



NVCC Banquet 2012

By Lori Benish

A great time was had by all at the annual banquet on March 3rd, 2012 at Maggianos in Tysons Corner. We had a strong crowd of 68 people who all got to enjoy three courses of tastiness supplied by the great staff at Maggianos. Door and raffle prizes were handed out to many lucky winners, largely supplied by our generous sponsors. Some of the best prizes of the night were



from our vendors, to whom we would love to send a special thanks: the National Corvette Museum, Flagship Auto Wash, Corvette Central, Jegs, Zips Corvettes, Rock Auto, Mid-America, and Ecklers.



Our member of the year for 2012 was Lynn Balanc, who does many of our registrations at driving events and heads up sponsorship requests for our Free Teen Driving School program. Congratulations Lynn, it was long deserved!!

I hope everyone had a great time and I look forward to seeing many of the same smiling faces next year, along with a few new ones as well!



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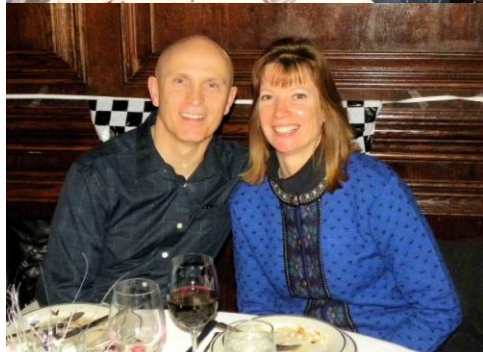
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NVCC Banquet, continued ...



March 17 Instructor Training Day a Success! *by Cassidy*

Nolen, Chief Instructor, NVCC

Our third annual Instructor Training Day was held at Old Dominion Speedway on March 17. We had a strong group of volunteers come out and support the efforts to get a larger group of club members ready for in-car training on April 21 (our first Teen Driving Program of the year). The weather was fantastic and we could not have asked for clearer skies.



Our “students” had an orientation lecture, car care, braking, serpentine and skidpad training, as well as some role-play driving with other candidates. The driver skills were explained as well as the “chatter” needed to instruct teens in an effective way. Lunch turned out to be a perfect social time in between training sessions. All seemed to have a great day and we look forward to working with you all April 21.



Thank you to all of our NVCC members that came out. Whether in the car or behind the scenes, this event takes a lot of people to host. We call on our community of drivers to help

us and we are grateful to all who attended. Special thanks to our friends from the BSR Academy at Summit Point that drove several hours down to be with us. Their technical knowledge and experienced talking points helped to train our new recruits. Thanks also to the Pennsylvania and Maryland club members that helped make it such a great day.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER March 2012



Spring has arrived (if not early summer based on the temps). As such the NVCC calendar of events is starting to unfold, with the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Teen Driving School Instructor's Clinic already in the rearview mirror. A major thank you to all the members that made both events possible and another "Job Well Done" goes out to Cassidy Nolen for his TDS Instructor's Clinic. The quality and professionalism exhibited were superb.

I personally hope that the Teen Driving School continues as a cornerstone of NVCC's community involvement and gets the recognition it deserves. While there are many pieces that need to come together to make each school possible, the most important one is the ongoing support of our members. For those doing the actual instruction, it is a chance to refine skills through the age old routine of the best way to learn something is to try and teach it. For the workers it is a chance to assist in getting the next generation of drivers off to a better start. Whether you participated or not in the clinic, I would appreciate if you considered volunteering for the upcoming school scheduled on Saturday April 21st. Cassidy should be asking for volunteers soon, so please give it some thought in the meantime.

As seen by a quick scan of the NVCC calendar maintained on NVCC's website, weekends are starting to fill up fast, with multiple events often scheduled. Therefore if you wish to propose a new event, the council needs to hear from you soon so that a good date can be worked out with our Social Director to avoid conflicts. During the February General Business Meeting, there was specifically a fair amount of interest in organizing more cruises this year. Frank Eaton (franklineaton@earthlink.net) has volunteered to collect any specific member recommendations and assist in getting the event scheduled. Like many events, organized cruises have ebbed and flowed over the years reflecting member interest. If you have an interest in organizing a cruise or other type of event, please let us know soon so that a date can be reserved.

Now to the broader world of Corvette. This year is going to see more than a little hoopla leading up to the 60th anniversary 2013 Corvette, coming as it does on the heels of Chevrolet's century mark. 2013 will also mark the end of C6 production...and see the highest horsepower engine ever placed in a Corvette convertible, in the form of the **2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition**. While the C7 won't be the mid-engine super car Zora Arkus-Duntov pushed for until his death, it promises to keep moving the Corvette's legend forward. It should be an interesting year leading up to the C7.

