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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

Well, phooey, I didn't win the 2010 Torch Red Corvette from NCM. I was sure the ticket we got at the Christmas party was the lucky one. Thanks to CCT for giving us the chance to win, though.

Many thanks to Charles who wrote an outstanding, fact filled six page article on the Tony Parella event in record time! But wait, that's not all. He also wrote a nice article on the last meeting. It would have been a mighty slim issue without Charles' fine work.

If you want to be immortalized by having one of your pictures on the cover of the newsletter please remember to take some of your event pictures in a vertical format. The cover is taller than it is wide so vertical pictures fit better without a lot of cropping.

Of course not every vertical picture makes a good cover and only one will be used a month. So if everybody sends a bunch of vertical pictures the chances of yours seeing the light of the cover is small. Up until the past couple of months I've been grabbing suitable pictures from the Internet. Not good from a copyright standpoint... Plus I've about run out of good pictures even on Google images. Few, even on the Internet, think to take vertical format pictures.

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: A nice gaggle of mid-year Corvettes from the Tony Parella collection. Photo by Joe Wagner.

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President's Prerogative Jan. 2010



Sorry to have missed the January meeting, but you know I have to get my hunting in. Thank you, Joann, for filling in for me. It looks like we still need some more participation in hosting the "after club" dinner on meeting nights. We still have February, March, April, May, July, August, and November available. If someone wants to handle February, please let me know.

It was good to see such a great turn out to tour Tony Parella's Corvette Collection. If you missed it, you missed seeing some outstanding Corvettes and Harley's. Tony knew and relayed to us the history behind each car and he has some very rare ones. Tony also gave us an update on the Corvette Museum he is planning on building.

In reviewing the activities sign-up sheet that was passed around at the January meeting, it looks like several people have already signed up to host activities this year. Remember to sign up to

"host" a CCT activity. If you are interested in being part of the Activities Committee please contact me.

As I have said in the past, it will take everyone's participation to make it all come together. I hope everyone has a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year!

...and remember to

Save the Wave!

Mitchell Factor

President, CCT

Membership: New Members

Corvette Club of Texas has three new members:

Melissa Self

email emself@sbglobal.net

Melissa is driving a 2008 yellow coupe.

John and Cindy Grislier

email address: jccrisler@att.net

They are driving a 2008 white coupe with a blue stripe.

Please make them feel welcome to the club next time you see them. Also, don't forget to add them to your e-mail list.

2010 AFTER CLUB MEETING DRIVE & EAT SIGN UP			
Month	Host	Month	Host
January 15	Bob Mischel	July 16	
February 19		August 20	
March 19		September 17	Mitch and Carol Factor
April 16		October 15	Steve and Sharon Norris
May 21		November 19	
June 18	Bob and Darlie Kee	December	CCT Holiday Party

2010 CLUB ACTIVITY SIGN UP			
Month	Host	Month	Host
January	Patti Bertwell	July	
February		August	
March	James and Joann Powdrill	September	Paul and Mary Wolter
April	Ken and Jeanette Bradley	October	
May	Steve and Sharon Norris	November	
June		December	

TROPHY CASE @ FRIENDLY CHEVROLET MAINTENANCE - SIGN UP	
Quarter	Maintainer
January 16 —April 15	Douglas Mabe
April 17 - July 16	Vince Brown
July 17 - October 15	Paul and Mary Wolter
October 16 –January 20, 2010	

**CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS, INC.
JANUARY 15, 2010 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FRIENDLY CHEVROLET, STEMMONS FREEWAY, DALLAS**

The meeting was brought to order by the vice president, Joann Powdrill, at 7:30 PM, January 15, 2010. The November minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. There were no December minutes. The minutes of the Board meeting of January 11 were approved as read with one exception and that was: Bob Mischel volunteered to arrange the after-meeting restaurant instead of Joann. Bob said we are going to Texas Land & Cattle tonight. Mel Roggenbuck gave the treasurer's report.

Paul Wolter, NCCC governor, reported that he received an email from Joe Reese, from the Southwest Region of NCCC, and he asked how many members CCT has that live 50 miles from the meeting place. He was given no reason for this question but will check into why this was asked. We have about 9 members who live approximately 50 miles away. He will check on the date for the planning meetings and autocross date for the upcoming event with Cowtown Vettes.

Mary was absent and Paul reported an increase of two couples that joined the club since last month. He welcomed the visitors and new members present and invited them to go with us to Texas Land and Cattle tonight.

