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BREAKFAST GBM—AUGUST 18, 2018

By John Scott

Forty-five NVCC members and spouses/significant others met August 18 at the Amphora Diner in Herndon, Virginia for the Northern Virginia Corvette Club's third bi-annual Breakfast General Business Meeting. Amphora set out its usual sumptuous breakfast buffet for the occasion, featuring eggs, potatoes, sausage, bacon, and French toast, with plenty of coffee and orange juice. The feast also included a mixed fruit cocktail, thanks to the generous contribution of Past President and NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker.



Manager Tab Tabellario did a brisk business at the store table, with all items on sale for the bargain price of \$10 each. In addition, Tab also prepared three raffles for GBM attendees, as well as the popular 50/50 fund raiser. Vicki Hulick took home the \$78.00 50/50 jackpot.

Everyone made at least one visit to the buffet line, and had plenty of opportunity to socialize, before President Kris McCandless called the meeting to order for a short discussion of club business. Specifics can be found in

the GBM minutes elsewhere in the newsletter, but featured points included discussion of planned events for the club's 50th anniversary in 2019, review of upcoming club events for the remainder of the summer and fall, and introduction of the Club's new Social Media Chair Lauri Stevens.



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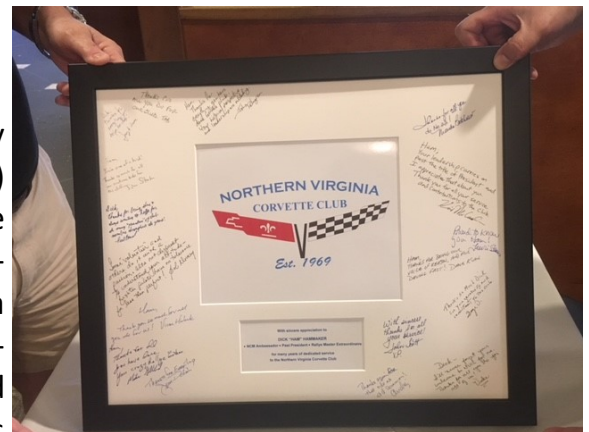


In a high point of the meeting, Kris called Dick Hammaker to the front of the room to receive a framed print of the NVCC logo signed by club members to express their appreciation for his many contributions to NVCC as a Past President, Rallye Master, and current National Corvette Museum Ambassador.



TRIVIA

Historian Jeff Klain (ably assisted by his son Ari) rounded out the meeting with a challenging series of trivia questions mixing mathematical equations and facts about Corvettes and other sports cars.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—SEPTEMBER 2018

RENEW MEMBERSHIP FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY & OCTOBER 7 FALL PICNIC & FLYING SHOW

Your council and 50th Anniversary Committee are gearing up for a stellar 2019, celebrating half a century of bringing Northern Virginians and their corvettes together in camaraderie and fellowship with America's sports car. Elsewhere in this newsletter is a description of the five main events planned for the celebratory year. Don't you want to be a part of that, to make history and say you were a member of NVCC during their 50th? Well, now's your chance - starting September 15, you can get on our website to renew your membership - due first part of November. Don't delay!

In our more immediate future, however, and for those who didn't attend the summer picnic in West Virginia, I am encouraging everyone to please mark your calendars for our first fall picnic at the Flying Circus in Bealeton, the day to be shared with neighboring Piedmont Corvette Club members. I will be leading attendees to the picnic starting in the Lake Ridge/Occoquan/Woodbridge area over some nice two lane twisty roads. And after some scrumptious picnic fare we will all enjoy 1.5 hours of wing walking and airplane stunts. So let ME know if you're planning to attend and what you plan to bring. (See the picnic flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more details).

Save the wave, don't brake in corners, let the friction of turning slow you down!

Kris McCandless,
NVCC President
2010 Black GS - The Bear
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**NVCC IS PROUD TO BE A FOUNDING LIFETIME MEMBER
OF THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM**



NVCC goes to Breaux Vineyards

36888 Breaux Vineyards Ln
Purcellville, VA 20132

Save the DATE **September 29th**, 2018 Saturday

We will be starting out at 8402 Old Keene Mill Rd Shopping Plaza

Arrival at the shopping plaza 9:30 - Drivers Meeting 9:45 - Departure 10:00

Arriving at the Winery at 11:15



MEET YOUR 2018 COUNCIL



President Kris McCandless



Vice President John Scott



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Rallye Mike Gilliland



Officer at Large
Jerry Lelansky



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Newsletter Marsha Batchellor



NCM Ambassador
Dick Hammaker



Bob Devery

**RENEW
YOUR
DUES**

Historian Jeff Klain



Store Tab Tabellario



Co-Webmasters
Paul Benish
John Palmgren



Lauri Stevens
Social Media



Membership George Durk

NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2018—VICKI SCOTT—SECRETARY

Officers Present:

Kris McCandless, President
John Scott, Vice President
John Stark, Treasurer

Vicki Scott, Secretary
Jerry Lelansky, Officer at Large



The general business meeting was held at the Amphora Restaurant in Herndon, VA and called to order at 10:07AM by President Kris McCandless (breakfast buffet opened at 9:30AM).

