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October 2011

Marc's Message



Well, another NTCC came and went. We had a good meeting although several key NTCC Members were away. Some at the Granbury show, some busy with other activities,

some...who knows? In any event, we were able to meet in the brand new Chevrolet showroom of our sponsor, James Wood Autopark (where subsequent meetings will be held, for those of you planning on attending the next meeting and wondering where everyone is)....

We were able to share the NCM Award with the club and James Wood has agreed to display the award in the new showroom. The award is the 2011 National Corvette Museum recognition of the NTCC efforts to support various charitable organizations and events in

the North Texas area. I don't know how many Corvette clubs exist but I do know the big hearts of the NTCC members were recognized in 2011 by the NCM. The submission by our NCM ambassador Chuck Smith and the research done by club treasurer Lisa Davis and secretary Joanne Rafferty helped NTCC secure this prestigious award. Nice work TEAM!!!

Now that cool weather is back, I hope to see you at an upcoming NTCC event, car show, tailgate party or some other opportunity for Corvette fellowship and enjoyment of the finest American sports car.

Til then,

C YA

Marc

Tailgate Dinner — Friday, Nov. 4 after the meeting

Chuy's Mexican Restaurant is catering. Dinner includes:

corn tortillas	flour tortillas
chicken	beef
Onions	cheese
Lettuce	guacamole
Chips	salsa
iced tea	

if you want to drink something else, bring it with you. Please, no alcohol on the James Wood property The cost is \$10 per person. Please bring cash. If the weather is not to our liking, we will move it all inside.

Notes from the VP Desk.....



I credit my dad with my love of cars. We never had much money growing up, but my dad traded cars a lot, so we always had a lot of different ones. He was a mechanic most of my childhood years, so I thought he knew everything there was to know about cars. And he probably did before the computer age came along and changed automobiles forever.

But he loved cars and always

pointed out cars to me naming the model and the year. So when my own kids came along, they were pretty impressed that I knew stuff like that.

And my love of cars remains strong. And my kids give us a hard time about how often we trade cars. But still today I marvel at a beautiful car. And what more beautiful car than the Corvette, whether it's Tom Martin's gorgeous '62 or Rick Williams' got-every-add-on-known-to-the-Corvette-world Grand Sport. And meeting Paul, who loves

cars more than I do, was a blessing from above.

You just can't help but look when a Corvette goes by. I'll never forget last spring when we were on our way to Big Bend, and our little caravan of 14 Corvettes turned a corner in Weatherford, I saw the man saw "Wow" to himself as we went by. That pretty much sums up the experience every time you see a Corvette, doesn't it?

Simply,

Sue

National Corvette Museum Ambassador

NCM'S FIRST ANNUAL GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD TO THE NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB TO BE DISPLAYED AT JAMES WOOD CHEVROLET

The award conferred upon the North Texas Corvette Club by the National Corvette Museum at their 17th Anniversary Celebration last month will be permanently displayed in the showroom of our sponsor, James Wood Chevrolet. Again, our thanks to you, the members of the North Texas Corvette Club, for your generous support of the many activities and donations that brought about this wonderful national recognition.

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

The National Corvette Museum is supported wholly through memberships, donations and the numerous



fund-raising raffles and activities it conducts throughout the year. NCM receives no direct financial stipend from either Chevrolet or GM. The

NCM is a non-profit organization. It is the national repository for Corvette heritage and, as such, has done a fabulous job throughout the past 17 years.

The North Texas Corvette Club encourages all of its members to support the National Corvette Museum on a personal level. This is a valuable adjunct to the several activities at the NCM in which the NTCC participates each year. There are a number of membership levels available, all of which are significant and meaningful to the support of the NCM.

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>

CORVETTE RACING

Corvettes finished 4th and 17th at the ALMS finale, Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta earlier this month.

Team Corvette finished 2nd overall for the 2011 ALMS season (BMW was 1st).
Corvette's only ALMS win: Lime Rock.
Of note: Corvette was 1st at the most prestigious endurance race of the season, the 24 Hours of Lemans in June!

