



## Annual NVCC Banquet!

By Kara Palmgren



The annual banquet this year was held on January 18, 2014 at Columbus Grill in Manassas. 57 members dined on delicious dishes including Bruschetta, Calamari, Roast Beef with Marsala Sauce, Shrimp Alfredo, Chocolate Cake, and Toasted Almond Cake. There were goody bags this year with sun shades and flashlights compliments of OG Racing, and also several fantastic door prizes that were purchased and donated.

Door prize winners walked away with Jake Logo Wine Glasses, duffle bags, coffee mugs with the C7 logo, wallets, and much more. From the raffle prizes, Kris McCandless won the much coveted Friday at the Track, Marsha Batchellor scored the Rocks glasses with the six generations of Corvette logos on them, and John Palmgren won a brand new C7 – a remote controlled one that is. There was also a special auction for a \$100.00 gift card to Cooper Corvettes, won by our president, Rich Anderson. Jeff Klain volunteered to do trivia questions and once again we offered trivia for men and women – the men won tin signs and the women won sparkly hats.

Congratulations to Jeff Klain as Council Member of the Year and Kara Palmgren as Member of the Year. Cassidy Nolen was the recipient of a brand new award this year – the Outstanding Service Award for his contributions to the club as chief driving instructor.



Many thanks to our generous sponsors for donating gifts: Cooper Corvettes, Zip Corvettes, National Corvette Museum, Barrel Oak Winery, Corvette America, OG Racing, Jegs, Corvette Central, Ecklers, and Rock Auto. Without our sponsors, events like this would not be possible. Also,

a special thank you to Lynn and Andrej Balanc who generously contributed several gifts including the Friday at the Track.



I hope that everyone had a wonderful time at the banquet and I look forward to seeing everyone at next years banquet.

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### **Membership Corner for 2013**

**78** Active Members  
**2** Honorary Members  
**10** Prospective Members  
**90** Total Members



**See more NVCC Banquet pictures on page 5**





## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER    January 2014**

A belated Happy New Year to one and all. While the weather outside has indeed been frightful (particularly up here which seems to be two climate zones closer to the Arctic), it did not interfere with our annual NVCC banquet. I thank all of those that attended for making this one of the best we've seen in a while. It was a special evening of good food and great friends to start off the new year. I must say that roasting Cassidy was the icing on the cake, since he has been there and done that with NVCC for years ... and we had the embarrassing pics to prove it!

Please note that a number of the seats on the council have been shuffled around and that we still are looking to fill a few empty slots. While many of our council members have served in multiple roles for many years, fresh faces are always warmly welcomed. Aside from fulfilling necessary club functions, it is one of the best ways to get to know your fellow club members. I started out as newsletter editor, a position to which I might be returning once my third and final term as president is over (at least I think that is Anne's plan???). Before becoming editor I really only knew a small percentage of our members and really didn't feel like I was a part of the club. However once I was on the council that changed rapidly. I highly recommend joining the council as one of the committee chairman or by aiding one of our sitting chairmen.

The numerous years of austerity have paid off and we start this year in the best fiscal condition we've seen since the economic downturn. As such we are in a position to expand events for the 2014 season and look forward to member initiatives to do more of what you are interested in. At a minimum I hope NVCC will host at least one adult driving school (aka cone killer), to provide members and guests the opportunity to receive one-on-one instruction geared to their individual skill level, along with on-track /skid-pad time to exercise those skills in a safe supervised environment. Whether a neophyte or experienced racer, there is always room to improve and polish your driving skills.

As many of you know, we are in the process of updating our WEB site, so expect a new look and functions ... as well as the potential for unintended glitches. Please bear with us as the transition occurs and let us know of any user difficulties rather than assume someone else will catch it. I trust that the rollout will occur with a minimum of disruption ... at least compared to a WEB site rollout sponsored by another president.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the January GBM.

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

Rich Anderson  
NVCC President, 2012/13/14



# St. Patrick's Parade of Washington D.C.



The 43rd annual Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday March 16, 2014.

NVCC has an opportunity once again to participate in this fun event in downtown D.C. (<http://www.dcstpatparade.com/>).

Here are a couple pictures from the 2013 parade:



Last year we were limited to 15 cars, but we will take up to 5 more on a waiting list in case they do not apply the same limits as last year. So if you would like to participate, please contact John Palmgren via email at [john.palmgren@gmail.com](mailto:john.palmgren@gmail.com), by February 10th. The first 15 cars will be guaranteed a spot in the parade.

Just a few reminders 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 [www.dcstpatparade.com](http://www.dcstpatparade.com), look for the "Purchase Grandstand Tickets" link. Grandstand tickets purchased prior to March 12, 2014 will be mailed to you. Tickets purchased after March 12 will be held for pick up at will call booth at the grandstand entrance.

We will be meeting at 10 AM at the Pentagon Reservation Parking Lot. After passing around the waiver forms, holding a brief driver's meeting and posing for a group photo, we will be departing for DC at 10:30 AM. Parade staging is at 11:00 AM downtown for parade start @ noon. It should be over by ~2:30 PM. We generally gather at the end of the parade route to remove decorations and then caravan somewhere for a late lunch.

