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November 2011

Marc's Message



Hello NTCC,

It is that time of the year where we all recognize how fortunate we are and how thankful we should be. The news is full of unhappy events and the "Occupy (fill in a city name)" folks would most likely feel we should give up our rides and join the. "give me what you have" group. We all worked for what we have and I'm sure we are all thankful that hard work, circumstances and clear thinking have enabled us to enjoy our Corvettes and the ability to drive or show them whenever we desire. I doubt that any of the NTCC members looks at the Corvette of another member or any other hard won item and say...why not give me what you have worked for?

This month of Thanksgiving should remind

us of the sacrifices that our forefathers made to build this country and the sacrifices the members of our military had made and continue to make to enable us (even the Occupy crowd) to enjoy the freedom to express our feelings and assemble (as a club or in protest).

We live in a great country and the world is full of opportunity for those of us willing to work for it.

Enough of the political view...let's focus on the upcoming NTCC Christmas party. I look forward to the event and the warm feelings expressed among those NTCC members that are able to join us at the event.

Best wishes to all and C YA at the next meeting and the NTCC Christmas Party!!!

Marc

The dinner after the Dec. 2nd meeting will be at RG Burgers....at the southwestern corner of loop 288 and I-35E. (next to the closed Albertsons). They have great burgers and also sell beer. They have 2 types of French fries, so pay attention.

Look for coupons in the Sunday or Wednesday Denton Record Chronicle.



Notes from the VP Desk.....



Well, it's hard to believe, but it's almost Thanksgiving. As I look over the past year, I have

much to be thankful for. We all obviously have many physical blessings: cars, houses, toys. But, more importantly, we have lots of good friends through our membership in the club.

When we joined 5 ½ years

ago, I never dreamed what would be in store for us. So many fantastic trips like Big Bend, Bowling Green, Eureka Springs and Fredericksburg, but also the good times we had at car shows (even the one at Baby Dolls).

Paul and I will be leaving the club at the end of the year, and we will greatly miss the Corvette events that have provided so much enjoyment, but we hope to continue the friendships we have made, because

that is what we cherish so much more than an object of steel and fiberglass.

So I'll be doing one more newsletter in December and then it will be sayonara. I appreciate Sam taking over the task, and I'm sure he'll do a great job.

Simply,
Sue



National Corvette Museum Ambassador

CHRISTMAS AND THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MU- SEUM

Bricks make great Christmas gifts for your special Corvette friend, relative or



spouse. There are several options available; these are categorized below by location, size and format.

Inside the NCM, hexagon-shaped bricks line each side of Corvette Boulevard. Hexagon bricks are \$200 for members and \$250 for non-members. They can accommodate three lines of text with 13 characters and spaces per line. There's also the choice of C1 – C6 logo or NCM Spire to be displayed at the top.

Small rectangular or medium or large square bricks and granite benches are placed outside the NCM in the Corvette Courtyard.

Small bricks with text only are available for \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Logoed small bricks are \$50 additional.

If you'd prefer something special or unique, add the club logo or personal design to a medium brick (12" X 12") for \$600 for members and \$650 for non-members. Custom artwork is also available for large bricks (24" X 24") priced at \$2500 members/\$2600 non-members.

To learn more or purchase, visit the NCM website at:

[http://
store.corvettemuseum.com/
SearchResult.aspx?
CategoryID=55](http://store.corvettemuseum.com/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=55)

Orders placed by November 18th will be processed and in place before Christmas.

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

Individual annual memberships are available for as little as \$25 per year (the "E-Membership"). You can check out all available membership levels and their associated benefits at:

[http://
services.corvettemuseum.com/
PortalTools/NCMF/
membership.cfm](http://services.corvettemuseum.com/PortalTools/NCMF/membership.cfm)

CORVETTE RACING

NEXT EVENT: The 60th Anniversary Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on Saturday, March 17, 2012.

You can access all Corvette Racing news from the Corvette Racing link on our NTCC website home page, at www.corvetteracing.com or from the NCM website home page.

