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President's Corner

Happy New Year 2005!!!

I hope that this newsletter finds all of our members, current and new, in good health and the beginnings of a prosperous new year.

We had a great Holiday Party with 96 members present at the Timber Ridge Conference Center. This was a record turnout and I don't think anyone was disappointed with the facilities, food, or entertainment. Fred O'Neill was as entertaining as ever and we even had some that jumped in and sang a little karaoke before all was said and done that night.

We are looking forward to another fun filled year of activities. Our new V.P. of Activities Gail (& Robert) Smith has plenty for us to do. If you have any ideas or events that you want to recommend, please do not hesitate to contact Gail or me with the information.

I want to thank the outgoing Officers and welcome the incoming Officers. I really appreciate their time and efforts to help make this club a success!

Congratulations to Reese and Christy Cox! Christy gave birth to a beautiful baby girl Kaitlynne, born on New Years Day. What a way to start off a New Year!

Our next event will be the Annual outing with Calvary Children's Home. This year we will be using a new venue of US Play in Kennesaw. It is located next to Costco on Barrett Parkway. Come out and have some great fun with these kids. You will be glad you did and they enjoy it immensely!

This year we will be doing a good bit of group cruises in our Corvettes. I want to take a moment to review some guidelines that our newer members may not be aware of. These are to ensure a safe and pleasant trip to AND from our outings, and bring that work of art we call Corvette back home safely.

1. Cars should maintain a 1-2 car length gap between vehicles. Too much gap, or too little gap causes the "rubber band effect".
2. Agree on a cruising speed before leaving, this should be a speed that is safe for all drivers and ages of vehicles in the group.
3. Utilize the FRS radios for communications. Pick a channel and make sure all participants are aware of the channel.
4. Have someone designated to bring up the rear of the group. Also make sure that everyone has directions/maps of the cruise if possible.
5. Plan on a convenience stop about every 1.5 hours. This will give everyone a chance to visit the facilities and stretch their legs.
6. Stop the caravan if a vehicle breaks down. Find a safe place to regroup. Never leave a Corvette owner stranded if they have a vehicle failure.
7. Remember, arriving AND returning safely is the primary goal of any cruise.

Now that I have made my public service announcement, I want everyone to have FUN this year.

Also, if you plan on having any adult beverages, please do it in a responsible manner. We want to keep all of our members in one piece and healthy.

If you have questions or recommendations, please do not hesitate to give me a call or drop me a line in an email.

After all.... It's about the people who love the car!

Joe

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Editor's Corner

By Cindy Owens

Hello Corvette Lovers!

It's going to be another great year for Classic Glass. We have renewed over 150 members and we already have some exciting events lined up.

Keep a close eye on the events calendar. Rumor has it there will be some "new" things this year. Stay Tuned.

Remember this club wouldn't be what it is today if it wasn't for the great group of members that we have. So if you are out and about and see a Corvette without a Classic Glass decal, put a business card in the seat or on the door. Invite them to a meeting.

Our next event is an outing with the Calvary Children's Home at US Play on Barrett Parkway. Hope to see you there.

As always, if you have any news worthy articles, or just something to put into the newsletter, send it to me at cindyowens@mindspring.com.

Have a "SUNNIE" day!

Cindy

Proud New Parents

By Ron Floyd

Reese Cox (MTI Racing) and wife Christy are proud first time parents of daughter Kaitlyne, born Saturday, January 1st, 2005!! Congratulations to the Cox's from Classic Glass. Not often this club can celebrate the birth of a new and future Corvette fan. Only slightly negative aspect is that they missed a 2004 tax deduction by only hours!

C5 Owners Take Note

By Ron Floyd

C5's are great road vacuums! They suck up all kinds of road debris underneath the front cover where air flows up and through the radiator. If this debris is not regularly cleaned out it builds to the point of significantly reducing airflow through the radiator and thus significantly reducing the radiators cooling capacity.

Cleaning it out is not hard but does take some care. With a shop vac nozzle and flash light lay just underneath the front cover and gently vacuum out the leaves, pine needles, paper, etc. that builds up at the top of the radiator. Take care not to bend or otherwise damage the radiator fins as the fins are easily damaged.

In my experience, this needs to be done at least twice a year if you put very many miles on your C5!! C4's also tend to experience the same problem but not quite as much.

Peachbowl Parade

By Ron Floyd

For our 4th parade outing on 12/31/04 we had essentially, for the first time, perfect weather! Not positive but, this year's parade seemed to be larger and covering a longer route. Twelve Vette's, 9 from CGCC and 3 from Corvette Atlanta participated.

