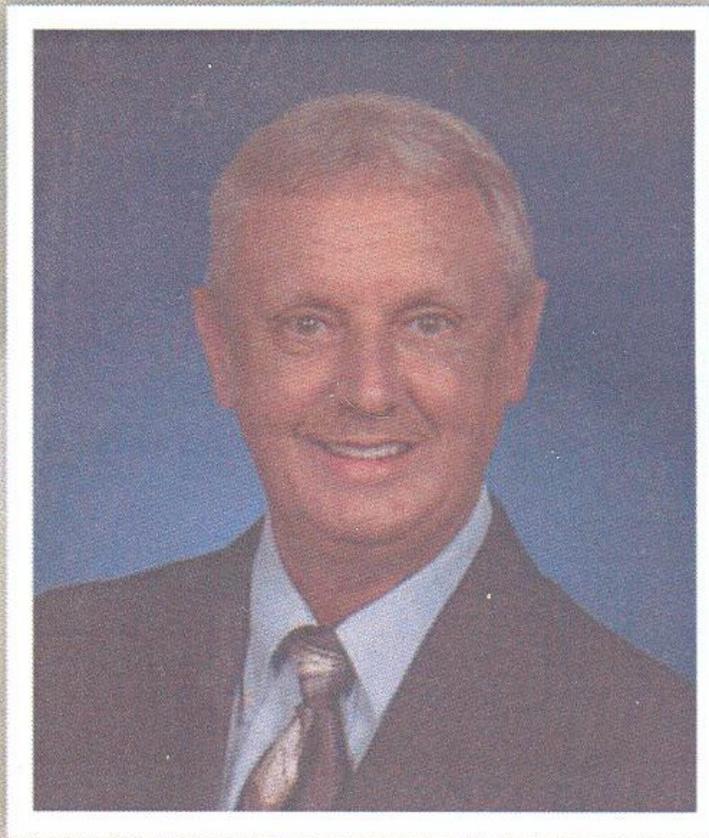


# Cruzin'

*River City Corvette Club Newsletter*



IN LOVING MEMORY

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***Welcome new members.***

***Don't forget:***

***Tuesday nights at Dairy Queen on Highway 153 and  
the Friday Night Cruise In at Kay's Kastle in Soddy Daisy.***



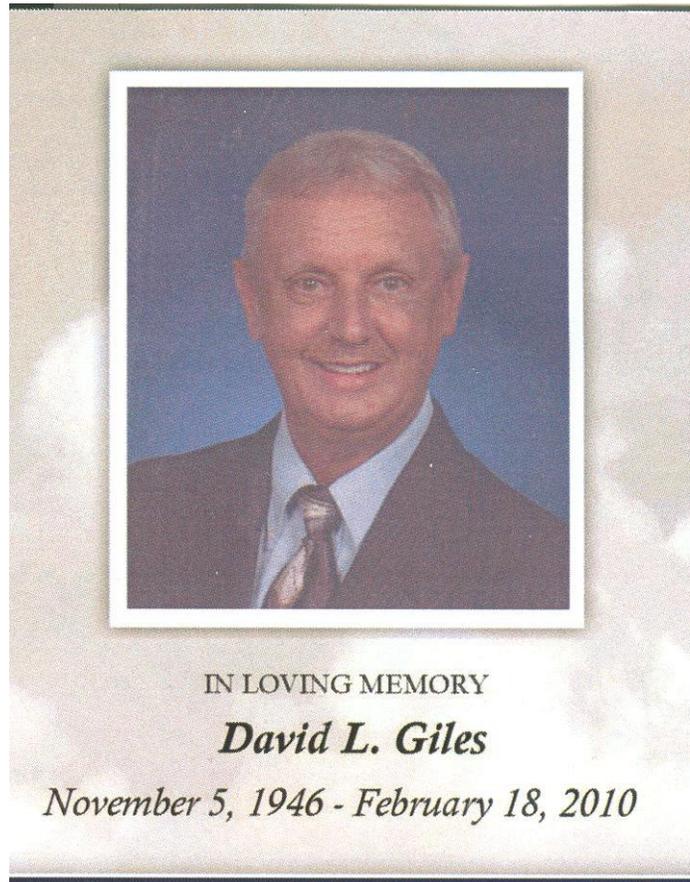
## We mourn the loss of one of our own.

River City Corvette Club lost one of our members, David Giles. Though David had only been a member of the club for a few months, he will be sadly missed.

