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LAST CHANCE TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP W/O HAVING TO REJOIN

The 2/28/18 deadline to renew SDC membership without having to rejoin is fast approaching. If you haven't already done so, please use the attached Renewal Form and forward to Norm Burton before 2/28/18, along with your renewal fee and \$5 late fee. After that date, you will have to re-join the club as a new member and you will not be eligible for pro rating of dues.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Janet Schmidt

We started off activities for 2018 thanks to Ron Zitter setting up breakfast and our visit to the Classic Auto Mall with our very gracious host Stewart Howden, President. There were many varieties of vehicles; some names most had not heard of before & many barn finds, an ongoing project. Membership is very important to our club. If you haven't renewed please reconsider. Remember to save the wave.



GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS AT DAYTONA

The good news is the 2 C7R's finished 3rd and 4th in the GTLM class at the Rolex 24 Daytona. The Corvette Racing team had a mistake free day with good pit stops. The bad news is they could not keep up with the Chip Ganassi V6 Ford GTs. The Fords were .5 faster per lap. The Corvettes finished 27 laps behind after 24 hours of racing.

Antonio Garcia tried to stay positive: "I think we can be happy. We again didn't make any mistakes by the drivers, the pit stops were fine... we may have had an unscheduled stop for brakes. Other than that, everything worked perfect. We just didn't have the pace. It was a little bit like what happened a lot last year. If this was Lime Rock, I'd be super happy with third. But here at Daytona or Le Mans, you only want to win. That's part of our driver mentality... we want to win these races. But we can be proud. Our guys did a fantastic job. We showed all we had and gave it all. If the Fords were faster than us, we can't do anything else but congratulate them. We just didn't have enough to fight them, especially with the limited number of yellow flags"

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No **NEW MEMBERS** this month



THE BASH NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEM April 26-28

The kick-off event at the NCM each year is the "Bash" and it traditionally highlights the rollout of the next model year Corvette. With the new C-7 ZR1 recently unveiled what could be new you ask? If you cannot answer that, you must be in another world! Well, the place to be is at Bowling Green. Seminars will feature speakers detailing chassis, power train, interior design, and manufacturing all presented by a large contingent of GM designers, engineers and assembly plant representatives. There is no other venue that brings you so up-close and personal to those that design and build the cars that we drive.

There is much more on the itinerary including several road tours, and a wonderful closing banquet, a ladies oasis, poker run, race team seminar and more. To view the whole agenda, go to the NCM web site, www.corvettemuseum.org and click on events. Registration is not yet open but if you are interested do not delay because some of the events are space limited. The NCM website indicates that event registration will open in January, 2018.

Hopefully, but not yet announced, there may be track time for spirited Touring Laps, well at least we are hoping that the NCM continues the tradition of the last three years, and I have been informed that there will be a "lapping day" on Thursday. And there is a new activity first done last September, a day at the shooting range under the direction of Wes Wong, NCM Board of Directors member and retired FBI agent.

In addition, The Museum in Motion Tour "Tail of the Dragon" departs at the conclusion of the Bash and heads to Ashville, N.C. for four additional days of adventure. Again, go to the Museum website and click on "Events" for full details. We are going so if you would want to travel with us, please contact Jack or Dor at 215-657-4418. We have already made our reservations at The Hilton Garden Inn, Bowling Green, Kentucky. In order to get the SDC discount at the Hilton Garden Inn, contact us for details as we have negotiated a special deal for SDC members.

As I receive more detailed information, I will update at the Club meetings and in this newsletter.

Jack DeLong NCM Club Ambassador



A CORRECTION *by Randy Kerschner*

I want to post a correction regarding Jack DeLong's thank you to the "Board" in the January 2018 newsletter.

The "Board" was only responsible for the Corvette Raffle tickets presented to each member and guest in attendance at the Christmas party. The "Christmas Party Committee" was solely responsible for the \$240 in NCM Gift Certificates that were given at the party, not the "Board". These were paid for within the party budget.

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NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

Anyone is welcome to submit items or articles for publication in the newsletter. Please try to be brief and to the point. E-mail is the very best way to submit information. Our e-mail address is sdcnews@yahoo.com. Deadline for submission is **noon on the 26th** of each month. If you don't have access to e-mail, then a typewritten document is preferred.



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DIC SEZ 2 MILES REMAINING

by Jack DeLong

There was an article in the newspaper in the auto section, about going to 2-3 remaining miles DIC reading in the gas tank. The motormouth writer (his self description) only said that it was not wise to uncover the fuel pump from gas, as it may overheat. That may be true, but I added the following observations.

