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of Indy



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Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's, September 15, 2014



Araya Loves Lemons

The meeting was called to order by President, Greg Bowron at 7:30 p.m. He extended a welcome to everyone. Our best wishes and prayers go out to our club members that may be struggling with injuries and illness. Betty Hollan is home and doing much better. Greg thanked the Williams', Lewis', Summers' and Kellam's for all their work on another great picnic. He also stated, a good time was had by all that attend the DND to Ertel Winery.

Greg asked for any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the

September 2, 2014 meeting. Shelley Noelle asked for a correction on amount collected for charity 50/50 from \$200 to \$102. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Susie Hale, second by Rita Etscheid, the motion carried.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Vice President: Gregg Ernest was absent and has no report.

Membership Director: Pat Hogan welcomed new member Dolly Austin and guests; Vern & Patty Roach. He reported we are now at 215 members.

Secretary: Tammy DeWitt has no report.

Treasurer: Lynn Poirier reported the income, expenses, and balances, and provides a hard copy for file

Governor: Butch DeWitt reported on Governors' meeting 9/13/14; Membership- National 18,554 Region 1,203 CI (largest club) 175; Blue Bars wants change of address or address corrections given to the Governor ASAP; Renewals between October 10 and November 30; system will be down October 7 – 10 all renewals need to be to Region Membership Director by December 1; Competition purposed rule changes- allow passengers on parade laps only for high speed must be 16 yrs old; low speed with signed waiver by adult is 12 yrs old with safely fitted helmets; early crossfire injections can retro fit to carburetors (82 & back) retro fit to TPI (84 & up) body kits low speed only can run group 1 and 1S; 82 & older plus or minus 1" width and plus 1" in diameter 1 and 1S; 84 & newer plus or minus 1" width & diameter group 1 and 1S; tires 1 & 1S any tire that safely fits rim legally. Old business- additional scholarship sponsored by Lafayette CC "John Osborn Memorial" was awarded to Rachel Ann Griswold from Ft Wayne CC. Region nominations- RE Howard Curtis and Mike Godfrey; RCD David Godfrey; RMD Tammy DeWitt; Treasurer Kay Clawson; Secretary Rita Robinson. New Business- Banquet will be in Ft Wayne April 4, 5:30-9-9:30 details to follow. National nominations- President Dave Heineman & Bernyce Molenda; Membership Steve Johnson & Emelia Workman; Parliamentarian Jim Walton; Public Relations Denny Luther; Treasurer Betty Parks. He added Jim Walton is doing fine. Competition Director: Robert Scott reported he has a list for plaques, check to see if you have space available or need a new plaque. The next events are Super September at Grissom, September 20-21 and October 18 rally's in South Bend.

Sergeant of Arms: Shelley Noelle offered thanks for buying tickets, tonight DeWitt's donated several items from their merchandise winnings at the 25th anniversary party and we have \$113 collected, see her if you want tickets.

Parliamentarian: Jim Kellam has no report.

Newsletter Editor: Erika Lapham reported she needs birthday and anniversary dates for the newsletter and the cookbooks are here and available for \$10.

Merchandise Director: Arminta Inbody has no report.

Webmaster: Bill Lapham offers thanks to those folks that take pictures and send in when he isn't there. Remember no pictures means "It didn't happen!"

Facebook: Wiley Etscheid had no report.

Penske Rep: Bob Young reported Penske's Corvette's for sell, they have great deals on trucks too. Doug & Arminta are selling their coupe. Levi at Discount Tire, has wheels for sell. Watch for C7 recalls; parking brake and airbag. He is also selling his gift certificate for a set of wheels.

NCM Rep: Jerry Croy was absent and sent Greg a report, Caravan a big success with minor issues with pre-registration long lines and parking, some hotels caught price gouging. NCM will fill the sink hole and repair 3 cars; Bob added they are selling the jars of dirt and a sinkhole video and plan to do 4 day drive school.

Social Director: Donna Bowron awarded beads; Gold beads to: Wylie & Rita, Butch & Tammy, Brent & Betty, Tom & Nancy, Jim & Pam and Mike L. Blue & Green beads to: Bill & Erika, Jim & Bonnie and Jim & Judi. She then reported upcoming activities: No DQ after meeting; Friday nights at Mooresville Village; Saturdays Paradise Café 9 - 11 am; September 18 Westfield Homecoming parade *NEED cars, September 18-21 Mid America Fun Fest, September 20-21 Super September @ Grissom, September 27 Butler Parade *NEED cars and Cruisin' with Cops Car Show at Pike H.S., October 3 Danville Sq., October 5 DeWitt's DND rally to Brown County Fun Day, October 11 Kellam's Annual Bonfire and Amish Acres, October 18 South Bend Rally's, October 19 Fall Colors Tour in Ohio, October 25-26 Great Pumpkin Weekend at Grissom, October 29 Wylie & Rita's Halloween DND party. November 11 Veteran's Day Parade. Watch your email for last minute events and updates.

OLD BUSINESS: Greg reported that the Christmas Party will be at Carmel American Legion on December 6 at 7 pm. The winning menu will be Lemon Peppered Chicken or Beef Stroganoff, roasted potatoes and salad. The American Legion charges \$200 for the room and requires half down for the meal at \$13 per plate please get your money in ASAP. Erika Lapham made motion that CI pay the \$200 room charge, a second by Susie Hale, motion carried. If you ordered a scale commemorative car see Arminta. Brett wanted to thank everyone for coming to the picnic and believes this will be the new home of future picnics.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for club officers will commence at the 2nd October meeting with final nominations and voting on the 1st meeting in November. Pat added membership renewals begin October 10th and end November 20th.

With no other business to come before the club membership, a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Lewis, second by Shelley Noelle, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Meeting Attendance Award Winner: Shirley Berry; Merchandise winners: John Phillips, Zoe Dolbee, Nancy Summers, Pam Kellam, Shirley Berry, Sharon Arnold, Lynn Piorier, Carol Stillinger, Doug Bergen, Susie Hale and Tammy DeWitt.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy DeWitt, Secretary



The View From.....

Very happy to hear that Betty Hollan got sprung from the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery at home from her fall and hope to see her back in the

Vette soon!

Elections are coming! All positions are up for grabs each year so this is your golden chance to get rid of me! If you are interested in an office, ask someone to nominate you when we have nominations starting with the second meeting in October. Elected offices are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer,

Governor, Competition Director, Membership Director, Sergeant of Arms, Newsletter Editor, Parliamentarian, Merchandise Director; Remember, vote early and often.

Welcome to new member Dolly Austin who joined at the second September meeting! We are now at 215 members with Corvette Indy's NCCC membership at 196. Both are high water marks.

Its getting late in the year and we have seen some beautiful fall weather but we all know what follows that so get out and enjoy the events while you can! There are several car shows each weekend, some nice fall driving opportunities on the calendar, racing continues, fall parties are being planned and there will be more Drive N Dines. I hope you take advantage of some of these fun opportunities before we have to put our toys away for the winter!

Have you noticed how many of those beautiful C7s we now have in the club? They are spectacular and more people keep getting them. The latest addition was purchased today and Jim & Pam Kellam plan to debut it at the Westfield parade! Congratulations to all our club members that have these new babies!

The Memorial Picnic was a success and well attended. Thanks to all that worked on that and made it happen!

Watch for details on the Brown County Funday which is Sunday, October 5th. We will caravan down on the back roads as a club and then join the festivities at the Brown County State Park.

