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FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

BY: MATT SUHAR, CCOH PRESIDENT



Corvette Ohana,

With many Corvette Club concepts I either solicit feedback or have a pretty good idea of what is right.

Yet with one concept recently, I was proven wrong.

The Night in Chinatown Parade organizers reached out to the Club in November and the parade was added to the calendar. The parade was scheduled for February. Maybe the St. Patrick's Day Parade will go on in March but I envisioned the end of parade season being the Night in Chinatown Parade. Oh how wrong was I. A business trip I had to make to Indonesia made it impossible for me to participate in the Night in Chinatown Parade. I thought I was safe to remove my parade kit from the back of my Corvette. I took out the flags and lights. I took out the bathmat. I thought it was just Cars & Coffee along with cruises until August / September when the High Schools start asking for support in their Homecoming Parades. Wrong-o.

Looking at the Calendar (and my phone texts and messages), I missed THREE upcoming parades: the Honolulu Festival, the St. Patrick's Day and the Vietnam Veterans Day Parades are all coming up in March.

What these phone messages and texts really show is that the Corvette Club of Hawaii brings something special to these parades. I'll admit, the Corvette being a dream car is part of it. But I think the professionalism of the Club plays a bigger part. We show up on time, ready, and with the appropriate equipment to handle parades. Every. Time.

Having to turn riders over to the parade organizers causes me some issues... I have to say "we are already supporting that parade...if you want to ride in our cars, you have to get added to the DV list that the parade organizers are tracking".

If we were not so professional when it came to these parades, no one would care about riding in our cars and no one would seek us out. I am flabbergasted that it is accurate to say that our parade season goes from mid-August to the beginning of April!

I am off to reload the flags, suction cups and bathmats to prepare for more parades.

Matt Suhar

FROM THE SHOTGUN SEAT

BY: MARK KUTSY, CCOH VICE PRESIDENT

Aloha CCOH Ohana,



We had an awesome turnout at the Night in Chinatown parade with 18 Corvettes being able to take time out of their Saturday and participate in transporting Dignitaries and Beauty Queens in their beautiful ride!

Mahalo Nui Loa to the following members: Cassandra & Edwin, Tom & Colleen, Dennis & Pam, Josh & Shani, Jay, Bill L., Gary & Elithe, Ron & Annie, Thomas, Dan, Anthony, Bill Y., Lyle, Jeff, Fred... And a Special Mahalo to new Members Joel & Amy for answering the call when more Corvettes were needed. Welcome to our Corvette Ohana!

The most interactive group I have seen was the Ghost Buster's van kickin the tunes for their group of Comic Con characters and getting the crowd grooving to the songs also. There were multiple times when the parade procession would stop and there were only so many times that the ROAR of the Z06 would come out. This parade I found a way to fill in the lulls with opening and closing my hard top convertible roof (riding solo of course) which got even more WoWs then the ROARS of the 8,600rpm flat plane crank revs which was unexpected but very cool!

All the parade work builds up an appetite and a bunch of us after the parade rolled out to one of our go to places to hit da ono grindz... Eagle Cafe. Gotta try the chop steak...if the sizzling hot plate doesn't get your mouth watering, the taste will!

It's AWESOME to see CCOH members take time out of their busy day-to-day schedules to come out and REPRESENT the oldest car club in the state of Hawaii - established in 1973 and 50 years later still "rolling" strong!

If you weren't able to make this club event, no worries. As you know the club does multiple events every month to include our General Membership Meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm for dinner at Vineyard Zippy's and the meeting starts at 7pm. Come on out, enjoy the great camaraderie. See old friends and make new ones.

See Ya at the Next Event,

Mark Kutsy



Meeting Minutes

CORVETTE CLUB OF HAWAII GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA 6 February 2024

	2024 Board Members Present are	Present
• President	Matt Suhar	yes
• Vice President	Mark Kutsy	yes
• Treasurer	Daniel Adams	yes
• Membership	Colleen Cambra	yes
• Editor	Contracted	
• Secretary	Susie Tingey	yes
• Master-at-Arms	Rich Witek Jr	yes
• NCM Ambassador	Tom Cambra	yes
• Club Historian	Dennis Shewell	yes
• JN Representative	NONE	

CALL TO ORDER: February Meeting is called to order by Rich Witek Jr. at 7:01 PM.
Introduces Board

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS: If you would like to submit your payment to renew membership, see Matt or Colleen tonight.

