



OCTOBER 2016

CHARLOTTE "HURRICANE" CRUISE!

For those of you who missed the Corvette Caravan and all the events in Charlotte NC, you missed a good one! The cruise up to Charlotte was a blast, missed the rain from Matthew all the way until the last 3 exits before our exit in Charlotte. Back road cruisin' up to Charlotte NC, a fantastic lunch at Chester Dean's in Sandersville, GA and the final leg of the afternoon cruise was just plain and simple, a lot of fun! Just a short time after our arrival at the Omni Hotel we made our way over to Whiskey River, albeit a short detour that Chip had us on! How could we have gotten turned around as the restaurant was merely across the street from the hotel!!!



Due to a rain out Saturday, we flip flopped the planned events for Saturday and Sunday. The NASCAR Hall of Fame has so many displays, you would need at least two (2) days to take it all in. We were lucky enough to attend a "sit down" with Mark Martin who discussed his racing career and his life experiences. He is an inductee into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2017!

We saw remnants of the protests around the city but that did not sway us from a short walk to Morton's Steakhouse for dinner Saturday night! While the overall experience was fantastic, great conversation, friendship and some good food! Boy did our wallets feel light once we left!

The race, moved to Sunday at noon, was eventful! And yes, a Jimmy Johnson WIN, driving the # 48 Chevrolet, was a plus! The last time Cruisin' Corvettes of Tallahassee attended the BOA 500 in Charlotte, another Hendrick Motorsports driver won, Jeff Gordan! Once the Hendrick Motorsports staff heard that we were invited to Kansas for the next race!!! An easy bus ride to the track, race vision hand-held's for all, except mine did not work but thanks to Mike Wallenfelsz he came prepared with an extra one! After the race and a slight one (1) hour bumper to bumper exit from the track to the hotel, we made our way to Pinky's Westside Grill, a Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives visited local restaurant that did not disappoint! Drinks, Crab Puppies, Greg's Pickles and more drinks as well as everyone entrees made for a great end to an outstanding Sunday!



A Monday morning check-out of the hotel and a short cruise to Hendrick Motorsports Complex lead to a trying, yet successful, tour of the complex. Starting out at the Heritage building where the CCOT members saw under one roof, 206 of Mr. Rick Hendrick's Corvettes! Yes, I said **two hundred and six** Corvettes, among other sweet rides such as a 2017 NSX, VIN # 001 (Rick drives an identical one, VIN # 002), one of his Ferrari's and "more than one can count" Corvette race cars! This "invitation only" opportunity is one event any Cruisin' Corvette Member should not miss!!!



Hendrick Heritage Building

Once we left drooling from the Heritage building we ventured over to the C&C machine shop, which is an extensive area in and of itself! After quite a bit of time in this facility and many questions posed and answered we then toured all four (4) Hendrick Motorsports Race Teams, Kasey Kahne (# 5), Chase Elliott (# 24), Jimmy Johnson (#48) and Dale Earnhardt Jr. (#88). Seeing these race cars coming back to the shop and being worked on from the Charlotte/Bank of America 500 race, cars being set up for the Kansas race this weekend and even more cars being set up for the Talladega race on October 23, everyone witnessed the dedication and desire to not only win but to continue to win these races! This is truly a "second to none" operation that strives for nothing short of perfection! Oh, and bumping into Chad Knaus, pictured below, in the shop area and seeing him drive off in his black on black, obviously modified Z06, was welcomed by all, especially Mike and Angie Wallenfelsz!!! ~ *Chris Keena*



Chad Knaus and his Corvette

OCTOBER MYSTERY DINNER CRUISE!

Cruisin' Corvettes of Tallahassee hosted their monthly Mystery Dinner Cruise on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Russ Sobczak coordinated the location, Chuy's Tex-

Mex Grill on Apalachee Parkway. As some of you may remember, we tried to make it there shortly after it opened, but the parking lot was full and it would have taken too long to get tables, etc. The participants seemed eager to arrive at Chuy's, get seated and try some Margaritas while waiting on some good food that Chuy's is known for!

We were not disappointed! We were seated outside under the umbrellas on the patio and the weather worked with us as the temperature was spot on, not hot at all and not too cool, just perfect! The service was fantastic; the drinks were cold and tasty and the food was delicious and plentiful! After dinner, management was so pleased to have the Corvette Club visit their establishment they served us desert on the house! A fun and successful Mystery Dinner Cruise was had by all. We will be back.....

