



# Found Caravan Corvette Club

# CLUB TALES

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## 2009 State of the Club Address

With 2008 coming to a close—we are happy to report that the Club is still growing strong. We added 26 new members to our Corvette family in 2008, attended just about every east coast event and took home many “Club Participation” Trophies.

There were also quite a few memorable events in 08.

Cruisin’ Around the Mountains 2008 attendance increased to 71 registered cars and 116 people in attendance.

Four of our family celebrated 40th Wedding Anniversaries—Charlie and Pam, Rick and Kathy, Ray and Pat and Hank and Mary—Congratulations to them! Also noteworthy were John and Sue Carpenters’ 35th anniversary and Ron and Dianne Miller’s 30th Anniversary.

A few future Corvette Owners were added in the form of grandchildren for Bob and Wendy and Janet and Bob.

New Corvettes were acquired - Dave and Nicole, Dale and Luci and Jim and Linda added Z06’s to their families, Joanne and Beef acquired a “new to them” 04 Convertible, Bruce picked up a great Black 01 Coupe and Patti and Barry picked up an 07 Convertible, Doug Hoffman took museum delivery on his new 08.

Carl Zander obtained the patent on his front license plate bracket. (Now that’s worth mentioning!).

With great pride, I can tell you that our club provided over 250 children with Christmas presents, gloves, hats, and scarves. Again, Holiday Helpers was blown-away by our generosity. It is a site to see, as Holly and I can attest

when these presents are all sorted out and waiting the families to come get them.

That was just a few items we knew about. If we didn’t mention your event, I’m sorry! Let me know and I’ll drop it in the next newsletter. Please also let me know if something great happens so I can pass it along to the rest of our members.

So, all-in-all, it was a great year and we are looking forward to an exceptional 2009. We can’t wait to see you all at upcoming events and want to thank you for making the FCCC one of the best Corvette Clubs.

## Support our sponsors!

With the current economy being so volatile, it is important to remember to support those businesses that make our club so great. With four automobile dealers, two garages, and just about every other type of business in the ranks as our sponsors, before you buy, take a moment to visit the “Found Pages” on our website to see if any of our sponsors or members can help you out. If not, it is certainly understandable, but, please at least give them a shot. We know they will appreciate your support.

## Blackhills in 2010

Jim and Linda Davis have kindly agreed to spearhead (no pun intended) the trip to BlackHills, SD, in 2010. A special email has been set up — [blackhills@vettes1.com](mailto:blackhills@vettes1.com) or email Jim directly at [jjgdavis@aol.com](mailto:jjgdavis@aol.com) if you are interested in attending. Jim and Linda as well as Dave and Arlene have attended this event in the past and say it is one not to be missed. As more details become available, Jim will pass them on. You do not have to definitely commit to this event now, but if you want to be in the loop, let him know. I know, I can’t wait.

## Welcome New Members

Pat, Jackie, Pat, Ray and Micki

## Cruisin’ Around the Mountains



## Corvette Weekend

Cruisin’ Around the Mountains—2009

June 5—7, 2009. Visit the website, [www.foundcaravan.net](http://www.foundcaravan.net)

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



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4th Annual Cruisin' Around the Mountains  
2009

Tentative Schedule

Friday, June 5, 2009

Welcome Party—Best Western Mountain  
Lakes Inn

5:00—Until

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Cruise to Malone and Ellis  
Chevrolet

Catered Luncheon at Ellis Chevrolet Show  
with Trophies awarded for the Z's, C's,  
Travelled the Furthest, Most Expressive  
License Plate

2:00 Cruise Back to Saranac Lake

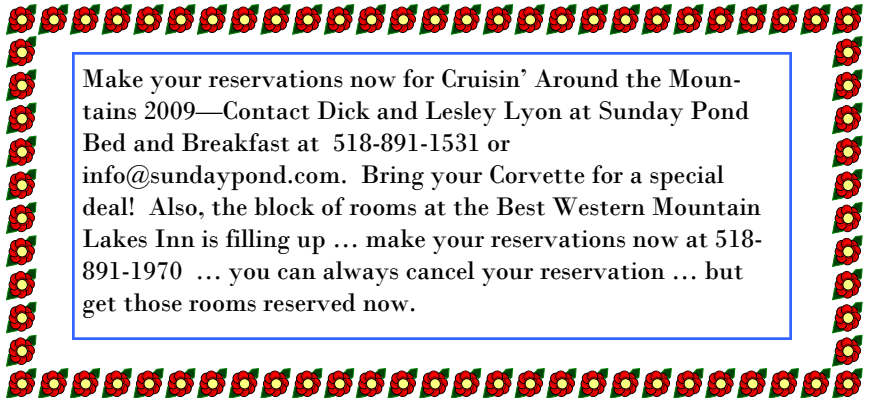
3:00 Take a Trip on the Scenic Railroad to  
Lake Placid

Sunday

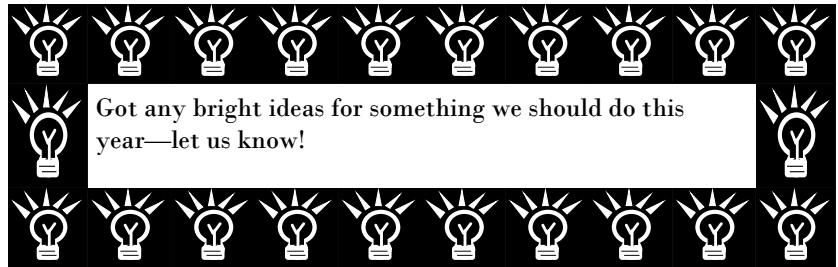
June 7, 2009

Show—Best Western

Saranac Lake, NY



Make your reservations now for Cruisin' Around the Mountains 2009—Contact Dick and Lesley Lyon at Sunday Pond Bed and Breakfast at 518-891-1531 or info@sundaypond.com. Bring your Corvette for a special deal! Also, the block of rooms at the Best Western Mountain Lakes Inn is filling up ... make your reservations now at 518-891-1970 ... you can always cancel your reservation ... but get those rooms reserved now.