The first time I met David was at the Mountain View Chevrolet Car show last summer. I think it was his first car show and he was very proud of his Vette. We spoke for several minutes as he proudly showed me his car. He had that 2002 millennium yellow coupe all shined and ready to display. He was a true Corvette lover, as we all are.

To his wife Shirley, the River City Corvette Club offers its deepest sympathy.

God bless you my friend until we meet again ...



*David's 2002 Coupe.*



### *Activities to date:*

This has been a very cold and wet winter. Cabin fever has been running at a fever pitch. However, Ron Kellogg did pull together two cruises on sunny Sunday afternoons.

In January we cruised to the Blue Orchid Bistro in Dunlap for lunch. It was the first cruise of the new year. A time to let the Corvettes stretch their legs from just sitting in the garage. Several members went and the rehashing of old tales and the making of new ones took the forefront during the lunch conversations.

In February Ron also put together a cruise to the Cracker Barrel in Dalton. As usual we ran the back roads down and back. Again it was a bright sunny day with the temperatures teasing with the 70 degree mark. Once again several members cruised along just enjoying the day.

### *Upcoming Events:*

The Friday night cruise-ins will begin in earnest after the time changes. The mustang club has invited us to join them at the Sears Auto Center for a Friday night cruise-in. Jerry Ray will keep you posted via email.

The Corvette Expo in Sevierville will be in March. Several members are already talking about caravanning up.

*Vettes in the Valley* will be Memorial Day weekend in May. Again several members have already made reservations in Maggie Valley for this event. We will leave Friday around noon and come back on Sunday. This is always a great drive through the Mountains and there will be a lot of Corvettes there.

These are just a few activities that will be going on in the next few months.



## *The Good ...*

## *The Bad ...*

## *The Ugly ...*



The notorious trio of the River City Corvette Club decided to get their concealed gun carry permits. Was this a *good* idea, a *bad* idea or just a plain *ugly* thought? You be the judge.

One Saturday morning in January, with the temperature colder than a penguin's butt sitting on an iceberg (the actual temperature was 9°), these three met at a local food store parking lot. Parked just in front of them was one of Hamilton counties finest with doughnut juice dripping from their chin. Not to be intimidated we began to unpack the weapons and place them in a Cadillac SUV. Saddled up and off to parts unknown in Rhea county we headed.

Through the country side we rode, with great anticipation of the soon to be certified gun tottin' amigo's. Sounds like a bad idea from the beginning doesn't it??

It was reported that three jack asses were sighted in the wiles of the Rhea county countryside that frosty, cold Saturday morning ... now I know what you are thinking ... nope not us ... but three actual jack asses on a farm. All three looking at us and ... well I guess you were correct ... three jack asses looking back.

We drove for about 20 minutes and came upon the road we were suppose to turn onto. We looked at each other and said "You sure this is the right place?" A dirt road leading past cars on blocks, chickens running around in the yard and finally a

sign that said **SHOOTING RANGE**, yep ... had to be the place. Now I have been to two worlds fairs and a cock fight and I have never seen anything like this place since our cruise through Alabama (sorry Mike had to toss that one in). A smaller sign read "*Cold Range*", just as you entered the outdoor shooting range, no kidding it is 9°.

Now the class room was a converted chicken house and I think the guy ran out of lumber, because the entire back side of the building was built from doors. I mean at least 12 doors nailed side by side. The instructor was, shall we say, an senior statesman who chained smoked, the only heat in the place was a wood burning stove at the far back of the building.

We entered, went to the back where he sat and introduced ourselves. As we waited for the class to start, Ronnie ask "What is legal if you are car jacked?" The instructor looked off into space, we thought pondering the question, it soon became apparent he did not hear the question. So I yelled, "What is legal if you are car jacked?" He looked at me, grinned and said in all sincerity "Shoot the S.O.B.". So far so good I say. As we walked over to take our seat he walks up to me, stands up on his toes and yells in my ear "You can sit over there!!" I look at Buddy as I rubbed my ear and Buddy laughs, he thinks you are hard of hearing because you yelled that question.

We each take a seat up front. On the table in front of us was provided a pencil, a pen, a legal pad and an ash tray about 18" in diameter. So much for the non-smoking law in an establishment.

