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Lauriel Sima writes about CNCC's trip to Greenwood, Indiana where everyone stood in awe of Ray Skillman's collection of classic cars, as seen above. Page 13

Vietnam veteran Michael Walker, left, and his wife Sylvia share their engaging story of Michael's diagnosis of amyloidosis and its link to Agent Orange. Page 10

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President's Message

Moving Along at CNCC

Well, here it is the first part of summer and, other than a few days, I wonder if it will actually warm up this year. If you haven't been checking CNCC's calendar, you've missed a long list of fun events this season. When you have a chance, be sure to stop by the website (ChicagoLandNorthCorvetteClub.com) and check it out. While many members already know each other, the large number of Corvettes sold by Bill Stasek Chevrolet has brought in a lengthy list of new members — couples and individuals — who have come out to meetings and enjoyed our group. For our current members, while we sometimes hang out with certain groups, let's make sure new and old members alike enjoy our time together. We are a fun club, and I'm sure new members will appreciate that.

Since the last newsletter, we have had a laundry list of events; and while everyone can't make each event, I'm sure you will be interested in some. Just a few things that have happened recently include CNCC's night out at indoor Go Kart Racing, which was a great event with lots of laughs and just a bit of rivalry. (There is a certain rematch that still has to be worked out — you know who you are!) We also had the annual Cinco de Mayo dinner at Mi Mexico.

Lauriel Sima organized an amazing overnight trip to see two car collections in Indiana. The first was owned by Ray Skillman in Greenwood, and the other was the private collection of Dr. Richard Foster in New Castle. Both collections are over the top.

And just two weeks later we took off again on our multi-day trip to Bowling Green, Kentucky where we took in the National Corvette Museum and GM Corvette Assembly Plant. We also had a beautiful afternoon cruise on some really fun roads to Maker's Mark Distillery and Chaney's Dairy Barn in addition to some



Mark relaxes with friend Scott Naegele, his best buddy since childhood. See page 8

great dinners and many other stops.

And the calendar keeps going as we move into the summer months with several major events coming up:

- Bloomington Gold, June 27-29.
- CNCC's club-sponsored night at the Mt. Prospect Car Show, July 12.
- Our club photo shoot, July 26 (rain date is Sunday July 27). This year the photo shoot will begin with a 45-mile cruise to Kansasville, Wisconsin and include lunch at Michael's On The Lake. The back drop of the photo will be Eagle Lake.
- **CNCC's 9th Annual All-Corvette Car Show, Sunday August 10.** This is our biggest event of the year so we ask everyone to sign up to help because we need volunteers to fill the many jobs that are available, and most are for only a few hours. This is the one event that produces a good portion of our club's revenue, and without everyone's help, it cannot happen.

We are excited to once again have professional judging for the car show and the return of the People's Choice Award. As for food, we will be adding morning coffee and donuts from Spunky Dunkers to this year's event in addition to our usual lunch grill, with both raising money for charity; plan to stop by for some breakfast

in the morning and lunch in the afternoon. There will also be raffles and 50/50s going on all day long. The fee for all current CNCC members is \$20 to enter judged classes and \$10 if you enter the display only class. **ALL C1 CORVETTES WILL BE ENTERED FOR FREE THIS YEAR.**

- CNCC's circle tour of Lake Michigan, August 16-22. The trip is booked full now.
- The Club Picnic will again be at the Half Day Forest Preserve on Milwaukee Avenue in Lincolnshire, September 7.
- The fall Corvette Adventures Road Tour, September 12-14.
- SuperDawg! It's the second Tuesday of every month through October.

As you can see, CNCC offers many fun things to do this summer, so come on out and enjoy the events.

I am so glad to say that this year so many members and board members alike have stepped up in a big way, moving the club in an exciting, positive direction. With that being said, I would like to see other members offer their talents and skills to us. If you have a particular area that you're good at and would like to lend a hand, please let one of us know. A big thanks to each and every one of you for all the hard work.

