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The Wave



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Carl's Corner



I work with a wonderful young man. His name is Adam. He delivers and picks up the mail and all other sorts of goodies. Everyday, Adam and I talk about something. Some days we talk a lot. Some days we only speak while passing. No matter what, Adam brightens my work day more than he will ever know. Today was no different, other than the fact that I was listening. Please let me tell you a short story which goes as follows:

Many of the doors here at work have security key pads. You know the ones that require a combination before the door will open. Adam knows all of the combinations. I never see him knock. He just walks right up, enters the code, and walks in. My days require I remember three combinations. I seem to be able to recall each of them, but never to employ the correct one on the appropriate door. So, I continue to be amazed

at how he does it.

This morning Adam was about to go into the medical records office. We waved and, as usual, he punched the key pad and started to walk in. I looked over and said, "It's Adam, the man with all of the combinations." Adam looked up and shot right back, "Yea, but I still have to walk through the door."

As is my all too thoughtful nature, I reflected on his comment in a somewhat faith-focused manner. However, walking through doors may have a relevance to our club. You see, the leadership of this club, from an activity standpoint, can only construct and unlock doors. You have to walk through. If we don't walk, the club does not flourish. In less abstruse language, if we don't participate, the club is a dead duck. Make plans to be involved. Attend something, or better yet, plan something. I promise that if you attend or plan, we will show up.

Still building and opening,

Carl

Tech Tip

Here's a tech tip worth its weight in gold. Should you ever lock your keys in your Corvette (or any other automobile with remote electronic key fobs), unlocking your car is as easy as a cell phone call.

If your spare keys are accessible by someone at home or the office, simply call. Ask that they press the unlock button while you hold your cell phone next to your Corvette. Presto, it will unlock.

Vice President's View



...Boy, do you guys look different from the front of the room. Not a lot to report since the meeting the other night, but we should recognize a milestone event, Jim Peterson celebrated his 65th birth-

day!! He sure is well preserved, or maybe he just looks younger since his wife is so young?

The weather is turning better, and I'm sure there will be car shows and events

we all plan on attending. I will be out of town for the May event at TMS, put on by Lone Star Corvette, but it is such a good showing of Corvettes from all over. If you haven't been, I'd put it on your schedule. Parking and admission is FREE. Lots of Corvette vendors (groups selling Corvette related items). If you feel up to a challenge, on Sunday they allow cars (in small groups) to drive around the infield course at TMS. You can go as fast as the car in front of you and passing is only allowed in the straight. I have run the course for the past few years and had planned on running it again this year, but my daughter gets out of her first year of College in Virginia, and I am flying out to

drive back to Texas with her.

I am pleased that Chuck Smith stepped forward to take over as NCM Ambassador, I'm sure he will do the club proud as his attention to detail goes a long way. Les Long also took over as Tailgate Cook Boss, relieving me of yet another task...feeding all you hungry NTCC members after our next meeting. I don't know what the food will be but since I'm on a diet, I'm sure anything will look good.

I've taken enough of your time so until next month...C YA

Marc

National Corvette Museum Ambassador



It is an honor and a pleasure to be serving the North Texas Corvette Club as your ambassador to the National Corvette Museum.

Over the coming months the museum staff and I will have reminders and updates on a variety of interesting NCM activities and opportunities. You should access the museum website at

www.corvettemuseum.com

For now, the staff has asked me to remind everyone that this is the beginning of their events season. You can see the schedule at

www.corvettemuseum.com/calendar/ncm_events-2010.shtml

As you probably recall, the museum is supported almost entirely by the NCM

membership through dues and gifts. There is (nor has there ever been) any financial support from Chevrolet or General Motors. The North Texas Corvette Club is a "club" member and we strongly encourage all of our interested members to join and support this unique repository of and for Corvette history. The basic one year individual membership is only \$50 (family, \$100). From time to time there are multi-year membership discounts offered. There is also an E-Membership now available for only \$25. Check the NCM website to see all that membership offers and for complete details.

