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Vette Gazette Newsletter



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Club Meeting

Date: 1st Tuesday Monthly

Next Date: February 3rd

Location: Whole Hog Café

Address: 2516 Cantrell Rd., Little Rock

Meet/Greet/Eat: 6-6:45

Meeting: 6:45-8pm

A Word From Our President

From the President's Desk..... HAPPY CRUISING!!!

This time of year, we look forward to getting out and driving our cars, not only for the fun of it, but for the fellowship with our club members. We always will be meeting new members and enjoying our "old friends."

Driving in a caravan is a fun way to travel and show the strength of our Corvettes, and it gets attention going down the road. Having a good time and a safe and successful drive requires common sense behavior and driving etiquette that is respectful to fellow Corvette enthusiasts, as well as other people on the road. While in a caravan we are on display to the public and being respectful and courteous should be on every driver's mind.

Our protocols for organized events to meet and drive somewhere have been established for many years. They are written somewhere in the history of the club, and they are also "unwritten," but in the minds of our experienced drivers.

Please be very aware of courtesy to each other when we go out driving. Those of you who know me know I like to drive fast and I like to lead! I also love the drag strip! But the reason for a caravan is to "parade," not to race. At the staging area, if you want to drive "slow and easy", wait and line up toward the back of the line. I learned by following Pete Dean that it is very technical and requires a lot of attention to driving to keep up with the first few cars in the line!!!! So if you want to drive fast, position your car in the front half of the pack! And, from my own personal experience, be happy with where you end up in line, which is not always exactly where you would have chosen to be!

The Trip Leader will set the pace for the caravan. At the staging area, he/she will inform the group of all the designated stops, and the final destination. While driving in the caravan, please do not pass a fellow Corvette driver, in line, just because you want to drive faster than the person in front of you, unless the person in front of you waves you around. Everyone is following the Trip Coordinator. A caravan is just that – remember PARADE. It is not a race. Passing your fellow drivers for no good reason is frowned upon – you do not have to show off your prowess – we all know you have it – we have it also! SAVE THAT FOR THE DRAG STRIP!

Attempt to ensure that the caravan is not spacing out too far. If separated by traffic lights, it may be necessary to pull over and regroup. Please use indicator lights when changing direction, in lanes, or at stoplights or signs. Try to avoid the "accordion effect."

Maintain a safe distance from the car in front of you. Keep your speed consistent with the other drivers in the caravan. Turn on your lights (most Corvettes have automatic running lights.)

Flash your lights and use your cell phone to notify someone if you are in trouble.

Do not let the car in front of you get out of sight. Keep visual sight of the caravan at all times.

Central Arkansas Corvette Club and this President want everyone to arrive safely at each destination and have a safe and fun driving experience.

We are looking forward to some great trips this year, and we want to keep everyone safe and happy.



Nancy Acre

Chaplain's Corner

Growing Old

Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life. Proverbs 16:31

I have been an avid reader for most of my life. The attached article really hit home now that I am 64 with both children grown and gone. I think back about soccer trips, family vacations, rides to school and the sheer absolute terror of teaching them, along with the Thompsons about how to drive. I am sure some memories have already faded, hopefully to be replaced by even newer ones. I am finally starting to think about estate planning, healthcare, and life in "the golden years". Both parents are now gone and weddings have been exchanged for funerals at this stage of my life. Friends are getting divorced and some would still like to wed.

We are all immensely blessed by God with the short time we are on this earth. Thanks to Him we exist for His greater good, not ours. Taking things for granted combined with extreme selfishness honors only ourselves and most certainly not our Creator. Reading this article made me think to never ever forget to remember all the good things in life that I have experienced thanks solely to Him. Unfortunately I usually call on God when I am in crisis mode. While this is all well and good it speaks very poorly about where my priorities should be.

