



## The 'Glass Gazette



### September 2003

### What a MONTH for NVCC!



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### Newsletter Article **Submissions**

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month for activities for all the NVCC'rs. There was the NVCC convention with our club running the Lo speed autocross and our club taking trophies in hi speed, lo speed, funkhana and more!

There was the American Iron event with club members taking home \$500 and \$250 for autocrossing!

Of course August brings Carlisle and Rick Poage has a great perspective on Carlisle forthwith:

### Corvettes@Carlisle: From the other side of the Fence

This year marked my first Carlisle event where I was on the OTHER side of the vendor booth, and let me tell you, it was a humbling experience.

For those of you who don't know me, I've been in the technology industry (telecom software in the Publishing Industry) for the last 12 years and made a decision last year to take my marketing experience into the motorsports arena in **some** fashion. Where I ended up was working for Bob Arnold (former autocrosser with NVCC) at his Corvette dealership, Cooper Corvettes down in the Quantico area. As the sales and marketing director, I would be responsible for creating a new look and brand for Cooper Corvettes and bringing that look to the Car Corral at Corvettes@Carlisle.

Now first, let me set the stage: I have been to Carlisle just about every year since I got my Corvette (1996). And I

August and early September was a terrific thought I had done just about all there is to do there...Gordon Killebrew seminars, Fun Display, wander the swap meet, get autographs from celebrities, buy new stuff, etc. etc. But none of it compared to the excitement of buying and selling Corvettes all day long for three days straight! It was really hard to believe how much activity was going on in the Corral area – people would literally buy from one vendor and resell it before they could get it home! I saw some cars sell before they were ever unloaded off the

> I got to drive a '94 ZR1 up there this year (can you say...schweeeet!), but didn't get in until Friday afternoon. But not to fear, there was still plenty of time for action. In addition to that car we brought another '94 ZR1, a '73 Roadster, '03 Anniversary Roadster, a '02 Z06, and an 80 Coupe and a nice '70 Big Block Coupe. Seven cars in all, representing three Corvette generations. In the end we sold four of the cars we brought (both ZR1's, btw), took three (continued Page 8)



Rick hard at work in Carlisle! (honest this is from the NCCC)







### <u>Who ya gonna' Call ?...</u>

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### What's Happenin'....

### **SEPTEMBER**

21 Concours—Dulles Expo CANCELLED

21 Gaithersburg CC, E122 & E123

Dual Funkhana Mont. Coll. Germantown, MD

23 NVCC General Membership meeting @Koons—7:30 pm

28 Autocross Old Dominion 11am Mike Sarver

### OCTOBER

3-4 Corvettes at Ocean City

12 TDB Rallye #5

11 NVCC Group Photo 10am—Dick Hammaker

12 Autocross Old Dominion 11am Mike Sarver

14 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm

18-19 Spooktacular Summit Point, WV

25 NVMC Drags, Hagerstown Shoot Out!

26 Thorton Gap Cruise

28 NVCC General Membership meeting

@Koons—7:30 pm

### NOVEMBER

1 Wanda and Zoel Dart Social—Zoel Robinson 9 Autocross Old Dominion 11am Mike Sarver 11 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm 16 Autocross Old Dominion 11am Mike Sarver 25 NVCC General Membership meeting @Koons—7:30 pm

### DECEMBER

9 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm

### **CORRECTIONS!!**

August newsletter: Joyce Corbin was rallye master for July 13th rally, not Linda Klingensmith. Chuck Pellerin should have been given credit for the fine rallye and Falcon Center photos. The dates for the Corvettes at Ocean City was incorrect and are correct above.

The last year a removable rear window in a Corvette was available? 1972

### **Presidential Pontifications** from Paul Hertel

Well, NVCC'rs it is that time of the year and elections are coming soon. Nominations will be taken at the general business meetings in October and November. Elections will be held in November immediately after the closing of nominations.

Some of the committee chairperson positions will be open this year. The open positions that I know of include: autocross, publicity, and Spooktacluar. This is your chance to be a member of the council and support our great club. Please see the latest newsletter and contact the current committee chairperson if you have any interest in these positions. Of course, all the elected positions are open as well.

We just had our 1st Annual, very successful, All American Iron Event out at ODS. Based upon the feedback from the participants, there is very little we can do to make next year more successful and we have bigger and better plans for next year already! Many thanks go out to the workers and participants.

On another note, Spooktacular is coming soon to WV. Positions are still open for workers and we still have spaces left for running in the events. Sign up for either or both soon and join us for a fun NVCC weekend.

This is a great club and it needs your support with the council and its events. See you soon



### **Z**06 Electron Blue Zone

What a terrific month! NCCC Convention, American Iron, Carlisle, Autocrosses, busy August!

Sell later pages of the newsletter for some great pictures of some of these events and see the club web pages for lots more of the pictures. Let me apologize right up front as I received a ton of pictures but few stories. I have lost who sent what but pics are from James Anderson, Dick Hammaker and Collin MacDonald. Thanks to all.

The NCCC 44th annual convention is behind us and while I only participated in a brief segment, I was blown away by how well everything was run. Had a great time as well. Our club did very well. See the Social Column from Edie for some of the winners. In the hi and lo speed autocrosses we had trophy winners with Andrej Balanc, Rick Poage, Mike Woods and yours truly. I am sure I am missing someone but NVCC did really well.

## The Zo6 electron blue zone by Jim Beau

The American Iron event went well for the first time. It was great to see ex-member and ex-NVCC President Mike Geyer and Mike Woods go after each other for the \$500 for fastest modified time and John Tribble win the fastest stock time for \$250. Wow PRO AUTOCROSSERS!

The cover story this month is a great piece from Rick Poage on Carlisle from a vendor perspective.

