



Corvette Club of Richmond

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How CCR Ambassadors Will Help

By Earl Smithson, CCR President

"Just call the O.D. for a club radio and meet us at the WaWa before eight. This is not for O.T.Cs. We'll meet the sister club at Ma's Tavern for refreshments. Don't worry about nav; just follow me." --typical CCR conversation.

You and I know the meanings in the fictional statement above, but not everyone would. How do other Corvette owners, visitors and new members react when they first encounter the words and ways of the Corvette Club of Richmond? We hope it is with interest and intrigue, but could it also be with questions and confusion?

The Ambassador Program was conceived a number of years ago by CCR leaders as a way to more fully welcome visitors, new members and returning members and provide some training on the language, people, methods and traditions of the Club. The program would extend a warm and steady hand of fellowship to these members through appointed "ambassadors". Similar to "battle buddies", "sponsors" or the "Welcome Wagon" in other organizations. Your new Executive Board committed to reviving and implementing this program as a 2011 priority in growing, retaining and developing our membership base.

I am happy to report that our first distinguished group of ambassadors is now in place and have already assumed their duties. They are Buck and Jackie Madra, who will cover Southside, and Rich and Carol Mathis, representing the West End. I cannot say enough about their willingness to serve, and the talent and experience they bring. V.P. Joy Bowman and I assume personal responsibility for their training and ongoing success.

One function of the ambassadors that you will witness at each meeting and event is their focus on welcoming and assisting visitors and new members. They will also escort them during the private business session during each meeting, explaining processes and assuring their comfort. I am happy to report that they have made contact with all of our January visitors with favorable responses. All of us should assist the ambassadors in any way we can.

Ambassadors will train new members in using CCR's electronic communications media and stress its importance in keeping them informed. They will explain how to use the website, electronic newsletter, signup procedures, eNews, fee payment options and submission procedures. They will point out the speed, ease of use and economies inherent in these new tools.

Ambassadors, continued

There are a lot of things the new member needs to know in order to become confident, happy and fully functional in their decision to join CCR. Some other questions that ambassadors will address include:

- What are CCR's signature events? What are their advantages, and costs?
- What all do I need to do to join CCR?
- How do I get involved and meet people?
- What can I expect on meeting night?
- What does "O.D." and other CCR terminology mean?
- How do I get involved in activities in my interest areas?

Fellowship, Fun and Information. Perhaps those three words sum up what ambassadors will provide. Please join with me in congratulating and thanking Buck, Jackie, Rich and Carol for serving as the new ambassadors of the Corvette Club of Richmond!



Earl Smithson welcomes new member Wayne Gregor during the January meeting.

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CCR Events Calendar

February

13 Valentine's Brunch
ODs Gayle and Paul Murman, Jody and Charlie Barbour

March

April

9 Bunny Run to Children's Hospital
ODs Ed and Cecile Custer

May

20-22 Corvette Coral at Super Chevy Show, Virginia Motorsports Park

For info on activities, contact Jody Barbour, Events Coordinator. Questions may also be directed to the specific event officer-of-the-day (OD) or any officer.



RSVP Now for Valentine's Day Brunch

Payment due by February 6.

Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 12 noon

Meadowbrook Country Club
3700 Cogbill Road
Richmond, Virginia



The first CCR event of 2011 is almost upon us! Plan to spend this day with the one you love and the ones who love Corvettes. Brunch will include omelets made to order, Belgian waffles, carved ham, bacon, sausage, potatoes, salads, fruit, muffins, pastries, an entire table of desserts, juices, coffee, tea, and bottomless champagne. There will be door prizes included. Attire is Sunday best!

Cost is \$24 per person. Please make checks payable to Paul Murman by Feb. 6 and mail to 3501 Wood Dale Road, Chester, VA 23831. Please contact either Jody Barbour at 796-2335 or Gayle Murman at 748-7695 for more information.

Winter Car Events for the Car-Starved

Asphalt Angels' Rod & Custom Show, February 11-13. "The East Coast's biggest indoor car show", at the Showplace Exhibition Center, 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Richmond, Va. 23223. Phone (804) 225-8877. Ticket prices are \$10.00, children 6 - 12 \$ 5.00, 5 and under free. Hours are, Friday and Saturday 3pm-11 pm, Sunday 10 am to 6 pm.

