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President's Corner ~ John Bakker

Dear Corvetters:

Greetings. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. First I want to thank President Larry Daniels for a fine job last year as our leader. After Larry, and Sharon Bell the year before, I have some big shoes to fill. I also want to thank our treasurer Joanna Peak. Thankfully Joanna and Sharon are staying on this year to help make my job easier. I also appreciate Briggs Whitefield stepping up to be Vice President. I know my back is covered with these fine officers.

There are going to be some changes in our structure this year. Karen McMillen, who has been responsible for getting our name tags to new members asked that we find someone else to take that over. Gwen and David Adams have volunteered to help with that job. Thank you Karen for a job well done for several years.

Another change is with the newsletter. Jeff Bell who has been kind enough to take on the job of Car Show Chairman has requested we have someone else do the monthly newsletter. Linda Slothower has agreed to take over that position with the help of her husband, Gordon. She has a lot of experience with computers and will do a great job. Thank you Linda and Gordon.

I am really looking forward to working with everybody this year. Hopefully we can, TOGETHER, make our club even better and have some fun doing it. At the meeting I challenged every person there to do at least one thing for the club this year. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, just go out of your way to meet someone or lead a cruise, or volunteer for something. Just do something positive and our club will grow and be known as one of the best and friendliest groups in the nation. Remember, this is your club and it will become what you all make of it.

I hope you all have a good and safe month and I look forward to seeing you in February.

John

Next Club Meeting:

Monday, February 6

7:00 p.m.

Western Sizzlin'

3492 West Sunset Avenue
Springdale.

If you want to eat before the meeting, please arrive by 6:00 p.m.

As always, invite other Corvette enthusiasts to join us.

NWA Corvette Club 2012 Dues

The yearly dues are \$30 and are due in January. Please fill out the membership form (attached to this email) and bring your money to the next meeting. If you are not going to make the meeting it can be mailed to NWA Corvette Club, PO Box 1064, Rogers, AR 72757-1064.

If member information (address, home phone, cell phone, email) has changed, please send the new information to club secretary Sharon Bell, jmbell1@cox.net, so we can update our records. We do not want you to miss out on any club information.

Corvette Tech Corner ~ Jim McMillen

Do you need help with that Corvette repair? Here are a few suggested businesses that can help.

MECHANICAL:

Bill Alred ~ Rogers 586-5242

Bill's Automotive One ~ Bentonville 273-2227

Chevrolet of Fayetteville ~ Fayetteville

251-2100; discounted shop rates for corvette club members to \$68/hr and 15% off on parts

Hedges Corvette, LLC ~ Rogers 236-9012

(also Body/Paint, Auto Glass, Interior, Auto Parts, and Suspensions/Exhaust) Specializing in 53-67 Corvettes

Rick Lynn ~ Centerton (903-1173)

BODY/PAINT:

Bob Morey's Auto Body ~ Bentonville
271-7292

Redline Finishes ~ Springfield MO.
417-425-4820

Whitlow's Auto Body ~ Rogers 451-1240

SUSPENSIONS/EXHAUSTS:

Corvette Crib ~ Bentonville 464-7328

TIRES:

Garrett Tire ~ Springdale 756-6550

The Tire Rack ~ www.tirerack.com
1-888-981-3782

AUTO GLASS:

American Window Tinting ~ Fayetteville
443-4888

Auto Glass Center ~ Bentonville 254-0505

INTERIOR;

Ashley Auto Trim ~ Bentonville 273-7670

Corvette Crib ~ Bentonville 464-7328

Turley Custom Auto Trim ~ Springdale
751-5170

AUTO PARTS:

Country Corvettes ~ Rogers 925-2031

Corvette Crib ~ Bentonville 464-7328

Everett Chevrolet ~ Springdale 751-4573

If you have had a positive experience with other Corvette suppliers and would like club members to know about them please email their information to newslettereditor@nwacorvetteclub.com. so we can include in future newsletters. If you have had a poor experience and would like others to know, feel free to let us know about those, too.

MINUTES
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President John Bakker called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by R.D. Ellenbarger to begin having a 50/50 pot at each meeting. Further discussion added to the motion that the funds be set aside and used for the club for a fun event such as a picnic in the spring or fall. It was also added that the following costs would be set up: 1 ticket for \$1, 6 tickets for \$5, 1 arm length for \$10 and both arms span for \$20. The motion was seconded. All approved.

Brenda Murphy made a motion to accept the December meeting minutes as read. The motion was seconded, and passed. Joanna Peak presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by David Adams to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

We welcomed Lynn Gnadl to the meeting. Lynn has been a member for awhile but usually works and doesn't get to come to the meetings very often.

NEW CARS

There were no new cars this month.

CAR SHOWS

Jim McMillen announced there is a car show in Topeka, Kansas in June. This is sponsored by the National Council of Corvette Clubs. Further information will be shared at our next meeting.

There will be an all-car show February 4-5 in Springfield, Mo.

