



Found Caravan Corvette Club

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GOODYEAR JOINS THE RANKS AS A SPONSOR!

What do the Vice President of Customer and Channel Development for Goodyear Corporation, an award-winning VP and Professional Engineer and the Proprietor of Beef's Electric have in common ... well the latter two are members of the FCCC and all three are former ZAP (Zeta Alpha Phi) fraternity brothers from Canton ATC. When Gerry Benson (the engineer) suggested to Beef that they contact their "frat brother" who is now the Vice President of Goodyear and try to squeeze a donation out of him for the upcoming Cruisin' ... Beef and Gerry had no idea how this would turn out. After several emails back and forth, Beef eventually heard from Bob Toth, the Marketing Director of Goodyear. Mr. Toth explained how the Goodyear usually supported large, national shows and, under normal circumstances, we would be directed to contact our local Goodyear dealer for a donation. However ... due to Gerry and Beef's diligence and connection to Jack Winterton, VP of Goodyear, they were going to provide a door prize and some pins for our show. Hmmm? What could a Goodyear door prize be? How about a gift certificate for a full set of four Goodyear Eagle Performance tires? This gift certificate can be redeemed at any Goodyear dealer. We are very excited to be offering this as an auction item on Saturday during the luncheon. Of course, the proceeds will benefit the club and Holiday Helpers. If you cannot be there, and we hope you are, you can submit an absentee bid (binding, of course). Submit your bids to me at joanne@vettes1.com with a minimum and maximum and I will bid for you during the auction. Good job Jerry and Beef

and thanks to Jack and Bob at Goodyear for their generous donation!

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. You do not have to commit to this event, but if you have interest, please let Jim know so that he may keep you in the loop as details become available. A special email has been set up — blackhills@vettes1.com or email Jim directly at 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.

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.

Cruisin' Around the Mountains



Corvette Weekend

Cruisin' Around the Mountains—2009

June 5—7, 2009. Visit the website, www.foundcaravan.net

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

Welcome New Members

Greg and Susan



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4th Annual Cruisin' Around the Mountains
2009

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, June 4, 2009

Fourth Annual Welcome Party at the
Bevilacqua—Join us for cocktails and dinner if you arrive early! It's a blast!

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,

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

10:00 am—1:00 pm

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!

Vehicles for Sale

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

If interested, call him at 518-643-8504

Vehicles Wanted!

Brian Manny is looking for a 70-74 Corvette! If you know of one for sale, let him know! You can reach him at 518-891-5589

Special Announcements!

Special thanks to Queen Jane ...who will be turning over her crown at this year's Cruisin. Jane did an exceptional job representing us last year ... Who will her successor be? Stay tuned!

Get those registrations in for the show ... looks like BelAir is going to give Adirondack a run for its money for Club Participation and Maryland may just beat PA this year for state participation.

Kim's Gold will be at this year's show and has donated a beautiful pair of Gold Earrings as a door prize for Friday night! She'll have a smaller number of items with her but they are sure to be quality items.

Thanks to Ellis for becoming our first Platinum Sponsor!

Any upcoming milestones in your personal life ... let us know so we celebrate the event!

Interested in caravanning up for the show?

For PA—contact Jim Davis at jjgdavis@aol.com

For MD—contact Bob Lembach at RWL@ola.state.md.us

For NJ contact Harry Becker @ hare1901@aol.com

For CT contact Hank Ellenbast @ hankellen@comcast.net

For MA contact Charlie Hickey@ charleshickey@comcast.net

See you in June!

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

May

Blackthorne in the Catskills

May 15—17, 2009

518-634-2541 for reservations

Mention the Club when you are making reservations!

Champlain Valley Spring Nationals

May 23—24, 2009

Plattsburgh, NY

Contact

<http://cvcc1.homestead.com/>

For more information.

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 9 rooms left at the Best Western!

*Back to the Beach, Old Orchard Beach, ME **

June 11—14, 2009

www.back2thebeach.net

Hotel # 207-937-4764

July

Malone Car Show

July 18 and 19, 2009

Let's come up with something fun to do in July!

August

Carlisle

August 27—30

Contact Pat Groll

@ 570-296-8818 at Cruising Holidays for Reservations

September

Lake Placid Car Show

September 6, 2009

Vettefest

September 11-13, 2009

Lake George, NY

[-www.adirondackcorvettes.com -](http://www.adirondackcorvettes.com)

Mid America Funfest

September 18—20, 2009

Our Group is growing! You can get the information at the website for Hotels. The Holiday Inn in Mattoon still has rooms.

October

Nothing yet. Let us know if there is something you are interested in.



