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*Ray Meesseman  
Doing what he liked best  
May He Rest in Peace*



SINCE 1958



CHARTER MEMBER



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## ANNOUNCEMENT

- Don't forget the Awards Banquet Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Check out the Social Page for a "fresh & new" look for 2010! ☺

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- Annual Awards Banquet  
Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010



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## President's Pen

This is a tough report to write. I had somewhat put the memory of my father's passing on a Dec 6<sup>th</sup> into some inactive brain cells. When my friend Ray Meesseman passed on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that event it made that a date that I will dread even more. Ray and I joined CCM in the spring of 1971 and have been friends, adversaries and competitors ever since. Then we both had what were referred to as "Classics". Now referred to as C1's, we chased the times of some very good drivers, learning and honing our autocross skills. Ray held many of the accomplishment records within CCM before he and Sharon became more focused on National NCCC events where they went on to show that some of the fastest drivers in the country come from CCM.

RIP my friend.

Allow me to reminisce a little more. This is from the Hoosier Racing tire web site and we old timers will remember this Cobra VERY well as it used to autocross in the Detroit area when it was just a used car owned by a local Ford Engineer who challenged then King of the Hill Corvette driver John Firment. He is still the owner and the car has clearly not been retired.

44-YEAR-OLD COBRA WINS  
OPTIMA ULTIMATE STREET CAR CHALLENGE  
ON HOOSIER SPORTS CAR D.O.T. RADIALS

12-16-09



PAHRUMP, NV (November 7, 2009) -- The second annual Optima Ultimate Street Car Challenge was held recently pitting 50 of the hottest street machines in the world against each other.

The event consists of three performance trials and one style event. The performance events were an autox, road race course

and a 0-60-0. The styling event was judged by three experts to determine the uniqueness and appearance of each vehicle.

Bruce Cambern's original 427 Cobra driven by Jim McKamey won all three performance events and, in fact, took first and second place in two of the events. Although the Cobra was next to last in the styling event it won first place overall because of its dominance in the performance segments of the competition on Hoosier D.O.T. Radial A6 tires.

The team was jokingly referred to as the Social Security Racing Team by those at the event since both driver and owner qualify for SSI benefits. One of the comments overheard at the event was, "Two geezers brought a 44-year-old car and beat all the young punks." Cambern stated that the biggest improvement he had ever made to his Cobra was the addition of the Hoosier D.O.T. radial tires.



The Cobra defeated some very notable cars and drivers both in the entrant's class and the exhibition class. Among them was a Granatelli tuned Nissan GTR, a 2008 Z06 Corvette with modified engine, a 760 rwhp blown Mustang, and a Camaro with a 700 hp ZR1 engine, suspension and drive train. Many of these cars had ABS brakes and traction control vs. the Cobra's manual brakes.

Celebrity drivers in the event included Paul Tracy of INDY Car and CART fame and Tanner Foust who represented the United States in the 2009 race of Champions.

Have you had a desire to own a pristine older Corvette, a C2 or C3 maybe? Be VERY careful if you actually decide to plunk down your hard earned money. There was a note on NCCCNET recently about a man in Scottsdale, AZ who bought a 1965 from a California dealer and it was learned that the car had been stolen 39 years ago. There is a lot to read about this at these websites:

[http://www.oldcarsweekly.com/article/stolen\\_corvette\\_returned/](http://www.oldcarsweekly.com/article/stolen_corvette_returned/)

<http://www.yenko.net/ubbthreads/showflat.php/Cat/0/Number/433033/page/0/fpart/1/vc/1>

On a brighter note, congratulations to our club rep, Chris Warren and wife Colleen on the birth of their new pride and joy, Justin Lee on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.

This website is a ride along fast lap of the Nurburgring with Jan Magnussen in a ZR1. Enjoy.

