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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER by Sherry Arigo

Our 19th Annual Sport Chevrolet Car Show is a thing of the past. Last year we had some rain, but this year it rained and rained and rained. In fact the only thing missing were the buckets! Despite the rain and the thunder, we had a great turnout. Believe it or not, we had 48 corvettes and one classic truck show up. Sport was so gracious to open up their bays for us so all of the entrants would be under cover. Again this year we had our annual silent auction inside the showroom. We had so many items donated; we didn't have enough space to display all of them. Looks like our July 12th Twilight Show is going to have a great silent auction. So the Greene Turtle is where the Michelin C5 tires will be auctioned. That should be fun watching the men keeping an eye on the auction sheet to keep bidding higher!

I want to thank Barry Hagedorn and Andy Sniezek for chairing the Sport Show. They really did a great job. Under the circumstances with the rain, Barry figured out how to get all of the cars under cover. So between him and Clint Rose at Sport, they pulled us out of a hole. And a wet one at that! Thanks for a job well done.

Of course Debbie Cimba has done an outstanding job with her ladies at the registration desk. Everything went smoothly as expected. Thanks to Debbie Cimba, Robyn Hagedorn, Janice Williams, Elaine Phillips, Carrie Crowell, Judy Kennedy, Linda Striegel and Carol Sniezek for a great job.

This year Steve Kennedy tallied up the votes on the computer and in 30 minutes we had the results. Thanks Steve, not only have you done a great job on our website, but the tallying process was a great success as well.

I would also like to thank Anita Snyder and Sue Davis for all of their help on the silent auction. Not only did they set up to display everything, but months before the show, the three of us went out every Thursday "begging" for donations. But then after we got all of the donations, we had to properly display and write up each item and get it to Sport. Thanks again to my two partners in crime! It's been a lot of work, but we made it fun and worthwhile.

A special thanks goes out to all of you who supported your own club on that rainy Sunday. It may have rained hard, but we still had lots of fun and met some very nice people. Sport gave away very nice framed corvette prints as door prizes and a special edition print to me, which really took me by surprise. Unfortunately, I forgot to give Sport the Appreciation Plaque from our club, but I will mail it to them. Thanks to

those of you that donated an item to the silent auction, that's what made us have so many donations. The winner of the silent auction donations was Dean Moore; he received a gift certificate for the Olive Tree. Thanks Dean, you really donated lots of very valuable items. I can't forget to thank my John for hauling the club's trailer from Frank's in Centerville and then on to Sport in Silver Spring. Especially bringing it home after the show in that pounding rain.

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone because I do appreciate each and everyone one of you and what you did in taking part in helping with the show.

Even though our show was rained on it didn't stop our club members and friends from spending money. (Believe me I know first hand how easy it is to spend money, just ask John.) We profited \$2,900 at the show! Not bad for a rainy day, wouldn't you say?

So this is just the beginning of our fun season, so hang on tight, you're in for a fast ride thru the summer!

Get Ready, Get Set, Go Vette,
Sherry

You are most likely a Corvette owner if....

- 1. If you understand that "Owning" does not necessarily mean "Driving."*
- 2. You have one pair of sunglasses that are designated Vette shades. You never wear them while driving the "other car."*
- 3. You spend half an afternoon and cause bodily harm to yourself trying to get that last little leaf that's stuck to your radiator through that little hole on the right side of the shroud.*
- 4. If every time you talk about your Vette to ANYBODY, you say "The Vette" instead of car.*
- 5. If nobody under the age of 30 is allowed in your garage.*
- 6. If the weatherman predicts rain and you are VISIBLY upset.*
- 7. If you yell "Save the wave!" to people who don't wave back.*
- 8. You have an 11'X4' corvette poster on the wall above your bed.*
- 9. You wave at other Corvette owners when you are out for your evening jog.*
- 10. Your friends make sure they bring up your car more than you do, when you meet new people.*

The word "Remember" is written in a large, blue, 3D-style font with a white outline and a slight shadow effect, giving it a pop-art or retro feel.