Kris welcomed all members and noted the presence of former president, Dick Hammaker.

The minutes for the July 2018 general business meeting were approved.

RENEW
YOUR
DUES

Membership – George Durk

reported that membership has reached 105, with 8 prospects.

Store – Tab Tabellario, store manager, announced that 3 raffles will be featured today, along with a 50/50 drawing. The store will also have a “\$10 table” with lots of bargains.

50th Anniversary Committee – Several topics regarding plans for 2019 – NVCC’s 50th anniversary year – were presented, as follows:

John Palmgren asked everyone to respond to the survey that was recently emailed to the membership, to inquire about possible 50th Anniversary events.

Mike Gilliland addressed the crowd about this year’s cruise on August 25th to “Corvettes at Carlisle” – adding that a much larger NVCC presence at next year’s event will comprise one of five NVCC 50th anniversary celebrations.

Mike also announced that plans are underway for a 50th anniversary photo shoot to take place in the near future – perhaps as soon as this fall. Gunston Hall is being considered as a venue. The photo will appear on the Fall 2019 cover of Blue Bars magazine, which will feature an article about NVCC’s 50th anniversary.

Jerry Lelansky spoke about the Corvettes on the Boardwalk event, which takes place in Ocean City, MD in October every year, and benefits the Spina Bifida Foundation. It's the flagship event of the Freestate Corvette Club and will be the venue for another 50th anniversary event. More details about this event and others will be forthcoming in the next month or so.

John Scott commented on the many activities that are available to attendees at this event, as well as a host of vendors that feature a host of personalized and general Corvette accessories and souvenirs.

Fall Rallye at Glory Days in Stone Ridge, VA – Dick Hammaker reminded everyone about this year's event, scheduled for Sunday, September 9th.

Warrior Transition Brigade Car Show at Walter Reed's USO facility in Silver Spring, MD – Paul Fineberg reviewed details for this event, which is in its 3rd year and scheduled for September 8th.

Member Appreciation – Kris presented Dick Hammaker with a signed frame from NVCC membership, in appreciation of his many years of service and commitment to the Club.

Social Media Chair – Lauri Stevens was introduced as the chair for NVCC's social media.

Joint Picnic with Piedmont Corvette Club – Kris reviewed plans for this event, scheduled for Sunday, October 7th at the Flying Circus Aerodrome in Bealeton, VA. NVCC and Piedmont Corvette Club will share the cost of a pavilion rental and provide dishes for a potluck picnic. The cost per person will be \$10, to cover entry to the venue and seats for the airshow. Kris will email NVCC members soon with details.

Teen Driving School – The Council is checking into the possibility of an NVCC event this fall. More information will be available by the next GBM.

Social Chair – Bob Devery reviewed upcoming activities through November.

Trivia – Jeff Klain led a rousing round of trivia.

50/50 Drawing – The jackpot was \$78.00 and won by Vicki Hulick.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17AM.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Evelyn McKay

Enthusiast Member

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 GBM

NVCC 2018 Activities Calendar*Dates are subject to change.***MONTHLY EVENTS**

4th Tuesday monthly, January through November: General Business Meetings (GBMs) at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria, VA. Start time 7:30 pm; store open at 7:15 pm. Breakfast GBM twice a year.

2nd Tuesday of each month: NVCC Council Business Meetings at 7:30 pm; location varies.

JANUARY 2018

23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

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

FEBRUARY 2018

24: Dunkin Donuts Car Show; Chantilly, VA

27: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

MARCH 2018

3: Dinner & Movie

24: Breakfast GBM – Amphora Diner, Herndon, VA

25: Cruise to RDV Vineyards

APRIL 2018

15: Corvettes 'n Crabs Rallye, Capt Pell's Crab Shack,

24: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

28: Dinner and Movie

MAY 2018

5: USMC Museum Tour, Quantico, VA

19: Cruise to Auburn Heights & Woodside Creamery

22: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

JUNE 2018

3: NVCC Corvettes Care Car Show, Page Chevy

9: Dinner & Movie— Organizer: Bob Devery

23: NVCC Ice Cream Social Cruise, Annapolis

26: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

JULY 2018

8: Cruise to Barrel Oak Winery, Delaplane, VA –

15: Picnic—Anderson Farm; Ganotown, WV

21: Old West Virginia 55 Wardensville Cruise

24: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

28: Mason Dixon Drag Racing; Boonesboro, MD—

AUGUST 2018

4: Potomac Nationals Woodbridge, VA First Pitch
6:35 pm; (fireworks) — Organizer: Bob Devery

