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The Wave



May 2010

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Carl's Corner

Each month as I try to write a piece for the news letter I am reminded of something I once said to a friend, "If I knew I would enjoy writing so much as I got older, I would have paid more attention in Ms. Greenwood's English class". Unfortunately, I did not learn all she had offered.

We have had a great month consisting of a Sunday cruise, a trip to Fredericksburg for a long weekend, the monthly meeting with supper in the parking lot, Corvette shows, and any number of things we all do in smaller groups. Individually and as a group we are all truly blessed in so many ways. One of which is our ability to have and enjoy our Corvettes with such a wonderful collec-

tion of folks. You may recall at the May meeting I said, "It is my damn Corvette club!" Of course I did not want to imply NTCC belongs to me and only me. What I actually intended was the club is ours. We all take various levels of ownership. Therefore, it is not just a Corvette club.

On May 23, a group will go to meet up with the Run For The Wall – Southern Route to show support for them as they ride from California to Washington, D.C. in remembrance of all American veterans. Please take a moment on May 31st to honor all who have served this great country of ours. If you happen to see a young man or woman in uniform, please thank them for their service. Without their sacrifice, the freedoms we enjoy today would have vanished long ago.

"ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL"

10th Anniversary Party

June 12
6:30 pm - ?
Hilton Garden Inn
3110 Colorado, Denton, near Texas Roadhouse
Buffer dinner will include Pecan Crusted Chicken and
Sliced Roast Beef in Mushroom Sauce
Cost — \$25 each to be paid at the June NTCC meeting

Please bring any club memorabilia you would like to display

Parking will be in a roped-off area

Cash bar in the lobby
1/2 price appetizers and drinks from 5-7 pm

Discounted hotel room, \$89 plus tax, includes breakfast for 2
Make reservations from the NTCC website

Vice President's View



From the VP Desk...just back from a great time at TMS and the Lone Star Corvette Weekend. Had the opportunity to see lots of great looking Corvettes, bought some cool Vette stuff for the garage,

saw several NTCC members at the show and had the opportunity to ride in a SuperCharged C5 around the infield course with one of my friends. He and I had planned to challenge each other but I didn't think I would even be able to attend the show or the opportunity to drive my Z06 (as I have done for the past 4 years) around the infield course. I had flown to Richmond, Va, where my daughter, Savannah met me (she just finished her first year

at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.) and we drove to So Carolina for a visit with my 80 year old aunt. We had breakfast and left So Carolina, driving as far west as we could and stopped for the night in Shreveport, La. Saturday morning we came on back to Denton and after a quick lunch, I drove out to TMS. I found a sleepy David Hanks sitting behind the 1970 yellow Corvette he restored (aka, rebuilt from the frame up) for Charlie Davis. Charlie was home recovering from rotator cuff surgery (get well soon, Charlie) so David got up at 4:30, loaded Charlie's car and set it up at the show. I also saw Tom and Marsha Martin with their beautiful '62, Clay was there with his white '98 (looking good) and of course, Kermit and Shirley were in the C Magic booth doing a great business with their excellent waxing and cleaning prod-

ucts. Saw Doug Light with his ultra clean C6 and ran into Paul and Sue Loser with Bill and Susan Chambers "shopping" for Corvette goodies.

I stopped by the NCM booth and said hi to Stephanie. She said Chuck Smith had been in contact with her as new NTCC Ambassador and that she appreciated all the support that the NTCC had given in the past and looked forward to working with Chuck in his new role.

The weather was cooperating even though Friday (I heard) was rainy. By Sunday afternoon, the Texas sun was out in full force and by the time we left the track it was 86 and HOT.

So until the next time...keep your rubber on the road and the bugs off your car...



National Corvette Museum Ambassador



This month I'd like to call to your attention what is turning out to be a series of exceptional opportunities, especially during this year with its more-challenging-than-usual economy. These would be the Na-

tional Corvette Museum's new Corvette raffles. The museum holds two or more raffles each month, many with a limited number of tickets sold.