— Mark Hall

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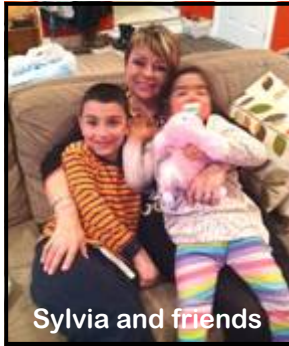


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Vette Talk



Sylvia and friends

News from Clearbrook

Sylvia Walker reports that Clearbrook is now in the pilot phase of a new infant care program at Northwest Community Hospital, designed to help families who have an infant born with special needs. Once home from the hospital, these families struggle as they try to cope with the realization their child will need help. Clearbrook program includes having volunteers come in and help, just shortly after the families come home up to the age of six months. Sylvia is waiting to get involved in the new program.



Eric Kirchner

Member Of The Year

Congratulations to CNCC's Eric Kirchner, who was named North Shore Corvette Club's Member Of The Year. Eric's C4 recently won 1st place at NSCC's car show on June 15. Other CNCC members who won awards at that show include Jim Kritek, 2nd place, C1, stock; Marshall Loeb, 3rd place, C2, stock; Al Wayman and Mark Hall, 3rd place tie, C5, stock; Eric Norlin, 2nd place, and Bob Kerfin, 3rd place, C7, stock; Paul Plotnick, 1st place, and Steve Luoma, 2nd place, C3, modified; Al Pasternak, street rod class. Congratulations to all.

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August 10, 2014

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Prep time: 20 minutes

Chill: 4 hours

Ingredients

- 1 (9 oz.) package refrigerated three-cheese tortellini
- 1 (8 oz.) package frozen sugar snap peas
- 1 pint grape tomatoes, cut in half
- 1 package 4" wood skewers



Mustard-Dill Vinaigrette

- 1 (16 oz.) bottle of Newman's Own Family Recipe Italian Dressing or the Italian dressing of your choice
- 3 Tbs. Dijon mustard
- 3 Tbs. fresh dill, chopped

Cook tortellini according to package directions. Rinse under cold running water and pat dry.

Place sugar snap peas in a small bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and microwave on high for two minutes. Let stand, covered for two minutes. Rinse under cold running water. Pat dry.

Thread each skewer with 1 sugar snap peapod, 3 tortellini, and 1 tomato half. Place skewers in a 9" x 13" baking dish.

Combine the ingredients for the Mustard-Dill Vinaigrette in a bowl and whisk together until thoroughly combined.

Pour vinaigrette mixture over the skewers, turning to coat. Cover and chill 4 hours. Transfer skewers to a serving dish and toss out remaining vinaigrette.



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Answers to CNCC's "Know Your Trivia" Challenge

Here are the answers to CNCC's first trivia challenge, printed in the Spring 2014 issue of "The Accelerator."

#1 What is the greatest distance a CNCC household drives to meetings at The Village Bar & Grill?

Answer: There are approximately 1,024 miles between The Village Bar & Grill and Loveland, Colorado where CNCC members Bill and Joanne Gregg live.

#2 How many Corvettes were made in 1953, the year the Chevy debuted the car?

Answer: 300 Corvettes were made in 1953.

#3 How many cities/towns do CNCC members live in?

Answer: Based on addresses in CNCC's new 2014 Membership Directory, as of April 1, 2014 our members hail from 61 different cities/towns. In case you are wondering, the cities in Illinois are:

1. Addison, 2. Algonquin, 3. Arlington Heights, 4. Aurora, 5. Barrington, 6. Barrington Hills, 7. Bloomingdale, 8. Buffalo Grove, 9. Carol Stream, 10. Chicago,

11. Darien, 12. Deerfield, 13. Des Plaines, 14. Elburn, 15. Fox River Grove, 16. Franklin Park, 17. Glencoe, 18. Glen Ellyn, 19. Glenview, 20. Hanover Park, 21. Hawthorn Woods, 22. Highland Park, 23. Hoffman Estates, 24. Inverness, 25. Island Lake, 26. Itasca, 27. Lake Bluff, 28. Lake Zurich, 29. Libertyville, 30. Lincolnshire, 31. Long Grove, 32. Loves Park, 33. Mokena, 34. Morton Grove, 35. Mt. Prospect, 36. Niles, 37. Northbrook, 38. Northfield, 39. Northlake, 40. Oak Brook, 41. Palatine, 42. Palos Heights, 43. Park Ridge, 44. Pingree Grove, 45. Prairie View, 46. Prospect Heights, 47. Rolling Meadows, 48. Round Lake, 49. Schaumburg, 50. Schiller Park, 51. Skokie, 52. Streamwood, 53. Summit, 54. Wauconda, 55. Waukegan, 56. Wheaton, 57. Wheeling, 58. Wilmette, and 59. Winnetka.

