

Crow River Corvettes

"Cruise News"



Letter From The Prez:

Hello members, what a great weekend Linda and myself had in Red Wing. 24 cars and 41 people made for a memorable Fall Color Run this year. The scenery was excellent and the company was even better. Thanks to all who made this a wonderful time. Thanks to Bob for suggesting the Buffalo Roam run we took in Wisconsin. Awesome! We are already looking forward to next year. Hope every made it home safely. Watch the website for many pictures from the weekends activities.

Please mark your calendars for the October 21 meeting at Squeakys at 6:00 PM. We usually don't mandate attendance but since this is our year end meeting I would appreciate those who can make it. We have a few important topics to discuss and start planning for next year.

I would like to introduce our newest members, Paul & Judy Salverson from Watertown, SD. Hope to see you at the Christmas party in January. Welcome to CRCC!

For those of you who did not receive a window decal yet for your car, please let me know as I will be ordering more soon. If anyone would like a larger CRCC decal like we have on our car just let me know. I believe the larger ones are around \$39 and the small ones are free to all members.

October is membership renewal time so be sure to send in your renewal forms. Thanks in advance. We still have many more Vetting days so don't put the car away to soon. *Ron*

Letter From The Vice Prez:

WELL----- HOW SHOULD WE START THIS NEWS LETTER.

HOW ABOUT -----BOOOOOOOOOOOOOO !!!!!

THAT'S WHAT COMING FROM MY MOUTH!!

AFTER HARPING OVER THE YEAR TO ATTEND ALL THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CLUB DURING THE YEAR; WHO HAS #2 NO SHOWS IN A ROW.

YA, WELL EVERYBODY CAN GO RIGHT AHEAD AND BOO ME AND THROW SOME KIND OF "dung" AT ME THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE ME !

I HAD PRIOR COMMITMENTS SO I COULDN'T BE AT THE FUNCTIONS. (Poker Run & Dinner Cruise)

ALL OF YOU THAT WERE AT THE FALL RUN, I HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD TIME; "and if you didn't well-----". THE PRES. DID A GREAT JOB ON IT EVEN THOUGH HE LIVES IN THE OTHER PART OF "the world". SO GOOD JOB RON.

WELL PEOPLE THAT WEREN'T THERE; THE LEADERS HAD A VERY SPECIAL HONOR JOB FOR ME. ON THE SAT. RUN THEY HAD ME BE THE CABOOSE. WAAAY WAAAY BACK THERE I COULD STAY OUT OF TROUBLE, LIKE GETTING LOST, OR HAVE TO GO TO THE "sand box". AND IF I DID, WELL THAT'S "his problem" HE WILL FIND HIS WAY HOME. AHFFF BUT I FOOLED THEM. ACTUALLY THE LEADERS HAD SO MUCH CONFIDENCE IN ME THEY NEVER CALLED ME ON THE C.B. TO SEE IF I WAS STILL BACK THERE. AH BUT ONE TIME I DID HAVE TO CRANK UP TO 90 TO KEEP EVERYBODY IN SIGHT. WELL I GOT DISTRACTED ONE TIME DOING ABOUT 45 M.P.H. LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, DON'T ASK WHAT IT WAS "I FORGOT". GOES WITH AGE.

SOME OF YOU THAT KNOW ME WILL BE VERY PROUD OF ME!! MY FRIEND AND I WENT DANCING AT THE CASINO #2 NITES AND I DIDN'T DROP A DIME IN THE SLOTS. YEA!. BUT THERE WAS ONE TIME WHEN BONNIE BECAME CONCERNED ABOUT ME BECAUSE I HAD TO GO TO THE "the sandbox" TWICE IN 5 MINUTES. SO AFTER I LEFT SHE DECIDED TO GO TO THE RESTROOM ALSO. WELL I HAD THIS \$20.00 IN MY POCKET BURNING UP AND I PUT MY HAND IN MY POCKET TO GET IT OUT OF THERE IN FRONT OF THIS MACHINE AND--- "hey bob, the restroom is over there" --- "Oh ya". WELL I TRIED TO EXPLAIN ABOUT MY POCKET WAS ON FIRE; AND I ALWAYS NEVER LIE AND--AND--AND-- BUT SHE WASN'T BUYING IT. OH YOU PEOPLE FROM S.D. SHOULD BE PROUD OF ONE THING; THE BAND WAS FROM SIOUX FALLS AND WERE FANTASTIC!!!! ONE OF THE BEST LOCAL BANDS I'VE HEARD IN A LONG TIME.

