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February 2010

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From the Prez



Well, the snow has melted but the cold temperatures are still keeping my Corvettes in the garage. Like for most of us, spring can't come soon enough this year. I'm ready for cruising and car shows! Our calendar has been filled, and starting in March there will be plenty of activities to put our cars to use. Let's

hope that the weather cooperates.

Next month is our annual election, and we have a great list of very capable candidates. No matter which candidates are elected, I'm certain that the club will be in good hands and we will continue to be one of the most elite and active Corvette

clubs in the nation. With as far as we've come in our first 10 years, imagine where we can be in another 10!

Since the new president will be taking over before the March newsletter, this will be my last entry into the newsletter. I wish to thank everyone for the privilege of having been the club president, and look forward to continued participation in the best Corvette club in the country!
Dennis Kohl
President

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From the VP



Winter

I am watching the sun come up this morning. It looks like it should be warm out there, but once again the temperature is well below freezing. At least the snow has melted. Those of you

from colder climates are probably thinking what a sissy I am. You're absolutely correct. Nonetheless, I want a warm, sunny, not-too-much wind kind of day. You know, like the one we had in December just before the first snow hit on Christmas Eve. There is a need to drive the Corvette and ride the motorcycle; which by the way was purchased in November and has less than 1000 miles on it. Why have toys when all they do is gather dust?

In case this is all starting to sound all too self-

centered, which it may be, let me add the following. I want to see all of you more frequently. Face Book is okay, but I need some face time with the fine folks of the North Texas Corvette Club. I need Sunday night cruises ending at the Sonic, weekend trips, picnics, Bunky saying, "Hello Woodrow", the guys standing in the parking lot at the dealership, and riding around with my top off (of the car that is).

We came up with some great ideas at the last activities meeting. Paul Loser is working hard with some of our members making those things happen. Please mark your calendars to connect with the club and come along. If you have ideas for other activities, please bring them along too. We have a wonderful club thanks to all of you.

Please drive safely out there.

Carl

Activities Director



RECENT PAST EVENTS

In January we had an activities meeting at the Golden Corral in Denton.

For all those who were there, I owe you a great deal of thanks. It is these people that help with the activities throughout the year. As you will see, we came up with many things to do.

In February we have had a couple of functions. One was the Super Bowl party at Marc Hughes' garage. This is always a lot of fun. Thanks Marc for your hospitality. Next we had our yearly Valentine dinner. This was a great turn out. We had 38 people who gathered at Patrizio's in Highland Village. There was great food and a lot of great people. Thanks to Martha Hansen for setting this up and to Myrna Guidry for the decorations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ok, now let's get right into March.

The first Saturday in March we will have a cruise to the Denton County Food Center. We will meet at Good Eats in Denton, with a 10:30 departure time. We will have lunch after the visit. So come hungry and

bring your check book.

On the 20th of March, Jim Peterson is going to take the club on a culture tour of Fort Worth. Watch the website for details.

On March 27th we will have a Progressive Dinner Cruise. For this cruise we will meet at Good Eats (time to be determined) and we will cruise to Martha & Steve Hansen's home for appetizers. From here we will cruise to Paula & Sam Paschall's home for our main course. After dinner we will go to Sherry & Jim Gentry's home for dessert. Please watch the website for more details and any help with food that may be needed.

Then we move into April. My favorite time as the weather should be getting nice.

Our first activity in April will be great. We will cruise up to Gainesville for the Medal of Honor Parade. Just as the great award says, we will honor several veterans who are well deserving of our honor. Watch for more details.

April 16-18 will be the Hot Springs Corvette show. Check the web site for info on room reservations. On our calendar, if you click on Hot Springs it will open up the car show info.

Please make reservations ASAP, and watch the website for details.

The next couple of weekends will be very busy. On April 24th we will go to Germanfest in Muenster. This is a lot of fun. If you like beer, you may want to find a designated driver. Watch for details.

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. We reserved 20 rooms at the Sunday House. These are going fast with only 6 rooms left. Please call 830-997-4484 to make your reservation. If you have any problems call Sue at 817-681-7810.

So as you can see we are very busy.

Thanks to all those who help make these activities possible.

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

Paul Loser

In less enlightened times, the best way to impress women was to own a hot car. But women wised up and realized it was better to buy their own hot cars so they wouldn't have to ride around with jerks. ~ Scott Adams.



Bowling Green Assembly Plant

From Betty Siemer of Christ's Haven for Children:

Thank you and the North Texas Corvette Club for your sincere care shown in the support you give each year. It is truly amazing how God provides through people like you, who sacrifice to make a difference in the lives of others, in this case, His children. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas season many people think about giving to others. The remainder of the year, it doesn't cross their minds. As you may understand, during the holiday season we are extremely blessed. Please consider partnering with us throughout the year to help overcome the recession/lean times.

I look forward to meeting all of you face-to-face in the future. Keep that sweet spirit of helping as you see a need.

Betty

Ambassador's Corner



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The NCM appreciates the support of the NTCC and is holding us up as a shining example of the kind of club support the NCM is looking for.

If you are not yet a member of the NCM, go to the NTCC web site and click on the bottom left NCM logo. It is linked to the NCM web site and there you will find information on how you can join, get member discounts, buy a brick (you may even have your brick by the NTCC Club brick just in front of the main entrance to the NCM (for all to see).

Thank you NTCC for your ongoing support of the Museum and my efforts as the NTCC Ambassador.