**Meeting Location:** Pentagon Reservation Parking Lot on Army Navy Drive between Hayes and Joyce Streets, directly across from the Pentagon City Parking Garage.

## DIRECTIONS:

### **From 395 N:**

Take exit 8C (Rt. 1 South, Pentagon City, Crystal City)  
Right at RAG, parking lot on the 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

# NVCC Annual Banquet





## 2013 Christmas Lights Rallye

It was a small but fun turnout for our 4th Annual Christmas Lights Rallye held on Sunday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. This year was hosted again by the Benish's at the Bull Run Festival of Lights in Centerville, VA. With the bitter cold taking hold of the DC area, four brave cars came out to Starbucks in Centerville to still have some holiday fun. Without the typical rigid rallye rules (say that twice), participants experienced a twist on the normal rallye, making our way from the shopping center to and through the Festival of Lights. Night rallyes can be fun and makes the experience new for even expert rallye runners, so it levels the playing field and everyone gets to enjoy some cool lights and fun holiday spirit, ending at the Winter Wonderland Carnival.

Big thanks to the Wisnieski's, the Devery's, Blanton's, Kris McCandless and John Stark for coming out and all having a great time, especially by the fire pit at the end. Our Winners for the night, with the best answers overall were Dale and Heather Wisnieski- whoohoo!! They took the \$20 winnings and a little stuffed goldfish (won by Jake Benish) for the occasion – as well as a special Winning Rallye Christmas Ornament (which I mailed to them since I had a blonde moment and forgot at home – oops). Hopefully next year, weather permitting, we will be able to run another Christmas Rally with more people and even more holiday fun!

I have had a great time as Rallye Master for the last 4 years, and I look forward to my new position as one of the Webmasters for the Club. I still plan to continue the Christmas Lights Rallye tradition, with the help of our new Rallye Master, Kris McCandless, and hopefully we can put on more rallyes during the year. Looking forward to a great 2014!



*By Lori Benish  
NVCC Rallye Chair 2013  
New Webmaster Team -2014*

If you have a great idea for a rallye, or would like planning a rallye, please email Kris at: [rallye@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:rallye@nvcorvetteclub.com)

We would love to put on more of these fun events!  
Full Gallery of Pictures available at:  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/nvcorvetteclub/>

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## NCM Motorsports Park Named a "Spot" for 2014 by CNN

It may be the dead of winter but progress continues to be made at the NCM Motorsports Park. Scotty's Contracting and Stone finished rough grading the track just before Christmas, and the ground will be left to settle over the winter. The road base will go down in the spring and paving is scheduled to start late spring.

This project is so exciting it caught the attention of CNN and was named a "50 States, 50 Spots for 2014" - representing Kentucky. Check out the list [online here](#). We are Slide #17.

View some aerial photos taken of the track on December 23 [online here](#).

If you are interested in having an event at the track, now is the time to book! We are already locking in dates for fall 2014 and 2015 with contracts going out later this month for those who have booked events already. There are 110 days reserved on our calendar thus far!



## Debut of the C7.R Race Car

In conjunction with the unveiling of the 2015 Corvette Z06, Chevrolet also unveiled the new C7.R race car. The car was co-developed with the Z06, and represents the closest link in modern times between Corvettes built for racing and the road. The two cars share unprecedented levels of engineering and components including chassis architecture, engine technologies and aerodynamic strategies.

The C7.R will make its competition debut on January 25 at the 52nd Rolex 24 at Daytona. You can read more on our website [here](#).



## New Web Cams Give Birds-Eye View of MSP

If you haven't discovered the great selection of webcams the Museum offers, you've really been missing out! We have now added THREE more cameras to our list, giving you even more opportunities to catch the action of the Corvette world.

Thanks, in part, to support from the NCM Fighter Squadron and Randall Shinn, we now have TWO cameras pointing at the Motorsports Park, and a new camera pointing at the front of the building (a great way to catch the R8C Deliveries leaving).

Check out the three new cameras (and 18 existing cameras) [online here](#).

Motorsports Park South





# 2014 C7 Pictures from the Washington Auto Show

*Courtesy of John Palmgren*



# Dominion Raceway starts staffing up

From [www.fredericksburg.com](http://www.fredericksburg.com) By Jeff Branscome / The Free Lance-Star

Though Dominion Raceway in Spotsylvania County is more than a year away from opening, it already has three full-time employees, owner Steve Britt said.

Spotsylvania resident and retired firefighter Richard Storm is the facility's safety director; Scott Curtis, whose family has owned Sumerduck Dragway in Fauquier County since 1963, is the drag strip manager; and Mike Mallon, who previously worked part-time at Old Dominion Speedway in Prince William County, is the manager of special events and entertainment. For now, they are doing whatever needs to be done.

"This is fantastic, especially watching something get built from the ground up," said Storm, who is attending a NASCAR conference on emergency services next month.

