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# Central Arkansas Corvette CLUB



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### Club Meeting

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Monthly  
Next Date: October 7<sup>th</sup>  
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....

Fall shows are well underway and I imagine pre-winter projects are being scheduled as another year enters its final quarter. This also signals to the Officers and Board Members of our Central Arkansas Corvette Club that their term draws to a close and a new slate of representatives must be elected to lead the membership in the year to come.

December elections historically were based on ballots distributed at that monthly meeting but in recent years the entire membership got to vote through emailed ballots. Nominations in October and November were typically a designation by friends of someone coerced into taking the position. As the club grows to significant numbers we are faced with more challenges to manage activities and events and this will take leadership by members that have the time to devote to defined offices. The concept of fun is forefront for the membership and diminishes as you accept the higher levels of responsibility and accountability.

Several years ago, Board

members were designated to unofficial positions with some general outlines but elections remained for Directors-At-Large without definition and this hasn't served the Club efficiently. The current Officers and Board members will once again attempt to define major positions with associated responsibilities before the final November nominations so those members that are interested in serving in any of these capacities can come forward and be put on the ballot. These proposed changes and details will necessitate amendments to our by-laws and these will be proposed to the membership for ratification. Any full time member can run for any of the offices and we welcome your participation. It is time consuming and best suited to someone retired or fully devoted to the club with good computer skills.

A special "Welcome" to all our new members and I encourage everyone to step forward and introduce yourselves to them. We hope your schedules allow

you to participate in the Fall events and particularly our Christmas Party on December 13th...plans are well underway and Janel & Kim are doing a fabulous job in organizing this for everyone. If you are available to assist them in any fashion please relay that desire to any of the officers & we'll put you in touch.

Happy Harvest to All...

Don Butler  
2014 President



## Welcome New Members

Dr. Loretta and Karie DePalo live in Little Rock and drive a 2014 Crystal Red Coupe and a 1968 Red convertible.

Scott and Nelly Lewis live in Cabot and drive a 1999 White Coupe.

Ellen Voss lives in Cabot.

## Chaplain's Corner

### Two Horses

**The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense.**  
**Proverbs 27:9**

Keep smiling, keep shining  
Knowing you can always count on me,  
for sure  
That's what friends are for.  
For good times and bad times  
I'll be on your side forever more  
That's what friends are for.

Lyrics from "That's What Friends Are For" written by Peter Allen/Burt Bacharach/Christopher Cross/Carole Bayer Sager

The below email is one of my very favorites-not only because my daughter sent it but for the timeless message it contains as to why God put us all here on earth. While our existence is indeed limited compared to the grand overall scheme of things we can still take comfort in the fact that we are here to SERVE just like Jesus did-maybe not at his exalted level as the Son of God but nevertheless in a most important capacity. Today and every day I will make a special effort to become more aware of just what I can do to help. How about you?

For we live by believing and not by seeing. 2 Corinthians 5:7

God bless and thanks for listening.

Charlie

### Two Horses

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing. If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell & nbs. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray. When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't

too far behind to hear the bell.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see. Good friends are like this ..... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours.

**"Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle".**



## Thoughts and Prayers

Jerry Reagan, Margie Davis, and Charles Kinslow



## How It Started With Me

*Hurricane Hayden interviewed by Vincent Parker*

**1. How did you get the name of Hurricane?** A: I was at a Capitol City Car Show and had taken a picture of every car there and then later that day had a picture of the same cars with me in the driver's seat! After that Frank Russell and Don Butler started calling me Hurricane!

**2. How old were you when you rode in your first Corvette?** A: I was three; that was when Pawpaw bought his first corvette from L.J. Barger, a 1984 two tone silver coupe.

**3. What excites you about being around Corvettes?** A: Are you kidding???? The sound and how fast they go!

**4. How do you like to ride in your grandfather's Corvette; fast driving or a slow cruising?** A: FAST DRIVING!

**5. What's your favorite model year or generation of Corvette?** A. The new 2014 Corvette

**6. What is your favorite Corvette in our Corvette Club?** A. Navarre Israel's saweeeeeeet 2014! I really like his black stripes.

