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Club Meeting Monthly

Date: 1st Tuesday

Next Date: Because of the

New Year Holiday, meeting

will be January 10th

Location: Whole Hog Café

Address: 2516 Cantrell Rd.,

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5-6

6-7

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Meet/Greet/Eat: 6-6:45

Meeting: 6:45-8p



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Message from your President, Nancy Acre

From the President, Nancy Acre December, 2016

In the days before Christmas we are exposed to many views on the Holiday Season and the meaning of Christmas.

Lands, both in Israel and Egypt. It brings our Bible studies to life! Oh,....did you know that if you pick up a rock around Mount Sinai and you break it into two pieces, you can see an image of a burning bush inside the rock? - this is not a joke! We will be talking about our trips to Israel and have pictures to show soon, and possibly discuss another trip in the future. You might be ready to go with us the next time.!

Our club members have had some fun times lately – new driving experiences, as well a visit to the new Ronald McDonald House where Central Arkansas Corvette has a plaque on the wall representing our our \$30,000 donation, and the mail box area will soon have a CACC Logo on the wall above the mailboxes. We will continue to cook for their guests as needed, during the upcoming year.

Our Christmas party was outstanding this year... About 155 members and guests, a great caterer, great CACC organizers, good DJ, and great attendees. Unfortunately, CACC will not be able to use that facility next year but I am already working on another location in Little Rock and a possible volunteer to lead the planning for next December 2. (2017)

Our CACC Chili cookoff will be held on February 18, 2017 at Whole Hog. Frank Russell will provide the details.

We had a good club meeting at Whole Hog on December 6, and began our discussion of plans for the 19th Annual Corvette Show in Hot Springs, which will be the weekend of April 20, 21, 22, 2017.



Chaplain's Corner

A SHARED BOND OF THANKS



Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. Psalm 100:4

The below 2 media versions tell a wonderful and seasonal story about what was in a precious little boy's heart when it came to honoring police officers. Here was a young lad who really went out of his way to reach out to those who protect, defend, and serve us 24/7/365.

Regular readers of this column may well remember my tales of doing this not only for cops but also for paramedics, firemen, and the military. In fact it last

happened during that same week when I anonymously fed 4 Pulaski County Deputy Sheriffs at the Buffalo Grill. This was right after the weekend where 4 officers across the country had been shot, one fatally. I thought what a perfect opportunity that perhaps God had placed before me. After I paid for their meal, tip, and tax EIGHT LRPD officers walked in as a group. Both the waitress and manager looked at me. I told them that I now had only \$20 left in my money clip but if they had a special of buy one meal and get seven free then I was all in!

As we experience the very best that all of life has to offer this time of year let's remember to be as generous as we can as often as we can. God loves a cheerful giver. Please join me on this journey.

BOY CALLS 911 TO INVITE WCSO FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

A little boy melted all the hearts in Walton County Sheriff's Office Communication Center in Defuniak Springs, Florida. Walton County resident "Billy" called 911 this afternoon to invite WCSO staff/deputies to come eat Thanksgiving dinner with him and his family.

While his mother was preparing food in the kitchen, a 5-year-old Florida boy called 911 to invite law enforcement officers over for Thanksgiving dinner. But young "Billy's" family had no idea he'd invited guests to dinner! Mom Landi says she was cooking when Billy's grandfather noticed him talking to someone on an old cell-phone. Mom reprimanded Billy when he admitted calling 911.

"With all the bad calls we take on a daily basis this one was a welcomed happy call that made all of us smile," said Lead Communications Officer Monica Webster.

Billy was paid a special visit by Deputy Damon Byrd and Deputy Aaron Ethridge. He was crying when the Deputies drove up.

But it wasn't all bad for Billy. The two Deputies gave Billy a Sheriff's Badge and even let him sit in their patrol cars. "While we do not encourage this use of 911... we are so honored at the invitation. Thank you Billy for making all of our days here at WCSO."

The Deputies reminded Billy that you should only use 911 for emergencies and then drove off into the sunset.

God bless and thanks for listening.

Charlie

Prayers, Praise and Special Request



Prayers

Bayleigh, Roy & Luci's grand daughter Brooke Williams Randy Davis's fiancée Carla Brenda Reagan Jan Bryant Gary Stiles's sister

Ron Daughtery

If you have prayer request or praises you would like to have added please email Rita New at: rnewc5@sbcglobal.net. Or Kirk Gardner at: caccnewsletter@yahoo.com.



Welcome to our New Members!

David and Becky Sullivan—1999 Pewter Coupe
Taurean Washington—2015 White Coupe
Marion LaBron—Dark Red Coupe
Jason Prichard—2008 Yellow Coupe
Roger Montgomery—1995 Aqua Coupe



November Meeting Minutes

President Nancy Acre is on vacation. Vice Present Vincent Parker presided over the meeting.

We had 81 members and 6 guests present.

Melvin Harris gave the opening prayer.

Robert Riggin Sergeant at Arms introduced visitors and new members.

Frank Russell, Secretary, talked about the club minutes for Sept and Oct, they were voted on and passed. Frank also talked about club membership was at 356 members at this time. He also talked about events, more information to follow.

