**Corvette Legends Club – 2015 Activities Re-Cap**

**JANUARY 2015**

Started the year with our now popular First Saturday Lunch at Malarkey’s in Westland, thanks to Barb & Larry for arranging that event – we found as the new year began, that we are indeed full of malarkey!

Next we continued the first of 2015 and Friday night Euchre at Bill T’s

Our first bench racing of 2015 was at One Under – which seems to be becoming a popular stop for the CLC group. Prior to racing there was a board meeting and we discussed some issues for the club, including changing our insurance coverage and some by-law changes. We also agreed to usher in new full members – Terry & Carol Bird, Dan Buchanan, Sal Morana and Lupe’ Frisby.

Next up we met for breakfast that your activity dir. actually attended and headed down to the Auto show at Cobo Hall amidst a fresh snowfall and then retired to a good dinner at Hayden’s in Canton.

Wrapped up the month with a movie – American Sniper and dinner at Bahama Breeze.

**FEBRUARY 2015**

Thanks to George & Jan for arranging our First Lunch at the 502 Grill in Canton’s Cherry Hill Village

Bench Racing for this month was at the Ironwood Grill in downtown Plymouth, another popular Legends haunt. The month continued with a Valentine’s theme Euchre at Bill’s, many thanks to him and Bonnie for continuing this new CLC tradition.

Next up was the monthly meeting where the club approved the purchase of 2 more radio’s and talked more on insurance and by-laws.

For our monthly dinner gathering we had our annual slot car extravaganza and dinner at the Mid-Town Café. Our race winners were – Honorable mention – Dennis (driving a Ford) Ranski, 3rd George (I race at home) Peters, 2nd Juan (I’m so cool) Bradford, 1st none other than Tom (groovy) Groves !!

**MARCH 2015**

The month began with a trip to the Auto-Rama, breakfast at Senate Coney Island and due to illness – your’s truly missed it.

Next up was the First Saturday Lunch at the Claddaugh Irish Tavern thanks to Renee’ for putting that together, 24 members attended and then retired back to Renee’ house for treats after lunch.

Bench Racing for the month was at Plymouth Roc in – of course Plymouth.

St. Patrick’s day was the theme for Euchre – green beer, leprechaun’s and shamrock’s were in abundance!

At our monthly meeting we discussed who our charity would be for the 2015 Summit show, more on insurance and by-laws.

The month concluded with a Sunday evening bowling and pizza outing at Super Bowl in Canton, thanks to Denny for putting this together – the members in the money were – Denny & Tom Petit, Hi Game(s) were – Denny, Tom Groves, Tom & Dawn Petit. I managed to mess up my knee that night and it’s still not right!!

**APRIL 2015**

First Saturday lunch was at George Murphy’s Grill adjacent to Fox Creek golf course, the highlight of the afternoon – Daniel lost his ticket for the Chicago concert!

Bill & Bonnie hosted the last euchre night until the fall.

Bench Racing was at the Deadwood Bar & Grill, brought out 38 members and 17 Corvettes. Thanks to Renee for putting that together.

Our last indoor membership meeting of the season was held at CJ’s, where we did choose our charity for the Summit show. Also think some words were exchanged regarding by-laws and insurance.

Jimmy V. put together a cruise via Hines Drive, to the Broadcast Booth in Allen Park, then had folks back to his house for a bon fire.

**MAY 2015**

We got together with our Canadian Corvette comrades for an outstanding day long outing covering a lot of southeastern Ontario. After meeting at the McDonald’s adjacent to the bridge we caravanned to Lanoue Chevrolet where we were treated to coffee, pastries and goodie bags. More of the Windsor club joined and we continued our 40 plus Corvette caravan to Park’s Blueberry Farms for some lunch and blueberry treats. Next we drove to the outskirts of London to the Fleetwood Farms and the home of Steve Plunkett and his fabulous collection of Cadillac’s and other auto memorabilia. We then motored back toward Windsor, stopping in Chatham for some good eats at the T-Bone Grill House. All in all we clocked over 480 kilometers on our Corvettes. Many thanks to Ron Packer and the Corvette Club of Windsor members for a great day !!

