



We had a great turnout for the Vienna Halloween Parade last month, for those who attended. We were lucky and had a beautiful night - best weather in years! We had 20+ cars, one of our biggest turnouts yet.



After a great dinner at Wu's Garden in Vienna, our gorgeous vettes and one Chevy Avalanche with the club banner front in center (guess who that was - haha!) paraded down Maple Ave, many of us donned our Halloween best. We had pirates, Batman and Robin, scary masks, even a racecar girl (who was yours truly), and several

more. With the spooky Halloween tunes blasting, the truck covered in talking skull heads and wickedly laughing witches, we lead the decorated Vettes, and the Vettes in descending model order. We had representatives of the C1, C3, C4, C5, and C6 models - a better variety than usual!

We must have looked pretty awesome since we won first place in our division: Classic Automobiles! This is three out of the last four years winning 1st place! Looking forward to next year's parade already to make it bigger and better!



Thanks to everyone that came out to support the club!

-Lori Benish



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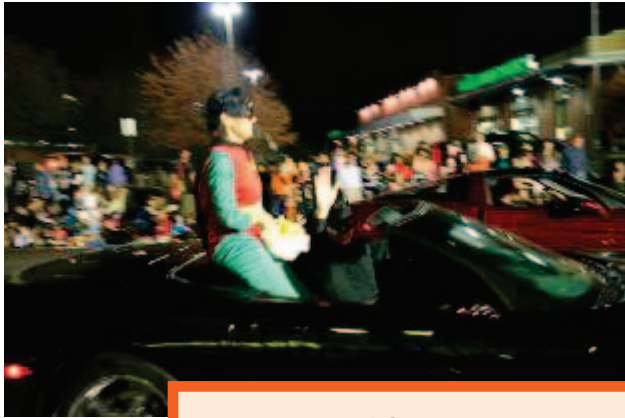
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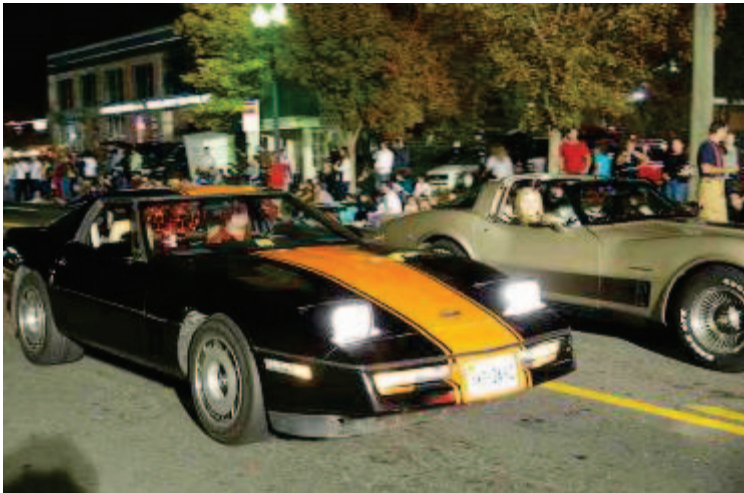


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MORE VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE PICS





PRESIDENT'S CORNER November 2012

Hopefully everyone had a happy Thanksgiving with their beloved family and friends. As cold weather appears to be setting in for the winter, many of you will be stowing your Corvettes away for a long winter's nap. As someone who drives mine (at least the 2002 Z06) year-round, I can assure you that they do actually function just fine in cold weather.

It has been a mixed month for the club. Our initial sponsor at Jim McKay and former NVCC President Dan Walker passed away on the 13th. Dan was a great supporter of all things Corvette for most of his adult life and will be missed by long-time enthusiasts throughout the region.

Now for the positive events since the last newsletter. First, I sincerely appreciate the large turnout for the Vienna Halloween Parade, where NVCC made its usual grand showing. Next up, Spooktacular was a success and unfortunately our last competitive event at Old Dominion Speedway. ODS is where the first Spooktacular was held and I think we went out in style. Steve Britt, ODS's owner and a NVCC benefactor, hopes to have his new facility open for the 2014 season. In the meantime we'll be looking for a temporary home for Spooktacular and will keep the membership posted.

