



❖ Council Meeting Minutes ❖

July 9, 2009

The Meeting was called to order by Vice President Donny Marchi at 6PM at CASA. The officers attending were President Steve Hopkins, Vice President Donny Marchi, Secretary Cindy Hopkins, Governor Robert O'Keefe and CIA David Judd. Also attending were Eric Goodman and Ron Scott.

Old business:

Vice President Donnie Marchi has contacted JB's on Hotel Circle for our Christmas Party. Our club would have the whole Banquet room to ourselves for \$100. Dinner would be about \$25 for turkey and all the trimmings This includes dessert and a non-alcoholic drinks. We could make it informal; bring music or whatever the club decides.

Our Car Show will have to be tabled for now. We need to change our tax standing with the IRS before we can continue. The club is filed as 501(C)(7), which is a Social Club and cannot take money from outside the club membership. There was trouble with the IRS previously when a similar situation came up. This was before Steve and I were members and we are very thankful that a few of our long-standing members informed us about this. President Steve Hopkins has researched the tax issue and found that we need to re-file as 501(C)(3) charitable association to avoid further problems. Regardless, we've learned a lot through this experience. Trophies run about \$1000 and a DJ would be \$300. We didn't have enough to get started. We need around 6 months to prepare, a venue to get the cars we need and cooperate sponsors. Eric Goodman has talked to the Roadrunner Food Bank and they told him that they often do not get the money promised to them through fund raisers. We would have to fill out an agreement and give them a specific amount whether we raise enough money or not. In the future, we should not specifically name the charity because they will not cooperate unless they have the money first. We'll table the car show till we get sponsors and the correct IRS standing. The Illinois club sent us \$100 that we'll return. The original donation of \$1000 will be used when we do the show. This idea is worth pursuing as it has stirred enthusiasm among our members. We're hoping we can put it on next year.

CASA had volunteered their location for our show. Since it's their 1st Anniversary, it was suggested that we do a free car show for them. There would be no trouble from the IRS since there would be no charity or awards. We will bring this up at the General meeting.

New Business:

There was no Treasurer's report.

Summer in the Park will be on the 12th of July. We'll meet at 7:45am and leave at 8am. We'll caravan through Santa Fe to Hyde Park where there'll be a family picnic with hotdogs and hamburgers. It's a free event but donations are appreciated. This will be the last chance to have Directory photos taken.

We will publish the Club Directory for the next General Meeting. We will have to make do with the photos we have.

The NCCC Convention in Colorado Springs starts on August 8th. The group from El Paso and Tuscan are staying overnight at the Route 66 Casino. We'll announce this at our General meeting for club members who may want to meet them for dinner or join the caravan.

Activities coming up include the Bunting's BBQ on August 15th. Also, the Corvette Rally will be on September 18th-20th at Silver City. Ron Scott will coordinate this activity for our members.

The meeting was closed at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hopkins

Cindy Hopkins, NMCA Secretary



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July 17, 2009

Called to order at 7:05pm by Donnie Marchi

Visitor: David Ivey, retired recently for military and back in Albuquerque, recently purchased 1984

Treasure's report: Report given by Brenda and accept

Socialize after meeting at Owl Café

Membership Booklet: Handed out to those in attendance, Thanks to President Steve, copying by Shane and folding by Dusti

Membership cards: no report

Activities Director: still looking for volunteer, thanks to Robert for his efforts thus far

Newsletter editor: still looking for one, continue sending articles to President Steve

Past Events:

Summer at Hyde Park had about 20 Corvettes from NMCA with over 200 Corvettes at event

Upcoming Events:

NCCC Convention is August 8-14th in Colorado Springs. Robert O'Keefe still has raffle tickets. Cathy and Doug Arney are going. Group from El Paso and Arizona are staying at 66 Casino on the 7th

Summer BBQ at Bunting's, Saturday, August 15th – Bring a dish and drinks – Let Brenda know if you are coming and what you are bringing – 6pm brownies and homemade ice cream, bring insect repellent

Car Show Story: Eric Goodman informed club members that the show for August 22nd at Mark Casa Chevrolet has been cancelled. After much discussion the members requested that the executive committee look into the correct tax status so the club can hold events without IRS issues. It was also discussed that on August 22nd the club meet at Casa and hold our own club mini car show and have lunch.

Christmas Party: Donnie stated that the event will be held at JP's (soon to be Sadies) on December 19th. It will be a New Mexican Buffett for \$22 per person (which includes tax and tip). The rental of the hall is only \$100. Members are to bring toys for kids and can goods for charity. No gift exchange will take place between members (spend the money on kids toys)

Mark Casa Chevrolet will be celebrating their 1 year anniversary, July 25th. They have asked the Club to provide Corvettes for their lot out front. They would like our Corvettes on display from 11am to 2pm. A total of 9 Corvettes said they would be able to attend. More Corvettes are needed so please contact Eric, Donnie, or Steve if you are able to support our Club sponsor.

A discussion was also held on planning early for the Super Nationals. It was suggested that the Club consider a theme and build around that. In the past we have completed the planning about 2 weeks before the event. Maybe this year we plan ahead and put together some type of special display. We need to start thinking about this for next year.

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Other Events:

Hooter's West - Saturday, July 25th

Hooter's East – Saturday, August 1

Eisenhauer Middle School Car Show – August 30th – show put on by the kids

Corvette rally at Silver City – use Holiday Inn Express – September 18-20 – see Ron Scott for more details

Next Council Meeting: note start time of 6:00pm, August 13th at Scotty's

Submitted by Cathy Arney

Respectfully submitted,

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