

**Phantom Vettes Club Meeting
15 February 2017**

**Location: Leo's Mexican Restaurant
7520 Remcon Circle, West El Paso, TX**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President, John Bishop, Thirty (30) members were present. Six (6) guests were also present.

John welcomed our newest members, Richard and June Sandford and Jim and Carol Bauer. Also welcomed were guests, Rodney Hollimon and Sylvia, applicants for membership, also Dennis Neessen, Rick Armijo, Chuck Fensch & Jerry Chavez, from Rudolph Chevrolet .

Officer's reports:

Secretary's Report: The November 2016 minutes were emailed to the membership posted on the website and accepted by the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Duane reported our balance as of 31 December 2016. There were no expenditures in January 2017 and our balance remains as it was on 31 December 2016. The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted by those present.

Governor's Report: Dave reported the Thunder Vette Set Inaugural Meeting held in Sierra Vista, AZ in 13-16 January 2017 was attended by 98 people. Our club had the second highest attendance. Dave was awarded "Worker of the Year" along with a \$25 Gift certificate, Grace won the "Two Free Nights" at the hotel, a \$25 gift certificate and a one year membership to the Corvette Museum. Carol Bauer won the 50/50 (\$255) raffle. Dave invited the members to attend the Thunder Vette Set Car Show 17 - 19 March in Sierra Vista Arizona. the Rallye will be held on 18 March, Auto-X on March 19, and the Governor's meeting will be held on 18 March. Governor's meetings will be held on 27 May in Tucson, AZ and in July at our Ken Daby Event. There is an National NCCC organization meeting next week.

1. Discussion of any New Business:

a. Club Shirts & Caps , John recommended the club members all have a uniform T-Shirt or Polo. See Pam if you want to order Corvette apparel.

b. Ken Daby "Great Summer Escape" - Dave committee chair. Each member present received a sample registration form. Bob displayed the T-Shirts and polo shirts to be worn at the Ken Daby Great Summer Escape. A T-Shirt is

included in the registration fee, additional T-Shirt cost is \$15 and \$25 for the orange, embroidered Polo shirt. No Polo shirts available at the car show, they must be pre-ordered if you want one. Cost of Friday night meal is \$10. The event will be held 14-16 July 2017, Inn of the Mountain Gods, Ruidoso NM. Mary secured a very good rate for the event at \$139.99 per night plus tax. The Car Show will begin on 15 July with prep time between 0800-0900 hours, followed by the Car show between 0900-1130 hrs; Rallye inspection 1130 - 1300 hrs; lunch at 1300 hrs; then the Rallye restarts. A IMG shuttle will be provided to transport us to and from our Saturday night night social at Sonny and Linda's home. Thank you Sonny & Linda for opening your lovely home.

Volunteers recruited:

Registration: Duane Knueve, Rebecca McKnight, and Becky Minton

Car Show will be handled by Joe Mathis and Jan Zubeck

Awards will be handled by: Joe Mathis and Dave Minton

Trophies for Rallye: Joe Mathis and Dave Minton

Hospitality: Mary Mathis and Pam Heitz

Goodie bags: Grace Bishop and Annette Rodriguez

T- Shirt Sales: Grace Bishop, Carol Braun

50/50: Carol Braun, Dove Rumbaugh, Geno Barberi

Also being raffled is a Route 66 Lap Quilt that Dave hand made.

c. El Paso Symphony contacted our club asked if one of our members would allow their "little" red corvette to be parked in front of the Plaza Theater for the Prince Tribute Concert. Lupe & Miguel offered their red corvette.

d. Rudolph Car Show: John reported this past June members from the Phantom club and Rudolph Chevrolet discussed the details of the upcoming Car Show at Rudolph Chevrolet. Each member received a detailed map/Car Show layout and items discussed. John advised the club members there are things that still have to be discussed with Rudolph and things that need to be discussed between the club members as to what we are going to do and how we are going to do it. A lot of the questions we asked have been answered.

The question was asked if the Car Show was opened to all classes or will it advertised as GM products only. John Bishop said that is an item that has to be discussed. If we do only GM products he feels we will have a small turnout and recommends we do only domestic vehicles and no foreign models. our Vice President, Bob Simpson, said if we limit participants to Chevrolet only or GMs only, a lot of people will not be eligible to participate. He mentioned that 1936, 1938 and 1947 vehicles made by Ford, Dodge and Pontiac have Chevrolet engines. If you want to emphasize Chevrolet only, he has no problem with it but said if you want a good turnout they will want to look at exotic, older, customized cars. He suggested a year cutoff perhaps no car newer than 1975 to include muscle cars, etc., that would provide for a good mix of vehicles.

Mr. Neessen responded that this is our (Phantom Vettes) Car Show and was not trying to dictate what it should look like, we can set it up however we want, they are here to support our club. He said we should design it however we want and Rudolph Chevrolet is there to help. Mr. Neessen recommended we not include import vehicles, rat rods, low riders etc. Conflict dates with other Car Shows should be identified, such as Casa Ford is having a car show 24 Sept. Food trucks have access to electricity. Bathrooms map/layout have been corrected. 165 parking spaces are available, however 120-125 spaces was best. It was recommend the day of the show, in order to draw a large crowd, that we park more interesting vehicles in front display area of long access road because people tend to look and wonder and attract attention.

