



The 'Glass Gazette

December 2005

2005 the Year in Pictures!

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If you didn't see Iron Man and NVCC club Vice President do the 50 mile charity run at the Worldgate Health Club you missed something extraordinary. Having run three marathons when I was MUCH younger I can appreciate how much effort it takes to complete 2 BACK to BACK within 8 hours! George you are incredible. George did this in the name of NVCC and two charities. See the pics for proof.



Time	miles	Total
10:00	—	—
11:00	7.04	7.04
12:00	7.11	14.15
1:00	7.05	21.20
2:00	7.11	28.31
3:00	6.97	35.28
4:00	5.95	41.23
5:00	6.01	47.24
5:27		
6:00		
Goal 50 miles		52.50

Newsletter Article

Submissions

DEADLINE: 5:00 pm

Friday after

General Council Meeting

(2nd Tuesday of month)

Address: Jim Beaupre

555 Grove Street,

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Website:

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Who ya gonna' Call ?

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What's Happenin'.... in the NVCC!!

NOVEMBER

22 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

CORRECTIONS !!

NEXT ISSUE!



Presidential Pontifications

By Jeff Kirk



WAZZUP!

By George Kerns, VP



Letters, we get Letters and emails.....



Selling Toy Due To Home Renovations, 93 Chevy Corvette 40th Anniv Ruby Conv, Ruby Leather Interior and Ruby Cloth Rag Top 50250 Original Miles; LT1 350 V8, Brand New BF Goodrich Tires [Nov 05] New Ceramic Brakes All Around [Nov 05] Automatic Adjustable Traction Control; Anti-skid Abs (4-wheel) a/c Am/fm Stereo/ Cassette w/Single Compact Disc Cruise Control; Dual Power Seats Premium Wheels; Tilt Wheel Locking Car Cover \$17995 OBO Joyce Corbin 703-780-0954 Home 703-629-0157 Cell

Governors please inform your club members of this person on EBAY this is from an EAST OHIO NCCC member..thanks > Hi, > It might be good to warn your members about the following vendor: Performance Design Specialties Florence, KY Ebay user ID: customvetteshop I ordered, and paid for, two chrome pieces, 2/23/2005. To this day, 11/15/05, I don't have the parts nor my money. Juris Raudins, member of East Ohio Region.



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**Spotlight on Members
CORNER By Judy Patrick**

December Report

We currently 130 have active members and 15 prospective members.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

- Paul Cestone - 1998 Silver Coupe**
- Doug Webster - 2004 Blue Z06 CE**
- John Eiden, Jr. - 2003 Electron Blue Coupe**
- Gary Williams - 2002 Black Coupe**

Prospective Members:

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Joseph Caucci | 2005 Red Coupe |
| Eric Hagerty | 1996 White Coupe |
| Dolores Hallinger -- | 2005 Sunset Orange Coupe |
| Richard Mars | 2000 White Hardtop |
| Joe Michaliga | 1985 Red Coupe |
| Bruce Miller | 2000 Silver Coupe |
| Steven Moline - | 2005 Blue Convertible |
| John Noble - | 1974 Maroon Convertible |
| Dan Nowak - | 1978 Black/Silver Pace Car |
| Donna Ojeh - | 2005 Blue Convertible |
| Dean Shepard | 2005 Red Convertible |
| Woody Taylor - | 1966 Blue Coupe |
| Brian Tray - | 1973 Dark Cherry Coupe |
| Randy Urick - | 1993 40th Ann. Red coupe |
| Ralph Wooden - | 1997 Red Coupe |

NOTICE: 2006 Dues letters were mailed to active members on September 15, 2005. We must receive your payment by November 1 to meet NCCC deadlines.

Prospective Members: You remain a "prospective" member until you pay your membership dues and return your NCCC form to Judy. **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.**

Remember to let me know if you make a change in the database to your address email. I don't get an automatic notice of this and the emails in the database are not linked to the actual email list so if you don't let me know, your emails doesn't get change on the list.

