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Meeting Information

Corvette Club of Texas (CCT)

Monthly Membership Meeting

Held every third Friday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. at Friendly Chevrolet, 2754 North Stemmons Freeway, Dallas. All members, visitors and Corvette owners are Welcome.

Following each CCT monthly membership meeting, a CCT after club social event is hosted by a CCT Member, starting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Monthly Board Meeting

Held on the Monday before the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Friendly Chevrolet. All members are invited to attend.

From the Editor

On November 28th I was wondering if there really was a reason to do a Newsletter because I had virtually nothing to put in it. I was looking at 3-4 pages at most, and that was thanks to the standard boilerplate and Charles sending a nice article on November's after meeting event. Thankfully Mitch, Joann and Jeanette sent some things in at the last minute.

Actually only a few thing are required (sort of): From the By Laws:

Mandatory monthly articles include reports from the President, Vice-President, Governor, Activities Chairman, Membership Chairman and Secretary. However, these submissions, if delinquent, should not interfere with the monthly mailing.

I have NEVER gotten all of these. Actually I consider the Meeting Minutes to be the only required item because this is the only place it is published. I could probably publish a one page "newsletter" and fulfill the requirements, but there is no fun in that.

I try to include items that are interesting to the membership but that is hard to do month after month. Of course I can surf the Internet for filler but copyright laws frown on that... So I decided from now on to run with what I have and not worry so much. **Joe Wagner**

Our Friendly Rep!

Friendly Chevrolet's representative to the Corvette Club of Texas is Doug Mabe. When you need to replace your Corvette with a new C6 be sure and give him a call at **(214) 920-1900.**

Also don't forget to contact Friendly when you are upgrading the family car for a new one!

In addition to his regular work schedule, Doug is always at the dealership during our monthly Friday night membership meeting.

On the cover: Concept retro Stingray with a '63ish split rear window. From the Transformers movie. Rumors say the C7 will take styling tips from this. Unlikely IMO.

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President's Prerogative Dec. 2009



I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday. I appreciate each and every member of CCT and appreciate the support you have offered to our club and community.

All the Gill children have been adopted. We were able to adopt all the children Mary had on her list due to the generosity of our members. A special thanks goes out to Mary and all those who help her make it possible for our club to participate in this most worthwhile charitable endeavor again this year.

Due to the rainy weather we had on the meeting night, we had a light turn out for the November meeting. A motion passed that the names of current slate of offices be put into nomination for 2010 officers. Nominations are still open and we will have elections for next year's officers at the Christmas party on Saturday, December 19th.

I look forward to seeing you at the CCT Christmas Party on Saturday, December 19th. Remember to bring your wrapped gifts bundled in one large bag for the Gill children that you adopted and also the gift(s) for our Chinese gift exchange. Please bring something that YOU would like to receive as a gift yourself. You should spend a minimum of \$25.00 on the gift (i.e., each couple will bring two \$25.00 gifts; a single person will bring one \$25.00 gift).

It has been an outstanding year! Thank you for your continued support.

Mitchell Factor President, CCT

...and remember to **Save the Wave!**

You might win a new Corvette!!

Each family that attends the CCT Christmas party will receive a free ticket (1 ticket) for a drawing that the National Corvette Museum will be conducting January 28th 2010. This will be for a Torch Red 2010 Corvette coupe.

2009 AFTER CLUB MEETING DRIVE & EAT - SIGN UP

| Month | Host |
|--|---|
| January 16 | Paul & Mary Wolter |
| February 20 | Dennis & Patti Bertwell |
| March 20 | Charles & Gene Whitaker |
| April 17 | Charles & Gene Whitaker |
| May 15 | Ken & Jeanette Bradley |
| June 19 | Mitch & Carol Factor |
| July 17 | Charles & Gene Whitaker |
| August 21 | Bob Stephens |
| September 18 | Paula & Bob Mischel |
| October 16 | James & Joann Powdrill |
| November 20 | TBA |
| December 19 CCT Holiday Party @ Texas Motor Speedway Club House | Paul & Mary Wolter, James & Joann Powdrill |

TROPHY CASE @ FRIENDLY CHEVROLET MAINTENANCE - SIGN UP

| Quarter | Maintainer |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| January 16 —April 17 | Paul & Mary Wolter |
| April 18 - July 17 | Paula & Bob Mischel |
| July 18 - October 16 | TBA |
| October 17 –January 21, 2010 | TBA |

CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS, INC.**NOVEMBER 20, 2009, MEMBERSHIP MEETING****Friendly Chevrolet, Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, Texas**

President Mitch Factor called the November CCT membership meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Mitch gave an abbreviated treasurer's report in the absence of Mel Roggenbuck.

