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Membership Corner

We currently have
133 active members and
16 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		
Rod Cannon	1992 Grand Sport, 1996 Grand Sport, 2006 Orange Conv		

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY: GEORGE KERNS

Well hello out there all my Corvette lover friends! Yet another month has gone by and it seems as though I hadn't even had time to blink. As a matter of fact I'm hoping that I can get this letter in before Richard's Newsletter dead line! There is so much that I would like to talk about this month, but there is only so much time to talk. The first thing I would like to talk about is the up coming nominations and elections for the club at this month's GBM and next month's meeting. It's that time a year that we are hoping to get some people in the club to step up and participate as officers of the club for a year. So I would like to see as many members as possible show up to the next two meetings to support your fellow club members in the elections. If you don't show you just may be nominated for a spot yourself! As your President for the last two years I would like to say that it has been both an honor and a privilege to have you let me be your President and serve the club. I have truly enjoyed the time as the so called leader of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club and think that this club has made huge strides at serving our communities in that time. I am also very proud of everyone in the club for stepping up as they have to help out and pitch in however they can! This is what it is all about!

Just so that all of you know, I will still be a member of the council in the time to come. I would like to keep my position as the chair person of Driver's Education and Auto crossing. I am looking to revive the Auto crossing in the club next season and may have a place or two to run them.

I also want to remind everyone that December 8th will be our 4th annual Christmas Dinner Cruise and cookie exchange! We once again will be traveling down to Madison Virginia to the Bavarian Chef for a great evening that include a great cruise, dinner, gift exchange (\$10 or less) and then back to our house for milk and cookies with a cookie exchange. This year we are only requiring 1 type of cookie with 4 dozen of them. Home made (Sorry Cel, no WEGMAN'S!). Last year we had 42 people join in on this cruise and we all had a great time. We are hoping to have more this year.

March 8th will be the club's annual banquet and by popular demand we will be having it once again at Maggiano's! This year we have reserved an extra room so that we can have more room to move around. We should have the fliers at the meeting this week so start reserving your tables! Last year we had some really great prizes and this year will be no different!

The last thing I wanted to talk about is that we are going to be putting a committee together for next year's Concourse show. All those that may be interested in helping out, please come see me as soon as possible. I will also be talking about it at the meeting.

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

Take Care!

Thanks George



MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING ...

September 25, 2007

Meeting brought to order at 7:40 pm at Koons Chevrolet, Tysons Corner. George Kerns, President welcomed everyone to the GBM, seemed to have many new faces in the room, started out with introductions made all. George & Erica had dinner at Maggiano's; he then opened the floor to Erica for a report on the '08 Banquet.

Erica – First Lady – Banquet Extraordinaire

- Contract signed- date March 8th;
- 3 Rooms, with plenty of space for 120+ attendees;
- Appetizers will be served in a meet and greet style;
- Dinner family style with 8 Vs 10 people per table;
- Menu has been selected.;
- Great Prizes
- Price increased to \$30 per person, as voted earlier;
- Cash Bar will be inside our room; gratuity included in drink price; Watch the Newsletter for more info;

George – President

- Summit Point October 28th HPDE – scratched only 3 registrations received;
- Maria provided with 1 month cancellation notice;

Andrej Balanc – NCCC Ambassador/Spook

- Roughly 45 Drivers enrolled;
- Forecast - Great Weather;
- Saturday Corner Worker Party is set; what more could you ask for!!!!
- In process of talking to other clubs of timing of Spook next year, may need to move to mid October because of overlapping events;
- High Speed License (HSL) will be distributed at registration on Saturday;
- If for any reason you have paid and have not been notified of the HSL, see Andrej directly at break or after the meeting;
- Tech at Track - enter Gates after 5:30 PM, be sure to sign in at the gate;
- Paul Benish suggested, for C4-C6 owners, remove center wheel caps before coming to the event. Could be very hazardous if accidentally came loose on the track;
- No Wheels on Track until announced!!!! We are renting specific times and are forbidden of others by contract;

Rich Anderson – Newsletter

- He's picked up a big job from Anne and we Thank him very much;
- I think it's more work than he thought it would be, though he doesn't complain; I do think the glue from the stamps might just be getting to him;
- We still have members which are receiving both electronic and paper newsletters;

Pat Somersall - Membership

- Membership renewals are out;
- Enrollment includes both NVCC & NCCC;
- Renewals not received by November 1st, it will be deleted from the database;
- See the website for more membership info or contact Pat:

Marsha Batchellor - Treasurer

- Financial position remains sound

BREAK

Laurie Kistner - Social

- Cel reviewed list of October events in Laurie's absence;
- Need details from Joe Daly on TC Williams Parade;
- Special Congrats to Don Ellenberger for his first drag day in "HOT C6-Z06" -- ET of 11.96 @ 123MPH
- The Ocean City cruise is up next;

Chuck Pellerin – Member at large

- C6 rear axle nuts often come loose. Requires 1 & 5/16 socked (33 mm). Torque to 118 ft pounds.