Our Meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, May 6, 2008 at the Annapolis Library; 7 pm

Corvette Annapolis
Minutes of April 8, 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 reported that the club is now formally incorporated as *Corvette Annapolis, Inc.* Official business may now be conducted under the title *Corvette Annapolis, Inc* or *Corvette Annapolis*. They are legally synonymous.

b. Thank you to Kathy and Joe Barney for a wonderful blueberry pancake breakfast as we watched the start of the Le Mans Series race.

c. Thanks to Dave Davis for organizing the Navy Lacrosse game with dinner in the suite.

d. Thanks to Frank Cimba for opening his garage to the 32 members who were in attendance at the classification workshop.

2. Activities Chair: Linda Peterson reviewed upcoming events.

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

Tuesday, April 22, 2008: 3 Brothers Restaurant, Riva at Festival. All you can eat dinner for \$10.

Sunday, April 27, 2008: Gimmick/Poker Rally hosted by Freestate Corvette Club. Leave Wachovia Bank at 8:30 AM.

Saturday, July 26, 2008: Bavarian Inn Dinner. Leave Wachovia Bank at 2 PM.

Saturday, June 14, 2008: Rally chaired by Kathy and Rick Rattell

Sunday, August 3, 2008: Corvette Annapolis Crab Feast. Quiet Waters Park

Saturday, August 30, 2008: Navy Football and Tailgate. Leave Wachovia Bank at 1:30 PM

3. March Minutes: Discussed and approved.

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

5.: Vice President's Report: Jim reported on the new classification workshops and the procedures that we will follow at each show. Cars will no longer need to be teched and only Corvettes will need to be classified. This new procedure will insure accuracy in classification and speed up our entry process. Frank Cimba has accepted the position as Head Classification Judge and be the arbitrator for any questions at our shows. The next classification workshop is at 6:30 PM on April 15th at the Greene Turtle in Edgewater.

6. Governor's Report: Charlie explained that everyone must sign in at every event because this releases the club of any responsibility for mishaps that may occur at an event. He stated that you are required to list your NCCC number along with your signature.

7. Visitors: Dave Elseroad and Druanne Ellingsworth - 2007 Z-06
Stacey Barnes - '93 Coupe

8. New Business:

Charlie Parsons was able to obtain a donation of four C-5 Michelin tires for the silent auction and Sport Chevrolet has donated mounting and balancing for the person who purchases them.

Our Sport Chevrolet Show is Sunday, April 20, 2008. All members are encouraged to wear their Corvette Annapolis shirts and hats to the show so that you can be easily recognized.

On Saturday, April 19 we are meeting at Sport to move the cars from the parking lot. We will not caravan and we need as many members as possible to assist. Please be at Sport at 4 PM.

Barry Hagedorn, show co-chair, requested volunteers to park cars on the day of the show. He also reported that we only have three vendors and asked that members continue to solicit vendors to participate. We will set up at 7 AM. Please plan to arrive early.

The Registration Committee, chaired by Debbie Cimba has met and is fully prepared to conduct registration. They are not in need of any more volunteers.

We will have a Corvette Annapolis table at this show. It will highlight our activities and charities and show all that we do throughout the year.

Steve Kennedy will tally all votes by computer. We hope that this technological revolution will speed up the show.

9. Competition Director's Report: Pete Klein spoke about low speed and high-speed autocross. He explained all autocross is done on a parking lot and the only requirement is a helmet. The host club takes care of everything and there are no special requirements for your car.

