



❖ Council Meeting Minutes ❖

October 8, 2009

Officers in attendance were Stephen & Cindy Hopkins, Donnie Marchi and Robert O'Keefe. There was no Treasurer's Report.

Old Business:

We discussed the IRS situation. The attorney said that as long as we talk to kids at car shows, that's considered education and we would qualify for the charitable standing. We don't have to donate money every year. He would do our filing for free, so there's no down side to changing the club's status. All he needs is last year's tax info from Treasurer Brenda Bunting. Steve will get with Brenda and email this info to the attorney if we vote to change our IRS standing. Then the club will send him a Holiday card with a gift certificate of \$50.

There were 8 to 10 Corvettes from our club attending the Thunder Lodge Car Show. We met with the Atomic City Corvette Club which also had about 8 cars. Eric's beautiful 1960 Corvette won the Award for Best Corvette. The weather was fine.

Steve is trying to get the Membership box, from Marty for Doug and Cathy Arney. We have the Membership list from Robert O'Keefe. The NCCC dues are included in the price of our NMCA dues, both due at the end of October. A former member of our club informed us that his current car club gets local insurance for \$25 as long as there are no racing events. Perhaps we should look into this.

Donnie talked to Tom Jenson, CASA's General Manager after the last general meeting and he thinks it's a good idea for CASA to give new Corvette buyers a free membership to NMCA since they sponsor us.

New Business:

Donnie will buy about \$100 in door prizes for the next meeting.

We went over some of the club's old by-laws. The rule that the club's jacket must be black seems unnecessary and we'd like to eliminate it. There are other rules that seem obsolete and we will publish any changes to be made a month previous to voting on it. It was also recommended that we state "Since 1962" on our letterheads or logos. We will bring this up at the next meeting.

We are fortunate to have member, Jack Stevens' nationally published C3 to be one of our cars for the Supernationals. We are still looking for more participants.

We'll be updating the Membership booklet and cards after the elections. While reviewing the by-laws, it was found that many positions could be appointed by the President. This would solve our lack of volunteers for the Newsletter Editor. We also discussed possible candidates for the November election. Steve will email them.



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Upcoming Events:

On Oct. 25th we will go to Alamogordo for the Pistachio Run. This includes a brunch served from 10AM - 2PM.

In November we'll go to Sammy Griego's Museum, a private collection. Donations would be appreciated. We'll meet at Scotty's then proceed to the Old Town area. We could include touring the Spanish Heritage building.

Our Christmas Banquet will be Dec. 19th at Sadie's, one block South of Owl Café on Eubank, sharing the same parking lot. We'll need volunteers to take tickets for door prizes, etc.

It was suggested that the club make a trip to the Cedar Cress Grill, then go on to Madrid for a possible activity.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hopkins

Cindy Hopkins, NMCA Secretary



❖ **General Meeting Minutes** ❖

October 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Stephen Hopkins. There were no visitors. CASA's winter hours are beginning. Our next General Meeting will be at 6:00 pm.

Treasurer's report: Brenda was out of town so there was no report.

We will socialize after meeting at Mc Alister's Deli.

Dues coming up at the end of October and the form letters with member info and the amount due have already been mailed. Please mark any corrections and return the forms with your dues. Steve Hopkins will get together with Brenda and the Arney's to set up a spread sheet of the current members.

We need a Newsletter Editor. Until we get one, please send articles to Pres. Hopkins.

We elected NCCC Governor Robert O'Keefe unanimously at the meeting. We will be voting in the other officers at the November 20th meeting. The Person of the Year will be selected by secret ballot. We will announce the results at the **December Christmas Party meeting.**

Nominations for other officers:

	Who:	By:
President	Steve Hopkins	Cindy Hopkins
Vice President	Mike Rothman	Donnie Marchi
Secretary	Doug Arney	Cathy Arney
Treasurer	Brenda Bunting	Lori Jordan
Activities Director	Shane LeMon	Dusty Marchi

The Activities Director will have separate committees: Eric Goodman for Car Shows; someone for drive and dine activities, and one that works on BBQ's and traditional, annual events.

Membership Director Cathy Arney

Newsletter editor

We will vote on the Club changing its IRS standing to 501 (c) (3) at the next meeting. According to the attorney we won't need to do charity work. As long as we talk to kids at Car Shows, we're educating the public. He will do our paperwork for free, but he needs information from our Treasurer before the end of the year.

Steve Hopkins and Shane LeMon will review Article XI: Amendments to Bylaws before proceeding to eliminate obsolete ones. After the Bylaws are rewritten, they will be published in the Newsletter (if we have one) or the Minutes for 30 days. Then we will vote on them at the next meeting. After the changes are voted in, we'll send the amendments to New Mexico the State.

Past Events

Ron Scott attended the Tucson NCC event. He said it was a great time. There were about 90 cars and a Poker Rally. Some of the attendees also stopped at the Cliff Dwellings.

The Sunset Grill Car Show had about 135 cars on a beautiful day.



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Eric Goodman's pristine 1960 Corvette won for Best Corvette at the Thunder Vettes Car Show. There were about 150 cars there, but lack of food and trophies might discourage future attendance.

The Balloon Fiesta Show at Hooter's West was tons of fun. There were about 120 cars and plenty of cameras. It was a good show, but very crowded.

The Oktoberfest in Ruidoso is Oct. 16th and 17th, Friday and Saturday. David Judd is playing in his Polka Band tonight at 9:15PM, tomorrow at noon and at 5:15PM in the evening.

Upcoming events

The Pistachio run to Alamogordo will be Sunday, Oct. 25th for brunch at Casa De Suenos, a New Mexican Restaurant on 35 St. Francis Dr. in Tularosa, NM. Afterwards, we shop for pistachios and wine. We'll leave town at 8:00am for a 3 hour drive to Alamogordo. Steve will send an email reminder. Another hour away is Sunspot, NM if anyone would like to see a Solar Telescope.

Hooter's East Halloween Car Show will be Saturday October 31st. Put a mask on your dash and it's a Halloween car! Put a mask on yourself and be a star!

On Nov. 7th -8th Sierra Vista will be holding a Funkhana Rally. Ron Scott will be going.

In November we'll go to Sammy Griego's Museum, a private collection. Donations would be appreciated. We'll meet at Scotty's then proceed to the Old Town area. We'll include touring the Hispanic Center downtown, where we could also eat.

Other events

The NMCA Christmas Dinner is Saturday, Dec. 19th at Sadie's. It will be \$22 a person for our own room and dinner. There'll be no gift exchange for the members, but we'll collect toys that are unwrapped in the box at the dinner. On Sunday, volunteers will take the gifts to Joy Junction in their Corvettes. There we could take pictures of the kids in Corvettes, print them, and pass them out on the spot.

The Supernationals will be held in the beginning of next year. We are fortunate to have member, Jack Stevens' nationally published C3 to be one of the cars representing us. He asked us to remind him every week. We are still looking for more participants. Even if you don't put your car in, we're asking members to come for a few hours to chat with the visitors and pass out club info to those interested. It's a long weekend for 5-6 members to be there constantly. We are making shorter stations this year, about 10" high. We need to check the warehouse before purchasing materials. We found that fake grass is expensive. Are there other substitutes that would be easy on the feet and could be painted green? The club has a \$500 budget, but we need to spend it wisely.

Donnie Marchi brought the door prizes for tonight's drawing. We'll do this again soon.

The next Council meeting will be at 6:00pm Thursday, November 12th at Scotty's.

The next General Meeting will be at 6:00pm November 20th at CASA.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Hopkins

Cindy Hopkins, NMCA Secretary