

#### **Washington Auto Show**

By Doug Swanson

The 2013 Washington Auto Show was held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center from February 1<sup>st</sup> through February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sadly, the 2014 (C7) Stingray was **NOT** at this show (but it was at the Chicago auto show). You could not get into the show without seeing numerous placards apologizing for this (I stopped counting at 20). A 2012 ZR1 was on display, however.





For anyone with **really** deep

pockets, the Lexus LFA was on display, but it was up on a pedestal and nobody could get closer than about five feet from it. It is supposed to be the fastest production car on the market and its MSRP is only \$375,000 (not a typo).



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Hopefully, the 2014 Stingray will be at the 2014 Washington Auto Show.

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#### Membership Corner for 2013

- **85** Active Members
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- 91 Total Members

I would like to welcome three new prospective members for 2013. They are LeRoy Schubert driving a black 2013 convertible, Richard Iselin driving a 1996 silver C4 Collector's Edition, and Roger Williams driving a 1998 silver convertible.

~ Michael Rathbun

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#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER Feb 2013

Another month has passed and hopefully the dead of winter and the hiatus for most car events are behind us. The council has continued our search for sponsors, meeting places, etc., and have been making some progress. The first fruit of our labors is a firm commitment for a new Teen Driving School location, the Adesa facility just west of Dulles Airport. While not a familiar name to most of us, they are one of the largest automotive dealer auction houses and have a huge modern facility. The highlights are acres of quality paving for the exercises, a large modern cafeteria for a classroom and indoor receiving lanes to host tech and car care. The cost is minimal and from our initial meetings I think we have excellent management support. So...one problem down and quite a few more to go.

With any luck, this will be the last time we have to impose on *Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald* for our General Business Meeting. We are looking at a restaurant's banquet room in the Tyson's area to host further meetings until we find a sponsor and/or better spaces. Details will be provided when all the arrangements are firmed up. Regrettably it has been harder than one might expect to find a new automotive related home, with the economy being the most often cited reason. Regardless, the council will persevere in our search.

Our annual NVCC banquet is coming up soon on March 9th, which is one of the two major NVCC social events of the year. To be truthful, registration so far has been rather disappointing and I hope it is because of procrastination and not disinterest. The cost is less than a tank of gas (even before the recent spike) and promises to be a good evening of fun and camaraderie with your fellow corvette enthusiasts. Since the deadline is upon us, please register **NOW** at: <a href="http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/banquet.html">http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/banquet.html</a>

As the council continues to work on addressing our support and meeting location issues, I wish to remind all members that most NVCC events are initiated by member interest and not the council. If you have an interest in organizing an event or NVCC participation in a larger event, please bring it to our attention. The council is here to facilitate events that you want, whether cruises, club attendance at a major race, parade, or whatever.

On a personal note, my quest for a C6 has borne fruit in the form of a 2007 Monterey red convertible. For a brief moment in history your president will at least own a current generation Corvette. Yes, I find all the gizmos intimidating compared to my older vettes that mainly deal in the world of on/off, have mechanical latches and don't require a touch screen to find a decent classic rock radio station…but I do find the "G" meter a really neat addition to the HUD.

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

Rich Anderson NVCC President, 2012/13



We will have our February General Business Meeting at the law offices of Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald, L.L.P. (WTH&F) at Tysons Corner. Please see the map for their office location at 8405 Greensboro Drive, Suite 100, McLean, VA 22102.

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#### Motorsports Park Project Moving Along

Exciting progress is being made this month with the NCM Motorsports Park as the geotechnical engineering work is underway, land is being cleared and surveyed, possible sound abatement accommodations are being explored and small modifications are being made to the track layout.

Several driving schools have expressed interest in having some level of involvement with the National Corvette Museum and the NCM Motorsports Park, including having a satellite school to completely managing the park. We will be discussing these options in the near

future.



#### Corvette Stingray Convertible to Debut at Geneva

The 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray convertible will make its world debut on March 5 at the Geneva Motor Show.

"It's fitting to introduce the new Stingray convertible on the global stage at Geneva because Corvette is the face of Chevrolet the world over," said Susan Docherty, president and managing director of Chevrolet and Cadillac Europe. "It is an icon that has long been recognized and admired even in countries where it's never officially been offered."

Attendees at the Museum's Bash April 25-27 will have the opportunity to see both the coupe and convertible 2014 Stingray up close, and hear from members of the Chevrolet team responsible for the new design.