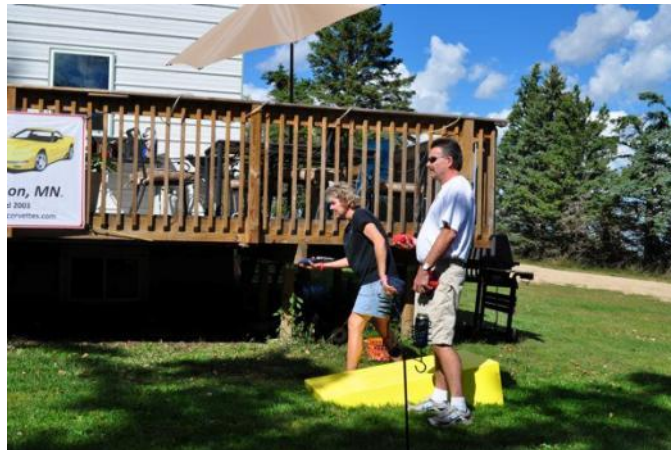
WELL DON'T FORGET THE QUARTERLY MEETING THIS MONTH. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT "YOU!!" ATTEND. WE HAVE ELECTIONS OF NEW OFFICERS. HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO VOICE YOUR VOTE AND "have a meaning !!"

ESPECIALLY YOU NEW MEMBERS. PLUS WE HAVE TO START PLANNING OUR CANCER FUND DRIVE IN THE SPRING. I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT MONTH. I'M STILL PLANNING #2 MORE RUNS IN THE "VETTE" THIS MONTH. OH YA WE TACKED ON ANOTHER 200 MILES ON SUNDAY TRAVELING UP INTO WISC.

SEE YOU AT THE "MEETING !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

BOB

Rude Family Barbeque 9/11/10



Bob T. trying to recruit a new member!



REMINDER—COMING UP at OCTOBER 21st Meeting

#1 Election of officers. Nominations are needed for the following positions:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and NCCC Governor.

Note, these positions are for a 1 year term, 2 year maximum. Send in your nominations before October 21st. If you currently hold one of these positions and would like to serve a second, please re-elect yourself. Please consider serving on one of these positions.

#2 Club Dues, payable in October.

New \$65.00 Couple / \$50.00 Single **Renewal** 45.00 Couple / \$35.00 Single (Includes NCCC)

#3 2011 Corvettes For A Cause Discussion

Sept. 25 Dinner Cruise



We had 12 beautiful Corvettes on the September dinner cruise to Kimball

Corvette history proves that a long production can be very good for performance fans.

I've spent enough time in the corporate world to recognize "PR" when I hear it. The Cash For Clunkers Program got LOTS of attention and helped car makers unload tons of '09 inventory. But Detroit and Asian car makers still have the same problem – selling into a shrinking economy.

Recently the rumor mill was smokin' with chatter about the C7 Corvette over new images of the Transformers Sting Ray Concept car. But when AutoWeek announced that the C7 was "on indefinite hold with no official word or set timetable," I was not surprised. The article quoted Vehicle-Line Executive Tom Wallace as saying, "No one is saying we're not doing Corvettes. We're still bullish on Corvettes." When asked directly if there was any chance the Corvette would die, Wallace stated emphatically "No way." What a relief!

Let's pull back and get some perspective. The C3 holds the longevity record having a 15-model-year run. By '82, the car was riding on a chassis and suspension that was OVER 20 years old. Numerous facelifts define the C3s into three groups; '68 – '77 with the sail-style b-pillars, '78 – '79 with the bubble-back rear window, and '80 – '82 with the shovel-nose / rear spoiler motif. A '68-'69 Corvette looks very different from the '80-'82 car.

The C4 had the second longest run with 13 years. C4 changes were limited to wheels, fender vents, and front-rear bumper covers. While the car's looks didn't change much, under the body there was a world of difference! C4s came in like a lamb with 205-horsepower and went out roaring with 330-horsepower.

Tuners loved the C4s, most notable being the 1989 Callaway Sledgehammer. This 349.8-CID, 898-horsepower, twin-turbo small-block beast was TOTALLY STREETABLE! In fact, John Lingenfelter drove the car from Callaway's Connecticut shop, 800 miles to Transportation Research Center in Ohio and blasted the 7.5-mile test track with a 254.76-mph run! Afterwards, the car was checked and driven back to Callaway's shop.

C4s raced in the Showroom Stock Series from '85 to '88 and beat up the 944 Porsches so badly that Porsche bought two Corvettes to take apart to learn why they were so fast. The C4s were kicked out for being "too fast."

