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The Wave



March 2011

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Carl's Corner



Please let me extend a thank you to each member of the North Texas Corvette Club for allowing me to serve

as the president of the club for the past year. I also wish to thank the other officers serving with me as well as the executive committee for their support. I am confident the incoming president, Marc Hughes, will do an outstanding job for our club during the coming year.

Carl

Officer Candidates

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Notes from the VP Desk....



This is my last VP Newsletter before taking the position of President. It has been an honor to serve the club in this "one Heartbeat" from the top role. Much like

the VP of the US, my role has been mostly to step in when Carl is away or to act as Club exec with James Wood, our GM Sponsor...in other words, look good and don't

make waves.

I am interested in getting feedback from the club members regarding what you, the NTCC club members want out of the Club? Should we continue to meet and eat? Should we do more charity work in the community? Do you want to do more Car Events as a Club (Car shows, Track days, Autocross, etc.)?

Are you interested in car maintenance? Car Detailing? Restoration? or should we grow the club

membership as a goal for the year? Any and all ideas are welcomed as I hope we can be inclusive and enjoy increased participation.

We have a great slate of potential Offices for the coming year and I hope all members turn out to VOTE!!

C Ya Soon.

Marc

National Corvette Museum Ambassador

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS



Corvette is a Recommended Buy

Consumer Reports has, for the first time, given the 2011 Corvette its "Recommended"

check mark. The Corvette convertible had the lowest overall insurance losses of any car. CR's survey results now allow them to assign Corvette their "average" rating for Predicted Reliability and "well above average" for the Z06. For the 2011 model year they say:

"The Corvette offers impressive performance from its V8, with relatively comfortable ride and very capable handling. The interior is roomy for a sports car, though some found seat support lacking. The Z06 is a bargain high-performance sports car, with a potent 505-hp V8...The supercharged, 638-hp ZR1 delivers super car performance."

Their only negatives were low front end (chin spoiler) ground clearance on the base model and turning circle.

Consumer Digest.com also named Corvette a Best Buy, noting:

"As it has for decades, the Corvette continues to deliver eye-opening performance, distinctive styling and a surprisingly comfortable ride. All of this puts it in a class of its own. Even at the Z06 level, the Corvette's dual personality—a splendid street car that is just as much at home on a race track—is unmatched for the money that you plunk down. Some auto-industry critics have complained about the quality of the interior of this year's Corvettes, but we are less put off by it. We found the bucket seats to be firm and supportive and, even on long trips, the Corvette is a comfortable companion."

Corvette Plant Seeking Display Cars for 30th Anniversary

This year the Bowling Green Assembly Plant will be celebrating its 30th year of being the home of Corvette. As part of their celebration they are looking to have one Corvette from each of the generations that were built in the plant on display during their monthly "All Hands" meeting on September 1st. They have asked the NCM to find one each of a C3 (specifically 1981 BG production), C4, C5 and C6 that can be on display for that meeting, approximately a 2 hour time period.

The owners of the 4 cars selected will bring their cars to the plant at 5:45am on that Thursday and will be able to attend the All Hands meeting as well as have their picture taken with their car

while on display inside.

If you are interested in being part of this event please send an email with a picture of your car and your contact information to:

Roc Linkov (roc@corvettemuseum.org).

The 4 winners will be selected in mid July, 2011.

CORVETTE RACING

NEXT EVENT: The season-opening Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring this Saturday, March 19th. TV coverage will be on SPEED: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. CT. For this 59th running, besides Corvette, the GT class will feature Ferrari, Ford, Jaguar, Lamborghini, Panoz, and last year's champion, BMW M3.

Until next meeting,
Save the Wave,
Chuck Smith



Activities Director



Greetings from the new activities chairman. Yes, after three years of making sure our club has a lot of fun adventures, Paul has passed the baton. It will be a new learning experience for me, but Paul has promised to keep a watchful eye and helping hand available.

This past month had two main activities, the Super Bowl party at Marc Hughes' garage and the Sweetheart Valentine's dinner.

