



CAPITOL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Chappy's Deli, 8441 Vaughn, Rd. Montgomery, AL

Tues. March 5, 2024

**MANY THANKS TO MARY KAY EISEN FOR PROOFING
THIS CRAP BEFORE I SEND IT TO DAVID**

- ≈ Welcome: **David Dodd**, President AND BIRTHDAY BOY (more on that later – yes it will be embarrassing) convened the wet and motley assembled masses at 6:33 PM for the reading of the meeting. As he attempted to reign over the assembled, the “crowd murmur” continued, to which he smartly commented: “Keep talkin’, you’re on the clock now.” Folks quieted down pretty quickly.
- ≈ Secretary: **Stef Eisen** -Minutes of Last Meeting - as usual, the perfectly (false) and completely (made up) minutes from the previous séance were accepted unanimously!
- ≈ Treasurer: **Vickie “I wasn’t here last month because of Roger” Lavender** – she talked about our money. Well, she started with “I’m not up 1st, Stef is....” Then she found out that the minutes were approved while she was part of the “murmur” crowd... So then she started. “No furniture was bought last month... but there were medical bills BOR” (BOR means: “Because of Roger”). Now, on a serious (and happy note), the Lavenders did get good news from the last doctor’s visit. His iron infusions seem to be working and he’s got some “pink” tones! Yea! Keep praying!!!

Financial Activity Summary as of Feb 29, 2024. We got money. Checking = \$2,338.99 + Savings: \$4,537.07 = Total of \$6,876.06. We be doin’ gud.

- ≈ Membership Chair: **Pam “She was ALL OVER THE PLACE THIS MONTH” Smith** – Started with a Mardi Gras recruiting story:
Then transitioned to announcing Katie and Doug York’s newest grandbaby – yes, it’s their 4th – although Katy must have gotten married at 12 to look that young and have 4 grands” – but then again, Doug reminded me that this is Alabama. So there’s that. Anyway CONGRATULATIONS on the latest “Yorkie”!
Then Pam introduced Tim Muttersbaugh’s son – Chris was visiting from Michigan (you know, that place where you can’t drive your Corvette 10 months of the year). He tried to come in his 2023 Hypersonic Gray Stingray Convertible – but weather prevented the 900 miles of smiles!!!
Then Pam introduced Mike Moore – new member – has a red/black C8. Mike

summed it up as concisely as any Corvette owner I have ever met. QUOTE: "I LIKE IT". That pretty much sums up every Corvette owner's experience. If not, then get a Mustang. You can be unhappy AND slow at the same time. Then Mike Peavy has a "new to him" 2008 C6! What's that make – about 22 Corvette's in his possession?

- ≈ Somewhere in this conversation/meeting/séance, Our President started talking about surgery that fixed his "crooked nose" – and that's not the only "crooked" part of Knowing our President. He also has a "crooked" back. Well, anyway, the unpleasant nose surgery did fix the issue – like a new air cleaner on your car, he gained 22 Horsepower at the wheel.
- ≈ Somewhere after that, the VP Windham gave an update on Kathy's Dad, Phil. His bypass is doing well, overcoming some minor issues associated with the bypass, but progress is good. Phil surprised Kathy by presenting her with the key fob to his C7 – "I'm giving you my Corvette" – the beloved "Esmerelda". She is the proud owner of that beauty. Phil also surprised his son-in-law when David Windham got the updated insurance bill with the C7 now on his roles. Quote: "Old age and treachery will overcome youth and skill every time."
□ THE KICKER: Phil's "transfer caveat" allows him to drive Esmerelda anytime he pleases.... Talk about having your cake and not paying for it! Way to go Phil!!!!

- ≈ Pam FINALLY was BLE TO GET TO THE MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

March 5th, 2024 CCCC Meeting, we have 69 Family Members as of February 29th, with 1 New Member in February, and 47 brave souls came despite the rain and attended the séance / meeting.

