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September 2011

Marc's Message



President view

Well perhaps the summer of over 100 will end soon and those of us without A/C in our Corvettes can really get to enjoy them.

The recent car show at Denton Square saw 2 NTCC Members earn awards, Johnny Bittick with his 59 and Paul W. with his yellow Z06. Great work guys and Congrats! The weather the past two years has been a challenge but this year was just about perfect. Having only two classes for Corvette makes for an unlevel playing field compared to 8 motorcycles classes but we have ex-

pressed our concerns in writing to the organization. As Cowboy fans say...maybe Next Year? I have finally gotten around to painting the garage floor and just moving all the stuff out of the way to paint is a full time job, but the dramatic difference is worth the effort. Perhaps when complete I'll have a grand re-opening. You are all invited.

Look for some exciting news from our NCM ambassador at the meeting this month...try to attend.

Well, I look forward to it.

C ya there.

Marc

Notes from the VP Desk.....



What a great weekend we had at Vettes & Jets! The Corpus Christie club put 350 Corvettes on the

deck of the USS Lexington. So at \$125 a pop, that's almost \$44,000 raised for the Wounded Warrior Project. Add to that the money raised from raffling off a new Camaro and the individual club and business sponsorships. We won't know the final total for a while, but it's an awesome event for an even more awesome organization that supports soldiers who were injured in war, whether in body or mind.

In my mind, the only blip in the

weekend occurred on Sunday morning. Paul & I had watched some of the coverage of the 9/11 ceremonies in NY before we headed over to the ship. Once we arrived, we saw 30-40 young Arab-looking men were there looking at the cars, asking lots of questions, and photographing and videoing everything on and off the ship. I guess my paranoia kicked in and I wanted off that ship as quickly as possible. I didn't even go back until the end of the day in time to off-load the cars. Later I thought how wrong that was of me to profile those young men. Maybe they were just innocent tourists, but it occurred to me that maybe that was one of the great tragedies of 9/11. We don't see people of Arab descent or Muslims in the same

light as before. It also made me realize how much more important it is to live life to the fullest. Those people in those towers had no idea that day would be their last.

We have no guarantee of tomorrow, so don't leave things undone. Don't put off those someday things if they are really important to you. And, even more importantly, show your friends and family that you love them.

So, Corvette family, I love you guys. Thanks for all the great memories we've created together.

Simply.....Sue

National Corvette Museum Ambassador

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Contributions to and support of the community as well organizations throughout

the North Texas Region have been a long-standing commitment of your North Texas Corvette Club. This arises almost totally from the dedication and generosity of the Club Membership. Over the past several years NTCC members have made very significant contributions of time and treasure. Over two dozen organizations have received many thousands of dollars and countless gifts of food, toys, time and attention from our Members. You and the North Texas Corvette Club have been recognized for these efforts this year on the national Corvette stage by the NCM in conjunction with the Museum's 17th Anniversary Celebration.

Thanks to each and every one of you and congratulations!



NTCC BANNER FLIES AT THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

For the next several months your North Texas Corvette Club banner will be displayed at the National Corvette Museum in conjunction with NCM's 17th Anniversary Celebration.



MUSEUM CALENDAR EVENTS OF INTEREST

1-lap of Kentucky – Oct 10-14
Vets 'N Vettes – Nov 3-5
South American "Cruise Around the Horn" SOLD OUT

Check out these and all other NCM activities and events at www.corvettemuseum.org or use the link on your North Texas Corvette Club website home page.



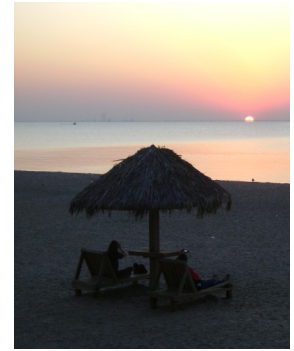
CORVETTE RACING

Corvette finished 3rd and 7th at the Baltimore Grand Prix street race August 20th. The Porsche GT3 RSR was 1st; BMW was 2nd and 5th; Ferrari was 6th. The first seven cars all finished the two-hour race on the lead lap.