Now get out there and enjoy America's sports car!

Rich Anderson
NVCC President, 2012

Irish Eyes Were Smiling for NVCC by John Palmgren

Sunday, March 11, 2012, a day that will for me go down as one of the most beautiful days ever for participation in a parade, was a great day for finally getting our Corvettes out after a fairly short winter, and parading them in front of all the revelers celebrating this year at the Washington D.C. 41st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. With a total count of 21 vehicles, including the lead truck with the club banner driven by Lori Benish, and 20 Corvettes ranging from a 1966 Stingray Coupe to a 2012 Centennial Edition Grand Sport, NVCC put on a great show for one of the parade's largest audiences in recent years.



Our cars displayed well as shown in this video clip on YouTube (NVCC first appears at the 1:52 mark): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAWYDZOE-o&feature=share>. Thanks to all the NVCCers who came out to support the club!





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Plan Your VIP Visit Today!

If you're thinking about a vacation to Bowling Green with a visit to the GM Corvette Assembly Plant, be sure to make the trip before Friday, September 14, 2012. The plant will be closing to the public for a \$131 million upgrade. We'll keep you posted on when it's back open, but meanwhile - now's the time to book your Xperience or VIP Tour!

VIP Tours are 3-5 hours and include both the Plant and Museum. They are more in-depth and include portions not available on regular tours. VIP Tours are \$250 for up to four people, and you can add on up to three more people for \$50 each (total of 7). Learn more about our VIP Tour program at <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/viptour/>.

If you own a Corvette, why not welcome spring with a good cleaning, special display of your ride inside the Museum, and tours of the plant and Museum? Our NCM Xperience is \$350, offering not only VIP tours, but also an exterior cleaning of your Corvette and display of your car on Corvette Boulevard, viewable via our webcams. Learn more at <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/experience/index.shtml>.



NCM Bash Around the Corner

It's less than a month until registration closes for this year's NCM Bash (formerly C5/C6 Bash) - have you signed up? New this year includes demonstrations on striping and sculpting from Corvette Design, Track Rat team members Jim Mero and Jeff Mosher on setting records at the Nurburgring and the much anticipated unveiling of the 2013 Corvette - including the new 427 Convertible! Check out the complete agenda online at http://www.corvettemuseum.org/registration/c5_bash/info.shtml.



Don't forget! VIR registration opens at 8am CT next Wednesday, March 21. It will sell out! More information about this year's event and activities is online at <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/registration/HPDE/virinfo.shtml>.

Corvette Racing Places 2nd & 3rd

Corvette Racing celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in style, finishing second and third in the closely contested American Le Mans Series GT class.

A group of 51 on the NCM's Museum in Motion tour got to experience all the action, participating in the Corvette corral and other race activities.

Corvette Racing's next event is the American Le Mans Series at Long Beach on Saturday, April 14.

To kick off the next race, we have an exclusive opportunity to join the Corvette Racing Team for a special **Corvette Racing Soiree** overlooking the Long Beach Circuit. The event is a fundraiser for the NCM Motorsports Park, and is limited to 12 participants. Information is available at <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/registration/longbeach/info2.shtml>.



Travel = Club Donations! ... by Bob Devery

TWO more donations will be made to NVCC as a result of travel booked by Andrej and Lynn Balanc on a cruise out of Baltimore, PLUS a referral that they made who is cruising out of Florida.



Both got the lowest prices available, with me matching the best price that they could find, PLUS they get on board credits, which means they saved money. Had they booked by themselves, the Club would get ZERO!!

If you travel, I'll match or beat any price on ANY type travel AND give NVCC a donation. BEFORE YOU HIT "BUY" with anyone else, give me a chance to review your trip. You AND the Club could get ca\$h if you do!!

So ... travel, have fun, save money and help NVCC. All it takes is an email or call to me, and I promise to do my best to make it work. bdevery@cruiseshipcenters.com

A fun tidbit ... from Andrew Bradick

NVCC members might find this useful; I found my 86 Pace Car in my yellow.

This neat web site features the original factory brochures for nearly every American car you have ever owned (not just Chevrolet). Pick the manufacturer, the year and the model. Enjoy!

