

Central Arkansas

Corvette Club

NEWSLETTER

October 2016

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"HalloVette"

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Club Meeting Monthly

Date: 1st Tuesday

Next Date: November 1st

Location: Whole Hog Café

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Meet/Greet/Eat: 6-6:45

Meeting: 6:45-8p



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Message from your President, Nancy Acre

There have been many shows, activities, parades, runs, and other opportunities to drive our Corvettes during the last few weeks. I hope all of you who wanted to get out and do some driving had opportunities to do that!

The Club also had the privilege of gifting our charity funds to our major charities, Beyond Boundaries, Spina Bifida, Arkansas Freedom Fund, Allie's Angels in Hot Springs, and Ronald McDonald House.

We will have the unique privilege of sponsoring the mail room in the new Ronald McDonald House, and some of us will present the donation to the leadership at the new Ronald McDonald House later this month. Please watch for the exact day and time, so that in case we make TV, you can record it!

Our next event will be the Race for the Cure on October 22. We will be participating in the Race for the Cure as the CACC Team. Thanks to all the members who have volunteered to participate in the event and in our cheering section. Please see Frank's e-mails for directions if you need them to get to where we will park our Corvettes for the race - at the corner of Maple and Broadway in North Little Rock.

We will be sponsoring the Halloween Party at the Ronald McDonald House as we have the past few years. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rita New for details.

Our club won a trophy for the number of cars we had in the Eureka Springs Show, and several members took home trophies for other categories. Congratulations to all of the winners!

The "after show" PICNIC was a huge success and we thank all of you who came out to enjoy the good food, beautiful weather and just visiting with our members and friends.

This month's thoughts are mostly a listing of all the fun things we, as CACC members had an opportunity to enjoy. We are truly blessed to be able to participate in many activities, if we so choose.

There are two significant holidays coming up next month - Veterans Day Nov 11, and Thanksgiving on Nov 24. I ask everyone to pause and remember those to whom we owe so much, to be thankful for the freedoms and the opportunities we have, and to consider those in need. Glen and I had the privilege, this week, to assist our church in Mayflower in cooking and serving free meals to the residents of a low-income apartment complex. We often take a meal for granted but those cookout recipients certainly were appreciative and make us even more grateful for the opportunity to serve. Thank you for all that you do for others! (President's Message Continued)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 3RD!!!

Nancy and Glen Acre

Welcome to our New Members!

Kimberly Simmons—20017 Red Coupe

Keyvn Fowler—2011 Silver Convertible

Rich and Diana Van Allen—1999 Black Fixed Roof Coupe

Rory Hill—1984 Black Coupe

Ken and Karen Bolton—2014 Crystal Red Coupe

Mike and Melissa Dawson—1972 Warbonnet Yellow Coupe

Kevin Fletcher—2016 Longbeach Red Coupe

Kerry Tabor—2010 Yellow Grand Sport Coupe

John and Diantha Barnes—2011 Grey Calloway Coupe

Demetrius "Bo" Bohannon—2006 Black Convertible

Samuel Grant—2007 Blue Coupe

JG Hartsfield—2016 Corvette

Chaplain's Corner

A Call To Service



A friend in need is a friend indeed-Quintus Ennius
-3rd century BC

You're never wrong to do the right thing-original by
Mark Twain-used by Robert De Niro in the movie
THE INTERN

Several months ago one of my co-workers sent an email out to all office personnel re a donor solicitation to help a single mom friend of hers who has worked 2 jobs for the last 25 years. It appears that

her son, a junior at UCA, was notified by their Financial Aid Office that his scholarships and student loans were not enough to cover his dorm and meal plan. He had sold his car to raise cash, and he faced a difficult decision to either temporarily drop out of school or continue his education while sleeping on an air mattress in a friend's dorm room.

The mother was not asking for direct financial help but simply seeking options to keep her son in college while also raising her daughter. The next day Jessica swung into action with her email promising an initial contribution. I quickly followed with mine as did several other co-workers plus a non-profit board that Jessica belonged to. Even the UCA Foundation kicked in so that finally there was enough to cover all funding needs.

This would have NEVER happened if Jessica had chosen the easy path and done nothing. Instead as a FRIEND she did the RIGHT thing and saved the day for this mom and her son. Luke 6:31 says "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Jessica followed the rule and just look what happened. I need to do much more of this more frequently. How about you?

God bless and thanks for listening.