**7. If you could buy a Corvette today, which one would buy?** A. The new 2014

**8. What is your favorite color of Corvette?** A. Right now, my Pawpaw's Supersonic Blue Metallic Grand Sport.

**9. Do you have any toy or model Corvettes that you**

**like?** A. I have 2 large remote Corvettes, a 2014 Gray Stingray and a Red 2012 Corvette Coupe.

**10. Which of your grandfather's Corvettes is your favorite?** A. The 2011 Grand Sport.



*Ron and Sandy Head's grandson*

## Travels with the General

*"The Roads Less Travelled"*

Departure of the NCM 2014 Caravan on Little Rock streets at 'once-in-a-lifetime' record speeds led by flashing lights was a thrill for numerous participants and a prelude to a fun-filled week of Corvettes, Scenery, and more Corvettes...

Thousands of Corvettes converged on Bowling Green for the get-together and the opening of the new NCM Motorsports Park. Although not finished, it promises to be a significant attraction for visitors to the Museum and the GM Assembly Plant especially with the possible addition of a few hundred more acres. There were numerous activities to occupy everyone's time and for the most part the weather cooperated.

A small group escaped the congestion of Bowling Green and headed to the Smokey's with The General for a holiday weekend on *"the roads less traveled"*. We were blessed with top-down weather all weekend with the only exception being a couple evenings during motel & dinner time. Traffic was minimal as we discovered some new fabulous back-roads and traversed the noted trails we set out to re-visit. Rolling hills, tobacco farms, Amish villages, lakes & scenery, torturing switchbacks for passengers with traction control off, fun stops for snacks, souvenirs & pictures, great evening meals, and the opportunity to bond with familiar and new friends were the norm for several days.

Our guardian angel guided us along several route changes to avoid the Bowling Green weather front and to lead us through new territory and scenery. As we straddled State borders through the weekend and looped towards home we visited KY, TN, NC, MS, & finally AR. If you have the opportunity to travel east towards the Smokey's and wish to avoid the interstate routes and still make equal time we would suggest the 4-lane Hwy 72 across north Mississippi.

The old-timers are predicting a cold and wet winter and the current changes we are experiencing will likely alter the Fall color season. Leaves are already falling due to low moisture levels so keep some weekends free and be ready to hit the roads on a moment's notice to enjoy the color, exhilarating driving, and a day with your Corvette buddies. Perhaps a color trip will coincide with the 24<sup>th</sup> Corvette Weekend in Eureka Springs on October 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>.

"Happy Trails"

Don Butler - "Trip General"





## Did You Know

I'm betting just about everyone on the planet will be buzzing about this over the weekend.

Yup, after years of making its way around the rumor mill, it appears GM might actually be revving up to make a mid-engine Corvette, according to a [Motor Trend](#) report.

The trusted news source is reporting that a number of GM insiders have confirmed that the engine could be migrating from that front bay to a more centered spot in the next-gen ZR1 with a look similar to the rendering above.

Fueling more talk around the

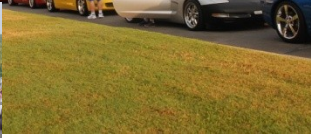
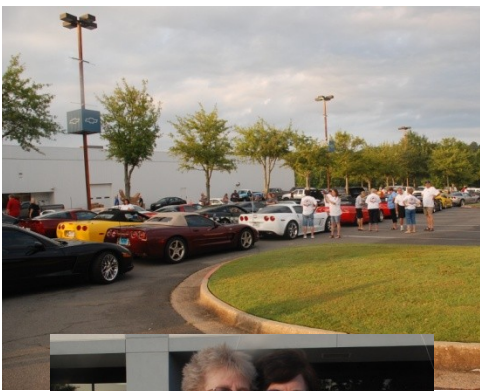
topic, *Motor Trend* also speculates that Chevy might launch a family of Corvettes in the future with the more affordable Stingray being positioned as an entry-level model, and a top-tier middle-engine model bearing the coveted Zora badge.