The per-ticket cost can run as little as \$10 (unlimited number for the black convertible to be auctioned September 4th) to as much as \$500 (limit of 638 tickets for the Crystal Red ZR1 auctioned April 30th with less than 450 total tickets sold). Each drawing is held as

scheduled regardless of the total number of tickets sold. For example, a black coupe was given away on April 15th with 404 (out of 500) tickets sold for \$250 each. This Thursday, May 20th, a \$65,000 black Grand Sport Coupe will be given away on (less than) 500, \$400 tickets. As I'm writing this article (Wednesday afternoon), so far there are only 118 tickets sold!

So, at the present time, most of these raffles turn out to be at really favorable odds. Good luck!

CORVETTE RACING

This Saturday, May 22nd will be the six-hour ALMS race at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, California. This race will be streamed live online beginning at 4:30 CT at americanlemans.com; live

radio coverage will be on Sirius channel 127 and XM Channel 242. It is to be televised by CBS Sports on May 29th, beginning at 12:30 p.m. central time.

The Laguna Seca race will mark Corvette's 50th anniversary since their first appearance at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1960. This year's 24 Hours of Le Mans will held on June 12th & 13th.

For additional information plus related interesting topics, just use the Corvette Racing button on corvettemuseum.com.

Until next meeting,
Save the Wave,
Chuck Smith



Activities Director



UP COMING EVENTS

May 23rd is THE RUN TO THE WALL event. This event is a lot of fun. We go out to Terrell, Texas, and meet with all the bikers who are riding their bikes from California to DC for a Memorial Day event at the Vietnam Memorial Wall. We will meet at Prairie House in Cross roads. It is located at 380 and FM 424 just east of Denton. We will depart Prairie House on 380 east of Denton at 7:45 am. Here is our route if you wish to just join us during the cruise.

Take 380 to 75 south, go to 635 east and go to 80, get off

on Business 80 in Terrell. Bus. 80 is also Moore Ave. Go to Brookshire Groceries at 1400 W. Moore Ave. We will find some place to eat on the way home. If you plan to attend, please email Diana at diana.reeves1@verizon.net

May 30th we will have an activities meeting prior to our Sunday evening cruise. We will have dinner at Good Eats at 5:00 pm. After dinner we will have our meeting. Please bring your chairs as we may have the meeting outside by our cars. After the meeting, Clay and Bev will take us on a wonderful evening cruise. Hope to see you all there. Come help plan our future.

June 6th is our annual picnic. The picnic will be at 1:00 pm at Allan and Sandra Garonzik's home. There is an article in the news letter that will give you directions to their home. For those who are interested I will be at Good Eats at 12:30 to lead a cruise to their home. If you wish to join me, just be there by 12:30.

June 12th we will have an ANNIVERSARY PARTY to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the North Texas Corvette Club. Please see the detailed article in the news letter for times and location.

Please drive safely and let's see each other at the next event.

Paul Loser

To attract men, I wear a perfume called "New Car Interior." ~ Rita Rudner.

Happy 10th Anniversary to NTCC

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Sharon Kohl
May 20

Marcia Martin
May 20

Margie Hanks
May 30

Bill Chambers
June 1

Susan Chambers
June 5

Elwyn Short
June 5

Kermit Dye
June 11

Lisa Davis
June 16

Leon McMinn
June 17

Carol Keller
June 18

Anniversaries

Bunky & Sandra Garonzik
May 22

Jim & Sherry Gentry
May 26

Paul & Debbie Weigenant
May 28

Steve & Martha Hansen
June 5

Kermit & Shirley Dye
June 6

Mike & Carol Keller
June 8

Jim & Jean Peterson
June 12

Chuck & Mary Smith
June 13

Calendar

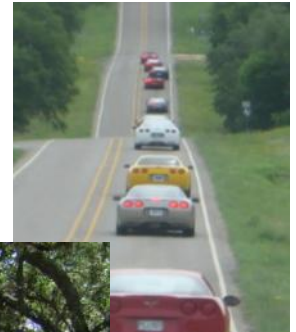
- May 23** Run for the Wall Cruise — Leave Prairie House at 7:45 am
- May 30** Activities Meeting — Good Eats at 5 pm
- May 30** Sunday Evening Cruise — Depart Good Eats at 6:30 pm
- June 4** Monthly Meeting — James Wood at 7:30 pm
- June 6** Annual Picnic — Garonzik's at 1:00 pm
- June 12** 10th Anniversary Party — Hilton Garden Inn
- June 27** Sunday Evening Cruise — Depart Good Eats at 6:30 pm

Annual Picnic

Sunday, June 6, at 1 pm at the home of Bunky & Sandra Garonzik at 7190 FM 1830 in Argyle. Please bring a side dish, beverages and chairs. Fried chicken, paper goods, and bottled water will be provided.

