



Central Arkansas Corvette Club NEWSLETTER

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Club Meeting Monthly

Date: 1st Tuesday
Next Date: September 5th
Location: Whole Hog Café
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Message from your President, Nancy Acre

Greetings to all CACC members!

As I write my final newsletter as President, I want you to take a look back at the last 2 ½ years at all the fond memories and many places we have gone, events we have attended, the amount of money we have given to the charities, including the \$30,000 Ronald McDonald House sponsorship of the mail area, and the very, very successful Hot Springs Shows we have hosted. We have added at least two charities to our list for contributions, and will continue to progress to “bigger and better” events in the future.

I can honestly and sincerely say that serving as President has been one of the best experiences of my life. The entire membership of the club is so dedicated to our goals, our charities, our events, and each other. . Being President was a wonderful adventure. The main reason was the unending support of my fellow officers, directors, and all of our members. I can recall many times when someone needed something to be done for the club, or for an individual, and someone either stepped up to help or assisted in other ways, no matter what the task.

I encourage everyone to continue to give the same level of support to our new President, Officers, and Directors of the Board, that I was fortunate enough to receive.

I would like to highly recommend to each of you to get involved in things you enjoy in the club, and try some new things, also. Take advantage of every opportunity to meet and greet new people and make new friends. There is always a way to help or assist in a project that needs to be done – volunteer!! The strength of the club or any organization is member involvement and participation, a great way to make lifelong friends!

I sincerely appreciate all the support I have received in this position, and personally, from everyone – I consider myself very lucky to have the wealth of friendships I have developed over the 10 years we have been in the club!

Best wishes to our incoming slate of Officers and Directors. Give them your full support, and let me know if I can be of assistance to anyone.

SAVE THE WAVE!

Nancy Acre, President

Chaplain's Corner



Last week I was both privileged and honored to hold this event for the fourth consecutive year. This annual luncheon serves to thank all our USA/USAF ROTC Senior Cadets and their respective staffs. We all had a really great time enjoying fun, food, and fellowship without any speeches, Power Point presentations, awards, or dress codes.

It appears from the empty plates and smiling faces that a good time was thoroughly had by all 40 attendees. On a personal note I only wish my dad, who had been a Naval officer during World War II in the Pacific, was still alive to attend events like these. I was fortunate, as a Naval officer during the Vietnam era, to wear his officer dress hat with a new cover. It now rests on my office credenza between his OCS picture from World War II and my respective likewise photo from a later generation.

It is impressive to see all the love, respect, and gratitude that Americans nationwide are showing our military whether active duty or veteran. We are already beginning to plan this luncheon for number 5 next year. My sincerest thanks to all our notable guests who took time out of their very busy schedules to attend:

Mark Power-UA Vice Chancellor for Advancement

Sue Harris-UA Student Affairs Director of Development

Meredith Adkins- UA Director of Corporate Outreach for the Walton College of Business

Buster McCall-UA Vets Center Associate Director

LTC Chad Quayle-USA

LTC Marc Wolfe-USAF

Ron Pyle-Managing Director-Raymond James

Thank you Diane Smith for being our photographer!

Charlie Kinslow

Photos follow on next page:



Welcome to our New Members!

Jerrel and Janice Johnson — 1978 Silver/Grey Coupe

Jimmy and Rebecca Adams — 2013 Red 60th Anniversary Grand Sport

Derrick and Jennifer Stasica — 2014 Yellow Coupe

Bill and Jo Hoak — 2007 Monterey Red Convertible

Josh Pack and Jesse Casteen — 2014 Black Coupe

Jerry Gunn — 1970 Blue Big Block Coupe

Dave Kariker — Associate Member

Gene Key — 2004 Metallic Red Convertible

Mike Cigelman — 2011 Supersonic Blue Grand Sport

Nathan Ward — 2013 White Grand Sport

Tim and Melissa Hulett — 2010 Crystal Red Grand Sport

Mike and Lynn Hood — 2011 Red Grand Sport Coupe

John and Kay Tatum — 2005 Red Convertible

Jimmie and Debra Zimmerman — 2016 Artic White Coupe

Joe Buehr — 2016 Red Coupe

Russell Gilmore — 2017 White Coupe

Leah Goodsell — Corvette Coupe

Randy and Regina Jones—Unknown Car

Garland Becker—2012 Red Coupe

Rick and Lois Cavender—1979 Silver Coupe, 2013 Gray Convertible and 2015 Blue Convertible

