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'GLASS GAZETTE

“The Bash” 2017

By: Tom Faust



I awakened on Monday morning April 24 ready “to roll”. I am going to Bowling Green for the annual National Corvette Museum Bash to be held from April 27-29. This was my first Bash ever and I was taking Belle (my 2017 C7 Torch Red Coupe with the Tremec 6070, 7speed manual)! Not only will Belle be featured in the July 2017 issue

of Magazine Corvette, she will be going to her birthplace and I will be there with her. I checked the oil, the pressure in the tires, and had Belle serviced prior to the trip. My wife, Margaret accompanied me for the southwestern journey. Unfortunately, she could not accompany me to NCM as she had to take care of her sick parents in Nashville; I also did double duty between taking care of her parents and going to the Bash. We stayed at her parent’s home during the week leading up to the festivities in Bowling Green.

The drive from Nashville to Bowling Green was a time to reflect on how great America is and that I am going to the shrine that houses the memories of “America’s Sports Car”. I was born in Flint, Michigan, 4 miles from Van Slyke Avenue where the first 300 1953 Polo White C1s rolled off the line with red interiors and black convertible tops. Little did I know, that I would be a Corvette enthusiast forever. I set the Tremec 6070 on cruise, economy mode, and 7th gear. I got 38.2 MPG during the trip from Nashville to Bowling Green. When I relayed this information to the tour guide at the NCM Plant tour, he said that this was the highest MPG that he had heard of while working there. Way to go Belle! I got to Bowling Green early so that I could get a good parking spot in the Corvettes only area among the C2s, C3s, C4s, C5s, C6s, and C7s. What a rainbow of colors; white, blue, green, yellow, orange, red, purple, silver, black, teal, etc.!! I was in heaven. I only wish that all of my friends at NVCC and my wife could be here. I was honored to be part of such a respected event, a wonderful sports car, and the Corvette hobby!

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**NEXT GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017**

A vote to accept the 4/25/17 GBM Minutes will be taken.

I toured the museum, the exhibits, the Café, and the Store. I did not partake in the Trivia exercise at the beginning of the tour as I wanted to rest my brain for the next NVCC GBM trivia questions by Jeff Klain! I have seen the museum before, but I was very impressed with the sinkhole exhibit and the work that went into restoring the 1,000,000th 1992 C4 white Corvette with red interior. Hats off to a job well-done!! Go Corvette restorers, you rock. There were no new models this year; however, several new modifications were on display. The Carbon 65 Edition



with Ceramic Matrix Gray exterior will be available to 650 lucky owners of 3LT Grand Sports and 3LZ ZO6s. 2018 Stingrays will have 19 front and 20 inch rear wheels. I did not have time to attend the seminars but I am sure that they were terrific. I saw the NVCC brick as I entered NCM and the NVCC patch in the NCCC display window; proud to be a member of NVCC!

While in the Store, I purchased Corvette socks for my wife, daughter, and daughter's boyfriend. For me, I bought a NCM hat, shirt, NCM member decal and patch, mug, side mirror masks, and bra for Belle; I am not expert in Corvette lingerie! This treatise is not supposed to be X-rated! I needed to put my credit card away before I got into trouble.

The NCM offers the opportunity to volunteer during the Bash. I did a 4- hour stint in the Store folding and labeling shirts, T-shirts, and bags. What a wonderful opportunity to help NCM promote a great cause and meet terrific staff and other volunteers in the process. I was not the best "folder" of shirts. Consequently, I guess that I need to continue to be a physician in order to make a living. Perhaps, I will volunteer to work in the Cafe or parking lot in upcoming years. I don't have a great sense of direction; the NCM would not be happy to see me direct all of the incoming Vettes to wrong locations!!

On my final day, I went to take in a tour of the Corvette Bowling Green Assembly Plant. Per Plant rules, "all visitors are required to wear closed toe and closed heel shoes (no spike heels or sandals)". I am glad that I left my spike heels at home ;-). What an impressive operation: employees, robots, aluminum frames, painted sheet molded composite parts, LT1s, LT4s, conveyors, LT4 Engine Build Experience, and testers of newly born C7s working in harmony; music to my ears!! As I walked down the line, I kept saying to myself "Belle, you were born here. I am now seeing your relatives during their creation and birth. I wish that you were here to take the tour with me".



As I left the plant, I realized that I am proud to be an American and to support American products. Belle and I left the plant only to follow a fully loaded truck with brand new cars with white covers being delivered to their lucky new owners. I reflected on the timetable of Corvette development: Flint, Michigan in 1953, St. Louis Missouri from 1954-1981, and Bowling Green Kentucky from 1981-present. Engineers, designers, and plethora of other staff had to have that Corvette spirit to make it work, and they did!!

In closing, I go back to Kris McCandless' article about "Save the Wave" in the April 2017 Newsletter. I saw many Corvettes driving to and from Bowling Green. I had the opportunity to promote and receive the wave during the long drive. Like Kris, I did notice that Vette owners of C7s were less likely to wave when compared to owners of other generations. That being said, whether others waved or not, I felt obligated to "Save the Wave". I want to thank NVCC, NCCC, NCM, and my wife for supporting my Corvette hobby. On my bucket list: promote and work for the local and national Corvette organizations. Time will tell.

