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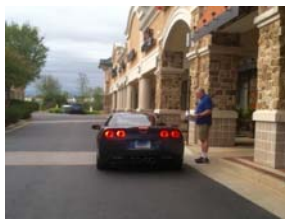
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'GLASS GAZETTE

FALL TOWN & COUNTRY RALLYE FUN WAS HAD BY ALL

By: Dick Hammaker

Sunday, September 25, 2016, was a perfect day to be out and about in your Corvette enjoying the great weather. Eight (8) Rallye Teams enjoyed the challenge of navigating the Rallye route and answering questions along the way. Sign in and drivers meeting was followed by a 46.4 miles route, lunch at Glory Days Grill, and award ceremony.



Many thanks to Chuck Pellerin and Mike Gilliland for keeping me out of trouble by checking the Rallye route and questions. It was a Team effort.

Also big thanks to Kathleen "Kat" Huff, Glory Days Grill Manager, for opening the doors early and providing coffee.



RALLYE TEAMS (Order of Finish)

1. Team Batchellor - Marsha & son Tommy
2. Team Aylward - Anthony & son James
3. Team Foor - Barbara (B4) & sister Charlotte
4. Team Piedmont Corvette Club - Ron LeDrew & PCC President Paul Jolloy
5. Team VP - Kris McCandless & friend Tip
6. Team Boone - Al & Adrienne
7. Team Anderson - Michael & Kim Farrell
8. Team NVCC - Shawn Waddell & Tab



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**NEXT GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016**

SAVE THE DATE

NVCC Annual Banquet

January 28, 2017

Maggiano's Little Italy

Tysons Galleria

Details coming soon!

WINNERS AT THE DULLES PLANE PULL AND CAR SHOW



Jim Dobish, Bo Marlin, Paul Benish



The Dulles Plane Pull was held on Sept. 17th 2016 on a beautiful sunny Saturday. This was perfect car show weather! Thank you to all the NVCC members that signed up to be part of the car show, I think I can say for everyone, we had a blast. The In-The-Pits Radio guys and the Sherriff's Office put on a great show and many our of members took home some top 20 trophies. Thanks as well for anyone that donated to my Special Olympics team Plane Pull, as well as special thanks goes to John and Kara Palmgren who joined my pulling team. Area 14- Loudoun Special Olympics raised over \$ 5595 for our area, and the show and overall plane pull will also help fund the program on the whole state level. Looking forward to doing it again next year, a really fun and rewarding day for anyone who attends. Thanks! Lori Benish



**NOTE —
THE NOVEMBER GBM
WILL BE ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 29.... A
WEEK LATER THAN
USUAL.**

MEET YOUR 2016 COUNCIL



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Banquet
John Palmgren
Kara Palmgren



Vice President
Kris McCandless



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Tech - Paul Benish



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Mae Fromm



Membership
George Durk

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—OCTOBER 2016



**NVCC President
John Palmgren**

Welcome to October! As I write this we are having a bit of an Indian Summer with temps in the 70's and 80's, so I hope you all are out enjoying the last few days of Convertible weather and that some of you get to enjoy the Ducard Winery Cruise this weekend. Another highlight of October is the Annual Corvettes at Ocean City event hosted by the Free State Corvette Club October 14-15. This year's event was the 30th anniversary and included Corvettes from every generation with the oldest being a 1954. NVCC was well represented at the show being one of the top-10 clubs in attendance. We were also able to celebrate the birthdays of Jerry and Irene Lelansky over the weekend.

October also brings two important activities for the club. The membership renewal process is in full swing. I hope you all plan to renew for 2017. If you have already done so, Thank You! If you have not, and are planning to do so, please renew online by November 1st, or in person at the next GBM. The second important activity in October is the nomination process for election of club officers for 2017. Nominations will be accepted for Secretary, Treasurer, Officer-at-Large, Vice President, and President at both the October and November GBMs, with Elections to be held during the November GBM. If you have a desire to lead our club into the future, please consider running for office.

Looking ahead to November, a couple of big events on a national level are happening. Due to Election Day occurring on Tuesday, November 8, the club's Council meeting has been moved to the following Tuesday and will be held at the home of Andrej and Lynn Balanc. And since the 4th Tuesday of the month falls during the week before the Thanksgiving Holiday, the November GBM has been moved to the following Tuesday, November 29th.

Save the Wave, John

Look forward to seeing everyone at October's GBM.



