

PROUD MEMBERS OF
KANSAS CITY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

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Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 7:30pm at Shawnee Civic Center, 13817 Johnson Drive Shawnee, Kansas 66216. Guests Welcome!

February Meeting Minutes

President Dave Downing called the meeting to order at 7:30 and introduced our new member Steve Smith. We also had two visitors Tony Davis & Ben Caldwell. Terry Coleman provided a year in review from 2006. We were unable to have a year in review from 2016 because no pictures were sent to the webmaster. When you post your pictures on Facebook you are showing the club what we have done. When our pictures are posted on the web we are showing the world what we have done. In addition to posting your pictures on Facebook please also send them to Scott Stubler at kccaweb@gmail.com

Please let Leland or Chris Eastburn know of any club member who is sick, having surgery or a death in the family.

If you have any articles for the newsletter please forward them to Joe Moncado at jmoncado@aol.com.

Getting to know you: We would like to feature a story in the newsletter from a newer member and a more tenured member. We are still looking for your story to be included in a future newsletter. Thank you to Frances and Adam Hoehn and Ron and Jane Nisser for submitting their Corvette stories this month.

Don Curtis needs your help with the Vettes on the Plains show. Please contact Don ASAP.

Dinner Cruises are held on the 4th Thursday of the month. Our next dinner cruise is Thursday Feb 23.

Frankie and Johnny's
17207 US 71 Hwy
Belton, MO 64012

Reservations are at 6:00pm. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Rhonnie65@juno.com

Rhonnie has several events planned for us.

Saturday April 15: Tour of Union Horse Distillery on with lunch at Zarda BBQ.

Saturday June 3 Warm Springs Ranch VIP tour.
Saturday September 23 Warm Springs Ranch VIP tour.
If you are interested in touring, there are still walking tours available--please RSVP to Rhonnie65@juno.com if you are interested

Saturday, June 17th - Sunday, June 18th we will be heading to Tanganyika Wildlife Park in Goddard, KS. See the Thursday night broadcast for more information.

March 25th visit The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures 10 am with lunch afterwards

Our club picnic will be held Saturday June 10th at Blue Springs Park.

In the Company of Corvettes

by Frances Hoehn & Adam Hoehn

January 1963, still anticipating my driver's license, I skipped school and walked to the only stop light in Kenedy, Texas, hoping to see Buz and Tod of the Route 66 TV show. They were headed to Corpus Christi, Texas, to film the next episodes of the TV show. Instead I saw the real stars for the show...The 1963 Corvette and its understudy the other 1963 Corvette. It was then I knew I would have a Corvette, "Tod" would have to wait. One has to have priorities. Then I moved to Kansas and watched the models change and Ralph Nader come to power. I knew the Roadster would soon go to the way of the Big Block. So on January 2, 1975 I went to Van Chevrolet (now Hendrick) intent on placing an order for a 1975 white Corvette convertible with a blue interior. The leather did not come in blue so I chose medium saddle. The dealership called me on January 29th...my car had landed! I headed for Van Chevrolet. I don't remember if I hung up the phone. My first Corvette was here.

That was when I caught the fever and it didn't stop there. I had a half empty garage so 18 years later, a 1969 yellow convertible moved in. In December 1993, I headed to White City, Kansas with a cashier's check in hand, intent on a Corvette I had never seen. The first time I saw it was in a barn in the middle of the Kansas prairie. The barn floor was clean enough to eat from, so I knew I had made a good choice. It lit up the night...literally. The headers and glass packs were so rusted that the sparks flew out the exhaust. A box of original parts included the exhaust manifolds. Once they were reinstalled, it was original down to the upper and lower radiator hose and one fan belt.

The fever didn't stop there. It just cooled for the next 12 years. After I retired it was time. My son and I searched for something unique. He finally found a 2004 LeMans Commemorative Edition Z06. Less than a week later it was part of the family. On the down side the 1975 and 1069 filled my garage. On the upside my son's garage was very happy to have it move in.