From Belle and me: Save the Wave,

Tom Faust and Belle



Trivia By Jeff Klain April 25, 2017 GBM

1) For new members: While it is customary still to refer to the Corvette as being made of fiberglass, what was the last year in which the car actually was made of fiberglass? A: 1996

2) The "Hard Question": C5 Corvettes featured an audio system that allowed the user to select different equalizer settings for different kinds of music. What is the default setting? A: *Country and Western*

3) General audience: What feature of the Model T Ford's front suspension has become a Corvette fixture from the midyear through today's Stingray? If you need a hint, the feature is not found on contemporary racing Corvettes. A: *Transverse leaf spring.*



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—MAY 2017

Teen Driving School - What NVCC is Known For in the Recent Decade

Stewart Fox, Cassidy Nolan, Paul Benish, and many other longtime members helped develop the twice-a-year classic event for NVCC called Teen Driving School (at least our name for it until we teamed up with Tire Rack and the BMW Club/Foundation). This was one of the first events I participated in when I joined the Club in February 2012, especially "Instructor's Training" which was a day set out a month in advance of the actual school, to teach we Corvette drivers the techniques of threshold braking, over- and understeering and how to regain control. That was also when we had a local track (Old Dominion Raceway) with close ties to its owner, Steve Britt. I will always thank Andrej Balanc for being patient with me as I tried to master this braking technique and "stopping in the box" on the ODR drag strip! Gosh, that was hard! And to Stewart for helping me navigate the slalom...at speed! But probably the most memorable was Cassidy's class for most of us guys who'd been out of school for 30-40 years on how to teach today's teens: so revealing, but also a great style of teaching to make it fascinating! That's the kind of teacher one will always remember, like I have, five years later. (If you know Cassidy, you're nodding your head right now.) Let's not forget Paul Benish's and John Palmgren's contribution to TDS in their car care session (discussing tire wear, pads and rotors, brake fluid colors, and the all-important rearview mirror setup). I'm glad we've been able to infuse his critical element into our Club's sponsored day of the TRSS weekend. While our cars have become increasingly computerized, automatically providing oil life readings, etc., it's still important to know those basic facts, like where to find the dipsticks and fluid reservoirs under the hood, that could really save the day.



It has been fun to see how this program has evolved and to have been an instructor for the past five years of club membership. I encourage all cone chasers, who have watched from outside the car, to consider taking the TRSS class for instructors (online) and become a Coach. As my fellow coaches know, it's very rewarding to see the marked improvement in your student's driving, from the morning session to the evening session. For similar in-car instructor training, or to just have fun learning to drive your corvette to its limits, please participate in the next Car Control Clinic that we or another club hosts. It's basically TDS for adults and convertibles are welcome (at our event; speeds are limited to 80 mph). Enjoy the pictures from the Spring TDS in 2012.



Your Diligent crew of instructors, cone chasers and registration folks.

Kris McCandless,
NVCC President
2010 Black GS - The Bear



MEET YOUR 2017 COUNCIL



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Vice President John Scott



Treasurer John Stark



Secretary Vicki Allen-Scott



Rallye Mike Gilliland



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Jerry Lelansky



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Mae Fromm



Membership George Durk

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB
APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE AND MICHIE TAVERN CRUISE
SATURDAY MAY 20, 2017**



Come join us for a romp in Virginia’s beautiful back country roads. Our first destination will be historic Appomattox Court House Park, where the civil war ended. It’s a preserved 19th century town with museum. We will meet 7:30 at Panera Bread Cosners Corner, Fredericksburg, VA and leave promptly at 8:00. We will spend a few hours at the park, then head 1-hour to Charlottesville for a 2:00 meal at the famous Michie Tavern. There will be one rest stop for gas and a snack on the way to Appomattox. And/or, you may want to bring light snacks to hold you over until our 2:00 lunch.

Let’s enjoy our corvettes, take in some history and experience novelty dining together!

There are no fees to enter the park. Michie Tavern group rate – 15 minimum (meal, drink, taxes, gratuity) is \$23.15 for the Chicken & BBQ buffet. \$5 to \$6 more for individual rate.

Organizers: George Durk and Partha Niyogi

Please RSVP: gadurk@gmail.com or 703-473-1005 by

Thursday, May 18 (Michie’s requires 48 hours confirmation)

Meeting Place	Panera Bread Cosners Corner, Fredericksburg, VA
Meeting Time	7:30 am
Drivers Meeting	7:45 am
Cruise Begins	8:00 am

Challenge Day Car Show at Oxon Hill Middle School

May 26, 2017 10am to 2pm

9570 Fort Foote Rd, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Calling all NVCC Corvettes, come and spend the morning/early afternoon showing off our cars for the kids.
This is a rain or shine event!

Contact Andrej Balanc for further information:
703-220-8228 urtoslo@yahoo.com

FIVE MONTHS TO BARCELONA CRUISE!! Bob Devery, Travel Guy

Well, it's just under five months until we leave Virginia for our pre-cruise in Barcelona, Spain! The cruise is October 15th on the Norwegian EPIC, their 2nd largest ship. Port calls will include Cannes where we will see the famous F1 track in Monaco, Livorno, Italy and have the option of going to Florence or Pisa or both, Rome, Naples - with a stop at the Amalfi coast to include Pompeii, and Palma de Mallorca. We currently have 14 NVCC members signed on, and it's a fun group!