I hope we haven't missed anyone. If so, please email me so I can get your name and car on our New Members List! Email: CACCNEWSLETTER@YAHOO.COM

April 2017 Meeting Minutes

Nancy Acre, President, opened the meeting with 102 members and 4 guest present.

the opening prayer

Vincent Parker, Vice President, urged all members to sign up for more than one event, we can use you in different areas. He also went around the room asking each chairperson what they needed in their area, signs, volunteers and other help.

Frank Russell, Secretary, talked about receiving a thank you card from Rodger

Montgomery for sending flowers to his father's funeral. I also talked about our California members, Keith and Cynthia Hopson. Keith is in really bad health and wanted to be left on our prayer list.

David Payne, Treasure, gave his financial report. There is \$ 10,780 dollars in the club account and \$27,616 dollars in the show account to date. (Sorry for my error, in the March minutes, it should have read \$9,816 in the club account and \$8,556 in the show account.) FR

David Pierce, Sgt at Arms, ask new members and guest to stand and tell the club about their selves. _David also handled the 50/50 pot. He also talked about the Super Chevy Event in April of this year at the Memphis Motor Plex. David also said that the Bale Car show had been moved back to Sunday April 9th due to the weather.

Joyce Johnson, Director, who is in charge of our Vendors, said was needing help setting up booths in the hotel on Thursday and in the convention center on Friday.

Terry Stegall, Show Director, headed up the question and answer portion of the meeting with discussions about the Hot Springs Show.

Rita New, Director, talked about our members on the prayer list that are in need of our prayers. Also show t-shirts, the final day for ordering is Sunday April 9th .

Randy Elms, Director, is needing help with the 50/50 pot at the show.

Glen Acre talked about the Centerville Drag Strip day was a big success and said we will be doing it again next year. He also talked about the after-show picnic Sunday afternoon, May 7th, more information to follow.

The Rest of the meeting was devoted to talking about the upcoming Hot Springs Show.

The next club meeting will be May 2nd, 2017

May Meeting Minutes

Nancy Acre, President, opened the meeting with 89 members and 3 guests welcoming all present to the meeting.

Melvin Harris, opening prayer.

Vincent Parker, Vice President, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

talked about the upcoming elections and to do your voting by email if you can't be present at the June 6th meeting.

gave his financial report. There is \$ 10,108.52 dollars in the club account and \$ 53,023.11 dollars in the show account to date. We still have a few outstanding bills from the show.

David Pierce, Sargent at Arms, ask new members and guest to stand and tell the club about their selves. David also handled the 50/50 pot.

Joyce Johnson, Director, who was in charge of our Vendors, said she was very pleased at the number of vendors that showed up and also was happy about the help she had setting up and taking down booths.

Terry Stegall, Show Director, answered question and made comments about the Hot Springs Show. The Club is still active in looking for a show chairman for next year. Terry said he would help anyone interested in taking this over.

Rita New, Director, talked about our members on the prayer list that are in need of our prayers. Bring your pop tops in so we can get them over to Ronald McDonald House.

Randy Elms-Web Master for the web site and bring your personal information up to date. Contact Randy or Frank and they will help you get to our web site.

Glen Acre, talked about having another Centerville Drag Strip Day later in the year if there was enough support.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next club meeting will be June 6th, 2017, bring a guest.

Frank Russell, Secretary



Minutes for June 6th, 2017

Nancy Acre, President, opened the meeting with 87 members and 2 guests present. Nancy then turned over the meeting to Terry Stegall to discuss the distribution of Hot Springs Car Show funds to the various charities.

Jimmy Plataka gave the opening prayer.

