



HELLGATE CORVETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER

August 1, 2019

**The next meeting will be September 7 at
Larry Jones residence,
4755 Mallard Way, Missoula**

Minutes from the August 1, 2019 Meeting

Call to Order: 6:55 PM at Don Matlock's residence in Hamilton.

Members Present: Don Matlock, Larry Jones and Elizabeth Murrer (and Elizabeth's mom Adalaide), Ron & Linda Benton, Jerry and Gail Zella, Lloyd Harrison, Steve and Deidre Slagle, Duane and Shirley Shinn, Bob and Gina Opitz, Ron Beck.

Don invited Pat McMahon to join the group this evening. He took a membership form and hopefully he will fill it out and become a member. We also gained three more members since our last meeting. Rick Weidner (renewal), Chris and Michelle Clackner, and Steve and Kathy Nei – WELCOME!.

This month's meeting was held at Don Matlock's residence. Thank you Don for your hospitality and your wonderful burgers. Thanks also to everyone who brought food to compliment the burgers.

Meeting Minutes/Newsletter: Don asked if everyone had read the minutes of the July 13 meeting and if there were any questions and/or corrections; being none, Larry moved to accept the minutes as submitted; Ron Benton seconded; minutes were approved as submitted.

Financial Report: We thought we had all the bills paid for Big Sky; however, the bill for the rental of the tables and chairs arrived. Larry will get that paid. Income for the month of July was \$150 for our winning entry in the Seeley Lake 4th of July Parade. Expenses were \$36 for pizza for the 4th of July Parade, \$51.49 for chicken for the July meeting, and \$1326 in donations (\$300 to the Seeley Lake Community Foundation and \$1026 to Emma's House). Ron Benton moved to accept the financial report as submitted, Ron Beck seconded, the financial report was approved as presented.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the Seeley Lake Community Foundation thanking us for the \$300 donation to the 2019 Change Your Pace Challenge Match Fund. As we understand it, this \$300 donation will be matched and will benefit 14 participating groups in Seeley Lake.

We also received a note from club member Kay Hoyenga. She said Frontier Days in Whitehall is usually one of the last two weekends in July, and a car show is always held on the Saturday. Discussion ensued and Don suggested that if Frontier Days in Whitehall was the last weekend in July next year, we could consider going to Whitehall and enter the car show on Saturday, stay the night and then attend the car show in Philipsburg the following Sunday. Something to think about for next year.

Old Business: How are we going to distribute the remaining proceeds from the Big Sky raffle and silent auction? There are four charities that will receive \$526.20 each. Do we mail them a check or see if we can get them all together and make one presentation? Ron Benton is going to see what can be arranged to make presentations in person.

Trip to Camp Mak-A-Dream to give kids rides – this happened on July 17. Seven cars went from our club and we were joined by 8 cars from Helena. We had burgers with the kids and then gave rides to the camp attendees, counselors and even the director. Everyone had a great time!

Seven cars also attended the Flint Creek Valley Days in Philipsburg along with some cars from Helena. Larry won a third place trophy and Steve and Deidre a first place trophy.

Upcoming Club Events:

Creamery Picnic in Stevensville. This will have already occurred by the time this newsletter is published.

Cruisn' by the Bay in Polson is August 10.

Bitterroot Celtic Games and Gathering, Daly Mansion, August 17 and 18. Come see Don in a kilt.

Cars at the Mansion, August 24. Entry fee is \$20 which includes entry for a mansion tour. This is sponsored by the BitterRodders Car Club of Hamilton.

There was discussion of a fall road trip to Whitehall on September 22. This will be approximately an 8 hour trip. Ron Benton will contact Kay in Whitehall so she can make arrangements at an establishment for us to eat. There will be more discussion on this at the September meeting.

At our last meeting there was discussion about displaying our banner at events we attend as a club. Larry has not had time to get a price so Elizabeth said she would check into it.

We were going to have the quarterly drawings but Larry wanted to get the new members names into the pot so he will do that and then do the drawing and report who the winner is at the next meeting.

Good of the Order: Deidre talked to Sherri Schmidt. She's doing ok but doctors still have not determined what is wrong.

John Christensen had his other knee replaced on Tuesday, July 16. He is walking with a cane and is driving the car. Good job John!!

Cathy Smyers had vein ablation (ouch) on Tuesday and is not sleeping well.

Next Meeting will be Saturday September 7, 2019, at Larry Jones' residence, 4755 Mallard Way, Missoula. This will be another potluck – details to be sent out via email. Eat at 2:00 with the meeting to follow.

Respectively submitted:

Linda Benton

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