15: Weekday Cruise to National Harbor and Cadillac
BBQ; 11:30 am; Organizer — Bob Devery

18: Breakfast GBM – Amphora Diner, Herndon; Or-
ganizer — Vicki Scott

25: NVCC Saturday Cruise to Carlisle, PA — Organ-
izer: Mike Gilliland

SEPTEMBER 2018

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

9: Fall Rallye—Glory Days, Stone Ridge, VA —
Organizer: Dick Hammaker

25: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

29: Cruise to **Breaux Winery**, Purcellville, VA –
Organizer: Shawn Waddell

OCTOBER 2018

6-7: Annual Jazz Festival, Duck, NC – Organizer: Jim
McKay

7: Flying Circus; 10 am--Organizer: Kris McCandless

12-13: Corvettes on the Boardwalk, Ocean City, MD
(Freestate Corvette Club)

23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

24: Vienna Halloween Parade, Town of Vienna, VA –
Organizer: Lori Benish

NOVEMBER 2018

3: (or 4) Aviation Air Traffic Tour —10 am Chantilly
Dunkin Donuts; Organizer: Bob Devery

18: Bavarian Inn Cruise and Sunday Brunch, Shepherd-
stown, WV – Organizer: George Durk

27: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

DECEMBER 2018**NO DECEMBER GBM**

Sunday, October 7, 2018
Joint Piedmont CC & Northern Virginia CC
PICNIC, CAR & AIR SHOW



Join me on a cruise from Tacketts Mill Commuter Lot in Woodbridge through twisting roads to the Flying Circus Airshow & Picnic with the Piedmont Corvette Club

Admission is \$10/person (for the Air Show)

Please bring a dish to share and chairs to watch the show

Volunteers from each club will be grill masters

Meats, utensils, plates, napkins, will be provided with grills under a pavilion

Restrooms onsite and Fifi's Cafe (cash only for hotdogs/hamburgers)

There will be a Raffle for a Plane Ride!

Tacketts Mill Commuter Lot, 12745 Minnieville Rd, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Drivers Meeting at 10:00 - 10:30 am; Cruise to Picnic 10:30 - 11:30 am

Picnic/Car Show: 11:30 - 2:30; Airshow 2:30-4:00 pm

Email President@NVCorvetteclub.com if attending picnic, what you're bringing and if attending the cruise or driving straight there.

THE FALL & COUNTRY RALLYE
a/k/a THE MONSOON RALLYE
 By Dick "HAM" Hammaker

Have you ever heard the expression...Raining Cats and Dogs? This expression doesn't do the rain we had justice! It crossed my mind to cancel and set a rain date the following Sunday but this week and next are being influenced by two hurricanes.....Hurricane Gordon this Sunday and Hurricane Florence next Sunday. The weather certainly affected the participation. Only four brave souls ventured out into the weather with only one Team driving their Corvette....it was a better day for trucks, SUVs and vans. The Rallye included signing in, drivers meeting, a 50.4 "GPS Certified" mile route, lunch & social at Glory Days at Stone Ridge, and awards ceremony.

This Rallye, as with other Rallyes, had three options...Rallye and Lunch, Cruise (no clues) and Lunch, and Just Lunch Social.

Many thanks to Mike Gilliland, Chuck Pellerin, and my wife Denise, for keeping me mostly out of trouble by checking the Rallye route and questions. It was a great Team effort. Also thanks to John & Vicki Scott and Joanna Hicks & Connie Harriman for joining the group for lunch.

Many thanks to "Kat" Huff, Owner/Manager of Glory Days at Stone Ridge, a long time supporter of NVCC, and Matt, for such great service for social and lunch.



RALLYE WINNERS

- 1st Place - John & Kara Palmgren
- 2nd Place - Marsha Batchellor and Son Tommy Batchellor
- 3rd Place - Barbara "B4" Foor and Sharon Hinkle
- Fastest Team - Michael & Bridget Batchellor and Kids!

Standby...2019 Corvettes & Crabs Rallye is coming in April!

