



'76 Corvette – Wounded Warrior Project Car

By Stewart Fox

Background:

NVCC was contacted by a member of the Wounded Warrior support team at Fort Belvoir in the fall of 2013 with a request to help the family of a post-war fallen soldier deal with a cherished C3 Corvette. The NVCC Council discussed the request and agreed to assist as possible.

Update:

Initial Condition Assessment of the Wounded Warrior's 1976 Corvette was performed on Feb 2 by Stewart Fox, Cassidy Nolen, and Paul Benish. Sadly, our inquiry indicated that the car may not have been driven in at least 5 years.

Field notes were made the day of our visit and will be incorporated into an initial Condition Assessment Report. A detailed cost estimate spreadsheet, that will be part of the report, will be drafted in the near future. Paul took a lot of pictures that will be included with the Condition Assessment Report.

Once a spreadsheet is drafted, the next step will be to use NVCC supporting vendors such as Rock Auto, Mid-America Corvettes, Corvette Central, Zip, etc to acquire on-line prices to build a detailed cost estimate.

In general, our impression of the car is that it was well maintained and is presently in good condition, but in need of some obvious TLC. Preliminary guesstimate of cost for materials to make it road-worthy and dependable is fairly low, probably no more than several thousand dollars.

Additional details about the project will be included in future newsletters. Stay tuned.

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Membership Corner

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Want to trade snow for sand, and winter coats for bathing suits? Read how a lucky few NVCC members did just that with a perfectly timed Caribbean Cruise on page 11 ...



PRESIDENT'S CORNER February 2014

Greetings from our farm along the flooded banks of Back Creek. With the snow *FINALLY* melting away I can at last see grass and perhaps an end to winter ... or at least the need to shovel snow every few days. Of note, the normal picnic vette parking area is only suitable for amphibious vehicles at the moment. I've probably put almost as many miles on my snowplow this winter as I have my 2007 vette and now that the piles have melted, it is water water everywhere. Of course with the waning of winter, a Corvette enthusiast's heart turns to getting out and about. I spent today rousing my collection from their long winter's sleep, filling the air with the sweet aroma of unburned hydrocarbons emanating from carbureted engines warming to life.

The calendar of 2014 events is beginning to be fleshed out, with this month including the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Corvettes & Crabs Rally. Please keep checking the calendar for new events as they are posted, { <http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/calendar/index.html> }. We are trying to be more expansive by including other entities' activities of interest, particularly those of fellow Corvette clubs. If you wish to add one you think would be of general interest, please contact our new Social Chair, Shawn Waddell.

If you've checked our calendar recently you should have also noticed our new NVCC web site. You should find this new and improved site format more user friendly. This should be particularly true of those accessing the site from mobile devices. Our new co-webmasters, Lori Benish & Paul Benish, have dedicated a goodly amount of time and energy in recent months to roll out the new format and I'm pleased to say that it has gone far smoother than that "other" web site rollout we've heard so much about in recent months (thank you Lori and Paul).

While your Council has been hard at work getting ready for the coming year, we are still missing some key positions. I know that this is becoming a monthly plea, but we really do need volunteers to come forward and take on these important tasks. We are maintaining a running list of positions to be filled on the council e-mail page of our web site: <http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/contact-form/styled-15/index.html>. If you are considering serving, please check the list and give me a call/e-mail letting me know of your interest, or corner me at a General Business Meeting.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the February 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. (www.dcstpatparade.com).

Here are a couple pictures from the 2013 parade:



As of Sunday February 23, we still have room for 6 more cars. So if you would like to participate, please contact John Palmgren via email at john.palmgren@gmail.com.

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, 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



THE FIRST ANNUAL NVCC CORVETTES AND CRABS RALLYE

Join the NVCC for a classic timed, measured, rallye through scenic Virginia countryside ending on the water at Tim's Rivershore. Good Fun, Good Food, Prizes, and Great People.

