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Chairman's Message

By: Michael Leeds

Hi All! The summer heat has been on us for weeks now, and the mini meet and the terrific Shrimp/Crawfish boil at the "Magiore Garage" are now history. The chapter has also participated in the 2006 outdoors edition of Vette's By the Shore in Biloxi which involved a mini Road Tour with several members participating both in the tour and the show. The plaques and camaraderie of our fellow Vetter's from several states was good to see in the heart of the Katrina damaged area.

In other news, Carl Hamilton, Bill Folse, James Youens, David Lefeaux and myself ventured off to the Indiana Regional in Auburn Indiana. Carl and Bill brought their ZR1's for PV and Carl's passed but Bill's did very well with the exception of the lumbar system which has since been overhauled. The venue provided an amazing array in the form of history, TV, Military, and Automotive museums which are difficult to describe. We discovered a massive display of wheeled vehicles including The Batmobile, Woodrow Wilson and Ulysses Grant's presidential limousines and hearses, as well as the James Dean display and memorabilia including his 1956 Porsche Speedster. There was also a Kruse Auction and Museum and the banquet held at the Auburn Cord Dusenberg museum. The ACD museum experience alone made the trip worthwhile not to mention the terrific NCRS Flight Judging and display cars in excess of 113 registered vehicles. To top off the trip, both Carl Hamilton and Ed Nuenmacher picked up their new cars at Bowling Green under the Museum Delivery program. Carl's is a Machine Silver Z06 and Ed's is a Red convertible. The Museum Delivery Experience is well worth the time and effort.

Several members will be heading to San Antonio for the national Road Tour and National Convention in early August. Don't forget our next meeting this coming Sunday the 16th at Logan's on Bluebonnet at 2:30 PM.

LA. CHAPTER NCRS MEETING DATES 2006

July 16, 2006
September 17, 2006
October 15, 2006
December 17, 2006

* Board meeting dates which will begin at 2:00PM

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Sunday July 16, 2006, Logan's Roadhouse, Baton Rouge, LA 2:30 PM

Judging Chairman's Message

By: John Maggione

On Saturday May 20th, we held a Spring Chapter judging meet at the shop of Gary Cox, in Baton Rouge. Twenty-five (25) members attended this meet and participated in the judging school and then in the *Flight* judging. Congratulation goes to Phil Ezell, 1967 convertible, *Second Flight*, Patrick Moresi, 1970 convertible, *Top Flight*, and Tom Murphy, 1990 ZR1, *Top Flight*. Ralph Adams, Jim Boudreaux, Tom Diermann, Felix Famularo, Bill Folse and Michael Leeds received *Sportsman* participation awards.

Our next judging event will be the Cajun Regional on November 9th – 11th, at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales. Mark your calendars, as we will need everyone's assistance with this event. Our next chapter meeting on July 16th, will be devoted almost entirely to the planning of this meet. So please plan to attend.

Back in mid May, a handful of members traveled to Auburn, Indiana to attend the Indiana Chapter Regional meet. Congratulations to Carl Hamilton on passing the PV with his 1991 ZR1.

That same weekend numerous members joined a "road Tour" to Biloxi, Ms for the annual *Vettes by the Shore* car show hosted by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Corvette Club. The event was attended by over one-hundred (100) Corvette owners. When considering the events of last August and the devastation of the Gulf Coast, the show was a huge success.

On June 24th, the Chapter hosted a crawfish boil at my home in Hammond. This social was attended by over thirty-five (35) members. Aside from being hot, the weather was great, as was the food and fellowship. Sorry if you missed out. Maybe we will do it again next year, but let's pick a cooler month.

Well it's almost time for the 2006 National convention, in San Antonio. The Texas chapter was

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FOR SALE / WANTED

For Sale: 2003 Coupe, Millenium Yellow, 18,000 miles on, excellent condition. Looking to buy 6 speed, coupe, vert, Z06. J. Kumar, M.D., 985-687-6887 (cell), 985-345-7904 (home), jaykay_md@yahoo.com Hammond, LA 70401
Tuesday, May 23, 2006 2:46 PM

For Sale: 1973 Corvette - DID Flood in Katrina - Runs and Drives - Headlights Work - Kelly Werkau (228) 392-1113 for more information or to go view the car.