Going forward in whatever time I have left I want to completely and totally change direction from my needs and desires to His. I started reading a daily devotional book 3 years ago. Each daily devotional is tied to a specific day of the year. At the end of the year I buy a new one and give the old one to my boss. It has time and again proved to be an immense help in the daily trials and tribulations of life. We follow our owner's manuals in operating our Corvettes. Why not pattern our lives in the same way with books like these? It makes sense to me. How about you?

God bless and thanks for listening.

The glory of young men is their strength, but the splendor of old men is their gray hair. Proverbs 20:29



Charlie Kinslow

Chaplain's Corner Cont.

'I'm Growing Old, I Delight in the Past'

By Christopher de Vinck

The new year is my 63rd, and with age I have come to understand that no matter how hard I try to hold on to the past, the images fade and will, eventually, disappear.

When I was a boy my Belgian grandmother visited our home in Allendale, N.J., nearly every summer. She brought Belgian chocolates, her felt hat and thick-heeled shoes. We played cards, sang French songs and sat in the yard together. She came to my college graduation and later pushed my son in a carriage.

Thirty years ago my parents and I helped her into a wheelchair and kissed her goodbye at Newark airport. The thoughtful airline worker who took hold of the chair kindly turned it around and pulled my grandmother backward toward two wide doors. The doors opened automatically. My grandmother sat in the wheelchair with her felt hat and she waved goodbye. I never saw her again. Her worn heart gave out and she died that winter.

When my daughter Karen married a number of years ago, she and her husband decided that they wanted to move to Portland, Ore., and they were going to rent a U-Haul truck and drive across the country. As the day of their departure approached, I was

My daughter waving from a car window: an unforgettable image, but that too will fade.

excited for them: a grand trip across the United States, and when they pulled out of the driveway I ran to the street and waved and waved, watching the orange and white truck grow smaller and smaller. Just before the truck turned and disappeared, Karen stuck her hand out the window and waved goodbye.

That night I was so happy for her. Two days later I said to myself, "Karen was here just two days ago." As the weeks

progressed, I said to my wife, "Karen was here just a month ago." It took time for me to realize that things would never be as they once were. Karen is living outside Portland with her husband. She is happy. She has found her way. I held her hand when she stepped into the ocean for the first time, when her mother took a photograph of us before her senior prom, and when I led her down the aisle on her wedding day. I will never forget her hand waving out the window of that U-Haul truck, a truck that just seemed, on its own, to turn and disappear.

One afternoon when I was a teenager, I was thumbing through a family album, and I came across a small photo of a dock at some old seaport town. My father walked into the living room, and he said, "Look closely. What do you see on the dock?"

I squinted a bit and said that I saw a man waving. "That is my father. He came to the pier in Belgium with your mother and me as we were leaving for America in 1948." They were on

the boat, waving goodbye.

I looked up at my father. He looked at me and said, "That was the last time I saw him."

My father died two and a half years ago at age 100.

When my son was 6, he asked me if I knew anyone who was old and lived in Australia. I said so, and asked why he wanted to know. "Well, if we did, when that person dies he can tell us if there is a heaven."

If you are an 8-year-old boy, you might think that Australia is already halfway to heaven, and you might want an explanation about what happens to us—all of us—when we disappear.

I agree with the artist Henri Matisse, who once said, later in life, "I'm growing old. I delight in the past." My past is connected to wheelchairs, rented trucks and photographs in the family album, but the older I get, the harder they are to see. Perhaps I am already on my own journey to Australia.

Mr. de Vinck is the author, most recently, of "Moment of Grace" (Paulist Press, 2011).

