

# CENTRAL ARKANSAS CORVETTE CLUB – JANUARY 2012

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Well folks a lot has happened since our December meeting. I would first like to thank all of you who attended our January meeting, and to those of you that could not be there you still have 11 months to make it this year.

With February fast approaching we are all working like a bunch of bees in preparation for our Hot Springs Corvette Weekend April 19 - 21. I've got to say at this time it seems as though things are going quite well. Other, than the fact that I've called each member of the board so many times that now there phone goes straight to voice mail.

As many of you know we are now hovering right around 300 members, but regardless of what number we are at we should all be very happy with the way our club has continued to grow. Now that our trip general Don Butler is back in town and the holidays are past us I'm sure we will be back on the road soon. Tom Powal and Jim Butler are working hard on getting ready for Hot Springs. From what I hear we are going to have a cheer leading team (thanks to Joyce and Cara).

See you at the club or on the road  
As they say "save the wave"

*Carter Davis*



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Next club meeting is **Tuesday, February 7th** at the Whole Hog Cafe, **In the Riverdale Shopping Center at 2516 Cantrell Road in Little Rock**. The meeting starts at **7:00 pm**. Come early to eat and/or socialize. **See you there!**

**Get well soon:** Please continue your thoughts and prayer for a rapid recovery for: Cindy Green recovering from a stroke, Tom Powal neck & back surgery and Jim Price foot and ankle surgery.



**In Memory of Sharon Burris** who passed away at 9:55pm Friday, January 27th in her home in Monroe, LA surrounded by family and friends. She had been fighting cancer for over a year and had moved back to Monroe to be with her family.

Sharon has been a member of CACC for many years and had many close friends in the club. She enjoyed going to Corvette Events and socializing with old friends and the new ones she would make.

Sharon will be missed by many of us in the club, however it is a blessing for her to be free of pain and resting in peace.



This picture is of Sharon doing laps on the Texas Motor Speedway track during the Lone Star Show in May of 2006. She enjoyed running the oval track and all the other events with her CACC buddies. Sharon definitely enjoyed having fun and always had a smile of her face and happy thoughts in her heart.



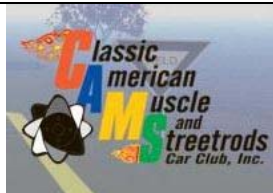
The picture to the left is Pam and Sharon at the Vettes at the Beach show in Pensacola in September 2011. It was Sharon's last CACC road trip and she had a blast. It was great getting to spend time with her and she kept her spirits high.

Sharon had requested a procession of Corvettes at her funeral and to grant her last request at least 10 Corvettes from the club will be in Monroe, Tuesday at the Graveside Memorial.

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**Upcoming Events:** All of the event information listed in the newsletter is available on the club website in the previous newsletters and the monthly calendar; therefore, it will not be repeated here in detail each month. If you do not have access to the website give me a call, Jerry Reagan at 501-834-6361. If you know of any events that are not listed here let us know.

### MONTHLY CRUISE INS



Advance Auto Parts on E. Kiehl Avenue organized by **Classic American Muscle & Streetrods Car Club**, come check out the hot cars.

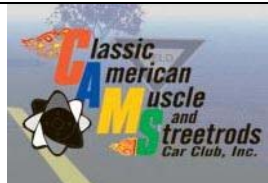
2012 Schedule

Time: 3-5pm Jan-March - 7-9pm Apr-Aug - Sept-Oct – 6-8pm - Nov-Dec 3-5pm  
 March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10

### CAR SHOWS, EVENTS & ROADTRIPS



**34<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette/Chevy Expo – February 11-12, 2012 – George Brown Convention Center – Houston, TX.** This event is sponsored by Vette View Magazine tickets are \$15 per day or two-day for \$25. The event includes; a car show featuring the best of the best show car entry fee \$50 or \$75 depending on space requested, vendors, NCRS Display, Car Sales Mart, Free Seminars by Corvette Central, Swap Meet, Miss Swimsuit USA Model Search Contest & Photoshoot, Car Show Winners Awards. For more info go to [www.corvettechevyexpo.com](http://www.corvettechevyexpo.com)



**NSRA Inspection Day – March 10, 2012 – Pulaski Tech Center-South – Little Rock, AR.** CAMS sponsors this event from 9am – 3pm. It is a free event and all cars are welcome. There will be safety inspections, safety pins, lots of door prizes, free coffee and donuts compliments of Golden Corral. Pulaski Tech's Finish Line Café to be open for snacks and lunch.