Got any bright ideas for something we should do this year—let us know!



## Vehicles for Sale

Bruce Pelkey has a 1984 Coupe for sale with only 22K Miles ... Silver in Color. If interested call Bruce at 518-483-9147

Barry Whitman has a 1987 Coupe for sale, as well.

If interested, call him at 518-643-8504

**GREAT DEALS!**

Jim and Linda Davis will be attending the C5/C6 bash in Bowling Green in April. If anyone is interested in attending or is attending, please contact them directly at jjgdavis@aol.com.



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## THE SIDEWALL STORY

Your tire has very useful information molded into the sidewall. It shows the name of the tire, its size, whether it is tubeless or tube type, the maximum load and maximum inflation, the important safety warning and much other information.

### Passenger Tires

Shown below is the sidewall of a popular "P-metric," speed-rated auto tire. "P" stands for passenger; "215" represents the width of the tire in millimeters; "65" is the ratio of height to width; "R" means radial; "15" is the nominal rim diameter code; and "95H" is the optional service description that consists of the load index (95) and the speed symbol (H). Some older speed-rated tires may include the speed symbol immediately before the "R" instead of showing a service description.

A "B" in place of the "R" means the tire is belted bias construction. A "D" in place of the "R" means diagonal bias construction. "M+S" with the mountain/snowflake symbol is the designation that the tire meets the RMA definitions for use in severe snow conditions. (See page 17). The maximum load is shown in kg (kilograms) and in lbs (pounds), and maximum pressure in kPa (kilopascals) and in psi (pounds per square inch).

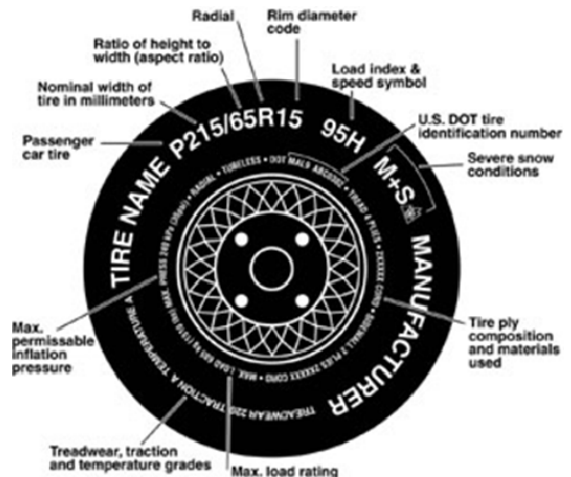
The letters "DOT" certify compliance with all applicable safety standards established by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Adjacent to this is a tire identification or serial number. This serial number is a code with up to 12 digits that are a combination of numbers and letters. The last characters are numbers identifying the week and year of manufacture. (Example: "1501" means fifteenth week of the year 2001.)

The sidewall also shows the type of cord and number of plies in the sidewall and under the tread.

The DOT requires tire manufacturers to grade passenger car tires based on three performance factors: treadwear, traction and temperature resistance.

Information obtained from the Rubber Manufacturers Association Website.



## Tentative Calendar of Events

### April

C5/C6 Bash in Bowling Green, KY

Let Jim and Linda know if you are going to attend.

[jjgdavis@aol.com](mailto:jjgdavis@aol.com)

### May

Blackthorne in the Catskills

May 15—17, 2009

518-634-2541 for reservations

Mention the Club when you are making reservations!

### June

Cruisin' Around the Mountains

June 5—7, 2009

518-891-1970 –Best Western

518-891-1531—Sunday Pond

Make your reservations and make sure to mention the club when making reservations. Only 25 rooms left at the Best Western!

[Back to the Beach, Old Orchard Beach, ME \\*](#)

June 11—14, 2009

[www.back2thebeach.net](http://www.back2thebeach.net)

Hotel # 207-937-4764

### July

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### August

Carlisle

August 27—30

Contact Pat Groll

@ 570-296-8818 at Cruising Holidays for Reservations

### September

Lake Placid Car Show

September 6, 2009

Mid America Funfest\*

September 18—20, 2009

Gary Enck's Car Store Cooperstown

Date: TBD

An address and email list is available for our members or the other members. With that in hand, if you are travelling through the East Coast or Mid-Atlantic region, you can always look up one of our members! Let me know if you would like the list by dropping an email to [info@vettes1.com](mailto:info@vettes1.com).

As there was some interest in attending both the Caravan in September and Bloomington, we attempted to get rooms at both of these events, to no avail. John, Ed and Jim are attending the Caravan and have secured rooms. If you are attending, get in touch with John Carpenter and let him know so you can hook up when you are in Kentucky.



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The Found Caravan Corvette Club, Inc. sm, a New York State nonprofit 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)

**Please support our sponsors!**

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