Thoughts & Prayers

Ron Daugherty
Charles Ward
Vicky Adams
Jerry Reagan
Dr. Jack
Pete Dean
Kathy Olson
Kristi Powal

Welcome New Members

Kevin Regan, Austin AR. 2006 Red Coupe

Kenneth & Patsy Herring-Eubanks, Conway, AR. 2015 Crystal Red Convertible

Robert & Lynnette Riggin, Little Rock, AR. 1999 Silver Coupe

Birthday / Anniversary

JANUARY

Nancy Acre	18
James Beene	29
Scott Bishop	26
Jim Blackwell	5
Glenda Bocksnick	2
Sharon Butler	2
Tammy Caple	12
John Cooley	5
Randy Elms	14
Jema Elms	25
Loretta DePalo	31
Sharon Fickes	2
Burt Gardner	4
Thomas Gregory	10
Susan Holbert	14
Carol Hutchins	2
Vicki Luer	29
Chris Marshall	21
Kathleen Moreland	28
Miriam Mazzola	1
Rita New	5
Jimmy Plataka	25
Kenny Prater	11
Doris Santiago	22
Clyde Shirron	9
Newton White	17
Jim Whitis	15

FEBRUARY

Debora Beatty	12
Kennie Birch	6
Ellen Botsford	3
Pat Brown	6
Robin Bullock	21
James Broadhurst	25
Gary Burny	1
Don Butler	16
Ted English	18
Cory Erenea	15
Nelson Ennis	3
Robert Holley	23
Tommy Lee	18
Mary Mobbs	25
Ricky New	1
Sandra Prater	6
Ed Simpson	11
Terry Stegall	11
Gary Stiles	19
David Woodberry	9
Laura White	11
Judy Whitis	19
Dona Kinslow	7

For The Record

***Central Arkansas Corvette Club
Minutes for January 6, 2015***

Newly elected President Nancy Acre greeted the membership of 92 members and 4 guest.

Our Chaplain Charles Kinslow gave the blessing.

Nancy introduced CW Eppinette as our Club Ambassador.

Old Business

Nancy asked each Officer for their routine reports and activities for the past month.

Officers Reports

V P Troy Sanders talked about the 2014 Christmas party. Troy thanked Janel Broadhurst, Ellen Botsford and Tammy Holly for planning the party that went off without a hitch. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Troy thanked Jim Butler, Rita New, Janel Broadhurst and others for delivering the donations taken up at the Christmas party to Youth Home Inc in Little Rock.

Frank Russell talked about Phil Davis's 12x12 memorial brick is now in place at the National Corvette Museum. He thanked Ricky and Rita New and Terry Stegall for their time and effort on this project. Frank reminded members of the timeline for paying 2015 dues through our web site or by US mail is March 31. Frank read the current members prayer list, which will be listed in the newsletter.

Larry Botsford gave his financial report. We have \$7,689.57 in the Show account, and \$ 18,175.79 in the Club account.

David Pierce handled the drawing for the 50/50 pot, we had two winners for \$56.00 dollars apiece and 2 drawings for a CACC monogrammed carrying bags. There were several more drawings for door prizes.

For The Record Cont...

Director at Large Reports

Vincent Parker talked about a trip to the Hollywood Casino . . .it was called crab leg run. Eight cars went. He said everyone had a great time and came back full, there will be more runs coming up as soon as the weather turns a bit warmer.

Rita New talked about the Little Rock Christmas Parade, in which she said it was a big success, they had plenty of Corvettes to go around. Rita also spoke about the Toys for Tots caravan from Rodney's Cycle shop to the Clear Channel parking lot with around 40 vettes with toys to deliver to Toys for Tots.

Trish Stiles talked about The Spina Bifida Christmas Party. We had 12 members to volunteer for this event, we helped decorate and serve food to the kids and families who belong to this support group. We also gave Corvette rides to the kids. There were some big smiles from the kids when they left in a Corvette.

Joyce Johnson talked about needing volunteer members for the Hot Springs Show. She needs people to help her recruit show vendors for the show. Joyce's # is 501 772 0469.

Ricky New is planning a 2 day Valentine run, he will send out more information as he gets all of the details worked out. Ricky New is our new Trip Coordinator.

Shannon Soenksen talked about the trip to Fort Roots and her visit with Ava (therapy dog) that helps in the dementia ward. Shannon spent \$250.00 that was donated from club members for a new bed, toys, treats and food for Ava. This is going to be an on going project of our club to help support Ava's needs. We will collect again in March or April along with taking donations for the vets at Fort Roots.