Joann reported that Bob Stephens is working on setting up a committee to welcome and assist new members in the club, but Bob is out of town right now.

Keith Amendson discussed his drive-and-eat to the Royse City "Fish Camp" for tomorrow. He sent out an invitation to everyone in the club via snail mail because he does not have a computer. Paulette Wagner graciously typed and sent an email to everyone in the club after receiving her invitation from Keith. Approximately 10 couples said they would attend.

Patti Bertwell sent out an invitation to everyone on email for a drive-and-eat to Southlake to look at a collection of Corvettes on January 30 and she needs an RSVP from those wishing to attend.

Under old business everyone was asked for ideas in updating our club web site.

Joann discussed the activity sheets being passed around for people to sign up for:

- Activities for each month (daytime drive-and-eat, overnight trips or weekly trips)
- Quarterly sign-up sheet for keeping the trophy case dusted
- Monthly sign-up for arranging a place to eat after each monthly meeting.

James Powdrill, the National Corvette Museum representative, reported that the Ohio region donated a bunch of money to the museum to purchase land across the street from the NCM and wanted other clubs to also donate money. James said he would look into this and perhaps we might donate approximately \$1,000 toward the land purchase.

Paul reported that he had some CCT T-shirts for \$5.00 and a CCT blanket for \$32.00, which some new members might like to purchase.

Paul reported that the dates for the Christmas party have been reserved for the next two years for the Saturday night a week before Christmas.

Gene Whitaker conducted the raffle and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Everyone was invited to caravan to Texas Land and Cattle on Northwest Highway.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Bradley, Secretary

January 2010 Meeting, Raffle & Dinner

By Charles Whitaker

The Corvette Club of Texas January meeting was held on January 15, 2010 dinner. Before the meeting I took several photographs of a nice dark red 2008 Corvette convertible on the floor at Friendly Chevrolet that you see below. It is a new car with only 70 miles on it. Very nice.



The meeting was led by our vice president, Joann Powdrill, in place of our president Mitch Factor who was off shooting geese. The after meeting raffle was conducted by the raffle lady Gene Whitaker and she collected \$48 from members for our treasury. The Raffle Lady thanks you for bringing your gifts for the raffle that is held at the end of this month's business meeting. We had two visitors and a good turn-out from our members despite the rainy evening. I took a photograph of our Friendly Chevrolet Corvette sales representative Doug Mabe and his delivery assistant Danielle Maratas and I have included it with the photographs of the raffle winners.

Meeting cont.



Doug & Doug's Assistant Danielle



Darlie



Carol & Gene



Doug



Kathryn & Gene



Ken

The after meeting dinner was sponsored by Bob and Paula Mischel at the Texas Land & Cattle Company restaurant. As usual we enjoyed good food, talking and visiting with each other. I counted 28 people at the dinner.

Meeting cont.



David, Kathryn, Carol, Gene & Charles



Paul, James, Joann & Bob



Two visitors, Ken & Jeanette

I hope that you can join us at the next meeting, raffle and dinner at Friendly Chevrolet at 7:30 p.m. on February 19th 2010.

NCM News

Lime Rock Road Cruise Registration Opens

What do you get when you combine the excitement of an ALMS race and the fun of a Road Tour? New for 2010 the NCM is offering an entertaining 4-day, 5-night journey through the Connecticut River Valley. Coined a 'NCM Road Cruise,' the tour begins in Old Saybrook, CT and ends with two action packed days at the ALMS race at Lime Rock Park.

The road cruise is scheduled for July 20-25, 2010. Member Tour fee for the primary registrant is \$1250 and \$250 for their guest. Non-members are \$1290 and \$290 respectively which includes a NCM membership for each person at a 20% discount. The fee includes 5 nights of hotel with continental breakfast, ride on the Essex Steam Engine railroad, Wednesday night dinner, ferry tickets, admission to Gillette Castle, lunch at Autotest Division, Corral tickets for the Lime Rock ALMS race and an end of event pizza party. Check this cruise out online and sign up to join the fun!



