

## The Vette Sette

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The Classic Class Corvette Club
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Our new club banner is now strategically hung just outside the entrance to the Corvette Cafe at the NCM.

#### A message from our President

Hello Classic Glass,

For those of you who were unable to attend the September meeting we received quite a shock when Fred and Glenda Hale resigned as our NCM Ambassadors. They have decided to accept a position as Ambassadors at Large for the State of Georgia.



**Larry Yon** 

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fred and Glenda for a job exceedingly well done over the last four years.



Glenda and Fred Hale

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### Minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting

President Larry Yon called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. Larry welcomed our guests and extended the club's sympathy to Harry Wilson who lost his father. Larry also said the Mana Swope had surgery on both knees and may need assistance getting back and forth to therapy. If you can help out, please call Mana.

He announced that CGCC was awarded it 10 year Club/Business membership pin at the NCM Celebration. The Board has decided to frame the pin and certificate and display both in our case at Day's Chevrolet.



photo courtesy the NCM

(LtoR) Buzz Marston, Chairman NCM Board of Directors, PJ Ray, Robert Dukas, Hillary Dukas, Cindy Owens, Joe Owens, Wayne Ray, Wendell Strode, NCM Executive Director with the award.

Larry told the club that the committee, headed by VP Greg Brooks, had been formed and met once to review the By-Laws of the club.

Secretary Keelie Sparks said the minutes were published in the newsletter. After asking for any corrections or additions, Barry Tomlinson made the motion for acceptance, Rick Engle seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next PJ Ray presented the Treasurer's Report and called for a motion of acceptance. Keelie Sparks made the motion. Bob Klinger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VP of Activities, Scott Oliver started by thanking

new member Adam Troxel for his service to our country as he is set for another tour in the Middle East. Scott then announced that Table 9 won Corvette Trivia for the second month in a row. He asked Rick Engle to give the details on the Helen Parade (09/23) and dinner. He reminded the group of Corvettes Against Breast Cancer (10/08) fundraiser at AMS. Hot laps will be 5 for \$25. Keelie Sparks will be sending out an e-mail with details. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta has asked us to participate in their holiday parade on 12/3/2011.

VP at Large, Greg Brooks spoke to Harry Wilson who just ordered a new 2012 GrandSport!! Then he drew for the 50/25/25 pot. The lucky winners were Ray Seufert and Tara Johnson (Happy Birthday Tara).

Next VP of Membership Chris Johnson announced we are up to 193 members with 60 members in attendance. The member-pot winner was Shirley Huffman.

Our NCM Ambassador, Fred Hale was excited to tell everyone of the Hall of Fame induction of Ron Fellows and reminded the group of the Vets in Vettes Weekend being held November 3-4, 2011. On a sad note, Fred informed the club that he and Glenda would be resigning as our NCM Ambassadors.

Harry Wilson said the store still had parade cling ons and could get the club logo embroidered on a shirt you provide for \$10.

Webmaster, Chaz Cone said the website was up-to-date, but wanted everyone to make sure they had their car's picture in the Club Garage.

Newsletter Editor Calvin Cruce received a hearty round of applause for the great job he

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### A fun time at the NCM's 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and HOF induction of Ron Fellows

**Right:** Bob and Hillary Dukas' gold C4 was chosen to be in a group photo representing all 6 generations of Corvette. Congrats!





All of our new bricks are in place at the NCM.



PJ Ray (L) presents our check from the Bogey's show to NCM Exec. Dir. Wendell Strode.



Mildred and Randy Cooper had their photo taken with NCM Hall of Fame inductee Ron Fellows holding a copy of his new NCM brick.





As Laura Cawthern pours more wine, Charlie Koninsky (R) talks with Lynne and Ed Gollob.

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**Left:** Bill Majoros checks Cindy Cowart's door prize winning ticket.

Right: Our host Nancy Holman and Nancy Engle share a toast.



Alan Cowart finds he likes this white wine and cheese combination.



#### Two CGCC members share experiences at Corvettes at Carlisle 2011

By Joe Owens



On the last weekend in August each year, throngs of Corvette Enthusiasts make their journey to one of the Mecca's of Corvette in Carlisle, PA. These folks are looking for items to complete their restoration or simply that "widget" they may need sometime in the future for their next project car. Others, like me (Blue Ribbon Products Ltd.), pile their Corvette parts and pieces into a trailer, van, truck or some other vehicle to sell to the massive crowds that attend each year.

There are Corvette "For Sale" corrals, special year displays, burnout competitions and plenty of other events to keep you busy. To see hundreds of Corvettes parked on the hill overlooking the show grounds is spectacular. And, of course, there are hundreds of vendors selling everything from snow cones to snow tires, and everything Corvette in between.

I spend most of my time selling my parts, of course, and taking time to catch up with old friends that I haven't seen in months or years. Meeting new friends and customers is always a plus for me. Sharing the knowledge I have accumulated over the past number of years is another bonus.

When I attend these events, I take along either my wife Cindy or one of my other friends that can put up with me for three or four days at a time. LOL. Randy Cooper has attended the Carlisle event with me and

By Scotty Jett Oliver



A friend contacted my father regarding a 1958 Corvette on Atlanta Craigslist for a great deal.

My father forwarded me the email. Initially thinking this was just another Internet scam, I sent the seller an email anyway.



