

Central Arkansas

Corvette Club

NEWSLETTER

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Club Meeting Monthly

Date: 1st Tuesday

Next Date: April 4th

Location: Whole Hog Café

Address: 2516 Cantrell Rd.,
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Meet/Greet/Eat: 6-6:45

Meeting: 6:45-8p

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Message from your President, Nancy Acre

Wow! It's here again – another great CACC Corvette Weekend in Hot Springs – only 6 weeks away!

First, I would like to thank the CACC members who have been working so diligently on our Corvette Weekend Show in Hot Springs. Special thanks go out to all those who have continued to support our club, members who really never stop – planning, working and dedicating their time throughout the year to making our show events the best ever! We are all grateful for the “new” CACC members who have come forward and volunteered to get involved in this year's activities. Several new members will be prominent in their new roles and are rapidly learning the ropes!

One important event at the Show will be the Silent Auction – it plays a prominent role in our ability to contribute to our charities. In that regard, we are asking every club member to provide at least one silent auction item to be auctioned, to increase the possibilities of a most exciting event. This event raises several thousand dollars for charities, which is the goal of the entire show event – to provide money to our charities after all show expenses are paid.

I am confident that this show will be a delightful, successful, and fun experience for all those involved, both CACC members and the hundreds of guests driving into Hot Springs for the weekend. After Corvette Weekend, we will have our annual “after-show picnic,” for all club members. We will celebrate the success of the show and enjoy a great outing. The time and date of that picnic is not confirmed.

In the meantime, the next adventure planned for the club, which occurs on April 1, will be our 9th annual trip to the Centerville Drag Way (dragstrip). All Corvettes are invited to attend. Members will tell you that it is one of the most popular activities we do. You can test your car alone, or race another corvette, or just run your Corvette on the strip to see what it will do! There are competition and non-competition events so that everyone can participate at whatever level they are comfortable. Or you can drive your corvette with us and then sit in the bleachers and cheer on the racers as they go by. This year will be special, in that we are dedicating the event to Jerry Reagan, our previous president who passed away in 2016. Dash plaques will be presented to all participants in Jerry's memory. Also, special 2017 Race Day caps will be given to the first 35 CACC cars on the track.

After leaving the Dragway, we have reserved CJ's Butcher Boy Burgers in Russellville for all us to have lunch. After burgers, drive home safely and clean your Corvette, because the next day, Sunday, is A-State Corvette Club's show at Bale Chevrolet. We always have a great time at that show!

Please be reminded that the nomination of officers and directors **will be** held

(Presidents message cont)

in May and June. All positions are available, and anyone who has ANY desire to be an officer or director needs to contact any officer or director and ask the questions you want to ask. I am really excited about the future of this club and next year's officers will be in charge of the 20th Annual Hot Springs Show, which **MUST** be the best one ever!!! If you are interested in working at the show this year, you really need to attend the next two Club meetings as they will focus on the show and all of the details.

IMPORTANT CLUB MEETINGS - March 7 and April 4.

Nancy Acre
Club President

Driver's Information Center

Helpful ideas for detailing your beauty.

When I was a kid, my older brother Mike always had the coolest of cars. My favorite of his was a 1970 Mustang Mach 1, competition orange with a four speed manual. Some of my best memories come from riding around in that car. But also, sitting outside with him while he detailed his car talking cars always made my day.

I've included some common misconceptions and mistakes you may be making while getting your shine on!

Detailing in direct sunlight - this problem occurs when the surface temperature of your cars panels becomes too hot. This causes the product you're using, such as a wax, sealant, or polish to flash quickly, causing poor performance or results.

Drying with an old shirt or towel - old shirts, cotton rags, and bath towels may seem like a cheap way to dry a vehicle, but they will inflict imperfections into the paint. For a drying towel, try using a microfiber waffle weave drying towel for removing any water left behind.