Dana Frederick Root

Passed on September 17, 2016



Dana Frederick Root born on August 16, 1953 in Fall River, Massachusetts to Lynwood Carl Root and Doreen Frances (Amaral) Root, was called home to be with the Lord following his battle with brain cancer, on September 17, 2016.

Dana will always be remembered for his gracious demeanor and ready wit, his love for Corvettes, high performance cars and drag racing. To Dana, the summers spent drag racing with his younger brother were the best times of his life. As a fan of the 50's/60's rock n roll music era he taught himself to play the guitar and spent many a day jamming with his buddies to tunes from Elvis and the Beatles.

In 1972 Dana was called to service and enlisted with the Navy. He served six years in the Naval Air Reserve. Following his Navy service Dana began his career as a draftsman and engineer with private industry.

Dana is survived by his parents, his sisters, Robin Root Beasley (Tom) and Diane Root Harler (Terry), his brother Jeffrey Root (Cathy), nieces, Michelle Poling, Chelsea Evans, Kari Root and Samantha Adkins, nephew Jeffrey Root, Jr., great nephew Caden Evans and several cousins.

A memorial celebration of Dana's life will be held Friday, September 30, 2016, 11:30AM with reception immediately following at Prince of Peace, Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22152.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Dana's name to the American Brain Tumor Association. Information may be found at ABTA.ORG



All NVCC members....

It is with great sadness that I report to you the passing of one of our own. Dana Root passed away on September 17, 2016, after a 19-month long battle with Brain Cancer..

Please spread the word to your members.

Dana was a great man and a dedicated Corvette club member and long time Y-body owner.

My favorite story he told was that he traded his beloved 1967 C2 in at a dealer for the latest, hottest, greatest Corvette of all time: a brand new 1984 in 1983. The 'cool' factor has certainly skewed history but one must respect this in 'the day' moment.

He will be missed.

http://hope.abta.org/site/TR/VFE/2015BreakthroughYourWayVFE?px=2544457&pg=personal&fr_id=3270#.WApMh4MrLR

NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016—SHAWN WADDELL, ACTING SECRETARY

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm

It's time to pay your club dues—Due Nov. 1

Newbies:

Mike Anderson 2012 c6 Grand Sport
Randy Taylor 2014 c7 white

Report on Rallye:

The weather was perfect; 8 cars participated:

Marsha Batchellor - 1st place
Anthony Ailword - 2nd place
Barbara Foor - 3rd place

Special Olympics/Plane Pull and Car Show:
45 cars lined up with members Jim Dobish,
Bo Marlin and Paul Benish receiving top
awards.

Sad Note: Dana Root passed away
Former NVCC Secretary and Officer at
Large, Longtime member; flowers will be
coming from the Club.

Gainesville United Methodist Church to ben-
efit food pantry 10/22.

Wounded Warrior Show 10/1/16 at Walter
Reed—26 corvettes coming; bringing
grills/not sure of the number of people;
working with Corvette Club of America;
caravan from Braddock Rd. outside of the
Beltway.

Free State Corvette Club 30th anniversary -
October 15 and 16 - for Ocean City Cor-
vettes on the Boardwalk; nice shirts this
year; register at the show.

Cruise to DuCard Winery 10/22
10:30 meeting and 11:00 departure
Old Keene Mill Shopping Center
RSVP Shawn Waddell dr-wadd@msn.com

October 8th cruise to Bavarian Inn in Shep-
ardstown, West Virginia; flyer to come.

Vienna Parade is Wed. October 26th -
9 cars more are welcome.

Tire Rack Street Survival November 5-6th
at Lincoln Tech; register on Motorsports
Reg;

Saturday is BMW Sponsors
Sunday is Corvette Club Sponsors
Need 18 instructors and 18 Staff,

NVCC Banquet will be 6:00 pm on January
28th at Maggianos Tysons Corner

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm



**MIKE GILLILAND
WON THE 50/50
DONATING \$40
BACK TO THE CLUB**

Thank you!

You are most likely a Corvette Owner if you.....

Hang pictures of Corvettes in your garage.... So that YOUR Vette isn't lonely.

