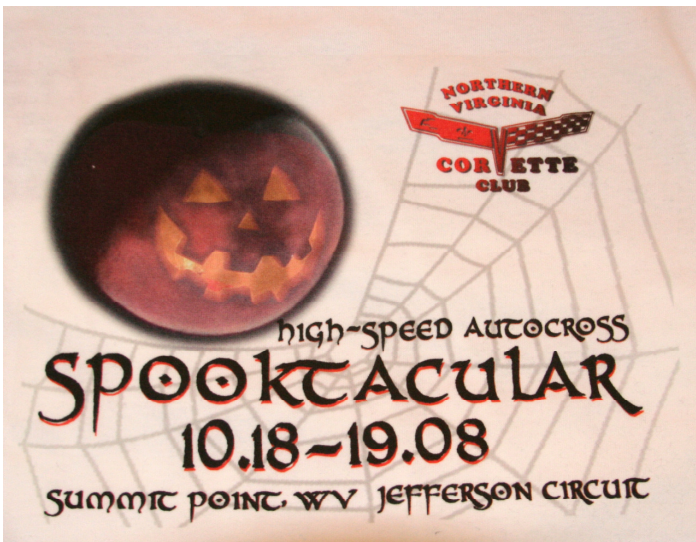


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Of course this issue has to lead off with Spooktacular. It was a smaller field than usual, but a lot more lap time for those participating. See the article inside by Andrej Balanc.

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## Membership Corner

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Mary Wilds – 1972 Coupe White  
Kevin Fry – 2003 Coupe Black  
Noah Malgeri – 2008 Z06 Atomic Orange  
Larry Shaffer – 1995 Green  
Donald Crabtree - 2003 Conv Burgundy  
Bob Williams – 2008 Conv Blue  
Mark De Agazio – 2003 Z06 Red

Sandy Blalock – 2008 Convertible Red  
Dan Matysek – 2008 Z06 Red  
Talal Muhtadi – 2001 Coupe Yellow  
Chris Wendling – 1980 Coupe Burgandy  
Andrew Frazier – 1996 Coupe Sebring Silver  
Casey MaGann- 1990 Conv, Dark Red  
Iris Ferguson – 03/07 coupe/Z06  
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Gary Foster –  
Sandy Blalock – 2008 Conv Red  
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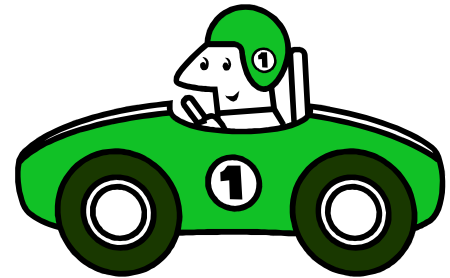
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October was our busiest month by far Spook, Ocean City, Skyline Cruise, Vienna Parade and Teen Driving School. I am very proud of the club and can't believe the amount of participation. I think if I thank everyone separate our newsletter would be too heavy to ship. I know we will have articles about each event in this newsletter and look forward to it. Keep it going and a big thanks to all.



Rich Mars

### *NVCC Event Calendar* **NVCC Social Calendar November 2008** **Laurie Kistner, Social Director**



**Sun. 11/9/08 - 4th Annual Bonefish Grill Cruise-In.** Bonefish Grill in Centreville would love to fill their parking lot with corvettes...again! They are 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 social event for our club to reflect on the awesome Corvette season we had before the bad weather hits!

The fun and food begins at 12 PM and continues until whenever. Please RSVP to me via email at [lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com](mailto:lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com) ASAP. A sampling of menu items can be found at [www.bonefishgrill.com](http://www.bonefishgrill.com). Since Bonefish is being so kind as to put out free appetizers, I suggest that you also order some drinks and/or some other food so we can throw some \$/business their way!

The rain date for this event is Sunday, 11/23/08. For those interested, after the event we will do an impromptu twisty cruise....kind of a 'last hurrah' for the Corvette season.

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. Address is 6315 Multiplex Drive, Centreville, VA 20121.

**Sun. 11/16/08 - Annual Sunday Brunch & Billiards Day** with our friends, the Northern Virginia Mustang Club, at Fast Eddie's in Fairfax. Come on out and shoot a friendly game of pool, play a game of darts, and socialize with other car aficionados over some great food and drink. Bring your family and friends! Hang around to watch the football games later on if you want to as well.

