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As seen above, Don and John (and their vettes) followed Laurie to her old stomping grounds, Sylvan Beach, NY. Joining her was her father (AKA the person who got Laurie started in vettes). Someone didn't have a fun ride home...but that wasn't documented by any of our roving photographers. More pics at "closing shots"

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**Membership
Corner**

**We currently have
135 active members**



Prospective Members:

Gary Moller	2006 Z51 Victory Red Coupe	Aurthur Scottow Jr.	2004 LeMans Blue Coupe
John Bennett	1995 Green 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	Larry Parlier	1999 Black Coupe
John & Jane Fritsvold	2007 Red Coupe	Scott Ziegler	2003 Yellow Z06
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.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY: GEORGE KERNS

OK boys and girls! I've got some great news for everyone! Prince William County has approved the club's request for Battlefield High School on December 1st to hold our next "Sir Isaac Newton's Totally Awesome Driving School"! These lots are twice as big as Stonewall High school and we are planning to let in a few more students this time! All the exercises will be the same with a few additions. We are going to add a general car maintenance class in there also. The last time we held this class for the teens we had over half the club out there helping! Judging from the reviews that I received from the parents they were absolutely blown away by the support and attention that our club gave their kids! That's what it is all about.

I would like to see the same support this time also! This event is one that everyone in the club should be proud of because one of these days it's our training that is going to save a life of one teen. I will also be sending out letters/emails this month to potential sponsors for this event also. We as a club would like to keep improving on the school each time we do it and that takes money and materials. If there are any club members that know of any companies that would like to get involved with this effort please let me know as soon as possible. I'm receiving a lot of questions about when registration will open for this and I will be opening registration on October 1st. I will be working on the registration form this month and it will be in the next newsletter.

We also have a lot of other events coming up this fall so get ready! Spook is right around the corner and the registrations are already coming in and it looks like it could sell out this year! Andrej and Jim have really taken this event to the next level over the last couple of years and hopefully it won't rain this year! Your VP Richard Mars is in charge of the hospitality so I think you all know where I'm going with this one! We also have another track event coming up on October 28th on the Shenandoah track at Summit Point! This track is a blast to drive on! Registration will be opening this month for this event!

On Saturday December 8th Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be holding our 4th annual Christmas Dinner Cruise down to the Bavarian Chef! This cruise seems to grow every year! Last year we ended up with 42 people on the cruise so this year we may have to move the dinner to the upstairs of the restaurant to accommodate everyone! Afterwards everyone is invited back to a cookie exchange at our house! Last year there were some really great cookies out there!

I also wanted to mention that nominations for next year's club officers will be coming up at the October meeting with the elections to be held at the November meeting. So if there is anyone that wishes to be on the club's council that wants to become an officer this is the time of year to step up! If there is someone that you would like to see on the council this is the time to nominate them for that position.

That's all the time I have this month boys and girls so remember if it's too fast you're too old!

Take care,
George



NVCC General Business Meeting Minutes 7-24-07

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.

Laurie Kistner – Social/Concours

- Routed August event schedule
- Concours raised \$1500 for Special Olympics (up from \$1000 in 2006 and \$500 in 2005)

Andrej Balanc –

- Spooktacular is on for September
 - o See flyer on website. Andrej discussed some of the requirements to run
 - o Tech will be at the track
 - o Need volunteers (sign up circulated at meeting)
 - o Expect large turn out and lots of fun like last year

Anne Costolanski – Newsletter

- Rich Anderson is the new Editor effective with next issue
- Anne thanked everyone for all the good times

Rich Mars – VP

- Tri-State Ice Cream cruise was a blast. 25 cars on the cruise. Stopped for lunch at the Panorama restaurant. Great day...very enjoyable.
- Bavarian Autosport has jacking pucks for \$28. He will bring them to next meeting. Price is very reasonable compared to other sites. See their website.
- The Ocean City cruise is coming up. Come join.

Chuck Pellerin – Member at large

- C6 rear axle nuts often come loose.

Requires 1 & 5/16 socked (33 mm).
Torque to 118 ft pounds.

