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May Events:

Business Meeting (05/06/2004)

Bob Cotsonas called the meeting to order at 7:00 and adjourned at 8:00. We had 31 members in attendance.

No new members were in attendance and Bob stated that we now have 97 paid members in good standing, of which 79 are located in Tallahassee. Angie Hearl and her 2004 Commemorative convertible won the car of the month award and a picture of her and her car along with the Car of the Month plaque is now on display at Champion Chevrolet. Also, we now have a trophy case at Champion and on display there are the various club awards presented to Cruisin' Corvettes. Stop by and see the display.

We now have a Secretary! Gregory Gnapp of Perry has taken on the position. Welcome Aboard. Rick Spring gave the treasurers report; we have over \$4,000 in the bank.

We are still looking for articles to place in the newsletter. Submit them to Jerry Culbreth via his e-mail no later than the Monday after our Sonic Gathering.

Beverly Blankenship is going to look into the NCCC and provide some detailed information or see if a representative can attend our business meeting and explain the benefits of the organization.

Club members that have a change in their address, phone number or e-mail, contact Joe Fuller at Patient's First so the change can be noted. If you change Corvettes or add one or would like a picture of your car on the club website, you need to email the picture to Jerry Culbreth and also notify him of any changes.

Champion Chevrolet will now be giving a one-year membership to our club when they sell a Corvette if the owner is within a 50-mile radius of Tallahassee. Prior to this, they were giving memberships to any purchaser of a Corvette. Lots of times the purchaser lived outside our area and did not participate in any club functions.

The club shirt committee met during the past month and selected club shirts. These shirts will come from Wareguard, an ARAMARK Company. See the Ordering Club Shirts article on page 3 for additional instructions.

Jerry Culbreth explained how club members could access the membership list. How to do this is confidential for the members only. If you need to know the user ID and password, contact Jerry.

Greg Ballantyne asked if anyone knew who in Tallahassee could install an after market exhaust system. The answer was to contact Neil Connell. His business has the capability to do repair work of this nature.

Spring Jamboree Care Show (05/08/2004)

Several club members traveled to Donaldsonville, GA to attend the 4th Annual Bill Cramer Chevrolet, Pontiac and Nissan Spring Jamboree. There were 124 cars and trucks that registered for the show. Confetti's Car Show Productions did the judging. Club members taking home trophies included Bob Cotsonas and Andy Gibbens for their C5 Corvettes and Curtis King for his two C3 Corvettes. There was also live entertainment, great goodie bags and plenty of good food. The weather cooperated, although it was a warm day in Georgia!!

Corvette Beach Caravan (05/13/2004)

On Thursday, May 13, seven Corvettes and fourteen club members met at the I-10 rest area west of Tallahassee to begin a weekend of fun to participate in the Circle City Beach Caravan from Dothan to Panama City. We arrived in Dothan later that afternoon and checked into the host motel. At 4:30 that afternoon we lined up the Corvettes for a ride to the "Party Barn" located south of Dothan. Upon arrival at the barn, we were greeted by not one, but two new C6 Corvettes. Will Cooksey, Corvette Plant Manager and some staff members drove a coupe and convertible down from Bowling Green to attend this event. Everyone touched and sat in these cars. Questions were asked to the Bowling Green staff regarding the new Corvette as the jury is still out on this car. Only when performance tests are completed will we get an idea as to the real heart of this new vehicle.

Once everyone picked up their registration packets, food was served. This consisted of BBQ Pork, Beef and Chicken along with all the fixen's. Next came the 50/50 drawing and door prizes. Our own Colleen Wiley and DeLana White each took home a nice door prize.

At 8:30 that evening, we traveled back to the motel where most of our club members sat around the pool and consumed various liquid refreshments until almost midnight. Some were absent as they were attending to the washing of their Corvettes in preparation for Friday's caravan.

At 8:30 the next morning, Corvettes started to assemble at the Wal-Mart parking lot for the start of the caravan. The Wal-Mart staff picked their car of choice, which was a very nice 1966 Coupe and awarded a trophy to its owner. After that it was on the road to Panama City. About 150 Corvettes participated in the caravan, which arrived in Panama City around 11:30 for lunch at Pineapple Willy's.

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Next, it was check-in for everyone staying in Panama City for the weekend. This was stressful and time consuming since everyone decided to check in at the same time. The staff at the Ramada Inn was ready, but couldn't handle the large number of guests checking in at the same time. All in all, everyone managed to get checked in and then got ready for dinner.

Nine Corvettes and eighteen club members journeyed to Lynn Haven to the House of Seafood restaurant for dinner. Ron and Linda Proto's niece and husband own the restaurant and the food was excellent.

Saturday morning began early with Corvette Seminars being given by personalities such as Will Cooksey, Sonny Kilgo and Suresh Nair. The seminars gave Vette enthusiast's opportunities to ask questions and become more familiar with the new C6.

Saturday Lunch was at Spinnakers (one of the Panama City popular beach clubs for those of you not familiar with Panama City) and the weather could not have been more beautiful.

Saturday night the Circle City Corvette Club held a feast of heavy hors d'oeuvres at the host hotel. A lot of neat items were auctioned off. Items with C5-R driver's signatures and such. The big talk was of Andy Pilgram's and Johnny O'Connell's signed racing shoes. They were held at length when they come up for auction!

