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NVCC Annual Picnic



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Happy birthday!!!



Janet Higgins	July 1 st
Zoel Robinson	July 12 th
Andrej Balanc	July 15 th
Joseph Baird	July 16 th
John Eiden	July 22 nd
Ernest Porter	July 26 th
Richard Huxta	Aug 2 nd
Irene Woods	Aug 2 nd
Stuart Moore	Aug 2 nd
William Kolster	Aug 5 th
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Ben Duling	Aug 10 th
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**Membership
Corner**

We currently have
133 active members and
15 prospective members.



Prospective Members:

Gary Moller	2006 Z51 Victory Red Coupe	Gary Essex	2007 Red Coupe
Josie McMahon	1994 Blue Coupe	Mike Bernardi	2007 Black Coupe
Forrest Elliott	1993 Blue Coupe	Stephen Henderson	1990 White Coupe
Jim Basdavanos	2007 Black Coupe	Nicole Nolen	2004 LeMans Blue Coupe
Alvin Further	2007 Monterey Red Coupe	Chris Zeck	1995 Red Coupe
John & Jane Fritsvold	2007 Red Coupe	Scott Ziegler	2003 Yellow Z06
Michael Neff	2003 50th Anniversary Ruby Red Convertible		
Jim Miller	2006 LeMans Blue Z06 & 1976 Yellow Coupe		

You remain a "prospective" member until you pay your membership dues and return your NCCC form.



Member spotlight!!

This month's member is ... **Stewart Fox**

Member since: 1999

Vettes owned: I have a **black '84 Cross-Fire coupe** that I acquired in the fall of '98 from a co-worker. Cosmetically, it was a bit rough around the edges but it was good enough to make me eligible to join NVCC, which I did. In April of this year, my wife Carol and I bought a second vette: a low mileage **Blue '03 ZO6**.

NVCC positions held: I haven't held any council positions, but I have served as the Course Marshall at more than a half dozen Spooktaculars. I enjoy the "action" this position offers and think I am pretty good at it. I believe others think likewise because somewhere along the way I remember being dubbed "**Course Marshall for Life**" ... I think Dick Hamaker came up with the title.

Favorite NVCC activity for me (right after the Jell-O wrestling) is time at the track, particularly the **HPDEs**. I am also a big believer in the **Teen Driving Schools**, having worked at the two schools put on so far AND having both my son and my daughter further develop their skills at the schools.

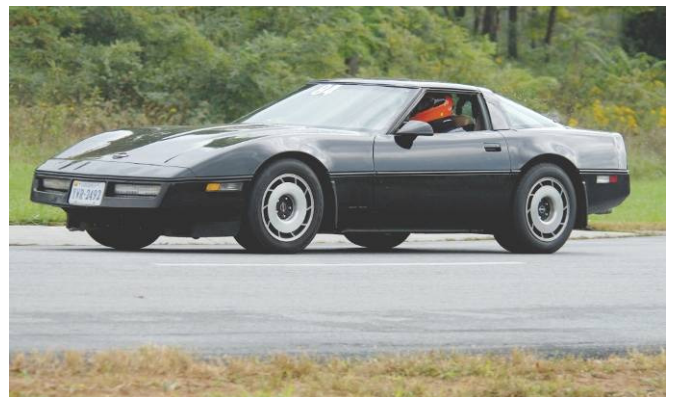
Who got me into vettes: Back in '98, I spent a day at one of the Richard Petty Driving schools and happened to show a video tape of the day's highlights to **Andrej** (he and I work for the same agency). At that time, he had recently joined the club and invited me out to a track day at ODS, and let me drive his car that day. I had a good time, was able to buy my '84 soon after that, and joined the club...



Favorite outside-of-NVCC activities: Coaching baseball, boating, seeing an occasional car race, and big projects around my house.

Fun story about my vette: **The first time I was signed up to run Spook at Summit Point!** Rented a trailer and loaded the car onto it on Friday evening. Drove to the track early Saturday, with much anticipation, only to discover that I had arrived at the track without the keys to the car. With the car still on the trailer, drove all the way home, got the keys, the dog looked at me like I was crazy, then hightailed it back to SP (nearly 4 hours of driving by now). Got on the track for run 2 of the second event, totally frustrated, running clockwise direction. Did I mention that my brother and a friend had agreed to flag at Turn 6 along the back straight? Anyway, I came thru Turn 7, hit the gas hard, and looped the car right off the track and directly at the Turn 6 flaggers (brother and friend). After lots of flying grass and dirt, got it together and finished the lap a whole lot humbler than when I began...