I have one more major planning effort for this year and that is the Christmas Dinner for Saturday, December 6th at the American Legion in Carmel. I am taking reservations and payment of \$13 per person now. So far we have 105 that plan to attend the buffet style dinner. Should be fun!

Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events –2014 updated 09/16/2014	
Red = Meetings & Planned Club Events – Bold Black = Region / National NCCC Events or Possible Club Events	
Every Saturday Morning	Drive N Dunk, 9am at Paradise Bakery & Cafe at 96th & N. Meridian
May 2 – October 31	RITTER'S (Indianapolis IN) Wednesday & Friday Night Cruise-in At Ritter's Stop 11 And Emerson Ave. 5pm till ??
May 3 – November 1	Noblesville IN Cruise-In. Every Saturday Night Cruise In. Downtown Court House Square 4:30 to 8:00 PM.
May 7 – October 1	Dooley O'tooles Hot Rod Wednesday; Carmel; https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dooley-OTooles/413525435377499
April 4 – October 3	Every Friday of the Month – Mooresville Village Shopping Center Cruise In – 5 PM till ??
April 4 – October 3	First Friday of the Month ---Danville Square Cruise In 5PM 'till ?
March 23 – October 26	Cruise-Ins Bloomfield Dairy Queen - 309 W Main St, Bloomfield IN 4th Sunday of the Month 4-7PM (weather permitting)
September 18	Westfield Homecoming Parade
September 18-21	Mid America FUNFEST
September 20-21	Super September – 14 Low speed Events – Grissom AFB
September 20-21	Putnam Park 10/10ths We welcome drivers of all skill levels, from the 1st timer to the experienced racer.
September 26-27	Sommernites Crusie-In; Somerset, KY Power Cruise sponsored by Holley!
September 27	Butler Homecoming Parade – Corvette Indy's Shortest but BEST Parade of the year!!
September 27	Cory Apple Festival Car & Motorcycles Show , Cory , IN , Top 35 , 9 Special Awards , Registration 11 AM to 2
September 29	Mid Ohio 10/10ths Motorsports
October 3	Danville Square Cruise In 5PM 'till ? Greg Bowron/Chris White (hosts)
October 4	Notre Dame Saturday; Stanford at ND
October 4	<u>Bloomfield, IN 47424</u> 7th Annual Bloomfield Apple Festival Car Show - Entry Fee: \$10.00 Proceeds to benefit Riley Hospital

October 3-5	Vette Fest, Gatlinburg, TN 2014 VETTE FEST EVENT REGISTRATION
October 5	Brown County Fun Day --- Region Event – Club only Drive to Event let by Butch & Tammy
October 5	Greenfield, IN 46140 - Auto-Fest 2014 –The Brandywine Cruisers, Inc. / 21st Annual Benefit Boys & Girls Clubs Hancock Co.
October 6	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
October 7	2014 MiM 1 Lap of KY In its 5th year, the annual “1-Lap of Kentucky” tours have become so popular that it sells out quickly
October 9-12	NMCA World Finals/lx Shootout at Indianapolis Raceway Park in Indianapolis
October 10-12	Road America (Elkhart Lake, WI) – 5 th annual “Cheese Heads On Track” http://www.MVPTrackTime.com/id47.html
October 11	Notre Dame Saturday; North Carolina at ND
October 11	Kellam's Annual Club Bonfire – Saturday Evening
October 11	Amish Acres Corvette Show, Nappanee, IN
October 11	<u>Danville, IN 46122</u>) Hendricks County Senior Services, 1201 Sycamore Lane. Registration 11:00-12:00. Awards at 1:30pm.
October 11	Rochester, IN; This will be the 19th annual Red Hot Car Show, It is located in town around the Courthouse.
October 11	Southport Car Show
October 11-12	NCM Road Course 10/10ths Motorsports! see 2014 schedule: http://www.1010thsmotorsports.com/2014_Schedule.html
October 14	<u>Turkey Run State Park , IN , 47859</u> The Rodders Annual End of the Year Cruise and Poker Run to Turkey Run State Park.
October 18	<u>Urbana,IN, 46990</u>) Urbana Ball field SR13S. 14th Annual Urbana Halloween Car & Truck Show. 9am-3pm.
October 18	3 Rally Indiana Region Event – Start at Tire Rack South Bend, IN Sponsored by Michiana Corvette Club
October 19	Restoration Station Springboro Ohio Fall Color Tour - Jerry & Elaine Cory (hosts) They have been going since 2008
October 20	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
October 24-25	Somernite's Crusie-In; Somerset, KY Tri-Five Chevys & Hot Rods!
October 24-26	Putnam Park 10/10ths Motorsports see 2014 schedule: http://www.1010thsmotorsports.com/2014_Schedule.html
October 25-26	Great Pumpkin Weekend – 5 Low Speed 2 Rallies Saturday – 7 Low Speed Sunday – Grissom AFB
October 29	Halloween Drive N Dine (Rita's 2nd Annual Spooktacular)
Oct 31-Nov 2	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course (Lexington, OH) – “Let's Go Play at Mid-Ohio” http://www.MVPTrackTime.com/id47.html
November 3	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
November 6-8	<i>Vets 'n Vettes , Honoring Those Who Fought For Our Freedom ,</i> NCM Sponsored – Bowling Green Area Event
November 7-8	National Governors Meeting – St. Louis, MO
November 11	VETERANS' DAY PARADE & LUNCH
November 15	Notre Dame Saturday; Northwestern at ND
November 17	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
November 22	Notre Dame Saturday; Louisville at ND
November 22-23	<u>Chicago, IL; Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals, Donald E Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont</u>
November 22-23	Road Atlanta (Braselton, GA) – 6 th annual “Flyin' Turkey Trot” http://www.MVPTrackTime.com/id47.html
December 1	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
December 6	Corvette Indy Christmas Party – Carmel American Legion

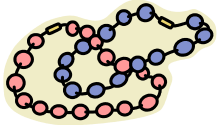
Need More Information about any of the above events – Check out the Long Calendar on the website or look for emails during the year

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR RETIREE & HOOKY PLAYERS' DRIVE N DINES AND OTHER EVENTS!

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Another successful Memorial Picnic took place last week-end. Everyone brought delicious side dishes and desserts to share, the hamburgers and hot dogs were great – ably cooked on the club's new grill by Jim. The site was really pretty and the day couldn't have been more perfect. If you missed it be sure to make plans now to attend next year. We have two Terri Tales this issue – double the pleasure double the fun! Soon it will be time to bring back the Long Winter's Nap feature as members put their Vettes “up” for the winter. Please send me a picture of your car(s) once you bed them down for the cold weather. In the mean time.....

