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## *President's Cruise 2009*

Pics by Chuck Pellerin and Patty Williams

Stewart kept the tradition alive with a pleasant cruise to the Cozy Inn. It was a beautiful day for a club cruise and like most great club events, involved good food and fellowship.



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NVCC once again received an award for our participation in the annual Vienna Halloween Parade. Accepting the award for the club were Lori and Paul Benish.

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**Membership  
Corner**

**98 Active Members**  
**1 Honorary Member**  
**4 Under Reinstatement**  
**7 Prospective Members**  
**110 Totals**

**Please congratulate our newest member:**

Gary Walton                      2006              Convertible              Monterey Red

**Please welcome our prospective members:**

Michael Griffith	1999	Coupe	White
Frank Valdez	2010	Grand Sport	Cyber Gray
Theodore C. Johnson	2007	Coupe	Blue
Wilfredo Sauri	2001	Coupe	Magnetic Red
Dave Morris	2004	Coupe	Black
Tish Morris	2004	Coupe	Black
Michael Falletti	2000	Coupe	Dark Blue



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER October 2009

Since this is my last newsletter article of 2009, I think this is a good time to reflect on our accomplishments over the past year, as well as cast a glance towards next year.

It's been a busy year for your President, to say the least. By no means was I able to get out to every NVCC event, but I was certainly fortunate to get out to several each month. Beginning in January, a new crop of officers took office and have helped me in many ways. They have worked hard throughout the year to fulfill their duties and support the club, and all deserve a heart-felt thank you. One of our early accomplishments was development of this year's budget, which was lean by necessity. I am pleased to report that we have closely adhered to the budget throughout the year and remain financially solvent as we approach 2010.

A chilly February Sunday found me on the skid pad at Summit Point for the first of many trips I would make up there this year. In terms of developing improved car control, I can't say enough good things about skid pad as a great learning tool. Better yet, you can do it without a helmet, without a rollbar, without wearing out a set of brake pads or tires, and your Corvette will not melt or rust because it gets wet. Later in the year, skills I honed here proved very useful.

March brought on an invitation for a dozen NVCC members to attend Father & Son Day at Jubilee Christian Church (a first-time event for us). We had a well-attended Membership Invitational at Bonefish Grill in Centerville organized by Laurie Kistner, and a terrific annual banquet at Clydes of Tysons. Carol and I were also able to join in the festivities with fellow club members for DC's annual St Patrick's Day parade under damp, chilly skies. This is a fun event and one that all club members should put on their calendar for next year. Back up at Summit Point, NVCC hosted a successful Cone Killers 2009 despite more cool, rainy weather. This event is a great "car control" clinic and a must-do for new Corvette owners.

In April, the rallye season faced an early rain-induced postponement of Rallye 101. Arthur Baer and a few hearty souls ventured out from Springfield Mall all the way to Ocean City in a spirited version of the Tax Day Cruise, and Curry's Automotive hosted their first Lady's Night featuring Miriam Schottland, our NVCC Chief Instructor, who was there to talk about driver safety.

Mid May found Carol, me, and a half dozen NVCCers in Front Royal for Shenandoah Valley Corvette Club's (SVCC) Shenandoah Valley Cruise and picnic. Despite some early clouds, fog, and rain, it turned out to be an awesome day in the valley with great friends and lots of good food.

The first Sunday in June, Koons played host for NVCC's Concours 2009. With a slightly revamped format of exhibition and display categories, participant numbers were way up from the year before. Proceeds from the event were subsequently presented to the American Cancer Society. Many thanks to John Palmgren and Patty Williams for co-chairing this year's Concours.

Rolling into July, we held our first pre-event tech day at the spotless IMA Motorsports facility in Chantilly, thanks to Paul Benish. A number of cars were inspected for track-worthiness in preparation for H-N-H. On July 10, we were at the Summit Point main course for Hotter-N-Hell, the club's annual HPDE (High Performance Driver Education) event. This year's event was well attended. Best of all, the entire event ran incident free. The day ended with a lively round of kart racing thanks to Summit Point Karts. Other mid-summer events included the Summer Thunder Cruise-In in Purcellville and our second annual visit to Doukenie Winery thanks to Richard Anderson.

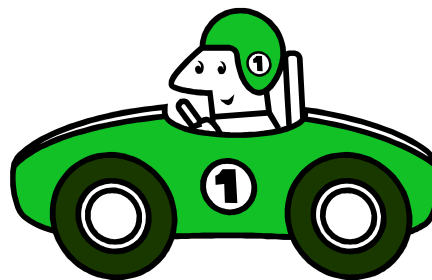
Labor Day weekend, about a dozen club members returned to Summit Point to join me in the NVCC paddock at Turn 8 as spectators for an action-packed SCCA Regional racing event. Admission price was cut for those who pre-registered and proceeds went on to support the Racing for Reading program in the Jefferson County WV school system.

