



Monthly News

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July Events:

Business Meeting – We had 30 members attend the July Business Meeting, another good turnout. Come join the fun on Thursday, August 3, 7:00 at Beef O’Brady’s on Thomasville Road.

Sonic Gathering – The month of July was great as we had 26 Corvettes in attendance. In addition to the Corvettes, a 1957 Ford Fairlane Convertible, a 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle Super Sport and an older Camero participated in the fun. The 50/50 drawing earned about \$35 for the club. Corvette gatherings are always held the third Saturday of each month starting at 7:00 located at the Sonic Drive Inn on North Monroe Street. The next gathering is August 19.

Bee Bopping Party: Thanks to Gary and B.J. Allen for inviting the club to what has become an annual event at their home. The bee bopping party was held on July 8, from 4:00 until the cows came home! There was food in abundance along with homemade ice cream. The theme of this party was the 1950’s including dress and music. Unfortunately only one couple, Don Wise and friend wore attire for the 50’s. This effort won them the prize for best costume. Next year, everyone needs to bring pistols to protect themselves, water pistols that is. It seems that some members have a quick draw. Gary and B.J., start the planning for next year’s party.

Champion Chevrolet Cookout: Thanks to Champion Chevrolet for inviting the club to a cookout on Saturday, July 22. The weather was bad, but the food and companionship was good. I want to thank members for bringing their Vettes to this event, even if it was raining. There was a fair turnout of sightseers to admire the Vettes, and on the plus side, the club picked up a couple of new members. We all registered for the 2000 Corvette drawing but of course nobody won!

Future Events:

Labor Day Weekend Rod Run: Registration begins on Saturday, September 2 from 3:00 to 5:00 at the La Quinta Inn, 2850 Apalachee Parkway. There will be a poker run at 4:30 followed by a free dinner for registrants including music and entertainment. Sunday, September 3 there is a car show and shine from 8:00 to 3:00 at the Wakulla Springs State Park. There will be cash drawings and awards at 3:00 on Sunday. Pre-registration is \$20.00 and must be received by August 26th; registration after August 26th will be \$25.00. For more information contact: Cathy Morgan (850) 875-1984 / e-mail CMorgan571@aol.com or Maggie Winkler (850) 893-4554 / e-mail maggiewinkler@hotmail.com.

Special Assignment:

Report on Bloomington Gold Trip

0730 hours: It was a warm and humid Wednesday morning in the Capital City of Florida when ten agents of Tallahassee Cruisin' Corvettes met to accept a "special" assignment. Chief "Big Block" Brian Webb (distant relative of Jack Webb) briefed all agents on the importance of the mission. The mission, if accepted, was to represent the organization and the entire city of Tallahassee at the Bloomington Illinois Corvette rally. All agents were assigned their pursuit vehicles and provided their orders.

At precisely 0800 hours three mobile units were dispatched north on US Highway 319 after a radio check of all assigned walkie-talkies. The units included a Mobile Command Unit complete with kitchen, two TV's, bedroom, and bath, a 4x4 Suburban with car hauler complete with urban people mover (golf cart) and an undercover white C-4 Corvette. At 0810 hours Agent Mike discovered that the aerodynamics of the Suburban were greatly effected by the experimental loading of a Corvette in the car hauler causing him to utilize both lanes "broadside" of US 319 North to maneuver said vehicle. At approximately 70 MPH this proved to be a hair-raising experience for those involved. 0830 hours: Corvette is repositioned with weight of the engine forward in the unmarked and undercover car hauler. Agent Mike then appeared much happier with his assignment.

1230 hours: All Agents exit Interstate 75 in an orderly manner for some down home southern cooking just north of Macon, Georgia at Buckner's Country Buffet. Chief Brian reminds agents not to over indulge, as there is only so much room in the mobile command unit for those wishing to nap after lunch. All agents became insubordinate at the site of hot fried chicken, fresh vegetables, corn bread and unlimited sweet tea. Several "Northern" agents are reminded that while in the south it is polite to sit down when you eat. 1300 hours: Agents slowly exit "roll out" of Buckner's and compete for space in vertical position for trip north.