Aggressive scrubbing of heavy buildups - heavy buildups can be extremely hard to remove without the use of a heavy cleaner. It may seem okay to scrub aggressively to remove this contamination, but you are only introducing imperfections into the paint. Try using a degreaser to help loosen and remove heavy buildups.

Not using microfiber to safely remove product - another big mistake is using cotton shirts or towels to remove products like polishes and waxes. Try using high end microfiber towels on the paint to avoid marring and scratching. After all, you don't want to add any new imperfections into the paint after you have gone through all the hard work in polishing and protecting the paint!

Refuse to use a buffer - it is an old-school mentality that using a buffer will damage your paint. Are their risks? Sure, but with the new technology in many Dual Action Buffers; it is extremely hard to damage the paint. These polishers work amazing and they allow you to remove more imperfections and leave behind more clarity and gloss than you could by hand.

(Helpful ideas cont)

Not taping off trim - this is one that many of us can forget to do, but kick ourselves when we don't do it. Many polishes and waxes can stain trim and leave behind some ugly white marks. Of course, taping the trim off and avoiding this issue can help save time and effort.

Not using grit guards or the two-bucket method - washing and drying a car is extremely important. It not only removes contamination, but if not done right, it can be the number one cause of new imperfections being added into the paint. High quality products (i.e. Grit Guards) and technique play a huge role.

Using too much product - applying too much product, whether it be wax, sealant, or polish, can really affect the way it applies or reacts during application. Hazing, streaking, hard removal and just general poor results seem to always arise with thick application. Try keeping four words in mind, "As Thin As Possible". Applying products nice and thin will save you time, effort, money and improve your end results drastically

Washing microfiber with regular detergent, drying on high heat, or washing with clothes - fabric softeners, dryer sheets, and high heat can really wreak havoc on your prized microfiber collection. Fabric softeners often soak into the towel and the microfibers will not release them, high heat causes the fibers to melt, dryer sheets and other clothes can cause cross contamination, and much more. These issues all cause the towel to lose effectiveness and increase the likelihood that they will scratch the paint.

Using bonnets to remove waxes, polishes, and sealants - using a buffer and bonnet to buff off any excess product. Bonnets are usually bad for the paint when used for removal, as they buff back in any excess product that is drying to the paint. This greatly increases your likelihood of leaving swirls behind. Try removing any excess wax, sealant, or polish by hand with a couple of clean microfiber towels instead.



Chaplain's Corner

Not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 1 Peter 5:3



Last month I was invited by Economics Arkansas to The Stock Market Game Awards Luncheon. This amazing and inspiring group strives to help bring economic literacy to Arkansas public schools at all levels. I was seated at the 3M sponsor table as the room began to fill up with teachers and students from around Arkansas. However everything changed when MS Lillian Hemphill and her young charges entered the room. They were all dressed in their Sunday finest with church dresses or coat and tie respectively. They stopped at our table to first of all thank us for sponsoring their team. They then shook the hand of each of us and handed out indi-

vidually handwritten thank you notes. WOW-you could have knocked me over with a feather! It has been almost 50 years since I have seen such a combined display of appearance, etiquette, and protocol from ANYONE of ANY age. It was very obvious that MS Hemphill was a world-class role model when it came to the precious gifts of first impressions, high standards, and exemplary performance-no participation trophies for this group!

I was so literally overwhelmed by their overall presentation that I made contact later with Lillian. I sincerely congratulated both her and her students and offered to host a lunch for them at the place/time/date of their choosing. Last Friday we met at the Pine Bluff Grider Field Airport Restaurant. It was like going back in a time machine with very friendly people and extreme levels of cleanliness and organization. True to form the group arrived right on time in a yellow school bus. About ½ her class was out due to a flu bug. I invited her Principal who also came to take these and other pictures that you can see at the bottom of this page.

