

Meeting Minutes  
NORTH TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB  
October 1, 2021

Vice President, Mike Martin called the October 1st meeting of the North Texas Corvette Club to order at 7:33 pm in the showroom of the James Woods dealership.

Susan Raysshell introduced visitors Joel & Debbie Fischer who are members of the Rockwall Corvette Club and owners of a C6 Grand Sport. The Fischers will be joining our club members on the upcoming Southern Heritage Cruise this month.

The September meeting minutes were read and approved by Linda Cassidy & seconded by Ken Bradshaw.

Cindy Smith, Treasurer, updated the totals in the checking, CD accounts and the 50/50 balance. She also detailed the monthly deposits and expenses. Cindy announced that the CD Accounts would be turned over to cash. Those planning to attend the Christmas Party should plan to pay for the event at the November Club Meeting or by mailing a check to her. Checks should be made out to the North Texas Corvette Club in the amount of \$130. (Her address is available on the membership list.) Also, as a reminder, dues for the upcoming year come due in January at a cost of \$50/car/couple

Club Membership now totals 96, as reported by Membership Chair, Kay Pace. There are still two membership applications without dues being paid. If anyone joins in October they will automatically be a member through 2022. New members should complete the 2021 application and mail it with the \$50 dues per car/couple and mail it to Cindy Smith, club Treasurer. Dues include you and your significant other. Both will be listed together to avoid confusion.

Lynne Hellmers, Sunshine Committee Chair sent a sympathy card and made a donation to the American Heart Association in memory of Brandee Platke's recently deceased father. A get-well card was sent to Charlie Davis who suffered some broken ribs and will need a shoulder replacement after suffering an accident on Labor Day weekend. A card was also sent to Nelson Stuart and Lynne attempted to contact June (but left a voice mail) in hopes of receiving a status update. In another unfortunate incident, we were informed that David Smith broke one of his wrists. Members should be aware that a phone call from NJ might be Lynne trying to make contact. Adding her to your contact list may be a wise decision!

Merchandise Chair, Shirley Hensley was complimentary of members who wear their club merchandise and encouraged all to review the SanMar.com catalog and let her know your selections & sizes. She distributed a printout to attendees of the more popular selections from the catalog. Of special note is that many jacket selections include a warmth description. In addition to club caps and shirts, there is a selection of Denim items that are appropriate as we move to cooler temps. She mentioned that shipping costs vary depending on the number of items placed per order.

John Hellmers, National Corvette Museum Ambassador continues to encourage you to join the NCM and utilize the NCM insurance Program. A friend & corvette owner recently posted a \$600 savings by switching their insurance to NCM.

Upcoming NCM Events include:

- Corvette Racing @ AACA (Automobile) Museum in Hershey, PA. – October 14 – 16  
This is a great event and he & Lynne have attended the last 4.
- The annual NCM Ambassador Convention – November 2 – 3 which he and Lynne also plan to attend.

John also had several corvette racing posters to hand out to interested members.

Dan Pace, Activities Chair, reviewed upcoming club sponsored & activities of interest.

In addition to the monthly meetings upcoming activities include:

- On October 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Susan and David Rayshell will lead The Southern Heritage Cruise. The group leaving from the Denton area Buc-ees will depart at 7:30am. The trip also has an optional extension to Jefferson, TX.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> – There are 2 events of interest. A “Pimp My Ride” Benefit Car Show will be held in Lewisville. Also on the 9<sup>th</sup>, The Brazos River Corvette Car Show will be held in Granbury.
- October 16<sup>th</sup> – Dave and Beverly Werner will host a cruise to Celina to lunch at Bongo Beaux’s and proceed to Hey, Sugar Candy Store for treats. The cruise will depart from the Stonehill Shopping Center at 10:30 am. Please contact the Werners by Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> if you intend to join the group so that they can provide a head count for lunch.
- On October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dan & Kay Pace will host a cruise to Eureka Springs, Arkansas which will include a drive along the Pig Trail and also include lunch stops at the Calico County Café, & War Eagle Mill, a Ghost Tour, and a stop at a Military Park. There is also an optional extension to Hot Springs.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – There is the SSG Alex Viola Memorial Car show at the Keller Town Hall from 10am to 5pm. All proceeds will be donated to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation & the Green Beret Foundation, which support the families of wounded and fallen heroes.
- November 13<sup>th</sup> – Is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Vettes 4 Vets cruise to Granbury to join a parade to the field of flags & park together to honor past & current military. Interested parties meet at Rooster’s BBQ, 9201 E US Hwy 377, Cresson, TX at 7:30 am.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> – The Paces will lead a the Festival of Lights Cruise to Ardmore, OK which will include a stop at a Chocolatier and lunch at Smoky Joe’s BBQ.
- December 11<sup>th</sup> – is the NTCC Christmas Party to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn at the Alliance Airport

In Communications, Betty Shores added a new page to the website for the Medal of Honor parade featuring pics provided by the Paces and Rayshells. The tour & photos of Cross Plains, the Activities calendar & events, membership list, minutes and contact us page all garnered visitors’ interest. 71% of visitors were from the US. 20% are from all different locales in China; most of these translate the site to Chinese. Betty can also pinpoint the types of devices that are used by visitors: the majority using the Safari browser on mobile devices. Betty has again requested individual photos that she can add to the membership list.

Jon Kennedy related that the Executive Committee is planning a meeting before the end of the year and will discuss selecting charities for upcoming club donations and changes to club by-laws.

In Old Business, Dan Pace took a moment to thank and commend Richard & Gale Gore for their efforts in planning & executing the Club's participation in the Medal of Honor parade.

Mike Martin also complimented the Shores on their cruise and visit to Woody's Museum in Cross Plains.

Kay Pace noted that she has received only 1 response to the request for members to notify her of the date they joined the NTCC. There was a discussion requesting ideas for how to honor long-standing members of the club, and a reminder that members take a moment to respond to Kay's request.

There was also a discussion about the potential of using group texts as a communication tool for the club. Susan Rayshell offered that group texts should only be used to disseminate information.

Currently only 25 individuals have signed up for the Christmas Party. The club will need a total of 50 individuals (25 couples) to confirm the reservation. The venue is the Hilton Garden Inn at Alliance airport at a cost of \$130/couple with rooms at the hotel available for the membership at \$89. The 50/50 balance will assist with cost of the party.

In New Business, Mike again asked that members consider stepping up for leadership positions and thanked those who have served and are currently serving.

Mike Martin won the 50/50 pot of \$35.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm. There were 37 in-person & "zoomers" in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Rafferty  
Secretary