CORVETTES ON THE BOARDWALK

HOSTED BY FREE STATE CORVETTE CLUB
OCTOBER 14-15, 2016
BY: KRIS MCCANDLESS



Take one of the "Corvette Only" parking lots at Carlisle, chocked full of all seven generations, add in some sand and saltwater, a boardwalk, a car show, a couple rallies, cloudless skies,

a sweatshirt or two, and what do you get? Freestate Corvette Club's 30th Annual Corvette Weekend at Ocean City, held Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15, 2016. This was my first year attending, but make no mistake, there are some real diehards from the NVCC ranks that have been going to this event for years, maybe even a decade or two, including Rich Mars (who also belongs to Free State Corvette Club who was working apparel and boardwalk duty), the Palmgren's, the Lelansky's, the Benish's and the Nolan's, to name just a few that were there again this year. They were joined by me and Tip, Vicki Allen and John Scott, Jim Dobish and Jane, Bob and Carol Devery, and new NVCC member, Randy Taylor.

What do you notice about the attendees listed above? Most are in pairs, right? Well, as I can tell you from flying solo for a long time, it's much better to attend a weekend like this

with a friend or your significant other. It's true. We decided to go at the last minute (about 1.5 weeks prior) so we had to do onsite checkin. That was me getting up early on Saturday and driving down to "the inlet". Although anticipations were high and the heart was racing a little (for the unknown), all was made right when we got to line up with our fellow Corvette owners to wait for the parking lot to open. I was with my extended family. It was a familiar, comfortable feeling.

Photographers were there to take shots of us against the backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean as we entered for registration, last

minute "teching", and Fun Show participation. For the car show attendees, like Jim Dobish, Jerry and Irene Lelansky, the Allen-Scott's, for example, this was their stop for the morning and a chance to do one last shine up with the rags and detail spray before judging began at 9:30. For me, it was a chance to pay and register for "THE PARADE": Probably the highlight of most every attendee's trip to this event, a chance to drive down 35+ blocks on the famous Ocean City Boardwalk.

After having a nice breakfast of eggs and crabs benedict at Layton's Family Restaurant (23rd street), Tip and I re-entered the inlet parking lot and explored the ongoing car show, met up with our NVCC friends, did a little "shopping" for Corvette goodies and jackets, and then on to the boardwalk, at least a 20-year hiatus since the last time we were in OC. The line on Saturday for Thrasher's Boardwalk Fries stretched at least a block, and Kohr's and Dumsers Ice Cream joints were doing a grand business even though temperatures were in the low 60s with a chilly wind.

With the car show judging over at noon, everyone attending the

parade on the boardwalk was ordered to line up at 1:00 pm. To quote Bob Devery at dinner Saturday night, "I like this OC event better than



Corvettes at Carlisle because the scale is more manageable, and I love how everyone lines up for the parade. Such a sight!" Indeed, Bob. I think I counted at least 20 rows and about 30-35 cars in each row. Quite a wonderful spectacle. Especially around 4:00 pm when everyone had to be in their vehicle to start the parade. It was like a huge party, or the start of a slow race. The atmosphere was relaxed, the people happy and filled with anticipation for showing off their dream cars to the lucky folks vacationing at Ocean City that weekend.





About 2:30, we managed to get nearly all NVCC attendees together for a group shot (by Paul Benish and his tripod) near Dumser's Ice Cream shop. Then at 4, the boardwalk experience began. Reports from Free State members were over 650 cars participating in the parade, and over 800 people attending the whole event. Parades are more fun when you engage the bystanders, and that's what we did, revving our engines and trying not to lag too far behind the car in front, waving to folks on the upper floors of the boardwalk hotels.

The evening ended with a spectacular dinner at the event hotel, this year held at The Clarion at 101st Street, (not the buffet that came with the event package), but as Kara and John Palmgren discovered, Horizon's Restaurant had their own buffet of prime rib, ham and Alaskan King crab legs. Most of the attendees mentioned above sat at two tables, thanks to arrangements made by our Banquet Chairwoman,

Kara Palmgren a few days in advance, and reminisced about the highlights of the weekend. We toasted and sang Happy Birthday to Irene and Jerry who were both celebrating birthdays that weekend and then parted ways, some for liquid libations elsewhere and some to attend the awards ceremony in the event hotel.

Most folks left on their own schedules that Sunday, but Jim Dobish and Jane stayed on for vacation all this week. Tip and I discovered the best corn dogs we had ever sunk teeth into at a vendor on the boardwalk. We returned on Sunday for another round, and found the shop next door associated with the photographers along the parade route. Well, being a "first timer", sure enough, I went "all in" and since the pictures were well shot, had prints and a t-shirt made, along with a mug and a mousepad. Yes! I had a great time. And I know my fellow members did, too.





