



November 2018

Straight Talk

Red River Chapter Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Red River Chapter of the Solid Axle Corvette Club was 11:00 am on October 27. It was during the Sulphur Springs Corvette Show in the Alliance Bank. Thanks to Roger Elliot for arranging for that location and coffee and donuts for our members.

President Tom Lainson introduced Jack "Doc" Hollada, Central Region Director. Doc gave details about the 2019 SACC Convention to be held in the Central Region in Detroit, Michigan, August 13-16. Arrangements have been made for participants to stay for the Woodward Dream Cruise on Saturday, August 17. See a full list of convention activities on page 4.

Tom reminded everyone about the Tech Session scheduled for the following Saturday, November 3 at DMS Corvette Shop in Garland, TX. See details on page 4.

We were reminded that annual dues for the national organization have increased from \$35 to \$45 annually. To help offset that, Red River Chapter has reduced our chapter dues from \$20 to \$15 annually. Members should send \$60 to chapter treasurer, Mary Jean Entrekin, by December 1 and she will forward your national dues. See address on page 2.

Tom Lainson announced his resignation as President. Bill Preston has agreed to assume that position until the next election. He asked for suggestions for activities that the members would like to participate in.



Denise Iverson, Don Eckhart, Tom Entrekin, Tom Lainson, President and Mary Jean Entrekin, Secretary/Treasurer



Central Region Rep, Doc Hollada, Bill Preston and L.J. Langlois



Foreground: Mary Davis, Rick & Donna Wadley. Background: Barb & Al Macdonald and Dennis Conte and his guests.

President's Message

Hello All

Our Red River Chapter hosted a very successful and informative tech/safety session with David Mullins at DMS Corvette shop in Garland on November 3rd.

David covered topics from what oil works in older engines to why turn signals are so touchy. See the write up in this newsletter for a complete report. My thanks to David, his wife Marla and daughter Sydnee for being such gracious hosts and staying open after normal closing hours.

Also, I'm taking this opportunity to let you know I will be retiring as President at the end of this year. It has been a rewarding experience and I would like to thank all of you who participated in our events and supported the club.

Special thanks to our Vice President Verle Randolph for keeping Oklahoma engaged, Vice President of Communications Diane Preston for her truly great newsletters and Secretary/Treasurer Mary Jean Entrekin for keeping our minutes and finances under control.

Bill Preston has agreed to step in as President until an election can be arranged. Bill is well known for his acumen in all things solid axle and is in a good position to take the Red River Chapter to the next level. It has been my privilege to serve you as president, since forming the chapter, and I will continue to participate in any way I can.

Sincerely,

Tom Lainson

President, SACC, Red River Chapter
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**--Renewal Notice--
\$10 National Dues Increase
offset by \$5 Chapter Decrease**

**Your 2019 Dues
Are Due**

December 1st

National & Chapter Memberships

Expire Dec. 31, 2018

(unless you've paid for multiple years)

Red River Chapter collects chapter dues of \$15 plus National SACC dues of \$45.

We then forward all National dues and have record that all our members are also National members as required by National.

Please pay by December 1, so we can forward your National dues before they send you a notice. If you have paid your own National dues, please let us know, so we can record that.

Send both dues (\$60) to:

Mary Jean Entrekin, Treasurer
611 Fallbrook Dr., Flower Mound, TX 75028
Payable to SACC

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Dues: Chapter and National membership year is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

Chapter dues are \$15.00 and national are \$45.00 calendar annually. (No matter when you join)

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C-1 Corvette For Sale. Some parts needed.

Our Members' Cars



Charlyne &
Nate Lanford
Frisco, TX

Nate's Corvette

I acquired the car, off the show room floor, from Corvettes of Dallas (now known as Corvette World) in Carrollton, Texas in August 2009. I had been shopping for a restored "driver" for over a year. This car met my objective. Although only partially restored, it was low mileage, 21,306 miles, with automatic transmission. Research indicates I am the second registered owner.

The car was produced on May 11, 1962 and delivered to Courtesy Chevrolet dealership in Los Angeles, California, per NCRS Historic Documents Services. The car was sold to Colton Ernest of Cupertino, California.

I purchased the '62 as a "driver". After joining the NCRS, the restoration "bug" bit me. I did some minor mechanical restoration and achieved a Second Flight rating at the Lone Star Regional in 2011. But, after the "bug" bites and the judging begins, it's an open-ended process that never ends. With more time and money the faults were addressed and Top

Flight status was achieved in October, 2012 as a 50th birth year honor. I am through with the restoration game, but still enjoy the driving (short trips only) and admiration parts of Corvette ownership.