We will start @ 11AM and let the fun and games continue till whenever. Pool and darts are free with minimum of \$8/person food purchase. I have gone ahead and made the arrangements, and reserved some pool tables for us. Be advised, Fast Eddie's is a "Black and Gold" establishment (read: Steelers fans aplenty).

Please email me at [lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com](mailto:lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com) if you wish to attend. This is a RAIN or SHINE event. If the weather is less than Corvette-friendly, or your 'vette is put away for the winter, then please feel free to arrive in alternative transportation!

Directions: I-66 to Exit 60 (VA-123 S exit) toward Fairfax. Stay on VA-123 S for about a mile; turn left onto US Route 29 N (Lee Highway). After just over a mile and a half on Route 29 N, Fast Eddie's is on the right. Address is 9687 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031.

## Coming soon –

Sat. 12/13/08 – TENTATIVE - 5th Annual Christmas Dinner Cruise

# Spooktacular 2008 Wrap-up

*By Andrej Balanc*

*Pics by Chuck Pellerin*

First, I want to thank all the workers that made this event possible. Without your participation, we could not hold this event. It was cold in the morning and it never really got warm in the afternoon, but you guys and gals were there the whole time. Scoring, corner workers, paddock control, registration, t-shirts, and photography were up and functioning throughout the weekend. Many individuals helped out here! A round of applause here from me to you all!



Wanda and Zoel Robinson are tied with Dave and Barb Corp for the long distance worker award! They came from Canada and Michigan, respectively! It was nice seeing you guys again and I hope to see you again next year. A separate thanks goes to Art Baer and Carolyn Offut as new workers! And thanks to Ron and Monique Weller for corner working, it's always nice to see old friends. Pat Somersall was starter all weekend, way to go!

A special thanks to Miss Heather Vereb, who came home from college to sing the national anthem at our drivers meeting. It was broadcast over the PA system, so I'm sure the folks at the main track heard her too. It was a stirring moment and a fitting start to the event.

Secondly, a special thanks to Stewart Fox, Kirk DeNee and Joe and Cel Holzer. These individuals, respectively, managed the course, the corner workers and timing. Paul Benish, chief of tech, kept that area under control throughout the weekend. You guys are the best!



Thirdly, I want to thank all the drivers that participated. With the smallest run group since we ran Spook at Old Dominion Speedway, you all got a lot of track time. This included 21 runs on Saturday and a 20 minute open track/limited passing session for each group on Sunday in addition to the 14 runs for the autoxes. Thanks for coming out and playing with us, and I hope to see you next year!

A new driver thumbs up to Frank Patry! He signed up for Sat only and ended up running Sunday too! Most improved driver award goes to John Folkerts! Way to go, John! FTD awards this year go to Aaron "Racerboy" Quine and Sally Walter! Congratulations!

Everyone gets a further round of applause from me for holding a safe event. We had just one 3 wheels off track excursion that did not result in any car damage. Everything ran smoothly and the unexpected incidents were handled promptly and efficiently.



A format that we stumbled upon this year might be worth considering for next year. On Sunday we completed all 14 runs before lunch and had 20 minute lapping sessions in the afternoon for each group prior to the fun runs. Adjusting this to give each group a 20 minute lapping session in the morning followed by the 14 runs might just be the way to go. You would replace in the parade laps with 20 minutes of multiple un-timed laps, getting

familiarized to the track direction each day and warming up the car and driver prior to the timed runs. We would have to limit the event to 30 people and as well as raise the price per driver to cover costs. I heard a lot of talk on Sunday about using this format next year. Just passing on what I heard...

This is the last Spook that I am going to chair. I first participated in 1997, driving and working a corner. I helped George Skalkeas in 1998 till he retired in 2003, and chaired them since 2004. I had a lot of fun getting these events from start to finish. I think I finally got the formula down in the end, putting in my "work" up front prior to the event and getting behind the wheel for the event.

Finally, I would like to thank Paul Benish for allowing me to run his 2003 Z06 all weekend. It was a lot of fun driving your car and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Those Z06's are amazing! I owe you, bud! I owe you all!



See you at the track!

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## NVCC Has Great Showing at Ocean City!

By Alice S. Arielly (aka **Texas Rose**)



We couldn't have asked for a better weekend! October 3-5 weather was perfect for a Fall beach getaway as several NVCCers headed for the annual Ocean City weekend hosted by Free State Corvette Club. This is always a great weekend for a worthy cause, with proceeds going primarily to the Spina Bifida Association of Maryland, as well as the USO. Last year, \$50,000 was raised! This year's theme was Motion at the Ocean.

