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## **PRESIDENT'S PULSE**

Dear Members,

Wow, I can't believe it's July already. I hope everyone had a great 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. It was a nice chance to relax from the previous week's and weekend's activities surrounding our Corvette show. We had a really good show with lots of great Corvettes and really nice participants but didn't get the attendance that we had hoped for or that we received last year. I have observed that that has been the norm at most shows I attended or heard about this year. The Blues Festival also saw a big drop in attendance this year. Don't know if it is the economy, the hot temps....again, or the fact that it was the weekend before the 4th, but something affected attendance at all of these events. On a positive note, we had 20 members' cars entered in this year's show, which was more than last year. We just didn't have the out of town entries that we expected. Even though our show wasn't the success that we had hoped for, I was still blown away by the members of our club that put in the time, effort and sweat to plan, organize and execute this year's show. And the participants that did attend still had positive comments about the show and really enjoyed the experience of being here. Thank you to all of you who made this event a pleasure for all who attended. Thanks again, especially, to our co-chairs Jan Marshall and JB Smith. They did a wonderful job putting this show together. It takes a team effort to put on this show each year, but it takes someone, or some two, to step up and take the reigns. Again, this year they, and many other members did just that. I appreciated everyone's efforts in a trying year and under extreme circumstances. For any member who is interested, we will have a wrap-up meeting this Sunday (June 11) at the Pizza Warehouse. This meeting is just to discuss this year's show and make decisions about next year's show. The regular monthly membership meeting will be Monday (June 12). Pizza Warehouse is located in the Quarry Shopping Center, across Rogers Ave. from Central Mall. If you would like to be a part of those decisions, we would love to have your input. The meeting will start at 5:00PM. There are still plenty of Corvette related events still to come throughout the summer including Dinner/Meetings (this month at Whole Hog Cafe), Cruises, and Movie Nights. Upcoming Corvette Shows in the region include Rogers, AR; Norman, OK; Joplin, MO; Grove, OK; Mid-America Motorworks, Effingham, Illinois and Eureka Springs, AR. Check the Calendar of Events for dates. I hope that some of our members can attend these shows and see how well they are attended and bring back ideas for our next show. If you are going to one of these shows, or plan to attend any other shows, please let us know so that others can plan to attend with you. And as always, if there is a place you want to cruise to or some other activity that you think would be fun for the club to do, please let us know that as well. We are always up for new ideas and new adventures that we can do together as a club and as friends.

Yours Truly,

Bob Klein, RCC President

**JUNE MEETING MINUTES**

Rita Kerr, Secretary/Treasurer

The meeting took place at Rhodes Chevrolet in Van Buren where they furnished us with an excellent fried chicken dinner. To say the least, we all enjoyed the meal and meeting place.

Bob brought the meeting to order and announced that Jan and JB were going to Mid-America in Effingham for Funfest, and invited others to go with them. Jan gave details on the registration process, and hotels. Bob then discussed other upcoming shows.

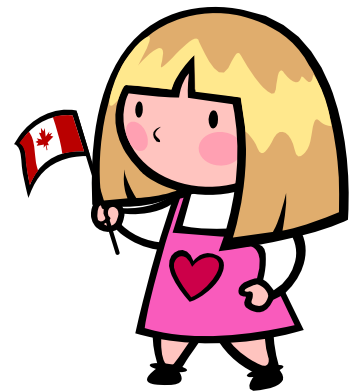
Bob told members of preparations for our own show with Jan summing up all the activities. Lumpy discussed the Martinous/Club rug raffle and urged everyone to take tickets and sell them for our charities. He also wanted to take anyone's picture that evening so he could put members pictures with their cars onto the website.

Rhodes donated a \$100 gift certificate from their dealership and Rita won it. There was a raffle and a 50/50 drawing as well.

The meeting was adjourned



**JULY MEETING**



**July 12, 2010**

**WHOLE HOG CAFÉ**

**FT. SMITH, AR**

**Officers' Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

**Club Meeting 6:30 p.m.**



Members wanting to place articles or information into the Newsletter need to e-mail Jan at [vettejbs@cox.net](mailto:vettejbs@cox.net) by the first Monday of each month in order to meet the Newsletter time schedule.

## RCC UPDATE



**CLUB DUES:** Dues for 2010 are \$40. Checks should be made payable to “Razorback Corvette Club” and sent to Rita Kerr (Sect./Treas.). Please take care of this ASAP, if you have forgotten to pay your dues.

**CHARITY:** Charities for this year are [The Good Samaritan Clinic](#), Fort Smith, and [The Humane Society](#), Fort Smith. Rug raffle through October to raise money for both charities.

**MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE:** If you have not e-mailed Rita Kerr any updated information about your birthdays and your Vettes, please send that information to her.

**CLUB SHIRTS, PATCHES, DECALS, and/or BUSINESS CARDS:** If you need an official RCC polo shirt, let Rita know and she will get it ordered for you. You can also get red unisex club tee shirts for \$12 each, and ladies pink club tees for \$16.60 each. Again, give your order to Rita and she will get one ordered for you. Rita has club patches if you need one of them. They are \$5.00 each. She also has club window decals. Also, talk to Kyle DeJaeger if you’d like to get club business cards to hand out to prospective members.