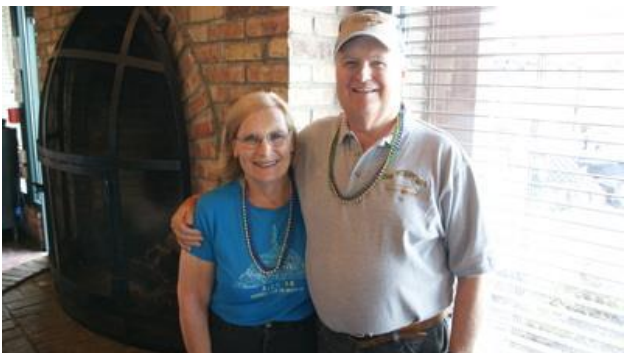
Happy Driving
Erika



Earning Your Beads 2014

Lots of beads were presented at Monday's meeting. Did you get yours? WHAT??? You didn't get beads because you didn't lead a drive! There is still time! Fall is prime driving time. Find a lovely, tree-lined road and

plan a drive **SOON!** **GREEN BEADS** are awarded to the Drive N Dine host DRIVER, **BLUE BEADS** are awarded for the "co-pilot" host. A new category has been added for those planning and hosting a special event. They receive **GOLD BEADS**. The Drive N Dines are great fun to go on and can be even more fun to host! We hope more people decide to earn their beads and host an event because more hosts mean different driving routes, new restaurants and greater fun! If you would like to earn you beads, contact Greg Bowron as there is help available from him or Bill Lapham to help you plan a successful first event





MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS

Funfest is here. For those of you going this week-end --- have a great time!

ARMINTA'S APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES – CI MERCHANDISE MART

Please See Arminta When You First Arrive At Champps. She would like to remind everyone that she arrives at the meetings around 6:00 and would like to conduct all merchandise business prior to the meeting starting at 7:30.

Check out the Corvette Indy Merchandise catalog at each meeting to see if there is anything you would like to order. There are club jackets; fleece jackets & vests, windshirts; polo/casual/denim/camp shirts; crewneck/ hooded pullover/full-zip hooded sweatshirts; visors/ Safari hats/ caps/ bandanas; totes, stadium blankets, aprons, beach towels, golf towels and various other items available for us to order with the Corvette Indy logo. There are also name badges, license plates which can be ordered to match the color of your car & regular CI patches as well as the CI 25 year patches. We have clear window clings available for your car. See Arminta at the meetings to place an order for your club merchandise. Money will be collected when your merchandise is available.

We are celebrating Corvette Indy's 25th anniversary this year, so we are taking orders for polo shirts with the 25th anniversary logo. The official polo shirt is Oxford gray, the closest color to silver, since this is our "silver anniversary". This polo is available in men's, ladies & tall men's sizes. There are many other colors the polo shirt can be ordered in if you don't want the oxford gray. See Arminta at the meetings to place an order for your 25th anniversary polo. Prices will vary based on the size and whether you want your name on it. In addition, the 25th anniversary logo can be ordered on any of the other items in our merchandise catalog. Money will be collected when your merchandise is available.

Exhaust Notes

Making sense of your automotive world



PROJECT UPDATES: If you have a project you are working on that you would like to share with club members, please send pictures to Erika at corvetteindynews@gmail.com Boys and their toys.

WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR EXHAUST TO SAY ABOUT YOU?
How to read Mid America Motorworks IAC Exhaust Rating Chart

Model	Exhaust System	Rating
Borla	XR-1	1
Borla	S-Type (Stir)	2
Corsa	Xtreme	3
Corsa	Pace Car	2
Corsa	Tiger Pace	1
SLP	Loud Mouth	3

Decoding The IAC Exhaust Rating Chart

What is an IAC Chart?

In 2006 the variety of replacement Corvette exhaust systems available to shoppers had grown well beyond a simple choice. Enthusiasts had to look past the visible tip design, size, and finish treatment. The sound of the exhaust had become the most critical consideration. In order to graphically quantify the sound level of this variety of products, the IAC Exhaust Rating Chart was born.

What does IAC stand for?

IAC is an acronym for the 3 points of engine operation the comparison would encompass: Idle, Acceleration and Cruise

Who created the IAC chart?

The IAC Chart is a trademarked system developed by the experts at Mid America Motorworks. Our Research and Development team created the chart based on years of experience installing exhaust and listening to the tones during the typical driving experience.

How do you read the IAC chart?

Mid America Motorworks IAC Chart is based on a comparison of the sound volume level of the original stock Corvette exhaust of a particular model. Each point of engine operation is rated on a scale of 1 to 3 for sound intensity.

What do the numbers mean?

A rating of 1 is slightly louder than stock. A rating of 2 is noticeably louder than stock. A rating of 3 is aggressively loud.

How do I find the exhaust I want using the IAC chart?

One of the defining characteristics of most Corvette owners is an independent spirit with unique individual expectations. The IAC Chart speaks only to the sound level element of the selection process. Use the evaluation to zero in toward the sound level that you feel would best suit your personality and driving habits. Hint: the loudest exhaust may not be the best choice for a car that is used for long distance touring, etc.

How accurate is the IAC chart?

The nature of such a scale has an element of personal judgment involved. We utilize a simple db meter in a controlled environment to establish a scientific baseline. Then Mike and a panel of other owners among our staff team up to score each variation based on personal tastes. Decisions are made factoring in more than 40 years of customer comments, owner feedback and general discussion.

Check out these links to Mid America's C5 and C6 IAC charts.

C5

http://content.mamotorworksmedia.com/production/website/articlefiles/TAFiles/C5_IAC_CHART.pdf

C6

http://content.mamotorworksmedia.com/production/website/articlefiles/TAFiles/C6_IAC_CHART.pdf

C7

2015 Chevy Corvette Z06 starts at \$78,995 - Autoweek



650-hp C7 Stingray goes on sale early next yearThe Ferrari-beating, do-everything 2015 Chevy Corvette Z06 will start at \$79,990 including destination, when it goes on sale early next year. That price undercuts nearly all competitors, including the Dodge Viper at \$102,485. The convertible version will start at \$84,990, also not including destination. We're waiting on Chevy for that.The track-terrorizing Z06 will arrive with 650 hp and 650 lb-ft of torque from a supercharged 6.2-liter V8. The new LT4 engine gets direct injection, Active Fuel Management and continuously variable valve timing, which makes it "surprisingly efficient," according to Chevy.The Z06 is offered in three main trims: 1LZ, 2LZ and 3LZ. Options include, but aren't limited to, a leather interior, carbon fiber ground effects, Performance Data Recorder, competition sport seats in leather or suede, carbon fiber interior trim and a carbon roof panel. -

The Carbon Fiber package costs \$2,995 and adds a carbon front splitter, carbon fiber rocker panels and a larger rear spoiler. The Z07 Performance Package (\$7,995) adds Brembo carbon ceramic brakes, an adjustable front and rear aero components and Michelin Pilot Super Sport Cup tires."The Z07 performance package enhances overall performance to make the Corvette Z06 one of the most track-capable cars you can buy off the dealership floor and still drive it to work every day," said Harlan Charles, Corvette product and marketing manager.Standard tech

features make the Z06 easier to launch, drive and shoot video with. GM's third-generation Magnetic Selective Ride Control can be adjusted from touring to sport, the Performance Traction Management system offers five settings for slip, launch control helps you take off in Track mode and an electronic limited slip differential adjusts the rate at which the LSD engages. The Performance Data Recorder, which we talked about last week, lets drivers record high-def video with telemetry overlays including gearing, throttle and wheel positions. A head-up display is also standard, displaying speed, rpm and g-force meter

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The Bob Report

BIG DEALS ON CHEVY TRUCKS

Stingrays

2014 – Conv Z51 auto White 2LT

2014 – Conv Z51 Auto Black

2015 – Conv Z51 Auto Laguna Blue 2LT

2015 -- Coupe ZF1 Pkg Manual Crystal Red Metallic 1LT

The 2014 Night Race Blue was purchased this afternoon by one of our club members

Used Vettes

2011 ZR1 White/black manual

20?? Z06 Orange manual

Don't forget to [See their C7s here.](#)

Recent Events:

