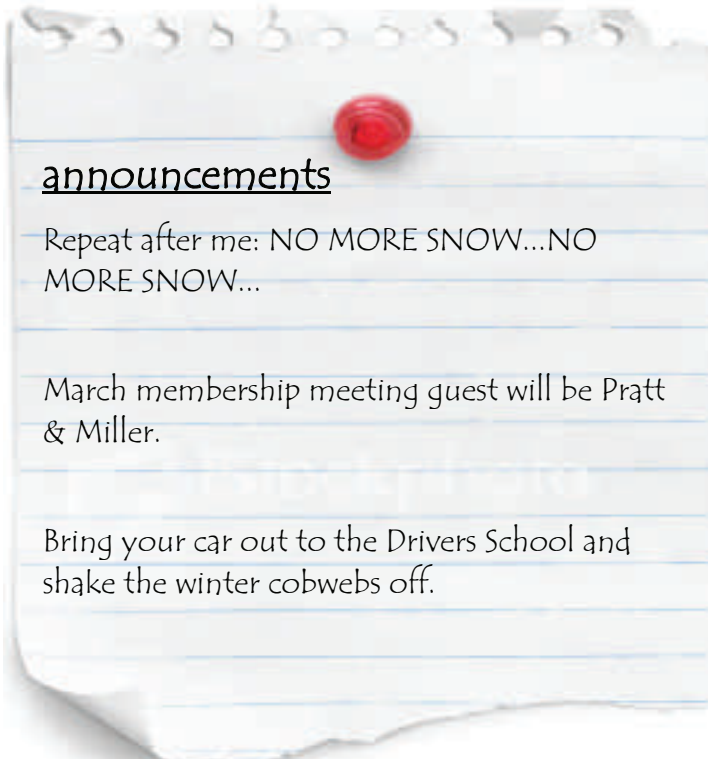




# March 2010

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we're on Facebook: [CorvetteClub-of-Michigan](http://CorvetteClub-of-Michigan)  
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## announcements

Repeat after me: NO MORE SNOW...NO MORE SNOW...

March membership meeting guest will be Pratt & Miller.

Bring your car out to the Drivers School and shake the winter cobwebs off.



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**What other cars will see a lot of!**

**CCM's Les Stanford representative**  
Gary Claudio, 248-807-8061, [gman3081@comcast.net](mailto:gman3081@comcast.net)

## join us

General membership meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 4th Wednesday of January to November at our sponsor:



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- Mar 19, Sebring FL, ALMS
- March 27, CCM Rallye
- April 9, MI Region banquet
- April 15/16, Drivers' School & new member orientation
- April 17, DCSCC Autocross
- April 28-30, NCM Birthday Bash Caravan



# president'spen

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Hope everyone is enjoying this winter weather, but look at the bright side. Spring is just around the corner. CCM has many events coming up in 2011. Remember that March 27<sup>th</sup> is our first rallye and you don't need a Corvette for a March rallye. This is a good way to become involved and meet your fellow club members. I also want to thank VP Glenn Grace for taking over while I was in Florida.

Remember this is **YOUR CLUB**. We welcome suggestions for social or competition events. We are in need of a new Social Director. Come to our general membership meetings each fourth Wednesday of the month at Les Stanford Chevrolet. This is the best way to meet club members. Share your Corvette stories and bring a friend to our next meeting. We meet behind the Cadillac dealership on the south side of Michigan Avenue in the Service Area. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m., but there is usually someone there at 7 p.m. Coffee and donuts are provided by our sponsor, Les Stanford Chevrolet.

Much of what CCM does would not be possible without your support. Our big CCM Corvette Car Show (Corvette Encounter) will be on June 11, 2011. This would be a great way to get involved. Jim Rees does a great job as Chairman. Contact him at [jrees1957@yahoo.com](mailto:jrees1957@yahoo.com) or call him at 734-421-0664. He will be back from Florida on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

A special congratulations to all of our top 15 Competition Award Winners for 2011. A special congratulations to Jim Rees and Dave Krom for receiving the Presidents Ken Watson Memorial Most Valuable Member Award. Also, congratulations to our 2011 new rookies: Rhonda Kraleman and Barry Saunders. Great job!

Our extra special car show "Motor City Corvette Concours" will be held on September 24, 2011 (Saturday). This show involves 8-10 Corvette Clubs. Look for other information in the SlipStream. You will need to attend 3 Corvette Car Shows to qualify for the top 30 which will be presented to the committee. Flyers will be coming out shortly.