Lillian has been blessed with such spiritual gifts as grace, humility, and servant leadership. Her way too kind email below is indicative of the human spirit always operating at the very top of her game re life in general and these fortunate students in particular. These behavioral habits will stand them all in good stead now and in their future life as well. Lillian has indeed answered “the call” as she both gives back and makes a difference with these students. It is a rare privilege to be associated with her and the sacred mission she promotes. I wish you could have been there. PLEASE TAKE ONE LAST LOOK AT THE PHOTOS AND HER EMAIL BELOW. This is one of the very best investments of time and treasure I have ever made. God bless and thanks for listening.

Charlie Kinslow
Corvette Club Chaplain

Mr. Kinslow,

Here are the pictures from last week. The kids and I had an amazing time. Thank you for being awesome and amazing to a group of kids from a little school named Watson Chapel Jr High. Your gesture has impacted my students beyond a meal. They constant talks about the experience and encourage others to do better behaviorally and academically. You are a wonderful person that has blessed our spirits beyond measure. Thank you and may God bless you today and beyond.

Sincerely,

Lillian M. Hemphill



Prayers, Praise and Special Request

From Rita New



Prayers:

Brooke Williams

Roger Montgomery (his dad passed away0),

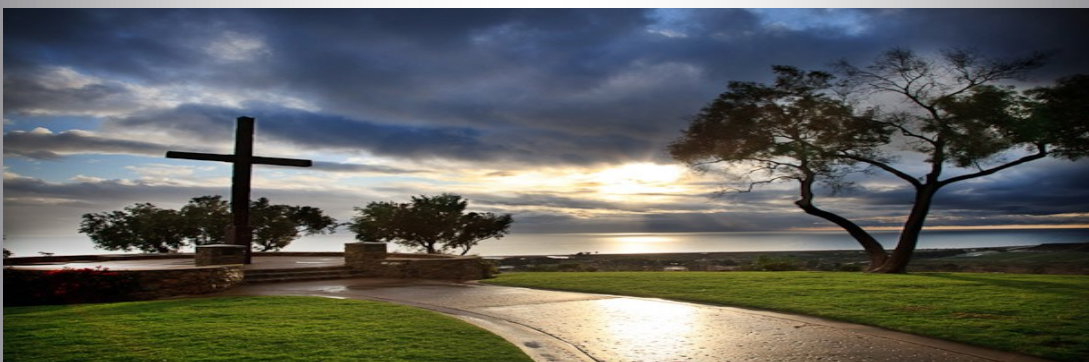
Elbert Dunworth - (2 surgeries in one day),

Jeff Stephens family,

Larry & Kathy Olsen, and

Cindy Green

If you have prayer request or praises you would like to have added please email Rita New at: mewc5@sbcglobal.net. Or Kirk Gardner at: caccnewsletter@yahoo.com.



Welcome to our New Members!

Al Cummings —1990 Dark Green Coupe

Steve Stewart —2007 Atomic Orange Coupe

Mary and Tony Wilson —Unknown

Jon and Kay Swanson —Unknown

Norman and Leslie Swope —

Jeff Stephens was kind enough to send pics of his new ride!

Congratulations on a beautiful car.



Meeting Minutes for January 10th, 2017

Nancy Acre, President, opened the meeting with 82 members and 3 guest present. Nancy also took the time to go over item by item in the Hot Springs Show brochure because we have several new members that are not sure what everyone is talking about.

Vincent Parker, Vice President, talked about the club is needing to do more dinner runs and social events. If you have an idea, contact Vincent. He also talked about needing volunteers to help at the Ronald McDonald Chocolate Ball on Feb 11th.

David Payne gave the opening Prayer

Frank Russell, Secretary, reported that our club dues have started to come in and if you wanted to pay them to-night, I will be collecting them. Frank also talked about our Chili Cookoff Contest at the Whole Hog on Saturday Feb 18th starting at 6:30.

David Payne, Treasure, gave his financial report. There is \$ 6,573.05 in the club account and \$8,167.49 in the show account to date.