We all know NVCC has a strong autocross contingent in the club. This past couple of months I have witnessed two really great competitors in our ranks.

If you have not seen Zoel and Wanda Robinson competing you are missing great treasures of the club. Zoel and Wanda, who are from Calgary Canada, are one, great people to be around, two, were active in Canada Corvette clubs and since being stationed here are active with NVCC and are two of the best autocrossers I have ever witnessed in my 30 plus years of competing. They have not competed in ODS events, although they show up to help, as they are competing for Eastern Region NCC point paying events.

Having traveled to two ERNCC double events with them I can say unequivocally you are missing something if you have not seen them drive.

Wearing my best NVCC hat (actually my Spook shirt which attracted some attendees) I went to Lancaster PA on 9/7 to run in two Autox events with Zoel and Wanda. Earlier in the year in Allentown I watched Wanda and Zoel take FTD and FLD in a both events of a double event. Only about 30 cars but impressive.

In Lancaster they really outdid themselves. It was a double autox put on by Lancaster County CC in the morning and Central PA CC in the afternoon. They had close to 100 entrants for each event! With 60+ corvettes!

Zoel and Wanda kicked everyone's butt as usual, even beating up on the 4 wheel drive rice rockets which were really fast on a 4 slalom, 8 U turn, 60 second, cone paradise course. (I didn't hit any cones BUT managed to go off course, hate that cone crap)

These two are amazing. They take their mid 80's, not highly modifed, class II Red C-4 roadster, don't look fast when on the course and just put everyone on the trailer. For the fourth time I saw modified Z06 owners shaking their heads ruefully as Zoel calmly set FTD after FTD. Wanda has most of the men and all the women just mumbling to themselves, including me! I tell you if they are all this quick in Canada let's close the borders! If you haven't socialized with the Robinsons they are great people to be around and for the second time this year are hosting a social event at their home on Nov. 1. Nice people, like all the people in NVCC. Get out in your Vette and meet some of them!! Regards, Jim Beaupre 2002 Electron Blue Z06 racing team



### THANKS FOR WORKING CONVENTION

Thanks to all NVCC'ers who helped stage the low speed event at this year's annual convention. The club did a fine job in running a smooth, hassle free event for the participants. We received many compliments and may have won over some additional participants for our Spooktacular in October.

NVCCer's also made their presence felt on the Summit Point tracks, drag strip and the funkhana and rally courses. Check the NCCC East Region website for results of all events (http://www.ernccc.org). Your next issue of Blue Bars will be devoted exclusively to convention results and pictures as well. Next year's convention is in Las Vegas and some NVCC'ers are already thinking about going out! The NVCC'ers below worked the events on Monday and/ or Tuesday. Some pitched in even though they were participants, others gave their time to work only: Alice Arielly, Andrej Balanc, Jim Beaupre, Mark Bergstrom, Maury Brumm, Bruce Buchanan, Sadie Compton, Kirk DeNee, Barb Foor, Cheryl Graczyk, Dick Hammaker, Don Kerndt, Bill Kolster, Don Patrick, Mike Sarver, Barb Shaw, and Edie Soles.

Thanks too to the NVCC Council which supported the effort from the beginning. George Skalkeas

### **BIG FALL AUTOX EVENT IN CUMBERLAND**

Dave.

I am the Editor of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club "The 'Glass Gazette" newsletter. You can see copies at http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/nvcc/index.jsp I read with interest your event coming up in October. (www.nationalroadrally.com) Sounds like a grand time. Having been an SCCA road racer back in 1967 I have a since of the history you are honoring.

I noticed the AutoX is having a Corvette-vs-Porsche challenge and is by invitation only. Our club has been in existence since 1969 and has a great group of Autocrossers. Is there an opportunity for us to receive some/any invitations for the event?

Thanks for the consideration. Regards, Jim Beaupre

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Thanks again for making contact and for finding our web site. T

I am writing now to let you know that we will do everything we can to encourage your club to get out to the mountains and compete at the Cumberland Airport in October.

Our courses have been very well received and our fields are growing quickly. The courses average just short of mile and feature some third gear sections...more like Solo than Autocross in a way...but without the risk of backing into the berm:)

In the coming days, we will be scouring the local hotels for availabilities on the weekend of October 25 and 26, so if you have some folks who would like to compete both days, we can try and get them some room suggestions.

FYI, our group's mission is quite ambitious is a patient sort of way, but rest assured we hope to do the legacy of "the original airport races" proud.

Next year, we are planning a four race "Cumberland Airport Autocross Series" (thanks to the support and cooperation of our airport board, the FAA and Chesapeake PCA) which we think will pit the best of Pittsburgh's vette and SCCA community against a very fast core of PCA racers. Sound like fun????? Come play.

More soon, Dave

### SPOOKTAKULAR INFORMATION

Colleagues: I am using this message to respond to several recent inquiries regarding announcements and notifications on the October 18-19 Spooktakular.

Andrej did the flyers and he is out west so all I have are hard copies. We distributed about 100 at the convention and I gave some out at our last business meeting - including one to Paul to build the web site form from.

I BELIEVE Andrej submitted the requisite 50 flyers timely to our RCD at the convention. I too saw the Eastern Region NCC web site "OOPS" and have an inquiry into Brian Gallagher, the RCD to see if there are any problems.

We do not need the flyer for a web site sign-up; included in the newsletter is a document that has all the info we need. The event has been posted on the NCCC web site for several weeks now with an e-mail link to me.

I mailed an invitation letter and flyers this past weekend to about 40 past participants - NONE from our club, just out of town folks.

I am due to check in with Lynn Balanc to see what may have come in this past week (flyer directs entrants to send stuff to Andrej). We had about four the first week.

