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NVCC Udvar-Hazy and Dulles Airport Outing Trip

By Bob Devery

Well, after 101 emails ... ok ...not quite that many ... members; family and friends got the Dulles Airport and Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum Tour underway.



Our day started with a pickup by our limo du jour, a 90,000 lb airport mobile lounge and a greeting from the Deputy Manager of Airport Operations , Bill Hall, who is also an avid Corvette driver.

Those who got to pass thru his office saw the Corvette evidence !! Our first stop was the United Airlines Heavy maintenance hangar. It's BIG ... even big enough to hold Rich Anderson's stable of cars! Actually ... it's just simply HUGE. It has to be as it can hold United's largest aircraft up through the 747. A Boeing 777 was in for maintenance and just finished so we got to watch as the ground crew readied it for return to service; fired up the 100,000+ pounds of thrust engines to ready it for taxi to the United gates for use on someone's flight ... well, for 300+ people's flight ! . All that was needed here was for United maintenance to allow members to reach for tools and get to work !!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER March 2015



Good Evening Everyone and Welcome to Spring!!

It's been a long, cold winter, and its about time to take the covers off your babies and take them out to do what they are made for...DRIVING!! In spite of the cold weather, our 2015 season is off to a pretty good start. Great attendance at the first two GBMs of the year, a great banquet in January, a new St. Patrick's Day Tradition for the club, a successful Corvette and Crabs Rallye, and one very awesome tour of Dulles Airport Operations and the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum, for which I would like to extend a special Thank You to Bob Devery for all of his time pulling the event together. Thanks as well to Rich Mars and Brian (Mac) McMahon for assisting as escorts.

We're still looking for folks to help out with the Car Show at Page Chevrolet, so please step up and help us put on a great showing with our sponsoring dealership. If we do well, we're easily looking at doing two shows a year at Page!! And remember, all workers earn NCCC worker points towards prizes at the end of the year.

Looking forward to seeing you all out on road waving proudly at your fellow Corvette owners, so get out and enjoy America's Sports Car!

Thanks,
John

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Our next stop was one of the primary fire stations on the airport. The Battalion Chief was on hand to greet us along with firefighters on call for that shift. The new equipment is incredibly futuristic and effective. In addition to a wonderful briefing on apparatus and operations on the airport, a demo was given by one of the heavy duty foam trucks. Like all kids, adults never get tired of seeing fire engines!



Leaving the fire station, we headed down the taxiway to the Airport Operations and Ramp Tower area. Bill took us into OPS where his staff gave a briefing on airport operations including the use of 2,700 cameras that they use to keep a 24/7 watch on EVERYTHING that occurs on Dulles Airport grounds ...and some off the airport turf, too. In the ramp tower, members got to hear from controllers on duty who's job it is to get YOUR flights from the gate to a runway to leave Dulles and then back to the gate when you return. I think the overall result of the tours was to give members a sense of the effort that goes into a team approach to aviation safety.

After lunch at the Dulles Marriott, we went to the Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum. You don't have to be a pilot or involved in aviation to appreciate the incredible machines that are inside this building. We were met by a fantastic team of docents with fantastic aviation credentials pilots and engineers. The 2 hour tour was wonderful as we got info that is not readily available when you walk the Museum by yourselves. Knowing that we had many tech savvy people plus members of the aviation community allowed the docents to go a bit further into tech and aviation related items. Of course, I'm biased as you can lock me in the Museum and come back a week later and find a smile on my face!

THANKS to everyone who joined us. I know that it was a long day and the group was typical in its effort to make it work ... and you did . Hope that when you fly next time, a smile will appear as you know a lot more about what happens to get you from A to B ... Good weather; great hosts and a lot of fun. Cleared for takeoff !!



**Second ANNUAL NVCC GET AWAY FROM WINTER Cruise 2016 ...
and for VALENTINE's DAY !**

Bob Devery, Travel For Donation Coordinator

Hi Fellow Winter Haters ... ok ...hate is an extreme emotion so ... SEVERELY DISLIKE winter. After our recent -10 windchill February, I promise that next February will NOT be the same ! For those who join us as we cruise the Caribbean , the ride on the new REGAL PRINCESS will be a wonderful

Valentine's Day celebration . Our cruise last year with a number of NVCC members gave us an "ice breaking" opportunity to start a new NVCC tradition as we cruised the Southern Caribbean. This trip , on the original Love Boat cruiseline, takes us to the aqua colored waters of the East Caribbean with stops in St Thomas; St Maarten and the Princess private island , Princess Cays. I've got 25 cabins reserved with choices up through suites at a group price. So far, six members are GO FOR SUN AND FUN! And we haven't even started the real advertising !!



