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June 2011

Marc's Message



President's desk

The weather makes driving a classic Corvette a bit of a challenge but the joy that comes from the activity overcomes the heat.

We, as a club, have made the effort to support the National Corvette Museum, various Veterans activities and several parades. I hope a number of NTCC members join me at the Annual 4th of July parade in Denton coming up soon. We have an opportunity to display our cars, our civic pride and promote the NTCC.

The Corvette and the American flag just seem to me to represent the Freedom we all enjoyfree to speak our minds free to enjoy our liberty and free to enjoy our Corvettes on the freewayexcept for a few cranky cops ;-)

Til we C ya next,

Marc



Notes from the VP Desk.....



As you can see, this month Marc had an especially short article and Chuck had an especially long article, so I bumped myself to page 1.

Some of us girls were sitting around last week talking, and the subject came up about the importance of our Corvette friends. Someone even said they had already had the discussion with their spouse that they couldn't possibly consider selling their car, because then they couldn't be in the club and

wouldn't have the valuable friendships that they have in the club. Wow, I hadn't thought of that, but it is so true. So just because the Corvette is an awesome spectacle, an American icon, and an amazing piece of machinery, the REALLY important reason to be a part of this group is the comradery and friendships that have formed over time. If you stay in the club long enough, you will soon see it. Although Paul & I have a church and regularly attend, the couples we spend the most amount of time with are our Corvette friends.

Our society tends to be very insulated and impersonal. We

stay in our houses and cars all the time. We do online banking, have pizza delivered for dinner, and watch pay-per-view on cable. But this group provides a welcome outlet for meeting new people and making new friends.

So if you're fairly new to the group, you have a lot of great things to look forward to. You'll see.....

Simply,

Sue



National Corvette Museum Ambassador

CORVETTE RACING

CORVETTE WINS GTE AT LEMANS! Corvette posted its first win of the 2011 season with a first place finish at none other than the “father” of all endurance races, The 24 Hours of Le Mans! With six hours remaining, the No. 73 Compuware Corvette C6.R driven by Olivier Beretta, Tommy Milner and Antonio Garcia relentlessly pursued the class-leading No. 51 Ferrari 458 Italia, cutting the margin by seconds every lap. American driver Tommy Milner overtook



Ferrari driver Toni Vilander with two hours and 10 minutes to go, and steadily increased his lead as

he completed his double stint. Garcia then took over the Corvette for the final hour and the run to the finish.

The No. 73 Corvette C6.R completed 314 laps and finished two minutes and 29 seconds ahead of the runner-up Ferrari. This year’s victory was the seventh class win at Le Mans for Corvette Racing, and its first in the new-for-this-year GTE Pro category. It comes as Chevrolet celebrates its 100th anniversary and the 10th anni-

versary of the team's first Le Mans victory in 2001. It was the sixth Le Mans title for Beretta, the third for Garcia, and the first for Milner.

The number 74 Corvette had led the GTE category since a caution period in the first hour of the race. Sixteen hours later, contact with a Porsche resulted in extensive damage to the front and rear of the car and a loss of drive power. Driver Jan Magnussen was unharmed, but the car could not return to the pit lane and was retired.

The finishing order in GTE was 1st: Corvette C6.R; 2nd: Ferrari F458I; 3rd: BMW M3 GT; 4th & 5th: Porsche 997 GT3 RSRs. Audi placed first overall (LMP1 class) with just one of their R18 TDIs surviving to the finish; Peugeot 908s placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

MUSEUM NOTES

VETTE CAMP Your Corvette Club Executive Committee has agreed to sponsor two children to this year’s Vette camp, the NCMs second in what will be an annual event.. Camp dues are just \$165 per attendee. Vette Camp is an eight-day automotive driven fun time for kids ages 6 – 11. Last year the NCM Fighter Squadron raised funds to send several children to Vette Camp that wouldn’t

normally have had the opportunity to attend. These were some of the best kids at camp and so appreciative. NCM requested scholarship sponsors and the North Texas Corvette Club has, in their usual generous fashion, responded.