Marsha Batchellor – Treasurer

- Financial position is sound

George Kerns – President

- Summit Point July 27th HPDE
 - o 52 registered with 33 instructors. There is room for only a few more.
 - o There will be a track walk at 6PM on Thursday the 26th
- Next Teen Driving School being worked for this Fall @ Dominion High. More to come.
- Annual Xmas Dinner cruise the 1st week in December to Bavarian Chef
- Clifton car show Sept 3rd

BREAK

Cassidy Nolen - Historian

- Only 52 NV Corvette license plates ordered. Need 350 to make this happen.
 - o Sign up via WWW.VACORVETTEPLATE.COM
 - o or e-mail Cassidy

Trivia Winners

- ? First year with quad tail lights? 1961
 - Winner – Andrej Balanc – digital pencil tire gauge
- ? Last year for power assisted top? 1962
 - Winner – Chris Z – Pro drying cloth
- ? 2001 RPO option? Museum delivery
 - Winner – Mark Neblit – First aid kit
- ? First year with aluminum wheels? 1973
 - Winner – Andrej Balanc – car duster

Raffle winners

- 50/50: George Conton \$47!
- \$5 Caribou coffee gift cards: Ed Davis, Rita Mars, Jim Beaupre, Jane Fritsvold

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Cel Holzer – Secretary

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NVCC Event Calendar



Mon. Sept 3rd - A Labor Day Car Show

Presented by Custom Cruisers of Northern Virginia and Clifton Lions Club. Proceeds benefit local charities. Last years funds raised went to the Garbarino/Armel trust funds (FFX Cty officers gunned down in the line of duty). We will be attending this show with our friends, the Northehrn Virginia Mustang Club, for a nice combination of American iron at the show.

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Place: Historic Clifton, Virginia

Cost: \$15 registration fee at the gate

This show can hold up to 250 cars...over 500 are expected!!! We MUST get there by 7 AM in order to get parking...this event is that BIG! We will meet at Newgate shopping center, at the intersections of routes 28 and 29 in Centreville at 6:30 AM (drivers' meeting...please be on time!) and depart at 6:40 AM for a short but scenic Clifton cruise into the show, a nice twisty jaunt through a beautiful area to exercise the cars beforehand. This area is one of the best for fun, quick little slaloms. Please RSVP to me at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com if you wish to be part of the caravan cruise into the show.

Directions to meeting point: Rte 66 to Exit 53A to Rte 28 S, then take the Rte 29 S Exit, right into parking lot.

Sun. Sept 16th - All Corvette Drag Racing Day and People's Choice Fun Show

Presented by Tony's Corvette Shop. To be held at the Capitol Raceway.

Gates open at 11, practice runs at noon. Bracket eliminations start at 3 (3 classes for automatics, 3 classes for manuals). Fees as follows:

\$40 Drag Race Fee

\$20 Just Fun Show

\$10 Spectator Fee (Children under 12 free)

All NHRA rules apply. Helmets required for ETs 14 seconds and faster. Long pants must be worn by all racers. All cars must pass tech before they are allowed on track. Show is a people's choice fun show, not a concours.

For more event info, please contact Charlie Geis at 301-854-2014 or seigc@verizon.net . Also check out the flier at www.tonyscorvetteshop.com

Any members who wish to attend, please contact me at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com to form a caravan to Capitol Raceway.

Directions to Capitol Raceway: Take I 95 North to 495 North to Rt. 50 East to Route 3 North, go through 4 lights (approx 6 miles) into Crofton. Follow the Capitol Raceway signs and turn left at the Wendy's. Crossover to Route 3 South. Get in the right lane and Capitol Raceway Rd. is 100 feet on the right.

Coming next month...

Sunday Cruise/Hopsfrog Brunch (Fall Edition) – Sun. 10/07

Corvettes @ Ocean City – Fri./Sat. 10/12-13

T.C. Williams Parade – Sat. 10/13

Fall Skyline Drive Cruise – Sat. 10/20

Vienna Halloween Parade – Wed. 10/24



Is Rita Mars moving her secret collection---planning the heist of the 21st Century---or just making Rick look bad compared to his blue "vette ride" circa 1975???

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador Corner
By: Donald Patrick



CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

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Executive Director receives the Prestigious "Table of Honor" Award

International Foundation award today in recognition of his service as director of the National Corvette Museum, support of the Bowling Green Kiwanis Club, the City of Bowling Green and Warren County. The Kiwanis International Foundation Tablet of Honor was authorized in 1965 as a means to honor individuals, Kiwanis clubs, divisions, districts, or organizations that have exemplified dedicated service to Kiwanis, their club, or community. Wendell shared - "It is a most humbling honor and one that we share with our Museum and extended Corvette family."