Your response to allowing the fuel remaining to as low as 2-3 miles remaining, well that puzzles me. I have been recording fuel mileages on all my vehicles for years from the days of using the calculator only to starting in 1988 with my first vehicle with a DIC--Driver's Information Center.

It sometimes drove my wife nuts, but I would record the DIC information, miles per gallon, fuel remaining and then double check the information by calculator. Over the years I accumulated dozens and dozens of readings, probably if I added them all up, into the hundreds. I had a reason for doing this, first I am a Professional Engineer (we do things like this) and also to determine how accurate is my DIC. I recorded mileage and MPG, and from that the computer calculates the estimated remaining miles that can theoretically be driven. I wanted this knowledge in case I was ever in a position where remaining miles would be important.

First, the accuracy in terms of MPG varied quite a bit from vehicle to vehicle, always being the closest in long term highway driving, but showing less accuracy in stop and go situations. The 1988 was not bad in accuracy, the 1992 very good, the 1998 uncanny accurate, often only 1 to 2% from the calculator, the 2008 could vary sometimes up to 5 to 8% from calculator, and the 2014 so far is quite accurate. Another observation was that almost every time I did these calculations, the DIC reading was optimistic, isn't that figure used to calculate the " remaining miles" ? It is a computer calculation.

I observed that many times, especially my trips to and from Kentucky from my home, an 800 mile one way trip. In the mountains the remaining miles was one figure, then as I got to the flatter areas, my DIC remaining miles would increase. On one trip, I filled up in Hurricane West Virginia and figured on one additional gas stop to home watching my remaining miles on my GARMIN GPS and my DIC reading of miles remaining in the gas tank. The DIC remaining miles kept increasing as I got to flatter terrain, until the DIC and Garmin indicated I could make it to my Pennsylvania Turnpike exit. So I said to myself, I can do it, in a 1998 V-8 6-speed manual transmission and from my knowledge of the car's DIC. I drove 499 miles on one tank of gas, V-8 6-speed manual with an accelerator foot driving for maximum miles per gallon. The only car that I would attempt this was my 1998 which I still have and have recorded MPG's of 32/33 plus MPG many times. I am that confident in the car's DIC. I put 17.1 gallons of gas at my exit, 18.5 gallon tank.

I have had a number of trucks, one was a 1994 Chevy S-10, which I took to to Florida for the Daytona 500 every year for 8 years. Again I recorded my mileage and recorded my MPG. After the first year, I noticed that my mileage from my home to the hotel would increase by 5 to 7 total miles every year--total initial distance just under 1,000 miles. I was curious, so for the next 6 years I made sure I used exactly the same route, same hotel, same gas pump if possible, even the same parking spot in the hotel on the way down. What I was recording was not Teutonic plate shift, but tire wear. And it was uncanny almost the same increase ever year, so that would also influence the calculator readings by a small amount.

I also calculated the sweet spot, best speed to travel to optimize both time on the road and total gallons used. For the not terribly aerodynamic S-10, anything over 72 miles per hour resulted in a big decrease in MPG--not hard to understand as air resistance increases dramatically with speed. I observed so many times on my way to Florida that some speeding cars passed me many times over and over during the course of a day on the road. Yes, they were flying, but just one extra gas stop equates to a lot of road distance at 72 miles per hour. A fifteen minute stop is 18 road miles at 72 MPH.

Well, that is my take: to go to 2-3 miles remaining as stated in your article is not wise, and must indicate a reserve of some sort. There are too many variables to do that.

Jack DeLong, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania



FROM BOB FISHER CHEVROLET

Our Current New and Used Corvette Inventory in stock

- 2018 USED Coupe, Artic White with Black Interior, 2LT, Manual, Stock# J9059A Club Price: \$54,990
- 2016 Conv, Yellow with Black Interior, 2LT, ZR1, Manual, Stock# 6346Z MSRP: \$76,975 Club Price: \$60,999
- 2018 Coupe, Torch Red with Black Interior, 2LT, Auto, Stock# J9072MSRP: \$62,600 Club Price: \$57,592
- 2018 Coupe Grand Sport, White with Blk Interior, 2LT, Auto, #J9060 MSRP: \$62,600 Club Price: \$57,592
- 2018 Coupe Grand Sport, White with Blk Interior, 2LT, Auto, #J9060MSRP: \$62,600 Club Price: \$57,592
- 2018 Coupe, Gray Matrix with Black Interior, 1LT, Manual, Stock# J9076 MSRP: \$58,880 Club Price: \$54,169
- 2018 Coupe, Admiral Blue with Black Interior, 2LT, Auto, Stock# J9392 MSRP: \$74,755 Club Price: \$69,555

Due to incentives and specials changing at the beginning of every month, this does not include any of the GM Sponsored Incentives. The prices above only reflect the discounts from Bob Fisher to the Skyline Drive Corvette Club Members prior to any incentives being applied. Don't see what you want or would like accurate pricing with current incentives, please email our Bob Fisher representative Robert Simpson at R.Simpson@bobfisherchev.com or call 610-921-0261 ext:152.