- ≈ March Birthdays:

- ≈ 5 David Dodd (El Presidente with a "new" nose as well as Jong Kim and Arthurine Smith
- ≈ 6 Rob Faranda
- ≈ 7 Eric Beasley and Paul Lammon
- ≈ 17 Phil Booty
- ≈ 22 Stan Wilkinson
- ≈ 25 Dennis DiGruccio and Darrell Rigsby Sr.
- ≈ 27 Marty Frederick
- ≈ 28 Mike Hall

As usual, if you have any new updates such as Vanity Tags, Cars, Addresses, Email, Phone Numbers, please keep us updated. This keeps the Roster current and you can keep getting info on club events. And again, as usual, we (i.e. Pam and Vicki) are taking membership dues for 2024. And, as usual, new Club Apparel is now available -- Shirts, Windbreakers, and Hats. Get stylin' for '24!!!

- ≈ Welcome to New Members:

- ≈ *Tom & Lannah Padgett of Eclectic, AL. Recruited by Stef Eisen (please don't hold that against poor Tom and Lannah, it's just a cross they have to bear!
- ≈ *Michael Moore of Montgomery with a 2021 Red/Black Coupe. He has owned many Corvettes over the years: 1994, 2000, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2019, 2020. Likely more than Greg Lyons ever did!!! He likes the 2000s. But even Michael can't beat Bob Whetstone's record of 19 Corvettes!

- ≈ Welcome Guests:
- ≈ Tim & Debbie Muttersbaugh's son Chris. He lives in Michigan. As mentioned above, he had hoped to drive his 2023 Hypersonic Gray Convertible down, but Michigan.
- ≈ More Member Updates:
- ≈ *Dennis Hogan sold his yellow Corvette (and it didn't catch on fire – new CCCC record!).
- ≈ *Always keep Roger Lavender (see above) in your thoughts and prayers.
- ≈ Racing & Leisure Event Coordinator: **Mark "WE BE TRACKIN'" Reese** – gave us all sorts of great news now that Spring is here.

CHIN: (see: <https://chintrackdays.com/>). We have three ways to track. The 1st is when the club gets access to a track (see Roebbling Road event later in this section). Then there are "Open Track Days" like the ones offered at Little Talladega Gran Prix Raceway (see: <https://talladegagp.com/>) and the 3rd is CHIN. We'll start with the (correct) premise that people own Corvettes to drive and enjoy them. And some really like to drive them fast. To avoid the issue of "blue light specials" in your rearview mirror, track days allow you to drive as fast as you'd like/can and do it in a safe environment. Specifically, the 2nd and 3rd options above do not require any special training, just a briefing (about track rules, safety, and "point to pass" rules) and basic safety equipment (helmet, etc. – don't have a helmet but still want to try it out – we'll fix you up). The 1st option (CHIN) is where the CHIN organization contracts with various tracks for track time and then you can sign up with them to track your wonderful Corvette. CHIN does require a checkout program (2 days of academics and some track driving with an instructor) before they "certify" you. Once certified, you can sign up for any CHIN event across the US! As with most track events, there are different segments: Beginner (first time out), Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and then Advanced (means try to keep up with Mark [in the Huntress] and/or Cole [in this new C8 Z06 – good luck with that]).

WRT Roebbling Road (Savannah GA) in June, the FABULOUS CCCC club (well really Mark Reese) has reserved the track for all day Friday, 28 June. It's just for us!!! No Mustangs (drive fast, can't stop). For folks unfamiliar with the track, there will be parade laps at the beginning of the day and we'll run in multiple classes, so you will be driving with people similar in skill (and intent) as you are. What's cool about Roebbling Road??? 2.02 Miles with 9 turns – and a front straightaway that is 3,200' long.... Can open up your plastic fantastic (and then hit the brakes for turn 1)! See Mark for more details – he'll be bringing up the travel plans (departure time/location from Montgomery, hotel information, etc.) in future meetings.