Charlie

Prayers, Praise and Special Request

From Rita New



Prayers

Nate Sanderson,

Gary Stiles' Sister Jan Bryant undergoing chemo,

Jerry Reagan family,

James Carson's daughter and newborn grand daughter,

Kathy Olsen,

Wista Jones,

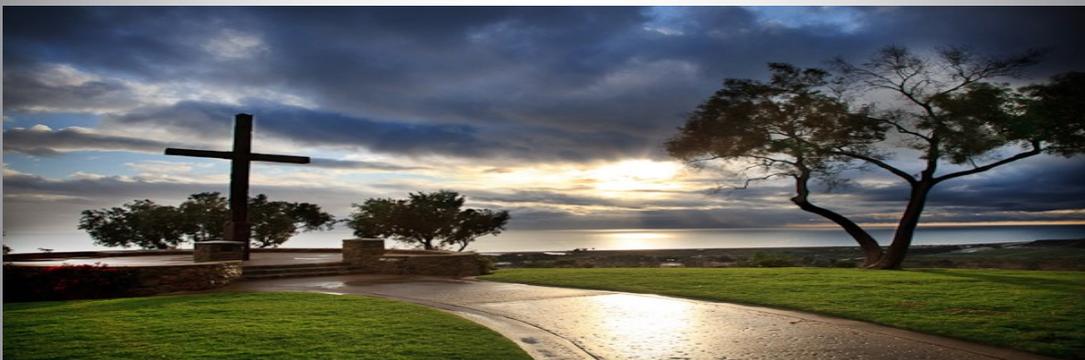
Robert Holley's brother suffered a heart attack,

Jim Bobo's mother,

Jeff Stevens,

Tricia Stiles has to have more surgery, and

Brooke Williams recovering from pneumonia.



If you have prayer request or praises you would like to have added please email Rita New at: mewc5@sbcglobal.net. Or Kirk Gardner at: caccnewsletter@yahoo.com.

September Meeting Minutes

President Nancy Acre welcomed everyone to the meeting. We had 83 members and 7 guests.

Nancy Acre introduced 4 of our club charities and their representatives who were there to pick up our club donation checks,

Spina Bifida = Sara Long

Ark Freedom Fund = Mark Lenard

Beyond Boundaries = Leslie Seward – Stacy McMinn

Allies Angles = Donna Catleta - Kim Edmonds – Marla Ward

We were given a report on actives with these charities and how our donation would be put to use.

The opening prayer was given by Dr. Jack.

Robert Riggin Sergeant at Arms introduced visitors and new members.

Frank Russell, Secretary, talked about the club minutes, memberships and upcoming events.

David Payne, Treasure, gave his financial report. There is \$ 10,897.47 in the club account and \$ 8,181.00 in the show account to date.

Joyce Johnson talked about her trip to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green and then going on to a Vette car show at Paducah Kentucky, also a report on the vendors she is working on for our Hot Springs Show

Frank Russell talked about the Vettes at the Beach Show in Pensacola, Fl.

Terry Stegall gave an update on the progress of the 2017 Show Brochure.

Rita New talked about our members on the prayer list, flowers sent to services for our member Jerry Regan and she was asking for volunteers with convertibles to help out with parade request.

The next club meeting will be Oct 4th ,

The Meeting was Adjourned

Frank Russell, Secretary



October Meeting Minutes

President Nancy Acre welcomed everyone to the meeting. We had 78 members and 3 guest.

Jimmy Palataka opened with a prayer.

Officer Report:

Vince Parker-Vice President/ wants members to step up and volunteer for our Hot Springs Show.

(October Meeting Minutes Continued)

Frank Russell-Secretary / announced that we now have 352 active members in the club, he also introduced guest speaker Art Richards from the Air Base, he talked about the car show that will be held on November 12, 2016 at the Air Base. You need to turn in your registration before November 1, 2016. This is for your back ground check for clearance to the Air Base. No entry fee, room for 100 cars and trucks.

David Payne-Treasurer /David gave his report on the club finances. In the Club account we have \$10,476.58. In the show account we have \$7,972.80.

Directors Report:

David Pierce did the 50/50 pot. Two members won \$68.00 each.

Rita New talked about condolence for our member Jerry Reagan passing. She also talked about other members that were in need of prayers. If you, are know of someone that you would like to see put on the CACC prayer list, contact Rita at

501 944 0149.

