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June Events:

Business Meeting (06/03/2004)

Brian Webb called the meeting to order at 7:10 and adjourned at 8:00. We had 18 members in attendance. No new members were present.

Brian discussed the Circle City Corvette Club Beach Caravan that took place on May 13-16. Last month due to this event, participation at the Sonic Gathering was sparse and no car was picked as the car of the month. The same could take place this month due to the Vettes by the Shore event on the 19th of June. Beverly Blankenship stated she would attend the Sonic Gathering and would make sure a car was picked and a photo taken so we can place it on the plaque.

We discussed the Dinner Ride to George and Louie's that took place on 5/22/04. Everyone enjoyed the ride and the dinner. Next, was a discussion regarding the upcoming Bloomington Gold event at St. Charles, IL. Several members have secured airline tickets and room accommodations at the Pheasant Run Resort for the show. Check either the website or the newsletter for all upcoming events. A question was raised regarding our participation in local parades. It was determined that while there are several parades within our local area, right now the club is only participating in the Springtime Tallahassee and Veteran's Day Parade.

Jerry Wise brought a TV and a video he recorded of Mike Wallenfelsz when he raced his car in Atlanta at the end of April. Mike started in 14th place and finished 9th and placed 2nd overall in his class. Mike discussed the races and it seemed the members were very interested. This might lead to some of us traveling to Atlanta the next time Mike decides to enter in a race.

Brian handed out a "Corvette did ya know" sheet which had some interesting facts regarding our Corvettes. Beverly received an e-mail from the Valdosta corvette club indicating there was an NHRA track north of Valdosta and inquiring whether we wanted to join them at the track in the future. Beverly will follow up on this.

Bob Cotsonas presented to the club a denim baseball jacket with the club logo on the back and a flannel lined nylon jacket with the club logo on the back. Check out www.wearguard.com for these items. Prices were \$40.00 and \$20.00 respectively plus shipping and tax. Take advantage of these prices through 7/7/04 only.

Last on the agenda was Manny Montgomery with the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) and he presented information on becoming an NCCC club. The purpose of the club is to promote interest in Corvette ownership to publish information on the use and operation of the Corvette and to establish an organized effort to encourage others to participate in the enjoyment connected with a Corvette. There is also a liability insurance policy connected with becoming a member. Our club will be discussing joining this organization at future business meetings.

Sonic Gathering (06/19/2004)

The last couple of gatherings have resulted in a major reduction in the number of members and their cars to participate in this event. Please keep in mind that the success of our club depends on all of our members to make a special effort to participate in each event. Hope to see a better turnout at the July gathering.

Future Events:

Business Meeting (07/01/2004)

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 for spectators to view the beautiful Corvettes.

Capitol City Cruizers (07/03/2004)

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 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 (07/04/2004)

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. There is plenty of shade to keep you out of the sun during the summer months along with free refreshments.

(Future Events Continued)

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.

Sonic Gathering (07/17/2004)

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.

Street-Rodders Meeting (07/31/2004)

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.

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. Make plans to attend and let's show the crowd what beautiful cars look like. The prizes will vary month to month and a photo of the winner will be taken for display at the Whataburger.

Lake Mirror Classic (10/16/2004)

Mercedes-Benz presents the Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival to be held Saturday, October 16th in downtown Lakeland, Florida. This show is one of the most scenic and popular classic car events in the southeastern United States. Presented at beautiful Lake Mirror Park and throughout downtown Lakeland, this 5th annual event is expected to attract over 500 show vehicles and 25,000 spectators. All vehicles displayed at this event must be pre-registered. Deadline for entering is October 1st. Entry fee is \$30.00 per vehicle. Late entry fee is \$50.00 for applications received after October 1st. Late entries are subject to space availability and display signs are not assured. Although the event is not judged, ribbons and prizes are presented to vehicles selected as sponsor favorites. Staging of vehicles for the show is from 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. For additional information about this event and accommodations visit their web site at www.LakeMirrorClassic.com.

