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Corvette Club

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“Dog days of summer”

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Message from your President, Nancy Acre

Summer is coming to an end, and I cannot be more pleased with the many and varied outings we have experienced together. There have been numerous shows and runs and most recently the fantastic Pot Luck party, followed by the Bale light show and Sunday's A State GM show at Bale Chevrolet. Several of our members have travelled long distances to participate in activities and hopefully we have all had a great time!

The CACC Board met and began discussion on the committees and plans for the 2017 show in Hot Springs on April 20 - 21- 22 , 2017. We have several additions and changes in our Board positions and many new ideas are being suggested, such as adding an auto-cross for our guests at the show, and adding a Thursday night fashion show along with a cash bar in the lounge of the hotel. There are many other ideas being considered.

Our show in Hot Springs is becoming nationally known and more and more vendors and clubs from other states are planning to attend. We expect to see representatives from the Corvette Assembly Plant at our show, as well as other special guests, such as Will Cooksey. And of course we will try to secure Craig O'Neal again, if he is available.

These are the grand plans, the details are yet to be completed. That is where you come in! We are still averaging around 100 members in attendance at our regular monthly meetings, but there are about 200 more of you whom we certainly would love to see participating as much as possible.

So as we settle down and get to work, please keep in mind that it takes all of you and your ideas, as well as your assistance, to make our show the best possible show, and we would love to have your input.

Don't forget our After Show Picnic which is scheduled for Sunday, September 25, at the MHPOA Park in Maumelle. It is the same location that we have used for several years. We plan to cook and serve as long as it takes, so come when you can and stay as long as you like. We will be there all afternoon! The cooks will cook until everyone is served, and, as always, we look forward to club members having a great time!

Welcome to our New Members!

July

Tom BonDurant—1988 Blue Coupe

Andrea Rockefeller—2016 Laguna Blue Z06

Vance and Anita Gordon—1990 Red ZR1 and 2004 Blue ZO6 Coupes

Rick and Cleta Hardy—2008 Red Convertible

August

Toni Baker



and her Dad Ted Baker



Ron Ward—2015 Laguna Blue Coupe

Joe and Adele Pruett—2009 Silver Convertible.

As new members, I requested information about them and their pictures of them and their cars. Joe responded and here is his story.

I am a 53 year old native of Conway, Ark. Blessed to be married to my wife of 34 years (Adele). We have two grown children (Amber 31, Luke 28), two grandson's (Cooper 5, Brooks 3), and joyfully a third on it's way. I have worked for AAA Insurance for over 30 years, we are a full service insurance agency, much like state farm, just sell AAA products. I love helping and serving people and my career gives me those chances all the time. As I mentioned I am a lay pastor in the Presbyterian denomination. I belong to Grace Presbyterian Church, we are a part of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians. I was lead pastor in Beebe for 1 year and hope to one day when I leave the secular world pastor another small church, but until that time I'll just enjoy teaching which is what I'm doing at our church now. Hobbies: I have ran 12 marathons in my life (3 with my wife), have run many (50) half marathons most of them as well with my wife, she is my best friend, we work together, play together and will now enjoy this corvette together. This is my first corvette, and I must say it is an amazing car to drive, feel like I'm in the pilot seat of a jet. I like the idea of raising money for charities as I'm all into giving back especially to those in need. So, that is about it, I do wish to close though by saying again that in the first 10 days I've felt nothing but warm wishes from many in the club. Have gotten a lot of good data and am looking forward to meeting you all down the line. I am extremely busy in my life at work and church and not sure how often I'll make the meetings, but do hope to be at some of the events. All is good and God is great, it's a pleasure to say Hello to all of YOU. Joe



Chaplain's Corner



I have been a member of the Central Arkansas Corvette Club and the Club's Chaplain for the last 5 years. As such, I send sympathy and get well cards, make phone calls, provide the invocation before club meetings and our Hot Springs Car Show and supply the annual "Blessing of the Engines" at our drag racing event in Centerville.

