



TUES. JAN 2, 2024

CHAPPY'S DELI, PEPPERTREE, 8141 VAUGHN RD, MONTG. AL

- Welcome: **David Dodd**, President (likely for life) started the meeting at 6:33 PM.
- Secretary: **Stef Eisen** - Minutes of the December 2023 meeting met no opposition or corrections.... Mainly because there were no meeting minutes from a meeting we never had! However, the November minutes were also perfect and were accepted by acclimation.
- Treasurer: **Vickie Lavender** – She started her “report” by telling the massed crowd that she finally found the chair she wants in her living area – then went on to say that we got some money and we spent some money, but not to worry about any of it. When we finally got numbers, they were actually quite good. The Fabulous CCCC has a total of \$7,568.36 in the kitty. Of note, we took in a total of \$2,200 to cover the cost of the Christmas Party and paid out a total of \$2,555.78, so we almost covered all our costs. Best we’ve done in some time.
- Membership Chair: **Pam Smith** – the heck with membership – it’s Mardi Gras prep time!! Sooooo, Pam has set up a trip to Mobile (pronounced Mow-beal not Mo-bl [like the oil you put in your car]) on 25 January. Sounds like fun...a stop on the way to visit the Poarch Creek Indian Museum (see: <https://pci-nsn.gov/about/museum-2/>), then off to Mobile to Ralph & Kacoo’s (see: <https://www.ralphandkacoos.com/locations/mobile>) as well as getting the beads and moon pies, etc. The Montgomery rendezvous point is the Flying J station (see: <https://locations.pilotflyingj.com/us/al/hope-hull/900-tyson-road>). That’s exit 158 off of I-65. Pam will get more info out on the final details via email. When we were trying to figure out what exit the Flying J was located at, Dean “are you lost” Baskett kept taking us to the wrong exit. Don’t follow him anywhere.
- Introduction to New Members, Visitors, this month’s Birthdays, & Club Attire - Shirts & Caps: Please wear name tags so we can get to know who’s who. Mardi Gras Parades + More Parades Coordinator
- Racing & Leisure Event Coordinator: **Mark Reese** – Mark was on the home front taking care of the most important person in his life. See ya next meeting!
- Web Master: **Julie Hall** – she too was unable to attend. Roger Lavender commented that he had checked, and the web site “...was still there.”
- NCM Ambassador: **Carolyn Middleton** – as we have come to expect, Carolyn (and her

executive support Jimmie) provided all the latest details on what's happening at the NCM.

First, the bad news ---- Corvette Plant Tours. NO MORE CORVETTE PLANT TOURS starting Monday, February 5, 2024 – Due to manufacturing advancements (beginning building the ZR1). There is no date yet for resumption of plant tours. Go now or don't go! (get your tickets now at corvettemuseum.org)

Second, sorta bad news ---- NCM Banner: Cost of Club Banners for NCM have gone up from \$500 to \$725 (for you math majors, that's a 45% price increase). Only 58 spots available. Design must be in by mid-January. Slots are on a first come, first served basis. NOTE: Later in the meeting it was moved/seconded and voted (due to the price hike AND the nearly impossible suspense to get the banner in) that the CCCC would forgo sponsoring a banner this year and put the \$\$ towards the charitable efforts. Pam Smith asked that we readdress the issue next year (through a "table motion") and consider an "every other year" banner submission. That was accepted by the CCCC.

Third, even more sorta bad news ---- NCM Ambassadors: The NCM decided to discontinue the "Master Ambassador" designation. Clubs will be ranked via a star rating – from 1-Star to 5-Stars (no information yet as to the criteria needed to earn those star ratings). Clubs earning those yet-to-be-determined 4- and 5-Star ratings will be acknowledged in print.

Fourth, some good news ---- Corvette Donations/Collections: The NCM is always looking at Corvette item donations from members. If interested in donating something, contact: Ashlee James at 270-777-4562. They don't, however, need any old magazines or (Doug York take note) used motor oil.

Fifth, NCM Insurance: What do they cover? More than just a plastic fantastic....

