



NEWSLETTER

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Club Meeting Monthly

Date: 1st Tuesday

Next Date: April 5th

Location: Whole Hog Café

Address: 2516 Cantrell Rd.,
Little Rock

Meet/Greet/Eat: 6-6:45

Meeting: 6:45-8p

A rear view of a yellow Corvette driving on a two-lane road that curves into the distance. The car is in the center of the frame, and the road is flanked by dry, hilly terrain. The car's taillights are illuminated, and the Corvette logo is visible on the rear panel.

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Message from our President Nancy Acre

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Recently, Glen and I were very fortunate to be able to check off another item on our "Bucket List!"

In Late January, we attended three days of the seven day Barrett-Jackson Auto Auction in Scottsdale, Arizona. This event is considered by many car enthusiasts to be the Granddaddy of all car auctions!

As you may know, David Pierce travels to car shows more than most of the members of the club. He highly recommended this trip as he was also going to attend this year. So we decided to go, and we were not disappointed.

To simply say that it is an Auction is very misleading. The bidding/auction part of the venue is only about ten percent of what is happening there. There are literally hundreds of vendors, mostly involving car stuff but also the high-end clothes, leather goods, boots, furniture, jewelry, memorabilia, etc., something for everyone! There were over 100 exhibitors, many name brand food vendors, demonstrations of produces and even a ride/drive experience. There were TV monitors hung high in the arena all along the walls so you could see what was being auctioned. Occasionally you would see guys come and get a car out of the display area and take it into the auction block. Then of course, cars, cars, and more cars- all in pristine condition! Everything from the earliest luxury models to the world introduction of the 2018 Acura NSX-Type R. Thousands of cars were available to get up close and really inspect. All the cars to be auctioned as well as some just there for display were available to all paid attendees. We were allowed to get up close, take pictures with the cars and/or owners, and everyone was quite friendly. I enjoyed seeing the upside – down Corvette displays where the under-carriage modifications were shown.

Our typical day started about 8:30 am, walking around and enjoying all the activities, having lunch at a well-known vendor, and doing a lot of walking. We usually left mid-afternoon. The ride/drive activities were offered by GM, Ford, and Dodge. You can sign a release and ride in a Z06, a Mustang GT and Viper and a Hellcat. After taking a police-officer administered breathalyzer test for each manufacturer, you can drive a performance car, like the Camaro SS (what I drove), or a production Ford GT. The shortened "drag race" was a ride along between two Hellcats – my driver and car beat Glen's driver and car! There were other opportunities to see live TV in action, including preparation, driving cars into and out of the auction block and you could even sit in the back of the bidding arena, if seats were empty. We discovered that by going early in the morning, the crowd was smaller at the auction and we did sit and watch bidding for a while. The bidding goes on all day every day, but you only see snippets of the auction on the TV shows! This experience was all inclusive in the daily admission pricing package.

We highly recommend this experience as one of many, that car enthusiasts enjoy on our journey in the car world. We will probably go again! See www.barrett-jackson.com for details. Next year, the show is January 14 – 22, 2017. You purchase daily tickets for the day's activities you want to attend. We attended Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, because it really gets crowded as the final auction days approaches. If you like everything to do with old (looking new) and new performance cars, take good walking shoes, make your hotel reservation early, and rental car reservations, if flying (from Little Rock to Phoenix is a two hour non-stop flight). It is a very exciting place to be.

Chaplain's Corner Special Request With Minimal Time



Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Psalm 105:1

The below short email string describes a very special intersection of real life and the Gospel as told thru the eyes of my darling daughter Paige. I hope you enjoy it and are as inspired by it as I was.

God bless and thanks for listening.

My daughter, Paige, lives with her family of husband, dog, 2 kids and a constantly-on-the-move Chevy Suburban near Seattle. She grew up within Fellowship Bible Church and was the Chaplain at the Delta Gamma sorority house at Ole Miss. She has always been remarkably strong in her faith and like her dad, me, has never excelled in public speaking. Her pastor has asked her and others to share just a brief moment where a chance encounter with another person was blessed by God.

I am so proud of her my heart could just simply burst. Needless to say I will be with her in spirit this coming Sunday as she indeed rises to the occasion. I reminded her of how well we had done at her wedding 10 years ago when we both walked down the aisle together as dad and daughter without falling, coughing, me stepping on her dress, or heaven forbid **CRYING!**

God bless this 35 year old Christian mom of 2 this coming weekend. Thanks for both listening and praying re the story below.

