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Election of Club Officers:

At the December business meeting (12/02/04), election of next year's club officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will take place. At the October business meeting (10/07/04), names may be placed in nomination for the club officer positions. These names will be published in the November newsletter and posted on the club website. At the December business meeting, voting for the positions will take place. The winners will be announced at the club Christmas Party on December 4th. Additional instructions will follow in the coming months.

August Events:

Business Meeting (08/05/2004)

Bob Cotsonas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. then read the minutes from last month. The minutes were accepted as read. Sixteen members were in attendance. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Tallahassee magazine will have a photo shoot at the Capital City Cruisers event on Saturday, August 7th. This is the same magazine that wrote an article about our club a few years ago.

Beverly Blankenship is selling raffle tickets for the National Corvette Museum. The winner will take home a new 2005 corvette. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket to benefit the Corvette Museum, contact Beverly.

Jerry Culbreth was presented a gift of appreciation from the club for his work creating the newsletter and maintaining the web site. He gift was a beautiful Cruisin' Corvette jacket with club logos on the front and back.

Bob reminded everyone of the upcoming Petite Lemans Race in Atlanta on September 24th. Time trials will take place on Saturday and the race will be on Sunday. For additional information about this event, refer to the article in the Future Events section.

Bob gave us an update on his 5,920 mile trip through Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Canyon. This tour was a spin-off of the Black Hills classic corvette show. Bob acknowledged that he would attend this show again. See the article on page 3 about his trip.

Sonic Gathering (08/21/2004)

It was a rainy night in Florida! Despite the weather, 6 Corvettes and at least a dozen club members were in attendance. Since the weather and turnout was low, no car of the month was selected.

Future Thoughts:

We are rapidly approaching the end of 2004. In the coming months we will decide on whether to join the NCCC which will increase the yearly dues. We have several months in which activities are planned which include the following:

- September Petite LeMans Race at Road Atlanta
- Emerald Coast Corvette Club Weekend
- October Road Trip to Helen, GA
- Cruisin the Coast in Biloxi, MS
- December Election of Club Officers
- Christmas Party

As you can see, we have some major events coming up. Now is the time to plan for these. This is your club and I, as the Vice President, am always looking for club members to suggest and plan future activities. What we need is more input for future events. You, the membership, makes this happen. If you want to plan an event or just get together with some fellow members for breakfast, lunch or dinner, pick up the phone and start the ball rolling. Who knows, that may just start a trend.

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.

Future Events:

Business Meeting (09/02/2004)

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 (09/04/2004)

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.

Labor Day Weekend Rod Run (09/04/2004)

The Tallahassee Street Rodders presents the annual Labor Day Weekend Rod Run. Registration begins on Saturday, September 4th from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, N. Monroe Street. Sunday, September 5th there is a car show and shine from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Wakulla Springs State Park. Registration is \$25.00 per car. For more information visit their web site at www.tally-streetrodders.com.

Open Cruise-In (09/05/2004)

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.

Sonic Gathering (09/18/2004)

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.

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.

Petite Lemans Race (09/24/2004):

Cost of Tickets: \$55 plus \$5 for shipping and handling for the 2 days of racing, deadline for tickets is September 10th and can be purchased by going online at www.roadatlanta.com or by calling (800) 849-7223.

Bobby Hinson has booked 10 rooms in the Clubs name at the Motel 6 in Gainesville, GA at a cost of \$44.99 per night. It includes 2 Double beds/non-smoking. Club members will need to contact Bobby at 488-0560 or 656-6397 for our Group Number.

Any rooms not booked by August 24th will be released and then it will be by availability only. The motel is 11 miles from the track and 20 miles from the Mall of Georgia.

Due to the parking problems Ron Proto suggests that members that have not joined the C-5 Registry do so because they get reserved parking and lots of other special treatment that other ticket holders don't get. He also mentioned that we would caravan up and leave early Friday morning with details on that to follow.

Street-Rodders Meeting (09/25/2004)

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.