If anyone needs anything from me to get this on the website call me at work at 202-622-5602 or at home on 703-830-0542. I will update you all before the end of the week with registrations and costs to date.

George Skalkeas



## MUSTANGERS INVITE VETTERS TO DRAG RACE!

I'm not sure if everyone got this so I'm forwarding it. This is the NVMC's yearly blast. It is the Saturday following Spooktacular.

"we Cruise them, we Show them, we Rallye them, we Race them, we are the Northern Virginia Corvette Club" Mike Sarver

Vett'sters,

We had over 65 racers Last Year, want to make it even bigger, any questions please email me ... Ceece NVMC Ceece Coburn < Enforcir@cox.net >

25 October 2003 8am-3pm Mason Dixon Dragway, Haggerstown Md. (NHRA 1/4 Mile Track)

\$40.00 Entrance Fee Trophies/Cash Prizes for 1-3 in the 4 Classes

### SKYLINE CRUISE IS ON!

We had a pretty solid rumor that Jim Strathearn would be announcing the 25th as the official date, now it is confirmed! The cruise will originate at Front Royal. Ratpackers and others from the southeast, we can do our usual Gloucester Burger King at 5:30 am...breakfast in Fredericksburg around 7:15 ,,,stop for gas for Ron..another ten minutes..hehehel! And then on to Front Royal. Jim has a post in SOUTHEAST EVENTS section of the corvette forum, please check it out!

This is a TOYS FOR TOTS charity function, so please bring lots of toys or please donate lots of cash Don't forget, we are looking for 20 people for Richmond Go Karts, some of us are departing for the TAIL OF THE DRAGON next weekend, There's a great car show on October 11th and there's The Fabulous Biltmore Estates Cruise in early November followed by Winter Jam 2 in January of next year Keep in touch with the Southeast and National events sections of the Forum to get the most pleasure from your Vette ownership If you have questions or positive comments, e mail me at buydavette@aol,com Thanks

Jack

Look closely! the trackside Summit Point



Its Sarver keeping plants fresh at on Day one!

## 44th Annual NCCC Convention Speed Events Photos



Spooktakular Chair looking good at the NCCC!



NVCC'rs goin' to work!



Barbara Foor looking competitive



An autocrossing Vette? At NCCC

Andrej getting ready to turn a quick lap



Cool C1!



One Fast Big Block C2!



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### Members CORNER By Judy Patrick

### Socially Speaking from Edie Soles



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### **September Report**

We currently have 99 Active members and 11 prospective members

WELCOME NEW MEMBERs!!!!!!!!!!

Rod Orem and Gail Payne '03 Anniversary Coupe

### **Prospective Members:**

Bruce Buchanan -'74 White Coupe Bob Devery -'00 Torch Red Coupe Joe Herrmann— '96 Sebring Silver Col. Edition **Anthony Devassy** '87 Red Coupe Howard Gappa '69 Gold Roadster Dale Harrison '95 Torch Red Coupe '96 Silver Roadster Sheila Jones Marty McCabe '96 Silver Roadster Charles Miks '03 Yellow Z06 '69 Black Roadster Bryan Mossey '03 Torch Red Coupe Jim Robinson Note: You remain a "prospective" member until you pay your membership dues and return your NCCC

Active members have been mailed their 2004 membership invoice. Payment is mandatory and due November 1st in order for the club to meet the NCCC payment deadline.



### Happy Birthday!!

form to Judy.

Happy Birthday!!

### September Birthdays:

Ron Weller	2
Ted Williams	8
Rex Nelsen	9
Wanda Robinson	9
Roy White	10
Joyce Corbin	13
Allen Dobson	14
Emilio Estrada	<b>2</b> 1
Don Patrick	22

Additional NVCC key rings (\$6 ea.), NVCC window decals (\$2 ea.) and NVCC windshield banners (\$5 ea.) are available to active members. See Judy for these.

**Judy Patrick** 

### **NVCC 2003 Social Calendar**

October 3-5 Corvettes at Ocean City

October 11 NVCC Club Group Photo

Purcellville Franklin Park

Saturday at 10 am

October 4 Edison High School /

Corvette Parade of Queens

October 25 Skyline Drive Cruise Forum

October 26 Thorton Gap Cruise Kirk DeNee

November 1 Dart Social

Zoel & Wanda Robinson's home

At the 44th National Corvette Convention the club did really well competitively and we all had a great time. Barbara Foor took the first place trophy in her class for Drag Racing and Edie Soles and Barbara Foor took second place in the Funkana. The Hi speed and lo speed guys • did well too. Check with George, Mike, or Rick about the ' guys that got trophy's. Our club did really well for the small amount of participation. This was one of the best experience of my life. The convention was so well organized and a full week of fun. There was a party every night (Theme Racing, Mardi Gras , Hawaii, etc.) with good food and elaborate decorations. A lot of hard work and planning went in to this and it was a big success. We met many " people and made several new friends through this event. The Corvette owners are truly a family all of their own. I highly recommend that everyone attend at least one of these at sometime in their lives. Next year it will be held in Las Vegas. My thanks to all those volunteers who gave freely of their time so I could have the time of my life.

Edie Soles, 2003 NVCC Social Director.

What was the first year the speedo maxed out at 85mph? 1980!

### Autocrossing Screeches By Mike Sarver



### Your Turn

"Your turn", two simple words that are the start of a magical transformation. A spring comes to your steps as you walk over and pick up your helmet. You don't realize the process has started until you slide into the seat and slip on the helmet.

Your breathing quickens as you fasten the seat belts and you can feel the adrenalin as you turn the key. Your heart beats just a tad bit faster as you pull up to the starter and await his signal.

The starter flashes the flag and suddenly the outside world, the humdrum of the daily 9-5, the mortgage bill and everything else disappears. It's you and the car against the clock! Your eyes sweep the path in front of you and man and machine become one as you rush towards the first gate.