Terry Stegall, Show Chairman, presented a hand out that was also emailed to all members of three different options for distribution of the show money for the five charities. It was decided by the club to give the following to the charities: Beyond Boundaries - \$12,000, Spina Bifida Support Group - \$10,000, Ronald McDonald House - \$2,500, Arkansas Freedom Fund- \$5,000, Ali' Angels - \$1,500. This will leave a balance for our charities with \$4,000.

Terry also mentioned that we will need a new chairperson to take over for him for next year's car show. Also, next year will not only be our 15th year car show, but it is the clubs 25th anniversary as well! So we need to do an awesome job at the show.

Vince Parker, Vice President, discussed the Duncan Donut event that was held the week before which had 10 to 11 vettes. A-State Vettes brought 3 of theirs and we had 8. He mentioned the Arkansas Mile trip up around Blytheville, and what a fun trip it was as well as the different cars that he saw like a few Hellcats and a 233 nitrous 2014 Stingray.

David Payne, Treasurer, gave his financial report. There is \$8,854.00 in the club account and \$43,606.00 in the show account to date.

Randy Elms, Director, asked members to update their own information on the web site and to contact him if you are having trouble getting on the web site.

Melvin Harris, Director, talked about Jefferson, Texas and the partial flood they had with all the rain they received while there for the show.

Joyce Johnson, Director, discussed giving lifetime memberships to the three dignitaries that were at our Hot Springs Show this year: Ken Lingenfelter, Wil Cooksey, and Mike Yager. Ken sent a thank you letter to the club for his membership, Wil was quoted as stating that "he called us one of his homes", and Mike has our membership plaque displayed in his office.

Joyce also mentioned that she spoke with the daughter-in-law of Mid-America and we are on their calendar for next year.

Rita New, Symphony List, Doris Santiago is back from her breast cancer surgery!! Kaye Dorathy is down till July due to her accident. Ron Head's mom fell and is down for a while. Donnetta's sister passed away.

Saturday, June 17th, is the Miss Arkansas parade and she needs three hours of our time from 11:30 to 2:30ish. They have over 200 ladies that will need to be driven in the parade to the Double Tree hotel.

Trisha Stiles, discussed three car shows that are coming up: June 10th at Heber Springs the cost will be \$20, June 11th at the Promenade at Chenal from 2 to 5pm, June 13th-17th at Petit Jean

LJ Barger, Member, talked about the 10-15 cars that went to Mtn View. He got a lot of great feed back from the ones that went. Mtn View is having a car show for Cinco De Mayo and all benefits go towards their Police Charity.

Mike Bolden, Member, spoke about Dunkin Donuts and how all Vettes are welcome to come out from 6am-9am on the last Saturday of every month. Dunkin Donuts will give 10% of all profits made during that time to the Arkansas Freedom Fund. The three addresses are:

6805 Cantrell Rd, 10121 N. Rodney Parham Rd, and 10721 Kanis Rd. all in Little Rock.

The next club meeting will be July 11th, 2017

The Meeting was Adjourned

Janel Broadhurst, Soon-To-Be-Secretary



July Meeting Minutes

David Pierce, President, opened the meeting with 91 members and 3 guests present. David then turned over the meeting to Jimmy.

Jimmy Planka, Sargent at Arms, gave the opening prayer then went to each table to check for any new guest or new members. Then he introduced a speaker supporting a charity for children that are burn victim and survivors.

Rick Nemeyer, Guest Speaker, for Ray of Sunshine which is a charity for children who are burn victim survivors. Rick spoke about an upcoming event on July 30th called Heels and Wheels for his charity Ray of Sunshine. This is their first year to hold this event and it will be out at the Motorplex from 12pm to 5pm. The address is 10800 Colonel Glen Rd, Little Rock. There will be BBQ, Music, Local Fashion Show, Car and Motorcycle contest. There is a \$20 entry fee, and there will be 100 different classes for the cars.

Art Richards, Guest Speaker for LRAFB – Art discussed the Car, Bike and Truck show that will be out at the LR Air Force Base on November 4th from 10am to 2pm. There will be a lot of family activities, hay rides for the kids as well as a petting zoo, free food, and no charge for entry. But you must register by Nov. 1st and the address is 940 Arnold Dr, LRAFB.

