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April Events:

Business Meeting (04/01/2004)

Bob Cotsonas called the meeting to order at 7:00 and adjourned at 7:45. We had 25 members in attendance and welcomed one new member, Bobby Hinson, owner of a 1996 red coupe.

Bob reminded the members that he was still looking for articles for the newsletter. The newsletter is growing and there is room for more articles. Final dues reminders were mailed with the April newsletter to about 40 members. They will be removed from the membership list at the end of April if their dues are not paid.

For the Springtime Tallahassee Parade, we will assemble behind Hooter's on North Monroe between 8:30AM and 9:00AM and then proceed to 5th Avenue which is where our staging area is. Our parade position number is 88. We are expecting between 20 to 25 cars to participate in the parade. Also, Hooter's asked to co-op with us, so they will have a vehicle and walking participants behind our last vehicle.

We are still searching for a volunteer to step forward and assume the vacant position of Secretary. Main duty of this position is to record the monthly business meeting minutes and submit them to the newsletter. Do we have a volunteer!!!

Lee Woodruff, Service Advisor from Champion Chevrolet was in attendance. He indicated that he wanted to service all our Corvettes. As a club member, we are eligible for a 10% discount on all parts and labor excluding those services that are already discounted. Shane Woodyard is the current Corvette technician at Champion. Also, Jared Thomley, Shop Forman is excellent on older Corvettes.

Mike Hall, who represents Car Quest, spoke regarding the Special Olympics and sponsorship participation by the club in the golf tournament.

Bob passed out catalogs from WearGuard. Art work of the Cruisin' Corvettes logo can be embroidered on a variety of shirts. See the Club Shirts article on the next page.

Golden Corral gave us a special price for this month's food. In May the price for the buffet will again be \$9.50 that includes a drink and gratuity.

Springtime Tallahassee Parade (04/03/2004)

It was a sun filled day as 24 beautiful Corvettes gathered to participate in this year's Springtime Parade. The vehicles staged on 5th Avenue and at 11:30 a.m. the cars turned onto North Monroe, three abreast, and traveled south to Gaines Street. American flags flew from many of the car's antenna and all along the route bystanders greeted the cars with loud cheers and plenty of thumbs-up. Each year the Corvettes are always one of the favorite entries of the parade. See all of you next year at the parade.

Hooters Local Event (04/17/2004)

This was our first attempt to organize a get-together at Hooters. Cars started arriving around 2:00. In addition to our club we had a mixture of cars from the Street Rodders and Capital City Cruisers. In total about fifteen cars attended this event. Around 6:00 members of our club then proceeded to the Sonic Gathering.

Sonic Gathering (04/17/2004)

It was a long day for those that attended the Hooters Local Event that began at 2:00 and then came to the Sonic. This Saturday was a nice day for both events, the temperature was warm and not hot and of course no rain. We had twenty Corvettes in attendance. Cars from the Street Rodders and Capital City Cruisers were also in attendance. The addition of cars other than Corvettes makes this event a better attraction. For the third month in a row a Sonic employee selected the car of the month. See the Car of the Month article on page 3 for more details.

Spring Fling Car Show (04/24/2004)

Several members of the club attended this show at the Old Bainbridge park. The following members and their cars won award plaques:

Ken Blankenship	1 st	2004 Commemorative ZO6
Rick Spring	1 st	1967 Roadster
Bill Mormile	1 st	1961 Roadster
Bear Shank	1 st	2001 Z53
Bill Culpepper	2 nd	1998 Pace Car
Charlie Ray	2 nd	1986 Coupe
Bob Cotsonas	3 rd	1999 Hard Top

Special mention also goes to Beverly Blankenship for taking 1st place with her 2003 Jeff Gordon Monte Carlo and Rick Spring for taking 3rd place with his 1978 Z28 Camaro. Congratulations to all the winners!

