



CAPITOL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Montgomery, Alabama

Minutes of the meeting for Tuesday, April 04, 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 March 07, 2017, meeting were completed and emailed to all members for review. A hard copy of the minutes were also on hand for review. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as they were distributed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Pam Smith, Membership Chair, reported that as of March 31, 2017, we have 59 member families. We have 8 that joined or renewed in the month of March. April Birthdays are (First & Last Name & the day): Ed Cole 5, Carolyn Middleton 9, Jackie Cavin 11, Vince Thomas 11, Barbara Kelly 13, Glynn Cavin 17, Fred Wood 23, Dean Basket 28, and Irma Street 30! Pam asked did everyone get a chance to see the new CCCC hat design and stated that she had sold all twelve of them the night of the meeting. She mentioned that she just placed another order for more of the redesigned hats. She also stated that she is still taking orders for jackets. She also asked that if you need more business cards, have updates on your cars, or would like to renew your membership please get with her. She said she thought everyone at the meeting has paid their dues now and also mentioned if anyone wants car decals to let her know. She announced that we have some visitors/new members with us; Willie Coleman with a 2001 C5 red w/black vert, Michael Moore with a 2012 GS white vert, and a new member Phil Byrd with a 2016 Cadillac ATSV.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Vickie Lavender, Treasurer/Board Member, reported that we started off the month of March with \$2131.20 in our checking account. We took in \$252.00, we spent \$302.37, and we ended the month with \$2080.83. Our savings account still has \$2491.46, which leaves the club with a grand total of \$4572.29 for our monthly ending balance.



MOTOR SPORTS REPORT:

Mark Reese, Motor Sports Chair, said he liked Dari's post on FaceBook, "Too many cars in my class". He stated that when you go to those real car shows you have to do a little more, but when you go to the small shows you feel like hey I got a nice car and everyone goes that is beautiful. He said but then you go to a real car show with like OJ's car, all of a sudden you are like maybe my car....Mark said, that was really neat seeing you guys win and all of that stuff.

Mark discussed going to Road Atlanta last month, and mentioned the local police being there. They were practicing their pit maneuvers and to show appreciation they also let them lead the parade laps at lunch time. Mark joked that you do not ask policemen to lead a group of racers. Mark stated that Michael said he even held back, and only got up to eighty-eight mph. Mark also noted that Dari has a video of a Miata spinning out off the track in the low speed parade laps. Mark said he had no idea how the guy did spin out at such low speeds. Pam stated that the officers must have been practicing to lead a funeral precession, they were going so slow.

Mark said that he now has two spots for the Roebing Road trip. Billy & Ruth Zemo will not be able to make it. Also Brock signed up, but later noticed it is his anniversary, so he will not be able to attend. Roger Lavender will be able to attend, it was COPD causing the reading on his tests, not his heart. Mark said he is going to send the notice out one more time to the club, and if nobody signs up, he will go outside of the club for the remaining spots. Mark mentioned that Chad had purchased a supercharged Camaro and has had some other work done to the car. He went to Lassiter Mountain Dragway this weekend and won the asphalt hero street car showdown. Mark said for anybody that wants to go to Roebing Road to get in touch with him. We rent the track for the day and you can go as fast as you want. Mark will divide everybody up into groups, so everyone is with like drivers. Jimmie Middleton mentioned that MotorWeek had tested the new Camaro ZL1 on the Roebing Road track. Mark mentioned that Roebing has a 3200 foot straight away, so it is a real fun track, because at the end of the straight away you have to abruptly turn right!

Vickie Lavender, mentioned again that we are planning a river boat cruise and that she will send out an email to everyone on the list she received from Mark with more information. She will not know how much it is going to cost until she knows how many are going. She stated she will need the money as soon as possible to book the cruise. The cruise will be on Saturday night, boarding is at 6pm, leaving the dock at 7pm, and it returns at 9pm. There will be a full buffet, dining and dancing, it is a really nice set up. She stated that she hopes we will all attend the riverboat cruise.



ACTIVITIES REPORT

Upcoming Events:

Jo Alexander, President, spoke on behalf of Bob Whetstone who was absent from the meeting due to not feeling well.