Bob also noted Rudolph Chevrolet wanted to close off the main entry point. It was recommended that a banner be displayed directing people to the Car Show entrance. Mr. Neessen reported that that road named Rudolph Road and the purpose of that road was to link Rudolph Chevrolet. Mr. Neessen reported we could use it if we wanted. He would put it on the back of the flyer, however we should decide if that was a special area and who would go there.

Mr. Neessen also said he would support us by bringing in a lot of publicity by advertising and as much as Rudolph spends on publicity they should be able to twist arms and get publicity from other sources. Mr. Neessen said he will promote the Car Show in their social media and newspaper ads.

Mr. Neessen reported he has reached out to the Corvette Brand Manager and has been advised to let them know when a date is firm, as soon as the date is determined Chevy will send anything available like plastic bags, goodies anything they can send. John said we would have a firm date within 30 days.

John reported certain things need to be accomplished but we need to get a committee established to iron things to present to our club members and then present our findings to Rudolph Chevrolet. John requested volunteers. John Bishop, Joe Mathis, Chuck Liddic, Hank Braun, Sonny Hull, Bruce Hubbard, Mary Mathis, John Telesz, and Rebecca Rodriguez-McKnight volunteered.

2. Calendar for 2017 / 2018:

John reminded the members it was time to start submitting recommendations for our 2018 trips/monthly events. Fernando & Annette Rodriguez, Rebecca Rodriguez-McKnight and Rodney Hollomon will attend Fantastik Plastic in San Diego May of this year. Fernando Rodriguez reported that if it a successful event he will definitely recommend it for a 2018 Phantom Vette Club road trip.

Mary reported that there is one room left at Ye Kendall Inn during the Boerne TCA Car Show. Dove & Rick had to cancel, Juan Soto from Alamogordo signed up. Rodney Hollimon signed up for the TCA Car Show in Boerne, TX

Bob reported we have a block of rooms for the Ken Daby Summer Getaway, if we do not fill them we will have to pay a higher rate. Mary reported we have contracted 25 rooms. If it falls below 20 rooms, we go to the rack rate, we have 11 from our club. Thunder Vette Set has taken over the Forest Cabins but their overflow is at IMG. Dave to call William or Wallace if we can have those overflow names so we can move them over into our room block and needs to be done PDQ because we do not want to lose our rate. IMG is putting our Corvettes on the lake, so someone has to ride the Zip Line. Grace volunteered to ride the Zip Line.

3. Discussion of any Old Business / Past Events:

John reported our Birthday (Potluck) picnic will be held 29 July, location to be determined.

US Army Recruiting - change of POC (From Captain Kenneth Slaton to Captain Stephen Berryman). Bruce and Suzanne Hubbard, John and Grace Bishop attended the Change of Command and dinner. The incoming Commander, CPT Berryman will address our club at a future date.

Celebration of Lights - Miguel and Lupe reported the Celebration was well attended and a good time was had by all. Lupe requested all that wish to participate for this year's parade to get with her as soon as possible as spots are limited.

Photo shoot at Holloman AFB - Dave reported we had a good turnout for the Photo shoot. The Phantom Jets were leaving Holloman AFB. Our tour guide and club member, Jim Harkins, sponsored us onto Holloman AFB where we took individual photos of our Vettes in front of the F4 Phantom Jet. He also took us on the flight line tarmac where we took a group photo with the F4 Phantom Jet that Jim flies. Photos are posted on our website.

SVT Mustang Cruise - Fernando Rodriguez, said his loyalties are primarily with Phantom Vettes but was also a member of the SVT Mustang club. He reported the SVT Mustang Club had an impromptu Coat Drive to get the holiday spirit going. Fernando asked the SVT Vice President to contact John, to see if the Phantom Vettes club could help the SVT Club out. They had all the coats they needed for each individual but he reported you can never do too many toys so the club decided to help out. Fernando reported It was a joy to see the clubs drive up to the Reynolds Home, it was phenomenal to see the people appreciative of the coats, the toys and the joy of seeing beautiful cars. A wonderful dinner was enjoyed. He highly recommends the Phantom Vettes Club

participate in a toy drive knowing all the toys will be given to someone residing in the Reynolds home.

Banquet: John Bishop reported the GALCC have given us a great deal. Any other place would have charged us \$800 -\$1000 to have our banquet. Great place to go but once we get done with our meal we need to go downstairs for our entertainment. Tamara recommends we finish our meals to allow more guests to dine upstairs and we move to the bar downstairs. It was a great event.

Valentine's Cruise: John apologized to Hank for giving him wrong driving information. The members appreciated the photos and the roses for the ladies.

4. Open forum: Rick Armijo, "Corvette Rick", said he was looking forward to the Car show and appreciated all our input. Rick Armijo reminded us his business card is attached to the flyer and said to please call him with any concerns.

5. Birthdays: John recognized the following club members birthdays:

| January | February |
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| 9 - Carrie Kerby | 5 - Richard Sanford |
| 19 - Annette Hawkins | 10 - Steve Dubour |
| 25 - Carlos Gonzales | 23 - Hank Braun |
| 31 - Gwen Penton | 27 - Judy Turner |
| | 28 - Annette Rodriguez |

6. Location of next meeting: 11 March (Saturday) In Alamogordo, NM.
Place: To be Determined.

John reported our club is growing and it is getting more difficult to find a restaurant to meet.

7. Voting by Secret Ballot : for any new applicants for membership. Rodney Hollimon, applied for membership, he spoke briefly about himself and his car.

8. Motion to adjourn meeting: The meeting adjourned at 8:01PM.

9. 50/50 Raffle: was won by Geno Barberi, who donated his winnings back to the club.