Then there was the ZR-1. The all-aluminum, double-overhead-cam, Mercury Marine-built ZR-1 packed 375-horsepower from '90 to '92 and 405-horsepower from '93 to '95. Base '90 Corvettes had just 250-horsepower and from '92 to '96 had 300-horsepower with the new LT1. Tommy Morrison ran a specially prepared '90 ZR-1 to a 24-hour average speed of 175.885-mph, shattering a 50-year record! Lastly, in '96 we saw the 330-horsepower LT4 optional engine, as well as the limited production Grand Sport.

What we're saying here is that a long production run isn't necessarily a bad thing. Now the 2010 C6 enters its sixth production year – just one more than the C2 Corvette. In just six years, Chevrolet has dished up the Z06, the 205-mph ZR1, and a base model with 430-horsepower. A recent road test of the '10 Grand Sport showed that the base LS3, when installed in the Grand Sport with its Z06 dry-sump oil system, gets a little more TLC, resulting in a power output that's just a tad on the high side. According to Motor Trend, the '10 Grand Sport does 0-60 in just 3.9-seconds and the quarter-mile in 12.2-seconds @117-mph. To the uninitiated, that's downright frightening. \

There was talk of the C7 being a 2013 model. That certainly would have been enough time to develop the C7 and get it right. Corvette marketing and product planners would have had a field day releasing the C7 as a 60th Anniversary special option. Then the C7 release date got pushed back to 2014. Now, it's indefinitely on hold.

How can the Corvette group justify a \$500 Billion capital expenditure for a car line that just posted a 52% drop in sales in today's market? They can't, and for now, they should keep a low profile. That's a skinny branch no one wants to go out on.

This article was written by K. Scott Teeters, an editor for Alex Schult of <http://www.SmokinVette.com> and a freelance columnist and artist with VETTE Magazine. His monthly column, "The Illustrated Corvette Series" has been running consecutively in VETTE since 1997 and can be found on the very last page of every issue. You can find reproductions of his Corvette art at: <http://www.IllustratedCorvetteSeries.com>

Upcoming Events:

October

21 CRCC Quarterly Meeting (Squeaky's 6:00 pm) **Attendance Encouraged**

November 3 Corvettes For A Cause 2011 meeting, (6:00 pm Elks)

January 8 CRCC Christmas Party (Elks Club, 6:00 PM)

Welcome New Members

Paul & Judy Salverson

Watertown, SD

1996 Yellow Convertible

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CORVETTES

For A Cause

Held annually over
Memorial Day Weekend

www.crowrivercorvettes.com

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Community-Involved club, raising money for various local charitable organizations and National Foundations. We also donate our time by volunteering at various local activities and events.

Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to promote good fellowship among Corvette owners and enthusiasts, to preserve the Corvette as a classic car, and to share information on all phases of ownership and restoration. The club supports the maintenance of the highest standards of courtesy and safety on and off the road.

Club contact: Ron Cleland

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Website: www.crowrivercorvettes.com

As A courtesy to all new members, and for old ones who can't remember names as well as we used to, Please remember to Wear Your Name Tags at club meetings and at all club functions.



October Birthdays

Dale Ritz 10/1

Sue Stulc 10/5

Jim Haasl 10/14



2011 Corvettes For A Cause

May 27-29

Mark Your Calendars!

1st Meeting Nov. 3 Elks 6:00 pm

2010 Officers

President: Ron Cleland, rcleland@hutchtel.net, 320-587-8437

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Photos from the Fall color Run



Here are just a few of the memorable shots from the weekend. We will have many more photos on our website in the upcoming days. Keep posted!

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Crow River Corvette Club

Membership Form – 2011 – Welcome!

Please fill in the form below and send the signed form along with a check made payable to Crow River Corvettes and mail to: Linda Cleland, 385 Ottawa Ave SE, Hutchinson, Mn. 55350. Membership dues include membership in the NCCC (National Council of Corvette Clubs) and free Nametags.

Annual Dues are payable in October

Today's Date: _____

New Membership \$65.00 Couple / \$50.00 Single **Renewal** \$45.00 Couple / \$35.00 Single

Please print clearly (First, Last) (Note: this is how your nametag will be ordered.)

Name 1: _____ Birth date: month/date _____

Name 2: _____ Birth date: month/date _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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E Mail: _____

Interesting facts or hobbies: _____

#1 Corvette Year: Color Coupe Roadster

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Signature 1 _____

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