

NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB

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The Wave



April 2011

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Marc's Message



I am pleased to have the opportunity to participate in the North Texas Corvette Club in my new capacity as president for the coming year. I follow in the footsteps of our Founder, Kermit Dye, one of our Board members, Ray Guidry and most recently, Carl Reeves. All of them set a high bar for leadership and integrity. I hope to be able to lead with as much success.

I recently wrote about my desire to "keep an open door (ear)" to the desires of the club members. We currently

have about a hundred members and about 70% are active. While the number of members isn't huge, the level of participation is wonderful. I hope that in the coming months we can add some new members (I have a few ideas), get groups of members involved in Corvette activities (car shows, demonstrations of car-related activities and perhaps even maintenance or restoration).

We, as a club, have a great web site, a great reputation and, of course, great members. I am proud of the support we provide to the Denton area needs, our

brave servicemen and women and to our members, both current and past.

If you have an idea that you would like to share with me on ways the club could grow and/or change for the better, please feel free to contact me via my email Indyvet@Aol.Com

Til next month.....
Vette On and Save the Wave!!!

Marc

Saturday, May 7, 12 noon

The club will provide fried chicken and paper goods

Please bring :

Chairs

Beverages,

A dish to share

Picnic Time

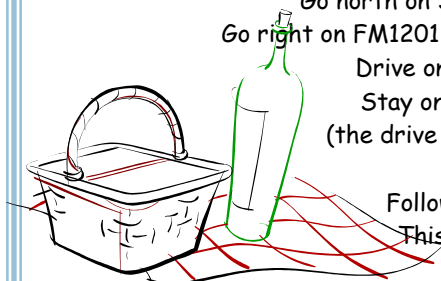
Charlie & Lynn Davis'
1867 CR 460,
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Go north on 35 to Gainesville, then west on 82 about 1.4 miles.
Go right on FM1201 for 1.5 miles, then veer to the left onto FM1200.
Drive on FM1200 about 7 miles and it will become CR460.
Stay on CR460 about 2 miles to a rock drive on the right
(the drive is 1 mile from the center of the concrete bridge)

"Davis" is on a sign on the fence

Follow the drive up about .5 miles to the house/hangar

This is a non-Corvette event, since the road is gravel.



Notes from the VP Desk....



I am very honored and humbled that you have chosen me to serve as the vice-president of our club. It's somewhat daunting to serve as the first woman in this position, so I hope I can fulfill the duties successfully. You all know how much I love this group. In fact, my kids call it "the cult", since our lives seem to revolve around the plethora of activities we participate in.

But it makes me especially proud to know that so many of our men have

served their country in the military. The Medal of Honor is always an emotional event. Although I never served, seeing the men in uniform and hearing the unmistakable sound of that Huey flying over us always puts a lump in my throat and brings a few tears. When you read about what those men experienced and how they suffered, a small town parade seems pretty insignificant. But when you realize that their experiences took place 40+ years ago, it reminds us all how powerful their sacrifice was. If you haven't read Matterhorn, a novel

based on Karl Marlantes tour in Vietnam, or Unbroken, the biography of Louie Zamperini, who was a Japanese POW in WWII, I highly recommend both. Our own ex-military members may not hold the Medal of Honor but their service and the hardships they suffered are still very vivid memories for them, and we acknowledge that and thank them for it. I am proud of our club for choosing to participate in activities like this.

Simply,

Sue

National Corvette Museum Ambassador

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS



Three Corvette Colors No Longer Available for MY2011

Fans of Cyber Gray, Crystal Red and Jet-stream Blue will be disappointed to learn that those colors are no longer available for the remaining 2011 Corvette production. The damage from the earthquake and resulting tsunami in Japan is now starting to hit home... according to a recent article in the Wall Street Journal a type of shiny pigment used in these Corvette paint colors is only produced at a single plant in Japan. GM is not the only automaker to be affected, Ford Chrysler, Volkswagen, BMW and Toyota also use the pigment known as Xirallic to give their vehicles a special sheen.



With the elimination of these three colors from the Corvette choices, a total of seven colors remain.

CORVETTE RACING



Corvette Racing Takes to the Podium at Sebring
Corvette Racing raced around the clock to finish third and fourth in the GT class in the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, the season-opening round of the 2011 American Le Mans Series. The No. 03 Compuware Corvette C6.R driven by Tommy Milner, Olivier Beretta, and Antonio Garcia completed 312 laps and finished third, 49.294 seconds behind the class-winning BMW. The No. 04 Compuware Corvette C6.R of Oliver Gavin, Jan Magnussen, and Richard Westbrook was fourth across the finish line with 311 laps.

