

## **Cape Fear Corvettes**

### **Meeting Minutes February 10, 2024 Brunswick Beer and Cider Restaurant 57 Members and 4 Guests in Attendance**

**Call to Order** The February meeting was called to order by President Mike Scharf at 10:03. President Scharf welcomed all present and noted that this was the second time the Club has met at Brunswick Beer and Cider. He then led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**New Members and Guests** Guests included Jason and Ginger Ritchie who live in Calabash and own a 2019 Stingray, Fred and Petty Eckhauser who live in Brunswick Forest and own a C5. New members Glen and Bonnie Ahrens, originally from NY but now living in Leland and own a 2009 ZO6. New member Jimmy Edwards lives in Wilmington and owns a 1985 Ice Blue Coupe.

**January Meeting Minutes and Minutes of February 3, Events/Activities Meeting** President Scharf noted that the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting notes and notes of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Events and Activities meeting were emailed to the membership. Mike also alerted members that a 3-month calendar of activities prepared in cooperation with Social Director Joyce Rockwell was emailed to the membership on Friday, February 9. President Mike also noted that the next event is a Drive 'n Dine to the Boundary House restaurant in Calabash, NC. Social Director Joyce stated that the current plan is to meet at the Tractor Supply store on US-17 South near Winnabow. By meeting at Tractor Supply we eliminate the hassle of shepherding the caravan intact through Leland traffic and traffic signals. And because the store is on the west side of the highway, entering the parking lot is a right turn and departure to Calabash is also a right turn onto US-17 making it easier to negotiate as a group.

**Upcoming Activities/Events – Social Director Joyce Rockwell** Joyce spoke to the Club about her role as Social Director. Joyce has been an event organizer for a ladies golf club for some time and so feels very confident in her ability to handle the CFCC's requirements. She noted that one of her goals is to plan events and activities in such a way that members who don't live in Wilmington don't always have to drive long distances to events and, as practical, in the case of drive-to events, don't have to double back from where they live to the drive staging point then back past where they live to the event destination.

Joyce described key aspects of her planning philosophy. She is detail oriented and often drives to a proposed location to evaluate items such as restroom facilities, guest capacity, adaptability to the clubs requirements (number of attendees, seating plans, service capacity, club-specific requirements) and parking. She is aware that most members would prefer not to take their cars on gravel, grass, dirt, etc. She welcomed suggestions from members for nice restaurants and other event/activity ideas. Suggestions should be sent to President Scharf who will pass them along to Joyce.

Joyce also gave the club an example of the expanding demographics of the club membership. She noted that there were 42 members who live among 5 different ZIP codes in Wilmington but there is a significant number of members living in Bolivia, Supply, Calabash, Southport, Wallace and more.

As noted, President Scharf emailed a 3-month event/activity schedule to member on 2/9. Joyce is now working on the next 3-month schedule. Some of the venues that Joyce is considering include:

- A minor-league baseball game in Myrtle Beach
- Walking tour in SC
- Freedom Fountain and Outdoor Gardens in Jacksonville, NC
- Myrtle Beach car museum (~150 cars with varying car models on display)
- Surf City
- Ice Cream Social
- Distillery Tour
- Wine Tasting
- Bald Head Island Tour including Old Baldy Lighthouse
- The Oak Island Lighthouse
- Smithfield Smoke House in Whiteville
- Ft. Macon/Morehead City
- Moore's Creek Battlefield
- Buc-ees (Florence, SC) (don't knock it if you haven't tried it)

Joyce noted that not every event will involve eating and again asked for member suggestions.

**Meeting Minutes** A move to approve the minutes of the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was made and minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** Treasurer Peter Ziehl provided the Treasurer's Report. Details as follows:

**Beginning Checking Account Balance 1/1/24 \$4,907.23**

**Cash In:**

Member's Dues \$950.00

New Members dues \$55.00

50/50 \$226.00

Sale of Clothing \$415.00

Other Cash In \$7.00

**Total Cash In \$1,653.00**

**Cash Out:**

Purchase of 21 shirts from Queensboro \$561.75

Food for January meeting party \$528.00

Transferred to savings account \$3,500.00

**Total Cash Out \$4,589.75**

**Ending Checking Account Balance 1/31/24 \$1,970.48**

**Savings Account Balance 1/1/24 \$3,094.39**

Interest \$0.03

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Transferred from checking \$3,500.00  
**Savings Account Balance 1/31/24 \$6,594.42**

**Total Cape Fear Corvettes Funds Balance 1/31/24 \$8,564.90**

Peter noted that even though the interest on the money in our savings account is minimal we maintain a savings account for security. There are several club debit cards in use but they cannot access the funds in the savings account.

**Membership** Membership Chairman Bill Bordwine reported that we now have 109 members, 70 of whom have paid 2024 dues. He reminded members that dues are \$25 if paid before March 1<sup>st</sup> and \$30 if paid after that date.

