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A Message from Our President



By Bill White

GREETINGS ALL! It's hard to believe that summer is officially over...where did it go? It will be wonderful if winter goes by that fast but it never does! It has been a fun year so far though. Lots of great events to choose from kept everyone busy. There are a few more on the way. The chili cook-off and the Christmas party will be here before you know it.

Even through the winter when car based events are not really existent there are still things that help us keep in touch between (or in some cases during snow-storms!) Rich Hatterberg does a great job finding a place for us to dine each month. For new members that are looking for a fun relaxing way to meet fellow members you can't beat this. The annual bowling party is in February which is also a don't miss event and then its on to thoughts of spring!

All and all with our country in some tough spots being involved with a great group of people that makes up our club is always a reason to feel fortunate...I sure do. Have a great and healthy month !

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Dues are due!

T.G.I.Friday's Cruise-In

By...Paul Weston

The Cruise-in at TGIF's was cancelled due to a death in our club family. Long time FVCC member and friend Wayne Roberts passed away September 19th and his wake was on the day of the cruise-in. The club as a whole decided that in honor of Wayne and to allow our membership to attend his wake, the cruise-in would be cancelled.

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Fox Valley Corvette Club Minutes

By Dave West - September 20, 2011

President Bill White opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

Treasurer's Report- our club balance is \$4,845.45.

Upcoming Events- Deo Curts

Oct 2nd- Fall "Run for Fun" Hanks Farm Restaurant in Ottawa, and Kuipers Family Pumpkin Farm in Maple Park. The cost is \$13.99 per Adult. Contact Deo Curts at 630-440-8348.

Oct 5th- Vettes Eat Out at Gratto Italian Tapas. The address is 207 South 3rd Street in Geneva. All entrees are under \$20. Seating at 7 pm with separate checks. Please sign up so we can save you a seat. Questions call Rich or Kathy 630-851-7275.

Oct 15th- 2nd Annual FVCC Chili Cook Off. Lake Holiday Lodge, 283 Easy Street, Somonauk, IL. 3-8pm The cost is \$10 per person. Contact Dominic Fracasso. 630-913-1325.

Dec 3rd- FVCC Christmas Party. Lincoln Inn in Batavia. \$25 per person. Cocktails from 6-7:30. Dinner from 7:30-8:15. Program at 8:30. Dancing until 11pm. Remember to bring a gift for Toys for Tots. Contact Deo Curts at 630-440-8348.

Secretary's Report- Thanks to everyone for their cards, calls and those who came out to be with me at the memorial of my son Brian K. West.

Director-at-Large- Paul Weston as always - articles are needed for the newsletter. Please get those in as soon as possible.

Membership-Karen Weston

New Member Jeff Hnatiak and Visitor Bruce Thompson.

Clothing-Karen Erd New hats at \$15. Anyone wanting to purchase a jacket must have order in by next meeting.

Corvette America- Do you need parts for your car? Orders can be placed here and when we have a total of \$500 we will order the parts.

Break- 20 minutes

Past Events- Everyone attending the picnic had a good time.

We had 50 Vettes on our outing to the Apple Orchard.

We had 13 cars in the Maple Park Parade and we all got free car washes thanks to the rain.

Other-

Since our election is coming up soon, all officers gave a brief description of their job duties.

Greeters for next month are Dick and Ellen Scott.

Name Tag was won by Steve Curts

50/50 was won by Jan Claerhout.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm

2nd Annual FVCC Chili Cook-Off

"Chili Luau"

**\$10.00 PER PERSON
FOR CHILI ENTRY OR
JUST TO COME & TASTE.**



**When: Sat., October 15th
3:00pm-8:00pm**

ALL ENTRIES DUE IN BY 4:00!

**Where: Lake Holiday Lodge
283 Easy Street
Somonauk, IL 60552**

Tickets will be sold by Dominic at the Aug. & Sept. meetings.
(This is a pre-pay event) **630-913-1325**

**ENTER ONE OR
BOTH CATEGORIES!**

**Wear your
Island attire!**

- Theme: "Hawaiian Luau"
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in 2 categories: Regular & "Hawaiian"
- Hawaiian chili entries
MUST CONTAIN PORK! NO BEEF!
- **Bring your chili in a crock pot**

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FOR SALE



The cars and merchandise listed in the for sale ad, may also be found on our club website at www.forvalleycorvette.com/marketplace

The website contains more up to date information!

