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## Letter to all Members:

Written by Bob Cotsonas. Thank you all for allowing me to opportunity to serve your club as Vice President. As we move into 2004, our club faces many new and exciting challenges.

Let me start by telling you about the recent survey included with the January 2004 club newsletter. We mailed out approximately 110 surveys and to date have received 10 replies. This equates to about a 10% response. I now ask what happened to the other 90%! Of those responding, let me list some of the highlights:

**Question 1:** Weekend activities such as Picnics with members to get to know each other and share stories. Establish gatherings with other clubs. Monthly or quarterly cruises for breakfast, lunch or dinner. More car events (show and shine).

**Question 2:** Monthly activities such as Cruises for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Workshops to help members with repair and restoration issues. All respondents requested some type of monthly event.

**Question 3:** Business Meeting needs improvement. Should be more businesslike by having a routine agenda. Current and future should be address rather than discuss past events. Recognize new members.

**Question 4:** At each Sonic gathering place our name on the marquee prior to the Saturday meet. Have the manager or employee pick one car each month for an award. Make sure all people are greeted and introduce one's self to others and don't be clickish. Alternate daytime and evening gatherings such as daytime during winter months and evenings during summer months. Select a "host" for each gathering.

**Question 5:** Newsletter should be published prior to the next month's business meeting. Include pictures and stories of the members and their cars. Include technical tips and repair solutions. Have a classified section for wanted and for sale items. Limit the type and number of cartoons.

**Question 6:** Other comments from survey. "The club needs to meet, mingle, let members enjoy each other and get to know each other. We meet, we eat, and we leave. No comradeship".

I would like to focus on the response to Question 6. The purpose of our club is to perpetuate and maintain the car we all love to drive - the Corvette.

How we do this is by interacting with others who feel the same way. If our club is to grow and mature, then each and every one of us has to commit to the principles of interaction and camaraderie. It is up to each one of us to put forth the maximum effort to make our club a success. This is YOUR club. It can only succeed with YOUR efforts or it is doomed to failure. Step up to the plate; volunteer, get involved, suggest positive improvements and ideas and together we can hit a home run!

## New Members:

We had 3 new members and spouses to join the club in February. Please welcome:

Colleen and Bill Wiley	2004 Machine Silver Coupe
David and Lois Parke	2003 Anniversary Convertible
Linda Jaroch	2000 Pewter Convertible

Any new member that would like a free magnetic identification badge with club logo may contact Joe Fuller or Brian Webb at (850) 668-3380. Additional magnetic identification badges with the club logo are available for \$6.00.

## Annual Membership Renewal:

A reminder that membership renewals are due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. New members that join the club after September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003 are exempt until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Membership renewals are \$25.00 per year and include a yearly subscription to the monthly newsletter, a membership card and magnetic nametag. Make check payable to Cruisin' Corvettes and send to Cruisin' Corvettes, 2907 Kerry Forest Parkway, Tallahassee Florida 32312. Please Note: Members that have not renewed their membership by **April 30, 2004** will be removed from the membership roll. Members that are removed will be returned to the membership rolls once dues are received. There are two months left to renew: March and April.

## It Is The Soldier:

Let's not forget to support our troops around the country and around the world. Without them we would not be able to drive the car we love or be able to gather together at the various meetings and events we attend. The following commentary salutes the soldier and is written by Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC.

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.

## February Events:

### **Business Meeting** ( 02/05/2004 )

Brian Webb called the meeting to order at 7:05 and We adjourned at 8:20. We had a good turnout for the first meeting of the year. We welcomed two new members to our meeting: Linda Jaroch owner of a 2000 Pewter Convertible and David Parke owner of a 2003 50th Anniversary Convertible

Brian reminded everyone about the Valentine's Party at his house on Sunday at 1:00. He also talked about the Drive-In movie event that was going to be held Friday night at Tom featuring the movie Grease and that the event was to begin at 4:30. The cost was \$10 and it was a fundraiser for Keep Leon County and Tallahassee Beautiful. The event was sponsored by Patient's First.

Bob Cotsonas told us that we might be going with a different format for the newsletter. More information on this matter will follow. He also informed us to save money on oil changes at Champion Chevrolet, just bring your own oil and filter with you to save lots. Lee Woodruff is back at Champion and eager to serve Corvette owners.

We will be advertising in our newsletter again to raise money for the club. The cost will be \$125 for a quarter page for 12 issues. Champion Chevrolet and Patients First have committed to purchasing an ad. Call Jerry Culbreth or Brian if you are interested in advertising in our newsletter in the future.

