

NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB

11 years & going strong



The Wave

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Marc's Message



Hello Club,

As your newly elected President I am pleased to report that in the past month we filed for continuation of our 501C Non-profit status with the state of Texas. One of the activities of the board and club leadership is to make sure that the legal entities understand who we are, where to contact us and what we do, as a Club.

It may seem that the club runs smoothly (thanks, board members), events happen (thanks, Will), great participation in club activities (thanks to the 20+ members that make the effort to represent the club (like at the re-

cent Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas) but "behind the scenes", many club members are keeping the wheels lubricated.

My point is....what can you do to help? Will you be willing to serve on a committee? Is there something you would like to do to help?

Like leading one of the Sunday Night Cruises (now that nice weather is here) or maybe you have an idea (like setting up a number of Corvettes in a parking lot (say Golden Triangle mall) on a Saturday, with air bottles (or an air compressor) to do a tire inflation safety check? Expose the community to the club and get some good press? We are open to all

Ideas...none bad, just some better than others.

Les asked if there are new places to eat that we might try...I know Genti's just opened a new place in Ponder....might be a fun outing and help them build up the business in the new location.

OK....to sum up, ask not what your club can do for you but what can you do for the club? I know, the last guy that said that got shot, so forgive me.

Marc



James Wood Car Show

Notes from the VP Desk....



What an awesome month we have had! Just in the last week or so, we've had 3 new babies born at our house. Our little donkey arrived on Mother's Day, an unexpected calf while we were in Big Bend, and then Monday afternoon, a beautiful foal. Bird nests all around our place have baby birds singing, and the wildflowers are beautiful. This is a beautiful time of year.

Second only to the beauty around us are our friends from this club. Spending four

days on the road with 11 other couples was a real treat as we explored the Big Bend area. Most of us had never been in that part of the world, and I for one learned a new appreciation for the desert landscapes, the stark beauty of that rocky world. I did not expect such beauty and variety, from flat, scrubby expanses, to river habitats, to the forested mountain-top. We had close encounters with a skunk, a fox, a javelin, and a bear, and we think we even saw the Marfa lights. Or it could have been Joel's lighter.

We all come from many different backgrounds and careers, but we find common

ground in our love for the open road and wonders that unfold every time we take a trip.

If you've never been on an overnigher with the club, I highly recommend it. You learn a lot about each other and have a whole lot of laughs. There's no better use for that lovely Corvette sitting in your garage. The car was made to be driven and enjoyed. Oh, yeah, and we eat a lot of good food.

Simply,

Sue

National Corvette Museum Ambassador

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS



Join the National Corvette Museum team at the Lone Star "Corvette Classic" at the Texas Motor Speedway May20-22. All manner of Museum Store merchandise will be available.

GM officials announced their plans to invest \$131 million in the Bowling Green Assembly Plant to support C7 model production. The seventh generation Corvette is predicted to be debuted Spring of 2013 for the 2014 model year.

2012 Corvette Changes Announced

April 28th, Chevrolet announced that the 2012 Corvette will have a number of improvements and updates including:

- New Z06 and ZR1 optional performance packages featuring Michelin PS Cup tires
- New personalization options including Carlisle Blue Metallic exterior color and available painted brake calipers in Dark Gray; Red; Silver and Yellow
- New steering wheel and front seats with improved appearance and larger bolsters on the seat back and cushion areas, which provide better driver support



Reconfigured 2LT package for Corvette and Grand Sport (both coupe and convertibles)
Read the complete [blog post](#) with all the information

Chevy Unveils 2012 Corvette Centennial Edition Package

The new Centennial Edition package will be available on anything from the base Corvette up to the ZR1. To have it included, specify the RPO code ZLC on your order. Exactly how much this package will cost is unknown right now, but looking at the list of items the package adds, it won't be cheap!

It includes: Bluetooth hands-free phone connectivity; Bose premium sound system, with XM, navigation and USB; 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-/20-inch wheels and

Michelin tires; CFZ package which includes carbon fiber rockers, front splitter and roof; and new carbon fiber raised hood option for Z06, as on the 2011 Z06 Carbon Edition.