Dick "HAM" Hammaker



NATIONAL HARBOR VISIT

By Bob Devery

The day started out with a blue sky but with a thermometer ready to reach 95 degrees or higher! Our convoy of 6 cars left Springfield and got across the Wilson Bridge with no issues as we had avoided rush hour. We arrived at 11am to be met by our "resident

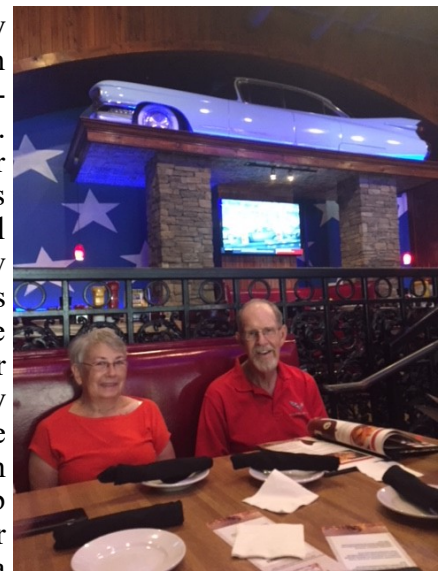


National Harbor expert" and member Lauri Stevens who helped us get started. Our first stop was at the Georgetown Olive Oil Company ...



from my count, at least a hundred options for olive oil; balsamic vinegars and other items. With the breads, I think that we sampled most of the oils including Jim Dobish recommending the habanero blend! Smart move by the management on the free tasting as we left the store with a fair amount of their product.

Laurie then guided us past some of the many statues which are pretty cool: Abe Lincoln, Winston Churchill, Frederick Douglass, Marilyn Monroe even Rosie the Riveter. So, when we saw one of the Corvettes antique cousins, a Ford Model T, we had to take a picture. Needing more energy, we stopped at Stonewall Kitchen to sample their chips, dips, jams, jellies and more. Of course, this led to more supplies being bought to get us to the next stop ... a candy store ... well, they call it a "specialty food store", The Fudgery. Having grown up in the New York city area, I never realized that sugar was a specialty food . It was a staple of my diet! We tried the praline and gelato samples ... and ate what we bought this time! So, the samples had gotten us prepped for lunch ... at the Cadillac Ranch. It's not too hard to spot as it's the only restaurant with a 1959 Cadillac above the doorway! Inside, they have an added Cadillac hanging in the main dining area. Pretty cool ... then you see the mechanical bull. So, we will do another run when club



members can test their bullometer ability! There's a dueling piano bar next door so it really might be a good venture another time at night.

On the way out, Rob and Kathy Succolosky could not resist to get a Peep ... no, not an X rated show THE PEEPS as in marshmallow guys . An entire store is devoted to the famous sugar guys. We did see Rob and Kathy at the Wounded Warriors event so they managed to successfully escape from the Peep Store.



Regency Furniture Stadium

Waldorf, MD 20602

Sunday, October 21st, 8:00AM- 4:30PM

Sunday, October 21, 2018, Tire Rack Street Survival will be NVCC's only offering for Teen Driving School in 2018. Just like we have done in the past, it's the same school with BMW Foundation backing and insurance, the course and curriculum and course layouts will be similar to what you're used to, but just in a different place this time:

Regency Furniture Stadium, 11726 Saint Linus Dr, Waldorf, MD 20602

Please reply to [Jack Raymond](#) if you want to help out instructing or cone chasing or registration. He'll be happy for any help we can offer. (For those that knew him, Jack has taken over for Rafael Garcas as coordinator for our local TRSS schools.)

Thanks for any help you can provide!

Kris McCandless,

NVCC President

2010 Black GS - The Bear

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LOCAL CARS AND COFFEE LOCATIONS

Day / Time	Event	Venue	Location
Friday (5-7 PM)	Cruise-In	Chic-Fil-A	Sterling, VA
Saturday (7-9 AM)	Cars & Coffee	Katie's Coffee	Great Falls, VA
Saturday (6-9 PM)	Cruise-In	Burger King	Manassas, VA
Sunday (7:00 AM)	Cars & Coffee	Dunkin Donuts / Dulles Landing Shopping Center parking lot	South Riding, VA
Sunday (8:30 AM)	Cars & Coffee	Market Station (203 Harrison Street SE)	Leesburg, VA

HALLOWEEN



VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE 2018

Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 5 PM

Summer is almost over, and fall is just around the corner. What better way to get ready than to plan some fall fun! Northern Virginia Corvette Club will be participating again in the Vienna Halloween Parade. It is a fun event and we usually get a great showing. For many years now, we have participated as a club, and have placed in ribbons since at least 2009 (since I have been running it).

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

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

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

(After 5:30-6 PM the roads close and are hard to get into the parking lot, so I urge everyone to come early). Our line-up # is TBD, but we typically are put in the **Danor Plaza Shopping Center** (off Maple Ave./Branch Rd) in front of **Fresh Market** (at the end of the shopping center).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Elevation Burger: 142 Branch Rd Southeast Vienna VA 22180 ph: 703-865-7277

Hope to see many of you there! RSVP for this event to:

Lori Ann Benish (LOCO1707@yahoo.com)

Vienna Halloween Parade Master (Paul Benish's other half ©)



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker

The National Corvette Museum presented a check for \$27,123 – proceeds from last year's "One Lap of Kentucky" road tour – to the Kentucky State Police for its Trooper Island Camp.