I want to let you know that I must return any unbooked cabins by the end of June – and our group rate is excellent! It includes an “all you can drink” package and a “specialty dining” package – and the normal gratuities for these two options have also been waived. There are no formal nights, so packing will be easy! Main dining is in the MANHATTAN ROOM – a very cool 1940s-themed dinner theater. The entertainment onboard is upbeat and there's plenty of it. There are many more details if you're interested – just send me a note.

Carol and I have also booked a winter-break cruise in mid-January on one of the new Carnival ships, with a wonderful Southern Caribbean itinerary that includes no snow! I'm finishing the details this week and will extend an invitation to NVCC members soon.

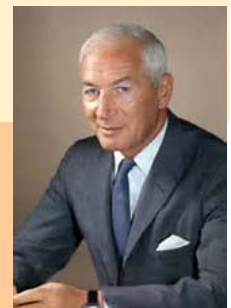
I also would like to plan a 2018 NVCC cruise, after I receive feedback from those who participated in the 2017 cruise. There are openings to go to Cuba as a port call on 4-6 day cruise, with an overnight stay on the ship in Havana. In addition, Havana excursions feature 1950s vintage cars with a chauffeur! We could also consider Alaska or the Mexican Riviera. I've tentatively planned a 9-day northern Europe Baltic cruise for September 2018, although I'm open to other ideas.

For those of you who haven't sailed with us, I would welcome your feedback on what you think would be a good group cruise. I look forward to your comments. Text: 703-786-2147

NOTE: Donation to NVCC coming in June, for travel booked with me by Hammaker; Boone and Van Sloten!

You are most likely a Corvette Owner if

You have ever explained in detail exactly who “Zora” is.....



NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 25, 2017—VICKI ALLEN-SCOTT, SECRETARY



Officers present:

Kris McCandless, President
John Scott, Vice President
John Stark, Treasurer
Vicki Allen-Scott, Secretary
Jerry Lelansky, OAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Kris McCandless, at Page Chevrolet, 6500 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Kris welcomed Vince Brown, who is the Page Chevrolet's liaison for NVCC, as well as prospective members Dave Hollister, and Tom and Christina Kinsman. Introductions all around followed and it was noted that past Presidents Dick Hammaker, Rick Poage, and John Palmgren were in attendance.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous month was unanimously carried.

Kris announced that our speaker for the evening, Andrej Balanc, would not be able to make it and that we could continue with current business and have a shorter meeting this evening.

TDS – Since Dave Dubois wasn't present, Kris covered the highlights of Teen Driving School (formally Tire Rack Street Survival), which is coming up on the weekend of May 6&7 at Lincoln Tech, in Columbia, MD.

Car Show – Jim Garner provided an update about preparations for the Club's car show which will take place at Page Chevrolet on Sunday, June 4th.

Jim gave an overview of various trophies to be awarded, and announced that "Odds 'n Ends" will sponsor a trophy for 'Best Paint". There will also be a trophy for Most Club Participation, which we will publicize to other Corvette clubs in the area. Jim pointed out that we need volunteers for: Front Gate; Registration; Parking Cars; Bake Sale; Tee Shirt Sale; Setup; Breakdown. He added that another 100 flyers will be provided by Marsha Batchellor - and all members need to help get the word out about the show.

Oxon Hill Challenge – Kris reminded everyone that this Club participation event is right around the corner on Friday, May 26 in Prince George's County.

Other Car Shows – Rick Poage announced that the Craftsman Car Show will take place on Saturday, April 29th and may become a standardized format. Matt Curry, who is the former owner of Curry Auto Service, recently opened Craftsman and this will be their grand opening event.

John Palmgren noted that Matt Curry had reached out to he and Paul Benish to ask that they help organize a 'shop night' – they'll update us as plans are made.

Barboursville Winery Trip Report – Shawn Waddell informed us that the cruise to Barboursville was great fun –

the weather was fine and so were the roads – and the wine! He then presented a check in the amount of \$375 to John Stark for the Club Treasury, which is from Barbourville Winery because they refunded everyone's tasting fees (since so much business resulted from our visit). That's a significant contribution and everyone was pleased with the generous gift.

Barrel Oak Winery – Shawn encouraged everyone to join the cruise to Barrel Oak Winery on June 19th. This is a popular venue and books quickly and we should arrive no later than 11 am. Details for the cruise formation are on the flyer that was published in the newsletter and is also available on the NVCC website.

Break -

Treasurer's Report – John Stark reported that the Club's SCC dues have been paid (\$25), and that we are doing very well with a treasury balance of \$7593 (not including the \$375 rebate/contribution of tasting fees from Barbourville Winery).

Activities in General – Vicki Scott announced that she has begun emailing reminders to Club members, about upcoming activities coming up within a couple of weeks at a time. She asked everyone to let her know of other activities that may be of interest to the Club.

Social Media – Mae Fromm introduced herself as Social Media chair and the fact that she manages Facebook and Twitter and takes care of photography for the Club. Mae also reminded everyone that the Tri-State Ice Cream Tour is coming up and she'll be leading this event (on Saturday, June 24th).

NRA Car Show – Jerry Lelansky, our Officer-at-Large, announced that the NRA Car Show will be held this year on September 24th. It's a large show and they're expecting over 400 cars. Admission is \$10, which includes free access to their museum and tour.

NCM Bash – A few of our members attended this annual event which is held at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY.