Website address: <http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html>



Presents:



"Never Too Cool For Teen Driving School"

A Free Teen Driving and Safety Program

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2012 FROM 7:45AM TO 4:00 PM
OLD DOMINION SPEEDWAY - MANASSAS, VIRGINIA**

Parents, this is for you too! Do you have teenage drivers in the house, and are worried about how they will handle "the unexpected" while driving in busy Northern Virginia traffic? Well, we have the solution! Send your teen driver out for a day of real driver training with the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. Your teen driver will learn how to properly control a car, why cars do what they do, how they should react, and how to take care of their cars! Everything anyone should know before getting behind the wheel and on the highways!

You and your teen will spend the day with knowledgeable and highly skilled driving instructors of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. Under carefully controlled conditions in their normal vehicles (or their parents'), we will put your young drivers through a series of exercises designed to extend driving skills and awareness of the road, as well as learn about safety and car maintenance! **Attendance includes a fabulous pizza lunch from a local pizza place, for both parent and teen.**

At least one parent or guardian must accompany each teen driver throughout the day! They will attend classroom sessions and ride with their teens, as they drive through exercises designed to help the new driver understand why they might lose control and how to prevent it. In the process, many parents say that they learn a lot, too!

All this is done at very slow speeds in a carefully designed, safe environment. It is far better for them to know what to do beforehand, in controlled conditions, than to experience a problem out on the highway or public roads and not know what to do!

This driving school is free, but the class size is limited to 40. These events fill up fast –and we do keep an ongoing waiting list throughout the year!! So register ASAP! **CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED.** **Registration Closes Friday, April 13th, 2012.**

Certain limitations apply: We CANNOT accept drive-ins, car sharing, SUVs or vans (for safety reasons)!!! The teen driver must have a learner's permit or valid driver's license to participate.

More information will be available to parents and teens that register early. Confirmations will be emailed to all participants, which will have additional information about the event, so please give a valid email address when registering!

Please fill out the registration form below and mail to: Lori Benish, 46478 Cedarhurst Drive, Sterling, VA 20165 or register online at: <http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/teendrivingsschool.html>



DRIVER _____ AGE _____

DATE RECEIVED LEARNERS PERMIT OR DRIVERS LICENSE _____

PARENT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MAKE AND MODEL OF CAR _____ YEAR _____

QUESTIONS? Contact Cassidy Nolen at chiefinstructor@nvcorvetteclub.com or Lori Benish at rallye@nvcorvetteclub.com

Sun. 4/1/12 – Corvette Club of America Double AutoX, starting at 8:30 AM. Sanction #s ER-001-595, ER-001-596.

Lincoln Technical Institute
9325 Snowden River Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046

Official Flyer: <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2012/ER-001-595.pdf>

Email: cca@ernccc.org

Sat. 4/14/12 – Detailing Clinic with Meguiars products. Details are still being finalized – please stay tuned to your email and/or the club website for updates!

Sun. 4/15/12 – Cruise-in at Jukebox Diner, 8637 Sudley Rd, Manassas, VA from 11 AM until 1 PM, sponsored by Custom Cruisers of Northern Virginia.

Sat. 4/21/12 – Teen Driving School. See the official flyer **on page 11** for details!

Sun. 4/22/12 – Corvette Challenge Poker Rallye, organized by Free State Corvette Club.

Official Flyer/Registration Form:

<http://www.freestatecorvette.com/Portals/0/Documents/fliers/LeMans%20and%20Friends%20Flier.pdf>

Sat. 4/28/12 – Test and tune/drag racing session - NVCC, CCA, NCOA, NVMC, and special invites. First one of the season! Cool spring air makes for some great E/Ts, too.

Where: Mason Dixon Dragway, Boonsboro, MD

Time: 8 AM-12 Noon (4hr Private Track Rental, UNLIMITED RUNS!)

Driver price: PayPal \$52.00 per driver to Enforcir@gmail.com OR mail \$50.00 per driver (check made out to Cyril Coburn) to: NVMC, PO Box 104, Amissville, VA 20106. Either of these pre-payment options must be done NLT a week ahead of the event. Pre-payment is preferable as we must have 30 pre-paid drivers 2 weeks ahead of the event or the event risks cancellation. Or you may pay \$60.00 cash per driver @ the gate the day of the event.

Spectator price: \$10.00 (Driver gets 1 crew member in FREE)

Special (Driver) Requirements:

*Mufflers mandatory

*1/4 sleeved shirt and pants, NO SHORTS or OPEN TOED SHOES

*Seat belts in working order

*Proper safety equipment per your vehicles performance level i.e. (helmets for cars faster than 13.99, roll bar for cars faster than 11.49, etc.)

*10 MPH speed limit in the pit area!!!