Anything else of interest: The **'84 Cross-Fire** is an interesting beast, part Corvette, part dinosaur (in terms of its computer and fuel injection system). It doesn't have the raw speed and horsepower that the later cars have, but it handles pretty well and has always been competitive with many of the Group I and some Group II cars.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY: GEORGE KERNS

Here we go again folks! It's that time of month where I get to talk to you about the happenings within the club. This last month I want to let you all know the council has been hard at work for you! The Concours was a big success, even with the rain storms. We were able to raise \$1,500 for the Special Olympics and that's before the donation from Koons for every Corvette sold that day! I tip my hat to Laurie for putting this event on for the third year in a row. As you all know, good things must come to an end though. Laurie will be stepping down as the chairperson for the Concours and handing it over to someone else. So anyone interested in helping out with this event next year, please come by to see me. Laurie has taken this event to new levels for the club over the last three years, and I would like to see it continue to grow in that fashion.



The next item I would like to talk about is the club picnic. We all had a blast out there on July 1st, and if you missed it, you missed Chef Rich in action! I think Rita has started growing the hair back on her arms, but I need to check to make certain! There are some photos in this newsletter from the picnic and it shows just how much fun we had! Again, Laurie did a great job at putting this together.

As you all know, this is Anne's last newsletter for the club. When you see her at the meeting, PLEASE stop by and wish her farewell! Anne has done a wonderful job with the newsletter over the last year, and has set the bar pretty high for her successor. Also, Anne has FINALLY COMPLETED HER THESIS!!! WooHoo!!! Congratulations Anne! For those that don't know, this month's meeting will be her last, and she will be going out to celebrate with us after the meeting, so come on out to join us!

Finally I would like to talk about our HPDE coming up on the 27th of July. The class is almost sold out and we are really looking forward to a great day at the track! This is the club's 3rd year holding these events, and other car clubs are starting to take notice. One thing this class does for you is if you are looking for your NVCC high speed license, you MUST successfully complete one of these events in order to obtain your license to run at Spook this year. Miriam and I are always trying to come up with new ideas for these schools to make them more challenging and fun for everyone. So don't be surprised if we slide a surprise or two in the day!

Well boys and girls, that's all the time I have for today! So remember, if it's too fast, you're too old!

Take care,
George





THE CANADIAN EH! TEAM IS MOVING ON

Zoel and I would like to thank everyone in the NVCC for making our time in the U.S. an interesting and eventful five years. We've met some great people and made some great trips to do many autocross events across Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

We had checked out Corvettes Clubs in the area before we arrived and while we were on our house hunting trip called Andrej Balanc to see if anything was going on that weekend. He told us that the NVCC didn't have anything on their schedule, but if we were interested there was always a get-together of all types of car enthusiasts at the Burger King in Manassas and there may be a couple of NVCC members there. We decided to check it out and headed out in our rental car (not a Corvette!). We met Alice Arielly and she gave us some insight into NVCC and invited us to a GBM once we had moved down to the area.

As soon as we made the move we attended our first autocross event (early Sept. '02) hosted by NVCC at Old Dominion. We had never before participated in an autocross that was held on an oval, but thought what the heck, let's give it a try. I don't recall how we did, but I guess it wasn't too bad, since we turned up at the next GBM and weren't laughed out of the room! NVCC welcomed us without hesitation and we immediately became involved in just about everything that was going on. We continued to find other autocross events with other Corvettes Clubs that were sanctioned through NCCC. It wasn't long before our names were out there and we started to hear a few moans ... here come the Canadians again, when are they going back! We haven't done much in the way of the high-speed events, as our niche is the low speed autocross events. I must say though, that I thoroughly enjoyed running Jim Beaupre's Z06 around Jefferson at one of our Spooktacular events. Thanks Jim for letting me warm up the tires for you! Got us hooked on the C5 Z06 and before the year was out we had our own.

All in all we've had a great time! We'll remember all the autocross events, cruises (especially the famous Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise and the cruise to dinner at the Bavarian Chef), rallyes, Concours and everything else we've taken part in.

We would also like to thank NVCC for giving us a most welcome gift of a 2 nights stay at Town Hill Bed & Breakfast in Maryland. We made it out there for the weekend on June 8 & 9, the weather was perfect, the weekend very relaxing and the innkeepers Donna & Dave Reusing made us feel most welcome.