Hi, Emily! I prayed this week for an opportunity and the **GOOD LORD** opened one up on a Wednesday afternoon. I was at PCC in Redmond with my 4 year old daughter. We were running in to grab some items before going to pick up my son from school. We had little time and we were trying to hurry. As we were walking out the door to the parking lot, a woman came towards us saying, "Excuse me..." It looked like she had just gotten off a bus and she was holding this little piece of paper with another number and "Avondale" on it. I could see handwriting in Chinese or Japanese (I didn't know which one). She was asking me to help her with the bus. I had no idea what to do and am unfamiliar with the bus routes. I knew we were short on time, but there was something about her and I knew later in my heart, that the **GOOD LORD** wanted me to help her and that this was an answer to that prayer from earlier. We went into PCC and found a man in the produce aisle who worked for the store. He immediately knew how to direct her and showed me which bus stop (he couldn't leave the store at that moment). She kept saying "thank you" and that "my English isn't good." I thought she did beautifully. My daughter and I walked out into the parking lot with her and showed her the bus stop (which was right by PCC - a gift from the **GOOD LORD**). I have prayed for her since for she was a precious woman and so brave - definitely braver than me. :) This touched me because I was thankful the **GOOD LORD** placed me there and that **HE** reminded me that **HE** created time and **HE** always knows how much we need. I love **HIM!** Many blessings, Paige

Charlie

Newsletter Editor Introduction

Hello fellow Corvettians,

As your new editor, I thought I would take a moment and introduce myself to you. My name is Kirk Gardner. I was born in North Little Rock Arkansas. I'm a bit sarcastic; have a stupid sense of humor; laugh too loud sometimes; and get easily distracted by a shiny car! And. I love this club. I love to meet new people and talk cars. I joined the Central Arkansas Corvette Club, second time, in 2011. I have always loved automobiles. I got my first Corvette when I was around four years old! It was a bright red C3 coupe. My older brother Butch brought it to me while I was in the hospital just after having hernia repair. I guess for being such a good patient, (Um. No.. I wasn't). I couldn't wait to get behind the wheel. Although that wheel was attached to a corded box with only a forward and back button. And the steering wheel did little more than loosely turn right and left



having no direction control whatsoever; I fell in love. That little remote control car put a huge smile on my face and started a love affair that rages on to this day!

My first "real" Corvette came in the form of a 1979 model in the late summer of 1995. Yellow exterior with tan interior, automatic, L48 engine, pace car spoilers, and only fifty thousand original miles. I bought her from the original female owner who had received the car as an anniversary gift. Again, I was in love. It was around this time that I joined the Central Arkansas Corvette Club for the first time. I'll never forget the first rush of driving my Cor-

vette to Eureka Springs to attend the show in October 1995. I had spent the previous months tightening bolts, fixing leaks, rebuilding the transmission and a few other things to make her drive and run great. And to top it off; I had Ganz body shop in Benton slap a new competition yellow clear coat on her to make her shine like wet. Of course many, many hours of detailing, polishing and buffing went in to her throughout the next couple of years before I sold her.

I've had somewhere around seventy automobiles starting with a 1968 Ford F100 that was a hand me down from my father when I was fourteen. My parents had retired early and moved to lake Nimrod area which is the only place I could drive my truck since I wasn't legal. But Corvettes were in my blood and were my true love. I've had a total of eight Corvettes in order of ownership: 1979 yellow coupe, 1978 mahogany coupe, 2005 sunset orange convertible, 2012 Carlisle blue grand sport convertible, 1996 purple coupe, 2003 anniversary edition convertible, 2014 blade silver coupe, and the current Vette which is a 1998 pace car convertible. I loved all my Vettes but my most favorite was "Pumpkin". I called my 2005 convertible "Pumpkin" because of her orange color and the fact that I bought her in November second only to "Carly". "Carly" was my 2012 Carlisle Blue Grand Sport convertible.

I look forward to this new venture of being your newsletter editor and hope that I live up to your expectations. Please feel free to drop me a line. And if you see me out and about; don't hesitate to stop me and chat me up. I would love to hear your story of your love affair with my favorite car. The Chevrolet Corvette! Happy trails; safe motoring; and save the wave.