NVCC was represented by our Prez, Rich Mars & his lovely wife Rita; Don Ellenberger; Dave Hegland; Josie McMahon & hubby; Cassidy & Nicole Nolen; Jerry & Irene Lelansky; John Palmgren; Gary & Sherry Essex; Patty Williams (no, not in the ZR1) and Alice Arielly & Jack Hufnagle.

Most folks headed out on Friday – the lucky ones went early and avoided Route 50 – which was having road construction work done and resulted in the later folks taking 6-7 hours for a 3-hour trip! Then after everyone got through that mess, we hit gravel on the home stretch into Ocean City where they had torn up the road in anticipation of paving. Needless to say the waxers (as well as the rest of us) weren't too happy with that development.

Several of us stayed at the host hotel, the Holiday Inn, right on the beach. Friday night, most folks headed over to Secrets for dinner, while the Jerry & Irene and Alice & Jack tried out the Free State dinner & Corvette Idol competition (we listened, we didn't compete!). Although we all bought raffle tickets, none of us won a prize – we'll have to try again next year!

Saturday was a beautiful morning, with most of the club joining in the Fun Shows in the Inlet Parking Lot. Congratulations to several winners: Honorable Mentions went to Don with his yellow C6 and Dave with his 2005 Victory Red C6, both of whom received great trophies.



The Rallyes were once again challenging but fun. The big winners were Alice & Jack, who came in 6<sup>th</sup> in the Poker Rallye and tied for 8<sup>th</sup> in the Gimmick Rallye. We won some fun coasters. Rita & Josie and Cassidy & Nicole came in a little further down the list, but had a good time anyway! The good part was that all the clues were on the right – lots of pressure for the navigator – and that punctuation and capitalization didn't count, BUT note to NVCC rallyers – you would not have been happy with the tricks in this rallye – so have mercy on us during next year's rallye season!

Of course the big event was the Corvette Parade down the Boardwalk – over 800 Corvettes were scheduled to parade! After our adventurous rallye (and because they wouldn't let us throw candy this year), Jack & I opted to take pictures instead of ride in the parade, and we caught several of our club members as they rode by. (Note the photographer for the Boardwalk Parade was William Cornett – see his website at [www.williamcornett.com](http://www.williamcornett.com) and email him at [william@williamcornett.com](mailto:william@williamcornett.com))



Saturday night was the big awards ceremony & party. In addition to all the winners getting their awards, Rich Mars made a generous donation to Free State Corvette Club for Spina Bifida on behalf of NVCC – thanks Rich!

All in all, a good time was had by all – come join us next year, when this weekend is tentatively scheduled for October 16-18, 2009. For more info, visit [www.FreeStateCorvette.com](http://www.FreeStateCorvette.com) – registration will begin in June.

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**Sunset Hills Vineyard ---** While not an official NVCC event, a number of us found ourselves accepting the hospitality of Sunset Hills Vineyard, owned by Mike Canney, a past Northern Virginia Corvette Club member who races in the SCCA Koni Challenge when not making wine.



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The Aquia Creek Corvette Club is raising \$50,000 for veterans of the wars in Iraq & Afghanistan. Their flyer to the left provides the details. Tickets are \$100 each, which for me would be the only way I could delude myself into thinking I'll have a C6 for years to come.

Rich and Rita Mars are again collecting materials and funding to send comfort packages to our deployed troops. As we enter the seasons of giving thanks and sharing gifts with others, please give some thought to those that willing go in harm's way to make our freedom possible. To find out how you can help, contact Rich or Rita at [c5tech@verizon.net](mailto:c5tech@verizon.net) or call (703) 425-6118.

## Rallye Season 2008 Wrap-up

So, two months or so after the rallye season wrapped up, I've finally managed to get around to writing the season summary. All in all, we had a very successful rallye season with lots of rallye helpers. Special thanks to our Rallye Masters Alice Arielly, Dick Hammaker, Rich and Rita Mars, and Chuck and Karen Pellerin. Thanks also to our frequent rallye attendees – we had several people who made it out to at least 3 of the 5 rallyes, and we certainly appreciate their dedication. These “frequent fliers” are: Rich Mars, Don and Judy Patrick, Don Ellenberger, Chuck and Karen Pellerin, Jack Hufnagle, Alice Arielly, and Paul Cestone.

And now for the rallye results.