And I write devotionals for the email newsletter. I recently penned one in the last Newsletter Titled, "A Prayer For Orlando...The World... And Us". Imagine my stunned sur-

prise when I received the email below from Kirk, our Newsletter Editor. To say that I was rendered speechless would be the understatement of the year. I was indeed humbled beyond belief. His email follows:

From: Kirk [mailto:regularguynlr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2016 4:21 PM
To: Charles Kinslow
Subject: Thank you

Charles,

I wanted to personally thank you for the touching message you delivered in our newsletter. What a wonderful job you did and I loved reading it. You continually bring God's nourishing message to our souls and make our club and all that you come into contact with better. It's very obvious for me and others to see the light of our Lord's spirit moving through you. You truly are an instrument of His message and love. Thank you and God bless. Kirk.

It appears that God had a plan for this part of my life when my car salesman neighbor just "happened" to find this beautiful and fast little car. He also "happened" to introduce me to a club member for fun, food, and fellowship. At my first Christmas Party the club President "happened" to have a full slate of officers except for a Chaplain. The rest, as they say, is history.

I have no seminary training so weddings and funerals are thankfully out. Once at a meeting a new member asked if I offered counseling services as Chaplain. One of the other members replied that since my mom had taken me to see Alfred Hitchcock's movie "Psycho" when I was 10 that perhaps I needed the counseling instead!

This episode once again proves who is really in control of my life, and for that I am both grateful and appreciative. Hopefully you have a much better track record in this regard than I ever have. I suppose that I am the "Shepherd" for my "flock" of hundreds. If so I will need to instantly, and permanently, redouble my efforts to be worthy of the trust and respect they have placed in me. It is an honor and a privilege to serve, and I thank God for this opportunity to be His imperfect servant leader "vessel".

God bless and thanks for listening.

Charlie

Prayers, Praise and Special Request

From Rita New



Prayers

Nate Sanderson,

Gary Stiles' Sister Jan Bryant undergoing chemo,

Jerry Reagan family,

James Carson's daughter and newborn grand daughter,

Kathy Olsen,

Wista Jones,

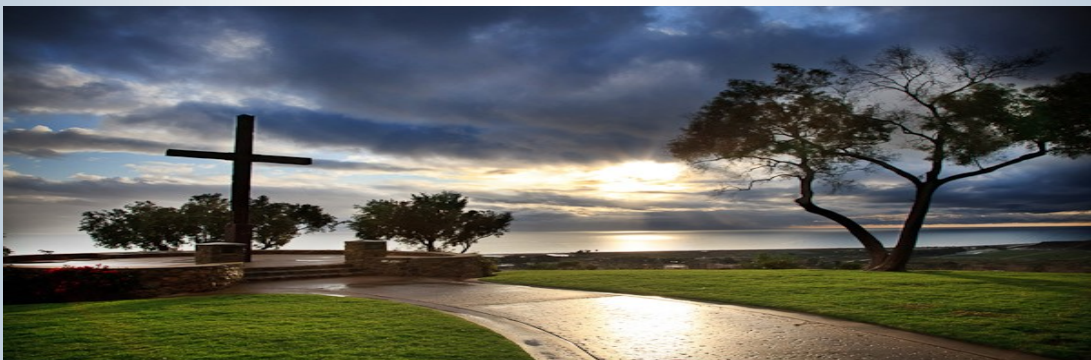
Robert Holley's brother suffered a heart attack,

Jim Bobo's mother,

Jeff Stevens,

Tricia Stiles has to have more surgery, and

Brooke Williams recovering from pneumonia.



If you have prayer request or praises you would like to have added please email Rita New at: rnewc5@sbcglobal.net. Or Kirk Gardner at: caccnewsletter@yahoo.com.

“Dog days of summer”

Have you ever heard this phrase and wondered where it came from and what it means? Well, funny you should ask! LOL. Cause I have an answer.

Wikipedia defines the phrase as: “The expression "dog days" refers to the hot, sultry days of summer, originally in areas around the Mediterranean Sea, and as the expression fit, to other areas, especially in the Northern Hemisphere.

The coincidence of very warm temperatures in the early civilizations in North Africa and the Near East with the rising, at sunrise (i.e., the heliacal rising), of Orion's dog, the dog star Sirius, led to the association of this phrase with these conditions, an association that traces to the Egyptians and appears in the ancient written poetic and other records of the Greeks (e.g., Hesiod, Aratus, and Homer in *The Iliad*) and the later Romans.

