

Meeting Minutes  
NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB  
February 5, 2021

President, Doug Light, called the February 2021 Zoom meeting of the North Texas Corvette Club to order at 7:01 pm.

Vice President, Tom Prohaska welcomed new members Rusty & Chris Hodges, Les & Lynn Hamilton and soon to be member Chris Showman to the meeting.

The January meeting minutes were read and approved by Mike Martin & seconded by Mike Fry.

Treasurer, Cindy Smith, updated the totals in the checking and CD accounts including the monthly deposits and expenses. Tom Prohaska indicated that he would contact the Hilton again to request return of ½ of the club's deposit for the cancelled Christmas Party. Checks will be issued to the approved charity recipients for the upcoming year. This is part of the club's commitment to use it's resources to give back to the local community. A \$500 check was also sent to the NCM for a new club banner that will fly in the museum's parking area.

There are currently 68 paid members in the club according to Kay Pace, Membership Chair. Dues of \$50 per car are currently due and should be forwarded to Cindy Smith, club treasurer. Only paid members will be allowed to vote in the upcoming elections.

January was another "quiet month" according to Lynne Hellmers, Sunshine Committee Chair. She did send a card to Jimmy Robinson who is recovering from Covid and received notes from both the Sipolts and the Gentrys who send their regards to all. After taking suggestions she will send this month's "Thinking of You" cards to Marc Hughes and David & Margie Hanks.

Merchandise Chair, Shirley Hensley was unable to attend the meeting. Doug reminded all that the SanMar.com catalog has a wide and varied selection of items for club personalization. An order form is available on the website. Shirley can get selected merchandise to the embroiderer who can also personalize other items upon request.

John Hellmers, National Corvette Museum Ambassador highlighted activities from the museum. He and Lynne and several other club members are hoping to attend the NCM Bash April 22-24. In celebration of Valentine's the National Corvette Museum is offering Family Memberships for HALF PRICE! For only \$50 you can become a Family Member of the Museum (that's a savings of \$50 off the regular price of \$100). What's even better? That \$50 is tax deductible!

Family Memberships include:

- Two membership cards
- Two NCM member lapel pins
- Annual subscription to America's Sports Car
- Free admission to Museum for member and immediate family
- Discount on NCM sponsored events
- 10% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and catalog
- Discount on insurance from NCM Insurance Agency

- Discounts on car rentals and hotels
- 20% Discount on CARFAX reports
- \$10 off membership to Air Evac/AirMedCare Network
- Access to Members Only section of website, including Monthly Corvette Calendar, Wallpaper and Special Videos

To take advantage of this special offer, enter VAL2021 in the DISCOUNT CODE box. You will receive a membership packet in 4-6 weeks. Offer expires February 28, 2021.

John offered some details of the Museum's insurance policy. He believes the policy is an exceptional value that is 1/3 of what he was paying with his former carrier. It is a fixed value policy that offers coverage for classic vehicles traveling up to 6000 miles per year. Unused miles can carry over to succeeding years which offers a significant cumulative savings.

Dan Pace, Activities Chair, outlined the upcoming Valentine's Day cruise. Currently 16 cars are scheduled to depart from the Horney Toad's Parking area at 11:15 am on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The cruise will travel through St. Jo, up to Oklahoma with a luncheon stop at McGehee's Catfish Restaurant in Ardmore. The venue also offers salads, steaks, & chicken as well as catfish.

The scheduled February 20<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Activities Planning Meeting has been relocated to Rudy's BBQ in Denton. It will take place at 12 Noon with a possible cruise following. Dan encouraged everyone to attend and bring ideas for upcoming activities and a willingness to take charge and lead these activities.

Susan Rayshell gave an overview of the Warriors & Rangers Cruise April 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. The 4 day, 3 night trip will include stops Fredericksburg's National Museum of the Pacific War & San Antonio's Texas Rangers Museum as well as a cruise along the 3 Twisted Sisters Scenic Drive, dining along the Riverwalk and numerous other offerings. Susan encouraged interested members to make reservations soon as possible as she was able to reserve only 13 rooms in Fredericksburg & San Antonio. Let her know if you will be attending.

In Communications, Betty Shores announced the website had a total of 253 sessions in January. Most visitors were from the US, China, UK, and Germany. There were 3 contacts interested in joining the club. The Activities Calendar seemed to hold the most interest for viewers. Additional protection may be needed to block attackers from foreign countries trying to access our data and scams that continue to plague the site with threats.

Jim Peterson said the Executive Committee plans to meet to discuss filing tax forms, changes needed to the by-laws and procedures for conducting the upcoming elections.

Old Business included a request for individuals willing to step up to fill leadership positions for the club. Upcoming officer vacancies include Vice President and Secretary. The position of Activities Director is also open. Doug stressed that no experience is necessary, as club needs individuals with fresh ideas to energize the club moving forward.

In New Business Chris Showman asked if impromptu cruises ever occur... Sundae Cruises have been the norm for the club. These are held normally in the spring through the fall on the last Sunday

of the month. Outside of these, it is not unusual for some members get together informally to cruise and/or enjoy each other's company.

Mike Martin volunteered to host a cruise on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Interested members are to meet behind the Horney Toad Bar & Grill in the parking area of the Stonehill Shopping Center at 3:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm with thanks to all for joining in and a wish for all to stay safe, wear your mask & wash your hands!

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Rafferty  
Secretary