#### SUPER CHEVY SHOW MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

**Super Chevy – April 13-15 – Memphis International Raceway, Millington, TN.** With the return of warm and sunny weather, Memphis International Raceway brings back the Super Chevy Show, after a two-year hiatus. The popular and requested event makes its return to Memphis as the second stop on the tour, April 13 – 15, 2012. The bold return of the Super Chevy Show in Memphis will bring Mid-South Chevrolet fans, Drag Racing Bracket Eliminations, Car Shows, Swap Meet and Midway showcasing event sponsors and vendors specializing in GM restoration and aftermarket products.



**CACC's Hot Springs Corvette Weekend – April 19-21, 2012 – Hot Springs, AR.** Scheduled events include; Thursday, April 19 registration and the Early Bird Welcome Party at the Austin Hotel, Friday, April 20 registration, Poker Run, Cannonball Run, Guided Road Trip, Style Show for the Ladies, Vettes at the Mall, Belle of Hot Springs luncheon (participant pays) Quapaw Mineral Bath House (participant pays) National Park Parade, and the Forrest Lake Cookout, Saturday, April 21 Registration, Vettes at the Mall, Indoor Corvette Show at Summit Arena, Catfish & Chicken Lunch, Vendors, Valve Cover Car Race, Awards. More information is available [www.centralarkcc.com](http://www.centralarkcc.com)

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**The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lone Star Corvette Classic – May 18-20, 2012 – at Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, TX.** This event is hosted by the Lone Star Corvette Club. On Friday, May 18 there is an Autocross, Treasure Run, Sponsor & Vendor Displays, Welcome Party and a Cruise to Billy Bob's Honky-Tonk for BBQ the 20 mile cruise will have a police escort and you get to park in a secure private parking area at the Stockyards. Saturday, May 19 is the Show-N-Shine & Judged Car Show, Sponsor & Vendor Displays, Awards Dinner, Live & Silent Auction. Sunday is Track Day which includes the Road Course, Laps on Oval Track & Champion's Challenge. The host hotel is the DFW Marriott Hotel & Golf Club right across from the Speedway. There will be a professional photographer on hand each day for pictures of you corvette. Online Classic and Hotel registration will be available on approximately February 1<sup>st</sup>. More information will be posted to the Lone Star Club website as it becomes available [www.lonestarcorvetteclub.com](http://www.lonestarcorvetteclub.com)





**National Corvette Museum's 2012 ZspeedFest – Beech Bend Raceway - Bowling Green, KY** - The name alone tells you what this brand new event is all about. Forget about waxing and car shows, ZspeedFest is all about performance and competition. This latest addition to the NCM's varied event program is dedicated to the speed enthusiasts, both as participants and as spectators. Initially developed for the "Z" Corvettes, ZspeedFest is open to participants with all models of GM competition oriented product including Camaro, Cobalt, CTS and other. The event kicks off on Thursday May 31 with a day of seminars from tuners and competitors filled with "how 2" information and demonstrations. For those arriving earlier on Wednesday, the Z06Vette.com group invites ZspeedFest participants to join them at their Bar-B-Que at Holiday Inn Express (formerly the Baymont) on Wednesday evening. It's pay as you go but you can indicate attendance in the ZspeedFest registration.

Friday morning starts early at Beech Bend with Drag Racing tech and 3 hours of testing and fun passes down the quarter mile in the 4 different activity categories; Bracket, Pro Index, Zspeed and Test/Tune/Fun. Pro Index will have 4 classes to run in while Zspeed will be an MPH Challenge with 2 categories. ZspeedFest participants who register for Drag Racing will be able to take part in all activities and for the drag racer just interested in fun, the all-day Test/Tune/Fun category will give you ample pass opportunities to learn and practice. After lunch the racing starts in earnest with Eliminations in all categories except fun runs. The day ends with trophy awards.

Saturday is devoted to Autocross at Beech Bend. There are 3 competition classes; sticky, street and ladies' plus a fun class so there is racing for everyone. Practice will take place in the morning and