Joann Powdrill read the minutes from the Nov. 16th board meeting and they were approved. Two corrections were made to the minutes. The September membership minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Governor Paul Wolter gave his report. He stated the 2010 NCCC convention will be in Trenton, IL, near Chicago & 2011 convention will be in West Palm Springs, FL.

Mitch welcomed visitors in the absence of membership chairman, Mary Wolter:

Bob & Jackie Spitzer (have 4 Corvettes)

Kelly & Shannon Jones (yellow 2009 Z06)

Michael Bruce (pewter 2001)

Joann Powdrill reported on the Christmas party saying all plans are going well. It was decided that each family attending the Christmas party would receive 1 (one) ticket from the NCM good for a chance to win a torch red Corvette – drawing is January 28th 2010.

Old business: a sign up sheet will be circulated at the January membership meeting for members to sign to host an activity in 2010. Bob Stephens is working on a way to welcome new members.

New business: Discussed perhaps forming an activity COMMITTEE for 2010. The floor was opened for nomination for CCT Officers for 2010. A motion was made to keep the current officers but leave open the nominations. The election will be at the Christmas party.

Also a report was given on health of some members: Darlie Kee reported Paul Deen is recovering from knee surgery, Chuck & Kathy Kraut reported Ben Loflin is doing better, Paulette Wagner reported Clint Brennan has improved.

Paul Wolter said all the Gill Children had been “adopted”. Paulette and Paul explained, for the sake of visitors, what “Gill Children” was.

Gene Whitaker conducted the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Powdrill for Jeanette Bradley

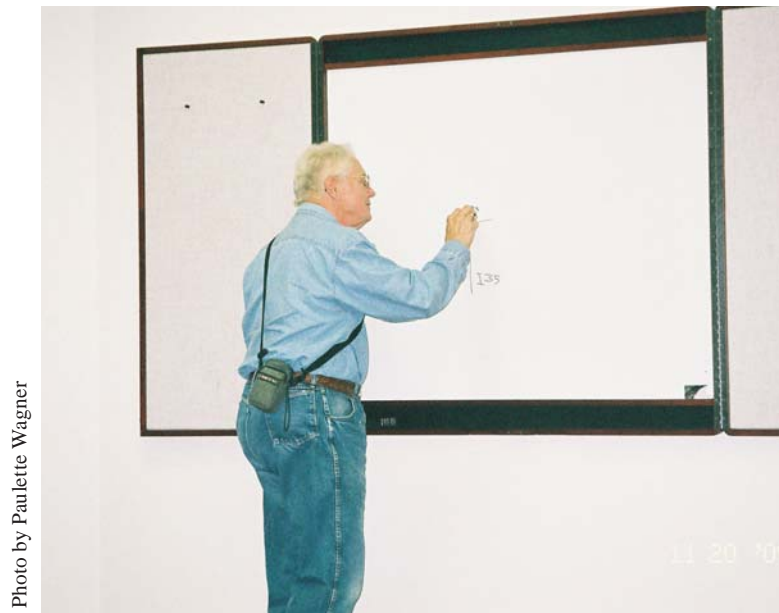


Photo by Paulette Wagner

Professor Charles giving us directions to the restaurant



2009 Corvette Club of Texas Christmas Party

Saturday December 19
7:00 pm

Texas Motor Speedway
Condo Club House
Hwy 114 & I-35 W

Dinner will be catered by
Bartley's.

Cost is \$20 per person

Please RSVP by December 12

Send your payment to:

Joann Powdrill - PO Box 13 - Weston Tx 75097.

(\$25 if you pay at the door without a reservation)

Great music & Karaoke will be provided by Ronnie Walker

Chinese gift exchange (\$25 minimum cost per person) will follow
dinner.

If you have adopted a Gill's Children Child, please bring all their
gifts to the party.

November 2009 Meeting, Raffle & Dinner

By Charles Whitaker

The Corvette Club of Texas after meeting dinner for November 2009 was held at the Texas Land & Cattle Company restaurant. We enjoyed talking and visiting with each other. I counted 18 people at the dinner. Carol Factor arranged our dinner reservations and eating in front of the big fireplace was nice even though it wasn't really cold.

The Raffle Lady thanks you for bringing your gifts for the raffle held at the end of the November business meeting. We had five visitors and two new members attend the meeting, but the attendance was down, probably due to the rainy night and there were only 3 gifts. It was still a lot of fun with a visitor and Carol winning as usual. A total of \$35 was collected for our treasury. The next raffle and the last for the year will be held at our annual Christmas Party at the Texas Motor Speedway, but the gifts will be provided. They will include some National Corvette Museum raffle tickets donated by our club for a chance to win a new Corvette so be sure to make your reservations and come to the party. See the details elsewhere in the newsletter for the party and the Chinese gift exchange.





