



ROCHESTER AREA CORVETTE ENTHUSIASTS (R.A.C.E.)

INFORMATION SHEET FOR NEW AND CURRENT MEMBERS

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• PURPOSE

"The purpose of this Club is for Chevrolet Corvette owners to promote and share good will and fellowship; to engage in social and competitive events, encouraging favorable interest in the Club and the Corvette; and to support high standards of maintenance and courtesy on the road." (R.A.C.E. Constitution and Bylaws)

R.A.C.E. is a social club that brings together Corvette owners to form friendships and drive Corvettes. We are incorporated and hold tax exempt status as a social club [501(c)(7)]. We are not a charitable organization. Membership has agreed that club meetings will not be used for personal gain (business advertising, etc). Each year the new slate of officers works to uphold the purpose of R.A.C.E.

• CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Please read our Constitution and Bylaws. The document can be found on the "About Us" page on the website.

• WEBSITE - www.raceclub.info

We encourage you to visit our website where you will learn much more about our club.

• MEETINGS

The club meets every third Monday of the month, 7:00PM, at The Elks Lodge, 1652 Highway 52 North, Rochester (in the Hillcrest Shopping Center). Come early to visit with other members or eat during the meeting.

• MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Club shall be limited to current and former Corvette owners, where former owners are defined as members who owned a Corvette upon entering the Club, maintained their membership, but no longer own a Corvette. These shall constitute the only requirements for membership.

• R.A.C.E. INITIATION FEE (ONE-TIME FEE)

Membership includes single or couples: \$30
(Name badges & decals included in this fee)

• R.A.C.E. ANNUAL DUES

Membership includes single or couples: \$30

• BEGINNINGS - ESTABLISHED 2004

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| February 11 | Brian Nelson, Jim Orke, and Dave Kinneberg meet for the first time to discuss the formation of a Corvette club. |
| March 11-12 | Ads placed in Rochester Post-Bulletin (March 11 and 12) and the Mayo Clinic Source (March and April) seeking interested individuals to come to a meeting. |
| March 15 | First meeting held to determine interest in forming a club - 40+ attendees. Much interest indeed! |
| May 1 | First event: Show and Shine at The Hangar, cruised SE Minnesota, dined at The Branding Iron, Preston |

- May 17 -- Officers approved (President Brian Nelson; Vice President Theresa Gardiner; Treasurer Gil Becker; Secretary Cathy Nelson; National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor Dave Kinneberg)
- Club name chosen: Rochester Area Corvette Enthusiasts (R.A.C.E.)
- Constitution & Bylaws approved
- June 21 Bob Curry volunteered to put together a website and to be the webmaster - www.raceclub.info
- July 19 -- Official membership begins - anyone joining in 2004 is a "charter" member
- Formation of an Activities Planning Committee approved, with Walt Gardiner as chair
- October 18 Sue Berg is club's historian
- November 15 Logo is chosen from 31 submissions
- December 31 By the end of 2004, we have 72 members from 12 communities. R.A.C.E. is incorporated and tax exempt.

• **ACTIVITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE (APC)**

The purpose of this committee is to facilitate and encourage the organization of club events. Membership in the Activities Planning Committee is open to volunteers at any time. The APC will annually reconstitute and elect a chairperson. The chair of this committee will be a member of the Executive Board.

• **ADVERTISING (PRIVATE ADVERTISING AT CLUB MEETINGS AND/OR ON OUR WEBSITE)**

Membership has agreed that club meetings will not be used for personal gain.

Club Meetings - A table will be identified for displaying items or announcements of goods or services for sale. These are to be member-endorsed items, cars, or businesses. This gives members an opportunity, should they choose, to learn about items or services of interest that other members are familiar with or involved in.

Corvettes for Sale - Our website may be used to sell member cars only.

• **BANNER**

Brian and Cathy Nelson have the R.A.C.E. banner; contact them when you need it (507-358-7583).

