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Central Arkansas Corvette CLUB



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Club Meeting

Date: **Date change due to Labor Day**
Next Date: September **9th**
Location: Whole Hog Cafe
Address: 2516 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock
Times: Social & Eating: 6:00 pm
Meeting: **6:45 pm** – 8:00pm
Please note the new start time.

A word from our President

Members....

A hearty Welcome to all the new members of the Central Arkansas Corvette Club! Over the past month we have had a new member or family join the club every 2 days. The rise in membership either indicates that the economy is doing quite well or a lot of folks have given up waiting on retirement and have decided to invest in a Corvette. Many are impressed with the new C7 and have plunged in that direction while many others are seeing prices drop for C3's thru C6's and have found great buys.

Now that you are owners and participants in one of the largest Corvette clubs in the country, we all look forward to meeting you at an upcoming event. There is a large variety of activities to attend, whether it be trips, shows, displays, or social outings and we're sure you'll make a lot of new friends through these club events.

Please pass the good word along to any Corvette owners you come across in your travels & invite them to become members...

Don Butler
2014 President



Chaplain's Corner

FREEDOM

Special thanks to Kennie Birch for allowing me to share this. I hope your computer can show this presentation.

I have viewed this numerous times and each time I spot something new in a picture and/or a musical chord. God bless America and all she stands for.

So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. John 8:36

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:17

I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments. Psalm 119:45

And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:32

Please enjoy the music and God bless and thanks for listening.

this I was instantly reminded Charlie

of just how beautiful a world our Creator gave to us. Another word that came to me was FREEDOM and how fortunate we all are to live in a land that celebrates this concept. Most of the rest of the world seems to be in utter perpetual chaos. We however are not perfect but still much better off due to both our blessings and what the Founding Fathers did to maintain them for eternity (hopefully!).

The PowerPoint was included with the email. Please click on the attachment.



Thoughts and Prayers

Jerry Reagan and Keith Hopson

How It Started With Me

L.J. Barger interviewed by Vincent Parker

Year of Car: 2010 Model: Grand Sport

What initially sparked your interest with the Corvette?

I have always loved them growing up. My first experience was when I was about 12. A family friend had C4 and took me for my first ride. When we were on the ride he said "oops we went the wrong direction" and he spun it around in the middle of the road and we went the other way after that I was hooked!

How long did it take for you to acquire your first Corvette?

A very long 32 years, I started looking and found my perfect first Corvette which was a C4. It was all original; two tone silver, one owner with low miles. I had that one about 3 or 4 years then upgraded from here.

What makes you happy to own and drive your Corvette?

It's an American icon, American muscle at its finest! I can have a stressful day at work, come home and take a drive in my Corvette and I immediately feel better.

Do you use it for spirited driving or for a nice leisurely cruise?

Both, It depends on my mood. I mostly love spirited driving in the curvy roads of the mountains on a nice clear, sunny day; however a nice leisurely drive is a great way to see all the scenic things that you missed on a spirited drive. They are both great ways to just go out and clear your mind.

What is your favorite model year or generation?

It is very hard for me to pick a favorite, it's kind of like your kids you love them all and they all have their own special characteristic. I have to say though that the C6 was a

front runner but the C7 is sparking interest. I can barely wait for the C7 Z06.

What do you think about the current C7 Corvette Stingray?

It's Awesome, at first I was a little iffy about the tail lights but after seeing it in person I think it's awesome, it just looks mean and aggressive.

Do you think the C7 Stingray Z06 model will have enough power to compete with the European supercars?

Yes, I think it has enough power if it can just get it to the pavement. It is at a disadvantage though with the front engine/rear wheel drive chassis setup, but with the traction control and other technical advances I'm sure it will hold its own.

What is your most memorable moment in a/your Corvette?

That would have to be when we (a few of the CACC members) were able to sneak on the track at Bristol Motor Speedway and did several laps when we went on the Smokey's run a few years ago. We did get a little worried about Lee Wood's brakes after they caught fire. I'm sure we are all ready to do it again.

Have you done or plan on any modifications to your Corvette?

Not this one, I have thought about several things I would like to do but, there will likely be some on the next one, which WILL be a C7.

Where do you see the next generation of the Corvette heading?

To the top in my mind; like the others I love them all. With the time, technology and development that

GM puts in the Corvette there is nowhere else to go but the top.

Contact our Club Photographer Vince Parker at (501)-606-1654 or email at vparkerp69@yahoo.com to schedule your photo session for your newsletter submission.