Out-of-state members live in: 60. Loveland, Colorado and 61. Livonia, Michigan. No doubt, this number has grown!

#4 What legendary soul singer wrecked his Corvette the first time he drove it?

Answer: Ray Charles.



Here's the story, recounted in *Names and Faces*, January 1, 1992:

Ray Charles, Jr. says being blind never stopped his singing father from doing anything, even driving a car. "I'll never forget, my father had a '63 Corvette, gorgeous car," the younger Charles said in a PBS program broadcast starting this week. "He was at an intersection and he told the valet, 'I want to drive my car home.' And the guy said, 'Mr. Charles, you know, this is an intersection.'"

The valet gave way when Charles reminded him who owned the car. "So my

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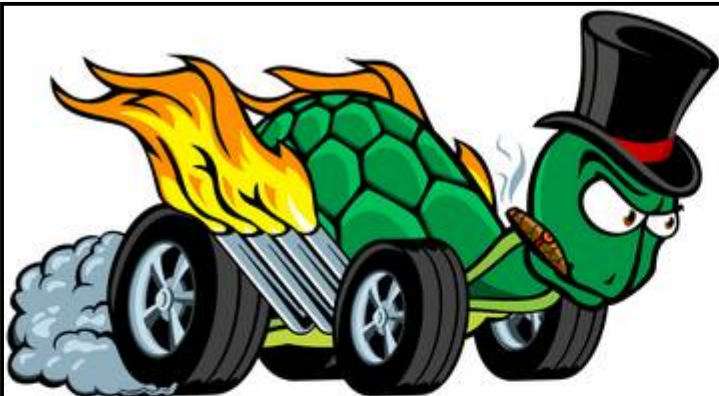
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father gets in the driver's seat, and we're all in the house, right, and we hear this bam. Come out; car is totaled. My father jumps the clutch, pulls out in the intersection, and just totals out the Corvette."

#5 C3 Corvettes represent the largest generation of Vette ever produced. How many were made?

Answer: 540,000 C3s were made.

#6 Who are these handsome dudes?



Answer: That's CNCC President Mark Hall on the right and his best friend Scott Naegele on the left. See Mark's President's Message in Volume 7, #4, Winter 2013-14 of "The Accelerator."

Driver Safety Tip

Finding A Tire's Age

By Bill Van Buren



Just because your tires look good, doesn't mean they are safe. Do you know how old your tires are? If you purchased your Corvette used, are you driving on the original tires?

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2 digits that identify the year. The tire in the photo was produced in week 51 of the year 2007.

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Michael and Sylvia's Story

Agent Orange: The Past Collides With The Present

By Judy Nelson

Editor's Note: It was 2008 when Sylvia and Michael Walker first heard the stunning, unexpected diagnosis: Michael had amyloidosis, type A. It is a rare disease caused by an abnormal protein, amyloid, that enters tissues or organs and, untreated, shuts those organs down. It can be a death sentence.

The Walkers fought the disease head on, yet it took more than a year into his treatment before a kidney specialist connected the proverbial dots that linked the amyloidosis to Michael's year-long tour in Vietnam and the insecticide Agent Orange. As Sylvia and Michael explain in this interview, it is something that forever changed their lives. And it is not over yet.

What type of training did you have that led to your tour in Vietnam?

Michael: My military background started with ROTC training in college at Potomac State, a branch of West Virginia University. After joining the Army, I was tested for my capabilities and education to see which positions I could qualify for. Although my score was high, I was probably fortunate that I didn't get my first choice, which was to go into warrant officer school and become a helicopter pilot. Doctors found that I had astigmatism in one eye and would have to wear glasses. In those days that disqualified me as a chopper pilot.

My second choice was military police/law enforcement/high security clearances; and yes, the work appealed to me. I had a high clearance and was qualified to escort nuclear missile warheads across the country. Along with five other military police, I would pick them up in Minneapolis and take them by train to the White Sands Proving Ground in southern New Mexico, then release them to the White Sands authorities. We stayed in the train's caboose, along with our 45s, semi-automatic weapons, and some food for the three-day trip.