**NCM Ambassador Report** National Corvette Museum Ambassador Don Paulson submitted written report (attached to these minutes). Don highlighted three elements of that report: 1) a February discount on membership dues (\$65 for additional family members vs \$100), 2) review of membership benefits, 3) information about the upcoming Corvette Caravan scheduled for August of this year – notably that the NCM Motorsports Park will be open for tours in the Park's cars and hot laps with NCM Motorsports drivers. Don stated that spots for these laps are filling rapidly and suggested that if interested, you should make reservations soon.

Don and Jack Hall talked about their trip to the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona which was on the last weekend in January. According to Jack, 36 cars went on the trip which cost \$2400 for two people and included an upscale hotel room overlooking the ocean, meals, parking in the Corvette Corral, an autograph session in the Corral and parade laps around the Daytona track, Don and Jack also visited the Warbird Museum in Titusville and enjoyed several other activities.

**Car Show** Gordon Boyd discussed the status of car show planning. He will email a sign-up sheet for parking and judging volunteers. He emphasized the need for volunteers. Other items of note:

- Now have 11 pre-registrations
- Showed updated flyer with "Supporting local charities" as opposed to "Wilmington charities"
- In response to question about taking payment for registration on club website Peter Ziehl explained that it is difficult and we can't do it.
- We will be able to take credit cards for silent auction at show

Ellen Boyd reviewed show details and personnel requirements for:

- Registration – need numerous people to assist
- Money handling
- Printing dash cards from registration info
- Runners to take cash to Peter Ziehl at show
- 50/50 Raffle – need help pre-packaging tickets for sale. Need help inside and outside

- Silent auction – need help organizing and packaging donated items, bid sheets, monitoring auction (especially at close so winners don't prematurely claim items), cashiers.
- Dealing with/assisting prize winners.

Ellen asked about possibility/practicality/desirability of a scavenger hunt. Club would distribute Hot Wheel cars to various businesses and other locations with note to bring to the show at JGC for possible \$100 prize. Received generally positive response. Idea is to increase traffic to show and to JGC. Ellen noted JGC is providing two offices for use during the show. Ellen will have detailed activity descriptions and duties at the next Club meeting.

Ellen asked members who have or can get anything for the silent auction to contact her or bring them to the next meeting. She has solicited items from Mid-America and Ecklers.

**Track Group** Gary Church listed several tracks within a few hours drive of Wilmington, where members interested can explore more than the 25% of their car's capabilities they're limited to on the street. Gary will begin organizing track events in March. Members interested in participating in track events should contact Mike Scharf who will notify Gary. A track day at the North Carolina Center for Automotive Research is scheduled for mid-May.

**Azalea Festival Parade** Mike Scharf stated there are currently 11 member who have volunteered to drive in the parade on Saturday, April 6. Mike requested member to please sign up.

**Christmas Party** Mike Scharf stated that if we want to have a Christmas party we need to start planning now. He asked the club if we want a party. Resounding "Yes" from members present.

Mike is working with Compass Pointe and is working to keep cost to around \$50/person. Meal would be provided, BYOB. He is looking at dates in early December and will advise the club as details firm up.

**Car Show Apparel** Tony Coracciolo distributed the white, club polo shirts members will wear at the car show to members who ordered them. Tony can still take orders for shirts but mentioned that the price has increased to \$27.

**50/50 Raffle** Prior to conducting the raffle, John Fort informed the club that Carol Fort has contracted shingles and is in significant pain. He asked that our thoughts and prayers be with her. He also plugged the Wilmington Senior Softball Association. John also reminded members that the NCM will have a store at the CFCC Car Show and also reminded members that they can order NCM items from him at a discount and he will deliver them at the show.

Your humble Secretary won the 50/50 Raffle but donated the winnings to the Club. The raffle generated \$176.

John then urged members to support and attend the Club Christmas party.

**Adjournment** President Mike Scharf adjourned the meeting at 11:05

**Next Meeting** March 9, 2024. Location TBD

Submitted by Don Massa

February 11, 2024

## February NCM Ambassador Report



### Ambassador Report February 2024

**Donald & Debra Paulson – Master Ambassadors & Life Members NCM**

### ♥ Share the Love♥ ... with our Valentine's Membership Special

Make February an unforgettable month by joining our NCM family with this exclusive offer:

For the month of February, Family Membership pricing is just \$65....that's a savings of \$35 off the regular pricing. This special offer is valid for NEW members only through the end of February with code FAM2024.

Contact Bobbie Jo Lee for assistance at 270-467-8833

#### Family Membership

- Two membership cards
- Two silver member lapel pins
- Annual subscription to *America's Sports Car*
- Free admission to Museum for member and immediate family\* \*\*
- Discount on NCM sponsored events
- Discount on [NCM Collector Car Insurance](#) in most states
- 10% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and catalog\*\*\*

#### Caravan information



C8 touring, Z06 touring, Z06 Hot laps