The "brick" program has been popular with the NTCC membership. For only \$125 (\$100 for NCM members) you may have your personal 4"x 8" brick added to the Walk of Fame. Upon your specific request, it will be placed in the vicinity of the 2'x 2' NTCC club brick along with the many NTCC members' bricks already in place. Again, full details can be found on

the NCM website.

Our NTCC Corvette racing fans need to keep April 17th in mind. It's the ALMS Long Beach race, the one where we all hope the Corvette C6Rs will put the Ferraris, BMWs, Porches, Ford GTs and Jaguars "in there place." TV coverage will be on SPEED, beginning at 7 p.m. central time. Follow Corvette racing throughout the season at

www.corvetteracing.com

That's it for now. Please let me know if you have questions about the NCM or suggestions on how I might be able to assist you in taking full advantage of the NCM opportunity.

Save the wave! -- Chuck Smith



Activities Director



RECENT PAST EVENTS

The first Saturday in March we cruised to the Denton County

Food Center. Thanks to all those that supported this activity; we donated in excess of \$1100.00.

On March 27th we had the Progressive Dinner Cruise. Many thanks to Martha & Steve Hansen for opening their home for appetizers, Paula & Sam Pachal for our main dinner, and Sherry & Jim Gentry for dessert (not to mention mine and Sue's birthday surprise).

On April 10th we cruised up to Gainesville for the Medal of Honor Parade. This was a great event. We had 17 Corvettes in the parade. This was the first parade I have ever been in that had airplanes and helicopters flying in the parade. The per-

sonnel that organized this parade were very happy to see us and hope we come back next year. So if you did not go this year, you will want to make plans to join us next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16th thru the 18th will be the Hot Springs Corvette Show. On our calendar, if you click on Hot Springs, it will open up the car show info. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Gentry.

On April 24th we will go to the Germanfest in Muenster, TX. This is a lot of fun. If you like beer, you may want to find a designated driver. Please be at Good Eats at 10:00 am.

On the 25th we will have our Sunday Evening Cruise and Ice Cream. Please meet at Good Eats and plan to depart at 6:30 pm.

The last event I want to mention today is the Cruise to Fredericksburg. This is a three day event. We will depart on Friday, April 30th and return Sunday, May 2nd. If you have any questions, call Sue at 817-681-7810.

May 15th is the Lone Star Corvette Classic. If you open the calendar on our web page and click the Lone Star info, it will open up a page with the show's application. This application needs to be mailed before May first if you do not want to pay an additional \$20.00. This is a fun event and you get to see a lot of Corvettes.

So as you can see we are very busy.

As always, enjoy those Corvettes, and please drive safely.

Paul Loser

Have you ever noticed, when you're driving, that anyone driving slower than you is an "idiot", and anyone driving faster than you is a "maniac"? ~ George Carlin

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Sarah Hughes
April 24

Diana Reeves
May 5

Anniversaries

Leon & Nancy McMinn
April 20

Paul & Sue Loser
April 29

Calendar

- April 16-18** Hot Springs Car Show — contact Jim Gentry
- April 24** Germanfest Muenster — Meet at Good Eats at 10 am
- April 25** Sunday Cruise — Good Eats 6:30 pm
- April 30-May 2** Fredericksburg Trip — Leave from Paradise Liquors at 8 am
- May 7** Monthly meeting — 7:30 pm at James Wood
- May 15** Lone Star Corvette Show — TMS
- May 23** Run for the Wall Cruise — Terrell
- May 30** Sunday Evening Cruise — 6:30 pm at Good Eats

Medal of Honor Parade

Gainesville, April 10

By Bunky Garonzik

Wherever our club gets together with our shiny Vettes, we draw a crowd. The bright colors, America's Sports Car, a certain symbol of freedom, and perhaps even a tiny bit of envy from others. Just driving down the highway in a group will usually prompt a wave and a smile from others. Line the streets with a bunch of folks for a parade, and we can always count on our club as a crowd favorite.

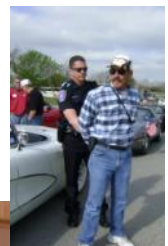
But the Medal of Honor parade brings a special meaning to all who wore the uniform, everyone who values our American way of life, and everyone who understands the sacrifices that our fighting men and women have made to keep our country free.