We're going to try and make it down for future happenings with NVCC, it's only about a 9 - 10 hr drive from Ottawa, Ontario. We will welcome any NVCC members that decide to make the trek up North (we really do have summer, it's not always cold). We'll miss everyone and wish you all the best!

Zoel, Wanda and Dana Robinson
Canadian Eh!



MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING ...

Northern Virginia Corvette Club General Business Meeting June 26, 2007

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 pm at Koons Chevrolet, Tysons Corner.

George Kerns, President welcomed everyone to the GBM, introductions made by all.

Anne Costolanski – Newsletter

- Leaves August – replacement to be named;
- Distribution default now E-mail to save time for editor
- Members can receive paper mail via request

Open Position - '08 Rallye Director

- Volunteers are welcome / needed to lead, assist

Nashville National Convention – Howard, Kay & Chris

- Spectacular trip
- Bel Air club (MD) had 40 participants
- Chris – goes every year; awesome, competitive. '08 to be held in Tulsa

Rich Mars – Vice President

- Has 2 IRL Tickets \$25 each, Indy racing lease

Laurie Kistner – Social/Concours

- Routed July event schedule
- Picnic: Pavilion #1. Need to RSVP for food count
- Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise – see Andrej's email
- Concours – 41 cars; class plaques mailed.
- Show trophies – if you did not receive yours see Laurie

Marsha Batchellor – Treasurer

- Financial position is sound

George opened the floor to new topics:

Howard Snook – ABC TV Inside Edition will broadcast the “Teen Driving School” spot ‘soon’

Miriam may attend a Teen Driving Convention in MD to look at a national program

George indicates we may hold a fall teen driving event. Most of club in attendance were interested.

Howard would like to send newsletter to all sponsors “evergreen”.

George Kerns – may introduce Tech Class

Chuck Pellerin – Officer at Large

- Hopsfrog Cruise – Great event; a lot of fun, Thanks to Laurie for putting it together, 12 total cars.

Tom Shea -

- Provided details on new VA Civil Remedial Fees effective 7/1—significant fine increases for select traffic violations
- Search the Web for important detailed descriptions
- Miriam suggested writing to National Motorist Association to voice opinion

George Kerns – President

- July 27th - Summit Point Main Track is ON
- 40+ registered with 75 max
- Form in newsletter or website
- Thursday 7/26th - Track walk with Miriam – 6PM @ Pit Out
- October 28th Shenandoah. may include low-speed

Paul Benish -

- No change on license plate
- C6 recognition plate in progress
- Concours pictures available

Trivia Winners

? Name the Corvette Assembly plants? – Flint, Saint Louis, Bowling Green. Winner - Chuck Pellerin - Corvette Shower Curtain (Soap not included)

? When was the ‘polo white’ color last used? – ‘57. The Lucky Winner - Tire Shine

? Power steering first available? - ‘63. Winner – Stuart Fox – Tire Shine

? In ‘68 which option was available for the first time? - AM/FM Cassette. Winner – George Kerns - a Great Prize

Rich Mars – Vice President

? Ron Fellows NASCAR finish? – 15th. Winner – Marsha Batchellor - a Fantastic Prize

? What was the car number? - ??? Winner – George Kerns – He won again, it must be rigged...

? What's new for '08?

- New Colors - Jet Stream Blue Metallic, Crystal Red Metallic
- What's standard? – On Star & XM Radio
- What's the base price? - \$44,250

Congratulations to this month's raffle winners:

- Wheel Shine – Wanda Robinson
- Oil Change – Jim Miller
- Oil Change – Howard Snooks
- 50/50 – Raffle – Sue Somersall (Pat's better half)

Rallye/Event Ideas:

- Dyno Day
- Progressive Dinner Cruise
- Breakfast On-Off Ramp Cruise
- Pool Party
- PA Cruise for Cheese steaks
- Williamsburg Cruise
- NVCC Patch & Design contest
- Visit Biltmore
- Tech Clinic
- Day Cruise to Canada (have lunch with Zoel & Wanda)
- Cruise to Good Guys
- Hagerstown Shopping and Dinner Cruise (Outlet Mall & Old Mountain Inn)

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm

Paul Benish will lead anyone interested to Clyde's, Tysons Corner for treats.

