

CAPITOL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Montgomery, Alabama

Minutes of the meeting for Tuesday, March 07, 2017

The meeting convened at Sinclair's East in Montgomery. Jo Alexander, President/Board Member, called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Michael Thrash, Secretary/Board Member, stated that the minutes of the February 2017 meeting were completed by Susan Springall, the previous Secretary, and have been distributed to all members via email. A hard copy of the minutes were on hand for review, although there were no corrections needed. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as they were distributed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Pam Smith, Membership Chair, reported that as of February 28 we have 50 member families. We have 25 that joined in February, 3 honorary, 3 roll overs and 19 members prior to February to get us to that total.

March Birthdays are (First & Last Name & the day): Eric Beasley 7, Mary Jones 9, Claudette Johnson 10, Rob Lomeli 12, Kenneth Bolling 17, Dennis DiGruccio 25, Marty Frederick 27, Dana Myrick 27, Alan Davis 28, and Mike Hall 28.

Pam said that we are working on a new club shirt design so she is not taking any orders for shirts. She is still taking orders for jackets. If you need any business cards let Pam know. If you have any updates on your Corvette please inform Pam. Please get in touch with Pam to renew your club membership, \$36 for the new fiscal year.

Pam welcomed new member Shawin Terry, owner of a 2012 Centennial Special Edition Grand Sport with black exterior and suede dark gray/black interior. Shawin stated that he is a yankee that came to the South, he coaches high school baseball, and that he loves to go fast on cars and motorcycles. Pam mentioned that he left out he does have a wife, Shawin said yes....For 23 years.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Vickie Lavender, Treasurer/Board Member, reported that we started off the month of February with \$690.75 in our checking account. We took in \$2177.00, we spent \$736.55, and we ended the month with \$2131.20. Our savings account still has \$2491.46, which leaves the club with a grand total of \$4622.66 for our monthly ending balance.

ABSENT MEMBERS TONIGHT:

Jo Alexander, President/Board Member, stated Wade Turner the Vice President of the club is absent from the meeting due to bad allergy problems. Also, his better half Carol is also absent due to a leg injury.

Bob and Brenda Whetstone are also not here tonight, Bob's mother is not doing very well at all, and he felt like he just could not leave her.

Dennis, Betty, Bobby and OJ are off galavanting around the world in TN somewhere having a good time.

Dick and Marty Frederick's twenty-six year old grandson passed away.

MOTOR SPORTS REPORT:

Mark Reese, Motor Sports Chair, mentioned Janet, his wife, had her second hernia operation this morning, it is hurting her more so than her first one did. She is doing ok though.

Mark, announced that we have a new king in the room, named Dari. Mark said he was defeated by Dari at the drag strip in two consecutive runs, and that Sassy cannot out run the 650HP of Dari's Z06. Mark stated the instructor had taught the student Dari very well.....(Dari stands up) And announces that this may also be the appropriate time for some kind of recognition. Dari said that he did have to honor his mentor Mark, he was quite good at teaching. Dari stated that Mark always said, "I will teach you everything but I will leave out that one important thing"....Well Dari found it! Someone asked Dari to post a video of the race between himself and Mark.....Dari said I am sorry, my camera only looks forward, ha! Dari then presented Mark with his second place trophy. It was a tiny little trophy engraved with the words "Mark Reese drag racing second place, nice try!" Mark stated that this one was going in his office right in front!

Mark announced the Road Atlanta trip is scheduled for March 17, and that he thinks Brian and himself are the only ones actually scheduled to run on the track. If anybody wants to go watch them run, they start at 9:30am. He also mentioned if anybody wants to go and do what Jo did to get thrown in jail, they will also be running the pace laps at noon for \$20. The pace laps are a good experience for anyone that has not been on a track before, and it is a lot of fun. Any type of automobile is allowed including convertibles. We will meet Friday, March 17 at the Chevron at the Tallassee exit at 6am, for the RoadAtlanta trip.

Brian Newton had previously suggested to Mark that they start teaching different aspects of road racing to the club members. They discussed the idea, and decided that Mark would start with the "flags of road racing". The flags are used for the track people to communicate with you while you are on the track, regarding what they need you to do. What we do on a track is a "high performance driving experience" (HPDE) not racing on the track.

- 1) Green Flag = Hot Track, which means the track is clear and ready for you to run.
- 2) Yellow Flag = Caution and first lap out, you would run at 50% to 75%, for tires & gets you use to the track.
- 3) Red Flag = Pull over to the closest side you are on and come to a stop. The reason is there are emergency vehicles coming and they want you out of the way.
- 4) Black Flag = Means go back into the pits and see the Pit-master. Either it is something you are doing driving or there is a problem with the car, leaking fluid, smoking, something loose, or came off. They also have boards they hold and can put your car number in to display so there is no confusion as to which car they are pointing off the track.
- 5) White Flag = Means "one more lap", cool down lap, take the car back down to 50% to 75% for cooling purposes. Do not use your emergency brake when parking your car after tracking it. The braking components are too hot.
- 6) Checkered Flag = The session is over, no you did not win, not racing, it just means fun time over until next track session!
- 7) Blue Flag w/yellow or orange diagonal stripe = Caution, faster cars coming up from behind, allow them to pass if possible, point and let them by.