Quickly, you look for the next set of cones. Looking for that special line that will let you flow through the course. You are only vaguely aware of the first set of cones flying by just inches away from your tire.

A touch of brakes here to settle the man-machine thing, turn in and then accelerate forward, faster, faster. The adrenalin is pumping hard now and just as you realize you are attacking instead of driving the course, you begin to loose your balance. Quickly you recover but it's too late as you punt a cone across the track.

Forget it, it's behind you. Concentrate. The rest of the course lay before you. You regain the momentum, the balance. Accelerate, look for the line, touch the brake, turn left, turn right, and now accelerate again. Cones flash by left and right. Here comes the straight!

To soon, the starter steps out and waves the flag indicating your run is over. You notice you are breathing hard and your heart is still pumping hard as you pull into the pits.

You glance at the time display. Three tenths of a second slower than your fastest time! Damn cone! You smile knowing that you will get it the next time. Mike

## Comments on the Concours By Collin MacDonald

NVCC Concours Date Sept. 21—Dulles Expo Center HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Speed events in the Mid Atlantic area				
<u>Organizer</u>	Event	<b>Date</b>		
NVCC@ODS	Drags	Sept. 28		
NASA Mid-Ohio	BeaveRun	Sept 27-28		
NASA-VA	Summit Point (Shen.)	Oct 4-5		
NVCC@ODS	Auto X	Oct 12		
NVCC	Spooktacular	Oct 18-19		
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	Oct 17		
TCV NCCC	AutoX	Oct 19		
National RoadRally	Autox	Oct 21/22		
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	Oct 24		
NASA-VA	Summit Point (Main)	Nov 1-2		
BSR	FATT (Shenandoah)	Nov 7		
NVCC@ODS	AutoX	Nov 9		
NVCC@ODS	AutoX	Nov 16		
COMSCC	Lime Rock Park	Nov 17-18		
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	Nov 21		
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	Dec 5		



What year was power steering first made an option on Corvettes?
1963

### Rallye Review by Barbara Shaw

The remaining 2003 Rallye dates and Rallye Masters are:

Rallye #4 - Sept 14 - Alice Arielly

Rallye #5 – Oct TBD - "Your name here"

(cont. from page 1)

trade-ins, sold two of those, bought a car at the Mecum Auction, sold it (to our very own webmaster, Brad Sneade!), and had to "hitch" a ride since there wasn't any cars to drive home! (read: might as well put them on the truck if the truck's there). What amazed me was the wheeling-dealing going on between the dealers themselves – every dealer there had a mental list of the cars their customers were looking for back home and they spent three days swapping them around until they got what they wanted. Craziness.

Several of our buyers were like you and I though, and were simply there to find the right car and drive it home. This was the case with the guy who bought one of the ZR1's; he was there specifically to buy a nice LT5. When he decided on ours (there were only about 5-6 for sale) he pulled out a giant bag – and paid for the car in cash! I spent almost two hours counting and recounting hundred-dollar bills! One of the other cars, a trade-in, was only on "our lot" for a few hours before we sold it to someone looking specifically for a Millennium Yellow C5. And it was bought by a guy across the isle from us who had just sold his black C5 ten minutes earlier! More craziness.

All in all it was an enlightening experience. I had no idea what to expect and was treated with a first-hand view of the specialty car dealer business "trade show" style, meaning "We're not in Triangle anymore Dorothy". I remember writing a letter similar to this when I first rode in Dick Hammaker's car at an autocross, and again on my first trip to Carlisle, and I'm happy to add this event to my **never ending** list of Corvette-firsts!

Smilin' and wavin', Rick Poage



### NCM Ambassador Corner by Don Patrick

National Corvette Museum (NCM)
Ambassador Corner
by Donald Patrick
September 2003
CALENDAR EVENTS

September 26-28: Camaro/Firebird Gathering October 9-11: Corvette Pace Car Reunion

### **CURRENT NEWS**

### CORVETTE CELEBRATION SUCCESS

The NCM thanks everyone who attended the Labor Day weekend Corvette Celebration and look forward to having you again. Over 450 registrants were in attendance and many were members who volunteered in various ways by parking cars, folding and straightening merchandise, and cleaning up and taking down tables and chairs. They can't thank you enough for all that you do for the NCM. If you attended the Corvette Celebration, please take a moment and fill out their event survey to help them better plan and offer activities and events that give you more of what you would like to see when visiting the Museum. Take our event survey by clicking here: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/survey/index.shtml A select number of survey participants will receive a special gift from the Corvette Store!

### **GM CORVETTE ASSEMBLY PLANT UPDATE**

The GM Corvette Assembly Plant will not be offering tours on November 5, 15, 28-29, and December 1, 2003 through April 23, 2004. Please make note of the closing dates to assist you in planning for upcoming visits. During these closing dates, guests visiting the Museum can enjoy the Corvette Plant tour video that will be shown in our Chevy Theater in addition to the history of the Corvette. For more information on the GM Corvette Assembly Plant visit our website at: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/plant\_tours/index.shtml

### ANOTHER HAPPY RAFFLE WINNER

Raffle winner Michael Falter from Aachen, Germany (Ticket No. 3639) took delivery of his 2004 LeMans Blue Commemorative Edition Corvette on Monday, August 31 and told us, "I started receiving calls from the Vette Chat folks and emails began to flood in after the announcement was posted that I was drawn as the winner. This is just unbelievable and I do not know if I will ever get over it!" Michael was drawn as the winner of the new Corvette Convertible during the Labor Day weekend Corvette Celebration activities. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the annual Corvette raffle fundraiser. Take a look at Michael with his new Corvette and other raffle winners here: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle\_winners/index.shtml