Joe Holzer for Cel Holzer – Secretary on business travel

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NVCC Event Calendar



July 27 – HPDE on the Main Track at Summit Point

NVCC is hosting a high speed driving school on July 27th on the Main Circuit at Summit Point. Registration will be open to 25 per group (novice, intermediate, and advanced), for a total of 75 slots. Since this is a high speed event, rules require a MOUNTED fire extinguisher and roll bars in convertibles, long pants and long sleeved shirt, a Snell SA 2000 (or newer) helmet and closed toe shoes. Cars must pass a tech inspection. The cost is \$200 for registrations received on July 14th or later. See the registration form and tech sheet on the website for more details.

July 28 & 29 – 14th Annual Vettes at the Beach

Laurie Kistner is from the Syracuse, NY area, and she is hoping to take some fellow club members back there to help her represent NVCC at the 14th Annual 'Vettes at the Beach. This is the "flagship" show of the Northeast ... last year 466 vettes were in attendance! Two of our club members have won awards at this show. Clubs from all around the country come to this show, including those from our region who plan the annual Skyline Cruises we enjoy.

This show is put on by the Syracuse Corvette Club and is a non-judged, people's choice show. Excellent goodie bags, dash plaques, vendors, trophies, and Corvette camaraderie while seeing many vettes, old and new, modded or stock, at their finest. The ultimate goal? Raising money for charities and bringing together the owners of the coolest American made sports car ... the Chevrolet Corvette!

The plan is to leave Centreville at 9am on Saturday, July 28th, and stop in Hazelton, PA at Friendly's for lunch. Once we arrive and relax a bit, we'll gather for a group dinner out at a very nice steak house across the street, Justin's Grill. Early Sunday morning (July 29th) is the show. We will park, have breakfast together at The Pancake House, enjoy the show, have lunch at Harpoon Eddie's, enjoy the show some more, and head home the next morning. The host hotel for this event is Microtel Inn in East Syracuse, NY. Best rates (\$40/night) can be found at www.expedia.com. Contact Laurie Kistner at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com to sign up. For more info, visit the event website at: <http://syracusecorvetteclub.tripod.com/vettesatthebeachshow/index.html>.

August 4 - 18th Annual All Corvette Cruise-In

The 18th Annual All Corvette Cruise-In is Saturday, August 4th, hosted by Still Cruisin' Corvettes. WE MUST GET THERE BY 3pm to get parking. Over 400 Vettes show up! When we arrive, we will park and have an early dinner next door at the Olive Garden for all those interested. Time of event is 5 pm to 9 pm. Admission is \$5 (proceeds benefit Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center), and vendors are welcome. Parking is first come, first served (no reserved spaces). Dash Plaques to the first 200 Corvettes. Mr. DJ will be playing oldies tunes. Great food and beverages at Big Joe's Pizza. There will also be door prizes.

For event info, call Chuck or Fredi Berge at (703)754-1960 or email at chuckberge@comcast.net. The website is: <http://www.stillcruisincorvettes.com/Events.shtml>

Laurie Kistner will be leading this caravan, and the meeting place will be Newgate Plaza (intersection of Routes 28 and 29 in Centreville). Brief driver's meeting at 2:30 pm, departing at 2:45 pm. Directions to the caravan start point are as follows:

From 66 Westbound, take Exit 53A to Route 28 South and then take the Route 29 South Exit, immediately turning right into the parking lot. There is a Sunoco gas station, Joann's Fabrics, Trader Joe's, and a Fast Eddie's in this plaza.

Please RSVP via email at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

August 25 - Corvettes at Carlisle One-Day Club Caravan

This is always a HUGE weekend-long event every year. Expect to see thousands of 'vettes in every model, year and color. Many vendors, swap meet, corvette auction, and displays of all sorts to look at. It is the "Superbowl Sunday" of Vetterdom!

Laurie Kistner will be going up for one day only (Saturday 8/25/07) and leading a caravan of fine NVCC 'vettes. We will meet in the Leesburg Premium Outlets parking lot (in the middle where the food court is, parking area #10, faces Route 15 Bypass) and take Route 15 through Maryland into Pennsylvania for a nice scenic drive. Drivers' meeting at 7:15 am, leaving at 7:30 am SHARP. PLEASE remember to bring your family radios and gas up your cars BEFORE we leave! Be advised we'll be going at LEAST the speed limit ... and then some! Once we arrive you are on your own to enjoy the many wonders of Corvettes at Carlisle.