Win an Alaskan Cruise for Two



The NCM's 7th Annual Cruise to Alaska will set sail on May 30, 2008 and you can take a chance to win a trip for two including 7 night cruise and 5 night land tour, plus airfare and accommodations.

The drawing is scheduled for Friday, October 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. CT at the National Corvette Museum. Only 300 tickets at \$100 each will be sold. This cruise package is valued at over \$7,000 and includes:

- Seven nights aboard Celebrity's Millennium Cruise Ship

- 5 day, fully escorted Celebrity Land tour package
- Fine Dining including all meals, snacks and 24-hour room service on the cruise
- Most meals and tours on the Land package
- Musical productions, on board entertainment, cocktail parties
- Souvenir polo and gifts
- You will join other enthusiasts taking part in this exciting cruise offered as the 7th Annual NCM Corvette Cruise – games, fun and prizes included!

Find out more and purchase your tickets online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml> or call us at: (800) 53-VETTE.

Corvette Makes NewsMax.com's 10 Best Car Value List



After extensive research and the advice of a panel of auto-industry experts, NewsMax announced the 10 Best Car Values and Corvette made the list! They asked the panel and the researchers to find the top 10 vehicles on the market that give the greatest bang for the buck. Prices are manufacturer's suggested retail prices as listed on Edmunds.com.

Kiplinger's named the Corvette American classic the best in its sports-car class. " Little has changed for '07, but power (400 horses from the 6-liter V8), cargo room (an astonishing 22 cubic feet), and a nice price put the 'Vette at the top of our rankings once again," the magazine writes. Corvette was the only American made car on the value list – read more at: <http://www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2007/7/18/172038.shtml>

2008 Corvettes Rolling In For Museum Delivery

The NCM is thrilled to have over 60 Museum deliveries already scheduled for the month of August and they continue to schedule more each day! They would love to talk with you about adding the Museum Delivery Program option to your Corvette purchase.



The program includes a VIP tour of the Museum and Corvette Assembly Plant, decal and plaque, hands-on introduction, one-year Individual membership to the Museum, and deliveries are viewed world-wide via our webcams. Find out more about what makes this program such an important part of the new Corvette purchase by visiting our website at: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/ncm_delivery/index.shtml or by calling us at: 1-800-205-4248.

Document Your Corvette's Heritage



The Corvette Store has a limited supply of Corvette dealer brochures ranging from 1983 – 2007.

These colorful brochures highlight specs and details of your Corvette and make a great addition to its documentation. Many of these Corvette brochures are priced at only \$5.00 (years range from 1983-2005). Other years are specially priced at \$24.95 (2006 and 2007). Find out more and purchase your dealer brochures online at:

<http://store.corvettemuseum.com/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=14> or call us at: (800) 53-VETTE.

Corvettes Needed for Display

The NCM is in search of a 1976 and 1977 Corvette to put on display inside the Museum. The display will be needed for at least 9 months and no longer than 12 months.



If you own either a 1976 or 1977 Corvette and are a current NCM member, please contact Betty Hardison at: betty@corvettemuseum.com or find out more about displaying your Corvette by clicking here: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/display/index.shtml>

You Can Help our Troops

The 28th Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad is one of the first stops for combat injured soldiers in Iraq. In many instances, these soldiers come in with little or no clothes or uniforms due to the injuries. Several members of the Central Georgia Corvette Club are in active duty and stationed there at this time.

The CGCC is helping to obtain donations for the troops including serviceable items such as t-shirts, socks, sweat pants and hygiene items that will be used by soldiers during their transport. There is also need for many other items that the hospital has provided on a wish list. Any help you can offer will be appreciated. Mail items to:

TF North Commander's Office
Attn: CPT Michael Cullen
28th Combat Support Hospital
IZ Baghdad, Iraq
APO AE 09348



Or contact NCM Member and Ambassador, Carl Stover at: bowtieshop@mindspring.com for a complete list of needed items.

More than Apparel in the Corvette Store



The Corvette Store not only offers the newest Corvette apparel selections for the entire family, they are stocked full of items for the home and accessories for you Corvette.

Items including high intensity LED lights are now available. Make your Corvette stand out from the rest with the all new "OSRAM" High Intensity LED Lights available in 11 different C6 body colors! Find out more at:

<http://store.corvettemuseum.com/detail.aspx?ID=1763> or call us 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.
- 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.