Judy Patrick



The route will include going through, or past places like Manassas Battlefield, Lincoln Winery, Sycamore House, Gray Ghost Vineyards, and other cool sites and places. There are some cool Corvette roads along the way with several good rally points on the roads in case anyone gets separated.

We are requesting that everyone bring a gift that cost \$10.00 or under that is wrapped for a Chinese gift exchange. The rules will be explained at dinner. This game has proven to be great fun at any party.

Afterward everyone is invited back to Mr. and Mrs. Claus' house for cookies and a cookie exchange. So bring 1 dozen each of 3-4 different kinds of your favorite cookies to exchange!

This is a reservation only restaurant so we will need to know how many are in each party so that I can have an accurate count of people to confirm our reservation by November 30th. The Chef is world class, and he believes in world class service. The average price per couple usually averages between \$60.00 and \$80.00, but is worth every penny plus some. Please RSVP to whiskeyta-hoe@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing everyone...bring your appetite!

Directions to the Cracker Barrel in Manassas (cruise start point): take 66 west to 234 north (toward the battlefield) and stay in the right hand lane. At the stop light make a right, then another right into the Cracker Barrel parking lot. We will meet in the rear corner of the parking lot facing 234 behind the Shell station. The drivers' meeting will be at 1:45 PM, departure at 2:00 PM

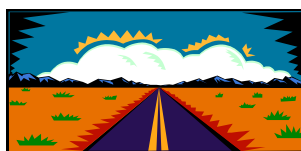
Sunday, December 11th - Howard Snook, a new member to the NVCC, has a manager contact over at Bonefish Grill in Centreville who would love to fill his parking lot with corvettes...again! He is willing to again put out free appetizers/finger foods and give us Corvette-only parking. All other food and beverage is on your own tab. Feel free to stick around for football, too. This would be a nice little informal Christmas party for our club and a great time to reflect on the awesome Corvette season we had before the bad weather hits!

Please save the date – RSVP to lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com. Looking forward to seeing you all at Bonefish! A sampling of menu items can be found at www.bonefishgrill.com.

Directions: From Route 66, take exit #53A to Route 28 South. Take right onto Machen Road. Take first left onto Multiplex Drive. Bonefish Grill will be on the left, next to the movie theatre.

Saturday, December 17th – (tentative) NVCC/NASA Instructors Christmas Party, hosted by Jack McAfee, to celebrate a safe and fun racing season. Details are pending at this point...please stay tuned to your email and the club website/online forum for updates.

Socially Speaking from Laurie Kistner



NVCC Social Calendar

Sunday, December 4th - Our annual Sunday brunch with the NV Mustang Club at Fast Eddie's. We will start @ 11AM and let the games continue until whenever. Pool and darts are free with food purchase. Please RSVP to lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com. Fast Eddies is located at 9687 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031. Directions: Take I-66 to Exit 60 (VA-123 S) toward Fairfax. Stay on VA-123 for about a mile; turn left onto US Route 29 (Lee Highway). After just over a mile and a half on Route 29, Fast Eddie's is on the right.

Saturday, December 10th – Annual Christmas Dinner Cruise, hosted by Erica and George Kerns. Come join us on a delightful, and fun filled cruise down to Madison Virginia for an outstanding meal at one of our favorite restaurants the Bavarian Chef on Saturday December 10th. The Bavarian Chef is an outstanding German restaurant that offers dining at it's finest. If your taste is for a good schnitzel, cordon bleu, or even a fine steak; this place will suit just about any taste.

Submitted, Laurie Kistner

REGIONAL CORVETTE EVENTS !!!



Photo by Joseph F. Daly, III

And the Winner is... On October 7, the NCM drew ticket number 170 as the winner of the 2006 Black Coupe raffle limited to only 500 tickets. Michael Barnes of Missouri City, Texas had the winning ticket, and on October 6th he took delivery of his new Corvette! "I am so glad I participated – this is great!" Michael shared a VIP tour of the Museum and the plant was part of the exciting experience, in addition to a one-year membership to the Museum and a hands-on introduction by our NCM delivery team. You could be drawn as the next Corvette raffle winner. On December 9 at 10:00 a.m. CT the NCM will draw the winner for a 2006 Monterey Red C6 and only 500 tickets will be sold! Purchase your ticket online at:



<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml> or call them at: (800) 53-VETTE.

