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## General Membership meeting July13, 2010 at Oriental Wok

Those who attended were: Jack & Susan Buecker, Doug & Jesse Schwegman, Kurt Meier, John Richardson, Brittany Wildt, Jim & Diane Syphax, Bob Wiltse, Marshall Hutcheson, Tom Bond & Stan Bond, Larry & Judy Walters, Jim Kleman, Ed Offerle, Dave Scholten, Pat Bischoff, John Godman, Tom & Roberta Casey, Joe Lonneman and Charley Goettsch.

From Corvettes of Hamilton we had Sam Sunberg, B.J. Spicer, Dave Spicer, Leo Perey, Tom & Susie Weil and Carole & Darel Bono.

Jack Buecker called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Jack asked Larry Walters to introduce our speaker for the evening, Tom Blair of NCM Motorsports Park, Bowling Green, KY. Tom made an excellent presentation of the new racing facility that they hope to build across the highway from the National Corvette Museum as part of the museum on 70 acres of land. They hope to have funding completed by the end of this year and start building next year with a one year completion target. The power point presentation is geared primarily to corporate sponsorship and they are hoping to get a number of major sponsors to fund this facility which will be part of the 501 3C nonprofit museum. The goal is to build a world class motorsports park at the museum to emphasize high performance driving, high education in conjunction with Western Kentucky University and the Ogden College of Science & Engineering at the university and teach the highest form of safety in cooperation with AAA Foundation for Safety. Pratt & Miller and Corvette Racing will be part of the new park. The track will duplicate curves at Le Mans

and allow for testing when Le Mans is not available. The park will include a road track, drag strip which can be used at the same time as the road track, auto cross, go kart and motorcycle racing.

Alan Wilson of Wilson Sahara Motorsports is the most prolific race track designer in the world and has designed this track. The tract will not be a country club and there will be no hotels or restaurants at the track. These are all available in Bowling Green. With the existing facilities at the museum they can easily handle 500 at a corporate hospitality.

They hope to have simulators for training and they plan to emphasize safety. Tom mentioned that a 16 year old is twice as likely to die of a traffic accident as a 17 year old!

In summary, the presentation was interesting and informative and we can all hope that they will be successful in building the Motorsports Park.

Jack gave a brief review of past trips. The Bardstown Trip was cancelled. The Packard Museum trip to Dayton was such a great success that we will probably do it again in the future. The July 3rd parade was very successful with 26 cars. Jack thanked the members for their support in attending the F Body Car Show and the River City Show. The F Body Show was not successful in selling enough raffle tickets for the car so they did a split the pot option with the winner getting about \$9,000.00. This is something to consider if we ever decide to raffle a Corvette similar to what the Troy, OH Corvette Club does every year.

Doug talked about up future events and mentioned how valuable it is to support other Corvette Clubs. The next car show meeting is July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Hofbrauhaus in Newport, KY. A trip to Augusta on July 25<sup>th</sup> is being planned. Our next meeting is August 10<sup>th</sup> with the car show on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. On September 8<sup>th</sup> is the Campbell Boys Lodge trip where we need about 25 Vettes for all the boys and lots of car magazines.

Jack announced that Kurt Meier was awarded the dented hubcap award for showing up on July 3rd with a 'dirty car'. It really wasn't dirty but it did have brake dust on the wheels and was not up to the high standards of the other participants.

Corvettes of Hamilton, OH thanked us for inviting them to our meeting and we all agreed that we need to have better cooperation among the local Corvette Clubs. Sunday in Lancaster, OH is the Corvette Alliance Car Show with about 475 Corvettes!

Kurt won the split the pot at this meeting. Jack thanked us for the large attendance and brought the meeting to a close.