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CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB OCTOBER 2011

**Cumberland Valley Corvette Club
Board Meeting – October 18, 2011**

Attendees: George Bobb, Bob Bowen, Jim Fusco, Skip Gutshall, Ed Hare, Larry Kiser, Mike Ludt, Gary Miller, Jack Priestner, Bill Sangrey.

Absent - Excused: Bill Grove, Joan Bower

Guest: Dave Walter

Called to Order at 7:01 by Skip Gutshall

Old Business:

- Big Spring Home Coming – 10 cars, no problems
- Renovo Fall Cruise – 8 cars, had a little rain
- Dillsburg Parade – 10 cars, Note: Cars receive points, not owners
- Congratulations to Gary Wolf on completing the ½ marathon – 13.1 miles
- Upcoming events: Home Comings: 10/19 – West York, 10/21 E. Pennsboro, 10/28 – Cumberland Valley (all set to go). Wine Tour: 10/22, HD Tour – 10/29, Middlesex Diner for Breakfast, depart Boscovs @ 8:15AM.

New Business:

HD Tour: Motion by Gary Miller: Authorize up to \$100 for tour guides. Seconded by Bill Sangrey. Motion carried.

Waivers: Jack Priestner; Waivers need to be signed by members participating in Home Coming events. Same for all CVCC events ; not only sanctioned events

Pocono: Dave Walter; track being paved for NASCAR. Will send CVCC 2012 event deposit by 12/31/11.

Elections: Floor to be open for nominations at next business meeting. Ballots will be prepared in advance with write-in space for new nominations.

Charity donations: Discussion re charities to consider - Chip Miller Foundation, NCCC National charity (Kidney Foundation), Project Share, other local charities. Lawrence Show – proceeds will go to charity. Skip to have Charity Committee (Joan Bower Chairperson) to report at November membership meeting. Motion by Jack Priestner: Recommend to club membership that CVCC Charity Event Advertising Map \$, rounded to \$4000, to be distributed to 4 local charities. Seconded by Bob Bowen. Motion carried.

December Board meeting: Wednesday Dec 21st. Investigate Sunnyside.

Holiday party: At the Elks Club. Bill Grove chairperson.

Adjourned : 8:48

CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB

Club Meeting - October 6, 2011

President Skip Gutshall opened the meeting with a moment of silence for our Military, those who are grieving and for those who may be ill.

Skip also acknowledged our members who were featured in this month's Blue Bars magazine, Harry and Teresa Baker, and Ken and Lynn Novinger.

He also expressed a thank you to Roger Rickrode who did the September issue of the Distributor while Bud Long was on vacation. Also, he thanked the band Slick (members Dick Bower and Rob Stotz) for dedicating their time to perform at the car show at Appalachian-Harley Davidson in August.

If any Viet Nam Veteran is interested, Ed Hare has "Viet Nam Veteran-Corvette" static clings available. See Ed.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES: A motion to accept was made by Larry Kiser and seconded by Paul Ezzo.

TREASURERS REPORT: Motion to accept was made by Judy Ludt and seconded by Ron Wolf.

GOVERNORS REPORT: Motion to accept was made by Mark Stouffer and seconded by Bill Sangrey.

CRUISERS REPORT: George Andreas acknowledged the winners from the Lawrence show.

SPEED REPORT: Jack Priestner gave a brief report.

FIRST READING:
Dennis and Susan Steckley sponsored by Dick & Joan Bower
Jim Rietheimer sponsored by Dick & Joan Bower
Dan Probst sponsored by Mike and Susan Baldwin
Bill and Joni Fertenbaugh sponsored by Skip Gutshall

SECOND READING:
Rob and Valerie Stotz motion to accept by Judy Ludt and seconded by Sally Walter
Susan Metz motion to accept by George Bobb and seconded by George Andreas
Mike Swindler motion to accept by EJ Andreas and seconded by Harry Baker

***** REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

Most of the up and coming events are posted on the "HAPPENING CALENDAR" page 6.