Our programs for the following months per Gary Claudio are:

March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pratt & Miller (@ Stanford's)
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Kirk Bennion
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Harlan Charles

Keep involved and be sure to use our website: <http://www.corvetteclubmi.com> or check facebook: CorvetteClub-of-Michigan

New member orientation/Drivers school class on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Les Stanford Chevrolet in the lunchroom on the north side of Michigan Avenue. Food will be provided. See you there!

Mary Wentzel, 2011 President



# membershipreport

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What can I say? I'm in Florida.

*Stay informed and Stay involved.*

**"Ignite the Passion"**

Jim Rees

CCM Membership Director

**"Save the Wave"**



## From Here to There Science Exhibit Now Open

Explore the science of how things move by land, sea and air at the National Corvette Museum's new traveling exhibition, From Here to There. Lift, launch and levitate as you experiment with hands-on exhibits that make learning about gravity, friction, and the laws of motion fun. Ride a hovercraft to experience how air pressure works, adjust wind speed to form fabric into an airfoil and float your sailboat to experiment with the effect of wind, rudder and sail positions.

Group rates are available, and discount tickets are available for the public at any Warren County PNC branch. Additionally, PNC customers may show a bankcard to receive discount admission.

## R8C Reunion Cruisin' the CA Coast

Corvette enthusiasts who have participated in a Museum R8C Delivery or Xperience will have yet another fun Museum event to partake in September 25-30.

This year's R8C/Xperience Reunion will take place entirely on the West Coast and feature a road tour down the famed California Highway 1, Pacific Coast Highway. Stops will include Monterey, Carmel, Solvang and Cambria with visits to interesting car collections and other special activities.



The inclusive member tour fee for the driver is \$1500 and the driver's guest is \$400; non-member fee will include an additional \$40 for a one year membership. The complete agenda is online, but you must call in to register. Space is very limited! First come, first serve.

## Corvette Store Feature

### "Grand Sport Evolution" Giclee print by Dana Forrester.

Prices starting at \$100.00

"Grand Sport Evolution reflects the history of the Corvette Grand Sport, from the image of GS Two on the brick wall sign to the new Torch Red Coupe parked in front of the sign. Champion Spark Plugs was a sponsor of George Wintersteen when he campaigned Grand Sport Two." - Dana Forrester



## Flint Brick Sale Ends Soon!

Your chance to purchase a piece of Corvette history at more than 50% off will end soon! Now until February 28 you can purchase the "Flint Bricks" for \$10 each, or 3 for \$25.

These unique bricks are offered with an engraved sequence numbered plate and certificate of authenticity. The certificate of authenticity is signed by former Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant General Manager Wil Cooksey, Jr. and National Corvette Museum Executive Director Wendell Strode. Unfortunately we are not able to pull specific brick numbers. Buy online!



If you are interested in bulk, uncleaned Flint bricks without the plaque, we have them available at greatly reduced rates. They are perfect for that special building project, sidewalk, garden, etc. Contact Bob Hellmann at 270-467-8825 or email him at [bob@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:bob@corvettemuseum.org).

## VIR Registration LIVE Next Week!

If you've been itching to really learn how to drive your Corvette, then why not consider attending the NCM's High Performance Driving Event at VIRginia International Raceway? Ride along with pros Andy Pilgrim and Shields Bergstrom, enjoy the new activities at this annual event including the skidpad, rides in a vintage race car and a special corral for a spectator celebrity choice car show.

GM engineers, quality control and designers will be in attendance, and vendors including Zip Products, KNS Brakes, Pfadt, Michelin Tires and a larger Corvette Store will also be on hand. **This event sells out FAST so be ready to register on February 15th at 8am CT when the event goes LIVE!**

Learn more about what our popular HPDEs are all about, by going to [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com)



## Who Built the First Corvette?

On June 30, 1953 the first Corvette came off the assembly line at the Flint, MI plant.

In this photo, only two of the men were identified: Frank J. Fesenden, plant manager at the time in the passenger seat, and R.D. Forshee, general superintendent driving.

We received a 1993 article with this photo from Thomas Harmon of Saint Helen, MI. Thomas' father, Carl, worked for Chevrolet from 1947 to 1982 and is now 91 years old. We would imagine others in the photo are now around the same age.



If you have any information please contact Betty Hardison in the Library and Archives at 270-467-8841 or 800-538-3883 x141, or by [email](mailto:betty@corvettemuseum.org).