The fall Teen Driving School was very successful, defined in large part by it running as smooth as any I can recall with lots of appreciative teens and parents. A big THANK YOU to all those that volunteered in putting on the school and to those financial sponsors that helped in underwriting event expenses. This program is making a difference one student at a time and we now have over 500 graduates.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, let me wish you and yours the best for this holiday season. While our interest in the Corvette is what brought us together, it is the personal relationships formed that has kept NVCC an active club for forty-three years and counting. Each and every member is important to the club's continued vitality, particularly participation in determining our course for the coming year(s). For those so active in the past year, thank you. For those more reserved members, everyone has something to contribute, so please feel free to bring forth new ideas in 2013.

Serving as NVCC President for 2012 has been a pleasure and a distinct privilege. If any of you find yourself wandering the fair hills of my part of West Virginia during the holidays, please feel free to invite yourself to the farm for a bit of holiday cheer. Cheryl and I (as well as our new dog Levi) would love to see you!

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

Rich Anderson
NVCC President, 2012

Middleburg Coffee and Cars Inaugural Session -- by John Scott

After a week of Superstorm Sandy and its cloudy aftermath, Sunday, November 4 dawned cool and partly sunny (sounds better than partly cloudy) for the inaugural Middleburg Coffee and Cars event at the Middleburg Common Grounds coffee shop. Common Grounds owner Duane Ellis plans the event as a weekly gathering on Sunday mornings from 7:00-9:00am (weather permitting) as an opportunity for collectible car enthusiasts to get together for coffee, conversation, and -- of course -- to show off their pride and joy.

The inaugural event was a real success, featuring a dozen plus cars all told, ranging from several vintage Minis, to three Corvettes (a C-6 Grand Sport, a '69 427, and a red '74 featuring the NVCC logo), a Bentley, vintage Plymouth Road Runner, Olds 4-4-2, mid-'60's Mustang, a 65 Cobra, later model Porsche, and a new Fisker sedan. Coffee was hot and plentiful, and the homemade muffins were to die for. The group was friendly (like most gear-head gatherings), and interested in learning about each others' cars. Moreover, with the participant cars parked on Washington Street (Route 50 through Middleburg) a fair number of passing cars stopped by to check out the action. Duane Ellis was a terrific host, taking the time to chat with everyone.

For any NVCC member looking for a good excuse to get up early on a Sunday and get your 'Vette on the road before the traffic takes over, Middleburg Coffee and Cars is a great way to do it.



Spooktacular!!!



Spooktacular Results; October 27 & 28

By Stewart Fox, Autocross/HPDE Chairman



Under threatening skies, compliments of Super-hurricane Sandy developing far to our South, a hearty band of participants and workers showed up at Old Dominion Speedway for Saturday's portion of Spooktacular. This year's High-Speed event was held once again on the 1/3 mile banked oval, with no holds barred action. The format split the day into two sessions of seven laps each. Each session was further broken down into 3-lap and 4-lap run segments.

Eager competitors were sent out one at a time in their respective Group 1, 2, and 3 run groups for 3 hot laps, then returned to the pits to ponder their performance, chat with friends, and wait for their next turn. Once the field had run its three lap segment, each competitor returned to the track for 4 additional hot laps. Everyone ran well in this first session but it could also be said that each driver took it a little easy as they felt their way around a track that we only get to run on once a year. With no mishaps, and weather conditions that actually improved as the morning wore on, competitive juices began to flow. Looking over the time sheets, everyone stepped it up a notch and pushed a little closer to the limit in their quest to earn the coveted Spooktacular FTD (Fastest Time of the Day) title. No one seemed to push harder than Dave Walter, who uncharacteristically spun on one of his later runs between Turns 1 and 2. Fortunately, he managed to gather it in and avoid any unwelcome contact with the ODS infrastructure, the only consequence being a blip in his lap times.

By the end of the day, tallies were in and what traditionally ends up being a Dave vs Andrej battle for TDS on the Men's side, revealed that they had both been upstaged by Corvette Club of America challenger and first time Spooktacular FTD winner: Tom Armstrong. Congratulations Tom!



On the Ladies side, some interesting drama ensued, when Sallie Walter was forced due to malfunction of the Walter C6-Z06, to hop (hop probably isn't the right term, it was more like contort) into Andrej's car, which he graciously offered to share. Even in unfamiliar surroundings, Sallie excelled and came out as the winner of Women's FTD. Congratulations Sallie!



