

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB

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## 'GLASS GAZETTE

### 2017 KY 1 LAP

By Dick Hammaker

Kentucky One Lap is now our annual NCM Event. In 2015, we toured Louisville on the way to Bowling Green. In 2016, we toured Lexington on the way to Bowling Green. This year we drove direct (11 hours) to Bowling Green to see some of their sights such as the Aviation Heritage Park and to take some iconic pictures at the NCM and Corvette Plant.



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KY 1 Lap began Monday, Oct 23th, with the traditional "Meet & Greet" Pizza Party and to discuss the next four days of tours and driving fun. Our Leader, KSP Trooper First Class Jonathan, in his Official KSP C6 Red Corvette Z06 Police Car, promised outstanding sights and some spirited driving on some great Corvette back roads.

Tuesday, Oct 24th, started with about four or five instructor-led laps around the NCM Motorsports Park's 3.2 mile world-class track. We were divided into groups of eight so fun was had by all. Next, we traveled to KSP Trooper Island, a summer youth camp for underprivileged and at risk youth. Jonathan is Trooper Island Commander. After a private tour, we were treated to a Rib Eye Steak lunch with all the fixings. After lunch we traveled to Cumberland Falls State Park for the night.



Wednesday, Oct 25th, we rode the Kentucky & Tennessee Railway on a three hour, 14-mile round-trip into the Daniel Boone National Forest and Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area. The trip is full of scenic vistas, lush vegetation, and mountains as it descends 600 feet into the gorge before stopping at the Blue Heron Coal Mining Camp, a National Park Service outdoor interpretive site. After lunch, we toured the Barthell Mining Camp,



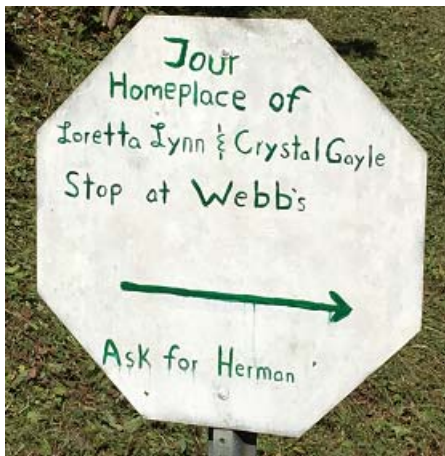
that dates back to 1902. Barthell was the first of 18 mining camps belonging to the Stearns Coal and Lumber Co. On the way back to Cumberland Falls State Park Lodge, we drove the Copperhead Trail...there are a little over 300 turns along its 60-mile winding route. Imagine the fun driving the Copperhead Trail being led by a KSP Corvette Z06!

Upon returning to Cumberland Falls State Park, we had a photo opportunity at Cumberland Falls, known as the "Niagara of the South," the 125-foot wide curtain of water is dramatic day or night.



Thursday, Oct 26th, we took a step back in time at Webb's Grocery. The general store is over 100 years old and is currently owned by Loretta Lynn's brother, Herman Webb. The store was portrayed in the movie "Coal Miner's Daughter." Butcher Holler is home of the world's most famous coal miner's daughter, Loretta Lynn. Her birthplace and family home is nestled between two fog shrouded mountains up a 'holler' in Van Lear, KY.

This tour was followed by a trip to the U.S. Route 23 Country Music Highway Museum. Not being a country music fan didn't stop me from being intrigued by country music stars memorabilia and displays dedicated to the country music entertainers who were born or lived near U.S. Route 23 in eastern KY. Exhibits include Johnson County's own Chris Stapleton, Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gayle, Hylo Brown and many more artists.



Friday, Oct 27th, we drove to The Mountain Home Place, an 1850's working farm. Buildings include a double-pen cabin, one-room school, church, blacksmith shop, and barn. We saw interpreters in authentic period costumes perform daily chores on the farm.

Our next stop was at Natural Bridge State Park. No park better embodies Kentucky's unspoiled wilderness than Natural Bridge, located in the heart of the Daniel Boone National Forest in eastern KY. It has taken nature millions of years to form the natural sandstone arch for which Natural Bridge was named. To better see the area we enjoyed a ride on the Sky Lift. The ascent begins one-half mile from the park entrance and ends within 600 feet of Natural Bridge....the views were breathtaking!



2017 KY 1 Lap ended on Saturday, Oct 28th. After farewells over breakfast, participants departed for their homes.



Denise and I have already marked our calendars for 2018 KY 1 Lap. Point of interest, this year's event sold out the day registration opened.



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—NOVEMBER 2017

Happy Thanksgiving, NVCC Members! As always this time of year, we count our blessings and things we are grateful for. Top of the list for me is a thoughtful and efficient NVCC Council and, of course, all of you, our members for helping execute the regular events and some of the new things we've added this year, like a breakfast meeting and working through to update and approve the club's bylaws. They have been modernized! And thanks to Vicki Allen-Scott, who carries cookies in one hand ('cause she's so sweet) and a whip in the other, we have a well-fleshed out calendar for 2018.

I'm also happy that membership is hovering more around the 100 mark. To keep this well-oiled machine going, and having just gotten refreshed on the bylaws, your Council is starting up three committees now to run through 2018: 50th Anniversary, 2018 Corvettes Care Car show (June 3), and Social Committees. Committee Chairpersons will coordinate with your Vice President, John Scott, providing updates and a budget. A fourth committee is forming for Teen Driving School. While we are going to limit the Social Committee to 3-4 people for management sake, we hope that you can join one or more of these committees to really give back to your club in more than just attendance at the GBMs. Serving on a committee takes away the time commitment when these events get managed by one or two people. We know that not many heed the call for "volunteers", so don't be surprised if you are called on directly to serve.