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### **NCM Ambassador Corner by Don Patrick (cont.)**

### "CANADIAN EH! TEAM" PLANS A VISIT

October 2-4 the NCM look forward to welcoming Canadian Corvette owners for a memorable visit to the Home of the Corvette! This scheduled visit is open to all Canadian Corvette owners and includes scenic stops along the route, tours of the Museum and GM Corvette Assembly Plant, a BBQ at the 1869 Homestead, road tour to Mammoth Cave and much more. Find out more information and sign up for the "Canadian EH! Team" visit by clicking here: http://www.geocities.com/shayneandlee/NCMCruise.html

### CORVETTE MAINTAINS ALMS CHAMPION-SHIP LEAD AFTER LEGUNA SECA

The General Motors Chevrolet Corvette Racing team maintained its position on top of the American Le Mans Series Championship after a podium finish in the Monterey Sports Car Championships. Ron Fellows and Johnny O'Connell, driving the #3 Compuware Corvette C5-R, finished second in the GTS class, eighth overall, after two hours and 45 minutes of racing at Laguna Seca. Oliver Gavin and Kelly Collins, in the sister #4 Compuware Corvette C5-R, finished third in class, ninth overall. The podium result maintains Corvette's position at the top of the manufacturer, team and driver championships in the GTS class of the ALMS for 2003. The Corvette Racing team will take to the track again in three week's time, for Round 8 of the American Le Mans Series in Miami, Florida. Visit the Corvette Racing site for more information at: http:// www.corvetteracing.com/home/home\_set.htm

### FROM THE GM CORVETTE PLANT

Chevy leads the industry again! In August, Chevrolet was the #1 selling brand in the U.S. market for the second consecutive month. Chevy led the industry in market share with 16.1 percent of industry vehicle deliveries, up 1 point from a year ago. Chevrolet's total car and truck sales were up 6 percent in August.

### WELCOME THE PACE CARS!

October 8-12, the NCM welcomes Pace Car owners and their legendary Corvettes for a weekend full of fast paced fun! The event begins with a trip to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for a lap around the Indy 500 track, commemorative photos, dinner and more. Event participants will make the journey to Bowling Green from Indy where plans include seminars, road tours, Plant Tours, a BBQ at the 1869 Homestead and much more! Register now for the fun-filled Pace Car Reunion by clicking here: https://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/pace/registration.shtml

### **CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

"BUILD YOUR OWN CORVETTE" RAFFLE BEGINS For the first-time ever, an NCM raffle is underway that offers the winner an opportunity to "Build Your Own Corvette!" Limited to only 500 tickets at \$250 each, the raffle features the chance to choose a 2004 convertible, coupe or (excluding the Z15 and Z16 options) and choice of 2004 duction colors, wheels, interior and options. Winner's selections must follow GM ordering guidelines. A winner be drawn on Friday, December 5 at 12:00 noon C.T. Find more about this unique raffle by visiting our website at: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml or call (800) 53-VETTE.

## MATCH YOUR CORVETTE COLOR WITH NEW C5 and Z06 SUNGLASSES

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### **BACKGROUND**

NVCC is one of the founding members of the NCM (Card No. • 1523). Club benefits are:

- Free individual or group admission to the NCM.
- > 10% discount on NCM and Catalog merchandise.
- Free subscription to the magazine "America's Sports Car."
- NVCC plaque reconciliation in the museum. If any NVCC members are planning a trip in the vicinity of Bowling Green, Kentucky, a visit to the home of the NCM and the Corvette factory should be in your plans. The NCM card can be borrowed from our President. For additional information log on to: http://www.corvettemuseum.com or call the NCM at

800-538-3883) or contact Donald PatrickVETTE (800-538-3883) or contact Donald PatrickVETTE

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### The Trials and Tribulations Continue on the 63 Restoration

By Collin MacDonald

As I write this segment of the "As the 1963 Coupe Restoration Turns", its a beautiful, bright and sunny, early September day, the type of day you would love to cruise in your Vette. It's just not Friday, September 5th, but it's the day I have waiting for the past several months. I finally get to pick up the Corvette, providing all goes well with the finishing touches. Even if it's only for a weekend visit, I have to return it Monday for some final touches.

The restoration began June 6th when I delivered the car to Dominic Ferrria's shop in Springfield for a few repairs. The original visit to Dominic was to make sure the brakes were good, so I got the parts, new brake pads (it has drum brakes) and brake restoration kit from ZIP Corvette to do all four drums. In addition, I had a small list of items that needed to only be repaired. I just didn't have the time to do things with my travelling. I really didn't know the extent to which the restoration, but did know it needed one. So that is why at first I elected to have a few items fixed, mainly the brakes, noisy valves and lifters. I had no idea what we found once the valve covers came off. which did result in a full engine rebuild. The small repairs turned into major repairs, which eventually resulted in a frame-on restoration. What started out to be something I could easily pay ended up emptying out my pocketbook and maxing out credit cards with 0 balances. But, in retrospect, since I can finally see the results, it's worth it every penny spent and I have to confess having a loving and understanding wife made life bearable.

When I first decided to buy a classic, I heard the repeating theme by people who have gone through restorations "It takes longer then expected, costs much more then expected and will continue during the time you own the car." Boy, can I understand those words now. In fairness, if you're a dedicated owner of an Classic Corvette, and you have the patience and passion for a project, then its worth the aggravations, expenses, and wait for a result. But as I am also told, the restoration never stops, it's ongoing.

During the restoration, the entire engine and compartment, drive train, transmission, cooling system, brake system, interior, steering, electrical, and exterior has been restored back to the condition it would have been like in 1963. It's very difficult to find certain items that are not being reproduced. This means you are working with a limited market on items that have been reconditioned, rebuilt and restored. I have gone through three Master Brake Cylinders before I found one that was correct and worked. But I have to tell you; it looks great and was worth it, because it's correct.

