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Central Arkansas Corvette CLUB



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Club Meeting

Date: 1st Tuesday Monthly
Next Date: December 2nd
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

"Happy Thanksgiving – Merry Christmas"

As you receive this final edition of the "Vette Gazette Newsletter" for 2014, we will be preparing to celebrate the holiday of **"Thanksgiving"** and the end of November. As the spiritual state of America continues to decline and many are losing focus on the original reason for Thanksgiving, we should remind the younger generation that it is a day of thanking God for the blessings he has bestowed upon everyone, even in the modern sense, and it is not just the day before Black Friday shopping. Dating back to 1621, it related to harvest time & having food to get everyone through the winter, while in recent times we can give thanks for health, family, and modern technology such as cell phones & computers. Remember to extend the blessing to the less fortunate by taking a pie or plate to an elderly neighbor or volunteering your time to serve a meal to the homeless.

Being the December issue of the newsletter, **"Christmas"**

will be upon us in no time flat and we hope you will join many in the celebration of the Nativity of Christ and not just the commercialization of Christmas gift-giving. Everyone is excited about this time of the year and looking forward to seeing family if they don't reside close by. We hope for a touch of snow to assist St. Nicholas but not the amounts received in Buffalo where they are questioning 'global warming'.

December is also an important month for the *Central Arkansas Corvette Club* as we hold elections to usher in a new slate of officers & board members for the coming year. We thank those that have served in the current year and those that have stepped forward and agreed to accept a position for the coming year. Please make your choices & vote at the December meeting or by the email ballot you will receive.

I want to thank everyone for

your support and for the opportunity to serve as your President for 2014. It has been a prosperous year for CACC and everyone deserves credit for the continual club growth and service to our communities. Please welcome all the new members, get everyone involved, & enjoy the friendships that develop.

Wishing everyone a very "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy, Healthy, & Prosperous New Year"!!

Sincerely...

Don Butler
2014 President



Welcome New Members

Jim and Laura
White live in
Little Rock and
drive a 2015
Black Coupe.

Chaplain's Corner

Service Beyond Ourselves

Webster's defines serve "to perform duties or services for another person or an organization".

Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant. Matthew 20:26

My sales assistant was kind enough to run across this photo and send it to me. I was immediately struck not only by the lady's smile but by her willing attitude to indeed go the extra mile in serving the RMH folks. This photo truly captures the work of all the CACC members who were there that night giving of themselves to make our globe a brighter place.

As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons I am constantly reminded, and bombarded, by commercial advertisements from everywhere exhorting me to "shop till I drop". This may provide some temporary pleasure relief, at least until the bills come due in January! Just think of all the lasting memories that were created and will be remembered for many years to

come at RMH.

I applaud all of those who give so generously of their time, talent, treasure, and resources. Our world is not often a kind and cuddly place and our efforts to correct this during the year speak volumes about the character and integrity of our beloved CACC.

I wish you all the very best for your relentless commitment to community service whether it be a Fort Roots vet or a sick child. Y'all are number one second to none as we use our beautiful cars to come together for the ultimate betterment of our fellow man in a fallen world.

God bless and thanks for listening.

Charlie



Ronald McDonald House Charities of Arkansas added 13 new photos.

Yesterday at 5:43 PM · 🌐

Thank you Central Arkansas Corvette Club for hosting trunk-or-treat for our families!



Thoughts and Prayers

Jerry Reagan, Tom Sefcik, Dana Kohrs, Frank Russell, Kathy Olsen, and Bayleigh Vega, Luci and Roy Vega's granddaughter.

Travels with the General

"Fall Cruising"

Last month we cruised the Ozarks at the conclusion of the Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend and the 'General' made note of a possible Fall Color loop that we could drive sometime. Several enthusiastic drivers of the 'CACC Roadrunners' convinced me to set up a color trip for Saturday, November 1st but I was out of town & unable to get an email out in time to invite other club members, although I did text several regulars and some of the Fort Smith club. Returning home late Friday, I started the car for the first time in weeks, gave it a quick wash in the dark, and set out early Saturday morning to meet the others at the Hwy 10 Kroger.