CALENDAR FOR 2011

Hendrick Tail Of The Dragon Aug 16-18;

NCM Anniversary Sep 1-3

Z06 Fest Sep 15-17

I-Lap Of Kentucky (Bourbon & HP) Oct 10-14

Vets ‘N Vettes Nov 3-5

South America Cruise Feb 12-26

Check out the NCM website at corvettemuseum.com for details and more information on all of these activities and events.

Until next meeting,

Save the Wave,

Chuck Smith,

NCM Ambassador

*Any man who
can drive
safely while
kissing a
pretty girl is
simply not
giving the kiss
the attention
it deserves. ~
Albert
Einstein*





Activities Director



The end of May through early June was a busy time, thank goodness for air conditioning.



The Lone Star Corvette show was another success for our members with Clay, Marc and David Hanks (Charlie Davis' Car) winning.



On Sunday, May 22, Carl took six other cars on the Run to the Wall. This annual event to Terrell is well received by the bikers heading to DC for the Memorial Day activities. The following Sunday, May 29, Bill Chambers ran us around the



North country. This cruise had 13 cars and ended up at a Sonic for a few caloric intake items.

On to June 4 and we had a wine cruise led by Terry Newman. Ten cars journeyed over some interesting roads with great curves ending up at Lightcatcher Winery. We had a great run with great food and wine. Thanks Terry for all your effort. This would be a good return location for the Mashing of the Grapes, Lucy and Ethel style.

What is next? Finishing out June will be the Crazy Eight cruise renamed the Rafferty Romp on the 18th. We will meet in McKinney at the intersection on 380 and RT

5 at 2:00 pm. This location is at an Exxon station on the south side of 380.

June is finished off with a Sunday Cruise 6:30 pm in the defunct Good Eats parking lot.

July will have our meeting, Denton 4th Of July parade, and an activity meeting at Golden Corral on Saturday July 9th at 9:00 am.

Wave On!
William



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Leon McMinn
June 17

Carol Keller
June 18

Dian Porter
June 18

Martha Hansen
June 24

Shirley Hensley
July 2

Jim Ball
July 10

Les Long
July 12

Jean Peterson
July 14

Anniversaries

Doug & Debbie Light
July 19

William & Joanne Rafferty
June 19

Terry & Cindy Smith
June 26

Ray & Myrna Guidry
June 28

John & Shelby Miller
June 29

Wayne & Mary Jarvis
June 30

Gig & Lurlene Mayo
July 3

Roddy & Kathy Gordon
July 3

Sam & Paula Paschal
July 4

Lloyd & Shirley Hensley
July 9

Calendar

- June 18** Crazy Eight Cruise — Meet in McKinney at the Exxon at 380 & 5, at 2 pm
- June 26** Sunday Night Cruise — Leave Stonehill Center at 6:30 pm
- July 1** Monthly Meeting — James Wood, 7:30 pm
- July 4** Denton 4th of July Parade — Line up at 8 am in the Wells Fargo parking lot, east of the square
- July 9** Activities Meeting — Golden Corral, 9 am
- July 31** Sunday Night Cruise — Leave Stonehill Center at 6:30 pm
- Aug 5-7** Vettes on the Rockies



June Meeting Minutes

President, Marc Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Marc introduced returning member Pat Lemieux of Argyle, owner of a '67 goodwood green and an '07 to the group. Johnny Bittick owner of a black '59 was also re-introduced.

Minutes of the May meeting were read.

In the absence of Lisa Davis, Bev Clarkson reported the club balance of \$6117.63. The 50/50 fund is at \$363.00.

Membership chair, Dennis Sipolt, reported that there are now 104 paid members including John Hasenohrl a new James Woods Vette owner.

Activities Chairman, William Rafferty, outlined past and planned activities.