For Sale: 79 project vette, the motor and tranny are good, needs body work and wiring. Price is \$1500.00. E - Mail Dixon at dixon-cole@gmail.com for more information. Wednesday, June 07, 2006 12:41 AM

For Sale: 2004 Z06, Silver with Black Interior, One Owner, 13,700 miles, Mods: Corsa S/S Freeflow Exhaust, Hurst Close Ratio Shift, \$36,000 firm. Contact Ken Bowers at 504-460-4958 or email to kenbowers@bellsouth.net

For Sale: 1986 Greenwood Edition, contact Dean Hall, Scott Construction Equipment Co, Territory Manager, 504.628.8008, Monday, June 05, 2006 8:37 PM

For Sale: 1967 Corvette Coupe. Originally Goodwood Green Now 63 Silver. The car has been laid up about 15 years. It got no water from Katrina. Most of the numbers match except for the engine. Since the car has been laid up and the battery removed it's obvious that the car needs some mechanical attention. I also have two spare doors and some extra parts that were purchased new from Chevy years ago, a glove box door, some tail lights, stuff like that. I have a figure in mind somewhere around \$40,000. Howard Howard 504-832-0753, Wednesday, May 10, 2006 7:38 AM, howard@gnoec.org

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looking for some volunteers to assist with car placement and layout. If you would like to help, contact Gary Chestnut at gchesnut@charter.net. Good luck to all members that are having a car judged in pursuit of the *Duntov* or *McLellan* awards.

The National Road Tour to the convention will be passing through Hattisburg, MS on Friday July 28th. I plan on joining the tour there. If you are interested in joining this adventure contact Ron Ramsey at cramsey@CFL.RR.com for more details. If you are planning on attending the convention, this is the way to go!

See you in Baton Rouge, for our July Chapter meeting.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL

MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA CHAPTER OF THE NCRS

Meeting held at my shop on May 13, 2006 immediately following a chapter judging meet.

Old business included a review of plans for the upcoming Vettes by the Shore meet in Boloxi.

A social is planned for June 24 at the Maggorie's home in Hammond. Details to follow.

A regional judging meet is planned for November at Lamar-Dixon. Discussion at next meeting

Congratulations to all the judging meet participants: Sportsman awards went to Ralph Adams, Jim Boudreaux, Tom Diermann, Felix Famularo, Bill Folse, and Michael Leeds. Flight awards were earned by Phil Ezell, Patrick Moresi and Thomas Murphy. The next scheduled meeting is July 16 at 2:30PM at Logan's in Baton Rouge.

Our Indiana Regional Experience (Auburns, Cords, & Duseys – Oh My!)

This past May, Carl Hamilton, Mike Leeds and I attended to the Indiana Regional Meet in Auburn, Indiana (we also met up with James Youens and David Lefeaux in Auburn). Carl and I brought our 1991 ZR-1s for Performance Verification (PV) judging. Carl's ZR-1 passed with flying colors. My car put on a great performance, and scored well on every line item – except for the lumbar system in the seats.

The trip was quite an expedition (about 965 miles one way) with a stop over in Bowling Green to pay homage to the NCM (and membership dues). Mike and I met up with Carl Hamilton in Bowling Green, and then traveled together from Bowling Green to Auburn.

Upon arrival at the Kruse Museum, the first thing that crossed our path was Dale Earnhart Sr.'s NASCAR test mule unit being driven around the property (It made our little aftermarket exhaust systems sound like weed eaters). It was just a tiny preview of every kind of wheeled creature, whether it be, classic, contemporary, collectible, or otherwise that we would see in the next few days (we even saw a John Deere ice cream machine).

On Thursday, May 18, Carl and I presented our vehicles for the PV. I think we washed Carl's car three times. Somehow, my car wound up in Carl's closed in and air conditioned trailer, and his wound up outside (for which I have great appreciation). Finally, we did get the babies inside where Mike and I could rain a little TLC on Carl's car to make up for the bad weather. That's when the real fun started.