Squealers 09/03/14

A mostly sunny day in the 80's and it just called for a Retiree & Hooky Players' Drive N Dine so Greg & Donna called for a 1:30pm start from their house. The gang arrived on time and were treated to Merlin's 2ND "public" Frisbee exposition. The furry little guy did well and focused on the floating round saucer and not the spectators and caught everything that Greg managed to throw straight! He misjudged the one that curved foul and bounced off the bricks but if Greg doesn't learn to throw better he will probably learn how to catch those too! He did scoop one low throw up just before it bit dust like any good shortstop would! The only thing that seemed to refocus him was when Rita opened the locked Vette door and set off the horn alarm. Still he caught the throw but then dropped it and stared at the Vette as if to try and figure out what the heck all the commotion was. The caravan left with Alan & Judy C, Jack H, Jim & Shelley N, Linda W, Phil & Anita V, Dean & Zoe D and Wylie & Rita E in tow. They chased Greg & Donna north up Spring Mill road and west on 106th all the way to Zionsville Road. Even a detour at 96th Street and Zionsville didn't deter the group as they just dropped down to 86th Street and over to Moore Road before hitting the open country around the Eagle Creek area. (Note from one of the other drivers: hmmm....seems our illustrious leader neglected to report the ability to lead us on to roads that have not only patched potholes, but a several layered version of patched potholes.)

After hitting some of the curves and only one stop, to clear a fallen limb from the road, they squealed to a stop for some barbeque at Squealers. After some great food and even better conversation highlighted by Shelley's advice on how to clean out a swimming pool and Alan's jailhouse rock story everyone headed for home with smiles on their faces!



Drive n Dunk 9/6/14

A smaller crowd than usual showed up at Paradise Bakery & Café this drizzly Saturday morning while several of the regular D & D attendees were busy participating in the Zionsville Parade. In spite of the rainy morning, Greg T, John V, and Steve and Mary did drive their Vettes.

Other attendees included Charles B, Lynn P, and Jim A.



Zionsville Fall Festival Parade 09/06

On a damp morning a group of the Corvette Indy members met at Paradise Cafe for a caravan to Zionsville High school led by John & Marg H. Even with the impending rain the group was at the parade starting point at their appointed time and soon joined by members that lived closer to the school. Those attending were hosts John & Marg H, along with Greg & Donna B, Jim & Bonnie S, Jim & Shelley N, Pat H, Barry R, John & Barb B, Bill & Erika L, Larry & Joy G, Bob & Sherry W, Susie H, Alan & Judy C, Joe & Kristin M and a friend of Joe's with his C5. As with all parades this was an arrive early and wait, but we all were entertained by the antics of the other drivers attempting to navigate the parking lot. With the mist still falling most of the ladies stayed in their respective Corvettes nice and dry while the guys huddled under several umbrellas that appeared. Near the appointed time of departure the mist stopped and everyone was able to give their rides a quick wipe to dry them off. Once the parade started it would move a bit then stop while the middle school band played their song, then they would move up a bit further and repeat the song again. It was observed by several former band members and band parents that their bands were taught to March & Play at the same time. The roughly 1.3 mile route took over an hour with more than half of the time spent stopped. This made the Zionsville parade have the record for the longest time spent in the parade that we do during the year. Butler Homecoming will not be as much distance, but will be a LOT quicker in time, so be sure to attend that one. Once done with the parade and several being held at the traffic light while the band crossed the street to it's bus most headed to Stone Creek Dining just off o Michigan Street. Greg B had let Donna catch a ride with Susie H as he was heading to South Bend and this weeks ND game. Once there, Jim & Judi A met the group to have lunch. The lunch at Stone Creed was good and everyone appreciated the time spent together out of the day's dampness. Note: In the GPS picture we did NOT reach a speed of 57, unfortunately the max speed had not been reset before the parade.





Westport Car Show 9/6/2014

Our ever faithful car show enthusiast and photographer Jeff B sent in the following report and pictures from the Westport show:

Even though it was raining it didn't stop the diehard car show enthusiasts Chris & Paula W, Rich & Suzanne B, Randy & Sherri S, and Al F from meeting at their usual breakfast hangout at the Cracker Barrel in Shelbytucky and then drive down to Westportucky. After the group got done detailing Jeff B arrived and the group settled down and grabbed some delicious BBQ pork chops. There was a nice cool breeze and the clouds looked like it would pour any minute but all that came down was a little drizzle occasionally. Chris W's son and grand kids were in attendance. Jeff B was lucky to win \$25. As the DJ announced the awards would be soon the group put up all bu the chairs and headed to get good seats. It was no surprise that all the CI members were awarded trophies. Angie & Ryan Money(friends of the Whites & Spragues) won along with Rick McClintock who graduated high school with Sherri S won as well. All had a good time hanging out with great friends.



Ertel Winery Trip 09/07

During the summer a number of members that had gone last year wondered when another trip to Ertel Winery would be planned. After looking at available dates a small group decided to head there on Sunday September 7 and made plans for everyone in the club that wanted to to come join in. The group ended up with 11 Corvettes and 20 members heading to the Southwest of Batesville and the winery. Those in on the planning were Jim & Bonnie S, Bill & Erika L, Jim & Judi A, Bob & Barb Y, who were joined by Doug & Arminta I, Jim & Shelley N, John

& Ruth V, Susie H, Rick H, Charlie B & friend LoRee. The group met up at the Paradise Cafe located in Hamilton Town Square along with another planner, Wylie E who came by to see the group off as Rita was not feeling well and he decided not to go. Also missing the day's trip were Greg & Donna B due to Merlin's Doggy Day Care not being open at 7 like it was supposed to be! Of special note was not only that Susie arrived 10 minutes before departure time also with a full tank of gas! Maybe she isn't kidding when she blames Terry for being late. Once under way we headed through Fortville and over to SR 109 to our early rest stop of the Speedway truck stop. While there Mike & Shirley B joined the group for the rest of the trip. With beautiful weather and good roads the trip was rather uneventful, with the group gaining 5 minutes on the ETA once they got on to IN 229 with no traffic in front. The winery had everything set up and the brunch was great with no one leaving hungry or thirsty. After the great buffet the group somewhat split up with several heading back to Indy via the I74 direct route with others heading North and driving on the 2 lane routes back home. Another great day was had by everyone enjoying the trip and time together.



Drive n Dunk 9/13/14

It was an unseasonably cool morning (high 40s), but not cool enough to hold back about ten Corvettes. Several other events were taking place today, so the turnout was a bit lighter than normal. Upon arriving at Paradise Bakery & Café, most noted an unfamiliar Corvette parked near the man in entrance. Once inside, we learned it was Anita V's 'new' 1996 red LT1 convertible. Phil located the car in Ohio and they brought it home on Monday. Wylie E was there to show them how to lower and raise the convertible top. Anita now has a very nice red Vette to compliment Phil's red C7.



Brownsburg 9/11 Memorial Car Show

On Saturday September 13, an extremely cold morning, CI members Jeff B & Charity N met at Chris W's house and headed over to the Brownsburg 9/11 memorial car show in Williams Park. After we got parked and the detailing out of the way Al & Terri F arrived. The weather was still on the cold side with the sun playing hide & go seek. All the proceeds went to the memorial they plan on building at the park. One of the fire fighters had traveled to NY and was given a piece of one of the Trade Towers and it will be put on display. There were several raffles along with a silent auction. They had 2 rather large horses that are used in parades and some bouncy houses for the kids. At 3 p.m. the awards were announced with Jeff B winning a Top 20 trophy. Corvette Indy needed one more member for the club to win the Club Participation award which went to the Jeep Club. All had a great day despite the temperature not being warm.





