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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE GARY COCKRIEL

Hey Gang,

I hope this finds everyone well. Welcome to our new members we're glad you - joined us!

The year is moving along. By the time you're reading this Thanksgiving will have passed and we'll be looking towards Christmas. Some love this time of year and for others it can be a hard time with loved ones gone or just too far away to get together. I hope all will find some joy and fellowship as we move through the rest of the season.

Representatives of the last two charities attended the November meeting and gave a brief overview of what they do. We presented them each with a check for \$500. We'll look into doing this again in 2022 if the money is there. When the time is near, we will ask you which charities you would like to see the club support.

We made a few amendments to our bylaws: an increase in membership fees and aligning the renewal date with the date-joined for anyone joining starting in 2022. If you have any questions about these, ask one of the officers.

We had our officer elections, and all stayed the same except one. Susan Jordan gave up her officer at large position but is still going to be doing the newsletter. Thanks, Susan, for everything! Rick Davis ran for the At Large seat and will join the rest of the board next year. Welcome aboard Rick!

Our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 4th starting at 4:00 p.m. It will be at the Motor Sports Park Holley Building. You need to be there by 4:00 to get ahead of the traffic that will be coming to the Twinkle at the Track which starts at dark. When you enter the MSP, you'll come to a guard shack. Tell them you're there for our Christmas party. They will direct you to the left towards the building. We're on the ground floor of that building. If you're going to play Dirty Santa, please bring a wrapped gift cost around \$20.00. Dinner is catered including dessert. Hope to see you there!

We will not have a meeting in December, just the Christmas Party.

Our next meeting will be January 8, 2021 (the second Saturday of the month!) at the Museum starting at 6:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CLBG Events

Dec 4 – 4:00 p.m. – CLBG Christmas Party – Motorsports Park Holley Building – Registration is Closed

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES





12/02	Ron Best	
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12/07	Carmen Fields	
12/09	James Wafer	
12/10	C J Brown	
12/11	Kaye Buser	
12/12	Audrey Neely	
12/14	Pat Gary	
12/17	Ronald Reiter	
12/18	Cynthia Marshall	
12/24	R F Johnston	
12/26	Mary Wheeler	
12/28	Lynn Kirby	
12/31	Larry Crosbie	
12/31	Jacqueline Towe	

12/16	Robert & C J Brown
12/19	James & Judy Wafer
12/19	Gene & Melanie Vincent
12/21	Jonathan & Heather Tyson
12/24	William & Wanda Johnson
12/29	Tom & Liz Hill
12/29	Lurton & Janice Keel

DECEMBER 4 CHRISTMAS PARTY

For those of you who have registered for the Party, remember that you need to be at the Motorsports Park Holley Building at **4:00 p.m.** on Saturday, December 4. Note the early time. We moved it ahead to avoid gridlock issues with the Twinkle at The Track traffic. As you drive into MSP, tell the attendant at the guard shack that you are there for the CLBG party, and they will direct you to the Holley building.

We will be playing our traditional Dirty Santa. For first timers to the party, this is how it works: Bring a wrapped gift valued around \$20. Ladies, bring a gift other ladies would like, and men, bring manstuff. Or any gift can be "non-gender specific". Please note that we don't do "white elephant" or joke gifts – we want everyone to leave with something they will enjoy.

Please remember our Annual Backpack Program fund drive. We use this as an opportunity to collect money to support the Feeding America Backpack Program. Please join with us in supporting this worthy local program by donating cash or check. The donations will be collected at the party, or you can donate online by signing on to the CLBG.us website and click on the Make Donations menu item, then follow the directions.

We are all looking forward to a great party. See you all there!



Playing Dirty Santa makes us feel like kids again!

2021 HALLOWEEN PARTY

One word – Epic! If you were not able to attend the CLBG Halloween party on October 30, I am truly sorry. It had pretty much everything – Great attendance, wonderful venue, first-class decorations, games, games, and more games. We had a DJ. We had burgers and dogs and endless desserts. But most of all, we had the BEST costumes this side of a Hollywood studios costume department!

A huge thank you to Cindy Whittaker who pulled it all together with her helpful, ghoulish scarecrow husband Bob. Another to Rick "the Beast" Davis who was our MC, DJ Randy Hargis, and to our photographer Carrington Turner for taking the great photos of everyone.

Below are just a few of the many photos from the party. To see all of them, go the club website CLBG.us and view them on the home page.