We finished the day by pulling out of the oval and moving over to layout the course for Sunday's Low-Speed event. Thanks to Andrej, a new low speed course was laid out this year that incorporated use of the drag strip for a straight line slalom, followed by a very tight left hand turn that led back to the rest of the course. Very innovative and very challenging, this course played out on Sunday to another day of stiff competition.

With reports of Sandy making its way up the coast, heavy overcast, a stiffening breeze, and occasional spits of rain, everyone was anxious to get their runs in so they could start to make their way home. As we have seen in the past however, NVCC timing gear acted up again, so we lost a little time in the morning as we worked to correct the problem. Thanks to Paul and Marsha, offending cables were finally replaced and cars were called to the start line. Everyone got their runs in as the weather cooperated and the Low Speed was successfully held.

FTD for Men's Low Speed went to Alvin Brown. Congratulations Alvin!

FTD for Women's Low Speed went to Terrie Grau. Congratulations Terrie!

Thanks also to Peter Grau who was coaxed out of his truck to see his wife receive her trophy. He didn't realize that she had won. They had a long drive home and he wanted to beat the storm.



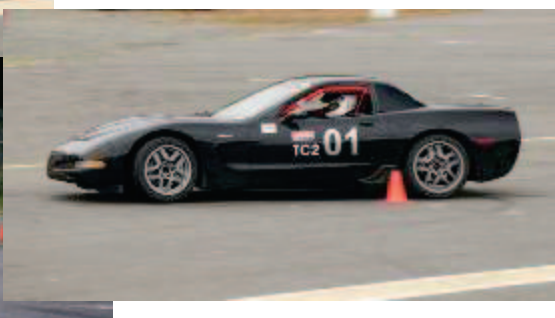
I also want to thank all those NVCC members and friends that came out to help run Spooktacular again this year. We count on you every year and couldn't do it without you! Richard, Doug, Marsha, Paul, John, Lynn, Dick H, Wilfredo, Jerry.....



HIGH SPEED - SATURDAY



LOW SPEED - SUNDAY



TEEN DRIVING SCHOOL





To the Corvette Club of Northern VA:

Thank you so much for the teen driving clinic held on 10 November in Manassas VA. My daughter was able to participate and came back saying many positive things. I was very impressed with the topics they were taught. This was even more valuable to my family due to the fact that I am a deployed member of the Army over in the Middle East and your folks were able to provide her with the training I am not able to from here!

Thanks again for providing this free clinic, I am CERTAIN you improved the skills of these young drivers and perhaps even taught them something that will one day save their lives.

With Great Appreciation,

LTC Joe Adams
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GM powers up redesigned V-8 engine for 2014 Corvette

By Mike Colias for Automotive News

DETROIT -- The next-generation Chevrolet Corvette will be powered by a new 6.2-liter small-block V-8 that will produce more horsepower and torque than the current engine and deliver better fuel economy, **General Motors said today**.

The 2014 Corvette, the seventh generation, scheduled to arrive next fall, will produce at least 450 hp and 450 pounds-feet of torque, compared with the 436 hp and 424 pounds-feet of torque that the current 6.2-liter small block delivers in the base Corvette. The sports car also will beat the 26 mpg rating of the current car and will zip from 0 to 60 mph in less than four seconds, GM says.

Precise specifications will be released closer to the car's launch. GM will unveil the C7 Corvette at the Detroit auto show in January.

GM considered numerous engine options for the next-generation Corvette, including a twin turbo V-6, said Tadge Juechter, the car's executive chief engineer. But the company concluded that it could deliver better power with improved fuel economy by improving the iconic small block V-8 with new technologies that allow it to run more efficiently. Plus, swapping out the storied small-block V-8 for a V-6 probably would have been a tough sell to the Corvette's rabid fans, Juechter said today during a technical review of the engine for journalists in suburban Detroit. "When you talk to Corvette customers, the most important part of the car for them is the engine," Juechter said. "They want their Corvette to have a V-8."

GM packed technologies into the new engine, which is the fifth generation of the small block that was introduced in 1955 on the first Corvette. The engine will feature several firsts for Corvette: direct fuel injection, continuously variable valve timing and cylinder deactivation, which shuts down four of the eight cylinders in light driving conditions.