SECRETARY: January Minutes were inserted into the February Newsletter. Reviewed and Rich motioned to accept. Dan and Gary seconded.

TREASURER: Daniel's Treasurer Report To be reported at next GMM.

MEMBERSHIP: We currently have 4 new applications. 154 Total CCOH Members. 117 Oahu; 5 Outer Island, 7 Mainland, 14 Associate, 7 Lifetime, and 4 Honorary. Introduction of new members: Rich motioned to accept 4 new members and Matt seconded.

VICE-PRESIDENT REMARKS: Mark reports on the upcoming club events, see CCOH newsletter or Web page for descriptions, details, and dates.

- 10 February 2024, Cars and Coffee is Tentative. We will keep you posted.
- 18 February 2024, Breakfast Cruise with Mustang Club, 7:30 AM Stage at NEX, 8:00 to Haleiwa, breakfast at 604 Clubhouse by Leilehua Golf Course
- 20 February 2024, Monthly Dinner, La Mariana, 6 PM
- 27 February 2024, Board Meeting, 6:30 PM Zippy's on Vineyard
- 5 March, General Membership Meeting, Zippy's on Vineyard, 6pm dinner 7pm meeting
- 16 March, Kuhio Day Parade in Kapolei, 10 Corvettes needed for 15 Beauty Queens. Prestage 3p at Kapolei Consolidated Theaters
- 17 March, St Patrick's Day Parade, staging area 9:30 AM, Magic Island
- 19 March, Monthly Dinner, location will be at Tim Smith's house. Bring your own drinks. Daniel & Diana Adams will bring dessert trays to share with everyone. Not requesting members to bring sides.
- 26 March, Board Meeting, 6:30 PM Zippy's on Vineyard
- 29 March, Vietnam Veterans Day parade, staging time to be announced. Expect location to be Magic Island parking lot, same location as the MLK parade and the Pearl Harbor parade.
- 30 Aug to 2 Sept, dates for our 4-day Corvettes in Paradise event. Any questions see Mark.

NCM AMBASSADOR

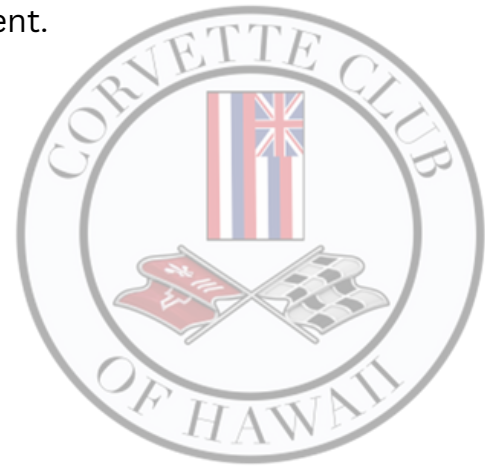
- Banner update
- Caravan update
- Ron Fellows Performance Driving School – Pahrump NV

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Matt and Mark

1. Renewal Status. Colleen will be updating membership counts.
2. St Patrick's Day Parade
3. Vietnam Veterans Day Parade
 - a. Have received request to transport 2 Medal of Honor Recipients and Vietnam Vets
 - b. Have asked to keep it to the Medal of Honor Recipients and Vets
4. Rail Ride – Hawaiian Railway Society: April 21 at 3 p.m.
 - a. Adults \$18 Children/Senior \$13 for approx. 2-hour train ride
 - b. 25 min stop in Ko Olina to purchase ice cream and refreshments.
 - c. Dinner in Ewa Beach area
5. Members Corvette Photos for newsletter consideration
 - a. Recommendation to review photos at the next Board meeting. Members to email photos to ccohvicepres@gmail.com and ccohpres@gmail.com at least 2 days before the Board meeting for review and newsletter consideration
6. Transporting Pageant Contestants at Parades
7. Gary Motioned to defer raffle items. Tom seconded.

ADJOURNMENT: Gary motioned to end the meeting at 7:50 PM and Tom seconded.







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Cars & Coffee Hawaii at Ka
Makana Ali'i









LUCKY MEMBER RAFFLE

WE WANT YOU TO WIN!

ATTENTION ALL CCOH MEMBERS!

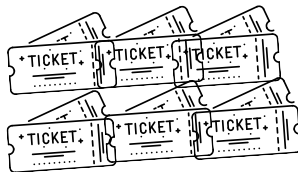
When attending a
General Membership Meeting
and/or a club event,
make sure that you SIGN IN!