When we moved inside the rotunda of the Kruse Museum, we were in a huge lobby. Its size was very deceptive because it did not readily reveal all the activities in the adjoining rooms in the building.

All in all, the building we were in included the World War II Museum, a Television & Radio Museum, and a series of rooms with various themed car collections. In one room, we discovered an entire collection of James Dean memorabilia (including his Porsche Speedster). In another, Indy 500/F1 cars and memorabilia were displayed; in another, a massive collection of wheeled creatures ranging from Michael Keaton's Batmobile, to Woodrow Wilson & Ulysees Grant's presidential limousines (Wilson's was a Cadillac, and Grant's was a horse drawn wagon). And yes, there were a couple of very special Corvettes in there too.

In the next room, the entries for Flight Judging were positioned for the upcoming judging sessions on Friday and Sat-

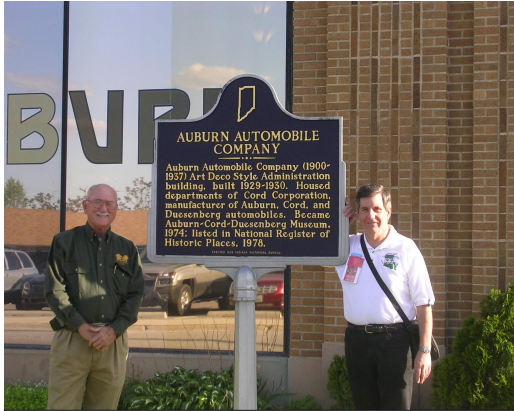
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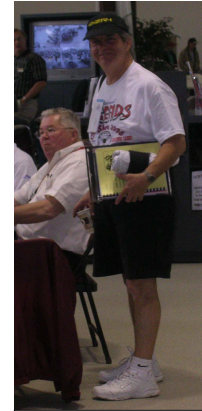
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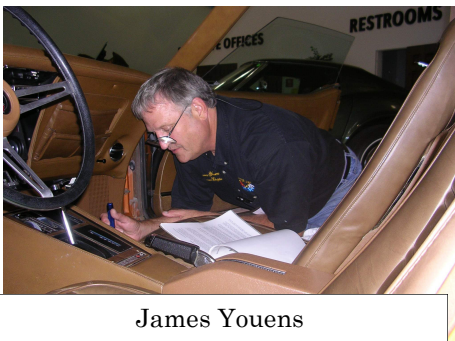
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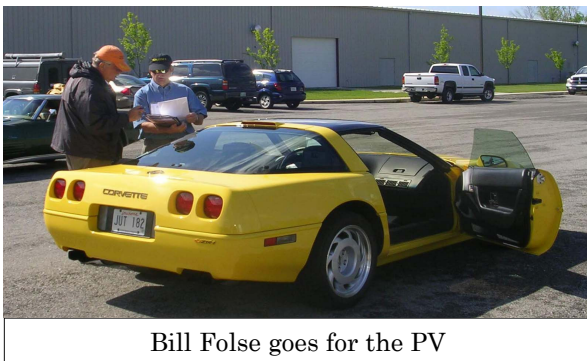
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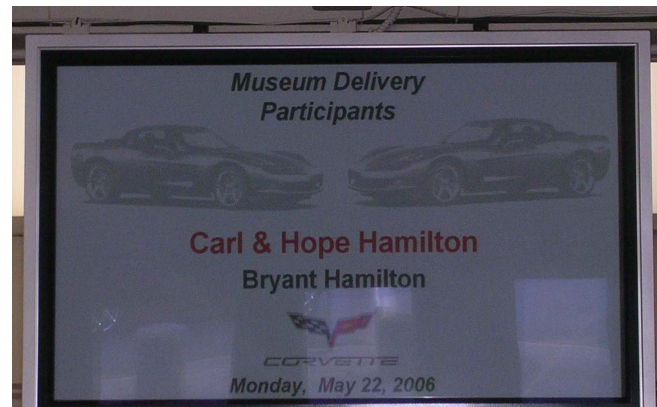
James Youens



New Plate



Bill Folse goes for the PV



Somebody got a new car on the way home from the Auburn, Indiana Regional

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urday. We also had numerous opportunities to travel over to the Kruse Auction Grounds, where we saw cars and trucks from every era being auctioned in a TWO stage auction arena.

