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Carl's Corner



"Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Tree-City USA." That's one way Google describes it. Being from Texas, I don't

know a lot about trees, but I would say they have their share in that part of Arkansas. They also have lakes, hills (a lot of hills), hotels, restaurants, scenic views and very nice people. What's more, the weekend of October 1 – October 3 they also had a lot of motorcycles and Corvettes. "These are a few of my favorite things."

On this trip, our Corvette was more than just a means of going somewhere. It was the reason for being somewhere. Furthermore, I could play with our Corvette while we were there. Please keep in mind that I would never operate the vehicle outside the traffic laws of the state Arkansas, but it certainly was fun to go around all of those turns. When I needed a break

from the "twistees" (that is what the motorcycle folks were calling the turns) I would park the Corvette and go look at other people's Corvettes. Did I mention there were quite a few there? I saw '53's through '11's. I saw red ones, white ones, and blue ones. I even saw some that were red, white, and blue. I saw some that were slow and some that were fast. I saw some that belonged to old guys, like me, and some that belonged to young guys. Sorry, I could not come up with the name of a NTCC member to use as an example of a young guy.

I also spent some time on Friday talking to a fellow named Dan Tucker. I would love to be a Corvette guy like Dan Tucker. Seems he has had the same Corvette for thirty-seven years. Why he has had the same beautiful paint job on it for over ten years. He will talk about Corvettes as long as anyone wants to talk. He even wanted to see my bone stock, jetstream blue, '08. We must have talked for two hours. I don't think either

of us told a single "BIG" falsehood the entire time. From what other people told me, Dan's car has a 385 stroker motor and is considered to be a restomod. Don't know if I spelled that correctly or not. He says it has never been on a trailer, except when he has broken it trying to go fast. Someone said he did that last year at the Texas Motor Speedway. Is that too cool or what. He has a show quality car and he plays with it. That is my kind of car owner.

By the way, Dan's cousin was the original owner. When his cousin wanted to get married, he didn't have enough money. So, he sold the care to Dan. Now, thirty seven years later, his cousin has a wife and four children. Dan has the Corvette. I have never met the wife and four children, so I can't say who got the best deal. However, I have seen Dan's Corvette. You be the judge.

Halloween Costume Party

Saturday, October 30

6 pm at Charlie & Lynn Davis'

Bring snacks and drinks.

Margaritas will be provided.

An invitation will be emailed later with more details. If you have any questions, call Carol Keller at (940) 390-5155



Notes from the VP Desk....



Well there we were, a rag-tag group of hardy souls at the last meeting with about half the NTCC down swilling adult beverages in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Listening to Carl, President in

Absentia (sp?) holding forth on the speaker phone from my cell while I "ran the meeting"...Carl neglected to leave the gavel or the meeting outline so I winged it as best I could. You would

think I'd know the sequence of the presenters but since the Membership Director, Activities Director, Secretary and other "Important Club Members" weren't in attendance, it was a bit ragged. The minutes were read but not in the detail we have grown to expect (thanks for the short version, Terry), the Treasure's report provided by Lisa was exact, as always, and we were without New or Old Business, except for the couple of new members/guests. We kept the meeting short, voted as a club to go to Genti's (except yours truly, as it was my 25th wedding

anniversary so I was told by the Boss...lead the meeting and then get your rear home)...yes ma'am. One of the best things about the NTCC is...we aren't too formal, pretty easy-going as a group. flexible and a FUN bunch to hang with. Well, my time is up for this month. Look for a better run meeting as Carl will be back next month, along with the rest of the regular NTCC Team.

Til then,

C YA

National Corvette Museum Ambassador



Car shows are great places to find and see the unexpected. Case in point: This year at the Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend we encountered one of the rarest of all Corvettes – the GTP. In the mid-eighties just a

handful of these beautiful racers were constructed by Lola for Chevrolet. Reportedly, a total of six were constructed. Of these, four are in the Hendrick Motorsports collection; a fifth is owned by a physician in Florida (the sixth was destroyed in a racing-related fire).

This example, shown for the first time this year at Eureka Springs, is a replica that Richard and Lynette Fleming engineered and constructed, with the assistance of their friends Steve and Ardis Olson, over the past two-plus years at their shop in Plant City, Florida. (The Fleming's are at the left in the photo.)



Through what must have been a painstaking research effort, Richard located the original Lola body molds which were stored at a fabricator's shop in Ohio. He was successful in getting a new composite chassis "tub" built; then he and Steve set about the task of designing the power train installation and fabricating all of the necessary metal components. Their rendition of the Corvette GTP is powered by a Chevy LT 383 "stroker" V-8. The 5-speed transaxle is derived from an Audi unit; the rear suspension was made from C5 components. Their engine delivers over 400 hp to the wheels and the completed racer weighs in at 2,480 pounds. It's registered as a 1985 "Corvette GTP."

Corvette GTPs were raced in the IMSA Camel GT series in 1986 where they captured seven poles and won two races. See http://www.corvettes.nl/gm_prototypes/gtp/index.html for an article on their development and history.

I'll have more photos at the next meeting

along with additional information on the Fleming's project.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM COMING EVENTS & EXHIBITS

November 4-6
Vets & Vettes

October 1 – December 31
Camaros

CORVETTE RACING

Corvette wins one! First place at the ALMS Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta on October 2nd was captured (on the last lap!) by Oliver Gavin in the No. 4 C6.R. He and Jan Magnussen had exchanged the lead throughout the race, notably with both of the Ferraris. Beretta and O'Connell also held the lead for a time in the No. 3 Corvette as the leaders cycled through their pit stops throughout the 1,000 mile/10 hour race; they ultimately finished in sixth place.

