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'GLASS GAZETTE

NVCC — IN THE BEGINNING By: Russell Banks; NVCC Member #011

Having recently realized that the Northern Virginia Corvette Club was celebrating its 50^{th} anniversary, I have rejoined, fifty years since the first time, and have been asked by some to try to relate some thoughts about the early days. My memory, of course, is a little spotty, and I remember some events very well, but then have a lot of gaps. Unfortunately, the events that I remember best are the ones that I had a hand in organizing, so I hope this doesn't come across as too self-serving.

I purchased my first Corvette new from Rosenthal Chevrolet in Arlington on George Washington's Birthday in 1969. I traded in a black 1966 Volkswagen Beetle on a gold coupe and everyone in the showroom that day got a big kick out of that.



At that time, the local hangout where I lived in Alexandria was the Hot Shoppes Restaurant at the north end of Washington Street. For those who don't remember, Hot Shoppes had a drive-in in the back, and typical of that era, it was where young people hung out and hot cars cruised. One night there I met a guy driving a dark green Corvette convertible, either a '68 or '69. His name was Ron Dibella, and he was a second lieutenant stationed at Fort Belvoir. We hung out together discussing Corvettes that we had seen around, and he said that we should start a Corvette club. We decided that whenever we saw a Corvette, we would put a



note on the windshield about our planned club and a contact number for Ron. We did that for a while and then invited those who had responded to come to Ron's quarters at Belvoir for the

first meeting. I don't remember exactly how many people came but it was probably 15 to 20. Ron passed around a sign-up sheet, and membership numbers were assigned in the order that people signed. I always considered myself the second member of the club, but I was the eleventh to sign the sheet so I became member #011. Ron became the first club president.

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The club grew rather quickly, but I really can't remember the number of members. My wife and I took over the newsletter in the early years, doing some simple artwork. But for several years there was a professional artist and cartoonist (whose first name I believe was Bob) that did beautiful artwork for the newsletter. Rosenthal became the club sponsor and for several years we had club meetings at their large service area near I-395 and Glebe Road. One early club event that I remember was a club caravan to White's Ferry. I have a vivid memory of the Corvettes lined up waiting for their turn to cross the river. Another memorable event for me was a blind autocross that I believe was held in the Landmark Shopping Center parking lot. If you have never done a blind autocross, it is a lot of fun, but you need a large object-free space. You use a standard autocross course with cones, but the driver is blindfolded, and his or her partner sits in the passenger seat and gives the driver vocal instruction to complete the course. It was very funny! (Lots of crushed cones!)

At the time the club was formed, I was sort of a "weekend hippie". Georgetown was DC's flower power hangout, and that's where I was on the weekends. (I once got tear-gassed there during an anti-war rally where I got too close. Just observing!) During the week I was a straight engineer working in Alexandria, but on the weekends I would hide my Corvette on the back streets of Georgetown and hang around a hippie club called Emergency, because I enjoyed the music there. (Nils Lofgren and Grin, Claude Jones and other local and national groups played there.) My friends there would have been shocked to see what I drove.

In 1971 I traded my '69 Corvette for a new gold '71, and I remember that the club had a car show on the 4th of July weekend. For that show, I used colored red, white and blue tape to do a patriotic design all over my car. After the show I was doing a trip to Virginia Beach, so I left the tape design on the car for several days and got a lot of looks on the road and interest during fill-

ups. When I finally pulled the tape off, the sun had left slight shadows in the paint of where it had been, but luckily it faded over time.

I was quite involved in putting on events for the club in those early days. I was playing bass for a Hawaiian show band at that time. The band was run by a Hawaiian couple that had a little Hawaiian shop in Old Town Alexandria. We played for



country clubs and other organizations in the DC area and did a complete show with hula dancers. I was able to work a deal to get them to perform for a Hawaiian luau that we hosted for the club in our back yard. I built a rock waterfall and a pond with a Japanese style bridge just for this event. We cooked teriyaki chicken and other Polynesian food and ate on mats on the ground, Hawaiian style, and everyone enjoyed the show.

In 1973 I moved to Florida to work at Walt Disney World, but came back to Virginia in 1974 due to the energy crisis. I rejoined the club and did a few more events. One was a Halloween party that was held in the party room in our apartment building in Crystal City. I built a huge cardboard façade of a haunted house that led to a small dark room behind it where we had scary music and spooky decorations. Stealing an idea from Disney, in front of the haunted house were tombstones with little poems about Corvettes in the club that had "died" or had experienced other tragedies.