#### GM Performance Build Center Relocating to Bowling Green

The Performance Build Center, currently located in Wixom, MI, will move to the GM Chevrolet Corvette Assembly Plant by the first quarter of 2014. The PBC employs 29 and builds engines for the Grand Sport Coupe manual, Z06, 427 Convertible and ZR1.

"I'm very happy to announce today that GM will move its Performance Build Center, which allows engine enthusiasts to build their own specialty engines, from Michigan, and we're going to bring it right here to Bowling Green," said Arvin Jones, Manufacturing Manager for GM North America at the January 30 press conference.



In 2010 GM announced the launch of the Corvette Engine Build Experience, where buyers can assist in the building of their engine. The owner's name is then affixed on a special plate on their engine, next to the one bearing the name of the master builder.

"We've got lots of excitement headed our way," said GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant Manager Dave Tatman. "We intend to make the full transition to the Performance Build Center by the first quarter of 2014. Lots of details have got to be worked out yet, but obviously we wanted to share that great news with you. As you think about this, I know Wendell, that you and your team are jumping up and down thinking about how we can continue to combine our efforts between the National Corvette Museum and the Bowling Green Assembly Plant and this new opportunity, and we look forward to those discussions as well."

#### East Region NCCC Joins One Acre Club

The National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) consists of over 17,000 members throughout the country. The East Region, which includes Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, is the largest chapter in terms of membership. The officers, governors and members of the East Region chapter voted to support the buying of an "Acre" for many reasons. One of the main motivating factors is the emotional connection to the Corvette that has played a large part in each of their lives. With this connection in mind, the officers and governors of the East Region of NCCC wanted to make a meaningful



contribution to help preserve the Corvette and show what it has meant to each one of them. "What better way to celebrate this car than supporting The National Corvette Museum?," said John Cantelmo, Chair of the NCM Ambassadors for the East Region of NCCC. "We felt that joining the "One Acre Club" was a fitting way to celebrate the friends we have made, the excitement the hobby has provided and it would help create a legacy for future generations of Corvette owners to experience. The NCM Motorsports Park will provide many Corvette drivers a venue to learn the capabilities of their cars while operating them under the guidance of an instructor and in a safe environment. We believe that the Park will enhance and bring the Corvette ownership experience to a whole new level."

# Travel for Donations Program by Bob Devery

# " ... And NVCC gets \$2,300 from one fundraiser..."

Well, it'd be nice to see that occur for us as it did at Christmas for a local Church group I helped. We held a raffle that cost the group ZERO and after putting cash aside for the travel prize, netted the group \$2,300!



In addition to that event, recent beneficiaries of the TFD Program have included swim clubs, a high school booster club, and a local pool association. Their cost to get checks is...ZERO. Our club has a donation coming soon for travel by Jerry Lelansky, but many other possible donation scenarios have been lost with members who have not taken the time to ask about matching their price.

The Council endorsed the program last year and has received cash EVERY time a member has booked travel with me. As we move to another venue and our Club stresses the need for cash flow, please give it a chance when you're ready to book travel. I make it simple by guaranteeing lowest price AND a donation to NVCC. Summer travel planning is here and many of you will head out for fun. Help the Club with no cost to them or you!!

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#### Corvette-isms by Marsha Batchellor

They say money can't buy happiness...but I'd rather cry in a Corvette than in a Kia.

The Corvette body - more curves than poolside at Heff's place.

My Corvette and life philosophy are much the same, the adventure getting there is more important than the final destination.

On ramps = reason to accelerate.

Happiness is not around the corner, it is the corner.





#### SOME CORVETTE JOKES

#### Speeding Corvette

A fellow bought a new Corvette and was out on an interstate for a nice evening drive. The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair and he decided to open her up. As the needle jumped up to 80 mph he suddenly saw a flashing red and blue light behind him. "There ain't no way they can catch a Corvette," he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle hit 90, 100, 130 and finally 150 with the light still behind him. "What the hell am I doing?" he thought and pulled over. The cop came up to him, took his license without a word and examined it and the car. "I've had a tough shift and this is my last pull over. I don't feel like more paperwork so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go!" "Last week my wife ran off with a cop," the man said, "and I was afraid you were trying to give her back!" "Off you go," said the officer.