**EVENTS/MEETINGS/CRUISES:** If any members are interested in hosting an event, meeting, or cruise, please contact Jamie Henry or Barbara Gammon. Several suggestions have already been made for cruises during 2010. If you are interested in cruising somewhere in particular this year, be sure to mention it to Barbara or Jamie.

**MEMBERS’ CAR PICS ON WEBSITE:** Please send your Vette pictures to John “Lumpy” Lumpkin at [vette5@cox.net](mailto:vette5@cox.net) and he will include them on our website’s Events Gallery page.

**FUNFEST:** Some of our members will be attending Funfest this year September 17-19. Plans are to caravan with the NWA Group. If you are interested in going to this event, contact Jan or J.B. at [vettejbs@cox.net](mailto:vettejbs@cox.net)

**EUREKA SPRINGS CORVETTE SHOW:** Be sure to contact Rita ASAP about rooms, if you plan to attend the annual Eureka Springs Car Show Sept. 30 – Oct. 3.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to RCC sponsored Jan Marshall, who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up, Best Gown, and Best Interview in the recent Ms. Senior Arkansas Pageant

# NCM REPORT

## Bowling Green GM Plant Seeing Better Days

It appears that the worst of the storm could be over for the Bowling Green General Motors Plant.

**Posted:** 10:33 AM Jun 18, 2010

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### GM Better Days

It appears that the worst of the storm could be over for the Bowling Green General Motors Plant.

The national automaker says it will keep 9 of its 11 assembly plants open to make 56,000 more vehicles that are in high demand.

Usually most of the plants see a summer vacation from the end of June until early July.

However, the Bowling Green Corvette Plant is one of the 9 that will stay open through that period to build more of the classic car to meet increased demand.

There's a good morale here at the Bowling Green General Motors Plant right now.

That's something that was lacking this same time last year.

"Heads were down. People weren't really feeling good about the economy and where we were as a company; where we were as a plant," notes Plant Manager Bob Parcell.

But since the beginning of the year, the demand for Corvettes has seemed to turn the corner.

"We're starting to see dealers are asking for more and more vehicles to get them on their showroom."

Last year the plant only made 9,000 cars.

This year that number is expected to more than double.

Parcell credits the uptick to growing "consumer confidence".

"People are starting to see signs in the economy of some recovery. They're starting to open up their purse strings a little bit," Parcell notes.

Early indications suggest the plant won't face work stoppages like it did several times in 2009.

"We've set the plant at we think the right line rate so we won't have these ups and downs we had the past year and that allows us to run every week."

Right now, 475 people are employed at the plant while roughly 50 are still laid off.

Last year, at one point, 130 people were without work.

However, many of those have now latched on at other GM plants throughout the country.

All in all, Parcell feels the climate at the GM plant is getting better everyday.

"Lots of smiles on people's faces, a lot more energy, a lot more bubbly attitude because they know we're going to be here working and that's a big load off their minds."



# FAST CARS IN THE FORT CAR SHOW

## WINNERS:

Car show was held at the Pavilion in Ft. Smith on June 26, 2009

\* [Denotes RCC Member winner](#)

### C-1 Convertible

Third, Second, First- No entries



### C-2 Coupe

Third, Second- No Entries  
First Place-Robert Battershell, 1966—London, AR

### C-2 Convertible

Third, Second- No Entries  
First Place-Evelyn Battershell, 1967—London, AR

### C-3 Coupe

Third- No Entries  
Second Place-Larry Nutt, 1978—Cabot, AR--CACC  
First Place-Stan Willis, 1981—Morrilton, AR

### C-3 Convertible

Third- No Entries  
Second Place- David Blair, 1968—Mountainburg, AR  
First Place- Jeff Bonner, 1970—Muldrow, OK

### C-4 Coupe

Third Place-Chuck Thomas, 1986—Nevada, MO  
Second Place-Martin Smith, 1990—Grady, AR  
First Place-Bill Hargis, 1995—Lee's Summit, MO

### C-4 Convertible

Third, Second, First-No Entries



### C-5 Coupe

Third Place-[Gary Henry](#), 2004\*  
Second Place-[John Lumpkin](#), 2003\*  
First Place-Frank Russell, 1999—N. Little Rock, AR--CACC

### C-5 Convertible

Third Place-Don Butler, 1999—Bryant, AR--CACC  
Second Place-Sharon Bell, 2003—Betonville, AR  
First Place-Kenny Gourley, 2001—Alma, AR

### C-6 Coupe

Third Place-Cara Haynie—Cabot, AR--CACC  
Second Place--[Dan Shaffer](#), 2005\*  
First Place-Pete Dean, 2007—Little Rock, AR



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**C-6 Convertible**

Third Place-[Waldo Fisher](#), 2008\*  
Second Place-[Rex Cochran](#), 2009\*  
First Place-[Jan Marshall Smith, J.B. Smith](#) 2009\*