Shannon Soenksen and Sandie Russell will do new member orientation and social events. Sandie will be heading up a Valentine Dinner on the 13th of Feb. for Ronald McDonald House. We will be cooking and serving to patients and families that are staying there.

Kim Parker will be doing the newsletter. If you have an article or pictures you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact Kim Parker at contemplate00@yahoo.com She needs all material sent to her by the 16th of each month. Kim's # is 501 606 4711.

Terry Stegall, show chairman for the Hot Springs Show talked about what he has done so far, getting permits, reserving the convention center and transportation depot,

For The Record Cont...

reserving rooms at the Austin Hotel, contacting the food vendors, and much more. Terry is asking members if they would like to help with the show to give him a call at 214 704 0130. Our new show brochures for Hot Springs were passed out.

New business

Nancy Acre brought up changing the annual meeting, which has always been in December in which Officers and Directors at Large were voted in. The board has proposed to change the annual meeting to June with the new board members taking office on July 1st. The reason for this proposal is that a lot of the Hot Springs Show preparation takes place before the end of the year and then we change elected officers in the middle of our show planing. By changing the elections to June would allow the board to stay intact from the start of planing the show to the end of the show. This would mean the board that is now in place would stay an extra 6 months for this to be put in place. The board was all in favor and Nancy brought it up for a vote to the membership and it was passed unanimously.

Nancy Acre reminded everyone that (we only have 3 more monthly meetings before the show) asking for members to volunteer for this three day event.

Vincent Parker asked our guest and new members to stand and introduce themselves.

Meeting Adjourned,

Frank Russell - Secretary

SAVE THE WAVE





Rollin' With Ricky

Valentine's Day Cruise

Come join us in a overnight cruise to Mena, AR. February 14th. We will meet at Cracker Barrel in Bryant-Exit 123 on I-30, and depart at 9am. We will drive to Mena and check into the motel (Lime Tree Inn) then drive the Talamena National Scenic Drive, which is approximately 54 miles along the crest of Rich Mountain and wind along Stair Mountain in the Quachita National Forest. We will return to Mena for dinner at the Branding Iron Barbeque and Steakhouse. There will be time set aside for shopping before or after dinner. If there are enough participants we will try to set up a tour of Street Performance. We will run the Talamena on Sunday before heading back home. This all has the makings of a great weekend get away.

If you are interested in getting away for a nice weekend with great people contact Ricky New at rnewc5scbglobal.net.

Future Cruises

Please send Rita or me an email if you would like to do some of these cruises in the order you would like to do them. These are just some ideas we are throwing around. If you have suggestions please include them in your email.

- #1 Gaston's/Mammoth Springs
- #2 Wiederkehr Wine Cellar
- #3 Bossier City / Shreveport
- #4 Bentonville / Crystal Bridges

-Ricky New

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

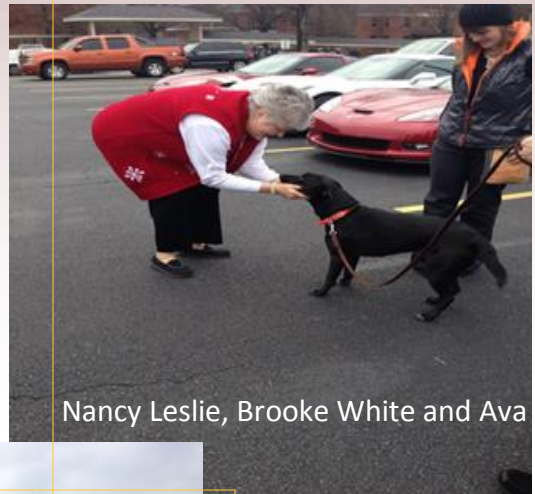
Ava & The Vettes

December 13th CACC and the Veterans Hospital united to deliver Christmas gifts to Ava the therapy dog. A large number of gifts valued at over \$250 including food, toys and treats were delivered by 6 of our finest cars. We are planning the next run in March, and everyone is welcome. A HUGE thanks to all who donated and participated!