October brought about our biggest disappointment of the year with cancellation of Spooktacular. We will try our best to bring this event back better than ever next year. Anyone with suggestions on how to make it a better event is encouraged to drop me an email.

As if to make up for the loss we felt over Spook, November 8 turned clear and warm as we hosted another successful Teen Driving School. Once again, nearly 50 teens and their parents, attended one heck of a great event. Thanks go out to all those that helped support and put on this year's TDS.

As we look towards 2010, elections for officers will be the order of the day at the November GBM. We will soon begin planning for our annual banquet as well as be looking for activities and dates to get the new year underway. We will also be evaluating responses to the driving event survey that we put in October. Stay tuned as NVCC rumbles into our forty-first year !

## NVCC Events Calendar December 2009 – Laurie Kistner, Social Director



**Sat. 11/28/09** - Car and Truck Show from 8 AM - 2 PM at the American Post 72 grounds in Warrenton, Virginia. \$10 entry fee and spectators are \$3 each. This is a fun day and everyone will be a winner, just by supporting Post 72. We will have trophies, but not judged classes. Members of Post 72 will make the selections. Great items have been given for the Silent Auction table and a 50/50, good music and good food promise to make it a good time.

### Directions-

From North: Rt 66 to Rt 29 South at Gainesville. Continue approximately 14 miles to 3rd Warrenton Exit at Light. Turn right at light. Continue past Wal-Mart until you see the Horse Show Grounds on the left. Post 72 is behind the Horse Show Grounds, entrance is marked.

From South: Rt 29 North to 1st Warrenton Exit at Light. Turn right at light. Continue past Wal-Mart until you see the Horse Show Grounds on the left. Post 72 is behind the Horse Show Grounds, entrance is marked.

**Sun. 12/6/09** - (rescheduled date) 5th Annual Bonefish Grill Cruise-In. The manager at Bonefish Grill in Centreville would love to fill his parking lot with corvettes...again! He is willing to again put out free appetizers/finger foods and give us Corvette-only parking. All other food and beverage is on your own tab. Feel free to stick around for football, too. This would be a nice little 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. For those interested, we will do a 'twisties' cruise afterward...kind of a 'last hurrah' for the Corvette season.

Please RSVP to me via email at [lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com](mailto:lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com). 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, please order some drinks and/or some other food so we can throw some \$/business their way!

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. 12/20/09** - Benish Christmas Lights Rallye. Please RSVP to Lori Benish at [loco1707@yahoo.com](mailto:loco1707@yahoo.com) ASAP.

Starbucks Coffee - Registration at 5:30 PM, Driver's Meeting at 5:45 PM, First car off at 6 PM  
21021 Southbank Street, Sterling, VA 20165-7228

Take a tour with the Benishes and enjoy the seasonal Christmas lights in the area! This evening rallye is sure to get you in a holiday mood.

### Costs:

\$10 to rallye, \$5 to cruise (no rallye questions)  
\$10 optional poker rallye

Afterward, we will have dinner at Famous Dave's BBQ at around 7:30 PM  
21080 Southbank Street, Sterling, VA 20165-7273

The weather may be cooling off, but we still have many ways to enjoy the autumn season with your 'vettes! As always, please check out the website calendar at [www.nvcorvetteclub.com](http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com) for additions and updates to events.

Remember, this is YOUR club....if you have any events you would like to host or see happen, please let me know at [social@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:social@nvcorvetteclub.com) at your earliest convenience. I am starting to get events set up for next year. All it takes on your part is an idea and nailing down a few details, and I'll add it into our events queue. It's really that simple, but it takes the membership getting involved in helping AND participating.

Also, with winter coming up, we can still get together for social events in our "beaters" if the weather is not vette-friendly. Some ideas that have come up are a go-carting series, heading to DC to watch roller derby, ski trips, driver's workout 101, car maintenance sessions, dinners out, etc. If you can help with any of these, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Laurie Kistner  
NVCC Social Director & Webmaster

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### NVCC/NVMC Brunch and Billiards Day

By Laurie Kistner

Sunday, November 15th, 2009 was our annual NVCC/NVMC Brunch and Billiards Day at Fast Eddie's in Fairfax. Corvettes and Mustangs took over the parking lot fairly quickly. Once inside, we claimed our pool tables and played some games (the cue ball was off the table more than on for some people), ordered some grub, told some tall tales, and watched some football in the sea of black and gold. This day was a day of upsets, as the Steelers lost but the Redskins won. I felt as though I had stepped into the football Twilight Zone...



