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The Wave



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Carl's Corner



I got an interesting email the other day. When it came up on my Black-Berry I did not recognize the name, and the subject title was "Nice Article". In this day of viruses and Trojan horses or whatever all of that stuff is called, I generally don't open an email if I don't know the sender. However, this time I did. Seems this fellow Dave Schutz had been reading the America's Sports Car Magazine and ran across the article about the North Texas Corvette Club. By the way, Dave is the president of the Texas Corvette Association in San Antonio, Texas.

After I read his email I was struck by two things. First, what a compliment it was to our club to have someone say so many nice things. Second, how unusual it is, in the day and time, for someone to take the time to write something. I mean really

write. He did not use a single lol or bty or any of that other stuff that passes for communication these days.

Here is the email. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Hi Carl,

I'm president of the Texas Corvette Association in San Antonio. I'd like to congratulate your club on the article that was posted in America's Sports Car Magazine. It's great to see a Corvette Club in Texas be nationally recognized. Obviously your club has much going for it since you already have grown to 100 Corvette enthusiasts in a few short years. It's also nice to see that you enjoy your cars and the friendships that develop as a result of owning Corvettes (I can tell by the picture!), while at the same time giving back to the community with your charitable support. I know the NCM also appreciates your financial help even though they haven't drawn the writer of

the article's winning ticket yet.

As suggested in the write-up I went to your web page to see more about your club and found your email address. The web page is very professional and informative. Our web page is www.Texas-Corvette-Association.org if you'd like to see what we're about.

Anyway, congratulations on the very nicely written article, and hopefully our paths will cross sometime in the future. I'd also like to invite you to our car show on April 16, in Boerne, Texas (just north of San Antonio). If you'd like more information about it, let me know.

Dave Schutz

I don't know about you, but I plan on being in Boerne, Texas on April 16, 2011. Thank you, Dave. Here is Dave's email address - dmschutz@gmail.com. Please take a moment and send him a thank-you note.



Notes from the VP Desk....



...Well, there I was...surrounded by Corvettes, Vettes to the left of me, Vettes to my right, when all of a sudden it hit me...MAN is it HOT in my ga-

rage!!! OK, so much for me...what have you been up to? My hope is that it will soon cool off and we can spend more time with our beloved Corvettes. Since only one of mine has AC, I have limited my driving

to the Z06 and just a few miles on the 65 to a few shows. Those of you who show your cars know how hot sitting in a parking lot for several hours can be. But I must admit, having others look, admire, critique and tell you..." when I was in high school...I had one of those..." is kind of FUN and a great way to spend a few hours. Surrounded by cool cars and people of all types and sizes is never dull. Car shows are not for all but they are a good excuse to put a few miles on the Vette, get it all cleaned and an escape from our home chores.

For those of you who like to cruise, you need not show to attend the car show but since most are free admission and parking is free, you might consider hopping in that car of yours and seeing all that there is to see. Dion said something like that...:>))

Well, I can see by the clock on the wall that it is a half past August so I must get back to work to pay for all these toys and C-Magic wax and Gold Line Tires and on and on...Til next month.

C YA,

Marc

National Corvette Museum Ambassador



In July we submitted three editions of the NTCC Newsletter to the NCM 2010 Club Awards Program newsletter competition. Many "thanks" to our editor, Sue Loser – here's hoping for another "win" for

the North Texas Corvette Club!

Thanks, also, to our vice president, Marc Hughes, for sharing, at our August Club meeting, the story of the 50-car parade lap at this year's Le Mans. It marked the 50th anniversary of Corvette's first participation at Le Mans. The lap was led by driver John Fitch in the 1960 CI in which he and his teammates finished eighth overall in 1960. You can see it on the following You Tube video (the Fitch/Corvette parade lap sequence starts at 1:18):

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6b5eFAgsogE&feature=youtube_gdata

Also at our August meeting we had available a number of brochures sent to us by the NCM. In particular, I'd like to call your attention to those dealing with NCM Membership and the Brick Program. Also, possibly of interest to a

number of NTCC members is the NCM Collector Car Insurance program. Of interest to all of our members who enjoy on-track activities throughout the year will be NCM Insurance's High Performance Driving School Physical Damage coverage. We will continue to keep a supply of all NCM brochures on hand and available at our monthly meetings.