Check out this article by team member Tommy Milner on [Auto Week](#). Corvette Racing's next event is the American Le Mans at Long Beach in Long Beach, Calif., this Saturday, April 16. Check your TV listing for coverage.

Just in:

At this year's C5/C6 Bash (April 28-30), Kirk Bennion and Harlan Charles will be joining Tadge Juechter, Corvette Chief Engineer, for the unveiling of the **2012 Corvette**. Juechter and Bennion will join Harlan for a seminar where they reveal and discuss what's new for 2012. We'll have pictures just as soon as we can get them off the web or from the museum.

Chuck Smith



Activities Director



Greetings from the still new activities chairman. This past month has been very busy.

March activities:

On March 19, Jim and Jean Peterson and three other couples went on our Second Culture Cruise to Fort Worth.

March 26, we had a progressive dinner hosted by Terry and Cindy Smith, Ray and Myrna Guidry, Rick and Terry Williams. This was a great event with about 22 cars. Great effort, thanks to all our hosts.

April completed events:

The month started with the club meeting followed by the April 2 activities meeting. The activities meeting had 18 people in attendance. The calendar was worked on with almost an event every weekend up thru the middle of June.

The weather was great for the 20 cars that went to the April 9 Metal of Honor parade in Gainesville. The Jarvis group took two cars. Our cars were arranged in color order. Red, white, blue (gray/silver) good idea. But wait, we still had to eat lunch, which happened at the Main Street Pub. Then there was still some fun left in the day so off to Paul and Sue's for hot dogs, beer and target practice not in that order. Thanks to the Losers.

Upcoming events:

April 23 German Fest
 April 24 Sunday Cruise
 May 6 Club meeting... Tailgate Dinner. bring chairs.
 May 7 Club Picnic
 May 12-15 Big Bend trip.
 May 22 Run to the Wall

I love this club and driving a Vette.

William

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Sarah Hughes
April 24

Jill Zimbric
May 2

Diana Reeves
May 5

Anniversaries

Leon & Nancy McMinn
April 20

Paul & Sue Loser
April 29

Calendar

- Apr. 23** Germanfest
- Apr. 24** Sunday Cruise—Depart Good Eats at 6:30 pm
- Apr. 30** James Wood Car Show—9 am
- May 6** Monthly meeting—James Wood, 7:30 pm—Tailgate dinner \$10
- May 7** Club picnic—Noon at Charlie & Lynn Davis'
- May 12-15** Big Bend Trip
- May 21** Lone Star Corvette Classic
- May 22** Run for the Wall cruise
- May 28** Mid-Texas Corvette Club Show
- May 29** Sunday Cruise



President Carl Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Special visitors, Brian and Mickey Light, were introduced.

Minutes of the March meeting were read. There were no additions or corrections.

Treasurer, Lisa Davis, reported the club balance of \$6134.11 and the 50/50 fund at \$160.00. Lisa offered a special thanks to Bev Clarkson for filling in her absence. She encouraged more participation in the 50/50 drawings to make up for the missing February meeting.

Membership chair Dennis Sipolt reported that as of April 1st there are 95 paid members.

Jim Peterson updated the website with the new password for the month. He has added new activities and included all the annual standard car shows. Jim also announced that he now has the capability to send out and compile survey numbers if the club ever has a need or want to poll the membership.

William Rafferty updated us on club activities:

22 cars joined in the Daffodil Cruise on March 5th. Hosted by the Losers, it was a great time with lunch at a Mexican restaurant and some shopping in Gladewater.

4 cars attended the culture cruise to

the museums in Ft Worth on March 19th headed by Jim Peterson with lunch following at Joe T. Garcias.

22 cars also cruised to the "Mardi Gras -Themed" Progressive Dinner on the 26th. Special thanks to hosts Cindy and Terry Smith, Myrna and Ray Guidry and Terry and Rick Williams for hosting another successful and delicious event.

Upcoming activities:

Registration for "Vettes and Jets on the Lex" begins today. The application can be downloaded from the website and mailed with the fee.

Tomorrow at 9:00 am there is a scheduled Activities Meeting at the Golden Corral on Loop 288 in Denton.

For the April 9th cruise to the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, we will leave Good Eats at 8:00 am and eat in Gainesville after the parade. Sue and Paul Loser are hosts.

The Boerne Car show will be held on the 15th. This car show has many awards for Corvettes and might be an event the club could plan to attend next year. Sam Paschal has information on this year's event.

April 23rd is Germanfest in Muenster. The Sunday evening cruise is the 24th.

Cars will meet at 6:30 at Good Eats.