Sylvia: After Michael went through basic training in the U.S., he was de-



Sylvia and Michael at a recent CNCC meeting

ployed to Vietnam. His tour of duty was at the end of the first TET Offensive and during the second. There was a big buildup of Viet Cong activity, so he was assigned to the 716th police battalion in Vietnam, a unit that was responsible for the enforcement of UCMJ (Uniform Code of Military Justice) violations. His unit was assigned to gun jeeps and to ambush patrol; the men protected officers and government facilities in the city of Saigon, the US Embassy, and also ran escorts on Highway One. They provided 90% of the safety for Saigon and nearby facilities.

Michael: We were the only unit that was allowed in the city of Saigon after certain hours, an extended curfew. Our action could be at any time. There could be days with nothing — no action — but we were always on alert as something

could happen at any time, such as sniper fire or people throwing an explosive in your jeep as they went by. We were responsible for so many things over there. Our unit lost 20 military police officers in one fight.

I understand you were exposed to Agent Orange during your service in Vietnam. Did you know you were being exposed to it?

Michael: Everyone knew the U.S. was spraying some type of insecticide, but no one paid any attention to it at the time. We knew they were spraying it heavily near rice paddies and near ground water where patrol boats came in; they sprayed it everywhere to keep the foliage back.

If you were in Vietnam, you were exposed to Agent Orange. It was everywhere. It was in the water; it was in the air; it was all around you. At the time we thought

nothing of it. We didn't know to be worried about it. We were more worried about contracting malaria from the mosquitoes or getting ourselves blown up.

Let's jump ahead in time now. Six years ago, something unexpected happened to Michael's health. Tell us about it.

Sylvia: Michael went in for a routine annual physical exam — blood tests and urine analysis. The test results came back showing a very high protein level in the urine. The doctors started to look at the cause, but they got derailed because they also spotted a mass in Michael's stomach that they thought was quite serious; they were ready to take out about half of his stomach. We went to Northwestern University Hospital for a second opinion and learned that it was not that bad. Michael's specialists said he had a duplicative cyst, which luckily broke up when they performed an endoscopy. That was the good news.

With this worry behind us, Michael applied for life insurance, and again he went through an entire series of tests.

The results came back (again) with a high protein level in the urine so he was denied life insurance. We still had no idea what was causing the high protein level or that Agent Orange might be the cause. It's actually interesting because through the years Michael never really thought about Agent Orange.

Michael went to a kidney specialist who sent the test results to Johns Hopkins University. The results came back with the diagnosis of amyloidosis, type A. We had never heard of amyloidosis and had no idea what it was. We were told it "acted" similar to cancer; it had a similar pattern. It's a rogue protein that deposits in organs of the body and if untreated, begins to shut those organs down. It's basically a death sentence.

Michael: When the diagnosis came back, my doctor sent me to a specialist at Loyola University, Dr. Patrick Stiff, who was renowned for his work in stem cell

transplants. He was especially interested in seeing my test results. At this time no one had linked any of this to my service in Vietnam and Agent Orange. No one knew at that time. I ended up going through very aggressive therapy, including a stem cell transplant and high-dose chemotherapy. What Dr. Stiff said was, "I'm going to take you to death's door and bring you back," because of the high dose of chemo



Michael in the late 1960s

he administered.

Sylvia: It was a long process as well as a difficult recovery period. It was only a year or so after Michael's treatment, through further exploration, that the specialists were able to link the amyloidosis to Agent Orange. The Veterans Administration actually published a paper saying Agent Orange caused amyloidosis.

What was your reaction to the diagnosis of amyloidosis?

Michael: I was frustrated, but I accepted it and dealt with it pretty well, emotionally. I wanted to be able to overcome what happened to me. Now, there are many days when I think about it; I know it's there. The amyloidosis is a constant presence but like many cancers is in remission. The treatment I had basically stymied the amyloidosis.

My test results went to a specialist at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota who specialized in amyloidosis to confirm the diagnosis and treatment plan. I was very healthy because I'd taken care of myself all of my life. This was the only health enemy I had.

When did your treatment begin?

Michael: It started in September 2008 at Loyola where they took some eight million stem cells from my bone marrow. I was scheduled to come back a second time, but they said I had produced enough stem cells for the first stem cell transplant and to freeze for the future; usually they get about half that amount. I had one chemo treatment with the maximum amount (any more would have killed me).

A day later they transferred the cleansed stem cells back. I was watched carefully because my immune system was depressed and had no ability to fight off infection. The chemo basically makes your body start over.