<http://blog.cardomain.com/2009/12/17/jan-magnussen-beats-the-hell-out-of-a-new-zr1-corvette-at-the-ring/>

Although this is not Corvettes, it is GM and reminds me of the Joey Chitwood driving shows I saw as a kid. How many of you know of Joey Chitwood?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbuDRA4zNbw>

A big thank you to Jan Van Maanen for allowing us to coax her into filling the Social Director position on the Board. She will quickly remind us that she really volunteered with some co-directorship by Mary Wentzel and the job description being more of a coordinator than a director. If you've been reading my reports you know that matches my objectives for OUR club's Social activities. The **LIVEWYR** is a great fit for this position. We have some new things already planned and will be asking that a few of you offer to host just ONE event for Jan to add to the schedule. Now, when I say a few, that's really all it will take, but don't assume that it will be some other person doing it. Step forward and be an active member. Also a volunteer is needed to help with the pickup of the coffee and donuts for the membership meetings. If you haven't heard, Paula Fulkerson is battling cancer and we could use someone to fill her shoes in this task. Paula, get well quick. We miss you, coffee or not.

Look for some great programs at the upcoming membership meetings. There are three already set up and listed elsewhere in the SlipStream.

**See you January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Banquet**

Then at the membership meeting Jan 27<sup>th</sup>  
Bruce



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# Membership Musing's

## CCM Membership Update – January 2010

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to the first year of the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Wow, can you believe it? I do have some new members we would like to welcome. First joining CCM from Royal Oak is George and Susan Washburn and they bring a 1999 convertible. Also joining the club is Don and Donna Nabors of Nicholasville, KY., and they bring a 2009 Z06. Welcome to both couples, and we hope to see you at plenty of upcoming events during the 2010 season.

In my article last month I mentioned we would be scheduling another New Member Orientation. We are still going to that, however we will be waiting until later in the year and combine an orientation with our driver's school. Details will be on the CCM website and in future Slipstream issues. Also as a social outing in February, I will be organizing a slot car racing event at Lightning Speedway in Livonia, on a Sunday afternoon. Details will also be on the website and in next month's Slipstream.

I would like to share with the CCM members the results of information I have requested each year during renewals. Actually this data has been collected over the past couple of years, it may not be 100% totally correct, but I believe it is fairly accurate. The information I am referring to is: *what we own*, meaning the collection of Corvettes owned by the membership of CCM. I have received information from almost all of the CCM members and based on what I did get back from the renewal post cards and other data, the club has an estimated total of 235 Corvettes in our ownership. Now being that we currently have 180 master members, and many of you own several Corvettes, in reality I'm sure the total ownership is higher than 235.

The breakdown by generation is: C1 (1953-1962), 20 cars. The C2 generation or mid-year (1963-1967), 33 cars. The longest run of a generation, the C3 (1968-1982), 44 cars. The second longest run, the C4 generation (1984-1996), 36 cars. For the C5 era (1997-2004), 55 cars, this is the largest generation within the club. And lastly the current model, the C6 (2005-2010), 47 cars. One thing that is a definite, the members of CCM like the Z06 models! We own a total of 42 Z06's. The complete breakdown is as follows:

- C1 – 20 cars, all convertibles (or roadsters)
- C2 – 33 cars, 16 coupes and 17 convertibles
- C3 – 44 cars, 33 coupes and 11 convertibles
- C4 – 36 cars, 33 coupes and 3 convertibles
- C5 – 55 cars, 20 coupes, 28 Z06's and 7 convertibles
- C6 – 47 cars, 25 coupes, 14 Z06's and 8 convertibles

So as you can see we have quite a collection within our club. Among these we have several that are considered special models; C1 generation; two are *fuelie's*, from the C3 generation; the 500,000<sup>th</sup> Corvette (1977) a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition (1978) and a 1982 Collector's Edition. From the C4 generation there are 3 ZR-1's and 3 Grand Sports. From the C5 generation we have 3 - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary models and a Commemorative Edition Z06. From the C6 group we have one Will Cooksey "427" Special Edition Z06, a Ron Fellows Z06, we had a 2009 ZR1, and we also have a 2010 Grand Sport. The oldest Corvette in the club is a 1954 and the newest is of course a 2010.