NVCC's Teen Driving School Sunday November 6th

Two weeks remain until our Tire Rack Street Survival event at Lincoln College to Technology Saturday November 5 and Sunday November 6. If you are like me, you have had this event on your calendar all fall. Our NVCC has been holding these events for 12 years now. We were the leaders in the area until we lost our insurance with NCCC. But we didn't stop, we aligned with a nationally renowned team that has also been active for 12 years. Together, they support over 1,000 schools a year.

We are very fortunate to team with the Tire Rack Street Survival program and their sponsors. We are also very proud to be working with Rafale Garces who was awarded the highest award given out by the BMW Foundation, "Street Survival Hero of the year" for 2014. I received a Circle of Excellence award for YOUR outstanding commitments to the program. Thank you !!

We currently have currently have 12 students signed up and expect another 5 to sign up in the next two weeks. However, we have only 10 instructors for Sunday and 8 staff that are volunteering to help. Stewart Fox will be joining us also.

We need about 18 instructors and 18 volunteers for each event.

Please consider registering to help with our event on Sunday, November 6th at the following site.

If you've never done this before - what are you waiting for? Not ready to be an In-Car Coach? Not sure what this is all about? That's OK!! C'mon out and volunteer to help us run the event. There's always plenty to do!

Volunteers help out with setting up traffic cones used in the driving exercises, assisting with registration, setting up for lunch, making sure we stay on schedule throughout the day, etc. Anyone who has an interest in helping with the variety of tasks we need to accomplish throughout the day is welcome to sign up as a volunteer.

*** To sign up as a volunteer or instructor : msreg.com/VolTRSSNov5and6

You can also register to help the BMW Club on Saturday, November 5th.

Here are some metrics about why these experiences are important.

From Mr. Bill Wade, National Program Manager at Tire Rack Street Survival:

"We follow our students and their parents and ask them about every 6 months to fill it out again giving us updates on driving changes and incident rates.

As of September, 2015 – 73% of the students that have taken Street Survival have not had a driving incident. Of those that report experiencing an incident, 80% indicate that they were not at fault."

Summarizing:

We are members of a national Teen Driving program and are fortunate to have a nationally recognized "Hero" (Rafael Garces) in our area. We are providing an important learning experience for young adults. What we do, makes a difference. And... we have FUN doing it. I hope that you will sign up and join us. Help NVCC carry on our 12 years of service to these young adults.

Thank you.

Here is the address:

Lincoln College of Technology
9325 Snowden River Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046

Time: Please plan to arrive no later than 8:00am, earlier if you can. We should be done by 5:00 PM

Dear fellow club members,

I want to let you know about John's and my experience from last year, when we volunteered to help at the teen driving school (TRSS). It was fun and rewarding and at the end of the day, we felt like we had accomplished something worthwhile for those students - and for NVCC.

John and I are volunteering to work at NVCC's teen driving school again this year. It takes place at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD on Saturday, November 5th and Sunday, November 6th. Both Saturday and Sunday's events are sponsored by Tire Rack (thus the acronym TRSS); however, Saturday is co-sponsored by BMW, and Sunday is sponsored by NVCC.

TRSS is a flagship event for NVCC and we need to staff it on Sunday (although you can also attend the Saturday portion). John and I will overnight in Columbia on Saturday to be at Lincoln Tech bright and early on Sunday. You may want to consider doing same (and perhaps we can have a dinner or meet-up on Saturday night!)

You can register online for either or both days at: msreg.com/VolTRSSNov5and6

I offer these suggestions based on our experience - TRSS is fun for everyone and really worth the smiles on our students' faces as they complete the day. Thank you for taking the time to let me share our experience.

Please consider coming out to support NVCC's effort - it's important!!

Best regards,
Vicki Allen-Scott



The Circle of Excellence includes individuals, chapters, and regions from all the organizations that conduct Street Survival schools, including the BMW Car Club of America, Sports Car Club of America, Porsche Club of America, Audi Club of North America, BMW Car Club of Canada, the National Council of Corvette Clubs, and the Tire Rack.

The first year for consideration for the Circle of Excellence was 2014. For the 2014 Street Survival school year, the BMW CCA Foundation was proud to announce the inaugural class of Circle of Excellence volunteers and organizations.

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HERO OF THE YEAR

Finally, the Street Survival Hero of the Year was Rafael Garces, Street Survival Coordinator for the BMW CCA's National Capital Chapter. For years, Rafael has been a tremendous force within the BMW Car Club of America. He is perhaps best known as the very successful past president of the National Capital Chapter, one of the largest in the BMW CCA.