Have a wonderful holiday weekend and joyful December.

Kris McCandless,  
NVCC President  
2010 Black GS - The Bear  
[President@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:President@nvcorvetteclub.com)



# MEET YOUR 2017 COUNCIL



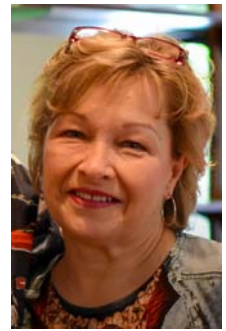
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Co-Webmasters  
Paul Benish  
John Palmgren



Social Media/Photographer  
Mae Fromm



Membership George Durk

# NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 24, 2017—MARSHA BATCHELLOR, ACTING SECRETARY

## Officers present:

Kris McCandless, President  
 John Stark, Treasurer  
 Marsha Batchellor, Acting Secretary  
 George Durk, Membership  
 Al Boone, NCM Ambassador

## Past Presidents:

John Palmgren  
 Rick Poage



The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Kris McCandless at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria, VA. Welcome remarks were given to all, noting that this was Michael Moore's first GBM. Paul Cestone also introduced his new wife, Joanna Cestone, to the general membership.

A Motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2017 GBM was made by Kris McCandless, was seconded and passed with no discussion.

A Motion to approve the newly revised by-laws was made by Kris McCandless, was seconded and passed with no discussion.

Kris introduced Tab Tabellario and announced that Tab would be taking over the Store. Jeff Klain just found 300 NVCC stickers in the Historian's "collection".

Kris reminded everyone that tonight would be a good night to pay dues – as they are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

April 2019 will be NVCC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Kris advised of a Council decision to actively recruit volunteers for three committees: Social (which Vicki Scott would like to chair), a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (which Rick Poage should chair), and a Car Show Committee (which is in need of a chair). Please consider joining one of these Committees by contacting any Council member in person or by email.

Kris announced that name tags for dues-paying members will be obtained and demonstrated the design selected. The first tag is free, any additional tags requested will be \$4 each. **Please email [Secretary @nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:Secretary@nvcorvetteclub.com) ASAP** to advise how you would like your name to appear. We would like to get these ordered and distributed by the November GBM (the last GBM of 2017).

## Upcoming Events:

Lori Benish reminded everyone that the Vienna Halloween Parade was Wed. Oct. 25 and there was room left for a couple more Vettes. We are #47 in the line-up.

Kris reminded all that the Coopers Corvettes Appreciation Luncheon was this coming Sat. Oct. 28 – please RSVP soon.

Kris noted that the next TRSS is Sat. Nov. 4 (only one day) at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD – hosted by CCA/ NVCC and the BMW club. **Volunteers are needed! Sign up at [msreg.com/VolTRSSNov4](http://msreg.com/VolTRSSNov4)** We also are soliciting for ideas for new locations for future TRSS events.

George Durk reminded everyone that the Bavarian Brunch is coming up on Sun. Nov. 19, and it is the last cruise of the year. Cost is \$35/person and is about 2 hours away in Shepherdstown, WV.

Mae Fromm advised that she is hosting a Holiday Potluck Party at her new home on Sat. Dec. 9. Time is TBD. Flyer forthcoming.

Lori Benish also mentioned that the Bull Run Festival of Lights Rallye will be on Sun. Dec. 17. More details and flyer coming.

**Membership:**

George Durk advised that 54 of 93 active members have renewed. Renewals are due in one week. RENEW NOW!

Call for new business.                      None.

Break: 8:10-8:30

**Nominations for 2018 Council:**

Officer at Large:	Jerry Lelansky	(nominated by Jeff Klain) (seconded by Jim Dobish)
Treasurer:	John Stark	(nominated by Rick Poage) (seconded by Shawn Waddell)
Secretary:	Vicki Scott	(nominated by Shawn Waddell) (seconded by Jeff Klain)
Vice President:	John Scott	(nominated by Jeff Klain) (seconded by Bo Marlin)
President:	Kris McCandless	(nominated by Paul Fineberg) (seconded by Ferrell Cook)

Nominations closed until November GBM.

50/50 was won by Ferrell Cook - \$34

**Trivia:**

Jeff Klain did Trivia with 3 questions and Rick Poage added one more trivia question: In 2014, Porsche claimed that they (911) were the first to have center-lock hubs. What year did the Corvette have center-lock hubs?  
1963 split

Meeting adjourned at 8:44PM

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

**HENRY ALONZO - 1980 RED COUPE**

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER 28, 2017 GBM

**NVCC 2017-18 Activities Calendar***Dates are subject to change.***MONTHLY EVENTS**

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

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@nvc Corvette Club.com](mailto:council@nvc Corvette Club.com) for more information.

**NOVEMBER 2017**

4: Teen Driving School (TRSS-NVCC-NCC & BMW), Location: Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD

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

28: GBM (NVCC 2018 Officer Elections), Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**DECEMBER 2017 – No GBM**

9: NVCC Holiday Potluck Party, Centreville VA – Organizer: Mae Fromm

17: Cruise to Bull Run Holiday Lights, Manassas, VA, 6:30PM, Organizer: Lori Benish

**JANUARY 2018**

23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

27: Banquet, Maggiano's, Tysons Galleria, Vienna, VA

**MARCH 2018**

25: Cruise to RDV Vineyards, Delaplane, VA – Organizer: Shawn Waddell

**JUNE 2018**

3: NVCC Corvettes Care (All Corvette) Car Show, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**JULY 2018**

8: Cruise to Barrel Oak Winery, Delaplane, VA – Organizer: Shawn Waddell

**AUGUST 2018**

25: NVCC Saturday Cruise to Carlisle, PA (Corvettes @Carlisle)

**OCTOBER 2018**

13: Corvettes on the Boardwalk, Ocean City, MD (Freestate Corvette Club)

18: Bavarian Inn Cruise and Sunday Brunch, Shepherdstown, WV – Organizer: George Durk

24: Vienna Halloween Parade, Town of Vienna, VA – Organizer: TBD

# TRIVIA

By Jeff Klain



For new members: How are the leaf springs on the Corvette different from the leaf springs on virtually every other car?