I was surprised when my phone rang an hour later. I

went through my typical questions with the seller, including asking him if the original engine was still in the car. The seller replied that the engine has valve covers that say "Corvette". Furthermore, he did not even know if the car was a 1957 or 1958.

I asked him since it was Christmas Day if we could inspect the car that evening. He agreed. On the way there it began snowing and the roads were getting very hard to navigate. We drove up the gravel driveway and to a path that contained the Corvette for sale. The headlights on our car illuminated a gray tarp where we could just make out the outline of a late 50's Corvette. We quickly determined the car was a 1958 base model with a power glide tranny. The car had all the original expensive parts such as trunk moldings. It also had a hardtop and the interior was complete.

We negotiated a deal and placed a deposit to hold the car until we could return to trailer it back to our shop. The seller did not have keys to

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photo by Toni Etter

Calvin and Joe ready for work.

recently, Calvin Cruce has joined me as a good friend and assistant in the booth.

One of the fond memories I have of Carlisle is when six of us, a few years ago, piled into a rented mini-van and drove up to Carlisle "just to see what it was all about". We had plenty of time (13 hours each way) to enjoy each other's company. At one point, we were playing the "Blue Collar Comedy Tour" DVD on the little player in the van, we thought we would have to stop and give Don Shamel CPR; he was laughing so hard he couldn't breathe.

Another is this past year where a group of us spent over three hours trying to get some food in the hotel restaurant. It could have been a very bad evening, but we just kept laughing and enjoying our own company and wondering what would go wrong next!!! Those are the memories I take away from Carlisle.

If you ever get the opportunity to go, please do! And, look me up, I should be there Thursday through Saturday every year.

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the car so on Monday we took it to a locksmith to open the trunk. When it was opened we found five original hubcaps and the undamaged grill when the car was wrecked.

The Corvette was displayed in its found condition and will be restored at our shop Jett Vettes LLC in Marietta, Georgia.

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Several members have volunteered to step up and fill that position. The board of directors will carefully consider a replacement at our meeting in October. It will surely be a tough choice as Fred and Glenda will be hard to replace.

In fairness to everyone, if you are interested in filling the position of NCM Ambassador, please send <u>me</u> an email with your name and contact information.

Well, here we are in the middle of September and it is time to venture out to Road Atlanta to cheer Corvette Racing on to another victory at Petit Le Mans. Don't forget to get your tickets for the Corvette Coral. The dates are September 28<sup>th</sup>-October 1st. We look forward to seeing you all there and having a good time.

Rick Engle has gone way above and beyond in planning a fun filled weekend in Helen, GA for the Oktoberfest parade. There will be a wine tasting and a catered dinner after the parade. For details see the website for a flyer.

Once again we join our friends from Pacesetters Corvette Club to raise money for Breast Cancer. On October 8<sup>th</sup> we will head down to Atlanta Motor Speedway for some HOT laps under the lights. This is one of my favorite events of the year. For \$25.00 you get 5 laps to wind up that Corvette motor on the back straight. What in the world could be more fun? Keelie Sparks will be the lead for this event and will be announcing meeting times soon for the caravan down to the track.

Election time is almost upon us. That means it is time to be thinking who will be our officers for 2012. I will be taking nominations again at the October meeting. Please think about this and nominate those who will best lead and represent our club in the future.

Larry Yon, President CGCC

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is doing with the newsletter. He encouraged any members with a business to advertise in the newsletter.

Under new business, Larry requested a volunteer to be the event manager for next year's SuperVette Saturday. Hearing none he then opened the floor for nominations of the 2012 Officers.

The following are the nominations made:

President:

Greg Brooks Deferred decision

**VP of Activities:** 

Rick Engle Accepted
Fred Enloe Declined

**VP of Membership:**Scott Oliver Accepted

Bob Klinger Accepted
Chris Reed Accepted

VP at Large:

Wayne Ray Declined

**Board of Directors:** 

Frank Macaluso Accepted Steve Waddell Accepted Doug Reed Accepted Sandi Johannes Accepted Nominations will be taken again at next month's meeting.

Larry thanked our Sideline's staff for their usual great attention to the group tonight.

Larry auctioned off two banners from the Museum. One was the banner that had hung all last year. The other was a misprint of this year's banner. After some spirited bidding, Scott Oliver and Steve Waddell won the bids.

The next Board of Director's Meeting is 10/4 at 7pm followed by the next club meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Larry thanked everyone for coming out and with all business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Keelie Sparks, Secretary 2011

#### Two fast movers ready for take off



Since production is winding down and as a longtime member of Lockheed-Martin's F-22 Raptor program, Don Stephens had a once in a lifetime opportunity to have his picture made with an F-22 and his 2004 Z06. This type of photo is usually reserved for the pilots. Congrats Don.



Amateur photographer Cindy Owens had three photos accepted and now displayed at the Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Center Photography Exhibit in Blue Ridge, Ga. This is her first public exhibit but she has already had one of her photos purchased. Congratulations Cindy on your new "Professional" Photographer status.

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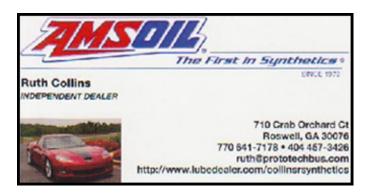


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P.O. Box 4936 Marietta, GA 30061 Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

**Next Meeting October 11, 2011** 

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