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CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB
Board Meeting - January 17, 2012

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

Excused: Joan Bower, Mike Ludt **Guests:** Bud Long, Dave Walter

Skip called to order at 7:03 PM: 59 years ago today Motorama EX122 Corvette on display in NYC

Holiday Party: 82 people attended Jan. 14, 2012 event. Good time by all. Motion by George Bobb: Appoint Mary Hare and Mellissa Bobb as 2013 Holiday Party Committee. Second by Bill Sangrey. Discussion: Avoid NFL Playoffs conflict if possible. Motion carried.

2011 Awards Event: March 2012 General meeting to start at 6:30 PM with awards presentation following a break. Same plan as 2011 – CVCC bucks, gift cards and same trophies.

Governor's Report; Jack Priestner: 9 of 14 event sanctions set; Lawrence (2) 10/13/12, Rally (2) 6/10/12, Graham (2) 6/16, H&H (3) 9/8/12. Jim Fusco to investigate HD show as a season "kick-off" event. Hold remaining 5 sanctions open for now. NCCC insurance carrier changed. Jack and Bill to study and report.

Pocono Driving School; Dave Walter : Susan Baldwin coordinated hotel contract - reviewed and approved – same site, 30 rooms held to 2 weeks prior \$4 increase to \$79/night, no CVCC \$ risk. Mary Hare to handle hospitality, room TBD, 45 drivers registered, good tie-in with Monday full track event
ER NCCC TDS: Bill Sangrey's request to borrow CVCC cones for May 20th ER TDS approved.

AutoX; Ed Hare: Investigation of potential sites in Shippensburg. Will check available ERNCCC dates. Jim Fusco will investigate add'l alternatives.

Distributor; Bud Long: need mailing lists (snail & email) to be current. Further action - verify lists against ER member list. Board consensus - not put directory on website, increase electronic newsletter distribution, Bud to collect contact info updates & give to Jack, Elaine and Jo Ann.

Venture in the Valley; Jim Fusco: 2012 redo approved, present at March meeting, Bill Sangrey to arrange DCA and Carlisle Events meeting. Potentially include a car tour event.

New memberships; Jack Priestner: Recommended being same as NCCC - after September 1 carry over to following year. Approved. Will distribute "Why NCCC" memo to board and Bud.

Project Share: George Bobb proposed collecting nonperishable food items at meetings. Melissa to coordinate. Approved.

Adjourned at 9:03 PM

Respectively submitted for Joan Bower by Bill Sangrey

CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB

Club Minutes - January 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Skip Gutshall with a moment of prayer for the men and women in uniform overseas and for our loved ones.

The meeting was turned over to Joan Bower who presented checks in the amount of \$1,000 each to four very worthy organizations, Cumberland Goodwill EMS, The Todd Baird Lindsey Foundation, Warm the Children and Project Share. Representatives from each organization gave a brief overview of their workings. Most of the donated monies came from the Vettes in the Valley Map advertisements. Ed Bidelspach spoke about the success of the map.

Minutes - motion to accept was made by Paul Ezzo and seconded by Jim Staber.

Treasurers Report - motion to accept was made by Deb Warner and seconded by George Bobb.

Governors Report - motion to accept was made by Larry Kiser and seconded by Dave Walter.

First Reading: Edwin Rice Sponsored by Dick & Joan Bower.

Cruisers and Waxers - None .

Speed Report - None

PAST EVENTS - Dec. 10th Breakfast Cruise - Tom reported 10 cars. Watch for Spring Cruises.

Up and Coming Events - See newsletter or web site.

March 11 - Bowling for fun with Central Penn and Revolutions Corvette Clubs.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by all.

Name tag Drawing of \$10.00 was won by Bob Bower.

The 50/50 drawing of \$55.00 was won by Darlene Slarb and Harry Mitchell.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Bower

Next Regular Meeting will be held: February 2nd. Hope to see YOU there.

HINT:

We could use some more recent photos of club activities on Shutterfly.

Hi CVCCers,

On behalf of everyone who attended the annual Holiday Party on Saturday, a big THANK YOU to Bill Grove and his assistants. I think everyone that attended enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Thanks again, **Skip**

CLUB POINTS

The final 2011 edition of the club points spreadsheet is now available on the club website. If you find any mistakes, let me know and I'll rectify them.

Ed

Check out the 60th Ann. Corvette

<http://www.ncminsurance.com/corvette-introduces-the-60th-anniversary-plus-the-427-collectors-edition.html>

Skip

BOWLING

Thank you to every one that came out to bowl on Sunday THE 15th. We had 17 bowlers and a great start for Project Share lets keep up the good work. Next time we bowl January 29th ABC West. A schedule for February will be posted soon. At the end of bowling we went to Black and Blue for a great meal and good fellowship. Thank you.

Help CVCC support Project Share by bring a nonperishable item to bowling every Sunday we bowl. Lets help them to fill the empty shelves.

Coming up:

Bowling challenge with YCCC has been set for Sunday March 18th at Colony Park Lanes North 1900 Pennsylvania Ave, York Pa.

