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The Cox Family and the Page Chevrolet Family have our deepest condolences.

IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT WE NOTE THE PASSING OF JIM COX, OUR PAGE CHEVROLET LIAISON, ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2016.

VETT-ING THE AMERICAN DREAM

By Virginia D'Antonio

As some of you may know, I am working on my PhD in Sociology and my dissertation topic is Corvette car culture. The focus of my study evaluates the symbolic meaning of the car as it embodies history, aspirations of success, freedom, and American values for both Corvette owners and Corvette admirers alike. With careful scrutiny, the Corvette is found to be a sacred object in the lives of owners that is reaffirmed through rituals such as car shows, conventions, cruises, and club membership. Often, personal relationships form around the car where common interests and values emerge, leaving the person more closely connected to others because of their passion for the mystique of this sports car.

The relationships that form around the car are an integral part of my research. I am interested in the social capital that is built through ownership of this vehicle and the communities that are constructed surrounding this brand. While our society has changed greatly over the last sixty years, including less voluntary associations, fewer close bonds with neighbors, and a reduction in civic participation, the Corvette has provided continuity for consumers and an opportunity for renewed civic engagement.

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So, I have been collecting data on Corvette owners for a little over a year now. I have conducted in depth personal interviews, and also surveys of Corvette club members across the country. Meeting Corvette owners from all over the country, I am finding their stories to be somewhat similar in that most had a fascination with the Corvette from early childhood or youth experience that stayed with them their whole life until they bought one as adults.

I am using both nostalgia and patriotism as variables to be measured among Corvette owners to see how powerful these sentiments are among the car owners. I am finding that most Corvette owners have owned multiple Vettes throughout their adult lives. In addition to interviews and surveys, I am using participant observation methods including car rallyes, car cruises, car shows, car clinics, and Corvette gatherings. I also participated in the American flag formation at Corvettes at Carlisle last August with my white Corvette convertible. I rented a 2015 Stingray to drive to Bowling Green, Kentucky and even met Chip Foose from Overhaulin! Often, this is too much fun to even be research.

Currently, I am in the middle of data collection with over 200 survey respondents and 20 interviews so far. I will be traveling for the summer to meet other Corvette owners and clubs and will begin writing my final product in the fall. I look forward to sharing my findings with NVCC once data collection is complete. I am thankful to all of the members who have participated in my survey. If you are new to the club, or didn't get a chance to take the survey, I have provided the link below. It takes around four minutes to complete, and is very helpful to my research. Feel free to let me know if you have any Corvette stories you would like to share with me that I may include in my research. I welcome all contributions!

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Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/leisureinyourlife>



Virginia and Stepson
with Chip Foose



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER FEBRUARY 2016

By: John Palmgren



Good Morning NVCC!! The NVCCers made it back from a fantastic voyage on the High Seas of the Eastern Caribbean. 27 of us (22 NVCC Members and Spouses, and 5 friends and/or relatives of NVCCers) had a wonderful time on the Regal Princess visiting Princess Cays (Bahamas), St. Thomas, and St. Maarten. Many thanks to Bob Devery (and his lovely wife Carol) for arranging and being such gracious hosts on the trip. We look forward to doing other cruises like this in the future...Kara and I are already thinking of going on another one next year. For any of you that haven't cruised before (and I'm not talking the 4-wheel kind), these trips are amazing, and we highly recommend taking one. Who knows, you may get hooked! For more details on the trip see the article in this, or next, month's newsletter.

A big THANK YOU to our Banquet Coordinator and my wife, Kara, for putting on another wonderful annual banquet. See the article in this month's newsletter for all the details.

The middle of winter usually means that our babies are safely tucked away under covers or in garages, but if the warm weather peeks its head out, be sure to take advantage of it and let those engines purr on a nice drive.

And last, but certainly not least, I want to express my condolences on the passing of Jim Cox, the former Service Manager, our main supporter and point of contact at Page Chevrolet. His passing was a complete surprise. Just yesterday I was catching up on some old voice mails and there was one from Jim. It was good to hear his voice one last time. Our new contact is David Charlesworth. I hope to see you all at Page Chevrolet this Tuesday, February 23, for this month's GBM. Come on out so we can give our condolences to our Page family and meet David.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS:

We are reviving an old newsletter section highlighting each of our members – both new and used. You could be next!

