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FORT THOMAS CORVETTE CLUB MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES MARCH, 2011

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dale Knoepfler, John Trull, Gary Benke, Marshall Hutcheson, Ed Offerle, Jack Buecker, Jim Kleman, Jim Strine, Doug Schwegman, Kurt Meier, Chuck Ladwig, Barb Weech & Duane Frank.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Club met at McCluskey Chevrolet Service Center, 8525 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, (513.679.9470).

We were treated to a viewing of privately owned Corvettes set up for racing that just happened to be at the dealership for various forms of speed modification. We also saw a new ZR1 which was for sale.

Danny Popp and Larry Malott are both nationally renowned Corvette mechanics at McCluskey who specialize in racing, but also regularly service Corvettes driven by 'normal' owners. They presented a virtual dissertation on 'General Corvette Maintenance Guidelines' that were designed to save the Corvette owner repair dollars throughout ownership of a Corvette and also designed to save the life of the driver.

Danny and Larry offered idea after idea after idea for better maintenance, whether done by the Corvette owner or by them at McCluskey. Every member there learned something that will make their Corvette perform more safely.

As a courtesy to our members who couldn't make the meeting, Danny's and Larry's notes are attached to these minutes.

After the meeting, the members walked across the street to enjoy a dinner at Skyline. We were joined by Danny, Larry and their assistant.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Because the Popp/Malott presentation was over 1 ½ hours long, V.P. Doug's report on activities was a reiteration of last month's presentation. So check out last month's minutes and you're up-to-date.

CASH/DINERO/EAGLES/GELT

Ed Offerle reported that we're doing fine in the treasury. He also noted that any member at any time is entitled to see the books which are regularly reviewed by the Board. All is well.

SECRETARY COMMENTS

Kurt Meier suggested that the Club honor Jim Gramer, a former member, at the next meeting. Jim was of the first members of the Club and he, along with his two buddies, Larry Kidney and Jerry Sizemore, were instrumental in getting the Club the strong start that it enjoyed. The suggestion was heartily endorsed.

NKU FRIENDS OF STEELY LIBRARY ROAD RALLY

Mike Murray of NKU made a request that Club members participate in a road rally for the Steely Library on April 30. Their flyer and sign-up sheet will be on the web site.

With heartburn in his eyes, President Jack adjourned the meeting we all enjoyed.

NEXT MEETING ----April 12 at the Oriental Wok