Past May activities included:

*The club picnic on the 7th with special thanks to hosts Lynn and Charlie Davis, and chairperson Bev Clarkson. Good food and great fun.

*12 cars made the trek to Big Bend the 12th – 15th. Special highlights included a stay at the Hotel Paisano in Marfa, (where the cast and crew filming the movie "Giant" stayed in the 50's) as well as sightings of bear, fox, deer, javelina, road runners and drug-sniffing dogs. A special thanks and round of applause was given to Sue and Paul Loser for planning another outstanding adventure putting approximately 1500 miles on our vehicles!

*The club had 3 winners at the Lone Star Corvette Classic at Texas Motor Speedway on the 21st – 23rd:

Clay Clarkson

Marc Hughes (2 awards)

And David Hanks showing

Charlie Davis' yellow vette

*7 cars participated in the "Run for the Wall" event hosted by Carl Reeves. Paul Loser commented that "They love seeing us there!"

*13 cars participated in the Sunday evening cruise on the 28th, hosted by Bill Chambers

Upcoming:

*8 cars are signed up for the Light-catcher Wine cruise on June 4th. Terry Newman will lead the group leaving from the former Good Eats parking lot at 8:30 am.

*A show of hands indicated that no one was planning to attend the upcoming all-Corvette show in Norman, Oklahoma. The temperatures at the show are usually very hot.

*June 18th will be the Crazy 8's Cruise hosted by William Rafferty. Cars will meet in McKinney at 2 pm. Details will follow.

*Mike Keller is the host for the next Sunday evening cruise on the 26th.

*The July 2nd Activities Meeting will be rescheduled to the 9th due to the holiday.

*Those participating in the Denton 4th of July parade will meet in the Wells Fargo parking lot. Details will be posted on the website.

*Anyone interested in traveling to Colorado for "Vettes on the Rockies" should speak with Sam Paschal or Jim Gentry.

*The next scheduled club event is "Vettes and Jets on the Lex" in September.

Jim Peterson updated the website with the new password for the month. Pat Lemieux will be featured "In the Headlights" this month. New to the website is "Vette Tech" which includes videos of interest. This month's videos include The Bowling Green Assembly Plant, The Corvette Museum and A Chemist's View of Gasoline Brands and Octanes. Jim is trying to get the website updated for submission to the museum's upcoming awards competition. Everyone is encouraged to try to get their photos updated by July 10th. Club hats are available for \$7.00.

Chuck Smith, National Corvette Museum Ambassador:

*Encouraged members to get their photos updated for the website. There are 3 opportunities for awards from the museum and getting the photos updated is important for the club's submission.

*Chuck is also checking with Lisa Davis to compile a list of the club's past charitable contributions for the Good

Samaritan Award.

*The Executive Committee made a decision to contribute \$500.00 to provide a scholarship for 2 underprivileged children to the museum's upcoming "Vette Camp" in August.

*The next event for Corvette Racing is 24 Hours of Le Mans in Le Mans, France June 11th & 12th. It will be televised on Speed TV.

New News:

*Marc Hughes encouraged all members to read the club's by-laws. The club maintains a blanket insurance policy of about 1 million dollars. Members need to be responsible and careful to obey all laws at club functions. The by-laws are being reviewed and there may be additions in the future.

*Kermit Dye reminded the membership to be careful to pay attention in paying bills at Genti's. Since no written tabs are distributed, members are trusted to keep a tally and pay as you leave. The tip jar is also at the register as you leave.

*Clay Clarkson added that although 3 cars won awards at the Lone Star show, Marc Hughes won 2 awards; the Museum's Choice Award and a Class Award.

*A question by Sam Paschal initiated a lively discussion regarding the upcoming design of the new generation C-7's.

*The 50/50 pot of \$88.00 was won by David and Margie Hanks.

*There were 59 in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm with dinner immediately following at Genti's.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rafferty, Secretary