President’s Corner ~ John Bakker

Dear Corvetters:

Well, it’s hard to believe another month has come and gone. We had a good meeting this month with, I believe, over 50 people attending. It was great to see so many smiling faces.

I would again like to thank Jim Leis for taking care of our web site. He does this quietly and efficiently and it is much appreciated.

Jeff Bell’s car show committee is forging ahead with plans and is still in need of help in a couple areas. I am certain he would appreciate any help you could give him.

As I said in the meeting, it takes a lot of folks to run an organization like ours and have it look good. We have a lot of great people in our club and I feel we look very good to clubs in our area. I know of one club where the apathy is so bad they can’t even get people to go on cruises or attend any events. We never want that to happen to us. Our club is only as good as everybody makes it.

Mark your calendars for a couple events. This Saturday there is a cruise to eat at the Amish Restaurant in Oklahoma. Details of that cruise are on page 2. On June 23 we are meeting with the Razorback Corvette Club, Hawg Country Corvettes, and hopefully some folks from the club in Central Arkansas. We will have a private parking area with guards and we will tailgate before watching the Arkansas Naturals take on the Arkansas Travelers.

I hope you have a great month and hope to see you next month.

John
**Next Club Meeting:**

**Monday, May 7**
7:00 p.m.
Western Sizzlin’
3492 West Sunset Avenue
Springdale

To eat before the meeting, please arrive by 6:00 p.m.
Invite other Corvetters to join us.
If you have not yet paid 2012 dues, mail to NWA Corvette Club, P.O. Box 1064, Rogers, AR 72757-1064.

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**NWACC 2012 Car Show**
Northwest Arkansas Corvette Club 2012 Car Show will be **Saturday, August 25** and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are ordering the shirts now. The flyers are printed and copies have been sent to last year’s attendees. The host car show flyer is available and we want to encourage members to sign up now. Photos will be taken of all cars in the show with prints for sale at the show. Larger posters can be ordered for later delivery.

We are seeking best prices for awards. The hotel is set; rooms are $79 + tax. The Springdale Holiday Inn and Convention Center is under contract to provide our awards dinner like last year. Pinnacle Hills Promenade is under contract for the show.

We still need help in some advertising with magazines and companies. We have built some show sign frames but have more to build. We could use some help on that.

The next car show meeting will be **Sunday, April 29, 2:00 p.m.** at Jeff Bell’s garage, 1301 Blue Quail Drive, Bentonville. Join us!

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**Let’s Cruise!!!**

Sharon Hunter and Gwen Adams will be leading a cruise on **Saturday, April 14** to Chouteau, Oklahoma. We will leave at 4:00 p.m. from Jose’s, West Hwy 412 and I-540 in Springdale (one block west of Exit 72). We will be eating at the Dutch Pantry in Chouteau.

Hope you can all make it.

The following club members have signed up to lead cruises this year:

- **May** - Darrel and Cinda Wooldridge
- **June** - Brian and Lanette Sorum
- **September** - Larry and Patti Daniels
- **November** - Jim McMillen and David Adams

Additional information will be announced at meetings and be listed in upcoming newsletters. To lead a cruise, sign up on the poster at the next meeting or let President John Bakker know you are interested.

Thanks to Jeff Hunter for leading a cruise to beautiful Mt. Magazine on March 17. Ten cars and 20 members joined Jeff and Sharon on the trip. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful scenery and lunch at Mt. Magazine Lodge.

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**Naturals Baseball Game**
**Save the Date!**

On **Saturday, May 12** our club along with members of the Razorback Corvette Club from Ft. Smith and Hawg Country Corvettes will go to a **Northwest Arkansas Naturals baseball game** at Arvest Ballpark. More details to come.

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**Saturday Night Cruise-Ons**

1st Saturday Allen’s Sugar Creek Shopping Center, Bella Vista (Hwy. 71)
2nd Saturday Home Depot, Rogers - New Hope Road and I-540
3rd Saturday - No information to-date
4th Saturday - Andy’s Custard and Mazzio Pizza - West Walnut, Rogers (*no cruise in on May 26*)

Start arriving around 5-5:30 until dark. Hope to see you there!
Corvette Shows

Hot Springs Corvette Weekend, April 19 - 21, 2012
Hot Springs National Park - For more information and registration form: www.centralarkcc.com
If you are interested in driving to Hot Springs later Thursday, contact Richard and Joanna Peak.