Roebing Road Track Day Event, Everyone is invited to the Roebing Road Event. The track spaces are sold out, but you can still take rides with others and watch. Charlie Dunning had to sell his spot, but Jeff and Allison Williams purchased it and are now attending. Vicki Lavender mentioned the Savannah Riverboat Cruises, it would be a two hour cruise, arrive at 6pm to get on the boat, the cruise starts at 7pm, the meal is buffet style, and there is a cash bar. The food: prime rib, shrimp & grits. Live entertainment. If we have at least 25 people sign up it would be \$74.55 per person. If we have less than 25 people it would be \$86.80 per person. She has to know at least 30 days prior to book it and half the money at the time of booking. The rest of the money is due 14 days prior. We will need to get an email out to find out who is going.

Past Events:

Jo Alexander, President, we had two winners at the Union Springs car show. Norval Smith won his very first trophy with his new ZR1! Larry Ramsey also won his first trophy in his new C7.

Five club members also attended the Jackson Hospital car show, it was a nice event but no judging of the cars, only door prizes.

Activities Report:

Jo Alexander, President, there are several car show flyers located up front for each of you to look at.

If you are going to any shows please take some of the Cinco De Mayo Car Show flyers and pass them out. This is a great event where Sergio also feeds us and it was a really great event last year. We also would like to get as much preregistration as we can.

Brian Newton, NCM Ambassador, mentioned the Air Show coming up at MAFB, maybe going together as a group. Brian will find out the exact date and let us know.

Newk's Cruise-in, is always the last Saturday of the month. It is always a lot of fun with friends, food, and several very nice cars.

Grey's Car Show, March 25, at the corner of 231 and Redland Road.

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Other Items Mentioned:

Jo Alexander, President, profusely apologized for not thanking Susan Springall last month for serving as Secretary. She thanked Susan and Fred for their hard work performed for the club.

Jo thanked and introduced Brian Newton as our new Ambassador to the NCM.

Membership renewals are also due at this time, if you have already paid them thank you very much.

The elected officers are working on ideas to raise more money for the club.

The ladies luncheon this month is going to be at Mary Ann and Tom Thilmany's house on the lake. If the weather is nice that day she has offered to take people out on a boat ride. If you would like to carpool we will meet at Costco at 10:45am.

Jo stated we have done very well with the homeless purses and backpacks. It will be ongoing and we have a box here for the items to go in that you donate. We have enough purses but we do not have enough containers/backpacks for the gentlemen, so if you have any we would appreciate you helping us out with that. Vickie Lavender said the shelter that we are donating the items to also has children there, so we would appreciate items for children too. She also stated that some of the women are at the

shelter for up to a year, so bigger bottles of shampoo and other items would work very well also. She suggested the Dollar General, you can get large bottles Suave shampoo for a dollar. We can accept cash donations to purchase the items for the shelter.

We will also do the Relay for Life this year, this is one we have supported. We have had so many in our group battling cancer in the past, so it is something that is near and dear in our hearts. If you would like, please bring your donations next month to the meeting. Jo will get the envelopes with the Relay for Life on them before the next meeting for the donations. The night they pool all of the money donated together will be around April 20 or 21, she will send out an email when she finds out the correct date.

Ambassador's Report:

Brian Newton, NCM Ambassador Chair, encouraged everyone to visit the NCM and also mentioned that everyone should also become a member by joining the NCM. The next event at the museum is the April Bash starting Wednesday with an all day event at the NCM Motorsports Park Track. On Wednesday you can drive the track all day long for \$90. Brian said he would learn about a lot more things to let us know about next time. He also stated that Jeff was glad he got the position and that he would sit down with him and tell him all of the secrets.

Carolyn Middleton also pointed out that the NCM MSP has reached an agreement with the neighborhood concerning the noise level at the track. Roger Lavender added that they have sound meters at different locations to monitor the db level. The track also will have ten track days of unlimited db noise levels. Dari suggested a cruise through the neighborhood!

Website Report:

Roger Lavender, Webmaster Chair, stated that the website was up to date. Jo Alexander, President, also thanked Roger for updating several items on the website. Roger also requested a bio update from Brian Newton for the Ambassador's page on the website. Carolyn Middleton sent Roger the updated cruise list and it is posted, the minutes from last month's meeting were also posted. Roger has also completed about ten website software updates over the last month. Jo, President, expressed her appreciation for Roger doing such a great job with the CCCC website....Award winning (twice) website by the way.

50/50 Drawing:

The new member Shawin Terry was selected to draw the winning ticket. Brett Wingo won \$35 in the 50/50 drawing, congrats!

Jo Alexander, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm, after thanking everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Thrash
Secretary Officer, CCCC