2003 Z06, "BLACK WIDOW" Car has less than 5000 miles, some alterations from stock, all reversible, have almost all of the stock equipment to go with the car. Car has long tube headers, high flow cats and GHM mufflers with 3 inch tips. Loss of physical abilities causes sale. \$35k with extra parts, might consider some trades. Al McKechnie TX 630-978-2169 (Apr_11)

1986 Corvette that I have for sale, it has 39,583 original miles on it. I just don't have the time to enjoy it anymore, and I would really like to see it go to someone who will appreciate it. Asking \$9500. Contact Frank Ristick (847) 975-2080. E-mail: amrheating@sbcglobal.net. (Apr_11)

1992 Corvette Convertible, 18K miles, Auto, Red, Blk Int & Top, Original owner, \$14.9K, Ask for Casey @ 630-443-7841. Pictures on Craigslist. (Sept_11)

2007 Corvette convertible, Monterey red, 18,000 miles, auto trans, 3LT pkg, GPS, paddle shift, two new run flats. Owner wants to buy a Hot Rod. Asking \$38,000.00. Contact 515-669-2417. (Sept_11)



Have you started your Xmas Shopping yet?

Order your FVCC gifts early to ensure they're under the tree...



WINTER JACKET

Prices start at \$65.00



LIGHTWEIGHT JACKET

Prices start at \$50.00



other colors available

For your Xmas Shopping:

See Karen Erd (Clothing) at October and November meetings* or call 630-584-1916; email: IdoArtabe@sbcglobal.net.

*No meeting in December



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FVCC Merchants List

Name	Phone Number	What Product	% Discounted
Bob Jass Chevrolet	630-365-6481	Auto Parts	25% in most cases
Ron Westphal Chevrolet	630-898-9630	Auto Parts	25% in most cases
Thomsons Auto Parts	630-879-6363	Auto Parts	10% in most cases
American Modern Insurance Co.		Collector Car Auto Insurance	10% on Collector Auto Policy
Team Chevrolet	630-986-8000	Auto Parts	Up to 25% off on parts
Performance Powder Coating	630-553-0220	Full Restoration Single Items	10% 5%

General Club Information

The Fox Valley Corvette Club was founded in 1973 by a small group of Corvette owners located in the Aurora, Illinois area. The club was and still is independent of all national organizations, thus keeping annual dues very low. Annual dues are only \$30 per/year for a family. To qualify, you must attend two functions, submit an application to the Membership Chairperson and be voted in by the Board of Directors. Membership reached 200 families in September 1997 with more than 220 cars and some 2nd generation club people.

Monthly activities include charity fund raising, parades, rallies, cruising, picnics, workshops, road trips, car shows and swapping stories with friends.

Do you know someone who has an interest in Corvettes? Invite them to attend any event or the next meeting at the Lincoln Inn on Route 31 in Batavia, Illinois. □

Fox Valley Corvette Club Departments

- **Clothing & Pennants:** Karen Erd handles the ordering for our club clothing, hats, visors and pennants. See Karen at the meetings to place an order, or call her at 630-584-1916.
- **Name Tags:** Karen Weston handles the ordering for our club name tags. With the club getting larger every meeting, it's a good idea to order a name tag and wear it at all club functions. See Karen at the meetings to place an order, or call her at 630-761-8070.
- **Web Administrator:** Paul Weston is our club Web Admin. Please contact Paul with anything you feel would improve our WEB page. Call him at 630-761-8070 or E-mail: p_weston@sbcglobal.net.
- **Corvette America:** Martha Johnson does the ordering for the club at Corvette America. Contact her via email at ball-in9899@aol.com .

2011 FVCC Chili "LUAU"- Saturday, Oct. 15th- DON'T MISS IT-Last year was a blast!

Here's how easy it is to enter the CHILI LUAU COOK-OFF!