Travels with the General

"Bowling Green Bound"

The countdown is on for the NCM Caravan 2014, a semi-decade event, and I know that many are excited to be a participant this year. As I write this article, a week from today at this time we will be lining up at the Kohl's store on west Chenal Blvd waiting to caravan to Bale Chevrolet for the preliminary activities and an evening meal hosted by the dealership. The above picture was taken at the Bale dealership during the 2009 get-together. We'll be joined by numerous "Corvette Enthusiasts" from throughout Arkansas as well as Texas & Oklahoma so we hope you reach out to these folks & welcome them to the Natural State.

Wednesday morning, August 27th, we'll depart the dealership under police escort and the thrilling rainbow will amaze many as we journey north eastward to Bowling Green. Perhaps you can't enjoy most of the week off but if you have the day off join in on the fun and accompany the caravan as far as Forest City or perhaps Memphis. We've been advised of construction between Little Rock & Memphis so this with the steady stream of 18-wheelers will present a challenge to anyone wanting to make exceptional time.

Many will be thinking about a lunch stop as they roll down the interstate and after several Smoky's trips we highly recommend you visit our friends at Casey Jones' Village in Jackson, TN. It is on the southwest corner of I-40 and Hwy 45. Take a right & then another right & there you are at the southern family buffet...what a spread!! Several shops, train museum & a lot full of Corvettes for patrons to oogle.

Apart from my car being down for a month for a few improvements, I also ended up with tick fever for a week and I don't with these chills, aches, and nausea on anyone. Beware of these critters... Numerous home remedies, hot

toddies, and anticipation of the '14 Caravan as well as 3 days in the Smoky's is leading me to full recovery.

Enjoy the caravan and exercise care & safety in your travels during this event and the following "Labor Day" weekend.

"Save The Wave"

Don Butler - "Trip General"



Keeping Your Vette Clean on the Road

Rule #1: when you get to your hotel, go straight to the lounge and get a cold drink. After that, if you waxed your Corvette before you left, washing and drying at the hotel will only take short time. As mentioned on the Chat, lots of the hotels will have a hose available for the wash. Pack a small container of car wash soap, such as C-MAGIC "World Class Wash" or Simple Green "Car Wash". This stuff goes a long ways, so just pack a pint of it. Most hotels will have an ice bucket in the room or on the ice maker. Mix your soap in that and have a microfiber towel for the application. If you don't have a microfiber, the hand towel in the room will be ok. You will need a second towel to dry. My little trick to the car wash is to use the hot water in the hotel room for your main bucket. This stuff goes a long ways, so just bring a pint for the road. If you want to wash the whole car, work top to bottom, leaving areas like the rocker panels and bumper for last. If you don't have lots of energy or time, just wash the bumper and mirrors. Stay away from the "bug and tar removers." Professionally, I would not use the same chemical to remove bugs and remove tar. Most bugs are water base critters. The hot water will help get them

off. If you pick up a little tar, wait till you get back or track down a detailer along the way. If you want to keep the carpets tidy, bring a roll of masking tape with you. Wrap the tape, sticky side out, several times around your hand so most of your palm is covered. Now you can pat down the carpet and pick up a lot of debris as it attaches to the tape. This works well on animal hair in the car too. Now you have your own space-saving "vacuum cleaner" with you. Wax the vehicle before you leave. If you have wheels with painted rims, I'd wax those, too. The wax will help to keep the brake dust from sticking. No one is keeping score on your technique, so wash and dry the car and call it a night. Clean the windows on the outside and you are ready for the next days' drive.

Article by eNews contributor Bill Shiner, Owner of Transhine Auto Detailing of Whittier, CA

Welcome, New Members!

Andrew and Cindy McColgan live in Beebe and drive a 2009 Cyber Gray Coupe.

Larry and Jeri Smith live in White Hall and drive a 1982 Metallic Beige Collector Edition Coupe.

David and Annette Nolen live in Mabelvale and drive a 1978 and 1984 White Coupe.

Thomas and Sue Gregory live in Cabot and drive a 1996 White Coupe.

Edgardo and Doris Santiago live in Benton and drive a 2009 Yellow Z06.

Mike Smither lives in North Little Rock and drives a 2008 Black Z06.

Greg Cunningham lives in Little Rock and drives a 2013 Grand Sport Coupe.

Richard and Cindy Holiman live in Hot Springs and drive a 2013 Blue Grand Sport.

Kendall and Samihah Prude live in Jacksonville and drive a 2010 Z06.

Alberto and Miriam Mazzola live in Loarato, Italia and drive a 2009 Silver Z06.

Matthew and Katie Brown live in Benton and drive a 2014 Torch Red Coupe.