50/50 Drawing – Jackpot was \$34 (won by Jim Dobish)

Adjourned – 8:34PM



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**David and Barbara Kuhn
2017 Grand Sport**

**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME**

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE MAY 23, 2017 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

NVCC 2017 Activities Calendar

Dates are subject to change.



MONTHLY EVENTS

4th Tuesday of every month: NVCC General Business Meetings (GBMs) at 7:30pm, at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria, VA.

2nd Tuesday of every month: NVCC Council Business Meetings at 7:30. Location varies.

Every month: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – The council is encouraging members to volunteer to host/co-host an event every month. Please email council@nvccorvetteclub.com for more information.

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

None

MARCH

05-12: NVCC Winter Getaway Cruise, Western Caribbean,
Organizer: Bob Devery

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

26: 4th Annual NVCC Corvettes and Crab Rallye - Cooper
Corvettes in Triangle, VA - Organizer: Mike Gilliland

APRIL

15: NVCC goes to Barboursville Winery – Organizer: Shawn
Waddell

23: Aquia Creek CC—Captain Billy's Crab House Cruise—
see flyer on page 18

29: Potomac-Chesapeake Audi Club 1-day High Performance
& Car Control Clinic at Summit Point Jefferson Circuit –
Organizer: David Dubois

MAY

06: Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS), National Capital Chap-
ter BMW club, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD - Organiz-
er: Dave Dubois

07: Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS), Corvette Club of Ameri-
ca and NVCC, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD - Organizer:
Dave Dubois

20: Cruise to Appomattox Court House & Michie Tavern,
Fredericksburg, VA – Organizer: George Durk & Partha
Niyogi

21: Fairfax Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Springfield,
VA – Organizer: Bob Devery

26: Challenge Day at Oxon Hill Middle School, Ft. Washing-
ton, MD – Organizer: Andrej Balanc

JUNE

04: Corvettes Care Car Show at Page Chevrolet, Alexandria,
VA- Organizer: David Dubois & Jim Garner

17: NVCC Goes to Barrel Oak Winery, Delaplane, VA—
Organizer: Shawn Waddell

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

JULY

16: NVCC Annual Picnic at Anderson Farm, Back Creek WV -
Organizer: Richard & Cheryl Anderson

29: Cruise to Penn Alps Restaurant and Craft Shop,
Grantsville, MD – Organizer: Tom Faust

AUGUST

26: Saturday Cruise to Carlisle with NVCC, Carlisle, PA –
Organizer: Mike Gilliland

SEPTEMBER

30: NVCC goes to Shady Maples Restaurant, PA – Organizer:
Shawn Waddell

OCTOBER

13-14: Corvettes on the Board Walk, Ocean City, MD
(sponsored by Free State Corvette Club)

13-24: Autumn Getaway Cruise to Mediterranean – Organizer
– Bob Devery

21: NVCC goes to Kings Family Vineyard – Organizer: Shawn
Waddell

24: NVCC 2018 Officer Nominations - October GBM

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

NOVEMBER

19: Bavarian Inn Cruise and Sunday Brunch, Shepherdstown,
WW– Organizer: George Durk

28: NVCC 2018 Officer Elections - November GBM

DECEMBER

None

TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL

BY: DAVID DUBOIS



We completed another two day back-to-back Tire Rack Street Survival over the May 6 and 7th weekend that was very successful in three ways.

1. We changed the lives of 40+ students giving them a safe and controlled environment to learn skills that would take them decades, if ever, to learn. Another measurement was the smiles that we saw on their faces.

Bill Wade, the National Program Director sends out surveys every 6 months to students who have taken the class and he has found that students experience a significantly decreased rate of accidents - with 80% accident free. Of the remaining 20%, only 5% contributed to the accident, and the other 15% were involved with accidents caused by someone else.

2. The Parents' completed Street Survival Survey results and gave us a 100% rating—all parents gave us great marks... once again. Our entire staff was very well appreciated, as you can see.

3. Over 30 coaches and staff helped on Sunday, and many worked both events (on Saturday and Sunday). A special thank you to all of you. I was able to ask any person, "Could I ask you to please.....?" and it would be done. A special call out to Jeff Klain, who helped me clean up the student lounge after two days of lunches with over 70 people each day.

We tried something new this year, by allowing 4 parents to take the event, as a student. If we had had more students, we could not have done that. They came away with an appreciation of the skills their young adults are learning.

The members of the Corvette Club of America were very well represented both days. The more we work together with CCA and the BMB CCA club the better we are getting at putting on exciting events.

The Fall Street Survival is in the planning stages with CAA and the BMW club. We have the event site approved and picked out. It will be the Dulles Airport's Purple parking lot. This will challenge us with some new logistics such as a water truck, a classroom site, tables and chairs, and of course porta-potties. I will be looking for a team to help get this scheduled and on our calendar by mid-June. Our teaming with these clubs and running back-to-back events is being published as a "best practice" with other organizations.

The good news is this location gets us back to Virginia, the other news is that the logistics are going to be challenging ... and we will need more staff to help make it successful.

I am looking forward to the fall event... and the event for next spring. Thanks again for your support as NVCC displays it's leadership role in this area.



PLAQUE DESIGN CONTEST

DAVE DuBOIS

Announcing a contest for NVCC members to develop an "appreciation" plaque that we would give to Page Chevrolet for them to display in their sales area.

Here is your chance to put your talents to good use. You are free to work with other members or even non-members, to design your plaque. Shown is a quick example to give you some ideas. Size shown is 11 x 8.5 but you can go a little larger.