Our biggest project at the time was doing a club display for the 1975 World of Wheels Custom Car Show held at the DC Armory. It was a very large show in those days, filling two floors of the Armory. I came up with a design and master plan for a large club display called "Corvettes in the City". I was able to convince a number of members to work very hard to produce it. As I remember, the display was at least 50 feet wide and I guess 25 feet deep. It showcased four of our members' best cars. Several club members worked through the night to build a wooden frame that supported an 8-foot high white backdrop of theatrical paper in a semi-circle behind the whole area. In front of that we placed a large black 50-foot cardboard cutout of a city skyline that I had produced at home, with hundreds of miniature white Christmas lights poked through the cardboard to look like lighted windows in the buildings. The four Vettes were parked at angles all facing toward the center focused on a working

replica of a traffic signal on a pole. The cars sat on colored paper that looked like four streets meeting at the traffic light. I recorded, on a continuous-loop tape, a sound track and introduction and description of each of the cars that lasted several minutes, and that repeated all day. I built a digital timer that was decoded in digital logic to cause various lighting effects to go on and off at the appropriate times synced to the soundtrack. The show started with the display darkened and the building lights on, and Also Sprach Zarathustra played as red and yellow flood lights on the backdrop brightened to create a sunrise effect. Then "Summer in the City"

played and the cars were introduced, one at a time, with a spotlight that came on each as it was introduced. The show ended with the song "Expressway To Your Heart". And the sun set and the lights came on in the buildings again. This show just continuously repeated all day. Since the sound system that I had was pretty large, we soon had a problem with people coming from the displays several rows over, complaining about the sound. It turned out that the volume was not that loud when you stood in front of our display, but when you went about three rows over it was distracting. I finally realized, that since the backdrop was curved, with the speakers in front of it, the sound was loudest at a focal point about three rows over, so we had to lower the volume even more. Anyway, the display was a hit, and we won first prize in the club display category.



Later in 1975, I started a retail computer business, which took most of my time, and I became less active in the club, but there is one more tale I would like to tell. Sometime after I traded in my gold '69, I saw what looked to be my old car parked in front of Rosenthal's when I was there getting my new car serviced. I was sure it was my old car, for I knew a few scratches very well. But this car had a manual transmission, and mine had been an automatic. It turns out that my '69 was later acquired by a member of the club, named Rusty. When I saw that he had the car, I told him that I had once owned it and that it was originally an automatic. He never believed me, and it became a running joke with us. Then one day he called me at work, all excited saying that I was right. He had removed the driver's seat for some reason, and up in the seat springs he found a letter from an old girlfriend of mine. (Be careful what you lose in your car!)

I am so happy to see that the Northern Virginia Corvette Club has not only survived for fifty years, but is alive and well with a great group enjoying a great variety of many fun events.



I have entered the free exhaust giveaway at Corvettes at Carlisle for the last ten years. Someone named Rita entered the give-away for the first time. Guess who won, Miss Rita Mars. I dropped the car off Wednesday before Carlisle and the MagnaFlow competition exhaust was installed for free. Very loud and a great rumble.

Rich Mars

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CORVETTES

AT CARLISLE — 2019

Contributed by the team of John Scott Mike Gilliland Jerry Lelansky



This year's August 22-25 "Corvettes at Carlisle" – led by NVCC President (and long-time Carlisle participant) Mike Gilliland – marked another successful 50th Anniversary event for the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. At its inaugural meeting in March 2018, the 50th Anniversary Committee identified Carlisle – the largest Corvette show in the Eastern United States, and probably the largest privately-sponsored Corvette show in the United States – as a must do event to mark the club's 50th anniversary year.



In past years, NVCC members have chosen different approaches to making the trek to Carlisle and the fairgrounds event site. A few have gone for all three days of the event; others have travelled in ones or twos for a single day on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday; and still others have joined the group cruise led by Mike Gilliland for a full day of Corvette immersion on Saturday. For 2019, the 50th Anniversary Committee endorsed the idea of a major club presence at Carlisle for the entire show, complete with club tent on the grounds, reserved parking, a club group booking at a local hotel, and a few club-centered events to make Carlisle a full blown anniversary celebration.

Unlike the various day-trip options, pulling off such a presence requires significant long-term planning, and Mike and his team were

up to the task. Mike reached out to the Carlisle event planners in Fall 2018 and was told that if NVCC could get 22 members signed up for the Carlisle Fun Field by the end of February 2019, Carlisle would provide a tent and reserved spaces for the club, as well as a banner for the tent denoting our 50th anniversary. Club members responded in force, and met the sign up goal by mid-February. Ultimately, more than 30 members signed up for the Fun Field or for individually reserved spaces on the lower field.

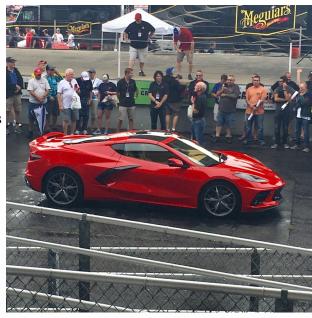
Jane Steiber and Vicki Scott took on the task of identifying a hotel for the NVCC contingent – the newly-refurbished Red Roof Inn, about five miles from the Carlisle fairgrounds. Jane negotiated a block of rooms for the club for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights at the Red Roof Inn, and complementary use of one of

the hotel's conference rooms for after-dinner socializing on Friday and Saturday night. Once it was clear that NVCC would fill its room block, the hotel offered one complementary room for Friday and Saturday nights. The Council awarded the rooms to two lucky club members whose names were drawn at random from the list of NVCC members with bookings for all three nights at the Red Roof Inn. Many thanks to Jane for all of her hard work securing accommodations for NVCC members staying over in Carlisle!