Air and Car Show (10/16/2004)

This show will be held Saturday October 16th at the Pompano Beach Air Park from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Registration is from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Registrations postmarked by August 31st is \$25 and includes two air show tickets and t-shirt, registrations after August 31st is \$30 and includes two air show tickets only. There will be eight open class awards and a best of show, long distance and club participation awards. For additional information visit their web site at www.airshow.org.

Florida NCRS Regional Meet (01/22/2005)

The Florida Chapter of the National Corvette Restorers Society will have their winter regional meet January 19th-22nd at Old Town located in Kissimmee. For those that are interested our club will reserved rooms at the Travel Lodge Main Gate East at 5711 W. US Highway 192 just across from Old Town. Room rates will be provided in future newsletters. Additional information can be found at www.ncrsfl.com.

Ordering Club Shirts:

The company we are dealing with is Wear Guard, 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.

New Members:

We had one new member to join the club in June, please welcome Angie Hearl, she owns a 2004 blue 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 are available for \$6.00

Corvette Repair Work:

Interested in ordering any add-on's for your Corvette or having repair work done on you car? Our club member, Neal Connell, may be able to help. Neal owns CRE (Competition Racing Engines) on South Monroe. Both he and J.R. can help. Contact them at 850-224-0350 and discuss your needs. They can order you any type of after market items and can install them for you. Also, if your car needs some repair work, give them a call and discuss it with them. They also offer a price discount to all club members. So call them the next time your car needs repairing.

Car of the Month:

There was no car of the month pick at the June gathering due to the number of other event held on that Saturday. It was nice to continue with the pick in July. This month's pick was Andy Gibben's 1997 silver coupe. Congratulations to Andy. His name and a picture of his car will be placed on the car of the month plaque that is displayed in our trophy case at Champion Chevrolet.



Round Robin:

Bob Cotsonas 11 States, 17 Days and 3,358 Miles!

Jackie and I left Tallahassee early Friday, June 4th for three days in Atlanta to attend the annual Blade Show. This is a great venue for any knife collector. Custom, production and antique knives were in abundance for the collector.

Late Sunday, we were off to Bowling Green, KY. After a good night's sleep, it was up early for our 8AM appointment at the National Corvette Museum to participate in the NCM Xperience. Our 1999 Fixed Roof Coupe was placed in the museum while we were given a personal tour of the Corvette Plant and the museum. At the plant, I was given the opportunity to give birth to a new Corvette. What a thrill!

Next, it was off to Bolingbrook, IL to visit with our son, daughter in law and granddaughter. The visit was short since we were off to Madison, WI on Wednesday, June 9th.

Thursday, we traveled to New Glarus, WI for the beginning of Corvettes on the Isthmus. New Glarus is a Swiss village with plenty of gift shops, eateries as well as a brewery and winery. We sampled some typical Swiss cuisine as well as beer and wine. The town was great but the weather was overcast and rainy. Late that afternoon about 50 Corvettes caravanned to the Ho-Chunk Casino and Convention Center in Baraboo, WI that was headquarters for the weekend. The accommodations were terrific. Friday and Saturday were filled with road tours, a street rally in nearby Reedsburg and Wisconsin Dells, a low speed autocross and many vendors located throughout the convention center grounds. There were over 400 Corvettes that attended this year's event. During the weekend, the Miller Lite girls were on hand to wash all the cars. Sunday was a get away day and we returned to Bolingbrook, IL for another short visit with our family.

Wednesday, June 16th was another early day since we were traveling to Tunica, MS for two days of casino gambling. I escaped with a few dollars from the casino. Friday, we departed for Biloxi to attend the Vettes by the Shore show.

This Corvette show was held Saturday at the coliseum that featured all generations of Corvette's as well as some exotic looking ones.

Sunday, after a rough night of late night gambling, it was again a get away day to return to Tallahassee.

Our Corvette averaged 31.5 miles per gallon on the trip and the cost per gallon of gas was \$2.09. The C5 is really a great car to tour in and we are considering a trip in July to Spearfish, SD to attend the Black Hills Classic Corvette event. More on this next month.

Bob and Jackie in front of the Corvette Plant



Bob's car parked at a party in Reedsburg, WI.

