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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER by Sherry Arigo

What a year this has been, busy but fun, as I write this letter we are looking forward to the Christmas/Awards Party on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Can't wait for you to finally see what the surprise is. I'm about to burst at the seams trying to keep this a secret!

The first weekend in November, 20 of us went to Kerbeck's for the Toys for Tots campaign. Some of us went up Friday and stayed at the Tropicana, then the next day we met up with the rest of our members to drive the Expressway back to Kerbeck's for the party. The adrenalin was flowing when we were driving 140 mph, at least that's what John was doing and Jerry Triplett hit 149 mph. By the time we arrived at Kerbeck's I was pretty numb with fright. When we got to the party, our club challenged other clubs to our \$250 donation. They had lots of food and plenty of door prizes, and if you didn't make it this year, make sure you do next year. We all had a great time. Thanks to Sue Davis for setting that up, as always, she did another fine job.

While I was on the parking lot where we met before caravanning onto the Expressway in Atlantic City, I noticed so many clubs had club jackets. My mind started to go into the shopping mode and thought, "When I get home, I'm heading to Chesapeake Outerwear." Of course, my two partners in crime, Anita and Sue, went with me. With that being said, at the Christmas/Awards party I will have various sizes of winter jackets for everyone to try on for size, as we are going to order club jackets. The words "*Corvette Annapolis*" will be printed across the back in large letters and in small letters on the front above the breast. I will have the cost at that time.

A few weeks ago 14 of us went to Solomon's Island for lunch and a tour of the museum. The weather turned out great and we had a wonderful time. For those of you that chickened out because of the weather, you missed a great day. The sun came out and it was beautiful. Thanks to Elaine Phillips for setting that up, she did a great job and it was done in the Elaine Phillips' way, perfectly planned.

As the New Year approaches, I'm thinking about our activities for next year. On Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm I will have an activities meeting at my house. Even if you didn't sign up and want to come, please feel free to do so. Please bring ideas with you. It's always nice to have new ideas.

On Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm we will be having a show and rallyes committee meeting at my house. Again, everyone interested is welcome.

As usual, when both of the meetings are finished, we can head out to dinner. (You really didn't think I was going to cook did you?) Let's get some new faces as well as familiar ones at these meetings. We always need fresh new ideas.

John and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and a Happy New Year.

Looking forward to an exciting 2008!

Get Ready, Get Set, Go Vette,  
Sherry

***Corvette* Annapolis**  
***Minutes of November 14, 2007 Meeting***  
***Susan Davis, Secretary***

**Meeting Called to Order:** President Sherry Arigo called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Annapolis Public Library followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**1. President's Report**

The President reported that the Activities Committee will meet at her home on Saturday, January 5, 2008 to plan for next year's events.

The Shows and Rallye Committee will meet at Arigo's at 4 PM on Saturday, January 19, 2008.

The club has received a check for \$482 from the Green Turtle sales on October 23.

A group caravanned to Solomon's Island a few weeks ago and had lunch at Stoney's Restaurant, toured the museum and had ice cream. This event was actually the SUV division of Corvette Annapolis as only one member took a Corvette. Thanks to Elaine Phillips for setting up the trip.

Two weeks ago, twenty members took part in the Toys for Tots Run in Atlantic City. Jerry Triplett set a world record of 149 MPH while the rest of us cruised at a sedate 121-140MPH. Our club set a challenge at the luncheon by donating \$250 to this worthy cause. Our challenge was met or exceeded by more than one club, but Corvette Annapolis was the pace setter and the children were the winners.

Finally, a group of our members met at the BelAir CC autocross on October 21. We earned 70 points for the club and everyone had a great time.

Sherry thanked Pat Weese for her wonderful work as Newsletter Editor and announced that Kathy Barney will assume the Editorship starting this month.

**2. Activities Chair, Linda Peterson discussed upcoming events.**

**Saturday, November 17:** Navy Football game and Tailgate.

**Saturday, December 1:** Holiday Party at Prospect Bay. Cost \$31 per person. Prepayment is required. Cocktails at 7 PM. Dinner at 8 PM. There will be a \$15 limit gift exchange. Emphasis should be on car related items.

**Tuesday, January 15, 2008:** Greene Turtle Dinner. Leave WB at 6:00 PM. (Fundraiser)

**Sunday, January 27, 2008:** Brunch at Jaspers. \$16.99 per person plus 18% Gratuity. Leave WB at 9:30 A.M.

**February 11-19, 2008:** Eight days on Carnival Cruise Lines. See Dave Fallen for information.

**3. October Minutes: Discussed and approved as written.**

**4. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Anita Snyder and accepted as presented.**

**5. Governor's Report:**

Steve passed out the up to date NCCC point totals. Corvette Annapolis ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in point totals for the East Region. The 2009 National Convention will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

This is Steve's last report as Governor and the club thanked him for performing this valuable service for us.

**6. Visitors: George Murchie. 2007 Monterey Red Convertible**

**7. New Business:**

NCCC has requested that our club have an official "Competition Director." Pete Klein has accepted this position. Ocean City Weekend dates for next year have been set for October 3 through 8, 2008.