CLBG NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM AMBASSADOR

Rich Sanders

<u>Ambassador Convention</u>... The Ambassador's convention was held on November 2nd & 3rd. Here are some random details that were presented during that event:

- 77 of the 305 nationwide Ambassadors attended.
- There are 36,207 NCM members.
- Over 1 million dollars in revenue is generated annually from membership fees.
- \$38K was given to Trooper Island from funds generated by this past year's KY 1 Lap events.
- A \$2,500 scholarship is available to children and grandchildren of NCM members. Applicants must be attending a college, university or technical school and be enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester hours. Applications must be submitted between January 1 and February 28. Application can be requested from Rich Sanders or downloaded at: <u>https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/educational-programs/scholarship/</u>.

<u>Two simple ways to help the NCM</u>... At our recent meeting I mentioned two simple things that we can participate in that can generate a small amount of funds for the NCM. They are:

- AmazonSmile <u>https://smile.amazon.com/</u> which returns a small percentage of your purchases to your selected nonprofit. You can setup "Smile" by visiting the link shown above on your PC or tablet. If you have the Amazon app on your phone, "Smile" will appear in the upper left drop-down menu. Tapping "Smile" will walk you through the process of applying "Smile" benefits to your Amazon purchases.
- Visitors to the Bowling Green area can make hotel reservations through a link on the NCM website https://booking.corvettemuseum.org/hotel/list/14711. Guests will receive the NCM rate, and a stipend will be returned to the NCM for reservations made through that link.

Twinkle at the Track ... The holiday lights display opened at the Motorsports Park on November 25th and will run through January 1st. The 2021 Twinkle has added a little family vibe to this festive event. Participants can stop at a Santa's village type area before leaving and enjoy fire pits and photo ops with Santa's sleigh. which, of course, is a decorated C8 Corvette. Also new for this year, you can reserve a C8 Corvette to drive through the Twinkle display. Book online at https://book.peek.com/.../bdf5867b-553c-4f63-af19.../zg2mw to reserve your slot to drive a C8 Corvette through holiday lights.

Corvette Raffles ... Currently, raffle tickets are available as follows:

- 2022 Silver Flare Corvette Convertible to be raffled on 12/2/2021. Tickets available: 617 of 1500. \$200 per ticket.
- 2022 Arctic White Corvette Coupe to be raffled on 12/16/2021. Tickets available: 1023 of 1500. \$150 per ticket.
- 2022 Black Corvette Coupe to be drawn on 1/13/2022. Tickets available: 1933.
 \$100.00 per ticket.
- 2022 Arctic White Corvette Convertible to be raffled on 4/30/2022. This is a \$20.00 per ticket raffle with an unlimited number of tickets to be sold.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH! Whipped Shortbread Cookies



I have gone to the expert once again to bring you a simple, fast Christmas cookie recipe. This is another goodie from the blog Sugar Spun Run by Samantha Merritt, the Goddess of all things Sweet.



I was drawn to this recipe first because of the term "whipped" in association with a cookie (wanted to see how to whip a cookie!), then by its simplicity. And I am so glad I tried it. It is as tasty as it is easy.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup unsalted butter softened
- ¾ cup powdered sugar (plus additional for imprinting cookies)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ³⁄₄ teaspoon table salt
- 2 cups all-purpose flour (250g)
- 2 Tablespoons cornstarch
- Nonpareils (sprinkles) or colored sanding sugar for decorating, optional

Directions:

- In a small mixing bowl whisk together vinegar and sugar until sugar is nearly dissolved then whisk in honey.
- Preheat oven to 325F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Set aside.
- Combine butter and powdered sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer (or in a large mixing bowl and use an electric hand mixer) and beat on medium-high speed (use high speed if using a hand mixer) until lightened in color, fluffy, and creamy. This will take at least 5 minutes with a stand mixer and possibly a bit longer if using a hand mixer. If needed, pause occasionally to scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl to ensure all the butter and sugar are being well creamed.
- Add vanilla extract and salt and stir until combined.
- In a separate bowl, whisk together flour and cornstarch.
- Turn mixer speed to medium-low and gradually add flour, stirring until just combined.
- Scoop dough into tablespoon-sized scoops and briefly roll between your palms to make smooth balls. Place on prepared baking sheet, spacing cookies 1-2 inches apart.
- Use a fork to slightly flatten each cookie. If the cookie dough is sticking to the tines of the fork, dip the fork in a bit of powdered sugar first to prevent sticking.
- Sprinkle cookies with nonpareils or colored sugar, if desired.
- Transfer to 325F oven and bake for 12 minutes. Cookies will still be light in color when finished baking. Allow to cool completely on baking sheet before removing.

Notes:

Sam had two notes on making these cookies:

- First, use a high-quality butter, as it is the most important flavor component in the cookie.
- Second, be accurate in measuring your flour, as it will throw off the results if too much or too little. She suggests weighing the portion (250 grams) for the most accurate measure.



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