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President's Message

Hello everybody,

It is May and Spring is half way over. We have a lot of events coming up this month and next.

The Red Bank Jubilee Parade is set for May 10.

The Vettes in the Valley show at Maggie Valley, NC will be held May 24-25. If you are going most club members are staying at the Smokey Falls Lodge. We'll leave on Friday morning and return on Sunday for those that want to caravan. This is always a fun car show and one of the most relaxing you'll ever be around.

On May 31 we will again join with the Lions Club to host their annual barbecue and car show at the Hamilton County River Park. This year we hook up with the Thunder Valley Mustang Club so the show should be huge.

The Vettes by the Shore show is set for June 13-15 in Biloxi, MS. That's always a fun car show—don't let high gas prices stop you—save up!

I have made reservations for a tour of the Jack Daniel Distillery in Lynchburg on June 28. We will have lunch at the famous Miss Mary Bobo's boarding house in Lynchburg.

We will travel to Lynchburg together, and it is a beautiful drive. I will have a sign up sheet at the DQ every Tuesday and at the club meetings. We must have an exact number that will be attending, as Miss Mary is always sold out. They book up at least two months ahead, so I had to make the reservation now. We have reservations for Their maximum number allowed so if you aren't already in I'm afraid you're too late. However, let me know if you want to go because there are always a few last minute cancellations.

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Ernie



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Jack Daniels Distillery Tour June 28

Nu's u can use!

Buy Your Corvette Locally

Now is a great time to buy a new Corvette locally. Have you noticed? Both in town Chevy dealers are advertising new 2008 Corvettes at unheard of discounts, at least since I have been living here in the last 5 years. IN the recent past, it was worth it to buy your Corvette in another town where there were bigger Chevy dealers with larger allocations of Corvettes. You could buy your car in places as far away as New York, purchase a one way plane ticket up there, pick up your car and drive it back and still save money over buying locally.

Well, all that's changed. Local dealers are discounting Corvettes at least in the \$6k to \$7K range, or more if you're a sharp enough wheeler-dealer aka horse trader. It's highly possible those trips out of town aren't necessary any more.

Is it the economy? Is it the "new guy in town" forcing competition? High gas prices? Who knows? But take advantage if you can!!!

Miss Mary Bobo's

Jack Daniels Distillery

This is a reminder to everyone who signed up for the trip to Lynchburg on June 28th that I must have your payment for the lunch at Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House by the next club meeting on 5/15/08.

Please bring a check for \$38 (2 lunches @\$19/each) to the Dairy Queen tomorrow or to the meeting on Thursday. Make payable to RCCC.

If for any reason you are not going to make the trip, please let me know immediately, because the trip is sold out and we have people on a waiting list.

If you cannot be at the meeting Thursday, but still plan to go to Lynchburg, let me know ASAP, because I am going to have to make arrangements to get your payment.

Thanks,
Ernie

Unk Known Stwrites Again!

Uncle Known here. I know—lots of you'ins have been wonderin' where I've been these last few months. One word: VACATION.

Ok, that's a lie, I had to work, HARD. OK, I was barely workin.' The truth comes out. And since I have been on wanted posters all over that certain county where Officers Bryant and his deputy the General hang out, I haven't had too many adventures anyway least wise worth writin' about, until now.

As a payin' card carryin' member of the RCC and C, even though cloaked in anononymity, I been watchin' the goings on here, and hey, this looks like a pretty good year we got goin' in this here club.

While not givin' away my true club identity, I have had a couple of adventuresome week-ends in a row. Two weekends ago, I was fishin' in my floatin' Corvette, otherwise known as "The Office" (so's if the boss calls me at home and my wife answers she can say "oh, he's at the office," and not be lyin', she's an honest kind of gal, ya know!), which is also a real hydro blaster travelin' at speeds up to 90 miles per hour on halfway calm water (the idea is to have fun relievin' my need for speed while also spending' less time travelin' to the fishin' hole and more time fishin').

On this unfortunate evening my friend Keith and I were fishing up on Lake Chickamaudie at the fabulous somewhat secret (only known to a billion fishermen) Moon Island area. Late in the evening after boatin' tons of fish (ok, four) we was a headin' in right before the sun dropped below the horizon and after idling through a no wake zone (yes we were obeyin' the law—I know you don't believe it), we took off again when all of a

sudden, BAM. It feels like we hit somethin' and the big bad black "Vette for the water" fishin' machine coasts to a stop (there are no brakes—we don't need no stinkin' brakes).

Thinkin' perhaps we had spun the prop loose from it's hub, we trimmed the motor up, with Keith lookin' to check it and he declared, "The prop's gone.!" Then, "The prop shaft is broke off, too."

Boats don't go without a propeller, but lucky for us, some kind couple stopped in their old boat with an equally old Johnson four banger and towed us in. I tell ya, Unk Known was quite a site in his sleek black rocket ship bein' pulled in by this old beater boat. A Kodak moment.

Propshaft—\$800 Custom Prop replacement \$800, Other parts and labor \$600. The look on Unk's face when he saw the total cost to fix was \$2200, priceless. Thank goodness for good boat insurance. Deductible \$250, which Unk has to pay.

You may not like what you pay for insurance, but it's a good deal when ya have such an adventure.

Unk thought it was over, but the next week-end was uneventful, except of course—well there's that tree. The one that was in the neighbor's yard and fell on Unk's house. Close call though, not serious damage. Funny thing though—his insurance doesn't pay, mine does and of course, there's that deductible thing again \$500. Ouch. Little bit of guttering, little bit of wood and siding, she'll be almost good as new.

Unk always says, ya gotta stay positive. Look on the good side of stuff, not the downside. The boat can be fixed, and the house can be fixed. No big deal.

And, best news of all, The Lil Red Corvette didn't get hurt. Still intact. Now if that had gotten a scratch, then I'd be ticked!!!!

See ya! Unkle Known

May Birthdays

	Larry Hale	5/1	
	Kathy Mindel	5/4	
	Barbara Hale	5/6	
	Walt Elliott	5/9	
	Carol Looker	5/12	
	Diane Elliott	5/13	
	Beverly Desjarins	5/13	
	Bill Taylor	5/16	

Regular Club Events:

Every Tuesday: Dairy Queen at Highway 153 after 5:30 pm.

Tuesday, week prior to the monthly club meeting ea. month: RCCC Board Meeting at Dairy Queen Hwy. 153 at 6:30 pm.

3rd Thursday ea. month: RCCC monthly club meeting at O'Charley's Restaurant on Hixson Pike. Dinner at 6:00 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm.

Every Friday in nice weather: Sonic Drive In in Soddy Daisy

Maggie Valley's "Vettes in the Valley" Show Reminder

Memorial Day week-end, Saturday and Sunday, May 24—25. The place to stay—Smokey Falls Lodge, call 1-877-926-7440 to make reservations. Enter the Corvette Car show online at Vettes in the Valley (google it!). You can download the entry form there.

This is a great show, and a great place to relax. Really, one of the most relaxing car show you'll ever attend. There's plenty of good food and fun, and the hotels are generally quiet and simple.

There's lot's to do in the area, and the people are downright friendly!

There's a nearby town to shop in and of course, the Great Smokey mountains right next door. The cruise on the way up can go right through Deals Gap, on the tail of the Dragon! Or through the Nantahala Gorge. Take your pick.

We meet at the Cracker Barrel on Friday morning, May 23, at 9:00 am and after a good breakfast, we'll head out from there as a group, if you wish to travel with us.