By the way, my son has a two car garage. Who knows when the fever will strike again. It might be inherited and won't wait 12 years.

In the Company of Corvettes part 2

I knew I was born into the right family. When my parents divorced, my dad got the station wagon and my mom got the Corvette, my brother and I. She raised me with the right priorities from the start. I wasn't even a thought when she bought her '75 new, but I still fondly remember when in 1993, my mom said she wanted another one, then in 2005 when she told me to find yet another one.

She decided to premier the newest family member, the '04 LeMans Comparative Edition Z06, at the Superior Chevy show in 2006. Less than a week later, my name was on the list at Superior for a new Z06.

The list was about 2 ½ years long and required a \$1,000 deposit to secure my place. After deciding which bills I would not pay so I could place the deposit, I was #36 on the Z06 list. My priorities were right. I was lined up to get the first 2009 Z06 delivered to Superior Chevrolet.

I visited so many times, everyone knew me by name at the dealership. When talking to a salesperson, I learned the Ron Fellows would be there in a few weeks. He showed me a picture and I thought, "No big deal." It didn't really look that good in the picture. The car was forgotten until a few weeks later.

A customer of mine who works in finance at Superior (now Hendrick) came to have his Acura serviced where I work, Superior (now Hendrick) Acura. He told me "it" was here. My mom, Richard, and I headed to the dealership that evening with my digital camera to see the first Corvette that was signed from the factory. Chevy only made 399, of which 300 stayed in the US, and only 3 confirmed in the Midwest. The picture didn't do it justice. The car was beautiful! A full memory card later I had to leave because the dealership was closed. I felt honored because my mom and I got to sit in it!!!

That night I couldn't sleep. Thoughts of the car kept me up all night. The next day I called the salesperson and prayed for a long shot. Even with trading in two Harleys, I still couldn't qualify for a loan, so my mom, who was just as excited, co-signed. I forget when I stopped shaking, but I still remember having a hard time signing all the paperwork. The next day, April 18th, the '04 Z06 had a younger, faster roommate.

Corvette Fever first peaked in my mom 25 days before she turned 28 and it peaked in me 38 days before I turned 28, which proves Corvette Fever is either inherited or contagious. Both our garages are full of Corvettes now, I still have ½ an acre to build more garages when the Fever strikes again!

The Rest of the Story

The fever struck again in late 2008. Adam decided he needed a daily driver, so when Chevy got a 2006 blue convertible in on trade, He had to have it! Soon though, it became apparent it wasn't possible to keep it, mostly because there was a bright yellow Z06 sitting on Chevy's showroom floor. It was a limited edition with only 38 made, so Adam and the convertible parted ways in November 2009. It's always sad when a member of the family goes off to carve its own path in life, but sometimes you have to let a loved one go. Now we had 5 Corvettes

and only 4 garage spaces. Fortunately Adam managed to shoehorn 3 in his garage.

Hendrick Chevy knew we had a problem, so when they got a 1990 ZR-1 on trade in August of 2010, they called us first. Since sanity drives most of our decisions and we had no space to park another Corvette, Frances bought a 1990 ZR-1. No place to park it? Just wash it... Every day... Sometimes several times a day... In any weather...

So with one car sitting in Adam's driveway, three in a two car garage, we got another call from Hendrick. They got a 1984 with under 15,000 miles, but with no place to park it and a ZR-1 sitting outside, why not! Now there are two Corvettes sitting in Adam's driveway.

Now the fun starts! When family members are sitting outside in any weather you want to bring them in, show them you love them and care for them, but where do you find places to park seven Corvettes when you have four garage spaces? Simple, build another garage, but not just any garage, a six car attached garage! This spring should be the start of the construction on the garage, so between the two of us, we will have ten garage spaces and only seven cars. It would be nice to think that's an excuse to adopt another family member, but we really don't need an excuse. We plan to have a C1, a C2 and Adam has his name on a waiting list at Chevy for a C7 that will be parked in the new garage. Once we have at least one car from every generation, our collection will be complete?