I'm sure all of your Corvettes are as special to all of you, as mine is to me. Like most owners, I would be willing to bet we all have a story or two that goes with "when we became Corvette enthusiasts" or when we got our first Vette. I will start now, because it is the first of the year, but I strongly encourage all of you to come out this upcoming year and join fellow CCM members at the shows, autocross, rally's and other events being organized for you our membership. *"Show off your pride and joy, let us all see what you got."* As you can tell by the information I have furnished we have quite a special group of Corvettes in our midst. CCM will be directly involved with three shows in 2010. The Corvette Encounter on June 5<sup>th</sup>, our club Concours/picnic in August. And a new show being organized this year; *The Motor City Corvette Concours*, in September. Details and exact dates for all these shows and all the club's competition events will be available soon in upcoming Slipstream issues and on the CCM website ([www.corvetteclubmi.com](http://www.corvetteclubmi.com)). Be sure to check both for updates. I will be seeking committee members for the Encounter show, so think about it. We will be requesting volunteers soon, as we are already planning for the show in June. Well I guess I've rambled enough for one month, remember: *stay informed & stay involved.*

***"Ignite the Passion"***

***"Save the Wave"***

Jim Rees  
CCM Membership Director



## CCM -January Birthdays

*Bob Amano*

*Al Chan*

*Greg Geraldts*

*Laura Hou*

*Greg Krawczyk*

*Marlene Magda*

*Pete Motichka, Jr.*

*Bob Oleszkiewicz*

*Bonnie Sumner*

*Rob Wilson*

*Shooter Woods*

*Rick Atwell*

*William Dee*

*Angela Giacomazzi*

*Doug Komer*

*Sandy Lingeman*

*Jan Millen*

*Don Nabors*

*Lolita Sierens*

*David Veit*

*Tim Wilson*

*Paul Yuska*

***Happy Birthday – One and All !***

If anyone has been missed – my apologies, please contact me so I can add you to the list.  
(jrees1957@yahoo.com)



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# *Socially Speaking*

## **Social page for January 2010**

Hi All,

We are trying something new started in 2010. Thanks to Jan VanMaanen and Mary Wentzel agreeing to be co-coordinators...Jan allowed the Board of Directors to convince her to take the position...☺

We are going to organize some social event every month and we will be passing around a clipboard at every membership meeting taking volunteers to “chair” an event. I (newsletter editor and VP – Rodney) have taken on the task of organizing a monthly cruise night (most likely a restaurant)...look for details on the website and via the listserve emails.

Please feel free to call and volunteer or sign up at the Membership Meetings.

Here’s what we have so far...if no name is listed...volunteer, you’ll get your name in print ☺

	Chair	co-Chair
January		Awards Banquet
February	Jim Rees	
March	.....	
April	.....	
May	.....	
June	.....	Paul Yuska
July	Dyan Janowitz	
August		CCM Annual picnic
September	Brett Watson	
October	.....	
November	Pat Jutras	Diane Watson
December	Mary Wentzel	Bruce Wentzel



Joe Thomas and Fred King plan to arrange a Tiger game outing with Joe as Chair & Fred Co-chair.

Full year, monthly Rodney Slusher will arrange a monthly cruise night, likely to a restaurant



# *DECEMBER Report*

*No Report This Month*



# *Competition Corner*

*No Report This Month*

Best Regards,  
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# *Governor's Galley*

Michigan Website: <http://michcorvette.org/>

National Website: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/>

## *The Michigan Region and NCCC Report*

*By Joe Scafero*

*No Report This Month*



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## Corvette Grand Sport Registry Commits to NCM Motorsports Park's One Acre Club

Monday, November 30th, 2009, John "Hutch" Hutchinson, the "Skunkmaster" of the Corvette Grand Sport Registry, presented the National Corvette Museum with initial checks totaling over \$4,000 and a pledge of \$15,000 to purchase an acre of land at the Motorsports Park.



It was only early October when the GSR chose to enter into this campaign and make the pledge to raise the necessary funds for the One Acre Club. "As a Lifetime Club Member of the NCM, the GSR has long been an active supporter of the Museum and the ideals it represents," said Hutch. "It's quite a task for a relatively small organization as ours, but we 'Stinkers' are excited to take on this new challenge. Our members recognize the importance and future benefit of the Motorsports Park to all Corvette owners, and are proud to take part in making this dream become a reality. We challenge other clubs and registries to follow our lead."

The Grand Sport Registry is comprised of nearly 400 members, with membership open to all Corvette enthusiasts. Grand Sport ownership is not required. Learn more about their organization at <http://www.grandsportregistry.com>.