5th Annual Vettes Doin’ Charleston, April 21, 2012
Hosted by: Coastal Carolina Corvette Club, Tanger Outlet Center, North Charleston, South Carolina
For additional show information or to register online using PayPal: www.4cccc.org

Lonestar Corvette Classic, May 18 - 20, 2012
Texas Motor Speedway, 3545 Lone Star Circle, Ft. Worth, TX 76177
For more information and to register for the event and hotel: www.lonestarcorvetteclub.com

Corvette Club of Kansas City McCarthy Chevrolet Corvette Show, May 19, 2012, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
675 N. Rawhide, Olathe, Kansas. *Additional information below and at www.cckc.net.

Ponca City Corvette Show, June 2, 2012 - Judged show by Cherokee Strip Corvette Club
Lake Ponca, Ponca City, Oklahoma; For more information: www.Cherokeestripcorvetteclub.com

2012 Marc Heitz Chevrolet 5th Annual All Corvette Show, June 16, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Norman, Oklahoma; For information: www.nonclubclub.com/files/2012.pdf

Vettes on the Falls, July 17 - 18, 2012
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
For more information and to register for both shows go to www.blackhillscorvetteclassic.com

Black Hills Corvette Classic July 19 - 21, 2012
Spearfish, South Dakota

National Corvette Homecoming, July 19 - 21, 2012, Sloan Convention Center
Bowling Green, Kentucky; For more information: www.corvettehomecoming.com

Corvette Midsummer Classic, July 21, 2012, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Zona Rosa Shopping Mall, Kansas City, Missouri, Presented by Corvette Club of Kansas City
For more information: www.kcmo.org/ckcmo/visitors/index.htm (not the club that comes to our show)

Vettes on the Rockies, August 9 - 12, 2012
Winter Park Resort, Winter Park, Colorado; For up-to-date information: www.lgcacorvette.org

Northwest Arkansas Corvette Club Car Show, August 25, 2012
Pinnacle Hills Promenade, Rogers, Arkansas www.nwacorvetteclub.com
Plan now to bring your car(s) and join the fun!

5th Annual Meet & Greet, September 29, 2012, Presented by Linn Creek Corvette Association
Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri - Host and Sponsor: Hulett Chevrolet/Buick/GMC, Camdenton, MO
www.linncreekcorvetteassociation.com

Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, October 4, 5, 6, and 7, 2012
More information and web site soon

Vettes for Warriors, November 11, 2012, Harrison, Arkansas

Special Invitation!

*Since so many from this club attend our show, our friends with the Corvette Club of Kansas City have extended a special invitation to our members to attend their car show on Saturday, May 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 675 N. Rawhide in Olathe, Kansas. Sponsors McCarthy Chevrolet provide lunch the day of the show. Donations go to Heart of America Stand Down.

There is also an open house on Friday, May 18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Corvette Village, a Kansas City Corvette restoration and mechanic shop with numerous Corvettes on display.

Flyer and registration form are available on our web site: www.nwacorvetteclub.com
**Area Car Shows**

Below is a list of car shows in our area. Corvette shows are listed separately on page 3.

- April 12 - Kent Rylee Auto Solutions, Rogers
- April 14 - Compassion House, Springdale
- April 14 - 166 Auto Auction Car Auction, Show, and Swap Meet, Springfield Missouri
- April 28 - “Rockin” the Route, Carthage, Missouri
- May 5 - Dogwood Festival, Cassville, Missouri
- May 19 - Heart Beat of Ozarks, Rogers
- June 2 - Galena Days, Galena, Kansas
- June 9 - Seligman Days, Seligman, Missouri
- June 12, 13, 14 - Hwy. 59 Swap Meet and Car Show, West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma
- June 16 - Gateway Days, Gateway, Arkansas
- June 16 - Rods for Rapha, Bella Vista
- June 23 - Mud Days, Lowell
- June 30 - NWA Mustang Show, Bentonville
- July 28 - Nash Back at Ya, Rogers
- July 29 - Rendezvous ‘66 Benefit Car Show, Carthage, Missouri
- August 11 - Cherokee Casino, Siloam Springs, Oklahoma
- September 8 - Bluegrass & Chili Festival, Claremore, Oklahoma
- September 22 - Shakin in the Shell, Shell Knob, Missouri
- September 28-29 - Bikes, Blues, & B-B-Q, Fayetteville
- September 29 - Cave Springs Show, Cave Springs