And Britt says more employees are coming, including Rick Skinner—Spotsylvania Supervisor Gary Skinner's brother—who late next year is expected to become manager of the facility's go-kart and road course operations. Supervisor Skinner disclosed his brother's potential employment before voting in favor of the raceway earlier this year.

Some raceway opponents cried foul, but Skinner was legally able to vote under the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act. Rick Skinner is an accomplished go-kart racer and a former sales and marketing employee at New Jersey Motorsports Park.

Scheduled to open in early 2015, the 160-acre Dominion Raceway will have an oval track for stock-car racing, a drag strip, a road course and a go-kart course. Britt says workers will be logging the undeveloped site off the Interstate 95 exit in Thornburg until mid-January.

The current employees will have various tasks until the raceway opens. For instance, Storm and Curtis are helping to erect a 4,000-foot fence along an adjacent property line.

"Right now, we are a jack of all trades," Storm said. He retired in June as a firefighter with the Quantico Fire Department. An avid stock-car racer, Storm will also compete at the raceway. "Part of the deal was that I still get to race," he said.

Storm previously raced at Old Dominion Speedway, which closed last year after more than 60 years of operation. Britt, the speedway's last owner, said he decided to relocate because the old facility had become hemmed in by residential development, leading to frequent noise complaints.

Curtis, who will be Dominion's drag strip manager, has worked at various facilities over the years, including a two-year stint managing Darlington Dragway in South Carolina. He also owned a dragway in Georgia and has helped out at Old Dominion Speedway.

"That's all I've known," said Curtis, who lives in Sumerduck. "That's all I've really wanted to do since I was younger." He says he already feels like part of the Dominion Raceway family. "I know it's corny, and it's used a lot, but you do feel . . . a family thing going on here," Curtis said. "Everybody has a little say-so, and that's a good feeling."

Mallon, who will oversee special events, is working on the raceway's website, which he hopes to launch by the end of January. [Dominionraceway.com](http://Dominionraceway.com) is currently selling sweatshirts, pint glasses and ornaments for the holidays.

Britt said he plans to hire another employee by March to help Mallon with marketing.

An economic impact study prepared by a raceway consultant said the development would employ seven to 10 full-time workers and 40 part-timers.

But Britt said this week that he will probably have at least 100 part-timers when the raceway opens. He said he's not sure how many full-timers he'll end up with, but said he may hire another five to 10.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the project in May. The raceway had a lot of supporters but also opponents who worried about traffic and noise.

Still, the supervisors recently granted the development a noise exemption until 11 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and other select dates such as holidays. That's an hour later than the exemption for commercial establishments that customarily emit noise.



Hi all ... I'm trying to get a firm idea of what to do on a FUNdraiser effort for an NVCC cruise. All I need is an idea of how many might be interested. I'm setting up a cruise for November 8 or 9 for seven nights on Norwegian (NCL) new ship GETAWAY or their flagship EPIC. It's less formal than Princess. These ships are a blast with as much to do as you'd like. No formal dress nights. Jerry Lelansky is helping me with the final selection. I've got group prices on both ships, which will give us rates as low as under \$599 for the week!

If we do not get "group interest" for November, I'll offer a winter break to the Caribbean in Feb 2015. But the November cruise will still be a go! It'd be nice to get a group of at least ten and get \$500 – 1000 for the club.

Last, I'm heading to Alaska on Royal Caribbean 8/26/14 for a land tour and cruise. The cruise is 7 days with option for the land tour. Prices are as low as under \$800 for the cruise only. All are invited to join the small group that I have now.

Please let me know if you have an interest in supporting an effort to help raise some needed bucks for NVCC as well as just have fun. I'll make the offer to other local clubs to join us for added NVCC revenue!! The club will have a decent size donation coming in Feb as Jerry; Stu; John Scott cruise the Caribbean with myself and others.

If you have other ideas for a group venture OR if you are going to travel land or cruise in 2014-15, let me know. I'll get the lowest price that I can and donate to NVCC.

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## **MEMBER PICS**



New Member Bill Blanton (standing with his white 2000 Coupe) and Kris McCandless heading out for a little post-Thanksgiving, Fauquier County romp in the countryside, first "fueling the drivers" at IHOP. Bill said we were fortunate to find this PERFECT parking place!

Age Has its Privilege. John Scott's 1974 Stingray stays warm and dry in the garage, while its younger Z06 brother makes do with an ice-coated cover, thanks to Washington's January 21 snowstorm.



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## Newsletter News ...

Hello NVCCers,

It's time for the newsletter to return from its holiday hiatus! So don't forget to send me any articles, pictures, or stories about your vettes. Any and all information is appreciated! We still have a few months to go, but before we know it, the winter weather will be replaced with spring's new blooms, and we'll all get the itch to pull our vettes out of hibernation. Til then, stay warm!



Anne Costolanski [anne.steffie@gmail.com](mailto:anne.steffie@gmail.com)

## Next General Business Meetings:

**Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

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

### GBM Meeting Location:

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