The nice thing was that I was able to go through the recovery period on an outpatient basis as long as

our home was somewhat "isolated." This meant our home had to be completely sterilized. I stayed at home overnight; Sylvia would take me back to the hospital in the morning for isolation, then she'd pick me up and take me home for the night. In two months I was back to work.

Sylvia, how did you react to the diagnosis?

Mike: She probably was thinking, "How could you do this to me?"

Sylvia: At first my reaction was shock and being scared, not knowing what to expect. The months following diagnosis and during the treatment period I was like a robot.

It physically took a toll on me because during his treatment, Michael came home at night, which meant the entire house had to be completely sterilized before he

could enter. A cleaning crew came for an entire weekend prior to the start of his treatment to get everything ready at home. During his treatment period, he was not allowed to be exposed to anyone, so only our son and I were allowed in the house. Michael had to have his own set of dishes and a separate set of towels and linens that I laundered daily.

I worked only a part of the day, even though I was employed full time, and took care of him the rest of the time. We'd get up early, I'd drive him to Loyola to be there by 7:00 am, and then I'd go to the office to work until 1:00 pm. I'd rush home, vacuum, dust, change the linens, sanitize the bathrooms, and do laundry. When I picked him up, the car had to be clean; nothing could be contaminated.

I'd bring him home, and we'd have dinner; and then I'd get him bathed. I also learned how to monitor his vitals. There were a couple of times when I'd get up at midnight to give him injections and medications. The next day the process repeated. It seemed like it went on forever; I lost track of time.

Mike: My health improved pretty, even though it was like being under house arrest. Once I was able to go outdoors, Sylvia walked with me; I'd walk at least a mile with the mask on. My doctor was happy with my progress. The nurses flushed my port, which Sylvia learned to do in addition to changing bandages.

Sylvia: I felt like I got my nursing degree during all of this. You do what you have to do.

How has this disease changed your life?

Sylvia: We have our life back, but with a different perspective. We have a greater appreciation for life and for each other. We've come to realize that we never know what tomorrow will bring. Both of us have a very strong faith. I know that God was instrumental in Michael's healing, and we know that what tomorrow brings is not in our hands.

Michael: I grew up around religion, but I know for a fact that this disease enhanced my belief and my time spent praying. It has made me a stronger person, and I know there is a reason for this. I think I'm a better person for it, and I have a different outlook on life now. I just want to enjoy everything I have — my wife, my family, my granddaughter, my grandson. I appreciate life in general so much more, and I appreciate everything

Love Those Corvettes!

Michael: My earliest interest in Corvettes started in high school when my junior varsity coach bought a '64 coupe in Riverside Red. At age 19, I got seriously interested in Corvettes, but back then I couldn't afford the insurance. My first Corvette was a 1985 C4, light bronze metallic; and the second one was also a C4, a 1990, in white. The third one was a C5, a dark Bowling Green metallic convertible. The one that we currently own is a 2006 Velocity Yellow convertible.

Sylvia: I don't drive the Corvette at all, which is actually quite fine. I took the bronze Corvette out once for a class reunion when Michael was out of town and happened to mention it to him on the phone. There was dead silence on the other end of the line; he finally said, "You did what?!" That was the first and only time I drove the car.

I never personally thought about it much because I never had an interest in Corvettes. But I must say, I especially liked the Bowling Green metallic con-



The Walkers with their Bowling Green metallic Corvette

vertible, and I like our yellow one. It's fun just to be a passenger.

Michael: We usually take the Corvette out on the weekends, for special occasions, and Corvette club outings. Mostly it's just for pleasure, cruise nights, and when the urge hits, such as when the weather is great and we want to go out for coffee in the morning. We both enjoy that very much. It's not a car we drive all the time. For the winter months, it's pampered and stored away.

that I've been given. It is more than I deserve. That's the way I look at it.

I read that many Vietnam vets have high blood sugar. Is that true?

Michael: Yes, it is. Almost all Vietnam vets have a high blood sugar, which is from Agent Orange. After years of illnesses among veterans, including diabetes, the VA finally admitted to the health problems caused by Agent Orange. Many, many things they've tracked down, such as birth defects in Vietnam veterans' children. There is a list of problems.

Does the VA offer compensation to Vietnam veterans who are ill because of Agent Orange?

