



HELLGATE CORVETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER

May 3, 2018

**The next meeting will be June 9, 2018
Don Matlock's Residence, 280 Cartwright Way,
Hamilton, MT 4:00 pm**

Minutes from the May 3, 2018 Meeting

This month's meeting was held at the River City Grill in Bonner, Montana. Members present were Don Matlock, Larry Jones, Duane and Shirley Shinn, Ron and Linda Benton, Sherri and Ed Schmidt, Ron Beck, Phil Barba and guest, Steve and Deidre Slagle, and Paul Coonan.

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 by President Don Matlock. Phil introduced his guest Tammy and a quick introduction of all members present was made.

There was a wording correction made to the April minutes. The second sentence in the second paragraph now reads "Paul reported that he went to a Camp Make-A-Dream meeting and felt that he needed more support." It was also noted that Steve Schmidt should have been added as a guest at the last meeting. Larry moved that the minutes be approved as corrected and the motion was seconded by Ed. Motion carried.

Larry presented the financial report. There was no income to report and the expenses were \$50 for the quarterly drawing and \$20 for filing with the State of Montana for the club. There was a blank space with a \$50 entry on the report with no explanation. Larry will check to see if something was left out or if the \$50 should be removed. Ron Benton moved the finance report be approved with the above question, Shirley seconded and motion carried.

There was no correspondence for the previous month.

Old Business:

Paul had four handouts to give to the group. The first one is a letter to businesses asking for donations for Showin' Off for Camp Mak-A-Dream. There is room on the letter for adding contact information – this is your information as the person who contacted the business.

The second handout was a yellow flyer announcing Showin' Off for Camp Mak-A-Dream. Paul wanted each member present to take some of these and place them in cars at car shows they may

be attending in the next couple of months. This is a way of advertising the event and hopefully to encourage folks to bring their cars to show off. The third handout was the same flyer as above but is printed on white paper with color print. This flyer was printed on lighter weight paper and is meant to be mailed to or posted at local businesses. Again, all members were asked to take a few and post them in businesses.

The fourth was a 3x4" card, printed in color. It is meant to be placed on "nice cars" inviting them to show the car off at Showin' Off for Camp Mak-a-Dream. The card says "Nice Ride! Come show it off!" along with all the information about the event. So if you are walking through the mall or any other parking lot and see a nice car that you feel should be in the show – put a card on the windshield.

Ron Benton asked what more can our club do to help with this event. Paul suggested that the club provide lanyards and plastic card holders. These would be given to each child (approximately 60) and would have the information about the event and have the word "JUDGE" printed in the middle so all attending will know that these kids will be the ones judging the cars. The lanyards would also be something of a memento for each child to remind them of the event. The card would also say "Thank You Hellgate Corvette Club". Paul felt he could get the lanyards and plastic card holders for around \$12. Ed presented a motion that the club pay for these with a second from Ron Beck. Duane asked if someone could donate the money and Paul said certainly. Duane donated \$25 for the purchase and the motion was withdrawn.

Hellgate Corvette Club is carrying the bulk of the load for this event. The **May** Showin' off for Camp Mak-A-Dream meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 7:00 pm at their office at 2110 S. Johnson St. in Missoula. Ron Benton is going to attend and again, if anyone else is available, please attend if you can. Paul said he would like to have the **June** Showin' off for Camp Mak-A-Dream meeting at the pavilion at the Fairgrounds and would like to see a few of our members at that meeting to help with the layout. Paul will announce the date of this meeting at the next Hellgate Corvette Club meeting which will be held at Don's house (more on that below). On the day of the event, there will be a need for help with registration, parking and other duties to be assigned. Larry and Ron Benton will be running the hot wheels racing and Ed said he is working with several businesses to get donations. Larry will purchase the hot wheel cars and return any cars that are not sold.

July 15 was selected as the date to meet up with the Helena club at Gold Creek and take the Camp Mak-A-Dream kids for rides. Again this year, these will be kids who are battling cancer and are from 6 to 13 years of age. Paul will have "Bat Man" memorabilia and each HCC member is asked to bring a picture of your car to give to the kids as a memento of their ride. We will need to be at Gold Creek at 1:00 pm and Ron Benton will get in touch with the Helena club to give them the details. Time to leave Missoula will be determined at our July meeting.

Big Sky 2018 – Ron Benton asked for a show of hands of those present who would be attending this event this year. Looks like there will be 6-7 cars going. We will plan to leave from Karl Tyler Chevrolet and Cadillac on May 25th at 1:00.

Big Sky 2019 – Larry had a new rendition of the flyer for 2019. All agreed it looked good. Larry is going to have K-Design print a copy with "Save the Date" at the top and Linda and Ron will pick it up, take it to Don to be printed, and then they will deliver them to Helena.

Shirley had picked up sample tee shirt colors for our meet. She had a blue, red and gray. The members present felt the gray was the best choice with the colors in the design. She will also check to see if there might be a purple color for the members of our club to wear during the event. She will also check on polo and sweat shirts at a later time.

New Business:

Ron Benton asked if there would be interest in a 300-350 mile mystery run this year or even one that would be 2-3 nights out. There was some discussion but no decision was made.

Paul handed out a list of Montana car shows and cruises for May through July. Anyone is invited to attend. One local event is held every Wednesday by the Lolo Shifters car club. They select a place to eat in the Bitterroot valley and then there is a short cruise after dinner. Some of the members expressed interest in attending some of these events. If you have a Facebook account you can search for Montana Car Shows & Cruises and select events.

Don reported that Marie is doing well and she sends greetings to everyone. She is hoping to be driving again by the weekend.

The next meeting will be held on **Saturday**, June 9th, at Don's house – 280 Cartwright Way, Hamilton at 4:00 pm. Please note the change in date and time. Don will provide the burgers and everyone attending bring a side dish of your choice and drinks of your choice.

The July meeting will be held **July 12** – a week later than our usual first Thursday at Fort Fizzle. Details will be worked out later.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

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