The Cinco De Mayo show is the 29th of this month, so we will not see the club as a whole before this show. We attended the show last year and it is put on by Sergio Sanchez. We have been handing out flyers at the various car shows we have been going to. Jo stated to please do the preregistration if at all possible. We will leave at around 9am from the airport area, in Selma the police escort will pick us up, then across the bridge, then on to the show location across from the mall. Hopefully we will have more cars there this year, we had a bunch last year as you guys recall. Sergio also has forty really nice trophies for the show this year. One of them being four & a half to five feet tall, not that a Corvette is going to win that one, but surely somebody in here will win a larger one because we have some awesome cars. Roger Lavender stated that last year he won the fire chief pick award that was five feet tall that he is still having a time finding a place to put it. Jo stated that it is an awesome show and she would really like us to support this show. She stated that Sergio contacted her last year to inquire if we were going to attend again, and he let us pick the date of the 29th because we will be in Savannah on Cinco De Mayo. Jo said please if you are going to a car show please distribute flyers for this show. We will meet at the Advance Auto parts store again this year between 8-9am. Jo also stated that last year the manager thought we were having a car show in his parking lot, she had to explain the show was in Selma that we were just meeting in his parking lot! Jo also stated that she was flying out to Colorado on the 19th, and that she will not be back until 10:30pm the 28th, so it will be a short night for her before the show. Jo also announced that the reason for her trip to Colorado is her dad's 95th birthday on the 11th and he also just quit working two years ago. Jo stated her parents 70th wedding anniversary is on April 21, and since that is really special they are going to have a party to celebrate them. Then Jo said she will be going to Las Vegas, accompanied by her sister. Jo also stated that she will be attending the Ron Fellows school in Pahrump, NV while she is out there.

AMBASSADOR'S REPORT:

Brian Newton, NCM Ambassador Chair, announced that the NCM Bash is this month, though it does compete with the Cinco De Mayo show timeline. They will have open lapping Wednesday at the Motorsports Park for \$90, you can run all day long. They will not let you go that fast but you can go run. They are going to close the plant up soon so there will not be that much more time to go see the plant. Hopefully they will put the new water based paint booths in before long and that might be why they are changing over. Usually when the plant shuts down the cars change identity so maybe the 2018 will be a



little different, but that is why we are going, to find out. They will debut the 2018 models at the BASH, so if you attend you will be able to see them. Brian stated if you become a member try to keep on renewing your membership each year, you can also purchase a lifetime membership. With the membership you can also visit several other museums all across the nation. In fact there are three different museums in Savannah to go see, so you could become a member for that reason. Brian also stated the Callaway Corvette Collection is on display at the NCM for a while if you would like to see them. Brian also stated that if you are a member of the NCM you can get supplier pricing on several GM vehicles.

WEBSITE REPORT:

Roger Lavender, Webmaster Chair, stated that the website patches and updates are a constant thing, and the cruise list is on the events page. Two weeks ago the Corvettes won at Sebring and this weekend they are at Long-beach. The difference between the two races, 12 hours, and 45 minutes for the other. The Long-beach race never fails to be exciting and if you are going to the BASH the number four car and its transporter will be there. Assuming of course that it stays off the concrete wall, the number four car did not finish at Sebring because of an overheating issue in hour three. Watch the car race it is on Fox.

BUSINESS:

Jo Alexander, President, stated that she is going to start trying to include a calendar of events as an attachment to the meeting reminder email sent out to all club members shortly before the meeting every month.

Relay for Life, we have the envelopes up here if you wish to give to them. We will make sure they get to the Wetumpka group, they will be counting them by the 20th of this month. But it is not that we cannot give money the rest of the year, we can, so if you do not get it in it is not a big deal.

Jo stated that after June 16, 2017, there will be no plant tours, and as of yesterday they were unsure of when it will reopen for the tours. They are open for plant tours on May 8-12, 2017 & May 29, 2017, Mondays and Fridays only. The board members have discussed the club trips to the NCM and plant. We have decided that we will go every other year starting this year, and skip next year. Then we will go in 2019 for the caravan, that is the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the NCM. It was really neat last time with everybody coming through Montgomery, OJ was involved. This does not mean that you cannot go in small groups to the NCM, it would just not be an official CCCC trip. So if you want to go this year please talk with Bob or Jo and we can get a group together for



this year. Jimmie Middleton mentioned that if you have not attended one of these NCM events, please do so, because it is quite a site with ten thousand cars there, Corvettes.

Jo stated the board also talked about some fund raisers, like in the past when we have done car shows. But she has had people come up to her and say do not even mention a car show. Jo said we had two people offer to do this for the club to raise money. Mark Reese is one, anything made of wood, Mark can do it, his work is fabulous when it comes to cabinets and such. Mark has decided that he will donate a cabinet to use in the raffle. And also Bob Whetstone, if you do not know he is a gun dealer, has offered a rifle to raffle. And that would be raffled off just before hunting season. Dennis vouched for Mark's previous cabinet used for the raffle, he stated it is a beautiful piece of work. Jo Alexander, President, called for a vote for having the raffles, it was approved by the club unanimously. Jimmie Middleton suggested doing a 50/50 raffle where half goes to the club and half to a charity. Jo stated that she will discuss the items further with Mark and Bob at a later time.

Jo mentioned the ladies luncheon, she will not be here to take care of it. She stated that Vickie Lavender, who is a board member, will be taking care of that along with Pam who made the reservations at The Tea Room. If you are going this month please let them know if you have not already done so. This month the luncheon is on the 20th, there is a typo on the agenda that says the 29th. It is always the third Thursday of the month.