*NO air conditioning on in staging lanes, ALL windows up during burnout and run

At the gate you will:

*Pay your fee (if you did not pre-register)

*Get a wrist band (goes on left wrist)

*Sign competition waiver

*Get a tech inspection card to fill out and bring back to the staff

In the event of rain, call Ebby (703) 200-6803 or Ceece (703) 346-8151 if you have any questions regarding the event being on time.

Directions to Mason Dixon Dragway are as follows:

From Washington DC/NoVa: Take Route 270 N toward Frederick, MD. Take Rt. 70 W toward Hagerstown. Follow Rt. 70 until you reach Rt. 66 (Exit 35). Once at the bottom of the ramp turn LEFT onto Rt. 66 South, go about 1/2 miles until you reach Rt. 40 (you will see a Sheetz convenience store at the intersection), turn LEFT (east) on Rt. 40 and go just another 1/2 mile, the Dragstrip entrance will be on your right.

Sat. 4/28/12 – Wine Tasting/Corvette Show. The Winery at La Grange in Haymarket, Virginia is sponsoring the 5th Annual Corvette Car Show and Wine Tasting with the Old Dominion Corvette Club on April 28, beginning at 12 PM.

Open to all Corvette owners and Corvette clubs. A special tasting area will be set aside for the Corvette folks. In case of bad weather, a future rain day will be posted (stay tuned to the link below). Don't forget to bring portable folding chairs for the car show on the grounds!

Tickets are \$5 per Corvette - includes tasting for up to 2 people and 1 limited edition wine glass; limited to 125 tickets. Please RSVP ASAP at this link if you wish to attend: <http://winery2012odcc.eventbrite.com/?ref=ecal>

For more winery information, call: 703-753-9360 or email: Information@wineryatlagrange.com

Directions:

Take I-66 West. Exit at Haymarket (Exit 40). Turn left at the top of the exit onto US-15 South. Go to the second traffic light and turn right on VA- 55. Just under 1 mile, turn at first right onto Antioch Road. The winery will be about 3 miles North on Antioch Road, entrance on the Left.

Sun. 4/29/12 – Custom Cruisers Rod Run at Jukebox Diner, 8637 Sudley Rd, Manassas, VA from 10 AM until 3 PM (rain date Sun. 5/20/12), sponsored by Custom Cruisers of Northern Virginia & Field of Dreams Sunoco.

Open to all American vehicles & motorcycles

Registration \$15 at gate

Door prizes, food, music, 50/50 raffle, dash plaques to first 150 entrants, and awards

Official Flyer: http://www.customcruisersnova.com/26th_Anniv_Cruiser_Show_RR.pdf

Visit www.customcruisersnova.com for more information.

Sun. 4/29/12 – Free State Corvette Club and Mr. Mike Canney cordially invite you to join the festivities on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at the Sunset Hills Vineyard near Purcellville, VA. This is a special event to celebrate the Chevrolet Corvette, set in the beauty of the rolling hills of the Shenandoah Valley overlooking a unique landscape with the bold tastes of the Sunset Hills Wines.

This special event is by invitation only and limited to the first 100 Corvettes to register. Go to the Eventbrite website, <http://freestatecorvetteclub.eventbrite.com> and follow the online instructions to receive your complimentary tickets.

The event is from 12pm until 4 pm at the vineyard. See their website, <http://www.sunsethillsvineyard.com> for specific directions from your location. Parking will be on the grounds surrounding the Barn Tasting Room and Pavilion. Car parking will be staged according to Corvette generation in order to showcase their various design changes over the years and to celebrate the fact that Chevrolet still builds rockets today.

Wine tastings will be available for just \$5, and this will be deducted from a two bottle purchase throughout the event, and there will be onsite food and drink at the barn. If you wish, bring a picnic basket to compliment the Sunset Hills wines and do not forget your chairs.

Corvettes will be judged and special prizes awarded by the owner and staff of the winery.

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, EMAILS WILL BE SENT...and a new date scheduled. Tell your friends, shine your ride and come enjoy the day.

Coming soon...

Fri-Sun 5/4/12-5/6/12 – Cruisin' Biltmore Trip

Sat 5/5/12 – CCA AutoX Primer

Sun 5/6/12 – CCA Double AutoX

Thurs-Sat 5/17/12-5/19/12 – Circle City Beach Caravan

Sun 5/20/12 – Custom Cruisers Rod Run rain date OR Cruise-In at Jukebox Diner

Sat-Sun 5/26/12-5/27/12 – CVCC HPDE

By now most of you have uncovered your vettes from the winter slumber or early spring pollen! Lots of events for you to enjoy your 'fantastic plastic' with – whether it be cruising to a winery, accelerating down a drag strip or around a circuit or cone course, learning how to keep it looking its best at a detailing clinic, or showing up and helping out at our Teen Driving School. Stay tuned to your email account and our website www.nvcorvetteclub.com for event updates! If you would like to host an event, email me at social@nvcorvetteclub.com ASAP.

