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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER by Sherry Arigo

Here we are finally getting through the winter. I'm anxious to get started on all of our shows, rallies and activities. Spring just can't get here fast enough. We can't wait to take out our "baby."

We've had a busy winter, caravanning to Jaspers, the Nautilus Diner, and meetings for the Board, Shows and Rallies and Activities. Fortunately, we've had several new members join the committees. It's always nice to see new faces come forward to help chair events. When you are involved to chair an event it makes you really understand what's going on in all aspects of the event.

As each year goes by and the more shows and events we have, we are learning how to better ourselves. Jim DeSarno is going to form a committee for classifying cars at our shows with the help of Frank Cimba. He will be holding a meeting for those of you who signed up, to teach us what to look for in classifying cars from stock to modified to custom. Those of you who attend the meetings will be the only ones to classify at our shows, since you will know what to look for. I will be putting an email out to the club as to when the meeting will be held.

In the past several months, Anita Snyder, Sue Davis and I have been interviewing several charities. We feel like its time to put our donations in another field. Years ago Corvette Annapolis sponsored children to attend an Asthma Camp through The Anne Arundel Medical Center, and then the camp was dissolved. With that in mind, we thought it would be nice to go back to giving to children. We interviewed The Stanton Center, Boys and Girls Club and The Arc, all of which are in Annapolis. After going to these facilities and discussing the needs with the Directors, our hearts were definitely captured. Since some of us are so fortunate, it absolutely amazes me to see how many people are in need right here in Annapolis. Some of these children don't even have a winter coat or receive one Christmas gift. I want to thank Sue and Anita for all of the work they put into this with me. Sue gave a wonderful presentation at our February meeting at which time it was voted on to make the aforementioned charities the ones we will be donating to. As she mentioned, we will be donating throughout the year, not just in one lump sum at the end of the year like we have done in the past.

Thanks to all of you for your wonderful emails in support of our new worthy cause.

Now it's time to start practicing your bowling! Yep it's that time of year for our 2nd Annual Bowling Party, catered of course! The date is Sunday March 2nd. Don't forget just like last year, if you bowled great,

you get a trophy, or if you just knock down 36 pins like our own unmentioned member, you get a “trophy.” It is for members only. If you still need to sign up, please contact Linda Petersen. You are invited to bowl and eat or just eat, but we need to know what you are going to do. We look forward to seeing everyone there and don't be embarrassed; we haven't bowled for 30 years either!

Now, I better stop typing and go practice my BOWLING!!!

Get Ready, Get Set, Go Vette,
Sherry



You are most likely a Corvette owner if...

- 1. If you have a PO Box that your wife does not know about so you can get your mods in the mail.*
- 2. If you refer to your Vette as if it were your child.*
- 3. If, instead of your spouse, you carry a picture of your car in your wallet.*
- 4. You hang pictures of Vettes in your GARAGE so she's not lonely.*
- 5. If you've actually had a momentary twinge of worry at night, when you turn out the light in the garage, about leaving your 'Vette alone in the dark.*
- 6. You spend more time vacuuming the 20 square feet of carpet in your Vette than your 2000 square foot house.*
- 7. Feel that you must scrub the underside, you never know, some mechanic may get the wrong impression of you if it's dirty.*
- 8. Find yourself looking at your reflection in large plate glass as you drive by.*
- 9. If a bird craps on it, you stop turn around and go home to clean it off.*
- 10. Drive around town to every Starbucks looking for an outside table next to a parking place because you think people are impressed by watching you drink coffee next to your Vette.*

REMEMBER!

Sunday, April 20, 2008: Sport Chevrolet Show and Charity Silent Auction.

EVERYONE MUST BRING AN ITEM TO DONATE!

Volunteers are being sought to host the Club's Crab Feast and Picnic.