Mark rounded out the presentation by recapping a "brake/break in" run on 24 February where he took Cole's brand new Z06 on a "careful" (he really did well) run up to Lake Martin and back – Stef was the flight engineer who counseled Mark on ensuring the "brake/break-in" RPM cycle didn't end up being the "break-up" RPM cycle. Mark was a good boy. Several other members accompanied the trip. Brock Miler brought his "Porch-a" (which does identify as a Corvette). When we stopped at the turn around point, he parked it away from the real cars. Larry Coleman (he really needs a gym membership) brought his beautiful Artic White C8 (SURIS). Charlie Dunning drove his 2023 Torch Red Z06 (RULEMKR). Spencer brought an ACR Viper, and Eric Beasley drove his stunning C7 Z06 (PWRFUL). As

the stop, some dude in a mini-van jumped out (leaving his perplexed wife in the passenger seat) to ogle over the assembled beauty (the cars, not the guys).

≈ Web Master: **Julie Hall** – Website is up to speed. See: <https://capitolcitycorvetteclub.org/> Julie is always looking for input from us members to post on the site. So feed her those pictures (and copies of those speeding tickets – well, maybe not).

≈ NCM Ambassador: **Carolyn “Always has lots of news” Middleton**

≈ Notes on the 2024 Corvette E-Ray (we might not like it, but we knew it was coming.... At least it isn't an E-Stang..... Starting MSRPs are:

- i. 1LZ Coupe - \$104,900; 1LZ Convertible - \$111,901
- ii. 2LZ Coupe - \$110,400; 2LZ Convertible - \$117,400 - PDR, Heated/cooled seats, power fold mirrors, front & rear cameras, blind alert zones
- iii. 3LZ Coupe - \$115,850; 3LZ Convertible - \$122,850 - all leather and carbon fiber steering wheel

The LT2 V8 Engine has 655 Combined HP (495 hp from 6.2 L, LT2 V8 engine plus 160 hp from the eAWD (electric drive unit). It can do 0-60 in 2.5 seconds and the ¼ mile in 10.5 seconds. It has Carbon Ceramic brakes, All-season tires, and an 8-speed dual clutch transmission. Unique to the electrics, it has a Stealth mode – electric only, 3-4 miles at up to 45 mph (so you won't wake up your neighbors at 0300. Appearance wise, it has wider fenders, quarter panels and facias (do these fenders make my a—look big?). Mainly to accommodate the wide wheels with all-season tires.

≈ Upcoming Events:

- a. 27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash – April 25-27, 2024
- b. 2024 Corvette Caravan and 30th Anniversary Celebration – August 29 – 31, 2024
- c. Museum in Motion 1 Lap of Kentucky (all the same trip) led by Kentucky State Trooper in a Corvette
 - i. Sept. 24-28, 2024
 - ii. Oct. 1 – 5, 2024
 - iii. Oct. 15-19, 2024
 - iv. Oct. 22-26, 2024
- d. Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 – Nov. 7-9, 2024

3) Raffles:

- a. March 7, 2024 – 2024 Artic White Convertible - \$200/ticket, 1,500 tickets to be sold, 797 left
- b. March 28, 2024 – 2024 Sea Wolf Gray Coupe - \$100/tickets, 2,000 to be sold, 1,359 left
- c. April 18, 2024 – 2024 Riptide Blue Coupe - \$150/ticket, 1,500 to be sold, 1,267 left
- d. April 26, 2024 – 2024 Build Your Own Stingray or \$85,000 - \$250/ticket, 1,500 to be sold, 1,380 left
- e. April 27, 2024 – 2024 Red Mist Convertible - \$20/ticket, Unlimited tickets to be sold

As always, if you get insurance, let Carolyn know. President Dodd's insurance with NCM actually went DOWN this year. Vicki said it was because he hadn't fallen out of any trees lately.

Business:

We are still (ALWAYS) taking membership dues -- \$36 annually (cheap -- everything else has gone through the roof, but not our dues!). See Pam & Vickie. Make checks payable to CCCC. As a pace setter, some have paid through 2026!!!!