- i. Collector Vehicles – doesn't have to be a Corvette (low mileage – not daily drivers)
- ii. HPDE – Open Track Day
- iii. Motorcycles
- iv. Car Club Liability and Officer & Director Liability
- v. Boats/Yachts/Watercraft
- vi. Garage Liability
- vii. Personal Umbrella

For claims, Don't call the NCM – call 877-678-7626; See Info@ncminsurance.com

Sixth, Motorsports Park (MSP): ERays are coming to drive at the MSP. Another option is touring laps – Drive your car - \$132.50/car – 4-lead/follow laps. You may also drive their C8 Z06 - \$1,058.94 (3 track sessions + 3 classroom sessions). Still more: Drive their C8 - \$849.94 (3 track sessions + 3 classroom sessions).

Seventh, NCM Membership: Annual - \$65 Individual and \$100 Family; Annual Club - \$250; Individual Lifetime - \$2,000; Lifetime Club - \$3,000; Senior - \$750 – 65 and older (20-year individual membership)

Eighth, Corvette Education: There is an increased involvement for children. The NCM would appreciate any donations of Hot Wheels – Matchbox Corvettes – if you have any NEW, unopened boxes of small Corvette Hot Wheels or Matchbox cars – bring to our club meetings and I will collect for distribution to the children coming to the NCM for tours and field trips.

Ninth, Corvette Delivery at NCM: R8C Experience - \$1,495; NCM Experience - \$500 (have your current Corvette delivered at the NCM – Mary Kay take MY TNA up there and

watch them all blush); Photo Album \$1,000 – pictures of your car as it goes through the Corvette Assembly Plant

Tenth, Corvette 30th Anniversary – Corvette Caravan: August 29-31, 2024 – they expect 8,000 folks

Eleventh, Corvette Raffles: **January 18, 2024** – 2024 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$85,000 - \$250/ticket, 1500 tickets to be sold – 1,015 left; **February 8, 2024** – 2024 Red Mist Corvette Coupe - \$150/tickets, 1,500 tickets to be sold, 1,185 left; **April 27, 2024** – 2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible - \$20/ticket – unlimited # to be sold

AS ALWAYS! THANKS FOR ALL THIS GREAT INFORMATION CAROLYN!!!!!!

Business:

1. We are still taking membership dues--\$36 annually (aren't we always willing to take anybody's money?). See Pam & Vickie. Make checks payable to CCCC (or Vickie's chair fund).
2. December roundup: Our annual Christmas party, great food and playing dirty Santa was fun this year. But let's move our focus to our CCCC Christmas Caravan. I want to especially thank our hosts this past year. Blade and Ashia (awesome appetizers AND Football on the telly!!!), Cindy and Mike Peavy (super main course and in that super cool "Uber-Man Cave") and Dave (welcome to my "western" garage) and Kathy (yes, she really did make ALL those desserts) Windham. What a treat we all had. We even had an unannounced escort, as we traveled to the Windhams' home. Not but no one received a be early, but if anyone is us know.
 sure what he/she thought we were planning driving award for Christmas. I know this may interested in being a host this year, please let
3. Let's reflect on our car show in 2023. CCCC quilters created a quilt named Luna Star for our raffle. Tim and Debbie Muttersbaugh purchased tickets for Carleesha, our waitress, and guess what? she won with ticket number 1. We presented her the quilt at the meeting!
4. Also, the two recipients of our charitable efforts were at the meeting -- we presented checks to:

A. H.I.M. MINISTRIES. 145 Coliseum Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36109.

HopeInspiredMinistries.org. JOHN BOWMAN

See <https://hopeinspiredministries.org/>

B. Mercy House 2412 Council St, Montgomery, AL 36108. [Mercyhousemgm.org](https://www.mercyhousemgm.org). KEN AUSTIN. Ken did a great job filling us in on how many lives the Mercy House touches on a daily basis. Thanks Ken! He also pointed out that one of our own (Chief OJ Webster) was his Professional Military Education instructor back in 1983. Thanks for being a great teacher Chief!!! See <https://www.mercyhousemgm.org/>

5. 2024 Board Member Elections took place. Board Member positions are President (David "Oh my gosh, will somebody please take this job" Dodd), Vice President (Dave "Don't hate me, but I also own a Ford" Windham), Secretary (Stef "I don't really want to do this – again" Eisen) & Treasurer (Vickie "I really want that new chair" Lavender). The rules say that the nominees must be willing to serve, if elected. None of the nominees were willing to serve (the "nominating committee"

headed by Larry “I’ll twist their arms ‘til it hurts” Martin) – yet were almost universally acclaimed to office (there was ONE dissenting vote) – Mark Reese also voted nay in absentia! There was a write-in vote for a new Club position “CCCC Club Clown” – Dean Baskett was appointed by acclimation (I guess we can do that, nothing in the rules says we can’t).