The weekend was concluded with a cruise to Beachside. None of our members accompanied the caravan on that cruise. Cruisin' Corvette members cruised home on Sunday.

University Chevrolet Car Show (05/15/2004)

On Saturday, May 15, ninety-two cars and trucks registered for this car show sponsored by University Chevrolet and the Tallahassee Cruisers. Of the ninety-two cars and trucks, twelve were Corvettes. The show awarded trophies to the top 50 vehicles. Among the winners were the following Cruisin' Corvette members: Tom Hanna 1981 coupe, Jerry Wise 1966 roadster, Gregory Gnapp 1991 coupe, Bob Cotsonas 1999 hardtop, Andy Gibbens 1997 coupe, Bear Schenk Z53 concept and Rick Spring 1967 roadster.

Sonic Gathering (05/15/2004)

The May gathering turnout was light due to the number of events held this Saturday. Many of our members traveled to Dothan to participate in the Corvette Beach Caravan and a few attended the University Chevrolet car show. Due to the light turnout no car of the month was selected.

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

Club members cruised to Thomasville for dinner at George & Louie's. Participants included Neil and Brenda Connell in their new 2004 Millennium Yellow ZO6! Dinner was pleasant and after hours of food and conversation, it was time to head home. The night was still young and several folks decided to continue the evening at Applebee's on Thomasville Road. Saturday, it turns out, was Karaoke night. Several club members loosened their vocal chords by giving performances. Among the crooners were Gary Allen, Bobby Hinson and Howard Shapiro and his son Wade. All were greeted by wild applause after their renditions. As the night ended, everyone parted company anticipating the next Corvette cruise.

Future Events:

Business Meeting (06/03/2004)

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 for spectators to view the beautiful Corvettes.

Capitol City Cruizers (06/05/2004)

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 (06/06/2004)

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, don't forget to bring your bag chairs and you are welcome to bring items for a swap meet.

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.

Sonic Gathering (06/19/2004)

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.

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

Wallace Chevrolet presents this car and truck show to be held in Albany, 1001 South Slappy Boulevard on June 19th rain or shine. Free dash plaques to the first 100 to register. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be awarded for each class and 2 best overall trophies. Registration fee is \$20.00 day of show. For additional information call (229) 432-6271 or view the Future Events page on our web site.

Street-Rodders Meeting (06/26/2004)

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. Don't forget to bring your folding chairs.

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Corvettes at the Mercado (07/10/2004)

The Florida Corvette Club is proud to announce this second annual Corvette show on Saturday July 10th in Orlando from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Goodie bag includes dash plaques, discounts and coupons to the shops and restaurants and one free event t-shirt. Registration is 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.

Corvette Beach Odyssey (09/18/2004)

Emerald Coast Corvette Club invites you to the Corvette Beach Odyssey in Panama City on Saturday September 18th. Proceeds from this show will be donated to the Taunton's Children's Home and the National Corvette Museum. For additional information visit their web site at www.emeraldcoastcorvetteclub.com.

Whataburger Corvette Pick (09/25/2004)

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

Ordering Club Shirts:

The company we are dealing with is WearGuard, an ARAMARK Company located in Norwell, MA. The website is www.wearguard.com.

1 Our customer representative is Jennifer Mann. Her telephone number is 1-800-677-7070 ext 5972. Tell Jennifer you are with Cruisin' Corvettes. Our customer number is 17095784 and the catalog reference is V745, Dept. 136851.

3. The club shirt is on page 14 of the catalog and is Style number 2595. Both the Black and the Heather Gray Tri-Trim Pique Polo are the choices.

4. The cost should be \$19.99 plus tax and shipping and will include the club logo on the left breast and if you want, your name on the right breast. The embroidery will be at no additional cost through 7/7/04. After that date, there will be an additional charge to have the embroidery done. Also, prior to 7/7/04, any item in the catalog will be eligible for a 20% discount. Sizes larger than XL in any shirt will be slightly higher.

5. You will be able to pay for your order with a credit card and the order will ship to your address usually within 10 days. If the item is on backorder, you will still get the discounted price and embroidery as long as the order is placed prior to 7/7/04.

6. Check out the website as additional items may be of interest to you. Remember, the prices should be discounted until 7/7/04. In addition to polo shirts, you will find T-shirts, hats, and outerwear jackets.

Special Guest:

On June 3, at the monthly business meeting, Manny Montgomery with the National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc will be visiting to talk with members about "Information on Becoming an NCCC Club". Not only does NCCC offer insurance coverage, they also have events to which Manny will discuss with us.

Vette Ladies Night Out:

Champion Chevrolet shared a night of fun, laughter and Vette Ed with the ladies of the club. Barbie Jordan, Bob Kauzlarich, Lee Woodruff and Shane Woodard all shared their expertise with each of us. Plenty of questions were asked and we got answers. For members who missed this initial Ladies Night Out, there will be more to come!

Mary Lee Rouse summed it all up when the gathering began coming to an end, "I feel all warm and fuzzy that my Ken's Corvette is well taken care of when it is brought in to Champion Chevrolet".

Thank you Barbie for putting together an unforgettable night for the Ladies of Cruisin' Corvettes of Tallahassee!