New Business:

Charities: Discussion and vote on charities was held. By motion and vote, the FABULOUS CCCC 2024 charities will be the Montgomery Children's Center Adult Program (50%), the HSEC (The Humane Society of Elmore County -- 25%) and the PAHS (Prattville/Autauga Humane Society -- 25%).

Upcoming Events:

a.i.1. Sat Mar 9 To Clothe a Child Car show, Union Springs, AL. \$25. One lunch is included in the registration fee. We will meet at the Chantilly Walmart (10710 Chantilly Parkway, Montgomery, AL 36117) from 7:30 am to 7:55 am. We will depart at 8 am. Because our cars are lower than most, we will NOT meet at the complex. Car show generally is finished by 2pm. We will drive directly to the downtown area.

After the car show, you may want to visit Fitzpatrick Greenhouses (Hwy 110 Fitzpatrick, AL). Go view their selections and possibly return to purchase later. It is worth the return drive. Remember, there is no tax for plants grown there.

a.i.2. Sat March 9th. Daylight Savings time. Get ready to spring forward.

a.i.3. Sat. Mar 16th Cars, Coffee & Donuts at Riverside Chev Wetumpka. 10am-noon.

a.i.4. Wed. Mar 20th: Ladies Luncheon @11am: Walk Ons, 7801 Eastchase Pkwy. Montgomery

a.i.5. Sat. Mar 30th Dreamland Car Cruise In begins this month. 4:30-8pm ish Address: 7900 Vaughn Rd, Montgomery. Billy Moses briefed the CCCC on all the great things (prizes) that he anticipates for these events. Come out for the fun, food, and fellowship!

a.i.6. Sat- Sun Apr 6-7. Beyond the Horizon Air and Space show at Maxwell. Featuring the Blue Angels, STEM expo (expecting 5k students), flying demonstrations, warbirds and static aircraft, and activity for children. 8am-5pm each day. Free admission and parking. Now for our participation. Fri-Sun April 5-7th. We have enough space to support anyone who want to make the three day commitment. Participants must be willing to keep their cars overnight at Maxwell. As Stef says "there will be a dude with an M16 to watch for us at night". If you want

to participate, email Stef (stefesienfamily@gmail.com). There is also a chat room on the CCCC Facebook page for updates. Basic plan:

1. Get everyone's DL and registration by mid-March
2. Finalize the parking location by mid-March (right now it is just outside the STEM display area)
3. Will pick a rendezvous point outside the gate on Friday so we can caravan on to our parking spot. Still need to organize transportation OUT of Maxwell (because you are leaving your beloved Corvette on the flight line). Stef has a 6-7 passenger mini-van...could arrange for MK to follow us and get folks home. Getting there Sat and Sun would be something each participant needs to figure out on their own (might be able to set up a "return" mini-van pool for Sunday).
4. Get the Corvette display area roped off to help control access.
5. Banners by Chris Dodd (thanks)!
6. Awning/chairs/cooler for participants

More details as they come. CAVEAT. If this get "too hard to do" – we can cancel. No harm, no foul. I want this to be fun, not work. Stef

a.i.7. Sat. May 11th: 4pm-7pm Montgomery Sunrise Rotary Club Car shrimp boil at the Train Shed Montgomery. Family Fun: Live music, kid's games, and activities, including face painting and inflatables. Proceeds: The Second Chance Foundation(youth). The shrimp boil cost is \$50 per adult. Additional child tickets (ages 1-12) available at the door for \$5.00 per child. However, if you bring your cars to display the ENTIRE TIME of the event (2) meals do not cost anything. They want your cars there around 3pm. Again, the event begins at 4pm. If you would like to make any type donation, I am sure they would appreciate it. Come on out and enjoy a night full of entertainment.

a.i.8. May 24th +25th.Hendrick Driven for Veterans 2024 Talladega Track Day

From Gary Nelson. May the 24th, Friday will be the afternoon Show and Shine at event sponsor Hendrick Chevrolet. The starting time will be announced later. Saturday the 25th we will be at the Talladega Super Speedway. You can start registering now on our website: <https://hendrick-driven-for-veterans.square.site>.