Date: March 22nd

Place: Cooper Corvettes, 18313 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, VA 22172

Sign in Time: 9:30 am to 10:15 am

Driver/Navigator Briefing: 10:15 am

First Car Out: 10:30

End Point: Tim's Rivershore Restaurant and Crabhouse

Price: \$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members (includes Coffee and Donuts at Cooper Corvettes, Lunch at Tim's not included)

RSVP by March 17th to vp@nvcorvetteclub.com



New Website Launching February 2014

By Lori and Paul Benish (Team Webmaster)

Change is a happening! After Laurie Kistner (who had been handling social and webmaster duties for many years) stepped down, we decided it was time to give the website a fresh face. With changing technology and more people using mobile devices (i.e. tablets/cellphones), we wanted to make the new website friendly to all formats. Doing away with the old style forum, we have a much more streamlined and easy-to-use website, with all that our members should need at their fingertips.

Please go to the website and check out the changes, as well as the link to the new club photo gallery on Flickr, to see all the newest photos and event listings for NVCC and other area clubs. Please let me know if you would like to see additional content, or have photos that you would like to add to the club page.

Remember, the website is freshly redesigned, so while I know we did better than Healthcare.gov, there may be a few tweaks required. So please report any problems you may see so that we can fix them right away at webmaster@nvcorvetteclub.com.

Our website address is: www.nvcorvetteclub.com

Our Flickr address is: www.flickr.com/photos/nvcorvetteclub

Thanks for your support and looking forward to a great 2014 season!

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Sinkhole Collapses in Skydome

We received a call at 5:44am from our security company alerting us of our motion detectors going off in our Skydome area of the Museum. Upon arrival it was discovered that a sinkhole had collapsed within the Museum. No one was in or around the Museum at the time. The Bowling Green Fire Department arrived on the scene and secured the area. The Fire Department has estimated the size of the hole is 40 feet across and 25-30 feet deep.

It is with heavy hearts that we report that eight Corvettes were affected by this incident.

Those cars include:

- 1993 ZR-1 Spyder on loan from General Motors
- 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil" on loan from General Motors

The other six vehicles were owned by the National Corvette Museum including:

- 1962 Black Corvette
- 1984 PPG Pace Car
- 1992 White 1 Millionth Corvette
- 1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Corvette
- 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette
- 2009 White 1.5 Millionth Corvette



None of the cars affected were on loan from individuals. The Skydome exhibit area of the Museum is a separate structure connected to the main Museum. A structural engineer is now on-site to assess the existing damage and stability of the surrounding areas. The Museum is closed to the public for the day to allow us to carefully assess the situation. We will keep everyone informed as we know more.

With the 20th Anniversary celebration, Grand Opening of the NCM Motorsports Park, and the National Corvette Caravan coming August 27-30, we've got a lot to be excited about in 2014, and look forward to getting the Skydome repaired and reopened very soon.



Thanks to all of our Corvette friends and family for your words of prayer and support.



Timeline Set for Sinkhole Repair and Car Recovery

During a press conference today on Corvette Boulevard, Mike Murphy with Scott, Murphy & Daniel construction provided an update and timeline on the work to be done. Highlights of the press conference include:



- This is very common for this area, what's not common is for a sinkhole to swallow eight Corvettes. - It is repairable. The building foundation and structure is in good condition. - They will be securing the sinkhole and surrounding areas to ensure that even if we have sinkholes on the property in the future it will not affect the Museum. - It will take 2-3 weeks to stabilize and secure the area (red spire, walls of the sinkhole) then the process of vehicle recovery will begin. - They will be making sure the sinkhole is safe and that no further damage will occur before starting vehicle recovery. - It will take 4-6 days to retrieve the vehicles - After that, they will replace earth and the floor system - They have a good plan and it takes action tomorrow with no problems foreseen

"We are confident that it will be done in time for the Museum's 20th Anniversary Celebration in August. You won't even know that this has happened," said Wendell Strode, Museum Executive Director

View the entire video of our press conference on [YouTube here](#).

Chevrolet to Oversee Restoration of Historic Corvettes

To help the National Corvette Museum recover from the massive sink hole, Chevrolet will be overseeing restoration of the Corvettes damaged. The process will be managed by General Motors Design in Warren, Mich.



"The vehicles at the National Corvette Museum are some of the most significant in automotive history," said Mark Reuss, executive vice president of General Motors Global Product Development. "There can only be one 1-millionth Corvette ever built. We want to ensure as many of the damaged cars are restored as possible so fans from around the world can enjoy them."

The restoration will be overseen by Ed Welburn, vice president of GM Global Design.