There was some initial concern that the location of the tent, a few hundred yards from the main grandstand area, would be less-than-great. However, that turned out not to be the case. The more elevated location near Gate 3 produced a cooling breeze on an otherwise hot and humid Thursday, and proximity to services and the wash rack was a real plus. We had a steady stream of folks asking about the club, and signed up twelve prospective new members in the process. Finally, being a bit removed from the main crowds and incessant loudspeaker announcements gave club members a chance to chat with each other and recharge their batteries before heading back down to the main field to attend technical discussions on offer, shop the universe of Corvette-related vendors and suppliers, have a new exhaust system installed, and – of course – check out the new C-8.





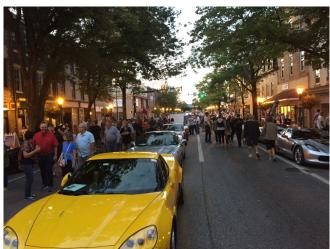
The next generation mid-engine Corvette was the undisputed star of Carlisle this year, and GM pulled out all the stops to give Corvette fans plenty of opportunity to see and touch the car. Corvette chief engineer Tadge Juechter and his team of Corvette tech experts were on hand to talk about – and answer questions on – the new model. There were cutaway displays of the car itself, as well as the engine and transaxle, to give the technically-minded insight into the inner workings of the car, and of course a couple of models for a brief sit-in (and dream about) to get a feel for the car. There were also six or seven additional C-8s parked away from the main area, where Corvette fans could get a closer look without fighting the crowds at the main C-8 display.

Saturday is always the main event at Carlisle. With perfect (mid-70s and sunny) weather, this year was no exception. Those of us who have made the one-day trek to Carlisle on Saturday in the past have probably

all experienced more than a little sensory overload. Unlimited beautiful cars, lots of people (especially if you're trying to get something to eat), more vendors than you can possible visit, and not nearly enough time to do everything you want are all features of a Saturday at Carlisle. Spreading it all over two or three days, and having the club tent as a base of operations, made it a lot more fun.



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club managed to stay together during the parade and saw Laurie Stevens and Audrey Cupples along the route. After they parked, the NVCC contingent listened to a local band (Irene and Candace danced) and then joined Lauri and Audrey at the Burd's Nest Brewing Company for drinks and dinner, from Seve-N-Dots Publik Pizza Place, which partners with the Burd's Nest.

Several club members lined up for the parade about 90 minutes ahead of time and there was already a large number of Corvettes lined up. The group included Mike Gilliland and Candace Rende, Kris McCandless and Joanna Hicks, Rich and Rita Mars, Mike and Gerry Moore, Jim Dobish and Jane Steiber, Dave Kuhn, Vicki Hulick, Jerry and Irene Lelansky. The NVCC crew all chatted and checked out many of the Corvettes while waiting for the parade to start; the "Barbie pink" C6 definitely drew a crowd! A few from the

Corvettes Parade 18



n and other visitors watch the Corvette Parade unfold Saturday evening. Malmont. The Sentinel

CARLISLE

Participation in an event like Corvettes at Carlisle is its own reward, but it's especially nice to see a colleague recognized with a major award. NVCC's heartiest congratulations go to Vicki Hulick and her Callaway C-7 for capturing the Celebrity's Choice Award at Carlisle this year!



Socializing with fellow NVCC'ers was a big part of this year's event. Informal gatherings in the hotel parking lot after returning from the fairgrounds, a club dinner Friday night at the Hickory Ridge Restaurant just down the street from the hotel, and after-dinner socializing Friday and Saturday night in the hotel conference room were all part of the larger scene. And it wasn't all Corvettes all the time. In order to give the ladies of NVCC a little respite from the "car talk, tech jargon, unburned hydrocarbon" atmosphere of the fairgrounds, Vicki Scott made arrangements for Saturday tea at a well-known tea room in downtown Carlisle. Tea and quiet conversation was followed by the opportunity to explore the quaint shops and hidden treasure of the host city.





Whether travelling to Carlisle for one of the other car-related events during the year, or just to enjoy some of the non-Corvette pleasures the city has to offer, you will want to keep



the next edition of Corvettes at Carlisle in your sights.