Next up was our first outdoor cruise nite at Bahama Breeze, it was a cold afternoon and most everyone drove their metal cars with the exception of Bill S. brought his new C7 and got the “Cruiser of the Month” plaque.

A few of us got together and moved most all of the club’s belongings from the Vassallo’s house as they put it up for sale and sold within a couple days. Terry & Carol Bird graciously offered to store the stuff at the garage of their real estate office.

The month wrapped up with a non-club activity – The Belle Isle Detroit Grand Prix!

**JUNE 2015**

Possibly a new tradition was initiated in place of our First Saturday Lunch – The CLC Luau at Bill T’s. A great event with super weather, a good turnout of club members and some great Polynesian themed food. Bill – will you be doing it again?

The next day several of us cruised through the tunnel and attended the Corvette Club of Windsor show, Nancy, John and myself even came back with trophies. Followed by an outdoor dinner at Ashley’s Grill in Westland.

The June cruise night provided good weather and 33 attendees.

The Saturday following a few of us braved an early morning chill and traveled to Lake Orion for the GMC Corvette Set show, again some trophies made it home with Renee’, Charlie & Mary and myself.

After trying to schedule a mystery train ride, and a club picnic, a CLC golf outing was finally decided and scheduled to be held at Fox Creek in Livonia and then – it rained, all day. So we did what we do best – we ate! After our meal at George Murphy’s we retreated to Rose’s new home (back in Livonia) for some sweet treats, adult beverages and tour of her Corvette themed basement. Thank you Rose!

Last Sunday of the month was Corvettes in the “D” down on the riverfront, attended by several CLC members, many of our Canadian friends and about 300 or so other Corvettes.

**JULY 2015**

No first lunch was held as it was the Fourth of July. The big event for CLC was of course our 11th Annual Corvettes at the Summit. We had a great show, great turnout of about 175 Corvettes. Many thanks to all the members who worked the show. We will be looking for your support again in 2016.

Next up was Cruise Night, the weather was a bit iffy, but all who attended got up on stage and serenaded Sue Simmerer, with a rousing round of Happy Birthday !!

It had been attempted before, but we finally held a CLC Road Rally, with many thanks to Don Bush and Dave Krom, the members got to test their ability – not driving, but learning to listen, pay attention to directions and how to follow instructions! Congrats to our winners – Bill & Bonnie, 2nd place went to John & Sue and 3rd to Jim & Ruth. Another fun outing that may become a regular event.

The North Oaks Corvette Club held their annual show on the streets on downtown Birmingham in conjunction with that city’s annual summer festival. The good weather was enjoyed by many club members as well as the shopping and the many Corvettes.

Chuck & Mary Sample were welcomed as full members. The month concluded with the Concours at St. John’s

**AUGUST 2015**

We started August in a great way with a super ride out to the Zukey Lake Tavern via some nice windy, hilly roads. We had 14 cars, 21 members and over 60 miles. No one got lost or separated!

Our CLC election officials - the Bird’s, were chosen to oversee the annual club elections.

Bill T. provided the final figures from the Summit show. We brought in just over $9300, had expenses of $5885 and generated a show profit of $3438, of which we gave $1719 to our chosen charity – First Step. Good job everyone.

Our cruise nights continued with over 50 attendees, many Corvettes, several non-plastic cars and the $65 pot from the 50/50 was won by a couple from the Irish Hills Corvette Club, driving a 67/2013 conversion Vette.

The annual Corvettes on Woodward gathering and of course the Woodward Dream Cruise also provided outlets for us to channel our energy in August. The Metro Chevy dealers hosted the site in Royal Oak and Mark Bara graciously invited us to his soiree’ at the Radisson up on the north end of Woodward – Many thanks to Mark.