BACKGROUND

NVCC is one of the founding members of the NCM. Club benefits are:
 Free individual or group admission to the NCM.
 Ten % discount on NCM and Catalog merchandise.
 Free subscription to the magazine "America's Sports Car."
 NVCC plaque 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

800-53-VETTE (800-538-3883) or contact Donald Patrick.

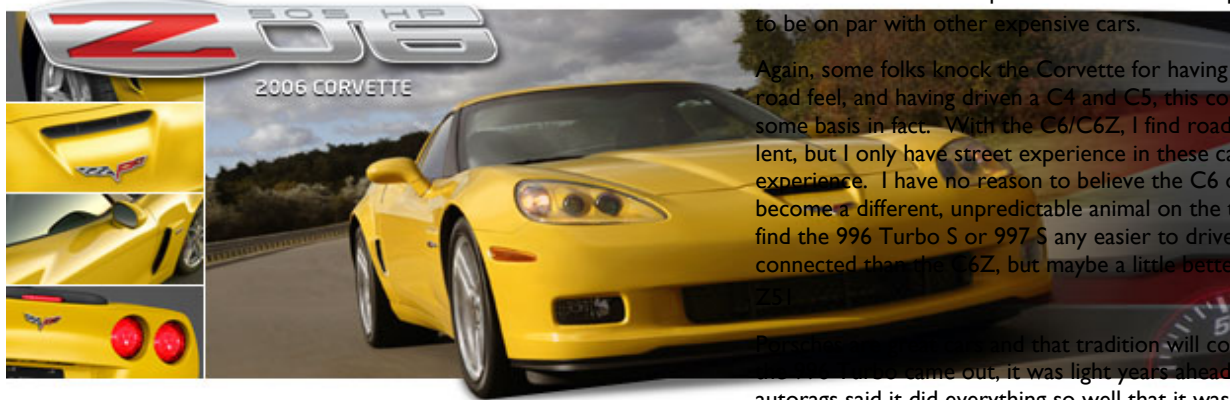


NCM Ambassador Corner

by Don Patrick

CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

What Porsche forum member says on Z06



Re-post from a Porsche web forum from Bob Baker:

Saturday, Andi was gracious enough to allow me to drive his C6Z. I'd sat admiring the car for about half an hour. The paint is incredible- yes there is minor OP (as there is but less so on my Turbo S), but the color is a phenom. This is what a yellow car should look like. Walking around the car reveals the many purposeful details that must be taken if a car is to push 200 mph- flush fog lamps, front and rear splitter/diffuser, wheel well softeners.

Andi says "Hop in." and I oblige. The seats are comfortable and well-bolstered. Instruments are intuitively present like in my Porsche- I can drive this car without missing a step. Once settled in and comfortable, I fire up the 427- the dash diagnostics urge me to shut down/restart 5-6 times, but for Andi I refrain. The engine, while a 427, sounds more like a 3-4 litre V8- responsive, almost edgy. We back out and I need to keep in mind that there is more car in front of me than in the Porsche. The interior is very nice- not fancy or pretentious- but nice. The torque pulls us at 15-20 mph through the parking lot at "idle". I advise Andi that I'm going to take it easy, but he insists that I get on it- at DE events, I'm advanced, and Andi is beyond that- neither of us is a bad driver.

Pulling onto the road, I notice a precision and tightness that is usually unique to German cars- if you've ever driven a high-powered, air/oil cooled 911, the C6Z has a similar feel with much better composure. I nail the throttle and the motor, with the help of TC/AH catapults me forward like nothing I've ever felt on four wheels. Over skitter bumps, the suspension is compliant. I hit a fast on ramp and the car's suspension transitions flawlessly without load up launching me the other way. There are situations where I feel my Turbo S pulls harder, but a look at the speedo reveals second gear 95 instead of 77, third 125 instead of 110. In other words, similar pull, but time to speed and time to distance are warp speed compared to the Porsche in my garage, which is still one of the fastest cars you can buy.

