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July Events:

Business Meeting (07/01/2004)

Brian Webb called the meeting to order at 7:05 and adjourned at 8:30. We had 27 members in attendance. No new members were present.

Ken Rouse bought bad gas from a Killearn gas station that damaged his gas gauge. He was given an estimate of over a \$1,000 to repair. One member brought up the fact that Shell gas would cover damages from bad gas.

Colleen Wiley is arranging a cruise to Helen, GA on Thursday, October 28th for the Oktoberfest weekend. She provided members with brochures about the weekend. This event will be placed on the events calendar in the August, September and October newsletter along with information about times and schedules.

Bob Cotsonas spoke about his 3,000 mile trip to Wisconsin to participate in a Corvette event. He will be on the road again to participate in another event in Spearfish, SD.

Beverly Blankenship spoke about each member purchasing a brick to be displayed with the club brick at the Corvette museum. The cost of a brick for each member is \$100. Contact Beverly if you want to participate. Brian Webb informed the group that bricks from the original Corvette factory located in Flint, MI are for sale. The building is being demolished and this may be a collector's item for Corvette enthusiasts.

The subject of joining the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) was brought up for discussion. Should the club require all members to join as well as prospective members? Beverly Blankenship reminded us that if one of our members is involved in an accident at a club function, liability against the club as well as other members could be enforced. Club member Howard Shapiro, owner of Shapiro Insurance, also informed us that this is a cheap method of acquiring additional liability insurance.

A vote will be taken at the September meeting to join the NCCC and to raise the dues to \$50.00 a year to cover the cost of the insurance. Additional information about the NCCC can be found under the article "Why NCCC" on page 3. Please plan to attend the September meeting because your vote counts!

Gary Allen will no longer be our events coordinator. Anyone can schedule a cruise at any time. Simply make the plans and give the information to Jerry Culbreth. He will then publish it in the newsletter and post it on our web site.

Corvettes at the Mercado (07/10/2004)

Written by Jerry Culbreth. The Florida Corvette Club of Orlando sponsored this show held at the Mercado in Orlando on October 10th. There were 248 Corvettes in attendance. First, second and third place plaques were awarded for all five Corvette generations (C1 through C5). I entered my 1966 convertible in the C2 class. There were thirty cars in this class. Eighteen were coupes and the rest were convertibles. I am proud to say that my 1966 (Gator) placed third. Gator was beaten by two coupes. Second place to a 1964 white coupe and first place to a 1967 red coupe. It made me feel good when spectators yelled "You were robbed!" Whatever the outcome, all Corvette owners love to show their cars to the public.

Sonic Gathering (07/17/2004)

After a few months of low turnouts, the number of participants increased, even though the threat of rain was evident. We had seventeen cars to attend the July gathering. Another car of the month pick was announced; please see the "Car of the Month" article for details.

Future Events:

Open Cruise-In (08/01/2004)

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.

Business Meeting (08/05/2004)

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 (08/07/2004)

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.

(Future Events Continued)

Sonic Gathering (08/21/2004)

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.

Rock Group Journey (08/21/2004):

This 70's and 80's group will be at Wild Adventures Theme Park, Valdosta, on Saturday, August 21st at 8:00 p.m. The concert is free with admission to the park -- one-day park admission is \$39.95. Bag chairs can be set up or reserved seating under the tin-roofed building is available for an additional \$20 beginning July 21st. If anyone is interested in attending this event call Linda or Ron Proto to reserve a seat with the Cruisin' Corvettes group. Linda can be reached at 385-9588, Ron at 576-8535.

Street-Rodders Meeting (08/28/2004)

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. The prizes will vary month to month and a photo of the winner will be taken for display at the Whataburger. This is a good chance to show our beautiful cars.

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. For additional information visit their web site at www.airshow.org.

Fall Foliage Frolic (10/28/2004)

A four-day trip to the North Georgia Mountains is being planned for the last weekend in October, October 28th – 31st. A block of rooms has been reserved under the name CC of T at the Country Inn and Suites in Helen Georgia, (706) 878-9000. The room rates are \$107 + tax for Thursday night, and \$125 + tax Friday and Saturday nights. This is peak "leaf season," and the last weekend of Oktoberfest, that's why the rates are a bit high. If you are interested, you will need to call the hotel directly, and make your reservations before September 1st. After that date, any remaining rooms in the block will be released. Colleen Wiley and Linda Proto are planning the trip. If you think you might enjoy a cruise on the Richard B. Russell Parkway to get a good show of Fall colors, a picnic at Brasstown Bald Mountain with a hike (or bus ride) to the peak for a glimpse of the three surrounding states, Oktoberfest activities (lots of polka music, German foods and beer!), browsing the shops in Helen, and surrounding quaint mountain villages, dining on good Southern cuisine, and just plain relaxing in the cool mountain air, then please plan to join us! A detailed itinerary and information on planned activities and events will be available at the next business meeting, August 5th. If you have ideas or suggestions for the trip, please call Linda at 385-9588, or Colleen – after July 28th, at 893-1668.