David Payne, Treasure, gave his financial report. There is \$ 10,193.40 in the club account and \$ 8,772.80 in the show account to date.

Joyce Johnson talked about her working to get vendors for the Hot Springs Show, and she says she is having very good luck recruiting vendors for our show.

Terry Stegall gave an update on the progress of the 2017 Show. He is asking for volunteers for certain area positions that need to be filled. Just contact Terry, Frank Russell or Nancy Acre if you would like to take part in the 2017 show.

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Rita New talked about our members on the prayer list.

Rita is also needing cars for the Little Rock Parade, Dec 3rd.

Rita also reminded everyone that if you are designing a tee shirt contest, that the Dec meeting it has to be turned in.

The next club meeting will be Dec 6th

The Meeting was Adjourned Frank Russell, Secretary

December Meeting Minutes

President, Nancy Acre, opened the meeting with 78 members and 3 guest present.

Vice Present Vincent Parker talked about the club having more members than it's ever had and the need for our members to make a special point to make the new members feel welcome and that they are a part of this club. We may have forgotten the feeling of walking into a room where you don't know anyone. Let's make a special effort to welcome our new members and guest to our meetings or events. You can tell a new member by looking at their name tag, it will have a green strip of tape across the top, to be taken off when they have attended 6 CACC events such as meetings and socials.

Robert Riggin, Sergeant at Arms, gave the opening prayer and introduced visitors and new members and took care of the 50/50 pot.

talked about the club membership rising to 361 members. He gave information on the Christmas Party in which he thanked everyone that helped and attended the party. A special thanks to Tammy Holley and her helpers for putting it all together. We will be looking for someone to step up and take over heading up next year's Christmas Party. The stats on the party are 155 members attended, 50/50 pot raised \$264.00 for the club, \$113.50 the club received for guest tickets. Frank also talked about the Spina Biffida Christmas Party taking place on Sunday Dec 18th the club is welcome to come. The Januar meeting has been set back to Tuesday the 10th due to our regular meeting date falling close to the New Year Weekend Holiday.

David Payne, Treasure, gave his financial report. There is \$ 9,208.38 in the club account and \$ 7,409.05 in the show account to date.

Joyce Johnson, Director, talked about the work she has been doing to line up vendors for our Hot Springs Show, she says it is doing very well at this time.

Terry Stegall, Show Director, gave an update on the progress of the 2017 Show. He is asking for volunteers for certain area positions that need to be filled. Just contact Terry, Frank Russell or Nancy Acre if you would like to take part in the 2017 show. Terry also talked about the grand opening of the new Ronald McDonald's House, the CACC board of directors toured the Home the night before it opened to the public. Terry said that it was beyond words and that you will need to see it firsthand.

Rita New Director talked about our members on the prayer list are in need of our prayers. Rita is also needing cars for the Little Rock Parade. Dec 10th.

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Melvin Morehead, Trip General, talked about anyone wanting to tour Garvin Gardens in Hot Springs on Saturday Dec 10th, to meet at the front gate at 6/pm, he urges members not to drive their Corvettes because of the parking situation, it is not conducive to Corvettes.

Glen Acre talked about the upcoming annual Drag Strip Day at Centerville Race Way. The date is April 1st, more information to come.

Troy Sanders, talked about his recent experience when he attended the Ron Fellows Driving School, he stated that if you ever get a chance to go, you won't be disappointed. Talk to Troy and he can fill you in on all of the particulars.



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The Meeting was Adjourned Frank Russell, Secretary

In the Rear View Mirror!

Little Rock Christmas Parade

December 11th







Little Rock Christmas Parade Continued





CACC Christmas Party







Toy Hill "Toys for Tots"

Even rain doesn't stop Santas in Corvettes











Fall Fun Run









Airbase Show November 13th













Arkansas State Fair Parade

October 15













Eureka Springs Show Drive Up October 6th





Thank ya Dan Tucker for a great drive, beautiful Scenic tour, and an awesome guide!



Editor's Ramblings

Hello and Merry Christmas my dear fellow Corvettians!

I can't believe it's that time of year again. All I can say is, "WOW." Winter is approaching like a car on the Dallas Expressway (if you've never driven on the Dallas Expressways, trust me when I tell you, "Those folks are in a hurry!") and Christmas is just around the next bend!

For those that know me any at all know, I've always loved cars (especially Corvettes). As a kid, my parents had it easy in picking out my Christmas present; just pick anything car related and barn they were done. And I always loved race tracks. I don't know if you remember the old school kind which had slots cut into the tracks. The cars were small and had a small piece in their underbody that fit into the slot in the track to hold the car and guide the it around the track. There was an eclectic strip that ran around the track to the power the tiny motor in the race-car. The driver had a plastic pistol grip with a trigger hard wired to the racetrack in which you would determine how fast the car went by how hard you held the trigger down. It took some skill to keep your car ahead of the others you were racing and yet keeping your car from going to fast around the curves and flying off the track. Here's a link to slot car racing if you want to watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPgTVHBhoWk

I loved those old toy racetracks. I burned up many a tiny rubber wheel on them. But that was a toy! Now I'm fortunate and blessed enough to have a real "racecar" in the form of a Corvette.