## CNBC Names Corvette ZR1 as One of the Future's Most Collectible Cars

In a recent photo slideshow, CNBC interviewed Hagerty Insurance CEO McKeel Hagerty asking him to predict which new cars will be the future's most collectible. His list names the Corvette ZR1 as #9. Others on the list include: #1 McLaren F1, #2 Ferrari F40, #3 Ferrari Enzo, #4 Bugatti Veyron, #5 Lamborghini Reventon, #6 Porsche Carrera GT, #7 Ford GT, #8 Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren and #10 Dodge Viper.

In adding the Corvette ZR1 to this list, Hagerty said: *"This is the Corvette that elevated the model into a new class of world class sports cars. Nowhere has this news been more prominently displayed than on the recent ZR1, the most powerful Corvette to date. And unlike the big block screamers of the 1960s, like the L88, the ZR1 is totally trackable and downright docile."*





A calendar has been assembled for the 2011 DCSCC Champ Autocross Series:

4/17 CCM  
5/15 AROC  
5/22 MSCC  
5/29 CCM  
6/12 AROC  
7/10 MSCC  
7/24 AROC  
8/7 MSCC  
8/21 CCM  
8/28 AROC  
9/18 CCM  
10/2 MSCC  
10/9 CCM

AROC dates are tentative as of this writing, based upon site confirmation by Oakland University (their planned site). MSCC events are held on the concrete pad near the fountain at Belle Isle, although they are pursuing another location. And, our events are confirmed for the GM Assembly Plant in Hamtramck.

Detroit Council has a team championship. How does it work? Each team is composed of five drivers, with the best three driver results added together and counting towards the team total for each autocross. How is each driver's score calculated? It is based upon their index score. Each club can submit as many teams as they would like. If you would like to be on a team, please let me know. We had three teams entered last year, with a total of fourteen participants. Team Duntov, with Bruce Wentzel, Chris Scafero, Chris MacKay, Brandon Lincoln, and Ted Godett, took third place out of all the teams. If interested, let me know!!!

Lastly, it is not too early to sign up for an assigned number for the Council series. Top ten open and top three ladies have the option of numbers 1 to 13. Otherwise, if you were a registered driver last year, you have first dibs on the same number for this year, but register early before the numbers are freed up! Cost is \$5 per person. Go to the following link to register online, and please pay attention to the limitations on numbers on the "Number Assignment Procedure" section. You can pay via Paypal or by check (address is at the bottom of the web page).

[http://www.myautoevents.com/pls/mae/frmEventDetail.Show?psevent\\_id=11976](http://www.myautoevents.com/pls/mae/frmEventDetail.Show?psevent_id=11976)

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Chan  
achan1ee@yahoo.com

## CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN OFFICERS



### Elected Positions:

President	Mary Wentzel
Vice President	Glenn Grace
Recording Secretary	Pat Jutras
Corresponding Secretary	Lynn Banister
Treasurer	Ted Hou
Second Year Board Representatives	Dave Krom Dyan Janowitz Roy Thayer
First Year Board Representatives	Diane Watson Brett Watson Paul Yuska
Past President	Bruce Wentzel



### Appointed Positions:

Competition Director	Chris Scafero
Detroit Council Rep.	Al Chan
Michigan Region Rep.	Chris Scafero
Points Director	Ken Sumner
SlipStream Editor	Ted Hou (e-interim)
Program Director	Gary Claudio
NCCC Governor	Joe Scafero (734-513-6003)
Public Relations	Fred King
Membership Director	Jim Rees
Social Director	—OPEN—
NCM Ambassador	Joe Thomas



### Non-Board Positions:

Club Historian	Ray Horenstein
Webmaster	Steve Budaj, <a href="mailto:steve@corvetteclubmi.com">steve@corvetteclubmi.com</a>
CCM Merchandise	— OPEN —

### OTHER VIPs

Les Stanford Chevrolet Representative	313-565-6000
Gary Claudio	



### COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Chris Scafero – Competition Director	
Chris Davies	Gordy McCann
Ted Godett	Fred King
John Gruber	Jim McLaughlin
Dave Krom	Ken Sumner
Carl Polomski	Joe Scafero
Bruce Wentzel	Paul Yuska
Ted Hou	