Our ship, **REGAL Princess**, is a wonderful ride with first class amenities; top tier dining and service yet a casual and fun atmosphere onboard. Excellent nightly entertainment along with plenty of ship activity during the day will give you a full list of things to do ... or simply chill out with as we will have three days at sea to enjoy this new ship and all it has to offer. Stops in St Thomas and St Maarten (attach above) give us LOTS of great excursion opportunities from casual shopping to snorkel and dive; catamaran runs; island tours and lots more . Princess Cay is a private island that allows you to ..RELAX RELAX and RELAX while not having to listen to one weather broadcast about COLD; SNOW and ICE !! In all of my Caribbean stops, I have never seen ONE SNOWFLAKE !

I'll have a precruise package set to go with a flight and precruise hotel set for us at a Fort Lauderdale beachfront property close to the port. It's always best to arrive a day or more early to avoid stress day of cruise. Been there ; done it and learned what to avoid. And rushing to the ship is one thing to avoid !

The airlines will have flight schedules out next week to cover the dates. I may ... repeat ... MAY review cruise options for two weeks earlier to one week later depending on what I see. Right now, I know what I see for mid January . While the airport tour showed the positive side of teamwork, the airline's schedules and pricing show what they do to create chaos. I've got very good prices for the cruise. I want to insure that the airline and hotel package is the same. For mid January so far, I can get nonstop packages BWI- FLL with a 3-4 star hotel for a night precruise for under \$250 per person!

Here are some links for our ship and Princess:

<http://www.princess.com/learn/ships/gp/>

http://www.princess.com/learn/onboard/food_dining/

<http://www.princess.com/learn/onboard/activities/>

Ok ...cost for the cruise, the cabin cost per person is listed below. NVCC will get a donation of \$50 per cabin and each cabin will have a \$50 onboard credit to use for Bon Voyage drinks; wine at dinner; etc ... :

interior cabins	\$699 or \$709
balcony cabins	\$849
balcony cabins midship	\$1099
minisuite	\$1299
tax and port fees is	\$125.00 pp

All I need now is guest info followed by deposit of 20% of cruise by 6/15/15. I have a limited number of balcony and minisuites at this time as members have already asked to reserve a cabin. YES, friends and family of members are welcome!!

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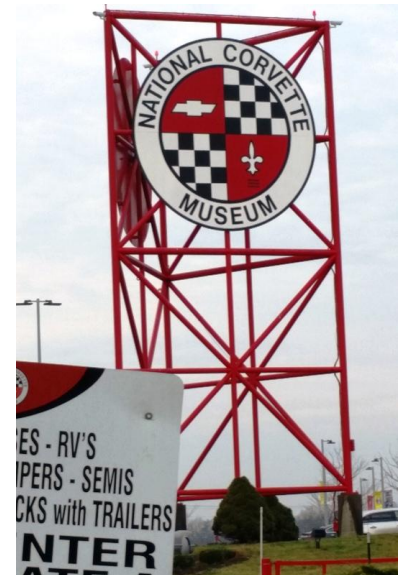
A New St. Patrick's Day Club Tradition is Born

By John Palmgren

The week before we were scheduled to participate in the 2015 Washington, DC, St. Patrick's Day parade, I still hadn't received our participation assignment, or any of the other official paperwork, so I contacted the parade organizers and found out that we unfortunately weren't selected for the parade this year. Digging a little deeper I discovered that they now require a certificate of Insurance naming the parade as a covered entity. Additionally, they imposed a 10-vehicle limit on all car clubs, which together with the new insurance requirements and other restrictions, has me wondering if it is worth our time to participate in the future. So given that I found all this out on the Wednesday before the parade, Kara and I came up with the idea of just gathering for a group brunch at the Fireside Grill in Lorton. We ended up with 20+ people showing up. The food was great and the camaraderie was even better. Next year, we'll look to plan a windy back roads cruise along with the brunch. And that's how new Club traditions start!! Thanks to all that came out on that fine Sunday morning. We're already looking forward to next year!