1300 to 1800 hours: Convoy proceeds through Atlanta, Chattanooga and Nashville to first nights rendezvous at the Micro Tel in beautiful Bowling Green Kentucky home of the GM Corvette factory and Corvette Museum. Agent Ken (mission treasurer) advises we should really try to make it past at least one gas station on this trip if we are going to make it to Bloomington with any fuel money left. After a nice "lite" supper at Outback all agents were advised of an early meeting to be held at the Corvette Assembly plant with Special VIP Coordinator "Sonny".

0730 hours Thursday: All agents report to "Sonny" at GM Corvette plant and enjoyed a VIP tour behind the scenes. Agent Harris receives a certificate for the birth of a new C-5 Corvette. No malpractice or paternity suit has yet been filed but attorneys have been notified.

All agents then converge on the Corvette museum and enjoy the many varied cars and exhibits. Group mug shots are taken to commemorate the visit and the mobile units then proceed north to Bloomington. Agent Ken again reminds assigned drivers of need for fuel conservation, speed monitoring and avoidance of toll roads when possible. Assorted state troopers practiced the "wave" at us.

1800 hours: All units pull into the luxurious Super 8 motel in Bloomington, Illinois. Agents note the thriftiness of our innkeeper, Mr. Patel on towels and bath soap. Agent Wise discovers day old doughnuts and advises all of good nutrition while on the road. 1930 hours: Upon orders of Chief Webb the Mobile Command Unit is loaded with all agents and proceeds to the show grounds at the Interstate Center for show pre-briefing and surveillance. South gate is found wide open, no armed guards posted or resistance and mobile unit enters unchallenged for special preview of Corvettes already in place. After review all agents enjoy a "lite" supper at Chili's.

0800 hours Friday: All units converge on separate gates of show grounds. Agent Jerry directs mobile command unit to park in space reserved for show director. 0815 hours show director "shows" up and ask very kindly who is in my #@%* space. Director is advised of special mission and agrees that mobile command unit should receive VIP treatment. Special parking is secured closer to the auction area. Director is thanked for his understanding of our mission and purpose and assured of unlimited cold beverages for duration of show.

All agents to the fullest enjoyed the Friday-Saturday show. Agent Bruce is amazed at the prices of "used" Corvettes and along with this writer think they bid 72,500 dollars on a C-2 Vette. Thank goodness no one blinked or sneezed as both Agents held their breath till the bids increased and they were out of the woods.

Before departing the show Saturday night Chief Brian was able to again show his stuff in the auction and went away a winner. He also agreed after much pleading to be poster boy for Bloomington Hooters restaurant. Agent Harris again provided back up to the Chief. Agent Gary later breaks news to purchaser of Brian's car that he is looking at the wrong car and this is NOT the car he thought he bought.


0530 hours Sunday: All units minus undercover C-4 with Agents Marty and Jerry head south from Bloomington to return to the Sunshine State. Arrival was at 2215 hours at the Chiefs house. Agent Ken congratulates Agents on conservation of funding by making special assessment. A safe and fun event for all. Plans were made for the following Wednesday to debrief and detail mobile units. All equipment checked in and accounted for. Reported by Agent Thomas Hannah, 10-4 over and out.

Club Paraphernalia:


Please note that B.J. Allen is the dealer for club paraphernalia. Give her a call at 878-4388 if you are interested in purchasing a baseball cap (any color), shirt or any attire with the club logo. She also has the ability to place a picture of any year Corvette on jackets as well. A reminder that club decals are also available for \$5.00 each. Profits from the decals will be deposited into the club bank account to cover operating costs. If you are interested in purchasing decals give Brian Webb a call at 668-3380.

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