## CCM - March Birthdays

*Tina Bambard*

*Patricia Brady*

*Cheri Cecchini*

*Jim Czajkowski*

*Jacob Dzurnak*

*Carl Ek*

*Tony Giacomazzi*

*Ted Hou*

*Don Pal*

*Jim Paval*

*Barry Saunders*

*Tony Sereno*

*Ron Stevens*

*Ron Bendry*

*Jimmy Bunch*

*Norb Czajkowski*

*Chris Davies*

*Laurie Eissler*

*Chuck Fast*

*Bill Goode*

*Kirk Luckscheiter*

*Bob Palmer*

*Chuck Posigian*

*Meredith Seidelman*

*Dan Singer*

*Joe Thomas*

*Bruce Wentzel*



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22-Feb	Tuesday		Region Meeting					
26-Feb	Saturday			National Officers Mtg				
27-Mar	Sunday	<b>CCM Rallye</b>						
4-5-Apr	Sat-Sun							
9-Apr	Saturday		MI Region Banquet					
15-Apr	Friday	<b>CCM New Member Orientation</b>						
16-Apr	Saturday	<b>CCM Driver School Driving Session/T&amp;T</b>						
17-Apr	Sunday	<b>CCM DCSCC Autocross</b>			CCM Autox		WHRI Open Track Day	
26-Apr	Tuesday		Region Meeting					
30-Apr	Saturday			National Officers Mtg				
28-Apr	Thursday					DRSCCA Solo School Classroom LTU	WHRI Driver's School	
30-Apr	Saturday					DRSCCA Solo School Belle Isle		
1-May	Sunday					DRSCCA Solo Belle Isle		
7-May	Saturday		LCC 4 Rallye				WHRI Race 1	
8-May	Sunday							
14-May	Saturday		CCC Driving School					
15-May	Sunday		CCBC PC Show		AROC Autox			
21-May	Saturday		SCC PC Show					
22-May	Sunday		GVCA Rallye/PC Show					
28-May	Saturday		RCWM 4 Rallyes					
29-May	Sunday	<b>CCM DCSCC Autocross</b>	RCWM PC Show		CCM Autox			
30-May	Monday					DRSCCA Solo Belle Isle		
4-Jun	Saturday		FCC PC Show				WHRI Race 2	
5-Jun	Sunday		KCC/CCC 7 Low Speed		MSCC Autox			
11-Jun	Saturday	<b>Corvette Encounter/CCM Concours/NCCC PC Show</b>						
12-Jun	Sunday	<b>CCM/CCBC/GLCC 7 Low Speed</b>			AROC Autox			
14-Jun	Tuesday		Region Meeting					
17-19-Jun	Fri-Sun					Oscoda ProSolo		
18-24-Jun	Sat-Sun	<b>NCCC Convention Tinley Park IL</b>						
24-26-Jun	Fri-Sun					DRSCCA Solo Oscoda		
25-Jun	Saturday						WHRI Race 3	
26-Jun	Sunday							
2-Jul	Saturday						WHRI Open Track Day	
4-Jul	Monday	<b>CCM Waterford Time Trials</b>						
9-Jul	Saturday		MAG Low Speed					
10-Jul	Sunday		MAG Low Speed					
15-17-Jul	Fri-Sun					DRSCCA Oscoda Test & Tune and 3 Solo		
16-Jul	Saturday		GVCA Low Speed				WHRI Race 4 ***Corvettes on the Hill***	
17-Jul	Sunday				MSCC Autox			
23-Jul	Saturday		FCC 5 LS					
24-Jul	Sunday	<b>CCM 7 Low Speed</b>			AROC Autox			
29-31-Jul	Fri-Sun						WHRI Vintage Races	
30-Jul	Saturday		CCCC 7 Low Speed					
31-Jul	Sunday		JCC 7 Low Speed					
6-Aug	Saturday	<b>CCM Drags Lapeer Dragway</b>	LCC 4 Rallye					