- 1) **October 14** - Big Spring Homecoming - Contact Gary or Jackie Wolf.
- 2) **October 15** - Dillsburg Halloween Parade Mike Strayer said to meet at 6:00 pm across from the old Myers Grocery.
- 3) **October 16** - Gary Wolf is going to run a marathon to help out a family whose unborn child has been diagnosed as having Spina Bifida. Surgery was already performed on the baby's spine, in the womb. The board had already pledged \$10.00 a mile, but Gary is taking additional donations from those who are interested in helping this family out. Contact Gary with you donation.
- 4) **October 19** - West York Homecoming - Contact Gary Miller.
- 5) **October 21** - East Pennsboro Homecoming - Contact Bill Sangrey.
- 6) **October 22** - Wine Cruise to Shade Mountain - Contact Skip Gutshall
- 7) **October 28** - Cumberland Valley Homecoming - Contact Jim Fusco.
- 8) **October 29** - Harley Davidson Plant Tour. Meet at Boscovs (Camp Hill shopping center) by 8:00 am.
If you plan to take the tour, it is important that you contact Jim Fusco.
- 9) **November 21** - Carlisle Toys For Tots Christmas Parade - If you can participate, contact Joan Bower

Nominations for 2012 officers and board were taken. Additional nominations will be received at the November meeting. The nominations are as follows -

President - Skip Gutshall

Vice President - Ed Hare

Secretary - Joan Bower

Treasurer - Gary Miller

Board: George Bobb, Larry Kiser, Paul Ezzo, Mike Ludt, Jim Fusco, Tom Mitchell, Bill Grove, Bill Sangrey

Name Tag Drawing: \$10.00 was won by Jack Erby. 50/50 Drawing: \$52.00 won by EJ. Andreas and Dan Smith
A motion to adjourn was made by all.

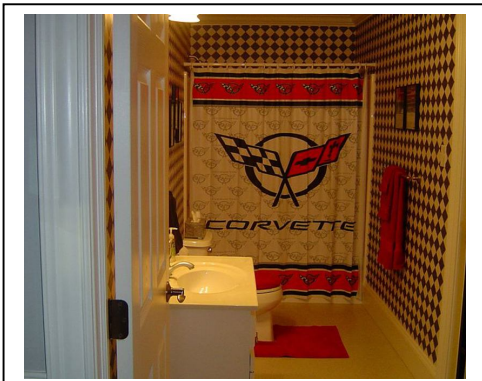
Respectfully Submitted by:

Joan Bower

Shade Mountain Winery and Corvette Promo Collection Cruise



Thanks to Skip



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to the editor by the **15th** of the month.

Photos of various club events can be found at
www.cvcc.shutterfly.com

Password "corvette"

Dear Joe,

I was talking with some folks after last month's meeting and the conversation turned to "tuning" the automatic transmission in a C6 for better performance. I was distracted by a side conversation so I didn't hear the whole conversation. I'd like to know more about what "tuning" the A6 transmission does for you and whether it's something I should consider doing for my car? Thanks.

Jim, Camp Hill

Ask Joe Vette

"Corvette Know-It-All"



Dear Jim,

As cars get more sophisticated, there is less and less wrench turning and more laptop computer use by mechanics when they input adjustments (tuning!) to a car's many computers that control more and more of its functions every year.

A C6 Corvette has 17 computers controlling everything from its drive by wire to shifting your transmission. In a C6, there is no mechanical linkage between your gas pedal and your fuel injectors. When you press down on your pedal, a computer controlled module called the throttle pressure sensor detects your input and transmits a signal to the fuel system to send more gas into the cylinders. Let's talk about the transmission.