David Pierce, Sgt at Arms, ask new members and guest to stand and tell the club about their selves. David also handled the 50/50 pot and told some of his not so famous jokes. He also talked about the Super Chevy Event in April of this year at the Memphis Motor Plex. More information to follow.

Joyce Johnson, Director, talked about the work she has been doing to line up vendors for our Hot Springs Show, she says she has made great progress. She is waiting to hear from some possible guest she has invited to our show.

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 or Nancy Acre if you would like to take part in the 2017 show.

Ricky New standing in for Rita, talked about our members on the prayer list are in need of our prayers. Jim Butler has had back surgery in Texas and came through it very well.

Randy Elms, Director, asking members to update their own information on the web site and contact him if you are having trouble getting on the web site.

Melvin Morehead, Trip General, is wanting to do more club outings but the winter weather plays a big part in what we can do. He talked about the Auto Cross for our Hot Springs Show. He talked about helmets needed for the Drag Strip Event coming up.

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

Bill Carson talked about the Arkansas Mile event in Blytheville Arkansas this year, it is held at the old Blytheville Air Force Base. There will be more to come on this event to come.

The next club meeting will be Feb 7th, 2017

The Meeting was Adjourned Frank Russell, Secretary

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Nancy Acre, President, opened the meeting with 74 members and 2 guest present.

Jimmy Plataka gave the opening prayer

Vincent Parker Vice President talked about the Ronald McDonald's Chocolate

Ball on Feb 11th' He urged members that have not signed up to help with the Hot Springs Show to please sign up. If we don't get help, the show is in jeopardy of going away.

Frank Russell, Secretary, reported that the club dues are above 50% collected. I will be taking dues at any CACC event I am at, or you can go on line and renew or mail it in to our P O Box. I talked about the CACC 3rd annual Chili Contest to be held on Saturday Feb 18th, at the Whole Hog on Cantrell, starts at 6/pm.

David Payne, Treasure, gave his financial report. There is \$ 10,332 dollars in the club account and \$6,690 dollars in the show account to date.

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Joyce Johnson, Director, talked about the work she has been doing to line up vendors for our Hot Springs Show, she says she is making great progress. She mentioned Ken Lingenfelter Will Cooksey and Mike Yeager will be in attendance at our Hot Springs Show. She said she has brought in over \$2,000 in vendor booth rentals so far with a lot more to come.

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Rita New, Director, talked about our members on the prayer list that are in need of our prayers. Jim Butler has had back surgery in Texas and came through it very well. He is back home recovering. Robert Riggins and Kathy Olsen are on the prayer list also.

Randy-Elmsz-P.jce-g.QE, asking members to update their own information on the web site and contact him or Frank Russell if you are having trouble getting on the web site. He needs some volunteers for the 50/50 pot in Hot Springs.

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CACC NEWS

The Arkansas Freedom Fund (AFF) is one charity we are honored to support with some of the proceeds from our annual Hot Springs Show. The AFF's goal is to support our military, veterans, wounded veterans and the families that have shared in the glories and sacrifices of those who defend our freedom. They are a non-partisan, non-political organization and do not support any political candidate. The AFF are non-denominational but do support "One Nation Under God" and they support our US military made up of all Americans. They are driven to help Arkansas veterans get outdoors, be active and live healthy. AFF also assists charitable organizations in Arkansas who support our military, veterans and families of those who served making it possible for Arkansas's veterans to receive the help or direction they need and deserve.



David Pierce, one of our Directors at Large, was at Barton Coliseum Saturday February 11th along with the AFF who had set up a booth with one of their latest purchases. A wheel chair that allows a disabled veteran to maneuver around in all terrain type landscapes. To date, it is estimated that 13 veterans have been given this great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Arkansas outdoor with the use this special chair. CACC is proud to help sponsor AFF and all monies donated stay right here to help our veterans.