The donation, presented to the KSP at the museum Tuesday, brings the total to more than \$92,000 donated by the NCM for Trooper Island Camp since 2010.

Trooper Island Camp is a free, week-long experience designed to help underprivileged children ages 10-12 develop their self-image, build healthy eating and exercise habits, provide spiritual growth, and further mental capabilities.



Registration is open for this year's One Lap of Kentucky set for October. You can find out more by visiting here. <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/mim-1-lap-of-kentucky-2016-tour-1/>

Events Manager Karen Renfrow of the NCM explained One Lap of Kentucky's purpose: "Corvette enthusiasts love road tours, so we thought why not expand what is typically a one-day excursion into a multi-day event open to not only Corvette enthusiasts, but the entire community."

"The bonus," she says, "was that a State Trooper led the tour, instead of seeing one in our rearview mirror!"

This year's One Lap of Kentucky will be the ninth annual event, part of the Museum in Motion program, and represents a unique partnership between the National Corvette Museum and the Kentucky State Police.

Each year, the Tour explores a different section of Kentucky. Trooper Jonathan Biven, Trooper Island Camp director, will be using a newly painted marked silver Corvette to lead the participants as they tour places like Makers Mark Distillery, Ark Encounter, Taylormade Farms, Keeneland Horse Racing, Louisville Slugger Museum, Mary M. Miller Paddleboat, Kentucky Derby Museum, and more with overnight stays at the General Butler State Resort Park.

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Dick "HAM" Hammaker
Ambassador



WELCOME HOME

By: Jack Ludwick

We had just returned from a ten-day Seabourn Sojourn Caribbean cruise, where, similar to a previous one, Peep & Flo enjoyed the Champagne and Caviar – here, at St. Barts. Having taken a taxi from the airport, I now headed out for groceries.

Like some other cars today, the Corvette has an electronic fob which transmits a signal so the car recognizes you as friendly even at a distance, allowing you to press a button under the trunk overhang to open it, to squeeze a pad at the edge of the door to open it, and to press a button on the dashboard to start the car. Of course, you can also press the appropriate button to lock or unlock the doors or open the trunk before you arrive.



Except all I heard was a few clicks. Although the battery had run down once before, it was after a much longer trip. Also, unlike this time, my iPod FM transmitter, by which I listen to audio books over the radio, had been plugged into the always-on power outlet. After having the battery jumped that time, I took it to the dealer,

who performed a firmware update, although not in so many words, which they claimed would prevent a future recurrence.

This time I found that there wasn't even sufficient power for the interior door push buttons to work – I was locked in! After a few anxious minutes looking around for a secret switch, I resorted to consulting the manual, which identified the levers on the floor (one on each side) that would open the adjacent door. I suddenly realized that knowing their operation could be handy in case of an accident! For those of you with similar electric door latches, do you know your backup alternative? Fortunately, although the manual was locked in the glove box, that lock wasn't electronic.

So I went into the house and called Chevrolet Road Service. After traversing a long phone tree of questions, including the last 8 digits of my VIN – the first time, I counted back too far; fortunately I was given to opportunity to re-enter it, without having to hang up and call again – I was able to talk to a human.



Peep
and Flo

She said they'd canvass their network and send out the nearest road service provider. I soon received an automated phone call that a rescue car coming from Fairfax would be here in 35 minutes.

I went back outside to open the hood, and suddenly realized that being locked in also meant that I was now locked out, and the only way to open the hood was from inside the car. I guess the brain as well as the body does tend to relax after ten days of sun and leisure. I must have been lucky enough the previous time that there was enough juice left in the battery to open the door, both from the inside and later the outside, because I certainly would have remembered being locked in, and out.

Fortunately, I had taken the manual with me, which again had the solution. The first step was to remove the key secreted in the fob and use it in a so-far unnoticed lock cylinder next to the trunk push-button. This was the first time I had found a use for the key other than locking the glove compartment.

From the construction, you can see that a great deal of leverage could be applied. However, the key itself didn't look that robust, so I was cautious in applying pressure. Resistance increased to a point where past experience told me something might be about to break – you may realize what past experience included. I decided to call Road Service again and suggest that they might need to send out someone with more expertise than just how to jump a battery.



This time I didn't need to work my way through a long phone tree – a recording told me that the number was currently not accepting calls, to call again later!¹

Since this was a weekday, I realized that the dealer was open, and called the service department. Dina confirmed that the manual's description was indeed the only method of entry, but suggested that if I had some lock lubricant perhaps it would make it easier to open.