To alleviate the delay at the track entrance that we had last year we will be halting pre-registration until early May. Registration will continue up to the day of the event, however the desired run time may already be taken. Those that pre-register will receive in the mail a track package that will include a time to arrive at the front gate to process in. Also, the required forms for entry will be in the pack and you will have those signed as needed prior to arrival. You will also find window stickers for your run group. Certainly, this will take more effort on our part and will be the first time we have tried this approach, but hopefully it will work out. Remember, the earlier you register the better the chance of getting your desired run order and if you are coming with a large group, it will be especially important to pre-register if you all

want to run together.

a.i.9. Jun 27-29 Roebing Road Raceway, Bloomingdale, GA (formerly Savannah International Raceway) The track is a 2.02-mile 9 turn road course. Featuring ample run-off room (Pam can contest to this) Captain, Mark Reese can explain the upcoming event.

a.i.10. Billy Moses reported that the “regular” Train Shed car show is slated for 8 June. More details to follow.

CAPITOL CITY CORVETTE CLUB CAR SHOW NOV 2ND 9AM-2PM @VILLAGE GREEN PARK, MILLBROOK, AL

1. Suggestions for a food truck?
2. Quilt: CCCC ladies will be creating a quilt for this year. Again, the donation tickets will be 5.00 each. The quilting team is looking to begin creating in August.

a.i.11. Does anyone have a suggestion for day road trips? We want to hear from you! Do not feel you must arrange all the details, if you suggest a trip. There are plenty of members that can help.

a. Lots of ideas. 1st Friday in Gadsden, AL. Pam said she would contact Billy Zemo to see how their 2024 schedule is shaping up. Mark was all for it.... Said we can go up and enjoy the show and then go to Billy’s house and “eat all his food”.

b. Maplesville (Sergio’s) is always s favorite rip up Highway 82.

c. Sergio is planning to open another restaurant in Clanton. Details to follow.

d. Doug York want to go to Childersburg and pull wheelies (as him about that – and Katy).

e. Anniston, Al has the Berman Museum. All sorts of military related artifacts (including weird stuff like torture devices – which gave Katy all sorts of ideas).

f. Horseshoe Bend National Military Park (see: <https://www.nps.gov/hobe/index.htm>) and lunch at the Big-B-BBQ in Alex City.

g. others??? Bring ‘em up!

Pam wrapped up this section by reporting that Larry and Rita stole the trophy that the FABULOS CCCC earned at the Wetumpka Mardi Gras Parade – we brought the most cars!!! (as usual – we represent well!!!). However, the entire festive day WAS RUINED because PAM SMITH could not reserve a porta-pot for exclusive use by the FABULOUS CCCC. Apparently, our..... doesn’t stink.

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>Rubber Bands</u>	<u>Spray Air Freshener</u>	<u>Paper Clips &</u> <u>2024 Calendars. Those you may obtain from your mail and do not use.</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.

There was an 0-40 racing oil auction... what is this? Pep-Boys all of a sudden? Anyway, Greg Lyons was (again) outbid. And Dave (I need a miracle oil so my FORD might run) Windham won the auction

50/50 DRAWING: Dave “FORD-BOY” Windham initially reported that we had collected 'almost' \$500 for tonight's 50/50.... Which means we had collected \$140. The odds of winning increased greatly, as Keith Kozac was unavailable to purchase any tickets. BO “FIXED” Marlin won. And Doug York didn't. Doug didn't have anything smaller than a \$1,000 bill in his wallet, so Dave “FORD-BOY” Windham couldn't sell him any tickets. Mary Kay, in her infinite generosity, gave him one of the tickets she bought.... If Doug would have won Stef would have let all the air out of his tires.....

Bo “won” \$70... which he returned to the charity fund! THANKS BO!

More comments/business? NOPE! Meeting “turned off” at 7:36:67 PM

Adjourn. Please do not begin to leave until meeting has officially been adjourned.

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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HELLO MARCH, LET SPRING BEGIN!