10. Tech Talk: Frank Cimba discussed traction control and active handling systems on Corvettes.

11. New Cars: None

12. 50/50 Drawing: Pete Klein won the money and Frank Cimba won the Armour All

13. Meeting Treats: Provided by Janice Williams.

14. Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Sherry Arigo
President

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By Elaine Phillips

On a Saturday back in February I went to visit **Charlie Parsons** at his bachelor pad in North Beach, MD... Charlie, as you know, is the newly elected Governor of *Corvette*Annapolis. It was a long drive down Route 2S to 261 east to North Beach. Once I entered the last leg of 261, no GPS was necessary, for there out front, was Charlie's 2004 Spiral Gray C5, whom Charlie affectionately refers to as his *Baby*. We had a splendid visit that ended with a walk down memory lane, AKA photograph albums depicting his many travels and military career. There are no pets at Charlie's address per se; just a high-powered automotive machine in the drive ready to take flight at a moment's notice.



Charlie has had an extensive traveling career that eventually brought him to Maryland in 2006. His origins; however, are The Pocono's of Pennsylvania, where Charlie grew up and graduated from Pocono Mountain High back in '78. Charlie has one brother, Robert, and sister, Reine. Both have been successful in their careers; his sister will soon ship out for a seven-month deployment. Tragically, Charlie suffered the loss of his parents during his freshman and senior years through illness and heart attack. Charlie's Dad remarried, and the family continued to live with their step-mom after his passing. Three years after graduation, Charlie moved from the Pocono's to New Jersey and landed his first job in Stroudsburg PA as a sheet metal worker (a trade he picked up after graduation). In 1981 Charlie moved to Tampa FL as a sheet metal fabricator for Martin Marietta. It was about this time, he caught sight of his first corvette, a '63 split window, and fell in love with the car. He had also met Laura F. and made a fast friendship that still holds true today. By 1984, Charlie was looking for a change to his surroundings and employer and enlisted in the US Air Force with orders to Lackland AFB in Texas. He was immediately challenged by friends who said "you'll never make it." I guess after 21 years Charlie proved them wrong. Following boot camp, his marching orders said McChord AFB in Lakewood WA. In 1988, he met and married Cameron Black. They have one daughter, Cecilia, now 19 years old. He and Cameron have since divorced. His military career took him to Klamath Falls OR (he had re-enlisted by this time); Lajes Field, Portugal for "*Operation North Watch*," Incirlik, Turkey; Aalborg, Denmark; then a ten-day sojourn to the Adriatic Coast in Italy before coming back to the States. He's had the privilege to meet and be photographed with the President in 2004. In 2005, Charlie retired honorably with 21 years' active duty. In 2005, he landed a job at the FEDEX hub in Memphis. While living there, he bought his first house on Haynes Street which he still owns. The job however, didn't pan out the way he imagined, and they soon parted ways. He has since accepted a position at Andrews AFB as Sr. Analyst with SDS International and has moved to Maryland.

During his military career, Charlie was privileged to have two jet flying experiences. His first flight, in an F-15, was 60+ minutes and he pulled down 7.5 G's; all because he had "the luck of the draw." His second flight; however, was earned when he was "Airman of the Quarter," an incentive ride that garnered him a one-hour flight in an F-16. How many of us would like to do that, much less say, we already did.

Charlie belonged to two previous Corvette Clubs in Portland, Oregon: *Glass in Motion* and *Mt. Hood Corvette Club*. Back in 2003 the *Mt. Hood Corvette Club* drove to Fontana CA for the NASCAR Race. He had just up picked up his fourth corvette and three weeks later clocked 5,000 miles for the trip. Charlie tells me that what he derives most from car club experiences is that sense of "everybody working together for the greater good of the club." He would really like more members to share their corvette experiences, either at the meetings, or

published in our Members' Corner. Speaking of Charlie's corvette acquisitions let me run them down. In 1991, #1, a '79 Dk. Green Coupe with oyster color interior. Unfortunately, someone liked it better and it was stolen; @#%^&##, to quote Charlie. This left a real bad taste in his mouth against owning another corvette –but just for awhile. In 1994, he bought #2, an '82 two-tone Blue Coupe; in 1995, #3, a 6-speed, Dk. Purple Metallic Coupe, same year; then some years after, #4, an '01 Navy Blue Metallic Coupe; and in 2007, #5, his '04 Spiral Gray Coupe. And following our interview, his latest, a '72 Red C-3 Convertible. No mistaking this –our Charlie is a genuine corvette enthusiast! So, does Charlie sport any vanity plates? Well, not yet; but you can bet he's working on it.

