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“ALL 50” State Corvette Road Trip Enters 50th State. FINALE THURSDAY!!

USA – June 26, 2003 - 2003 marks both the **50th Anniversary of Corvette**, “America’s sports car”, as well as Corvette enthusiast **Ray Ehly, Jr.’s 50th birthday**. Ray hails from **Alpine, California** in **San Diego County**.

To commemorate both occasions Ray and a custom-built, brand new **2003 Corvette Z06** have been undertaking **“All 50,” a continuous road trip encompassing all 50 United States including both Alaska and Hawaii**. It’s been quite a journey!!

For the final leg of the trip, Ray will join the “Indiana Caravan” of Corvette owners from Indianapolis, IN. (not before a ceremonial lap around the famous speedway with Roger Penske...legendary driver and racing team owner with 12 Indy wins) to the Corvette Museum at Bowling Green for the official 50th Anniversary festivities on June 26, 2003.

On Wednesday, June 25, 2003, (day 62 of trip), **Ray entered his 50th State!!** (Indiana)

On Friday, June 20, 2003 (day 57 of trip), **Ray hit the 20,000 mile mark of his trip!** (Skowhagen, Maine)

On Tuesday, June 17, 2003 (day 54 of trip), **Ray visited “Ground Zero” in New York City, New York**

On Monday, June 2, 2003 (day 39 of trip), **Ray entered Wisconsin, State # 25 of his journey, officially marking the halfway point in his trip.**

On Wednesday, May 28, 2003 (day 34 of trip), **Ray hit the 10,000 mile mark of his trip!** (Council Bluffs, Iowa)

On Wednesday, May 7, 2003 (day 13 of trip), **Ray loaded his Z06 onto a cargo ship bound for Alaska, a four-day sea voyage. Ray flew up that weekend and was reunited with his ‘vette for two days of driving around Alaska, thus establishing the “Alaska-leg” of the trip.**

On Thursday, May 1, 2003 (day 7 of trip), Upon returning to the mainland (from Hawaii), **Ray caught the eye of the world-renowned Petersen’s Automotive Museum in Los Angeles who extended a spontaneous invitation for Ray to participate in their special “Corvette Day”** scheduled for that Saturday. Ray and his Z06 joined the celebration which included one car from each of the 50 Years the Corvette has been in existence.

On Wednesday, April 30, 2003 (day 6 of trip), **Ray loaded his Corvette onto a cargo plane at Los Angeles International Airport and flew it to Honolulu Hawaii.** Ray met the car in Honolulu and drove around the island of Oahu, officially establishing the “Hawaii-leg” of his adventure.

Ray accepted “museum-delivery” of his Z06 at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky on Wednesday, April 23, 2003. He embarked on his trip two days later.

Much more detailed information is available on Ray’s website: www.all50corvette.com which offers a map of the journey so far, daily position updates, journal entries, digital images from the road and even souvenir items like t-shirts, hats, mugs, etc.

Ray custom-ordered his **“Millennium Yellow” Z06 Corvette** on March 3, 2003 from **Bob Stall Chevrolet in La Mesa, California.**

Chevrolet is in Ray’s blood. His great grandfather started Kiefer Motors in Moorhead Minnesota in 1907. Ray’s family had Kiefer Motors and Chevrolet for 70 years. As a kid growing up, Ray hung out with his grandfather Jake who owned Kiefer Motors and got to drive a lot of new cars.

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