Jo stated that we have done an awesome job collecting items for the homeless. The box is located up here in the front, I know a bunch of you have brought in items, thank you very much. Janet Reese stated they had delivered 35 bags packed for the women, 15 bags for the men packed. They got all sorts of stuff they were not even expecting. The one thing they are still needing are paper products, paper plates, plastic wear, and toilet paper. Janet stated that it was an eye opening experience, she had never been in a place like that. Two pictures were passed around so that everyone could see. The name of the place is Friendship Mission and it is located over in Chisholm. There is nine apartments, three for single women and six for families, women with their children. The mens section is in another building, with fifty beds. Twenty-five of them are transitional, and the other twenty-five for emergency situations. She stated that the buildings need a lot of tlc, she cried several times while there. Pam inquired if maybe the shelter had a need for leftover paint. Janet said she would ask them if they needed such items. They have a computer area where they can go work on the computers, apply for jobs. They also teach them, there was a cooking class about to start while we were there, they also teach them about addictions and there is a bible study. Janet stated that she made sure they knew it was a collaborative effort between her gym, high school students from the teacher at the gym, and the CCCC. Pam mentioned this would be a continuous donation effort for the club. Jo thanked everybody again for their efforts in this.



Jo mentioned the annual CCCC Christmas party location, that Arrowhead Country Club is going to raise the price for the party and we cannot afford it anymore. We voted last year and the club picked up a lot of the expenses for the Christmas party. The club cannot do that again, and we were also very generous and donated \$1000 to charities. If you are out and about and see someplace that would work for the Christmas party then please let us know. It is something we need to start batting around and not wait until the last minute.

Jo stated, one more time if you have not paid your dues, then please do so. If you do not get your dues in, your gonna find there will be no emails coming to tell you what is happening. As soon as you pay your dues, the emails will show up again. That has been working for us the last couple of years, it is not that people do not want to pay their dues, they just forget. Then they wonder why they are not getting the emails from the club, then they realize they did not pay their dues. Please do so if you have not done so already.

Wade Turner, Vice President/Board Member, stated that all of you know that when you give a presentation you have to have audiovisual right? So we have audiovisual and you need an attention getter. When I started looking for a 2011 ZR1 I went online to see what type problems they might have. As Mark can tell you from his son's experience Corvettes love several things, burning is one of the best things they do. And the newer ones, there are three online that had fuel tank leaks, and sure enough they burned up. So when my 2011 ZR1 started smelling like fuel, I got underneath it, confident that the gas tank was leaking, it wasn't. Here you look at the fuel rail for a ZR1, you notice that General Motors very cunningly made this part metal, wont break. They made this part woven rubber. This little devil, now this is a 9100 mile car, ok, 9100, this little devil had a little bitty pinhole leak in it and it was squirting right on the exhaust manifold. So, avoiding a fire I thought it might be interesting for those of you who smell fuel in your car not to just keep toddling on down the road thinking (inaudible). These things burn very vigorously. For those of you interested this a \$977 part, only General Motors. And I called the area manager and mentioned this to him, I am sure you can imagine how interested he was. He did ask me if I still had this piece, and I assured him I did, and for \$977 he could have it!

Pam also announced we have a visitor we have not seen in a long time, Barbara Beasley, we see Eric all the time!

Jo stated that Larry Ramsey said that Riverside Chevrolet wanted to do Cars & Coffee every third Saturday, starting this month. But she called up there and no one knew anything about it. She will try to find out more information and let everyone know.



Jo also said that Roosevelt Watkins is at the Mini Cooper of Birmingham now and wants to stay very closely connected with us. He will give us 15 to 20% off and do the best he can, parts, labor, etc.. Also on May 13, 2017, he will be having a big shindig up there that he would like for us to come to. She said she will get the information out to the club, and by the way it is a very nice dealership.

Norval stated that Larry Ramsey won a trophy at the Eufaula Pilgrimage Car Show. Larry & Kim Ramsey, Michael Thrash, Ed, Chip, and Norval attended, we had four Vettes there. It was a really great day and beautiful weather.

Dari also mentioned that OJ cleaned up at the Vettes at the Village show in Florida and that there were over 70 Corvettes down there. OJ stated it was just another win! He also stated that a lot of people go to car shows to socialize, he said he goes to win. The only way you can win at a Corvette show is to put money in it. You have got to put those mods on. When you go to an all Corvette show, it just all depends on who has the most money, it is what you do to your car. He also mentioned something about Dari-isms! Dari mentioned something about leftover beads from the Mardi Gras! OJ stated he won first place for the Stingrays and he won best engine which surprised him because he stated he had not done that much to the engine. Pam asked OJ what is he going to put on it now to win the next one? OJ stated that we do not want to drag this meeting out! Congratulations to the winners!

Fred Wood, a past member of the club, has passed away.

Jo also stated that Bob Whetstone's mother passed away, and that several club members attended the funeral.

50/50 DRAWING:

Barbara Beasley was selected to draw the winning ticket.
Carol Turner won \$55 in the 50/50 drawing, congrats!

Jo Alexander, President, adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm, after thanking everyone for attending.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Thrash
Secretary Officer, CCCC