Kirk Gardner

Prayers and special request

From Rita New



Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers:



Jerry Reagan, Kathy Olsen, Pat Booth, and Cheri Fore.



Steve Jordan's uncle and



Larry Bocksnick's mother passed

If there is anyone you would like to include in our prayer and special request, please let Rita New know at rnewc5@sbcglobal.net or myself at caccnewsletter@yahoo.com.

In the Headlights



Latest Corvette news

Uh oh! EXCLUSIVE PROOF! The Mid-Engined Chevrolet Corvette Is Happening! According to Car and driver; Chevrolet is going ahead with plans for the Mid Engine Corvette. You can read the link here: <http://www.caranddriver.com/news/exclusive-mid-engine-c8-chevrolet-corvette-first-photos-news>.

Car and Driver says not to worry about the “camouflage” pick up truck look. The actual car should look more like this rendering:



Purple People Eater Corvette Races To Auction. See the link here: [http://www.motorauthority.com/news/1101562_purple-people-eater-corvette-](http://www.motorauthority.com/news/1101562_purple-people-eater-corvette-races-to-auction)

races-to-auction



At one point in its life, this 1959 [Chevrolet Corvette](#) was sold for \$800. Two men each split the cost to acquire this car back in 1974, but now [it's destined to cross an auction block in Arizona for a far greater figure](#). Let's back up a bit, though, as the story of the Purple People Eater runs deeper than this. What we're dealing with here is an iconic American race car that dominated nearly every race it entered.

In 1958, the Chicago-based Nickey Chevrolet ordered up a [Corvette](#) to take to the race track. It arrived wearing standard silver paint. While out on the track, its owner felt that it was hard to see among the other race cars all wearing from-the-factory paint. So the car was sent into the dealership's paint booth and it came out on the other side with its unique metallic purple color scheme.

Upon the recommendation of none other than Zora Arkus-Duntov himself, the owners hired Jim Jeffords to helm the machine in the 1959 SCCA-B season. With a fuel-injected 290-horsepower, 283 cubic-inch V-8 under the hood, the car placed first in every race that year, except the last race of the season. It dominated the field and secured the title, and all while flying those stand-out purple colors.

In 1961, the car was sold, repainted, and raced a bit but it fell into obscurity quickly. It was at the first Carlisle swap-meet event in 1974 that Chip Miller and Ken Heckert split the \$800 asking price for the car. The pair initially had no clue as to the car they'd just acquired, and it even served [as an auto shop lunch table for nearly 14 years](#) before someone took notice of what was sitting before them.

The car was restored, and now it's heading to the Barrett-Jackson Auction, which is scheduled for January 23-31, 2016 in Scottsdale, Arizona. We wouldn't be surprised if this 'Vette helps some well-heeled bidder separate seven figures from his or her bank account.

Spare nuts and bolts

Do you know who this man is?



Don't spend all your tax refund money in one place!



Heads Up Display
(Upcoming Events!)

Use these Hyperlinks to plot your calendar for March and April. Have fun and don't forget to..... Save the wave!

Check out Classics for Clause on March 8th:

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page_id=87&club_id=795536&item_id=505166](http://www.centralarkcc.com/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=795536&item_id=505166)



Check out Cruzzers car show: [http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/
content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=795536&item_id=505168](http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=795536&item_id=505168)



Show your ride on Beale street: [http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/
content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=795536&item_id=502602](http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=795536&item_id=502602)



And whatever you do; don't miss the BEST SHOW ON THE PLANET!

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page_id=87&club_id=795536&item_id=444512](http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=795536&item_id=444512)



Get your toad dazed at the Toad Suck Daze Car show:

[http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/content.aspx?
page_id=87&club_id=795536&item_id=502605](http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=795536&item_id=502605)



And; as always check out the greatest club in the world's web page!!!

http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=795536



Minutes for February 2, 2016

President Nancy Acre thanked everyone for coming. We had 86 members and 4 guests.

Melvin Harris gave the blessing.

David Pierce talked about attending the Barrett Jackson Auction.

Frank Russell talked about the club membership and dues deadline that is fast approaching, March 1st is the cutoff date.

The minutes for January were voted on and approved.

Treasurer David Payne gave his financial report. There is \$12,118.00 in the show account. In the club account there is \$12,799.00. All bills are paid to date. Our Chili Cook Off that was held at the Knights of Columbus in January.