James & I recently attended the TEXAS MUSHROOM FESTIVAL held each year in Madisonville TX (about half way between Dallas & Houston), a typical small town event, that was well attended. It was a beautiful fall day that probably helped boost the attendance.

The Monterey Mushroom Co. in Madisonville produces over 600,000 pounds of mushroom per week and supplies about 4% of mushrooms in the US.

There were lots of vendors selling their wares including food (think State Fair), arts and crafts, etc. They also had a small car show -- No Corvettes.

The mushroom company's booth was cooking and serving portabella mushroom fajitas -- soooooo good. We got in line three times for our free mushroom fajitas! They were also selling four different kinds of fresh mushrooms. We purchased 2 bags of all four kinds; prices were one and two dollars for a pound of mushrooms. (Cheap)

One of the highlights of the event was held in a large tent. You paid \$10.00 to go in and see chefs from nearby towns prepare some of their specialties. (Samples were passed around when the chefs finished cooking -- Tasty!) There were also 16 wineries represented there. The ten dollars you paid also got you 2 wine glasses and ten tickets you used at the booths to taste their wines. Some very good -- Some not so good.

This is something that can be done in a day and we would recommend it. It is held each year in October.

2009 EVENT CALENDAR

Before attending any event listed in this calendar please double check with the organizers for any last minute changes. CCT is not responsible for the accuracy of any listing except of **CCT organized events**. For **NCCC events** check <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/>

December

| | | | |
|----|---------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 19 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | At Christmas Party |
| 19 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Short Meeting at Christmas Party |
| 19 | Party | CCT Christmas Party | See flyer for info. |

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January

| | | | |
|----|---------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 11 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 15 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |

February

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|---------|---------|-------------------------|--|
| 15 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 19 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 26 - 27 | Meeting | NCCC Governors' Meeting | Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO |

March

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|----|---------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 15 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 19 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |

April

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|------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|
| 12 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 16 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 29 - May 1 | Gathering | C5/C6 Bash | National Corvette Museum |
| 30-May-01 | Meeting | NCCC Governors' Meeting | Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO |

May

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|---------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 13 - 15 | Gathering | The Gathering | National Corvette Museum |
| 17 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 21 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 27 - 29 | Gathering | Forum Cruise-In | National Corvette Museum |

June

| | | | |
|---------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 14 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 18 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 28 - 29 | HS Autocross | High Performance Event | National Corvette Museum & VIR |

July

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|-----|---------|-------------------------|--|
| 12 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 16 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| TBA | Meeting | NCCC Governors' Meeting | During Convention Week in Palm Beach, FL (Location, Date & Time TBA) |

August

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|----|---------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 16 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 20 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |

September

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|---------|-----------|-------------------------|--|
| 2 - 4 | Gathering | NCM Birthday Bash | National Corvette Museum |
| 10 - 11 | Meeting | NCCC Governors' Meeting | Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO |
| 13 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 16 - 18 | Gathering | Z06 Fest | National Corvette Museum |
| 17 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 23 - 25 | Gathering | Pace Car Reunion | National Corvette Museum |

October

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|----|---------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 11 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 15 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |

November

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|---------|-----------|-------------------------|--|
| 4 - 6 | Gathering | Vets 'n Vettes | National Corvette Museum |
| 12 - 13 | Meeting | NCCC Governors' Meeting | Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO |
| 15 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 19 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |

December

| | | | |
|-----|---------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 13 | Meeting | CCT Board Meeting | Friendly Chevrolet |
| 17 | Meeting | CCT Membership Meeting | No Meeting in December |
| TBA | Party | CCT Christmas Party | |

NCM News

Corvette Plant Tour Prices to Change for 2010

January 1, 2010 the GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant will have new tour prices. The prices will be \$7 per person for a factory tour.

December 14 - 22 will be your last chance in 2009 to catch a tour of the Plant at the \$5 rate.

Tours are Monday through Thursday at 8:30am, 11:30am, 12:45pm and 2:00pm Central Time. Tickets can be purchased in advance on their website at: www.bowlinggreenassemblyplant.com.



Gift Idea: Build Sheets and Window Stickers

Need another idea for that Corvette nut on your holiday shopping list? How about an original build sheet and window sticker for their Corvette?

The National Corvette Museum Library and Archives offers these documents on Corvettes produced in Bowling Green from 1981 to the present. All you need is the year and VIN number of the Corvette!

Order online by December 15 to guarantee delivery by Christmas!