They are mounted transversely

The "Rick Poage" question: How many pounds were saved in 1981 by the change from metal to plastic rear leaf springs on automatic transmission Corvettes?

36 pounds



The "everyone" question: RPO UV6 became available in 1999 and gave a feature previously available mostly to fighter pilots to select Corvette drivers.

What was it?

HUD



## NVCC GOES TO RDV VINEYARDS

2550 DELAPLANE GRADE ROAD  
DELAPLANE, VA 20144 - 540-364-0021

**MARCH 25TH @ 11:00**

NVCC's FIRST VINEYARD TOUR, WE WILL BE DEPARTING  
HOME DEPOT 25000 RIDING PLAZA, CHANTILLY, VA 20152 AT 9:30  
ARRIVE AT HOME DEPOT 9:00 - DRIVERS MEETING 9:15

WE WILL ROLL THROUGH SOME BEAUTIFUL VIRGINIA COUNTRY ROADS AND ARRIVE AT THE  
VINEYARD AT 10:45 AND START THE TOUR PROMPTLY AT 11:00

WE WILL BE AT THE VINEYARD FROM 11:00-12:30

THE TOUR COST \$65 FOR THAT YOU GET CHAMPAGNE UPON ARRIVAL  
45 MINUTE TOUR OF THE VINEYARD - VERTICAL TASTING OF 4 WINES

YOU ALSO GET A PRIME CHEESE AND MEAT PLATTER

WHICH INCLUDES DUCK - HAM - ETC. - CHEESES AND ACCOUTREMENTS

RSVP SHAWN WADDELL BY MARCH 1ST [DR-WADD@MSN.COM](mailto:DR-WADD@MSN.COM) 703-473-6069





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## 2018 NVCC Annual Banquet

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### Northern Virginia Corvette Club

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Maggiano's Little Italy, Tysons, VA, McLean, Virginia



Registration ends in 2 months on January 20, 2018 11:59 PM EST

We are pleased to announce our 2018 NVCC Annual Banquet



Please join us for an evening of excellent food, company, prizes, and merriment.

This is our annual event to THANK our members for all that you have done for the club in 2017.

**ON:** Saturday, January 27, 2018

**AT:** Maggiano's Little Italy, 2001 International Dr, McLean, VA 22102

**Arrive:** 6:00 PM for social hour. A Cash bar will be available for Adult beverages.

**Dinner:** 7:00 PM

Join us for an evening of excellent food, company, prizes, and merriment.

All participants will be eligible to win one of our many door prizes and there will be opportunities to purchase raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets.

Each attendee will enjoy an Italian dinner served family-style including appetizers, entrees, and dessert.

Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks and Iced Tea are included, and a Cash bar will be available for Adult beverages.

**Pricing:** \$50.00 per person

**Registration:** [msreg.com/NVCC2018Banquet](http://msreg.com/NVCC2018Banquet)

**RSVP DEADLINE:** JANUARY 20, 2018

All questions regarding this event, please email Mae Fromm at [mm\\_fromm@hotmail.com](mailto:mm_fromm@hotmail.com)

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**[RTP-CORVETTE VISIT TO THE BILTMORE ESTATE IN ASHEVILLE, NC NOV 10-12, 2017](#)**

To celebrate an anniversary and birthday, Jerry and Irene Lelansky (2016 Laguna Blue Z51) and John and Vicki Scott (2013 White Z06) joined the RTP Corvette Club (<https://rtpcorvettes.com/>) on a Biltmore Estate weekend, and while we were there, to run the Tail of The Dragon. Frank and Laura, RTP Corvette members, arranged everything for the Biltmore tour.

The Biltmore Estate ([www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com)) was decorated for Christmas, a perfect kick-off for the holiday season! It's a Chateau-style mansion built by George Washington Vanderbilt II between 1889 and 1895 and is the largest privately-owned house in the United States. It's still owned by George Vanderbilt's descendants (Cecil family) and it stands today as one of the most prominent remaining examples of the Gilded Age. It has just under 200,000 square feet of living space under roof. There are 250 rooms that the public can visit, 34 bedrooms, 65 fireplaces, three kitchens and 43 bathrooms, which was a rarity in the late 1890s as most homes did not have indoor bathrooms. It also has a gymnasium, and an indoor pool and bowling alley in the basement. It took six years, six days a week and 1,000 men to construct the house. The estate sits on 8,000 acres – down from the original 125,000 acres in 1895. **The Estate cost approximately \$5 million to build in the late 1800s, which is roughly \$90 million in today's currency.**

US 129 in Robbinsville, NC, aka "Tail of the Dragon", (<http://tailofthedragon.com>) is an 11.2 mile stretch that has 318 bends, tight twists, turns and elevation changes from 1,000-1,955 ft. above sea level. There are a number of bends that, as the locals put it: "where your front license plate meets your rear license plate"; they also call it "that damn road to Tennessee". The highway was established in 1934, as an extension from Georgia following US 19 to Topton, where it replaced NC 108 through Robbinsville and into Tennessee.

Thursday Nov 9, we headed down to Asheville and it rained for most of the trip. It was uneventful until we were near the Hampton Inn and Suites; it took 30+minutes to go one mile to the hotel! Instead of dealing with the traffic, we ate dinner at a restaurant in the Biltmore Village, which is in walking distance.