The expression is used in prose literature, poetry, and song and album titles. The dog days are the hottest, most uncomfortable part of the Northern summer. The American weather and farming annual, *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, explains that "the phrase 'Dog Days' conjures up the hottest, most sultry days of summer," coinciding with the heliacal rising of Sirius, the dog star, in the constellation Canis Major. While the correlation between the hottest and most humid weather of the year with this specific calendar period has not survived the broadening of weather understanding and communications to global, the correlation of the rising of Sirius with extreme heat has been sufficient in enough climes in the Northern Hemisphere such that the association of dog days "with hot, sultry weather was made for all time."

In Anglo-Saxon times, the Dog Days ran from 14 July ("Dies caniculares incipiuntur") to 5 September ("Dies caniculares finiuntur").

The *Old Farmer's Almanac* lists the traditional period of the Dog Days as the 40 days beginning July 3 and ending August 11, coinciding with the ancient heliacal (at sunrise) rising of the Dog Star, Sirius. These are the days of the year with the least rainfall in the Northern Hemisphere.

The Book of Common Prayer of 1559 states "Dog Days beg." on July 6 and "Dog days end*" on August 16 (in the Gregorian calendar).

Now that's as clear as the Mississippi River! Right? What



I do know for sure is that this time of year typically gets hot as my old 1979 Chevy Camaro



climbing Mount Nebo (Believe me when I tell you; That's real hot! I never could figure out the problem with the cooling system on that old car). So now, when someone says to you, Well it's the dog days of summer"; you can say I know what that means!

Central Arkansas Corvette Club

Minutes for July, 2016

President Nancy Acre greeted and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Our Prayer was given by Dr. Jack.

Robert Riffin, Sgt- at- Arms welcomed visitors. We had 71 members and 3 guests. He also thanked members that voted for him and he said he will do his best. Robert handled the 50/50 drawings for the first time.

Secretary Frank Russell stated that the membership was at 330, the election, he also thanked our members for making donations and bringing items much needed such as clothing and toiletries for the Veterans at Fort Roots.

Treasurer David Payne gave the financial report. We have \$11,995.20 in the Club Account and we have \$48,943.26 in the Show Account.

Vice President Vincent Parker ask our members to make an effort to support our club by attending events that the CACC puts on. We do this for the club and we need to get more members involved.

Directors at Large

Randy Elms talked about members that have had an address or phone number change to update their profile on our club site. If you have forgotten your login ID or password, Randy can help with that. His email address is reelms@yahoo.com

Rita New had updates on our members that are sick and in need of prayers. Our Prayers are with Jerry and Brenda Reagan and all of their family. Please call ahead before going to see him. 501 831 1075.

Joyce Johnson talked about possible guests that she is pursuing to come to our Hot Springs Show, and about Vendors that she is already lining up for the show. (Great Job Joyce)

David Pierce being a new Director, says he is ready to help the club in any way he can.

Terry Stegall reported on the progress of next year's show. He is also in the process of gathering information from our charities so he can present this to the Board of Directors.

Melvin Harris new to the board, thanked everyone for voting for him, he said he will take an active part in our club.

Melvin Morehead will be replacing Ricky New as Trip Coordinator. Thank you Ricky for all of those road trips and everything else you do for our club.

Communications Coordinator-Tricia Stiles was appointed by President Acre to help with keeping up with car shows and cruise-ins and will have other duties also.

Up Coming Shows for Aug.

Harrison Ark 8-13

Kansas City 8-13

Light Show at Bale Chevrolet 8-20

July Meeting Minutes Continued:

4. Bale Car Show 8-21
5. Batesville Show 8-27
6. Morrilton Show 8-27

Members Speak

Michael Dobbs, Chief of Voluntary Services for the V A talked about how much he appreciated the donations that the club has given to the V A in the past and is looking forward to receiving items from the current drive our club is doing.

Bill Carson talked about a possible Pot Luck Lunch on Sat. Aug. 20th from 11:00 to 4:00 at Lake Sylvia off of Hwy 10. We are asking members to email Frank if you can do this event. We will need a good turnout in order to make this happen.

Dr. Jack talked about the Vintage Military Vehicle Show that will be held on July 30, at MacArthur Park, L/R. After a show of hands, there was not enough interest shown to participate.

Lou Ann McPherson talked about the Jackson Mississippi Show on July 16th .

Glen Acre and Larry Jones gave a report on our After Show Picnic Sunday afternoon Sept 25th at the Maumelle Property Owners Association Park on the River. More information to follow.

