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President's Message

Hey everyone,

August was a busy month for the club. I won't rehash all the activities, but I will tell you that the wait for our trip to the Blue Orchid Bistro in Dunlap was well worth it. What a great meal we enjoyed on August 18. There were twenty club members there and I did not hear anyone have anything but praise for the food. I believe Randy, Linda and Christina have hit a home run with their new restaurant. If you didn't make it for our special night there, I would recommend that you try it soon.



Coming up in September is the benefit car show for Brayden Jacobs, the young boy who suffered brain damage from a near drowning accident. The show is set for 9/6/08 at Happy Days Pizza, 4976 Highway 58. Registration is \$20 and begins at 8am. On 9/21 the annual Mountain City Corvette Association Show and Drag is scheduled for the Brainerd Optimist Drag Strip. Gates open at 8:30am. Details can be found at the website: www.mountaincitycorvetteassociation.com.

Beginning this month we will be providing cars for high school homecoming celebrations almost every Friday night. Jerry Ray has sign up lists for all of them, and needs lots of help. On one particular Friday night we have requests to do seven different homecomings. Please volunteer to do as many as you can.

The 30th annual Vette Fest is coming up in Gatlinburg October 3rd-5th. See www.etcorvette.com for details. It is always an excellent weekend trip. Better reserve your room soon if you plan to go.

The club officer nominating committee is working to set a slate of candidates for the October election. If you are asked to stand for election, please give it your strong consideration. I realize as well as anyone that it is a real commitment, but the reality is that someone has to do it, and you can do it as well as the next person. We will take nominations from the floor at the September club meeting. Ballots will be included in the October newsletter, and the election will be held at the October club meeting.

The board of directors will meet at Dairy Queen 9/9/08 and our September club meeting will be held at O'Charley's on 9/18/08.

I'll see you there.

Ernie

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Fall Color Cruise Update!

November 8 is the date!!! Get ready for a beautiful show, and a beautiful drive as the RCCC ventures to Fontana Village resort in the mountains of East Tennessee.

If you don't already have your reservations, then get them by calling Fontana Village Resort at 1-800-849-2258, (24 hours per day). There are still rooms available. If you miss this one you are missing one of the best.

So far there are at least 8 couples attending, enough for a great time. But there's room for more! But rooms are going fast. Call them up and join the gang.



The View form Fontana Dam

The Dillard House

The date is now set for September 13. Let's go eat!!!! It's the food trip of all food trips. Again, we have 8 couples going so far, so if you want to go you better hurry up or the rooms will be gone and you'll end up at the Holiday Inn Express.

This will be an amazing trip. We'll leave from the Cracker Barrel in Cleveland on the morning of the 13th and head out Hwy. 64 and end up in Highlands, NC, where we'll spend a few hours browsing before heading South to Dillard, GA. Only about 30 minutes away. Once there we'll check in and meet for dinner, and oh what a dinner!

To re-emphasize from last month's article, it would be best not to eat much for two solid days before making this trip, because you want a big appetite for this one. Eat, family style, then waddle out on the porch for an evening of relaxation (or groaning, as the case may be depending on how badly you overate dinner). They keep bringing the food as long as you'll keep eating it. No menu to select from because... they bring you all of it. That's right, instead of choosing an entrée, they bring you the whole menu.

The next morning we get up, eat breakfast, and then it's a special route cruise through North Georgia for one of the most beautiful rides to date.

You don't want to miss this one Watch your e-mails.

Dillard House Menu

Fried Chicken	Harvard Beets
Country Ham	Lima Beans
Prime Rib	Tomatoes
BBQ Chicken	Onions
Potatoes au Gratin	Cole Slaw
Green Beans	Melon
Creamed Corn	Yeast Rolls
Steamed Broccoli	Corn Bread
Glazed Carrots	Cobbler a la mode

Want to Go to the Race?

Rich Morely has 4 tickets for the Oct. 26 NASCAR Sunday race in Atlanta **for sale**.