Drivers: Gavin & Magnussen were 2nd for the season; Beretta & Milner, 9th.

GT Manufacturers: BMW 1st; Porsche 2nd; Chevrolet 3rd for the 2011 season.

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

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

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

"When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife."



Activities Director



Greetings Drivers,

On Sept. 10, there was a show on the Denton Square

which was attended by six members. Johnny Bittick and Paul Weigenant came away with trophies.

Twelve cars traveled south to Corpus for Vettes and Jets on the Lex over the 9-11 weekend.

Some of the group, (five cars) toured a distillery in San Antonio prior to head-



ing to Corpus. As far as having our Vette on the Lexington, this was the second trip for me and Joanne. Other members, Bill & Susan, Steve & Martha, Terry & Cindy and Carl & Dianna have also been twice. Paul and Sue have done this three times. All of us will tell you that this is an emotional experience that honors and supports the Wounded Warrior Project with our entry fees. The 350 Vettes on the Lexington flight deck is quite a sight. Cars come from all over the USA. For our group, we even had John Cantleberry and his dad Don with his '71, and Leon and Nancy took home a trophy from the Sunday car show. With all of our cars on the flight deck, we got to do a lot of walking and learned how to use the trolley to venture out for new eating locations.

On September 17th, we had 5 cars at the car show in Wichita Falls.

Dale and Lisa Davis - Best of Class - C5 Z06 street (for their yellow car)

Dale and Lisa Davis - Best of Class - C2 Show Division (for the blue 1965 that they co-own with Lisa's family)

Dale and Lisa Davis - Best Paint - again for the 1965

Rick and Terry Williams - Best of Class - Grand Sport Show Division

Doug and Debbie Light - Best of Class - Grand Sport Street Division

Clay and Bev Clarkson - Class Award - C5 Street Division

The Sundae cruise was held on the 25th lead by Sam Pascal. Fifteen cars followed Sam on a great run.

For October, we had our activity meeting at Golden Corral on Saturday, Oct 1, at 9:00 am with 20 members in attendance.

October 8 was the Granbury Corvette show. The club had 5 entries and all five won. Congratulations to Steve Hansen; Terry and Cindy Smith; Rick and Terry Williams; Dale and Lisa Davis; William and Joanne Rafferty.

The all Corvette show in Fort Worth on the 17th had three cars with Terry Smith taking an award. Congratulations Terry for successful October showings.

Please check our calendar for upcoming events including our Halloween party on the 29th at Charlie and Lynn's Gainesville cabin.

Wave On!
William

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Donald Davidson
October 20

David Hanks
October 29

Kathy Gordon
October 30

Susan Robinson
October 31

Pat Lemieux
November 9

Terry Smith
November 11

Shirley Dye
November 13

Anniversaries

Greg & Lynne Von Villas
November 4

Calendar

- Oct. 29** **Halloween Party—Charlie & Lynn Davis's house, 6 pm**
- Nov. 4** **NTCC monthly meeting — James Wood, 7:30**
- Nov. 12** **Happy Days Classic Car Mixer — see Harry Plumadore**
- Nov. 19** **Ladies' Consignment Shop Tour — see Kaye Sipolt**
- Dec. 2** **NTCC monthly meeting — James Wood, 7:30**
- Dec. 10** **Possible visit to Christ's Haven Children's Home**
- Dec. 17** **Christmas Party**

Halloween Party

October 29th
at 6pm

Charlie & Lynn Davis' Deer Cabin
Bring finger foods and BYOB
RSVP to Carol Keller at
quiltecak@yahoo.com

DIRECTIONS:
From I35 and Hwy. 82 in Gainesville -
- Go west on Hwy. 82 (towards Wichita Falls) for about 1.4 miles to FM1201 (the "Medal of Honor City" water storage tank is on the corner)
- Turn right (north) on FM1201 and go about 1.5 miles. The road will split. Take the left side of the split which is FM1200
- Drive on FM1200 about 7 miles and it will become CR460. Stay on CR460 about 2 miles to a rock drive on the right (the drive is 1 mile from the center of the concrete bridge)
- "Davis" is on a sign on the fence
- Follow the drive up about .5 miles to the house/hangar
You have arrived

(Roads are not Corvette-friendly)

October Meeting Minutes



No other man-made device since the shields and lances of the knights quite fulfills a man's ego like an automobile. ~

William Rootes



President Marc Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. It was the first meeting to be held in the newly-remodeled Chevrolet showroom in a different building at James Wood.