The stock Corvette A6 transmission is underwhelming in terms of performance. The RPM shift points are set too low, shifts are not crisp with or without the paddle shifters -- it feels like a slush box, and the transmission wants to get into 6th gear as soon as possible, and then stay there. There is no doubt that these characteristics significantly contribute to the great fuel mileage of the C6. The downside, however, is that the transmission does not feel sporty, and frankly, detracts from the pleasure of even a little spirited driving within the posted speed limit on a curvy back road. The stock tuned transmission does not "stay" with you by shifting up and down to keep you in the RPM and torque range you need for smooth enjoyable performance driving. On the track, it's even more critical!

There are several Tuners out there that can wake up the A4 and A6 transmissions found in C5 and C6 Corvettes. Two of the most popular are Chuck from Corvettes of Westchester, in Ossining, NY (914 332-0049) and Doug of East Coast Supercharging in Cream Ridge, NJ (609 752-0049). These two come to Corvettes at Carlisle every year and between them have tuned and transformed several thousand C5 and C6 Corvettes with automatic transmissions.

There are always questions on Corvette Forum (www.corvetteforum.com) about, "what will tuning my transmission do to my car's warranty?" If there was an issue with their tunes, it would be broadcast all over Corvette Forum and these tuners would be out of business!



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So what can a tune do for your car? It will absolutely "wake it up"! Throttle response will be much improved, shifts will occur at higher RPM shift points, and the transmission will stay with you -- you will always be in the right gear as the transmission will keep you in the power band. What does it cost? The cost can range from about \$100 to \$300 depending on the customization. For the higher price, Chuck with you onboard, will drive your car and custom map the many inputs to meet your desired feel.

How do I know about these tunes? My 2006 A6 was the first A6 Corvette that Chuck tuned back in 2006. He perfected the initial tune inputs on the Cadillac Escalade which has the same PCM (main computer) as the C6. After the tune, I thought I was driving a different car -- I was! Great throttle response, crisper shifts at higher RPM shift points, and the transmission stayed with me. In the 2008 C6, GM modified the tuning in the A6 to make it a bit more responsive. Unfortunately, no significant improvement. Chuck placed the 2008 tune in my 2006 car and then tuned it again for even more satisfying performance than before. An A4 or A6 transmission tune in your C5 or C6 is one of the best performance improvements for your buck.

Jim, I recommend that if you are interested in getting a transmission tune for your car that you contact Chuck, Doug, or one of the other vendors to check it out so you can make a decision if it's something you want to do for your car. Good luck!

Joe, Corvette-Know-It-All



CVCC 2011 HAPPENINGS CALENDAR

October

Friday, October 28. CVCC has been asked to provide 10 Corvettes (convertibles preferable) for the Cumberland Valley High School football homecoming game. Jim Fusco is chairing this event. Contact Jim if you can help out. (50)

Saturday, October 29. Jim Fusco has arranged for a private CVCC tour of the Harley Davidson plant. The tour starts early, 9AM. Each tour can accommodate 20 people. Jim has arranged to have multiple tours in anticipation of a good turnout. (50)

November

Thursday, November 3. Membership Meeting at the Elks in Carlisle starting at 7:30 (PA-100)

Tuesday, November 15. Board Meeting, Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, 7:00pm

Monday, November 21. CVCC has been invited to participate in the Carlisle Toys-For-Tots holiday parade. No limit on cars; the more the merrier. All entrants are asked to bring a new unwrapped toy as a donation. Joan Bower is chairing this event. Contact Joan if you want to participate. (50)

December

Thursday, December 1. Membership Meeting at the Elks in Carlisle starting at 7:30 (PA-100)

Wednesday, December 21. Board of Directors annual dinner meeting at Sunnyside in Carlisle.

NOTE: The number in parentheses behind the description of a club event indicates the number of CVCC club points that will be awarded for participation in that event. If the number is preceded by the letters "PA" it means that participation in that event is mandatory, as spelled out in the CVCC by-laws, in order to be eligible for a Perfect Attendance award at our annual award recognition program.