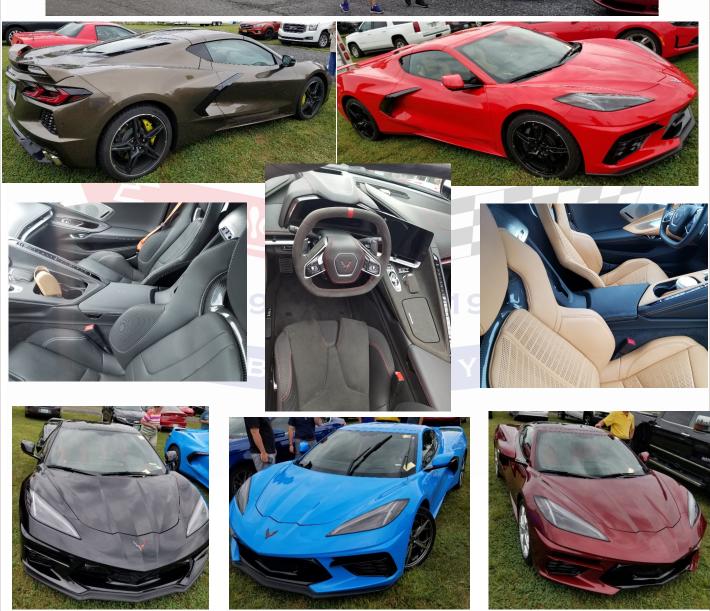


The Council has already approved funding to cover an NVCC tent and presence for August 2020; and by the time you read this, the first review and planning session for Carlisle 2020 will have already taken place.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—SEPTEMBER 2019

The Corvettes at Carlisle show gave many members a chance to sit in the 2020 mid-engine Corvette and from your comments; it's a winner. There were reportedly 14 examples of the new model spread around the fairgrounds in a variety of colors and configurations. At least one of our members has put in a preorder for one of these amazing machines. I am envious.

The Club presence at Carlisle was a great success. Thanks to all who helped. We had 33 Corvettes pre registered. And over the 4 days at the site we must have had 45 member cars and 60 plus members on site. That got us a free \$300 tent and a free banner produced by the Carlisle organization. Thanks to Jerry Lelansky, Vicki and John Scott, Paul Benish and anyone I have forgotten for banners and streamers that showed the NVCC spirit to anyone and everyone who stopped by our tent. Thanks also to those who helped share the load of tables, printouts, water, ice and assorted club paraphernalia that we utilized during the event. Vicki Scott did special duty supporting a ladies tea off site that was a great success according to my significant other. Thanks, Vicki. I want to give a special shout out to Dick Hammaker Ben Duling, Jerry and Irene Lelansky, Paul Benish and Stewart Fox for arriving early Thursday at the fairgrounds to help out with setup.

The GBM on August 27th brought us the largest group of prospective members I have seen in my 9 years with the club. This had so much to do with our club presence at Carlisle. Thank you all who manned the tent or helped with alerting fair goers to seek us out. The feedback has been tremendously positive. I look forward to doing this again if the club is up to it. Let me give a special mention to Vicki Hulick. Vicki won a Celebrity Choice Award at Carlisle this year. I believe this is the third such award I know of for a club member at Carlisle.

Yas Kinashi continues to lead the Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades, which has been a big success. This event takes place on the last Saturday of each month in Sterling, Virginia just off Route 7. The August meet brought out a 1954 restoration that was really nice. Any who keep this going deserve our appreciation. The proceeds from the 50/50 at the meet go to our club charities. Please join in next month if you have the chance.

Thanks to Dick Hammaker and Kris McCandless for putting together the Fall Rallye. I can't remember a bigger turnout for this event. I can testify to the fact that it was a great one. Joanna and I were off course 3 times chasing the clues to the route. What a fun event. The roads were perfect to get lost on. Dick and Kris outdid themselves.

We have one last 50th year event upcoming in October, that is the Corvette Weekend put on by Freestate Corvette Club. If you are able, I urge you to join us. If you do, I would like to suggest that consider a Northern Virginia windshield logo from Paul Benish and/or a pair of removable/reusable 50th logo applications from John Scott. Nothing shows off the club spirit better in a parade and yes we will be parading as a club down the boardwalk at Ocean City. This is a great event and the club logos will look great in the October Halloween parade in Vienna.

Speaking of the Halloween Parade in Vienna. If you have not contacted Lori Benish on this you still may have time. She may be able to shoehorn you in to the 20 cars that will be in the parade. Remember to dress up yourself and your car. Lori is used to the NVCC winning 1^{st} place on this one.

One last item, we are looking to put together a group to support the 2020 events in the coming year. We will meet outside of the standard Council and GBM cycle (probably on the 3rd Tuesday evening of the month). We have the Banquet, Car Show, Picnic, Carlisle, Rallyes, Cruises, (one speed event?) and so much more to plan for. We will need and appreciate your help. Please join us in preparation for another great NVCC year!

Well that's it for this month. Again, it is a real pleasure to support this great group. You and your magnificent rides make this fun. Front engine, mid-engine, super-charged or naturally aspirated get out there and enjoy America's greatest and longest lasting true sports car. Here's hoping for blue skies and unblemished highways and byways as we cruise into our 51st year!