Tour of Tony Parella's Museum

By Charles Whitaker

On a cold morning in January, 20 to 25 Corvette Club of Texas members met at Tony Parella's museum in Southlake and Tony treated to a tour of the museum. He collects and restores Harley-Davidson motorcycles and Corvettes and he showed us Corvettes for every year since the first Corvette was produced in 1953 through 1971, a 1973 and a 1976 and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway 1978, 1986, 1995 and 1998 Pace Cars. That was 28 very nice Corvettes either like new or fully restored. He told me that these Corvettes are only part of his collection. I don't know hardly where to start showing you photographs since I took 55 total. I guess that I took more photographs of his 1978 Corvette Pace Car with only 400 miles on it than any of the other cars, but since I own and drive one myself it was interesting to see what one should look like if everything is perfect. However, I am going to start at the beginning and show the Corvettes in his collection where my photographs are fairly good.

Tony started us off with an overview description of his collection and explained how he got interested in Corvettes and Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Here are some pictures of our group and it was hard to get everyone to stand still and look at the camera so if it isn't a good picture of you then I apologize. Tony seemed to always be in the middle of the people, the motorcycles and the Corvettes explaining things and answering questions.



Tony Parella & CCT Members



Tony Parella & CCT Members

The C1 Corvettes were the first type of Corvettes and they run from 1953 through 1962. You can always tell if a 1953 Corvette is painted the original color. If it is white it is good because the only color available in 1953 was polo white. After the first year options multiplied very fast starting with color options of red, white, blue or black in 1954. Then in 1955 a V8 engine was an option and you can tell if it has a V8 engine if the "V" in the Corvette emblem on the side is written like this "CorVette." Before 1955 the engines were the old "Blue Flame" in-line six cylinders and the emblem was written "Corvette." You could also get a heater for cold days for a few more dollars in 1955.



1953 White Corvette Convertible



1954 Black Corvette Convertible

1956 marked the first change in styling for the Corvette with the addition of flashy coves on the sides with contrasting color that ran through 1962, but in 1962 the chrome strip around the cove was eliminated and you could get only a solid color. Look at the nice red 1962 Corvette and you will see the solid color.



1955 Yellow V8 "CorVette" Convertible



1956 Red & White Corvette Convertible

1957, the year that I graduated from high school, was the last year for just two headlights and you can see the quad-headlights on the pretty silver blue 1958 Corvette with the louvered hood



1957 Cascade Green & White Corvette Convertible



1958 Silver Blue Corvette Convertible

One of the things to note is that all of the Corvettes so far were convertibles. Wow! It brings back memories of cruising in a convertible with your girl friend, going to the drive-in restaurants and to the drive-in movies. Those were the good old days.



1959 "Inca Silver" & White Cove Convertible



1960 "Roman Red" with White Cove Convertible

Everyone always wants to know how a Corvette is built and Tony has assembled or disassembled a 1961 Corvette to show people just how they fit together. Only a few bolts hold the body to the chassis, but there are a lot of wires, tubes and etc. so it is not an easy job to take one apart and put it back together. I think that you have to leave the steering wheel off of the chassis until the body is on and then put the steering wheel on inside the car.



1961 Corvette Chassis and Engine



1961 Corvette Convertible Body

The "last and the first" happened next with the last Corvette convertible in 1962 with no side cove and one color paint. It also marked the end of the C1 generation of Corvette also known as the "solid axles" cars. The second generation of Corvettes known as the C2 started in 1963 with the first coupe known as the '63 "split window." It seemed that there was a problem producing a one-piece glass rear window and I have never understood that because they were making curved window shields, but there was a post in the center of the rear window in all of the coupes. A lot of owners disliked the post either for appearance or for safety of better rear visibility, but I don't think many Corvette drivers spend much time looking behind them. So a lot of them were modified to remove the post only to find out a few years later that the '63 "split window" was a much sought after car and they started putting the post back in some of the cars so they would be more valuable. The 1963 Corvette marked the beginning of the first major design change that would be known as the C2 Corvette with independent rear suspension. Oh, there was also a convertible available in 1963 so don't panic.



1962 "Roman Red" Solid-Color Corvette



1963 "Tuxedo Black" "Split Window" Corvette

The C2 generation of Corvettes ran from 1963 through 1967 so it was a fairly short run, but it was the envy of every high school boy to get a 1967 Corvette convertible with a high-horse power big-block engine. My son wanted one, but they were selling for \$100,000 at the time and college was going to be expensive so I got him a Mustang.