1. Create your traditional or Hawaiian Chili a day or two before the contest & let it slow cook in your crockpot.
2. Let it cool, put it in the fridge to let the flavors get "happy"
3. Sat. the 15th- Take it out of the fridge, plug it in & get it bubbly hot just before you leave. Unplug your crockpot, cover it, wrap it in a towel & put it in your car.
4. Bring your friends, family & your paid tickets or pay \$10.00 per person at the door
5. Drive to meet Harley's caravan at Fisherman's Inn (2:00) or drive to the lake Holiday Lodge. **(Entries must be in by 4:00)**

You could win \$\$cash & prizes!!

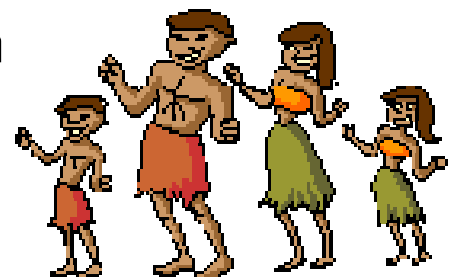
Whether you enter a chili or not, you will be tasting everyone's entries to vote on the People's Choice.

*Plenty of food & soft drinks (BYO adult drinks)

*Live entertainment, music, trivia contest

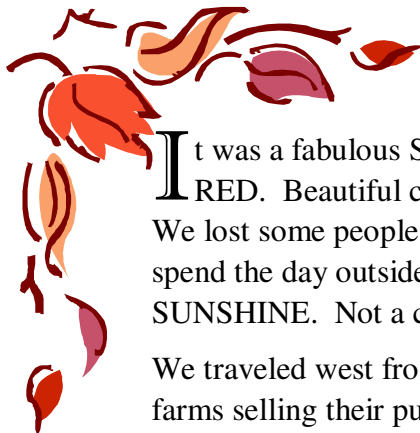
*50/50 raffle & door prizes

*Dress for a Hawaiian Luau!



The Fall Run For Fun

By...Deo Curts

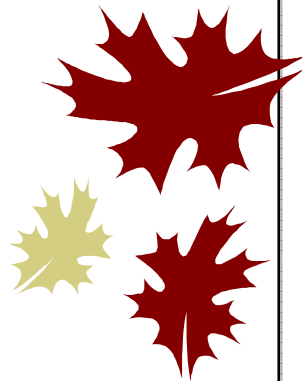


It was a fabulous Sunday for a Corvette ride, and the Corvette color of the day was RED. Beautiful corn fields and rolling hills in our fantastic Illinois country side. We lost some people to the Bears game, but gained a few more, who just wanted to spend the day outside with their Corvettes, friends, sunshine and there was plenty of SUNSHINE. Not a cloud in the sky.

We traveled west from Fisherman's Inn on Main Street, Elburn. Past all the family farms selling their pumpkins and Indian corn. Smells like fall in Illinois, combining corn and soybeans, people out mowing their grass for the last time.

Hanks Farm Restaurant had great food. The people, who went to the pumpkin patch, had a great time. We didn't lose anyone to the Corn Maze. Although Steve did once again beat me out of the maze, I don't know how he does it. The Illinois farms are so beautiful; We truly live in the center of it all.

So for those of you who stayed in and watched the bears win, You gambled and WON! Next week you might not be so lucky. I'll be carving my pumpkin and getting the car cover and the trickle charger out. Yow it is that time of year again.



The Red, White and Blue Tour, see article on page 7.



THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE TOUR

The Red, White and Blue tour through PA., USA

By...Ellen & Dick Scott; Barb Lunn & Chuck Greenberg and Karen & Paul Weston

The Scott's, the Weston's, Chuck Greenberg and Barb Lunn did a red, white and blue Vette tour to PA to see the historical sights. We had a great time and had many thumbs-up as the three Vettes drove down the highway and parked in order in the many parking lots.

Here are the highlights of what we saw.....by the way it rained almost every day, but the temps were in the upper 70's low 80's. So it wasn't too bad, we just always kept the raincoats and umbrellas handy.

Day 1: Drove all day to PA in the rain. Breakfast in West Unity, Ohio. \$1.95 for 1 plate size Pancake.