One area that presented its own distinct problem are reproduced parts and the vendors who claim the parts are the same specifications and material as the originals. Although they look good coming out of the box, sometimes the fit is a bit off and more often way off. So this leaves you searching again for one that is correct.

A good example of that comes to mind is the search for the correct water pump. The L-76 (340 HP Hi-Per Engine) requires a water pump that has a top water line that runs into the intake providing cooling to the aluminum intake manifold. So I ordered one that was "exact reproduction of the original down to the casting numbers". I opened the box and was really impressed; it looked great, even though the box read "Made in Poland". Then the problem reared its ugly head. The back plane cover of the water pump was too wide. When it was bolted to the block, the pump went over the L-76 Timing Chain Cover (which was wider then a normal time chain cover on the L-75 300 HP version of the 327). The rear cover plate of the water pump is about 1/16<sup>th</sup> of an inch thicker then the original, making it impossible to bolt the pump to the engine block without the water ports/tunnels having large gaps. The fix was simple, remove the back plate of the original pump and screw it on to the new pump. We had to glass bead and paint the old one, but it looks new, the water pump fits to the block, problem solved. That was rather a simple problem, but still something you did not expect to run across during the rebuild and takes time and more labor.

This is a more complicated one, and we still are working on it. It has to do with the alignment of the pulley system. This 327 block has a very basic pulley system, as the car does not have air or power steering. An "Idle Pulley" is used and located on the driver's side of the block adjacent to the water pump. The purpose of the idler is to keep tension on the belt between the pulleys so during hard acceleration the belt does not pop off the pulleys. The entire idler system was missing from the block, which is not unusual to find. If you look at most midyears you will find many people took them off, because a bearing on the idle pulley would wear out. Also, the harmonic balancer of the L-76 is about 8 inches in diameter, almost 4 inches larger then the L-75 (300 HP) 327 engine. This means the pulleys for the water pump (which is different in the L-76) and the crank pulley are larger circumferences then the stock version. Since original pulleys of this type and casting numbers are almost impossible to find, I purchased reproduction parts. Guess what, the pulleys when mounted on the water pump and crank overlapped each other's by about 1/8 of an inch. So for now, I have put back the L-75 pulleys until the new order L-76 pulleys found in Canada

made by GM arrive. The repro Crank Pulley Circumference is much larger then the GM product over ½ inch. The next problem was alignment of the pulley system with the idler, alternator, crank and water pump (thank God I don't have to reckon with power steering or air conditioning). Final step is to purchase the correct belt. I think we're almost there; it's a matter of alignment and using washers as spacers to obtain that pulley alignment and getting the correct belt.

Another challenge (more then a challenge, it's was a problem) we ran across was the getting and installing the correct carburetor. It had to be a certain model 3461S Carter AFB that was used for manual transmissions. I found the correct model and it was completely restored by a person in Manassas, known to do Top Flight NCRS carburetor restorations. It was very expensive but the date code and model was 100% accurate for my L-76. When we got it on the manifold (which was purchase as being totally restored) we had vacuum leaks and the studs to hold the carburetor were stripped. Well this set us back a little, we re-threaded the stud holes, and decked the carburetor port area, and this fixed the vacuum leak. But once we got the car running the carburetor leaked gas....so we had to remove it. I brought it back to the person who built this, and he immediately took it apart while I waited to find and fix the problem. What we thought were bad gaskets turned out to be a piece of dirt caught in the jet, causing the float to stick open, thus letting a flood of gas into the bowl. Well it was cleaned, tested (on a motor) and reinstalled. Then we tried tuning the car, and when the car got warm, the carburetor warm air choke did not function, making the car idles high. We took apart the choke and found the plate that guides the choke lever was on backwards, not allow the lever to drop and put the car in a lower idle level. This was fixed and the carburetor runs great.

Once we got the entire car back together, we checked the headlights, and since the time I brought it into the shop, the drivers light motor (what turns the light bucket around to give you headlights) failed. Of course this is another hard part to find, and expensive. Found it and replaced it, now it appears the right light motor (although it still works but is slow) is working, so I have found another one and will install it next week.

Not all things I found ended up with full replacement, for example, of course if you cruise you need a radio right? Well I have the "Wonderbar" AM/FM stock 1963 original radio in the car, and from the day I got it, the radio did not seem to work. I could faintly pick up stations, a lot of fade and poor sound quality. Since I know a little about this, I troubleshot the radio and everything looked good within the output of the radio, then I focused on the antenna system. What I found was the entire antenna system was off a 1967 Chevrolet Impala, crossed referenced part numbers. The Corvette, because it is fiberglass, uses a large grounding plane that is under the glass the antenna bolts too and has a large copper grounding wire that must be attached to the frame. The Impala is metal and uses the body as the plane. You guessed it; no ground on the antenna, the antenna did not fit properly, so I had to buy a complete 1963 antenna system. It's now installed and the radio works great...I can get all the FM and AM stations. In the beginning I thought I would need to buy a new radio, and really did not have the money to buy it or have the radio restored. A little victory in a larger war.

It seems like everything you do can't be straightforward. If you replace a simple part, it either does not fit, does not work, needs to be modified, or you find another part that needs to be replaced to make the first part you replace work or look better. The reward comes when things to come together and it works, you feel a sense of accomplishment.