Drivers:

- #1 Rich Mars
- #2 Alice Arielly
- #3 Nicole Nolen
- #4 Fred Wendling
- #5 Donald Patrick

Navigators:

- #1 Jack Hufnagle
- #2 Cassidy Nolen
- #3 Claudia Wendling
- #4 Rita Mars
- #5 Judy Patrick

Rallye cont.

We will announce the winners at the November GBM and we plan to have prizes for the top finishers at the Annual Banquet in March. Again, thanks to all who participated in this rallye season. We hope to see each and every one of you back for the 2009 season!

-Nicole and Cassidy Nolen

**NVCC Annual Banquet**

It is again time to register for the Northern Virginia Corvette Club Annual Banquet. This year's banquet will be held at Clyde's Tyson's Corner, located across the street from Koon's. The banquet will be held at 7:00 PM on Saturday, March 7, 2009. Dinner choices will include herb roasted chicken breast, the chef's vegetarian selection, or the steak of the day. There is also an available children's chicken tenders option for any children under the age of 12. All meals come with a salad and dessert, as well as tea and coffee. There will be a cash bar available on site. Registration this year will be limited to the first 90 people, so be sure to register early to reserve your spot. Please see the registration form for additional information.

**Northern Virginia Corvette Club  
Annual Banquet at Clyde's of Tyson's Corner**

**March 7, 2009  
7:00 PM**

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of attendees (Check one)	Chicken	Vegetarian	Steak	Child (under 12)
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The banquet fee is \$35 per adult and \$12 for any children under 12.

Please mail this registration form and a check made payable to NVCC to:

Nicole Nolen  
7010 Bedrock Road  
Alexandria, VA 22306





Ambassador Corner

By Donald Patrick

## CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

### GM to idle two plants

By BRENT SNAVELY • FREE PRESS BUSINESS WRITER October 27, 2008

General Motors Corp. said today that it plans to idle two assembly plants, including a plant in Detroit, for one week due slow car sales.

GM said it will shut down its Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant for one week beginning Nov. 24 and plans to shut down its plant in Bowling Green, Ky., beginning Dec. 1, said GM spokesman Chris Lee.

GM employs 1,700 at the Hamtramck plant that makes the Buick Lucerne and Cadillac DTS sedans. GM employs 800 at the Bowling Green plant where it makes Chevrolet Corvette and the Cadillac XLR sports coupes.

The shutdowns are in addition to previously announced plans to idle the Hamtramck plant for one week beginning Jan. 5, followed by an indefinite layoff for 500 employees beginning Jan. 12. The layoff will occur because GM plans to slow production of an assembly line to adjust to slower automotive sales, Lee said.

Through September, sales of Lucerne and DTS are both down 32%, while sales of Cadillac XLR are down 26.3% and sales of Corvette are down 9.5%, according to Autodata Corp.

### The First Lady of the Corvette:

Mrs. Elfi Arkus-Duntov April 25, 1915 - October 23, 2008

From: Online Obituaries

If Zora Arkus-Duntov is the godfather of the Corvette, Elfi Arkus-Duntov is its first lady. With her blonde hair, sparkling blue eyes and German accent, Elfi helped personify the car in her own inimitable way. But Elfi was much more than Zora's other half. She had her own claim to fame as a professional model and dancer with the Follies Bergere in Paris, the Copa Cabana in Miami and on Broadway in New York. She even learned to fly an airplane long before Zora did.

A native of Berlin, Elfi came from an artistic family. Her father, William Wolff, was a great fan of Shakespeare and Elfi, her sister Ruth and brother Walter were all schooled in the fine arts. Elfi specialized in ballet, but also modeled extensively for a Berlin department store.



She met Zora as a teenager in the warm glow of a Berlin café after ducking out of the rain on her way to a date. Captivated by the blue-eyed Russian, she instantly fell in love. They began running around Berlin together in his Bugatti Type 30. She would spell out “Zora” in Russian with bandages on her body and then tan in the sun to brand herself as his girl. Elfi remained Zora’s girl for life. After moving to Paris, she landed as a dancer with the world famous Follies Bergere, becoming a member of the Bluebell girls that performed cabaret-style reviews all over France.

Elfi and Zora married outside of Paris in February 1939 under the gathering storm clouds of World War II and settled in an apartment on the west side of Paris. While Zora was deployed in the French Air Force in the town of Toulouse, Elfi stayed behind and was still there when German tanks began rolling through the streets. So she grabbed everything she could fit into her open-topped MG and sped out of town, despite the fact that she had no traveling papers and no money to purchase gasoline. Relying on the kindness of strangers and luck, she managed to rendezvous with Zora in Toulouse four days later.