Road Trip to Corvette Land USA

By Mike Gerhand



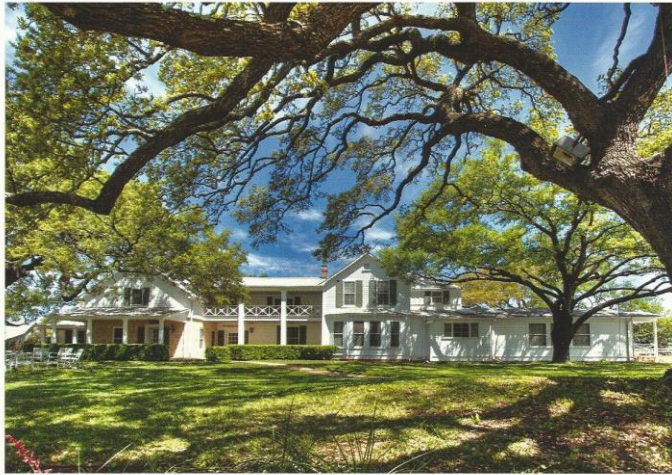
My daughter and myself took a road trip last week to Bowling Green, Ky and visited the Corvette Museum and toured the Corvette assembly plant. The museum was 'ok' but the plant was absolutely amazing. We took the guided tour and actually saw workers putting the cars together, piece by piece. The technology and computers that keep track as to which cars get what colors and options is mind blowing. I highly recommend visiting the plant. It is right across the street from the museum.

From there we went to Chatanooga, Tn. and visited Look Out Mtn and the sights. Needless to say, we took my 2006 Vette and it handled like a dream. Weather was too cold to put the top down, but was a dream to drive.

All the Way with LBJ!

By Alice & Jack Hufnagle, NVCC-Texas delegation

Sunday, March 15th dawned sunny and warm down here in Texas, with temperatures expected into the upper 70s - a perfect day for a cruise in Texas Rose IV. With nothing but wide-open spaces and 70 mph speed limits ahead of us, Jack & I headed for Johnson City, about 90 miles north of here. We had toured the Johnson Library on the University of Texas campus in Austin last year, as well as the JFK Museum in Dealey plaza in Dallas during the 50th anniversary commemorations of Kennedy's assassination, and with the 50th anniversary of much civil rights legislation this year, including the march on Selma, visiting the homes of LBJ, who was so influential in bringing about change, seemed appropriate.



Johnson City was LBJ's boyhood home, where the National Park starts. About 15 miles to the west, near Stonewall, TX, is the LBJ ranch - he was born on this land in 1908 and later traded his aunt his boyhood home 'in town' for the ranch (sounds like some good trading...which was apparently a hallmark of his administration!). The ranch then served as the Texas White House during LBJ's presidency, from 1963-1969. The airstrip & Lockheed Jetstar "Air Force 1/2" are still in service. LBJ died in 1973, and Lady Bird outlived him by 34 years, spending much of her life still at the ranch. The Johnsons donated a portion of the ranch to the Park Service and it still serves as a working ranch, with descendants of LBJ's prize-winning Herefords on the property (requiring careful driving!). The ranch & house tour were a fascinating look at the past. On a personal note, when I was a young lass living in Dallas, we took a trip down here during LBJ's presidency, and we

have home movies of the Secret Service detail waving back at us from across the Pedernales River! What a small world!



A highlight of the tour was a 1965 Vette that LBJ gave his daughter Luci as an 18th birthday present! What a dad!!! Although she must not be much of a Vette girl, or else she wouldn't have left it at the ranch for us to admire...she'd be out cruisin' just like us on this gorgeous day!!



We took a 'short cut' home - only 50 miles back - but one that took us through Luckenbach, Texas,

home of Waylon & Willie & the boys...On such a beautiful day, it was filled with bikers, at least one other Vette (a Z06 that I parked next to), and a handful of other transportation modes including an antique VW bus (!) and a longhorn steer (\$7 for your picture sitting atop it, \$12 for 2 pictures...but Jack wasn't quite up to that...I think the day's other wildlife had pegged his fun meter by then...or as he says 'there are some things you just don't do on the farm!').

See <http://www.luckenbachtexas.com/> for some great pictures.

We thought about you all with all that snow in DC, but were glad that at least some of you ventured out to the CCA Kart event! Hope spring reaches you soon! Come on down & visit some time, we've got some mighty fine roads down here...