In 2014, Rafael's drive and talent for organization and motivation resulted in the National Capital Chapter's hosting three Street Survival schools. He also was instrumental in helping the National Council of Corvette Clubs and the Audi Club of North America conduct their first schools. On top of that, Rafael traveled to facilitate two more Street Survival schools at the request of national Street Survival director Bill Wade. In total, Rafael was a driving force for quite a few teen drivers to receive potentially life-saving training—and that made him the Hero of the Year.

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WOUNDED WARRIOR CAR SHOW

Walter Reed
By Bob Devery



Well, the weather wasn't the best but the reason for our visit to Walter Reed was. Our nation's heroes are there so we had an opportunity to say hello and THANK YOU. A good number of NVCC members were there along with representation from several other clubs. Even with some rain shower activity, there were 30+ Corvettes. The NVCC trailer had plenty of supplies to set up a great cookout by Kris McCandless and others for attendees and our Wounded Warrior guests.

All the coordination by Dave DuBois made the entry to the hospital grounds very easy. Once there, we lined up in a parking lot close to the dormitories that are, hopefully, a temporary home for men and women who have paid for our freedom by their actions on the battlefield. Some of us had the opportunity to go to the dorms to bring magazines, CDs, etc. for the veterans. Our hosts were Navy active duty medics who exuded the upbeat caring attitude that our vets need. They encouraged us to park a couple of Corvettes in front of the dorm to get attention and .. would you believe it ... they did!! We had a number of our servicemen and women look at the cars and talk with us. They were invited to have lunch with us. Fortunately, most were able to take the invite. One young hero who I met was a true car guy. He loved talking about track time and mods for his Genesis coupe which was now over 600hp and 1/4 mile times in the 11 second range! So, when he came to see our collection of toys, I tossed him the FOB to my C7 and off we went for what turned into a 20 minute drive on and off base. He was amazed at the instant power in the Corvette and the braking. We had a chance to talk a lot about cars and a bit about his new heart monitor that was insuring that he could push a button to let techs know that something was off. At the age of 25, Will had a

heart attack in a combat zone. Explosives causing severe shock waves can cause all kinds of injuries including strokes and in this case, a heart attack. As with other heroes, he stated it in a simple "it just happened" manner. His smile and fullness of life while driving the Corvette made it impossible to imagine what he just said was true.

The injuries to others were, unfortunately, obvious. But, once again, you would never know it from the comments of these amazing people. One young man who had his mom and dad visiting, had a severe head injury. He was disfigured with stitches that were visible and were in the pattern of a baseball. Yet, when he saw my co-driver (who is a friend of his as they met at Walter Reed), all you heard between the two of them was how cool the Corvettes were! Ben's Callaway was their focus! The smiles and good vibes from them were the reason that we went. Seeing them laugh made the effort a success.

I was in the Air Force during Vietnam but never served in a combat zone. I am humbled when I am around people who have experienced combat as they make it sound as though it were perfectly normal. I understand the concept as no one in the military knows when they may be asked to put their lives on the line. But to meet people at Walter Reed, I truly know that the term Wounded Warriors is one of honor and respect. In light of recent incidents involving overpaid athletes and others who disrespect our flag that represents what Wounded Warriors of the last 250 years have allowed us to have in the U.S., I truly appreciate the effort that Dave Dubois made to allow us to meet and say thank you to this incredible group of men and women. I hope the effort continues next year with even more of the veterans able to attend.

I was very impressed with the individuals I met at Walter Reed. Everyone was focused on what their job was, whether it be recuperating from whatever disease/wound that they had encountered or providing care for the wounded Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

To an individual they all told me how happy they were to have something to do on a cool, rainy Saturday afternoon that did not involve them with leaving the facility and that the free food was just a bonus. I asked the guys and girls, as they were talking to me, to take a look around and tell me which of these cars would be yours if you could own one. Interestingly, no one car was picked more than once and no generation seemed to be picked over another – the one constant was that it had to go fast!

Like most military retirees there was a feeling of "There but by the grace of good providence, goes me." Accordingly, should we do this again I will again be in attendance. **Ben Duling**



I was busy getting the logistics and plans together for the car show, I hadn't had time to really prepare myself for meeting our warriors.

I was very impressed when one of the warriors got out of his parent's car accompanied by his parents. His head was wrapped in heavy bandages. The first thing he announced was "I was told I could drive home the car I picked out". A great line. He had been through several surgeries already related to a head injury, and more were planned. He had a great sense of humor and very strong sense of adventure.

