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The Wave



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Carl's Corner



"No comment"

Actually Carl and Diana are in the process of moving

the bulk of their belongings to their new home in Blanco.

So Carl begs your forgiveness this month for not writing an article and promises he'll have words of wisdom next month.

Time to pay membership dues
\$25 per person
You can send a check to Lisa Davis
253 Private Road 3204
Bridgeport, Texas 76426
Or pay at the next meeting

From the editor

If you recently received your AARP Bulletin, you saw that as of Jan 1, the first baby boomer turned 65. I'd guess that would be about the median age of the members of this club. That and the fact that my 58-yr-old brother recently had a major heart attack made me start thinking about how short life really is. Even though statistics show that those turning 65 this year will live 18-20 more years, that time will fly.

Which I think emphasizes that

we need to seize the day, make hay while the sun shines, and just do it. God has been good to all of us. In return we have an opportunity to live abundantly and share that abundance with others. I am very proud and humbled by how this group does just that. Your generosity during the auction at the Christmas party brought tears to my eyes. I hope this club continues to find ways to help others.

Let's all resolve in this new year to continue to live abundantly.

So don't put off doing what you've always wanted to do or helping someone who needs your help or loving someone who needs your love. Carpe diem!.....Sue

The more side roads you stop to explore, the less likely that life will pass you by. ~Robert Brault

Notes from the VP Desk....



Thoughts this month include how lucky we are. Both as a club, as Corvette owners and as friends. Someone tried to break into my garage last week and "Thank God" for my alarm system. They were able to defeat one of the locks on

the door, but the deadbolt slowed them down. They did manage to loosen the door enough to trip the alarm, and at 10:30 am on a Wednesday morning the alarm company called me. I was out of town, but my daughter went to the garage and said the door was still locked. David (Thanks!) came over after work and added reinforcement to the door frame and a

locksmith installed a new deadbolt. I am adding video cameras with an ability to view them on my mobile phone .

My point is that I take for granted that God and hard work have enabled me to accumulate things, and others may want to try to take the fruits of our labors away.

Friends like those in the Club, and especially David, are priceless. Corvettes have value but friends are worth more.

Hope to see you at the meeting and Super Bowl Party.

Til then.....C Ya

Marc

This guy gets to the Pearly Gates, and Saint Peter says, "Now wait just a moment, before I let you in, I need to ask you, have you ever done anything to put others first, or defended the weak or innocent, things like that?"

The man answers, "why yes, I saw this man with a Corvette by the side of the road, and he was yelling at his wife, and threatening her, so I walked up to him and screamed at him to leave her alone, and if he didn't I'd kick his head like this.... and I kicked a huge place on his driver's door on that Corvette".

Saint Peter answers, "Wow, that's pretty good, when did you do that?"

The man answers, "Oh, about 4 minutes ago".

National Corvette Museum Ambassador



BARRETT-JACKSON AUCTION

This week through January 23rd the Barrett-Jackson auction from Scottsdale will be televised on SPEED beginning at 6:00 p.m. central time

weekdays. There will be extended coverage over the weekend.

In an effort to raise funds for NCM's planned Motorsports Park, the museum is auctioning off a 2011 Special Edition Z06 Le Mans Tribute Corvette at Barrett-Jackson on January 21. The car has many special one-of features and is VIN 001, the first saleable Z06 Corvette for 2011. This tribute Vette has the same Arctic White paint, blue racing stripes and number "3" as the car it pays homage to, the 1960 Cunningham Corvette which won its class at Le Mans 50 years ago. Read about this special Tribute Z06 at:

<http://corvettemuseum.blogspot.com/2011/01/national-corvette-museum-to-auction-vin.html>

PEPSI REFRESH GRANT

The Museum is in the running for a

\$50,000 Pepsi Refresh Grant to build an educational KidZone. Text 105439 to 73774 to vote for NCM EVERY DAY! You can also vote by visiting their page [here](#) and vote by logging in to Facebook then click Vote, or sign up for a Pepsi account. NCM is currently ranked 219th. Everyone please vote every day! Help your Museum!

MEMBERS CAN FEATURE THEIR CORVETTE PHOTO IN THE CAFÉ

NCM members can now reserve a spot in NCM's Corvette Café with a 4 inch x 2.54 inch table display space! NCM has 270 table top photo display positions available to feature your Corvette image, year, make and color, name and city/state. This opportunity is available on a first-come first-serve basis. You must provide a high quality (300dpi) digital image in jpg or tif format to be eligible - no spaces will be reserved without image and information (name, club, city, state, year, model, color, key specs). Please send an image of your Corvette (**only the car - no people in the photo**). Table positions will be assigned as received. You have until **March 15th** to reserve your spot by uploading your image and information online and making your payment of \$50 via this link:

<https://store.corvettemuseum.com/services/tabletop.asp>

C5/C6 BASH

The 2011 C5/C6 Bash will be held at the museum April 28-30th. On-line registration closes at 5:00 p.m. central time on Friday, April 15th. Follow this link for more information and details:

http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/info.shtml

CORVETTE RACING

NEXT EVENT: The season-opening Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on March 19, 2011

Until next meeting,
Save the Wave,
Chuck Smith



Activities Director



There have been no activities this month as this is a bad weather time. Although I have seen a few of our members have been out buying some new Corvettes. So I hope those people have enjoyed their new rides. I guess they made their own activities.

For the month of February we have a couple of items on the calendar. The first is on February 6th. On this day we will enjoy an evening at Marc Hughes' shop for our yearly SUPER BOWL PARTY. Bring your chairs and drinks. There will be a porta-potty on site. Then on February 12th we will have our yearly SWEETHEART CRUISE AND DINNER. Shirley Hensley will

put together a great place to eat and cruise, so please mark your calendars.