Reunited, they engineered a harrowing escape from the Nazi-occupied France, hiding out in a Marseille brothel before finding their way to Lisbon where they boarded a New York-bound refugee ship, the Nassau, in December 1940.

Landing at Ellis Island, they quickly blended into the West Side Russian-Jewish community that gave us the likes of Irving Berlin and Leonard Bernstein. After the US entered the war, they struck it rich in the war munitions business and enjoyed a penthouse view from their Riverside Drive apartment. After the war, they hosted lavish parties for people in the entertainment and racing business.

After Zora’s postwar plans to offer overhead valve conversions for Ford flathead V8s failed, the two separated for a time. Zora took a job at Allard sports cars in England and Elfi moved to Miami to become a member of the June Taylor dancers and performed at the Copa Cabana in Miami. Several years later she learned to fly an airplane at Detroit’s City Airport during an extended performance in the Motor City.

Eventually they reunited in New York where Elfi danced on Broadway. Meanwhile, Zora saw the ’53 Corvette concept at the GM Motorama display at the Waldorf and was instantly dazzled with the car. He secured an engineering position at GM just for the chance to work on it.

Upon coming to Detroit, Elfi and Zora settled on the east side to be close to Lake St. Clair. They became avid boaters and joined the Old Club on Harsens Island, where they spent many summer weekends when Zora wasn’t traveling to a race or a Corvette event.

While Zora was putting the Corvette on the map, Elfi would travel with him to the car shows and the races — to Pikes Peak and Daytona and Sebring and Le Mans. Together they personified the performance and the allure of the Corvette. They became an endearing fixture in the Corvette community. Even well into their 80s, Zora and Elfi had an energy and spark that infected everyone around them. They were rock stars at the opening of the National Corvette Museum in 1994 and the two would patiently sign autographs for hours at various Corvette events for thousands of adoring fans.

Zora’s death at age 86 in 1996 changed her world forever, but she worked tirelessly to promote Zora’s legend and saw to it that a fitting biography was written of Zora’s life.

Elfi lived on in the Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., home they made together where she often dwelled on their life together. She continued making appearances at places like the National Corvette Museum and Corvettes at Carlisle before health concerns eliminated her ability to travel. But she never stopped loving her Zora, the man who made the Corvette an enduring reality.

And the Corvette world will never stop loving its first lady, Elfi-Arkus-Duntov.

## **CORVETTE RACING READIES FOR GT2 CHALLENGE**

### **From ALMS**

Doug Fehan: "The engineering work is completed and we'll be starting in the next week to 10 days actually assembling the (GT2 Corvette)."

The start of the 2009 American Le Mans Series will mark the end of an era for Corvette Racing. GM's factory team will focus on its transition to a new GT2 program that will debut in the second half of the season. Program manager Doug Fehan shed some light on the project after last weekend's Monterey Sports Car Championships presented by Patron.

The team announced plans in September to move from the GT1 class that it has dominated since 2001. Corvette Racing has won eight consecutive team championships, and its drivers have won seven straight titles in the American Le Mans Series. There also is the matter of five victories at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and the quest for a sixth will be the final race in GT1.

Fehan says the debut of the GT2 entry likely will come at Mid-Ohio. It will revolve around a next-generation Corvette C6.R that again will compete on cellulosic E85. The car will have steel brakes, a smaller wing and a little less horsepower than the current GT1 car. Other than that, Fehan said, it will look exactly the same as now.

"The engineering work is completed and we'll be starting in the next week to 10 days actually assembling the car," Fehan said. "We've done the simulations on it. We know what the rules are and we know what the other cars are capable of. When we finally come out we'll do the best job we possibly can."

As easy as Corvette has made GT1 look for the last eight years, it will be equally as tough in GT2. Porsche and Ferrari are the two premier marques in the class with BMW's factory effort returning for 2009. Panoz also likely will figure into the mix as will teams from Aston Martin, Dodge and Ford, among others.

"Don't look for us to dominate right out of the shoot - it's not going not to happen," Fehan said. "Rear-engine and mid-engine cars have a distinct advantage in that classification. We know the challenges that lie ahead for a front-engine car and we are prepared to meet them. Let's not forget too that we spent the first two years struggling with (the GT1) car. It took us awhile to get us up to speed and we expect that same kind of learning curve. We are prepared for it."