The Panama City Corvette Club is interested in getting together with our club to have a lunch ride. Curtis King will coordinate this event and provide details when known.

Rima Kelley told about when her father was president of the Tallahassee Corvette Association back in the mid 70's. Her father said, "The club dues were \$16 and included a club T-shirt". She told about different events they had, when and where they met. She presented their club jacket to the group. Rima also announced that she was selling her Corvette and that if anyone is interested in being secretary she'd be more than willing to give up her position. Please see Brian if you are interested.

### **Sweet Heart Party** ( 02/08/2004 )

On Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, about 43 Corvettes, 100 guests and plenty of food gathered at Brian's "party barn" to celebrate Valentine's Day. The weather was sunny and kerosene forced air heater hit the spot to warm the chilly day. 13 cars represented the Dothan, AL corvette club. Nice participation!!! The party started at 1 PM with BBQ pork, beans and coleslaw catered by Sonny's. The guests via covered dishes provided salads and deserts. Each person was given a numbered ticket that was used for the door prize drawing. Champion Chevrolet, Bruce Glueck Chevrolet, the Dothan club and our own club provided some really nice door prizes. The day ended with the consumption of lots of food, beer and soda.

### **Sonic Gathering** ( 02/21/2004 )

This month was excellent as it was warm with no rain. A total of thirty-five Corvettes attended the gathering. As the time changes and we have more daylight, I hope to see even more cars in attendance than the thirty-five we had in February. February was the inaugural month for the "Car of the Month" pick. Bob Cotsonas your Vice president implemented this venture and he hopes this will be a continuous pick for years to come. For more details and the pick for February see the "Car of the Month" article on page three.

## Future Events:

### **Marzuq Classics** ( 03/13/2004 )

This show will be held at the Marzuq Shrine Center located at 1805 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee on St. Patrick's Day, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. On-site registration is from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Registration fee is \$20.00, awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m. Dash plaques will be given to the first 75 cars. For additional information contact Dan Stallings at (850) 421-4447 or e-mail marzuqclassics@aol.com.

### **Camp Gordon Johnston Parade** ( 03/13/2004 )

Our club has been invited to participate in the 9th Annual Camp Gordon Johnston Association Reunion Parade in Carrabelle, Florida on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 a.m. This parade will honor many World War II, Korean, Vietnam and Gulf War veterans. Those that want to participate in the parade meet on 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Carrabelle at 10:00 a.m.

### **Sonic Gathering** ( 03/20/2004 )

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month is our monthly Corvette Gathering at the Sonic Drive-In on North Monroe Street here in Tallahassee. The Corvettes start arriving around 7 p.m. and continue until around 9 p.m. If you are interested in Corvette talk this is the place to be.

### **Hasan Shrine Spring Festival** ( 03/20/2004 )

Once again it is time for Hasan Shrine to have its annual Spring Festival to be held Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Hasan Shrine Center located at 1822 Palmyra Road in Albany, Georgia. Awards will be given for first and second place in twenty-two classes, there will also be a display only class. Registration is \$20.00 before March 13<sup>th</sup>, \$25.00 day of show and \$10.00 for display only.

### **Street-Rodders Meeting** ( 03/27/2004 )

On the last Saturday of each month, the Tallahassee Street-Rodders invites all that are interested in cars to attend their meeting at What-A-Burger located on Thomasville Road. Cars start arriving around 6 p.m. Don't forget to bring your folding chairs, as seating space is limited.

### **Corvettes in the Sunshine** ( 03/27/2004 )

Citrus County Corvette Club presents Corvettes in the Sunshine on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at Crystal Chevrolet located at 1025 S. Suncoast Boulevard, Crystal River, Florida. Registration fee is \$20 if received by February 28<sup>th</sup> and includes 1 free t-shirt. Registration after February 28<sup>th</sup> is \$25. Goodie bags, dash plaques and door prizes will be awarded the day of show.

### **Business Meeting** ( 04/01/2004 )

Business meetings are always held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. The location is the Golden Corral located at 1630 N. Monroe Street. Please make plans to attend the next meeting, as we need suggestions from all members on how the club should operate. This meeting is open to the public, so if you are interested in our club or Corvettes in general you are invited. The management of the Golden Corral has reserved parking for all Corvettes so please bring your car to the next meeting, the time will be changing in April so there will be plenty of daylight for spectators to view the beautiful Corvettes.

### **Springtime Tallahassee Parade** ( 04/03/2004 )

We have been invited to participate in the 2004 Springtime Tallahassee Parade on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Times and line-up information will be provided as soon as we receive them, so stay tuned and make plans to participate!