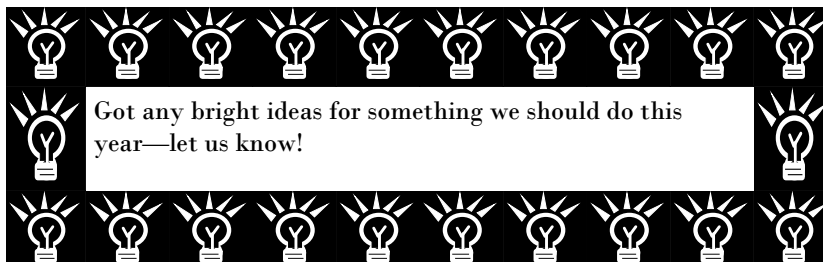
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The 10 Least Ticketed Cars.

- 1. The Jaguar XJ** gives drivers a smooth ride and an opulent interior. As the least-ticketed car in America, it also seems to provide the ability to fly under radar guns. There's a feature they won't tell you about at the dealership.
- 2. Chevrolet Suburban** Suburban drivers tend to need their large SUVs for hauling people or towing trailers, not breaking land speed records. So it's not surprising to see it on the list of least-ticketed cars.
- 3. Chevrolet Tahoe** The Tahoe shares some architecture with the Hummer H2, the most-ticketed car in America. Despite the two having similar sizes, the Tahoe manages not to attract as much police attention.
- 4. Chevrolet Silverado 2500 and 3500** It's no shocker to find Chevrolet's heavy-duty trucks among the least-ticketed vehicles. These trucks are usually bought for their towing ability, not for impromptu drag races.
- 5. Buick Park Avenue** While Buick has recently begun to increase the oomph in their cars, the now-discontinued Park Avenue helped solidify the brand's image as cars for the senior set. No wonder Park Avenue drivers tend not to get very many tickets.
- 6. Mazda6** The largest car in Mazda's line up, the Mazda6 has plenty of the brand's zoom-zoom, yet still manages to be among the least-ticketed cars. If you love driving sporty sedans but can't take seeing any more red and blue lights in your rearview mirror, the Mazda6 may be just the car for you.
- 7. Buick Rainier** The now-discontinued Buick Rainier is a largely forgettable attempt at a near-luxury SUV. Maybe that forgettable nature keeps cops from noticing when one commits a traffic offense.
- 8. Oldsmobile Silhouette** Finding a minivan from Oldsmobile on the list of least-ticketed cars isn't surprising. What's surprising is that anyone is still driving a Silhouette.
- 9. Buick Lucerne** The Buick Lucerne offers a near-luxury experience at an affordable large car price. Being one of the least-ticketed cars means that the Lucerne's affordability continues after it's bought, thanks to fewer fines and lower insurance rates.
- 10. GMC Sierra 1500** The GMC Sierra is an attractive truck for work or play. With its ability to haul or tow heavy loads, this truck will do anything you ask it to, including avoiding traffic citations.





10 Most Ticketed Cars

1. **Hummer H2** People who love the Hummer H2 probably love its bold, imposing looks. Apparently, cops love the H2 because it helps them meet their ticket quotas. Here's a tip: If you have an H2, maybe you shouldn't drive it near the end of the month when traffic cops are scrambling to make their numbers.
 2. **Scion tC** Seeing the tC on the most-ticketed list makes sense, given its popularity with young people. Its sporty performance, which comes at a price that makes affording tickets easy, probably helps tempt some drivers as well.
 3. **Scion xB** Like the Scion tC, the xB is aimed at younger drivers. Still, when you look at the xB's less-than-stellar performance, it's safe to assume that all the tickets xB drivers are getting aren't moving violations.
 4. **Mercedes Benz CLK63 AMG** If you're lucky enough to have a Mercedes AMG -- any AMG -- then a few tickets are worth unleashing this luxurious beast. Besides, if you've got a Mercedes, you can probably afford a few traffic citations.
 5. **Toyota Solara Coupe** Now, here's a surprise. The fifth most ticketed car is the Toyota Solara Coupe. Essentially a two-door Camry, the Solara isn't known for road-thrashing performance. Maybe Solara drivers just get a lot of parking tickets.
 6. **Mercedes Benz CLS63 AMG** The CLS63 AMG is another luxury performance car, so it's no shocker to see its drivers among the most ticketed. The question is: With all that power, why aren't more CLS63 AMG drivers outrunning the cops?
 7. **Scion xA** With the xA taking the seventh spot on the ten most ticketed cars list, Scion completes the traffic-ticket hat trick. Toyota's upstart little brand has only come out with four models over its entire lifespan -- and three of them will likely get you a date in traffic court.
 8. **Subaru Outback** Subarus have a reputation of being yuppie grocery getters, but the Outback manages to prove that stereotype wrong by being one of the top ten most ticketed cars. Apparently, the Outback is the car of choice for people who need to get to Whole Foods in a hurry, and maybe park illegally once they're there.
 9. **Audi A4** Audi often finds itself in the shadows of Mercedes and BMW, but not when it comes to getting tickets. The Audi A4 is the ninth most ticketed car in America.
 10. **Toyota Matrix** The Toyota Matrix is often credited for bringing SUV styling to small cars. Now it can also be credited to bringing insurance rate increases to thousands of its owners.
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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

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