Joyce Johnson talked about the vendors for our upcoming Hot Springs Show, she said she has been real successful with getting vendors to sign up and will probably have the largest group of vendors ever for the 2017 show.

Terry Stegall talked about finalizing the brochure for our Hot Springs Show. It has gone to the printer. We will have printed brochures for the Eureka Show.

Brochures will be handed out at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, meet under the tower on the car show parking lot at Eureka. We need everyone's help to get this done.

Melvin Morehead-Trip General/ Melvin talked about the auto cross being planned for our 2017 Hot Springs Show. Some more details need to be addressed but it is a go for the Auto Cross. We are holding it down to 50 cars for this first year.

Tricia Stiles-Communications/ Tricia talked about upcoming shows for the rest of October. Watch for Frank's emails and look at the club calendar.

Rita New talked about members wanting to enter the Tee Shirt Design Contest for our Hot Springs Show. You need to have your entries submitted to the Board by the December meeting. You will need a color for the shirt and a design for the back. Contact Rita if you need more information at 501 944 0149.

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Tammy Holley talked about the Christmas Party that will be held on Saturday December 3, 2016. The Christmas Party will be held at the Knights of Columbus on Camp Robinson Road. The DJ, food caterer, and security has been taken care of. Tammy will need a few volunteers to help Saturday morning to set up.

Nancy Acre talked about next year's Hot Springs show and explained to new members how the show is put on and without volunteers it would be impossible to do this show. The proceeds from this show goes to help support our club charities.

Glen Acre talked about our annual club picnic held at Maumelle Park, we had more cars and members this year than previous years. A real success, he thanked Larry Jones for all he did to make this event go smoothly.

Thanks, Larry

Larry Jones talked about the Pontiac Show that was held in Maumelle by the Lake. Larry said that every CACC member that attended, won a trophy.

Meet Adjourned



Frank Russell - Secretary

In Memoriam

Jerry Wayne Reagan was born November 19, 1946 and entered into rest September 7th, 2016.

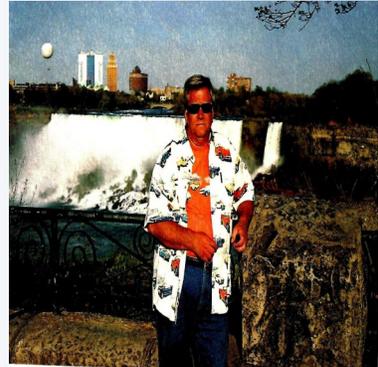
On September 7th, 2016 The Central Arkansas Corvette Club lost a Great Member, Past President, Past Newsletter Editor and Former Hot Springs Show Chairman. Jerry and Brenda Reagan joined the CACC in 2004. Jerry will be missed by all who knew him including Brenda, wife of 48 years, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I will miss him on future road trips that the club makes, the lunch runs we did to a lot of restaurants in the local area and not so local area. Jerry was always up for a run, to him it didn't make any difference where we were going, just so we were out on the road driving at a high rate of speed. Jerry was great with computers, I was not, I remember many phone calls to Jerry for some computer help. He never seemed to mind helping me out with tech support. I am sure Jerry is in Heaven now and just waiting for someone to yell out "Road Trip" and Jerry will be gone.

R I P Jerry and Save the Wave,

Frank Russell

In Memoriam Of Jerry Reagan (Continued)

Pictures



Where did the celebration of Halloween come from?

Hello my dear fellow Corvettians!

One of my favorite times of the year is fall. I love the winding down from summer, the cooler days and nights, the dryer air, the leaves changing color and the peace that seems to fill the air. And I love Halloween.

As the youngest child of five brothers and one sister, I was often the recipient of many scare tactics. I absolutely loved it! Although it took me a long time before I could sleep with the lights off as an adult. LOL.

So I got to thinking. Where did the tradition of Halloween come from? Well... Here's what I found about it.

Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints' Day, incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating. In a number of countries around the world, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to usher in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats.

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort and direction during the long, dark winter.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes. When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.

By 43 A.D., the Roman Empire had conquered the majority of Celtic territory. In the course of the four hundred years that they ruled the Celtic lands, two festivals of Roman origin were combined with the traditional Celtic celebration of Samhain. The first was Feralia, a day in late October when the Romans traditionally commemorated the passing of the dead. The second was a day to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. The symbol of Pomona is the apple and the incorporation of this celebration into Samhain probably explains the tradition of "bobbing" for apples that is practiced today on Halloween.