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Steinhatchee Lunch Ride (04/25/2004)

On Sunday April 25th, seven Corvettes met at the Super Wal-Mart on Appalachee Parkway to begin a Sunday ride to Fiddler's Restaurant in Steinhatchee. The day was bright and sunny as the Corvettes made their way down U.S. 27. Upon arriving at Fiddler's, the 14 club members enjoyed a wonderful buffet that included fried Kingfish, Chicken, Parmesan country fried steak together with the usual country vegetables. Carrot cake was the desert selection and topped off the meal. Afterwards, the group took the scenic road back to Tallahassee paralleling the Gulf Coast. All in all the day was a huge success. Hope to see more cars and members on future rides!

Future Events:

Capitol City Cruizers (05/01/2004)

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 1st Saturday of each month at Popeye's on Thomasville 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.

Open Cruise-In (05/02/2004)

This event sponsored by the Antique Car Museum is held the 1st 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.

Business Meeting (05/06/2004)

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.

Spring Jamboree (05/08/2004)

Bill Cramer Chevrolet, Pontiac and Nissan presents this fourth annual car and truck show to be held in Donalsonville, Georgia located on highway 82. The show begins at 9 a.m., trophies to be presented at 3 p.m. Free dash plaques to the first 100 to register, free t-shirts and goodie bag to the first 75. There are 70 classes consisting of first, second and third place trophies, nine best of class and two best of show. Registration fee is \$20.00 day of show. For additional information call toll free at 1-800-239-8914 or view the Future Events page on our web site.

Corvette Beach Caravan (05/13/2004)

This event begins on Thursday, May 13th in Dothan, Alabama with registration at their Party Barn. Friday begins the car caravan from Dothan to Panama City. For more information, contact: John Hickman (334) 347-5908 (toll free at 1-800-239-9451) or e-mail John at jhickman@ala.net. Bruce Carter at (334) 774-6340 or visit their web site at www.circlecitycorvettes.com.

Sonic Gathering (05/15/2004)

The 3rd Saturday of each month is our monthly Corvette Gathering at the Sonic Drive-In on North Monroe Street here in Tallahassee. The Corvettes begin to arrive around 7 p.m. If you are interested in Corvette talk this is the place to be. Come see who wins the Car of the Month award.

University Chevrolet Car Show (05/15/2004)

This third annual car and truck show will be held May 15th at University Chevrolet located at 1850 Capital Circle N.E. in Tallahassee rain or shine. The show is open for all age cars and begins at 9 a.m., trophies will be presented at 4 p.m. Registration fee is \$20.00 day of show. The show is held on a paved parking lot no need to worry about rain, trophies presented to the top 50 cars and 10 best of show trophies will be awarded. For more information call 1-866-539-3178 or view the Future Events page on our web site.

Dinner Ride to George & Louie's (05/22/2004)

A dinner ride is planned for Saturday May 22nd to George & Louie's in Thomasville. This is an informal restaurant with a good selection of food. This restaurant was featured in the Tallahassee Democrat in the March 26th Limelite. Food ranges from hot dogs and hamburgers to a complete line of salads and seafood. A complete beer and wine list is available. Sorry, they do not accept credit cards. Cash or local checks only. Members interested in participating in this ride should meet at the Bradfordville Publix parking lot on Thomasville Road. We will leave the parking lot promptly at 5:30 p.m. so don't be late.

Street-Rodders Meeting (05/29/2004)

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.

The Tallahassee Street Rodders are trying to increase the cruise night by adding a feature car-pick each month. A Whataburger employee will make the feature car pick. The featured class in May is All Convertibles. Let's make plans to bring out all of the beautiful Corvette convertibles; we all know that no other car can compete with the Corvette!

Thomasville Ford Car Show (06/12/2004)

Presenting the third annual car and truck show sponsored by Thomasville Ford to be held Saturday June 12th in Thomasville from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. rain or shine. The location is 1515 East Jackson Street. Free dash plaques will be presented to the first 100 to register. There are 70 classes 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies and 2 best of show. Registration fee is \$20.00 day of show. For additional information view the Future Events page on our web site.