Well what's left after I finish the engine? I have been talking to "Stingray Auto Body" in Purcellville, VA. Charlie (the owner) will be looking at the car and doing some touch ups on some paint blisters I have. These bubbles are caused when the surface (fiberglass) has been stripped of paint using a solvent, and was not properly cleaned. Once paint is applied over this ill cleaned area, and the paint dries, vapors (left over from the solvent, start by exposing the car to sunlight, which translates into heat. Since the paint does not allow air to escape, bubble start to blister the paint. This is very commonly found on older restorations. Depending what one finds under the blister when you break it and remove it, it's a fairly simple process to fix by paint matching and blending. I have five bubbles, one large one, and some very minor bodywork to be done. The paint on this car is still very good with about 8 years left on it. So I hope to get away with a minimum amount of painting and bodywork.

Once this is finished, the car will be in excellent condition. But, I still want to continue to do smaller project along the way. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. To date I have spent almost as much to restore the car as I did to buy the car. Meg and I plan to go to Ocean City for Corvettes at the Ocean, and my plan is to take the 63. We will see.

My stories about the 63 restorations are not meant to be self-promoting, but intended to be informative as well as entertaining for people who have done, are thinking about, and will do their own restorations. Of course if you are doing or intend to do a restoration, I am ready to help with all sorts of advice based on my experiences. So for now I will close and hope you will be

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### **NVCC GROUP PHOTO**

TO BE TAKEN!

The Club Photograph is all set up

for October 11, Saturday at Franklin Park in Round Hill VA. Primary purpose is to gather the club members together and have a large Club Photograph taken with people and Vettes! My understanding is this has not been done in a very long time. The photograph will be used on the web site page as well as other times when we need publicity. Copies of the photo will be on sale, and all proceeds will go into the club treasury.

The Purcellville Ladder Company will provide the elevation needed and the spot is on blacktop with a beautiful pond in the foreground, To make your trip worthwhile, we have managed to get a covered picnic area and working with a local Deli to provide a picnic lunch of sandwiches, chips, soda and novelty ice cream, all for \$10.00 per per-

After we socialize over lunch, we will travel some backwoods through the Virginia Countryside along the Potomac River and our destination will be Thurmont, Md to an apple orchard so you can purchase fresh apples. We will then cruise back over the Point of Rocks bridge back to VA and you will be on your own.

We want to have EVERYONE at the park at 10:00 AM....it will take approx. 30 mins to set up the photo shoot, so by 10:30 everyone will be in place....it will take about 20 mins to take photos, then at 11:00 AM Lunch will be ready. This will cost \$10.00 per person and MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED at the event, but I NEED A HEAD COUNT BEFORE THE EVENT....

We will start the Cruise by 12:30 and return to VA no later then 2:00 PM......I promise you some won derful country roads and beautiful scenery....

So if you are going to have the photo taken and participate in this cruise PLEASE EMAIL ME IMMEDIATELY....

Rain Date: October 12th. Same time/same place. (I know there is an autocross, but only date available)

Directions: (Total Drive Time from Tysons Corner Toll Booth/ Dulles Toll Road Approx. 40 Minutes)

Take the Dulles Toll Road (Route 267) WEST, remain on the Toll Road onto the Greenway (Toll Road) continue toward Leesburg. Take to end of Greenway.

Bear LEFT (west) onto Route 7/15 toward Winchester. (like you are going to Summit Point!) Stay on Route 7 West for about 10 miles.

Do not take first PURCELLVILLE EXIT, take the **Round Hill/Purcellville Route** 7 BUSINESS EXIT.

Once on the exit Ramp, bear to the left, at the bottom of the ramp toward Purcellville.

Pass the John Deer Nursery on the left, 200 Yards RIGHT is the entrance to Franklin Park.

Turn into the park, on the right you will see a Swimming Pool, turn into that parking lot.

That will be the meeting point.

My cell phone number is 571-238-8156, sometimes it works our there and sometimes not.

Event Schedule: 9:00 AM - Start arriving at Franklin Part, meet at the Swimming Pool Complex Parking lot.

9:30 AM - Start setting up Photo Shoot.

10:00 AM - Last call for cars to be in Photo, Ladder Truck Arrives and sets up.

10:10 AM - PHOTO will be taken.

10:30 AM - Go to the designated covered picnic area for socializing

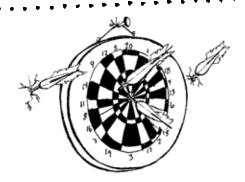
11:00 AM - Picnic box lunches arrive

12:00 PM - Start OF Cruise

1:00 PM - Arrive at Orchard in Maryland

2:000 PM - Arrive back in Virginia cross Point of Rocks Bridge, end of Cruise.

Collin McDonald (o2bquik@erols.com)



### **SOCIAL – DART NIGHT**

### **NOVEMBER 1, 2003**

7:00 PM TO WHENEVER HOSTED BY: ZOEL & WANDA ROBINSON 1821 SAINT BONIFACE STREET, VIENNA, VA. 22182 PHONE: 703-255-1746 EMAIL: redvette1@cox.net

Come out to join us for an evening of socializing, story telling and a few games of darts. You don't need to be a dart player to join the fun. The dart games are for fun, don't be shy if you have never played before, teams will be randomly picked once we know how many players we have.

RSVP via email or phone to let us know if you are planning to join us and let us know if you plan to play darts. We will provide the venue and to help out, we ask that you bring your own refreshments, mix and a appetizer or munchie. Also bring your own darts if you have them, we only have a few sets.

### Directions to our place:

From Route 123 (Maple Avenue, Vienna)

- Take Beulah Road, (north)
- Go approximately 1 ½ to 2 miles and turn left on Abbortsford Drive (entrance to Eudora community)
- Turn right at 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity Saint Boniface Drive and follow down to just about the end, we are on the right hand side #1821.

### AMERICAN IRON PHOTOS!



Winner of \$500! Mike Geyer





Winner of \$250 John Tribble





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Attn: Spooktakular
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Sterling, VA 20164-4704



THERE WILL BE A RALLYE IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER BUT DETAILS HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZED AS WE WENT TO PRESS. PLEASE WATCH THE WEB PAGES FOR DETAILS.