Friday 8:00AM – after a quick breakfast, where we bumped into Joan Yaris (Aquia Creek Corvette Club/Battlefield Corvette Club), Irene, Jerry, John and Vicki headed out to the Tail of the Dragon. The basic directions from Asheville to Rt. 129: I-40 West to US-74 West to NC 28 North and finally to Rt. 129 at Deals Gap Motorcycle Resort. The Tail of the Dragon starts/ends at Deals Gap Motor Cycle Resort (<http://www.dealsgap.com/>). For those that haven't been in the area, it's a nice early morning drive. US-74 is full of sweeping S turns through the Great Smoky Mountains, then onto NC 28 North, which is the warm up to the Tail of the Dragon, with 29 miles of progressively tighter twists and turns.

We reached the Deals Gap Motor Cycle Resort at 9:50AM. The plan was for a quick pit stop to take a few pictures next to the big metal Dragon, but the gate was closed, so we started our drive. Here are some of the more interesting corners, with their nicknames and mile markers: "Crud Corner" MM 0.2, "Parsons Curve" MM 4.0, "Swift Corner" MM 4.2, "Killboy Shadetree Corner" MM 4.8, "Radar Corner Leo's Lair Little Whip" MM 7.3, "Triple Apex Corner" MM 8.1, unnamed area between MM 9 – MM9.5, and "The Whip" MM 10.0. According to the Deals Gap Riding Society, the record for an amateur rider is 22 minutes, round trip, which is 50.7 mph average). The overall record was 18 minutes, or 9 minutes one-way (62 mph average). Keep in mind, these records were set back in the early 1990s when there was little traffic on the Dragon. Jump to 2017, and the road is patrolled by sheriff and highway patrol and there are severe penalties if you try to beat the records.

Jerry and John had a great time driving the Dragon. Unfortunately, the same can't be said for Irene and Vicki; being the passenger in a car continually changing direction and speed is not as much fun as driving and can lead to an uneasy/queasy feeling. We stopped at mile marker 8.8, which is the "Tail of the Dragon Overlook" to give Irene and Vicki a break. While chilling out at the overlook, two Porsche Carrera GT's came roaring through heading towards "The Pearly Gates" and "The Rockslide Corner". We had a nice chat with a couple who were just enjoying the drive in a hybrid, and in no particular hurry. We got back into our cars and finished the drive up to the Tabcat Creek Bridge TN at MM 11.1, drove along the Chilhowee Lake for a couple of miles of straight road, turned around and ran the Tail back to Deals Gap Motorcycle resort. We pulled up to the closed gate to get a couple of pictures and one of the owners who was on her way out, told us that we could open the gate and get some pictures. After the photo op with the Dragon, we went across the road to the Deals Gap resort to check out the small store (and buy a ginger ale to help settle Irene's queasy stomach).



For an idea of what it's like, this is an edited Youtube clip of a guy chasing a C6 Z06: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxUEFgBQQgA>)

We ate lunch at the Fontana Village Resort & Marina (<http://www.fontanavillage.com/>). It's 9.5 miles on Rt. 28 from the start of the Tail of the Dragon and would be a good spot for NVCC to hang out for the weekend in the spring of 2018! The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) built Fontana Village as a town for the workers and their families who came to construct the TVA Fontana Dam. The dam provided power for the war effort (WWII) at the Oakridge, TN Nuclear Facility, and to alleviate seasonal flooding in the greater Tennessee River Valley. It's 5.6 miles from the Cheoah Dam, also known as "The Fugitive" Dam, from the 1993 movie of the same name starring Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones. The Cheoah Dam is a hydroelectric complex located in Graham and Swain counties, North Carolina on the Little Tennessee River. It consists of a dam and powerhouse, the first of several constructed by the Tallahassee Power Company, now Tapoco. The Cheoah project began in 1916 and completed in 1919.

We got back to the hotel around 2:30PM, cleaned up our Corvettes, and ourselves, to get ready for the 4:30PM RTP Biltmore registration and the 5:30PM meet and greet, which TGI Friday's catered. The menu included burger sliders, chicken wings, veggie & fruit trays, fried onion rings, spinach dip meatballs and crostini. We met three couples from Virginia: Mike and Gerry Moore, also NVCC members, Gary and Gay from the Colonial Corvette Club in Williamsburg, and another couple from the Star City Corvettes from Roanoke. Interesting tidbit, Colonial Corvette Club limits membership to 50 people because that's the maximum a restaurant will reserve.

Saturday, Nov 11 everyone met in the hotel lobby at 6:00am for coffee and a quick driver meeting. "Wheels up" was 6:15am and headed to the Biltmore for the photo opportunity in front of the estate. Frank arranged for police to block the two main intersections to ensure all the Corvettes got onto the Biltmore grounds in a group. Each car and driver/passenger was photographed near the front door and then we lined up for the group photo with the estate in the background. After the photo op, we ate breakfast in the Stables Restaurant.

We spent the day on our own touring the house, visiting the winery, and/or shopping in the Antler Hill Village. "On our own" is a bit of a stretch as we and several hundred others slowly wound our way through three levels of the house. We started in the Entrance Hall, then onto the Winter Garden (glass roofed room with fountain), the Banquet Hall (74 feet by 42 feet with a seven-story-high ceiling and Flemish tapestries from the 1500s), Breakfast Room, Salon, Music Room, Loggia, and Library with a 22,000 volume collection and the ceiling named *The Chariot Of Aurora* - painted by Giovanni Pellegrini in the 1720s, from the Pisani Palace in Venice. Tidbit: Mr. Vanderbilt read two books a week. We also walked through the 90-foot long Tapestry Gallery, followed by a tour of the second floor, with the Vanderbilt's living hall, bedrooms, sitting rooms, and guest bedrooms on the third floor.