**Wheels for Sale:**

C6 Corvette Polished Aluminum Wheels (Rims)
2 - 18” Fronts and 2 - 19” Rears
These came off my 05 Corvette, but fit all C6 Corvettes. I have seen this style installed on C4 and C5 Corvettes as well. I believe they fit without modification, but you would need to verify. They are in excellent condition with no curb rash. They include the center caps, but no lug nuts or tire pressure sensors. $500 OBO For All 4 (Will Not Separate)

Call 479-876-1776 or email Eric Elliott es99cobra@hotmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

**Cars for Sale:**

Alan and Phyllis Lauber are selling their 2004 Torch Red Coupe (last year of the C5). The car has 51,000 miles, black interior, both tops, a car cover, polished aluminum wheels, Borla exhaust system, K & N cold air, as well as the original exhaust, and original air cleaner. The car has been garage kept. Asking price: $21,000.

Call Alan 479-601-1897 or email alauber@cmfoods.com.

**For Sale: 1978 Corvette Indy Pace Car** - Frame-off restoration in 2002. Only 3,000 miles put on since restoration. Gone over from top to bottom, either new or re-built. Runs and drives great, whether 75 mph down the freeway or cruising around Bella Vista. Cold Air. Corvette magazine has these upwards towards $35k (will be glad to show you the pricing sheet). My price is $19,000. I’ve owned this for 9 yrs now but can’t enjoy it anymore due to health reasons. Call for a test drive or any questions, ask for Doug 855-4961.
President John Bakker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Brenda Murphy made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes as submitted in the newsletter. The motion was seconded, and passed.

Joanna Peak presented the Treasurer’s report. Brenda Murphy made a motion to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

NEW CARS

There were no new cars this month.

OLD BUSINESS

President John said the date of the Arkansas Naturals baseball game has been changed from May 12 to June 23, due to a mix up in our reservation for May 12. As a reminder, the Razorback Corvette Club has invited our club to meet them and is making the reservations. Cost will be $30 per person. About 25 people signed up so far. More details will follow.

We received a letter from Circle of Life thanking us for the additional money we donated from our car show proceeds.

The Mt. Magazine cruise was a success. Everyone had a great time. They drove fast – no tickets, and the weather was good.

NEW BUSINESS

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

President John thanked Jim Leis for his excellent work on the website.

Club shirts that were ordered at the last meeting are here tonight. If you ordered a shirt, please see Allie to pick it up. Allie will be taking orders again tonight.

President John announced that Nancy Perry was recently presented a “Clause of Applause” award from her employer, Shelter Insurance. Congratulations Nancy!

On April 14, Gwen Adams and Sharon Hunter are leading a cruise to Chouteau, OK for dinner at an Amish restaurant. Please meet at Jose’s in Springdale at 4:00 p.m.

We start our monthly Saturday cruises this Saturday at Allen’s Food Market in Bella Vista, around 5:00 p.m.

President John shared some very interesting facts about Route 66.

If you have anything you’d like to share at a meeting, please let John know.

CAR SHOWS

April 7 - There is a car show at Pig Trail Harley-Davidson this Saturday in Rogers, from 10am to 3pm.

April 7 - Enid, OK car show is also this weekend.

April 14 - 6th annual car show for Compassion House. There is a $10 entry fee. The public will vote on the cars for $1.00 per vote. This event will be held at Jose’s in Springdale.

April 19-21 - Hot Springs show. We still have 25 rooms reserved at the Clarion for $109/night (2 night minimum). A group is meeting at 11:00 a.m. at the Fayetteville Clarion on Thursday, April 19, to carpool down.
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May 5 – Cassville car show.
May 18-19 – Lone Star Corvette show in Dallas, TX.
May 19 – Kansas City (CCKC) Club show.
June 2 – Ponca City, OK show.
July 21 – Another Kansas City club show.

CAR SHOW REPORT

Jeff Bell thanked Mary Clayton for her work on getting the show flyers designed. We will have enough printed up to take to the Hot Springs show. We are also ready to mail out flyers to last year’s guests at our show. We’ve made several frames for our show signs. We will be making more frames at a later date. We are almost ready to order the car show shirts. The bar will be open longer Friday and Saturday nights at our host hotel. We will be taking pictures of the cars again this year. In addition, there will be someone that will have a printer available to make copies at the show. Larger size prints can also be ordered.

There being no further business, President John ended the meeting and invited everyone out into the parking lot to visit.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Bell

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.