### Secretary's Minutes by Alice Arielly





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Meeting Start: 7:30 p.m. at Koons Chevrolet, Tysons Corner, VA.

Attendance: 11 Council Members, 18 other members + 13 Guests = total 42

**Historian:** Meeting started late, due to traffic, so Ralph Watts entertained us with trivia questions first. Questions & winners (of one raffle ticket each):

Question #1: In 1987, how many Corvettes were made for SCCA Corvette Challenge Series of racing? a. 56, b. 1000, c. none-they were built in 1988, d. none, they were built in 1986. Tough one-Answer is c – 56 were built in 1988, won by Chuck Pellerin

Question #2: In 1987 RPO B2K was introduced and 184 buyers chose it. What was the option? Answer: 184 lucky buyers placed orders for a Callaway Twin-Turbo Corvette through participating Chevrolet dealers at \$19,995 each (plus \$20,007 for the coupe base price). Mike woods won

Question #3: What year 1 millionth Corvette built? a. 1978 b. 1986 c. 1968 d. 1992 e. sometime in 2004 Answer: July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1992 marks the day when the one millionth Corvette, a white convertible, rolled off the assembly line. The 'little guy' won: Future Corvette Owner of America, Cooper – Jim Beaupre's grandson.

Question #4: 2 series of Production Corvettes received their own unique VIN sequence numbers. What were they? Answer: The 1990-1995 ZR-1, the 1996 Grand Sport was the only Corvette ever built with a unique VIN sequence, separate from all other production Corvettes that year. Two winners: Cheryl and Collin.

Question #5: The magnetic ride option offered in 2003 uses a magnetic fluid which adjusts shock damping how many times/second? a. 10 b. 50 c. 100 d. 1000 e. It doesn't adjust dampening, it flattens the road surface before the tire makes contact with it. Answer: 1000 times per second – roughly equivalent to reacting to each inch of raod surface at 60 mph. Won by Steve Wojo.

**Autocross**: Mike Sarver reported that we've had 3 ODS events: Last one was Saturday, August 16th at Drags (same day as Tech for Convention) – 4 Vettes + 1 Mustang showed up. Next one will be Sept 14th – see schedule in Newsletter. So far, club has made \$795 from 3 events held so far!

American Iron (Sept. 6th): Rick Poage reported that publicity was out. Still waiting for several clubs to respond. Sponsors will be attending to see what will go on next year. Need help for workers for autocross (they will work drags & front gate & have printed tickets). There WILL be an entry fee – preregister by August 28th and you will get a package that includes an admission ticket. If you do two events, you'll get 2 tickets.

**Concours:** Collin discussed the cancellation of Concours due to lack of sponsorship. Prospects for next year include ways to make sure we don't have to cancel – sent back 22 preregistrations this year. Maybe we can hold it outdoors & save costs. He also mentioned that there was a Car Show August 30th in Sterling at NOVA Campus, for Muscular Distrophy.

**Membership**: We had several prospective members at meeting, whose applications were forwarded to Judy.

**Newsletter**: Jim was getting punchy! Apologies to Linda Klingensmith aka Joyce Corbin! But it was the biggest newsletter this year!

Rallye: Barb Shaw not present. Alice briefed on September 14th Rallye.

**Social**: Edie went over upcoming events (see also newsletter):

- Don't forget Ocean City it's October 3-5 this year!
- Forum putting on Skyline Drive cruise 25th October
- We're doing Thornton Gap cruise 26th October
- November 1st Wanda & Joel will host another Dart Social



**NCCC**: Andrej was off in Montana on firefighting duty!

**NCCC Convention:** George reported it was GREAT! Had lots of workers. Congratulations to Award winners from the club:

- Jim Beaupre 3rd in 12 car 1SJ class in High Speed
- Mike Woods 2nd 3RP in High Speed plus won 1st in Low Speed
- Andrej 1st Low Speed in 2G + 3rd in High Speed
- Rick 2nd High Speed 2E and 1st 2E Low Speed
- B4 won 1st place Class III Drags and 2nd place Funkhana
- Bob Compton broke his alternator, but still came in 3rd in Low Speed and 2nd in High Speed in 3 RP raced against yellow Vette C5R that should have been in le Mans!

**Spooktacular:** George reminded everyone that it was October 18-19. Already have some pre-registrations. Looking for 60 cars. Looking for workers.

**Web Site:** Brad said the Newsletter was posted on time – check it out! Image galleries up for events – can put up your own pictures, one at a time. Will work on keeping autocross results on the site – right now they roll off of events page once the date has passed.

### Raffles.

- Chuck Pellerin (window banner) & Collin MacDonald (window banner) & Sadie Compton (who had trouble deciding her pick-a-prize)
- Oil Change won by Steve Wojo
- 50/50. Took in \$91. \$45.50 won by Alice

**Old Business.** Picture taking – October 11th, Franklin Park out near Purcellville, in the morning around 11 a.m. (Collin & Bruce Buchanan). Edison HS Homecoming – also October 11th around 10-11 a.m. in Franconia Contact Joyce Corbin

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Several adjourned to Vienna Inn, off 123 in Vienna.

### **CLASSY CLASSIFIEDS**

### '78 Silver Anniversary Edition 4 Sale

Low miles: approx. 64,500 (collector-stored for approx. 15 years), L-82 engine, Auto Trans, T-Tops (both clear and painted), alloy wheels, new radiator, power windows, sport mirrors, AM/FM Stereo 8-Track Tape player, rear window defogger, a/c not working and some other work (including u-joints) needed. \$12,000 - call John @ 703-402-4531 or Mike at 571-228-5050.

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