2014 Corvette Indy Memorial Picnic

The fourth annual memorial picnic was held on Sunday September 14 at a new location of Southeastway Regional Park on the southeast side of Indianapolis off of Carrol road. Most everyone had arrived by the appointed noon hour, except committee member Mike L along with the meat had gone to a park in Noblesville. Once there and no Corvettes in site, he then headed back home to get his phone and directions to the correct location. In reality it did not matter a bit as the new super sized grill that the club had purchased was able to cook 36 hamburgers and a lot of hotdogs at once. This allowed everyone to be eating by 1 with the really hungry ones sampling the plentiful deserts prior to that. The day itself was perfect for a picnic, the sun was out and warming the cool morning start. With the great weather over 55 members several children and two puppies made it to the park to enjoy the outing. A few lawn games were set up, but most had eaten too much to play them much. A lot of fun and a great gathering of Corvette Indy members.





Upcoming Events:

An Invitation From A Fellow Indiana Region Club



Derby City Corvette Club *Presents*
The Copperhead Trail Drive
including a tour of St. Meinrad Abbey
& Drive to Schnitzelbank for Dinner
Saturday, September 20th 2014

"The road will feature curves, elevation changes, scenic areas, rock walls, plenty of canopy, & the rear-end views of Corvettes. Copperhead Trail winds and curves 237 times in 52.3 miles."

To all our Corvette friends, you are invited to join us on a drive, tour, and dinner this Saturday. This is our rescheduled May drive. It will be a full afternoon, so plan accordingly. Bring sun screen if taking your top off. Weather is supposed to be great! Please reply if going so we can set up police escort if needed, and reserved seats at restaurant.

To reserve your spot or for questions: DerbyCityCorvetteClub@gmail.com



NCM Motorsports Park High Performance Drivers' Education

Come be part of NCM Motorsports Park history with the inaugural High Performance Driving Event! There are tracks where you can exercise your car and practice your skills, but nothing compares to being one of the first attendees at the first HPDE event at NCM Motorsports Park.

Space is still available for our September 28-29 event for both instructors and participants.

Event Details

The event will have four student run groups: beginners, low intermediate, high intermediate and advanced. There will also be an instructor group. Classroom sessions will take place for HPDE, Touring, and PrimeDrive Groups.

Touring laps are available for those who do not wish to participate in the complete HPDE school and/or for those with convertibles (roll bars are not needed for touring laps.)

Three full sessions are scheduled for September 28. PrimeDrive is scheduled for September 29. The Touring sessions will run with instructor/pace cars interspersed to maintain speeds and mark the correct track line.

Registration Details

After registering for the event, all participants for both HPDE and Touring, must download, complete and submit the **Classification form**. There are two separate Driver Packages for HPDE and Touring; be sure to download the correct **Driver Package(s)** for the tech sheets and key information. Classification paperwork is required and must be turned into Karen Renfrow promptly after registration for the correct run assignment.

Register online <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/registration/ncmhpde/info2.shtml>

COST

The 2-day HPDE is \$485 for NCM members and \$525 for Non-members (includes a 1 year discounted membership). The Touring lap option is available for \$120 for September 28 and \$25 for guest touring. The Prime Drive offered on September 29 is \$120.

All attendees for HPDE and Touring, including instructors, students and

passengers must register for the event. Spectators/guests who are not driving or riding do not register but will have to check in at the facility for a spectator wristband. If you need waitlist information or have any questions on the HPDE portion, please contact Karen Renfrow or Bryce Burklow.

Karen Renfrow

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[270.467.8804](tel:270.467.8804)

Bryce Burklow

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CAUTION: FUN ACTIVITIES AHEAD!

This is a partial list. Drive N Dines of both the "regular" weekend type and the infamous "Retiree & Hooky Player" type so watch for emails!

Drive N Dunk; start each weekend out right with breakfast or coffee and conversation with club members at the Paradise Café from 9am to 11am, 96th & Meridian St.

Westfield HS HC Parade; Thursday, September 18th

Mid-America Funfest; September 18th-21st;

Low speed autocross; Grissom AFB; September 20-21:

Butler Parade, September 27th

Danville Sq Cruise-in; Oct 3rd

BROWN COUNTY FUN DAY: Sunday, October 5th. Caravan as a club to Brown Co. Free lunch to NCCC members.

BONFIRE, Saturday, October 11th at 6:30pm to ?: Jim & Pam Kellam's annual bonfire at their beautiful home. A great evening with friends and good food.

Amish Acres Corvette Rally; Saturday, October 11th

Fall Color Tour in Ohio; Sunday, October 19th

Halloween Party; Oct 29th

VETERANS' Day Parade; Downtown Indy, caravan to lunch at Rick's afterwards. Nov 11th

Christmas Dinner; Saturday, December 6th at the American Legion in Carmel

We Are Family

"We joined for our love of the cars, but we stayed for our love of the people."

In Our Thoughts

To my knowledge our members are all in pretty good health right now. If you know of someone that I should have included, please let me know.



On A Positive Note

Betty Hollan is recuperating at home. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

PLEASE let me know if I have *missed someone* who should be included in this section. I can only know about those we should be concerned about or celebrating if someone lets me know. Please email me at corvetteindynews@gmail.com

J & J's Journey

J&J's Journey

Judi and Jim will be back soon with a suggestion for a restaurant that you will want to try.





CORVETTE COOKIE CUTTER COLUMN: In honor of the cookbooks having arrived, here is a blast from the past – a recipe originally published in the newsletter March 5, 2012. I have used this recipe and can assure you that it is a great one to have on hand for those times when you suddenly want a quick, sweet treat.

Thank you Sherry Sprague!

3,2,1 Cake

1 box Angel Food Cake

2 Tbsp. water

1 box regular or sugar free cake mix, any flavor

In a Ziploc bag, combine two cake mixes together well and store until ready to use. For each individual serving, take out 3 Tbsp. of the cake mix combination and mix it with 2 Tbsp. of water in a small microwave safe container such as a coffee cup or small baking dish. Microwave on high for 1 minute, and you have an instant individual sized cake.

Either serve plain or top with a dollop of whipped topping or fresh fruit.

(3 Tbsp. of cake mix, 2 Tbsp. of water, cook for 1 minute)

Cookbooks Are Here!!!!



Guaranteed the BEST recipes ever! And a wonderful way to remember our 25th year. Get your 25th Anniversary Cookbook at any meeting and lots of other CI events. Great for gift giving.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you would like to see your special dates included, please email them to me at corvetteindynews@gmail.com

Happy Anniversary to.....

Mike and Shirley Berry September 30

Happy Birthday to.....

