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November 2010

Carl's Corner



Last Thursday was Veterans' Day. Outside of my family, the only calls I received

were from MEN I served with. Not a single person I work with said a thing about the day. Did a veteran hear from you?

Please consider the following:

"These Good Men" by Michael Norman

I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted their best, men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped raw, right down to their humanity.

I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the U.S. Marine Corps. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me.

It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another.

I cannot say where we are headed. Ours are not perfect friendships; those are the province of legend and myth. A few of my comrades drift far from me now, sending back only occasional word. I know that one day even these could fall to silence. Some of the men will stay close, a couple, perhaps, always at hand.

As long as I have memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades.

....such good men.

"Loyalty to a Brother" by Walter MacPeck

One of two brothers fighting in the same company in France fell by a German bullet. The one who escaped asked permission of his officer to go and bring his brother in.

"He is probably dead," said the officer, "and there is no use in your risking your life to bring in his body.

But after further pleading the officer consented. Just as the soldier reached the lines with his brother on his shoulders, the wounded man died.

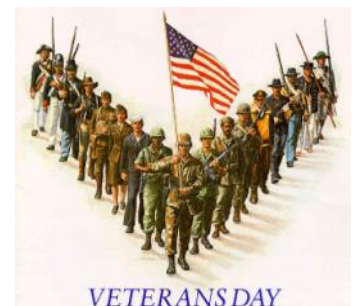
"There you see," said the officer, "you risked your life for nothing."

"No," replied Tom. "I did what he expected of me, and I have my reward. When I crept up to him and took him in my arms, he said, 'Tom, I knew you would come – I just felt you would come.'"

There you have the gist of it all; somebody expects something fine and noble and unselfish of us; someone expects us to be faithful.

One other question:

Who is Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta?



Notes from the VP Desk....



There I was face to face with Corvettes to the right of me, Corvettes to the left of me...Serial number 1 or number 2 from several years... Corvettes once owned by famous people, Alan Jackson, Dolly Parton and others. All in the same collection and for sale. A sale which included several one of a kind Corvettes, like the 1963 with side pipes, not the typical Corvette side pipes (not even available until 1965) but a dramatic set of 4 pipes into a side mounted external mufflers on a fuel injected convertible

with knock off wheels and Goodyear Blue Streak tires, built for the president of GM, Bunkie Knudsen. This Vette was beside a PINK 1964 fastback coupe with Mrs. Kundsens's initials in the seat belts!! Must be nice to know GM people in high places. Mrs. K was way ahead of her time with the pink car thing (picked up first by Mary K and later the symbol for the fight against breast cancer. In the sale were cars from 1915 up to 2010, lots of Corvettes but other GM cars and trucks as well. Limited production SSRs (3 of the 50 made), a fire engine, a SOHIO GAS delivery wagon (horse drawn to deliver gas to SOHIO stations to fill up cars), must have made a strange sight with horses

delivering gas to cars which would replace them in the coming years!

The sale included signs, parts, manuals, GM/Chevrolet memorabilia and too much to list. For me, it was a once in a lifetime event and NO, I didn't buy ANYTHING. I was there to watch history.

I look forward to the next NTCC Meeting and of course the annual Christmas party...C Ya There

Marc

National Corvette Museum Ambassador



The Christmas Season is always a special time for the National Corvette Museum's Corvette Store. Besides a comprehensive array of items and memorabilia for the Corvette owner and enthusiast, they also promote special gift items for the season. In the course of your gift planning for those special Corvette folks in your life, please take a few minutes to check out these locations within the Corvette Store site (<http://store.corvettemuseum.com>):

Pre-Thanksgiving Sale
<http://store.corvettemuseum.com/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=136>

Sale Items
<http://store.corvettemuseum.com/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=4>

Gifts Under \$10
<http://store.corvettemuseum.com/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=135>

Holiday Gift Baskets
<http://store.corvettemuseum.com/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=134>

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Camaro Exhibit: Now through December 31st

American Muscle Cars: Scheduled for next April 17 through June 19

NOTE: The NCM is soliciting applications from members as well as supporters and enthusiasts interested in having their muscle car(s) displayed for this exhibit. If you have a muscle car and are interested in applying for consideration to participate in the exhibit, please contact Betty Hardison, NCM Library & Archives Coordinator at betty@corvettemuseum.org or call her at 270-467-8841. Please let me know if you're interested in exhibiting.

CORVETTE RACING

NEXT EVENT: The season-opening Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on March 19, 2011

Since we have some racing "down time" until next March, following is some interesting background and technical highlights on the current generation of C6.R racers, those introduced at the end of the 2009 season and campaigned

throughout the just-ended 2010 ALMS races. These are the C6.R's that are running prototype next-generation small block V8's, the 5.5L versions mentioned in our July column. Go to: <http://www.corvetteracing.com/2010-technical-insights.shtml>

Until next meeting,
Save the Wave,

Chuck Smith



Activities Director



Our only recent event was the activities meeting that was held November 13th at the Denton Golden Corral. I want to thank everyone who showed up and

helped plan some events for the new year. We also had a short cruise after the meeting and went to a winery in Forestburg. Thanks goes to my wife for putting together this cruise.