#### The Parrot

Carol's Vette had a dead battery in her garage and she called her mechanics shop. Since she had to go to work she told the manager, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the Vette, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a check." "Oh, by the way don't worry about my dog Spike. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!" "I REPEAT; DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!" When the mechanic arrived at Wanda's he discovered the biggest, meanest looking dog he had ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the floor watching the mechanic go about his work.

The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling. Finally the mechanic couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled, "Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!" To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Spike!"



Just a reminder that the 42nd annual Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday March 17, 2013, and NVCC will once again be participating in this parade in downtown DC (<a href="http://www.dcstpatsparade.com/">http://www.dcstpatsparade.com/</a>). This year's theme is 'Celebrating Service to the Stars and Stripes", so patriotic displays (in addition to the normal Irish themes) will be welcome.

There is still room for a few more cars, so if you would like to participate, and you haven't already signed up, please contact John Palmgren via email at john.palmgren@gmail.com by Friday, March 15th.

As a reminder from last year's event:

NO burn-outs

NO chirping of tires

NO throwing of candy or trinkets from the cars

March is an unpredictable month for weather, so dress accordingly. The Parade will step off come rain or shine. (There is NO rain/snow date.) Grandstand seating next to the Reviewing Stand may be reserved in advance, at \$15/per person. You can purchase tickets through the website <a href="https://www.dcstpatsparade.com">www.dcstpatsparade.com</a>

We will be meeting at 10 AM at the Pentagon Reservation Parking Lot, and will be departing for DC at 10:30 AM (hopefully with a police escort). Parade staging is at 11:00 AM downtown for parade start @ noon. It should be over by  $\sim$ 2:30 PM.

As in years past, the NVCC Meeting Location will be on Army Navy Drive between Hayes and Joyce Streets...the Pentagon Reservation Parking Lot is the lot directly across from the Pentagon City Parking Garage.

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

From 395 N:

Take exit 8C (Rt. 1 South, Pentagon City, Crystal City)

R at stop-light (RAG), parking lot will be on your right (can be seen from the exit ramp)

From 66 East:

Take exit for 110 South
Merge onto Rt. 1 South
Take exit for 15th Street
Right at RAG onto 15th street
Right at 3rd RAG onto Hayes Street
Left at 2nd RAG onto Army Navy Drive
Parking lot will be on your right

# 2013 NVCC Annual Banquet

MARCH 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm Columbus Grill 8349 Centreville Rd Manassas, VA 20111.

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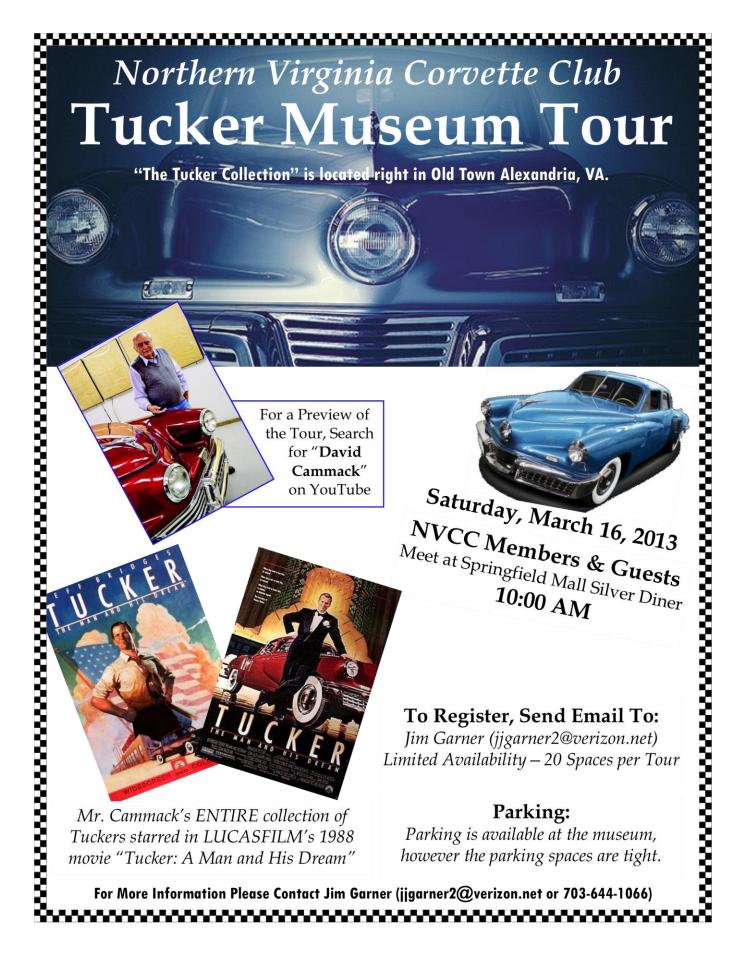
Four Appetizers: Clams & Mussels, Bruschetta, Fried Calamari, Garlic Glazed Shrimp