Mike Gilliland

NVCC President

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NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2019— Evelyn McKay, Secretary

Officers Present: Mike Gilliland, President

John Scott, Vice President Jerry Lelansky, Officer at Large Evelyn McKay, Secretary

The meeting began at 7:30 pm at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria, VA and was presided over by Mike Gilliland, President. Past presidents attending were Dick Hammaker, Kris McCandless, John Palmgren and Rick Poage. New members present were: Jamey Simon, Doug Wilson, Kevin Work, John Masiyowski, Andy Miller and Craig Davis. All members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: The July 2019 minutes were approved.

Barrel Oak Wine Cruise - Shawn Waddell

Shawn reported on the Barrel Oak Wine cruise. There were 21 Corvettes and about 40 people attending. All enjoyed the beautiful weather and the food, fun, and wine!

NCM Trip - Kris McCandless and Dick Hammaker

Please see the August newsletter for Kris' article about the cruise. The museum "bent over backwards" to assist our club. The track was closed due to standing water. However, a C8 was spotted. Those who made the trip agreed it was an awesome experience with delicious dinners and fun! Jim Dobish created a photo journal.

Since there were several new members attending the meeting, Mike Gilliland described the details of a cruise. He also mentioned that NVCC members enjoy cruising and there are many opportunities to do so.

Rallye - Dick Hammaker/Kris McCandless

The fall rallye will be held in twelve days (September 8). This is a gimmick rallye with a great route. Dick described a rallye including details such as--it is easier/better with a navigator, and drivers complete a pre-determined route and return. The rallye master then grades answers to a set of questions. Dick Hammaker and Kris McCandless are the rallye masters. There are trophies for first, second and third place.

There are three choices for this rallye:

Run the rallye Run the route (without answering the questions) Attend lunch at Glory Days

Cars and Coffee at Cascades - Yaz Kinashi

Yaz reported that \$240 was collected for NVCC's MS charity. Cars and Coffee are held on the last Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Three trophies are awarded at this event. There are restaurants and coffee shops in the shopping center making it a very pleasant morning/afternoon.

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 GBM

Corvettes at Ocean City - Dave Kuhn

This will be the last 50th Anniversary event. As of today, the club is expecting 17 Corvettes with 27 people. There is no central hotel, however, a dinner gathering will be planned for Friday night. Information on the gathering place will be sent to participants. Saturday is the main day for this event with a car show, rallye and culminating with a boardwalk parade of Corvettes. NVCC is expected to be in second or third place in the parade line up. Please have your NVCC meatball clings on your car! John Scott has meatball clings available for \$36.04/set. Dave also recommended that members attend the buffet dinner before the awards ceremony. At of today, half of those attending have signed up for the dinner and half have other plans.

Corvettes at Carlisle - Mike Gilliland

All enjoyed the event! Vicki Hulick won the Celebrity Judges Award. Since this event was so successful, there are plans to do this again next year. The hotel must be reserved now, and Mike took a poll to get an idea of the number of rooms needed.

All enjoyed having the NVCC tent. In September tent reservations will be made for Corvettes at Carlisle 2020. Although the tent was somewhat obscured by two large tents, the location was more than satisfactory.

Windshield Banners - Paul Benish

The banner is finalized with a cost of \$20 each. Paul has a video with application instructions and will send it to members if they would like to view.

Dulles Day - Paul Benish

On September 14, Dulles will have a plane pull and car show. Please see the flyer for details. Club members can meet at the Dulles Towne Center and cruise together so that members can park near each other. The show is judged.

Halloween Parade - Paul Benish

The Vienna Halloween Parade will be held on October 23. Please see the flyer for details. Members will meet in Vienna. Plan to arrive at 5:30 pm (or earlier) since streets are usually closed at 6:00 pm. There is a cap of 30 cars, but a few more can usually be accommodated. Four members have already signed up to attend. Please sign up in advance and check the website for details. Decorate your cars and be creative!

Wounded Warriors

The Wounded Warriors event is on September 7 at Walter Reed. If you do not have a DOD card, please complete the clearance paperwork in advance if attending.

Break

Trivia – Jeff Klain

50/50 Drawing was \$55 won by John Alonso

Officer Elections - Mike Gilliland

Mike announced that it is time to start thinking about officer elections. Two officers, our Vice-President and Officer at Large will be stepping down. In October candidates' names are submitted. Elections are held in November.

The club is also losing Tab who is retiring. NVCC will need a member to run the 50/50 drawing and a possible club store.

IMSA - Rick Poague

Rick gave a report on the IMSA race. Corvette lost to Porsche, but Corvette can still win the championship which is based on points. Rick also described the engine placement in the Porsche vs. the Corvette C8.

50th Anniversary Committee – Jim Dobish

Jim recommended that the 50th Anniversary Committee hold a debriefing meeting to assess what went well and what should change for next year's events.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.