Corvette Annapolis
Minutes of February 5, 2008 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:

a. The President announced a new sign-up method for meetings and activities. There will be a sheet to fill out on everyone's chair, which will eliminate the need to pass the board around. At the end of the meeting please take your sheet to the front table.

b. In the February/March issue of Blue Bars Magazine, there will be an article and picture of Corvette Annapolis by Carroll Hynson. Many thanks to Carroll for this great publicity.

c. The club will be filing the Articles of Incorporation this week. We will then operate under *Corvette Annapolis Inc.* or *Corvette Annapolis*.

d. The brunch at Jaspers was wonderful and thanks to Linda Petersen for organizing the event.

e. The Chairs for this year's shows and rallies are:

Sunday, April 20 Sport Show: Andy Sneziek, Barry Hagedorn and Mike McFadden

Saturday, June 14 Double Rallye: Kathi and Rich Rattell

Saturday, July 12 Greene Turtle Twilight Show: Cahrlie Parons and Karen and Frank Buttari

Sunday, Sept 7 Greene Turtle Show: Pete and Nancy Klein, Barry Hagdorn and Mike McFadden

Saturday, Sept 20 Funkana with G' Burg Vettes: Anita Snyder and Shari Arigo

f. Jim DeSarno will be forming a committee for classifying cars at our shows and Sherry will be holding a Registration Committee meeting. Watch your email for times and dates.

g. Under the "Members Only Section" of our website please print the Silent Auction Donation Letter and start to solicit donations for our shows. One donation per member is what the club must have to make our charities a success.

2. Board of Directors Report:

a. All NCCC results from shows will be sent out electronically. This will be noted on our registration forms for each show and rally.

b. Trophies for all of our events will be purchased exclusively from Anchor Awards.

c. Registration closing time will be advertised for each show. However, we will never turn anyone away; they can always display their cars no matter what time they arrive.

d. When decisions need to be made at a show, please contact the President or Vice President for advice. The decision on any questionable situation will be made by either of those officers in conjunction with the Chairperson of the show.

e. Rallies: NCCC requires two people to chair a rally and both must be present at the event.

3. **Activities Chair**, Linda Peterson reviewed upcoming events.

Sunday, February 24, 2008: Nautilus Diner in Crofton. Time: TBD

Sunday, March 2, 2008: 2nd Annual Bowling Party at Annapolis Bowl. 2:00 p.m.
Members only.

Saturday, March 15, 2008: Pancake Breakfast at Kathy and Joe Barney's to watch Sebring Pre Race and Start. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 29, 2008: Navy Lacrosse vs. Georgetown. Pre payment by Tuesday March 11.

Sunday, April 20, 2008: Sport Chevrolet Show and Silent Auction

4. **January Minutes** : Discussed. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

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

6. **Governor's Report**:

a. Each member should have received their NCCC Packet containing their 2008 membership cards. If you have not received yours, please contact Charlie Parsons.

b. The Governor is required to have all show information to NCCC fifty days prior to an event. Please insure that Charlie receives it in time to meet his deadline.

7. **Visitors**: None

8. **New Business**:

a. There was a discussion of putting the Club Directory on line under the "Members Only" section. However, it was decided not to do so and we will continue to print the directory.

b. The Charity Committee outlined their work and proposed three groups for sponsorship this year: The Annapolis Boys and Girls Clubs, the Stanton Community Center and the Arc. After discussion, the club voted to approve the sponsorship of all three charities.

9. **Tech Talk**: Frank Cimba discussed the advantages of filling tires with Nitrogen instead of air.

10. **New Cars**: Deanna and Jerry Triplett have ordered a 2008 Jet Stream Blue Corvette.

11. **50/50 Drawing**: Joe Barney won the money and Jim DeSarno won the Armour All

12. **Meeting Treats**: Provided by Deanna and Jerry Triplett.

13. **Meeting Adjourned**: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Sherry Arigo
President

Corvette Annapolis MEMBERS' CORNER

What Happened in March

March 1952

- Naugatuck Chemical presents the Alembic I to General Motors, which encourages Harley Earl to speed-up his own sports car work.*

March 24, 1956

- Four 1956 Corvettes take part in the Florida International 12-Hour Grand Prix of Endurance, at Sebring, Florida. Car No. 1, with 307-ci engine, driven by John Fitch and Walt Hansgen, runs in SCCA class C/Modified, and finishes the race, winning first in its class, and ninth overall. Car No. 5, with 265-ci engine, high performance Duntov cam and 4.11-to-1 final drive, and driven by Dale Duncan and John Eager, runs in class B/Production, but breaks an axle shaft 20 minutes into the race. Car No. 6, with 265-ci engine, 3.70-to-1 final drive, driven by Ray Crawford and Max Goldman, runs in SCCA class B/Production, and finishes the race 6th in class and 15th overall. Car No. 7, with 265-ci engine, 4.11-to-1 final drive, driven by Ernie Erickson and Chuck Hassan, runs in class B/Production, but blows a piston about 1:20 hours into the race.*