We enjoyed a Wine & Chocolate tour, then dinner at the Deer Park Inn - in the Lodge Room. The Virginia clubs sat together and chatted about club events, drives, and traded war stories as a few are military veterans. We then returned to the house for the candlelight tour of the house. The crowd was even bigger than the morning tour. We all agreed that if we did it again, we would do the candlelight tour and tour the grounds, shops and winery during the day.

John, Vicki, Irene and Jerry finished the evening with a nightcap and said our goodbyes, as we were leaving at separate times in the morning.

Many thanks to Frank and Laura, who set up the Biltmore tour and the RTP Corvette Club for an excellent weekend.

We had a great weekend and highly recommend visiting the Biltmore Estate. Consider visiting in April through late May for the gardens, mid-late October for fall foliage, or late November through December to see the house decorated for Christmas.

**Contributed by Jerry and Irene Lelansky**

## APPRECIATION LUNCH AND CRUISE TO COOPER CORVETTES SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

Ten NVCC corvette drivers joined me at the Woodbridge location of Mission Barbecue to gather for a short cruise to Cooper Corvettes in Triangle, who was closing their doors the following Tuesday. Mission's catering for 25 people came in a neat box with four jugs of tea and lemonade and a bag of sauces, napkins and tableware, all of which fit in the Bear very nicely. Being a fantastic day with great weather, we convened on Bristow Road and proceeded to remind ourselves why we drove America's Sports Car, taking Joplin Road south to Quantico, Route 1 and Cooper Corvettes. (For any members who have been here at least 4 years, Joplin Road is a very twisty two-laner used by Mike Gilliland in planning at least two Corvettes and Crabs Rallyes both of which started at Cooper Corvettes.

We arrived a little after the proposed time, but well worth it, to find at least four additional members who had driven straight from their houses. The showing of appreciation for their sponsorship and an outlet for many of us for purchasing and servicing our Corvettes, Manager and Part Owner, Bob Arnold was truly touched by the Club's outreach on this day. We are truly sad to be losing this great resource, especially for your President, as you've read in the first couple President's Corner articles he wrote. He wouldn't have a corvette if it weren't for Cooper's fantastic and multitudinous photographs and selection, plus truly great sales and service staff. You felt right at home at Cooper Corvettes.

A small light at the end of the tunnel: Bob Arnold will continue with his license to buy and sell classic cars for Mr. Gerald D. Cooper in Woodbridge. Anyone remember GDC Trucking? That's him!

(Photo credits: Scott Cox and Kris McCandless)





### MESSAGE FROM HOST

Please join the Northern Virginia Corvette Club for a **Holiday Potluck Party!** It'll be an evening of good friends, good conversations and good food.

Please bring a favorite entree, appetizer, side dish, desert or beverage to share! Kindly use the sign-up sheet on this evite. You'll find the list of suggested items to bring under "**What to Bring**" tab/link. NOTE: The list may change depending on the # of attendees.

There'll be a white elephant gift exchange that starts at 8PM. For those interested in joining the fun, please bring a wrapped gift worth \$15 and sign-up under the "**Poll**" tab/link.

Please **RSVP** using evite by **December 2nd**, and let me know what you plan to bring, so that I can plan accordingly. NOTE: Full address shall be sent out to final list of attendees.

We hope to see you there! Let's eat, drink and be merry!!!

### Your host has added:



Poll



What To Bring

Please go to <http://evite.me/zWhZiPCch.J> to RSVP and for additional details.

# VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE—October 25, 2017

By Lori Benish



The Vienna Halloween parade was a smashing success as usual. The weather was great and we had a good turnout this year, with around 15 cars (including our lead truck with the club banner). Most of the cars and drivers were decked out for Halloween, as we paraded down Maple Ave in Vienna entertaining the crowd with our awesome cars. This helped us win 2nd place this year in our division, only behind the Harley Club—who put on a great show as well. Thank you to everyone that came

out and hope to see all of you again next year—we will shoot to be back to 1st place (I am not competitive at all folks).



Happy Holidays and I hope to see many of you at the Christmas Lights Rallye in December!





***NVCC Christmas Lights Rallye***  
***Sunday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ 6:30pm***  
***\$5.00/car (+entry fee)***

***We are bringing back the Annual Christmas Lights Rallye!***

*This is a fun-easy event, even if you have never done a rallye before, and a great twist to seeing the holiday lights. The route will guide you to the entrance of the "Bull Run Festival of Lights," which is where the questions will begin. We will be running a single rallye- most correct answers to questions win. Usually December is safe for weather, but Corvettes are not required to run the rallye. You can run it alone or have a car full of people, it's up to you (since its on closed roads and very slow driving). Route will end at the Carnival (at the Bull Run Festival of Lights) where we can get hot chocolates, funnel cake, smores, and/or more (even catch a ride or two in the carnival if you desire). Drivers and passengers will meet at the end, which is the firepit inside the winter wonderland area to turn in their answers to the Rallye Master. After tabulation, a winner will be announced!*

**DETAILS:**

***Cost to rallye: \$5.00 / car***

*It is a winner take-all pot for best answers at the end. A tiebreaker will be used in the event of a tie score on the questions.*

***Note: Admission to Bull Run Festival of Lights is required, \$25/per car -To be paid at their gate directly.***

***Start Location:***

*Starbuck Parking Lot in Centerville at 6:30pm (Grab your drink and head to back of the parking lot where we will gather the cars).*

***Address:***

*14155 Saint Germain Dr. Centerville, VA 20121*

***Start Time:***

*6:30pm (Driver Meeting Starts at 6:45pm, First car out by 7pm)*

***Festival of Lights Address:***

*Bull Run Festival of Lights 7700 Bull Run Drive Centerville, VA 20121*

***Please register with Lori Benish via email:***

***[Loco1707@yahoo.com](mailto:Loco1707@yahoo.com) to participate or get more details!***

***Look forward to seeing you there! And Happy Holidays!***

***Call Lori Benish @ 571-296-6816 if you have any questions or concerns...***



# NRA CAR SHOW

September 24, 2017

By: Jerry Lelansky

The following folks met at 8:30am in the parking lot near the Cheesecake Factory in Fair Oaks Mall. Jerry and Irene Lelansky, Jim McKay and his son Alex, John Scott, Ben Duling, Bo Marlin, and Sean McPhilomy.