**Special "X" Class**

Third Place-Greg Cochran, 2008 ZO6—Alma, AR  
Second Place-Larry Bocksnick, 2008 ZO6—Pine Bluff, AR  
First Place-Richard Green, 2010 ZR1-- Denton, TX

**President's Choice**

Bill Hargis, 1995 Coupe

**Sponsor's Choice**

Frank Russell, 1999 Coupe



**People's Choice**

Bill Hargis, 1995 Coupe

**Best Detailed**

[Lynn Roberts](#), 2010 Grand Sport\*

**Farthest Distance**

Richard Greene, 2010 ZR1, Denton, TX

**Best Paint**

Frank Russell, 1999 Coupe

**Best in Originality**

Evelyn Battershell, 1967 Convertible



**Mayor's Choice**

[Harold Beaver](#), 2003 Convertible\*

**Natalie White Survivor Award**

[Perry Mooneyham](#), 2008 ZO6\*

**Wooo Pig Sooie Award**

[Jan Marshall Smith, J.B. Smith](#), 2009 Convertible\*

**Best Hard Luck Story**

Greg Strong, Roland, OK

**Trivia puzzle winner**

Julie Cochran, 1998 Convertible—Alma, AR

**Odometer Poker Winner**

Jeff Bonner, 1970 Convertible



**Car Parts Guess Game Winner**

Robert Battershell, 1966 Coupe

**Poker Run Winner**

First - Greg Strong  
Second - Stan Willis  
Third - Robert Battershell  
Low-hand Winner - Frank Russell

**Amazing Race Winner**

No Entries

**50/50 Pot winner**

\$116.00- [Trina Herrin](#)\*



**SAVE THE WAVE**



# CORVETTES FOR SALE:



In the past I have sent several e-mails to the membership about Vettes for sale. Since space is too limited to list each one in the newsletter, I will continue to do this as separate mailings to members.

Wondering where to go to get that Vette serviced or worked on????????? Many of our members are very knowledgeable about where to go and where not to go. If you need help with any type of Vette repair or service, please contact another member or just ask around at the next meeting.

## UPCOMING AREA CAR SHOWS

\*denotes club participation car shows

- Aug. 13-15                      Vettes in the Midwest, Joplin, MO
- Aug. 14                         Heitz Chevrolet NCCO all Vette Show, Norman, OK
- Aug. 27-28                     Summer's End Vette Show, Rogers, AR
- Sept. 17-19                     Mid-America FunFest, Effingham, IL
- Sept. 25-26                     Corvette Show, Grove, OK
  
- \*Sept.30 – Oct. 3             Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend, Eureka Springs, AR

# MOVIE NIGHT REPORT.....Jamie Henry

Movie night was cancelled for the month of June

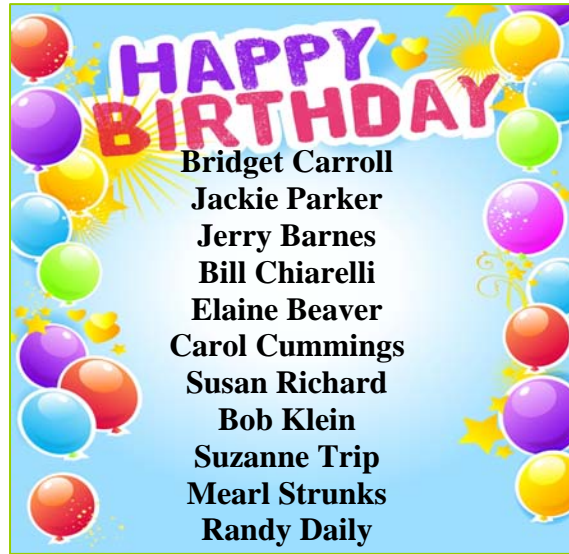


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### MOVIE RATINGS:

- 3 Corvette Waves—The best it can be!!
- 2 Corvette Waves—Average
- 1 Corvette Wave—Forget it, even a Corvette in the movie would NOT help it!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS WITH JULY BIRTHDAYS



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES for 2010 (so far)—Mark your calendar



July 17

Picnic at Ben Geren Park--Fort Smith, AR  
Games and Prizes--**CANCELED**

August 28

**Cruise** Rivertown BBQ--Ozark, AR

Sept. 18

**Cruise** Phil's Steakhouse--Westville, OK

Sept. 30-Oct. 3

Eureka Springs Corvette Show--  
Eureka Springs, AR



November 6

**Cruise** Catfish Hole #2--Alma, AR

December 4

Christmas Party at Lighthouse Inn--Fort Smith

FUTURE CLUB MEETING DATES & SITES for remainder of 2010:

July 12 Whole Hog Cafe, Fort Smith, AR

August 9 Golden Corral, Fort Smith, AR

September 13 Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant, Fort Smith, AR

October No monthly meeting, due to Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

November 8 Furr's Cafeteria, Fort Smith, AR

December 4 Christmas Party, Lighthouse Inn, Fort Smith (on the river)