After we get settled in, (we were the only 3 in the class) he starts his lecture. *Continued ...*



First we are informed that he would not provide any misinformation. Everything he would teach was in his training manual. Ok .. so far so good, so the class began. It would last for three hours. Three COLD hours. At the end of the first hour we got a break. I retrieved my toes I had broken off and placed in my pocket to keep them warm and ask "Where is the restroom?" He said a Porta Potty just outside or we could go down to his house. Hmmmmmm ... ok Porta Potty it is. Now it was so cold that if you were not very careful, certain body parts could freeze to the wall. Just ask Buddy if you don't believe it.

We come back in and the lecture starts again. For two hours we are filled with knowledge. Before we were to go out and shoot to qualify, he ask what type of gun would we use to qualify on the range, I said a Rueger, he said a Wooger, I said no it is a Rueger, he said yea, Wooger so I gave in. Finally time to take the test, with the first section having true or false questions and the second section having multiple choice questions We were instructed if we did not understand a question to ask for clarification and if we did not know the answer to ask what is the answer, my kind of test. So someone ask before we got started, what does the sign Cold Range mean? Turns out it means you have to carry an empty gun onto the range then load it when you get ready to shoot. Ahhh and we thought it was a weather report.

One of the questions was true or false: "You have to wear hearing and eye protection on the range?" Since this was not covered in the lecture I ask, "Do you require hearing and eye protection on your range?" His reply was ... I don't care. So I marked it false. What I didn't hear him say just after that was ... "But the state of

Tennessee requires it." Dang I missed one question.

After the test we had to go to the firing range and shoot 50 rounds at three different distances and hit the targets 48 out of 50 rounds. The first target was at a close 20 feet (more or less). I shot twelve rounds. The range master looked at the target and saw one hole dead center of the bulls eye. He said there is only one hole in that target. Yep ... I replied. He said you shot 12 times ... Yep I replied. He replied ... did you miss 11 times? Nope I replied, all 12 rounds went through the same hole ... didn't you see it? That is some shooting he said. Yep I said, ain't it though!!

We went back in the training center and looked around at all the signs \$60 for the class. I over heard him ask Ronnie, do you guys belong to that Corvette Club down in Chattanooga? Yes ... Do you know so and so ... no but have heard of them. Is that your Cadillac out there? Yes it is mine. Then Ronnie ask ... how much do we owe you ... that will be \$65 dollars was the reply.

We all three qualified and immediately purchased new pistols. The Walther .380, you know the kind ... the type that James Bond used in all of those movies. After about three weeks we all received our permits in the mail and now can legally carry a concealed weapon.

On the next cruise, you may be thinking ... are they packin heat ... And if you start to pass ... you may think ... Do I feel lucky? ... Well do you?

**Note from the editor:**

This is a special edition of *Cruzin'* until our new newsletter editor comes up to speed on the software.

I think everyone has the winter doldrums. The Vettes are parked in the garage ... snug and secure. Ready for those nice sunny days so they can get out and run.

Ron Kellogg has done a fantastic job putting together two cruises this year on sunny Sunday afternoons. Both were a welcomed breath of fresh air.

As spring approaches car shows and cruise-ins will be plentiful. Our club, as a group, tries to attend at least one Corvette weekend car show sometime during the spring or summer. Several are going to attend Vettes in the Valley on Memorial weekend in Maggie Valley North Carolina. For those not yet registered this is the link

<http://www.smokyevents.com/Vettesinthevalley/index.html>

Some members are staying at the Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge, their number is 1-800-621-1260. Rooms are limited so if they are full there are plenty of other nice places to stay. You may even want to consider the host hotel where the welcome party etc will be held.

If you are a new member and have not traveled with the club as a group this would be a nice trip. It gets the summer started off and is a very pleasant 3 hour drive through the mountains. We will leave around noon on Friday and head back Sunday.

On Saturday night we will travel as a group to Waynesville, NC for a street party (each year they have had one, including special Corvette parking). I hope several from the club will attend.



# River City Corvette Club

## Application for Membership

(Dues are \$25 annually, payable upon joining)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday, (Month/Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday, (Month/Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Corvette: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
Coupe/Convertible

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*\*If you have more than two Corvettes use the back of form to describe the others.*

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Car description/modifications/history: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*Hobbies, interests, favorite music, sports team, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\* Not required, for information purposes only as an introduction to the club via the club newsletter.

By signing below, I agree to abide by the River City Corvette Club, Inc. by-laws. I also agree to help promote the Corvette spirit, support club activities and present myself in a manner that will benefit my club's goal of being the best Corvette club possible.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: River City Corvette Club and mail to:

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