Ron & Jane Nisser KCCA members since 2004

In 2013 we fell in love with the color Night Race Blue Metallic, shining in the sunlight on a 60th Anniversary Corvette.

Dec. 22, 2015, we traded our 2014 Corvette in for a 2016 Z06/Z07, 650 HP, Night Race Blue Metallic, 7spd Convertible, with Twilight Blue Interior, Dark Blue Top, and all the Z07 performance package bells and whistles.

Built Aug.16, 2015, the car had 27 miles on the OD, when we drove it off the showroom floor and drove back to KC.

Beefed-up aluminum frames GM adopted, enabled Bowling Green to manufacture 650 HP Corvettes, without hard-tops.

February 1st., 2017, I contacted the Corvette Museum, gave them the VIN #, purchased a build-sheet and asked for the number of cars built like mine. A reply came back February 10, 2017: "Ronald, I finally heard back from the Corvette Assembly Plan concerning how many Corvettes

were produced exactly like yours in 2016. I am proud to tell you that you have the one-and-only produced exactly like 2016 Corvette VIN#....

Corvette Night Race Blue Metallic was discontinued November 2015. Our Z06/Z07 came off the Bowling Green assembly-line with a 7 speed manual transmission and all the bells & whistles, August 6, 2015.



March Birthdays

Marilyn Hoke 3 rd	Douglas Herman 10 th
Judy Stilwell 10 th	Brenda Wisniewski 11 th
Leland Eastburn 16 th	Robyn Stevens 18 th
Terry Lee 20 th	James Webb 21 st
Sal Donze 23 rd	Glen Looney 25 th
Ken Tietjen 28 th	
Frances Hoehn – 23 rd	Pat Glinn-26 th



Wedding Anniversaries:

March

Bill & Claudia Luntsford 1st
James & Dobby Webb –3rd
Dave & Vivian Clayton 19th
Jim & Sue Schaefer-22nd

KCCA Sponsored or Co-Sponsored

March 2017

10 KCCA meeting This will be the tried and true mixer with members providing snacks. Last names beginning with A-M bring sweet snacks; N-Z bring salty snacks. Only need to bring enough to feed 4-6 people, not the entire gathering! ;)

- 25 **The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures** 10 am with lunch afterwards
5235 Oak St. Kansas City, MO 64112
info@toyandminiaturemuseum.org

April 2017

- 1 **The Mid-America Corvette Cup** will be held in Columbia, MO at the Stoney Creek Hotel. Caravans will be cruising down Friday, March 31st and Saturday, April 1st. If you plan on attending and are leading a caravan, please e-mail Rhonnie65@juno.com with caravan details for others to meet and caravan with you!

You can make your reservations at Stoney Creek hotel by calling 573-442-6400.

Here is the link to Mid Missouri Corvette Club to obtain more information as well as to register for the show.
<http://www.midmocorvetteclub.com/>

- 9 **Ottawa Car Show @ 9:00 @ CarStar in Ottawa, Facebook**
- 14 **KCCA meeting**
27-29 Michelin NCM Bash, BowlingGreen, KY
- 15 **Tour at Union Horse Distillery** 10:30
11740 W 86th Terr, Lenexa, KS 66214. After the tour, we will have lunch at Zarda BBQ which is just a few blocks down the street.

