



# The Found Caravan Corvette Club, Inc.

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**Welcome New Member—Doug Hoffman**

Thank you and God bless our troops. Please keep our soldiers and their families in your prayers.



**June 6-8, 2008**

## CORVETTE CLUB'S GENEROSITY KNOWS NO BOUNDS.

By Joanne Bevilacqua, Secretary Found Caravan Corvette Club

If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a Corvette Club to provide them with Christmas. The Found Caravan Corvette Club (FCCC), an internet-based club, with a home-base of Saranac Lake, New York, proved that this Christmas.

Holiday Helpers a Saranac Lake, New York, organization, which provides toys, stockings, coats, boots, hats and mittens for children as well as two weeks of food for their families and Christmas dinner, is one charity supported by the FCCC.

This year's drive began during their June show, Cruisin' Around the Mountains. A quilt featuring embroidered Corvettes was made by one of their members and raffled off. \$800 was raised during that raffle and the money was earmarked for the Holiday Helpers project. Andrea Morneau a member of the Interloper Division of the FCCC won the quilt.

During the FCCC's annual trip to Coopers-town in September and Gary Enck's Car-store's Show, Patti Whitman, another FCCC member came up with the idea of a "mitten tree." "I can't think of their little hands being cold," said Patti. We then added mittens and hats to the mix.

The club then polled their members and requested that they bring a toy and pair of mittens to the annual Christmas party held at Corvos Restaurant in Saranac Lake. Members who couldn't make it sent cash donations to add to the pot. Our corporate sponsors also kicked in funds and the shop-

ping fund kept on climbing. With generous donations from Carcuzzi, Cherrie Sayles Real Estate, Janies for Hair, Lancto's Garage, Beef's Electric and Ellis Chevrolet, we had over \$3000 to shop with and that, combined with the generous gifts that people who brought toys and mittens to the party. We were thrilled to provide over 250 toys, pairs of mittens and hats for the children involved in this program (there were even five brand new bicycles provided by Lancto's Garage and our generous members).

"We are thrilled to help out this great organization each year," said Michael "Beef" Bevilacqua CEO of the FCCC, Inc., and "know that our participation can only get bigger as our show and club continue to grow with leaps and bounds."

See page 3 for the Thank you Letter from Holiday Helpers.

For more information on the FCCC and Cruisin Around the Mountains 2008 visit them on the web at [www.foundcaravan.net](http://www.foundcaravan.net).

**Congratulations Carl Zander! Carl was awarded the Master Judge Certification at the NCRS winter regional meet in Kissimmee, FL. Also ... Carl and MMI's Z06 Bolt on Article will appear in the May issue of Corvette Enthusiast in February.**



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## Upcoming Events

May 17—20, 2008 Cruisin' Ocean City, Ocean City, MD  
May, 2008—Lake Placid Festival of Cars, Lake Placid, NY  
June 6—8, 2008—Cruisin' Around the Mountains, Saranac Lake, NY  
June 22nd, 2008—10th Annual Great Adirondack International Car Show, Plattsburgh, NY  
July 4, 2008—Parade of Corvettes, Leesburg, VA  
August 22—24, 2008 Corvettes at Carlisle

**Please send in  
your events so  
we can add  
them to the  
calendar.!**

**Don't Forget ... make your reservations for Cruisin' Around the Mountains— June 6 - 8, 2008 at The Hotel Saranac (518) 891-2200 or Sunday Pond Bed and Breakfast (518) 891-1531— these reservations can always be changed.**

### Cruisin Around the Mountains 2008

With reservations rolling in ... well slowly rolling in, but rolling in, nonetheless, the Third Annual Cruisin Around the Mountains looks to be another awesome success. We have already had one winner ... for the first registered (sent by express mail, I might add). The schedule is firming up.

Friday, June 6, 2008

Welcome Reception and Registration

Saturday June 7, 2008

10:00 a.m.—Cruise

12:30 p.m. Luncheon

2:00—6:00 p.m. Treasure Hunt (Pirate costumes, optional!)

Sunday June 8, 2008

9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon—Car Show—Saranac Lake Civic Center.

We will be sticking with the same manufacturer of last years' trophies ... we thought they were beautiful ... and are hoping that, again, John Carpenter, will agree to be this year's Master of Ceremonies for the Weekend. We

have been in negotiations with New York State for our State Police escort for the cruise and also for a reduced rate so that we might be able to go to the Summit of Whiteface Mountain as our cruise destination.

Our tentative plans include a picnic lunch after the cruise on the terrace of the Hotel Saranac, a live band on Friday Night at the Welcome Reception and, as usual, plenty of surprises throughout the weekend.

We are especially excited that we are already getting in registrations and have heard from an Ontario club who will be attending. Yep, folks, we've gone international!

I, personally, will be interested to see just how many female Vette owners are present this year .... We might just have to add a new category for a trophy!

We are expecting a real battle for club participation. We have already heard from VIP, Adirondack, Mohawk Valley and the Capital Corvette Club in Ontario, Canada. Of course, we are expecting a strong non-club participation from the Interlopers.

Keep in touch and let me know if you have any special requests for the weekend.



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## HOLIDAY HELPERS

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January 16, 2008

Found Caravan Corvette Club  
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Dear Joanne, Beef and Club Members:

Once again, you have managed to overwhelm us with your generosity. We had resigned ourselves to fewer toys this year, due to an increased number of agencies needing assistance. However, your donation of such a wide variety of toys for our program enabled us to ensure each child had more than enough to enjoy their Christmas.

As you all know, I am extremely emotional about the Holiday Helper Program. I feel that my since own family is so blessed, it is important to help other families have a good holiday. Also, after volunteering for this program for over 20 years, I personally know many of the families who will benefit from the donations. To think that once again the members of the Found Caravan Corvette Club would travel from so many different areas (in such bad weather!) to help strangers is such an awesome feeling. The time and effort your club put into the selection of toys (with batteries!) and mittens is truly amazing.

This year, we once again provided winter clothing, toys and food baskets to more than 110 families, with 236 children. As usual, Distribution Day was hectic, but heart-warming. I am especially grateful that Joanne was able to visit us during the set-up period to see how the program would work - tables and tables of toys set out by age group. It is so important for the parents to be able to personally select gifts for their children.

Again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you all so much for everything you have done for the Holiday Helper Program this year. You have all been a shining example of the true meaning of Christmas to the children of our community.

Sincerely,

Patti J. Ploof  
Holiday Helper Program



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The Found Caravan Corvette Club, Inc. sm, a New York State non-profit corporation, was founded by Joanne and Michael Bevilacqua with the sole purpose of having Corvette friends from all over, getting together to share stories, traveling down the road, and sharing their experiences, without the hassles of meetings, rules and regulations. We have only one rule ... show up, have fun and go home!

**We're on the web**  
**[www.foundcaravan.net](http://www.foundcaravan.net)**

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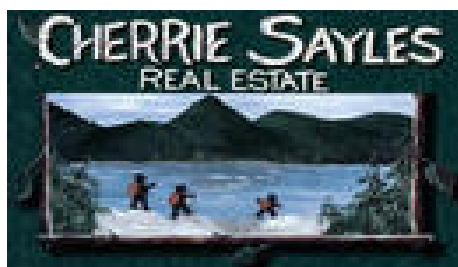
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