The winning design will be sent out to get built.

The winning person or team will be able to add their names to the plaque and be the "presenters" to Page.

If there are multiple entries, the entries will be voted on by the general membership at a GBM. If not present, you can send your vote into Marsha Batchellor.

Entries are due prior to the July 2017 GBM to give you time to take pictures at our June 4th Page Car Show.

The winner(s) will receive a gift card from Dogfish Head Brewery for \$25.

If you need PowerPoint or composition help for your plaque, please see David DuBois.

The winning design will be sent out to get built, and shown is an example.

David DuBois
HPD Instructor
McLean, VA

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<http://NVCorvetteclub.com>

NCM CORVETTE BASH HPDE

Cassidy Nolan

As many of you know, the NCM opened their very own track several years ago. The Motorsports Park (MSP) is the most technical track in the Americas. This track was designed to offer Team Corvette Racing an advantage to practice the very demanding turns and sections of Circuit de la Sarthe, the circuit for the annual Le Mans race. Corvette now has a home track and we are all fortunate enough to drive it!

I drove down on Tuesday and had an unplanned layover in Knoxville, TN (as you can see in the photos!). Thanks to David's Tire I had a full new set of trailer tires and was on my way. Upon arriving on Wednesday, I had time to visit the Museum before the chaos of Thursday's events. As I pulled over to take some pictures with my car Gracie and the memorial garden benches, I heard my name. It was our NVCC's own Dick Hammaker! Small world indeed! We got set up and I have a few images of my car with our friend Ken Novinger's bench. It looks great and it was good to visit something so special that our club could support. Ken is gone but truly not forgotten.



With a visit across the highway complete, it was time to hammer down and learn the new track. The event itself is a two-day High Performance Driving Event (HPDE), basically you are not allowed to time yourself or to 'race' other cars. This is strictly to learn the car, learn the track and have a ball. Students are placed into one of three driving groups, based on experience. Instructors are mandatory in the first group and start to get you up to speed. I have instructed for the Museum HPDE's for years but never at this track. There were C4-C7's in attendance, even the Callaway folks stopped by with their new 757 horse, 777 foot pounds torque monster. Some of our automotive brethren drove, with Porsche and BMW well represented.

While this track has some long straight sections, the turns are where you make time. Cars truly have an equal playing field. The 'Sinkhole' complex will call you out very quickly. As an instructor it was important to remind students each lap to set up and to be prepared for a blind, downhill, off-line transition right to an uphill, blind, late-apex left that sets you up for three more turns! Phew ... that is a mouthful sitting still at a computer, imagine it at 75 miles an hour! The MSP is a must-see. The layout of two dozen turns, many of which are blind, truly demands excellence. Students must focus to recall what complex is coming next. Speed is a by-product of smooth. Quickly you realize the newer Corvettes can 'fix' many of the errors a driver will make, up until it cannot. The brake system is so smooth in the C7 that the driver may not notice it is correcting slight errors. Eventually, the brakes get warm and you 'feel' the hot pedal undulating under your foot. My student had this exact scenario. It was a fantastic growth opportunity and we worked through that, driving so smoothly that the computer never activated. Again, the track demanded excellence and we delivered.



For those of you interested in driving your car on track, there are many opportunities. The Corvette is a solid platform and won't mind being exercised. Many drivers never get to experience the full range of abilities their car offers and taking it on the track is a great way to do just that. The next NCM event is coming up at the end of June. We will be driving the historic Virginia International Raceway (VIR) on Monday and Tuesday. It's about a 4-hour drive from our area. Feel free to contact me if you would like details!

Northern Virginia Corvette Club and Page Chevrolet presents:

CORVETTES CARE Car Show

Sunday June 4th, 2017



Entry Fee: \$20

Seven (7) NCCC
Sanctioned Events!
(Sanction #'s: ER-357-001 - ER-357-007)

Bake sale

Photo by David DuBois

FREE parking

(Limited Inside
Parking for
C1-C2 Models)

- * Raffle and
50/50 Drawing
- * Food Trucks



- * DJ & music
- * Show T-shirts
For Sale
(Advance Reg.
& onsite)
- * After-market
Vendors

REGISTER: www.msreg.com/nvccFunShow17

Advanced registration \$20

Day of show registration \$25

Rain Date: June 11, 2017 -without sanctions

Limited to 100 Corvettes

QUESTIONS? Please email chiefinstructor@nvcorvetteclub.com

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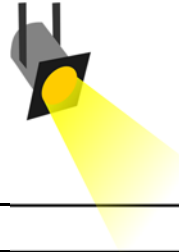
6500 Little River Turnpike
Alexandria, Va

Please sign up for our annual car show at our sponsoring dealer, Page Chevrolet. We are very fortunate to have their help sponsoring the show, providing discounts on parts and services, an excellent Corvette Tech, and of course providing us with a meeting location.