Tom Powal and Donva Catlett talked about Ali's Wonderland, this will be a place for challenged kids and adults with disabilities can come and have a park that was constructed to help with their disabilities. The park is now in the planning stages in Hot Springs and we are considering making a donation toward this project. Donya lost her daughter Ali at 7 years old. She died of Batten's disease, which there is no known cure. This park will be in honor of her. There is a lot more to this story but I don't know all of the facts.

Meeting Adjourned

Frank Russell, Secretary

Meeting Minutes for August

President Nancy Acre; welcomed members and guest to the meeting, we had 88 members and 5 guest in attendance.

Prayer was said by Dr. Jack; Dr. Jack was filling in for Charles Kinslow.

Sgt. At Arms Robert Riggins; welcomed our guests and visitors. Robert will be taking over as the coordinator between the VA and our club. He also is taking care of the 50/50 pot.

President Nancy Acre: Reported on Charity Funding, the membership voted on adding Allie's Angels of Hot Springs to our charities. Terry Stegall presented the proposed budget for distribution of our club's charity monies from our 2016 Hot Springs show from the Board of Directors. The membership voted in favor of the proposed budget and so the monies will be distributed to each charity listed below. Members of the charities will be asked to attend a future meeting to receive the check for their Charity.

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\$20,000.00 Ronald McDonald House \$2,500.00 Freedom Fund

\$ 5,000.00 spina Bifida \$2,500.00 Allie's Angels

\$10,000.00 Beyond Boundaries \$1,000.00 KATV Cereal drive

Vice President Vince Parker: Vince talked about how important public image is when representing our club. When going to events or outings, wear your club shirt or a show shirt. Always be on your best behavior, because people will be watching you and you want to make a good impression of our club.

Secretary Frank Russell: talked about the minutes, membership is at 338 members, the plans for serving a meal for Ronald McDonald House on Halloween and then another in November which will be the last meal for the year. Sandie Russell is in charge of the Ronald McDonalds meals. Frank talked about the VA delivery of donations given by our members. Some gave needed items and others gave money and we stretched every dollar to the max. I am guessing that all together we donated \$1,000 worth of items that our veterans needed and the VA does not furnish to the veterans. There will be a Potluck Social that will be held on Saturday the 20th of August. The potluck will be at the old Girl's Scout camp at Lake Sylvia. It will start at 11:00 and end at 4:00. We need as many as possible to attend. This is an indoor social with air conditioning. You will have plenty of time for the Potluck and attend the light show at Bale Chev Saturday evening.

Treasurer David Payne's financial report: David reported that we have \$11,808.85 in the Club Account and \$47,943.00 in the show account.

Angie Dennis: talked about the Race for the Cure on October 22 nd .

Tammy Holley: talked about the Christmas Party that will be held on Saturday December 3 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in N/L/R.

Melvin Morehead: our Trip General talked about a run he is planning to A to Z in Alma on Aug 13th and is working on some other events to get our members out of their recliners and onto the road. He is also working with Terry Stegall on arranging an Auto Cross at the 2017 Hot Springs Show.

Rita New talked about our members that are sick and in need of or prayers, if you know of someone in our club that needs to be placed on the prayer list, let Rita know.

Tricia Stiles Communications Coordinator: Gave the club a run down on the events that are coming up in August.

Kirk Gardner; our Newsletter Editor is needing pictures and articles of interest to be sent to him so can get them in the newsletter. Kirk's email is caccnewsletter@yahoo.com

Show Chairman-Show Report: Terry Stegall talked about building our Brochure for next year's show-looking for Committee Chairs for everything on the Brochure-see one of the Board Members if you are interested in offering your help.

We are planning on adding a Fashion Show and Cash Bar in the hotel on Thursday night. We are also planning on adding an Auto Cross as a choice for Friday's events.

Joyce Johnson: talked about show vendors that she has already lined up for next year's show. She made some new contacts when she attended the Black Hills Corvette Show last month. Joyce said that it is shaping up to be a record number of vendors for next year's show.

Frank Russell • gave information to the club about Oliva Stanage 20 years old, a car hop working at Sonic on Chenal. On the 13th of July, a person unknown shot her 6 times for no apparent reason while she was working. The club took up a collection and I deposited \$341.00 in a fund in her name that had been set up at Arvest Bank. Thank everyone for their donations. She is out of the hospital and doing well.