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	<p>competition runs will be in the afternoon.</p> <p>Tuners will have opportunities to demo their work at both the drag strip and the autox course plus there will be a dyno on hand all 3 days. Several sponsors have already indicated participation and we will update this shortly with names. <b>Advance Registration will close at 8:00am central time on May 18th.</b></p> <p>This event will be an annual event and when the Motorsports Park comes on line the road course will be added to the event schedule. Note the correct date above. For more info check <a href="http://www.corvettemuseum.org">www.corvettemuseum.org</a>.</p>
	<p><b>The Black Hills Corvette Classic – July 17–21, 2012 – Sioux Falls &amp; Spearfish, SD.</b> The classic is an annual event put on by the Sioux Falls Corvette Club to celebrate America's sports car. 2012 marks the 41<sup>st</sup> year of the Classic. The party starts in Sioux Falls on Tuesday July 17 with Vettes at the Falls registration, Wednesday July 18 is Hot Summer Nights in downtown Sioux Falls from 6pm-10:30pm corvettes are parked in the streets downtown there are music, food, vendors, etc. Thursday July 18 caravan to Spearfish drivers meeting at 8am, caravan leaves at 8:30am to proceed to Spearfish for the remaining events, there is a social mixer/BBQ from 5-10pm, food will be served from 5-7pm. Friday, July 20 and Saturday July 21 there will be several events at Spearfish; road trips, corvette show, seminars, a party and etc. There will be more information about these events as it becomes available.</p>
	<p><b>Vettes on the Rockies – August 9-12, 2012 – Winter Park Resort, CO.</b> Vettes on the Rockies® sponsored by Looking Glass Corvette Association of Lakewood Colorado is an annual gathering in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado for Corvette owners from all across the United States. For the first time in its 39 years Vettes on the Rockies® is this year being held at the Winter Park Resort in Winter Park Colorado. Head on out to the majestic Rocky Mountains this August 9 through 12, 2012, and enjoy 3 days of fun with your Corvette and other Corvette owners from all across the country. The events are; Thursday, August 9 registration opens at 1pm and there is a Welcome Reception, Friday, August 10 includes the Autocross, Road Rally and Wine Tasting, Saturday, August 11 has the Show-N-Shine and BBQ, Sunday, August 12 Send-off coffee/donuts &amp; bagels. Registration information will be available at the club website <a href="http://www.lgcacorvette.org">www.lgcacorvette.org</a> in February and will open in early April.</p>
	<p><b>Mid America Motorworks Corvette Funfest 2012 – September 13-16 – Effingham, IL.</b> Mid America Motorworks is gearing up for an extraordinary 2012 event in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1963 Sting Ray. Don't have the details for this year's event but it will be four days of great things to do. Registration \$25 per car for regular or club</p>

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parking, \$50 for Premium Parking (park where all the action takes place), or \$250 for the Ultimate Package - Funfest Ultimate Package is a unique behind-the-scenes way to experience Funfest. Additional perks of this per person package are: Funfest Goodies, Ultimate Field Parking, Be the lead in the Thursday Fun Run Road Tour & Downtown Party, Saturday Evening VIP Dinner & Entertainment Event Pass for One which includes Front Pad Access throughout the Concert, Funfest Weekend Hospitality VIP All Access Pass for One. Another perk of this package is that we offer assistance with hotel accommodations and Corporate rates through our blocked hotel rooms. Registration includes some Funfest Goodies. Check their webpage for more information as it becomes available [www.corvettefunfest.com](http://www.corvettefunfest.com).

### National Corvette Museum - Calendar of Events – 2012

MiM Sebring Tour – March 12-17	C5/C6 Bash – April 26 - 28
C4/ZR-1 Gathering – May 17 - 19	Barn Raising II – Vette Barn – May 24 - 26
Z06 Fest – May 30 –June	ZspeedFest – May 31 – June 2
VIR HPDE – June 25 - 26	MiM Woodward Cruise Tour – August 13 -18
Annv. & Hall of Fame Induction – Aug. 30 – Sept. 1	NCM Benefit at HOD Thunderhill – Sept. 5 - 6
Historic Motorama Reunion – September 26 - 29	NCM Benefit at HOD Autobahn – October 1
R8C Reunion – October 4 - 6	1-Lap of Kentucky – Artisans & Musicians Oct.16 - 20
Vets 'n Vettes – November 1 - 5	
*Check the NCM website <a href="http://www.corvettemuseum.com">www.corvettemuseum.com</a> for updates and more information.	

**SAVE THE WAVE**  
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Tommy Lowther was home in Wisconsin for Christmas and took this picture December 24 of his Dad's corvette being used as a shelf. Note the snow outside; don't guess he needs to get the vette out and go for a run. I'm sure Tommy had a great time spending Christmas at home with his folks, but he can have the snow.

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What a difference a few miles make, Scott Utley was in Key West, FL on December 18 and took this picture when he happened upon a car show in progress. Think I would have to go with Key West over Wisconsin in December that warm sun and shorts is more appealing than the cold snow.



This wild purple and green dinosaur was seen running around the streets of Searcy October 29. There are rumors that this beast was scaring little children and taking their bags of Halloween candy. Guess it was just a rumor because Tommy did not get arrested.