All Corvette Owners and Enthusiasts* (are invited to



6th Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades

on Saturday, September 28, 2019 Rain or Shine! 10:00am to 01:00pm

Next One on Oct This Year!

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Free and No Registration! 50-50 Raffle Tickets for Charities Several Trophy Awards for Various Categories Coffee Shops and Restaurants at the Town Center (Photos of Previous Shows in Photo Gallery of olddominioncorvetteclub.org website)

* Other Sports Cars (and Exotics) are also Welcome in their own Reserved Parking Area

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NVCC 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHUTTERFLY ALBUM

Have you been to any NVCC events since the beginning of this year? Did you take pictures? Would you like to share your pictures? I'm putting together a Shutterfly album to commemorate

our club's 50th Anniversary and I'm looking for photos to include in the album. Everyone can participate. Whether a major event like the Annual Banquet or a cruise through the countryside, I'd love to get copies of your photos. I will be working on the album from now until the end of December and plan to have the album available in sometime in January.

Please send your photos to my email address at: doreenski312@gmail.com.

Include your name, event name, date of event and location and any short comments that you would like to add.



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By: George Durk

September Report

We currently have 149 members, 120 primary and 29 prospective members.

Welcome New Members!!

Paul and Carol Caporossi – '16 Arctic White Z51 Coupe Chris Grabiel – '06 Velocity Yellow Convertible (Returning Member!) Alex McKay – '64 Goldwood Yellow Coupe Craig and Danyelle Davis – '95 Arctic White Coupe

Prospective Members (thank you Carlisle!)

Member	Corvette(s)	Expire
Arbuckle, Eric (New!)	·59	12/22/2019
Bacon, Greg (New!)	'11 Callaway Cyber Gray Grand Sport Coupe	12/22/2019
Bradley, Ed (New!)	'85, '89s (2), '19	12/22/2019
Burnett, Chris and Marcy	'69 Monza Red Coupe (restoration in-process)	12/9/2019
Carr, Joshua (New!)	'16 Laguna Blue Z51 Coupe	12/28/2019
Carson, Stan and Nadine (New!)	'08 Coupe	1/8/2020
Conway, Joe	'13 Black Grand Sport Coupe	10/4/2019
Cyr, Greg (New!)	'13 Velocity Yellow Grand Sport Convertible	12/26/2019
DeAngelis, Randy and Sharon	'19 Torch Red Grand Sport Coupe	12/3/2019
Ege, Philip (New!)	'15 Z51	1/11/2020
Heimann, Charles and Gretchen		9/22/2019
Jones, Alex	'03 Electron Blue Z06 Coupe (FRC)	10/10/2019
Klingler, David (New!)	'19 Long Beach Red Coupe	1/2/2020
Masiyowski, John (New!)	'16 Laguna Blue Coupe	12/22/2019
McWilliams, Robin (New!)	'94	1/5/2020
Miller, Andy (New!)	Shopping a future C2	12/22/2019
Mooney, James	'15 Shark Gray Z51 Coupe	12/9/2019
Nenstiel, Aaron	'15 Shark Gray Z06 Coupe	10/8/2019
Pologeorgis, Nicolas (New!)	'06 Lemans Blue	12/22/2019
Simon, Jim (New!)	'17 Admiral Blue Z51 Coupe	12/22/2019
Sparks, David (New!)	'96 Convertible	12/22/2019
Spindler, Jason (New!)	'05 Convertible w/removable hardtop	12/15/2019
Walden, Jeff (New!)	'00 Convertible	1/15/2020
Wilson, Doug (New!)	'89 Brilliant Red Poly	12/22/2019
Work, Kevin (New!)	'08 Atomic Orange Z06/'94 Admiral Blue	12/23/2019

into the newsletter.

If you are a prospective member, have attended a GBM and event, but have not received an invitation to join as a full member, send me a notification specifying GBM date and event. (membership@nvcorvetteclub.com).

New Rides

New ride? Shoot me an email (membership@nvcorvetteclub.com) if you change or add to your stable so I can update the Club's database. Send a photo and we'll insert

Also, any other changes to your membership profile (address, phone, email) can be sent to the aforementioned membership email to keep your profile record current.

Bob Devery's '19 Ceramic Matrix Gray Grand Sport



The weather was excellent for the drive to Bethesda Naval Hospital and the **USO** picnic for our Wounded Warriors. The Corvette Club of America and **NVCC** joined up to help serve the men and women who come to the hospital as a result of their service related injuries. Additionally, the picnic was open to their families as well as the support team personnel who help them while they are at the hospital.



We had 25 cars on display including a section of one each C2-C7. Strangely, no one wanted to bring their C8 to the event ... maybe in 2020! But, we did get to serve a couple of hundred people for the picnic while they enjoyed checking out the cars. This event is dedicated to the men and women who willingly go into harm's way to defend our country so it's always a pleasure to be there. A hand salute to all of them.