Meeting Adjourned, Frank Russell, Secretary.



In the Rear View Mirror

Mississippi Car Show



Ron Head's Surprise 60th Birthday Party

I decided to surprise Ron in his 60th birthday! Approximately one month before, I started planning a surprise birthday party for him. The problem was, how do I get him there without spilling the beans!

Well, I told him that our kids wanted us to come celebrate his birthday at our son, Scott Head's home.

Then I went to work inviting CACC Members on facebook, along with a few friends outside of CACC.

It was so exciting seeing all the accepts that I was getting on our event page that I made private! I just had to keep Ron away from my cell phone! Then I had to work out parking!

Long story short, we had approximately 40 people in attendance! CACC really surprised him. He was overwhelmed with the number of folks that came!

Thanks so much for making this a birthday celebration Ron will not forget!

Hugs to our CACC family!

Sandy Head



Jokes, Jabs and Curiosities

Rumor that Chevrolet has announced a new base model Corvette designed to encourage price conscious buyers into first time buying! Comes in one color, brushed aluminum! Pricing to be announced but expected to be much less than the current base model price. Seats, taillights, headlights, blinkers, mirrors, windshield, and radio are optional equipment and quickly raise the price but may well be worth it to the cost minded buyer. Chevy is said to offer a rain proof poncho and goggles for the first 100 buyers.



Tired of that big ole giant boat of a Corvette? Most of your driving in a highly populated metro area with compact parking spots? Want to shorten your detail time on your Corvette to 5 minutes or less? Then this next car is the one for you! Based on the Smart car platform, the Smette covers all the answers to the above questions in a style that is..... Well, you can let short stuff here make the statement for you! Don't worry about your other Corvette friends/family laughing at you; you won't hear them as you whiz by!



It is rumored that Chevrolet scrapped their earlier proto type for the 1986 Pace Car. It was reported that fears arose that "ornaments/decorations/pieces" might come off during the actual race and damage one of the participants. One spy photo has leaked out of the rare bedazzled proto type.



Editor's thoughts

Hello my dear fellow Corvette aficionados,

Wow! Is this weather strange or what? Crazy hot then flooding. If my Mother were alive, she would swear it was the end of times! I loved my Mom and she was a wonderful lady who loved her kids and sacrificed so much so we could grow up having stuff we thought we needed. I remember when I was a kid growing up on Lake Nimrod; going to the movies were a huge deal for me. My parents were older when I came along. They had retired when I was in the sixth grade and moved into a house that was really built for a weekend get-away cabin. We didn't have central air-conditioning. What we had was a window unit in the living room window. So basically in the summer, the living room was ice cold while the rest of the house was cool to warm depending on how far away from the living room you got! Those sure were the days. The summer of 1978 my sister took me to see "Corvette Summer." I was fourteen years old. We had to drive forty miles to a theater in Russellville. I'll never forget when I first saw that customized Corvette roll out on screen! As a kid, I thought it was the coolest thing I had ever seen. Now days you might think, "Gosh that old car was U-G-L-Y!" Well maybe it was. But my love affair with the best sports car ever made had already been born and this movie only fueled that fire!

You're sitting on the couch Friday night with your favorite someone(s) and you're thinking that you should grab an old movie to watch. But which one? Well.... Here are some ideas for you that have our favorite sports car in it! Continuing on with "Corvette Movie Stars" theme:

Billy Jack - 1971 To me, the star in this movie is the gold '68 Corvette 427 convertible. But to my dismay, Billy Jack, played by Tom Laughlin, scares the bad guy into driving the Vette into the lake. According to rumor, the film crew thought they could simply dunk the car into the lake with the engine off and not really hurt anything. But they were horribly surprised.

American Graffiti - 1972 Gosh, where to begin with this movie? While the Corvette was necessarily the star, I had to include this movie because there were so many cool cars in this one and yes there were a few Vettes tucked around for effect. I wish there had been more Corvettes but after all; it was a hot rodder's/high schooler's movie and Vettes are expensive; even back then.