Among his favorite activities are golf, going to the beach, art galleries, western Euro history (particularly Italy); architectural studies, progressive dinners, and he is a big-time blues fan. (He sounds like a Pisces to me, but swears he's a true-blue Scorpio.) First and foremost; however, Charlie loves to *cook*. How did this come about you might wonder? Well, back in '94, Charlie met "Lisa" and she introduced him to the "*Pot Bellie Cookers*" in Memphis TN where he learned the art of slow-smoke cooking. Charlie has been a member now for 10 years and competes in his class for what's called "*Memphis in May*," an annual cooking competition right on the banks of the Mississippi River.

After just one year with *CorvetteAnnapolis*, Charlie accepted the nomination for Governor of the club with concealed enthusiasm that is evidenced weekly full of quips and humor. Steve Johnson passed him the ball and *he is running with it... CorvetteAnnapolis*, look out!

***Corvette* Annapolis MEMBERS' CORNER**

What Happened in May

May 1953

- The first Corvette advertisement appears.*

May 1956

- Zora Arkus-Duntov builds the Corvette SR-2 Sebring racer.*

May 1, 1957

- A fully-synchronized four-speed transmission is first made available on the 1957 model Corvette, as a US\$188.30 option.*

May 1975

- A Car and Driver Reader's Choice Poll names the Corvette as "Best All-around Car."*

May 28, 1978

- The 62nd Indianapolis 500 race begins, with a 1978 Corvette as official pace car.*

May 25, 1986

- The 70th Indianapolis 500 race begins, with a 1986 convertible Corvette as pace car.*

May 1986

- At the first annual vintage races at Riverside Raceway in California, Bob Paterson races his Grand Sport Corvette #003 to first place, among eight powerful Cobras.*

May 1, 1988

- The first round of the SCCA Corvette Challenge race series is held in Dallas, Texas. Mark Dismore wins the race.*

May 3, 1993

- Corvette chief engineer Dave Hill unveils the CERV-4 test car at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren. Most of the hundreds of people attending did not even know the test car was being built. It cost Chevrolet about US\$1.2 million to build.*

May 9, 1994

- Reeves Callaway takes its modified Corvette to the Le Mans race track, for the test day.*

May 1994

- A Reeves Callaway Corvette qualifies at Le Mans for the pole position in the GT2 class. At the 6-hour mark, the car is leading in its class, and is 8th overall. But at the 9-hour mark, the car runs out of gas, due to a fuel economy miscalculation.*

May 28, 1995

- The 79th Indianapolis 500 race opens, with a 1995 Corvette performing the role of Official Pace Car.*

May 1997

- At the Nevada Open Road Challenge, an ex-GTO Corvette is the overall winner, averaging 187.66 MPH on the 90-mile race.*

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Rob Striegel
- 8 Rich Kubatko
- 14 Susan Davis
- 18 Mike Calvert
- 15 Ross Kelly
- 22 Dave Dickens
- 24 Joyce Kohan
- 27 Lief Anderson
- 28 Kim Sheldon
- 29 Bud Brengle
- 31 Pete Klein

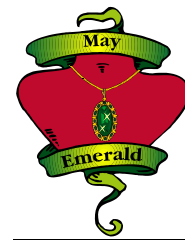


MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Pete and Nancy Klein
- Barry and Joyce Kohan
- 17 Steve and Joyce Angell
- Tom and Shannon Shepherd
- 20 Bill and Elaine Phillip
- Brent and Nancy Spicer
- 23 Bud and Linda Brengle
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	12	13	14	15	16	17 Crab Claw, St. Michaels, MD Time to be announced
18 East Region Spectacular- Ripkin Stadium	18	20	21	22	23	24
25 Memorial Day 	26	27	28	29	30	31