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Calendar & Flyers are on the EVENTS Page on our Website

Monthly Meetings are held at **7:30 pm** on the **2nd Wednesday** of January, February, March, April, May, September, October, November, & December at:

NEW LOCATION: Captain's Club Restaurant 34820 Vine St, Eastlake, OH 44095 – See the changes in the minutes.

Summer meetings held in June, July, and August are picnic meetings, now at **The Rookery**, 10110 Cedar Road Chesterland, OH 44026.

You're Always Invited!!

Bring a friend or new member!

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MEETING



THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY KEN OKESON AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE CAPTAINS CLUB IN EASTLAKE, OHIO.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DENISE KAEHLER TO WAIVE READING OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES AND IT WAS SECONDED BY MIKE GETZY.

There were 29 members / guests in attendance at our meeting.

(We had a low attendance due to winter storm warnings).

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN.

by Ken Okeson

Ken reminded everyone that December 16 is Wreaths Across America Day with wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery as well as 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

Ken and the board wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!



Treasurer's Report

by Mike McGimpsey

Mike reported the recent transactions and gave the current balance of the club account. A copy of the 2017 approved budget for CCA was distributed to each table along with a document showing a running total of where CCA stands in relation to that budget. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Mike Getzy and seconded by Sue Maddle. Mike will have a draft 2018 budget to present at the January meeting.

Membership Report

by Beth Knapp

Beth reported that so far 121 renewals have come in (hopefully a few more will be coming soon).

Fred commented that in 2018 the renewal deadline will be changed to the end of October in order to give our

RMD, Cheryl Getzy, more time to process all of the CCA renewals and the memberships for the entire East Ohio Region.

Fred stated that we found an error on the CCA membership renewal form which will be corrected for 2018. We should have charged an additional \$5 per couple for the head tax.

If you don't have your renewal form you can print one out from the CCA website, [HERE](#). As previously mentioned, in order to save money, NCCC decided to replace the plastic membership cards with self-printed membership cards. **An automated Mailbot email should have been sent to you with a link when your membership was processed.**

If you want another new plastic card, you can send a **self-addressed, STAMPED envelope** to the NCCC's Membership V.P. Amelia Workman at 305 Haywood Lane, Nashville, TN 37211-5424. She will process your request and send a new plastic 2018 membership card.

However, as mentioned last month, Mike Getzy had a great idea to print out your new membership card and tape to the back of last year's plastic card with packing tape.

Printing the card is a two-step operation. It is best to do a **Print Preview** first then open up the settings and check the box to **"Print the Background"**! Then print the card in color.

You can also open the emailed link on any smartphone and then enlarge it and do a

screen print and save it in your favorite pictures.

If you have any problems printing your card, please let Fred Dugach know.



CCA is always looking for new members so please keep your eyes and ears open!

Activities Report

by Gary & Sue Maddle

Sue reported that she has received only 14 reservations for our upcoming CCA Celebrates dinner on January 28 at LaVera Party Center in Willoughby Hills.

CCA guaranteed LaVera a count of 50 and if we don't make that count and have to cancel we would lose our \$1,000 deposit or CCA would have to pay the difference. Sue will need your reservation by December 27 at the latest and the final count will be given to LaVera on January 12. **So please get your reservation in now** for this annual event which is always a great time for our Club members. Sue and Gary recently sent out an email with all of the details. There will be an excellent menu, an

open bar and Fred will once again provide the music. The Flyer is also on the calendar on the CCA website (click on the date then on the flyer).

Publications Report

by Fred Dugach

Fred reported our website had 32,560 hits for a profit through Google AdSense of \$2.2! (Please remember to click on the sponsored links to improve on this profit!)

If you are not getting the CCA emails, please let Fred know as this could mean that you accidentally unsubscribed and he can get you back on the list again. **Please do not mark any Mail Chimp or NCCC emails as spam as this will cause numerous problems.**

Fred reminded everyone that our online calendar will contain all of the flyers and dates for upcoming events; just click on the date then click on the link to the flyer. We will try to put all of the EOR events on ours because EOR is no longer keeping an online calendar. Fred asked that if anyone at this meeting has anything for the next newsletter, please get it to him electronically by Friday, December 15.

Governor's Report

by Fred Dugach

Fred reported that the EOR Banquet will be held on March

3 at the Holiday Inn in Strongsville. He has sent out the flier and it is also available on our website.

The Track X-2 at NCM in BG, KY will be held on October 4 & 5. The flier is on our website.

There will be a FREE novice class on October 4 and is highly recommended to anyone interested in a high-speed.

Linda Vannelli mentioned that slower groups can race on the track too that day (C-5s and through C-7s only). **The cost is \$205 (a real deal!) for both days and there will be a 75 car limit. This is open to EOR members only.** Even if a person is not a member joining is still cheaper!

CCA's low speed autocross will be held on August 4 and 5 in the Captains Club parking lot in Eastlake once again.

(Our thanks to Ted Vanelli for securing the lot again!) There will be a 75 car limit and a flier will be coming out soon. We may have another club joining us but it is not definite at this time.