Until next meeting,
Save the Wave,
Chuck Smith,
NCM Ambassador

*Not what we
say about
our
blessings, but
how we use
them, is the
true measure
of our
thanksgiving
~W.T.
Purkiser*

Activities Director



Greetings Drivers,

On October 1, we started the month with an activity meeting attended by twenty-two members. Following our monthly meeting, five members entered the Granbury Car show. I wish it had been held on the square, but next year it will be. This event result might be a first for our club. Steve Hansen, Terry and Cindy Smith, Rick and Terry Williams, Dale and Lisa Davis, Joanne and myself all took home a trophy, five for five.

The next weekend was the Fort Worth All Corvette show. We had three members attend. Terry Smith (who won again), Bill Chambers and Steve Hansen.

We finished off the month with our Annual Halloween Party at Charlie and Lynn's CABIN in Gainesville. Thanks, Charlie and Lynn, for shar-

ing your cabin. Thanks also to Cindy and Terry Smith, Carol and Mike Keller, and Paul and Sue Loser for the setup and takedown. Word has it that Mary Smith worked the kitchen sink very hard.

Our November club meeting, the second one at the new James Woods Chevy show room, had a tailgate party. This was a new adventure, with it being a Mexican spread and held inside. Thanks, Les for the change of pace.

Veterans' Day saw a downtown Dallas parade. I was planning to attend but a broken rib stopped my participation. Steve Hansen was kind enough to update me. In Steve's words, "Yes, it was a great event with Mr. Smith, Hansen, Chambers, Newman, Hughes and Light attending. We all had the honor of driving WWII vets. All the services were represented, and, in fact, my rider was a bit of a celebrity; Bill Mercer who is veteran and broadcaster who was the play-by-play announcer for

the Cowboys in the 60's, was a sportscaster on various local radio and TV stations. The parade was well attended and snaked through downtown Dallas and culminated with a pass by the reviewing stand in front of Dallas City Hall. A note of fact the Dallas Veterans' Day parade is the largest in the country."

Please check our calendar for upcoming events including our Christmas party on the 17th of December.

Wave On!



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

John Miller
November 21

Michael Cozad
November 22

Marc Hughes
November 25

Debbie Light
December 2

Harland Jensen
December 8

Gig Mayo
December 11

Cindy Smith
December 15

Mary Anne Davidson
December 16

Anniversaries

Dale & Lisa Davis
December 6

Johnny Bittick
December 17

Calendar

- Nov. 19** Ladies' consignment shop tour—meet at Starbucks on Loop 288 at 9 am (Kaye Sipolt)
- Dec. 2** Monthly meeting—James Wood, 7:30 pm
- Dec. 10** Christ's Haven Children's Home trip—meet at Stoneleigh Center at 9 am, lunch afterwards (Mike Keller)
- Dec. 17** Golf before the Christmas party
- Dec. 17** Christmas party—Marriott at Texas Motor Speedway
- Jan. 6** Monthly meeting—James Wood, 7:30 pm
- Jan. 7** Activities meeting—Golden Corral, 9 am
- Jan. 14** Chili cookoff



November Meeting Minutes

President, Marc Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. All officers were present.

Membership chairman, Dennis Sipolt reported club membership is currently 119. Dennis has an ample supply of club business cards available.

Minutes of the October meeting were read. There were no additions or corrections. Thanks to Bev Clarkson for filling in for the month of October.

Treasurer, Lisa Davis, reported the club balance of \$6246.74 and the 50/50 fund at \$745.00. Deposits have been paid for the upcoming Christmas party. Anyone who has not paid and is planning to attend should get together with Lisa after the meeting. Cost is \$50.00 per person. Lisa also has a sign-up sheet for the dinner menu selections. In addition to beef and fish, there is also a vegetarian selection on the menu this year.

Vice President, Sue Loser announced that she and Paul would be leaving the club after the Christmas Party. In her remarks, she expressed her thanks to the club for the confidence placed in electing her.

Marc Hughes thanked her for all her efforts on the club's behalf, especially for serving as Vice President and newsletter editor. In calling Paul forward, Marc thanked him for his enthusiastic leadership and dedication as former Activities Chairman and for his camaraderie and friendship through the years. Former president Carl Reeves also thanked the couple for their dedication and for being such good friends to all. Both were given a standing ovation from the group.