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On May 13, 609 A.D., Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Pantheon in Rome in honor of all Christian martyrs, and the Catholic feast of All Martyrs Day was established in the Western church. Pope Gregory III (731–741) later expanded the festival to include all saints as well as all martyrs, and moved the observance from May 13 to November 1. By the 9th century the influence of Christianity had spread into Celtic lands, where it gradually blended with and supplanted the older Celtic rites. In 1000 A.D., the church would make November 2 All Souls' Day, a day to honor the dead. It is widely believed today that the church was attempting to replace the Celtic festival of the dead with a related, but church-sanctioned holiday. All Souls Day was celebrated similarly to Samhain, with big bonfires, parades, and dressing up in costumes as saints, angels and devils. The All Saints Day celebration was also called All-hallows or All-Hallowmas (from Middle English Alholowmesse meaning All Saints' Day) and the night before it, the traditional night of Samhain in the Celtic religion, began to be called All-hallows Eve and, eventually, Halloween.

Celebration of Halloween was extremely limited in colonial New England because of the rigid Protestant belief systems there. Halloween was much more common in Maryland and the southern colonies. As the beliefs and customs of different European ethnic groups as well as the American Indians meshed, a distinctly American version of Halloween began to emerge. The first celebrations included “play parties,” public events held to celebrate the harvest, where neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell each other's fortunes, dance and sing. Colonial Halloween festivities also featured the telling of ghost stories and mischief-making of all kinds. By the middle of the nineteenth century, annual autumn festivities were common, but Halloween was not yet celebrated everywhere in the country.

In the second half of the nineteenth century, America was flooded with new immigrants. These new immigrants, especially the millions of Irish fleeing Ireland's potato famine of 1846, helped to popularize the celebration of Halloween nationally. Taking from Irish and English traditions, Americans began to dress up in costumes and go house to house asking for food or money, a practice that eventually became today's “trick-or-treat” tradition. Young women believed that on Halloween they could divine the name or appearance of their future husband by doing tricks with yarn, apple parings or mirrors.

In the late 1800s, there was a move in America to mold Halloween into a holiday more about community and neighborly get-togethers than about ghosts, pranks and witchcraft. At the turn of the century, Halloween parties for both children and adults became the most common way to celebrate the day. Parties focused on games, foods of the season and festive costumes. Parents were encouraged by newspapers and community leaders to take anything “frightening” or “grotesque” out of Halloween celebrations. Because of these efforts, Halloween lost most of its superstitious and religious overtones by the beginning of the twentieth century.

By the 1920s and 1930s, Halloween had become a secular, but community-centered holiday, with parades and town-wide parties as the featured entertainment. Despite the best efforts of many schools and communities, vandalism began to plague Halloween celebrations in many communities during this time. By the 1950s, town leaders had successfully limited vandalism and Halloween had evolved into a holiday directed mainly at the young. Due to the high numbers of young children during the fifties baby boom, parties moved from town civic centers into the classroom or home, where they could be more easily accommodated. Between 1920 and 1950, the centuries-old practice of trick-or-treating was also revived.

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Trick-or-treating was a relatively inexpensive way for an entire community to share the Halloween celebration. In theory, families could also prevent tricks being played on them by providing the neighborhood children with small treats. A new American tradition was born, and it has continued to grow. Today, Americans spend an estimated \$6 billion annually on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday.

The American Halloween tradition of "trick-or-treating" probably dates back to the early All Souls' Day parades in England. During the festivities, poor citizens would beg for food and families would give them pastries called "soul cakes" in return for their promise to pray for the family's dead relatives. The distribution of soul cakes was encouraged by the church as a way to replace the ancient practice of leaving food and wine for roaming spirits. The practice, which was referred to as "going a-souling" was eventually taken up by children who would visit the houses in their neighborhood and be given ale, food, and money.

The tradition of dressing in costume for Halloween has both European and Celtic roots. Hundreds of years ago, winter was an uncertain and frightening time. Food supplies often ran low and, for the many people afraid of the dark, the short days of winter were full of constant worry. On Halloween, when it was believed that ghosts came back to the earthly world, people thought that they would encounter ghosts if they left their homes. To avoid being recognized by these ghosts, people would wear masks when they left their homes after dark so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits. On Halloween, to keep ghosts away from their houses, people would place bowls of food outside their homes to appease the ghosts and prevent them from attempting to enter.

