



ACCCording to the President

Hello ACCC,

I hope your winter is going well. This is my first opportunity to be the ACCC President, so bear with me and maybe by the end of my term I can get it right.



The ACCC Board met before our January membership meeting to discuss the coming year and where we thought it would be best to focus our efforts. Other than getting the club financial house in order the board concluded that upping our membership number would be a good area to concentrate our efforts. We discussed how that might be accomplished and concluded it is easier said than done. The discussion turned to why the club membership had declined over the past year. Many factors were sighted ranging from economy, event type, the raffle, etc. The board decided that one way of attracting and keeping membership was in the type of club events offered. This year we will be trying the make club events more diverse. Some ideas put forth to this point are a road trip to Baltimore for the IMSA race later this year, a trip to Virginia Motorsports Park for the combination car show, cruise & drag race. Another idea is a trip to Virginia International Raceway Part for the

Rolex Sports Car race. These are all good suggestions but the bulk of the ideas/events will come from you the ACCC membership. Please contact Mike Patch with your ideas. These events do not have to be huge, complex events. In most cases they are not. If you have three or thirty cars participating, you can have fun and fond memories. I am sure Mike will be able to help you with planning. The ACCC will be as successful as its members want it to be, so participate, participate, participate and you will be surprised at how much fun you will have.

On the events subject the St. Patrick's Day event to the NC Outer Banks (set-up by Mary Anne McGovern) is set to go March 18 – 20. This is always a fun event with a poker run on your trip down, a car show and parade where the club decorates our cars, and throws candy to the kids (at least those that can knock the adults out of the way). We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express this year.

See you at our February 15 club meeting.

Keep the rubber side down,

Skip



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JANUARY MINUTES



Old Business: Mary Anne McGovern reported that the Club's Christmas party was a success. Our Marine guest had a great time and collected quite a large amount of Toys for Tots.

New Business:

Mary Anne discussed the upcoming trip to Nags Had, NC in March. More information published in this newsletter.



The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Skip Sizemore. First order was of business was to welcome a new member, Mr.



Adam Brown. Adam is the proud owner of a 2007 atomic Orange Z51 Coupe!

Skip Sizemore read the November minutes and Mary Anne McGovern motioned to accept them as read. She also recommended we note there were no December minutes, as the December meeting was the Christmas party. The motion passed.

Mike and Bettie Shepherd reported that the Seafood Cruise is slated for Sunday, April 10th.

Skip Sizemore asked for volunteers to conduct the annual audit of the Club's Treasury. Dottie Shadbar, Janet Patch, and Linda Eriksen volunteered to assist. Skip Sizemore read the birthdays and Anniversaries for December and January, and Lee Morton noted that Maureen Gelum (13 January) was inadvertently left off the list.



Vice President Mike Patch reported that he would like to have presentations at each meeting. Lou Patch was ready to do the first presentation, a photo essay of "A Lap Around Kentucky", a National Corvette Museum organized trip that he and Janet participated in back in October. Mike also mentioned several upcoming events, to include the Super Chevy Show in Danville, VA in April, and the Baltimore Car Corral in September. The Car Corral coincides with the Baltimore Grand Prix, which includes an American LeMans series race featuring the Corvette Racing Team! More information to follow on these events.

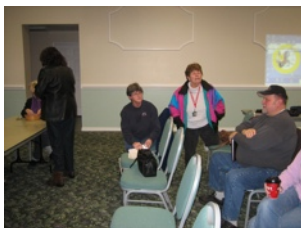


The 50/50 raffle was won by Dottie Shadbar. John Horvath motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary Anne McGovern. Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM, after which attending members enjoyed Lou Patch's well done photo presentation of "A Lap Around Kentucky".



Marie Sizemore reported that our membership stands at 56 members.

Lee Morton reported that he needed newsletter articles before the end of the month.





ACCCording to the Vice President

I first want to thank Dave Shadbar, Dottie Shadbar and John Horvath for serving as officers last year, and for Jerry Mackling and Lee Morton in returning for another year of service.



When I received the phone call about being an officer for 2011, I was asked if

I would be interested in serving as the President. I quickly thought to myself that I have no clue as to what are the president's duties. So I asked if the V.P. position was available. Marie said it was, so I volunteered. Still didn't have a clue as to what the V.P. responsibilities were. I told my parents (Lou & Jan Patch) what I had done and they gave me the 411. My understanding now is that I help plan events. At the first board of director's meeting Lee Morton informed me I also need to write a little column for the monthly newsletter. My 12th grade English teacher would get a kick out of this.