The car is in pristine condition, with an original 327 engine, a 4-barrel carb, and 22,926 miles on the odometer.. It is black with red interior and has both soft and hard tops. It makes annual appearances in local 4th of July parades and is displayed at car shows. It can also be seen tooling around Frisco on sunny days and getting admiring glances. It is truly my "Black Beauty".



MEMBER'S STORIES-Please send Diane Preston a story about you and your C-1 Corvette for our newsletter.

Solid Axle Tech Session at



David, Marla, Cheston & Sydnee

Shop owner, David Mullins talked about issues with 1953-1962 Corvettes for SACC members and guests. We met at his shop at 701 Shepherd Drive, Garland, Texas at noon on Saturday, November 3. David is ASE Master Certified and has 30 years of experience working on Corvettes. The shop specializes in repair and restoration.

DMS is a family business. Nephew Cheston Conallis is the only other mechanic. Wife Marla does all the book work and anything else that's needed. Daughter Sydnee, of course, grew up in the shop and came home from Tyler Junior College to help get ready for our visit.

David had a C2 and a C1 Vette up on the lift to show some issues and problems for those in attendance. He stressed having a Corvette checked out by someone like him before purchasing, showing some tell-tale signs of problems. He recommended conventional Valvoline VR-1 motor oil for the old cars. It is more compatible with the old gaskets and seals and has the highest Zinc content of any over-the-counter oil. VR-1 is available at O'Reilly's, but it's not on the shelf. You have to ask for it.

David gave details for adding grounding to reduce interference with the gauges in the Solid Axle Corvettes. He addressed replacing the rear pinion seal without taking the differential apart and how to keep

from destroying the ring gear.

In dealing with Ethanol fuel David recommended adding 2-3 oz. of Marvel Mystery Oil to a tank full of Ethanol fuel. It raises the boiling point of the Ethanol fuel, which reduces vapor lock.

He talked about using Evans Waterless Coolant in the cooling system. It is a non-water product that boils at 375 degrees instead of using antifreeze and water to solve overheating problems and other cooling issues.

The whole group went to the various members' cars to discuss individual issues, such as fitment. Several members had specific questions regarding their cars and problems they were having, which David graciously addressed.

DMS has developed exclusive arrangements with an excellent engine builder and a paint and body man for outsourcing those services.

SACC members attending were: Bill & Diane Preston, Don Eckhart & Denise Iverson, Pat & Ron Cople, Tom Entrekin, Tom Hubbert, John Spencer, Al Macdonald, Bruce Jarrett, Nate Lanford and Tom Lainson. Guests were C-1 owners, Matt Tidwell, Joe & Kathryn Maulsby, Rocky Rainbolt and Ron Storm.

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The group checks out Ron Storm's 62 Survivor



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Al Macdonald made up a survey to ask what events members would like to have for our group. Results were: 1. Tech Sessions, 2. Wrench Sessions, 3. Cruise to a Drive In, 4. Garage Crawls, 5. C-1 Only Car Shows, 6. Saturday Cruise with Dinner.

Bill Preston gave out information on Authentic Automotive's Vintage Alternator Replacement for OEM Tach Drive Generator for 1955-62 Corvettes. See page 6 for full information.

The Red River chapter furnished a light lunch for everyone attending. We want to thank chapter president, Tom Lainson, for making all the arrangements for this event.



Tom Hubbert's Red 62 and Tom Lainson's Red/White 61



Don Eckhart's Red/White 58



Bruce Jarrett and Tom Lainson with Jarrett's Blue/White 61



Matt Tidwell's White/Silver 61 and Maulsby's White/Silver 60



Nate Lanford's Black 62 and Rocky Rainbolt's Black/Silver 59



The group asks David questions while under Ron & Pat Cople's Red 62.



Kathryn & Joe Maulsby head for home in their White/Silver 60

NEW FOR 1955-62 CORVETTES
VINTAGE ALTERNATOR REPLACEMENT
FOR OEM TACH DRIVE GENERATOR



This new alternator is designed to look like the OEM generator for Corvette tach drive. The OEM tach drive unit attaches to the rear of this new alternator just like on the original generator.

- Designed to look like the old Delco-Remy generator but operates with up to 95 Amp output!
- Direct replacement for tach drive generators 1102025, 1102043, etc.!
- Built with brand new parts!
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- All dimensions are the same as original except a slightly larger diameter!
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- Can be detailed with Delco tag, paper warning tag, radio suppressor!
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- Easy to follow step-by-step picture instructions!