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. There is an additional charge to have the embroidery done. 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.
6. Check out the website as additional items may be of interest to you. In addition to polo shirts, you will find T-shirts, hats, and outerwear jackets.

New Members:

We had no new members to Join the club in July, membership should pick up after the summer months. 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 club logo are available for \$6.00.

Why NCCC:

The National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. (NCCC) was founded as an all-volunteer, non-profit organization in 1959 by a small group of Corvette owners/enthusiasts!

The purpose of NCCC was (and still is) to promote interest in Corvette ownership and operation, 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 the use of the Corvette!

The Competition Program is administered at the National level. This is a major benefit to Member Clubs. The purpose is to encourage interactivity between individual Clubs within NCCC. The largest single benefit most obvious is the insurance program provided by K&K Insurance Company, which is a third party insurance; covering all meetings, socials, caravans, car shows and competition events. Below is an abbreviated listing of the coverage under this policy:

Products-Completed Operations Aggregate Limit \$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit \$1,000,000
Each Occurrence Limit \$1,000,000
Fire Damage Limit (any one fire) \$300,000
Medical Expense Limit (any one person) \$5,000
Non-competitive Event Liability Per Member
Rally Event Liability Per Event
Competitive Event Liability Per Event (This does not cover travel to and from supervised, insured, sponsored events)

There are many other benefits you receive from your National Council of Corvette Clubs:

Publication:

Blue Bars Magazine is the NCCC Newsletter that is published 4 times a year and is a wonderful example of the Corvette fun that NCCC generates.

Charity:

NCCC has donated over \$100,000.00 a year to the National Kidney Foundation. Each year, NCCC raffles off a brand new Corvette and the proceeds go to the National Kidney Foundation. Regions and Clubs may choose to donate \$500.00 or more towards the Scholarship Program that benefits the children of NCCC Members.

Competition Programs:

NCCC has organized a comprehensive National Competition Program which all of our Clubs may participate in. They have a set of Rules that are Nationally recognized and followed. They have a National Points Standing compilation that is maintained by the Vice President of Competition and a Regional Points Standing that each Regional Competition Director is responsible to maintain.

Displays:

NCCC has two traveling Displays that are shipped out to Member Clubs to use at Shows to help promote their Club and NCCC. These Displays have proven to be very effective in helping Clubs get members and generate interest.

Web Site:

NCCC has a vast website that connects all Regions together. It is a central location for NCCC members to get information on events and keep up on the pulse of NCCC. It is home for the Classified Section that has been extremely effective in the sales of Members Corvette related items.

Future Corvette Owners Association:

Since 1991 the Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA) has been the youth organization of the National Council of Corvette Clubs, the largest non-profit Corvette organization in the United States. A unique "Corvette Club for kids", it has Mid America Designs as its main sponsor. FCOA projects are also supported by other major automotive-related businesses. Its mission is to instill and then maintain an interest in the Corvette hobby in the younger generation.

Membership Packets:

Each NCCC Member receives an NCCC Membership card, many discounts for various businesses, updates on their NCCC Rule Book and much more. You may purchase NCCC items through their "Goodie Store" as well.

Annual Convention:

NCCC hosts an Annual Convention in different parts of our Country. The 2004 Convention will be hosted in Las Vegas, NV. This is a place where NCCC Members come together nationally for a week to compete, enjoy parties and others.

Fun:

NCCC is based on having fun with your Corvette! We have so many Clubs and Members that enjoy their Corvettes and have made life long friends through this fine Council! You will not find any kinder Corvette people anywhere! NCCC brings the Corvette community together to honor America's True Sports Car: THE CORVETTE!

Corvette Repair Work:

Interested in ordering any add-on's for your Corvette or having repair work done on your 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.

Car of the Month:

The July car of the month belongs to Kenny Blankenship. He is the owner of a 2004 Corvette Commemorative Edition Z06 in Le Mans Blue Metallic. His name and a picture of his car will be placed on the "Car of the Month" plaque and displayed in our trophy case at Champion Chevrolet. Drop by anytime and take a look at the trophy case, you'll be impressed at the number of plaques the club has accumulated over the years.