So 1967 was the end of the C2 generation and the 1968 started the C3 generation of Corvettes. I am going to skip a lot of the photographs that I took partly to reduce the length of this article and also because most of Tony's C3 Corvettes were on top of or under hydraulic lifts and my photographs don't look so good. I did include a photograph of a 1973 Corvette because it marked the start of a change in appearance. A new safety required a 5-mile per hour front bumper that would protect the functional parts of the car in a low speed crash; however, it did not protect it from an expensive repair job. The 1973 Corvette is the only Corvette with a soft front bumper and an old style hard chrome steel rear bumper know as "a soft nose and a hard tail." I'm not responsible for that expression, it is just there in Corvette history.



1967 "Goodwood Green" Convertible



1973 Yellow Corvette

The next Corvette, the 1978 Corvette Pace Car is near and dear to my heart since I own and drive one and I love it and regardless of what other people say. I believe that it looks the best of all Corvettes, drives the nicest, handles extremely ---, has a lot of power under the hood and is very comfortable in the hot summer with its super air conditioner. Tony's pace car only has 400 miles on it so it isn't really broken in yet while my well-seasoned pace car has just over 100,000 miles and runs great, at least most of the time. Anyway it was good to look at his and see some of the things that I need to do to my car. I will never forget driving my Corvette pace car across the finish line at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway also known as the "brick yard" and getting my official photograph taken at the blazing speed of 13 mph. It was a slow day.



1978 Black & Silver Corvette L48 Pace Car



Official Pace Car

I know that I would get in trouble for not including photographs of Tony's 1986, 1995 and 1998 since members of our Corvette club own all of them so here they are even though the photographs are not very good.



1986 Corvette Pace Car



1995 Corvette Pace Car

Pail Wolter owns a 1986 pace car and Joann and James Powdrill own both a 1995 and a 1998 pace car. I took a photograph of Tony's trophies and awards that he has received over the years so his cars are very good.



1998 Corvette Pace Car



Tony Parella's Trophies

Then there were Harley-Davidson motorcycles in the beginning of Tony's collection. I took a general photograph that shows a lot of his motorcycles and then a few that interested me. My father rode a motorcycle after he graduated from high school and while he was in college. It wasn't a Harley-Davidson, but it was similar to the 1916 H-D shown and I can just picture him riding it and his red hair streaming out from the wind. No helmets were required. My grandmother told my mother that she could never ride on his motorcycle, but she failed to tell her not to go for a ride in a J3 Jenny one summer Sunday afternoon flown by a barnstormer. My grandmother had to modify her list of things not allowed.



Many Years of H-D Motorcycles



1916 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle

I know that my father could not afford a new motorcycle so the one that he had probably wasn't like the 1926 H-D shown below. Tony has great plans to build a larger museum with space to spotlight each Corvette and show all of the things that were happened it that year such as who was president, was there war or peace and what significant things happened that year like landing on the moon. It even includes an I-Max theater. That is an ambitious project.



1926 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle



Museum Master Plan

Thanks Tony for making this one of the nicest days in a long time and good luck on your plans.

2010 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**

February

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

15	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
19	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
28 - 29	Autocross	7 events	SJCC

April

10 - 11	Autocross	7 and 7	CTCC/MCCC
12	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
17 - 18	Autocross	6 and 7	CCO/COAST

24 - 25	Autocross	7 and 7	THT/LCC
29 - May 1	Gathering	C5/C6 Bash	National Corvette Museum
30-May-01	Meeting	NCCC Governors' Meeting	Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO

May

13 - 15	Gathering	The Gathering	National Corvette Museum
17	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
21	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
22 - 23	Autocross	4 and 7	BRCC/CCT
27 - 29	Gathering	Forum Cruise-In	National Corvette Museum
29 - 30	Autocross	6 and 3	OCCC/CCOC

June

14	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
18	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
26 - 27	Autocross	7	TVS
28 - 29	HS Autocross	High Performance Event	National Corvette Museum & VIR

July

12	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
20-26	Tour	Lime Rock Cruise	National Corvette Museum
TBA	Meeting	NCCC Governors' Meeting	During Convention Week in Palm Beach, FL (Location, Date & Time TBA)

August

14 - 15	Autocross	4 and 7	CCOC/SCCC
16	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
20	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet

September

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
18 - 19	Autocross	3 and 7	BRCC/CTV
23 - 25	Gathering	Pace Car Reunion	National Corvette Museum

October

11	Meeting	CCT Board Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
15	Meeting	CCT Membership Meeting	Friendly Chevrolet
16 - 17	Autocross	1, 5 and 1	OCCC/MTCC/CCO
30 - 31	Autocross	7 and 7	TV/TOCC

November

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

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