They are good seats in the tri-oval near the Start/Finish line and have a face value of \$105/ea. He will sell all four or in pairs if someone is interested. Location is: Champions; Section 137; row 26; seats 11-14. This is the top row of the bottom section next to the track and have great views of the entire race track. You can access the Atlantic track website and see the seating chart as to their location on the track. Contact Rich at 842-0963 in the evening.

Kickin' it on...



After retirement Norma and I had some things on our bucket list that we wanted to do. One of them, run Route 66 in C5Biscuit. Memories from yester year, trying to capture some of our youth, whatever the reason it was something we wanted to do. When the Vette show in Joplin, MO came along with a cruise on route 66 ... without hesitation ... we were in. The Mother road was calling. Our itinerary was to go to the Corvette Museum and take pictures of the commemorative bricks we had purchased then on to St. Louis and run portions of the historic Route 66 into Joplin, where we met our Amigo's and partied down for the weekend.



For months I researched, planned, mapped and day dreamed about the excursion. I was fired up big time. The trip down was indescribable; the Biscuit got to go back to the motherland in Bowling Green, and run the Mother Road. We cruised the back roads of Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. We entered St Louis with the arch high above the city skyline, the gateway to the West. Like explorers of old, we were full of enthusiasm. ZZ Top playing full blast, we were in Corvette heaven.

Just southwest of St Louis we saw our first "Historic Route 66" road sign and at the exit, Chief Rolling Thunder's tee pee palace, selling everything from dream weavers to fudge. We stopped and I ask the chief if he would mind if I photographed the Biscuit in front of the tee pee ... his reply, no problem, but we prefer you browse our store. Will do ... then the kicker ... it is \$2 to enter the store ... I handed the chief a \$5 said I would be in for my change after I took the picture. In I went ... the conversation went something like this ... where is my change ... he never missed a beat ... Here, you need some of this home made fudge, well it don't have fudge but tastes a lot like it ... how much ... \$3 bucks ... I will take it ... ya need a genuine blanket ... nope, got 3 binkys in the car, but you are one hell of a salesman ... thanks for the respect ... you got to make a living ... yep ... need more tourists like you in here.

How did you get the name rolling thunder? ... Was given by ancestors, said great colonel from the east come visit, riding in Corvette which sounds like great thunder and spend lots of money buying fudge. Heck sounds good to me, here let me tip you another \$5.



Off again ... exploring the back roads when we came upon the route 66 car lot. This was in my little book of *must see* on the mother road. I think the town was Rolla, MO. The owner is in his late 70's and I was told this historic stop was for sale, including several classic cars and the old coke machine.



Time for dinner ... Cracker Barrel sign, so off we went ... then what did we see? The 66 Diner ... had to try it ... glad we did ... what a picture. Lots of neon and the sunset was gorgeous. The food was typical diner cuisine, and lots of it. I had a full roll of Roloids for desert and needed all of them. This was a popular hangout for the young men and women in the army, stationed close by. When I entered they jumped to attention, as you were, I replied. Heck I am only a Kentucky Colonel. It makes you really appreciate the young men and women fighting for our right of freedom. What a country!!! Hats off to all of these folks, as I salute you.

The only other excitement on the way was the Biscuit picked up a 6 penny nail in the run flat, you might say, it threw a shoe ... now what is the odds of finding a new tire in MO? The local Goodyear dealer had one run flat that would fit the Biscuit ... when I left he had none.



The amigo's met Friday at noon in Joplin. Only to find that Sherry also had thrown a shoe, she was on crutches ... sprain ankle. Her and the Biscuit were off to a bad start. The Friday agenda called for *free food and beverages* and a trip to the route 66 drive-in theatre. This is the last remaining drive inn in MO on the Mother Road. Free food and a cruise ... count us in. There were at least 100 Corvettes that caravanned to the drive in from 9 different states, make that 10 if you count my state of euphoria!! What a sight to see. The new Bat Man movie was the feature attraction. We missed rug rats!! A funny thing happened at the drive in, Buddy arrived and a car show broke out. We cruised back with the tops down under a full moon. It was a perfect night for a drive, it couldn't be 'mo better.

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Route 66 Continued...