Thirteen couples attended the Valentines dinner at Guiseppe's set up by Shirley Hensley.

Eight ladies went on a "Quilt" cruise put on by Sue Loser. The guys met up with the ladies at Roosters in Denton. Although I can't speak to the fun on the cruise, the Rooster was

delicious and the beer was cold.

March activities:

Our first March activity was a cruise to Gladewater. The weather remained good, so off we went to visit Mrs. Lee's Daffodils. Twelve cars led by Sue and Paul Loser took us out on a colorful journey. First stop was for lunch at Guadalupe's Mexican restaurant in Gladewater, then on to Mrs. Lee's property. We then returned to Gladewater for shopping and such before the trip home.

Jim and Jean Peterson will lead us on our Second Culture Cruise to Fort Worth on March 19. See the calendar for details.

March 26, we will have a progressive dinner hosted by Terry and Cindy Smith, Ray and Myrna Guidry, Rick and Terry Williams. See the calendar for details.

Upcoming Dates:

April 1 Club meeting
 April 2 Activities Meeting
 April 9 Metal of Honor
 April 23 German Fest
 April 24 Sunday Cruise
 May 7 Club Picnic
 May 12-15 Big Bend trip.
 May 22 Run to the Wall

Please plan to attend the April activities meeting (9am Denton Golden Corral) to help fill our upcoming calendar. The discussions help set our long range plans. Reservations, hotels and events are best achieved with early planning. Ideas are always needed.

I love this club and driving a Vette.

William

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Terry Newman
March 18

Sam Paschal
March 24

Paul Weigenant
March 24

Sue Loser
March 26

Paul Loser
March 27

Wayne Jarvis
April 1

Lurlene Mayo
April 5

Jim Peterson
April 7

Anniversaries

Danny & Sherry Sullivan
March 22

Calendar

- Mar. 19 FW Museum Cruise—Leave Good Eats at 9:30 am
- Mar. 26 Progressive Dinner—Meet at Prairie House at 4:45 pm
- Apr. 1 Monthly meeting—James Wood, 7:30 pm
- Apr. 2 Activities meeting—Golden Corral, 9:00 am
- Apr. 9 Medal of Honor Parade—Leave Good Eats, 8:00 am
- Apr. 23 Germanfest
- Apr. 24 Sunday Cruise—Depart Good Eats at 6:30 pm
- May 6 Monthly meeting—James Wood, 7:30 pm
- May 7 Club picnic
- May 12-15 Big Bend Trip



President, Carl Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

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

In the absence of Lisa Davis, Bev Clarkson reported the club balance of \$5437.11 and the 50/50 fund at \$78.00. She also collected membership dues.

New members Jim and Diane Porter are owners of a yellow '02 C-5, and John and Lynne Hellmers, picked up their Crystal Red '08 C-6 at the National Corvette Museum when it was purchased. Also new to the club this month is Scott Sanford. Dennis Sipolt reported membership currently at 114. Kermit reminded the group that dues are past due. Dennis will revise the membership list as of the beginning of April.

Jim Peterson updated the website with the new password for the month. Ray and Jan Harris are currently "In the Headlights." Jim also reminded everyone that he should be notified ASAP when there are cancellations of club events so that he can place that info on the website. There is a need for updated pictures of members and their cars. He asked if anyone who was going to the Daffodil Cruise could take some pictures in that setting. Jim also received an invite from the Food Center to honor 10 year volunteers and asked that anyone interested in attending in the name of the club see him after the meeting for tickets.

Paul Loser updated us on club activities: *Eight ladies attended the impromptu Quilt Tour and were joined by their husbands and additional club members for dinner at Roosters off the Denton Square. *16 cars joined up for an impromptu cruise around Lake Ray Roberts and again the group ended up at Roosters for dinner.