HOOD SALUTE AT BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL— WOUNDED WARRIORS EVENT

NVCC 2019 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



JANUARY 2019

- 22: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 26: Banquet, Maggiano's, Tysons Galleria, Vienna, VA

FEBRUARY 2019

- 3: 10:00 am -Test Photo Shoot; Gambrill Park & Ride
- 26: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

MARCH 2019

- 9: Pub Grub Dinner; Fiona's Bob Devery
- 16: Cruise & Lunch to Shamrock's—George Durk
- 26: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 31: Corvettes & Crabs Rallye Kris and Mike

APRIL 2019

- 6: Trivia Night with Optimists Bob Devery
- 7: Club Photo Shoot-Gunston Hall Jerry Lelansky
- 11: ERNCCC Event at NCM Motor Sports Park
- 14: Cap'n Billy's Crab Cruise; Stafford, VA
- 20: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi
- 23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 24: Weekday Warriors Bob Devery
- 27: ODCC Detail Clinic—Dick Hammaker

MAY 2019

- 2-4: Outer Banks Rod/Custom Festival Jim McKay
- 3: Track Time @ Summit Point Dave Kuhn
- 4: Kentucky Derby Day Bob Devery
- 5: ODCC LaGrange Winery 12 noon; Haymarket,
- 18: Breakfast GBM @ Amphora—Herndon, VA
- 25: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

JUNE 2019

- 2: 5th Annual Corvettes Care Car Show; Page Chevy
- 15: Old 55 Seneca Rocks Cruise—George Durk
- 22: DuCard Vineyards Cruise, Shawn Waddell
- 25: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 27: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

IULY 2019

4: Dinner and Fireworks @ Fairfax HS — Bob Devery

- 14: 12 noon NVCC Picnic at the Anderson Farm Ganotown, WV
- 20-23: NCM; Bowling Green, KY—Dick Hammaker
- 23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 27: Summer of '69 Party-John & Lynn Stark
- 29: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

AUGUST 2019

- 4: Barrel Oak Winery Cruise, 9:00 am Shawn Waddell
- 10: 30th All Corvette Cruise In, ODCC; Manassas, VA
- 17: Wine Tasting at "Chateau Devereux" 7:00 pm
- 22-25: Corvettes at Carlisle—Mike Gilliland
- 27: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 31: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

SEPTEMBER 2019

- 7: Wounded Warriors Car Show (CCA) Omar Gordon
- 8: Fall & Country Rallye—Dick Hammaker
- 21: Vettes in the Vineyard Omar Gordon
- 22: NRA 5th Annual Car/Truck Show Fairfax
- 24: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 28: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

OCTOBER 2019

- 4-5: Corvettes on the Boardwalk, OC MD-Dave Kuhn
- 13: Flying Circus Picnic, Bealeton, VA—TBD
- 19: Ghost Tour, Gettysburg, PA—Rob Succolosky
- 20: Police Appreciation Day Bob Devery
- 22: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 23: Vienna Halloween Parade Lori Benish
- 26: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi
- 27: Mimslyn Cruise & Brunch George Durk

NOVEMBER 2019

- 16: Military/DoD Lunch Bob Devery
- 23: Bavarian Inn Cruise/Lunch George Durk
- 26: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

DECEMBER 2019

8: Christmas in Manhattan — Bob Devery

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB AUTUMN CRUISE AND CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH Sunday October 27th



Meeting Place: Manassas Cracker Barrell (back lot)

Meeting Time: 9:30 am Depart Time: 10:00 am

Destination: Mimslyn Inn, 401 west Main St., Luray, VA

Contact: George Durk – gadurk@gmail.com or call/text 703-473-1005

Hopefully, Northern Virginia will be awash in colorful foliage the last weekend in October. We will head on 166N to Exit 6 (Riverton) and pick-up Rt 55 (W. Strasburg Rd) to Rt 678 (Fort Valley Road), which parallels Skyline Drive. We will arrive in Luray between 11:30-12:00 pm for Mimslyn Inn's Champagne Sunday Brunch.

Cost: \$30 per person (includes tax and gratuity).

PLEASE NOTE - THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

Mimslyn Inn requires reporting number of attendees with an estimated count 2weeks and actual count 1-week before event. It also issues a single check. To facilitate most efficient way to pay a single check, please have \$30 cash (exact amount) day of event.

After lunch, optional visit to Luray Caverns and/or its Car and Carriage Caravan Museum.

Take Rt 211 for a scenic cruise back leading into Gainesville and 166.

WHITAKERSWARRIORS By: Rich and Rita Mars

Whitaker's birthday was on September 11 — he turned 4. Whitaker loves everything yellow — especially yellow cars. He has been fighting cancer his whole life. So for Whitaker's 4th birthday surprise, his parents put out a call for all the yellow vehicles that the public could offer — to come do a drive-by for Whitaker. Team Rita and Rich answered the call and were among another 50+ cars to show up for Whitaker's walk to pre-school. Camaros, Corvettes and Mustangs. It was awesome and every local news crew was present.