We had the drivers meeting, signed the waiver form, and then drove the two miles to the NRA Headquarters/National Firearms Museum on Waples Mill Road. We got our own spot in the front of the building and several other Corvettes joined us.

Washington National Opera singer Angela Knight performed "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America" to kick off and end the car show in Fairfax, which the crowd enjoyed.

Guests were not allowed to handle firearms on the property, except inside the NRA Range and in accordance with range rules. Alcoholic beverages were also prohibited at the show.

Docents led several tours of the firearms museum, which has roughly 3,000 specialty/one off rifles, shotguns and handguns; every tour was well attended. Some of the more interesting items are: the Robert E. Petersen Gallery (he was a publisher who founded the Peterson Automotive Museum), the Hollywood Guns, Weapons of the America West, Guns of Theodore Roosevelt, and NYPD Officer Walter Weaver's stainless-steel revolver, which was recovered at Ground Zero at the World Trade Center. 223rd Street in the Bronx was renamed to honor Officer Walter Weaver.



Back to the car show. There were almost 500 cars, trucks, and motorcycles this year. The three winners of the show were: a 1926 Chevrolet Coupe, which earned FantomWorks' Best In Show award – presented by Dan Short, owner of DRS FantomWorks, the Top Owners vote was a 1969 Ford Mustang, and a Buick RoadMaster Custom won the popular vote.

Dan Short also held a Question & Answer session and he was surrounded by several dozen fans with tons of questions. For those that don't know, or forgot, FantomWorks restored Bo and Ann Marlin's 1970 Corvette (Season 4, Episode 2 July 2016). The weather was perfect- blue sky, white puffy clouds, low humidity and not too hot.



The vendors and sponsors offered raffle items, giveaways and items for sale. The vendors and sponsors included NRA Membership Services, The Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program, 50 West Armory, Cabela's, 5.11 Tactical, Green Ops Training, Girl on Fire, Capital Defense Instruction, American Muscle, Rob's Customs, Sprint and Magnolia Woodworking, and Radag's Custom T's.

Michael Johns, the General Manager of the NRA Range and organizer of the car show, started planning next year's NRA Car & Truck Show, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 23, 2018.

## REPAINTING WINDSHIELD WIPER ARMS

BY: JEFF KLAIN

Seventeen years and 108,000 miles of service had left gaps in the black paint on my C5's windshield wiper arms revealing the shiny metal beneath the paint. I had watched the situation develop over several years and contemplated various courses of action. I could try to repaint the arms or maybe replace them with new ones. Finally, after much contemplation, I decided to paint them because if the paint didn't turn out well, I could always replace them. As it turned out, the painting process was simple, easy, and produced better than factory perfect results. To begin the process, I got on YouTube and found "Froggy's" excellent video in which he repainted the wiper arms on his truck. For those unfamiliar with Froggy, his C5 maintenance videos are an awesome source of do it yourself know-how. My procedure is a little different from his but follows basically the same steps.

I decided to paint the arms on the vehicle since I didn't want to break anything. The only downside to doing it on the car is making absolutely sure that you don't get black paint on your beautiful car. My solution was to buy a 10'x25' 3.5 mil clear plastic sheet from Home Depot at the same time that I bought the paint. My first step was to "stop-start" the wipers to get them about half way up onto the windshield. I then opened the hood and draped the car in the plastic sheeting, cutting part of the sheeting to wrap the opened hood. I now had my car draped like a surgical patient in a medical TV show. I have no idea what happens in real surgery because I've been asleep for it. I then used an X-acto knife to cut two small slits in the plastic just above the wiper pivot points. I then slid the



plastic to the right and threaded it over the wiper blades and arms resulting in a very tight fitting seal around the pivot points with the car completely draped in plastic. Next, I removed the wiper blades since I was doing my annual blade change anyway. Using scrap cardboard, I lowered the wiper arms onto cardboard padding to make sure that the arms didn't scratch the windshield and to absorb paint on the underside of the arm. The patient was now ready for the operation to really begin.

I rubbed acetone on the wiper arms with a lint free cloth to clean the surface and then allowed the acetone to evaporate fully. For my paint, I chose Rust-oleum "Matte Finish Custom Shop," because it was advertised as "Great for Racing Strips, Grills, Spoilers, and Accessories." Like the plastic sheet, it came from Home Depot. I applied a light coat of spray paint using the techniques I learned as a kid building plastic models: keep your distance to let the paint atomize and keep moving to prevent drips. Also, make sure that you are right temperature range for paint. The results looked great. I then waited four hours for the first coat to dry. I then put down a second coat using the same technique and let everything dry in place overnight.

The next day, I removed the plastic and installed new wiper blades to complete the job. I refrained from covering the car for another 24 hours in case the paint remained a little soft although there was no evidence of this. I also avoided washing it for about a week out of an abundance of caution. The result was an absolutely flawless and better than factory finish that further cemented my reputation with my son as a master craftsman.