Vette Cheers,
Laurie Kistner

Parking Restrictions at Jim McKay

By Doug Swanson

Please note the parking restrictions for the upcoming GBM:

The available parking across University Drive has become more limited after the opening of another dealership there. Please see the graphic below that illustrates where we can park.





FEBRUARY 28, 2012 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

RICH Anderson: welcomed everyone to the meeting and immediately discussed the NVCC Banquet for 3/3/12. Everyone was asked to attend if possible with new and prospective members being encouraged to get involved. NVCC shirts were given to Bud Carroll and Dan Walker to show our appreciation for their help with the Club.

New members in attendance were welcomed: Wayne Tittle, Chris McCandless and Dave DuBois.

LORI Benish: discussed the banquet scenario; mentioned attendance would possibly be down; encouraged everyone to attend Maggiano's 6:30PM

FRANK Eaton: Polo shirt order arrived! Still discussing member name tags and a possible 2nd shirt order later this year.

CASSIDY Nolen: brought up the instructor clinic info for 3/17/12 with all members being invited to attend to learn how to be a driver instructor or helper. Discussed the guidelines with NO SUVs, trucks, crossovers permitted. Volunteers needed for every aspect of the TDS.

STEWART Fox: added comments on the 8th Season of TDS. Said Lake Jackson FD will be there; contracts are set for the track and being sent to ODS 2/29/12 for the TDS scheduled for 4/21/12. He stressed along with Cassidy that the TDS is not "rules of the road" but the physics of driving using classroom, skid pad, slalom and drag strip for braking techniques.

LORI Benish: discussed advertising from local businesses for TDS soliciting for goodie bags and raffle prizes.

JOHN Palmgren: discussed the St Patrick's Day parade in DC 3/11/12. Space for 20 cars so appeal was made to ask all who wanted to attend.

RICH Anderson: mentioned to check the Social calendar in the newsletter as Laurie was not present. Stressed that all members should feel free to provide input especially pictures for the newsletter which is now 7 years old!

MIKE Rathburn: stated that membership is at 85 active; 3 honorary; 1 non-renewed and 8 prospects. New decals for NVCC are available at 1 per member with added ones \$2 each.

STEWART Fox: brought to our attention that he and ANDREJ had a head to head match going at a recent All Sports Go Cart session. Neck and neck til Andre pulled out ahead at the end with both making PODIUM finishes!!

PAUL Benish: if you have tech articles that are needed, tell Paul who is willing to research them for you. Also, he encouraged members to share any tech items that they find of interest; have caused problems and solutions to the problems.

LORI Benish: Rallye ideas please. No rallye scheduled at this time but Lori looks forward to the ideas coming.

ALICE Arielly: Money - treasury has \$4100 balance with Jan/Feb having some large expenses. Good news is that the track rental for March/April is already paid. Maggiano's will delete @ \$760 more but hoping for more attendees to offset it.

DOUG Swanson reminded members about the 10% discount as well as Dan and Bud's guarantee for lowest price on new Corvettes.

WILFREDO Sauri: handled the Historian section with Corvette trivia and 50/50 drawing.

Last minute items:

Looking for ideas for cruises as warmer weather approaches. Suggestion was made to put "recurring events" in the newsletter to boost attendance. Cassidy added info on a High Speed Driving Event that will be coming up as Summit Point has "Friday at the Track" ... plan to invest \$250 into the Money Pit. OG helmet rentals \$35 in Sterling.

FOOTNOTE: the Banquet was attended by more than originally thought with a full house. NICE JOB LORI and all who assisted. Food was great and Pat Somersall won most of the prizes but let a few others get something. BOB Devery simply tried to steal people's prizes if he couldn't win by the old "Isn't that my number?" scam.

Submitted by Bob Devery, 3/12/2012

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Newsletter News ...

March Madness is in the air, especially down here in North Carolina where my Wolfpack (NC State) made it to the Sweet Sixteen! (But unfortunately no further.) Not being much of a basketball fan, March Madness means something a little different to me ... avoiding the pollen and allergies that spring brings (but thank goodness my car is yellow, the pollen just blends right in).

Thanks to those who sent contributions for the newsletter – I appreciate the stories, photos, and info that make the newsletter so much fun to do. Til next time ...



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Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, Mar 27th at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Apr 24th at 7:30 pm

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