Upon exiting the restaurant, I was stopped by a college aged young man who drove his C5 Corvette to Chuy's. He saw our Corvettes in the parking lot and asked if they belonged to a club and of course I proceeded to inform him about Cruisin' Corvette of Tallahassee. I left one of our "cards" on his very nice looking magnetic red metallic Corvette. Hopefully we will pick up another Corvette owner/enthusiasts to participate in our long list of events and support the great American Made Supercar, the CORVETTE! ~ *Chris Keena*

ELECTION SEASON IS A GOOD THING FOR SOME

So you are one of the most powerful men in the country and you have a fantastic Corvette but you cannot drive it. However, once the election is over, you can hti the roads once again in your classic Corvette and burn rubber! Many of us are ready to see the end of this election cycle if for no other reason than to silence the political ads. For Vice President Joe Biden, the election signifies the end of his restrictive driving requirement and a return to his Corvette. Recently, he went out with Jay Leno and lets just say the temptation was too great and the tires paid a price. Check out the video [here](#).

APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS



Its getting to be that time of year for some...



Leigh's New Baby

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!

Vets N Vettes! – This week the Museum is honoring military veterans and offering a number of activities including laps around the motorsports park. Our own Leigh Barker-Humphreys is there offering rides in her new Z06 to vets. A great event and another chance to showcase some great cars.



Not a Member? It's Really Easy! – Remember that being a member of the National Corvette Museum is not only a tax deductible contribution, but also gets you tons of perks like a quarterly subscription to America's Sports Car Magazine, discount in the Corvette Store, discounted registration on Museum events, free admission to the Museum, plus discounts on things like bricks, build sheets, window stickers, Corvette Plant tours, NCM Insurance, hotels

and car rentals! Not only that but your membership helps us continue to preserve the history of the iconic sports car. Annual membership is only \$50 a year but think about the other options that are available. For example, you can become a **lifetime member** through monthly payments while enjoying all the great benefits. You could also upgrade to the family membership for just a little more and bring your spouse into the museum family as well. It's never too late to join and remember there is a tax deduction included! Learn more and sign up online [here](#).

THEY ARE HERE! - New Raffle Tickets Available Now - The next \$10 per ticket Corvette Raffle will be drawn in February. This time it will be for a **2016 White Stingray Corvette Coupe**. Tickets will be available at the business meeting until gone. You can also contact John Opper for additional information. These will make great stocking stuffers and like last year, I have some nice red envelopes just right for holiday giving. How else can you give someone a Corvette for \$10?

UPCOMING AND NOTABLE!

- Business Meeting – November 3rd – Wahoo Seafood, 7PM
- Xmas Party – December 17th
- Ed Hume is looking for some partners to rent a house near the track for HSR Vintage Racing at Sebring
- Donations for the Lighthouse Girls Xmas Gift Fund now being collected!

Check the Events Calendar on the website for more upcoming activities!

GARAGE SALE!

Members with any unwanted Corvette items for sale that might be of interest to others can send the details and pricing info for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter.

- **Corvette C6 Removable Top**, White, No hardware included. \$50 – Contact John Opper (850) 508-8957.
- **Aluminum grill for C6 Corvette**. Simple attachment to existing inlet. No screws or bolts required. \$35 – Contact John Opper (850) 508-8957.
- **Beautiful 1981 Red C3** for sale. Greg Laffitte - 229-560-9479
- **1987 C4 Corvette Parts and Accessories – Cecil Bradley** via text at 850-688-3971 or email him at cfbradley9@gmail.com. Reasonable Offers Accepted
 - 1 Car-cover (Tan) with security grommets for C4 Corvettes (VG condition)
 - 1 Set of four 17" Corvette Wheels (VG Condition) with older tires.
 - 1 Set of New 4 Center Caps for 1987 Wheels
 - 1 - Kent-Moore ABS Tester (J35890) - works well (got it from Ebay)
 - 1 - Pin Out Box Tester(J35592) to be used with ABS Tester - got it from Ebay
 - 1 Set of two used half-shafts with older U-joints (removed from Corvette)
 - 1 - New Brake Master Cylinder for C4 (Never Used) - got it from Ebay
 - 1 Set of 1" Wheel Adapters for conversion from 16" wheels to 17" wheels; ideal for 1984-1986 Corvette or 1980's Camaro
 - 1 Set of Wheel Lugs with Gray Plastic Screw-On Caps
 - 1 Set of Factory Service & Electrical Diagnosis Manuals for 1987 Corvette (Fair condition)
 - 1 - Haynes Auto Service Manual for C4 Corvette (Fair condition)
 - 1 - 1987 Corvette Owners Manual (VG condition)
 - 1 - Air Filter Cover (Front Dam) - VG condition/never used
 - 1 - Used ABS Module (Taken from 1987 Corvette; Need to be Tested)

Small Parts:

- 1 - 1/2" wheel adapter
- 3 Relay ASM (May need to be tested)
- 2 - used front left wheel sensors (for ABS) - got them from Ebay
- 3 - Gaskets for Throttle or Intake Manifolds
- 1 - Head Gasket for V8 (C4 Corvette)
- 1 - New Temp Switch for V8 (C4 Corvette)
- 1 - Set of New four rod-end dust boots
- 1 - used Bosch Module (not sure what it is for, could be ABS related)
- 1 - New Part for Convertible Lock Pillar T.

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