(Future Events Continued)

**Capitol City Cruizers ( 04/03/2004 )**

Cruise and enjoy this hobby with friends and family. There are no rules, no dues, no by-laws, this is all about having fun! Come join the fun the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at Wendy's on the corner of Capital Circle and Centerville Road. Anyone interested in the hobby is welcome, even if you're between cars. For additional information about Capitol City Cruizers visit their web site at [www.capitolcitycruizer.com](http://www.capitolcitycruizer.com).

**Open Cruise-In ( 04/04/2004 )**

This event sponsored by the Antique Car Museum is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. rain or shine. This event is lots of fun, bring your bag chairs for outside and you are welcome to bring items for a swap meet.

**Vette's at the Port ( 04/17/2004 )**

Cape Kennedy Corvette Club presents the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Vette's at the Point open Corvette show on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration before April 10<sup>th</sup> is \$25, day of show is \$30. Registration day of show begins at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. Trophies awarded in seven classes consisting of 1953-62, 1963-67, 1968-77, 1978-82, 1984-90, 1991-96 and 1997-2004. First 100 pre-registration gets a t-shirt/ plaque.

**Kuumba Festival Car Show ( 04/24/2004 )**

This event has numerous sponsors consisting of the City of Hollywood, Red Eye Entertainment, Sun-Sentinel, Turbo TV, Fox Sports, Hot 105.1, Lite FM., Broward Sheriff Office, Infocus Magazine, Universal Records & Film and Fan Magazine. The place is Hollywood Beach Board Walk, Hollywood, FL. The date is April 24<sup>th</sup> and the time is noon until 9:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$35.00 per car or bike. The sponsors are asking all car and bike participants who would like to participate to arrive at the boardwalk around 6:00 p.m.

**Whataburger Convertible Pick ( 05/29/2004 )**

The Tallahassee Streetrodders are trying to increase the cruise night by adding a feature car pick each month. A Whataburger employee will make the feature car pick. A car can only win one time per year. The prizes will vary month to month and a photo of the winner will be taken for display at the Whataburger. The featured class in May is All Convertibles. Bring your convertible and make all Corvette owners proud.

**Corvettes at the Mercado ( 07/10/2004 )**

The Mercado Village and The Florida Corvette Club are proud to sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Corvette show, Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> in Orlando from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies will be awarded in all five classes. There will be entertainment and lots of freebies. Goodie bags to include: Dash Plaques, Discounts and Coupons to the Mercado Shops and restaurants and one free event t-shirt to those registered for the show. Registration open the day of show from 9:00 a.m. until noon, show is from noon until 4:00 p.m., trophies presented at 4:40 p.m. Registration fee is \$15.00 prior to June 10<sup>th</sup> and \$20.00 after June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Whataburger Corvette Pick ( 09/25/2004 )**

The Tallahassee Streetrodders are trying to increase the cruise night by adding a feature car pick each month. A Whataburger employee will make the feature car pick. A car can only win one time per year. The prizes will vary month to month and a photo of the winner will be taken for display at the Whataburger. The featured class in May is All Corvettes.

**Memories from the Past:**

Our club advertises that we have a variety of cars that represent all of the history of the Corvette ranging from the C1 through the C5. This photograph was taken at Cruisin the Coast, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000. From left to right are pictured a 1961 C1 owned by Gary Allen, a 1967 C2 owned by Rick Spring, a 1978 C3 owned by Bill Culpepper, a 1992 C4 owned by Jerry Culbreth and a 2000 C5 owned by Neal Connell. This is an example of how the public can see how the style has changes over the past 50 years. Each parade we participate in the commentary contains information about the variety of cars in the club. This is why we want as many cars to participate in our events as possible.



**Car of the Month:**

Each month a Corvette will be picked by an employee of the Sonic to be placed on a special plaque. A picture of the car along with the owners name will be placed on the "Monthly Pick" plaque and displayed in the club's trophy case at Champion Chevrolet. The rules of the game are: (1) A car can only be picked once a year. (2) A new yearly plaque will begin each February. (3) No harassing the employee picking the car.

The assistant manager was given the dubious task to pick a car and what a problem he had. He was about twenty years old and he stated, "I like muscle cars! I am not that familiar with Corvettes." After making the rounds three times he finally made his pick of the Corvette that most reminded him of a muscle car, we were pleased to announce February's pick, Kenny and Beverly Blankenship and their yellow 2002 Z06. Please remember Kenney and Beverly, the idea of a muscle car for today's twenty-year old is a "Rice Rocket".