Saturday was awesome, we did the car show thing (3 hours and it was done, just perfect) then we all lined up for the route 66 tour to see rainbow bridge and tow mater, from the movie Cars. Again, 100 Vette's cruising up 66. The small towns had the cops out to block the intersections as we cruised on through.



The awards dinner was outstanding ... a Hawaiian theme, the food was great; the band was "*The Big Smitty Band*" featuring the Colonel.



We did have some disagreement on what to have for desert, but we resolved the issue as we usually do ... a compromise between Carol and Buddy. They talked it over and Buddy compromised; he did as Carol ask!!



How well was River City represented at the show? Well let's put it this way, there were more trophies at our table than any other in the room. Buddy over heard one participate ask, why all the trophies at our table and was told it was those Vette's with the strobes. Ron and Carol took 1st in their class, Buddy and Sherry took 3rd, Larry and Norma took 1st in their class and Mark and Nicole took 2nd in their class. Ronnie and Carol beat out Buddy and Sherry by 2 miles to win farthest driven. Ronnie was given a new nickname, by Buddy ... "*The King of Bling*". Very appropriate I think. Amazingly we went all day without winning a door prize, but at the very end the prizes appeared in large numbers at our table. Let me tell you that Nicole is quicker than a mongoose dodging a cobra; she grabbed the red visor before anyone could make a move.

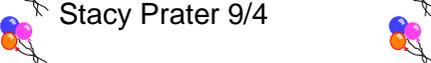
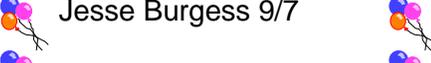
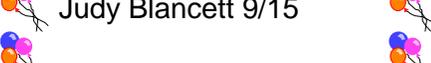
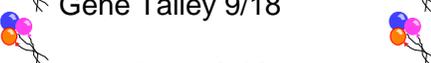
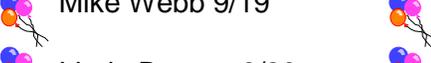
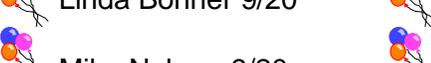
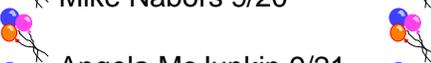
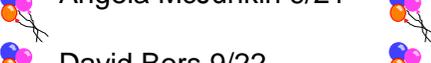
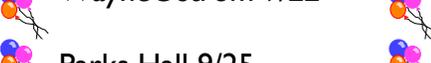


This was truly one of the best car shows I have ever attended, if not the best. The variety of things to do from golf tournaments to cruises, never left a single minute of down time. Bruce and 4States Corvette Club did an excellent job and this was their first attempt at such a show of this magnitude. We met some wonderful folks and made a few friends along the way. Would you believe that before we left everyone at the show knew our names? I would highly recommend this show to anyone. Bruce says next year will be even bigger and better; they are going to add a drag race and auto cross to the events. I would suggest they engrave Ron Hastings on the drag race trophy and Mike Nabors and Randy Slomian on the auto cross!

The Colonel!

Thanks to Larry "the Colonel" Harless for an excellent article!! The Editor

September Birthdays

-  Michael Pittman 9/3
-  Stacy Prater 9/4
-  Jesse Burgess 9/7
-  Judy Blancett 9/15
-  Gene Talley 9/18
-  Mike Webb 9/19
-  Linda Bonner 9/20
-  Mike Nabors 9/20
-  Angela McJunkin 9/21
-  David Bors 9/22
-  Susan Pierce 9/22
-  Wayne Ostrom 9/22
-  Parks Hall 9/25



Can you guess what this is?

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 on old Highway 27—when weather is nice.

Summer Cruise Ins

“Hot Rods and Vettes”:

**Wednesday– Dubs Place 6:30pm
4400 Dayton Blvd.**

Friday Nite:

Happy Days Restaurant Hwy 58 6pm

2nd Saturday Each Month:

Dalton Ga. [also Dunlap next to Hardees]

3rd Saturday Each Month:

Advance Auto Parts, Soddy Daisy 5pm

4th Saturday Each Month:

Cleveland, TN at Courthouse