**VETERANS OF NVCC***Contributed by Dave DuBois*

Growing up in Conklin Forks in New York State was a very rich experience. Neighbors that treated everyone like family. We played football, rode bicycles, dirt bikes and old beat up cars on everyone's property. We hiked the hills, swam in ponds, and camped everywhere. As we got older, we went hunting on our neighbor's lands. This was a very rich experience indeed.

It wasn't until much later in life, as I looked back from my 20's and 30's that I gained a much deeper respect for these neighbors that treated all of us like family. Many of them were veterans of WW II ...and they never really talked about their service to our country. The few that I talked with had very, very interesting stories to tell, but it was too late for me to thank them all.

I guess my point is... veterans are part of the fabric of who we are. They are part of our everyday lives. They are our neighbors. They are members of our club. We often don't know that they served.

Name	Actively Serving	Have you served?	Branch	Length of time
<b>Alonso, Henry</b>	No	Yes	US Coast Guard	9 Active, 4 Reserve
	<b>Theaters</b>	East Coast and West Coast United States.		
	<b>Comments</b>			
<b>Anonymous</b>	No	Yes	Army	
	<b>Theaters</b>	Vietnam-era		
	<b>Comments</b>			
<b>Anonymous</b>	No	Yes	Army	
	<b>Theaters</b>	Cold War-era,		
	<b>Comments</b>			
<b>Boone, Al</b>	No	Yes	Army	3 Years
	<b>Theaters</b>	Vietnam		
	<b>Comments</b>			
<b>Bradick, Andrew</b>	No	Yes	USN	21 Years
	<b>Theaters</b>	East Coast, WestPac & Med		
	<b>Comments</b>			
<b>Clute, Richard</b>	No	Yes	USMC	27 Years
	<b>Theaters</b>	Served in Vietnam 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968 as 0311 rifleman.		
	<b>Comments</b>	Wounded October 3, 1966 near DMZ. Was commissioned 2ndLt USMCR December 15, 1973. Was designated a Naval Aviator January 31, 1976.		
<b>Cox, Lelon</b>	No, but Dept. of Army civilian	Yes	USAF	25 years
	<b>Theaters</b>			
	<b>Comments</b>			

<b>Devery, Bob</b>	No	Yes	USAF	4 years
	<b>Theaters</b>	stateside and Vietnam		
	<b>Comments</b>			
<b>Dobish, Jim</b>	No	Yes	Army	3 years
	<b>Theaters</b>			
	<b>Comments</b>			
<b>Dulling, Ben</b>	No	Yes	US Navy & US Army	6 Years Navy 23.5 years Army
	<b>Theaters</b>	CONUS and Asia (Japan, Okinawa, Korea)		
	<b>Comments</b>	Grew up as an Air Force Brat and have had a military ID card for 59 years (you don't get one until you are 10 years old)		
<b>Fienberg, Paul</b>	No	Yes	US Navy	20 Years, retired 1994
	<b>Theaters</b>	ATLANTIC and PACIFIC Fleets		
	<b>Comments</b>	Surface Warfare Officer, Chief Engineer and Operations Officer.		
<b>Gordon, Omar</b>	Yes - Army Reserves	Yes	Army	5 years
	<b>Theaters</b>	Ft Wainwright, AK		
	<b>Comments</b>			
<b>Hammaker, Dick</b>	No	Yes	USAF	20 Years
	<b>Theaters</b>	Pacific (Thailand/Vietnam), European (Germany), USA (CA, SC, VA)		
	<b>Comments</b>	Vietnam Veteran, 135 Combat Missions, 1-DFC, 10-AM		
<b>Hurley, Scott</b>	No	Yes	Army	4 years
	<b>Theaters</b>	Ft Knox, KY, Vietnam		
	<b>Comments</b>	Remember all Vietnam vets who are fighting Agent Orange related illnesses.		
<b>Klain, Jeff</b>	Yes - Civil Service	Yes	Army	1990 - 1996, reserves until 2003
	<b>Theaters</b>			
	<b>Comments</b>			
<b>Kuhn, David</b>	No	Yes	USN	23 Years
	<b>Theaters</b>	Arabian/Persian Gulf; Mediterranean; Atlantic; Pacific ; Indian Ocean		
	<b>Comments</b>			
<b>Marlin, Jim</b>	Yes - Federal Gov't Emp	Yes	USAF	30 Years
	<b>Theaters</b>	PACOM, EUCOM, CENTCOM (Iraq and Afghanistan)		
	<b>Comments</b>	Thank you for recognizing all the veterans.		
<b>Scott, John</b>	No	Yes	Army	1969 - 1971
	<b>Theaters</b>	Germany		
	<b>Comments</b>	Used some of the money I saved in Germany to buy my first Corvette -- a 1968 327, 4-speed convertible.		

## Greetings from Barcelona ... **Bob Devery, NVCC Travel Guy**



Okay, just wishful thinking on my part as it was one month ago today that we arrived in Barcelona to start our land and cruise vacation. Our NVCC Gang of Ten met up at the U232 Hotel for our pre-cruise day and evening and didn't waste much time in getting some things done. Barcelona is

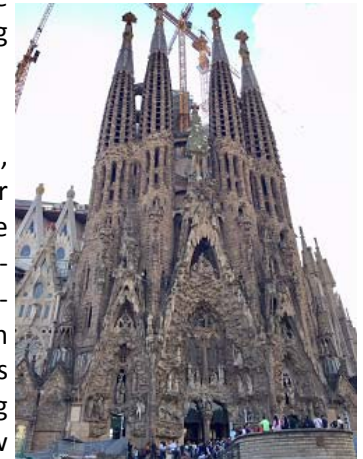


absolutely gorgeous with enough architecture to look at to keep you busy for days and days. Everyone was anxious to see the Sagrada Familia Cathedral which draws thousands of tourists every day. It is impossible to describe the one square block effort of this family over the last few decades ... And they're still not finished! Our evening took us to one of the hundreds of restaurants in the local area where we began our wine sampling efforts ... and tapas tasting.