Sylvia: Veterans who have medical issues after serving in Vietnam and being exposed to Agent Orange should go to the VA to explore being compensated for what they went through. They really should. They deserve it. I'd like to add that once we learned that amyloidosis was tied to Agent Orange, Ed Bojan and I, in addition to several others, are encouraging veterans to go to the VA to apply for benefits.

Did Michael's treatments cure the amyloidosis?

Sylvia: Basically, there is no cure for the amyloidosis. Michael is in remission, just like some forms of cancer, but it is a constant. Even though in his case it is concentrated in the kidneys, there is a chance it could be in another organ of his body, but it just hasn't manifested itself.

What's hard for me is every six months when Michael goes for those tests. I hold my breath and wait for that phone call to know that everything is good for the next six months. Now that we've passed the five-year mark, our anxiety increases and we watch more carefully.

The fact that Michael was denied life insurance saved his life. Had that not happened, we never would have pursued looking into why the protein level in his urine was high until it might have been too late.

You are a walking miracle then.

Michael: Two or three doctors have said that I am one of their miracle patients. My experience has been amazing. ●

SOUTH To Indiana

By Lauriel Sima

Photos by Barry Petrie



Dr. Richard Foster takes CNCC members on a tour of his collection of Corvettes and Jaguars

An absolutely wonderful weekend was enjoyed by all of us who traveled to Indiana, May 17-18, to visit two separate, but equally incredible, car collections. We began our caravan early Saturday morning — very early for most of us — heading toward the first museum/showroom: Ray Skillman's collection of classic cars in Greenwood, Indiana. We stopped for a quick lunch because we, as well as our cars, needed "fuel" for the journey.

Along the way, over our walkie-talkies, came the call that Lucifer, Mike Decker's

1969 vintage black beauty, was "ailing." We pulled into a parking lot where each and every male member of CNCC soon had his head, hands, or both, under Lucifer's hood to provide assistance while all the gals stood and chatted in a group a good 50 feet away. We chuckled as we realized the complete division along gender lines. The guys soon had Lucifer back on the road, once again demonstrating the camaraderie of our club. It's a good feeling to know that club members "have got your back."

Although every car in the Skillman collection was a beauty, each of us seemed to have a particular favorite. A beautiful Pontiac GTO 1966 red convertible held a special place in the hearts of Bill and Roni Van Buren. Many years ago, when Bill and Roni's families became next-door neighbors in Des Plaines, Roni's first glimpse of Bill came when she saw his legs — his very long legs — protruding from under the car he was working on.

Yes, you probably guessed: the car Bill was working on was like the one they spotted in the Skillman collection, but the Skillman car was total perfection, as was his entire collection. It made most of us wish that we had been able to keep and preserve the cars we drove in our teens and 20s. If we'd only known. Oohs and ahs abounded.

We all loved the cars, and Casey, Ray Skillman's dog that had the run of the museum, loved us. He followed us around the showroom and formed a special attachment to Susan Wiscomb. He seemed to find her and follow her wherever she went. After leaving the Skillman collection, we headed to Shelbyville, Indiana, where we checked into our hotel, then met for an impromptu cocktail hour before heading out to dinner at the Texas Coral. After dinner, some of us headed to Indiana Grand Racing and Casino. While nobody "won the million," we sure had fun trying!



Lauriel hams it up with one of the Blues Brothers

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Kentucky Bound

By Sharlene Wayman

Photos by Roni Van Buren



On May 31st, 19 CNCC members in 10 cars headed south to Bowling Green, Kentucky for a visit to the National Corvette Museum and a tour of the GM Corvette Assembly Plant. We spent 6.5 hours touring the Museum, the highlight of which was seeing the huge 40 foot wide sinkhole and eight irreplaceable Corvettes that fell 30 feet when the earth opened on February 12, causing unbelievable destruction. It was both amazing and sad.

We also had the opportunity to ride in a Suburban (six people at a time) on a new race course, NCM's Motorsports Park, that will officially open this August — and that was very cool. The race course is on 184 acres of land with 1.5 miles of frontage on I-65; it is located across the interstate from the Museum and Assembly Plant. To complete the tour we parked our Corvettes right next to the Museum for a club photo.

The tour of the Assembly Plant made us all fall even more in love with the C7. It was exciting to see all the different colors of Vettes coming down the assembly line, and we had fun picking out the ones we wanted.