NEW PLANT MANAGER for Corvette Assembly/Bowling Green: August 1st, Dave Tatman succeeded Bob Parcell as Plant Manager. After only ten months at BG, Parcell was tapped to run GM's Lordstown Complex and their re-emphasized small car program. Tatman's most recent assignment was as director of transmission operations at Warren, Willow Run and Parma. Dave will be featured in the upcoming edition of *America's Sports Car* magazine (which you can receive six times a year with your NCM membership).

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM COMING EVENTS

September 2-4 (Labor Day weekend):
NCM 16th Anniversary Celebration and
Museum Hall of Fame inductions

September 16-18: Z06 fest

September 21-25: Pace Car Reunion at the
GM Proving Grounds/Milford, Michigan
November 4-6: Vets & Vettes

CORVETTE RACING

At the ALMS Mid-Ohio Sports Car Challenge, July 24th, Gavin and Beretta drove the No. 4 Corvette C6.R to 2nd place, finishing less than 0.6 seconds behind the Ferrari 430 GT of Melo and Bruni. Six competitors finished on the lead lap. BMW was 3rd and 6th, Porsche 4th and 7th, and the other Ferrari 5th; the No. 3 Corvette retired with overheating in the 49th lap.

Corvette Racing's next event is at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis. The race will start at 1:05 p.m. CT on Sunday, August 22, and will be televised live on SPEED. Live radio coverage will be available on American Le Mans Radio, Sirius Channel 127, and XM Channel 242.

Until next meeting,
Save the Wave,
Chuck Smith



Activities Director



Things that have happened:

Thanks to Jim and Jean Peterson for trying to

put a little culture in the Corvette Club, with a culture cruise to Fort Worth back on July 17th.

July 24th was the Pottsboro Corvette show. Thanks to Clay for leading all the participants to this show.

On Sunday July 25th Terry Smith lead his first ever cruise. This was a great drive, and we got to spend some time with some great friends.

Next we had three car shows in

a row. One was in Valley View, which was a fundraiser for the fire department. The next day we did a show at Good Eats that was a fundraiser for Denton County Fallen Soldiers, then on the very next weekend we did a fundraiser in Burleson for the Saint Jude's Children Hospital. Thanks to all of you that helped raise money for all these organizations.

Things that are going to happen:

On August 21st we will have an Ice Cream Social. This will be at Sam and Paula Paschal's home. Their address is 304 Vickery Way, Denton Tx. Their phone number is 972-896-4595. Please just show up at their home around 7:30 PM. Please bring

your own drinks, and ice cream toppings or any other desserts you may see fit.

On August 29th we will have our Sunday evening Cruise. We will depart Good Eats at 6:30 pm.

September 11th will be the Denton Art, Antiques, and Auto show. We will meet at El Guapo's restaurant, just south of the square at 7:30 am. September 17th and 18th is the Wichita Falls Corvette show. Please watch for further details.

As always, Please drive safely and keep up the wave.

Paul Loser

The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it. ~Dudley Moore

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Chuck Smith
August 21

Mike McCormack
August 27

Tom Prohaska
August 31

Carl Reeves
August 31

Tom Martin
September 2

Dennis Sipolt
September 7

Mary Smith
September 8

Carolyn Long
September 9

Anniversaries

Terry & Lynne Newman
August 20

Charlie & Lynn Davis
August 26

Ray & Jan Harris
August 30

Carl & Diana Reeves
September 1

Mike & Debbie McCormack
September 4

Chuck & Mary Picciuti
September 10

Calendar

- Aug 21 Ice Cream Social—Paschal's at 7:30 pm
- Aug 29 Sunday Night Cruise—depart Good Eats at 6:30 pm
- Sept 3 Monthly Meeting — James Wood at 7:30 pm
- Sept 11 Arts, Antiques and Autos, Denton Courthouse Square
- Sept 17-18 Wichita Falls Corvette Show
- Sept 20-Oct 3 Eureka Springs Corvette Show
- Oct 1 Monthly Meeting—James Wood, 7:30 pm
- Oct 9 Brazos River Corvette Show, Granbury



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.