Motor Trend Virginia Auto Show, March 11-13, Richmond Convention Center, 403 North 3rd Street Richmond, VA 23219. (804) 783-7300. Hours are 10 am-10 pm except Sunday, to 6 pm only. Price is \$7, \$5 seniors.

February Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 8 Gay Moravec
- 9 Kathy Paterek
- 10 Joyce Bateman
- 11 Bob Baird, Wylie Dubose
- 13 Ernest Cross
- 12 Betty Freer
- 15 Sandy Dubose, Kay Fegely

Feb. birthdays, continued...

- 16 Wes Holt, Don Miser, Earl Smithson
- 17 Bruce LaBarge, Pat Roper
- 18 Bruce Bugay, Cliff Castillo
- 20 Ros Buren, Mark Danford
- 22 Randy Foster, Teresa Tomlinson
- 26 Butch Bateman
- 27 Billy Martin, Stuart Jackson, Lloyd Smith

January General Membership Meeting Minutes

The Corvette Club of Richmond held its January General Membership Meeting on January 14, 2011 at the Chesterfield County Department of Social Services.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

President, Earl Smithson welcomed the membership and guests to the meeting.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Peggy reminded the Membership that the minutes were in the January Newsletter for the membership to read prior to the meeting. Peggy asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as they were printed. There were no corrections; the minutes were approved as printed.

TREASURER: Kirby reported a beginning balance of \$18,792.90; after \$4,200.13 expenses the ending balance is \$14,592.77. Kirby also reminded the membership that dues for the 2011 club year were due December 1, 2010.

NEWSLETTER: Paul reminded the membership that if they haven't signed-up for the e-news on the club web page that it is very important for them to sign-up so they are kept abreast of club activities in a timely fashion. Also, he announced he has created a "Cheat Sheet" for members who want to submit an article for the newsletter.

WEBMASTER: Mann was not present.

HISTORIAN: Dave was not present.

EVENTS: Jody reminded the membership about the Valentine Brunch and Paul Murman spoke to the membership explaining the details of the brunch.

Jody also informed the membership of an upcoming Valentine dance hosted by the ACCA Shrine The event is February 12, 2011 with Ron Moody and the Centars playing music from the 50's & 60's. Cost is \$20.00 per person with the proceeds going to the Shiners' Children's Hospital. This is not a club event however; Jody announced it in case anyone in the membership wanted to attend.

Cecile Custer spoke about the upcoming "Bunny Run" reminding the membership to start collecting their bunnies. This year's event is scheduled for April 9, 2011. There will be a "pre-bunny" run on April 2, 2011. She is asking the membership to be available on this date to appear at one of 5 locations that day. The event will be a challenge to the general public to see which location can fill-up a Corvette. Cecile is also working on securing a corporate sponsor for this event. Cecile is going to have a flyer available to the membership at the February Meeting for the members to take to area businesses along with a box asking the public to help fill a box.

April 16, 2011 is the projected date for the annual "Captain Billy's" Cruise, OD'd by the Dolans. President Smithson introduced Dale Foley, a club member and part owner in the Dinwiddie Race Track. Dale spoke about the upcoming "Super Chevy Show" being held the weekend of May 20-22, 2011. There is a special pricing package for CCR members. The entry fee will be \$35.00 per car and includes the passenger for the 3 day event. Dale also asked the membership to help bring in vendors for this event; CCR will receive a percentage of all of that vendor's sales. Earl will supply flyers to the sister clubs.

Jody announced that the event books will still be circulated to the membership at the monthly meetings for members who do not have internet access. Also, Jody has placed information sheets on OD'ing an event. These information sheets are also on the web sheet. Anyone interested in OD'ing an event but doesn't know of any event should speak to Jody; she has a suggestion sheet for the membership.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Joy commented on the 50th Anniversary Celebration. She commented that 2011 is a new year for CCR and should be a very exciting and busy one. She also explained the new business cards that were presented to the membership this evening. The cards are to be used by the membership if they come across a

Corvette; they should place the card on the windshield along with the members name and phone number on the back so if the recipient is interested in finding out about the club they will have a contact name and number. All members were given 5 cards. These cards will be in the membership packets given to new inductee's.