On March 19th Jim Peterson will organize a Fort Worth Culture Day. Watch for details.

Also in March we will have our yearly Progressive Dinner. Myrna Guidry will organize this with the help of Cindy Smith and Terry Williams. Again, watch for details. March 26th will be our annual progressive dinner. Watch for further details.

We are also working on a trip to BIG BEND. We will leave on Thursday, May 12 and return on Sunday, May 15. If you are interested in this, you need to make your reservations now. They will only hold the block of rooms until next week.

May 12 — Hotel Paisano 432-729-3669 (Vicki)

May 13-14 — Chisos Mountain Lodge 432.477.2292 (Paul or Anne)

As always, drive safe, have fun and have a great day every day.

Paul Loser

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Birthdays

Mary Cole
January 16

Johnny Bittick
January 17

Sandra Garonzik
January 17

Mary Picciuti
January 18

Paula Paschal
January 19

Ray Guidry
January 23

Ray Harris
January 29

Charlie Davis
February 6

Lynn Von Villas
February 12

Clay Clarkson
February 15

Kaye Sipolt
February 15

Lynn Davis
February 18

Kenna Elles
February 18

Shelby Miller
February 18

Anniversaries

Clay & Bev Clarkson
January 20

Dennis & Kaye Sipolt
February 15

Calendar

Feb. 4 Monthly meeting — James Wood, 7:30 pm

Feb. 6 Super Bowl party — Marc Hughes' shop, 5:30 pm

Feb. 12 Valentine Dinner — Giuseppe's in Denton

Mar. 19 FW Museum Cruise

Mar. 26 Progressive Dinner



January Meeting Minutes

President, Carl Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Membership Chairman, Dennis Sipolt, introduced new members Daryl and Doris Well, owners of an '03 50th Anniversary Edition and returning member Johnny Grigsby owner of his latest, a 1979. Also new to the club this month is Grover Graham owner of a '61 270 horsepower 4-speed. He is the second owner, and the car is original and has only 54,000 miles on it.

Mark McKensby, owner of a Z-06 Calloway was a visitor to the meeting.

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

In the absence of Lisa Davis, Bev Clarkson reported the club balance of \$2688.61 and the 50/50 fund at \$1204.50. She also collected membership dues that are due this month.

Jim Peterson updated the website with the new password for the month. Club merchandise is available upon request. Jim also has flyers for an upcoming Corvette Show scheduled for February 12th and 13th in Houston if anyone is interested.

Dennis Sipolt reported membership at 111.

In Paul's absence, Sue Loser updated us on club activities:

Thanks to all who worked on the Christmas Party, especially Paula Paschal and Sherry Gentry, Co-chairs. Special thanks also goes to Charlie Davis, acting auctioneer, who helped us raise approximately \$2300.00 for Christ's Haven Children's Home.

There are no formal events planned in January. If something does come up, an e-mail will be sent out with info.

Upcoming activities include:
The February 6th Pot Luck Super

Bowl Party hosted by Marc Hughes. Party will start sometime around 5:30. BYOB and chairs. Any additional info will be in the newsletter. Shirley Hensley is looking for any suggestions for a location for the Valentine's Sweetheart Cruise/Dinner on February 12th. A rough count of attendees was taken.

March activities will include a Culture Cruise to Fort Worth on March 19th, hosted by Jim Peterson.

The Progressive Dinner is also scheduled for March 26th.

The 4-day trip to Big Bend has had to be rescheduled due to lack of available accommodations. The new departure date will be May 12th. Reservations for the hotel inside the national park must be made by January 23rd to guarantee a room. More details will be forthcoming.

Chuck Smith, National Corvette Museum Ambassador, encouraged members to visit the museum's website to cast a vote on behalf of the museum to win a \$50,000 Pepsi Refresh grant. The proceeds will be used to build a hands-on KidZone in the museum. Votes can be cast every day. The Corvette Museum is also sponsoring a Le Mans Tour June 6th – 15th. The group will meet in Paris and travel to La Mans to watch the Corvette Racing Team participate "in the most famous race of them all." Chuck will be happy to talk with anyone who might be interested.

New News:

Marc Hughes announced that the James Wood Dealership will hang the Club's Corvette Museum Banner (that had been on display at the National Corvette Museum's Grand Re-opening) will be hung in the new Chevrolet Showroom at the James Wood's Dealership. Marc also reiterated that philanthropic activities are a major part of club's function. Efforts on behalf of Veterans, the Christ Haven's Home and North Texas Food Bank are a key part of the club's existence.

With that in mind, Doug Light brought up the Boot Campaign effort that helps to support military veterans and their families. Buying a pair of combat boots at BootCampaign.com will assist returning vets dealing with post traumatic stress and other injuries.

Sam Paschal mentioned that he and Jim Gentry are thinking of tying in a trip to Santa Fe as part of their Trip to "Vettes on the Rockies" this year. The trip will be around the 4th - 7th of August.

Sue Loser also reminded the group that "Vettes & Jets on the Lex" is scheduled again this year for September 10th. Reservations will not be taken until the 1st of April. This event supports the Wounded Warrior Project.

Sue and Martha Hansen are also planning a quilt shop tour for the ladies. An e-mail will be sent when a date is set.

Grover Graham has an acquaintance who is looking to sell a '66 fully restored roadster. It is black with a grey interior and is in impeccable condition.

The 50/50 pot (collected by Ray Guidry in Clay Clarkson's absence) of \$77.00 was won by Charlie Cole.

Congrats to Bill Chambers on the purchase of his new Grand Sport.

There were 53 in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm with dinner immediately following at Genti's.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rafferty