One of the things I looked forward to in joining our club was the opportunity to be able to join other Corvette enthusiasts in touring our cars together on highways and bi-ways of our great state in the form of "fun runs." There's nothing more fun than getting together, laughing, driving, talking Corvette, finding out-of-the way restaurants and seeing the scenery along the way. It's also a chance for our club to talk to non Corvette owners and explain some of the cool stuff about our beloved cars. It's a win win.

But we can't race our cars like I did on that racetrack as a kid. The biggest and most importance difference is that when you run your racecar off the little track; you just simply pick it up and put it back on the track. You can't really do that in real life! Not to mention you don't want to get hurt or hurt someone. That would not only look bad on you but the club as a whole. And there are laws governing the way one drives. That's not to say that I may or may not have been known to break a few laws when driving my Corvette! There's nothing like the rush of feeling your car slamming a curve, the tires digging into the pavement, and pushing your back into the seat with sheer power (just in case law enforcement might be reading this: I've just been told this! LOL.)

I did some research and found most Corvette clubs provide guidance for caravan/run etiquette that included: DON'T be cruel, poke fun, name call, be judgmental, or insensitive to others who may not drive as fast as you do. DON'T make fun of another member's Corvette. A Corvette is a CORVETTE period! DON'T gossip about other members in the Club. It's not cool and makes you look bad; not them. And if you're leading a group, DO give clear and concise guidance pre run so the other members understand what's expected. AND our club has been kind enough to give us guidance on cruising and caravan etiquette just in case you were wondering. It's located under DOCUMENTS tab in the "document library." I've attached it to the following the page so you can brush up. But I think the most important thing we can remember is how important it is to encourage and support your fellow Corvette enthusiasts (any automobile aficionados really) so that our time together is FUN for EVERYONE. When were out and about, folks are watching us and telling others what they saw.

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Cruising and Caravan Etiquette

This time of year, we look forward to getting out and driving our cars, not only for the fun of it, but for the fellowship with our club members. We always will be meeting new members and enjoying our "old friends."

Driving in a caravan is a fun way to travel and show the strength of our Corvettes, and it gets attention going down the road. Having a good time and a safe and successful drive requires common sense behavior and driving etiquette that is respectful to fellow Corvette enthusiasts, as well as other people on the road. While in a caravan we are on display to the public and being respectful and courteous should be on every driver's mind.

Our protocols for organized events to meet and drive somewhere have been established for many years. They are written somewhere in the history of the club, and they are also "unwritten," but in the minds of our experienced drivers.

Please be very aware of courtesy to each other when we go out driving. Those of you who know me know I like to drive fast and I like to lead! I also love the drag strip! But the reason for a caravan is to "parade," not to race.

At the staging area, if you want to drive "slow and easy", wait and line up toward the back of the line. I learned by following Pete Dean that it is very technical and requires a lot of attention to driving to keep up with the first few cars in the line!!!! So if you want to drive fast, position your car in the front half of the pack! And, from my own personal experience, be happy with where you end up in line, which is not always exactly where you would have chosen to be!

The Trip Leader will set the pace for the caravan. At the staging area, he/she will inform the group of all the designated stops, and the final destination.

While driving in the caravan, please do not pass a fellow Corvette driver, in line, just because you want to drive faster than the person in front of you, unless the person in front of you waves you around. Everyone is following the Trip Coordinator. A caravan is just that – remember PARADE. It is not a race. Passing your fellow drivers for no good reason is frowned upon – you do not have to show off your prowess – we all know you have it – we have it also! SAVE THAT FOR THE DRAG STRIP!

Attempt to ensure that the caravan is not spacing out too far. If separated by traffic lights, it may be necessary to pull over and regroup. Please use indicator lights when changing direction, in lanes, or at stoplights or signs. Try to avoid the "accordion effect."

Maintain a safe distance from the car in front of you. Keep your speed consistent with the other drivers in the caravan. Turn on your lights (most Corvettes have automatic running lights.)

Flash your lights and use your cell phone to notify someone if you are in trouble.

Do not let the car in front of you get out of sight. Keep visual sight of the caravan at all times.

Central Arkansas Corvette Club wants everyone to arrive safely at each destination and have a safe and fun driving experience.

We are looking forward to some great trips this year, and we want to keep everyone safe and happy

May your Holidays be full of love, peace, joy, and shininess!

As I come to the end of another newsletter and another year, I want to wish all a Merry Christmas full of wondrous blessings and memories of good times spent with friends and family.

May the magic of Christmas gladden your heart with the joys of the season. May the spirit of Christmas bless you with greater strength. May the promise of Christmas bring you and yours endless blessings.

Merry Christmas, and may this new year bring you joy and laughter. To be happy is the greatest wish in life.

Kirk Gardner, Newsletter Editor





If you would like to see something in this newsletter, to tell your Corvette story, or have an event and pictures,; please send them to: **CACCNEWSLETTER@YAHOO.COM!**