As per usual, a couple of our planned dignitary riders didn't make it but all in all a parade in the grand tradition. We had a variety of riders including representatives from both schools playing in the Peachbowl, Homer the Brave's mascot, Mayor Shirley Franklin and Miss Teen Georgia (Chaz Cone is still smiling). Overheard was that a couple of our owner/drivers were solicited for rides from parade watchers along the curbs!

Also, understand that during the telecast of the parade, one of the commentators was soundly chastised by her cohort for describing one of our Vette's as a Porche.

Foster Care Support Foundation

By Joe Owens

At the Holiday Party, we collected a large amount of children's clothing that was donated to the Foster Care Support Foundation. This is an activity that started a year or so ago and we are continuing to support a great foundation. This year at the Holiday Party, member Vicki Hicks donated her check back to the club to be donated to

the Foster Care Support Foundation. She also invited the rest of the members to do the same. We had a great response and collected \$870.00 from the members and the club added \$130.00 to make it an even \$1,000.00. The check was presented to Rachael Ewald of the Foster Care Support Foundation at the January 11th meeting. Here is a picture of the presentation.



CGCC President Joe Owens presenting check to Rachael Ewald of the Foster Care Support Foundation.

We are looking forward to continued support of the Foundation in the future.

As the Steering Wheel Turns...

By Joe Owens

We continue to get asked the question... "heard anything on your new car?". I tell ya, we have been very frustrated, along with a lot of other folks. I know I have to be politically correct about things since I am the President of the club, but I find it difficult to understand how/why a car company like Chevrolet Motor Division can allow the types of delays that we have seen with the convertible.

I continually search the Internet websites and forums looking for answers to the questions... Only to come up empty handed. The best I can find is that there is a "supplier problem" and they "...hope to produce convertibles soon...". That and \$3.50 will get you a cup of coffee at Starbucks...

We will leave our order in for now and if it gets delayed much longer, we may have to just tell the dealer to make it a 2006 instead of a 2005. Ok, rant off, for those of you who know the forum lingo...

Sunnie and Blue are warm and snug in the garage for the most part and are looking forward to warmer weather. I have ordered new drilled rotors for Sunnie and Blue still waits for that exhaust system.

As I get more time, I am going to be adding that new chrome to the engine compartment of Blue. She has been begging for attention.

We will see you next month with more tales from the "Busted Knuckle Garage".

Our Needy Family...

By Harriette Majoros

Our family was of four children - Chastity 15, Chelsea 12, Chase 5, Charity 3, and their Mother Deider.

After a quick dinner one Tuesday, Becca and I took off with a plan in mind. First stop - Payless Shoes as the older girls wanted shoes. A pair of ¾ boots for Chastity and a funky pair of tennis shoes for Chelsea and it was off to Target. A bike for the littlest girl, a soccer ball for Chase and some misc. stuff. Then on to Kohl's for the clothes.

Then came the search for Mom. While she said anything for the home, she needs to feel good also. For the home was a large slow cooker, but for her a nice scarf, hat and gloves. A bit of Bath and Body Works for a very personal gift. Then place mats, kitchen towels and wash rags. Things you don't replace if you have little money and yet we all like to have a nice table and kitchen stuff. A \$50 gift card to Publix was the last item. The family needed to have a feast also.

We went like mad women on a true mission. How long does it take two women to spend \$500? Just a bit over 3 hours. Bill's job was to carry most of the stuff upstairs to wrap. Now each person had his or her own specially picked wrapping paper. There were so many presents, I had to leave my car for Becca to take to Christine Wise's home - the presents just would not fit into her Del Sol. At that the Intrepid was packed truck and back seat.

We want to thank the club for allowing us the privilege of being the family to buy for this needy family. We feel so grateful for what we have and that the club sees fit to provide for others.

Corvette Racing Update



The new C6R was unveiled with all due pomp and circumstance at the January 2005 Auto Show in Detroit. Driver Ron Fellows drove the new racer onto the stage for a packed house. I understand that all in attendance were issued special "Corvette" earplugs for the event.

From what I have seen, the new car is a slick package and should be up to the task of keeping the Ferrari's and Lamborghini's at bay. I am looking forward to the 2005 ALMS season!

Upcoming 2005 ALMS Race Schedule

3/19	Sebring Raceway	Speed Channel
4/17	Road Atlanta	CBS Sports

Meeting Minutes from January 11th Meeting

7:30 pm – Joe Owens our 2005 President brought the meeting to order by welcoming old and new members to our 1st meeting of 2005.