Upcoming activities include:
 *The Daffodil Cruise to Gladewater is planned for tomorrow, weather permitting. Sue Loser will send out an e-mail with a "go or no-go". Planned meeting time is 9:00 am at QT at University and Loop 288 and with second meet-up in McKinney at the Exxon at Hwy 5 & 380. Lunch will be at about 11:30 in Gladewater, then to the gardens and back to Gladewater for antiquing.
 *March 19 will be the Culture Cruise to Fort Worth hosted by Jim Peterson. The

group will plan to leave Good Eats at 9:30 to arrive around 10-10:15 at the Amon Carter Museum which has free admission. Next will be the Kimbell and maybe the Modern or the Botanical Gardens, yet to be determined. Lunch will be at Joe T. Garcias. Everyone is reminded that the restaurant accepts only cash.

*Myrna Guidry discussed the March 26th Progressive Dinner with this years' other hosts Cindy Smith and Terri Williams. The theme for this year is Mardi Gras and all are encouraged to wear a mask and other regalia. Appetizers will be served at Cindy and Terry Smith's, the Main Course at Myrna and Ray Guidry's and Desserts at Terri and Rick Williams'. A sign-up sheet was circulated. We will meet at the Prairie House on 380 at 4:45pm.

*April 9th is the Annual Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville. There will be 14 Medal of Honor recipients there. The Corvettes are always a welcome addition to the parade. We will leave Good Eats at 8:00 am and have lunch in Gainesville.

*There are new updates for "Vettes & Jets on the Lex". Due to early bookings, hotel rooms are only available at the Quality Inn (361-883-7456). Call ASAP if you want to make a reservation. The Vettes will be staying on the carrier Saturday through Sunday September 11th at 5pm so the trip will be extended to accommodate the new schedule. Cost is \$125-\$150 and registration will open on April 1st. Register early as this event fills fast. (VettesandJetsontheLex.org) The cause is the Wounded Warrior Project.

Chuck Smith, National Corvette Museum Ambassador highlighted news from the museum's recent e-news:

*Museum members have until March 15 to reserve a spot in the Corvette Café's table space display. If interested you need to provide a 4" x 2.54" digital image of your car and make, model & ownership info. The cost is \$50.00. Go to <https://store.corvettemuseum.com/services/tabletop.asp> if interested.

*"Consumer Reports" has rated the 2011 Corvette a "Recommended Buy."

*"Consumer Digest.com" has also named Corvette as a "Best Buy."

*Also as a point of interest, Chuck circulated a "Car and Driver Magazine" article featuring the C-7 Concept Car. Chuck informed the group that it is an option to write to GM with comments and criticism on vehicles.

New News:

*Paul Loser is resigning his position as Activities Director and has turned over the responsibilities to William Rafferty. A standing ovation was given to Paul & Sue Loser for all their efforts on behalf of the club and William said he would make every effort to fill Paul's shoes.

*Board Member and former President, Ray Guidry, announced that elections will be held at the next meeting. Candidates are:

President: Marc Hughes

Vice President: Doug Light, Sue Loser, Jim Peterson

Secretary: Joanne Rafferty

Treasurer: Lisa Davis & Terry Smith
 Ray explained that according to the By-Laws, the elected Vice President agrees to run for President the following year. The thinking is that as Vice President he/she will become better acquainted with the upcoming Presidential duties. The President remains on the Executive Committee for 3 succeeding years after his term has ended. Marc Hughes commented on how fortunate we all are as members of this organization which endeavors to support many charities.

*Sam Paschal and Jim Gentry are heading up the trip to "Vettes on the Rockies" this year. They are planning on leaving August 2nd and tying-in a trip to Santa Fe. They plan to stay at Riverbend in Breckenridge.

The show is in Frisco, Colorado.

*Jim Gentry also has details on the Open Car show in Boerne on April 15th. He, Sam and Chuck Smith will be traveling with some members of the Lonestar Corvette Club and will stay on Friday and Saturday. Contact Jim if you are interested in joining them on the trip.

*Congrats to Susan and Joel Robinson on the purchase of their new 2011 Inferno Orange Grand Sport.

*Les Long announced that he is planning a Tailgate Party after the May Meeting.

*The 50/50 pot of \$82.00 was won by Dennis Sipolt.

There were 66 in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm with dinner immediately following at Genti's.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Joanne Rafferty,