March 23, 1957

- Chevrolet enters four Corvettes in the 12 Hours of Sebring race in Florida. The Corvette SS (Super Sport), driven by John Fitch and Juan Fangio, runs only 120 miles before being retired on lap 23 due to erratic brakes and faulty rear suspension. Richard Thompson and Gaston Andrey in No. 4 finish first in GT Production class, 12th overall. A third Corvette wins Modified Production class, 15th overall. The fourth Corvette takes 16th overall. 12th place is the best showing for a car in GT class at Sebring.*

March 1958

- Two Corvettes are entered in the Sebring Grand Prix of Endurance, with one finishing first in GT category.*

*Polsson, K. (2000). Corvette Timeline [On-line] Available:
<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/library-archives/timeline/1951.shtml>

Corvette Annapolis MEMBERS' CORNER

Super Tech Club Member

This narrative is dedicated to Frank Cimba, Tech Talk speaker, Master Car Mechanic; and, to borrow an expression from Charlie Parsons, one who knows all about “babies”. Over the last eight weeks, Frank Cimba personally cared for “our baby.” No, not pets or children; our beloved corvette. More specifically, Bill’s award-winning ’59 C1 *Corvette Roadster*. It is one thing to admire a car such as this; the outpouring of accolades we receive and the offers to buy during our travels is never-ending. However, it is, at times, a sacrifice to own and maintain, not to mention the driving discomfort. It requires a lot of TLC.



Bill acquired the C1 back in '89 when he was going through a career change. It was in dreadful condition; in need of major body restoration, as well as complete engine, transmission and exhaust replacement. For the next year, Bill poured hours of planning and labor to the rebuild project. And since that time, there had been only necessary or routine maintenance. I recall last year Bill telling me, no, preparing me for the inevitable. It was time again for major mechanical replacements: transmission, clutch, exhaust system, radiator, and countless other odds and ends. What? No vacation for 2008? Never mind, we won't go there, but it sounded like building another car. Enter Frank Cimba. At the time we first joined Corvette Annapolis, Frank's reputation for auto mechanics was already established. Frank and Bill have a mutual acquaintance outside the club, so where to take this *baby* was now a no-brainer. We arranged for the job back in January and drove to Centerville. Upon entering Frank's garage you realize this is not a repair shop like any other, and, personally speaking, I have entered a few.... There is no sign on the wall that reads “*Repairs Tendered with Love and Care.*” but when Frank takes delivery of a vehicle, he approaches the job with heart and soul and you will know that when you leave. Add to all that, the camaraderie of our visits. Our *baby* now boasts replacements for all the above-mentioned components complete with Magnaflow exhaust (just enough for the softest growl).

As members of this club, we each have a “*baby.*” We devote time and energy to cleaning, polishing and housing our *babies*. We explore all the latest modifying doo-dads that make our *baby* more special; perhaps only to us. But in the vast line-up of C1's thru C6's, you have to appreciate the tremendous technological advances that now exist in newer Corvettes. They are awesome driving machines. Be thankful; a C1 is a never-ending challenge that you won't have to face unless you buy one. And for every offer that is laid on our table, there is, very simply, no sale—it is not a question of money; only heart and soul to own this kind of *baby*. And, make no mistake; Frank Cimba understands that kind of worth.

In closing, we want to recognize Frank Cimba as a valued member of the Corvette Annapolis Club; as a mechanic who genuinely cares about each and every job at hand and the friendship he attaches to it. And as our '59 C1 turns 50 next year, we appreciate knowing that Frank will be there to take care of our *baby* when we need it. Thanks, Frank.

Elaine Phillips
1959 C1 Corvette Roadster
2005 Daytona Sunset C6

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Glen Reuschling
- 4 Peggy Bennett
- 5 Elaine Phillips; Linda Striegel
- 15 Shannon Shepherd
- 18 Ardena Reddish
- 27 Fred Luddy



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Rob and Linda Striegel



March 2008



Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
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Saturday

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2 Bowling Party 2:00 p.m.-Arrive early	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 CA Meeting-- Annapolis Library 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15 Sebring Race Start- The Barney's - Pancakes
16	17 St. Pat's 	18	19		21	22 G'Burg Double Gimmick Rally
23 Easter 	24	25	26	27	28	29 Navy Lacrosse- Leave WB 10:30 a.m.
30	31					