Another warrior was in civilian clothes and as I walked up to him, I asked if was stationed at the base. No, in fact he had had a heart attack in Iraq and was recuperating at Walter Reed. He was very interested in the show and the hot dogs and hamburgers we provided. He was planning to leave Walter Reed soon. **Dave DuBois**



I had the pleasure of talking with a Navy wounded warrior and his father. His dad frequently watches *FantomWorks* on the *Velocity* channel and immediately recognized my car (and me) from the show. We had a great discussion about the show and the car and he even asked me for a picture of us in front of the car. I was truly humbled to meet a true hero and his very proud (and supportive) father. While the weather was far from ideal (and no doubt impacted the number of cars we had at the event), it was definitely worth the drive and the time to recognize our wounded warriors in some small way. I'm glad that I could be a part of the event and look forward to a bigger and better show for our heroes next year. **Bo Marlin**



NVCC 2017 Activities Calendar – In Planning

NOTE: NVCC's General Business Meetings (GBMs) are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm, at Page Chev-

January

28: 2017 NVCC Annual Banquet –Maggiano's in McLean, VA- Organizer: Kara Palmgren

XX: Instructor Clinic - Ruritan Club in Sterling, VA - Organizer: Dave Dubois (Non-NVCC Event)

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

February

XX: Go-Karting Event - Autobahn in Jessup, MD - Organizer: Andrej Balanc

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

March

05: NVCC Cruise 2017, Western Caribbean, Organizer: Bob Devery

XX: NVCC 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch - Kilroy's Restaurant & Sports Bar in Spring Field, VA - Organizer: John & Kara Palmgren

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

April

08 (Tentative): NVCC GOES TO BARBOURSVILLE WINERY – Save the Date – Organizer Shawn Waddell

XX (Spring): Tire Rack Street Survival - Instructor's and Volunteer's Clinic – AOL Campus, Dulles, VA– Organizer: Dave Dubois

XX (Spring): Tire Rack Street Survival (NVCC) - Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD - Organizer: David Dubois

XX (Spring): Adult Tire Rack Street Survival (NVCC) – Fairfax County - Organizer: David Dubois

XX: The Fourth Annual NVCC Corvettes and Crab Rallye - Cooper Corvettes in Triangle, VA (weather permitting) - Organizer: Mike Gilliland

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

May

XX: Cruise from Fredericksburg to Appomattox Court House – Organizer: George Durk/Partha Niyogi

XX: Barrel Oak Winery Cruise-In - Organizer: Shawn Waddell

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

June

24: Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise - Organizer: Mae Fromm

XX: Corvettes Care Car Show at Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA- Organizer: Kris McCandless (Rain Date on XX)

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

July

16 (TBD): NVCC Picnic at the Anderson Farm, Back Creek WV - Organizer: Richard & Cheryl Anderson

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

August

24-27: Saturday Cruise to Carlisle with NVCC, Carlisle, PA - Day Cruise to event - Organizer: Mike Gilliland

XX-XX: The Indy Speedway Cruise - Morgantown, Indianapolis, & Dayton- Organizer: Mike Gilliland & Shawn Waddell

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

September

30 (Tentative): NVCC goes to Shady Maples Restaurant – Save the Date – Organizer: Shawn Waddell

XX: Cruise to Staunton, VA - Organizer: Kris McCandless

XX: Dulles Day Plane Pull, Dulles, VA - Organizer: Lori Benish

XX: NVCC Fall Country Rallye, TBD - Organizer: Mike Gilliland and Dick Hammaker

XX: Car Control Clinic – Organizer: Dave Dubois

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

October

14: NVCC goes to Kings Family Vineyard – Save the Date – Organizer: Shawn Waddell

24: NVCC 2018 Officer Nominations - October GBM

XX-XX: Corvettes on the Boardwalk, Ocean City, MD (sponsored by Free State Corvette Club)

XX: Halloween Parade, Vienna VA - Organizer: Lori Benish

XX: Shady Maples Buffet, Intercourse PA (Cruise) - Organizer: Shawn Waddell

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

XX: Shenandoah Skyline Drive and Rappahannock Winery– Organizer: Mae Fromm and Mike Gilliland

November

28: NVCC 2018 Officer Elections - November GBM

XX: TRSS/Teen Driving School, Location TBD - Organizer: Dave Dubois

XX: Top Golf Outing, Kingstowne (Springfield) VA - Organizer: Shawn Waddell/John Palmgren

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

December

XX: Christmas Lights Rallye, Bull Run/Manassas, VA - Organizer: Lori Benish

XX: NVCC President's Holiday Cookie Exchange/Party in Springfield, VA - Organizer: John & Kara Palmgren

XX: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – Organizer: TBD

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

VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE 2016

I know many of us will be gearing up for Halloween (except the Malls that are already decorating for Christmas!). To celebrate, Northern Virginia Corvette Club is participating again in the:

Vienna Halloween Parade 2016

Wednesday October 26, 2016 at 5pm

It is a fun parade and we usually get a great showing. For many years now, we have participated as a club, and have placed in ribbons since at least 2009 (since I have been running it).



