



# HELLGATE CORVETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 6, 2019

**The next meeting will be July 13, 2019  
Fort Fizzle, Highway 12, Lolo**

## Minutes from the June 6, 2019 Meeting

**Call to Order: 7:00 PM** at the Frontier Café in Stevensville.

**Members Present:** Don Matlock, Ed and Sherri Schmidt, Ron Beck, Steve & Deidre Slagle, Larry Jones and Elizabeth Murrer, Ron & Linda Benton, Paul Coonan, Jerry and Gail Zella, Scott Whittenberg.

**Guests:** Julian White (1979 White Coupe), Lloyd Harrison (1992 White Coupe), Fred McDowell (2012 White Grand Sport), and RJ Harmsen. Lloyd and Fred have joined the club. **WELCOME!!**

**Meeting Minutes/Newsletter:** Don asked if everyone had read the minutes of the May 2, 2019, meeting and if there were any questions and/or corrections; being none, Ron Beck moved to accept the minutes as submitted; Ed seconded; minutes were approved as submitted.

**Financial Report:** There was no change to the financial report from last month so a report was not submitted. The financial report for the Big Sky Meet was discussed later.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Old Business:** Emma's House donation at Sapphire Classic Car Show is set for Saturday, July 6, in Hamilton at Mildener Motors. Let's have a large contingent from the Hellgate Corvette Club enter this car show and be present for the presentation of the check. You do not have to enter a Corvette in the show – you can enter anything motorized. If you wish to enter the car show, the cost per car entry is \$20.00, which includes two lunches. Show begins at 8:00 am. There will also be a raffle and awards. Don has made arrangements to have a representative from Emma's House present to accept our donation which will be made at 12:00.

Wings and Wheels in Hamilton, June 22

Trip to Camp Mak-A-Dream will tentatively be July 17.

Railroad Days in Alberton is July 20th

Flint Creek Valley Days is July 28 in Philipsburg.

**New Business:** Everyone was still hung over from working so hard to ensure a successful Big Sky Meet that no future activities have been planned at this time.

**Good of the Order:** Marie is currently out of the hospital and resting at her daughter's home. She sends her best to all. Sherri Schmidt is going to have surgery to repair the hole in her heart. We wish them both well.

Don reported that he and the Acapella Society will be heading for Italy on June 15. Have fun!!

### **Big Sky Wrap-up:**

Larry went over the financial report. There are still a couple of outstanding bills.

The poker run and lunch to Quinn's ended up with Ed Schmidt being short \$58.10 because of those who did not pay for their meals or did not pay enough. A motion was presented, seconded and carried to pay Ed the amount and not try to recover it from those who went on the poker run.

Deidre reported that the raffle brought in \$1275 and the silent auction \$1356 for a total of \$2631. This amount will be split evenly between Watson's Children's Center, Missoula Youth Homes, Montana Food Network, Hospice Care Foundation, and Emma's House. Deidre and Linda will work on getting thank you letters sent to all our sponsors. A big thank you to the following club members who donated items for either the raffle or the silent auction: Deidre and Steve Slagle, Jerry and Gail Zella, Ron and Linda Benton, Duane and Shirley Shinn, Norm and Cathy Smyers, Ed and Sherri Schmidt, Jim and Wendy Neal, Chuck and Carolyn Bell, Clint and Karon Baertsch, Marty and Claudia Kux and Ron and Shirley Beck .

Ron Beck presented a motion to refund the registration fees to the folks who could not make the meet due to a family emergency and also to the couple from Eureka who were first timers to the meet who decided they were not going to stay because of some miscommunication on our part. Ed seconded the motion and it carried. Linda will get the names and addresses to Larry so he can issue the checks.

Ron Benton presented Gail with her trophy for placing second in the C6 class in the autocross. Congratulations Gail. He also has the rest of the trophies that had to be made for classes in the autocross that we did not have made. He will get them in the mail to the winners.

Don asked everyone at the table to give their assessment of how the meet went. Most agreed that it was fun and that everything went well. There were a few minor glitches but that with something as large as this event, not everything is going to go as planned or something was missed in the planning. There was discussion on why our club members could not compete for a trophy in the show and shine. The consensus was that since it was our meet that there could be favoritism shown to a particular car that could have resulted in one of our members getting a trophy. It was agreed that we did the right thing to not have our cars available for judging in the show and shine. One of our new members said he felt left out and found it hard to integrate into the participants. This was also echoed by a member of the public who posted on Facebook about an unpleasant experience he had with some of the participants. We worked really hard to make everyone feel welcome but as the club

hosting this event, it's hard to visit when there's an alligator nipping at your heels that needs attention. This may be a heads up to other clubs that "Big Sky" has become somewhat closed off to someone who is new to the event and we don't seem to want to encourage others seeking knowledge from us.

We adjourned at 8:25 and moved on to a discussion of Big Sky plans.

**Next Meeting is Saturday, July 13, 2019, 4:00 pm, at Fort Fizzle, Highway 12, Lolo. The club will provide the chicken and all the utensils. Those attending are asked to bring a salad, hot dish or dessert to share.**

#### **CARS FOR SALE:**

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