Joy announced the following visitors for the evening: Mike & Marilyn Olympi and Mark and Vickie White.

SPONSOR NEWS: There was no new sponsor news reported.

APARREL: Lori Dolan was not present. Linda Walker reported she is ordering club jackets and club shirts.

OLD BUSINESS: Rob Bickert presented Earl with the trophy presented to the club in 1961 by General Motors. This trophy will be passed to each new club president.

AMBASSADORS: Earl reported that CCR has ambassadors now in place to escort visitors out of the meeting during the club's private business session. Buck & Jackie Madra are ambassadors for the Southside meetings and Rich and Carol Mathis are ambassadors for the meetings on the West End.

PRIVATE BUSINESS: The membership voted to accept Wayne & Karen Gregor as new members into the club. Danny Terry moved to bring back the 50/50 drawing to the meetings. A vote was taken and there were 27 votes in favor of the move and 31 votes in favor of denying the motion.

INDUCTIONS: Earl inducted Wayne and Karen Gregor into the club.

Earl invited all in attendance to the after meeting party at Brock's Barbeque.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:37 P.M.

From the Treasurer...

By Kirby Montgomery

Dues for 2011 were due December 1st. Membership dues are the same as the past many years; \$35 for a joint membership, \$25 for a single. Dues mailings went out quite some time ago, and many members paid in October and November. Some members even paid twice, giving me a second check at the last meeting! (Which I returned when I noted they had double paid!). Contact me if you have a question as to your payment or status.

Please also update your two primary phone numbers, address, and description of Corvette(s) you own with, year, color, model and body style.

We love all our members and want you to participate in club activities! Stay with us, and pay your dues if you have not. I will send reminders out soon! Better weather will come, and you will want to participate in all the terrific CCR spring and summer events!

Pushrods for Posterity!

Your New Corvette's Engine

Several months ago, GM announced investing \$890 million its newest, fifth-generation V-8. The new-generation engine will retain many of the features of the previous generations of small-block Chevys, including 90-degree bank angle, 4.4 inch bore spacing and two pushrod-operated valves per cylinder—features of the engine since 1955. (Only exception was 7,000 LT5s with DOHC in the 1990-95 ZR1.) This builds on the success of legacy engines and avoids an even bigger price tag for completely new engine architecture and tooling. But here is what's new that you can expect when the engine debuts with the C-7 Corvette in 2012:

- Direct fuel injection
- Less displacement—around 5.5 liters
- Better fuel economy
- Even higher compression than today's 11.0:1, made possible by direct injection's cooling effect.
- Cylinder head shut-down technology.
- Variable valve timing (VVT) as a key element of an "all new advanced combustion system".
- Little change from the current base 430 hp.

(Source: *AUTOMOBILE Magazine*, Oct. 2010)

Going Back in Time

Part 1 in a Series of 10

By David Dolan, CCR Historian

Hello Corvette Club of Richmond Members and Readers! I am the club Historian and keeper of the archives representing CCR's 50 year heritage. I've been asked to write about some of the treasures I have in my possession. With some help from Lori, over the next 10 months you will go back in time with me as we review the history of CCR in five-year time blocks.

The year was 2006...

Ray Wells was president of the club and, at mid-year, membership stood at 253. In 2006, Earl and Linda Smithson and Kirby and Marcie Montgomery joined. (Just five years later, they are now leaders.) Charities supported included the Katrina Relief Fund, Toys for Tots, Children's Hospital, Veterans' Hospital, goodie bags in **2006, continued** support of our troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Col. Paul Williams was then deployed to OIF; he and Lore joined the club in 2007.)

We had too many events to list, but they included an Atlantic City bus trip to the Tropicana Casino, Peanut Run to Smithfield Station, and caravan to Colonial Downs for horse racing fun. Webmaster Jesse Dolan started a new photo gallery system called Coppermine. One classified ad listed a 1995 C4 Coupe for \$11,500. Sponsors included Zip Products and the Heritage, Strosnider and Luck Chevrolet dealerships. The New Year's Eve gala in Williamsburg provided a perfect ending to 2006.