Please sign up to show how much we appreciate Page Chevrolet and to help Multiple Sclerosis. msreg.com/NVCCFunShow17

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS

This month's Spotlight is on Bob Devery



<i>Name</i>	Bob Devery
<i>City/State/How Long</i>	Northern Virginia since 1973 and Burke since 1979
<i>Where were you raised?</i>	Astoria Queens .. New YAWKAH !
<i>Employed by</i>	Airport Ops at Dulles along with my own travel biz through Expedia Cruise Ship Centers. All good things get better so retiring from a 30-year aviation career to focus on family, friends and my business including more travel for Carol and I!
<i>Year/Color/Model of Vette</i>	2015 Crystal Red Coupe ... yes automatic!
<i>Favorite NVCC Activities</i>	Anything that I can attend especially road trips with friends whether it's wineries lunch or just open roads. I'm biased in that I love the cruises the last few years with NVCC friends.
<i>Least Favorite NVCC Activities</i>	Another tough question in that all activities can be fun. For me, the rallies are more of a chance for Carol and I to debate than enjoy!
<i>In what activity, event or position would you be most interested in volunteering</i>	After retiring, I really would like to be more involved with the great type efforts of Shawn, Mae and others on social planning. I'd gladly help on the annual banquet duties. I liked doing the Wounded Warriors Day and planning a small gathering for the Police Memorial Week. I'd like to see us do more of those type functions to pay respect to those who serve and protect our community. I also like the idea of doing something for kids and would be open to discussing options to go places where kids can see and be in the cars. Also, I'll be happy to set up Vettes Night Out for those looking for a new venue to go each month, dinner and a movie, etc. Last, I think that we can have a greater positive impact on the community by doing events for varied charitable organizations. Again, I'll volunteer to set the pace.
<i>What are some things you would like to see improved at NVCC</i>	Decades of hard work by hundreds of people have made this group a solid one. There is not a lot that I see that needs "correction". So, to be very minor, I'd like to see the picnic in the fall and activities that allow the NON WEEKEND off members to do things; meetings on other than Tuesday night. I love the idea of meeting with other clubs as is being planned.
<i>Favorite Place to Vacation</i>	Hmmm.... a set up question! YES, I like to SEA CRUISE! Stuningly relaxing. We are doing more with Europe etc., but still love the Caribbean in the winter as a "break up the winter" event. We've enjoyed Alaska, Italy, Greece and other places in Europe and look forward to the Barcelona cruise in October. But, we also love our trips to New England and Montana/Wyoming as well as the Northwest with Seattle area and Oregon. Nashville is one of our favorites as well as Christmas in NYC. For the last 4 years, I've been putting together a trip each Memorial Day for a friend who has seen her group grow to 40 people as we pick a city to visit for Memorial Day. The United States offers so many wonderful destinations to enjoy. But being on a catamaran with a great breeze and friends with us is tough to beat!
<i>Hobbies</i>	Still love to ride the waves with focus these days on a boogie board. With free time coming back to me, I'd love to get back into racquetball. I have become a cruise ship geek as well as my love of aviation study of aircraft.
<i>Dream Car (doesn't have to be a Vette)</i>	Strange that a question of dream car doesn't make one stand out. I love the power of our Corvettes and any of the cars that fit that mold but surprisingly, some of the cars from the 1930s as seen at the Sully Plantation show always catch my attention. If you want to go to a cool place with cars, go to Michigan and see the Duesenbergs! But, at the Ford Museum, I'll take the 1935-ish Texaco gas tanker!
<i>Do you have a funny story or "worst" ticket in a Vette</i>	Yes... having a state Trooper watch me doing 125 mph as I tried to get away from a moron who was pacing me! More on that item at a meeting!!



'VETTES FOR RENT IN ORLANDO

BY: JEFF KLAIN

I'm writing from seat 8D on a United 737 bound for Dulles from Orlando. I was in Florida for the week on business and my colleague and I responsibly rented a small black SUV. As we were checking out, the car beckoned to me. It was a brand new Corvette Racing Yellow Stingray convertible being offered for rent by National. The sign on the windshield offered it as a \$100 upgrade. I mulled it over for a few days and on the day before our return, I told my partner that I would walk in to National with my mind made up to rent the car if it was till available and if the total was less than \$200. I walked up to the counter and the clerk told me that I couldn't rent the Stingray unless I already had a confirmed reservation for another car and that she couldn't make a reservation for me. I had to step back from the counter and call in a reservation. Naturally, I asked for the cheapest economy car available. I then took two steps back up to the counter and the clerk offered to upgrade me to the Corvette for an additional \$75.00. At that point, I was well below the \$200 threshold so I tacked on an extra \$25 for a loss/damage waiver. I always decline these because I'm pretty sure that USAA and my credit card company provide insurance. However, because a lot can happen with a 450 horse power car and the rental was only for one day, I splurged and got the waiver. My total bill for the 24 hours ended up being \$167.10. I jumped into the Stingray, which already had the top down, and roared out of the airport.

I picked up my partner at the hotel and we headed off toward the Kennedy Space Center just to have some place to go. The car had about 3000 miles on the odometer and was in good shape except for a few scratches on the pedestrian "guides" on the air dam. It took a little while for me to sort out the option packages on the car since I did it just by exploration. The car was a base convertible with the eight speed paddle shift automatic and without the Z-51 package or the magnetic ride control. It had navigation, HUD, and backup and parking cameras as part of the 2LT package. Naturally, it had heated and air conditioned standard seats. Like all Stingray convertibles, it had a power folding top.