If you wish to join this caravan to Carlisle, please email Laurie at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com. You MUST pay a registration fee at the gate if you have not pre-registered online. General admission is \$12 and children under 12 are free. Corvettes get to park on the fairground infield (Corvette Only parking is \$10). Visit www.carlislevents.com to read more details about the event. Bring lotsa money!

Directions to Leesburg Premium Outlets (caravan start point):

Take VA-267 West (Dulles Greenway) to exit 1B. Merge onto US Route 15 Bypass North, right onto Fort Evans Road. Address is 241 Fort Evans Road NE, Leesburg, VA 20176.

Directions to Carlisle will be handed out at the drivers' meeting.

New Driving Fines for Virginia Residents

By Anne Costolanski

At the June general business meeting, Tom Shea brought some information on a new Virginia law that assesses civil fines for traffic violations. I thought it important for all to know, so I've included some pertinent info in this newsletter.

During its 2007 Session, the General Assembly of Virginia passed House Bill 3202 (Chapter 896), which was designed to provide additional funds to address various transportation needs in the Commonwealth. (See this link for the bill:

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?ses=071&typ=bil&val=hb3202.>)

Some key elements:

- Offense must have taken place on or after July 1, 2007.
- These are classified as "civil remedial fees" to be assessed against **Virginia residents only** (i.e., those who have a drivers license from VA).
- These civil remedial fees will not apply to traffic infractions like failure to obey a highway sign or failure to yield or parking too near a hydrant. They apply only to certain motor vehicle-related or driving felonies and misdemeanors.
- The fees cannot be suspended or reduced. By law, an applicable civil remedial fee must be assessed by the court in full.
- These fees are in addition to any other fees, costs, or penalties imposed pursuant to the Code of Virginia.
- The civil remedial fees are imposed in three equal parts: one part due at the time of conviction, with the 2nd part due within 14 months and the 3rd part due within 26 months. The DMV will be responsible for billing the 2nd and 3rd portions.
- Prepayable offenses: Any offense for which a driver can "prepay" (i.e., admit guilt by sending in a payment of the fines rather than going to court) must now include the additional fees (1st payment portion in addition to applicable fine/court processing fee), or the payment will not be accepted.

The purpose of these fees? The statute states the purpose of these fees is "to generate revenue from drivers whose proven dangerous driving behavior places significant financial burdens upon the Commonwealth." However, an article on WJLA channel 7's website states that State Delegate David Albo, R-Fairfax County, devised the idea to make the worst drivers pay for the cost of new roads. "We could charge everybody an extra \$100 a year or we could charge abusive drivers ... People with good driving records don't have to pay."

The fees are civil fines, not traffic fines, because revenues from traffic fines are restricted to education-related expenses and are not available to fund new transportation projects. And since civil fines lack the enforcement authority of traffic fines, Virginia must tie them to personal transactions with the state, such as registering a vehicle or renewing a drivers license (hence the DMV's involvement).

The new fee schedule is as follows:

- (a) *Driving on a suspended license*: **\$750 total** (each payment is \$250).
- (b) *Reckless driving*: **\$1,050 total** (each payment is \$350).
- (c) *DUI and related offenses*: **\$2,250 total** (each payment is \$750).
- (d) *Other misdemeanors*: **\$900 total** (each payment is \$300).
- (e) *Felony convictions*: **\$3,000 total** (each payment is \$1,000).

Here are some notable violations to pay attention to for those of us that aren't the best at being defensive drivers ... or perhaps these are just the ones that worry me the most ...

MISDEMEANOR – \$900 total:

OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLE WITH BELOW-STANDARD TIRES (Hmmm ... would racing slicks count?)
OBSCENE VIDEO IMAGE VISIBLE OUTSIDE VEHICLE (Ok, not quite sure what this is, but it sounds funny ... or at least like fun ... so I had to include it!)

RECKLESS DRIVING (RD) – \$1,050 total:

RD - DRIVE TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS (MISDEMEANOR)
RD - SPEEDING EXCESS OF 80 MPH (MISDEMEANOR)
RD - SPEED 20/MORE ABOVE SPEED LIMIT (MISDEMEANOR)
RD - RACING (MISDEMEANOR)
AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

Each of the Reckless Driving offenses above has a complementary Felony offense, which carries a **\$3,000** (total) fine.

But wait, there's more ...

