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## Roy Nichol's Avalanche Captures the GM Salaried Hockey League Cup



*L-R: Ed Wielgos, Material Office Manager; Chris Fraser, Group Leader Chassis Plant 1; and Ted Lang, Industrial Engineering Manager.*

It's Sundin! It's Gretzky! It's Orr! ...Not! No, that's the Oshawa Car Plant's Ted Lang, Ed Wielgos and Chris Fraser. The trio are all members of the Roy Nichols Avalanche, one of eight teams participating in the General Motors Salaried Hockey League. The Avalanche has captured the annual Playoff Trophy after winning the league's final game on March 29, 2007. Ted Lang is the CAP Industrial Engineering Manager, but on the ice he plays defense, has won the best defenseman award for the last 3 years running and has been in the league for 16 years. Ed Wielgos is a Material Office Manager and also a defenseman and has been a part of the league for an impressive 25 years. Finally, Chris Fraser, while only playing in the league for a single year, has managed to come through for the team playing a variety of positions including defense and even goaltender.

- Mike Gleeson, Oshawa Car Plant Controller and Ed Wielgos, Oshawa Car Plant Material Manager are entering their 25<sup>th</sup> season in the GMSHL.
- Gleeson has played in 410 games and Wielgos has played in 468 games.

The league has endured many trials and tribulations but has managed to prevail. It

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was founded in 1949 at the Hambly Arena in Oshawa with just four teams (the Buicks, the Pontiacs, The Oldsmobiles and Parts) but eventually the league expanded to accommodate eight. When The Hambly Arena burnt down in 1952 the games were moved to Bowmanville. In 1965, the league made a move to the Oshawa Civic Auditorium and was able to call the arena home until a mold outbreak during the 2004-2005 season which forced the league to downsize to four teams again and move to "Oshawa Ice Sports." The next year the league was able to return to the Oshawa Civic Auditorium and

now, they enjoy their games at the new General Motors Center.

Currently, the teams change from year to year to encourage comradery and seasons run from October to March. To be eligible for this league, you must be a salaried employee of General Motors, or an employee of EDS, Minacs or other select business partners. The league's objective is "to be the best employee based hockey league in which colleagues can safely participate in spirited, fun competition at a low cost."

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## Team Chevy Rolls out new Racing Engine

After successfully introducing the new Impala SS race car in NASCAR Nextel Cup competition, Team Chevy has begun the transition to the new Chevrolet R07 racing engine. Approved by NASCAR for



**Mark Kent, Director GM Racing, with Jim Covey, GM Program Manager for NASCAR Engines, with the new Chevy R07 engine.**

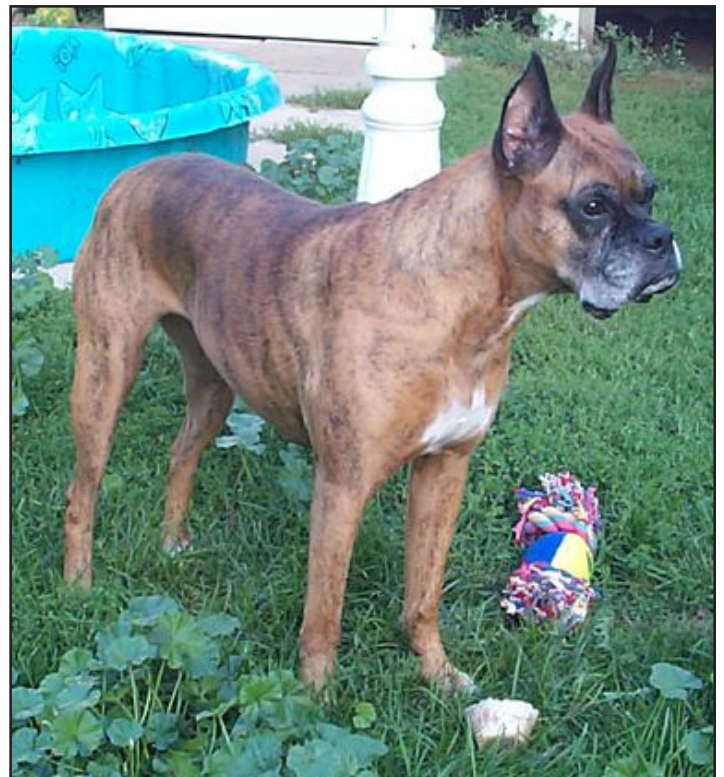
competition in 2007, the Chevrolet R07 made its debut over the weekend in the Samsung 500 at Texas Motor Speedway.

The Chevrolet R07 marks another step in the evolution of the GM small-block V-8. It is the successor to GM's SB2 (Small-Block/2nd

Generation) engine that was introduced in NASCAR Cup competition in 1998. The Chevrolet R07 will eventually replace the SB2 as teams turn over their inventories of engines and components.

"The GM Racing engine development team had four key objectives in mind throughout the design and development of the Chevrolet R07 engine," said Mark Kent, director of GM Racing. "Our goal was to create an engine that produces competitive power, delivers excellent reliability, enhances safety, and reduces costs for Chevrolet teams. Based on the feedback we have received from Chevy teams after extensive dynamometer and track testing, I believe we have achieved our objectives."

## No Bones About It - Safety is our overriding priority



Roxanne (who just turned 9 in January) was rescued from Boxer Rescue Ontario. Since adopting her, I have become a volunteer for this group. Boxer Rescue Ontario is a non profit organization of volunteers dedicated to the placing of homeless boxers in loving homes and promoting responsible pet ownership. Anyone who is interested in adoption, fostering or volunteering can find information on their web site [boxerrescueontario.com](http://boxerrescueontario.com)

"Until there is none, rescue one."

**Christine Doyle Gustyn  
Plant 2 Chassis**