August Meeting Minutes

The August 6th meeting was called to order by President Carl Reeves at 7:32 pm. New members, Rick and Terry Williams, owners of a silver '08 Vette (his 6th Vette) and Michael Jouette owner of a 2007 were introduced to the group.

Minutes of the July 2nd meeting were read and there were no additions or corrections.

Treasurer, Lisa Davis, reported the club balance of \$3119.50. The 50/50 fund stands at \$547.50.

Currently there are 97 paid members, as reported by Dennis Sipolt.

Vice President Marc Hughes remarked (as a reminder to all members) that the monies obtained by the club through membership dues are used for club-designated philanthropic causes. The 50/50 pot is allocated toward the upcoming year's Christmas Party.

Marc will construct and distribute a "shared-interest" checklist which he will use to tabulate a spreadsheet which members can consult.

The club should be commended for being only one of 5 clubs to be highlighted in a featured article in "America's Sports Car", the National Corvette Museum's publication. It was suggested that the article be scanned and placed on the website. Also, a trophy was awarded to the club for Outstanding Club Participation at the Valley View Car Show, held on July 31st.

Marc also recommended that special recognition be given to new grandparents at each monthly meeting, and David and Margie Hanks were congratulated on the birth of their new grandson Easton Eugene Hanks.

Jim Peterson informed the group that because he will be out of the country for the month of September, the website password for the month of August will remain until he can update it. Check with Jim for any club merchandise desired. Gig and Lurlene Mayo are currently "In the Headlights". Paul Loser recalled highlights of July's activities :

9 cars participated in Denton's 4th of July parade held on the 3rd. Although it rained before and after, it was dry during the parade.

6 cars traveled to the Culture Cruise on July 17th to The Kimball Art Museum and The Museum of Modern Art in Fort Worth. Lunch followed at Joe T. Garcia's.

6 cars participated in the Pottsboro Car Show. First Place was awarded to Charlie Davis's car which was shown by David Hanks, and Clay Clarkson received an honorable mention.

Special thanks to Terri Smith for arranging and leading the July 25th Sunday Evening Cruise

10 cars participated in the Valley View show – a fund-raiser for the Fire Department.

Paul estimated that between \$6000 - \$7000 was raised at the August 1st Freedom's Children Car Show. Some of the proceeds were for the family of Justin Monschke who was killed in Iraq. The show was well attended; cars filling 3 parking areas at Good Eats.

Upcoming activities include:

August 7th – the St. Jude's Car Show which will run from 8:30 – noon in Burleson. Free breakfast will be provided to participants.

The August 14th & 15th show in Norman, Oklahoma, was removed from the calendar due to lack of interest.

August 21st is the Ice Cream Social. Cars will meet at Good Eats at 6:30 pm for a cruise led by Jim Gentry and will end at Sam and Paula Paschal's. Bring swimsuits and towels if you want to swim and toppings for the ice cream.

The August 29th Sunday evening cruise will be planned and led by Clay Clarkson.

The planned September 11th cruise to Oklahoma has been postponed due to a conflict with the Denton Arts, Antiques and Autos Show to be held on the Denton Courthouse Square.

News from Chuck Smith, National Corvette Museum Ambassador included:

A reminder that Labor Day will be the next big event at the Museum – the 16th Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame induction. Kermit & Shirley will be there. Let Chuck know if you are interested in coordinating a trip.