This month’s Spotlight will focus on Officer-at-Large and Social Chair – **Shawn Waddell**:



<i>Name (s)</i>	Shawn Waddell - Officer at Large, Social Chair
<i>City/State/How Long</i>	Springfield, VA for 3yrs
<i>Where were you raised?</i>	Born in Augusta, Maine
<i>Employed by</i>	Arlington Public Schools
<i>Year/Color/Model of Vette</i>	2012 Grand Sport Centennial Edition
<i>Favorite NVCC Activities</i>	Cruises and wine tours
<i>Least Favorite NVCC Activities</i>	Love ‘em all
<i>In what activity, event or position would you be most interested in volunteering</i>	Cruise Collaborator
<i>Least interested in</i>	Historian
<i>What are some things you would like to see improved at NVCC</i>	New Volunteers
<i>Favorite Place to Vacation</i>	Loved Costa Rica
<i>Hobbies</i>	Golf, Tennis, Scale Model Airplanes
<i>Dream Car (doesn’t have to be a Vette)</i>	Pagani Zonda R
<i>Do you have a funny story or “worst” ticket in a Vette</i>	I do but will share privately 😊



NVCC BANQUET - 2016

BY: KARA PALMGREN

Be sure to check out all the banquet pictures on the NVCC Flickr Page:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nvcorvetteclub/with/24113556394/>

A HUGE THANK YOU TO MAE FROMM FOR TAKING ALL OF THESE FABULOUS PICTURES!

The annual banquet this year was held on January 30, 2016 at a new location - Wildfire grill in Tysons Corner. 75 members dined on delicious dishes including spinach and artichoke fondue, bison meatballs, skirt steak, spit roasted chicken, chocolate peanut butter pie and cheesecake with mixed berries. There were also several fantastic door prizes that were purchased and donated. Door prize winners walked away with Tervis Tumbler Water bottles, duffle bags, coffee mug, corvette art, and much more. From the raffle prizes, this year Ferrell Cook donated a weekend at weekend stay at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, which was a very popular prize and once again, our own Andrej Balanc kindly donated the much coveted Friday at the Track, which was won by Paul Benish. Kris McCandless won the 50/50 raffle and the PlastiDip on his wheels from DitY Dips, a new sponsor this year. Once again, we had trivia for men and women - the men won sticky pads for devices and the women won logo necklaces and earrings.

Thanks to your president, John Palmgren, for residing over the evening. David DuBois was honored as Council Member of the Year for all of his contributions to our many driving-related programs. Bob Devery was honored as Member of the Year for his many financial contributions to the club. If you're thinking of planning a vacation, contact Bob to see if he can help you out and the club will receive a donation for using his services.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors for donating gifts: Barrel Oak Winery, Corvette America, Stoner, Inc., Jegs, Zip, Corvette Central, Ecklers, Rock Auto, OG Racing, Griots Garage, Car Guy Garage, and DitY Dips. Without our sponsors, events like this would not be possible. .

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



**THE WASHINGTON AUTO SHOW
BY: PAUL BENISH**



This year, even though there weren't a lot of Corvettes to be had, there was definitely more to see and do than other years. There was the usual Jeep off-road experience, which is fun if you haven't ever done it before. There was also the usual hands-on contest and "intelligent transport superhighway", which is basically another way of saying alternative fuel vehicles. They did have a lot of interesting vehicles in that area other than the usual solar car or natural gas car. There was a full size double-long metro bus that runs on natural gas as well as some autonomous vehicles. Ironically, leading those vehicles on a parade from the capitol earlier that week was a 1915 model T that was on display at the entrance of the show. All of the manufacturers really stepped it up with their various displays and demonstrations as well. There was a cutout of the Honda fuel cell motor as well as multiple displays on car tech and upcoming prototypes. One of the vehicles which was glitzed up for the event was the Toyota Mirai masquerading as today's back to the future car complete with gullwing doors, light tunnel looking wheels, and a Mr. Fusion! Of course, there was a couple of Corvette Z06s and Corvette Stingrays there as well. Even after being out for two years, there was still a crowd waiting to sit in them. Besides those, there was the gorgeous new Audi R8, some McLarens, and even motorcycles with the Polaris Slingshot! Lori found her next car too with the Hello Kitty Smart Car... ok maybe not, but her face did light up when she saw it! I think the coolest (and tastiest) addition was the Jeep Refueling Station beer garden where they also had live music. And it was good beer too! One cool thing that I got to do this year that I haven't in previous years was go on the VIP tour. I met Les Jackson, who is an auto journalist and does a weekly radio show called Cruise Control radio, while he waited for his tour. He must have enjoyed our chat because he invited me along, which normally costs \$40. I had a great time listening to some of the stories he told about cars he has reviewed (and he has reviewed pretty much everything) and also his opinions on vehicles. He said his first foray into Corvettes was when he bought a '72 after his friend convinced him it was a good alternative to the Ford GT40 that he was actually looking for. I would agree with that. I feel like this show was a marked step up from past shows, even though it was truncated due to the blizzard earlier in the week. I admit getting there I was starting to feel as though it would be my last show since it was hard to find parking with all the snow mountains, and traffic, as usual, was horrible. But the experience of meeting Les and all of the other enhancements to the show have me looking forward to next year.