George Kerns – President

* Teen Driving School (TDS)

- Registration opens Oct1st for 72 Kids;
- Great list of volunteers especially from the club;
- Event new segment - General Car Maintenance;
- Sponsors thus far, Koons, L&F, Curry's, Tire Van Road Block;
- George and Andrej to meet with the Ruitans on possible sponsorship;
- Continue to work event specs, it's going to be better than ever;
- Chuck would like to submit a DVD of last event to General Motors (advertisement?????);
- Nov 3rd 11:30 TDS Meeting
- Preference will be to have meeting on site (Haymarket), work layout, & logistics;
- Articles for newsletter, website, local neighborhood news, school web site, etc. Plan to have participating student involvement in submitting articles, Contest?, newsletter recognition, etc.;

*Annual Xmas Dinner cruise to be scheduled for Sat Dec 8th;

- Place - Bavarian Chef
- Chinese - Gift Exchange
- Cruise back to George & Erika's for Cookie exchange

* Officer Nominations begin next two consecutive meetings; then vote at Nov GBM.

Cassidy Nolen - Historian

- Only 52 NV Corvette license plates ordered. Need 350 to make this happen, will be scratched;

Trivia Winners

- ? Federally mandated top speed on the 1980 Corvette? 85
- Winner – Kris Z – car towels
- ? C5-C6 feature when the turn signal is left on + minute while driving? - Ridiculous chime - Winner - Alice - tire gauge
- ? First year Corvette offered AM/FM radio option? 1968
 - Winner – Mark Neblit – Oil Change
- ? Highest C3 Model production year? 1979
 - Winner – Alice – Oil change

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Cel Holzer - Secretary

NVCC Event Calendar
Maintained by Laurie Kistner



Wed. October 24th – Vienna Halloween Parade

Anyone who lives in this area knows how big a parade this really is. This is a great opportunity to get the club out in front of our own community, and the cost FREE!!!

We have won 1st place at this event in the past and have had as many as 30 cars - lets see if we can top that this year! This year's theme will be "Jamestown – Celebrating 400 Years of History".

Several people have asked if we are decorating our cars - that is entirely up to you! Costumes are also optional. Additional people/spouses/kids are more than welcome, we need help carrying the club banner. Also, you are **not** allowed to throw candy etc. from the cars.(It can however be handed out by participants on foot.)

More details to follow. If you are interested please be sure you contact Joe Daly at: jdthree@cox.net

Sun. November 18th - NVCC/NVMC Sunday Brunch

Our Annual Sunday Brunch & Billiards Day with our friends, the Northern Virginia Mustang Club, at Fast Eddie's in Fairfax. For more information please view our WEB site. Registration is either on line or by contacting Laurie at LilRedCorvette94@yahoo.com

Sat. December 1st - Teen Driving School

This is NVCC's continuing commitment to teaching driving skills to the next generation. The scope and support for this important function is growing rapidly and we need all the volunteers we can get. This session will be at Battlefield High School in Haymarket, Virginia. More information is available on our WEB site. This effort is headed up by our club President George, who can be reached at whiskeytahoe@aol.com

Spooktacular 2007 Follow-up

By Andrej Balanc and pics by Randolph J Urick

With another Spook under the belt, it sure is a good feeling to sit back and relax after the event. As always, it was a fun event. The weather couldn't have cooperated more and everyone seemed to have a good time. I really want to thank all that came out to work the event, your help was most appreciated. Also, thanks to all the club members that ran in the event. For the first time in many years, I was able to run!

Spooktacular 2008 has been set for Oct 18/19 of next year. I have my fingers crossed that the weather we had this year will join us again next year.

Once again, thanks to all those that worked and ran in this event!

Andrej Balanc



There is nothing like side-piped C-3 thunder....even drowns out the cycles on the adjacent track.



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Workers getting ready inside



Drivers getting ready outside



Corvettes at Ocean City

Pics and background provided by Alice Arielly:

The turnout for this annual event, sponsored by the Free State Corvette Club, made for an outstanding gathering of corvettes and their "caretakers" (for those intrepid souls willing to get their cars within 10 miles of salt water). Rita Mars and Mary Wilds got honorable mention (although they were missing in action for the awards attended by Rich). Rich gave NVCC's contribution to the event's beneficiary, the Spina Bifida Foundation. Attendees from NVCC included Jerry & Irene Lelansky, the Snooks, Gary and Sharon Essex, Rich & Rita Mars, Mary Wilds, Paul Benish and Don Ellenberger, as well as a few friends of NVCC.