Vettes by the Shore (06/18/2004)

This is the largest indoor Corvette show on the Gulf Coast. The show runs Friday June 18th through Sunday June 20th. Everyone will receive a participant's award, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th award in each class and year group. For additional information view the Future Events page on our web site.

Summer Car and Truck Show (06/19/2004)

Wallace Chevrolet presents this show to be held in Albany, 1001 South Slappy Boulevard. Free dash plaques to the first 100 to register. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies awarded for each class. Registration fee is \$20.00 day of show. For additional information call (229) 432-6271.

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Corvettes at the Mercado (07/10/2004)

The Mercado Village and The Florida Corvette Club are proud to sponsor the second annual Corvette show on Saturday July 10th in Orlando from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded in all five classes. There will be activities and entertainment along with 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 10th and \$20.00 after June 10th.

Whataburger Corvette Pick (09/25/2004)

The featured class this month is All Corvettes.. A Whataburger employee will make the feature car pick. The prizes will vary month to month and a photo of the winner will be taken for display at the Whataburger.

Gotta Have One:

I love the club member's license plate that reads "GOTTA HV 1". It describes exactly how corvette owners **really feel**.

It was "Veterans" Day weekend in 1968 and I had just turned 20 years old. I came home to the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio on a three-day pass from the Air Force. My dad had told me we would look for a car for me to drive back to Warner Robbins, GA. When I arrived home he asked me what kind of car I wanted. "A 1962 Corvette" I replied without hesitation. He was surprised when he found out I had \$2000 already saved up. With no other obstacles, other than the objections from my mom, we located and bought my very first corvette for \$1700.00. It was a black '62 with black interior and a white convertible top. I loved that car. It served me well through my final two years with Uncle Sam and four more years of college. During my last year at school someone crashed a stop sign and totaled the car I had become so attached to.

I finished college, married Betty, and got a job — all the while looking for another corvette. Being a newly wed we had the financial responsibilities of buying and furnishing a new home.

We ran across and purchased a very nice 1956 Chevy two-door hardtop – not my vette – but a very nice car. We kept and enjoyed the car for many years. During the last four of the 27 years that we owned it, the car sat more and more as I began to lose interest.

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During my two-year search I ran across an acquaintance that had a 1961 corvette. I fell in love with the painted coves and the wide white wall tires. I now preferred a '61 to the '62 but would definitely settle for either.

Miraculously one morning a fellow corvette owner, Mark Stamps, called and said "Did you see the '61 for sale in the paper this morning?" We bought that white '61, with silver coves and wide white wall tires the very next day. We have enjoyed the car now for four years.

The lord willing, in about thirty years, our 1961 corvette will be up for grabs in our estate sale. It is an almost certainty we will pass away still harboring that "GOTTA HV 1" feeling.

Bill and Betty Mormile (Member # 113)

Club Shirts:

For a limited time we can order and receive a 20% discount off the published price and have the logo placed on the shirt for no charge. Catalogs #V745 ere passed out at the April business meeting. These catalogs are scarce in number and we have a limit on the time to take advantage of the special pricing. Contact Jennifer Mann, our sales representative at ARAMARK, 1-800-677-7070 ext 5972 to place an order. Our customer number is 17095784 and department number is 136851. These numbers are necessary to obtain the proper discount. Any questions contact Bob Cotsonas at 894-4008 or see the items at www.ARAMARK-uniform.com.

New Members:

Two new member and their spouses joined the club in April. Jan and Bonnie Neilsen owners of a 1967 blue coupe and Ronnie and Peggy Spooner owners of a 1973 red coupe.

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 are available for \$6.00

Car of the Month:

Congratulations to Angie Hearl owner of a blue 2004 Commemorative Edition convertible. Her car was selected car of the month for April. Angie is a new member of the club. Her name and a copy of this picture will be placed on the car of the month plaque that is displayed each month in our trophy case located at Champion Chevrolet.