The Dragon Slayers Planning Committee figuring out their attack on the Moonshiner Run back in October. Looks like they may have partaken of some moonshine themselves. Frank will have to get in style and purchase a hair hat so he fit in with Don and Melvin. It is also rumored that this group of backyard engineers were coming up with the rules for the Value Cover Race which will take place at the CACC Hot Springs Corvette Weekend in April of 2012. These guys were once known as Larry his brother Darrel and his other brother Darrel.

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When Sharon and Jim left Vettes at the Beach in Pensacola, they drove down to Key West. When they got on U.S. Highway 1 headed to the Keys this yellow mouse or rabbit was behind them all the way. Knowing Jim if the traffic ever cleared out so he could drop the pedal down, this little creature had to hustle to keep up. The route from Key Largo to Key West is a great cruise, I know Sharon and Jim had a blast. Brenda and I took our vette down there a couple of years ago and had a great time. A trip you should make in your vette.

### **Central Arkansas Corvette Club Minutes for January 10th, 2012**

Carter Davis, Our New President called the meeting to order with 80 members and 4 guest present. He welcomed all members and guest to the meeting.

Carter explained that the 50/50 raffle pot would be changed up a little, 50% of the money will go into a special fund to buy prizes for the winners of the raffle and that also would serve as a fund to pay for club picnics and other events like the Christmas Party. The other 50% will go to ticket holders as a cash prize. Carter said probably once a quarter he would buy extra prizes to give to additional winners.

Carter next introduced all Club Officers and Directors at Large for 2012.

C.W. Eppinette was recognized as our new club ambassador.

Larry Botsford gave the treasure's report there is \$2,153.00 in the show account and \$11,166.00 in the club account.

Motion was made and passed to accept December minutes.

Dan Tucker announced that he had married Judy (Honeycutt) after 15 years of Judy riding in his Corvette.

Carter recognized Phyllis Weir and Sharon Russell for their work in putting together last year's Christmas Party.

Carter appointed Sandie Russell as this year's Christmas Chairperson.

Carter talked about Dr. Jack, resigning as Club Chaplin and what a great job he has done for the past two years. So now, the club is looking for a replacement. If you should want to take on this position, you can contact Carter or any other officer of the club and let it be known that you are interested.

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Carter recognized Ron and Kaye Daugherty, Rita New and Charles and Cathy Ward for having their Corvettes pictured in Vette View Magazine, while at Carlisle Pa, for a Corvette Festival.

Glen Acre reported on the Centerville Drag Day April 7, Centerville, Arkansas. Glen talked about the Club renting the drag strip from around 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (3 hours). Centerville staff will set up a few classes and give out a few trophies; you can also pair up and race your friend. The only racing being done is strictly drag racing. There will be a fee of \$25.00 per car to race and \$10.00 for being a spectator. It will be CORVETTES ONLY!!! It was decided to invite a few local clubs to join us. We would caravan up and plan a dinner stop on the way home.

Carter asked, if anyone comes up with a day or overnight cruise for the club, to let him know.

Larry Jones talked about the "After Hot Springs Show" annual picnic at the P.O.A. in Maumelle Heights picnic grounds from 12 noon until. This will be on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. A set of curb ramps have been purchased to get our cars over the curb and onto the grass.

Ron Daugherty has volunteered to haul the club trailer to the Hot Springs Show. Carter Davis made a motion and it passed that the club would give Ron \$200.00 gas money to defer Ron's cost.

Margaret Davis talked about wanting everyone to bring some sort of gift that can be used at the Hot Spring Show for door prizes. In addition, Margaret let the club know that Janel Broadhurst is chairperson for the Silent Auction and is in need of gifts.

Jim Butler talked about the Hot Springs Show; he talked about the Convention Center, transportation depot for the Saturday fish dinner, parade permits, and the banner for Central Avenue. Jim is now taking orders for the show shirts, \$15.00 each, \$17.00 for larger sizes. Cutoff date is going to be our meeting date March 7. Jim gave an update on Tom Powal and how he is doing after neck surgery.

Carter talked about the Super Chevy Show on April 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Memphis. You can look up more information on the web.

Carter asked Judy Tucker to draw four raffle tickets. The drawing was worth \$50.00 each and one ticket was for a secret prize, which was a model of a midyear Corvette.

Carter recognized Cindy Green on her way to recovering from a stroke. Mike Canard had lung surgery, and Jim Price had ankle surgery.

Carter announced that the Board voted to reduce the number of our club charities back to one and that being Spina Bifida.

Phil Davis made a motion to give Carter Davis \$50.00 per quarter allowance for his out of pocket expenses he spends for the club. It was passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Frank Russell, Secretary

**Check out the history below the February 1989 Newsletter.**