At the conclusion of the meet, a banquet was held at the Auburn/Cord/Dusenber Museum (remember the acronym ACD). We arrived at the ACD Museum about one hour before the banquet, and had an opportunity to view the exhibits in the facility. This experience alone was well worth the trip to Indiana.

The ACD museum is deservedly a registered national landmark, and is an incredible experience. On entering the well preserved dealership building, we immediately could appreciate the beautiful art deco motif that was original to the building. However, entering the showroom was a sight to behold, full of Auburns, Cords (including the second Cord ever built), and the most beautiful Dusenber automobiles that we had ever seen. As we ooh'd and aah'd, we migrated up an unseemingly important flight of stairs only to come upon many, many private collections of these beautiful automobiles. It

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LET US EAT



And the food was good too



John's Shop and some of the cars

was here that we came upon a display of Supercharged Auburn "Boat Tail" Speedsters and Frank Lloyd Wright's private car collection. You had to be there. We like to never get Mike Leeds out of there.

We also learned that Labor Day is to Auburn what Mardi Gras is to New Orleans. In fact, we also learned that they have a parade through the city, which features the cars in the museum. We could only imagine the spectacle that must be.

Well, getting back to the judging meet, we thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and filled every minute of our time there enjoying our favorite hobby and passion. I also had an opportunity to work with the C4 National Judging Team.

We especially appreciate the Indiana Chapter's hospitality and we certainly appreciate the time and effort that was put forth to host this event.

We are looking forward to returning to this event in the future and encourage everyone to make this trip to see automobile history at this level of quality, up close and personal.

See you in San Antonio!

Bill Folse 39518



Phil Ezell's beautiful 1967

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The Great Corvette Odyssey

By Carl Hamilton

My red 1991 ZR-1 did not pass PV in Orlando in January due to a slightly misadjusted windshield wiper arm that did not park quite right. Everything else was perfect. Back to Lafayette with it where Mark Kinler made it absolutely right.

The next regional that I could sign up for (and still keep my business going) was Auburn, Indiana. Almost 1,000 miles one way, but what the heck, it will make a nice mini-vacation. I even leave a day early so I can visit grand kids in Tupelo on the way up. The dinner at the Auburn-Cord-Dusenber Museum was worth the trip all by itself. If you ever have the chance, don't miss it.

In the midst of all this planning for what would have been a six day trip, I get a call from Barry Beck at Ross Downing advising that my new silver ZO6 is built and can be picked up at the museum in Bowling Green in May. I get the museum delivery scheduled for May 22nd on the return leg coming back from Indiana. Ed Nunenmacher from the Gulf Coast Corvette Club has had a C-6 convertible sitting in the museum warehouse for two months because he has no place to keep it. His home repairs from Katrina are not complete and he is living in a travel trailer. I offer Ed a spot in the garage at my office for his car, so we line up a "dual" delivery ceremony for the 22nd.

The logistics of this are now getting severely complicated. Since Bill Folsie and Mike Leeds are also going to Indiana, I recruit Mike to drive my truck and trailer as far as Bowling Green and leave it at the museum to haul the new ZO6 home on the return leg. From there, I will continue in my motor home towing the ZR-1 on a trailer with Mike and Bill towing Bill's ZR-1. The trip on to Indiana is pleasant and uneventful, other than the generator on the motor home stops working midway up. My ZR-1 passes PV with no sweat. Auburn, Indiana is a great place for gear heads like us. Automotive history abounds everywhere you look.

We arrive in Bowling Green on Sunday, May 21st as

planned. Bill Folsie leaves Mike at the Holiday Inn and continues on to New Orleans and Mike will drive my truck and trailer with the ZO6 and I will drive the M/H with the ZR-1 on Tuesday after the delivery ceremony. Ed Nunenmacher and Robert Kline join us on Sunday as do my wife, Hope, and son, Bryant. We all enjoy a cookout at the KOA in Bowling Green and are ready for the "big day" on Monday.