6. We did have some fun playing Mardi Gras trivia.

New Business: Nah...None this month...we got bills to pay from Christmas

Upcoming Events:

1. Mardi Gras: Get your Beads and Moon Pie orders to Pam ASAP!!! The parades are early this year:

- A. Millbrook, Sat. January 27th, 2024 @12 pm
- B. Wetumpka, Sat. February 10th, 2024 @1 pm

There was a side story (from Pam of course) on how to properly engage in the “collection” of beads. Something along the lines of “no holds barred – get those beads at all costs” is her only play in the play book – much to Norval’s chagrin.

2. Wed Jan 17th: Ladies Luncheon @ the Hawaiian BBQ and Ramen -- 11am: See <https://www.hawaiianbbqramen.com/>
3. Sat- Sun April 6-7 Blue Angles are coming to Maxwell. Stef Eisen is meeting with the Show Manager to iron out the details of displaying some of our Plastic Fantastics at the Air Show.
4. Tech note: There seems to be an issue with C8’s oil filter position (may just be the Z06, I didn’t get all the details). If it is improperly installed (read, a bit loose) and it leaks – it’ll leak right on the exhaust manifold.... Apparently, there is a burned up (yes, it’s YELLOW) C8 at Capital Chevrolet that suffered that fate.
5. OJ had some cool stuff to offer to the club. As soon as he said “for sale,” (that means dollars are involved), Dean Baskett was heard muttering: “Oh, never mind.” Stef got a really cool Sweatshirt. The exchange in the parking lot looked like a drug deal...oh well. And (of course) it was a C5 logo sweatshirt because C5s are BEAUTIFUL!
6. We got to play Mardi Gras Trivia: Bottom Line, the Catholics in our bunch aren’t Catholic enough! Some of the better (wrong) answers were:

Float riders are required to wear ____ by law in keeping with the mystery of the tradition.
Real answer: Masks -- Dari’s answer: Underwear.

Another one: What is NOT allowed in Mardi Gras parade floats? Real answer: Advertising -- Dean’s answer: Socks
7. Side comment from the president: “Greg’s not here because he’s on the toilet” – I’ll let you figure out WHO it was and WHY it was....
8. 50/50!!! Norval won!!! \$60!!!! Yea!!! More beads and moon pies for PAM!!!

9. Start thinking about proposals for this year's charity
10. Happy New Year! Looking forward to another great/fabulous CCCC year. Full of fun and surprises.

Charitable Items Needed:

A. **MOM (Montgomery Outreach Ministries):** Carolyn Middleton

Items Needed:

<u>Lunch Bags</u> <u>White or Brown</u>	<u>Pens</u>	<u>Post It Notes-All Sizes + Note pads 4x6 or 5x7</u>
<u>Copy Paper</u>	<u>Spray Air Freshener</u>	<u>Paper Clips &</u> <u>2024 Calendars. Those you may obtain from</u> <u>your mail and do not use.</u>
<u>Rubber Bands</u>		

B. **Homeless Sleeping Mat Ministry:** Vickie Lavender

Homeless Sleeping Mat Ministry is through several local organizations that weave and make sleeping mats for the homeless population out of plastic shopping bags and supplying toiletries, socks, wash clothes, blankets to those in need.

Remember if you all stay at a hotel this year, if you would, bring your unused toiletries to the meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm (just like the Boeing Airliner)

Reminder, please let Carolyn Middleton know if you have received a car insurance quote, renewed, or have obtained a new policy, purchased a raffle ticket, new/renewal NCM membership.

Need a Club decal for your car? Carolyn Middleton can help. She has small silver & large decals.
\$20ea (\$10 to cover materials & \$10 goes back to the club.)

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Check us out: capitolcitycorvetteclub.org + FACEBOOK.

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**Also, watch your emails for
"LET'S DRIVE SOMEWHERE"
SAVE THE WAVE!**

**2023 you made us cry, you made us laugh, but it is time to
welcome 2024.**