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7-Aug	Sunday		SCC 6 Low Speed		MSCC Autox		
13-Aug	Sunday		ACC PC Show				
14-Aug	Sunday	<b>CCM Picnic/NCCC PC Show</b>				DRSCCA Solo Belle Isle	WHHRI Open Track Day
21-Aug	Sunday	<b>CCM DCSCC Autocross</b>			CCM Autox		
27-Aug	Saturday						WHHRI Race 5
28-Aug	Sunday				AROC Autox		
6-Sep	Tuesday		Region Meeting				
10-Sep	Saturday			National Officers Mtg			
11-Sep	Sunday					DRSCCA Solo Belle Isle	
17-Sep	Saturday		CCC 3 Rallye/1 PC Show				
18-Sep	Sunday	<b>CCM DCSCC Autocross</b>	CCBC 4 Rallye		CCM Autox		
24-Sep	Sunday	<b>Motor City Corvette Concours/NCCC PC Show</b>					
25-Sep	Sunday		KCC 3 Rallyes				WHHRI Open Track Day
1-Oct	Saturday						WHHRI Race 6
2-Oct	Sunday				MSCC Autox		
8-Oct	Saturday	<b>CCM/FCC/RCWM 4 Rallyes</b>					
9-Oct	Sunday	<b>CCM DCSCC Autocross</b>			CCM Autox		
15-Oct	Saturday					DRSCCA Solo Belle Isle	
16-Oct	Sunday	<b>CCM Raindate</b>					
6-Nov	Sunday	<b>CCM 3 NCCC Rallyes</b>					
8-Nov	Tuesday		Region Meeting				
8-Nov	Sunday			National Officers Mtg			

# 2011 CCM Competition Calendar

DATE	DAY	CCM COMPETITION EVENT	CHAIRPERSON(S)
March 27	Sunday	Road Rallye	Gordon McCann
April 15	Friday	New Member Orientation	Jim Rees
April 16	Saturday	Driver's School Driving Session/Test & Tune (non-points)	Comp. Committee
April 17	Sunday	Autocross – DCSCC Champ	Brett & Kris Watson
May 29	Sunday	Autocross – DCSCC Champ	Rob & Mark Wilson
June 11	Saturday	Corvette Encounter/CCM Inside Concours/NCCC PC show**	Jim Rees/Brett Watson/Joe Scafero
June 12	Sunday	Autocross NCCC 7 LS – Corvettes only	Ted Godett/Gordon McCann
<b>June 18-24</b>	<b>Sat. – Fri.</b>	<b>NCCC National Convention</b>	<b>Joliet, Illinois</b>
July 4	Monday	Waterford Hills Time Trials	Bruce & Mary Wentzel
July 24	Sunday	Autocross NCCC 7 LS – Corvettes only	Mary Wentzel/Dyan Janowitz/ Pat Jutras/Diane Watson
August 6	Saturday	Bracket Drags	Fred King/Joe Uksa
August 14	Sunday	CCM Picnic/NCCC PC show**	Pat Jutras/Joe Scafero
August 21	Sunday	Autocross – DCSCC Champ	TBD
September 18	Sunday	Autocross – DCSCC Champ	Ted Hou/AI Chan
September 24	Saturday	Motor City Corvette Concours II/NCCC PC show**	MCCC Committee/ Jim Rees (PC only)
October 8	Saturday	Road Rallye – NCCC Sanctioned	Bruce & Mary Wentzel
October 9	Sunday	Autocross – DCSCC Champ	Chris MacKay
October 16	Sunday	Autocross Rain Date	TBD
November 6	Sunday	Road Rallye – NCCC Sanctioned	Ted Hou/Jan Van Maanen

13 CCM Inside Points Championship Events

\*\* NCCC PC = NCCC sanctioned People's Choice car show, no inside points awarded

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<b>January 2011</b>	<b>February 2011</b>	<b>March 2011</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 15: CCM Banquet</li> <li>○ 26: Annual business conducted at the monthly meeting</li> <li>○</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 23: Membership Meeting - Jim Minneker - GM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 23: Membership Meeting – Pratt Miller</li> <li>○ 27: Road Rallye</li> </ul>
<b>April 2011</b>	<b>May 2011</b>	<b>June 2011</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 9: <a href="#">MI Region Banquet</a></li> <li>○ 15: New Member Orientation (location TBD)</li> <li>○ 16: Drivers' School Driving Session - GM Poletown Site</li> <li>○ 17: DCSCC Champ AX</li> <li>○ 27: Membership Meeting – Kirk Bennion – Corvette Designer</li> <li>○ 28-30: NCM Birthday Bash Caravan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 25: Membership Meeting – Harlan Charles – Corvette Marketing</li> <li>○ 29: DCSCC Champ AX</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 11: Encounter &amp; CCM Concourse</li> <li>○ 12: NCCC AX 7 LS</li> <li>○ 18-24: <a href="#">National Convention-Illinois</a></li> <li>○ 22: Membership Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>July 2011</b>	<b>August 2011</b>	<b>September 2011</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4: Waterford LS Time Trial</li> <li>○ 24: NCCC AX 7 LS</li> <li>○ 27: Membership Meeting</li> <li>○</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6: Bracket Drags</li> <li>○ 14: Picnic/NCCC PC Show</li> <li>○ 20: <a href="#">Woodward Dream Cruise</a></li> <li>○ 20: <a href="#">Back to the Bricks-Flint</a></li> <li>○ 21: DCSCC Champ AX</li> <li>○ 24: Membership Meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 18: DCSCC Champ AX</li> <li>○ 24: Motor City Corvette Concourse / NCCC PC Show</li> <li>○ 28: Membership Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>October 2011</b>	<b>November 2011</b>	<b>December 2011</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 8: NCCC Road Rallye</li> <li>○ 9: DCSCC Champ AX</li> <li>○ 26: Membership Meeting - BoD nominations</li> <li>○</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 6: NCCC Road Rallye</li> <li>○ 23: Membership Meeting</li> <li>○ Next year Region sanctions selection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BoD ratification at BoD meeting</li> </ul>