May 2017

- 7 **Hendricks Car Show** *We are still looking for a coordinator for this show. Let one of the officers know if you are interested.*
- 12 **KCCA meeting**

June 2017

- 10 **KCCA club picnic at Blue Springs Park 11-4**
- 17-18 **Tanganyika Wildlife park in Goddard, KS**
- 22-24 **Bloomington Gold - June 22-24, 2017**

Some members of KCCA are planning to attend Bloomington Gold in Indianapolis. If you plan to attend, and would like to stay at the same hotel, here is the information:
TownePlace Suites Indianapolis Park 100
5802 West 71st Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46278
Phone: 317-290-8900
The hotel is conveniently located 9.1 miles (roughly 14 minutes) from the Indianapolis Speedway where the event is held. Contact Brian Evans if you have questions. 913-620-8298

July 2017

- 14 **KCCA meeting**

August 2017

- 11 **KCCA meeting**

September 2017

- 8 **KCCA meeting**

October 2017

- 5-9 **Eureka Springs All Corvette Show**

- 13 **KCCA meeting**

November 2017

- 10 **KCCA meeting**

National Corvette Museum News:

KCCA NCM MASTER AMBASSADOR REPORT-FEBRUARY 2017

As your NCM Ambassador each month I try to provide you with info regarding what is happening at the NCM. If you have questions or need assistance please let me know.

2017 NCM Events

Now is the time to register for one of the many great events the NCM has planned for 2017. Below is a list of both on site and off site events for the year.

NCM Michelin Bash (Ambassador Meeting)
(Onsite)
April 27-29

MiM 'Tail of the Dragon'
(Asheville, NC) April 30-May 3

MiM 'NASCAR in the South'
(Charlotte, NC) May 8-12

*C4 Gathering
(Onsite) May 18-20

MiM 'Le Mans 24 Hours'
(Paris/ Normandy/ Le Mans)
June 9-20

NCM Le Mans Viewing
(Onsite) June 17-18

MiM 'Northwest Passage'
(Oregon / Washington) July 26-30

MiM 'California Dreamin'
(So. California) Aug 18 - 23

MiM 'Diamond in the Rough'
(Roanoke, WV) Aug 27-29

23rd Anniversary Celebration (Ambassador Meeting)
(Onsite) Aug 31-Sept 2

MiM 'National Park Tour'
(Arizona / Utah) Sept 17 - 23

MiM 'KY 1 Lap Tour'
October 10-14
October 17-21
October 24-28

Monterey Racing Banquet
(Monterey, CA) Sept 23

Corvette Racing Weekend
(Hershey, PA) Oct 20-21

Vets 'n Vettes / Mobil 1
(Onsite) November 2-4

Feature Your Club and Corvette in Our Turntable

Perhaps one of the most iconic display spots in the National Corvette Museum is the glass-walled, rotating display in the lobby. Periodically this space is dedicated to not only showcase an eye-catching Corvette, but also to promote a Corvette Club.

Clubs can apply to be featured in this space with the submission of at least two Corvettes willing to be on loan for a period of three months for display. Car owners must either be a member of the National Corvette Museum, or willing to join as a member if selected.

We are currently seeking applications for cars, and the Corvette selected would be displayed April 1 – June 30, 2017.

Applications are accepted now through February 17 and will be reviewed at the February 28 Display Committee meeting. Apply online only by filling out the form here.

Also many Corvette Clubs visit the NCM, we should do this.

Upcoming Club Visits

March 30 - Leisure Time Corvette Club

April 1 - Corvettes Limited of Central GA Work Day

April 5-7 - Tampa Bay Vettes

April 20-21 - Lanier Corvettes

April 22 - Circle City Corvette Club Work Day

April 24 - 25 - Southwest Oklahoma Corvette Club

April 25 - RTP Corvettes

And mark your calendars- the 25th National Corvette Caravan will be here before you know it. It will start August 28, 2019 and last until August 31st in Bowling Green, KY.

Our route will have us travel through Columbia, MO for lunch with MidMissouri Corvette Club then on to St. Louis for a day of activities and overnight stay before arriving in Bowling Green on the 27th.

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For Sale

FOR SALE: 1981 Corvette, auto. White w/tan interior, 137,000 mi., new battery, new alternator, rebuilt carburetor, rebuilt front brakes. \$5,000 negotiable.

Contact Beth Bower, 816-391-7663 or
BRBower@bryancave.com.