After we left Steelerland, it felt amazing to just be outside basking in the warmth of that thing in the sky we haven't seen in a while. Quite a change from the doom and gloom of the previous week's monsoon-like weather! Instead, we enjoyed lower 70 degree temps before we parted ways. I relished the drive home, as I knew that Old Man Winter would soon be upon us!

Laurie

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### NVMC Annual Show & Picnic

By Laurie Kistner

After one postponement, the NVMC Annual Show & Picnic was held on Sunday, November 1st at D&V Autobody in Sterling, Virginia. This was a "wet" car show, as this time they were going to hold the event rain or shine. The day started out with the dreaded wet stuff, but eventually let up enough for everyone to fill out their participant's choice ballots before chowing down on the glorious spread from Virginia BBQ. Our very own John Provost won an award for his Corvette. He is enjoying his shiny new trophy, complete with a Mustang fastback on the top of it. I think the Transformers DVD he played in-vette was a show hit. Congratulations, John! Hope to see you all at next year's (hopefully drier) show.

Laurie



**Once again this month we are including a copy of our driving questionnaire for you to tell your council how to improve our driving program to fit you. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to fill it out and return to NVCC, PO Box 3458, McLean, VA 22103-3458**

## **Anonymous Questions for the Driving Program Survey**

What events would you be the most interested in participating in?

NCCC High Speed License Events (such as Spooktacular): \_\_\_\_\_  
High Speed Events – 80 mph+ (such as HotterNHell, to obtain NCCC license): \_\_\_\_\_  
Low Speed Events – under 80 mph (such as Cone Killers Car Control Clinic): \_\_\_\_\_  
Skid Pad/Heel-Toe Training: \_\_\_\_\_  
Autocrossing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rallies/Cruises: \_\_\_\_\_  
Weekend Long Events: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

What would your price range be for participating in driving activities (per day)?

\$0 -100: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100-\$199: \_\_\_\_\_ \$200-\$299: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$300- ++: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How long of an event would you be willing to attend? (check all that apply):

½ day \_\_\_\_\_ 1 day \_\_\_\_\_ 2 day \_\_\_\_\_ No preference \_\_\_\_\_

Is time of day an issue? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, prefer mornings or mid-day events? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a regular participant in Driving/Racing events, can you tell us why?

Not interested: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Fear/Possible accident: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lack of training: \_\_\_\_\_ Knowledge of the events: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How could we improve our driving program? (For example – better advertisement, cheaper cost, more available dates). Please let us know below:

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## NVCC's Path to the Future

By Richard Anderson on behalf of your Council

The financial difficulties of the past year, drop in member participation and lower than expected membership renewals has compelled the council to closely reexamine where we are as a club and where we are going in order to reinvigorate member participation and satisfaction, while remaining solvent. The last point has been taken for granted in the past, but is a real concern as discretionary spending.....yes even in Northern Virginia....has continued on a downward spiral.

NVCC has always tried to keep a balance of driving, social and show events to provide something for everyone. NVCC has also maintained a reasonable community posture with our Concours as a charity event and the Teen Driving School program, which remains free of cost to participants. Almost all NVCC events involve financial commitments, with the resources committed to the our traditionally profitable driving program being significant.

The cancellation of Spooktacular this year was one of the hardest things the council has done. Breaking a 16-year tradition was not taken lightly. Last year's loss was in the thousands of dollars due to a light turnout. This year's Hotter-n-hell essentially broke even, giving us hope that we could turn Spooktacular around. However the sad reality was that only 13 drivers registered and only 2 of those were club members. Going forward would have risked the loss of much of the treasury and cancellation of many lower cost events for lack of the necessary reserves. Especially with only 2 club members registered, not putting NVCC solvency on the line was in today's language a "no-brainer."

Council members have been beating the "participation drum" for a while. One of the key things we need you to participate in is helping your council chart a course for the coming year. In last month and this month's newsletter there is a driving questionnaire aimed at reinvigorating driving events. This questionnaire was also passed out at October's GBM and is available on-line at the NVCC web site. Please take this opportunity to let us know what you think. Also, your voice isn't limited to just when your council asks, so please let us know whenever, however you have concerns or ideas.

On the business end I can assure you we are doing what we can to find new sponsors and saving opportunities wherever we can; some of this at a significant cost to a few members in time, energy and their own money. We are actively marketing ourselves more than at any time since I joined. As I'm sure you've noticed, annual dues were raised for the first time in years. With the loss of monetary support from Koons, we've had to work harder to keep a viable financial base. The recent Teen Driving School had a broad range of sponsors and used a lower cost venue; together with the largest member participation yet, it was a huge success. We need more of these successful events and need the membership to take an increasing interest in guiding club activities.