Regarding suspension setup and road feel, motor responsiveness and seemingly endless power, comfort and layout, the C6Z is by far the best sports car that I've ever driven, and I've driven lots, minus CGT, Ford GT or Enzo. It is balanced and a reflection of pinnacle-level engineering and design.



Comparing car to car, forgetting the sales/service/ownership experience, forgetting that my '05 Turbo S is one of 81 cars and uniquely optioned to make it one of a kind, taking off the badges and pure driving, yes, I'd take the C6Z over the 996 Turbo S. While the Porsche has very good midrange and top end power, the C6Z has power no matter where you are in the rev range. Regarding quality, interior, etc., I think some people complain just to hear themselves complain. I found the build quality of the C6Z to be on par with other expensive cars.

Again, some folks knock the Corvette for having a disconnected road feel, and having driven a C4 and C5, this complaint had some basis in fact. With the C6/C6Z, I find road feel to be excellent, but I only have street experience in these cars, not track experience. I have no reason to believe the C6 or C6Z would become a different, unpredictable animal on the track. I don't find the 996 Turbo S or 997 S any easier to drive or any more connected than the C6Z, but maybe a little better than the C6

and that tradition will continue. When the C6Z came out, it was light years ahead of anything else- autorags said it did everything so well that it was boring. Release of the 996 Turbo was supposed to occur in 1999, but development delays on the motor made it come out in 2000 as a 2001 model- when we compare new cars, we need to remember that the 996 Turbo is nearly a seven year-old model. Still, the Ferrari 430 barely competes with a Turbo S and can't touch a GT2, much less a C6Z. I have about 30 minutes of seat time in a 997S. I find the chassis/suspension not quite on par with the C6Z. GM has clearly raised the bar in every way with the C6Z, and the challenge to Ferrari and Porsche is to strike the balance between comfort and visceral a little better and to find more motor, and the challenge to DC is to make the Viper more predictable and easy to live with- otherwise GM will have carved out a very nice niche with the C6Z. Team Corvette should be a model for the rest of GMs think tanks. European style.....American attitude!

Guitars and Corvettes

You have another chance to catch Motor Week's "Guitars and Corvettes" episode that featured on PBS last week!

SPEED will re-air the show tomorrow (November 16) at 3:00 p.m. - check local listings in your area. The episode highlights Paul Reed Smith (PRS) Guitars and their connection with Corvette and The Museum is proud to feature a special display in the Museum showcasing the unique style of guitars offered by Paul Reed Smith (PRS) Guitars has also partnered with the Corvette Race Team/GM this year and have participated in several automotive racing events, including their own grassroots racing with NASA racing - sponsorship of the C6R Corvette Racing ALMS team and at the NASCAR'S NEXTEL Richmond Rock & Roll 400. You can preview the PRS Guitar/Corvette story by clicking here: <http://www.mpt.org/motorweek/autoworld.shtml>.



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Photo by Joseph F. Daly, III





Northern Virginia Corvette Club General Business Meeting October 25, 2005

Meeting brought to order at 7:35 pm at Koons Chevrolet, Tysons Corner, VA.

Attendance Members – 32 Guests – 2

Jeff Kirk, President welcomed everyone to the GBM. Introductions made by all.

Spooktacular – Andrej Balanc Andrej thanked everyone for their hard work and support. Great job done by all. We had a couple of incidents, no one was hurt. We didn't make any money from the event, but broke even. Next year the plan is – 14 events and open to 60 cars. Jim Beaupre has an article in the Newsletter. Word is out that GM monitors Corvette websites so all points posted will have the car numbers only, no names. We don't want anyone to lose their warranty coverage.

Treasurer – Paul Hertel Paul reported on the Club finances. We're looking good.