Those with 8 or more points on their license will be subject to additional fees as well: for every year someone has 8 points on their license, a \$100 fee will be assessed, with an additional \$75 for each additional point. Since points for speeding stay on a license for 5 years, these fees can get expensive. Also, according to the WJLA website, additional fees, fines and taxes are expected within the year for northern Virginia to finance new road projects.

Other new laws include:

- Those under 18 will be ticketed for talking on a cell phone while driving.
- Smoking within 20 feet of a gasoline pump is a misdemeanor, with a fine up to \$500.
- Localities have the option to start using "photo red" cameras at intersections to catch red light runners. To do this, officials run the license plates of cars photographed running the light and send a citation to the registered owner. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If someone else was behind the wheel, the owner can sign an affidavit saying so and avoid the civil penalty.

Time to keep the racing and speeding confined to the race track!! While I'll miss everyone up here in Virginia, at least this is one thing to make me feel better about moving to North Carolina ... the speed limit is 70 mph on some of the highways around Raleigh! ☺

NVCC Annual Picnic – July 1
Photos by Paul Benish





PICNIC WRAP UP/THANK YOU LETTER:

Thanks to all who came out for the Annual Club Picnic. We had about 60ish + club members on a beautiful weather day (low 80s, low humidity, sunny skies).

I'd also like to thank the following people for their hand in the picnic:

*Paul Benish, for being such a willing food hauler and photographer for the event. Also thanks to Mike Rierson and others who took photos.

*Rita and Rich Mars, who did a fabulous job of grilling the food we ate. You could not ask for a better cooked burger. Thank you for getting the grilling supplies together and slaving over a hot grill for us!

*Randy Urick, for the wonderful music we listened to. Very well done and it made the picnic that much more enjoyable and special.

*Don Ellenberger and Will Trevillian for bringing coolers and ice.

*And, of course, all who helped out in general.

Hope all enjoyed...see you next year!

-Laurie Kistner



CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

Corvette - Featured as 1 of 10 All American Sports Cars by Forbes.com

By Jim Henry – Forbes.com

Sports cars are different things to different people. For Don Chaikin, the recently retired automotive editor of Popular Mechanics, if you look up "All-American sports car" in the dictionary, there's a picture of only one set of wheels.

"To me, it's the Corvette," he says. "The classic definition is, it's got to be front-engine, rear-wheel drive. It has to have a V8, and it has to have a true dual exhaust. It has to have two doors and two seats, and it can't be a sports coupe."

Another widely held and passionately defended definition of "sports car" is the tiny, affordable two-seat roadster. Like America the melting pot, this concept is a blend of different nationalities. Read more at:

http://www.forbes.com/forbeslife/2007/06/27/autos-wheels-sports-forbeslife-cx_jh_0627cars_slide_3.html

The 10 featured All American Sports Cars are:

- Cadillac XLR-V
- Chevrolet Corvette Convertible
- Chevrolet Camaro (on sale in 2009)
- Dodge Challenger
- Dodge Viper SRT-10
- Ford Shelby GT Convertible
- Panoz Esperante Convertible
- Pontiac Solstice GXP
- Saleen S7
- Saturn Sky Red Line

Will GM allow the Corvette C7 to become a mid-engine car?

This is a picture of the Cadillac Cien. Notice the resemblance?



Ron Fellows Raffle Winner Takes Delivery

Robert Sheh, the winner of the Ron Fellows Commemorative Edition Z06 raffle, came to take delivery yesterday. "This is just awesome," Robert shared with us. "I still can't believe I won."

NCM thanks everyone who purchased a ticket and to everyone who participates in their raffle fundraisers. The NCM has approximately three weeks left until the next Corvette raffle winner is drawn and you could be the next winner to visit Bowling Green and take delivery at the Museum! Only 2,007 tickets are being sold on a new Indianapolis Pace Car Corvette Convertible. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, July 25 at 2 pm CT and the winner need not be present to win. Find out more about this and other chances to win a new Corvette by visiting their website at:

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



Cruisers Enjoying the Mediterranean

The NCM Cruisers sailing aboard Celebrity's Millennium cruise ship are having a wonderful time enjoying the sites of Italy, Greece, Rome and other exciting European ports of call.



