

# NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB

10 years & going strong

## The Wave



June 2010

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### Carl's Corner



Early the other morning I happened upon a man in one of those motorized wheelchairs. A lady was trying to help him but, unfortunately, without much success. It seems the cord from his battery charger had gotten tangled up in the right rear wheel. A few minutes on the floor unwrapping things made him and his machine good to go – or so I thought. A little further discussion revealed he was there for a seminar of some type. He said it was supposed to start at 6:30 AM. Nothing like that ever starts before 8:00 where I work. After running around and making a few phone calls, we found out

the seminar did in fact start at 6:30 – PM. He was just a little early. We managed to get him on his way back home without too much trouble. However, he did say something interesting as he was leaving. He said, "I wish there were more people like you". Now I am not sure the world is ready for more people like me. Maybe he was referring to the lady who was helping both or us.

This morning I was thinking about what he had said and came to the following conclusion. There are a lot of kind and caring people out there. How do I know this to be true? I attended the tenth anniversary of the North Texas Corvette Club. During the course of the event, I heard the telling of some great stories about helping

other folks and the effects it has had on our members. We help each other in times on need. We help people outside our family by supporting various organizations and causes. We help the club by giving our time, effort, and money to support all we do.

Thanks to all of the members, both past and present, for making the North Texas Corvette Club what it is today. I can only hope and pray that ten years from now there will continue to be a North Texas Corvette Club and its members will convey the legacy created during the first ten years.

Carl



### Corvette News

Production of the 2010 Corvette model has wrapped up and GM has released the final production statistics for the 2010 Corvette model year. The final count of Corvettes produced for MY 2010 is 12,194. That's a decrease of 28.1% from 2009's 16,956 production and a whopping 65.5% off the 35,310 Corvettes produced in 2008.

## Vice President's View



VPView...another fun-filled month has passed and the North Texas Corvette Club has exceeded all the reasons I belong, good friends, great fellowship and LOTS of food!!

We had a great Sunday cruise, seeing parts of Denton county east of Pilot Point (no, we didn't invite David Hanks' shop but thought of it) as we cruised all around that area, ending up at the Sonic in Pilot Point. What a great sight, wonderful country side, horses with young foals and Corvettes in front and behind me as we drive...what a sight!!

The Picnic at Bunky's was fun, food, great time, food and had a chance to get the old 63 Split Window out for the short drive

over and back. While the day was hot, Bunky and Sandra set up the tables under the shade of several trees by his lake and, clever fellow that he is, he rustled up a nice breeze so the day was a real pleasure..THANKS Sandra and Bunky!!!

The Picnic was followed by a wonderful time at the 10th Anniversary Party. Good stories were told by many about experiences with the Club or fond memories (and a warning...don't mess with Mrs. Guidry). The venue was very convenient, the parking lot roped off for Corvettes and the lobby bar made for a great gathering place before we went in to a room set up with tables full of memorabilia starting back from the genesis of the NTCC logo and a T shirt from the 1999 Caravan to the NCM where Kermit and Shirley discussed starting a Corvette club in Denton. According to Kermit, when they got back to Denton they started chasing Corvettes to meet the drivers and

discuss the club. Shirley, being the good sport she is, slid down in the seat a bit as they flagged down other Corvette drivers.

A small group of us are getting ready to attend one of the Corvette meccas, Bloomington Gold in Illinois. We will leave Denton early on the 23rd, drive to St. Louis where Clay will give us a tour of his old haunts leading us to a BBQ dinner. After spending the night, we press on to Bloomington Fair Grounds and then back to Midway Airport outside Chicago to get Jim Peterson. He will join us for deep dish pizza then back to BG for a full day of Corvettes, parts cars and more fellow Corvette lovers. Detail (at least those that we can share) will be in next month's VP article, til then...

Wave ON!!!