My goal for this year is to try to bring some different opportunities for the membership to enjoy their corvette and club fellowship. I myself enjoy auto racing and have tried a little drag racing and autocross. With my parents we have driven our pair of corvettes out west to cruise the Pacific Coast Hwy and down south to the Tail of the Dragon. I would like to encourage all members to share some of their corvette experiences and give a short presentation as part of the monthly club meeting. At January's meeting Lou Patch showed a 15 minute slide

presentation of "A Lap Around Kentucky" that was organized by the National Corvette Museum. At the February 15th club meeting I will show a DVD of a 2009 trip to "Tail of the Dragon" in Deal's Gap, TN. Come out to the club meeting and share your favorite corvette experiences.

Other ideas are the following racing events;

Virginia International Raceway - <http://www.virnow.com/>
 May 14, Bosch Engineering 250 Grand-Ams Rolex Series & Bosch Engineering 200 Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge (Sat)
 May 15, SCCA Pro Trans-Am with Formula Enterprise, Spec Racer Ford & V8 Stock

Virginia Motorsports Parkway, Dinwiddie, VA
 May 20-22 Super Chevy Show, this is a great car show and drag race.

Baltimore Grand Prix, Indy and American LeMans races.
 Sept. 2-4, Corvette Racing Car Corral

I am not looking to replace any of the club's great events, I look forward to attending the cruises, parades and shows, but want to add what I feel can be some exciting new activities.

I will finish with a quote from past club officers, "**Again it is your club, get out and participate and help make it the club you want!**"

Mike Patch
 Vice President

EVENTS

Feb. 15: Club Mtg., Business Mtg. and presentation of "Tail of the Dragon" by Mike Patch

March 15: ACCC Business Mtg. and presentation TBA.

March 18-20: St. Patrick's Day Parade, Outer Banks, NC,

March 26: 5th Annual SkillsUSA Car Show, North Stafford High School. "Largest Club Participation Award"

April 10: Captain Billy's Seafood Cruise

April 19: ACCC Business Mtg. and presentation TBA

Does 11 Miles and 318 Curves attract your interest?

The ACCC is considering a trip to the Tail of the Dragon on the North Carolina-Tennessee border this Spring. Come check out a short film about this fun, yet challenging road course at the February business meeting!





ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE/WEEKEND

The first official ACCC cruise of the year will once again be the trip to Nags Head, NC to participate in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, sponsored by Kelly's Outer Banks Restaurant & Tavern. Rain or shine, this is always a fun weekend, so pack lots of candy for the parade and come on out. The more, the merrier!

NAGS HEAD, NC

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Hotel Reservations: Holiday Inn Express
Kitty Hawk, NC

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Friday March 18 - Sunday March 20th

ACCC Members who want to attend please contact Mary Anne McGovern. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Kitty Hawk, 1-800-836-2753. The rate is \$71.10 per night, plus tax. Let them know you are with the Aquia Creek Corvette Club. We will meet for breakfast on Friday the 18th at the Cracker Barrel in the Central Park shopping complex in Fredericksburg at 9:00 AM. After breakfast, the group will depart for Nags Head. Bring a hand-held radio to keep in touch with fellow members during the caravan. **The parade is a candy dispensing parade so stock up now!** Most members will depart Sunday afternoon after the parade, but if you would like to stay later, that's fine!



Activities Include (but not limited to)

- Hooter's Poker Run
- Shamrock Car, Truck & Bike Show
- Outlet Malls
- Golf
- Kelly's St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Tour scenic Kitty Hawk and the Outer Banks
- Local coastal & seafood cuisine
- Live entertainment





BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



Joan Yaros 2 Feb
 Charlie Sparks 2 Feb
 Jerry Mackling 6 Feb
 James McDonald 6 Feb
 Willie Nagle 7 Feb
 Dottie Shadbar 15 Feb
 Judy Turlington 15 Feb
 Tom Nagle 24 Feb

James & Shirley McDonald 11 Feb
 Skip & Marie Sizemore 14 Feb
 Richard & Karen Leonard 15 Feb
 Randy & Christine Bachelor 19 Feb



ACCC at the Baltimore Grand Prix?



Members expressed an interest in attending the Baltimore Grand Prix coming up on Labor Day Weekend. The Grand Prix will be a series of races, including an American LeMans Series race with the Corvette Racing Team among the competitors!

The event features Car Club Packages that include designated parking in the Car Corral, and controlled on-track laps by clubs with 20 or more cars. Two-day prices range from \$110 - \$150 with \$20 discounts for groups of 50 or more.

ACCC Vice President Mike Patch is trying to determine the level of member interest, to include local clubs. If interested, contact Mike at accclub@aol.com!