The results of the newsletter contest will be announced in the fall. We have high hopes for "The Wave".

The Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course will be televised on Sunday, August 7th at 2pm on CBS.

The Corvette Racing Team continues to have troubles winning in recent events, frequently finishing behind Porsche, BMW and Ferrari entrants.

Chuck encouraged all NTCC members to join the Museum, a 501(c)(3) organization which is totally funded by it's members. Brochures and packets were left for those interested. As a footnote to Chuck's information, Marc Hughes informed the group that a special highlight of the 16th Anniversary celebration at the museum will be rides given in the Briggs Cunningham #3 1960 Le Mans winning Vette by owner, Lance Miller. To participate, a \$100 donation to the museum is required.

New News:

The club received a thank you note from Lurlene Mayo for flowers she received.

Dale Davis informed the group that a recently televised and very entertaining race on The Speed Channel featured a Corvette successfully defeating a Viper. The Upcoming Christmas Party was discussed. Co-chairs Paula Paschal and Sherri Gentry offered several suggestions to the group: Having a theme for the event such as "Celebrate Good Times" with the Club's 10th Year Anniversary in mind. This year a DJ will provide the music. Also it was suggested that in lieu of a gift exchange that a donation be given to a charity, or perhaps a family could be adopted. Ideas will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

The 50/50 pot of \$72.00 was won by Joel Robinson.

A Vettes on the Rockies poster, donated by Clay Clarkson was won by Steve Hansen.

There were 52 members in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm with dinner immediately following at Miguelito's.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Rafferty, Secretary

Corvette Club Spotlight



The North Texas Corvette Club

The North Texas Corvette Club was founded in 2000 by our first president Kermit Dye, and his wife, Shirley. Shirley and Kermit got the idea to start a club during the 1999 National Corvette Museum Anniversary event held in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The excitement of the event and tour through the Assembly Plant while they were there, inspired them to share their fun with other Corvette owners in the North Texas area.

After returning home, they began to talk about the idea of a club to their friends and other Corvette owners. Using the internet and word of mouth, a meeting of interested parties occurred on February 6, 2000. Twenty people attended resulting in fifteen charter members. Today seven of those original members continue to be active participants and the club has grown to 100 members total.

The North Texas Corvette Club is sponsored by James Wood Autopark and meets in the Chevrolet showroom the first Friday of each month. Club meetings are followed by a dinner giving old friends the opportunity to talk Corvettes, show off their new "babies," and welcome visitors. During the summer months, we have a tailgate party rather than go to a restaurant. We cater in food, everybody brings a chair, and we enjoy sitting around in the dealership parking lot, eating and visiting.

Many of our members have stated, "I've always wanted a Corvette, and now I have one!" Or some have said, "My wife's Dad had one and now we own it." We have members who have been Corvette owners as far back as 1956 and 1960 and others who are new to the hobby with their first Corvettes. All are welcome.

We have an active club with several things going on every month including Sunset Sunday Night Cruises (during

nice weather months), charitable activities, including an annual run to a local orphanage, support of veterans, Fourth of July Parade, numerous car shows, and the list goes on, including an annual Christmas party with a live band.

We hold seminars from time to time on topics such as detailing the car, exhaust exchange, new tire experiences, and every once in a while, we go as a club to some all-Corvette event, such as the recent trip to the NCM. We had about 15 members caravan to the 15th Anniversary in Bowling Green. The NTCC support of the NCM includes the purchase of a club banner (flying at the Museum), bricks for both our club and individual members, a bi-annual ad in the NCM magazine, and raffle ticket sales. (Boy, I hope I win soon!)

We support the National Corvette Museum to insure that our Corvette centered activities are recorded and that everyone who waves the Corvette flag will have a central location to celebrate America's sports car.

The NTCC web site, www.NTCorvetteClub.com, receives frequent praise, and our monthly newsletter enables all members to get a global view of our happenings.



From America's Sport Car, the National Corvette magazine.