CM-046 2 wire alternator with dash GEN light

CM-047 1 wire alternator without dash GEN light

\$499

includes wiring & hardware

NON-TACH DRIVE VINTAGE ALTERNATORS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE; CALL FOR MORE INFO

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2019 SACC National Convention

Metro Detroit, Michigan Area –

August 13-16, 2019

Activity Highlights

Hosted by Michigan Chapter SACC



Lingenfelter Collection - Enjoy this impressive private collection of more than 150 unique cars in a 40,000 square foot space. Lunch will be provided on site. *This collection is not open to the public.*

Pratt & Miller – Pratt & Miller technology, products, and personnel have propelled Corvette Racing to the pinnacle of production-based sports car competition. Since 1999, Corvette Racing has won over 100 races worldwide and the team has won the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the world's biggest sports car race, an unprecedented eight times since 2001. The racing spirit is the power that drives Pratt & Miller Engineering – a world-class engineering powerhouse with a global footprint.

GM Heritage Center – This 81,000 square foot center showcases vehicles of the GM Heritage Collection, along with other artifacts on display. The vehicle displays frequently change and generally has more than 165 vehicles on display at a time. Each of these vehicles illustrates a design, technical or sales milestone or accomplishment in the history of General Motors or the automotive industry. We will have GM representatives on site to talk with and ask questions. *This venue is not open to the public.*

GM Renaissance Center (RenCen) – this landmark is the world headquarters of the General Motors Company. Be sure to check out the GM World vehicle display, the “Borealis” - the tallest vertical art glass sculpture in the world located in the North Lobby, the outdoor GM Plaza with a world map carved in granite and see the synchronized water fountain. Be sure to visit the shops in the GM Wintergarden, RenCen, and especially the GM Company Store to purchase GM collectibles. Walking east along the Detroit River, you'll be heading toward Rivard Plaza where the Cullen Family Carousel is located.

Diamond Jack River Tour – board the vessel for our chartered leisurely two-hour evening cruise with narration, presenting highlights of the Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, Canada skylines, along with historical anecdotes about both cities. Hopefully, we'll pass by a Great Lakes freighter along the way. Restrooms & snack bar available on board. ***(Capacity limited for this river tour.)***

The Henry Ford - provides unique educational experiences based on authentic objects. Stories and lives from America's traditions of ingenuity, resourcefulness, and innovation. Step into a world where past innovations fuel the imagination of generations to come. A vibrant exploration of genius in all its forms, Henry Ford Museum allows you to experience the strides of America's greatest minds while fully immersing yourself in their stories. Step inside the bus where Rosa Parks took a stand by taking a seat. Play pilot as you explore flight innovations, starting with the Wright brothers' achievements, or make yourself at home inside Buckminster Fuller's circular Dymaxion House. Put yourself in the place of movers and shakers who blazed the trail to where we stand today.

Greenfield Village - experience a place where over 80 acres brim with resourcefulness and ingenuity. Where 300 years of American stories pulse with life. Step foot in the lab where Thomas Edison had his lightbulb moment. The Bagley Avenue shed recreated by Henry Ford to share the story of where he built his first car. Or the workshop where the Wright brothers taught us to reach for the sky. Discover our nation's most formative years - at the place where everything feels astonishingly real. Because it is.

Ford Rouge Factory Tour - Pop open the hood on game-changing technology, sustainable design and sheer American grit at America's greatest manufacturing experience. Get an inside look at the making of America's most iconic truck, the Ford F-150, and immerse yourself in modern manufacturing's most progressive concepts. Experience the awe-inspiring scale of a real factory floor as you rev up your inner engineer. This is where big ideas gain momentum.

Automotive Hall of Fame – Exhibit galleries with permanent and changing exhibits on the early days of the automobile, the rise of the auto industry around the globe, and the beauty of auto styling and how it has changed every part of our daily lives.

This event is not pre-paid.

<https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/plan-your-visit>

Saturday, July 17-Woodward Dream Cruise (*This event is optional & arrangements can be made with Michigan NCRS for parking, etc.*) - The Woodward Dream Cruise is the world's largest one-day automotive event, drawing 1.5 million people and 40,000 classic cars each year from around the globe—from as far away as New Zealand, Australia and Japan, to name a few North American cruisers from all over caravan to Metro Detroit to participate in what has become, for many, an annual rite of summer.

Sulphur Springs Corvette Show



We get our first look at Dennis Conte's newly restored Jewel Blue 1961 from Savanna, TX, which won Top 50

Another great event was put on by the Sulphur Springs Corvette Club October 26 & 27, 2018. The format was new, the weather was fantastic and we all enjoyed every minute of it.

There was a Friday afternoon reception at the Southwest Dairy Museum. We had ice cream, hors d'oeuvres and a drawing for a flat screen TV. SACC member Denise Iverson was thrilled to win it. Now, how to get it back to Little Elm in their '58? Fortunately, the Wadley's drove an SUV and live nearby in The Colony, so problem solved!