Marc Hughes



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Lynn Davis
February 18

Allan (Bunky) Garonzik
February 21

Stephanie Hammer
February 21

Bev Clarkson
February 24

MaryBeth Short
February 25

Mary Jarvis
March 14

Dale Davis
March 15

Terry Newman
March 18

Anniversaries

Bill & Susan Chambers
March 17

Calendar

- March 5** Monthly meeting — James Wood, 7:30 pm
- March 6** Denton County Food Center — meet at Good Eats
- March 20** FW Culture Cruise (Kimball & Modern art museums with early dinner at Joe T's — meet at Good Eats
- March 27** Progressive Dinner
- April 2** Monthly meeting — James Wood, 7:30 pm
- April 10** Medal of Honor Celebration, Gainesville
- April 16-18** Hot Springs Car Show — contact Jim Gentry
- April 24** Germanfest, Muenster
- April 25** Sunday Cruise
- April 30-May 2** Fredericksburg Trip



February Meeting Notes

President Dennis Kohl called the meeting to order at 7:30. Dennis welcomed everyone..

Visitors were Mark and Jeanne Stuart.

Minutes from the January 8, 2010, meeting were read. There were no additions or corrections.

Treasurer Lisa Davis reported the club balance at 3458.89 and the 50/50 fund at \$75.00

Membership Chair Dennis Sipolt reported that the mem-

bership remains at 130. Dues are due immediately. They are \$25 per person.

Activities Chair Paul Loser reported on the upcoming activities. Please visit the web site for the complete listing. He has worked hard and has through April filled with great events.

Also, Paul directed folks to read the letter from Christ Haven, the children's home visit from December.

National Corvette Museum

Ambassador Marc Hughes reported that the National Corvette Magazine asked for input from 5 clubs around the US. We were picked as one, a great honor for our club. We will be part of an article in the July/Aug magazine.

The 50/50 was won by Martha Hansen with \$81.00 in the pot.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 with dinner immediately following at Genti's.

From the desk of Kermit Dye

I'm often asked how the North Texas Corvette Club began. So, on the 10th anniversary of our club, I'll relive our history for everyone.

Our origin dates back to Labor Day 1999, while visiting the National Corvette Museum 5th anniversary celebration. This particular celebration had the now famous "gathering" of Corvettes at the Opryland Hotel parking lot in Nashville before an organized procession in the right lane of Interstate 69 to National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky., some 65 miles away! There was a "reported" 10,000 people for this event and the enormous Opryland Hotel parking lot was packed. One of the more memorable sites was the exodus of every imaginable Corvette slowly leaving the parking lot. Only one Corvette from this sea of Corvettes didn't start!!! Now that's Corvette reliability!

During the celebration we toured the assembly plant and while waiting with Sherry and Tony Pettofrezzo, friends and charter members of the NTCC, we were admiring the various club patches displayed. Picking out the best patches and colors, we soon decided we should start a club in North Texas (Denton) and share our love of Corvettes with others. After a lot of discussion and solicitation of others, both personally and over the internet, we called a meeting of interested parties on February 06, 2000, at the now defunct Texican Restaurant in Denton (Hannah's).

Roughly 23 people attended this meeting with 17 committing to start a club. Our first organizational meeting was held at Les & Carolyn Long's house on Feb. 27, 2000, where we elected officers, set dues, adopted a name, drafted rough bylaws and immediately started to flag down every Corvette in sight (not nearly as many on the streets as now). Shortly thereafter I designed our logo, merging a Texas flag to the Corvette flags signifying we were a Texas Corvette Club with the name, North Texas Corvette Club, above the logo. I copyrighted the logo and immediately set about getting GM to recognize us and grant us rights to use the GM and Corvette trademarks. They did so and commented on the appearance of "one of the best logos ever presented them", for which I'm very proud.

Shirley and I, along with all our members, spent untold hours and personal money to move the club forward and grow. Realizing that a club without true organization wouldn't survive, and money to really "organize the club" was difficult, I approached a few friends at James Wood Autopark to sponsor us. They graciously provided us support and continue to be our only sponsor today. Our appreciation for this support should never be un-recognized!

Fast forward 10 years (the first 7 of which I served as president) and a few Corvette speed bumps later and we've officially reached our 10th anniversary. I'd like to acknowledge the charter members who contributed so much and worked

so very hard to make our club what it is today. Please notice that we have 7 people who have been continuous members since that initial meeting in February 2000. I'd particularly like to acknowledge Shirley's steadfast support and love for the club, never having been an officer, without her support, I would not have endured the bumps along the way to ensure our club continued!

It's been great fun and particularly rewarding to see the same love of Corvettes, great friendships found, and hard work by everyone that has, and will, continue to carry this club forward.

Charter Members * current/continuous members

Kermit Dye*
 Shirley Dye*
 Les Long *
 Carolyn Long *
 David Long *
 Chuck Piciutti *
 Mary Piciutti *
 Al Bryant
 Mary Bryant
 Jim Smith
 Suzanne Smith
 Jim Sewell
 Ken Miller
 Sherry Pettofrezzo
 Tony Pettofrezzo
 Ted Biggie

A committee (Ray Guidry, Jim Peterson, and Dale Davis) to plan a 10 year anniversary celebration for our club has been appointed. Share your interest to help or suggestions to one of these members. No date has been selected yet.

Best Regards,
 Kermit







Charter Members: *from left*, David Long, Chuck & Mary Piciutti, Kermit & Shirley Dye, Carolyn & Les Long

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.

2010 Officer Ballot

	President	Carl Reeves	
	Vice-President	Bill Chambers	Marc Hughes
	Treasurer	Lisa Davis	
	Secretary	Martha Hansen	Joanne Rafferty

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