Marc

## National Corvette Museum Ambassador



There's now a NCM Ambassador's Corner on the home page of the NTCC web site. It contains links the National Corvette Museum website as well as directly to many of the sections their web site con-

tains. These include:

National Corvette Museum  
[www.corvettemuseum.com/](http://www.corvettemuseum.com/)

NCM Membership  
[services.corvettemuseum.com/PortalTools/NCMF/membership.cfm](http://services.corvettemuseum.com/PortalTools/NCMF/membership.cfm)

NCM eNEWS  
[www.corvettemuseum.com/ncmenews/index.shtml](http://www.corvettemuseum.com/ncmenews/index.shtml)

Walk of Fame Bricks  
<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/brick/index.shtml>

Corvette Raffles  
<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml>

National Corvette Museum Delivery (Option R8C)  
[http://www.corvettemuseum.com/ncm\\_delivery/index.shtml](http://www.corvettemuseum.com/ncm_delivery/index.shtml)



<http://www.corvetteracing.com/>

Please use this easy access to keep up with Museum activities, goings-on and other areas in which you may be interested. Remember, these are just seven of the nearly thirty interest areas available on the NCM home page.

### CORVETTE RACING

This Saturday and Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> was the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Corvette qualified one-two for the start of the race in the GT2 class. The No. 64 Corvette (O. Gavin et al), which had led their class most of the race, was spun into the track wall by a Peugeot, severely damaging the back of the Corvette, especially the LR suspension. The Corvette crew did return No. 64 to the race, but it retired after Lap 225 with engine failure. You can see the "insult" here:  
<http://www.craigboyce.com/Videos/YouTubeFinds/CorvetteCrash2010LeMans.shtml>

The No. 63 Corvette retired about 7 a.m. with engine failure after 225 laps. Porsche won GT2 in 338 laps; their first GT2 win since 2007. Corvette finished 35<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup>. The overall winner (LMPI) was Audi: 397 laps.

Until next meeting,  
Save the Wave,  
Chuck Smith



## Activities Director



Things that have happened:

May 15<sup>th</sup> was the Lone Star Corvette Club car show at the Texas Motor Speedway. We had a few cars showing, but only one had everything it took to win a first place in its category. For more info ask Dennis Sipolt what class he was in and what a nice trophy he won.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> was the Run For the Wall. We had several cars that drove to Terrell on this morning to welcome several motorcycle riders as they stopped to refuel their bikes and their bodies. It was a lot of fun to check out all the bikes and to read about all the guys that had their friends riding with them. (the ones that could not ride).

May 30<sup>th</sup> was our activities meeting. I want to thank all those who came with their ideas and suggestions.

June 6<sup>th</sup> we had our annual picnic. A big thank you goes out to Sandra and Bunky for having this function at their home. The weather was great and the company was fantastic. I also want to thank Lisa and Bev for all their hard work for this picnic.

June 12<sup>th</sup> was the North Texas Corvette Club 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. This was a grand time. Over 50 percent of our club membership showed up for this party. We had a great time listening to a lot of stories from past events. It is a real surprise to find out the things that people remember the most. This took a lot of planning and work so let me try to thank all who worked on this party—Ray and Myrna Guidry, Dale and Lisa Davis, Jim and Jean Peterson. Not to mention a very big thanks to Kermit and Shirley Dye for having the insight to start this fantastic Corvette club.

Things that are going to happen:

On June 27<sup>th</sup> we will have a Sun-

day evening cruise. Dale Davis has promised me that we will have a great cruise with some great ice cream to finish out the day. Please be ready to depart Good Eats at 6:30 pm.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup> we will participate in the Denton 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Please meet at the Wells Fargo parking lot, on the south east corner of the Denton square at 8:00 am.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July the club has been invited to visit with Sam and Paula Paschal at their home around 2:00 pm. Bring your own chairs and drinks.

On July 17<sup>th</sup> Jim and Jean Peterson will lead us on our first Corvette Culture Cruise. Please see the club web site for more info.

