

The Checkered Flag



March 2024 Competition Corvette Association Newsletter

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Monthly Meetings are held
at **7:00 pm** on the **2nd**
Wednesday of the month:

Meeting Locations: "The Spot on Lakeshore"

7272 Lakeshore Blvd
Mentor, OH 44060

Summer picnic meetings June, July, August, & September:

Concord Woods Park
11211 Spear Road,
Concord Township, OH

You're Always Invited!!
**Bring a friend or a new
potential member!**

2023 CCA Officers



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Carol Rinehart



Governor:
Tom Boyadjis

MEETING CALL TO ORDER BY BILL FAUNCE

The meeting was called to order on the 13th of MARCH at 7 PM by Governor Tom Boyadjis at the Spot Restaurant. **30** members were in attendance. An error was corrected in minutes by the secretary (Mike Faunce to Mike Getzy). A motion to waive the reading and correction of the minutes from the MARCH meeting was raised, seconded, and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY DAVE RYAN

Dave Ryan reported finances remain in good order. If anyone wants details, they can contact Dave.

A Motion to accept the treasurer's report was seconded and passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT BY DAVE TURNER

We currently have **85** members for 2024 including 2 new members that joined and attended the meeting tonight:

Gary and Judy Thrasher with their 1998 Red Coupe. WELCOME! To our Corvette family.

We also welcomed back member David Leonard who hasn't been able to attend for a while.

A 2024 Member Roster can be obtained from Dave Turner via email or text (dtsautomotive@att.net or (440)251-2541. This document is for members only and not to be shared for personal and security reasons.

ACTIVITIES REPORT BY SUE & GARY MADDLE

The Skee Ball tournament at Mentor Winking Lizard will be **Wednesday March 20**. (sign up needs to be done with Sue Maddle right away). You can text her at (440) 856 6701 for a reservation.

We will have an "ECLIPSE Party" on **April 8th** at Fairport Harbor Rod and Reel Club (1201 High St., Fairport Harbor). This will start around 11:00 AM. Please bring your own food and beverage (there is a double oven for heating food). Don't forget to bring along safe **glasses** to watch the eclipse. Again, please text Sue to let her know if you are interested in attending.

"Drive n' Dine" cruise is scheduled for the **last Thursday of May** at Sammy K's (4706 Ridge Rd, Perry, OH). We will cruise from Fire & Ice Pizza (970 Riverside Dr. Painesville, OH to Sammy K's).

This will buffet style and the cost is \$15/person. Please contact Teresa or Rick Wiles for your reservation (440-259-3071). Payment is needed in advance.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Bobbie Deken no longer has a gall bladder, having left it in Florida. She is no worse for the wear, but heavy lifting and grocery shopping require the services of Ken (as reported by your editor, Ken!)

Sun is shining somewhere!

PUBLICATIONS REPORT BY KEN DEKEN

If any of our **new or old** members are not getting the "MailChimp" emails, please send an email to kfdeken@sbcglobal.net and will get you added to the list.

And, be sure to see our unusual "Page 5" today! This is a submittal from Tom Boyadjis, published originally and used with permission of the "Corvette News" publication. Note that we end every "Mail Chimp" note with the reminder to "Save the Wave." This article says more! (Thanks, Tom!)

GOVERNOR'S REPORT BY TOM BOYADJIS

The Regional Banquet in Avon was enjoyed by all those who attended. The club ended up providing 2 nice baskets for the auction. Thanks to all who donated.

At the March Regional meeting, highlights from the Governor's meeting in St. Louis included discussion of a dues increase (on hold), combining East and West Ohio Regions (dead issue now) and expulsion of Chuck and Elaine Heretta (take back to clubs before final decision of reinstatement) along with other business.

The 2024 Convention will be May 13-18, 2024 in Joplin, MO. Registration opened Feb. 1st. Price increase after April 1st for reservations. Information can be obtained on the website.

The link to the National Corvette Museum Ambassador section on the website is [HERE](#).

On **JUNE 15-16** weekend we will hold three (3) sanctioning events on Saturday in conjunction with Corvette Cleveland (they will sanction the other four) and (7) seven of our own sanctions on Sunday at Painesville Speedway. Please keep in mind we will need volunteers for this event. Upcoming information will be posted as we get closer to the event.