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

Here are a few clips on NCM's You Tube channel from the unveiling of the 2012 Corvettes, the 2012 seminar and other special moments at the recent C5/C6 Bash—
[Unveiling the 2012 Corvette](#); [Centennial Edition Review by Tadge](#); [2012 Corvette New Features Overview](#);
[Kirk's Presentation on the Exterior](#); [Craig's Presentation on the Interior](#)

CORVETTE RACINGNext Event:

The 24 Hours of Le Mans in France, on June 11-12, 2011.



Activities Director



Dennis and Kaye for the effort in setting up our spaces.

With 21 cars showing, NTCC took the Club Award Plaque. Being under the blue canopy made the day more enjoyable, along with awards for Bill Chambers, Doug Light, Marc Hughes and Chuck Smith.

Our May meeting included a parking lot tailgate party afterwards, ..thanks, Les. On Saturday, May 7, we were off to Charlie and Lynn Davis' cabin for our annual club picnic. The weather was our friend, so Charlie managed to give numerous jeep tours

Well, we have had a great time since my last update. Germanfest was in conflict with the James Woods car show on April 30 so the show took the lead. Thanks to

of his spread. Thanks, Charlie and Lynn for spoiling us again.

Big Bend trip was next and it was my favorite. Twelve cars made the journey to Marfa and then on to Big Bend. Sue Loser planned this trip with our first stop at the Paisano Hotel in Marfa. This hotel hosted the stars and crew for the movie Giant. We had great accommodations and good local restaurants. Off we went to the park, stopping for shopping and lunch.

After paying our entry fees, we traveled a scenic 30 miles before getting to our lodging. The food, rooms, and wild life (deer, fox, bear and road runner) were great. Seven straw cowboy hats were purchased.

A road trip within the park took us to the banks of the Rio Grande, a fun lunch stop, a hiking trail up a dry arroyo, and a movie set used in a

number of westerns. On leaving the park, the border patrol with a drug sniffing dog, let us US citizens pass with a light visual search. No weapons or beer had to be surrendered.

So on to the next adventures:

5-20 Lone Star Corvette Show
5-22 Run to the Wall
5-29 Sunday Cruise
6- 3 June Meeting
6- 4 Lightcatcher Cruise

Wave On!
William

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Marcia Martin May 20	Elwyn Short June 5
Rick Williams May 24	Kermit Dye June 11
Margie Hanks May 30	Lisa Davis June 16
Bill Chambers June 1	Leon McMinn June 17
Bob Elles June 3	Carol Keller June 18
Susan Chambers June 5	Diane Porter June 18

Anniversaries

Bunky & Sandra Garonzik May 22	Kermit & Shirley Dye June 6
Jim & Diane Porter May 22	Fred & Jill Zimbric June 6
Jim & Sherry Gentry May 26	Mike & Carol Keller June 8
Paul & Debbie Weigenant May 28	Joel & Susan Robinson June 9
Bob & Kenna Elles June 1	Jim & Jean Peterson June 12
Steve & Martha Hansen June 5	Chuck & Mary Smith June 13

Calendar

May 21	Lone Star Corvette Classic
May 22	Run for the Wall cruise—Leave Good Eats at 8:15 am
May 29	Sunday Cruise—Leave Good Eats at 6:30 pm
June 3	Monthly meeting—James Wood, 7:30 am
June 4	LightCatcher Wine cruise—Leave Good Eats at 8:30 am
June 11	NCCO Corvette Show, Norman, OK
June 18	Crazy Eights Cruise
June 26	Sunday Cruise—Leave Good Eats at 6:30 pm

Annual Picnic



President, Marc Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Willis and Linda Jones of Grapevine, owners of a Silver '08 Coupe were visitors at the meeting.

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

Treasurer, Lisa Davis, reported the club balance of \$6175.51. The 50/50 fund is at \$255.00. As a reminder to the group, Lisa mentioned that club funds are primarily used for philanthropic causes and club events. The 50/50 pot helps fund the annual Christmas party.

Membership chair, Dennis Sipolt reported that as of May 6th there are 103 paid members. New members Roddy and Kathleen Gordon are owners of a 2008 black coupe. Randy and Julie Clark, who hail from Burkburnett, Texas, have a 2002 torch red coupe.