David Pierce, President, introduces our five charities to give them our checks from Hot Springs show.

Spina Bifida Support Group – and Natalie is receiving the check of \$10,000 that we raised.

Ali's Angels with Donya Catlett receiving the check for \$1,500.

Arkansas Freedom Fund's Mark Lander and Gary Wynn received their check for \$5,000. They talked about their track chair, which helps vets go fishing, hunting and just getting around. They are thankful for the relationship that they have built with us at Dunkin Donuts, so don't forget to come out there.

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No one showed up for Beyond Boundaries, but Charles Ward, who helps host their events, took their check of \$12,000 for them.

David then asked for Randy Davis to stand up to announce that Randy got married. Then David announced that it was Haley's Birthday last Friday (Tammy Holley's daughter).

David then presents Nancy Acre with a plaque for her two and a half years of service as our club president.

David then introduced all the new Directors: Jeff Stephens, Glen Acre and Angie Dennis

Angie Dennis, Director at Large, thanked everyone for electing her and wanted everyone to know that she is now over Public Relations for our club. So if anyone has contacts in radio, newspapers or TV please get in touch with her so that she can reach out to them. She also talked about Race for the Cure. For those that may not know the race this year is Saturday, October 14th, and she is on the planning committee. The route is going to be a little different this year due to the new bridge. Angie will have a way for you all to register online. She also is going to do a "runway for the cure", where survivors can get dressed up and walk the runway.

Rita New, Symphony List, she reminded everyone that she collects pop tops for Ronald McDonald's house to help keep them running. She got a thank you card from Donnetta Harris about her sister passing away. Steve Jordon is going to have a back surgery soon. Joe and James Parson their sister is in stage three Lung cancer and asked the we keep her in our prayers. Rita & Ricky's daughter had colon cancer and didn't lose any of her hair and is back on the go. She had her first on the 10th and will have another appointment on the 12th. Please pray for a good outcome. Then Rita talked about the Miss Arkansas pageant where we showed up with about 50 cars to help chauffeur the contestants. This is the first time that we have ever done it, and they were so happy that they will ask us to do it next year. Miss Arkansas has signed a contract to do the contest in Little Rock for the next five years in Little Rock and they want to use us.

Glen Acre, Director at large, talked about the Centerville drag strip. The price has gone up on the driver to \$40 and the spectator is now \$20. The date to go is Saturday the 30th of September. They will meet at the WalMart on Hwy10, wheels up at 8:30am to caravan up to Centerville. They will be running the track for corvettes from 11am to 2pm. So please invite anyone you know that has a corvette to come on out to run their Vettes.

Glen then talked about the memorial plaque from the National Corvette Museum that the club has gotten for our member Jerry Reagan who passed. Glen said that as soon as they get us the proof of the plaque he will pass it around. Then lastly, he updated us on Wista Jones' knee replacement how it went well and that Wista is doing great.

Jimmy Plankta, Director at Large, discussed some car shows that the club has been to. He went to one in South Haven, MS. (which is south of Memphis). They had a great time over there at the Harley-Davidson dealership. They put all of our CACC Corvettes up on their patio. Then on the club's way back they stopped off at Rendezvous.

David Pierce, President - Discussed that the club has been in existence for fifty years. We need to come up with some ideas on how and when to celebrate, maybe at the "After show picnic". We also have the Twentieth anniversary of the Hot Springs Show next year as well.

We also have some job openings. One job opening that has been filled at the meeting is the Event Director,

(Cont) Robin Bullock. Some more jobs openings are: Web Master, Newsletter Editor, and Trip General.

Tricia Stiles, Vice President – this weekend there is an inside car show in Jackson, MS indoors, Searcy Automation July 15th, Annual Toad Suck car show – only 100 cars can be inside July 29th, Heels and Wheels July 30th Autocross at War Memorial on July 30th, September shows: Pensacola Vettes on the Beach, A-State has there show that we go to Corvettes on the River Baduka, KY. October shows: Eureka, AR, and Slidell, LA.

