

PRESIDENT MESSAGE AUGUST 2017



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This month of August I would like to share some information about renewals which will be starting in September and October. Last month I wrote about what is important about belonging to NCCC.

The Annual dues to belong to NCCC is \$25 for a primary member each year. If there is a spouse or significant other there is another \$10 fee. For a single person that equates to \$2.08 a month. For two people it is a little under \$3 a month. Not a lot of money when you break it down like that.

I stopped with a friend last month at a Starbucks coffee shop and we ordered two coffees. I said I'll get it and it was almost \$5 for the two cups of coffee. My daughter Kristen goes every day to Starbucks for some kind of "Frappe" and pays almost \$6 for one cup. I guess this is why I make coffee at home.

One of the things I wrote about in the July post was insurance from NCCC is important along with all the other benefits we all get from belonging, but that is all just stuff. The friendships and memories made are what NCCC really is all about. Within your own clubs friendships are made for life without even getting involved in NCCC events or competition.

So why belong and renew your annual membership to NCCC? You don't compete, your club doesn't host competitive events and all our club does is social stuff. What advantage is it for us to have every member belong to the NCCC? We have friends without doing anything with NCCC. Our club does "drive-outs" and social stuff and that is all we do. Our club doesn't need NCCC insurance.

The third weekend in July 2017, an NCCC club had a dinner-drive out to a restaurant that used a Tram to transport people from the parking lot to the restaurant. As the four-car Tram was returning the folks back to the parking lot, the Tram driver swerved to miss a car and several of the Tram cars flipped on their side injuring 12 NCCC club members. Three were hurt seriously and taken to a hospital with one person being transported to a larger hospital. The others just had bruises and cuts. This was not a competitive event. Just a social event, just a drive out. Did anyone plan on this happening?

All of us own something, a car, a home, personal items, and we carry insurance to protect us in case something were to happen. Do we know something will happen? Why do we carry insurance on ourselves and waste all that money? Just in case! I have a life insurance policy on myself. I don't plan to ever use it. I even call it "death insurance". But I have it just in case, so my family has money to cover expenses if I die. However, I plan to live forever!!

I bet the 12 folks injured last month are sure glad they have NCCC covering them! Did the 12 members plan on getting hurt when they went out for dinner? Remember it is less than \$3 a month to be protected, less than a Starbucks coffee each month!

July 8th 2017 I had the pleasure and honor to attend NCCC's Michiana Corvette Club 60th anniversary In South Bend IN. About 200 current and past members and two charter members attended. Van Gate Chevrolet has sponsored the Michiana CC since the beginning in 1957 with 92 year old Van Gate attending as one of the charter members. This again is what NCCC is really all about.....members and friends for the last 60 years getting together to celebrate 60 years of friendships. WOW!!! What an accomplishment and honor to have Michiana Corvette Club a long time member of NCCC.

So we move on with life everyday trying to get to tomorrow. As renewals begin in a few months think about what is important in life and the friends and memories you have made as a member of NCCC. Is this worth several dollars a month to continue as a member of NCCC? There are only so many things in life that give us pleasure. Let NCCC continue to be one of those things!

God bless you all and enjoy what is left of summer.

Dave Heinemann

President NCCC

Convention Update



BOWLING GREEN IN '17

Convention is almost upon us and folks are working hard to see that everything is in place. There are still openings for the Mammoth Cave Tour and the Glendale Excursion. There are also some slots left for the Touring Sessions at the NCM Motorsports Track on Wednesday. If you are interested in any of these events please contact Cindy for details and final availability.

When this Convention was first presented it looked like the total solar eclipse would be a great plus for anyone who has never witnessed such an event. In Bowling Green and Nashville there are now nightly spots devoted to just this event. You will have an opportunity to view this eclipse from the hotel grounds, which will last approximately 1 minute and 30 seconds. While this is not the centerline of the eclipse it is pretty good, Four miles north of our location there will only be partial darkness according to the local news. As with any event like this there are several side issues. To view the eclipse you must have special glasses or viewing shields or welding shields with at least a #14 rating. The viewing shields and glasses can be purchased locally if you want and they should have the manufacturers name and ISO rating of 12312-2. The Bowling Green Area Convention and Visitors Bureau has supplied us with viewing shields made by Rainbow Symphony with marked ISO 12312-2:2015. Each person attending will get a shield and lanyard in their registration bag. **DO NOT VIEW THE ECLIPSE** without approved eye protection, permanent eye damage may occur. Check your viewing glass/glasses for any holes or scratches, if they are damaged in any way do not use and get another pair.

Between Hopkinsville Kentucky and Nashville it is expected that 200,000 to 500,000 people will visit just to see this eclipse. Please be patient when you are coming to Bowling Green on Saturday or Sunday as the roads will be extremely crowded and this congestion will last probably last through Tuesday. Also on Monday you can expect to have cell phone and computer issues due to high demand for data, it is

suggested that if you plan to travel have a map, that thing printed on folding paper with many colored lines, as your GPS may not work do to the high data demand. Remember if your cell phone doesn't work you may not be able to use it to take pictures. In addition the public is being urged to be aware of your surroundings as increase in illegal activities is also expected.

Remember.....Patience!

Deb & Richard