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

Paul Loser

*A car can  
massage organs  
which no  
masseur can  
reach. It is the  
one remedy for  
the disorders of  
the great  
sympathetic  
nervous  
system.... The  
craving for opium  
can be endured in  
a car. ~ Jean  
Cocteau*

## Quality in Quantity...

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Bowling Green  
Assembly Plant

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Carol Keller  
June 18

Martha Hansen  
June 24

Shirley Hensley  
July 2

Les Long  
July 12

Jean Peterson  
July 14

### Anniversaries

Doug & Debbie Light  
June 19

William & Joanne Rafferty  
June 19

Terry & Cindy Smith  
June 26

Ray & Myrna Guidry  
June 28

John & Shelby Miller  
June 29

Wayne & Mary Jarvis  
June 30

Gig & Lurlene Mayo  
July 3

Sam & Paula Paschal  
July 4

Lloyd & Shirley Hensley  
July 9

## Calendar

June 27	Sunday Evening Cruise — Depart Good Eats at 6:30 pm
July 2	Monthly Meeting — James Wood at 7:30 pm, dinner at RG's Burger
July 3	4th of July Parade — Downtown Wells Fargo at 8:00 am
July 4	Sam & Paula's Anniversary Pool Party from 2-8 pm
July 16-18	Black Hills Corvette Show
July 17	Fort Worth Culture Cruise — Meet at Good Eats at 9 am
July 24	Pottsboro Corvette Show
July 25	Sunday Evening Cruise — Depart Good Eats at 6:30 pm
Aug 6	Monthly Meeting — James Wood at 7:30 pm
Aug 14-15	Norman Corvette Show
Aug 21	Ice Cream Social

## 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](mailto:a.sue.loser@gmail.com)) with the info and pictures and I will post it for one month.



## June Meeting Minutes

The June 4th meeting was called to order by President Carl Reeves at 7:35 pm, with Rachel, the Reeve's 7 year old granddaughter, a special visitor, in attendance. Also in attendance were Tom and Dee Barnett owners of a '08 Black Coupe as well as a Goldwing motorcycle.

Minutes of the last meeting were read with the following corrections: Vince & Judy Kemler were returning members to the April meeting and are owners of a 2003 Anniversary Edition Vette. And David Hanks (not Charlie Davis) will be traveling to Bloomington Gold the end of June.

Treasurer, Lisa Davis, reported the club balance of \$2953.73. The 50/50 fund stands at \$404.50.

Of the 91 paid members Dennis Sipolt reported, 52 were in attendance.

WebMaster & Merchandise Chair, Jim Peterson, informed us that a map to the Garonzik's for the upcoming club picnic is available on the website. Also on the site is a link to the hotel hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. If anyone is interested, he still has a few Anniversary T-shirts. Jim would also like to take photos of everyone and their cars at the Anniversary Party if possible to update/refresh member photos on the website. The Ambassador's Corner on the Website has links to the National Corvette Museum's news and to "Corvette Racing". Mary and Charles Cole will be the next featured couple "In the Headlights".

Chuck Smith, National Corvette Museum Ambassador, updated us on some upcoming events listed on the Museum's Website. Some of these include:

- Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Z06 Fest September 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>
- "Vets and Vettes" November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

- June 12<sup>th</sup> the 24 hour Le Mans race will be televised on the Speed Channel. Our website has links to the Museum and NCM e-news under the "Ambassador's Corner" Banner.

Marc Hughes reported to the group that Old Alton Road has a detour in effect from next Wednesday though the summer.

Paul Loser reported on the past month's activities:

- Dennis & Kaye Sipolt won a first at the Lone Star Corvette Show on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Run for the Wall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> had 9 cars participate
- Paul also thanked the 30 people in attendance at the Activities Planning Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Immediately following that meeting, 17 cars participated in the delightful Sunday Evening Cruise led by Clay Clarkson.