I'm a conservative driver and the fastest that I got it was 75 mph in a 70 zone on one of the toll roads. At that speed semis and minivans blew past me doing 80+, but I restrained myself wanting to keep my 25 year ticket free winning streak going. At that pace, airflow was comfortable with minimal noise and buffeting. The contrast to my own 2001 Millennium Yellow Z-51 six speed coupe was telling. With the Targa roof off, my C5 subjects the occupants to annoying buffeting and ear aching pressure waves above about



50 mph. Conversation is just about impossible. In the Stingray one could talk to the passenger even at higher speeds. The power folding top was a work of art. The ability to retract it with a key fob or reposition it at a stop light was truly amazing. When buttoned up, the interior was luxury car quiet with almost no wind noise at highway speed, a far cry from my previous yellow convertible, a 1974 Jeep CJ6.

Ride quality was light years ahead on the Stingray. My C5, with its stiff Z-51 suspension and worn shocks, likes to hop sideways while it jars and rattles the occupants. The Stingray was almost Cadillac smooth. On the down side, the Stingray showed noticeable dive when I experimented with the kind of heavy braking that we teach in the Teen Driving School. My C5 remains absolutely level during hard braking. I don't doubt that a magnetic ride equipped Z-51 Stingray would perform much better. The grip in turns was nothing short of awe inspiring and created a real sense of confidence that I don't feel in either the C5 or C6. I loved the small flat bottomed steering wheel. The electric power steering definitely felt different from the C5's hydraulics.

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Indulge your sweet tooth and escape the summer heat with

2017 Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise

Saturday, June 24th, 2017



RSVP to socialmedia@nvcorvetteclub.com by June 22nd
More information to come later.



NVCC GOES TO BARREL OAK WINERY

SAVE THE DATE JUNE 17TH



WE WILL START AT HOME DEPOT, 25000 RIDING PLZ, CHANTILLY, VA 20152. ARRIVAL 9:30
DRIVERS MEETING 9:45 AND DEPARTURE 10:00. ARRIVE AT BARREL OAK AT 11:00. TASTINGS FREE.
OUTSIDE FOODS ARE WELCOME. THEY HAVE BRICK FIRED PIZZA. THEY ALSO HAVE CHEESE TRAYS
AS WELL. THEY HAVE UP TO 5 DIFFERENT BEERS AND UP TO 12 DIFFERENT WINES USUALLY MORE.
DOGS AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOME. INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SEATING IS PLENTIFUL. PLEASE RSVP
SHAWN WADDELL AT DR-WADD@MSN.COM OR 703-473-6069 BY JUNE 10TH, THANKS SHAWN

Northern Virginia Corvette Club
Penn Alps Cruise
Saturday July 29, 2017



Please join us for a wonderful cruise to Penn Alps Restaurant and Crafts shop in Western Maryland! Many of the entrees on the menu are reflective of delicious home-style food typical of Amish and Mennonite cuisine. Options include a daily soup and salad bar, desert bar, weekend buffets (all you can eat) enhanced by the warmth of an original log inn, and items that can be ordered from the menu. Information: 125 Casselman Rd., Grantsville, MD 21536 (301-895-5985)

Either before or after the meal, feel free to peruse the Penn Alps Craft Shop. More than 2500 craftsmen of the Tri-State area have marketed their work at the Craft Shop. Many rely on Penn Alps to support their income thus fulfilling the motto of Dr. Alta Schrock "To help people help themselves". Additionally, there are a variety of jellies, sauces, salsas, candies etc. available for purchase.

Before departing, consider a quick visit to the Spruce Forest Artisan Village adjacent to Penn Alps Restaurant. Historic cabins house craftsmen perfecting their crafts including but not limited to weaving, pottery, woodturning, metal sculpture, bird carving, and herbal soap making.

Organizer: Thomas Faust

Please RSVP: thomas.w.faust@gunet.georgetown.edu or 610-613-3824 by July 22, 2017.

Meeting place: Page Chevrolet

Meeting time: 8:15 AM

Drivers' meeting: 8:30 AM

Cruise begins: 8:45 AM

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Was the Stingray perfect? No. Aside from the dive under heavy braking, I found the infotainment controls confusing and the placement of minor switches annoying. On my C5, the buttons are large and clearly labeled. Not so on the Stingray. The trunk release, top control, and mirror adjustments all seemed awkwardly placed, poorly labeled, and undersized. My partner pointed out that this wouldn't matter much to an owner but as a renter I couldn't help feeling that GM could have made everything more intuitive. It wasn't just annoying, it was "glitchy." After finishing a milk shake at a road side stand, I started going through the configuration menus. Of course, I cranked the exhaust sound up to max and set the car for "sport" mode. I was afraid to try "track" mode. I set the mirrors to depress when the car was shifted into reverse. That sounded like a cool feature. As soon as I shifted into reverse, the mirrors pivoted. The problem was that they never pivoted back. I tried several times but reverse made them droop and only manual adjustment brought them back. Weird! The climate control was confusing and it wasn't obvious how to turn it off when operating top down. The C5 has a button labeled "off." How hard would that have been for GM engineers?

The rental Stingray is fast, sure footed, comfortable, and affordable. My previous rental Corvettes have been C6s, coupes and convertibles, from Hertz at LAX. Hertz went over to the dark side and is now allied with Porsche and Mercedes so I'm glad that another rental car company now offers Vettes. If you're looking for a chance to put a C7 through its paces, I wholeheartedly recommend the rental experience.