More Christmas Party Photos



Left to right, from top, Jackie and Buck Madra, Wayne and Phyllis Robinson, Peggy and Duane Maloy, Dave and Lori Dolan, Joy and Bobby Bowman.

Recent Visitors

Melinda Steward of Richmond, VA owns a 1991 Red T Top Coupe. She learned of the club thru Phyllis Robinson.

Frank & Emily Whitley of Sandston, VA own a 2009 Atomic Orange Corvette. They learned of the club thru the internet.

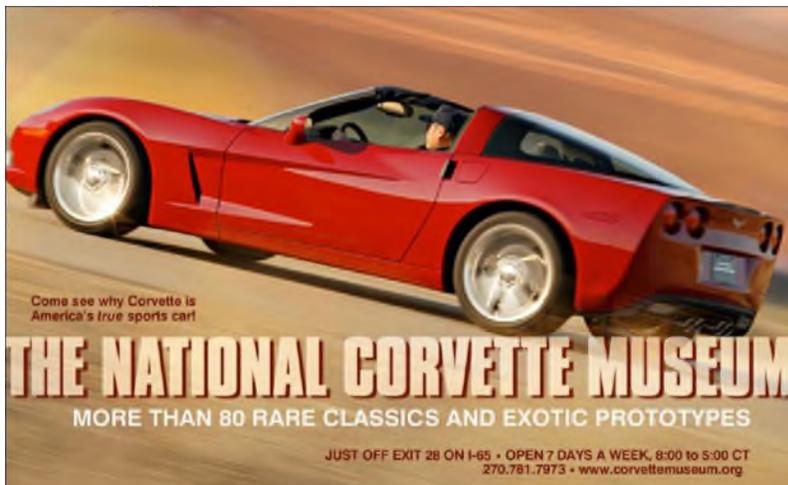
David & Lisa Wood of Mechanicsville, VA own a 1995 Polo Green Corvette. They learned of the club on the internet.

Pending Members

Mike and Marilyn Olimpi, Williamsburg, VA. Mike and Marilyn are retired and own a 2007 Victory Red coupe.

Mark and Vicky White of Midlothian. Mark is a Senior Associate at JMT and the couple has a Crystal Red 2011 Grand Sport.

William E. (Ernie) and Debra Rudd, Richmond. The couple is retired and drive a 1994 Admiral Blue coupe.



FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE

Our next meeting will be **Friday, February 11 at 7:30 PM** at the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Department of Social Services, Smith-Wagner Building (in the Chesterfield County Complex), 9501 Lucy Corr Circle in Chester. **Directions:** Take I-95 to Route 288. Take 288 to Route 10 East (Ironbridge Road) and exit to Chesterfield. Turn left at first stoplight onto Courthouse Road. Turn right onto Government Center Parkway. Turn left onto Lucy Corr Circle. The Wagner Building will be directly in front of you, and many Corvettes will be in sight!

2011 MEETING DATES AND PARTY HOSTS

January 14th—Southside (9501 Lucy Corr Cr)	Brock's BBQ
February 11th—Southside	Julie Stepp
March 11th—West end (Methodist Center, Glen Allen)	Rob and Diana Best
April 8th—West end	Jeremy and Gina Welborn
May 13th—Southside	Mike and Peggy Todd
June 10th—Southside	Paul and Lore Williams
July 8th—West end	Kirby and Marcie Montgomery
August 12th—West end	Dan and Helen Raidabaugh
September 9th—Southside	Open
October 14th—Southside	Open
November 11th—West end	Open

CCR's After Meeting Parties are a great way to meet and socialize with new members, visitors and members we may not have seen for awhile. Since no member signed up to host the January party, we will gather at a local restaurant. Location and directions will be announced at the January meeting. Host, location and direction information is available at all monthly meetings.

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The Corvette Club of Richmond, Inc. was founded in 1960. We are interested in all Corvette people and subjects. If you have membership or other questions, please contact an officer. The Club meets monthly on the 2nd Friday of each month. Visitors are welcome. Visit us at www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com

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