There have been hundreds of thousands of men and women who have proudly served our country, but only 1505 have received the Medal of Honor since the Spanish American War. The Medal is not given lightly, and Gainesville has been designated as an official Medal of Honor City.

The parade had all the elements of something very special honoring the recipients: There were military vehi-

cles—jeeps, trucks, half tracks, and Hummers. Overhead were Hueys and Cobras, and various fixed wing aircraft—some flying in formation, and some doing a little air show on their own. Plenty of flags, police units from various parts of the state, marching bands, scout units, and each Medal of Honor recipient had their own escort and banner. We were proud to be a part of the event.

No NTCC event would be complete without some sort of a meal. We gathered at the Main Street Pub, and had a great time. The weather was perfect, and the day was a memorable experience.



April Meeting Notes

President Carl Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. He reintroduced the new officers to the group and expressed his desire to honor the spirit and direction of the club.

New member Jay Smith introduced his wife, Zelda, as she was unable to attend the last meeting. There were no additional new members in attendance.

Minutes from the March 5th meeting as prepared by Lynne Von Villas were read. There were no additions or corrections.

Treasurer, Lisa Davis, reported the club balance at \$3385.29. The 50/50 fund stands at \$281.00.

Dennis Sipolt reminded the group that dues were past due and that there are currently 88 paid members. 56 were in attendance.

Webmaster & Merchandise Chair, Jim Peterson, informed us that the membership roster has been updated and the photos of non-paid members have been removed from the website. Jim also requested that an attempt be made to update member pictures as most are several years old and asked if anyone had newer and/or better photos they could send them to him. Club Patches are still available for purchase at \$24.00. Sam and Paula Paschal will be the next featured couple "In the Headlights".

Vice President Marc Hughes introduced Chuck Smith as the new National Corvette Museum

Ambassador. Chuck graciously volunteered to act as the new liaison for the club now that Marc is Vice President. Chuck informed us about the Corvette racing team's performance and that racing is televised on the Speed Channel. Further info is also available at corvetteracing.com.

Marc reminded us that in addition to the 10% discount, James Woods discount cards include the use of a Cadillac while your Vette is being serviced. A motion was made and seconded that a list of the club members' names be given to the service department to facilitate the discount process. Cards are also still available to all members.

Activities Director Paul Loser thanked the group on behalf of the North Texas Food Bank. The club's donation of over \$1100, is equivalent to \$4500 worth of food. It was unfortunate that the "Culture Cruise" which was scheduled in February had to be cancelled, but it will hopefully be rescheduled for a later date. A hardy round of applause was given to Steve & Martha Hansen, Sam & Paula Paschal and Jim & Sherry Gentry the hosts of the Progressive Dinner held on March 27th. 38 people attended and were well fed at the event.

Upcoming April events include: a trip to Gainesville to participate in a parade to honor the Medal of Honor Recipients on April 10th, the Corvette show in Hot Springs the weekend of April 16-18 and the Muenster Germanfest on April 24th. The first 2010 Sunday Evening Cruise scheduled for

April 25th, will be a "Cruise'n Ice Cream" event.

In May, we'll look forward to the Lone Star Corvette Club's Car Show on the 15th. Jim Peterson will put a link on the website to download applications. And on the 23rd the annual Run for the Wall will be held with a refueling stop in Terrell. All were encouraged to participate.

There will be a tailgate party at the next meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the upcoming 10th Anniversary Celebration. Dale Davis, Ray Guidry and Jim Peterson have volunteered to organize the event. James Woods has agreed to open up for us to stage the event –possibly a car show. The first or second weekend in May or June was suggested. After a show of hands it was determined that this event be separate from the annual club picnic. The calendar will need to be reviewed to decide an appropriate date for the event.

The 50/50 pot of \$75 was won by Sandra Garonzik.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 with dinner immediately following at Miguelitos.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Rafferty, Secretary

Corvette Stuff for Sale

It's time to clean out that garage or closet. Post an ad for anything Corvette-related for a mere \$5. All proceeds will go to the Christmas Party. You can email me (a.sue.loser@gmail.com) with the info and pictures and I will post it for one month.