Then there was the Doozie Trip – our turn to host our friends from Windsor, we had 20 lovers of plastic cars driving 16 of them thru the Irish Hills all down US-12 to I-69 and on to the Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Indiana. Another day the weatherman was on our side, after good eats at Mad Anthony’s Bistro we drove back again via US-12, this time stopping in the Irish Hills for of course – ice cream! There wasn’t a meeting in August, but somehow we talked about by-laws amendments!

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

First Saturday Lunch was again our first event of the month, this time at the new Buddy’s Pizza in Novi, thanks to Tony S. for putting that together.

Next up came the MCCC show, it was cold, not cool – COLD September morning and pretty much all day but the show went on. We had over a 150 Corvettes on site. I didn’t hear but a few complaints, so apparently a good time was had by most. Many thanks to those that worked the show and helped bring it all together.

Next was our last Cruise Night of 2015 and our “Cruiser of the Month” went to new member applicant – Art Zanetti and his new for him 1988 Corvette

Closing the month – many thanks to Tony S. and George for putting together a challenging ride via back roads to the White Horse Inn in Metamora. I didn’t make this event but heard it was good times!

**OCTOBER 2015**

Well First Saturday Lunch came in first again, this time at Metzger’s German restaurant in Ann Arbor. Thanks to Renee’ for putting this together (with a little help from Tony).

Euchre started again with the Halloween theme at Bill T’s.

We also started Bench Racing again at Bricks of Northville, where the food turned out to be okay – when we got it, meaning the service left a bit to be desired. But the one waitress stressed if we come back she would make sure we got taken better care of.

We came back indoors for our meetings and managed to discuss by-laws amendments, elections, chose our site for the Christmas party and talked about an alumni class of membership.

George stepped in once again and put together – somewhat on the fly a fall color tour with a drive out to Howell for eats at Aubree’s and then cruising back to the town of Dexter for a stop at the cider mill and some wine tasting – thank you George. Most got home in time for the U-M vs. MSU game, we all remember that last play!

We wrapped up October with a movie – Mission Impossible at the Penn theater in downtown Plymouth followed by dinner at Buca di Beppo in Livonia,

**NOVEMBER 2015**

As the year is winding down, our monthly events wound down too. We started with our First Saturday Lunch at the Clinton Inn in Clinton, Mi. Said to be the site of one of the first CLC events, back in the day. Thanks to George & Jan for putting this together and allowing Tony and I to discover “bacon flavored jam” – yum! Despite it being November several Corvettes had not yet been placed in winter slumber sand were driven for the outing.

Bench Racing continued with a stop at a familiar site – The One Under Craft Beer & Eats in Livonia.

Euchre marched on with the “Thanksgiving or Fall” theme. Were members dressed as turkeys or leaves? Many thanks to Bill & Bonnie.

We held our last official CLC meeting for 2015, where we ate, drank, confirmed the new board members, oh and talked about by-laws.

Prior to Thanksgiving we had a dinner and comedy club outing, thanks to Tom & Lupe’ for putting this together. Several of us braved our first measurable snow - 4 plus inches to attend Buddy’s Pizza in Livonia then trek down the street to Joey’s Comedy club for some good humor!!

**DECEMBER 2015**

First Saturday Lunch this time we were treated to Palermo’s Pizzeria, who opened early – just for us. Again thanks to Tony for organizing this gastronomic endeavor.

Christmas themed euchre was well - Christmas themed.

Bench Racing saw us back at the Ironwood Grill, to enjoy the lights of downtown Plymouth and Kellog park.

Wrapping up – pun intended, 2015 we embarked on a new site for our annual Christmas gathering. We ventured to Gennetti’s Hole in the Wall in Northville. We started the evening with cocktails and pleasantries, proceeded to enjoy a seven course Italian supper, some more cocktails, before adjourning to the theater for a treat of entertainment of being “Home for the Holidays – A Family Affair” where we experienced the joys of the holiday season. Afterwards several members made the jaunt across the street to Poole’s Tavern for a little more Christmas cheer.

But the burning question posed during the evening was spoken by our one and only Aunt Edna when she asked – ARE YOU ENTERTAINED NOW ASSHOLE !!