Sarah Lee	September 1
Robert Scott	September 9
Pat Hogan	September 21
Diane Houtman	September 24

Meet The Members

Barb and John Burkhardt have been married 42 years. Barb was born and grew up in Hicksville, NY and John was born and grew up in Lafayette IN. Barb has been in Indiana since she came to school at Indiana State in 1967 and John moved to Indy when he graduated from Purdue and then returned after 2 years in the Marines. Barb works at UINDY as adjunct faculty teaching one biology class per semester. John works in client relations for AgileAssets, a transportation software company out of Austin TX. They say that they both failed Retirement V1.0. Barb has been retired (first time around) from Zionsville High School for 4 years and John has been retired for 5 years from INDOT. John enjoyed almost 3 years of retirement before going back to work. And Barb had one summer off (and each summer since) before she went back to work. They are still both hoping to find out what it is like to take a fall vacation. Barb's interests include gardening, reading and traveling. John also enjoys traveling and reading and is also involved with Habitat for Humanity and church organization. They have been members of CI for about 2 years. They have also been members of Circle City Corvette Club. John first got interested in Vettes as a teenager when they used to drag race in front of his house and he has wanted one ever since. But it took about 40 years before he actually got one. He visited CCCC and was befriended by Greg and Donna. Through their guidance he bought his first one - a red '84. Currently Barb and John own a 1999 Torch Red Coupe. Rich and Suzanne Bellville now own the red '84. The things that they like about CI are the nice people and the short business meetings (at least they were before CI got so big.) Their favorite CI activities include special outings like Main Event and Saturday road trips. The story John shared involved how they came to buy the '84. An acquaintance was selling it and John and Barb went to

his house outside Franklin after work on a Friday evening to take a look. Barb picked John up and as they headed to see the Vette she wondered - to John - why he wanted to consider it right then and not wait till he retired. (Clearly Barb is the sensible one - at least sometimes). But they went anyway. When they arrived Barb saw the car being washed in the driveway and said "Wow!" Subsequently, they visited a car show to get opinions on age and price and they bought it the next week.

OF INTEREST

New Babies

Two CI families (well really three) welcomed new members to their families recently.

After an exhaustive search for the perfect combination, Armintia and Doug Inbody brought home a beautiful 2011 C6, Inferno Orange with Cashmere top and interior. This is a really stunning car! And from all reports, great fun to drive too.



Phil Vickery's bride Anita also added a new member to their family recently. A very sharp 1996 red LT1 convertible will, no doubt provide her with lots of fun driving times.



Pam and Jim Kellam also introduced their New Baby to the club at the Memorial Picnic this past Sunday. Their adorable puppy, Blue, charmed everyone with his delightful temperament and amazing blue eyes. But, you know, picnicking CAN be tiring!



Julian Center Thank You Letter

Recently, Judi Alvis created a lovely quilt that was auctioned off at the 25th Anniversary Dinner. The proceeds were donated and presented to the Julian Center by Judi. Here is the thank you letter that we received from them.



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Indianapolis, Indiana 46202
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317.920.9420
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August 28, 2014

Attn: Judi Alvis
Corvette Indy Inc.
13880 Sandy Creek Ct.
Carmel, Indiana 46032

Dear Judi,

Thanks to you, today more than 100 victims found safe shelter, including more than 40 children who had three meals and a place to temporarily call home.

This letter will serve as your receipt for your recent gift of \$400.00 from Corvette Indy Inc. Your generous gift will allow us to empower thousands of victims; helping them gain strength and vision for a life free from violence. Your co-worker, friend, family-member, or neighbor may be the beneficiary of the services you have supported.

Your generosity and commitment is helping The Julian Center change and save lives. As we work to end the generational cycle of domestic violence, your partnership remains critical.

Please don't hesitate to call me with questions you may have or to arrange a tour of The Julian Center. I am proud to show you how we put your gift to work. I can be reached at 317-941-2204, or email me at coconnor@juliancenter.org.

On behalf of the board and staff at The Julian Center, thank you for helping us support those who have already shown so much courage.

Sincerely,

Catherine O'Connor
President/CEO

P.S. To learn more about all the ways that you are helping The Julian Center, follow us on Facebook facebook.com/thejuliancenter and on Twitter at twitter.com/juliancenter

The Julian Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Federal ID #: 35-1346514.

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*Judi -
Thanks again for
your generosity and
the support of club
members - but
please so much
to the families
we serve.*



Upcoming Elections - Still Time To Throw Your Hat In The Ring



The club officer nominations and elections will be upon us in a SOON so it's not too early to be thinking about it.

As always, all elected positions are up for nomination. Of particular interest are volunteers for the following:

Treasurer: Incumbent Lynn Poirier is finishing his 4th year and we need someone else to volunteer to take this position. As the title implies the duties consist of depositing

receipts in the club checking account, writing checks to pay club obligations and expenditures, keeping track of the club treasury (using Quicken computer software) and making a report on finances at each club meeting.

Secretary: Take meeting minutes and provide them to the Newsletter Editor to publish. Incumbent Tammy DeWitt will not be available for this position next year and we need to find a volunteer that is willing to perform this assignment.

Social Director: Appointed by President, not elected position. Create and distribute a club activity calendar, distribute a periodic listing of events and activities by email to members to keep them informed of upcoming and current events, present activities at club meetings, maintain an activity sign-up book and circulate at meetings, coordinate Drive N Dine calendar, promote and encourage new activities and hosts. Incumbent Donna Bowron would like to take a break and we are looking for a volunteer that would be willing to do this.

If you are willing to volunteer for one of the positions above or any other officer position, please email me or talk to me at a meeting or an event.

Thanks, Greg



From members Frank and Cathy Coolidge

For sale ... \$500 ... looks brand new ... From an old 2001 C5 (Rosy) that was totaled while the top was in our garage ... See Frank or Cathy Coolidge for more details.



For Sale: Black 1998 C5 Corvette Coupe

Very clean; 45,000 miles; 5.7 liter SFI, V8 345HP; 4 Speed auto trans w/ overdrive; dual removable roof panels, 1 black & 1 tinted; black spoke wheels w/ red caliper covers; original aluminum wheels also included; Michelin tires - front P245/45ZR17, rear P275/40ZR18; active handling system; pass key theft deterrent system w/ horn alarm; A/C electronic dual zone; black leather 6-way power driver & passenger bucket seats; driver & passenger air bags; AM/FM stereo multi-CD remote system w/Bose speakers; electronic speed control; intermittent wipers; tilt leather steering wheel; power door locks & windows; remote key fob door & hatch release; power heated outside mirrors; memory package; driver & passenger air bags; cargo cover. Asking \$18,000.

Contact: Doug Inbody @ 317-491-3929 or at dinbody@iwpcorp.com or Arminta Inbody @ 317-752-9173 or at abinbody@att.net





FOR SALE: \$480.00 Wheel Coupon won at the Discount Tire Car Show a couple of weeks ago. Asking \$400.00 but will accept a reasonable offer.

**Bob Young
bobyoung@Iquest.Net
317-714-0025**

Also From Bob Young

Here are pics of my C5 year 2000 forged wheels. 17" and 18" asking \$500.00. They are at Levi's Discount Store on Lafayette Road.

Tkx,

Bob

Bob Young
bobyoung@Iquest.Net
[317-714-0025](tel:317-714-0025)



From Gregg Ernest – Colts Tickets

Colts vs. Baltimore Ravens (2) tickets for sale (face value) on Sunday 10/5/14 are \$104 each and are seats section 121 row 20 seats 26 & 27. Thanks for passing this on to anyone who might have an interest.

Gregg Ernest
[\(317\) 902-6671](tel:317-902-6671)

From Levi at Discount Tire

Bob and Sherry Wilbert have gorgeous new wheels.



But, do not despair, you too can have great looking wheels like these – the word from Levi is:

I have an extra set of c7 z51 style chrome 18x8.5 fronts and 19x10 rears that i ordered if anyone else in the club is looking for the upgraded chrome wheels. please have them call for pricing.

