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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING July 8 , 2008

At Kerry Chevrolet:

Next Meeting August 12, 2008 at Walt's Hitching Post.

President Doug Schwegman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Kurt Meier, Doug Schwegman and Jack Buecker chaired the meeting.

Those who attended the meeting were: Doug Schwegman, Jack Buecker, Charles Goetsch ,Jon Hanas, Others present were Susan Buecker, Gene Cochran, John Godman, Brad Bartlett, John Trull, Jim & Pat Bischoff, Charley Goetsch, Larry & Judy Walters, Jim Kleman (new member), Gary Benke, Marshall Hutcheson, Matt Stansbury, Fred Haas, Bud & Sandy Hyczyk, Tom Bond, Bob Wiltse, Bill Hengstebeck, Chuck O'Bryant, David Dietz, Greg & Melinda Lloyd, Jay Derwester & Jim Mason.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Doug gave a brief overview of the July 4th parade was a success even though he was not successful in keeping the rain away. There were 18 Corvettes and candy was thrown from the cars for the kids.

TREASURER'S REPORT & WEBSITE NEWS: Jon Hanas mentioned that we have 85 paid members and probably 100 cars. This is down from 90 last year but it is not unusual to see a drop in October when the dues are paid and an increase in the spring. Each membership is \$30.00 and gives the member one vote regardless of the number of cars the member has or if the member is an individual or a family

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Charles Goetsch reported-

VICE PRESIDENT'S /ACTIVITIES REPORT: Jack Buecker talked about past events. Jim and Pat Bischoff reported on the June 22nd Picnic. The event included a 1:15 hour drive to Petersburg with a fried chicken picnic afterwards. About 5 cars did the drive and about 10 cars total attended the picnic. Everyone that attended seemed to enjoy the event.

Marshall Hutcheson gave some preliminary information on the September 9th Motor Sports Country Club Event. This event in Batavia, OH will be the location of our September meeting and those that want to drive the go-carts will have to give Marshall their names. The estimated

cost is \$25.00/person for 15 min. The go-carts are much faster and the course far more challenging than what we have experienced in Lawrenceburg, IN.

Jimmy Mason talked briefly about the Bardstown Run on September 13th. Options that need to be decided on are possible visits to other venues such as a distillery or My Old Kentucky Home.

Stan Bond organizes the Campbell Lodge Program which is an event where we take kids from the home for a ride in our Corvettes and have a picnic afterwards. We need to have about 20-22 cars and bring a lot of old magazines which the kids really enjoy. The date is September 10th.

The Mid America Fun Fest is September 20-21. The drive is about 3:20 hours each way and accommodations are very limited.

Kurt again thanked everyone for their dedication to making the car show a success every year. What makes our club unique is that we have this event which raises money for a very worthwhile cause of curing cancer. He mentioned that we currently have commitments for circa \$5300.00 from corporate and individual sponsors and that the goal was \$6000.00.

If a few of those attending the meeting would just bring in a single sponsor for about \$100.00 we would make our goal. For \$125.00 a sponsor will be on two trophies and for \$100.00 a sponsor will be recognized as a car show sponsor.

Last year we made circa \$5000.00 from the silent auction. Kurt mentioned that we need a lot more gifts and that they do not have to have anything to do with cars. We need these gifts by August 9th so that there will be sufficient time to package the gifts for the show. A fine bottle of wine, garden supplies or anything you can get a store to donate or that you might have around your home would be appreciated.

The next car show meeting will be at Walt's Hitching Post on July 22nd.

We will be parking our Corvettes across the street from the Hofbrauhaus for the car show. The show will be from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM but we will need a lot of members to show up much earlier to help get things organized.

Barbara Bonney (bbonney@woodhudson.org) mentioned that they are working on 14 different kinds of cancer and that about 75 students that did research during past summers ended up with PhD or MD's.

Larry Walters will give Jon a letter to post on the web site which members can use to solicit money for the car show. It was suggested that all members that attend the car show wear their Ft. Thomas Corvette Club Shirts so that visitors will easily recognize members to contact to answer questions. We need as many members as possible to work the show. There is also a receipt on the web site that can be sent to those donating money or goods.

NEW BUSINESS: Gary Benke of the Mod Group talked about three runs they organized which are the Somernites Cruise on July 26th to Somerset, KY where 800-2000 cars attend the event, the Corvette Gathering in Lancaster, OH on July 27th which has 4-500 Vettes and the 16th Annual Corvette Car Show at Reeves Buick-Pontiac in Greenwood, IN on August 9th. Gary will be furnishing more information and there is a link from our web site so members can obtain additional information for their events.

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