Next Race: ModSpace ALMS at Laguna Seca/Monterey Saturday, September 17th at 3:30 CT. Live coverage will be on espn3.com and americanlemons.com; the replay will air Sunday on ESPN2 at noon CT.

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



View of sunrise after loading our cars on the USS Lexington

Car sickness is the feeling you get when the monthly payment is due. ~ Author Unknown



Veterans who have benefited from the Wounded Warriors Project

Activities Director



Greetings Drivers,

Crush day at LightCatcher Winery on the 27th was our next event since

the last newsletter. The heat did damage to the amount of club members attending. Terry Newman and the Eardleys were in attendance. Per Mike and Barbara Eardley, it was well attended with lots of "Lucys" waiting to stomp them GRAPES.

The month of August finished out with a cruise led by Terry Smith on the 28th. We saw lots of great country and ending up having our reward at a Pilot Point Dairy Queen. Our September meeting was followed with diner at Los Tereros. On Sept 10, there was a show on the Denton Square which was attended by six members. My spies tell me

that 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, six cars toured a distillery in San Antonio prior to heading 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 Warrier program 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 will have about 4 to 5 cars going to the car show in Wichita Falls with Clay as point of contact. The Sundae cruise on the 25th will be led by Sam Pascal and depart Stonehill Center (old good eats) at 6:30 pm.

For October, we will have our activity meeting at Golden Corral on Saturday, Oct 1 at 9:00 am.

October 7 is our monthly meeting with the Granbury Corvette show on October 8th, all Corvette show in Fort Worth on the 17th and our Halloween party on the 29th at Charlie and Lynn's Gainesville cabin.

Wave On!
William



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Birthdays

Steve Hansen
September 30

Joel Robinson
September 30

Nancy McMinn
October 2

Charles Cole
September 6

Jim Gentry
October 7

Lloyd Hensley
October 10

Mike Keller
October 12

Debbie Weigenant
October 12

Anniversaries

Marc & Sarah Hughes
September 21

Les & Carolyn Long
September 30

Charles & Mary Cole
October 5

Calendar

- Sept 16-17 North Texas Corvette Roundup—Wichita Falls**
- Sept 25 Sundae Night Cruise — depart Stonehill Center 6:30 pm**
- Oct 1 Activities meeting—Denton Golden Corral , 9 am**
- Oct 6-8 Eureka Springs Corvette Show**
- Oct 7 Monthly meeting—James Wood, 7:30 pm**
- Oct 15 Cowtown Corvette Show, Fort Worth**
- Oct. 29 Halloween Party—Charlie & Lynn Davis's house**



Vettes & Jets on the Lex



September Meeting Minutes

The September 2nd meeting was called to order by President Marc Hughes at 7:32 pm. All officers were present.

There were many new members and visitors in attendance. Introducing themselves to the group were: Jerry and Myra McWilliams from Carrollton, owners of a Monterey Red C6, Michael Cozar, owner of a '66 coupe, Danny & Donna Richardson, Don and Sherry Brumley owners of a 2005 Silver C6, Mark and Mary Davidson from Valley View owners of a 2011 Grand Sport, Bobby Morris of Sanger owner of a '89, was also present but had to leave early. We also welcomed last month's new member Barbara Eardley who was not in attendance last month.

With all these new members, Dennis Sipolt reported the current membership to be at 118.

Marc read the information that has been printed on the back of the new business cards and made them available to those in attendance. He encouraged members to distribute them to other Vette owners that they meet to encourage more club interest and new membership. The blank line is provided so the member may write his/her name on the card.

Minutes of the August meeting were read.

Treasurer, Lisa Davis, reported the club balance of \$5363.88 and the 50/50 fund at \$687.00. Lisa also read a thank you note for the Club's contribution to the Summer Vette Club at the National Corvette Museum.

Webmaster and merchandise chairman, Jim Peterson reported:

The website password has been updated for the new month.

For the benefit of the new members, the website is: ntcorvetteclub.com.