**Thank You,
Levi Mithoefer
Store Manager
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Indianapolis, IN 46254
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Corvette Racing

Jim A will be providing an update for each of the remaining events in which Corvette Racing will be participating. Stay tuned for updates as the events occur.

A Note from Jim: The attached photo is of the C7 entered into the 6 hour World Endurance Championship event. I do not know if the WEC event will be televised or streamed via computer (I hope it is).

Corvette Racing has some ambitious plans for the upcoming race weekend at Circuit of the Americas in Texas on September 20. The team will race their usual Tudor United Sports car Championship event, but will follow it up by entering a third No. 65 C7.R in the World Endurance Championship race to take place afterwards. For that race, the C7.R will be wearing a Konica Minolta/Michelin livery rather than the plain Corvette Racing theme it usually employs.

Don't worry, the Konica Minolta livery will still allow the C7.R to retain its signature Velocity Yellow paint scheme that adds to the car's huge on-track presence. Jordan and Ricky Taylor, who run a Konica Minolta-sponsored Corvette DP in Tudor competition, will drive the WEC entry along with Corvette Racing driver Tommy Milner. All three drivers will be doing double duty at COTA, racing the Tudor event and the 6-hour WEC event back-to-back.

The WEC race at COTA will be the first time Corvette Racing has ever raced in an FIA-sanctioned event apart from the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Two other American race teams, Krohn Racing and Extreme Speed Motorsports, have also joined the docket for the WEC's COTA race.

Catch Corvette Racing's back-to-back showing on September 20. The Tudor race will kick off at 12:35 p.m. and will last approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes, and can be seen on FoxSports2. Then, after a short break, the WEC cars will hit the

track at 5:00 p.m. and race their 6 hour event into the night. Keep your caffeine pills handy, Ricky, Jordan and Tommy.

The final two races of the season, Lone Star Le Mans at Circuit of the Americas (Sept 20) and Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta (Oct 4), will be crucial for the team if they wish to regain Chevy's manufacturer's lead and hold on to Garcia's driver's lead.



Upcoming Car Shows

Car Show This Week-end

Neil Dunaway announces a car show coming up on Saturday. His church, Pleasant View Baptist Church,(exit 101 off I-74) is the host location for the car show and will be serving free breakfast starting at 7am. Registration starts at 8 and runs til 11 AM. (\$15.00) There will be plenty of things to see and do at the heritage festival. Location is just around the corner from Southeastway park, buck creek winery, and Pleasant View apple orchard Top 25 awards at 2:45pm.



AMISH ACRES
Historic Farm & Heritage Resort

AMISH ACRES CORVETTE RALLY

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Al Forey is attending if you would like to caravan.



For More Information:

http://www.amishacres.com/special_events/corvette_rally.php

Two Tales From Terri

Terri has SO Much to share – sometimes it takes two columns to get it all in

Being Married to the 'Gas Can Award' recipient.

When I married Al almost 30 years ago I knew he was a smart guy with a lot of potential. My instincts were correct but there were a few minor quirks in his personality. Al built our first house that would be our home and not my home with my ex-husband. I couldn't wait to move in. I had our old house packed, utilities turned on in our name, daycare and school registration taken care of, a close friend was there to help move the small items and my mini van filled with gas and ready to go. Al had a small pickup truck that we were loading along with my mini van and my friend offered to ride with him. We were ready to move our first load into our new house. I thought Al was right behind me but when I pulled in the driveway I noticed Al's truck was not behind me. I started unloading thinking he would be there shortly, but I was wrong. About 15 minutes after I arrived my friend was walking down our cul de sac alone. I discovered that Al was out of gas and waiting on her to return with her car and a gas can. I had heard stories of him running out of gas before but I was never fortunate enough to be with him when this occurred.

Fast forward 18 years and the mystery was finally solved. It seems Al inherited the dreaded 'out of gas' gene from his father. I knew his mother was constantly reminding his dad to get gas and wondered why someone would not look at the gas gauge. On my 50th birthday Al and I, along with his parents, my sister, my daughter and a friend went on a cruise to celebrate. Al's parents spent every winter in Florida at their 2nd home near St. Petersburg. Al, Heather and myself flew to their home and rode to Fort Lauderdale where the port was located to start our cruise. Al's dad filled the car up before we left their house. When we returned from the cruise tired and ready to get back to St. Pete we left the garage and headed north. Al's mother asked as she always did if we should get gas. His dad said no because he wanted to get away from the traffic. My daughter and I fell asleep in the back seat hoping the trip would pass quickly. Suddenly I was awakened when I discovered we were on a gravel road. To me it seemed we must be lost (Al is directionally challenged) because we were supposed to be traveling across 'Alligator Alley' which is a four lane road. They said they were looking for a gas station because his dad thought there was one down that road. We decided someone was confused and we returned to the highway. I casually ask how much gas we had and they said about 10 miles according to the smart gas gauge. I asked how far to the next exit and they said about 20 miles. Of course the smarter women in the back seat couldn't believe we never stopped for gas. We continued to an emergency phone box on the roadside and decided Al could get out and make the call and if an alligator appeared too bad! Of course that call box didn't work so we went to the next box and send 'Crocodile Dundee' back out to try again. They told us to just keep driving and try to get as close to the next exit as possible and call back when we ran out of gas. We'll God was our copilot that day and we miraculously made it to the exit. We rolled into the station and stopped by the pump when Al and his dad jumped out of the car to pump gas. His dad hesitated and didn't put the nozzle in the gas tank receptacle. He came back to his door and opened it and looked directly at Al's mom and said...'Mildred gas is \$2.59 per gallon. Do you want to go someplace else?' Al's mom said 'HAROLD JUST GET THE GAS!' Harold got the gas and a stern talking to. At that very moment I realized what our Golden Years would be like. I guess we are in our golden years (or at least Al is). Please don't let this happen to you guys. Always listen to your wife when she 'suggests' that you fill the tank!

Bowling Green Caravan Part 2

I left you in suspense after our arrival at our hotel in the last newsletter. As we pulled in to the parking lot of our hotel the property looked like an average hotel in an area where there are several tourist attractions within a 20 mile radius. My thought was that we were only going to be there to sleep so we didn't need all the amenities since there were so many other things going on. Some of the ladies sat on couches in the lobby while our male counterparts checked us in and took the bags to our rooms. We decided to walk across the street to dine at Pizza Hut before returning to our rooms and crashing. Our check-in and dinner went off without a hitch which met our expectations after Wylie planned the perfect route with lovely scenery arriving at the Museum exactly when Wylie told us we would arrive. We said our good-nights to everyone and retreated to our suites, no scratch that, our rooms looking forward to a restful night's sleep before the plant tour the next morning.