Catch It If You "Can" **Oil Catch Cans for your C5 PCV system**

By Cassidy Nolen

In the late 60's, emissions control devices started to show up on cars. Some were pretty tricky to keep functioning while others simply broke and found their way to being door-stops in shops across America. One device that actually DID do something useful was the Positive Crankcase Ventilation (or PCV) system. This is a part of most engines that people rarely think much about. The idea is simple: any "blow by", or unburned combustion chamber leakage is returned to the intake through a vacuum tube out of the engine.

Usually there is a valve in line that keeps stuff from going the wrong way. Pretty low-tech solution all in all that helps keep the internal parts of the engine happy (and things like dipsticks and seals from blowing out).

GM's LS-based engines have proven to be exceptional performers. Many of the earlier model leaks have been remedied and offer many maintenance-free miles. After discovering a fair amount of oil loss after some spirited driving, I was curious as to where my oil was going. No leaks, burning smell, or coating were found anywhere. Sure enough, my 2004 engine was ingesting this oil back into the intake. Naturally some oil tends to get caught in a mist form on the inside of the engine. Not a problem until it ends up being drawn into the intake through the PCV system. This creates a gummy, fowl coating inside the intake that can lead to poor performance and emissions problems down the way. I found a solution in a product called a "catch can". Simple to install, this aluminum cylinder draws the crankcase air in and makes the air go through a filter/separation before returning the fumes into the intake. This is VERY effective in collecting the oil. At each oil change I drain the device using the small drain on the bottom of the canister.

For the LS1/LS6 engines, this is very easy to install. There are a number of unused threaded holes on the front of the passenger side head where it can be mounted out of the way. A trip to Home Depot for a metric bolt mounts it securely. Next, cut the included tubing to fit your canister to the in and out ports and you are done. No special parts, no jacking, tools, etc. just good results. This photo was taken after one day at Summit Point. While I understand most cars do not see this regularly (mine does not either) I had similar results after an oil change interval. It is much easier to clean it out here than from inside the engine.

These devices come in different colors (presumably to look neat under the hood) and run around \$100. At the time of writing this, www.customcorvetteaccessories.com had them in stock. They are usually produced in small quantities but are available at other online retail sites as well.

Happy Driving!

Picture from www.customcorvetteaccessories.com



Oil from one day at the track



Spooktacular worker callout!

Workers, workers, workers, we need workers! It takes about 25 workers to pull off a Spooktacular. At the moment, we are about half way to that goal. In addition, out of those 25 workers there are worker chiefs that are needed and we're about half way there too.

Registration seems to be in good shape, with Lynn Balanc, Rita Mars, Carol Fox, Erica Kerns, and Marsha Batchellor. Most of these ladies will also be scoring during the event and Marsha will be working the paddock too.

Paul Benish has stepped up to for timing chief, with Cassidy Nolen sharing the duties. Paul also wants to work a corner

Stewart Fox, once again, will be course marshal.

Paul Cestone will be a starter and wants to work a corner.

Don and Judy Patrick, along with Dave and Barb Corp (coming down from Michigan) are corner workers. Dick Hammaker will also be working a corner.

Celia Holzer, Pat Somersall, Chuck Pellerin and Forrest Elliott just signed up! We will definitely use you, and a special thanks for volunteering!

I think that's all we have so far. If I've somehow missed you, then I will plead (insanity, old age, brain fart, pick one, etc) and if you let me know you've already signed up, I'll put on the list where you belong.

Now, we need some one to step up for timing chief and corner worker chief. We also need a timing helper, course setup and course take down, and we could also use a trainee course marshall. Additional helpers are needed to help with tech Friday night at the track and at Saturday mornings tech. It goes without saying that we definitely could use more corner workers. A second starter would be welcome, working start two days in a row is tough! Marsha could use someone to spell her in the paddock too.

Usually, not everyone can work both days, so some of these filled positions will have to covered by someone else. Stuff happens at the last minute and people have to leave..

Let me know what you would like to do and I'll put you on the list and get you trained. No job is too tough that we can't take a raw newbie and get you up to speed safely. I also guarantee that you will have a ball, not matter what you end up doing.

