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General Membership meeting September 14, 2010 at Oriental Wok.

Those who attended were: Doug Schwegman, Jon Hanas, Jack & Susan Buecker, Kurt Meier, Pat Bischoff, Charles Griffin, John Godman, Betty Jo Haas, Fred Haas, Dorothy South, Larry Walters, Ed Offerle, Chuck Ludwig, Dale Knoepfler, Jim Syphax, Diana Syphax, John Richardson, Brittany Willat, Jim String, Barb Weech and Charley Goettsch. Damon R. Edmonds from the Campbell County Home and Jared Queen from Wood Hudson were also present.

Jack Buecker called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM and welcomed potential new members Dale Knoepfler and Chuck Ludwig who has a '78 Anniversary Model. Both are recent first time Corvette owners. Jack introduced Damon Edmonds from the Campbell County Home to talk about the recent event on September 8th when we gave the boys rides in our Corvettes.

Damon explained how much the boys look forward to this event and how much they appreciate having an opportunity to ride in Corvettes.

There are about 18 kids at the home at present but they will be expanding to be able to handle more boys. The boys are placed in the home by the State of Kentucky, parents or guardians. Often there are severe behavioral issues and sometimes they have been molested.

They recently added horses for the kids to ride and they use the horses as part of the therapy. The boys are from 9 to 17 years old. The average length of stay is 6 months but some have been in for years. Damon mentioned that he is stern with the kids to maintain discipline yet he is also an example for the kids to look up so they will strive to obtain an education and have hope for the future.

We asked him what we could do to further help the boys. He mentioned that they have a web site (www.clbh.org) which lists some of their needs and that maybe we could consider another event during the year. He will discuss this with Barry Jones, executive director.

Jack did a recap of the recent car show. We raised over \$14,000.00 and with the additional sales that Jared is doing we should top \$15,000.00 plus we again obtained a matching grant of \$15,000.00. The FTCC has raised over \$90,000.00 over the last 10 years (not including matching gifts) which is amazing considering that the first show only raised about \$1,000.00! We discussed different venues and there seemed to be a consensus that the Hofbrauhaus was the best location, especially since they give us 25% of their revenues during the show for Wood Hudson. We need to talk to Ellen Prows who controls the lot across the street to obtain a reasonable price to reserve the lot. This year they wanted \$1200.00 and they ended up with very little income because hardly anyone used it.

The attendance was down this year with a total of 126 cars, probably because of the very hot weather. There was some criticism because we gave out so many trophies to Corvettes. But about 50% of the cars at the show were Corvettes, and we ended up giving about 50% of the trophies to Corvette owners. Jack mentioned that we should consider giving a specific numbers of trophies to older cars and advertise that in our flyers.

We discussed considering different dates for the show and doing a better job of promoting the event. In 2009 we had TV and print coverage organized by Dick Murgatroyd. This year we did not avail ourselves of his services.

Flyers seem to be one of the most effective means of promoting the event.

Doug discussed past and future events. The Big Bone Lick and Fit Works runs were both a success. The 'Tail of the Dragon' organized by Larry Walters is September 23-24. So far there are only three cars going on this run. It is reportedly one of the best drives in the country with 103 turns.

Jon Hans talked about the Keeneland Trip which is always a favorite. This will be Oct 24th and information will be sent by email. He also talked about the Oct. 12-16 Corvette Museum Trip which he is going on. It is almost \$1,000.00 but it includes all accommodations and events.

The Kerbeck Chevrolet 'Toys for Tots' in New Jersey draws about 800 Corvettes and is in conjunction with the Marine Corps. You only need to bring a toy! If you want more information contact Larry Walters.

On October 16th in Springboro, OH there is a cruise in which has a large attendance.

Jon mentioned at we have 69 members and \$5,259.99 cash.

Nominations for Officer Election will take place at the October meeting, with election at the November 9th meeting.

We encourage members to allow their names to be entered for officer positions. Jon Hanas wants to retire as treasurer/webmaster and Charley Goettsch wants to retire as secretary. Past officers will provide support to new officers to make the transition seamless.

Charley Goettsch suggested we consider making the FTCC a 501 3c corporation so that donation to the club would be deductible. Kurt Meier felt that this would not be difficult to accomplish and offered to help.

Dented Hub Cap –Most everyone who owns a C6 knows how to take the roof off a coupe. It frankly is not that hard. And if you own one, surely you can do this without issue..... Well not our all thumbs V.P.

Gary Benke came to the Campbell Lodge event even though his back was in pain because he knew we needed cars... and he is a regular on this important event .

So Doug decides to help him take the roof off....result ...Doug drops the top on Gary's head and gives him a head ache to go with his back pain .

Nice Doug!

Jack closed the meeting by thanking everyone that showed up. The next meeting will be October 12th and it probably will be again at the Oriental Wok. Information will be posted on the web site plus emails and the Voice Shot will advise members of the location.

Jon will be sending out dues notice for next year. The rate will remain \$30.