Find the WHITE binder
with Mark or Matt.



We are keeping track because we want to
thank everyone for participating.

For each event that a club member
attends and signs in, the Member will be
entered into the Annual Banquet
Lucky Winner Raffle.



For example:

Attend 12 General
Membership meetings

Earn 12 ENTRIES to the
Lucky Winner Raffle

Be eligible to win Cash and/or
Prize(s) at the Annual Banquet

The Club appreciates when Members take time out of their busy schedules to attend General Membership Meetings and events. This is one way we could think of to show our appreciation to you. So what are you waiting for? Sign up and we will see you at the next meeting or event!

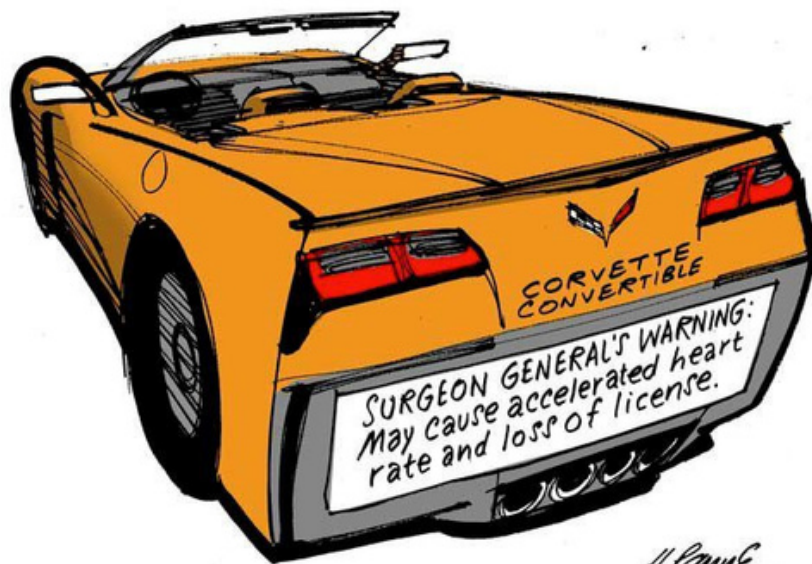
The Skydome Sinkhole Experience

By Tom Cambra, NCM Ambassador



On Feb. 12, 2014, security cameras caught a 40-foot-wide sinkhole opening underneath the skydome of the National Corvette Museum. The incident damaged eight of the most valuable Corvettes in existence, making international news. Instead of trying to brush past the incident, the museum capitalized on it. They opened a special exhibit two years to the day after the disaster. Today, you can learn which cars were damaged and experience a simulation of the collapse. You can even play an interactive game that allows you to “recover” the lost Corvettes and put them safely in their new bays.

One of the hallmarks of a progressive company is its willingness to be transparent about its challenges and shortcomings. Some disasters are unavoidable, yet corporations may still struggle to be transparent. GM, on the other hand, showcased a progressive ethos when they faced the sinkhole disaster. Instead of concealing the incident, they chose to confront it head-on and shared it openly with the public. The result? Museum attendance grew for three consecutive years after the exhibit opened, with nearly a quarter-million visitors in 2017.



CLUB EVENTS

MARCH

5th General Membership Meeting
Zippy's Vineyard 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting

10th Honolulu Festival Parade 4:15pm
2:30 PreStage @Magic Island
3:15 Stage @Saratoga Ave.
Dinner to follow at Eagle Cafe

16th Kuhio Day Parade in Kapolei
Prestage 3pm at Kapolei Consolidated Theater

17th St. Patrick's Day Parade
9:30am Stage @Magic Island

19th Monthly Dinner, Tim Smith's Home
Bring your own drinks

26th Board Meeting
Zippy's Vineyard 6:30 pm

29th Vietnam Veterans Day Parade
Staging Time TBA
Expected location: Magic Island

APRIL

21st Hawaiian Railway Society
Dinner to follow at Ka Makana Ali'i

August 30 - September 2, 2024
Corvettes in Paradise - Save the Date!

Photo Submissions Welcome



Do you have awesome CCOH Photos?
Want your car featured on the cover
of next month's newsletter?

Send in your photo submission to
Mark (ccohvicepres@gmail.com)

AND

Matt (ccohpres@gmail.com).

Submissions must be received
at least two (2) days before
the Board Meeting for review.