Despite cool & windy conditions, we cruised Hwy 10 / 9 to Oppelo and then up Petit Jean Mountain to our first stop at the overlook. Sandy was good enough to capture LJ, Ron, & myself beside our cars & dressed for the conditions....no tops down today!! We visited Mather Lodge next for a picture of the valley & lined the cars up for the visitors and children to inspect. Several vehicles hindered our pace as we glided off the west side of the mountain into Centerville and then up Hwy 7 to Mt. Nebo. It had been a while since we visited this mountain & we had forgotten about the continuous string of switchbacks that provided excitement and drifting practice for the next Smoky's trip. As always, we miss Lee & Diane Woods and several others when we get to enjoy these conditions.

Our planned route was to leave Mt. Nebo & follow Hwy 22 west to Hwy 109 which would get us across the Arkansas River onto Hwy 64 where we would find a luncheon spot before reaching Mulberry. We stopped in Ozark & had a great lunch at the Mexican restaurant on the west end of town. Hwy 215 was identified last month as a nice scenic color route and we would pick that up in Mulberry. For the second time in as many months we

have encountered a problem with the DeLorme Arkansas Atlas which depicts roads in red and uses various line thicknesses for classifications. While searching for new & exciting roads, the General failed to notice the FR notation on a section of Hwy 215 connector and the change to a finer red line...very difficult to discern. This means Farm Road and not paved, so we had to backtrack and surprise the yard workers for a second time. We looped around to the "Pig Trail" and took it north to Cass where we would resume our travels on Hwy 215 along the Mulberry River.

This section of road presented the best color we had seen along this cruise. Roads are well maintained and exciting for our variety of driving. We passed a lot of activity at one location along the Mulberry & later discovered this to be the 'Byrd's Adventure Center' where they cater to floating, 4 wheeling, rock climbing, gliding, fishing, camping & other activities. They have a restaurant & I've inquired about times & menu for

our next trip to this area.

Following the earlier lunch, our plans were to visit the "Oark General Café" again to try their desserts before the trip back home. The pie & ice cream was just what we needed but we didn't expect that there would be a line-up today. Much to our surprise Stan Yates and Lola Self were already there enjoying lunch with another couple. We visited with several patrons and Brian, the owner, before being seated and he promised to check his mail & attach the CACC decal to the front door.

We encourage you to get out for a drive on these exciting roads & visit some of these out-of-the-way places for a meal.

Enjoy & Drive Safely!!

Don Butler - "Trip General"



Slidell, LA



For the Record

November 11th Minutes

The meeting was opened by Troy Sanders, Vice President, with 81+ members and guests present on this Veterans Day. Troy welcomed everyone and recognized all veterans that were present.

The opening prayer was given by Keith Little in the absence of Charles Kinslow, Chaplain.

CACC Member, Ken Leslie, brought a guest from Fort Roots, North Little Rock VA Hospital, Michael Dodd. Michael has given 2 tours in combat with 21 years of service. Michael is over the volunteers in 2 hospitals. Volunteers are placed with their skill level. He has 17 places across Arkansas that transports Veterans in VA Vans to our medical center. Drivers (volunteers) put in 18,000 hours/year of their time. Michael stated for material objects, that anything can be donated, i.e., a golf cart to transport veterans from the parking lot. A long list of needs has been given to Ken to distribute to the CACC.

Besides needing drivers, volunteers are needed on the Dementia Unit as a Meal Mate. Meal Mates come in and talk to the patients while they eat. Pet Therapy is on the Dementia Unit with a dog named Ava. Shannon Soenksen, CACC Member, is in charge of providing donations for Ava from club volunteers. Musical Skills are needed to come and play and sing or donate instruments for the residents to have and play. There is a summer youth volunteer program, ages 14-18, June through August, with scholarships available.

To volunteer for Fort Roots or other VA agencies, go to www.VA.gov.click on business tab, and then click on volunteer.

Troy asked for the Treasurer's Report. Larry Botsford and Ellen are on their Honeymoon. Terry Stegall gave the report. Club account has \$22,166.00 and the Show account has \$10,219.00.

Rita New gave an update on Prayers for our members; Frank Russell, had surgery on his leg, on bed rest, no visitors yet, surgeon is pleased with the surgery. Frank should be up and out in 2 weeks. Tom Selfick needs prayers for diagnosis of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Dana Kohr has lost her Mom last week. Jerry Reagan is going home tomorrow from Baptist Rehab Institute. Bayleigh Vega, Luci & Roy Vega's Granddaughter, has Nephrotic Syndrome and has been in the Baptist Hospital, Little Rock

Rita gave an update on the Paver purchased by the CACC for past President, Phil Davis.