Bob Fisher Chevy Parts & Service Monthly Corvette Special

This month's special is GM Corvette Battery Tender (Part# 84020220). List price is \$120 and the special this month is \$99.99. Please contact our Parts Manager Kevin Mertz at k.mertz@bobfisherchev.com or 610-927-0261 Ext: 129 to place your orders.

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FROM GALEN HALL

Celebrate Valentine's at Galen Hall FEB. 10th 5:30-8:30pm in The Restaurant at Galen Hall

Start the Valentines celebration early at our cozy venue, complete with the grand old fireplace, classic bar and elegant atmosphere. Songstress Cara Wojciechowski will serenade our guests with soft and relaxing music, perfect for a romantic dinner. Special Valentine's menu will be available all weekend as well as Wednesday, Feb. 14th.

Upcoming Entertainment at Galen Hall

Rollin' Mills Trio
February 9th, 6:30-9:30pm in the pub

March 3rd - The Rockman Blues Band plays a variety of blues, rock, and New Orleans-style roots music, including originals by Jeff Roeckle—lead singer and guitarist, and covers by an array of artists including Tom Waits, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Chuck Berry, Muddy Waters, B.B. King, and Ray Charles.

Get your dancing shoes on for an incredible night. Call some friends and make a special evening with the Rockman boys! Reserve a table by calling 610-678-5424. Come out early and enjoy dinner in the upstairs restaurant before the show. Food available downstairs in the Pub throughout the show. Casual selections & tasty choices from the Pub menu. Beer and drink specials. Free raffle for prizes during the show.

MARCH 10th - BLUEGRASS plus other incredible music by the band, Crow Hill with a special menu prepared for the evening. Crow Hill is a five member band with musical backgrounds that range from classical, country, blues, barbershop, gospel, rock, folk, and Celtic traditions. A performance by Crow Hill is apt to include a tune from any of these genres—played with a Bluegrass accent.



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You can help SDC raise some funds by shopping at Redners. To participate, you need to have a "Save-A-Tape" card. Simply ask for a free card at any Redner's Market.

Redner's will donate 1% back to SDC. Bring Redner's register receipt tapes to each regular club meeting or mail to Barry Goodhart @ 32 Heart Knoll Lane, Robesonia 19551

EVENTS CLUB SPONSORED

FEBRAURY CLUB MEETINGS

The **general membership** will be held at Alvernia at 7pm on the 12th. The **Board of Directors** meeting will be held at Fisher's at 7pm on the 19th.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP, FEB 10

This trip is all set

WATKINS GLEN RACE CLUB EVENT, JUNE 28-JULY 2

Race dates: Thursday, June 28 to Sunday, July 2, 2018.
Contact person at Glen: Bob Russell , 1-607-535-3351. Corvette Corral Price: \$170 couple/\$95 single

Block of rooms in Tom Suchon's (Skyline Drive Corvettes) name at Rodeway Inn, 3527 Watkins Road, Horseheads, New York 14845, 1-607-739-3891 best to call after 12 noon.

Some members are going up on Thursday and others on Friday, should have more information available to members that get their corral tickets and rooms at upcoming meeting.

OCEAN CITY MD CORVETTE WEEKEND OCT 12,13 2018

We have a block of 22 rooms at the Howard Johnson on the Boards at 12th Street for the 2018 Free State Corvette weekend in Ocean City, Md. October 12, 13.

Standard rooms \$79 + tax
Ocean View \$89 + tax
Ocean Front \$129 + tax

All you need to do is call 800-926-1122 and make your reservation in the SDC block. You will receive these special SDC prices. If you have already made your redervation through the hotel, call the above number and ask for Pat Ambler-Perry to be moved into our block. The hotel cannot give you this pricing.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

NCM BASH, APR 26-28

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EVENT SIGN UP

Sign -up sheets for our events will be on the front table at our general club meetings at Alvernia. If you are new or have just never tried an event with the club, come out and see how much fun we have as a club