Day 2: We went to Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Waters House and Kentuck Knob House. This was the reason for the trip.....Paul's dream of seeing these homes. (Checked off the Bucket List.). Next was the Flight 93 Memorial. Very peaceful and quiet. On our way to Gettysburg, dinner outside at a Biker Bar (no rain) with Great food and a fantastic view of the sunset.

Day 3: Gettysburg, we did a bus tour. The rain was so bad that day, we could not even get off the bus. The restaurant we chose for lunch was flooded but we found another cute diner to fill our needs and stomachs. We could have had another day there to see the town. No shopping for the girls. Ice cream at 3B's in Harrisburg a find by Chuck and Paul on their previous 'Blow Up Chuck's Vette on the way to Carlisle' trip.

Day 4: Philadelphia.....We did the on and off trolley tour....great way to get the highlights and make decisions of where you want to get off and see the sights. Had lunch at the Reading Terminal Market where more than 80 vendors have what you crave – corned beef and cheesecake, etc. We toured the Eastern State Penitentiary (first one in the country), a horrible place to spend time. We would have liked another day in Philadelphia to see everything.

Day 5: Valley Forge and the sun was shining.....then on to Hershey.....CHOCOLATE and another trolley tour. This was a great way to learn the history of Milton Hershey and the school he established in the local community. Eat more Chocolate - Buy more Hershey Candy, .

Day 6: Drove to Auburn, IN to see the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum....some mighty fine cars.

Day 7: Shippshewana, IN, Amish country.....great food and shopping (finally).....then we headed home (in the rain).....only a 2 1/2 hour drive.....

We took lots of pictures and got a great education about this wonderful country. Pennsylvania is one of the most beautiful states with its mountains and forests.



Save the Wave



Corvette America Orders

By Martha Johnson

Since 2001, the FVCC has been partnered with Corvette America of Pennsylvania, to provide discounted parts and accessories for our club members. Corvette America has created a special program for our club, where we get dealer pricing on all the items that they sell, and special shipping rates. Free catalogs are available by calling 1-800-458-3475 or requesting one online at www.corvetteamerica.com. For the latest in product offerings, consult the online catalog. Please note that the prices online and in the catalog represent the retail prices, not our club discounted pricing. To obtain the club discounted price, e-mail, fax or call your list to Martha Johnson, ballin9899@aol.com, or phone 630-761-8620.

Orders can also be brought to the meetings. We get the largest savings on items from the interior parts section. Corvette America manufactures more reproduction interior components than all other sources combined, and their customer service is outstanding. When club orders total \$500, they are sent to Corvette America. Most orders ship out in one or two days.

Please note that this is a club group discount only. Orders must be submitted through the club to get the discounted pricing.

NUKleen, Inc. Orders

Our club has a relationship worked-out with Mr. Paul Kelly of NUKleen, Inc., whereby we will have special pricing on all his products. Our club contact will be Richard Aubrey. You may contact Rich via email or by phone.

Email: rda128@aol.com

or

phone 630-327-2262.

FVCC Membership News

By Karen Weston

Please feel free to contact me with any changes/updates you may have to your membership info. Below you will find a listing of members with either birthdays or club anniversaries for the month. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to all. If your name doesn't appear in either list (and you feel it should be there), please contact me via my email address : kkweston@sbcglobal.net