Four Entrees: Rice with Shrimp, Mussels & Scallops, Slow Roasted Chicken, Roast Beef with Marsala Sauce,

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Kara Palmgren
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Bristow, VA 20136
Or, register and pay for your seats online at http://www.nycoryetteclub.com/banquet.htm



### NVCC Social Calendar March 2013 - Laurie Kistner, Social Director/Webmaster

**Sat. 3/9/13** – The **Annual Banquet** will be held this year at 7:00 PM on Saturday, March 9th, 2013 at Columbus Grill in Manassas, Virginia. See page 10 for the door and raffle prizes to be given out at the Banquet. Dinner will include the following:

Four Appetizers: Clams & Mussels, Bruschetta, Fried Calamari, Garlic Glazed Shrimp

Four Entrees: Rice with Shrimp, Mussels & Scallops, Slow Roasted Chicken, Roast Beef with Marsala Sauce, Penne Alfredo (vegetarian option)

Dinner also includes salad, rice, vegetables and dessert.

All food will be served buffet-style.

All meals come with non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available for those who would like to enjoy an adult beverage.

Address to Columbus Grill: 8349 Centreville Road Manassas, VA 20111

Columbus Grill will have plenty of parking, including a special parking area for Corvettes!

Register as soon as possible to reserve your seats! Deadline for reservations is Feb 28t. The banquet fee is \$40 per adult, \$75 per couple, and \$15 for each child under 12. Register and pay for your seats online at http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/banquet.html

**Sat. 3/16/13** – A guided tour of **Tucker Collection** will be given by Mr. David Cammack. Mr. Cammack owns three original 1948 Tucker Automobiles Numbers 1001, 1022, and 1026. The location of the Tucker Collection Museum is in Old Town Alexandria, VA.

All three of Mr. Cammack's Tuckers were stars in the film "Tucker: A Man and His Dream". The 1988 Lucasfilm starred Jeff Bridges and Joan Allen. It was directed by Frances Ford Coppola and was nominated for three Oscars.

Mr. Cammack has thousands of photos, letters, and pieces of documentation about the fabulous Tucker also on display.

The scheduled tour date is Saturday, March 16th, 2013. NVCC members signed up for the tour should meet at the Silver Diner Parking lot at the north end of the Springfield Mall at 10:00 AM. After we sign the NVCC waiver, we will pass out a flyer with instructions and directions. We will leave the Mall at 10:30 AM and arrive at the museum at 11:00 AM. Your Corvette can be driven and there is an adequate parking lot but parking might require a close fit.

There is no exit time. Mr. Cammack is a gracious host and will answer all your Tucker questions. The Tucker Collection Museum is right off King Street and you can leave your car there if you want to visit any of many eateries nearby before you depart.

Mr. Cammack has placed a limit of 20 folks to visit his museum at one time. If NVCC has more than 20 folks that wish to visit the Tucker Collection Museum, we can plan additional trips.

To sign up for the Tucker Collection Museum Tour, you must RSVP to: Jim Garner jjgarner2@verizon.net

An e-mail confirmation will be sent. If you have any questions, please call Jim at 703-644-1066.

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NVCC has an opportunity once again to participate in the Washington, D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown. Official Event Link: http://www.dcstpatsparade.com/

There is no limit on the number of cars that can attend; we just need a headcount for the application. So if you would like to participate, please contact John Palmgren via email at john.palmgren@gmail.com by February 10th. Also, if anyone wants to carry the banner ahead of the group, let John know.

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Coming soon...

**Sat. 4/27/13** – Drag Day/Test & Tune

As Old Man Winter leaves us and spring weather approaches, hopefully everyone comes out of hiding! If anyone would like to host or organize an event, please let me know ASAP. While we wait for the "all-clear" on snow, we can certainly get together for Corvette-optional events like go-karting or dinners out. I am also working with the NVMC to see if we can put together a billiards day (details to follow).

My '89 track vette is (still!) being buttoned up as I type, and LilRed is slowly but surely becoming more trustworthy roadworthy again ;-) so hopefully when spring resumes, so will the cruises and shows!