More information later.

Thank you Ej Andreas

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Please send Newsletter Articles, pictures and event Flyers to the editor by the 15th of the month.

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

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Put it away for the winter and leave it alone BUT!

Bill Sangrey wrote an excellent and informative article in the November 2011 'Distributor' on putting a vehicle away for the winter months with regard to the condition of the oil.

That brought to mind the trouble I have had over the years with gasoline that I inadvertently left in a fuel tank or carburetor of a small engine and then had problems when I went to start the engine some months later. Until a few years ago, I never used fuel stabilizers and I am thinking that while we were burning leaded fuel and then unleaded fuel, it wasn't so much of a problem unless you left the fuel in the tank or carburetor so long that it evaporated into varnish. A lot of us have more than likely unscrewed the cap on an old lawn mower or gas can and with a light sniff of its stale contents knew right away that was some old gasoline. But in the last couple of years, a new potential problem has developed with the Ethanol blended fuels.

Now I am not writing this article to support or criticize the adding of Ethanol to gasoline. Everyone has his or her position on the subject, but I would like to present a couple of personal experiences I have had with Ethanol and a few websites where you can read about the subject for yourself. I have searched a lot on the topic on the internet and I can tell you that there is as much information to support Ethanol blended fuel as there is to condemn it.

Most of my engine troubles have been with the seasonal outdoor power equipment that you use for a few months out of the year and it sits in the shed or garage for the rest of the year. During those months, if you hadn't run it out of fuel to store it, the gasoline would lose some of its potency but if you were lucky, most of the time it would start when you drug it back out of storage, pour in some fresh fuel and pull the rope. Regular unleaded fuel was readily available up until a few years ago and that was what I ran in all my equipment and never worried about using fuel stabilizers. Then the Federal Mandates requiring adding up to 10% Ethanol to gasoline took effect and just plain unleaded fuel became harder and harder to get. When I could no longer get plain unleaded fuel that is when the small irritating problems started showing up without realizing that the Ethanol or E10 was a potential problem. As more and more literature began showing up about the effects of E10 on small gasoline engines, I began to realize that having to run my snowblower with the choke partially on or yanking the throttle open after it idled for a few minutes and the engine would spit and sputter until it got the rpms back up was being caused by something I couldn't adjust out. I started adding one of the fuel stabilizers advertised as an "Ethanol Problem Solver" and those problems I stated earlier with the snowblower disappeared. I add the fuel stabilizer to everything that runs gasoline now, all my power equipment, my everyday car and of course the Corvette. I specifically perform the very first recommendation in the following article on Tips for Storing your cars except I use a different Fuel Stabilizer. Some of the stabilizers claim that the use of their product can increase gas mileage & dramatically increase performance in automobiles and while I have not seen any difference in gas mileage, I have noticed easier starting and smoother idling. So this year again, as I have the past number of years, anything that is stored will have a full tank of fuel with the fuel stabilizer added.

Tips for Storing Your Hot Rod, Muscle Car or Collector Car

(Written by: Tom Wicks, Gold Eagle Co. Manager of Product Development)

When you plan to store your Hot Rod, Muscle or Collector Car during off-months, it is essential that you take a few extra precautions to ensure that it will be running the way you remember when you take it out next season.

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Following these simple steps will keep your Hot Rod/Muscle/Collector Car running its best and protect your investment for years to come.

Fill your Tank with Fresh Gas & Use STA-BIL® Fuel Stabilizer. Old gas in your tank breaks down over time, and leaving old gas in your Hot Rod/Muscle/Collector Car can lead to gummed-up or varnished fuel lines, carburetors, injectors. However, there are several disadvantages to draining old fuel as well. Draining fuel exposes the bare metal in the tank and fuel system to air and moisture that causes rust and corrosion, and can dry out gaskets and seals leading to leaks when the system is refilled. The best solution is to fill your fuel tank 95% full with FRESH fuel, and add STA-BIL® Fuel Stabilizer. STA-BIL® will keep your fuel fresh for up to 12 months. Make sure you read the directions carefully ... that little 10 ounce bottle will treat 25 gallons of fuel (use 1 ounce per 2.5 gallons).

Change your Engine Oil and even the Transmission Fluid. During the year, acids, dirt, and water can accumulate inside the engine oil and transmission fluid. Engine Oil acts like a garbage can or a "waste collector" for all the things that are created by combustion or are broken apart with high heat and friction. Any unburned fuel, unspent exhaust gases, or water vapor is trapped inside your engine. During storage, (a period of months), some of these chemicals eventually break down the viscosity of your engine oil, transmission fluid, and can even begin to corrode metal surfaces.

Lubricate Hood Latches and Door Locks using a dry lubricant like a graphite-based cable lube or Dri-Slide.

Remove your Battery, Disconnect the Cables or Attach a Battery Trickle or Tender Unit to the Battery. When it is not being used on a regular basis, a battery will gradually lose its charge. You can also use a Battery Tender, a small "smart" charger — it turns itself on and off as needed so that your battery never overcharges.