I realize that this part of the story has been a yawner so far. Well now it starts to get better. Al rushed in to take a shower first while I unpacked. I am OCD about clean rooms so I broke open my hotel room sanitizing kit complete with latex gloves and Lysol, which came in handy later. I wiped and sprayed any surface that could harbor germs. I put my unmentionables in the drawers still sealed in ziplock bags and sat on my bed with my iPad to get a start on my reading. Suddenly a small black object that was sprinting across my sheets caught my eye. I believe there was a small disturbance in the room as I screamed and flipped the insect off my bed. Al wanted to see what the bug looked like but we couldn't find it so I got my Lysol spray out again and started spraying around the floor under my bed and finally flushed the little sucker out! Al killed it but did so carefully so the body would be intact when we called the front desk for help. >

Our mistake was thinking the management would be helpful in this situation. Two men of non American descent knocked on our door. Oh boy the Calvary has arrived. They asked where the bugs were and Al produced a Kleenex with the barely mangled corpse in it. Now it was time for them to educate us! They informed us that we did not have a "bug" problem. It was just a beetle that was attracted to wet grass and the swimming pool right outside our door. That poor thing just wandered into our room and it didn't like us any more than we liked it. One of our managers (who will never work for Orkin) threw the Kleenex and bug in the trash and asked if there was anything else. I of course said in my nicest voice that I didn't want to sleep with bugs and he assured us that was the only one. I told him I sprayed Lysol to drive that beetle out and that is when I learned a life lesson. He told me Lysol wasn't a bug spray but an air freshener. I insisted he take all the bed linens off the bed and remove the mattress and box springs to be sure there were no more beetles laying in wait. We did find the beetle cemetery behind the bed and he picked up all the little bodies for us and left us to our own devices for the night. Al spent about 20 more minutes looking behind pictures and in every nook and cranny for any survivors and when we felt secure we went to bed. Let me just say that the LED flashlight Discount Tire gave us was my most valuable possession that night. I checked my bed throughout the night and took it with me on bathroom trips! >

Our plant tour the next day was fantastic and we really enjoyed the museum and all the Corvette history they have on display. Seeing the Corvettes that fell victim to the sink hole was somewhat of a solemn occasion when you realize the history of the cars that are truly irreplaceable. We had a fantastic dinner that evening even though we drove through a monsoon to get there. The next day we finished off our trip with a beautiful drive through Mammoth Cave Park and then 5 Corvettes decided to head north. Bill Lapham took the lead on this leg to give Wylie a well deserved break on the way home! Great job Wylie and everyone who helped along the way. We had a great time and I think that feeling would be unanimous among all the caravan participants! Trailer (A1): With great anticipation we reached our motel in Cave City. I told people that it was easy to find what with the large watch tower out in front (that was a lie- you had to WATCH the pot holes in the parking lot). We were settling down and unpacking in our room 124 (first floor adjacent to the pool).

And Now Al Says:

When Terri pointed to the wall and said, "What is that?", I knew she was not asking me to authenticate the Mona Lisa knock-off embellishing the wall! It was merely a waterbug roach. I have seen several of these before at other properties. Her face was ashen. I gave him a quick flush. Then other members of his (or her)clan showed up. They too met with the same watery death. So now with all humor now past, and we assumed them to be rife, we called the front desk and reported the problem. The manager and another person showed up shortly to investigate. I told him that we didn't appreciate the company. I said that we didn't want to live with his bugs. He replied in his inimitable mid Eastern dialect, "these are not boogs." With him, we completely disrobed the beds and found little else. After he left, we found one ditty-bopping across Terri's bed, then one near my pillow. The next day they apparently sprayed because we only saw one the second night near my pillow. Thanks to my male virility, I slept good the second night.

A Word From Our NCM Ambassador – Jerry Croy



Not much happening with the NCM to report. I am sure the group has already heard but just in case:

The Caravan was a big successful event with minor issues with pre-registration wait in the lines, some issues with parking, and complaints on some many hotels price gouging. I attended the NCM Ambassador breakfast where there were a large attendance with international guy from Europe!

NCM will fill in the Sinkhole completely and repair three (3) cars - 2009 Blue Devil ZRI, 1992 White 1 Millionth Corvette and the 1962 black Corvette.

Jerry

And Finally From Wylie on the Hotel/Motel Controversy

There was some concern and dissatisfaction with some of the accommodations at the recent Caravan celebration. As a result, a list of Good Guys and Bad Guys has been compiled. Use this for reference when attending future events in Bowling Green to help guide you in your motel choices. The hope is that the BG Chamber of Commerce will realize that there are some issues that they need to deal with and that it is to BGs advantage to keep Corvette owners happy.

GOOD GUYS

Hilton Garden Inn
Hampton Inn
Townplace Suites
LaQuinta
Holiday Inn
Drury Inn
Sleep Inn
Sync
Super 8
Super 8 (Cave City)
Staybridge Inn & Suites
Country Inn & Suites
Mammoth Inn (Cave City)
Hall Place B&B (Glasgow)
Barren River Lake State Resort Park
Best Western (Franklin)
Comfort Inn (Glasgow)
Quality Inn (Franklin)
Days Inn (Franklin) (1)
Federal Grove B&B (Auburn)
Comfort Inn (Franklin)
Sheraton Music City (Nashville)
Serenity Hill B&B (Brownsville)

BAD GUYS

Candlewood Suites
Holiday Inn Express
Motel 6**
Days Inn
Microtel
Courtyard by Marriott
Country Hearth*
Econo Lodge*
Greenwood Hotel*
Holiday Inn Express (Franklin) (1)
Holiday Inn Express (Elizabethtown)
Comfort Inn (Cave City)

*Dirty **A Health Hazard (1)Cancelled rooms at lower rate

(1) Tried to renege on contract but honored the lower rate



Over 200 Likes! Woo Hoo. Let's keep it rolling!

DRIVE N DINE HOSTS NEEDED!



Do you know some roads that feature lovely fall foliage every year? Why not plan a drive and share their beauty with all of us?

CORVETTES & THE LIGHTER SIDE:

ALS Challenge

Many of our club members have taken the ALS challenge. With that in mind, Bob Young shares this Red Neck version of it. You must click on this link. You Do Not want to miss this!

Don't try this at home!!! This should only be done by fully qualified Red Necks licensed to work with large bags of water...

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10203335034349037&fref=nf>

College Football Season is in Full Swing

Here is some football humor from Greg in honor of this favorite fall sport.

Urban Meyer on one of his Ohio State players:
"He doesn't know the meaning of the word fear.
In fact, I just saw his grades and he doesn't know the meaning of a lot of words."

Why do Tennessee fans wear orange?
So they can dress that way for the game on Saturday
go hunting on Sunday, and pick up trash on Monday.

What does the average Alabama player get on his SATs?
Drool.

How many LSU freshmen football players does it take to change a light bulb?
None. That's a sophomore course.

How did the Georgia football player die from drinking milk?
The cow fell on him.

Two West Virginia football players were walking in the woods.
One of them said, "Look, a dead bird."
The other looked up in the sky and said, "Where?"

A Michigan State football player was almost killed
yesterday in a tragic horseback-riding accident.
He fell from a horse and was nearly trampled to death.
Luckily, the manager of the Wal-Mart came out and unplugged the horse.

What do you say to a Miami
football player dressed in a three-piece suit? "
"Will the defendant please rise."

If three Florida State football players are in the same car, who is driving?
The police officer.

How can you tell if an Auburn football player has a girlfriend?
There's tobacco juice on both sides of the pickup truck.

What do you get when you put 32 Arkansas cheerleaders in one room?
A full set of teeth.

University of Michigan Coach Brady Hoke is only going
to dress half of his players for the game this week;
the other half will have to dress themselves.

How is the Indiana football team like an opossum?
They play dead at home and get killed on the road.

Why did the Texas linebacker steal a police car?
He saw "911" on the side and thought it was a Porsche.

How do you get a former Illinois football player off your porch?
Pay him for the pizza.



How children perceive their grandparents

1. **She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before.
After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....**



2.

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"



3.

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice,
"Who was THAT?"



4.

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"



5.
My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.



6.

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.

"What's it about?"

he asked.

"I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."



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