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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi Fellow Corvetters,

This is the time of year that I love to hate. I love this time of year because of the crispness in the air and all the fall festivals; because of the changing of the colors of foliage. This is a great time of year for cruises! On the other hand I hate this time of year knowing what is coming next; colder temperatures, ice, sleet and snow. It is time to put the Corvettes away for the winter.

This has been a great year to own a Corvette! We have done many car shows, cruise-ins, dinner cruises and just plain gatherings. We have several gatherings and cruises coming up. Don't miss these opportunities to get the Corvette out and enjoy the camaraderie with your club members.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting, Monday evening, October 3rd at Western Sizzling in Springdale at 7:00 pm. Remember, this club was established to have fun for all and all for fun.

Larry

CARS FOR SALE

No "for sale" cars



NEXT CLUB MEETING: Western Sizzlin, Highway 412 East, Springdale, AR, **Monday ~ October 3, 2011, 7:00 PM meeting; come earlier if you want to eat.**

If member information (address, home phone, cell phone, email) has changed, please send the updated 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 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's Automotive One ~ Bentonville 273-2227

Hedges Corvette, LLC ~ Rogers 236.9012

Specializing in 53-67 Corvettes

Chevrolet of Fayetteville ~ Fayetteville 251-

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

Body – Paint:

Whitlow's Auto Body ~ Rogers 451-1240

Bob Morey's Auto Body ~ Bentonville 271-7292

Redline Finishes ~ Springfield MO. 417) 425-4820

Hedges Corvette, LLC ~ Rogers 236.9012

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TIRES:

Northwest Tire Service ~ Rogers 636-8018

The Tire Shop ~ Bentonville 464-8284

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

Auto Glass:

Auto Glass Center ~ Bentonville 254-0505

American Window Tinting ~ Fayetteville 443-4888

Auto Glass:

Hedges Corvette, LLC ~ Rogers 236.9012

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Interior:

Ashley Auto Trim ~ Bentonville 273-7670

Corvette Crib ~ Bentonville 464-7328

Lanny White Auto Restyling ~ Springfield MO. 417) 865-8400

Hedges Corvette, LLC ~ Rogers 236.9012

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Auto Parts:

Country Corvettes ~ Rogers 925-2031

Hedges Corvette, LLC ~ Rogers 236.9012

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Corvette Crib ~ Bentonville 464-7328

Suspensions/Exhausts:

Corvette Crib ~ Bentonville 464-7328

Hedges Corvette, LLC ~ Rogers 236.9012

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SOME TECH STUFF

Larry Daniels and I attended the Saturday morning session on C5's presented at Mid America's Funfest. For 1 ½ hours Paul answered questions from the audience. The notes below are the result of what I could write down to share with you.

C5 Notes from Paul Koerner Seminar
Mid America Motorworks September 17, 2011

- Get to know your certified corvette technician. Make sure they love the brand and the car as much as you do.
- Change Brake and clutch fluid every two years or 24,000 miles; use DOT 4 brake fluid

- There are a possible 50 diagnostic codes; check your car for codes; with ignition set to "on", press and hold "Options" and at the same time press button 1 four times. The codes will appear on the message scroll above the steering column or a message that states "no codes" will appear.
- Getting a warm up message on Active Handling is normal. The computer is looking for a straight line drive so don't be making a lot of turns as the active handling warms up; should see "warm up complete" in a few seconds.
- Injector cleaner is okay as long as you use only Techron Fuel Treatment PLUS by Chevron; 20 ounces to a tank; will help clean sulfur deposits from electronics of the fuel sending unit in both tanks as well as clean the fuel system and injectors. Do NOT use any other fuel injector cleaner and make sure it says PLUS on the Techron brand.
- On aftermarket programming, Paul does not recommend unless you are racing. If not, leave it alone.
- Fuel Octane should be 91 or greater. Car will run on 89 octane and the computer will make adjustments so the car runs; however you may notice less power or the car may not feel as strong as it would with higher octane.
- Use "44K" by BG Products the next time you change oil. It is a decarbonizer and will clean your engine of any carbon buildup. It's really good stuff.
- Coolant is made to last 5 years or 150,000 miles; test the coolant before automatically changing it. With engine cold, check radiator cap for any residue; you may also check the coolant by using a multimeter on a cold engine; remove the radiator cap; run engine for 2 minutes, put the negative lead on the multimeter on the negative battery terminal and the positive lead in the coolant; a reading of .2 volts or more indicates it is time for a change of coolant.
- Change your oil once a year even if you don't drive the miles or use the computer oil life up. Clean oil will help remove harmful deposits in the engine.
- Always change the oil before storing a car.
- Clean and treat your convertible top regularly; Use RagTop products to clean and waterproof treat the top.
- Some tips before winter storage; add fuel stabilizer to your FULL tank of fuel, change oil, disconnect the negative battery terminal and test the battery.
- On wheel alignments make sure toe in is set at .05 positive on each wheel for the best wear and handling; always get a print out of the alignment when the tech is finished.
- On 2004 cars only, if your car is setting an evaporative error code or has a fuel leak, take the car to a dealer. The crossover tube between the tanks is stiff stainless steel tubing and the neck of the fuel tanks where this tube connects the two tanks has been known to crack; GM has a special program to fix and replace the tanks.
- Next time you are at your dealer, check with the service department to make sure you have the latest programming on your ECM.
- If you have a "growling" in the rear end, change the differential fluid first to see if that corrects the noise. Use Dexron LS, available at your GM dealer.
- On 2003 cars may experience erratic readings on the fuel gauge due to faulty sending unit(s) in the two fuel tanks; driver's side sending unit is about \$100 but the passenger side sending unit is about \$700. Problem was corrected during the production run. If you have last six digits of VIN 111532 or above you have the new FFS fuel system; any VIN below this has the old system and may experience the problem described.
- On cars with magnetic ride shocks; how do you know if a shock is bad? A little fluid leaking from the top of the shock is normal; any fluid leaking from the bottom of the shock means replacing it.
- Temperature range on a C5 is 195-235. Do not replace the temperature sending unit with a cooler one (190 degree sending unit is normal) Replacing the correct temperature sending unit with a cooler one will not let engine warm to normal operating temps and will cause carbon deposits which would normally be burned off.
- Most steering column lock issues come back to a battery issue. Either a weak battery or having the incorrect battery in your car will cause this problem; replace the battery with the correct one and the problem usually goes away.