Tires: Keep your Tires out of Direct Sunlight. Rubber is sensitive to ultraviolet light, and prolonged exposure to UV light will cause tires to crack and split, and cause premature tire failure. This condition is known as "dry rot". Jack up the car and put it on "jack stands" to take the weight off your tires. Inflate your tires to their proper level. Under inflated tires can cause flat spots in your tires, shortening their usable life.

Clean Your Hot Rod/Muscle/Collector Car Thoroughly. Start when the engine is cool, and carefully remove all road grime, grease, tar, stains, and bugs from all painted surfaces, chromed parts, and wheels. Make sure you use good quality cleaners. Dry your Hot Rod/Muscle/Collector Car thoroughly, and apply a polish to all painted and exposed metal surfaces. This will protect your finish from color fade caused by UV light.

Store your Hot Rod/Muscle Car Inside, or Use a Car Cover. Protect your car from snow, ice, freezing rain, and wild temperature variances. When you can't store your Hot Rod/Muscle/Collector Car inside, make sure you get a Car Cover that is a form-fitting, breathable, long-term cover. The cover will keep dust off of your car and it will also keep the kids from playing on it. The price of a Hot Rod/Muscle/Collector Car cover is money well spent. If you are storing your Hot-Rod or Muscle Car inside, make sure the cover is designed for indoor storage and that it is made from a breathable material (like Gortex), or ask your auto parts or service store for the proper cover to fit your Hot Rod/Muscle/Collector Car.

Submitted by: **Bill Fertenbaugh**

CVCC 2012 HAPPENINGS CALENDAR

January

Tuesday, January 17. Board Meeting, Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, 7:00pm

February

Thursday, February 2. Membership Meeting at the Elks in Carlisle starting at 7:30 (PA-100)

Tuesday, February 21. Board Meeting, Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, 7:00pm

March

Thursday, March 1. Membership Meeting at the Elks in Carlisle starting at 6:30 or 7:30. Note: either this meeting or our April meeting will include our annual CVCC award recognitions as part of the agenda which is why the start time is uncertain at this time. (PA-100)

Sunday, March 18. EJ Andreas has organized another bowling challenge with the York County Corvette Club. She'll give the particulars at an upcoming meeting. We need to win this one!! (50)

Tuesday, March 20. Board Meeting, Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, 7:00pm

April

Thursday, April 5. Membership Meeting at the Elks in Carlisle starting at 7:30 (PA-100)

Tuesday, April 17. Board Meeting, Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, 7:00pm

May

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

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

Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27. After a one-year absence our Pocono Driving School is back! It's a month later than previous years so hopefully the weather will be better than it has in the past?? Dave Walter is again organizing this event and will present more info at upcoming meetings. Contact Dave if you want to try your driving skills and either Mike Ludt or Gary Miller is you want to volunteer as a worker. (200 per day).

June

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

Sunday, June 10. Karen Priestner is in the planning process for her annual Cannonball Run rallye through the Gettysburg Battlefields. This will be our first sanctioned event of the year. Karen will be presenting more info at upcoming meetings. (PA-75)

Saturday, June 16. This date will be our annual show at Graham Motors in Carlisle. This will be our second sanctioned event of the year. More info will be presented at upcoming meetings. (PA-75)

Tuesday, June 19. Board Meeting, Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, 7:00pm

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.

CHANGES, REMINDERS & MISC. INFORMATION

CVCC "Googlegroup":

The Googlegroup is a means of sending information to the entire club. It is **not** a web page that you access; it's like a club mailbox.

You can post an E-mail to the entire club at cumberlandvalleycorvetteclub@googlegroups.com

A **change** has been made to the googlegroup. When you respond to a posting on the group you may now use the "**REPLY**" button. Your reply will be sent only to the original sender, **NOT** the entire googlegroup. Reduces unwanted e-mail.

NEWSLETTER:

If you have an E-Mail Address you will receive the newsletter from the club "Googlegroup" unless you have made arrangements for snail-mail.

CLUB DIRECTORY:

A directory of club members, phone numbers, e-mail, etc. is distributed periodically through the "Googlegroup" or by request.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Information about CVCC can be found on our club website: www.cvcc-vette.com

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

A calendar of NCCC events for the entire East Region can be found at: www.ernccc.org

NOTE:

It is the responsibility of each member to see that the club has your current information.

If you have a change of address, phone number etc. (Or questions) I am the contact person.

Please click on my e-mail address or call 717-422-4829.

Bud Long

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Everyone,

In order to continue the club's support of Project Share, Melissa and I will be collecting non-perishable items during the next 3 CVCC club meetings. Project Share is always in need of non-perishable food items. They also are always short of items for baby care. Items they always need include: formula, baby food, diapers, baby wipes, etc. Please place these items in the boxes that we will make available on the stage.

Bowlers----Please continue to bring items to our bowling practices. See above note concerning the need for baby care items.

Melissa and George Bobb