Chris and Angela Marshall live in Conway and drive a 2014 Black Coupe.

Richard King lives in Alexander and drives a 2000 White Coupe.

Mike Kokaly lives in Jacksonville and drives a 1986 White Coupe.

Michael Beverly lives in Little Rock and drives a 1975 Yellow Coupe.

For the Record

August 5th Minutes

President, Don Butler started our meeting with introducing the Board Members:

Officers:

- Don Butler-President
- Troy Sanders-Vice President
- Secretary-Frank Russell
- Treasurer- Larry Botsford
- Sergeant-David Pierce
- Ambassadors-CW and Brooke Whatley.

Board Members:

- Rita New
- Luci Vega
- Shannon Soenksen
- Bryan McPherson
- Terry Stegall.

Appointees:

- Lisa Little-Editor "Vette Gazette Newsletter"
- Keith Little-Webmaster
- Photographers-Vincent Parker, Lou Ann McPherson and Larry Olsen
- Chaplain-Charles Kinslow

Don welcomed Brooke Whatley back home-Our Ambassador to Italy. Brooke has been in Italy studying and staying with a host family.

Charles Kinslow led us in prayer.

Treasurer's Report by Larry Botsford:

In the Club Account there is \$18,654. In the show account there is \$29,611. This is through 7/31/14.

Rita New gave her report on the members that are in need of prayer: Keith Hopson our California member, and Jerry Reagan.

No old business was discussed.

New business:

Rita New discussed the CACC brick fund for Phil Davis a friend and long time member of our club. A 12x12 brick at the National Corvette Museum would be \$600. We took up a love offering and received more than enough to purchase the 12x12 brick honoring our own Phil Davis. Our members really stepped up to the occasion.

Don and Charles Ward: The board discussed our fundraising and has decided \$20,000 is available for distribution to our two charities: Beyond Boundaries and Spina Bifida. Since Beyond Boundaries is a local organization without national backing and returns the money back to our community, we recommended that the traditional 60/40 split go in their favor this year. That would distribute \$12K towards their needs, particularly the new stable they will be building this year. The remainder of the club fund is used for seed money that we use for our Hot Springs show.

Terry Stegall talked about our Hot Springs show for next year. He said that we need more volunteers to step up and sign on to help with the show. He said we need our newer members to volunteer and learn how to take on different areas of the show. It could come down to if we don't get more help we could not have enough people to put the show on.

The CACC picnic is Sunday September 14th with a rain date of September 21st at the Maumelle Property Owners Association Park. We will start cooking at 12:00 and finish cooking by 2:00. Get there when you can. More information to follow.

Janel Broadhurst, talked about the upcoming Christmas Party. The party will be held Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Sherwood Forest in Sherwood. More information to come.

Glen Acre talked about the Hillcrest Harvest Fest Corvette Display on October 4th. He will need 7 Corvettes, 1 from each generation. Parking space is very limited.

Frank Russell talked about Future Dinner Runs:

- The Village in Star City
- A leaf run to Gaston's Resort
- Wiederkeher Winery tour and restaurant,
- Motor cross day @ War Memorial parking lot. A Sport Car Club would do a complete setup with cones and timing lights. The club

puts up a \$500 deposit and after it's over and if we do not damage any of their equipment; they will give back \$400. The participants would pay \$10.00 each and we would see about having a concession booth like David's Burger's on the parking lot. This course will be set up to where it will be safe for every member. It will be not about speed but skills of maneuvering around the course.

Frank Russell reported that we had 29 new members join since Jun 1st of this year. We now have a total of 330 members to date.

We had 119 members present for this meeting. We had 60 members and guest make the Rocky Mountain Grill Dinner run to Percy, I think everyone was well pleased with the food and socializing with other members was great.

David Pierce gave a report on the Cruise-ins that go on each month.

The 3 winners of the 50/50 pot each won \$55 and David also drew for several more gifts won by our members.

Shannon talked about the Ronald McDonald House dinners and special events. Our club will be putting on a dinner for the guest of Ronald McDonald House on Sept. 26th and Oct.31st. We furnish the food and our members do all of the cooking. We also display our cars on the parking lot.

The new members were asked by Shannon to come to the front and introduce themselves and tell what kind of Vette they drive, where they live, do they have any friends that are in the club and how did they find out about our club. After the meeting we ask the members to come up and greet our new members and welcome them to the club.

Meeting Adjourned: (Save the Wave)
(Join for your Vette, stay for the People)
Frank Russell Secretary/Membership
(Life is a Vette, get out and Drive)

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