Risky? Maybe, but then again, maybe not in the push to give the Corvette more global appeal.

With the C7, the Corvette has now moved into the circle of conversation among high-powered exotics. The addition of a mid-engine model could raise the stakes even more.



## National Corvette Museum Caravan 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



*Pictures by Vincent Parker*

**August 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**

## For the Record

### September 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Troy Sanders. There were 102 members and 6 guests present.

Troy led us in prayer.

Treasurer's Report by Larry Botsford:  
Club Account: \$18,889.00  
Show Account: \$29,607.69

Troy Sanders made the Charity Fundraising Presentation to Spina Bifida representative Natalie Wooldridge. Natalie spoke about Spina Bifida and wanting to involve our club more with their activities. We presented a check to Spina Bifida for \$8,000.00

Beyond Boundaries representatives Tiffany Mattzela and Pam Taylor. Tiffany spoke about what Beyond Boundaries does by taking wheelchair bound Patient's and putting them on specially trained horses and this helps the patients by exercising their joints. They were presented a check for \$12,000.00 and part of this will be used to build a barn to house the horses. This money is the by product of our annual Hot Springs Corvette Weekend car show after our expenses were met.

Rita New said that we needed prayers for our members, Jerry Reagan, Margie Davis, and Charles Kinslow, both Margie and Charles are having cataract surgery.

Old Business:  
Winners of Beyond Boundaries Mane Event banquet drawing: Melvin and Donnetta Harris, James and Janel Broadhurst, Mark and Shannon Soenksen and Jared Burlison. Please get with Charles Ward for details.

Rita New gave an update on the Brick Fund for Phil Davis. The amount collected was \$860.00 from donations from our membership. We have sent the paper work in to the Corvette Museum and we are waiting for a response. After the paver (12x12) is made, it will be placed in the walkway leading up to the museum.

Frank Russell brought up a proposal that the board had discussed and approved, the proposal is that due to the club having extra funds in the General Account, the club would buy any dues paying member a meal ticket for our 2014 Christmas Party. The proposal was brought to a vote and passed unanimously.

Every paid member will receive a free ticket to the Christmas Party. If you want to bring a date or your wife or husband is not a member the cost will be \$12.00 for them. Talk with Frank if you have any questions on the tickets. Janel said that the party will be held at Woody's Sherwood Forest on Maryland Ave in Sherwood. The date of the party is Saturday, December 13, 2014. It will start at six for social hour and dinner will be served at 7:00. Dinner will be ham and turkey with dressing and all the trimmings. Any questions on the party contact Janel Broadhurst at [janel@broadhurstonline.com](mailto:janel@broadhurstonline.com) or 501 256 2789. There will be a more detailed email sent out at a later date.

#### Upcoming Events:

Larry Jones talked about the CACC Picnic to be held on Sunday Sept 14th, at Maumelle Park.

Glen Acre talked about Harvestfest Corvette Display to be held on October 4th. He needs a C-1

generation Vette.

Rita New talked about the car show at Immanuel Church on September 13.

Shannon talked about a corvette display at Two Sisters' catering on September 27. Two Sister's is on Kiehl in Sherwood.

Glenda Bosnick talked about the car show in Rogers, Arkansas they attended. Larry Bosnick won the 50/50 \$530.00.

Vince Parker talked about the NCM Caravan and Bowling Green, KY events.

Sandy Head talked about the Corvettes in the Smokey's trip that some of our members went on.

James Palatakas Jr. talked about being asked to start a new C7 at the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green, KY while he was taking a tour of the plant. He was given a birth certificate stating that he had started this C7 for the first time.

Shannon asks for all new members to come up to the front of the room and introduce themselves, telling where they live, information on their Vette and how did you find out about our club. The meeting was adjourned and we ask members to come up and welcome the new members to the club.

Meeting was adjourned,  
Frank Russell  
Secretary



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## Member's Corner



Sandy and Ron Head's grandkids, Hurricane Hayden and Felicity Donahue, took 2nd Place in the Spectators Award at the Beyond Boundaries Car Show in August!

# Save the Wave