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Our regular monthly membership meeting started about 6:30pm on Tuesday, July 11th, at the Holiday Inn Select. The president opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and offered a very positive commentary to the membership regarding June's activities.

Several Emerald Coast Corvette Club members participated in events during the month of June. These included the following...



Emerald Coast Corvette Club, along with several other local car clubs of Bay County, joined together to support the American Muscle Car Club's cruise-in on June 3rd. The Cruise-in was organized to raise money and to collect items for Simms Veteran Nursing Home in Callaway. The other car clubs included the Outlaws Car Club, Hot Wheels Car Club, Classic Cruisers, Bay Mustang Club, Florida Mopars, Crazy Cruisers, Bay British Cars, Renegade Car Club, and several independent car owners. United together, with overwhelming generosity, an estimated \$1000 in donated items and \$685 in cash was collected, which was donated to the Chester Simms Veteran Nursing Home. There were close to 60 beautiful vehicles on display. Several spectators stopped by to enjoy them. ECCC is proud to have been able to support and participate with the other car clubs. But this was all about the Veterans, the real heroes!

On June 10th, Club members participated in a cruise to the Army Aviation Museum in Fort Rucker, AL. Our group drove north along the scenic roads of Bay County, FL crossing the state line into Alabama and making our way to Dale County, AL. Although the Museum was designed for unassisted viewing, guided tours are available on request. Fred Bok inquired



about a tour guide, and we had a delightful museum tour guide name Bob narrate for us. The Army Aviation Museum traces the history of Army Aviation and how it impacted and transformed the Army we know today. The history begins with the early years of the Wright brothers in 1908, the Army's first airplane. It continues through the Army Air Corp of 1926 which later becomes



the US Air Force in 1947. Finally, it ends with the modern helicopters being utilized today, like the A model Apaches that were all converted to Longbow Apaches D models. The Gunship collection represents the Attack community. The exhibits were an incredible sight to see, most having informational cards to read. We finished the day with dinner at McAlister's Deli in Dothan, eating and talking about the day, the drive, the museum, and of course, that Mustang.



Also in June, a couple of our members, Fred & Linda Bok, attended Bloomington Gold in Indianapolis, IN from June 22nd through June 25th. They said it was a great time and highly recommends this for a club road trip next year. From touching the brickyard finish line, to some simulator driving, and even actually driving on the track, they both had a wonderful experience.



Octavio Barrios, Jr Oct 9th, 1947 - May 20th, 2017

Memorial Service - June 24th, 2017



On June 24th, several members attended the Memorial Service for Octavio Barrios, Jr at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bay County. Octavio was a beloved member of the club who passed away in May. On this solemn occasion, we gathered with his family and friends to remember and share stories of Octavio. His niece, Diane, shared several stories of growing up with him. She shared how he always had funny jokes and stories to tell. Colleen, as club president, was honored to speak. She shared the story of Octavio's time on the track at the NCM MSP



Inaugural HPDE in Sept 2014. She mentioned how John G. share stories and tips with Trey during Club meetings; tips about CSR Racing, a car racing game that Trey played on his mother's 'borrowed' phone. Colleen's most precious memory of Octavio occurred from the December club meeting when he showed up just to vote for her as President of the club. He said he believed in her. She ended with the last time she saw Octavio, at the club's Christmas party. He always had a smile on his face. Then Colleen, on behalf of ECCC, extended the membership's sympathy to Trey (Octavio only child) and gave him a photo collage used in June's meeting to memorialize his father. She mentioned that the club has purchased a memorial brick in his fathers honor at the National Corvette Museum. She finished by giving him a club pin with a promise of membership when he turns 18 years old. Trey replied that he thinks of the ECCC and its members as his family and was thankful we were all there.



Kitty announced this months Club member's birthdays and anniversaries. She extended best wishes for good health and safety to everyone, and to those in the military who are deployed.

Colleen mentioned some upcoming events for club members to consider participating in: Renegade Car Club 3rd Cruise-in on Saturday, July 15th, Milton Chevrolet Cruise-in on Friday, July 21st, ECCC Sunday Cruise, July 23rd, the Cars & Coffee at Pier Park (Panera Bread) Saturday, July 29th. She also mentioned the next ECCC Club Monthly Meeting would be on Tuesday, August 1st.

And finally, the ECCC Annual Club Picnic will be at the MWR Marina on NSA Panama City, on August 5th. Anyone wishing to attend, that does not have a DOD issued ID card, will have to sign up in advance and provide a Driver's license to enter the base. Sign-up sheet for bringing your favorite pot luck dish to share is at the front table. And most importantly, no weapons are allowed on base.

John G. shared the Financial Report, and Treasury balance which matches with the bank statement. He also mentioned there are still club coins and club pins available for purchase. He has also been working on building a spreadsheet that will detail monthly, quarterly, and yearly ECCC treasury activity. He will work with the Roy M to make this available on line to the membership beginning with the August 1st monthly meeting.

Ron gave his NCM Ambassador Report and discussed the upcoming ECCC Corvette Museum - Bowling Green, planned for October 12th – 15th, 2017. The schedule includes the MSP track date on Friday, a Corvette road trip through the countryside ending with a nice restaurant for Saturday. Ron had some ideas on possible restaurants and asked membership to contact him if they had suggestions for other restaurant venues. Also, the Motor Sports Park has partnered with the Tennessee Go Cart Group. The MSP now offers a high performance go-cart track. Ron announced that the NCM is raffling a 2017 torch red Corvette and that he has tickets for sale. Ron pointed out that ECCC is a Lifetime Member of the National Corvette Museum and all members in the club are entitled to a reduced cost on their initial membership to the Museum Family Membership is \$75.00 and an Individual Membership is \$35.00. Ron discussed the importance of supporting the Museum and the history that is embodied there, and that becoming a member in "our" museum matters.

Some old business that was discussed included the charity suggestions that are now being reviewed by the ECCC Board. The highest interest were in the following: Bethal House in Callaway, Simms Veteran Nursing Home and Anchorage Children's Home. The Board is continuing to gather more information and will discuss at in the upcoming months.

And for some new business.

Cecil requested "floor time" to discuss his C5 steering wheel lock malfunction. Cecil researched online and recommended to anyone who owns a C5, to prepare for this problem by purchasing the LMC5 Module.

Colleen reminded everyone that there is a signup sheet at the door and anyone planning to come to the picnic should list their names and any dish that they plan to share. Also, the event is a BYOB (bring your own

Beverage) but the Club will be providing chicken, ice, water, sweet and unsweet tea and paper plates, napkins, and plastic ware.

And finally, the ECCC Board is working on rewording some of the language for clarity and reducing the redundancy that is present within the structure of the By-Laws. Some of the changes are that a membership application is filled out before being voted in for membership. The annual Treasury Summary Report is moved from November to January. Public Relations will have the responsibility of keeping new members involved with club activities and events. Former members only need to fill out a new application, be voted in and pay dues to rejoin the club. The new By-Law update will be posted on the website with the meeting minutes and available for members to review. A vote will take place at next monthly meeting in order to make the updated revision of By-Laws permanent. Any comments, questions, concerns regarding any of these revision, contact the President before the August 1st monthly meeting.



Joseph Schallenberger and his daughter were voted in for membership and presented with a Certificates & Welcome Packages.



Nate conducted the 50/50 drawing for door prizes. Afterward the meeting was adjourned.

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