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### New Club Officers

The 2007 VCA Club elections are over. Thanks to everyone that mailed in their ballots this year. We had a great response which gets us excited about member participation in the future. Our new Club Officers are:

<b>President:</b>	Cody Reich
<b>Vice President:</b>	Ken Hahn
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Nicole Crossley
<b>Secretary:</b>	Shelby Hahn

### 2006 Christmas Party

Another great Christmas party turnout!

Thanks again to Hayden's Lakefront Grill in Tualatin for great food and drink. This year's event included a slideshow of Club Event photos taken throughout the year – thanks to everyone that e-mailed or posted pictures so that they could be included.

Thanks to Tillamook Country Smoker for passing-out 'yummy' jerky snacks. Also want to thank those who bid for the Auction items, we raised about \$500 to donate to charity.



### CLUB MEETING | March 3rd, 2007

Join us for the first Oregon Region Viper Club meeting of 2007 on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00am at Timberline Dodge.

The most significant agenda item will be the creation of the 2007 events calendar.

We look forward to seeing everyone there. If you can't make it, go ahead and e-mail [shahn56381@aol.com](mailto:shahn56381@aol.com) with any items or events suggestions that you'd like mentioned at the meeting.

### Viper Club of America Events

**Upcoming event!!!** March 24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007- The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Viper vs. Viper event at Luke Air Force Base. Due to the cancellation of Viper Club Zone Rendezvous', Dodge decided to reinvest their contributions into the Viper vs. Viper event, making it better than ever! Be sure to check the Viper Club of America website ([www.viperclub.org](http://www.viperclub.org)) for details about this wonderful event.

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**Canceled events!!** Vipers Across America and Vipers Across Europe have both been postponed indefinitely. Although the winter edition of the Viper Quarterly (page 62) indicated information about the events would be shared in the next issue the logistics associated with both events became very complicated and the decision was made to postpone the events indefinitely. All the more reason to make the trip to Arizona for Viper vs. Viper!

### Sightings!

The winter 2007 edition of the Viper Quarterly Magazine shows Oregon Region members John Potts and Rob Logsdon's cars (page 60) side-by-side with the title, "When No One Is Actually Someone". The story tells how Rob's license plate (INVEN01) was slightly upstaged when John Potts acquired his new license plate (NO ONE)!

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### Viper Club of America National Presidents Meeting

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 around 3pm Cody and Jenesa began the trip from cold Portland through blistery Denver to an even colder Detroit to attend the National Viper Club Presidents Meeting. The National Presidents meeting started bright and early at 8am on January 12th (5am Pacific Time!) with a visit from Herb Helbig, Manager of Vehicle Synthesis, SRT, and his Chief Synthesis engineer Jeff. Much has been posted on the Viper Club of America board about the meeting, please check it out ([www.viperclub.org](http://www.viperclub.org)).

Here are some highlights:

- New leadership at the National level continually voiced their commitment to addressing issues and resolving the past grievances. New National Club Leaders are:
  - Bob Carroll, National President
  - George Farris, National Vice President
  - Chris Marshall, National Treasurer
  - Jeff Pilgrim, National Secretary
- Five new Zone Directors and Directors At Large were named. For the Western Region, Marv Spatz was named Western Zone Director At Large and James Retych was named Western Zone Director. James was the former Washington Region Club President!
- More good news race fans ... as a result of Skip Barber and Dodge parting ways a contract signed by Dodge and Petty Enterprises to offer similar services!
- After years of controversy over the management of the [www.viperclub.org](http://www.viperclub.org) website, VCA will open up the bidding of the management of the website to outside parties.
- Dodge's relationship with Skip Thomas at Viper Days will continue for at least one year!

### DaimlerChrysler Tour of Headquarters!

After the Presidents meeting in Pontiac, Detroit we were invited to tour DaimlerChrysler's Headquarters to see the new 600-HP engine on Dynamometers!

The engines ran on different cycles to test everything from peak horsepower and torque to durability! Their set up is amazing and should be seen by all at least once (sorry folks, no camera allowed).

The tour ended with a presentation by SRT executives and a McLaren engineer on how they were able to achieve 600-HP out of the new Viper engine.

### International Auto Show in Detroit, Michigan

The International Auto Show in Detroit attracts people of all ages. We witnessed an older lady asking a Dodge representative where the Challenger was! She wasn't the only one either!

Two things were very clear in the DaimlerChrysler exhibits ... spectators wanted to see the Challenger and they also really, really liked the new Viper!

Dodge brought out three 2008Vipers; one black concept Viper, one burgundy SRT/10 and one red with white striped Coupe. The crowd around the Vipers was often so thick waiting in line just to peek at them was not uncommon. A separate line existed around the menacing concept Viper but it was due to Dodge having set up a camera where spectators were able to have their pictures taken with it and sent to them on-line!

To keep the kids (big and small) entertained several car manufacturers had simulated games. Jeep surely had the coolest set-up... a Jeep was cemented at a 90 degree angle as it appeared to be climbing up a waterfall! Also, a water feature was set up so that the water formed words (like "JEEP") as it fell to the pool below...very cool indeed!