WELCOME HOME—Continued

She also reassured me that even if the key did break, it wasn't expensive to replace² – all the smarts are in the fob, unlike other cars whose keys actually open doors and start engines, thus requiring high-tech anti-theft measures in the key itself.

I did have some lock lubricant, so I applied it, waited a few minutes and tried again. It didn't seem to turn any easier, but I held my breath, applied more pressure, and was rewarded by a click and the trunk lid opened. Fortunately, the key was stronger than I thought.

Now for the second step: "Use the door release tab located on the carpet inside the hatch on the driver's side of the vehicle. Pull the tab to unlock and unlatch the driver's door."

The hatch! Where's that? There is a storage bin on each side, but when I opened the lid – hatch? – there was no carpet; it was basically an empty box. So I called Dina to try to clear up this new mystery – and was greeted by her voice mail.

About that time, the rescue car pulled up and I asked the driver if he knew anything about Corvettes. He said he had worked on some, so I showed him the manual's instructions. He leaned into the trunk and found the elusive tab, on the carpeted side wall – whose location they might have mentioned. So now I know that a trunk lid is actually a hatch – and this isn't even a foreign car with a translated manual!

Now I opened the hood (which the manual somehow resisted also calling a hatch) and the rescuer asked how close he could drive his car up next to mine. I asked what happened to the separate booster battery that he used the last time. He said that it had exploded during the recent cold spell!

So I moved some large flowerpots along the side of the driveway and he was able to drive close enough for his jumper cables to reach. However, he had a small car with a four-cylinder engine whose puny battery was going to take some time to transfer enough energy to turn over my high-compression V-8.

In the meantime, he worriedly confided that he hoped he didn't run out of gas! His gauge had read Empty when he started out but he hadn't found a gas station along the way. He agreed that it would indeed be ironic if the rescue car needed a rescue car.

Fortunately, after a few minutes, before that could happen, the engine started and he packed up and drove off in search of a nearby gas station.

Once again disaster had been averted, at least for me.

I remembered having read years ago someone's lament that computers should be as easy to use as cars. Now cars are as difficult to use as computers!

¹ Some days later I found the reason for the "not accepting calls" message. The second time I called, I hadn't scrolled down on my phone as far as "Corvette Road Service," but stopped at "Corvette," which was the number of the built-in hands-free cell phone service provided by OnStar. Since not only wasn't I available to answer the call, even if I was, with the battery being dead, the phone wouldn't have been able to receive it. I changed the directory listing to "Corvette Cell Phone" – of course now that I'm knowledgeable about all the pitfalls encountered this time, the next test will be a different one. I hope it also will be open book.

Update: The dealer replaced the battery, but just in case that wasn't the only problem, I've found [The Battery Butler!](#) A "floating" trickle charger, it maintains the correct charge for as long as necessary with no danger of overcharging. Since the Corvette cigarette lighter is live even when the ignition key is off, I can use the optional adapter. For those that aren't (for example, my previous Miatas) the clamps will do the trick.

² Afterwards, I realized that a broken key could be much more expensive to someone – whether me or the warranty. If it broke off in the lock, the next step might be to have the car trailered to the dealer, some 20 miles away in Gaithersburg, Maryland. And it might not be an easy matter to load it on the trailer from under the carport.

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How would you like to own a 2019 Corvette? Rotary District 7730 is holding a CARS for CART contest. A maximum of 1,250 tickets will be sold. The Grand prize is, at the sole option of the winner, the choice of a New Corvette* (*a \$62,500.00 certificate toward the purchase of a New Corvette) or \$50,000.00 in cash. If the Corvette is chosen, delivery of the vehicle will be from a dealer selected by the winner. All remaining proceeds (\$62,500.00 or \$75,000.00 depending on prize selection) will benefit and support the CART FUND. (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) Support the CART Fund and get a chance to win. Visit www.rotary7730.org to purchase your ticket. Complete contest rules are posted on the website. Plans are for the contest to run until December 9th, 2018 or until all tickets are sold. The drawing for the "Christmas Corvette" will be held on December 15th, 2018. The contest is void where prohibited by law.



ROTARY DISTRICT 7730

IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

THE CART CHRISTMAS CORVETTE CONTEST



The contest begins August 1st, 2018 and will run through December 9th – or until **ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD**

Tickets are **\$100** each with a total of only **1250** tickets being sold
The winner will have the choice of :

A \$62,500 VOUCHER
TO PUT TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A BRAND NEW
2019 CORVETTE
OR
\$50,000 CASH

VISIT WWW.ROTARY7730.ORG AND CLICK ON THE CAR ON THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE TICKETS

THERE'S MORE!