We are investigating club jackets with the CA logo printed on them. We saw quite a few clubs with distinctive jackets at the Toys for Tots Run and thought that this was worth investigating. We expect to have some samples soon.

**8. Meeting Dates:**

**December:** There will be no meeting in December.

**January:** Our first meeting for 2008 will be on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**February:** The February meeting will be the **first** Tuesday, February 5, 2008. Please note the change.

**9. TechTalk:** Frank Cimba continued his presentations on the features of the Corvette. This month's talk discussed the way in which the Anti-lock Braking System operates and how it affects the safety of your automobile.

**10. 50/50 Drawing:** After a furious search for a winner, John Arigo fessed up that he had the winning ticket

Janice Williams won a bottle of car cleaner.

Bob Bennet won two free Chic-Fillet sandwiches.

Charlie Parsons was thrilled to be awarded a hat that no one else wanted.

**11. Meeting Treats:** Provided by Jim DeSarno

**12. Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Sherry Arigo  
President

## *Corvette* Annapolis MEMBERS' CORNER

*CODE: DTC P0455*

I know that I spoke to John, Dean, & Joe Barney about this, but for those of you who will eventually see this code; I thought I would share with you my experience and solution to fixing this problem. It seems to be predominantly associated with 2004 Corvettes

In fact GM issued a filler tube bulletin stating *some customers may comment that their vehicle is difficult to fill with fuel or when filling, the pump continuously shuts off before the tank is full.*

On my way to play golf early last month I was traveling north on 301, I looked down and saw my "check engine light" symbol on. I immediately headed for home. Once I got back to my house I pulled the codes and got a P0455HC, which indicated a current and historical malfunction of the Evaporative Emission (EVAP) System and to check for a large leak. This code is linked to the control module that monitors the fuel tank pressure (FTP) sensor signal to determine the EVAP system vacuum level.

I reset the code, a few days later I was filling my gas tank and immediately noticed that fuel was leaking out the bottom of the car all over the ground. I thought the tank was full and I stopped filling her. As I drove away I noticed that the tank was only ½ full. I wasn't concerned. Some time had passed and the Ocean City trip was approaching, there was no problem with filling up until I was getting gas on my way out of Ocean City and again fuel was spilling all over the ground, I stopped pumping. Half way home my "check engine light" came on. I was leaving for Tucson later that afternoon on a business trip, and drove directly to BWI. My baby sat for a week. When I got home from my trip, there was no problem, and for the next week everything seemed to be fine.

On Oct 22, I got the same "check engine light". I called Sport Chevrolet and talked to Frank, (he's the mechanic at Sport that worked on my Corvette) he told me to check my gas cap, it may be worn and that could be the reason I was getting the P0455 code. Sure enough, the seal was ruined. I replaced the gas cap. A few days later the "check engine light" came on again, I called Frank and he told me to "bring your car in and he'd look at it" I made an appointment for Monday, November 5 - thinking that the Neck, Hose and/or Vent Hose, Fuel Tank Filler -- Left Tank -- would have to be replaced; at least that's what everyone on the "Corvette Forum" was saying, and the job should take about a half hour. Frank did some tests and told me that it was much more than that, he was able to see some fuel stain atop the tank, and thought the O ring was leaking. He determined that he would have to drop the fuel tank. This would take 8 hours of labor. When I bought my 2004 I purchased the GMPP Major Guard Extended Warranty, I'm so happy about that. I left my baby at Sport and headed for home. The next day I got a call saying that everything was fixed and I could come and pick her up. Once I got there I spoke to Frank for a few minutes and he explained what needed to be replaced. He told me that he had to replace the left tank meter, the neck hose and "O" ring. This was the second Corvette he had seen that came into the shop with the DTC code P0455. In the event you find yourself having difficulty filling up with gas, and can't figure out why, this is a signal, take a few minutes when you can and check the codes, you may just find that nasty P0455. I can't tell you how pleased I am about the service and genuine concern Sport Chevrolet has demonstrated towards me.

Charlie Parsons  
2004 Spiral Gray Coupe

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY**

- 1 Pat Weese
- 2 Dexter Reddish
- 12 Sherry Calvert
- 14 Karen Buttari
- 19 John Arigo
- 28 Carroll Hynson
- 28 Linda Brengle
- 28 Bill Phillips
- 28 Phyllis Murray
- 29 Muffy Erlandson



**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 Steve & Judy Kennedy
- 5 Muffy & Clark Erlandson
- 13 Paul & Allana Stephens



**DECEMBER 2007**



Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

There is no Corvette Annapolis Meeting in December. See you at the <b>Holiday Party</b>						<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holiday Party</b></p>
2	3	4	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hanukkah</p>	6	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pearl Harbor Day</p>	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CA Board Meeting</b></p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p>	26	27	28	29
30	31	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A HAPPY NEW YEAR</b></p>	2	3	4	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Activities Meeting at Sherry Arigo's 3:00 pm</b></p>