He thanked last year’s board for a job well done: Hillary Dukas, Bob Renneke, Barry Tomlinson, Carl Etter, Mark Martell, Joe Yeatman, Tom Wilcox, Marilyn Sabadaszka, Jackie Robert, Ron Floyd, Rhonda and Bobby Kay, Bridget Stephens, and Cindy Owens.

He welcomed and introduced this year’s board for 2005: Joe Owens; President, Randy Cooper; Vice President at Large, Don Shamel; Vice President of membership, Gail and Robert Smith; Vice Presidents of Activities, Jack Kreger; Board of Directors, Bob Renneke; Board of Directors, John Iroff; Board of Directors, Barry Tomlinson; Board of Directors, Ron Floyd; NCM Ambassador, Cheryl Tomlinson; Secretary, PJ Ray; Treasurer, Rhonda and Bobby Kay; CGCC Store, Bridget Stephens; Webmaster, Cindy Owens; Newsletter Editor.

Joe announced that due to the overwhelming response, the Holiday Party will be December 3 and it will be at Timber Ridge again.

Joe asked Carl and Tonie Etter, Bill and Harriette Majoros and Lynn and Jack Kreger to say a few words about their needy families. All of the families were grateful of the gifts that were provided.

Ron Floyd talked about the PeachBowl Parade and how we support the community every year with our participation. He also mentioned that Chaz Cone’s passenger was Miss Teen GA USA.

The Club Calendar is here and Bridget is selling them for \$10 a piece.

Joe asked for anyone interested in Bears for Kids to bring any stuffed bear to the February Meeting so that we can give them to the Cobb County police department. These bears are for children that have been involved in some type of mishap and just need something to comfort them. Harriette Majoros had mentioned this in the fall of last year.

New name badges for the officers will be available at the next meeting. The most likely choice was copper brush finish with black letters. The pink one did not make the cut.

Joe made a special presentation to Foster Care Services of \$1000 using an oversized check from proceeds from our Holiday Party. He presented the check to Rachel Ewald. She thanked Classic Glass and said all of the donations will help and are appreciated.

8:00 pm – Secretary Report

Cheryl Tomlinson was not present, Joe asked for a motion that the minutes from the last meeting as written in the newsletter be approved. Minutes were approved.

8:05 pm – Treasurers Report

Ron Floyd in P.J. Ray’s place stated that the ending balance was \$4,207.09. He also commented on the fact that P.J. had been treasurer in 1994. He asked for the December 2004 report be approved. A motion was made and a second. The report was approved. The transition from Ron to P.J. will take place next week and Bob White will be doing the audit. Thanks to Bob for performing this requirement for the club.

Treasurer’s Report-Ron Floyd

Ron reported a financial summary of the below numbers for December 2004:

Beginning Balance: \$10,092.26

Receipts:

Holiday Party Payments Returned for Charity	\$870.00
Holiday Party “Guest” Payments	\$120.00
New and Renewal Memberships	\$900.00

Total Receipts: \$1,890.00

Disbursements:

2005 Web hosting	\$ 180.00
Holiday Party Room and Meal	\$3,517.50
Holiday Party DJ	\$ 300.00
Holiday Party Decorations and Raffle items	\$ 512.51
Needy Family Holiday Gifts	\$1,266.68
Board Appreciation Plaques & Holiday Ornament Member Gifts	\$ 875.85
Sympathy Flowers	\$ 49.48
Picture prints for Board Appreciation Plaques	\$ 7.97
Newsletter Postage and Copying	\$ 65.18
Holiday Party Member Payments Donated To Charity (870.00) Plus Club Adder (130.00)	\$1,000.00

Total Expense: \$7,775.17

Ending Balance **\$4,207.09
****Includes \$3,000.00 Emergency “Rainy Day Fund”**

8:10 pm – V.P. of Membership

Don Shamel – New Vice President of Membership welcomed 71 members and 13 guests with 2 joining tonight. He introduced all of the guests and welcomed our 2 new members. The membership drawing had \$71 and was won by Charlie Koninsky.

8:15 pm – V.P. of Activities

Gail and Robert Smith – New Vice Presidents of Activities started out by letting Jack Kreger talk about the Calvary Children’s Home activity at US Play on Barrett Parkway. It will be held Saturday, Jan. 22 from 1 – 4.

Tim Eason talked about a trip to Boca Raton on Feb. 5 and he would be the event manager.

Bob Renneke talked about Barnsley Gardens for Valentines Day. The room is \$190 for the night. It does not include dinner but there are 2 nice restaurants on the grounds. This would be on Feb. 19. Pamphlets are in back. Gail also suggested the Valentine's Day Cruise at Lake Lanier for \$180 per couple also on Feb. 19.