Since 2001, Corvette Racing has taken eight straight GT1 championships in the American Le Mans Series as well as five class wins at Le Mans. He also anticipates customer car sales starting in 2010 for both American and European teams.

"We want to dominate as quickly as we possibly can," Fehan said. "This team is not a team that likes to sit back and take their time. Everything we do from unloading the trucks to packing up...is a race, and that's the spirit we bring forward every day. We want to take forward the heritage we've created for Corvette. We've worked pretty darn hard over the last 10 years to change the image of that car on a global basis and we plan to uphold that image as we go forward."

The 2009 American Le Mans Series season starts with the 57th annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on Saturday, March 21. It will mark the 100th race in the history of the American Le Mans Series. SPEED will televise the race live. American Le Mans Radio will have live coverage on americanlemans.com, which also will feature IMSA's Live Timing & Scoring.

## Chevrolet's C7 Corvette delayed until 2013, no mid-engine layout

### Source: Motor Trend

The things that CAFE regulations will make automakers do is pretty frightening for us car enthusiasts. Even some of America's famous sports cars, like the Corvette, aren't safe from wrath of strict fuel-economy regulations.

Well we have some good news for you today. No one at GM is talking about a mid-engine C7 Corvette anymore. Previous reports suggested that Bob Lutz and other GM exes were leaning toward a mid-engine layout for the next-generation C7 'Vette since it would be easier to cut fuel-economy from a mid-mounted LS3 V8. Basically, GM decided that due to the high-cost of switching from the current front-engine layout to a mid-engine was not worth it.

Still the C7 Corvette is not likely to launch earlier than 2013 as a 2014 model year. According to Motor Trend, a 3.6L direct-injection V6 for the C7 could be on the drawing boards.

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## NVMC Annual Car Show & Picnic

By Laurie Kistner, with pics by Michael Rierson

Sunday, October 5th was the Northern Virginia Mustang Club's Annual Car Show & Picnic. Every year our club is invited and I can honestly say this event never disappoints! It was a wonderful weather day with a lot of beautiful cars and fine people in attendance. Lots of trophies and prizes awarded, and the BBQ was tasty to boot. Many thanks to the NVMC for inviting us again and putting on a splendid event, and a big thumbs up to the NVCC members who represented the fiberglass component of the show so beautifully.



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## Fall Skyline Drive Cruise

Although the NVCC participant list shrunk in half due to the weather 🌧️ (shock and surprise), I'd like to thank the hardcore drivers of the club for coming out on a damp Saturday morning to support the cruise. Over \$800 and 2 big boxes full of toys were raised for Toys for Tots, not a bad job with the lower turnout. 🙌 The giving wasn't one-sided, as lots of cruise participants walked away with some spiffy door prizes as well.

Due to a monkey wrench being thrown in our plans at the very last minute by the ever-cooperative National Park Service, we were not able to hit up Skyline Drive, however, we were able to take our frustrations out onto Leeds Manor Road (a nice country road) and Route 211 (a very technical, twisty road), albeit carefully, due to the wet roadways and leaves. The fall scenery was fantastic and the camaraderie second to none. We ended the cruise with a fantastic lunch at Houlihan's, perhaps one of the nicest lunch stops in the history of the cruise. Then everyone went their own ways to explore more roads or to make the drive home.

All in all, a great day despite the skies opening up on us. Even a black Split Window Coupe came out on the cruise, proving that in fact C2s do NOT melt when wet! Now *that's* dedication...

Laurie Kistner



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**All members please note that nominations for club officers reopens at the November General Business Meeting, following which we will vote. This is your opportunity to take a more active role in the club.....or reaffirm your faith in and support of our current leadership.**

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**Parting shots.....**



Now who left a ZR1 in gravel?



Alice and Jack with poker award.



Don with an honorable mention.

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**Newsletter News ...**

October was a marathon month for the club with a lot of events not covered in as much depth as they deserve. I guess it boils down to whether going to events or writing about them is more fun.....and I know which one I favor.

This is next to the last newsletter of an eventful year. Traditionally we take off December, so if you want to see it in print this year, please send your items in before the GBM on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

And remember as we enter the nasty weather time of year, keep the vette warm and dry and drive something disposable, like a Porsche.

Rich Anderson

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**Next General Business Meetings:**

**Tuesday, NOV 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

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