Halloween has always been a holiday filled with mystery, magic and superstition. It began as a Celtic end-of-summer festival during which people felt especially close to deceased relatives and friends. For these friendly spirits, they set places at the dinner table, left treats on doorsteps and along the side of the road and lit candles to help loved ones find their way back to the spirit world. Today's Halloween ghosts are often depicted as more fearsome and malevolent, and our customs and superstitions are scarier too. We avoid crossing paths with black cats, afraid that they might bring us bad luck. This idea has its roots in the Middle Ages, when many people believed that witches avoided detection by turning themselves into cats. We try not to walk under ladders for the same reason. This superstition may have come from the ancient Egyptians, who believed that triangles were sacred; it also may have something to do with the fact that walking under a leaning ladder tends to be fairly unsafe. And around Halloween, especially, we try to avoid breaking mirrors, stepping on cracks in the road or spilling salt.

But what about the Halloween traditions and beliefs that today's trick-or-treaters have forgotten all about? Many of these obsolete rituals focused on the future instead of the past and the living instead of the dead. In particular, many had to do with helping young women identify their future husbands and reassuring them that they would someday—with luck, by next Halloween—be married. In 18th-century Ireland, a matchmaking cook might bury a ring in her mashed potatoes on Halloween night, hoping to bring true love to the diner who found it. In Scotland, fortune-tellers recommended that an eligible young woman name a hazelnut for each of her suitors and then toss the nuts into the fireplace. The nut that burned to ashes rather than popping or exploding, the story went, represented the girl's future husband. (In some versions of this legend, confusingly, the opposite was true: The nut that burned away symbolized a love that would not last.) Another tale had it that if a young woman ate a sugary concoction made out of walnuts, hazelnuts and nutmeg before bed on Halloween night she would dream about her future husband. Young women tossed apple-peels over their shoulders, hoping that the peels would fall on the floor in the shape of their future husbands' initials; tried to learn about their futures by peering at egg yolks floating in a bowl of water; and stood in front of mirrors in darkened rooms, holding candles and looking over their shoulders for their husbands' faces. Other rituals were more competitive. (Continued)

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At some Halloween parties, the first guest to find a burr on a chestnut-hunt would be the first to marry; at others, the first successful apple-bobber would be the first down the aisle.

Of course, whether we're asking for romantic advice or trying to avoid seven years of bad luck, each one of these Halloween superstitions relies on the good will of the very same "spirits" whose presence the early Celts felt so keenly.

So when you don that Freddy Kruger, Jason, or King Henry costume. Remember, the tradition of Halloween goes way back!

"Hallovette"

I see Scary Corvettes

Look out Troy; Competition!

Brothers?!



I'm not sure what you'd call it!

To each his own, but are those tires or rubber bands



In the Rear View Mirror

Paducah Kentucky "Corvettes on the River"

Harold Green and Dan Fornero



Club Picnic 2016



The President, VP, and some
Of the beautiful
Women of our club at
LJ and Marissa's wedding!
Congratulations LJ and Marissa!!



“From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life.” ~ Arthur Ashe

One of the things I love the most about Central Arkansas Corvette Club, is the wonderful times we spend giving to others. I have met some of the most generous and loving people on earth right here in our club. It says way more about our club than our cars ever could.

Mother Teresa was once asked, “Why do you do what you do?” Her answer? “I am but a small pencil in the hand of a writing God”

Frank Russell sent the following:

I was contacted by the Director at Elmcroft Assisted Living Center in Sherwood. She said they have a resident, Reginald M, whom at one time had a 1981 two tone Corvette. And that car was all he liked to talk about. The Director asked if our club could come for a visit and possibly take him for a spin in one of our member’s cars. On September 15th, Larry Botsford, Robert and Phyllis Riffin, Glen and Nancy Acre, Terry Stegall, and myself visited the Assisted Living Center. We had several residents and employees come out to look the Vettes over. I took Reginald for a ride in Larry Botsford's 1962 black convertible. I'll never forget the smile on his face. He just sat back and let the wind blow in his face. I am sure that brought back many memories.

Thanks to everyone that I contacted for showing up in your Corvettes and talking with the residents. I believe we made their day.



I hope you have enjoyed this

“HalloVette”

Special Edition.

If you would like to see something in the newsletter

Or have event pictures

And information

Please be sure

And email me at: CACCNEWSLETTER@YAHOO.COM

Thank you and Happy Halloween!

Kirk Gardner