April 30th James Woods is hosting a car show. Dennis Sipolt will arrange to reserve spaces for the club. Those participating should plan to be at the dealership by 9:00 am. The show will run from 11:00

am till 3:00 pm.

May 7th is the Annual Club Picnic. It will be held at Charlie Davis' "lodge". Bev Clarkson is chairperson.

Chuck Smith, National Corvette Museum Ambassador news included:

Corvette Racing placed 3rd and 4th in the American Le Mans series at Sebring. BMW took first and second.

April 16th is the next ALMS race to be held in Long Beach.

Due to the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, Corvette colors cyber grey, crystal red and jet stream blue will be on temporary hold for manufacturing.

New News:

Cost for the Tailgate party after next meeting will be approximately \$10.00 per person.

Sue and Paul Loser invited any attendees of the Medal of Honor Parade to go to their house afterwards to visit, eat and shoot.

For anyone interested there will be a Cars and Coffee event in Plano this Saturday.

Steve and Martha are canceling on the Big Bend trip if anyone would like to follow up and take their reservations.

Elections were held with the following results:

President: Marc Hughes
Vice President: Sue Loser
Secretary: Joanne Rafferty

Treasurer: Lisa Davis

Ray Guidry offered thanks to all who volunteered to run to help keep the club going. As past President, Carl will be moving onto the executive committee. Carl commented on the friendships he and Diana had formed with the group and how serving after Ray had been a special honor for him. After a standing ovation, he handed the gravel over to Marc.

The 50/50 pot of \$90.00 was won by Marc Hughes.

There were 60 in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm with dinner immediately following at Los Toreros.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Rafferty,



305 & 28 Great Classes:

Pre-50s Car, 50s Car, Car, 70s Car, 80s-90s Car, Js Car, Street Rod, Mopar, Jcket/Roadster, Open Car, fuscile Car, Convertible, Sport Car, Mustang 79 & er, Mustang 80s & Newer, rette 1953-1982, Corvette & Newer, Camaro 79 & er, Camaro 80s & Newer, Pontiac/Olds/Buick, ler Construction Car/Truck, 50s Truck, 5Ds Truck, 6Ds uck, 70s Truck, 80s/90s Truck, 2000s Truck, Open Truck

Best of Shows:

James Wood Choice: 1 & Older Car and Truck: & Newer Car and Truck: People's Choice: standing Club Participation

Prizes may be added with a day advance notice; requirement of 3 entries per added class.

James Wood Auto Park Car Show
April 30th Saturday
11:00am-3:00pm
April's Best Car Show Event for the Whole Family!
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All Covered Parking, Live Band, Elvis Impersonator, Free Food and Soft Drinks for Participants with Hot Wine Samplers from the Hooter Girls, Bounce House, Kids Face Painting, PPG 18

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Chevy Unveils 2012 Corvette Centennial Edition Package

Ceramic brakes and an unknown price

Apr 8 2011, 7:33am CDT | by [Shane McGlaun](#)



In the world of iconic sports cars, one of the originals for America is the Corvette from Chevrolet. The car is still around and sells well enough for Chevy and its performance capabilities are legendary. I might not be a Corvette guy personally, but I can certainly recognize how awesome this new Centennial edition Vette package looks.

The new Centennial Edition package will be available on anything from the base corvette up to the mighty ZR1 by adding the order code ZLC onto the order form when you buy. Exactly how much this package will cost you is unknown right now, but looking at the list of items the package adds, it won't be cheap.

he package includes:

- Bose premium sound system, with one-year XM subscription, navigation and USB

- Bluetooth hands-free phone connectivity

- Power-adjustable and heated seats

- Memory package, home remote, Head Up Display and power-telescoping steering wheel

- The Custom Leather Wrapped Interior Package, with leather-wrapped upper instrument panels, upper door trim panels and console storage cover and red contrasting stitching

- Z07 performance package, including Brembo ceramic brakes, Magnetic Ride Control and 19-inch/20-inch wheels and Michelin tires

- CFZ package includes carbon fiber rockers, front splitter and roof

- New Carbon Fiber raised hood option for Z06, which was introduced on the 2011 Z06 Carbon Edition.

Just uttering the words "ceramic brakes" makes me think huge money. "Racing and performance are the roots of Chevrolet, a tradition carried forward today by Corvette," said Rick Scheidt, vice president of Chevrolet marketing. "The Centennial Edition not only celebrates our 100 years, it once again pushes Corvette forward for a new generation of sports car fans."

Chevy is auctioning off a Centennial Edition Corvette at Barrett-Jackson and giving the Proceeds to the Austin Hatcher Foundation for Pediatric Cancer. The car being auctioned off is a production 3LZ model with the Z07 performance package and more.

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