-Shannon Soenksen



Mark Soenksen and Ava



Nancy Leslie, Brooke White and Ava



Pictured from L to R: Ken & Nancy Leslie, Nancy & Glen Acre, Janet Williams, Robyn Bullock, Mark Soenksen, Roy Vega, Ricky & Rita New, Brooke White, Shonda, Ava and Shannon Soenksen.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CACC made a spectacular showing for the North Little Rock VA-*"Dad's Ole' Car Ain't What It Used To Be"* 14th Annual Car Show sponsored by CAMS Car Club. If you missed it you missed a great day with some very special veterans. Check out in the January 2015 issue of *Streetscene*.



Special thanks to Ken Leslie for sharing his issue of *Streetscene* with all of us!

Patrick and Robyn Bullock recently traveled to Dallas, TX to support Patrick's Oregon Ducks in the CFP National Championship. They made the Dallas Morning News as "Ducks Superfans" after sharing a picture of Patrick's Green Corvette with personalized plates.



FUN RUNS

Starbucks and Ray's –10 Car Vega Fun Run



James White, Glen Acre, David Woodbury, Roy Vega, Larry Turpine, Melvin Morehead



Larry Atkinson, James White, Jim BoBo, Troy Sanders, Geneine Morehead, Melvin Morehead, Kim Parker, Roy Vega, Judy Brazil, Tony Brazil and Nancy Acre



CACC vettes resting while they can.



Nancy Acre, Deronda Tucker and Anna Batzos



The Mean Ole' Dragon

Hollywood Casino Buffet – 8 Car Santiago Crableg Cruise



Ricky New, Kim Parker, Rita New and Shannon Soenksen



Mendy Taylor



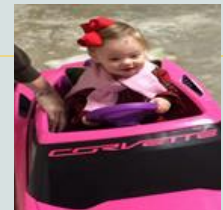
Member Spotlight



Mark and Shannon Soenksen's newest addition!
A beautiful Red 2015 Z06 !!



Steve Tipton and his adorable grand daughter must have been on Santa's nice list. He received a 2015 Leguna Blue C7 Coupe, and she received her very own hot pink convertible!



Congratulations to **Kenneth & Patsy Herring-Eubanks** on their recent marriage.



Richard Wright is pleased to announce his lovely grand daughter 20 mo. old Mikayla Thomas is the proud owner of a new 2015 C7 Red Convertible!



Congratulations to **James & Janel Broadhurst** on their son Ryan's graduation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary!

CACC's List

Angie's List...Craig's List! Fa Get About It! Advertise on CACC's List!



CUSTOM CORVETTE INSPIRED JEWELRY

We would like to introduce ourselves, Nancy Smith and Lynda Tarsitano (pictured with our Corvettes). Like your wives, girlfriends and significant others, we wanted and looked for pretty, good quality jewelry that showed our love for our Corvettes. Not finding much available, we thought how great it would be to combine our two loves, jewelry and Corvettes!

With our husbands support, we launched our dreams in **ELEMENTS OF SOPHISTICATION, llc** , Vette Inspired jewelry.

We individually create your selections to showcase your Corvette's color and generation using Sterling silver and Swarovski Crystals.

Our jewelry was such a great success with our Club that we have launched a website www.elementsofsophistication.com to offer our jewelry to every Corvette gal. You can also follow us on Facebook and Pinterest.

Please share this with your club members, If you have any questions, we can be reached through our website or you can email us at elementsofsophistication@yahoo.com

Thank you

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Contact Mark Soenksen (501)681-9228

C6 K&N Air Filter (drop in) Fits base and Grand Sport 6.2 L LS3, \$75 Contact Vince Parker (501)606-1654

1980 Corvette, Beige, 350 engine, Glass T-tops, radio, chrome wheels, Goodyear tires, excellent condition, stored covered inside. \$17,000 Call (870)942-7485

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