Charity Run – George Kerns The run is scheduled for Oct. 27th from 10am to 6pm – 50 miles in 8 hours, all proceeds to go to Youth for Tomorrow and Project Fit. George has collected approximately 6 – 8 thousand, a couple thousand in other donations still to come. NVCC donated \$1,000.00. Would like to see NVCC members out at World Gate on Thursday. Sponsors will be out as well. 6:30pm is check presentation then out to eat!

Other Business – Heth Suddleson – American Legion Post 295 introduced himself and announced that they will be raffling off a '74 Stingray – 454 Big Block. They are raising money for "Operation Provide Comfort" for the war injured and their families. Only 3000 tickets sold at \$20.00 each. Heth sold tickets to members and on behalf of the Veterans, he thanked all for contributing. Check out www.post.295.org for more information.

President – Jeff Kirk Elections for new Council Members are coming up. Jeff briefly described the positions open for nominations. Nominated at tonight's meeting:

- President** - **George Kerns**
- Vice President** - **Chuck Pellerin**
- Officer-at-Large** - **Marsha Batchellor**
- Treasurer** - **Paul Hertel**
- NVCC Governor** - **Andrej Balanc**

Social – Laurie Kistner Joe Daly reminded everyone about the Vienna Halloween Parade, Wednesday, Oct. 26. The Parade is a huge event. Last year won 1st place for Antique Vehicle.

Laurie passed out the November Social Calendar to all. Check the website for updates.

Oct. 29th – Annual Skyline Cruise.

Laurie has NVCC business cards available for anyone that needs some.

Concour – Laurie Kistner 2006 Concour is scheduled for June 4th at Koons.

Membership – Judy Patrick 126 Active members 22 Prospective members

NCM Ambassador – Don Patrick The Blue Devil Projects – 650hp – at Detroit Auto Show in January.

President – Jeff Kirk Other council positions that will need to be filled are: Newsletter Editor, Club Historian, Autocross, Publicity

Autocross – James Anderson James announced that he is moving to Duluth, Georgia to start a new job. Jeff Kirk thanked James, on behalf of the NVCC, for all the hard work he has done for the club. He will be missed!

HPDE – George Kerns HPDE scheduled for November 19th – we have 20 registrations so far, room for 25 more.

22 instructors available.

Cost is \$125.00 til November 1st, and then it goes up to \$150.00.

Will see if we can put together a shop night before HPDE.

Jeff Kirk hopes that everyone appreciates what Joe Malo does for us at the Shop Nights, by allowing us to use his tools and all the help he gives us.

Other Business

There was a query about garage space available to rent.

Rick Poage mentioned that there is storage space available near Cooper Corvette that may be open for this purpose. He'll look into it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. Wanda Robinson, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (please print or type)



CONCOURS—RALLYE—AUTOCROSS—CRUISE—SOCIAL EVENTS!!!

VERY ACTIVE CLUB—SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

We meet at Koons Chevrolet Tysons Corner, every 4th Tuesday of the month, except December, on the second floor conference room—all are welcome to attend!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Home ph: () _____ Work ph: () _____

email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Year(s) currently owned Corvette(s): _____

Model: _____ Color: _____

Interests:

Autocross ___ Rallye ___ Concours ___ Cruises ___ Social events ___ Restoration/Other _____

How did you learn about NVCC? _____

SEND APPLICATION WITH \$10 Initiation fee to:

Mrs. Judith Patrick, Apt. 324, 2737 Devonshire Pl, NW, Washington, DC 20008

Note: An initiation fee of \$ 10.00 must accompany this application. Prerequisites for membership in NVCC are attendance at two club events (including one General Business Meeting) during a four-month period following receipt of your application. After you have completed these requirements, your application will be reviewed by the NVCC Council. Upon acceptance, you will be assessed dues in the amount of \$ 66.00 for the first year, which includes \$36.00 for NVCC dues (prorated for the year you join) and \$30.00 mandatory National Council of Corvette Clubs dues. (NCCC dues are \$20.00 after the first year.) Spouses may also join. Yearly fees for a spouse are \$18 for NVCC and \$10 for NCCC.

NVCC USE ONLY: initiation dues received _____ Date

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.nvcorvetteclub.com

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