Car Decorations and Costumes are not required, BUT STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!!

There is a 20 car cap, so make sure to RSVP -first come, first serve!



We are meeting to line up between 5-5:30pm

(After 5:30-6pm the roads close and are hard to get into the parking lot, so I urge everyone to come early).

Our line up # to TBD, but we typically are put in the **Danor Plaza Shopping Center** (off Maple Ave./Branch Rd) in front of Fresh Market (at the end).

Please make sure to **RSVP** with a good contact phone # in case anything changes the day of. When you arrive, you will sign the club waiver sheet and check-in with me (Lori Benish).

We will have dinner, if you want to join the group, at **Elevation Burger**, which is in the same shopping center, right around the corner from our cars. We will head over to Elevation Burger around 5:30-6pm, so if you arrive after that, find us there to check and sign in. It does get busy, since it is limited options with the parade closing the roads down, so don't wait to order your food until last minute! The parade begins a 7pm, but typically we do not roll out until after 7:30, plenty of time to get a bite to eat after decorating our cars.

Remember **NO BURNOUTS!** We are here to have fun, but also support the club and make a safe environment for all the little kids that will be watching our super cool cars! Also, no throwing candy from the cars, only if someone is walking and handing out the candy, due to safety issues.

DETAILS: BE AT DANOR PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER AT 5-5:30pm

Danor Plaza: 142 Branch Rd Southeast Vienna VA 22180 (In front of Fresh Market)

DINNER WILL BE AT ELEVATION BURGER STARTING A 5:30-6:30PM

Elevation Burger: 142 Branch Rd Southeast Vienna VA 22180 ph703-865-7277

Hope to see many of you there!

Lori Ann Benish

Vienna Halloween Parade Master (ex Webmaster and Historian)

RSVP for this event to Lori Benish at LOC01707@vahoo.com



Trivia Questions – September 2016 GBM**“Generations – The C-6: The Refined Performance Corvette”**

Q1. (For those who've been members for less than two years.) What C-6 styling change brought back a feature not seen in the Corvette for more than 40 years?

A1. The C-6 non-pop up headlights had not been seen on a Corvette since the last C-1 model in 1962.

Q2. (For Rick Poage) The 2007 model year saw two Special Edition C-6s. One was the Arctic White Ron Fellows American LeMans Series (ALMS) GT-1 Z06. What made the 399 Ron Fellows edition Corvettes even more unique?

A2. They were the first signed limited edition cars in Corvette history.

Note: The other 2007 Limited Edition Corvettes were the 500 Indy Pace car Atomic Orange convertibles, marking the 9th time that a Corvette paced the race.

Q3. One year later, Corvette produced a second signed, Limited Edition vehicle, a Crystal Metallic Red Z-06 signed by retiring Corvette Assembly Plant Manager Will Cooksey.

Part 1: How many were produced, and how many were designated for the U.S. market?

Part 2: To further awe and inspire your fellow NVCC members, what is the significance of those two numbers?

A3. Part 1: A total of 505 Will Cooksey signed Limited Edition Corvettes were produced; 427 of them were destined for the U.S. market.

Part 2: 505 is the horsepower designation for the C-6 Z-06; the cubic inch displacement for the Z-06 power plant is 427.

Q4. In 2009, Corvette brought back the ZR-1 supercar, with 638 horsepower the most powerful production automobile ever sold by GM. In addition to its stratospheric horsepower rating, what two other Corvette firsts are claimed by the 2009 ZR-1?

A4. The 2009 ZR-1 was the first 200+ mph production Corvette ever made. It was also the first production Corvette to retail for more than \$100,000.