When the cars are recovered, they will be shipped to the Mechanical Assembly facility, a small specialty shop within GM Design, where the best restoration approach will be determined. Mechanical Assembly has been part of GM Design since the 1930s, and today maintains and restores many of the vehicles in the GM Heritage Collection and GM's historic concept cars.

THANK YOU FANS!

We want to take a moment to thank all of you that have kept the Museum in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The outpouring of support has been wonderful! We are proud to call each of you members of our Corvette family.

Many of you have asked how you can help... we are thankful to have had a local club come out and help wash all the cars that were safely retrieved from the Skydome. We have also had individuals come forward with fundraising ideas. While insurance will cover most of the damage we will still have deductibles and other expenses not covered. Donations are always welcome, and can be made [online here](#).



We have faced adversity before and overcome it... and we will overcome it once again!

New Plant Manager Joins GM Corvette Assembly Team

Last week the Corvette world got a little glimpse of the new GM Corvette Plant Manager, Jeff Lamarche during a Museum press conference. Here's a little more about Jeff!

Lamarche started his career with General Motors in 1981, as a Co-Op student at the Van Nuys assembly plant. He progressed through multiple assignments of increasing responsibility in Quality, Manufacturing Engineering, Supply Chain and Production operations and has worked at various manufacturing locations including Van Nuys, Marion, GM Mexico, Linden, Fairfax, Global Quality Staff, San Luis Potosi and Brownstown. Lamarche earned his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Kettering University and MBA from Loyola Marymount University. He has led GM's Brownstown, MI Battery Assembly Plant since 2012.



Welcome, Jeff! We look forward to hosting you at our Bash event in April!

Museum Receives State Farm Grant

In an effort to further driver's educational programming at the National Corvette Museum, State Farm has awarded the Museum with a 2014 Grant. The Museum plans to utilize the \$14,000 grant to help furnish classrooms, purchase necessary technology and provide a golf cart for teen driving courses and other driver's education classes to be held at the new NCM Motorsports Park.



State Farm provides grants in three areas: safety, community development and education. The National Corvette Museum provides numerous courses that contribute to teen driver education, auto and roadway safety, which are all values that State Farm grants are designed for.

"State Farm knows that vehicle crashes are a leading cause of injury and death for young people," said Patrick Warren, Vice President of Agency/Sales for State Farm. "That's why we promote programs like Celebrate My Drive. We are committed to keeping young drivers safe and are pleased to support the efforts of the National Corvette Museum."

Learn more about the Museum's driver programs [online here](#). Learn more about the NCM Motorsports Park [here](#).

February Membership Special

Half Price Family Membership, Upgrade Discount!

Are you a current individual member of the NCM? Now through February 28 you can upgrade to the Family level for only \$25! [Click here](#) to upgrade, and in the Special Instructions box on the shipping summary page enter code HEARTUPGRADE to save the \$25. Don't forget to enter your loved one in the name box so that we can add them to your membership.



Not a member? Join anytime through February 28 and receive a new "Family" membership for the price of an "Individual" membership (\$100 value for only \$50). This offer is only available for new members. [Click here](#), and in the Special Instructions box on the shipping summary page enter code HEARTVALDAY.

Memberships are Tax Deductible!

March NVCC Event Calendar

For more details about these or other upcoming events, check out our [webpage!](#)

St Patrick's Day Parade- Washington DC

Date: Mar 16, 2014

Start time: 10:00 am

End time: 03:00 pm

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. (www.dcstpatparade.com)

See the flyer on page 4 for more details.

Corvettes and Crabs Rallye

Date: Mar 22, 2014

Sign-in: 9:30 am

Driver meeting: 10:15am

Rallye destination: Tim's Rivershore Restaurant and Crabhouse

Price: \$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members (includes coffee and donuts at Cooper Corvettes; Lunch at Tim's not included)

See the flyer on page 5 for more details.

Event: NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Race Series, Sponsored By Virginia Motorsports Park

Date: Apr 04, 2014

Sponsored By Virginia Motorsport's Park (www.VirginiaMotorsports.com)

Featuring Top Alcohol Dragsters and Funny Cars, see the Screaming Eagle Series Harley Davidson Motorcycles.

Over 400 cars and bikes competing for National Championship Points.

Four Rallyes-2 Gimmick, 2 Chance; Hosted by: G-burg Vettes

Date: Apr 05, 2014

Start time: 08:30 am

End time: 02:00 pm

Join G-burg Vettes for a fun-filled morning as we navigate the remote areas of upper Montgomery County Maryland.