For the month of August, 20 early bird ticket holders will be randomly chosen to receive a FREE extra ticket. And then again in September 20 ticket holders will be chosen. And finally, an additional 10 ticket holders in October will receive that free ticket.

The drawing for the **CART Christmas Corvette** will be held on December 15th, 2018.

DON'T WAIT.
TICKETS ARE SURE TO SELL OUT FAST!
AND GOOD LUCK!!!

For more info: carsforcart@gmail.com



***UPDATE *** Five Major Events for NVCC's 50th Anniversary Year!

In addition to our regular lineup of activities – the annual car show, a spring and fall rallye and TDS - 2019 will feature five Official 50th Anniversary events, as follows:

NVCC Banquet: Saturday, January 26th at Maggiano's Restaurant, Tysons II

This event will kick off NVCC's 50th Anniversary year of celebrations. We'll revisit our Club's history, and several past presidents and former members will join in. It'll be a blast from the past (1969-2019)!!

Escape from Winter Caribbean Cruise: February 10th-17th

Join Club members for a 7-day Western Caribe cruise on Norwegian (yep, the ship is called the Getaway), to continue the 50th Anniversary celebration! (**Itinerary:** Depart Miami FL - Roatan, Honduras - Harvest Caye, Belize - Costa Maya, Mexico - Cozumel, Mexico – Return to Miami.) Our Social chair and travel expert, Bob Devery, will lead the way. **NOTE:** If interested, please inquire/book soon because of the popular Valentine's Day-theme. Reserve your cabin by emailing Bob at "trends04@cox.net".

NVCC Cruise to the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green, KY: July 17th – 20th

Cruise with the Club to Bowling Green for a visit to the birthplace of many of our beauties! The NCM will provide us with VIP tour of the museum and plant, track time, and dedication of a Club brick to commemorate NVCC's 50th Anniversary. NVCC is a founding member club of the NCM and a lifetime member as well – largely due to Dick Hammaker's diligence as NCM Ambassador and generous contributions to our Club. More details will be rolled out in the near future.

Corvettes at Carlisle, PA: August 22nd – 25th

This massive, East coast Corvettes-only event will provide NVCC members with the opportunity to enjoy hot cars, great programs and activities, endless merchandise, parts, and vendor stalls – along with our own Club hospitality tent! More details as plans develop.

Corvettes Weekend (Freestate Corvette Club) – Ocean City, MD: October (dates TBD)

A major Mid-Atlantic Corvette event sponsored by Freestate Corvette Club (for over 30 years) will be the venue for another NVCC fun-filled weekend to celebrate our 50th. Along with all the attractions and activities that this event offers, NVCC members will enjoy a hospitality suite, a club dinner on Friday night, and special placement in the boardwalk parade! Wait for the Date! **NOTE:** Help NVCC win recognition for largest attendance by a Club!!

THANK YOU for your input regarding the above events. If you haven't completed the member survey sent out in late August, please take a few moments to do so. Your opinion and suggestions are important! **Please note:** The NVCC 50th Anniversary Committee **NEEDS YOU!** We are looking for volunteers to share in staffing these events – no experience required (!) If you'd like to help make the magic happen, please email our 50th Anniversary Chair Rick Poage at "stompandgo@earthlink.net - or Club VP John Scott at "vp@nvcorvetteclub.com".

Then and Now Logos

Pre-1982



**Until the
50th**

TENTATIVE EVENTS 2018

AUTUMN 2018

Punkin Chunkin/Hayride—Organizers: The Kinmans

Skeet Shooting — Organizer: Jim Dobish

Wintergreen area wineries and BBQ — Organizer: Bob Devery

Guinness Brewery, Baltimore, MD — Organizer — Bob Devery

Weekday drive to Gordonsville VA/Exchange Hotel and Civil War Museum, followed by BBQ lunch—Organizer: TBD

***INTERESTED IN LEADING AN EVENT?
PLEASE CONTACT AN NVCC COUNCIL
MEMBER EMAIL:
COUNCIL@NVCORVETTECLUB.COM***



NVCC Logo Polo Shirt Order Form

The popular NVCC Logo Men’s and Women’s Short Sleeve Polo is back! Made by Devon & Jones, the polo’s feature premium Peruvian Pima cotton, rib knit cuffs, and dura-pearl buttons. The cost of a shirt is \$40.00 (plus personalization and shipping if required).