Of course we also did what our club does best — we ate a lot! It was a great trip, thanks to the detailed planning by Mark and Diane Hall, and many of us are looking forward to the next one. ●



SOUTH To Indiana

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On Sunday morning, we met for breakfast in the hotel and then headed for New Castle, Indiana, where Dr. Richard Foster's collection of mostly Corvettes and Jaguars beckoned. Eight additional club members joined us in New Castle. Dr. Foster was an incredibly gracious and knowledgeable host. He provided much information and many anecdotes as he walked us through his beautiful car collection. I think most of us came pretty close to drooling over many of his pristine cars, wishing they were ours.

Leaving Dr. Foster's collection — *Surprise! Surprise!* — we headed to Montgomery's Steakhouse for a late lunch/ early dinner, bringing Dr. Foster and his right-hand man along as our guests. My own personal motto was once again proven appropriate: CNCC's members never miss an opportunity to eat or drink. We left the restaurant and set out for the drive home. Right before we crossed back into Illinois, some of us succumbed to the lure of a Dairy Queen. All in all, everybody had a great time. The weekend flew by quickly, as did our parade of Vettes. ●



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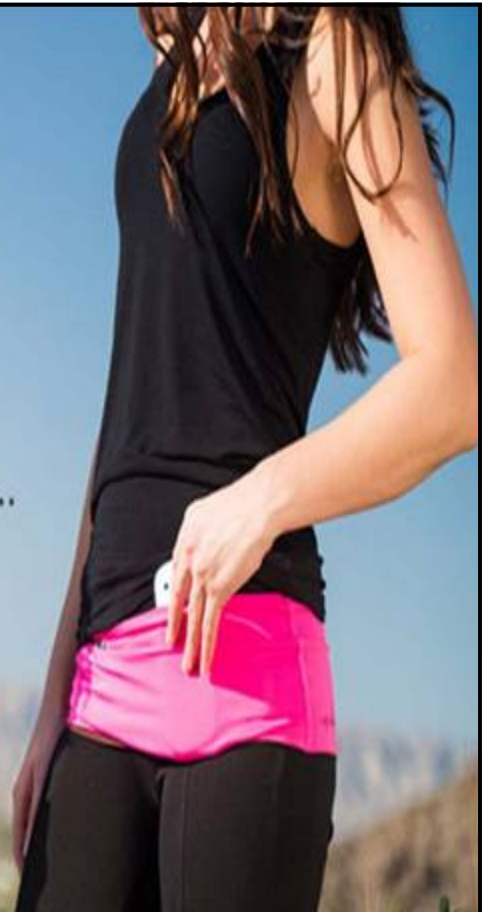
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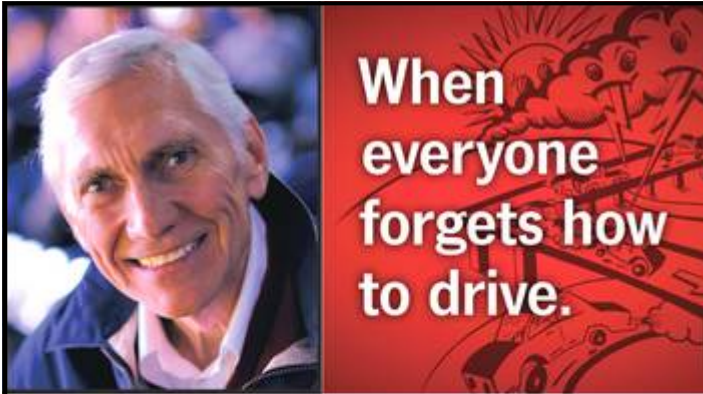
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— Marilyn Schnider

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Congratulations to Eric Kirchner for being named "Member Of The Year" of the North Shore Corvette Club. Glad to have you as part of our club, too!

— Eric Norlin

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Hugs and Kisses

Hi Hon,
Happy 30th Anniversary!

— Your Cookie

XOXOXOXOX

Happy Travels

Hi Lynda,

Hope you, Arlene, and Ted have a nice trip to Yosemite National Park.

— Ron Schluter

Wedding Bells Ahead

Congratulations to our daughter Sarah on her engagement.

— Lenore and Tom Pettinger

Graduation Celebration

Best wishes to twins Terry and Jolie Boyke and on their graduation from kindergarten. Say you two, first grade should be a blast!

— Nana and Papa Nelson

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