The Museum's annual Corvette Cruise is an adventure that unites Corvette enthusiasts for trips to places most only dream of and at very reasonable rates. NCM Members receive even better savings and you can be a part of the 7th Annual Corvette Cruise when we set sail for a seven-day Alaskan Cruise, May 30, 2008. Ports of call include: Vancouver, the Inside Passage, Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and more. See walls of ice that stretch up 5,000 feet to shake hands with the sky, hear the murmur of prospectors haunting old-world shops and saloons, see totem poles scowling over temperate rain forests while salmon jump through crisp mountain streams. This experience is one you don't want to miss! Find out how you can join other Corvette enthusiasts on an adventure to Alaska by visiting the NCM's website at: <http://www.ncmcruz.com> or contact NCM SeaMaster Cruise Director, Sheri Clarke at: 866-427-8938.

Change in the GM Nav Disc Update Program

No more two free nav disc updates for 2008 models...

Sales and Service Bulletin

Models: All 2008 models with factory-installed, in-vehicle navigation -- either standard or optional (Cadillac CTS, SRX, STS, XLR, Escalade, Escalade EXT, Escalade ESV – Hummer H2 and H3 – Buick Lucerne and Enclave – Pontiac Grand Prix and Torrent – Saturn Outlook and Relay – GMC Sierra, Yukon, Yukon XL, Envoy, and Acadia – Chevy Silverado, Avalanche, Tahoe, Suburban, Trailblazer, Equinox, Uplander, and Corvette)

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform GM dealers and dealership personnel of a change to the GM Nav Disc Update Program. The program previously included two free DVD map updates for customers who purchased a GM vehicle with a factory navigation system, installed when the vehicle was built.

The program has been modified for the 2008 model year and beyond. Free DVD map updates are no longer included. This does not affect the original DVD map disc which is provided with the new vehicle. This also does not affect the owners of 2006 and 2007 model year vehicles with factory in-vehicle navigation. Those owners are still eligible to obtain a free update or updates.

DVD map updates will continue to be offered by the GM Nav Disc Center. The data on the DVD map disc ages at a rate of 15-20% per year. As the data ages, the functionality of the navigation system declines. The DVD map updates are available annually at the beginning of the new model year. The updates are currently priced at \$199 + shipping.

The GM Nav Disc Center can be contacted for both disc orders or for assistance with nav system operation. Order discs via the website, www.gmnavdisc.com, or by phone, 1-877-NAV-DISC (1-877-628-3472). Contact information for the Center is also included in the Navigation Owner's Manual Supplement (in the glovebox) and on the face of the DVD disc included with the new vehicle.

Any feedback on this program change should be provided to your Field Sales or Service contacts.

How does the NCM compare to other Museums across the country?

The American Association of Museums (AAM) recently conducted a survey of museums across the nation. 809 museums responded, including the NCM, and the results were compiled in a book produced by the AAM. The following summarizes some of this information and includes comparative information for the NCM.

Earned Income per Museum Visitor (Total earned income divided by annual attendance of 125,000)

AAM – Large Institutions earned \$10.65 per museum visitor

NCM – Earns \$56.84 per museum visitor

Store (81.5% of the responding organizations have a gift shop or store)

AAM – Gross revenue per visitor \$1.55

NCM – Gross revenue per visitor \$25.33

AAM – Gross profit as a percentage of operating income 6.5%

NCM – Gross profit as a percentage of operating income 29%

The following are more comparisons from the AAM of the NCM to other museums across the country. Large Institutions are classified as museums with a budget of \$3mil. The NCM falls into this category.

Source of Income

AAM – Large Institutions income breakdown		NCM income breakdown	
Earned Income	38%		90%
Contributions/private	29%		7%
Government funding	19%		<1%
Investment	15%		2%

The NCM does not receive significant government funding, contributions or endowments.

Attendance trend	2003	2004	2005
AAM	34,215	34,000	33,446
AAM - Large Institutions	234,623	216,656	235,600
NCM	181,058 (50 th anniv)	137,623	126,008

School group attendance

AAM	4,446 or 13.3% of overall attendance
AAM - Large Institutions	25,000 or 10.6%
NCM	4,500 or 3.6%

Staff

AAM - The median number of staff for the larger institutions is 71 full-time, 32 part-time staff and 250 daily volunteers.

NCM - Has 27 full time and 46 part time staff, which is less than half the staff of the average large organization. The NCM do not utilize volunteers for daily operations, but have several who provide assistance during events, at show, club visits and in their own towns.

Admission Fees

AAM - 61% charge admission fees. The average standard, non-member adult fee is \$6.00

AAM - Large institutions average standard, non-member adult fee is \$9.00

NCM - Standard, non-member adult fee is \$8.00

Marketing Expenses (Materials and activities that promote attendance or the purchase of museum membership or products, including design, printing and mailing costs for brochures and direct-mail promotions, plus advertising)

AAM – 4.4% of total operating expenses or median of \$60,000.