Jim Peterson updated the website with the new password for the month. Pictures from events are uploaded as soon as possible onto the website and may be viewed by opening the Photo Gallery tab which includes photos of this year's and last year's activities. Photos from the preceding 4 years are included under the Archives tab. Additional secured tabs for members only include the membership list, newsletter and meeting minutes. Hats are on order and will be available at the next meeting. Featured "In the Headlights" this month are Rick and Terry Williams.

Activities Chairman, William Rafferty, reminded the group that many people are responsible for making activities successful. Special thanks to Les Long for putting together the tailgate BBQ; Dennis Sipolt for being "in the trenches" for the James Woods Car Show and Kaye Sipolt for producing club dash plaques for the club cars participating.

In the month's past activities:

- 21 cars joined up for the Medal of Honor Parade hosted by the Losers.
- The Sunday Evening Cruise was cancelled due to bad weather.
- 21 cars also participated in the James Woods Car show. Besides the Club award, individual winners in-

cluded:

- Bill Chambers
- Marc Hughes
- Doug Light
- Chuck Smith

Upcoming activities include:

- The Club Picnic on the 7th will be hosted by Charlie and Lynn Davis. Chairperson Bev Clarkson has requested everyone bring a dish to share and drinks. (No Corvettes as the facility is on an unpaved road.) Details and directions are in the newsletter. We will eat at noon.
- The Big Bend trip is scheduled for the 12th – 15th. Sue and Paul Loser are hosting this trip. Daytime Temperatures in Big Bend have been in the 100's per Sue.
- The 21st – 23rd is the Lone Star Corvette Classic at the Texas Motor Speedway.
- Carl Reeves is hosting a group to support the "Run for the Wall" event on the 22nd. Cars will leave Good Eats at 8:15 am. In this event motorcyclists travel from the west coast to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. The ride honors and recognizes the contributions of all past and present Veterans, POW/MIAs. The cyclists will be refueling in Terrell.
- May 28th is the Mid-Texas Corvette Club Show. Cars attending will depart Good Eats at 7:00 am.
- The Sunday evening cruise on the 29th will be hosted by Bill Chambers. Details will be posted on the website.
- On June 4th, Terry Newman is hosting a cruise to the Lightcatcher Winery. He is requesting that anyone interested email himself or William so that he can give the chef an accurate count for lunch.

Marc Hughes read a Thank You letter from the hosts of the Medal of Honor Parade thanking the club for it's participation. Marc also thanked the group for great participation at the James Woods sponsored Car Show. He displayed the plaque that the club won for the greatest number of vehicles in the show and commented that the key to this club's success is participation.

Bill Chambers also informed the group that 170 photos including one of each car

in the show, were posted on MemoryLaneCarShows.com.

Sue Loser filled in for Chuck Smith, National Corvette Museum Ambassador. His news included that:

- GM announced plans to invest \$131 million in the Bowling Green Assembly Plant to support C7 model production.
- Corvette Racing placed 2nd and 5th in the American Le Mans series at Long Beach. on April 16th. BMW took first and Ferrari was third.
- The next event for Corvette Racing is 24 Hours of Le Mans in Le Mans, France June 11th & 12th.

Marc Hughes commented that GM's investment will include adding 250 jobs in Bowling Green, a significant move to keep Corvette strong!

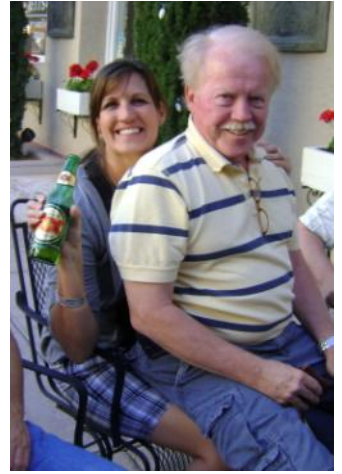
New News:

- Per Les Long: Dinner after next month's meeting will be at Genti's.
- Sam Paschal reminded the group of the August 2nd departure date for Vettes on the Rockies with the side trip to Santa Fe. Contact Sam or Jim Gentry for info. (As a sidebar, Jim has been suffering with some health issues of late.)
- Paul Loser checked to see if everyone who has registered for Vettes and Jets on the Lex had received their verification.
- The 50/50 pot of \$108.00 was won by Sam & Paula Paschal.
- There were 71 in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm with tailgate dinner immediately following.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rafferty, Secretary



Big Bend