For more pictures: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskuPF6PN>

NVCC 2016 Activities Calendar

NOTE(s): NVCC General Business Meetings (GBMs) are held the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:30pm, at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria VA.

<p>JANUARY 16: Go-Karting Event – Autobahn in Jessup, MD 23: Go-Karting Event – Autobahn in Jessup, MD 30: Instructor Clinic, Ruritan Club in Sterling, VA - Organizer: Dave Dubois (Non-NVCC Event) 30: NVCC Annual Banquet - Organizer: Kara Palmgren</p>	<p>JULY TBD: NVCC Picnic at the Anderson Farm, Back Creek WV - Organizer: Richard & Cheryl Anderson</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 13: Go-Karting Event – Autobahn in Jessup, MD 14: Cruise on Princess Lines - Regal Princess; 7 Days, Eastern Caribbean - Organizer: Bob Devery</p>	<p>AUGUST 12-17: Road Trip to Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Organizer: Mike Gilliland 25-28: Corvettes at Carlisle in Carlisle, PA - Day Cruise to event - Organizer: TBD</p>
<p>MARCH 13: St. Patrick’s Day Brunch - Organizer: John & Kara Palmgren 20: Crabs ‘n Corvettes Rallye (weather permitting) – Organizer: Mike Gilliland</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p>
<p>APRIL 23: TRSS (BMW Club) at Lincoln Tech – Organizer: Dave DuBois 24: TRSS (NVCC) at Lincoln Tech – Organizer: Dave DuBois</p>	<p>OCTOBER 14-15: Corvettes on the Boardwalk, Ocean City, MD (sponsored by Free State Corvette Club) 25: NVCC 2017 Officer Nominations – Oct. GBM 26: Halloween Parade, Vienna VA - Organizer: Lori Benish</p>
<p>MAY 14: Barrel Oak Winery Cruise-In - Organizer: Shawn Waddell</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 22: NVCC 2017 Officer Elections - November GBM</p>
<p>JUNE 5: Car Show (Page Chevrolet) – Organizer: Kris McCandless 25: Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise – Organizer: Mae Fromm</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p>



**NVCC 2016 Calendar: EVENTS IN PLANNING
(Month & date to be determined)**

To be Scheduled:

- Top Golf Outing, Ashburn, VA
- Shop Night – Page Chevrolet, Alexandria VA

April

Instructor's clinic for TRSS. Lead: Dave Dubois
TRSS/Teen Driving School (Tentative: April 23-24)
Location: Lincoln Tech; Lead: Dave Dubois

June

Car Show (Page Chevrolet) Lead: TBD
(Tentative 6/5 or 6/12)

September

TRSS/Teen Driving School (Tentative: Sept 10-11)
Location TBD Lead: Dave Dubois
Staunton, VA (Cruise) Lead: Kris McCandless

October

Shady Maples Buffet, Intercourse PA (Cruise) Lead:
Shawn Waddell

December

NVCC President's Holiday Party at home of John &
Kara Palmgren, Springfield VA

Christmas Lights, Bull Run/Manassas VA (Rallye)
Lead: John & Kara Palmgren

***IF ANYONE HAS ANY INTEREST IN LEADING
ANY OF THESE TENTATIVE EVENTS,
PLEASE CONTACT ANY COUNCIL MEMBER***



**Next General
Business Meetings:**

Tuesday – February 23, 2016

Tuesday – March 22, 2016

GBM Meeting Location:

**Page Chevrolet
6500 Little River Turnpike
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