The addition of direct injection was a key to an improved combustion system that allows the engine to consume fuel more efficiently. The system sprays fuel directly into the cylinders, which more precisely controls the fuel-air mixture. "Every drop of fuel converted to energy," said Jordan Lee, chief engineer for the small block engine. "By improving efficiency, you get power, you get torque and you get fuel economy."

In addition to the extra horsepower, GM engineers said that the new engine will deliver better power and responsiveness when the engine is running at lower speeds. The torque on the standard 2014 Corvette at an rpm of less than 4,000 will be comparable to the current Corvette Z06, which has a higher-displacement 7.0-liter engine.

The overhead valve engine, which GM has named LT1, was under development for five years. It replaces the fourth-generation small block, which has been produced since 2005.

Versions of the new engine will be used in GM's next generation of pickups and SUVs, including the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra. Those trucks are scheduled to arrive by summer.

At 465 pounds, the new engine will be about 30 pounds heavier than the current small block. But the new technologies more than offset the fuel economy penalty of the added weight, GM engineers said.

The engine will be built in Tonawanda, N.Y. For GM's press release with photo, [click here](#). For more in-depth coverage and live photos from our affiliate, *Autoweek*, [click here](#).

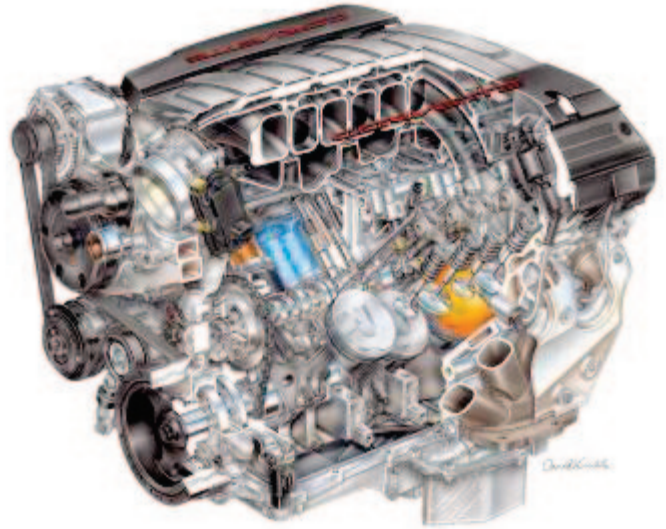


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And more on the new 2014 C7 Corvette ...

Corvette C7 debuts at North American International Auto Show

By Bruce Troxell – National Corvette Examiner

Corvette fans, circle the date of January 13, 2013 on your calendars. Chevrolet has confirmed that this is the date the all-new seventh generation Corvette (C7) will officially be unveiled to a select media audience at a special showing prior its first public appearance on January 19, 2013 at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit's Cobo Center. The public unveiling marks 60 years almost to the day since the first Corvette wowed the audience at the 1953 GM Motorama in New York City's Waldorf Astoria ballroom.

Chevrolet has established the web site www.one13thirteen.com devoted to the unveiling of the C7 so you can follow along as they slowly raise the curtain on what promises to be a leap forward in Corvette technology.

To read the complete article and view the slide show, please visit: <http://exm.nr/U0040r>

Sunset Hills Winery by Richard Mars

The Sunset Hills Winery Show was a Freestate Corvette Club Event. NVCC won two classes at the event – Josie won best C6. The trophies were bottles of wine. McMahan won best C4, and Rita Mars



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Although the Baltimore Grand Prix was almost 3 months ago during the heat of summer, I have been just too busy working on the motor swap project and selling off an abundance of car parts housed in my living room to pen an article. So, I thought I'd share a few pics and words with you all during what is likely to be a short-lived break! The Corvette Corral did not disappoint - the Corvette Racing drivers all chose their favorite cars for awards. I was thrilled when I found out that Oliver Gavin picked LilRed! As you can see from the picture, I have an awesome plaque signed by him. I think he liked the "145,000 miles, many of them on track" declaration on my dash card. ;)



During the driver autograph session, I was also able to get my expired helmet signed by them. It'll look great in my office or future Garage-Mahal. That black glob near the front of my helmet is a chunk of tire that I got hit with during the race (it was lava hot!) My seat was in the first row of the start/finish line, so I was an easy target for shrapnel.