Vette Cheers,
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1994 Red Coupe
1989 Black Coupe







#### **NVCC General Business Meeting**

January 22, 2013

Council Attendees:

Richard Anderson: President Marsha Batchellor: Treasurer Kristopher McCandless: Officer at Large Stewart Fox: Spook / TDS / Autocross Cassidy Nolen: Chief Driving Instructor Doug Swanson: Vice President Mike Gilliland: Secretary Michael Rathbun: Membership John Palmgren: NCM Ambassador

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by President Richard Anderson at the law offices of Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald, L.L.P. (WTH&F) 8405 Greensboro Drive, Suite 100, McLean.

This is the First General Business Meeting for 2013. There were no prospective members in attendance.

Richard began by thanking Marsha for supporting the Club with a temporary meeting site at WTH&F. Richard told the group that the club was actively pursuing options to replace Jim McKay Chevrolet as the club dealership sponsor. Richard said that McKay's had not related why they choose to remove their support from the club at this time. Richard thanked the officers who were taking the initiative to directly support the effort to find the NVCC a new home. He told the group that the council's main priority for the next few weeks would be to find a permanent sponsor.

Richard asked for support picking up the Club Banner and the boxes containing the NVCC's history from Jim McKay Chevrolet. There were concerns that these materials could be lost. Stewart and Richard agreed to ask the Club members who had dropped those materials off to pick them up.

Richard asked any members who had possible solutions for either a new Club Sponsor, anew home for the Teen Driving School, or our track events to come to the next council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Richard asked that only concrete solutions from willing supporters should be discussed. The members were reminded that any member was welcome to join in at the monthly council meetings.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Annual Club Banquet John Palmgren reminded the group to sign up early for the Banquet, which will be held this year on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Manassas at the Columbus Grill. Details can be found on the NVCC Web Site.
- Saint Patrick's Day Parade John Palmgren asked for all those that were interested in joining the NVCC participants in the DC parade on the National Mall to confirm their participation as early as possible. The Parade will take place on March 17. The club meets in the Pentagon parking lot across from the Pentagon City Mall on the morning of the event, all Corvettes are welcome.
- AUTOCROSS/HPDE Stewart Fox told the group that we were looking for new facilities to hold NVCC AUTOCROSS and HPDE events due to the closing of Old Dominion Speedway which had been so supportive of our club events. Richard and Stewart felt that the club may have the funds for a track event at Summit Point. Stay tuned...
- Teen Driving School Cassidy told the group that there would be no instructor training event this spring while the council focused on finding a new home for the school. Cassidy, Stuart and Kris McCandless discussed some of the options that the council members were pursuing.
- CAR SHOW No NVCC car show events have been scheduled at this time for 2013.
- CRUISES No NVCC cruises had been identified; Richard asked the membership to consider leading an event. Jim Garner discussed a facility in Alexandria that had one of the largest collections of Tucker vehicles and artifacts in the country and asked if a club tour would be of interest to the club. There appeared to be some interest, so watch for this as an upcoming event.

TREASURER-Marsha Batchellor- Cash & Checking Balance \$6,992.00.

MEMBERSHIP - Mike Rathbun - 90 active members, 3 honorary members, 3 prospective members

Historian Wilfredo Sauri was not in attendance, so there was no trivia quiz or 50/50 drawing.

A silent auction was held for a C5 car cover with 50% of the proceeds to go to NVCC compliments of Cooper Corvettes. Stewart provided the winning bid.

The next council meeting will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. If there are no changes, that meeting will occur in the law offices of WTH&F in Tysons Corner,

Richard adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm. Submitted by Mike Gilliland, Secretary.

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#### **Newsletter News...**

Hello NVCCers!

We actually saw a bit of snow down here in NC over the past month. Definitely not convertible weather! But I know that it's only a matter of time before I'll be able to put the top down again, and hopefully come up and join you all for a few events (grad school permitting...it's winding down, but there's still plenty for me to do.)

As always, thanks for all the articles, pictures, and tidbits you pass along. So feel free to email me anything interesting you run across, and I'll try to include it in the newsletter.

Til next time,



Anne Costolanskí anne.steffie@gmail.com

# Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, February 26th at 7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 26th at 7:30 pm

February Meeting Location.

Offices of Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald, L.L.P. 8405 Greensboro Drive, Suite 100, McLean, VA 22102