The next morning after breakfast, we packed up our stuff and headed for our ship, Norwegian EPIC, which is one of the largest cruise ships in the fleet. Our junior



suites were available after lunch so we unpacked and got ready for the bon voyage dance party! Our cruise package included specialty dining nights which were picked by the four club members who had birthday celebrations during the cruise. Right from the start, we knew no one would end up starving on the trip



and with the "all you can drink" beverage packages, no one would be going thirsty! There were things to do every night after dinner so we took advantage of many of the shows that were on board. The itinerary was excellent with port calls in Naples, Rome, Livorno, Marseille

and Cannes. Although we had options to do a lot of things at our own discretion, I was very pleased that we did the same excursions on all but one stop. I had picked out excursion suppliers that I have used in the past. Our tour guides did a fantastic job with sightseeing or explanations of archaeological interest. With the ports in Italy, we got to see Pompeii, the Amalfi coast, Coliseum and the Roman Forum, the Tuscany area with a great stop in a small village that included a pasta factory plus a great wine tasting set up specifically for us. In France, we went to Monaco and our tour guide took us on the very famous F1 track with everyone imagin-



ing themselves in a Corvette under acceleration! We also got to



some local areas in Cannes and Eze and La Turbie where, again, the architecture was stunning especially one of the mountaintop fortifications where a small village was built a thousand years ago and is still used today with active shops and many tourists. The stop in Marseille allowed club members to see Avignon and the Palace of the Popes while Carol and I ended up in Provence with its wonderful markets and Cassis, a small waterfront village surrounded by beautiful inlets called calanques. The architecture never stopped being impressive.

After a whirlwind of a cruise for seven days, we ended up back in Barcelona with two days planned to relax before heading home. But, by relaxing, I don't mean just sitting around (although we did do it at the hotel bar). Our post-cruise afternoon was spent with a tour at Montserrat ... another area



that is impossible to describe as we had to take an inclined railway to it. The church was magnificent as was the surrounding mountains. The following day, after breakfast, we headed out for a very important tour: Irene Le-lansky's CHOCOLATE and DESSERTS Tour!! For three hours, our tour guide



took us around Barcelona where we sampled candy and pastry and hot chocolate. After our sugar fix, we went back to the hotel for brief pit-stop before going back out that afternoon with the same tour guide - but this time, we went to the local "market" area which is as big as anything I have ever seen in any city with food vendors of all types. Just absolutely spectacular ... Later during the tour, we stopped at another of the old buildings in Barcelona and had a chance for wine and tapas before heading off to our Flamenco performance. These people really "kicked some serious floor"!



It was a wonderful way to end a fantastic trip. Back to the hotel for some final glasses of wine and camaraderie before calling it a night. Next thing you know, we were all on planes heading back



home. For me on a personal level, it was just what I needed as the day that we departed was my last day at the airport working in air traffic control and airport operations. Traveling with my wife and

other good friends took the stress out of thinking about the transition of leaving something that I truly loved. When this group gets together, the emphasis is on good times and enjoying each other's company which is exactly what we did. Plans have already been discussed for a couple of other ventures which will be passed along to the club members at the November GBM. All I can tell you is to ask the members who went on the Barcelona cruise if it was worth it. BEWARE: if you do, you'll be with us next time! Remember: If you see pictures, you can appreciate it. If you see it in person, you EXPERIENCE it"



### TENTATIVE EVENTS 2018

#### JANUARY – MARCH 2018

Karting  
Bowling  
Movie Night

#### APRIL - MAY 2018

Corvettes 'n Crabs Rallye – Organizer: Mike Gilliland (April 2018)

NVCC Cruise to Staunton, VA, 'Classics to Shakespeare' – Organizer: Kris McCandless

NCM Bash, Bowling Green, KY – Organizer: TBD

Old West Virginia 55 Wardensville Cruise – Organizer: George Durk

NCC Autocross (March, April, May 2018) – see website at: <http://nccautocross.com/event-calendar/>

#### JUNE-AUGUST 2018

Cruise to Penn Alps, Grantsville, MD – Organizer: Tom Faust

NCC Autocross (June, July, August 2018) – see website at: <http://nccautocross.com/event-calendar/>

NVCC Cruise to Auburn Heights & Woodside Creamery ('Steam to Cream') – Organizer: George Durk

Tail of the Dragon, Deals Gap, NC – Organizer: Kris McCandless

Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise – Organizer: Mae Fromm  
From Pavement to Air Flight, Cruise from NOVA to Indianapolis – Organizer(s): Mike Gilliland, Kris McCandless, Jim McKay, Dick Hammaker (leader TBD)

NVCC Annual Picnic – Cruise Leader: TBD

#### AUTUMN 2018

Fall Country Rallye – Organizer: Mike Gilliland

NCC Autocross (Sept & Oct 2018) – see website at: <http://nccautocross.com/event-calendar/>

Warrior Transition Brigade Car Show, Walter Reed Military Hospital – Organizer: Paul Fineberg

OBX Jazz Festival, Duck, NC – Organizer: TBD

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Personalize your shirt by having your name embroidered on the front right side for an additional charge. (+\$5.00)

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Sunray Yellow (Men's Only)



Black



Red

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Quantity:

Shipping:  Included in Price

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Shipping:  Included in Price

Personalize (+\$5.00ea):  Yes

Personalization on Shirt to Read:



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### FINAL THOUGHT