The website includes pictures of members & cars, the newsletter, meeting minutes, activities calendar and archives.

Barbara & Michael Eardley will be featured "In the Headlights" next month.

Thanks to the club for it's donation to the Appletree Project's fundraiser. 1440 backpacks and supplies were provided to Denton area children. Lurlene Mayo commented that the club's donation was listed in the newspaper.

Marc Hughes updated the group on Corvette Museum events in the absence of Chuck Smith:

The museum is celebrating its 17th year anniversary this weekend.

The 20th anniversary is coming up Labor

Day weekend in 2014. Interested NTCC members will caravan to the museum in Bowling Green for the event.

The club has subscribed to "The Group Travel Leader Magazine" as a resource for trip planning and cruise ideas. Chuck will maintain a library of this publication for member use.

Not much to celebrate with Corvette racing. Results for Road/America. In Elkhart Lake, WI: Corvette 5th & 14th, Ferrari 1st, BMW 2nd & 3rd, Porsche 4th.

Next race this weekend in Baltimore 3:30 pm CT on ESPN3.com; televised replay on ABC, Sunday starting at 4 pm.

Activities Chairman William Rafferty outlined past and planned activities. Past August activities included:

Vettes on the Rockies was held the first weekend in August. Sam Paschal reported that all had a great time in the mountains of Colorado and in Santa Fe. Next year's venue will be held in Winter Park instead of the Breckenridge/Frisco area.

Michael & Barbara Eardley attended the Crush Day at the Lightcatcher Winery. Even the 100 or so "Lucys" (male & female) could not diminish the extreme temperatures at the event.

Terry Smith led 9 cars on the Sundae Cruise held on the 28th ending at DQ in Pilot Point.

Upcoming activities:

"Vettes and Jets on the Lex" is scheduled for weekend of the 9th-11th. Paul and Sue Loser are hosts. Paul reminded the group that the event benefits the Wounded Warrior Project and that 350 Vettes are expected on the Lexington this year which is also the 10th anniversary of 9/11. See Paul or Sue if you have questions.

Denton Arts on the Square will be held on the 10th. Marc Hughes, Bunky Garonzik and Dennis Sipolt plan to attend.

The Wichita Falls show will be held the weekend of the 16th. Several members are planning to attend and show their cars.

Sam Paschal will host the Sundae Evening Cruise on the 25th.

There will also be an Activities Planning meeting held on October 1st at The Golden Corral in Denton.

Carol Keller is in charge of this year's Halloween Party to be held at Lynn & Charlie Davis' hunting camp. Details will

follow.

New Business:

David Hanks and Marc Hughes traveled to Corvettes at Carlisle in Pennsylvania. They had high recommendations for the event which this year featured Chevrolet's introduction of the new Carlisle Blue Metallic color. David and Marc also made it to DC where they visited the infamous service station where Marc worked in his younger days.

Doug and Debbie Light also enjoyed a trip to the Woodward Dream Cruise where over 40,000 classic cars participate in a "for charity" cruise along historic Woodward Avenue in Detroit.

Marc Hughes also mentioned there are numerous upcoming car shows & events that may be of interest to members: The Decatur Swap Meet on the 16th-18th and Cars and Coffee in Plano held this weekend starting at 7:30 am are a couple.

Pat Lemieux touted the value of the article on octanes that was featured on the website.

He added that changing gasoline brands every 5000 miles or so serves to clean out deposits. He also recommended that the club might consider adding a "car activity day" where members could work on cars together and share knowledge.

There was a discussion about a potential garage sale or adding listings to the newsletter for members to sell or dispose of unwanted or unneeded parts and/or accessories.

Susan Chambers informed the group that North Star Bank in Tioga has several C3 & C4 repos that may be of interest to members.

With a show of hands it was agreed to purchase a mic for meeting use.

Les Long announced that there may be a tailgate after the next meeting. Check website.

The 50/50 pot of \$83.00 was won by

Harry Plumadore.

There were 60 in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm with dinner immediately following at Los Toreros.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Rafferty, Secretary