Upcoming events include:

- The club picnic on June 6<sup>th</sup> which will start at 1pm. Anyone who wants to follow Paul to the picnic should meet at Good Eats. Paul will leave there at 12:30 pm. Everyone is asked to bring their own chairs, drinks of choice and dessert or side dish to go with chicken.
- The Anniversary Party will be held at the Hilton on Colorado at 6:30 pm on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Davis is collecting \$25.00 per person. Ray Guidry requested that anyone who has memorabilia bring it with them to the party. The hotel stages a Happy Hour from 5-7 pm with 1/2 price appetizers. A cash bar will also be available. Dress is "Business Casual".
- Dale Davis will host the next Sunday Evening Cruise on the 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The Denton Fourth of July Parade will be held on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Those who wish to participate should meet at Wells Fargo on the SE corner of the Square at 8 am.
- Sam and Paula Paschal will host a

party on July 4th from 2 pm to 8 pm and all are invited. Bring chairs, beverages of choice and swimsuits and towels.

- The Culture Cruise to the Ft. Worth Art Museums has been rescheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Hotel rooms may be scarce for The Eureka Springs trip slated for October 1st through the 3<sup>rd</sup> as there is a motorcycle event scheduled the same weekend. Anyone wanting to join the group needs to reserve rooms asap. Also, some members will be leaving Thursday instead of Friday.

New News:

- A poll conducted by Les Long resulted in a vote to go to RG's for Burgers after the July Meeting.
  - Kermit Dye informed the club that there will be a recall on 2005 & 2006 Models for an issue with steering. Bill Chambers added that the rewiring procedure takes about 20 minutes.
  - Steve Davis requested a memorial donation for the Mineral Wells' VA which is building a museum. The club passed the hat and collected a total of \$263.00 that Steve will present on behalf of the club.
  - Paul Weigenant announced there will be a "Cars & Coffee" show this Saturday from 8 am till noon at the BMW Dealership at the Tollway & Springcreek. This event is held the first Saturday of the month.
  - The 50/50 pot of \$74.00 was won by Bev Clarkson and Sam Paschal accepted 2 tickets to the Firestone 550 donated by Bunky & Sandra Garonzik.
- Comment by Marc Hughes... "The average age of Corvette owners is 54.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm with dinner (and Chambers' Birthday Cake) at Genti's.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Rafferty, Secretary

## 10th Anniversary Party

Wow, the Anniversary party was a most unforgettable evening! Fifty-one of us gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn to commemorate the first 10 years of the existence of the North Texas Corvette Club. Most got there a lot earlier and began the evening in the lobby/bar area to have a drink and start the party early. First of all, it's so amazing to see everyone dress up a little., the ladies in their cool summer outfits and the gentlemen in slacks and nice shirts.

At 6:30 we all went in to dinner, a delicious buffet of chicken, beef, salads, vegetables and rolls. As we enjoyed our dinner, we watched a slide show that Jim had put together of pictures from the past 10 years. It was so fun to look back, especially to see people who have since moved away. Thanks, Jim, I know how time-consuming that was.

After dinner Carl invited us to share favorite moments from our past. We laughed and even cried a little remembering what fun we've had and how special this group has become to all of us. We also had an opportunity to look at some memorabilia members had brought to share.

When Paul and I joined this group 4 years ago, I had no idea what to expect, except that it was an opportunity for guys to show off their cars and talk about them. See, I thought it was about the cars. But what I have learned is that it's about the people more than the cars. The cars, awesome as they are, are the impetus to draw us together, but it quickly becomes about the wonderful people. We have become a family. We even have father figures, at least that's how I think of Kermit and Ray. Kermit because he founded the club and was the president when we joined, and Ray because he was the one who greeted us at our first meeting and genuinely made us feel welcome. But mostly we have brothers and sisters to confide in, laugh with, play jokes on, cry with, play with, share hugs and kisses, all the things you do with family. All I can say is what a blessing this group has been for us.

Thanks you, Kermit and Shirley, for having a vision for the group, for chasing Corvettes and having the patience to see it all through. We've been through good times and bad, but your leadership has guided the NTCC for ten wonderful years. THANK YOU!!

And also a special thanks to the Dyes, Guidrys, Petersons and Davis's for putting the evening together. You guys did an awesome job.

Sue

