

Cape Fear Corvettes

Meeting Minutes July 13, 2024 Glenn Healey's Exhibit Hall 49 Members and 5 Guests in Attendance

Call to Order The July meeting was called to order by President Mike Scharf at 10:05 am. Mike led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike noted that the flag hanging in Glenn's garage was a "Steaming Ensign" The flag was from the USS John S McCain (DDG-56). Mike served aboard the previous McCain (DDG-36) from 1971-1976.

Mike asked who was brave enough to drive their Corvettes to the meeting on a rainy Saturday. Approximately 10 members raised their hands.

Mike then recognized new members and guests. New members present were Roland Jones, Jim Murrill and Brett Murrill. Drew Williams was a guest of Richard Laverdure. Drew presently owns a Camaro but is apparently willing to be persuaded to buy a real sports car.

April Meeting Minutes Minutes of the June meeting were emailed to club members. A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made. Motion was seconded by Richard Laverdure and motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report Membership Chairman Bill Bordwine reported that the Club now has 108 full-time memberships for 2024.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Peter Ziehl provided the following report on Club finances:

Cape Fear Corvettes Treasurer's Report JUNE 30 2024	
Beginning Checking Account Balance	\$760.21
<u>Cash In:</u>	
Members Dues	\$120.00
New Memembers Dues	\$30.00
May meeting 50/50 raffle	\$64.00
sale of name tags	\$10.00
Total Cash In	\$224.00
<u>Cash Out:</u>	
purchase of shirts Queensboro	\$52.39
Total Cash Out	\$52.39
Ending Checking Account Balance	\$931.82
50/50 - YTD	\$739.00
Savings Account Balance 6/1/24	\$21,094.75
Interest	\$0.17
Savings Account Balance 6/30/24	\$21,094.92
TOTAL CASH BALANCE 6/30/24	\$22,026.74

Following the report, President Scharf then reviewed his most recent proposal for Club donations and asked if members had any additional input. He reiterated that money collected from Club dues is intended to finance the Club picnic and Christmas party. Money set aside as “reserve” (\$3500) is intended for Club operating expenses, e.g. insurance, dues and car show set-up/start-up. Mike added another donation recipient, Museum of the Marine. Mike recommended a donation of \$2000 to the museum. Dave Theisen then gave a brief endorsement of the donation and overview of the museum. Dave will gladly accept donations and has forms for donors interested in doing so.

President Scharf mentioned that Ellen Boyd will be handling the donations in conjunction with Jeff Gordon Chevrolet, including pictures of the event.

Mike requested a motion to accept the proposed donation recipients and amounts. John Vereen moved for acceptance. John Fort seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ambassador’s Report National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador Don Paulsen described his role as Club Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum. He represents our Club and its interests to the museum staff and solicits museum memberships. He also reports to the Club on museum activities, programs and events.

Don encouraged members to follow the NCM on the various social media channels the museum employs including: Facebook (Meta), Instagram, X, TikTok, LinkedIn and YouTube. Following the museum ensures that you will not miss updates, events or special content from the museum.

The NCM’s “Ground to Sky; The Sinkhole Reimagined” exhibit, closes on September 15. Interested members can learn more and purchase tickets at <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/ground-to-sky/>

Caravan updates – check the Caravan landing page regularly for agenda updates and additional information at <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/caravan/>

Finally, Don let members know that the Museum’s annual report is now available online. The report also includes information about the Museum’s accomplishments and future plans.

<http://www.corvettemuseum.org/leadership/#annual-report/>

John Fort discussed the NCM magazine, “America’s Sports Car” and the 30th anniversary of the NCM. The current magazine includes an article on the history of the Museum. John discussed other aspects of the Museum including option R8C, Museum delivery. John related that he has done some research and believes that the delivery of his 1998 Corvette was the 100th Museum delivery. John then thanked, to applause, Glenn Healey for use of his facility and its beautiful cars.

Don then reviewed the Caravan and Club member participation and said he would be departing Monday, August 26, and to let him know if you would like to travel with him.

Social Events Social Director Joyce Rockwell, (aka Mike’s Executive Secretary – remember those?) recapped June’s social events:

Murrell's Inlet/Wahoo Fish house cruise – excellent food, large portions. Nine cars made the cruise.

Wilmington Sharks baseball game – “a little slow” but Sharks came back for dramatic win in late stages of the game.

St. James Plantation 25th Anniversary Car Show and Parade. Don Massa recapped the event at which several Members displayed their cars. A “parade lap” with cars from the show traveling through St. James followed the show. Many St. James residents lined the route waving flags and waving to participants and cheering.

Upcoming events include:

7/20 - ice cream run to Calabash with 15 cars and 28 people signed up

8/17 – Wheels of Yesteryear in Myrtle Beach; ~98 cars on exhibit

8/24 – August meeting and Club picnic in River Landing

9/21 – September Meeting

Track Group Update Gary Church explained that due to summer heat, no events are currently scheduled. However, the local Porsche Club has reserved NCCAR (North Carolina Center for Automotive Research) November 9, and there may be spots available for interested Club members. Contact Gary for more information.

Gary is cleaning out his garage to make room for another car (in case Betty reads these notes) some reason and brought a number of items he donated to the Club in hopes that Members interested in them might donate to the Club in return.

Other Business Peter Ziehl then announced that he will be moving out of state (to Texas) and is looking to get rid of much of the memorabilia in his garage. Please contact Peter to set up a time to meet with him.

Tony Caracciolo left two tickets to the Greensboro Antique Auto auction with Don Massa who offered them to any interested Club member.

Dave Thiesen then thanked the Club for the donation to the Museum of the Marine. Again, please contact Dave to make a private donation.

50-50 Raffle Prior to the drawing, in answer to a question about how much money the NCM booth at the car shows that the Forts manned brought in, Carol Fort stated that their sales were in excess of \$18,000.

The 50-50 raffle at this meeting collected a record \$200. The raffle was won by new member Brett Murrill who collected \$100.

Adjournment and Next Meeting Bob Morrow announced to the Club that sign-ups for the picnic were lagging and asked Members to let him know their status and that he would accept payments today and that checks could be mailed to him directly. Bob's address is:

Bob Morrow
271 Cellars Way
Wallace, NC 28466

NOTE: Bob's address is strictly private and is not to be shared outside the club!

President Mike Scharf adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:45 am and reminded Members that the next meeting on August 24, will also be the Club picnic.

Submitted by Don Massa, Secretary
July 14, 2024