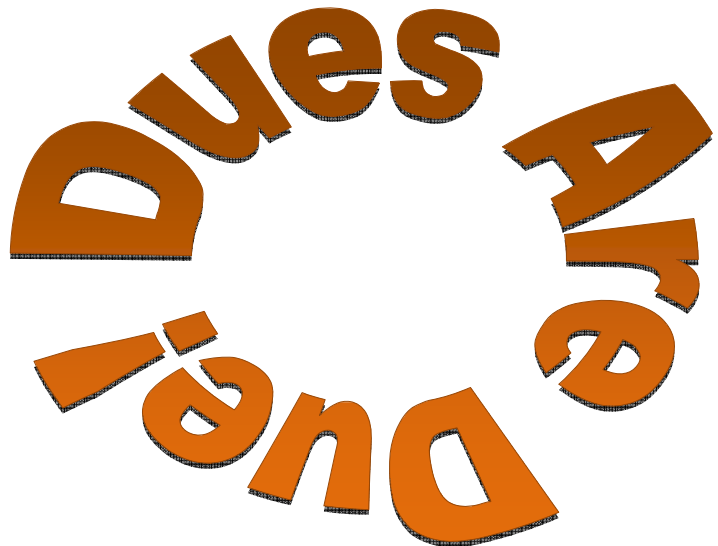


Club Anniversaries

Last Name	First Name	Spouse	Date	Year
Ruffner	John	Annette	10/01	1992
Weston	Paul	Karen	10/01	1993
Petranek	Steve	Sue	10/01	1996
Fritzler	Mike	Michelle	10/08	2009
Rubino	Patrick	Donna	10/08	2009
Hansen	Kevin	Brenda	10/16	2001
Gage	Bob	Annette	10/16	2007
Stark	Thomas	Barbara	10/16	2007
LaRocco	Tom	Jackie	10/18	2005
Schelling	Elmer	Michele	10/19	2003
Probst	Roger	Marilyn	10/19	2004
MacCabe	Steve	Carol	10/19	2010
Remes	Joe	Shirley	10/19	2010
Buck	Brian	Judith	10/20	1998
Marasco	Ralph	Kathy	10/21	1996
Higgins	Carolyn	Al	10/21	1997
Best	Larry	Clare	10/21	2003
Kustra	Robert	Joyce	10/21	2008

Birthday's

Last Name	First Name	BDay
Adrian	Mark	10/02
Curts	Steven	10/02
Gage	Annette	10/02
Nagy	Jim	10/05
Raimondi	Dee	10/08
Hardt	Bill	10/11
Higgins	Al	10/14
Koehling	Linda	10/14
Hinds	Mary	10/18
McKechnie	Al	10/18
Olson	Kay	10/22
Hatteberg	Kathy	10/27
Rohrback	Steve	10/27
Georgiou	Elizabeth	10/28
Hnilo	Robert	10/29
Williams	Herbert	10/30



2011 Fox Valley Corvette Club Event Schedule

Events Chairperson is Deo Curts Contact Her at 630-440-8348 sweetdeocurts@gmail.com

Date	Event	Contact	Phone
October 2nd	Fall "Run for Fun"	Dorothy Curts	630-440-8348
October 5th	Vettes Eat Out	Rich/Kathy Hatteberg paperslm@aol.com	630-851-7275
October 15th Pre-Paid Event	2nd Annual FVCC Chili Cook Off Lake Holiday lodge Somonauk, IL. Please "Mark" on sign up sheet if you are a "CHILI COOKER"	Dominic Fracasso	630-913-1325
October 18th	FVCC Monthly Meeting at the Lincoln Inn, Batavia IL.		
November 15th	FVCC Monthly Meeting at the Lincoln Inn, Batavia IL.		
December 3rd Pre-Paid Event	<i>Fox Valley Corvette Club Christmas Party Lincoln Inn Batavia, IL.</i>	Dorothy Curts sweetdeocurts@gmail.com	630-440-8348

If you Need help planning something
" I can Help" call "Deo @ 630-440-8348 "

Dues Are Due!

By....Karen Weston

Every year at this time the club starts its annual "Dues Are Due!" campaign. This year is no exception and let me be the first to say it "*Dues Are Due!*". Here is a little background regarding the timing of this event. The club By-Laws state that the club year runs from January through the end of December. Then, why are we paying dues now, you say!? Well its like this-

1. In order to be eligible to run for office your dues for the up-coming year need to be current (Paid up).
2. The slate of candidates is created and presented to the membership at the November meeting.
3. Only members who have paid their dues for the new year are able to receive a ballot and vote.
4. Therefore we start to collect Dues at the September meeting so our membership will be ready for the big election.

You may pay your dues in a variety of ways— First you could pay at any monthly meeting, second you could mail in your check, third you could have another club member pay your dues ;).

Yearly renewal of dues is \$30.00, which includes a free electronic copy of the club newsletter. A paper copy of the newsletters could be purchased from the club at a cost of \$14.00 per year.

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Feel free to drop-in and stay awhile.
Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month.
We meet at the Lincoln Inn on Route 31, Batavia, IL.
Meetings start at 7:30 PM. Come early and join us for the social hour.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

www.foxvalleycorvette.com