The next Corvette Racing event will be the Twelve Hours of Sebring on March 19th.

Until next meeting,

Save the Wave,

Chuck Smith



Activities Director



On September 26th we had our Sunday Cruise. We had 14 Corvettes that went on a nice country cruise and ended up on Lake Texoma.

We had dinner at Pelicans Landing on the lake. The food and the company was great. I believe all had a good time.

On September 30th we had 13 Corvettes meet up in McKinney for the drive to Eureka Springs, AR. This was a great drive up through Oklahoma and into Arkansas across the Talimena Scenic Dr. After lunch we hit the Pigs Trail and went into Eureka Springs. The next day we had three more Corvettes from NTCC join us at the hotel. We all had dinner together each day, but everyone was given plenty of their own time to enjoy the area. We did the car show,

drives, shopping, partying and, of course, eating. I hope everyone who went had a good time. I was told they did and you can see a lot of pictures on the web site.

Oct. 9th was the Granbury Corvette show. There were at least three of our members who went to this show. I just looked at all the pictures and saw a lot of nice cars. Wish I could have been there.

Oct 16th is the Cowtown Corvette Show. Please meet at Good Eats and be ready to depart at 8:00 am.

Oct 23rd is the trip to the VA hospital in Bonham. If you have never done this, just let me tell you. The veterans at the hospital love to see us. They enjoy

the cars and we give them all a ride. Please look at the web site for information on items they need for donations. We will meet at the Prairie House on 380, east of Denton at 10:00 am. We will stop for lunch and then drive up to the VA Hospital. Hope to see a lot of cars for this function.

Oct 30th is our Halloween Party. Please watch your emails for a personal invitation.

Please watch the web calendar for details on all functions. Or Call Paul at 817-614-4573.

As always, Drive Safe, and above all have FUN, FUN, FUN.
Paul Loser



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Birthdays

Davie Hanks
October 29

Susan Robinson
October 31

Danny Sullivan
October 31

Terry Smith
November 11

Shirley Dye
November 13

Anniversaries

Greg & Lynne Von Villas
November 4

Calendar

- Oct 16** **Cowtown Car Show—Fort Worth, depart Good Eats at 8 am**
- Oct 23** **Bonham Veterans' Home—Meet at Prairie House at 10 am**
- Oct 30** **Halloween Party—Charlie & Lynn Davis', 6 pm**
- Nov. 5** **Monthly Meeting—James Wood, 7:30 pm**
- Nov. 13** **Activities Meeting—Denton Golden Corral, 10 am**
- Dec. 3** **Monthly Meeting—James Wood, 7:30 pm**
- Dec. 18** **Christmas Party**

Christmas Party 2010

This year's NTCC Christmas Party will be held at the Marriott Hotel – 3300 Championship Parkway, Ft. Worth, TX, south of the Texas Motor Speedway on December 18. The cost is \$100 per couple or \$50.00 per person and you must pay by the December meeting which is December 3. The price includes a wine and cheese reception starting at 6:30, dinner and desserts from 7:30 – 8:30pm and dancing to the music of the West Katz band from 8:30pm to midnight. A cash bar will be provided.



If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a \$10 wrapped gift. If the gift is gender-specific please indicate that on the wrapping. Door prizes will also be given away.

For those wanting to play golf, tee times are at noon on Saturday. Green fee are \$55 per person. Please contact Paul Loser if you are interested.

If you would like to spend the night please reserve your room by November 26. The rate is \$89. Please call 1-866-348-3984 by November 26. Please identify yourself as members of the North Texas Corvette Club with the rate of \$89.00. I called with this information and had no problems in making our reservations.

Dress is semi-formal.

Sherry Gentry & Paula Paschal

Bunky is having another State Sanctioned Concealed Handgun Glass on November 20. For details, contact him at bunkey5@verizon.net



Corvette Stuff for Sale

It's time to clean out that garage or closet. Post an ad for anything Corvette-related for a mere \$5. All proceeds will go to the Christmas Party. You can email me (a.sue.loser@gmail.com) with the info and pictures and I will post it for one month.

September Meeting Minutes

The October 1st meeting was called to order by President Carl Reeves, via long distance, and Marc Hughes at 7:31 pm. New members, Jim Ball from Bartonville and Fred & Jill Zimbry from Wylie were introduced to the group.

Minutes of the September meeting were read.

Lisa Davis reported the club balance of \$4407 and the 50/50 fund at \$688.50.

No New Member report due to the Arkansas show.

Jim Peterson updated the website with the new password for the

month of October. Anyone interested in club merchandise can print order forms from the club website.

Regarding upcoming activities:

The Brazos River Corvette Show will be held on October 9th in Granbury. This year the show will be 1 block off the town square due to restorations at the Court House.

There will be a trip to the Veteran's Hospital in Bonham on October 23rd.

A Halloween Party will be held at Charlie Davis' home in Gainesville on Saturday the 30th. Everyone will bring party "goodies" to share.

New News:

The Upcoming Christmas Party was discussed. Marc reminded everyone that gifts are limited to \$10.

The 50/50 pot of \$41.00 was won by Johnny Bittick.

There were 37 in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm with dinner immediately following at Genti's.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Newman, Poorly
Acting Secretary



Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