• **CHARITABLE ENDEAVORS**

As noted under "Purpose" above, R.A.C.E. is incorporated and holds tax exempt status as a social club [501(c)(7)]. We are not a charitable organization. The following guidelines have been established in order to: a) adhere to the purpose of our club, b) maintain our tax exempt status, c) protect our members from solicitation for potentially an unlimited number of favorite charities, and d) allow our members, as they choose, to hear about opportunities outside the purview of the club.

1. Events **not involving** Corvettes: R.A.C.E. members may share information about a charitable event to interested members after the club meeting has adjourned by bringing their request to do so to the president before the meeting. At the end of the club meeting, the president will announce to the membership that a fellow member will be sharing information about a particular charitable event after meeting adjournment at a table separate from the main meeting area. Member willingness to listen and participate is strictly voluntary.
2. Events **involving** our Corvettes: R.A.C.E. members may bring forward to the Activities Planning Committee a request to plan participation in a charitable event that involves our Corvettes, typically organized by another organization (e.g., Annual Cruise for Camp Jornada). Member participation is strictly voluntary. No funds may flow through the club's treasury.

• **COMMUNICATION & EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST**

All communication of club business will be done via email. Club members are encouraged to provide a personal (not work) email address. Please be respectful of the use of the entire email distribution list for casual conversations.

• **DECALS & NAME BADGES**

Two name badges and two window decals come with each paid initiation fee. Additional name badges can be purchased for \$6 each; additional decals can be purchased for \$2 each. Place decals in the lower right hand corner of the windshield on the passenger side.

• EVENT ETIQUETTE

Please.....

--Wear your name badge.

--Respect the plans that the organizer has made.

--Welcome new members by making conversation, sitting with them for dinner, etc.

--Bring suggestions for improving events to the Activities Planning Committee (not the person that organized the event - they may feel discouraged and never organize one again).

--Show courtesy on the road:

- Listen to the organizer's pre-drive instructions.
- Stay with the group.
- Members don't pass members.
- Slow down after making a turn to make sure those behind you continue to follow.
- Show courtesy to those behind you at stop signs - there may be loose gravel that could be thrown on acceleration.
- Some like to drive slower, some faster - if you prefer faster, choose to be last and you will naturally get to go faster to keep up.
- For large groups, consider breaking up into 2 or 3 groups with a leader heading up each group.
- Our drives are not speed contests. We all know our Corvettes are fast. We don't need to show the general public, they probably don't care.

--Have fun, go with the flow, sometimes things don't go as planned - accept (not expect) the unexpected.

--Follow up an event with a thank you note or email to the organizer - planning an event takes time and effort for **your** enjoyment.

ENJOY - you happen to belong to the best social club there is!!

• ROSTER

The R.A.C.E. roster is for MEMBER USE ONLY and may not be shared with anyone outside of R.A.C.E.

• SCREEN PRINTING AND EMBROIDERY

These businesses have our logo on file:

Superior Screeners, 25 9-1/2 Street SE, Rochester, 282-4124

Barb Corcoran, 4611 Canterbury Court NW, Rochester, 398-4919

• SUPPLIES

The treasurer will keep a supply of paper plates, napkins, and utensils for use at club functions. Contact the treasurer if you need supplies for an event.

• TREASURY

- Where practical, club purchases should be considered from pricing from two or more vendors.
- Any activity considered that impacts the club treasury will require club approval.
- Members are allowed reimbursement of up to \$10 for expenses related to planning an event (photocopying maps, etc) without pre-approval of the Executive Board. A receipt is required. If expenses will total more than \$10, pre-approval by the Executive Board is needed.
- The Executive Board will, on behalf of the club, send a gift/flowers/card (whatever is appropriate) to a member in need (e.g., hospitalized). These expenditures are for members only (not for members' relatives).
- The Executive Board may spend up to \$100/month, not to exceed \$300/year, of club funds without club vote. Expenditures will be reported in the treasurer's report.

- WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

The purpose of this committee is to develop, organize, and maintain R.A.C.E.'s website in order for potential members to learn about the club and for current members to keep current with club activities, meeting minutes, etc. The chair of this committee, the webmaster, will be a member of the Executive Board.

- CONTACT INFORMATION**

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