Due to weather in January we have not scheduled any activities. But do remember, if we have a nice weekend we may send out an e-mail for an impromptu cruise. You never know.

For the month of February we have a couple of items on the calendar. The first is on February 6th. On this day we will enjoy an evening at Marc Hughes' shop for our yearly SUPER

BOWL PARTY. Then on February 12th we will have our yearly SWEET-HEART CRUISE AND DINNER. Shirley Hensley will put together a great place to eat and cruise, so please mark your calendars.

On March 19th Jim Peterson will organize a Fort Worth Culture Day. Watch for details. Also in March we will have our yearly Progressive Dinner. Myrna Guidry will organize this with the help of Cindy Smith and Terry Williams. Again, watch for details.

We are also working on a trip to BIG BEND. The date is not firm yet, but will probably be the first part of April. If you are the least bit interested in this, please let Sue Loser know at the next meeting so we can schedule hotel rooms. I do have one more item I would like to mention. This is more on a personal note. As I have already told all the members that came to the activi-

ties meeting, I have done the job as Activities Chairman for over three years. I have had a great time doing this job. But as my job has changed and I have less and less time to spend on the activities, I will not be able to continue after the elections this year. So if you are interested please let me or Marc Hughes know. I am more than happy to help with activities but we need a new chairman. So someone please step up and take on the challenge.

As always, drive safe, have fun and have a great day every day.

Paul Loser

Quality in Quantity...

Some dealers promise to **FIND** the Corvette you want. Chances are they look first to see what's already on James Wood's lot in Denton.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

John Miller
November 21

Marc Hughes
November 25

Debbie Light
December 2

Gig Mayo
December 11

Cindy Smith
December 15

Anniversaries

Dale & Lisa Davis
December 6

Calendar

- Dec. 3 **Monthly Meeting—James Wood, 7:30 pm**
- Dec. 18 **Christmas Party**
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Saturday, December 18.
Marriott Hotel – 3300 Championship Parkway
South of the Texas Motor Speedway
\$100 per couple or \$50.00 per person, due on Dec. 3
Dress is semi-formal.

The price includes a wine and cheese reception starting at 6:30, dinner and desserts from 7:30 – 8:30pm and dancing to the music of the West Katz band from 8:30pm to midnight. A cash bar will be provided. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a \$10 wrapped gift. If the gift is gender-specific please indicate that on the wrapping. Door prizes will also be given away.



Christmas Party

For those wanting to play golf, tee times are at noon on Saturday. Green fee are \$55 per person. Please contact Paul Loser if you are interested.

If you would like to spend the night please reserve your room by November 26. The rate is \$89. Please call 1-866-348-3984 by November 26. Please identify yourself as members of the North Texas Corvette Club with the rate of \$89.00.

Sherry Gentry & Paula Paschal

November Meeting Minutes

The November 5th meeting was called to order by President Carl Reeves at 7:30 pm. Vice President, Marc Hughes was not in attendance. New member, Robert Borchardt from Granbury, owner of a 2010 Jet Stream Blue, was introduced to the group.

Minutes of the October meeting were read. There were no additions or corrections.

Lisa Davis reported the club balance of \$4181.50 and the 50/50 fund stands at \$729.50.

Jim Peterson updated the website with the new password for the month of November. He will be ordering new club patches. There is a Map tab on the website where locations of restaurants (and other club locations of interest) are posted. Fred & Jill Zimbric will be featured next "In the Headlights".

Paul Loser reported on past club activities including:

The trip to Eureka Springs, with 16 cars making the trip. Fantastic food, Vettes and fellowship were enjoyed by all!

Terry Smith won a First Place Class award at The Brazos River Corvette Show on October 9th in Granbury. The Gentrys and Paschals also attended.

The trip to the Veteran's Hospital in Bonham on October 23rd was

cancelled due to bad weather. It will not be rescheduled this year.

Special thanks to Charlie & Lynn Davis for hosting the Halloween Party on the 30th. Carol & Mike Keller and Cindy & Terry Smith assisted with the preparations.

Regarding upcoming activities:

There will be a Breakfast Activities Meeting held at 10am on Saturday the 13th at Golden Corral. All were encouraged to attend and bring ideas.

Sherry Gentry circulated a flyer and outlined details of Christmas Party. Money must be paid by the December 3rd meeting.

Membership Chair Dennis Sipolt reported membership at 104. Dennis also gave the club \$300.00 obtained through the sale of display items that the James Woods dealership had donated. There are a few "odds and ends" that have not sold.

Chuck Smith reported that the Corvette Museum highlights veterans for the month of November. He will submit photos to the museum if there are any appropriate shots of past excursions to Bonham. Chuck encouraged all NTCC members to join the museum. The next scheduled club trip there will be in 2014.

New News:

Tom and Marsha Martin won a First Place award at the Bartonville

Car Show on October 16th.