Tricia stresses that if you are not receiving our emails, please let Janel Broadhurst know and give her your email address. Club Express is our web site that we use that we use to send out all of our emails to everyone. The email address is called: Central Arkansas Corvette Club.

Randy Elms, Club Web Site Owner, He stressed that if you are not getting emails to please check your SPAM folder in your email system because that might be where these email have gone. The email address from the club will be titled: Central Arkansas Corvette Club.

David Pierce, President, talked about Mid-America Fun Fest Event which happens September 14-17th in Effingham, Illinois. They have had about 15,000 Corvettes up there in the past. They give free tours all through the facility and through the car museum, everything is free. Saturday night they have big name entertainment. Like last year they had Beach Boys and this year they will have Kansas.

David then went to talk about the Hot Spring's show and how we need a new Chairperson and a new Co-Chairperson. He also mentioned that by August 15 we need to pay the convention center 1,500 a deposit for next year's show. WE need to get on this because the show is going to be in nine months. We raised 42,000 for our charities this year, and we can't do that on our own without sponsors, and vendors. We need all of these spots filled. The spots needing filled are: • Chairman • Co-Chairman • Silent Auction • Fashion Show • Sponsorships

Terry Stegall, Hot Springs Show Chairperson- Since we are trying to keep our entrance fee down to \$99, other things/people are driving prices up. He wanted to discuss some options to keep the entrance fee down to \$99. It costs the club \$4,420 to do the Friday night meals, of that \$500 goes to lease the school, \$100 goes for security, and \$2,800 for food which is offset by the food tickets. Also Saturday, the space that we had to eat at was free, but this year is going to cost \$400. The club voted whether to keep or get rid of Friday night meal. It was voted to take away the Friday night meal.

Craig O'Neil was a surprise guest – David gave him a plaque for being a life time member of CACC.

The next club meeting will be August 1st, 2017

The Meeting was Adjourned

Corvette News

Vietnam veteran's 1967 Corvette sells for \$675,000!

Anyone who knows me knows that my all time favorite generation Corvette is the C2. I have dreams of one day owning a 1963 convertible blue in color with a white top. But really, any C2 would fit the bill. But now this lil jewel makes my heart flutter!

It's a 1967 Chevrolet Corvette purchased new by decorated Vietnam War veteran Kieth Richard Litavsky and was sold by Mecum Auctions Indianapolis for \$675,000 on May 19th. That's more than a 10,000 percent markup over what he paid when he picked up the Marina Blue coupe from Jack Douglass Chevrolet in Hinsdale, Ill., upon his return home from the front lines.

According to his son, Matt, Mr. Litavsky was awarded two Purple Hearts during the war, and was finally released after becoming the only surviving member of his unit in the wake of a fierce firefight and helicopter crash. The Corvette was purchased with money that he'd been socking away.

Litavsky was obsessive in caring for his dream car. Today, the Vette is almost all original, aside from mufflers and a battery. It was sold with full documentation and factory-equipped tires. The Vette was never driven in rain, and he kept a log of every trip that included the maximum RPM the engine reached. Now, I'm picky and consider myself to be a great caretaker of my car, but that's got me beat!

The Corvette had 8,533 miles on its odometer at the time of its sale and was blessed with the 427/435 hp L71 V8 engine. It was never restored, washed only with damp cloths, and has remained in excellent shape being kept in climate-controlled storage in recent years. The price paid is a testament to its condition, as the Hagerty Price Guide estimates the value of similar cars at \$209,000.

The Vette was rarely driven after Litavsky's death in 1993 from cancer that was caused by Agent Orange exposure during the war. According to his son, Matt, the car was driven just 15 miles in the past 15 years.

Matt Litavsky didn't say exactly why chose to let the car go at this time, but told The Indianapolis Star it was "a very long year" making the decision. Fortunately for him, the buyer was a local rare car dealer who doesn't plan to sell it, and told him that he can visit it anytime he wants. You can look the full story up here: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2017/05/19/vietnam-vets-beloved-chevy-corvette-heads-auction/101867008/>.