If you don't know what you'd like to do, just let me know and we'll get you squared away. This is a good event for the club, as we usually make a little bit of money that helps pay for all the other events/expenses we have throughout the year. If you haven't worked a Spooktacular, I invite you to step up and prepare to have a good time working while enjoying the company of other Corvette lovers.

Andrej Balanc
Spooktacular 2007 chair (and Spook worker since 1998)

PS. I'll be having a timing session at my house on Sept 8th. This session will be spent setting up all the timing equipment, testing it and making sure everything works. If you're interested in timing this event (timing chief and timing helpers), please let me know you'll be there.

The following is a look into the distant past when dinosaurs roamed the face of the earth, C3 corvettes were early in their legendary production run... still sporting chrome bumpers and removable rear windows....and of course ran on high-test leaded gas. From [Blue Bars](#) 1971.

MAMA - LOOK AT ALL THE PRETTY 'VETTES!

"RED" BATTISTE
NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB

Last summer, an apparently incurable epidemic began to creep through the membership of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. Having been immunized since youth against everything from African Sleeping Sickness to Venezuelan Encephalitis, most members felt quite secure in their present state of good health, and were, therefore, caught completely off guard when the BUILDABEAUTIFULVETTE bug got into their systems.

This hopefully incurable disease began when Carol Daughtry decided to surprise her husband John with an ultra-wild paint job on their already immaculate silver '69 convertible. Carol, being a very active member of NVCC, soon had the epidemic spread throughout the club, and the next thing we knew, Joann Berry was sporting some beautiful panel work on her gold '71 coupe.

Bob McGregor, the club artist, decided to do something with all that candy apple paint left over from a Volkswagon he had painted, and introduced the world to a new concept in painting not seen before or since the Cosmic Rainbow, Bob's '68 hardtop, blew minds throughout Northern Virginia.

Some unfortunate events lowered resistance in other members and made the bug's work that much easier. A VW driver didn't know what S-T-O-P spelled and forced NVCC President, John Girard, into some unplanned body work on his '69 hardtop and a beautiful firefrost silver and blue finish. Bill and Janice Rotolone were the ungrateful recipients of an egg thrown from a bridge on Halloween, resulting in a quiet but beautiful black and green paint job on their '69 hardtop.

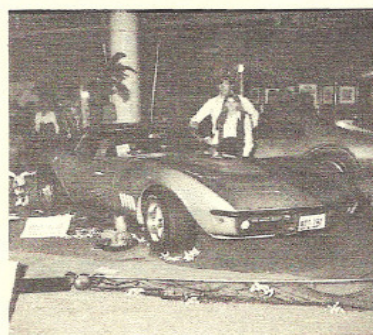


My own resistance, which was low to begin with, was completely eliminated when I cracked a wheel well in our "Snowflake Rally" in January. After putting my ultra-ragged '68 convertible in the shop for \$100 and a week's work, I got carried away, and \$3,000 and two months later, I had my very own full custom sports.

The bug must have really gotten to "Automatic Al" Becke who already had one of the nicest '69 coupes in the club. But the next thing we knew, Al's beautiful orange lustre was gone and in its place we were presented with the Aqua-Vette.

It was only natural, then, with all of these newly refurbished Vettes in the club (not to mention quite a few really beautiful ones that already existed), that "Fuzzy" Dave Jablonski, whose velvet '67 hardtop "Funny Feeling" has been a favorite in the shows for the past four years, suggested that we enter the Ram Rod's 14th Annual Rod and Custom Show at the D. C. Armory on Easter weekend as a club. The response from the membership was overwhelming, and a preliminary check with the Ram Rods revealed that we could probably get four or five slots in the show. This presented a problem as there were no less than 15 cars whose owners felt them show-worthy. After much discussion, it was decided we would hold our own "show" and have the members themselves vote for the cars they felt should represent the club. This was a great idea, except it only narrowed the field down to 12 Vettes. Another quick meeting was held and it was decided that, in all fairness, all 12 cars would be submitted to the Ram Rods, who would make the final decision.

For the next month, the members chewed finger nails, built stanchions, made signs and banners, planned dis-



plays, took their Vettes off the street for painting, waxing and cleaning and awaited the Ram Rod's decision.