Ed and I not only take delivery of our cars, but are met by a reporter and photographer from the Bowling Green Daily News who do a story for their upcoming tabloid commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Bowling Green assembly plant.

All is well until Monday night when my cell phone rings with Mike asking me to take him to a hospital. I pick him up at the Holiday Inn and we head to the Bowling Green medical center where he is admitted. I leave him with the capable folks at this wonderful little hospital and drive the truck towing the ZO6 back home to Ocean Springs. The motor home with the ZR-1 in tow is sitting at the KOA. Next day, Wednesday I fly from Gulfport to Nashville, rent a car and drive back to Bowling Green. On Thursday, I drive the motor home to a repair facility in Huntsville, Alabama to get the generator fixed so Mike can stand the trip home. I made it back to Bowling Green about 10:00 pm Thursday. Mike is much better and is discharged on Friday about noon. We make the ten hour run to Ocean Springs where Joan and Bob Leeds meet us to take Mike home to River Ridge.

Thirteen days after the Great Corvette Odyssey began, we are finally home. My yellow PV ribbon is hanging on the wall and I can start preparing for San Antonio.

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Corvette 25th Anniversary

de BG an automotive Mecca

Buyers can tour plant after taking delivery at Corvette Museum

By ROBYN L. MINOR
The Daily News

Heading toward 900 deliveries this year, the National Corvette Museum is considered the largest "dealer" of Corvettes.

The museum and General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant since 1996 have teamed up for the Museum Delivery of new Corvettes, according to Gary Cockriel, guest services and delivery manager for the museum.

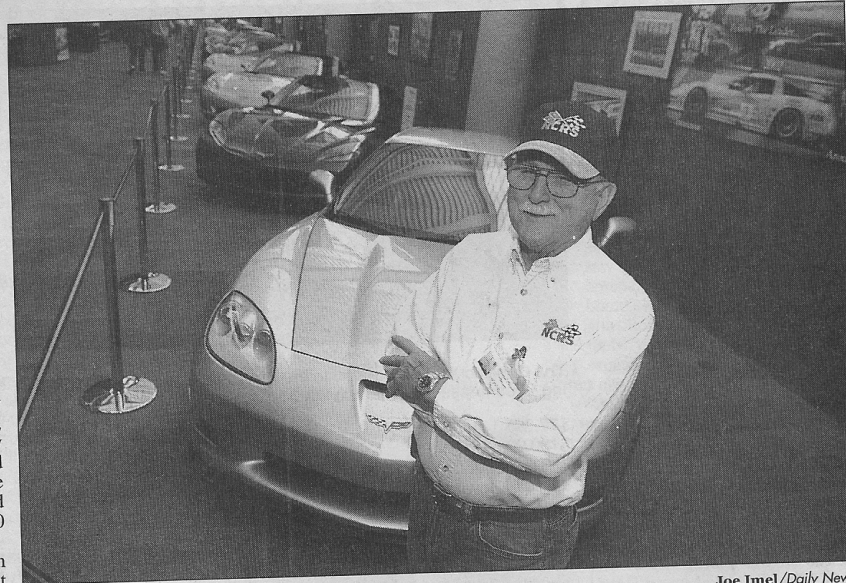
"On average, we have probably done about 500 deliveries a year, but that average is changing every week," Cockriel said. "We had 773 in 2005 and we already have 828 for 2006. We are going to end up this year with a little over 900 deliveries for the 2006 models."

The second largest dealer is in Atlantic City and delivers about 400 cars each year, he said.

One of the museum's deliveries came May 22 to Carl and Hope Hamilton of Ocean Springs, Miss.

For an additional \$490 on the base price of the car, which starts at about \$44,000 for a coupe, the Hamiltons and other Corvette lovers get a personalized tour of the GM plant and Corvette Museum and see their car on display at the museum, Cockriel said.

Those who want the special delivery can check the appropriate box on their car's order form.