The winners for the Chili were: 1st Place

Jimmy and Trey Plataka

2nd Place Larry Jones

3rd Place Chris Noblett

The winners for the dessert were

1st Trish Styles

2nd Chris Noblett

3rd Sandie Russell

We had a great turn out for the contest, 110 members attended.

We want to thank everyone that participated in the contest. A lot of work goes into these events. And we want to thank those people.

Randy Elms encouraged the members to use the web site. If you are having problems getting on the web site, contact Randy at reelms@yahoo.com

Joyce Johnson who is in charge of Show Vendors talked about the number of vendors that have signed up so far. She is really pleased and is working on getting more.

Terry Stegall, announced that Craig O'Neal will be our guest MC at the Friday night dinner at Hot Springs High School. CACC members will need to buy their own meal tickets.

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Glen Acre talked about the CACC Drag Strip Day at Centerville Raceway will be held on Saturday April 9, 2016. More information to follow.

Rita New and CACC members served dinner and displayed their vettes for the Ronald McDonald House Valentine's Day event. We want to thank everyone that helped serve and showed up.

Nancy Acre recognized Kirk Gardner as the new Newsletter Editor. Thank you Kirk for volunteering. Kirk said that he will try and get his first newsletter out the first of March. If you have something for the newsletter send it to Kirk at regularguynlt@yahoo.com

Nancy Acre thanked Kim Parker for being the newsletter editor and what a great job she has done.

Nancy Acre announced the Board Meeting will meet on February 18, at US Pizza behind the McCain Mall.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to getting members signed up to help with the show.

The Meeting was Adjourned, Frank Russell,

Secretary

Minutes for March 1st, 2016

President Nancy Acre thanked everyone for coming. We had 87 members and 3 guests.

The Blessing was given by Dr. Jack. Thank you Dr. Jack for filling in for Charles Kinslow.

David Pierce recognized our club ambassadors Jimmy (Trey) Plataka, C W and Brook Williams. The Fifty/Fifty was for \$60.00 each, two winners.

Frank Russell had the January minutes voted on and approved.

Frank Russell informed the members that there were roughly 50/60 members that have not paid their dues. The cut off is March 2, 2016.

David Payne our Treasurer gave his financial report. There is \$12,959 in the club account, and \$11,744 in the show account.

David Pierce introduced new members and all guest.

Rita New requests prayers for our sick members and the members that have lost a loved one. Larry Bocksnick's mother passed this week.

Ricky New talked about the Mt. Magazine lunch run. There were about 27 cars that took part.

Bill Carson talked about the first Arkansas Mile that is taking place in Blytheville which will be held on June 3 & 4, 2016. This is for anyone that wants to participate or just go and spectate. You go as fast as you can in a measured mile. For more information on the Arkansas Mile contact Bill Carson at 501-307-6999.

Glen Acre talked about the CACC Centerville Drag race day. It will be held on April 9, 2016. For more information on this contact Glen Acre at 501-681-6492.

Rita New talked about the Ronald McDonald House Valentine Event. A great turn out and a lot of great help. We had several new members that volunteered.

L.J. Barger talked about the Arkansas Tail of the Dragon. We had 12 cars attend this event. We ate a late lunch at Jasper and then returned home. Everyone had a great time.

Vince Parker talked about the Ronald McDonald Chocolate Ball. This ball is held every year to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. It is one of Ronald McDonalds largest fund raisers. Vincent and Kim Parker, Roy and Luci Vega, David Pierce and friend, and Joyce Johnson help work at this event.

Roy Vega talked about the breakfast run Saturday Feb 27th to the 1 40 Restaurant in Morgan. We had about 30 cars leaving Burns Park, the A State Corvette Club had several members that joined in. Always a pleasure to have A State with us.

Clyde Shirron talked about the Golf Tournament that will be held in Hot Springs Village at the Deamonte Golf Course on May 16th 2016. This is put on by the Arkansas Freedom Fund and will help Arkansas Veterans.

Dan Tucker talked about a run to Jerry and Donnas Anniversary party in Ozark. They will hold their annual Anniversary party on April 2, 2016. More information to come.

Terry Stegall talked about the progress of the Hot Springs Corvette Weekend that will be held on April 21 — 23rd. Terry said everything was falling into place and that we could use more volunteers.

The Meeting was Adjourned Frank Russell,
Secretary.



If you have any events, pictures, stories, or news,
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Kirk Gardner

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