- Test your battery twice a year; beginning of winter and beginning of summer. Use a Solar battery tester as they are known to work well; make sure the terminals are torque to 11 ft lbs on side post terminal batteries.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS-

- Fall Colors cruise in October; date and route to be determined.
- Christmas Party Dec 9 at the Springdale Holiday Inn & Convention Center. More details later. Get your gifts for exchange ready. Elections will be held at a short meeting at the Christmas Party. Nominations for officer positions are being accepted by VP John Bakker. The nominating committee will be named at the October Meeting. At the November meeting, the slate of officers nominated will be presented and nominations from the floor will be taken. Voting on 2012 officers will take place at a short meeting before the Christmas party.
- Club support for the Greenland High School homecoming on Friday, Oct 7, at 4:30 PM. We need ten corvette convertibles to support the entire court. We will be done by 5:30 PM.
- Charlie and Jenny Green's BBQ and Drive in movie is Saturday, Oct 1, at 4:30 PM. The cost is \$9.00 pp and bring a dessert to share and your chairs; then to the drive in movie in your corvette after the meal, so clean those windshields real well and get your date for the night set up!
- October 6-9 is Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend. Many from our club will be driving over and some are staying in Eureka Springs. Contact Nancy Layton or Randy Imbeau for more info.
- October 29-30 at Frisco Station Mall is an autocross and car show.

SATURDAY CRUISE-IN SCHEDULE

Beginning April 2

1st Saturday: Sonic-Bella Vista, Hardees Fayetteville(Rolling Hills and North College)
 2nd Saturday: Home Depot-Rogers
 3rd Saturday: Sonic-Lowell
 4th Saturday: Back Yard Burgers-Rogers
 5th Saturday: Hardees's-Springdale

1st Saturday: Main Street-Wheaton, Mo
 2nd Saturday: Barry County Museum-Cassville, Mo
 3rd Saturday: City Hall-Seligman, Mo.

From the Corvette Museum

Vets 'n Vettes a Month Away!

An annual tradition in its 4th Year, Vets 'n Vettes is scheduled for November 3-5 and offers a number of ways to enjoy camaraderie with others who have served. We will be celebrating Military Appreciation Month with special displays, and the event gives participants the chance be a part of the Bowling Green Veterans Day Parade.

Also new this year we invite cars with patriotic paint jobs to compete for the prized spot on the cover of the January/February 2012 ASC Magazine!

Basic registration is only \$10 and ends in a few weeks. Check out the complete event agenda online [here](#).



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Every Day is Veteran's Day at NCM

Today a charter bus brought a number of residents from the Tennessee State Veterans Home to the NCM. Seeing all of the Corvettes and cars in our "100 Years of Chevrolet" exhibit inspired many smiles from these soldiers. "I remember riding in one just like that," a veteran said with a big grin as he pointed at a black C3. "Those were good times."



Brittany Johnson, one of the caregivers, pushed the passenger in his wheelchair slowly enough to allow him as much time as possible with each of the cars on display. "We go out on short trips to restaurants and parks every week." She said. "Every month though, we plan one or two big trips to places like Graceland and the Aquarium. This month's big trip was to the National Corvette Museum. They got really excited about coming here."

After a trip to the café for lunch, the staff came out and gave them all a hand for their service, making them all feel welcome at the home of America's sports car.

VIP Tours Offer a Great Fall Break Activity

Would you like to see the GM Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant while on your very own VIP private tour? Our VIP tours last 3-5 hours and includes the Plant and Museum. Tours of the plant are more in-depth and include portions not included in the regular tours. Learn more about our VIP tour program [here](#).



Many of our lodging business members offer special deals for our Corvette fans. Check them out [here](#)!