Folks: I was recently contacted by a member of YCCC regarding a Corvette static-cling decal for Vietnam Veterans. Attached is a scan of the decal. These decals are being distributed free of charge, so if you weren't at the 6 Oct meeting and would like a decal or two to display on your Corvette, let me know by email and I will have them at our November meeting. Again, they are free. Thanks. **Ed Hare** 532-4427
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IT'S OFFICIAL !!!

Gary Wolf is a half marathoner. Finished in 2 HRS. 3 MINS. 28 SECS. and **No** Pylons!

HOORAY!!!! AND he's all in one piece!!!!

Gary L. Miller, Treasurer
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Membership Dues FINAL NOTICE

Dear Member,

Year 2011 is closing fast and it is now time to renew your membership with the Cumberland Valley Corvette Club. Your dues need to be received no later than **November 4, 2011**, (so monies and info is with NCCC early enough to start the new year). In the event your money is not received by this date you will be dropped from our membership list and it will cost you an additional **\$10.00 to rejoin** due to another initiation charge from National Council of Corvette Clubs.

Price is \$35.00 for single membership or \$50.00 for (2) person membership. Make checks payable to CVCC at my address above.

Please mail your check as soon as possible. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,
Gary L. Miller, Treasurer

The Mother of all Hot Wheels Tracks:

http://sports.yahoo.com/nascar/blog/from_the_marbles/post/Behold-the-greatest-Hot-Wheels-track-in-human-hi?urn=nascar-wp4642

CVCC NOVEMBER CRUISE

WHEN: *Saturday, November 12,* **MEET AT 10:00am, DEPART 10:30am**

WHERE MEET: *Deer Lodge in Mt Holly Springs*

WHERE TO: *We will take some great roads through Cumberland, York, and Adams Counties.*

THEN TO: *Olivia's Greek Restaurant on Baltimore Pike East of Gettysburg.*

More details will follow at the November Monthly Meeting. Let me know if you have any questions. Tom Mitchell

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Just “How good it is”

Submitted by Bill Sangrey

I just came back from the Ron Fellows Driving School in Las Vegas. Yes I got to meet Ron as he was on site the last day. What a great experience. After day one, I thought for sure the State of PA was going to have to revoke my driver's license as I was struggling with all the paddock skid pad exercises. But by the end of the course I was toe heel shifting and pulling 1+ g-force turns on the curves and hitting 120 on the straights. I was hitting the apex points and was smoother on the steering wheel. Learning to properly balance the car was amazing! Who knew about that concept?

I had no idea how capable my car is! I thought I spent all the money on the styling and looks, and as it turns out I spent all that money on some really outstanding engineering! They also taught you about all the electronic control, more than the dealer or the owner's manual. They had us run in the different modes and pulled fuses to disable the computer, just to see how the car handles. Lesson learned, NEVER turn off the computer. Turning off the computer will not make you go faster; it will make your crash faster.

Anyone who owns a C6 should take this course. You learn so much about your car, and you learn how to drive it properly and safely. What a great, great experience.

Now I need to go hit a clover leaf ramp on 81 and test the apex approach and car balancing skills I just learned.

Mike Hecker

Note: Mike and Tracy recently became the proud owners of a Grand Sport Convertible. I believe the driving school was included with the purchase. Wrs.

CVCC's Champion “Kone Killer”

At the NVCC October 22 Autocross event CVCC's own Dave Walter set another record: The Champion Kone Killer Award. Dave, on his own took out 11 cones. At least it was not on one run. It took him the whole day, 14 runs, but he still managed to get the BIG award – a very well used traffic cone. Congratulate Dave when you see him.

Sally Walter definitely overshadowed Dave's dubious honor by taking Ladies FTD in the High Speed event on her last run on Sunday. Ken Novinger and Dave Walter took 1st in class in the high speed event (1 car classes if the truth be told).