CHARITY NEWS

Donna Bullis, who leads the Salvation Army Children's Program, agreed to come to our meetings in April-June time frame to personally thank us and update us on the programs.

OLD BUSINESS

Competition Corvette Association will be 50 years old next year, so plan ahead for some ideas and fun to celebrate this milestone.

NEW BUSINESS

We have booked the Concord Woods Shelter for our summer picnics (2nd Wednesday of the month starting in June) and our great cooks have announced that they will volunteer once again this year.

We provide hamburgers and hot dogs with condiments. Please bring a dish to share with members. YUM

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at The Spot restaurant (7272 Lakeshore Boulevard, Mentor) on the 10th of April. Join us for dinner at 6PM. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes were submitted

by Carol Rinehart, CCA Secretary

As humans, we communicate with one another in multiple ways. It is understood that our main form of communication is *verbal*. Of course, speech is not the only way people communicate. *Non-verbal* communication is another way we send messages to one another - through things such as eye contact, facial expressions, and other gestures with our bodies. For example, have you ever passed by a smiling person, and simply smiled back without saying a word? Or maybe you've given a thumbs up to someone who's done well on a task?

It is well known that Corvette enthusiasts use a friendly form of non-verbal communication when they meet one another on the roadways by way of a friendly hand wave hello. Waving is not only a way to greet others, but it can also be used to say goodbye, beckon someone closer, or request a stop.

In the Corvette community, we call this special greeting "*Save the Wave*." Of course, Corvettes are not the only make and model in which owners acknowledge one another in passing, but "*Save the Wave*" is unique to the Corvette world and is something every Vette owner will hopefully experience.

Corvette enthusiasts are nothing if not friendly to others who share the same passion. Taking to the roadways in America's Sports Car is always something to be enjoyed, and recognizing the mutual adoration with a friendly wave when passing a fellow owner can be a fun experience.

While "*Save the Wave*" is regarded as Corvette's car-waving expression, it's difficult to trace the phrase back to its origin. An article titled, *Save the Wave*, was published in the August/September 1969 issue of *Corvette News*. The article stated, "It's been said many times, that ever since Corvette No.1 first met Corvette No. 2 on the road, their drivers gave each other a wave." This article confirms the tradition is well over 50 years old.

A random wave from a fellow Corvette enthusiast in passing may come as a surprise to new owners as they discover this tradition, and there can be confusion as to how "*Save the Wave*" is properly executed. Over the years, there have been some tongue-in-cheek pieces written about it, but the consensus is that waves must be done *safely* and in a *friendly* manner. Whether one owns a C1, a C8, or any generation in between, and, whether one owns a single Corvette or ten, a friendly wave demonstrates the happiness Corvette enthusiasts get from their cars.

During the early generations, a few general rules were created regarding "*Save the Wave*" etiquette in the hopes that new owners would take them to heart and apply them on the roadways.

First and foremost is that whoever sees the "other" Corvette first, starts the wave. No matter who waves first, and no matter if it's a man or woman driving... it's pretty simple. If you see another Corvette, give a wave!

Second, not waving at a fellow Corvette owner is considered a violation of proper Corvette etiquette, so the goal is to help new owners learn.

Third, any type of wave is fine. Whether you throw your arm up to wave out your open convertible top, thrust your hand out the side window, or give a quick salute with your fingertips just off your grip of the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is considered okay.

Finally, it is said a late wave is better than no wave at all. If you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, try and return the gesture as soon as possible. The other driver may catch a glimpse of your wave in their rearview mirror and realize that you were just a little late. They'll appreciate your effort!

It's been said that newer Corvette owners may have little, or no, understanding of "*Save the Wave*" and they are unaware of the special tradition. Encouraging new owners to join a Corvette club is a terrific way to ensure this wonderful custom continues!

In the end, the underlying message is easy to understand. Wave at fellow Corvette owners, whoever they are, whenever you see them. It shows you're a true enthusiast who understands the comradery and the special etiquette that comes with being a proud Corvette owner!

SAVE THE WAVE.... It's friendly, it's fun, and it's a fast acknowledgment. *Fun and Fast*- it's what Corvette is all about!