Kudos Arkansas Freedom Fund!

In the Rear View Mirror

Ronald McDonald House Chocolate Fantasy Ball



Ronald McDonald House Chocolate Fantasy Ball (Cont)



Ronald McDonald House Chocolate Fantasy Ball (Cont)



Hyper-links

Be sure and check out our club webpage: http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=795536

Looking for something fun to do? How about letting the Club's Calendar of upcoming events help you to decide: http://centralarkansascorvetteclub.com/content.aspx?page_id=2&club_id=795536

Club Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/249351525089334/>

Well, it looks like there's more information about the mid-engine Corvette along with the newest and most complete pictures of the mystery machine here: www.caranddriver.com > News

The Best And Worst Corvettes Of All Time: <http://a.msn.com/08/en-us/BBtbJs?ocid=se>

Want to know more about corvettes or want to do some research? Welcome to VetteFacts.com, the best resource on the web for statistics on all years and models of the Chevrolet Corvette: www.vettefacts.com

Editor's Ramblings

Hello my dear Vette family,

Well I hope you safely made it through the holidays! And now we're off to another year and so much is going on including finalizing preparations for our upcoming **BIG** annual Hot Springs Car Show. If you haven't attended/participated, be prepared for an awesome treat!

So much stuff is going to be happening over the next months. I'm very excited that this year I will be marking off two things from my bucket list.... I'm going to participate in the 2017 Hot Rod Power Tour in June starting in Kansas City and trekking our way to Bowling Green where I will make the last Corvette Factory tour for this year! I'm so excited I can't stand myself right now LOL!

As a kid growing up in a rural part of Arkansas, (Plainview; if you know where that is), I have always been mesmerized by automobiles. And I mean ALL vehicles. I even love the ones most folks would call "ugly"! But, from an early age until now, I have been especially euphoric about the Corvette. Ever since I was nine or ten years old, I have collected car models. Most are Chevrolets, a few Camaros, Bel Aires, some are Pontiac Firebirds, and even a couple of Ford Mustangs and Thunderbirds. But my most prized have always been my Corvettes. I even still have one that my older brother Butch gave me when I was five or six years old. So, for me to be able to now own an actual Corvette, (I have owned seven previous), brings me great joy, as well as, being a member of a Corvette Club. To be able to take my Vette on a trip, like the Hot Rod Power Tour, with literally thousands of other cars, wind up in Bowling Green (Corvette Mecca!), and tour the birth place of Corvettes is something that blows my mind! I am so blessed and thankful for these opportunities.

I look forward to the coming year and all the many fun and exciting times and remember; if you see me out and about, stop me, and let's talk cars!

Peace. Love, and Corvettes,

Kirk Gardner

CACC Newsletter Editor



In the Tailights

(Events/Shows/Runs Coming up)

Tentative, March 18th (Saturday) Country Village Dinner Run and Cruise to Star City. You won't be disappointed in the food or the shopping in this quaint little village.

Confirmed, Vettes at the Dragstrip, (Saturday) April 1st (Centerville). See Glen Acre if you have questions.

Confirmed, April 2nd, (Sunday Afternoon.) Bale Chevrolet all GM show.

Confirmed, April 15th, (Saturday) Hot Springs Road Tour, the exact tour our participants in the Hot Springs Show will be doing.

Confirmed, April 20,21,22nd, Hot Springs Corvette Weekend Show.

Tentative, May 6th, (Saturday), after show social-picnic at Lake Silvia.

Tentative, May 13th, Mountain View - Weekend to Relax.

Confirmed, June 2nd-4th Arkansas Mile, Blytheville, Arkansas

I hope you have enjoyed this newsletter as much as I have enjoyed putting it together. Remember, if you have anything you would like to see (events, pictures, stories, car-shows, news, or educational pieces), please email me at: **CACCNEWSLETTER@YAHOO.COM**.

Kirk Gardner

Newsletter Editor