In the meantime, four members entered cars in the Injectors of Maryland's Third Annual Rod and Custom Show in Wheaton, Maryland, on March 13th and 14th, just to get the experience and exposure. It turned out to be much more than that, as the Injectors proved to be a most professional and hospitable club. Many friends were made, and we are looking forward to the Fourth Annual Show next year, although this year's proved quite fruitful for a first-time club effort. Dave Jablonski took first place in Full Custom Sports and Carol Daughtry took second in Custom Sports Class.

Meanwhile, we anxiously awaited the Ram Rod's decision, which when it came, late in March, proved worth waiting for. Seven Vettes were accepted, more than any of us had hoped for. It should be noted at this point that, in 1970, the Ram Rods had only eight Vettes in the entire show, so NVCC's pride in getting seven slots was understandable.

It was at this time that the sportsmanship and cooperation which traditionally binds Corvette owners was truly exemplified. Feelings of sorrow and envy were immediately covered by the other members in a display of hard work not seen since the completion of the Panama Canal.

At 5:00 PM, April 9th, the Ram Rods' 14th Annual Rod and Custom Show opened the doors of the District of Columbia National Guard Armory to the public. Seven clean-as-a-pin, shiny Corvettes stood among



an artificial jungle of palm trees and tropical plants which helped make up NVCC's Hawaiian display.

For the next two and one half days, thousands of spectators and four judges scrutinized the two full custom sports and five custom sports Corvettes which sat beneath the NVCC banner. The general attitude was probably best expressed by one child who, upon approaching the display, shook his mother's arm and said, "Mama, look at all the pretty Vettes."

At 9:00 P. M., April 11th, an anxious group of NVCC members stood around the awards platform to hear the final results of the judging. Two hours later it was all over. In Custom Sports Class, John Girard had taken a well deserved second place trophy, with Al Becke fourth and Carol Daughtry fifth. Dave Jablonski took fourth in Full Custom Sports, as well as an honorable mention for individual display and the coveted "Most Popular Car In The Show" award. But no one lost, however, as NVCC won the "Best Club Display" award. Even the members who did not have their Vettes displayed could not have been prouder or happier, for it was, in all reality, a club award. Moreover, it proved to us all that even though we're a young club, dedication, cooperation and hard work are more than enough to overcome inexperience.

Did our success cure the epidemic? Not by a long shot. The NVCC banner will be seen all over the East Coast when the show season starts again in September. If you see it at a show in your city, come over and say "Hello." But don't get too close, you might catch an incurable case of BUILDABEAUTIFULVETTEITIS.



Some parting shots of the month in review:

More shots from "The Beach"



18th Annual Corvette Cruise-In,



Do Don and John always park in the same order?



Family togetherness vette style.

Corvettes at Carlisle



I have nothing but admiration for those who braved the heat and humidity to make the run this year. The group photo shows Paul Benish, John Palmgren III, his father (John Jr.) and Laurie Kistner. John III chose this opportunity to change to Corsa Extreme exhaust. The above shows the before (factory) and after. Unfortunately we have no way of including a sound track with the newsletter.

Northern Virginia Corvette Club

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Newsletter News ...

Greetings and salutations from your newbie newsletter editor. I approach this task humbled by the very high standards maintained by Anne during her tenure. I cannot promise to deliver the same quality as Anne, but certainly will strive to do my best (and will keep Anne's phone number on speed dial for quick advice).

The newsletter can be no better than the contributions made to it. I (like I suspect many members) used to sit back and just assume others would write interesting articles, take decent pictures of what I cared about and that Anne would wrap it up in a nice package and the postman would deliver it to my door. My effort was limited to fetching it from the mailbox and reading it. Looking back over recent issues I now realize how few members were making this possible. I would like this to change, not only for the admittedly self-serving purpose of generating material and making my job easier, but also to broaden the base and appeal of our newsletter. The newsletter circulates beyond our immediate membership and serves as an ambassador to the broader world of non-believers.

Next General Business Meeting

Tuesday, August 25th

**Koons Chevrolet
2000 Chain Bridge Road
Tysons Corner, VA**

Most of us now own a digital camera, which makes submitting your interesting pics with your vette(s) at interesting places much easier than in the days of film. I encourage all of you to do so by simply e-mailing me your interesting pics of corvettes in action, along with a few lines of text background. It is simple and ensures there is at least one item of interest to you in the newsletter.

All members should feel free to contact me whenever/however concerning any discrepancies and with ideas for changes. The newsletter should be a living document as to format and content, and thus evolve to meet the changing needs of the NVCC.

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