AAM – Large institutions 5% of total operating expenses or median of \$430,397.

NCM – 6% of total operating expenses or \$258,177

BACKGROUND

NVCC is one of the founding members of the NCM. 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 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.

June 24 Hopsfrog Brunch Cruise!!!

Pics by Michael Rierson

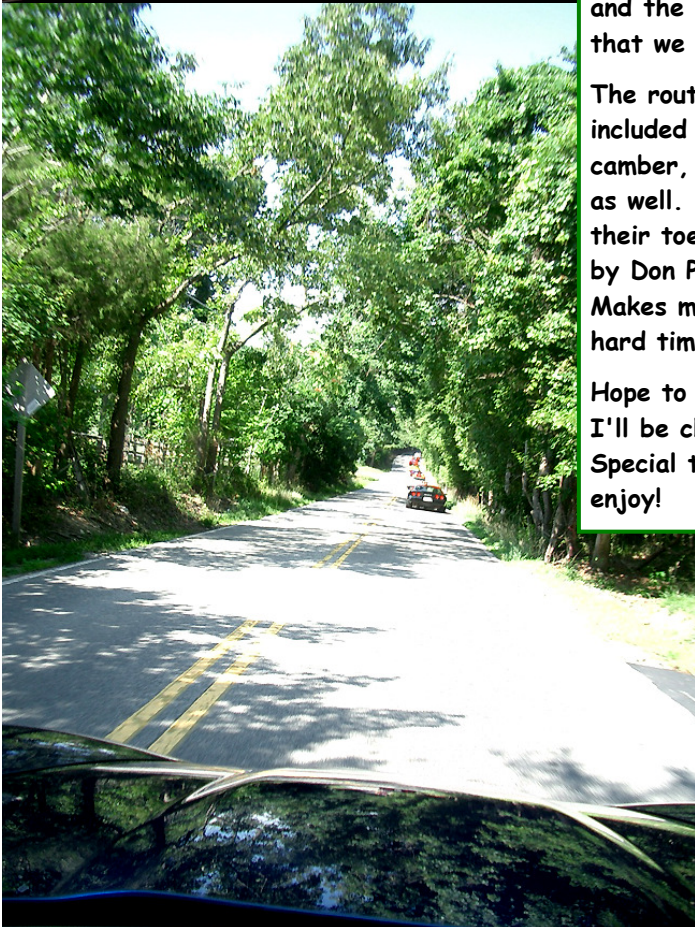


Despite doing the unthinkable and leading the Sunday Brunch Cruise to Hopsfrog in my BMW (both vettes were down!), it was a beautiful day and a heck of a lot of fun. Thanks to all 16 members who came out for this event...the weather was perfect and the run was spirited enough to have a blast, but not so much that we had to worry about the 5-0.

The route ran through historic Clifton and Fairfax Station, and included some fantastic roads with many decreasing radius, off camber, and switchback turns, with some great elevation changes as well. These roads were pretty technical and kept everyone on their toes. For a non-vette, the Bimmer did well ... evidenced by Don Patrick's remark that he'd "follow my a\$\$ anytime". Makes me feel a bit better after Don Ellenberger giving me a hard time about leading the cruise in a German vehicle!

Hope to see you all again for the Fall Hopsfrog Brunch Cruise. I'll be changing up the route to keep it fresh and exciting! Special thanks to Mike Rierson aka "Mr. Blu" for the photos ... enjoy!

Laurie Kistner



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Newsletter News ...

Since this is my last newsletter before my move to North Carolina, I just wanted to say how much I've enjoyed being a part of NVCC. You all have made me feel truly welcome, and everyone's been so friendly that I've felt right at home with all of you. And I've really appreciated all the compliments regarding the newsletter – I've enjoyed doing it as much as you guys have enjoyed reading it!

Thanks so much to Rich Anderson for taking over the newsletter – I'm looking forward to future issues so I can find out what you all have been up to!

We will be moving most folks from the mailing list to email distribution in an effort to save time and money. However, if you would rather continue to receive the newsletter via regular mail, please contact Rich Anderson and let him know. His email address is richard.anderson157@verizon.net.

Thanks again, and I'll see you all at Spook!!!

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Next General Business Meeting:

Tuesday, July 24th

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