We received a letter from a student attending the Rogers Heritage High School asking for our advice and help in organizing a car show in April. This event is for their Skills USA Automotive group at school. If you are interested in helping, please contact John Bakker.

It was announced that Bloomington Gold event will be moving to Champaign, Illinois in 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen McMillen announced that she is "retiring" from the new member welcome committee and Gwen and David Adams has volunteered to take over for Karen (and Jim).

We honored our anniversaries and birthdays for January by singing Happy Birthday.

John, our host at Western Sizzlin', told John Bakker that his church was having a spaghetti dinner on February 11, at 6:00 p.m. The dinner is to raise funds to help with the Joplin area and a future mission trip to Nicaragua. Additional information will be available at our next meeting.

President John thanked Richard and Joanna Peak for the outstanding work they did in planning the Christmas party, as well as organizing the Christmas parades. We also thanked Larry and Patty Daniels for their hospitality after the Cassville parade.

Jeff Bell announced there will be a car show meeting coming up soon. We need someone to volunteer now for advertising for the show. Please see Jeff if you are interested.

Jeff is also looking for someone to take over the newsletter. Please see Jeff after the meeting if you are interested.

Gwen and David Adams created a wonderful poster for sign-ups to lead cruises this year. Please sign up to lead a cruise. It's not hard. Contact David Adams or Jim McMillen for suggestions.

Meeting Minutes ~ Continued

President John reminded everyone that this club becomes what the members make it. It takes everyone to make it fun and help the club grow.

Gwen Adams announced that Kohl's donated a cooler for the club to give away at the meeting. Kohl's said they would donate something for the next several months.

A question was asked about how we select our charities. We begin the process next month, looking for nominations from the floor. A question was also asked about a final report on last year's car show. We will try to have that ready for next month.

Our next meeting will be held on February 6, 2012 at the Western Sizzlin' in Springdale.

A reminder -- Dues for 2012 are now due.

Larry Daniels made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bell

Sign Up to Lead a Cruise!

This is your chance to coordinate a cruise this year. If you have never before led a cruise, Jim McMillen and David Adams have offered to help you. Sign up on the poster at the next meeting or let President John Bakker bakker@dental-idt.com know you are interested.

Cars For Sale



It is with mixed feelings that I am putting my 1997 car up for sale. Emily and I have a tremendous opportunity that we are pursuing. It takes cash, so we are cashing out! Once everything is settled, we will be in the market for a Corvette. But right now, the car pictured here is for sale. \$15,500 – 6 speed manual, Borla mufflers (sounds sweet), excellent shape; non-smoker, garage-kept. Not a daily driver – all 80,000 miles are cruising and road trips.

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From the National Corvette Museum

Chevrolet to Produce Corvette 427 Convertible

Chevrolet today unveiled the 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition - the fastest, most capable convertible in Corvette's history - as well as a 60th Anniversary Package that will be available on all 2013 Corvette models.

"The 2013 model year will be historic for Corvette, marking its 60th Anniversary and the final year for the current 'C6' generation," said Chris Perry, vice president, Global Marketing and Strategy for Chevrolet.

The Corvette has a 427ci LS7 engine from the Z06, rated at 505hp. It is the most powerful engine ever installed in a production Corvette convertible and is only available with a six-speed manual transmission.

The 427 Convertible also features several carbon-fiber components that help reduce weight, including carbon fiber raised hood, Z06-style fenders, floor panels and optional front splitter and rocker panels.

On Saturday, January 21, 2012, around 4PM, EST, the first 427 Convertible in the 60th Anniversary Appearance Package will be offered for sale at the Barrett-Jackson collector car auction in Scottsdale, AZ with live nationwide coverage on SPEED TV. If you are planning to attend the auction, be sure to stop by the National Corvette Museum booth and say 'hi'!



60th Anniversary Package Announced for 2013

All 2013 Corvettes models, including the 427 Convertible, will be available with a 60th Anniversary Package, featuring an Arctic White exterior with a Blue Diamond leather-wrapped interior with suede accents. Convertible models will have a blue top.

Additional content includes a ZR1-style rear spoiler, special badging, gray-painted brake calipers and the "60th" logo on the wheel center caps, steering wheel and seat headrests. An optional graphics package adds full-length racing stripes in Pearl Silver Blue, including a tonal stripe stitched into the convertible top, extending the graphic theme over the roof.

For 2013, all Corvettes will feature special 60th Anniversary cross-flag badges on the front fascia and the interior "waterfall" panel on the convertible model, as well as 60th logo in the instrument panel gauge cluster and on the sill plate.

Orders for 2013 Corvettes will begin in March.

If you are a fan of the Carlisle Blue exterior color or Centennial Edition Package, take note that production of those will end this winter. The last chance to order Carlisle Blue Corvettes is February 9-13 while Centennial Edition Package orders will wrap up March 1-6. Tentatively, the last chance to order 2012 Corvettes will be March 15-19.

Visit the National Corvette Museum website: www.corvettemuseum.org to learn more and get the 2013 specs.