Apparently a (whopping!) total of 6 club members purchased Corvette Corral tickets, so we also got the Club Attendance Award...how cool is that?!



Overall I had a great time at BGP...looking forward to it again next year!

Vette Cheers, Laurie Kistner



3rd Annual Christmas-Lights Rally:

**Start @ Starbuck in Centerville at
6:00pm Sunday Dec. 16th 2012:
Located in the Giant Shopping Center
Address: 14155 Saint Germain Dr.
Centerville, VA 20121**

(In case you are lost, call Lori Benish @ phone #: 571-296-6816)

Drivers Meeting will start at 6:15pm and the first car out should be around 6:30pm.

The route will be through a few side streets and through the "Bull Run Festival of Lights" to see Christmas lights have some otherwise good-clean holiday fun. (Note admission to Bull Run Festival of Lights is required, which will be \$20/per car).

We will be running a single rally- best answer to questions only- no poker run this year. It should be great fun and a good night to get together before the holiday. Usually December is safe for weather, but Corvettes are not required to run the rally, in case of weather, etc.

Route will end at the **Carnival** (at the Bull Run Festival of Lights) where we can get hot chocolates, funnel cake, smores, and/or more (even catch a ride or two in the carnival if you desire). Drivers and passenger will meet at the end, which is the firepit inside the winter wonderland area. The first person to turn in their questions to the Rallye Master gets 1 additional point.

Cost to rallye: \$5 per car.

It is a winner take-all pot for best answers at the end. A tiebreaker will be used in the event of a tie score on the questions.

(If anyone else wants to join us, please see the address below):

Bull Run Festival of Lights

7700 Bull Run Drive Centerville, VA 20121

T: 703-631-0550

Please register with Lori Benish via email: rallye@nvcorvetteclub.com to participate or get more details!

Look forward to seeing you there! And Happy Holidays!



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An annual individual membership is a tax-deductible donation of \$50. Check out all the wonderful benefits and sign-up at <http://webservices.corvettemuseum.org/PortalTools/NCMF/membership.cfm>



MUSEUM VISITORS AND EVENT ATTENDEES

The Museum welcomes approximately 150,000 visitors from all over the world each year, and as the host of a number of Corvette and Community events we are proud to welcome you 'home' to your mecca.

When making plans for 2013, be sure to include us during your travels! Our on-site event line-up kicks off April 25-27 with our annual NCM Bash, and new for 2013 is a 60th Anniversary of Corvette event June 27-28. Check out the complete schedule http://www.corvettemuseum.org/calendar/ncm_events_2013.shtml ...and we hope to 'wave' at you next year!

Corvette Weekend at Ocean City by John Palmgren

October 12 - 14 was a beautiful weekend for the 26th Annual Corvette Weekend in Ocean City, MD. Those in attendance from NVCC include Rich and Rita Mars, Brian and Josie McMahon, Jerry and Irene Lelansky, Cassidy Nolen and Amanda Coughlin, and John and Kara Palmgren.

Highlights of the weekend for NVCC included John and Kara taking an honorable mention in the Gimmick Rallye (third year in a row taking home some hardware), and a couple of silent auction winners (Yes, that is Kara and I with the R2-D2 cooler that we won). Thanks to Rich and Rita for getting it back to Virginia in their Honda Element!





OCTOBER 23, 2012 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Council Attendees:

Richard Anderson: President
Doug Swanson: Vice President
Larry Freauff: Treasurer
Dana Root: Officer at Large

Michael Rathbun: Membership
Stewart Fox: Autocross / HPDE
Wilfredo Sauri: Historian
John Palmgren: Publicity
Cassidy Nolen: Chief Instructor

The meeting was called to order at Jim McKay Chevrolet by President Richard Anderson at 7:30 pm.

Introductions, Three Prospective members are in attendance.

Richard expressed thanks to Kris McCandless for heading the Yellow Brick Bank Cruise.

Stewart: Spooktacular

- This is the 21st anniversary for Spook.
- Spook is October 27th and 28th.
- High-Speed on Saturday, Low-Speed on Sunday.
- Registration is open online.
- Marsha Batchellor is helping Stewart with timing.
- Need help to run event Saturday from 7:30 am on, Sunday from 8:00 am on.
- Richard announced this will be the last Spook at ODS, ODS is closing.