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 Mary Car and Truck Show (10/02/2004)

The Lake Mary Rotary Club presents the 5th Anniversary car and truck show to be held Saturday, October 2nd. All makes and models are welcome. Trophies will be awarded for pre 49's, 50's-60's-70's Classics, Customs, Muscle Car, Street Rods, Late Model Altered, Import, Late Model Muscle Car, non-Traditional Hot Rod and Specialty Vehicle. Entry fee is \$20 if received before September 24th. Staging starts at 7:30 a.m. at the I-4 exit 101A and then follow the signs. For additional information visit the web site at www.rotary-lakemary.org.

Chrome Divas Poker Run (10/03/2004)

The Chrome Divas of Tallahassee, a ladies motorcycle club, are preparing for the 3rd annual Breast Cancer Poker Run. Proceeds will go to the breast cancer fund of The Women's Pavilion of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at Capital City Harley Davidson. First bike or car out is 9:00 and last bike or car out is 10:00, last stop is the Moon on Lafayette Street. Cost is \$15.00 per driver and \$10.00 per passenger. Lunch will be provided at the Moon, if you don't want to participate in the poker run come to the Moon at 12:00 and purchase your ticket at the door. Live music by Jett Blue, full bar, food, silent auction and 50/50 drawing is also provided. For more information or to purchase your tickets in advance, call 431-4928.

One of our club members, Beverly Blankenship, is asking for your support in this most worth while effort to provide funds necessary to supply items not covered by insurance for those who are struck with this dreadful disease. Your consideration of her request will be greatly appreciated and your contribution will benefit those who are a little less fortunate.

All American Ford Show (10/09/2004)

This first annual car and truck show to be held Saturday, October 9th at 2421 West Tennessee Street, is open to all makes and models. All regional clubs are welcome. Cash prizes up to \$300.00 will be awarded. The entry fee is \$10.00 and includes 2 meal tickets. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.; judging and prize awards start at 3:00 p.m. Prize and trophy categories include classic cars, muscle cars, antiques (under 1935), modified cars, stock cars, street rods, custom cars under restoration and trucks.

(Future Events Continued)

Lake Mirror Classic (10/16/2004)

This show is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th in downtown Lakeland, Florida. 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.

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. Information can be found at www.ncrsfl.com.

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!

An itinerary and information on activities and events will be available at the next business meeting, Thursday August 5th. If you have additional ideas or suggestions for the trip, please call Linda at 385-9588, or Colleen at 893-1668.

Corvettes in the Sunshine II (03/26/2005)

Citrus County Corvette Club presents this show to be held Saturday, March 26th 2005 at Crystal Chevrolet in Homosassa, Fl. The show runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration fee is \$20 if received by February 28th and includes 1 free T-Shirt. After February 28th the fee is \$25. They will award sixty trophies this year in classes consisting of C1, C2, C3, C4 and C5. For additional information visit the web site at www.citruscorvettes.com.

Black Hills Corvette Classic:

Bob Cotsonas

For those of you that did not attend the August business meeting, I will briefly relate my 5,900 mile trip through 13 states to attend a Corvette rally. We were gone a total of 17 days. The rally started in Sioux Falls, SD on July 14th with a gathering at the local Chevrolet dealer's parking lot. From there, cars traveled to the downtown area of Sioux Falls for a street party. Early on the 15th, 568 Corvettes departed Sioux Falls for a 400 mile caravan to Spearfish, SD. During the next three days, these Corvettes would travel the Black Hills of South Dakota. Our experiences included Mount Rushmore, Chief Crazy Horse Memorial, a ride on the 1880's train, a tour of Custer National Park, a tour of the Badlands National Park, Devil's Tower National Park, gambling in Deadwood, SD as well as plenty of local parties. Unless you have traveled to this area, it is very hard to describe the mountains and scenery you encounter along the way. We extended our trip by traveling into Wyoming and Montana where we visited the Little Big Horn Battle field as well as Yellowstone National Park and Jackson Hole.

What I took away from this trip is not only how well a C5 Corvette performs, (27.45 miles per gallon at a cost of \$2.09 per gallon) but the ability to meet new friends and learn the history of our country. I would highly recommend to anyone to "stop and smell the roses" before it is too late. Enjoy your car, meet new friends and explore new areas while you still can do it. My plan is to attend the July rally in 2005 and would enjoy some company for this next trip.

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.

New Members:

There were no new members to Join the club in August. Membership should pick up after the summer months once folks return to normal if after vacations. Then we must compete with football season.

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.