Nicole and Cassidy



Sharon and Gary



Alice and Jack



The Parade Lineup



Rich filling in for those award recipients missing in action

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



National Corvette Museum (NCM)

October 2007

CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

Z06 Fest Event Underway

Over 160 participants were pre-registered for this year's October 18-20, Z06 Fest Event.

Road tour excursions, drag racing at Beech Bend Raceway, Dyno pulls, seminars, People's Choice Car Show, Autocross, auction and banquet and much more are in store for guests attending – all Corvette enthusiasts were welcome



Next year's Z06 Fest is scheduled for September 11-13 and planning will begin soon. If you have attended any of our events this year, we hope you will take a moment to share your thoughts with us to help us plan for our 2008 event season! Take our online event survey here:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/survey/index.shtml>

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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.

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NVCC'S TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

In the interest of promoting a common language and understanding within NVCC, the following was kindly provided by: Marsha Batchellor

GENERAL

There are several types of events the NVCC participates in. NVCC, NCCC and Non Corvette related. NVCC events are events held and directed by the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. NCCC events are events sanctioned by the National Council of Corvette Clubs, and Non Corvette related events may be events that are directed by other clubs or organizations, but aren't directly related to NVCC or NCCC events.

NCCC sanctioned events, such as Rallye, Autocross and Concours events, are held according to guidelines set forth by the NCCC. Typically, participants in these events are awarded points for different levels of participation, including working the events, which are counted on a regional and national level. The term "points chaser" refers to people who attend events and are typically mindful of incorporating as many points as possible so they'll be recognized at these levels.

NVCC events may or may not be NCCC sanctioned events with regards to the points systems. For example, there are several NVCC autocross events that occur that are recognized by the NCCC, but as they are not "sanctioned" by the NCCC, no points are awarded to participants on a regional or national level. That does not mean that points aren't counted and recognized at a local level.

Non Corvette related events may be events that are not recognized by either the NCCC or NVCC as "official" events, but that the club or its members may participate in. This may include cruises, drag racing, social or charitable activities, or other activities that members are interested in.

Q. What is Autocrossing?

A. Autocrossing is a timed speed event -- your chance to drive your car to its (or your) maximum! The risk to you and your car are minimized, as your car is the only one on the racecourse at any one time. Timing lights record your time through a racecourse, down to the thousandth of a second. Cars are divided into classes based on the year of the car and the extent of modifications. No modifications are required, and any car/driver is welcome to join in on the speed, challenge and camaraderie. Racing is not that hard on the car, that's what it was built for! There is a low-speed autocross which is most commonly conducted with pylons on an open parking lot course and does not reach high rates of speed (80 mph for modified Group 2 cars). A high-speed autocross is a more serious speed event most often held on a racetrack (like Summit Point) where most all cars travel faster and where the drivers must possess a High Speed License issued through a driving school (HPDE) or from professional instructors.

Q. What is HPDE?

A. At HPDE you learn to drive your car on a road racetrack as if you were a racecar driver, although this is not a timed event. Novices and Intermediates have instructors sitting beside them at all times to guide you as you learn to drive at race speeds, as well as classroom instruction. It is as safe an environment as you can get to learn how to drive on a road racetrack. You will be taught to drive as close to race speeds in the straights and turns as you can while maintaining safety. Corner workers with flags, ambulances and wreckers maintain safety. Your car has to pass a technical inspection as well. This can become seriously addicting as you progress and transition to driving fast on a racetrack at race speeds. You are not expected to drive like Mario Andretti by the end of a session, but you will get a good idea of what all is involved in HPDEs (and racing).

Q. What is "Spook"?

A. Spook is NVCC's October High Speed Racing Event held over two days at Summit Point Raceway near Charlestown, West Virginia. It's nickname "Spook" is short for "Spooktacular" - due to its timing near Halloween of each year.

Q. What is a Cruise?

A. A cruise is when a group of Corvettes hit the road together for the purpose of driving our cars and enjoying each other's company. There us usually a food stop on a cruise and often other points of interest such as Luray Caverns, Michie Tavern, Skyline Drive and any number of interesting spots. Occasionally there will be a weekend cruise event such as to Ocean City, Maryland or Carlisle, Pennsylvania. At least some part or most of NVCC cruises are on rural, curvy roads where we enjoy the scenery, the performance of our cars and each other.