BoD meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.  
 Monthly General Membership meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of January thru November.

## **Les Stanford Sales Specials**

- 1) 2011 Corvette Coupe, 1LT, Automatic, Chrome Wheels. 36 Month Lease, 12K mile per yr., \$1000 Down. Cost \$467 per month (must be GM eligible).
- 2) GM Limited Edition ZL-1 427 All Aluminum Engine BRAND NEW \$22,995.
- 3) CLUB MEMBERS 25% off all Retail Parts and Service (subject to some exclusions).

## ABS Driving Tips

An automotive engineer and professional driving instructor conveyed a few facts on how to use ABS. This technology is pretty simplistic and straight forward, but effectiveness of braking in theory and real life application depends on a number of factors:

- 1) Most people don't push hard enough on the brake pedal to get full braking pressure – especially at higher speeds. ABS can take a lot of pressure to get full braking. If you feel the ABS pulsating the brake pedal, this is a good indication, that you are achieving full braking for road conditions. When this engineer trained his daughter to use ABS; it took her 3 tries, before he could get her to push hard enough to get ABS to respond and obtain full braking.  
One wintery day a passenger questioned why this car was making a pulsating noise, while braking on a snowy road; and his car did not? The driver was practicing hard braking, whenever possible to get use to the feed back and the time it took to slow the car. The passenger had never applied enough force to make his ABS brakes react.
- 2) Studies indicate that some people still back-off on brake pressure when they feel the ABS pulsating.
- 3) Most people never realize they can steer away from hitting someone, if they can't stop in time. In advanced driving courses (i.e. autocross) such training forces the driver to do lane changes. Some new drivers and older drivers need to practice such techniques to fully appreciate and be comfortable with the feeling of obtaining control under tense circumstances. Without training and repetition, reacting to a real life situation may not happen fast enough.
- 4) In an impending accident situation, the human brain is hard wired to look for the perfect alternative where nothing bad happens. A driver recognizes hitting the stopped car ahead is bad. Depending on the driver's reaction time, he maybe fortunate to consider steering off on to the right to avoid impact, only to be confronted by a sign; where his brain tells him, hitting a sign is bad too. This realization may cause most people to stop reacting because the brain was not prepared to weigh the alternatives fast enough. This is where training and practice can help the thought process to work better and faster.
- 5) Driving in snow and ice – takes practice. Obviously, more practice is needed, when more than one car has to be used. Different cars/tires will vary driver-feedback, let alone changing from front wheel drive to rear wheel drive. Driving mastery of one vehicle can be transferred to another vehicle, but some drivers will need more road time to obtain the same skill level.
- 6) ABS allows steering in snow/ice, and helps the vehicle to stop in a straight line, but stopping is not necessarily faster than non-ABS brakes. ABS just pumps the brakes at an optimum efficiency, which can significantly out-perform standard braking for most drivers, when all four wheels are rotating at the same rate of speed.
- 7) Without practice most drivers will loose control when surprised by an icy bridge condition. The driver's fate will be determined before ABS can be engaged. The instant the accelerator pedal is released; the drive wheels will differ in speed rotation faster than the non-drive wheels. Traction is lost on the drive wheels and the vehicle will spin. 2012 production cars will be fitted with a technology that will help correct a car entering a spin. Until then, practice the braking sequence of putting your car in neutral, taking your foot off the accelerator, then maximize ABS braking as needed.

Enjoy your Corvette ride often and anticipate the unexpected. — Contributed by Glenn Grace