Robby Robert will be helping Gail and Robert with the sponsor trophies for upcoming events.

8:20 pm – NCM Ambassador

Ron Floyd – New NCM Ambassador talked about the major events for the NCM coming up. On April 2 – 9, the Western Caribbean cruise will be taking place. The C5/C6 birthday bash will be at the end of April. He will be hoping for more NCM memberships from the club. Any questions about the NCM, be sure to ask him.

8:25 pm – CGCC Store

Rhonda and Bobby Kay – CGCC store still has hats and shirts to sell. See Rhonda or Bobby.

8:26 pm - Webmaster

Bridget Stephens – Webmaster announced that the Calendars were in and that Bob Renneke had sponsored the calendar this year. She also announced that Bob was going to donate the funds for the calendar back to the club. We will be looking for a corporate sponsor early this year.

The password change has taken place and you should have received the new password by now. The photo album has been delayed because of the work it took to get the calendar published.

8:35 pm - Conclusion

New Business, none
New Cars, none

8:40 pm – V.P. At Large

Randy Cooper – New Vice President at large announced that the 50/25/25 drawing pot had \$181. He gave \$90.50 to Ron/PJ for the club. Then Charles Eason and Bill Smith each won \$45.25.

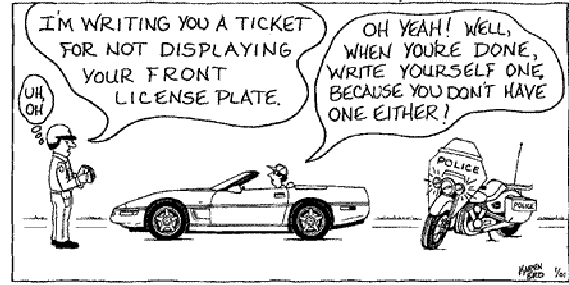
Joe ended by thanking the wait staff and the BOD Meeting will be next Tuesday, Jan 18, at 7 pm.

8:45 pm - End of Meeting (Minutes)

Teddy Bear Collection in progress...

We are collecting teddy bears for the Cobb County Police Department. They carry them in the police cruisers to give to small children in a crisis. They should be about 6 inches in size, just the size for little arms to hold tightly. Bring your donations to the February club meeting and we will deliver them to the Cobb County Police Department.

DAVE'S VIEW . . . by Dave Berna



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Corvette Trivia

1. The Corvette heavy-duty racing package of 1957 was coded RPO X84. **True or False**
2. The inventor of the Corvette's fuel injection system was John Dolza. **True or False**
3. The T-shaped reverse lock-out handle just below the knob on the gearshift first appeared in 1959. **True or False**

Bonus: What year did Corvette pass the "break-even point" and start making a profit?

- A: 1958
- B: 1961
- C: 1960
- D: 1963

Answers on the last page

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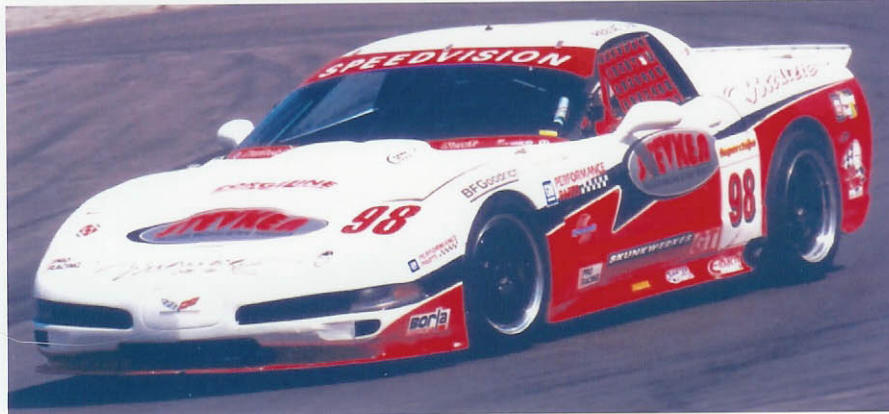
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Upcoming Activities:

Jan 22 – Calvary Children’s Home Outing

Feb 19-20 – Valentine’s Cruise

Apr 9-17 – AJC International Auto Show

Apr 15-17 – ALMS Grand Prix of Atlanta @ Road Atlanta

Apr 29-30 – The Gathering in Savannah

National Corvette Museum Activities

April 2-9 – Western Caribbean Cruise

April 21-23 - C5/C6 Birthday Bash

May 12-14 – ZR-1 / C4 Gathering

Answers to Trivia: 1 - False, 2 –True, 3 –True, Bonus – B: 1961



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Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Next Meeting: February 8th

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