MegaBots' red-white-and-blue Mk. III combat robot fired up its 430-horsepower Corvette-sourced LS3 small block V8 powerplant and flexed its muscles for the first time in a demonstration at Maker Faire 2017 as a prelude to its fight with Japan's fighting bot from Suidobashi Heavy Industries.

MegaBots installed the Mk. III's American V8 heart back in January and toiled around the clock to ready to bot for its debut, but the giant machine was limited to one-quarter strength for this demonstration to minimize the chance for any mishaps that would set back its final completion. MegaBots Inc.

MegaBot founders Gui Cavalcanti and Matt Oehrlein are plotting global bot domination, which will start with a clash with Japan's titan in August. After that, Mk. III will have to scour the planet for worthy rivals. MegaBots Inc. We don't know how the Mk. III will win its match yet, but you can bet its V8 muscle will provide the edge it needs to win.

Editor's Ramblings

Well, can you believe it's already July 2017?! I know I can't. Wow! What an awesome year for our club! Our annual Show in Hot Springs was bigger, better, and more phenomenal than ever. The club volunteers that worked so diligently to make this show great deserve not only our compliments but also our respect! I wasn't able to volunteer this year because of my employment responsibilities (I hate when my job gets in the way of me having fun! LOL). But I was able to drop in a couple of times both during the show preps and during the actual show, and by all accounts; this had to be the **BEST** Corvette show on the **EARTH**. I'm hoping to be able to be more involved next year. Again, kudos and hats off to all our club volunteers; you all rock!

It seems even more inevitable that our beloved American Icon on wheels will have a major change yet again! Yes I'm talking about the rumors of the mid-engine Corvette. I've seen many artist renderings, spy photos of the supposed Vette, and many speculations on what it will be and what it will contain for propulsion. I've read many articles on the internet by the big magazines. I attended the Corvette Factory tour while in Bowling Green for the Hot Rod Power Tour. We were the last group to go through before they closed off tours for an estimated 18 months. We had the chance to question our guide and some employees on the supposed mid-engine rumors. They all spoke quietly, almost whispers, and stated, "We're not allowed to comment on that." But the smirk on their faces led me to believe it's really happening. I've read many comments from Corvette aficionados world wide on both the love and hate of it. I, personally, support progress, and from what I have read, the General has maxed out the C7 Corvette in its potential for handling, acceleration, comfort, technology and overall performance. So, to me, the next step would be to design the mid-engine. Is that the Nirvana the Corvette has been aiming for its whole life? I don't know. But it does seem like the next logical step for the 64 year old moniker. And from what I understand, you still will be able to buy the tried and true front engine rear wheel drive platform. Wait. Is this like Coke and Coke Classic? Remember that? Although that venture didn't fair to well with Coke. It will be interesting, at the least, to see what happens next.

The Hot Rod Power Tour kicked off June 10th in Kansas City, Mo and it was a blast!. We finished the tour in Bowling Green, Kentucky which allowed me to do one of the final tours for the year in the Corvette Factory! I'm so stoked. Both the Power Tour and the Corvette factory tour have been on my bucket list for so long. If you see me out and about, be sure and stop me and ask me all about it. There's one thing I'm good at; talking! LOL. And especially talking Corvettes!

Peace. Love, and Corvettes,

Kirk Gardner, CACC Newsletter Editor



In the Taillights

So sorry for the delay in getting the newsletter out. My personal and job responsibilities have been just almost overwhelming but I'm so thankful of all that God has blessed me. Remember if there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter to be sure and email me at: CACCNEWSLETTER@YAHOO.COM or REGULARGUYNLR@YAHOO.COM.

Kirk Gardner, Newsletter Editor

Hyper-links

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/>

Well, it looks like there's more information about the mid-engine Corvette along with the newest and most complete pictures of the mystery machine here: [www.caranddriver.com](http://www.caranddriver.com/news) › News

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

Want to know more about corvettes or want to do some research? Welcome to VetteFacts.com, the best resource on the web for statistics on all years and models of the Chevrolet Corvette: www.vettefacts.com