Q. What is a Concours?

A. The dictionary defines concours d'elegance as "a show or contest of vehicles and accessories in which the entries are judged chiefly on excellence of appearance and turnout". We have entries from all over the region and upwards of 75 cars each year. We have a panel of judges and give the winners trophies.

Q. What is a Rallye?

A. Gimmick rallying is a scientific exercise in understanding and executing rules and instructions as they occur along a pre-defined course. You don't need a great deal of equipment, and the whole family can come out and enjoy the activity. Road rallying can best described as a board game on wheels. Just like in a board game, you get a set of rules, when you first register for the event. These rules govern the actual play of the event. Instead of rolling dice, on a road rallye you get a set of route instructions that tell you how and where to turn. Simple on the surface, but a road rallye is designed by a devious Rallyemaster, who has the personal job of trying to trick you into doing things wrongly. The endpoint is usually a restaurant in the area where all participants gather for a little socializing while the Rallyemaster tallies up the scores to announce the results. Poker Rallyes are combined with the collection of playing cards during the course of the rallye for winners of the high and low hands.

Observations and Reflections

You meet the nicest people.....

By: Cassidy Nolen

In the late 60's motorcycle scene, Harley Davidson had a pretty tough reputation. The Japanese-based Honda brand saw this as an opportunity to capitalize on the "rest" of America that wanted to ride but did not have the "Harley" lifestyle. Their campaign slogan? "You meet the nicest people on a Honda".

A few years have gone by and I think that statement needs updating. From the first time I saw a Corvette, I think the statement should be "You meet the nicest people in a Corvette". I think it stems from a uniqueness to a particular model of car. Corvettes are a little muscle car, a little race-car, a little show car and a lot of passion. Other models and brands have a following but I would argue not like Corvette. When I was growing up and attending World of Wheels shows in the late 70's, I can remember those custom paint jobs on the "Coke-bottle" early C3's and those wild flared fenders. I remember one owner talking to me about the sand-blast etching on the glass. As a wide-eyed kid I am sure I asked dumb questions and took him away from the precious detailing time before some round of judging (it would be MANY years until I understood all of that) but he was patient and kind and it set a tone for Corvettes that has followed me ever since.

A few weekend ago we hosted Spooktacular. This is THE event of the year if you like to go fast in this club. All the skill, time, energy, effort and love that went into the event paid off ten-fold as the days flowed from one to the other. In Disney-line-like efficiency, folks got from check-in to tech to the paddock and on to the track. The dedication of the time keepers, the corner workers and all the volunteers behind the scenes created a seamless event that folks will remember through the winter. I was proud to wear an NVCC shirt those days (as I am always) and heard people say what a great event it was.

Fast forward two weeks and we found ourselves in Ocean City at another club's event. The Free State Corvette Club hosted the Thunder on the Boards weekend in Ocean City. Again, great people (and beautiful cars) abound. NVCC was well represented with at least two of our members making the journey and participating in the car show. We had a number of Rallye participants as well. At the awards ceremony, VP Rich Mars was called up to make NVCC's donation to the Spina Bifida Foundation.

We have members of our club that get together regularly. We work on cars together, not to save money but because we love to do it. We gather at restaurants and drive together, even when gas is \$3 a gallon. We pack a crowded room in a dealership, fighting Tysons traffic to get there, just to be around each other one Tuesday a month. I want to thank all of the members that come out and support this club. Thanks for answering my silly questions at meetings, thanks for working at big (and small) events and pulling to the good of the cause. I have met so many great people in the past few years; I wouldn't even know where to start to list them all. I hope you have too. I really do think "you meet the nicest people in a Corvette".

Editor's note: When I acquired my first corvette 5 years ago (1965 conv't) it came with a faulty gas gauge that saw me run out of gas on the side of Rt.7 during a very heavily trafficked Saturday afternoon. EVERY and I mean EVERY corvette that came along stopped with the driver asking if they could be of assistance. Now try that in a Honda.

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Newsletter News ...

As I write this I'm preparing my convertibles for winter storage, giving them that one last coat of wax and topping off the fluids for their long winter's nap. My winter driver (1984 2-tone blue coupe) has been brought out of summer storage and is ready for another stint of cold weather. This change of season hopefully will see me with more time to do the things I've committed to do, but haven't got around to.

One of those commitments is to bring some additional fresh material to the newsletter, particularly some historical perspectives provided by our Historian, Cassidy Nolen, starting next month. As always, I encourage every one of our members to consider submitting articles and pics for publication.

Thank you all for another great NVCC month.

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Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, Oct 23rd

Tuesday, Nov 27th

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