Sue Loser made a suggestion that the club consider a mid-year dinner, perhaps sometime in May or June to induct new officers and thank past club officers.

Paul Loser has been informed that "Vettes and Jets on the Lex" will be held again this year on September 11th. This event supports the Wounded Warriors Foundation and has been a fun club excursion in the past. Registration will open sometime in April and the 350 spaces will fill quickly.

Congrats to Club member Susan Chambers who placed 14th overall in the Appaloosa World Championship held this past October.

Carl Reeves thanked Paul & Sue Loser for their on-going support and hard work for the club.

The 50/50 pot of \$85.00 was won by Jan Harris.

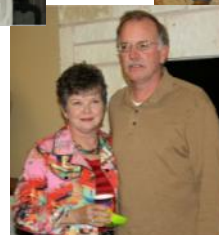
There were 59 in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm with dinner immediately following at Fuzzy's Taco Shop.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rafferty,

Halloween Party



Halloween 2010 by Bunky

Sure, it was simple for Charlie and Lynn Davis ---they had a couple of airplanes! But for the rest of us Goblins and Vampires, we had to tie off our bladders, pack a lunch and head north. Somewhere around Nebraska, we turned northwest and drove until we heard



“Dueling Banjos” and saw the ‘Davis’ sign. If anyone missed the sign and continued down the path without using bread crumbs to mark the trail, they would end up where elephants go to die, and wouldn’t

be found until the spring thaw. Up the drive, past a herd of 10 point white tail (haven’t seen a rack like that



since Sister Sue at the last Halloween party), then another deer—a ZTR John Deere with zero hours. Speaking of zero, that’s the number of Corvettes at this Corvette Party. There were pickups,

4WD’s, SUV’s, a Bradley, and all sorts of transportation—including Shirley Dye’s broom—but no ‘Vettes....and then, there it was---a Better Homes and Gardens ranch house in the middle of a 350 acre cattle ranch.



Charlie explained that the place was primarily used as a Baptist retreat—that means a place where the parishioners go hide out to drink gin and dance the Baptist twist, a simple dance where all they



do is move to the *right*. Mounted all over the walls were the finest trophies available with a Visa Card. The most impressive were the man-eating koala bear, and the zebra. Boone and Crockett were smiling down.

The place was perfect for a party—flat screens in every room, the opportunity to see the Rangers win their only game of the series, and food and drink all over the place. Even a fire pit on the patio for sacrifices in case other religious groups used the place, or an IRS agent drops by asking Charlie questions on where the money came from to build the place.



As always, the club showed off its originality with a plethora of unique costumes. Sue showed up as Little Red Riding Hood. (“Little” is not a common first name—in fact the only other persons I recall with a given name of *Little* are *Little John*, and *Little Beaver*, and we won’t go there with this crowd.) Paul, of course, was the Big Bad Wolf, and had there been any room left on the wall, he would have *surely* ended up there. Speaking of Shirley, she was the witch not running for Congress. Kermit got a temporary pass from Huntsville to attend, and spent the evening looking for a conjugal visit with anyone. Mary Smith came as Halloween Colors and Chuck Smith came as Chuck Norris, but would have been more appropriate as Wood



Chuck, Chuck Roast, or Chuck-E-Cheese. In his drinking days, he could have come as Up Chuck. One ensemble of characters came as a team, fully armed, I might add, so no one had any disparaging comments. Terry and Cindy Smith, William and Joanne Rafferty, Rick and Terry Williams showed up as Bat Masterson, some sexy saloon girls, and a couple of other lawmen—Wyatt Earp, I assume, after they drank too much.

Bev and Clay again showed off their originality and talent with their costumes—Elvis and the Queen. I assume because he is the King, she should appropriately be the Queen, although with that wig, Clay could have been a Queen as well. Mike and Carol Keller—great costumes—a pirate and wench. (Can’t get that visual of the tooth fairy out of my mind.) Ray and

Jan Harris...a cowboy and a fairy—again, I gotta watch my comments. Tom and Marcia Martin—certainly out of their normal classy character with a face located around the belly. Leon and Nancy McMinn—the blind leading the blind. They were dressed as a blind referee (the Cowboys could use him) and a blind surgeon.



Lisa and Dale Davis were a couple bottles of Dos Equis Beer. Maybe a bit over the top for Dale, but certainly not for Lisa. Perhaps left over from the last Baptist re-

treat? Ray and Myrna Guidry came as a monk and a nun. The wooden cross for Ray made the outfit—I would have had to use the Star of David! Joel and Susan Robinson were Batman and Batgirl. With those legs, Susan spent the evening hiding from Kermit.



Carl and Diana Reeves---again, Carl drug something out of his closet just to prove he could still wear his clothes from days gone by. Besides, what is he going to do with those Harley clothes now that he drives a



Honda? And, of course, Diana always has that dynamic and friendly personality than makes one think she is hiding something. Then there was the homeless couple that stumbled in looking for some sort of a handout. And they almost got away with Lisa in their grocery cart.