NVCC GOES TO SHADY MAPLES RESTAURANT



TENTATIVE DATE SEPTEMBER 30TH 2017
WE WILL BE MEETING AT OLD KEENE MILL SHOPPING CENTER.
ARRIVAL 9:00 DRIVERS MEETING 9:15 DEPARTURE 9:30
THIS IS AN AMISH BUFFET IN PENNSYLVANIA
WE WILL BE TRAVELING TO 129 TODD DRIVE EAST EARL
PHONE NUMBER (717) 354-8222
THIS TRIP WILL TAKE APPROX. 2:45 AND IS 145 MILES
RSVP SHAWN BY SEPTEMBER 23RD 2017 (703) 473-6069





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(December 1975)**

PROCEEDS from raffle benefit Valiant Virginians, a 501c3 nonprofit, that provides transportation assistance to deserving Shenandoah Valley families in need of a car or car repairs. Must be 18 years or older to enter. Winner need not be present to win and will be notified by phone & email.



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DRAWING: July 30, 2017



So, "if the Good Lord is willing and the creeks don't rise", we are going to have a gathering of Hazzard Nation that we hope will be unforgettable for you and your family. "Cooter's Last Stand" will take place on Saturday, July 29th and Sunday, July 30th at Cooter's in the Valley, our new store near Luray, Virginia in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Our new location is surrounded by an enormous field, big enough to handle tens of thousands of festival fans. The show will be a celebration of "The Dukes of Hazzard" and of Southern culture, and promises to be the last great gathering of our cast in one place at one time (Ben Jones) www.cootersplace.com.



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**BAKE SALE
BAKERS NEEDED**

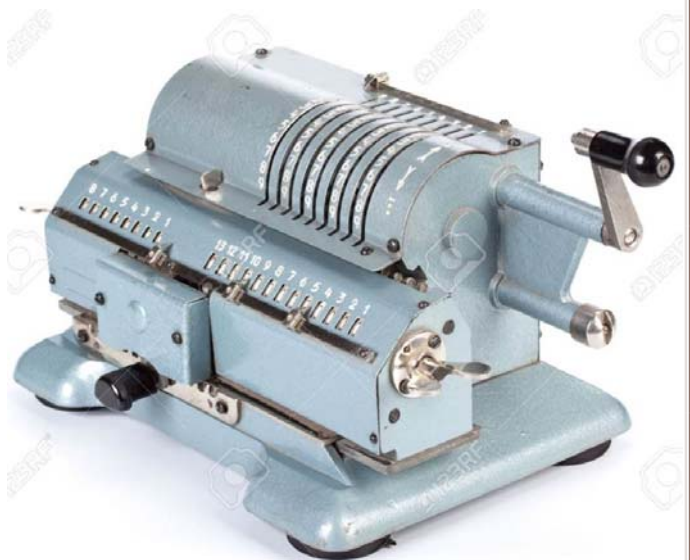
Introducing morning refreshments for our car show crowd on June 4th!

We're looking for volunteers to contribute to the home cooked treats, such as muffins, pastries, brownies, cookies – any tasty and portable sweets! Paired with a hot cup of Joe, it's a great way to start the car show (not to mention the beautiful vettes lined up in the morning sun. Ahhh!)

We can use your help, baker or no baker! Volunteers are needed to staff the bake sale table, tee shirt sales table, and NVCC store. Come on out and help us kick off this show!

Interested in lending a hand? Call or text Vicki Scott at 703-606-1659 – or via email at: secretary@nvcorvetteclub.com

The Page Car Show staff is interviewing for four Tabulator positions again this year. No experience necessary. Please bring a laptop that has MS Excel. Free training



Tentative Events

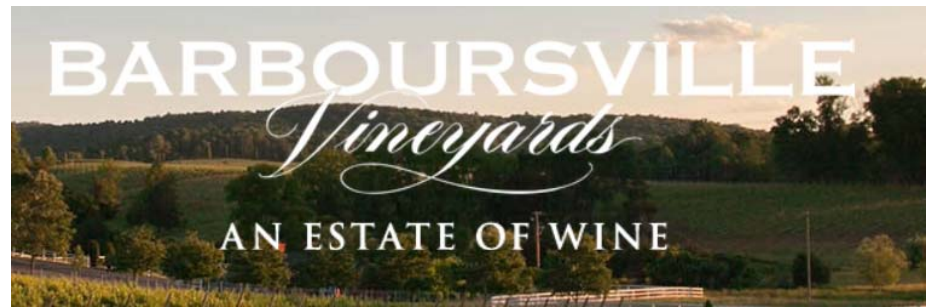
September

- TBD: Dulles Day Plane Pull, Dulles, VA - Organizer: Lori Benish
- TBD: Cruise to Staunton, VA - Organizer: Kris McCandless
- TBD: NVCC Fall Country Rallye, TBD - Organizer: Mike Gilliland and Dick Hammaker
- TBD: CCA-NVCC Corvette Show Warrior Transition Brigade, Walter Reed Medical Center, Bethesda, MD – Organizer: Dave Dubois

November

- TBD: Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS), Location TBD - Organizer: Dave Dubois





What fantastic time we had at Barboursville Vineyard. There were 14 Corvettes that ran down to Barboursville. Bill was our wine educator, he was excellent told us about the winery. They are owned by an Italian family. They have 900 acres and 180 acres of planted Vineyards. Some of us went and enjoyed the library (not talking books). Talking wine. Then some of us enjoyed a picnic and the ruins. It was a great day, Shawn...



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FINAL THOUGHT



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