Now I'm the first to realize that you've received similar pleadings from other organizations you support, ranging from worthy charities to associations with which you've had long association. My snail and e-mail boxes runneth over with them. The need to adjust to the times and needs of members/supporters is Darwinism in action. Those that don't will pass into history. NVCC celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and with your help, suggestions and participation can be here for many more.



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## Ambassador Corner

By Donald Patrick

### November 2009: CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

## **ANOTHER VICTORY for CORVETTE: MOSPORT WIN is the STORY of the YEAR**



Corvette Racing won again in the American Le Mans Series as fans voted the team's first GT2 victory at Mosport in the Story of the Year for 2009. Johnny O'Connell, who 100th start in the Series, teamed with Jan Magnussen in race for the GT2 version of the No. 3 Corvette C6.R Mobil 1 presents the Grand Prix of Mosport weekend.

The triumph at Mosport International Raceway received percent of the vote in a poll at [americanlemans.com](http://americanlemans.com).



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### **C5 / C6 BASH REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

[Registration](#) is now open for our C5/C6 Bash, April 29 - May 1, 2010. The event includes scenic road tours, a digital scavenger hunt, drag racing, seminars, a silent auction, autograph sessions, golf cart autocross, poker run, car show and of course the popular Margaritaville Banquet!

[Online registrations](#) completed by April 14 will receive a hardcard, lanyard, pin and dash plaque. Registration is only \$25 for non-NCM members, \$15 for NCM member and \$10 for Lifetime members.



### **FALL FACEB00K FAN FOTO CONTEST**



Post your best 'Vette Fall Photo to the [National Corvette Museum's Fan Page](#) "wall" (and it will show up in the NCM "shared photo gallery") on Facebook. For the photo caption, be sure and put "Fall Fan Foto Contest" and any other information you'd like to post about the shot.

Facebook Fans can "like" their favorite photos, and the one with the most "likes" by noon CT Thursday, November 12 will receive a prize from the [Corvette Store](#)

### **Corvette Plant Tour Schedule**

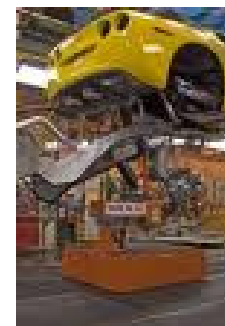


December 14 - 22 will be your last chance in 2009 tour of the General Motors Bowling Green Plant.

Tours are Monday through Thursday at 8:30am, 12:45pm and 2:00pm Central Time. Tours are only person and tickets can be purchased in advance on

website at:

[www.bowlinggreenassemblyplant.com](http://www.bowlinggreenassemblyplant.com).



to catch a Assembly

11:30am, \$5 per their



- *Corvette Plant Tour Prices to Change for 2010:* January 1, 2010 the GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant will have new tour prices. The prices will be \$7 per person for a factory tour.

### Shop for Vette Parts this Holiday Season



VetteParts Resources has more than 1,400 categorized links to help you quickly locate Corvette vendors selling performance parts, accessories, services, Corvette items on eBay and new and used Corvette dealers.

The eBay affiliate receives a portion of commissions from completed purchases that are referred from their website. They in turn donate half of all money received through eBay sales to the National Corvette Museum.

Visit their website at [www.vettepartsauctions.com](http://www.vettepartsauctions.com) to start shopping today!

### Vienna Halloween Parade 2009

By Lori Ann Benish

The 2009 Vienna Halloween Parade was a big hit! Corvettes lined up in front of Leslie's Pool Service starting at around 5:30pm, and many of us gathered for dinner together at Wu's Garden Chinese Restaurant, just a short walk down the street before the parade. It was great fun and good food to start the night off. We had fourteen cars in the parade. Many of us were dressed up, and even the cars were decorated and tricked (pun intended) out for the festivities. It was a beautiful night, warm and no rain!

NVCC did very well, and we tied for first place in the parade in the Antique Car division. We received our prize ribbon on November 16th at the Vienna Town Hall meeting, which was a nice evening with coffee, sweets, and awards being passed out to all the parade winners. Thanks to everyone who participated in the parade and hopefully we can top it next year!



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### Newsletter News ...

Another month has come and gone, bringing us to the last newsletter of 2009. This definitely does not mean the end of collecting pics and news items for the next edition in late January 2010. When out and about with your vette in the holiday season, remember to take your camera with you and help fill the dreaded white space that is every editor's nightmare. In other words, please keep those pics and narratives coming my way.

I'm not sure an editorial piece is unprecedented in the newsletter but it is certainly unusual. While I wrote the piece following our last council meeting, it reflects a general consensus expressed by your elected officers and appointed committee chairs. We need your help in keeping NVCC relevant to your interests and financially solvent. Please participate in moving NVCC forward.



*Rich Anderson*

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### Next General Business Meetings:

**Tuesday, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

**Tuesday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

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