Two Lane Blacktop - 1971 Beach Boys Dennis Wilson and James Taylor star in this movie driving their '55 primed Chevy 150 across the US drag racing for pink slips. I included this one because it has kind of become a cult classic for gear heads. You do get to see a few Corvettes here and there though if you pay attention to the background. I like the apparent "stealth technology" that lets the cars disappear into the black night when running from the police! LOL. I could have used that technology when I was sixteen driving my 1968 Ford F100!

Dead Man's Curve - 1978

The two stars in this movie, Jan and Dean, did more things to more Corvettes than probably all movies put together. You do get to see several Corvettes from a '58 up to a '67. Unfortunately though, it appears the film editor didn't know the difference in Corvette years and often had scenes with dashboards confused from one year to another. But that's just me be picky and over analytical!

Stingray - 1977

-- Chris Mitchum jumped into this home movie quality film about a '64 Corvette, some hidden drug money, really dumb drug dealers, and two kids who bought the Vette. The only redeeming value is it was filmed around my hometown so it is like home movies for me. Oh yeah, there was the Playmate of the Year in the movie, hitch hiking down a road I've been a thousand times easily and never seen anyone like her on it.

Corvette Summer - 1978

-- Mark Hamill stepped back from being Luke Skywalker long enough to pretend he was a custom car builder, building a right hand drive '73 as an outrageous custom, just as the restoration era began. No doubt seeing this car helped move the restoration craze on its way.

More in next month's issue.

Peace, love, and smokin tires! Kirk



Member's Dog Days of Summer!

What do we love more than our Corvettes? Wait.... That's a tricky question because, depending on who you're around when you answer it, it can cause trouble! For those of us members that have pets; we know that our furry friends are often much more to us than just a dog, or a cat, or a bird, or a hamster, or even an arachnid or reptile! (I know some folks are scared of spiders and snakes but yes folks have them for pets and all pets can be good for our souls. So to each his own!). I sent out an email asking for club members to send in their picture of their pet with their Corvette. Unfortunately, I didn't get a lot of response. To those members that took the time to take a picture of your beloved with your car; thank you. The pictures that have a header are our very own member's beloved pets. To add to the collection, I searched the web and found some cool "cats" chillin with the coolest car on the planet! Those pictures don't have headers. I hope you enjoy.

Max is looking vaulting in Robin Todd's Velocity Yellow Convertible Corvette!



Diesel and Molly are looking bold in Herbert Harrison's Black Convertible Corvette!





Hyperlinks

Be sure and check out our club webpage: http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=795536

Looking for something fun to do? How about letting the Club's Calendar of upcoming events help you to decide: http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/content.aspx?page_id=2&club_id=795536

Club Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/249351525089334/>

Mid-Engine "Corvette" To Be A Cadillac, Full 2016 Corvettes At Carlisle Coverage, Corvette Driven Over Waterfall and more at www.CorvetteOnline.com

Ever want to buy a 1963 Split Window Coupe? I know I would love to have one. Here's some info if you decide to bust open the checkbook and plop down on a '63 Split: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/buy-1963-corvette-sting-ray-202535458.html>

The Best And Worst Corvettes Of All Time: <http://a.msn.com/08/en-us/BBtbJs?ocid=se>

I thought you would be interested in this story I found on MSN: This Crazy Collection of Rare Corvettes Will Blow Your Mind: <http://a.msn.com/08/en-us/BBuP61s?ocid=se>

Members helping other members out!

Subject: Huge thanks to Bill Vier

I am a happy guy and eager to report that Bill Vier of our club and Dennis Williams @Williams Automotive in East End were able to help me resolve my F55 Ride Control system bypass for my C5.

No longer am I limited to 80mph and have the annoying warning messages.

Since my F55 module had experienced a water intrusion causing it to be sporadic in operation, I was worried the bypass may not work properly.

Bill generously offered to let Dennis install his unused module and perform the correct Tech II scanner procedure, remove it and then return it to Bill. Because of Bill's generosity the bypass was completed successfully Wednesday afternoon in less than 1/2 hour.

I owe you big time Bill....thank you sir.

Happy trails,
Rich Kimball



“Just wanted to say thank you to L.J. Barger for showing another friend and future Z06 owner the in and outs of the C7 Z06. LJ met us at a local dealership. We talked Corvettes for an hour and a half and LJ even took the guy for a ride. Good friends sharing the CACC motto, ‘Come for the cars, stay for the friends.’”

Vince Parker

More Dog Days of Summer Corvette Pictures!