Steve and Martha Hansen are also facing challenges that may jeopardize their club status. Although they are moving to Aledo, they are hopeful that they will be able to maintain their membership and involvement with the club.

Marc announced that Sam Paschal will be taking over the newsletter. He complimented Sam on his "more than enthusiastic response" and Sam voiced his excitement and asked for patience as he assumes this new challenge.

Marc announced that the Good Samaritan Award, won by the club will be installed at the dealership in the future. Thanks were given to all who made this effort possible.

Chuck Smith detailed the entry process which involved summarizing the club's philosophy and a listing of charities and groups that have received donations of time and/or money from the club. Considering the club's size and stature it is gratifying for the club to receive such an honor.

Marc displayed the Lifetime Business Member Plaque from the National Corvette Museum and mentioned numerous participation awards that the club has received over the years for possible display at the James Woods dealership.

Chuck continued with his report as National Corvette Museum ambassador:
 *As Chevrolet celebrates it's 100th anniversary this year, several articles in AutoWeek.com discussed Racing Heritage and a Timeline for the brand
 *With a show of hands, 8-10 couples have an interest in attending the caravan and 20th Anniversary celebration at the National Corvette Museum on Labor Day weekend in 2014. Kermit encouraged people to decide soon as other clubs are already "angling for rooms". Chuck volunteered to lead the group and also suggested Nashville as an alternate place to stay.

Activities Chairman, William Rafferty outlined past and planned activities. October activities included:
 *The Granbury Show on October 8th which had 5 cars entered and 5 cars won! Taking home trophies were Dale & Lisa Davis, Steve Hansen, William & Joanne Rafferty & Rick and Terry Williams.
 *Participating in the Ft. Worth Cowtown show on October 17th were Bill Chambers, Steve Hansen and award winner Terry Smith.
 *The Halloween Party on October 29th at Lynn and Charlie Davis' was well attended by ghouls of all shapes and sizes! Thanks to Lynn and Charlie again for supplying the club with a superb venue and to Chairpersons Mike and Carol Keller and Cindy and Terry Smith for assisting.

Upcoming activities:
 *The November 11th Veteran's Day Parade in Dallas is looking for Corvettes to provide rides for Veterans. Doug Light, Steve Hansen William Rafferty and Chuck Smith planned to attend.
 *On November 12th Harry Robinson Restoration is hosting an event at 10 am
 *November 19th is the Ladies Consignment Shop Tour hosted by Kaye Sipolt. Per Kaye, the group will meet at Star-

bucks on 288 in Denton at 9:30 am and carpool to stops in Lewisville, Carrollton and Dallas. After shopping, husbands and anyone else who wants to join in can meet at Roosters in Denton about 6pm for dinner. Bring cash for lunch.

*December 3rd is the scheduled trip to Christ's Haven Children's Center. Mike Keller will lead the group which will leave the parking lot at the old "Good Eats" at 9am. The home is looking for monetary donations and the club will take up a collection at the next meeting. In the past, some members have also brought small stuffed toys to pass out. We will be there for about an hour and then stop somewhere for lunch.

*December 17th is the Christmas Party at the Marriott across from the Texas Motor Speedway. Make reservations asap if you are planning on spending the night, as The Lone Star Corvette Club is also planning their event the same evening and maybe booking rooms as well.

Old Business:

*Marc Hughes attended an event for Corvette Restorers at the Frisco Convention Center. There were 400-500 in attendance, 150 or so '53 - '94 Vettes, vendors and parts. The event will return on October 18th of 2012.

*Chuck Smith encouraged members to attend the Halloween party with or without costumes. As a wonderful time was had by all!

New Business:

*Kermit encouraged members who wish to purchase C-Magic Products to call rather than use the website in order to receive a discount.

*Michael and Barbara Eardley are hosting an Italian Wine Tasting party at 7:30 on Saturday in Oak Point. See Barbara after the meeting for directions.

*Les Long announced the cost of the tailgate is \$10.00 and would like feedback on the meal provided by Chuy's on 35 in Denton.

*The 50/50 pot of \$67.00 was won by Jan Harris.

*There were 44 in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm with tailgate in the showroom immediately following.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rafferty, Secretary