

Meeting Minutes  
NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB  
August 6, 2021

President Tom Prohaska welcomed all and called to order the second in-person with Zoom meeting of the North Texas Corvette Club at 7:34 pm at the James Woods showroom annex. Tom is hopeful that meetings will soon resume in the showroom area.

Vice President Mike Martin introduced the visitors and potential new members in attendance. Gary & Gay Thomas are owners of a new bronze C8. Don Dunlap owns a 2001 Bowling Green convertible with tan interior. Martin Keith, cousin of Toby Keith owns a 2014 Black C7 convertible and Tim & Jane from Celina own a new Silver with red interior C8. Also visiting was Russell Beck from the Hidden Hanger Vineyard & Winery.

The July meeting minutes were read and approved by John Kennedy & seconded by Lynne Hellmers.

In the absence of Cindy Smith, Kay Pace gave the treasurer's report; updating the balances in the checking and CD accounts as well as the 50/50 total. She also listed all the deposits and checks written for the month. The report was approved by Ron Hastings and seconded by Ken Bradshaw.

Club Membership now totals 94, as reported by Membership Chair, Kay Pace. New members need to complete the 2021 application and mail it with the \$50 dues per car/couple and mail it to Cindy Smith, club Treasurer.

Lynne Hellmers, Sunshine Committee Chair sent a card, flowers and dropped off a meal to Linda Cassidy who was recovering from ankle surgery. She also mailed a sympathy card to David Smith and plans to drop off a plant at his home in remembrance of his brother's passing.

With cooler weather approaching, Merchandise Chair, Shirley Hensley recommended members review the SanMar.com catalog and review their selection of pullovers, zipped and hooded sweatshirts as well as lightweight jackets. After making a selection, contact her with your choices and she will get them ordered and delivered to the embroiderer for personalization. As a reminder, catalog prices do not include shipping or embroidery.

John Hellmers, National Corvette Museum Ambassador, brought along some museum pamphlets to encourage members to consider joining the museum. One details the NCM Insurance Plan and another Museum Delivery for your new Corvette and the NCM Experience for your existing vette. As an extra inducement for joining, this month's issue of the museum's America's Sports Car Magazine features club member Cheryl Rybka.

The Corvette Store at the NCM is currently offering free Economy UPS SurePost® Shipping when you spend \$75 or more. Members receive a 10% discount, Life members 15%.

Upcoming events at the museum include:

- The Le Mans Race Weekend Viewing Party – August 21 – 22

- NCM 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – September 2 – 4 (As part of this event there will be an event called 24 at 20: Honoring Earnhardt, Corvette, and the Overall Win at Daytona with Doug Fehan, Gary Claudio, and Andy Pilgrim at the NCM Conference Center)
- Museum in Motion: National Parks (AZ & UT) – September 19 – 25
- Corvette Racing @ AACA Museum, Hershey PA| October 14-16, 2021 (He and Lynne have attended this event for the past 4 years and highly recommend it)
- Vets & Vettes presented by Mobil 1 – November 4 – 6

Tom took a moment (as former NCM Ambassador) to encourage members to join the museum in hopes that our club would achieve 100% Museum membership.

Dan Pace, Activities Chair outlined upcoming club events. In addition to the monthly meetings upcoming club activities include:

- August 20<sup>th</sup> Bill & Betty Shores are hosting a cruise to Cross Plains, Texas to Woody's Classic Cars and Baseball Museum. This will be an all day event and include lunch and a dessert stop. Meet at 8:00 am at Bucees near TMS.
- August 28<sup>th</sup> there will be an Activities Planning Meeting with lunch at Bebo's and cruise following.
- September 25<sup>th</sup> – is the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, TX (mandatory to display American Flag) Gale & Richard Gore are hosts for this event. Details will follow.
- On October 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> – The Southern Heritage Cruise will be led by Susan and David Rayshell. If you have made reservations and cannot attend please notify Susan before canceling your reservations so she can let those who might be interested fill your slot.

Russell Beck from Hidden Hanger Vineyard & Winery offered information about the 50-acre vineyard & winery and potential dates that the club might be interested in planning a visit. Hidden Hanger can accommodate groups and can serve lunch, provide tastings and tours of the facility. There is also a Wine Club. According to Russell weekdays are usually fairly open although at the time of the meeting he mentioned weekend openings on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> as well as Nov 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. Hidden Hanger is just outside of Denison.

In Communications, Betty Shores added posts for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and the July Sundae cruise. There have been frequent visits to these pages although most visits are to the activities calendar. In total there were 289 visits, most from Texas. Inquiries were made about club membership, corvette shows, specialty shops and an individual looking for another. Betty inquired about adding email addresses for officers that would include a domain prefix that would forward emails to the officer in question.

John Kennedy indicated that The Executive Committee is seeking charities to be selected for the club's annual giving. He requested that members notify him or other committee members if they have a specific organization that they feel is worthy of a club donation.

In Old Business, John Hellmers indicated that he had submitted the club's Website and Facebook accounts for consideration in the NCM's Club Media Efforts Competition. He recommended that in the future, a President's Message be added to each.

Tom noted that he was grateful for Bill Chambers' recommendation to upgrade the club's podium with engraved name plaques. All past president's names and terms are now a legible and a permanent feature on top of the podium.

In New Business, Doug Light suggested that maybe the club should consider a way to recognize long time club members. Susan Rayshell suggested that members email Kay Pace to let her know year that they joined the club.

Bill Chambers will have an appendectomy surgery and Susan Rayshell an upcoming eye surgery. Members are requested to keep both in their thoughts and prayers. Tom also informed the group of his successful Heart Cauterization. He has been giving a clear bill of health.

Mike Martin announced an upcoming car show by Mustang Sally's Car Shows. These shows are held monthly and feature "classic, antique, cutting edge newer model sports cars, trucks and bikes" and may be held in Dallas, Frisco, Plano, Murphy, Little Elm & McKinney. If interested check their website at <https://mustangsallyproductions.com/calendar>.

Ken Bradshaw won the \$35 – 50/50 drawing.

There were 32 in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Rafferty  
Secretary