Want to bring your whole club? [Here](#) are some ideas of things that you can do while you are here, including sample itineraries.

Fast Fall Fun at Autobahn

Monday, October 3 NCM and Hooked On Driving will take to the track at Autobahn Country Club to host a special High Performance Driving School. The full course is 3.1 miles with 21 corners and is located in Joliet, IL, just outside of Chicago. While the school includes mandatory classroom instruction, there's also plenty of run time! Spectators are welcome, and spectator rides with instructors will be available.



The registration fee of \$295 includes coaching, classroom briefings, lunch and nearly two full hour's on-track. Rental helmets are available from the track if you don't have one of your own. This event benefits the National Corvette Museum, but all marquees are welcome.

Learn more and register online [here](#).

MINUTES
Northwest Arkansas Corvette Club
September 12, 2011

President Larry Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. We welcomed Kerry Norman, Tony Skorupski, and Sam & Kathie Melson.

A motion was made by Danny East to accept the August meeting minutes as printed in the club newsletter. The motion was seconded, and passed.

Joanna Peak presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Teddy Holcomb to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

David Adams told the group that he purchased a new ZR1.

We welcomed Jon Simmonds from Fayetteville Auto Park and thanked him for their support of our club. We look forward to having Jon attend our meetings. John said he enjoyed our show.

CAR SHOWS/CRUISES:

September 15-18—Effingham, IL: A group is leaving this Thursday at 6:30 a.m. at the Jane, MO McDonalds. The Mid America Motorworks events start Thursday evening with a cruise. The show starts Friday, runs all day Saturday, and we return home on Sunday. Contact Jeff Bell if you are interested.

September 17—Wichita Falls, TX: Jim & Karen McMillen are attending.

September 18: This Sunday, 4 State Vettes are having a picnic/cruise to Roaring River. Meet at 11:45 at NWACC. Bring a covered dish, chairs & radio. Let David Adams know if you're coming.

October 1—Cave Springs car show.

October 1—Picnic & Drive-In: Jenny & Charlie Green are having a BBQ at their home and then heading to the Fayetteville Drive-In to the movie (won't know what's playing until a couple of days beforehand). The cost per person is \$9. Bring a dessert. Please RSVP by September 23rd. Party starts around 4:00 – 4:30. A group can meet at NWACC and caravan down. Also, please bring your chairs.

October 6-9—Eureka Springs Weekend: The fun begins October 6 from 10:00 to 3:30 with an autocross at Everett Chevrolet in Springdale. Friday morning is the Fuel Economy Run, beginning at Land O Nod Inn in Eureka Springs. The show is Saturday morning at Pine Mountain shopping area. Saturday evening is the Parade of Champions. We (along with Hog Country Vettes) will help stage for the cruise into town for that event. Staging will begin early at Victoria Inn on the East side of town on Hwy 62. On Sunday morning there are cruises leading out of town.

October 29-30—Frisco Station Mall in Rogers: There will be an autocross and show.

OLD BUSINESS

We had 22 cars go to Big R's restaurant in Stella, MO. Great ride and fantastic food!

The impromptu road trip to Eureka Springs on Labor Day ended up with 34 cars! We ate at the Rowdy Beaver. Service was slow, but then again, they didn't know we would have so many folks coming! Great day for a ride! President Larry thanked **everyone** for the success of our car show. Special thanks went out to the following:

Gordon, Linda, Jim & Liz Slothower for the photos/slide show presentation.

Vicki Cunningham for Friday night entertainment.

Richard & Joanna Peak for setting up the Banquet.

Briggs Whitefield for heading up Parking.

Jeff Bell, Ken Clayton and Jim Murphy for cooking Friday night and Jeff for emceeing on Saturday.

Jim & Karen McMillen for Registration & Judging

Patti Daniels, Phyllis Lauber & Anne Whitefield for the Fashion Show.

Brenda Murphy and Willie Berry for the Scavenger Hunt.

We had 68 guest cars and 40 host cars enter the show. David Forbes won the goody bag for host car sign-up.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Colors Cruise – David Adams and Jim McMillen are working on the details. No date or location has been set yet. This will probably be announced at the October meeting.

Christmas Party – Richard & Joanna Peak have been researching places to hold our party. As usual, all the venues are filling up fast. It looks like our choices are Friday, December 2 at the Embassy in Rogers, or Friday, December 9 at the Springdale Holiday Inn & Convention Center. The club decided December 9 was the preferred date. Details will follow.

Christmas Parades-

Bentonville on Saturday morning, Dec 3

Cassville on Saturday evening, Dec 3

The club received a letter from former member, Babe Dubois, asking the club for any help we could give for her grandson, Marcus Nelson. Marcus is also the nephew of club member Rod Dennett. It was suggested we do a 50/50 pot at the club meeting for this purpose.

According to the club by-laws, it is time to receive nominations for club officers. The Vice President (John Bakker) will be selecting a Nominating Committee. If you want to run, or want to nominate someone, please contact John. At our November meeting we will take nominations from the floor. Elections will be held in December.

President Larry Daniels adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Bell



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