## Build Your Own ZR1 Winner Drawn

Congratulations to David Wade of Ft. Wayne, IN. David held winning ticket number 487 in our drawing for the Build Your Own ZR1! We also drew a 2nd prize winner for \$1,000 cash and 3rd prize winner for \$500. 2nd prize went to Narendra Suwal of Grand Rapids, MI (ticket #212) and 3rd prize went to Kevin Morrill of Amsterdam, NY (ticket #291). We sold 533 of the 638 tickets.



January 14 is your next chance to win a Corvette! We will be raffling off a 2010 Black Corvette Coupe! Tickets are \$250, and we are limiting sales to 500 tickets.



Purchase your tickets [online](#) or by calling (800) 538-3883. You don't have to be present to win and all tickets go in the drum at the same time! The drawing is Thursday, January 14 at 2 p.m. CT!

## Are You in Our Circle?

Next year at the C5/C6 Bash, April 29-May 1, we will be hosting our 3rd Annual 'Winner's Circle' Reception. The reception is our way of recognizing and thanking those members who have gone above and beyond by donating \$1,000 or more to the Museum the previous year, or have become new members of the Duntov Society.

Not only do monetary contributions earn you a place in the Winner's Circle, but you may also choose to purchase a brick (walk of fame or hexagon) and it will count towards the recognition.

The reception will be held Thursday, April 29 at the NCM Conference Center. Contributions must be dated by 12/31/2009 to be eligible. To donate online, please visit <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/donations/> or to purchase a brick online, visit <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/brick/>. Donations may also be mailed to the Museum at:

National Corvette Museum  
350 Corvette Drive  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
Attn: Connie Russell

## Ways to Support NCM that are Free!

Did you know you can support the National Corvette Museum with many of the things you do, and it won't cost you a dime?

We are signed up with various companies to receive points, kickbacks and even cash when our supporters make purchases from them. From Northwest and American Airlines, to Avis, to eBay, to Campbell's Soup... there are a number of ways you can support the Museum just by doing your normal purchases. Visit our website at



<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/give/> to view a complete list with details... and keep checking back as we add new opportunities!

## Hang in our Garage

Are you a car buff? Do you like going to car shows and checking out other people's rides? If so, Hub Garage is the website for you! The National Corvette Museum has our very own "garage" on the site where you can check out cars in the Museum, events, videos, become our buddy and more! Check it out at: [hubgarage.com/mygarage/corvettemuseum](http://hubgarage.com/mygarage/corvettemuseum)



*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

*FROM YOUR*

*NCM AMBASSADOR*



## What's In Your Museum?

The National Corvette Museum is a living museum with ever-changing exhibits. Many of the vehicles in the Museum are on loan from private individuals and General Motors.

Want to know what's in the Museum right now? Check out our [Blog Posting](#) with details on what we have on exhibit currently and about how long we expect the car to be on display!



## 2010 Event Schedule Announced

The NCM has locked in our Corvette events for the 2010 season! Below are the dates, so mark your calendars. More information on each individual event will be posted online at a later time.



**C5/C6 Birthday Bash – April 29-May 1**

**ZR-1/C4 Gathering – May 13-15**

**Forum Cruise-In – May 27-29**

**High Performance Driving Event @ VIR – June 28-29**

**NCM Labor Day Event – September 2-4**

**Z06 Fest – September 16-18**

**Pace Car Reunion – September 23-25**

**Vets and Vettes – November 4-6**



## *Publisher's Picks*

There will be some exciting new changes in store for your club in 2010. If you haven't already seen it...go back and read the social page. We are going to have monthly social events and are looking for volunteers to "chair" them. Chairing them involves nothing more than signing up for it at the Monthly Membership Meetings or letting a Board of Directors know about you desire to organize an event. It can be as simple as notifying a restaurant and letting them know you're interested in bringing a club there for an evening of food and good times (each person pays their own way of course) and let the social Co-Coordinator know about it as far in advance as possible...we'll take care of the rest!

I can speak from personal experience....you only get out of a club what you put into it and the friendships and support structure you make will last a lifetime. ☺

And an excerpt from my last months issue....

Kiss her good night, put a cover on it and whatever you do, DO NOT use it to store stuff on...she deserves better than that. LOL

Don't forget to talk to her every now & again. She'll miss you too ☺

Keep Waving,  
Rodney  
(248) 755-6301



# CCM Governing Bodies

## 2010 CCM Board of Directors

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