TDS

- TDS will take place November 10, 2012 at Old Dominion Speedway.
- Need help to run event, from 7:00 am on.
- Cassidy is Chief Driving Instructor.
- Cassidy announced the old timing equipment is for sale, \$300.00.
- Cassidy would like to add Senteo to sponsor list.
- Need better information on the club website explaining TDS, Cassidy will coordinate.

Lori Benish

- The Vienna Halloween Parade is Wednesday, October 24, 2012.
- Meeting place is Donor Plaza in Vienna.
- Be on site before 5:30 pm.
- It is ok to decorate cars and be in costume.
- Those interested will gather for dinner before parade.

Richard Anderson: 2013 officer nominations.

- Secretary: Michael Gilliland
- Treasurer: Masha Batchellor
- Officer at Large: Kris McCandless
- Vice President: Doug Swanson
- President: Richard Anderson
- Nominations will be reopened at the November Business Meeting before the election.
- Anyone who wishes to become a Committee Chairperson may volunteer after the elections.

Wilfredo: Trivia

- What is the name of the Corvette engineer's room? Answer: Hammer Room. No winner.
- 2. Who is Peter Brock and what did he have to do with Corvette? Race car driver and designer, Worked with Carroll Shelby, Worked for GM Design. Worked on final design of the 1963 Corvette. Winner: Rick Poage.
- When was the last year for the accumulative revolution counter on the Corvette? Answer: 1957, winner: Dana Root.
- 50/50 raffle: \$56.00, winner: Dana Root.

Rick Poage

- Rick is going to become one of the voices on Larry Donohue's "In the Pits-Racing Radio" radio show. Listen to Rick on 730 am radio from 10:00am to 12:00am Saturday mornings.

Kris McCandless thanked Laurie Kistner for her help with registration for the Yellow Brick Bank Cruise.

John Palmgren: Banquet

- Banquet is in planning stages.
- Will be held at Columbus Grille in Manassas Virginia.
- Kara Palmgren is working on menu.
- Plenty of parking.
- Proposed date Saturday March 9th 2013.

Meeting adjourned by President Richard Anderson at 9:00pm.

Submitted by Dana Root, Officer at Large.

Travel \$\$\$ for NVCC...by Bob Devery, NVCC Travel Guru

Another donation will be made to NVCC as a result of a referral from Lynn Balanc. Seems her son is getting married and a honeymoon was needed! We got Nick and his fiancée, Erin, set on a trip to Hawaii. To Lynn and Andre, congratulations! To NVCC, expect a donation for the booking as a result of Lynn's effort.

With costs of our operation still pushing the Club's limits or hitting limitations, every dollar counts. So, once again, I remind everyone that the program is so simple that it defies logic. While a number of club members have taken advantage of getting their travel done at the guaranteed lowest price plus a donation for the Club, others have not. So, I want to stress that there are NO gimmicks or games...just an honest effort to do what I say. All of us love the Club activities. It takes ca\$h to do what we want. If you travel, please give consideration to at least contacting me to get a matching quote on your travel. You CANNOT get hurt by letting me look at it. I'll tell you if you have the lowest price even if I don't get the booking. NO ONE except me will book your travel AND give money to the Club!

Last...NUMEROUS bargains are available on all phases of travel...except airfare. Cruises are a bargain at this time so if you're looking at spring-fall 2013, NOW is the time to contact me! LOTS of new ships in the fleets and special promos. If anyone is interested in a group cruise out of Baltimore NJ or NY for summer 2013, let me know. ALSO, if you have kids who need fundraisers or belong to another group that has ca\$h flow needs, I'll be happy to do for them what I do for NVCC. **Remember ... YOU travel and I donate!**

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Newsletter News ...

This will be the last newsletter for 2012, since there will not be a December GBM (and hence no newsletter). The newsletter will return in January 2013, just prior to the first NVCC meeting of the New Year.

It's been my pleasure to be the NVCC newsletter editor this year, and I thank all of you for your contributions and accolades as I returned to a position I enjoyed so much. This month's newsletter has plenty of pictures – I had over 1,000 to choose from!! Hope you all enjoy it!

I'll be collecting information over the next two months to include in January's newsletter, so please feel free to email me any interesting info or pictures you run across.

Til next time,



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Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 26th at 7:30 pm

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