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

Available Colors: White, True Royal, Black & Red

Women’s Sizes- Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL (2XL and over +\$2.00)

Men’s Sizes- Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL (2XL and over +\$2.00)

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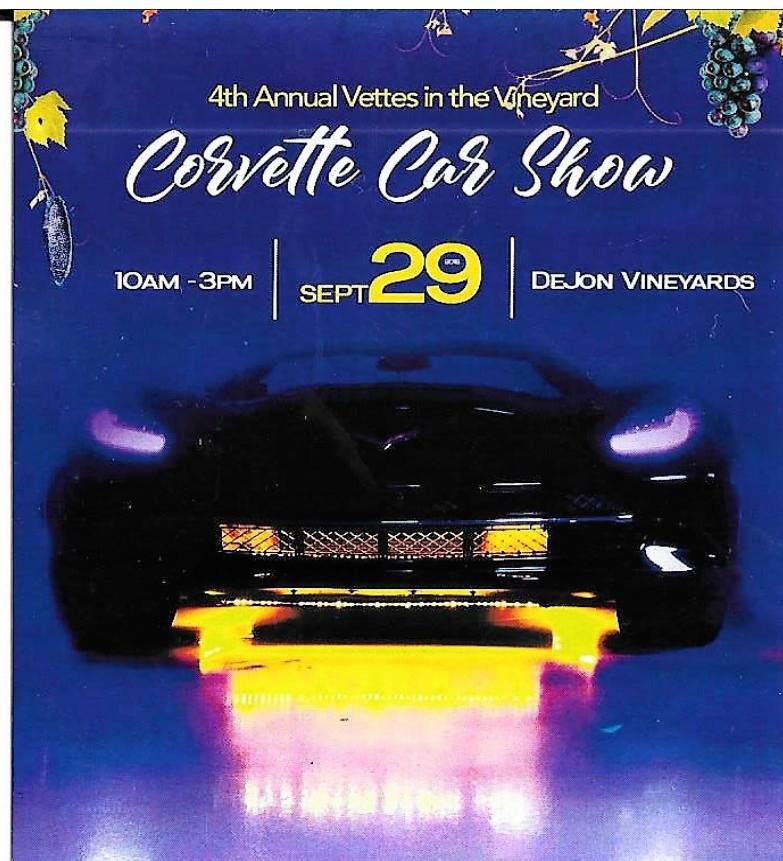


Order online at:

http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/information/NVCC_STORE/NVCC_Shirts/



**WHAT A
BEAUTIFUL
DAY
TO BE IN
CARLISLE, PA**



4th Annual Vettes in the Vineyard
Corvette Car Show

10AM - 3PM

SEPT **29**

DEJON VINEYARDS

Wine tasting, food for sale,
The Ascension Band, trophies & more
Bring your chairs, picnic baskets
or purchase food

Car registration 10AM - 1PM
\$20 in advance on Eventbrite at
4th Annual Vettes in the Vineyard
\$25 day of the event

\$10 in advance for Corvettes on display &
spectators / \$15 day of the event

Additional fee for wine tasting
Vendor inquiries welcomed

For more information contact
Tonya Sloan
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FREE STATE CORVETTE CLUB

CORVETTE

WEEKEND

REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!

October 12-13, 2018



Corvette Weekend 2018

"Horsepower Hurricane"

Our 32nd annual Corvette Weekend is set for October 12th and 13th, 2018 in Ocean City, Maryland.

The full details of the 2018 Corvette Weekend can be found on our event web site: CorvetteWeekend.com.

If you're planning on staying at our host hotel, [Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel](#), we've blocked a set of rooms for Corvette Weekend participants. Be sure to call the hotel directly at 800-638-2100 and mention you're attending Free State Corvette Club's Corvette Weekend to book one of these rooms.



Corvette Weekend is an annual event held in Ocean City Maryland. Every year over 1,500 registrants take part in our:

Boardwalk Parade

Friday Night Dance Party

Saturday Night Awards Ceremony

NCCC Sanctioned Car Shows and Rallyes

Come join us again and be part of the fun!

<https://freestatecorvetteclub.regfox.com/corvette-weekend-2018>

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

MOTOR SPORTS PARK

SAVE THE DATE – BOOK YOUR ROOMS after 6/14/18

THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2019

EAST REGION NONSANCTION EVENT

TRACK DAY – 4X ½ HOUR SESSIONS ON THE FULL COURSE - \$200

PACE LAPS- 4 LAPS FOLLOWING A PACE CAR- \$50.00

SKID PAD FOCUSED ON CAR CONTROL - \$50.00

FRIDAY APRIL 12, 2019

TOUR THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

BOX LUNCH PROVIDED BY NCM

PLANT TOURS

75 rooms are blocked off under ERNCCC APRIL 10 – 13, 2019

BEST WESTERN – 270-782- 6933

1940 Mel Browning St.

Bowling Green, Ky.

Cost - \$105 per night

You can make your reservations after June 14, 2018

Question or information – contact John Cantelmo

mjcantelmo@embargmail.com



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