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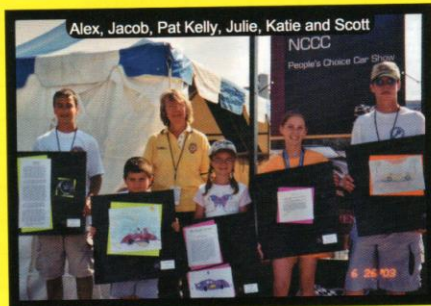
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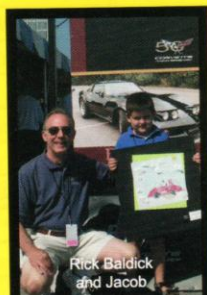
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Alex, Jacob, Pat Kelly, Julie, Katie and Scott



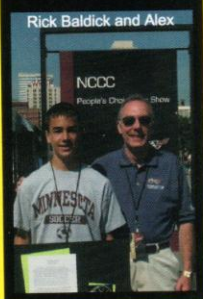
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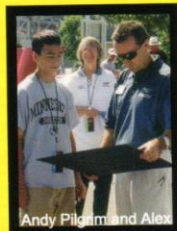
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Rick Baldick and Katie



Rick Baldick and Alex



Andy Pilgrim and Alex



Rick Baldick and Scott



Rick Baldick and the FCOA Contest Winners



Andy Pilgrim and Julie



Andy Pilgrim and Jacob



My Dream Corvette

My dream Corvette is something invented, and imaginary, something very unique.

My Corvette is a rainbow colored Corvette, with a black convertible top. Inside has blue leather seats.

Here is how it works. The Corvette itself is normal stick-shift. Then, when you press a little dark blue button, out comes a cooler, with anything you want. Like soda, or food to eat. When you press the little green button, your Corvette turns into your own private jet. With free service, of course. When you press the purple button, all you have to do is drive into a lake, press it, and it turns into your own private

cruise line! With free service, of course.

You will love it!

Grand Prize Winner for Essay

Katie Cizel, age 11, FCOA # 0529, Midwest Region



My Dream Corvette

My dream Corvette: Although I'm only 13, I've grown up with Vettes my family has owned and attended car shows my whole life. We have many pictures of me in a stroller when I didn't have the mind to appreciate it. I've experienced 5 of them: '59, '84, '89, '97, '03. All but the '89 were red. I've driven the '84 and the '03 in a parking lot at my dad's work. I have been to Bloomington Gold many times and enjoy the variety of Vettes. I also have a brick at the National Corvette Museum with my name on it. Our family went to Road America for the American Le Mans race to see the C5R and toured the track in our '97.

With all of the experiences, my dream Corvette would be black with a Torch Red 2 tone interior. It would have to be a six speed! Another feature would be side exhaust like on the C5R race car (enclosed except for the tip).

As far as styling, I would like to incorporate a split window like the '63s. The "split window" would have a different glass tint so it wouldn't disturb vision, yet have the look of a '63. It would have a decent sized trunk, big enough for some golf clubs. The rear end would look like a current C5 (with a split window). It would have red 'Grand Sport' stripes along with the Z06 brake vents. There would be a targa top and an optional C5R appearance package with a front chin, ground effects, and a small rear spoiler. The front end would look like a Callaway C12 with the non popup headlights. Wheels are 18" front, 19" rear, chromed. They would be similar to BBS RK Plasmas (as shown in picture). Tires are Goodyear F1 runflats, just in case. It would need red brake calipers and red/clear Euro taillights.

The interior- White face gauges with red needles would give it a sporty look. The seats would be 2 tone Torch Red like on the Z06. It would have a Bose sound system, 12 disc changer, XM radio, 2 cup holders, drilled aluminum pedals, and Heads Up Display.

The engine would be a technologically updated, reliable, fuel efficient, aluminum 454 big block. It would have the shorter throw Z06 six speed transmission. Horsepower would be near 450 with 450 lb. ft. of torque. 0-60 would be near 3.5 seconds with a top speed of 180 mph. Quarter mile time would be 11.5 to 12 seconds at 125+. The engine compartment would be easily accessible, with red valve covers. With the new engine technology it would get 20/28 MPG. The suspension would be an adjustable type with a tour mode for a smooth ride, and sport mode, which switches to Z51-like handling and ride.

If GM built something like this, it would be great. I know my dad would buy one, and I'd be ready to make a copy of the key!

Winner for Essay: 13-15 Year Old Age Group

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