Top 50 C-1 winners were: John & Loudeen Spencer's Red 1954, Bill & Diane Preston's Black/White 1957, Mary Davis, Rick & Donna Wadley's Black/Silver 1959, Al & Barb Macdonald's Lime Rock Green 2014 Convertible (their C-1 stayed home), Dennis Conte's Jewel Blue 1961, Kaye & Ron Daugherty's C-2 (their C-1s stayed home), L.J. Langlois' Black/Silver 1959, Jerry & Carol Barnes' Red/White 57, and Tim Wardlaw's White '62.

Also showing were: Don Eckhart & Denise Iverson's Red/White 1958. Displaying were: Tom Lainson's Red/White 1961, Tom & Mary Jean Entrekin's Red 2006 Coupe (their 56 just

got paint), and Dee & Roger Elliott's Red/White 1961 & Yellow 2015 Z06.

Sulphur Springs members' cars were judged separately and the Top Twelve were awarded trophies. SACC members Bill Preston & Tom Entrekin judged the Sulphur Springs cars, using a great new system Tony Hart devised for the event.



Bill & Diane Preston won \$500 in the cash prize drawing on Saturday.

Denise Iverson won the flat-screen TV and is trying to get it into Don Eckhart's '58 to take it back home to Little Elm, TX.



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Kaye & Ron Daugherty, Benton, AR showed two of their Corvettes, but didn't bring either of their C1 Corvettes.



Top 50-Bill & Diane Preston's Fuel-Injected Black/White 1957, Flower Mound, TX



Carole & Jerry Barnes, Tom Entrekin (center) and Tom Lanson (background) at the Southwest Dairy Museum reception on Friday night.



Al Lisbona, Al Macdonald, Mary Ann Lisbona and Barb Macdonald at the Southwest Dairy Museum reception on Friday night.



Top 50-Jerry & Carole Barnes' Red/White 1957, Ft. Smith, AR



Don Eckhart's Red/White Fuel-Injected 1958, Little Elm, TX

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB
RED RIVER CHAPTER



Chapter and National membership year is
January 1 to December 31
Chapter website

CHAPTER DUES ARE \$15.00 calendar annually. (No matter when you join)
National Dues are \$45.00 and coincide with chapter dues.
Please return this chapter application/renewal form with a check for chapter and national dues (\$60.)
to: Mary Jeanne Entrekin, Treasurer, 611 Fallbrook Dr., Flower Mound, TX 75028
Make payable to SACC in U.S. Funds. If you are a new member please include National Membership form also

If you are renewing, please **indicate only changes** in space below.
We will never share your personal information with anyone other than SACC members.
If you **DO NOT WANT** your info shared with SACC members please check here. _____.

If you are also joining national now they will send your membership number to you.
If you are now a national member, please insert your member number here _____

Chapter members must also be members of the National Solid-Axle Corvette Club.

Applicant Name _____
Co-Applicant _____
Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZipCode _____
Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
E-mail Address _____

Would you like to serve in the chapter? Officer, Coordinator, Writer, Event Volunteer, etc.

What events would you like to see our chapter host? (Shows, driving tours, tech clinics etc.

How far would you prefer to travel for a regional function? _____
How far would you prefer to travel for a local function? _____
Do you prefer overnight or single day events? _____
Year(s) of Corvette(s) owned. Vin #'s optional _____

Please indicate original, modified, race car, unusual options etc.
Owning a Solid-Axle Corvette or any Corvette is not required for membership.

New Members:

Fill out applications for both the National SACC and the Red River Chapter and mail both dues \$60. (\$45 National + \$15 Red River Chapter) to: Mary Jeanne Entrekin, Treasurer, 611 Fallbrook Dr., Flower Mound, TX 75028



SOLID AXLE CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Renewing Member Number _____ New Member _____

Applicant Name _____

Co-Applicant Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____

ZIP _____ Country _____

Phone #1 _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Phone #2 _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email _____

Solid Axle Serial #1 _____

Solid Axle Serial #2 _____

Solid Axle Serial #3 _____

Solid Axle Serial #4 _____

Solid Axle Serial #5 _____

Annual dues are: U.S.: \$45.00 one year
Canada: \$54.00 one year
All Others: \$65.00 one year

New members joining after August 15, will be considered paid up through December of the following year.

(Make payment payable to SACC in U.S. funds only)

For information: phone: 916-991-7040; fax: 916-991-7044; email: badenhoop.lucy@bigfoot.com
Check out the SACC website at <http://www.solidaxle.org/>

SACC publishes an annual membership & roadside assistance roster, which does not include your street address. The roster does contain names, phone numbers, city & state. It also has a field to indicate that you are willing to help if a traveling SACC member needs roadside assistance in your area.

If you **do not** want your name listed in the roster initial here: _____

If you **do not** want to participate in the road side assistance program initial here: _____

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