The Paver is to be laid at the National Corvette Museum. An additional smaller brick with C 4 on it with Phil's name will be laid also, because of Phil's love for C4's.

Troy announced the nominees for the upcoming election of 2015 Officers at our next meeting, December 2, 2014. President, Nancy Acre, Vice President, Troy Sanders, Secretary, Frank Russell, Treasurer, Larry Botsford, Sergeant at Arms, Harvey Blakely and David Pierce, Board Directors at Large with 4 positions open, 3 are for 2 years and 1 for 1 year, Terry Stegall, Joyce Johnson, Patricia Stiles, Vincent Parker and Randy Elms. November 15th, 2014, is the cutoff date for nominees to submit their names to Frank Russell.

Troy announced he officially retired from Steve Landers Toyota on Thursday, November 6, 2014. He had been at Landers for over 20 years.

Troy announced the CACC's new Webmaster, Randy Elms. Contact Randy for any questions. Randy said that many members have not even signed in to the club website. He asked for members to go to the club website, www.centralarkcc.com or www.centralarkansascorvetteclub.com and sign in.

Janelle Broadhurst, CACC Member gave an update on the CACC Christmas party she has scheduled, December 13, 2014 at Woody's Sherwood Forest, North Little Rock. Tickets for CACC Members are free, additional tickets for non-members are \$12.00 each. The party starts at 6:00 pm with a BYOB and cocktails you provide, 7-8:00 pm for food and desserts. There will be contests for Best Christmas Spirit, Ugliest Sweater and/or Tie, Random Trivia Questions for Door Prizes. Besides Janelle, Ellen Botsford will have tickets available. Dress is Casual, but you can dress up if you want.

Rita New stated that she needs Corvette Convertibles for the Little Rock Christmas Parade, December 6, 2014, to escort the Miss International Pageant Winners. Line up at 1:30 pm at Davidson's Law Firm on La Harpe, and then travel to parade destination.

Past events reported are Dan Tucker had a Leaf Run that included a picnic, road trip runs up Highways 7 and 123 (Arkansas Tail of the Dragon) and other beautiful highways. It is reported that Vincent Parker and Jimmy Plataka enjoyed a "Spirited" charged drive back home on 1-40. Shannon Soenksen reported on Ronald McDonald House for

Halloween. It is reported that "The Dragon" showed his smoke.

There was a Magic Show, a Big Bear and Ava, the VA Dog were present. Shannon gave Troy a new supply of "Blue Pills." Glen Acre told about Dad's Old Car Show at Ft. Roots. He said there were 110 vehicles there with 17 Corvettes from CACC and 3 Corvettes from Capitol City Corvette Club. Glen said the veterans really enjoy the show and many come out on gurney's to see the cars. The show is given every quarter with 1 award given for participant's choice. Troy spoke about the David's Burgers Cruise In with 6 cars having a show display with lights. Awards were given for the best display of lights.

David Pierce gave a report of his trip to SEMA, Las Vegas, Nevada. He flew out there while Cara Haynie drove her yellow ZO6. There were 3,000 exhibitors, 120,000 visitors and 3,000 show cars. David met many VIP's. David did ask if anyone knew why a dumb blonde got a VW. He said because she couldn't spell CORVETTE.

Sandy Head announced that her son, Ronny Head, can give estimates for installing lights on your vette. Call 501-414-3327 to schedule an appointment with him.

The 50-50 drawing was won by Patrick Bullock and Nancy Leslie. Small CACC Duffle Bag winner was won by Kaye Daugherty. Other door prizes were won by various members, Melvin Harris, Mark Soenksen, Donnetta Harris, and others through out the meeting. The final door prize that came from Slidell, LA, the Extraveteganza, was won by Israel Navarro. Tonight is Israel's last club meeting with the CACC. He is being transferred to Phoenix, AZ.

Melvin Morehead, CACC Member, gave a report on the SCCA Autocross at War Memorial Stadium. He said the asphalt is so cold that it is hard to race. He asked for the CACC to support the SCCA next spring.

There is a car show in Cabot at the Ford Dealership for Veterans, Exit 19, in Cabot 8-9 am till 2 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2014.

Troy Sanders asked if no further business, then the meeting is dismissed.

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Member's Corner

Our very own resident celebrity, Vice President Troy Sanders, was interviewed on the popular TV show Corvette Nation. It aired on November 14th on the Velocity channel. Be sure to get his autograph the next time you see him!



Save the Wave