Check out the official flyer [here](#).

Event: Annual Aquia Creek Corvette Club Seafood Cruise

Date: Apr 27, 2014

Details to follow ...

Concours-People's Choice, Bel Air Corvette Club

Date: Apr 27, 2014

Registration opens: 08:00 am

Drivers meeting: 10:15 am

Chinese Auction / Scavenger Hunt / Candy Jar Guessing and MORE. Located at Adams Chevrolet in Havre de Grace, MD.

Check out the official flyer [here](#).

Event: Rollin' Coal Drags and Truck Show , Sponsored By Virginia Motorsports Park

Date: May 03, 2014

Sponsored By Virginia Motorsport's Park (www.VirginiaMotorsports.com)

Big Rigs to Pickup Trucks. Show, Swap Meet, Vendor Midway.

Travel News – Cruisin' The Caribbean!!

By Bob Devery, Member and NVCC Travel for Donations Program Coordinator



Well, it was a brutal winter storm with a foot of snow, drifts, wind chills, and accidents. The mess continued for a few days as people were stuck in their houses after hours of shoveling. Aching muscles, sore backs, etc. Well ... at least, that's what we heard about it because ... we were in the Southern Caribbean enjoying Pina Colodas and 80-85 degree temps!

Stewart and Carol Fox, Jerry and Irene Lelansky, John Scott and Vicky Allen, my sister Maureen and friend Lindell, as well as Carol and I headed out on Royal Caribbean's 138,000 ton ADVENTURE of the SEAS ... a floating city whose port is San Juan. Our 8 day trip included a precruise night in San Juan. The whole vacation was fantastic as the weather cooperated with us. Heck ... since it was in the 20's when we left ... who cared? But, we had a blast. The group of ten enjoyed the ship and the islands but most fun was the camaraderie. The group did what they wanted when they wanted, yet we found time to have dinner together and attend shows and a few other events as "The TEN"!

The feedback was to "do it again". So, IF you liked the snow, the shoveling, and all the rest that went with the last storm, DO NOT READ FURTHER!! But if you want to split the winter in two halves separated by a trip to the Caribbean and all the summer that it brings, read on!! Instead of a group effort in November which did NOT get a lot of interest, I'm going to make a plan for the 2nd Annual NVCC Winter Avoidance CRUISE – 2015 ! It will be for the weekend before OR after the Superbowl in order to maximize any interest. The cruiseline and destination will be picked before the next NVCC meeting in March to give us 11 months to get plans set. The cruise will include one night precruise in our port city, travel protection, and airfare. It worked well this time so ... "if it ain't broke ...". The previous cruisers will pick the date and itinerary, which is how I do it with all groups who have traveled year after year.

Additionally, there is an open invite to join me and others on an Alaska trip that leaves Anchorage on 8/29 for 7 nights. The option for a 3 day precruise package still exists but is shrinking. If I do a November run, I will let you know. Jerry and Irene Lelansky already are making plans for a November cruise on Carnival.

LAST ... the regular reminder ... IF YOU ARE GOING TO TRAVEL, let me know what you need even if ... as many people do ... you love to plan all details by yourself. I'll simply match or beat the price of your plans and give a donation to NVCC (airfare only excluded ... I do it as a favor to club members). As the cruisers on the recent trip will tell you, I can certainly do ALL the planning for: airfare; hotels; cruise; etc. ... worldwide. Again ... when you book your own travel, does NVCC get a donation? NO! Will you get the lowest price and a donation to NVCC if I book for you? YES!! So, don't hit "BUY" until you contact me! The club will be receiving a donation at the next meeting for the above cruisers' travel, and another is in the pipeline for the BALANC party trip to the Mediterranean!

Let me know ASAP if you have an interest in 2015 Caribbean CRUISE in general. Full details soon!! (pics of NVCC members to follow in next month as I'm collecting pics from everyone ! I've got to find the chip with them on it !!)



2014 Washington Auto Show

Pics and Article by Paul Benish



This year's auto show had the usual suspects when it came to GM, but unlike last year, the C7 and C7 convertible were there, and you could actually sit in one!

There was only one classic Vette in the Flemmings Ultimate Garage section, which usually has a few classics and at least one tricked out modern version, but this year seemed to lean more toward classics of all types.