Membership Chair Dennis Sipolt introduced visitor John Convert who owns a Torch Red 2002 Z06. Dennis asked that members update their email addresses on a list sent around with the sign-in sheet. He also indicated that he had new cards available for discounts on parts and services through the dealership. At latest count, club membership stands at 119.

In the absence of Secretary Joanne Rafferty, Beverly Clarkson read the September 2 meeting minutes. There were no additions or corrections.

Treasurer Lisa Davis reported club balance at \$4,841.74. The 50/50 total is \$780 prior to sending deposits of \$150 for the band and \$500 to the hotel for the Christmas Party.

Webmaster/Merchandise Chair Jim Peterson is traveling but has updated the website for the new month.

In the absence of Activities Director William Rafferty, Paul Loser reported on club activities recently enjoyed and upcoming events.

Past events:
September 10 - Denton's Arts, Antiques and Automobiles on the Square was entered by six members with Johnny Bittick and Paul Wiegenant coming away with awards.

September 11 - 12 cars traveled to Corpus Christi for Vettes and Jets on the Lex on the 10th anniversary of September 11. 321 cars were on

deck of the aircraft carrier Lexington. It was the third such event held with a total of \$100,000 raised to benefit Wounded Warriors veterans. Bill Chambers has made a video of the pictures he took at the event. It will be shown at the next club meeting if equipment can be set up to do so. Leon McMinn won an award during that event. On the way south several cars stopped at the Enchanted Rock Distillery. The distillery is producing vodka and whiskey is soon to follow.

September 16-17 - Wichita Falls Corvette Roundup was entered by 4 members showing 5 cars. Dale & Lisa Davis won 3 awards for 2 cars, Rick & Terry Williams, Doug & Debbie Light, and Clay & Bev Clarkson each won 1 award.
September 25 - the last Sunday "Sundae" Cruise of the year was led by Sam Paschal. 14 cars enjoyed the cruise that ended at Sonic.

October 1 - Activities Meeting held at Golden Corral with 22 attending. Please check website for details.

Upcoming events:

October 8 - Granbury Car Show with several members planning to enter.

October 17 - Fort Worth Cowtown Corvette Show

October 29 - Halloween Costume Party at Charlie & Lynn Davis'. Carol Keller will be sending out an email with details and directions.

December 17 - Annual Christmas Party. Members should sign up, select meal choice, and pay over the next two meetings. For those who plan to stay overnight, Marriott Hotel offers members a discount but it is recommended that they also check Hotels.com for a very good offer.

Activities already planned for 2012 include a chili supper hosted by the McMinn's January 14, Super Bowl gathering at Marc Hughes on February 5, and a Valentine's Dinner on February 11. Terry Newman has organized a "Three Sisters Run" road trip to the Kerrville area February 24-26. He has a small block of rooms reserved at Inn of the Hills. One of the highlights of the trip will be a visit to Mac & Ernie's that has been featured on the TV show Diners, Drive-ins and Dives. Those interested should contact him as early as is possible to get one of the rooms.

In the absence of Chuck Smith, our National Corvette Museum Ambassador, Marc Hughes reported that the Museum has run contests during the year. This year our club received the "Good Samaritan Award for 2011" for the club's charitable contributions. Marc presented the plaque to Kevin Harvick of James Wood who would be honored to display the award in the new showroom. A round of well-deserved applause was given to Chuck for his research and entering applications to the Museum on the club's behalf. Acknowledgement was also given to Lisa Davis and Sue Loser for their help in providing information for the effort.

New Business:

Marc Hughes announced the Mecum Car Auction was being held in Dallas over the current weekend. The 50/50 pot of \$75 was won by Bill Chambers. There were 48 in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. with dinner immediately following at Genti's Italian Restaurant.