For more information on the park: <http://www.nps.gov/lyjo/index.htm>

NCCC OFFICIAL FLYER OUTLINE

Sanction #: ER-001-001 and ER-001-002 TYPE OF EVENT: Low Speed Autocross

Dates: April 12, 2015 (Double Autocross) April 11, 2015 (Primer School)

Online Registration: www.corvetteclubofamerica.org or
in person day of event

Registration Opens: 8:30AM

Closes: 9:30AM

Driver's Meeting Time: 9:30AM

First Car Out Time: 10:00AM

Speed Event: NO

Exhaust Open: NO

CLUB: Corvette Club of America

REGION: East

ENTRY FEE: \$20 per event or \$15 if registered online

LOCATION: LINCOLN COLLEGE

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April 11, 2015



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Other activities include Touring Laps, Hot Laps and TrackX at the Motorsports Park; VIP Plant Tours; Seminars on the creation of the Grand Sport, Finding and Fixing Vacuum Leaks, Major Power Upgrades, Automotive Technology, Transmissions; a Show & Shine; Meet n Greet Dinner; BBQ, Road Tour and Banquet.

The event is May 14-16. Early Bird Registration is \$40 for NCM Lifetime Members, \$45 for NCM Members, and \$55 for Non-Members and includes a t-shirt, commemorative hardcard credential, lanyard and event pin. View the complete agenda and register online.



Edelbrock Family Foundation Sponsoring Vette Camps

This summer we have teamed up with the Edelbrock Family Foundation to bring not one, but five camps to the Museum - combining cars with other exciting themes.

The themes of the camps include: Minecraft (July 9 and 30); Sinkhole Science (July 20), Superhero Science (July 27) and Wild Weather (July 31). The camps will give participants the opportunity to ride in a Corvette, tour the GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant and/or participate in a discussion and Q&A with a Corvette Plant engineer. Each camp is 8am-4pm CT with early drop off and late pickup available. The cost is \$45 per child, per camp. Camp registration is available on the Museum's website. The Edelbrock Family Foundation was formed with the purpose of bringing together like-minded organizations that share a passion for providing education and training for America's youth



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Display Your Car at the Museum

Spots are now available to display your Corvette in the Museum! We are seeking race cars for the Performance Area, and Corvettes 1954-1962, and 1967 for the Nostalgia area (Main Street U.S.A., Mobil Gas Station, Route 66, Dealership). Lenders must be current members of the National Corvette Museum and are responsible for handling all shipping arrangements. The car must be in stock - correct appearance unless being submitted for a special display such as racing, modified etc. Loan periods are approximately one year, but the actual term of the loan can be negotiated.



To submit your car for consideration, please download the Exhibit Application. Complete the form and send it, along with photos of your car, to Betty Hardison via email, or mail to 350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

Stingray Press Kits

Own a piece of Corvette history! General Motors has donated some C7 Stingray Press Kits that enthusiasts can receive for a \$500 donation to the Museum.

The press kits were available to media and select VIPs at the January 2013 reveal of the Seventh Generation Corvette and a limited number of kits were made, each with a unique number. The kits are new and in a sealed box. To secure yours, visit our website and select the Sinkhole C7 Press Kit option and designate your donation amount to be \$500.

In addition to receiving your kit you will also get a donation acknowledgment letter, and the donation will count towards our annual Winner's Circle recognition (those who give \$1,000 and above in a calendar year).



Sinkhole Surveying Nets Engineering Award

The American Council of Engineering Companies - Tennessee Chapter has presented EnSafe, Inc. with a "Grand Award" in the Surveying and Mapping Technology category for their work in mapping the Museum's cave (the cause of the February 2014 sinkhole) without drilling into it from the surface and for their microgravity project work. EnSafe provided support in evaluating potential environmental and safety concerns in the Museum's Skydome during initial response activities, and subsequently designated and conducted a microgravity survey to evaluate the extent of the void and worked with WKU to aid in identifying other potential karst features beneath the Skydome.



Pictured: Ric Federico, Senior Project Manager for the Bowling Green EnSafe and Wendell Strode, Museum Executive Director.

Geotechnical firm Hayward Baker is currently finalizing micropile installation and the Skydome construction is on track to be complete in July.

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Newsletter News ...



OK, I know March is supposed to come in like a lion, but I thought it was supposed to go out like a lamb....not a polar bear. Gee whiz, haven't we had enough winter yet?

Well, regardless of the actual temperatures, the car season is beginning to heat up a bit with more events being scheduled each week. If you attend any of our region's many automotive venues, please consider sending a few words and pics my way to help fight the dreaded white space in our newsletter.

As always, if you find yourself up this way, drop on by!

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Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday April 28, 2015

Tuesday May 26, 2015

GBM Meeting Location:

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