



**60 FUN YEARS OF
MAKING MEMORIES
AND FRIENDSHIPS!**

May 6, 2017



MAY 6, 2017 - Welcome Letter From the President

Welcome former members, current members, friends and guests to the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Corvette Cleveland. Little did the founding members realize, back in the summer of 1957, what they had started! A small Corvette club in Cleveland Ohio formed and started to take shape with 7 guys, who would chase other Corvettes from local diners and drive-ins looking for members with an interest in racing their cars; to how this club would grow and be an influence to all Corvette clubs across the nation.

In 1959 the NCCC, National Council of Corvette Clubs was established with five founding clubs from around the country with Corvette Cleveland being one of them. From this humble beginning, NCCC has grown to 250 clubs with a national membership of 19,504. Corvette Cleveland has also grown to it largest membership currently at 163 members.

We come together because of this fine American built car, Corvette, but we stay because of the friendships we form. Corvette Cleveland has a wonderful past full of stories from car shows, to Nelson Ledges racing events, to parties, to rallies and more but it's the friendships that are developed that are the most important and long lasting.

The anniversary committee has been hard at work for over 2 years planning this event. From scheduling this fine event location to the great food we are going to enjoy, they have spent considerable time and effort contacting older members, sorting thru all the memorabilia to present in a logical decade by decade presentation for you to enjoy and reminisce

We all look forward to creating new stories and new memories as we open our club to new members and friends. We are pleased you are here today, so enjoy your time meeting former members and developing new friendships as it's because of you we continue to be the best Corvette Club in the NCCC.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Tuck - President

Reunion Committee Members:

John Bodner, John & Joyce Ciach, Heather Daina, Jim Egan,
Fred Kubiak & Betty Ward, Larry & Judy Nemecek, Don Obert,
Warren & Elaine Obert, Big Tom & JoAnn Prusnek, Dan Tuck,
Cal & Ryki Woods, & Jim Youngs

Elaine's helpers with computer questions for the Reunion Book:

Ken Blake, Joyce Ciach, Cindy Flanhofer, Tim Obert

Reunion Book Creators: Joyce Ciach, Elaine Obert, Ryki Woods

Printing: Al & Cindy Flanhofer

Product Ordering: Big Tom, Warren & Elaine Obert, Ross Carey

Decorations: Shari Gray, Joyce Ciach, Judy Nemecek

Raffle Baskets: Shari Gray, Jim Egan, Judy & Larry Nemecek, Dan Tuck

TIDBITS FROM THE 50'S & 60'S

- May 28, 1959 - 19 Corvettes were at the meeting at Brownlee Chevrolet. Harold Schlemmer & Ken Kavalchek mentioned that dues are \$4.
- June 20, 1958 - Election of 7 officers
- Per Fuel Injector Vol. 3 No. 1 April 16, 1959:
- Membership Bill Smith told members to get the license plates of possible members and the plates would be tracked.
- In April 8, 1958 there were 4 members. Then on April 8, 1959 there were 28 members.
- Treasurer Dennis Litchenstine said there was \$105.10 in the treasury.
- Dues were \$6 for new members and \$8 to renew.
- Classifieds: Andy Baumgartner “must sell parts to let car out of the garage”.
- “Wanted: open field, paved lot for gymkhana”
- Rose Marie Palecek wrote “at the first meeting ever, there were 4 people, 3 men and 1 woman. In 1959 there were 26 members, 2 were women.
- 1959 - There was a heated discussion about drags versus sports car racing.
- Treasury balance - \$66.84
- 1961 - Welcome to the club: #8 Gerald Wagner, #62 Jerry Zamborsky, #63 Fred Dahl, #65 Dave Ulmer, #66 Russ Thomas
- November 4 1961 - trip to Ashtabula Fiberglass Plant
- 1961 - The club got a newsletter from Central Ohio Corvette Club
- November 25, 1961 - Dinner Dance at Hermit Club - \$5
- 1961 - NCCC - National Council of Corvette Clubs
- Toledo was getting a new club. CC member helped form Tiretown Corvette club since it was closer to where he lived.
- The first issue of Blue Bars had a story about the Fiberglass Tour.
- Corvette News would expand from 28 to 36 pages in 1962.
- NCCC - had 18 clubs and 412 members - Only 15 of Corvette Cleveland's 70 members were NCCC.



CORVETTE CLEVELAND MOTTO

A club for those with a strong interest in a fine motor car,
a desire to socialize and/or compete with others who have like interests
and for those who do not mind a little work with their fun.

MEMENTO TO CORVETTE CLEVELAND by Virg Tussey 1964

- C** - is for the “Cruise” enjoyed in warm or chilly weather.
 - O** - means group that’s “Organized”, much fun keeps us together.
 - R** - for all these “Ralleys”, with different clubs we bind.
 - V** - for all our “Vivacious” gals, they’re such a special kind.
 - E** - stand for “Events” galore, each month right through December
 - T** - is for the “Team” we have, we’re proud of each new member.
 - T** - also for the “Times” we had, and they are great, “you bet”.
 - E** - is for an “Economy-run” we haven’t planned one yet!
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- C** - could be “Competition” for trophy, points and fun.
 - L** - is for the “Level-headed” planning that’s been done.
 - E** - incidentally, is for “Evil”, of course, this club has none!
 - V** - stand for the “Vigor” and the plans that have been laid.
 - E** - is “Endless, Elegant” zeal, that each one has displayed.
 - L** - means that we “Love” this sport, with cars and folks so rare.
 - A** - might mean “Another” club, which never could compare.
 - N** - would be a “Night” event or “Nelson” course, that’s true.
 - D** - is for “Dandy Club”, all told; but worthless without you.