



Midwest Early Corvette Club

Dedicated to the maintenance, preservation and restoration of Corvettes 1953 to present.

Show and Shine, Cruise and Dine

Minutes from the General Membership Meeting July 9, 2019



Lynn Groenjes

President Doyle Eicher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following officers were present: President Doyle Eicher, Vice-President/Governor Ron Gillis, Treasurer Frank Metzler, Ambassador Harlen Kittrell, Ombudsman Terry Foster, Webmaster Mike McCarron, Secretary Lynn Groenjes, Newsletter Editor Sandy Eicher, Activities Committee Nancy Bronner and JoAnne Garber.

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Eicher introduced new members Bob and Danna Grinnell and guests Lanny & Kathy Burgett. Eicher recognized the April birthdays – Marilyn Jensen, Ron Luster, Steve McConnell, Marty Miller, Jeanne Peers and anniversaries – Barry & Linda Abel, John & Dawn Archer, Steve & Nancy Bronner, Don & Deb Kubik, Gary & Donna Larson, and Butch & Marilyn Noordam. Thoughts and prayers were also sent to Tom Gilmore and Pam Steiner.

The July officer/board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. and hosted by Don & Deb Kubik. The next general membership meeting is on August 13th at the Pizza Ranch at 7:00 pm.

The following items were received in the mail bag: Sid Dillon in Blair has a pre-owned, restored 1968 Corvette with 133 miles since the restoration.

Action Items

Approval of June General Membership Meeting Minutes – J.C. Stokes made a motion to approve the June 11, 2019, minutes of the MECC General Membership Meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Groenjes and passed unanimously.

Report from Officers

Treasurer – Metzler reported on the bills that have been paid and the balance in the treasury is \$12,873.47.

Governor – Gillis reported the upcoming car show that benefits the Nebraska Humane Society would be published in the Gears section of the paper. He also presented awards from NCCC for the 2018 1st Place People's Choice Car Show winners to the following: Harlen Kittrell, Chuck & JoAnne Garber, Bob & Lynn Groenjes, Don Peers, and Don & Deb Kubik.

Ambassador – Kittrell gave away two posters and the winners were Kevin & Ruth Guthrie and Ron & Joyce Luster.

Webmaster –McCarron provided an update on the number of people who have viewed the MECC web page and 440 pages were read.

Newsletter – S. Eicher if you are interested in submitting information about your Corvette for the Spotlight on Members section of the newsletter, see her for information.

Ombudsman – Foster no report

Activities Committee

Hot Summer Nights/Black Hills Classic – Kittrell reported that five cars will be attending the Hot Summer Nights and will spend one night before returning to Omaha. The meeting place for the caravan will be the Walmart parking lot in Blair.

Ashland Parade – Groenjes stated we would meet at the Nebraska Crossings Outlet Stores at 8:45 a.m. and leave at 9:00 a.m. with lunch in Ashland after the parade. A sign up sheet was passed around.

H&H All Chevy Show – Terry Murkins stated 350 people have registered their cars. MECC members will meet at 7:45 a.m. at Sortino's and then caravan to the dealership at 8:00 a.m.

Missouri Valley Parade – Bronner stated we would meet at I-680 and 30th at O.J.'s at 9:30 a.m. and then caravan to Missouri Valley.

Washington County/ Arlington Parade – Bronner stated we would meet at St. Patrick's Church parking lot at 1:45 p.m. and then caravan to Arlington High School. Tom Gilmore will lead the caravan to dinner in Hooper after the parade.

Magnolia Parade – Garber stated we would meet at the Walmart parking lot on I-680 and Irvington Road at 8:00 a.m. and then caravan to Magnolia. A sign up sheet will be passed around again at the August meeting.

Kansas City Trip – Eicher stated the caravan would leave on Friday and attend the New Theatre featuring The Last Romance. On Saturday we would attend the show by Illusionist Rick Thomas. Bob Redmond is working on the reservations and more information will be provided at an upcoming meeting.

NCM Caravan – Kittrell stated more information would be provided in August.

Old Business

All Corvette Show – Peers reported they had 96 Corvettes and raised \$3,500 for the Soap Box Derby.

Bennington – Abel stated he met with the Bennington City Council and we have approval to close the streets for the car show. He reported that the City Council would be supportive of MECC holding another car show.

Nebraska Humane Society – Bronner reported they are ready for the car show, plaques have been picked up and they hope to see everyone at the show. She stated the cost to register is \$20 and all proceeds go to the Nebraska Humane Society.

Weekend Cruise Ideas and Organizers – If anyone has an idea or an interest in hosting a cruise, let the activities committee know.

H&H Chevrolet – Murkins provided an update from H&H and spoke about the new C8 Corvette.

Club Apparel – If you are interested in any club apparel, contact Gillis.

New Business

Discussion on Spring Fling Car Show for 2020 – Eicher stated we will have more discussion on this and a decision needs to be made by late fall so information can be placed in the ENWI Car Council Book. It was noted that we could consider Bennington for the location since the City has offered to approve a second show for MECC.

Apple Orchard Cruise – The Wichita’s will host this cruise on September 29. More information will be provided at an upcoming meeting.

Discussion on Summer Picnic – The Wichita’s will host the summer picnic on August 18. We will meet at 1:30 p.m. at El Bee’s located at Highway 50 and 144th Street and then caravan to the Wichita’s. The main dish will be ham and participants will need to bring a side dish. A sign-up sheet will be available at the August meeting.

Club Car Shows – Eicher reported we have received requests from three Nursing/ Assisted Living Residences requesting MECC to hold a club car show. Peers and Bronner agreed to host one of the shows.

Sid Dillon Car Show – Engelsman stated the Sid Dillon Car Show would be held on September 21. We will meet at their home at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and rolls and then caravan to the dealership.

Pledge of Allegiance – Don Peers made a motion to start the MECC meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. The motion was seconded by Gillis and passed unanimously.

Drawings

Name Tag/Dinner – Chuck & Mickey Moriarty won the free dinner gift card.

Raffle – Kevin & Ruth Guthrie won the \$122 cash drawing.

Adjournment

J.C. Stokes made a motion to adjourn the July 9, 2019, General Membership Meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Engelsman and adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Lynn Groenjes