The new CTS was there, which surprised me with its roominess since the last few iterations seemed to sorely lack in headroom for us reaching higher altitudes. I did compare it to the German trifecta of Mercedes the father, BMW the son, and the Audi spirit ... and it definitely held its own.

The front passengers definitely will feel better in the CTS but anyone riding coach in the rear will feel more comfortable in the Mercedes or Audi.



They also have their usual "efficiency superhighway" of electric and hybrid cars, including the new BMW i3. Some exotics were there including Lotus and the Audi R8 but notably missing were Rolls Royce, Bentley, Lamborghini, and Ferrari.

Usually there's a roped off section for these, but it looked like that area was now taken by the Mustangs.



All in all it was a decent show. Jake got to meet "The Miz" from WWE and beat both Lori and I at the RC cars oval. He also got to drive a Corvette! (Well, at least virtually in State Farms driving simulator.)



The upstairs GM areas definitely had a nicer and bigger look to them than last year, and it seemed to attract more people from the downstairs areas. It's good to see they are moving in the right direction.





Council Attendees:

Richard Anderson: President
Marsha Batchellor: Treasurer
John Palmgren: Officer at Large
Stuart Fox: Autocross/HPDE
Paul Benish: Tech
Cassidy Nolen: Historian

Kris McCandless: Vice-President
Mike Gilliland: Secretary
Jeff Klain: Membership
Andrej Balanc: NCCC GOV
Kris McCandless: Rallye Chair
Paul and Lori Benish: Web Masters

The meeting was called to order by NVCC President, Richard Anderson at Page Chevrolet, 6500 Little River Turnpike Alexandria, VA at 7:43 pm January 28. This was the first General Business Meeting for 2014. Twenty members and 2 prospective members came out for one of the coldest evenings in January.

Richard began the meeting by asking the group to introduce themselves and their cars. The two prospectives were greeted warmly and the Membership Chairman documented their names and contact information.

John Palmgren told the group that there were still plenty of slots for the Club's participation in the Washington D.C. Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 16th. Stuart was not sure if we could muster our Park Police escort to the Mall staging area, but he said that he would make appropriate inquiries for the Club. The group will meet at the traditional site at the Pentagon Parking Lot across from the Pentagon City Mall.

Stuart discussed the upcoming TDS dates and identified the need for a member to support registration. He told the group that our previous registration support had a great rapport with the parents, which was very important.

Richard spoke about the need to reenergize the Club event schedule. Kris McCandless told the group that he was considering an overnight Cruise to Staunton, Virginia where there was an auto museum. In addition Kris told the group that he and the Secretary were planning a rallye for the March timeframe and a second in the Fall. There was an additional discussion concerning a cruise to Pennsylvania to see the new home of the David Cammack Tucker collection.

Our new WEB team led by Lori and Paul Benish discussed the new Club WEB site. Lori told the group that they were working to make the site viewable from the widest possible set of devices (smart phones, laptops, tablets, etc...).

Our New Historian, Cassidy Nolan, held the monthly trivia quiz; there was no 50/50 drawing.

Question: What factory plant assembled Corvettes for less than three years?

Answer: Flint, Michigan

Question: Who developed the only non-GM motor to appear in a production Corvette and where was it produced?

Answer: Lotus/Oklahoma

Question: What was the last year that Polo White (only factory color for 1953) was available on Corvette?

Answer: 1957

Question: What was the N03 option on the original Sting Ray?

Answer: 36 gallon racing tank

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 9:00. Next GBM February 25th.

Submitted by Mike Gilliland, Secretary.

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Newsletter News ...

Hello NVCCers!

We've all had winter adventures lately ... for a Southern city, Atlanta's gotten more than its fair share of snow and ice (and bad traffic tie-ups, as you've undoubtedly heard about). My commute home during snowpocalypse #1 took 4 hours, including a 2.5 mile walk home after I had to leave my baby parked on a side road (as much as I love my vette, I need a new daily driver!) But she and I survived without a scratch, as I hope your vehicles have.

Thanks as always for your pictures and articles! Keep thinking warm thoughts ... hopefully spring will be here before we know it ... ☺



Anne Costolanski

Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, February 25th at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 25th at 7:30 pm

GBM Meeting Location:

**Page Chevrolet
6500 Little River Turnpike
Alexandria, VA 22312**