The 2018 NCCC convention will be held in New Orleans on July 15-20, link is [HERE](#). The 2019 convention will be held in Colorado.

At the Regional Competition Meeting we discussed doing annual techs on cars for events but that is still subject to each club. And there will be a new waiver form (to be shorter and printed on both sides). Fred also found that there is a **recall on Kidde Fire Extinguishers.** Please check your model numbers **[HERE](#).**

There were three Track X FTD award plaques for Fred and Mike McGimpsey and a class award plaque for John Youdath.

Fred distributed the awards order sheets to the 2017 winners and workers so the correct sized clothes can be ordered for the banquet.

Fred convinced Reliable Racing to get new refurbished timing lights at no charge due to problems with the ones they previously repaired. And AXWare is providing new Matching times software.

According to our insurance requirements, CCA cannot charge for alcoholic beverages but can provide them at no charge at appropriate functions like our Celebrates dinner. Therefore, we will once again be signing a waiver for this dinner.

Everyone should have received their Blue Bars magazine by now.

There were several discussions on the voting procedure at car shows. One club in particular was voting on their own cars even in the same hand writing! A better method is being worked on.

Fred has CCA decals and patches if anyone needs them.

Ambassador's Report

by Cheryl Getzy

Cheryl reported that the track is up and running and on the

first Saturday of every month there is a "beater race" for any type of car with a value of under \$1,000 (high speed and low speed)!

Registration for the Annual Bash held the last week of April will begin on January 2.

Please visit the museum website to get all of the details: (www.corvettemuseum.org)

CHARITY NEWS –

Ken reported that CCA will need to make a couple of charity payments before year end. After a brief discussion it was decided that these two payments should go to the Cleveland Food Bank and St. Judes.

Mike Getzy made a motion that CCA donate to these two organizations and it was seconded by Bill Faunce.

It was also suggested that those attending the CCA Celebrates dinner each bring a non-perishable food item which can then be donated to a local food bank. Cheryl Getzy commented that a protein food item such as beans, peanut butter, tuna or canned chicken is most needed and appreciated.

A motion was made by Cheryl Getzy and seconded by Teresa Wiles that this donation be a part of our upcoming dinner and the details will be shown on the flier.

Fred commented that in his extensive research he has found that the best place to donate used clothing is the Salvation Army.

Old Business

Old Business: Teresa Wiles reported that the **Southeast Ohio "Zanesville" Cruise** will be scheduled and **will be limited to CCA members only in 2018** and there will be a car limit. **It will be held on September 28-29.** More details will be upcoming in early 2018.

New Business

Our summer meetings (**June, July and August**) will be held at the Rookery starting in 2018.

Ken has made our reservations and we will now have more room plus we will be in an enclosed pavilion with fans and a fireplace (if needed!!!!).

A tentative upcoming event in 2018 is a possible bus trip to the wineries in the Finger lakes which, depending on the number signing up, could be open to other clubs.

Things-To-Do- As always remember to check out our website's **Events Calendar** for tons of things to do!

Adjournment

Mike McGimpsey then made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by Sue Maddle.



Ken then made it official!



Our next monthly meeting will be **January 10, 2018** and held at the same **new location**:

The Captains Club on Route 91 and Vine Street in Eastlake OH, 7:30 p.m. on November 8, 2017.

Captains Club
34820 Vine St,
Eastlake, OH 44095
Phone: (440) 918-8881
Website and Menu:
www.captainsclub.net

As in the past a reminder email will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Dinner will be from 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Be sure to come early to chat with fellow members!!!

To each of you and your families, have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

See you next year!

*Minutes are submitted,
by Gail Negard,
Secretary.*

(Thank you Gail!)

Tech & Stuff & Flyers...

Instead of Tech Stuff this month here's a little Christmas Story someone found!

'Twas the night before Christmas and out in the garage,
There wasn't a trace of a Ford or a Dodge.
The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit,
So I figured I'd mess with the Vette a bit.
I popped the release and I lifted the hood,
When a deep voice behind me said, "Looks pretty good!"
Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick,
And there by the workbench stood good old Saint Nick!
We stood there a bit, not sure what to say,
Then he spoke up, "Wanna trade for my sleigh?"
I said "No way, Santa" and started to grin,
But if you've got the time, we could go for a spin."
His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow,
Turned into a smile and he said "All right, let's go!"
So as not to disturb all the neighbor's retreat,
We pushed the Vette on down to the street.
Then taking our places to coast down the hill,
I started my baby...it was always a thrill.
The sound that erupted took him by surprise,
But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.
With tires a'cryin' and headers aglow,
We headed on out where the Hot Rodders go.
And Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears,
With every shift up, as I went through the gears.
Then he yelled "I can't recall when I've felt so alive!"
So I backed off the gas and said "You wanna drive?"
Old Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,
When he walked past the headlights, he shook at the knees.
The small block erupted with that American sound,
When Santa stomped the gas, the tires shook the ground!
Chirped into second and again into third,
I just sat there holding on, at a loss for words.
Then I heard him exclaim as he blasted from sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, it's been one heck of a night!"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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