Meet at Good Eats at 12:30 to cruise to the Garonziks.

If you wish to drive on your own:
From Denton— From the Sonic at 377 & 35, go south to FM1830. Turn left onto 1830. The house is on the right about 1/4 mile past Windsong, a pet-boarding place on the left. Watch for the green chain fence and a sign that says Five Point Five.



May Meeting Minutes

Date: May 7, 2010

President Carl Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Special visitor & new addition, Myles Light was introduced to the group. Vice President, Marc Hughes called forward visitors and new members. Kish & Kathy Carlise, of Argyle owners of a 2008 Z06, Craig & Donna Strum, owners of a Black '05 coupe and returning members Vance & Judy Kemler, owners of a '63 Anniversary Edition, were acknowledged.

The April 2nd meeting notes were read. There were no additions or corrections.

In the absence of Lisa Davis, Carl reported the club balance of \$3469.37, and the 50/50 balance of \$321.00. The James Woods sponsorship contribution of \$800.00 is forthcoming.

Dennis Sybolt reported that there are now 89 paid members of which 61 were in attendance.

Webmaster & Merchandise Chair, Jim Peterson, informed us that he has moved some photos into the archives and is in the process of reviewing over 50 diskettes of photos for the 10th Anniversary celebration. Bottles, hats etc. are still available for purchase.

Carl informed us that Chuck Smith had e-mailed him that he had received a fantastic price on tires that he had purchased at James Woods. He paid \$221.40 each. In Chuck's absence, Vice President Marc Hughes updated the group on the National Corvette Museum's goings on. The

C5/C6 bash was marred this year with many rainstorms. Also, several Texans were recently elected to serve on the board. A new web cam is currently operational at the museum, and the upcoming races at Long Beach will be televised.

Activities Director Paul Loser reviewed recent past events including:
*The April 10th "spectacular" Gainesville parade where 14 member Corvettes participated
*The April 16th-18th Hot Springs Show which Jim Gentry reported 4 cars participated, but none of the 4 were prize winners

*Germanfest in Muenster on the 24th where 4 couples were in attendance

*17 cars participated in the first of the season's Sunday evening cruises of 114 miles on the 25th.

*The Fredericksburg trip, the 30th thru May 2nd, was a rousing success, with 13 Vettes and 1 "SOB" viewing the finest wildflower display in decades! The Pedernales Cellars Winery had created a banner for the club's visit which was displayed to the group.

*Paul & Sue Loser & Martha Hansen were applauded for putting together another unforgettable trip.

Upcoming May events include:

*The Lone Star Corvette Club's show on May 15th. 6 Vettes are registered. Those attending will meet at Lonesome Spur in Justin for breakfast.

*On the 23rd the annual Run for the Wall will be held with a refueling stop in Terrell. Details will be posted on the website.

*An Activities Planning meeting will proceed the Sunday evening cruise on the 30th.

June events thus far include:

*The Annual Picnic on the 6th to be held at the Garonzik's. Details to be posted on the website.

*The 10th Anniversary party to be held on the 12th.

Details of the 10th Anniversary Celebration on June 12th were formalized. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with the events as planned by Dale Davis, Ray Guidry and Jim Peterson. The party will be held at the Hilton on Colorado at 7:00 PM and will include a Buffet Dinner for \$25.25 per person. The Club will provide a newly-designed (white or grey) Anniversary T-shirt for each member who would like one. Anyone wanting additional shirts will need to pay \$10.00 at the next meeting. The Hotel has agreed to provide a roped-off area for the Vettes. Festivities will include a visual presentation, music and door prizes. Donations of new items (Vette related or not) were requested.

Clay Clarkson & Charlie Davis will be attending the Blooming Gold in St. Charles, Illinois June 24th-27th. If anyone is interested in joining them, let them know.

The 50/50 pot of \$83.50 was won by Wayne Jarvis. A bottle of wine, donated by Carl & Diana Reeves, was won by Myrna Guidry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 with Tailgate Dinner by Rudy's BBQ immediately following the meeting.

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.