Joe Imel/Daily News

Carl Hamilton of Ocean Springs, Miss., took delivery of his new Corvette on May 22 at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green.

"This is something every Corvette fanatic needs to do at least one time," Hamilton said from a car meet a few days before the pickup of his 2006 ZO6.

The Hamiltons were joined by fellow Mississippi Gulf Coast Corvette Club member Ed Nunenmacher.

"It's kind of like two sisters having a double-ring ceremony," Hamilton said.

Nunenmacher's Monterey Red convertible was parked next to Hamilton's Machine Silver coupe, and will be garaged with it as well.

"We are both Hurricane Katrina victims," Hamilton said. "When Ed's car was ready for delivery a couple of months ago, he had no place to put it."

Living in one of the many trailers provided victims, Nunenmacher still doesn't have a home or garage.

So Hamilton, a builder, will house the car along with his in the garage of a model home he has — something for which Nunenmacher says he is grateful.

They were scheduled to arrive at the museum about 11:15 a.m. May 22, but got there considerably early.

"I was so excited, I just had to get here," Hamilton said. "I'm about to stroke out."

After getting a private tour of the plant, Nunenmacher said it was a great experience.

It's not his first new Corvette — the other was a 2003 anniversary edition — but it is his first museum delivery.

"There is nothing like it," he said. "I would recommend it to everybody who buys a Corvette. It's the greatest."

Hamilton said his love affair with the Corvette began when he was a teen growing up in Hattiesburg, Miss.

"There was this guy who moved into town, and he had a red Corvette," he said. "He was top dog."

"I had to wait to get my first

one until seven or eight years ago. I had all kinds of responsibilities that came first ... but I always had it in the back of my mind that I wanted one."

That first car was a used 1982 model.

"Then the fever just began to eat me alive," Hamilton said.

Now he has four of them, including a '59, a '73 convertible and '91 ZXR-1, and recently had to sell a 2004 to make room for the ZO6.

"I love the shape of them," he said.

The ZO6 has plenty of zip with 550 horsepower that has it topping out at about 200 mph.

"But at my age (nearly 65) ... I won't be going that fast; my reflexes aren't fast enough," he said.

Even with that many horses under the hood, Hamilton said he expects it will get good gas mileage.

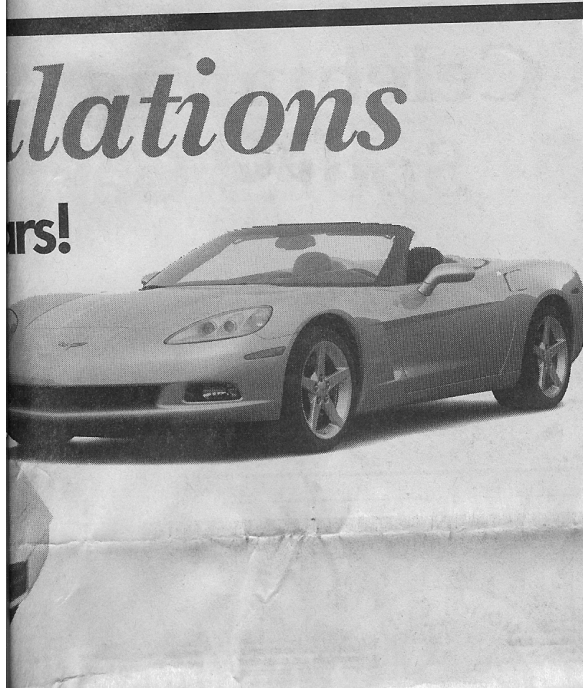
"It is a six-speed manual transmission, so it should get about 28 mph on the highway," he said.

The car, however, will be babied. Hamilton said it will probably be his Sunday-go-to-church car and was to be taken home in an air-conditioned trailer.

Nunenmacher had plans to drive his home the next day.

Cockriel said it's his goal to get those who come for a museum delivery to stay a night or two in Bowling Green and perhaps see a few other sites in the city.

A Corvette lover and owner himself, Cockriel said organizing the deliveries "is like Christmas for me every day."



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