**TRIVIA
BY JOHN SCOTT**



SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS:

This month's Spotlight will focus on Carl and Vonja Grigsby:



<i>Name</i>	Carl Grigsby	Vonja Ashton-Grigsby
<i>City/State/How Long</i>	Gainesville, VA – 17 years	Gainesville, VA – 17 years
<i>Where were you raised?</i>	Washington, VA	King George, VA
<i>Employed by</i>	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission	Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement
<i>Year/Color/Model of Vette</i>	2013 Torch Red Corvette 427	2013 Torch Red Corvette 427
<i>Favorite NVCC Activities</i>	Cruises	Cruises
<i>Least Favorite NVCC Activities</i>	Car Show	Car Show
<i>In what activity, event or position would you be most interested in volunteering</i>		
<i>Least interested in</i>		
<i>What are some things you would like to see improved at NVCC</i>	Eliminate NCCC membership/decrease membership dues	Have a breakfast, lunch or dinner gathering once a month at various restaurant locations
<i>Favorite Place to Vacation</i>	Maui, Hawaii	Maui, Hawaii
<i>Hobbies</i>	Flying helicopters, SCUBA Diving, Flying quadcopter, videography, and cruising in the Corvette	Flying airplanes, reading, wine tasting
<i>Dream Car (doesn't have to be a Vette)</i>	Ferrari 488 Spider	Ferrari 488 Spider
<i>Do you have a funny story or "worst" ticket in a Vette</i>		We used to not have the front license plate on our Corvette because it looks better without it. However, one Saturday afternoon, I was leisurely cruising to my parents' house with the top down, enjoying the beautiful weather, when a Virginia State Trooper disrupted my day. The Trooper walked up to the driver's side and ask me, "Mam, where is your front license plate?" I responded Uhhh...in the trunk. The Trooper suppressed a smile and let me let me off with a verbal warning, but advised me to get a license plate bracket and the license plate installed on the front of the Corvette as soon as possible. I breathed a sigh of relief, but our 'Vette has worn the front license plate since that day.



A TASTE OF BAVARIA

By: George Durk

"The American sports car" enthusiasts of NVCC recently ventured to the foreign lands of Bavaria -- well more like a West Virginian version of Bavaria. If you've ever entered into West Virginia over the Potomac River from historic Antietam, Maryland you might have noticed some distinctive old world Alpine-style buildings set on a bluff overlooking the Potomac and Shepherd University. The complex of buildings conjures up images of a peaceful village surrounded by the majestic peaks of the Alps. Exactly at 12:55 PM on Saturday October 8, a convoy of 10 or so wet Corvettes crossed the New Rumsey Bridge, made a right turn on the other side and entered into this picturesque German village called the Bavarian Inn for a 1:00 PM lunch reservation.

Although inclement weather raised the possibility of cancelling the cruise, the consensus was to forge ahead, perhaps unknowingly in the spirit of the Battle of Antietam, and venture into the scenic country of western Maryland until we exited the perimeter of Antietam national park, then 15 minutes to Bavaria. Unfortunately, the inclement weather won the battle. Due to DC metro rainy-road accidents, we abandoned the planned route, turned on the navigation and followed the straight and narrow path from point A to point B. Surprisingly, it turned out not to be so straight, taking us on some nice back roads, especially Boonsboro Mountain Road. The

misty overcast weather added a nice element to the drive as we drove through the center of Boonsboro and continued on route 34 passing through Antietam, Sharpsburg and finally into Shepherdstown.



The Bavarian Inn hotel and restaurant offers a novel German experience of fine and casual dining from "an extensive menu of German and American fare lovingly prepared by master chefs," under the direction of master Chef Wolfgang Vomend. The traditional Bavarian appetizers and entrees were the hit – Kaese Spaetzle was a popular starter recommended by Kris with main entrée orders of Sauerbraten, Schweinebraten, German Sausages, Wild Game Meatloaf on our plates. Grilled Wild Atlantic Salmon and Bavarian Inn Famous Crab Cake represented their lighter fare. There's also the Bavarian Burger you eat so slow to savor every bite. Our free-spirited mood of abandoning the planned route carried over into our dining experience. There was a lightness and sense of appreciativeness in the air - a time to relax and enjoy good company. And no matter where conversations started, they usually ended in talking about our beloved Corvettes!





MORE SCENES FROM CORVETTES ON THE BOARDWALK



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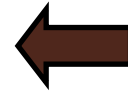
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and enjoy this....



Or join us March 4, 2017
as we do this....



If you have any "MAYBE I SHOULD" thoughts, give me a call or text or email. It'll be a fun time and a good break before the Corvettes come out of hiding in spring! Our group rate is better than any promo pricing and Club gets donation Cell: 703-786-2147

Bob Devery
The Travel Guy



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FINAL THOUGHT



ANOTHER FLYING PIG