See links below for some of the coverage.





https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/bumblebee-bumblebee-a-4-year-old-got-an-epic-surprise-and-the-strangers-who-gave-it-to-him-got-something-too/2019/09/11/e55fa864-d4bb-11e9-9610-fb56c5522e1c_story.html



https://www.nbcwashington.com/multimedia/Story-Behind-the-Story-on-Whitakers-Surprise-Yellow-Birthday-560231412.html

TRIVIA

By Jeff Klain





Since there were many new members attending the meeting, new members were given the first chance to respond. Because there is much excitement surrounding the C8 Corvette, questions were all related to the C8.

- 1. What two major components on the C7 were carbon fiber but are standard plastic on the C8?
 - A. Hood and roof panel
- 2. What was the last year for chrome-style wheels?

 A. 2019
- 3. The C8 coupe has a trunk. When was the last production year that a Corvette coupe had a trunk?

A. 2004 (Z06 Fixed Roof Coupe)



NVCC ATTHETRACK

By: Kris McCandless

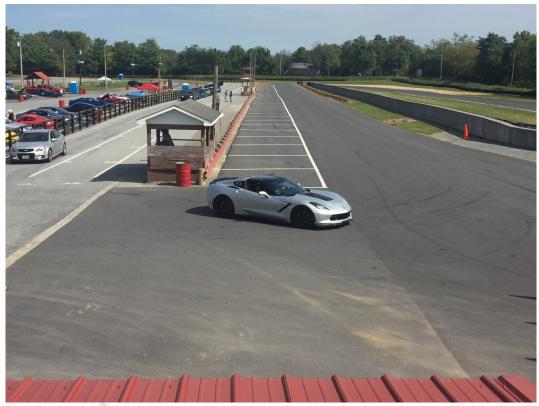
"I just had THE most fun on the track that I have ever had in six years of HPDE," was exclaimed by NVCC's 36th President, finishing Friday at The Track (FATT) at Summit Point Raceway on September 6, 2019 with six other club members.

It started with wannabe HPDE (high performance driving event) club member Joanna Hicks egging me on to join her first time at FATT, and was aided by fellow "track rats" (euphemism for HPDE/track lovers) John Stark, David Kuhn and George Durk, all participants in Friday's event. Of course the prospect of the Club's Head Tech, Paul Benish, as Instructor-in-training also being up



there with us in the paddock added to the enticement of attending. Your author (and 36th President :o) first went to FATT in 2012 just three months after getting his first Corvette and was "hooked on HPDE" immediately. Having attended several FATT events in 2013, NCM HPDE's at VIR, and other tracks up and down the East Coast from 2013 to 2016, I had made it into the intermediate level, but had dropped the track for three years to settle into my life in Warrenton. Just like falling off a horse, as they say, getting back to the track, especially Summit Point Main (track that we drove) was like seeing an old friend and the entries, apexes and exits to all 10 turns soon came back to me.





So in our fun intermediate group was George Durk, David Kuhn, Chuck Tomasi, John Stark and me, happily chasing each other around the track as much as our passenger seat instructors would allow! In the words of one of my HPDE instructors (past Club president, Rick Poage), "Give the 'pointby' when it's safe, but if it is a corvette, make them earn it." Well, as Messrs. Kuhn and Stark can attest, they felt a little competition from The Bear as they passed after Turns 9 and 10!

And, with the help of one of my track rats from the

past, Bill Sandusky, in his Night Race Blue 2014 Stingray, who happened to be instructing that day, a new "track rat" was born after four 20-25 minute sessions: Ms. Joanna Hicks in her 2014 Callaway Stingray. Bill said she was getting "smooth" - a positive term - already in her third session. Of course she got the ride of her life sitting in the passenger seat of his Stingray during one of the Instructor Only track sessions, topping out at a "modest" 135 mph down the front straight!

After the third session, Mr. David Kuhn earned Solo Intermediate for the last session of the day, becoming The Track Monster of this Club, as coined by past President Dick Hammaker. I can attest that while The Bear is pretty badass, it's fairly daunting (menacing?!) to see the Track Monster (DK in his 2017 Long Beach Red GrandSport) bearing down on

you going into the carousel!

The good news is there is already talk of gathering some more (latent) track rats among the Club, perhaps for the NCM event at the end of June 2020 at VIR. A small subset of the main club - I can't think of anything better! [This was not a club-sanctioned event, merely several members meeting and driving together at Summit Point.]





NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM DISPLAYS NEXT GENERATION POWERTRAIN
DEVELOPMENT CORVETTE AND CLAY MODEL (Except from NCM News)

Thanks to General Motors, the National Corvette Museum is now the first location outside of the GM traveling 2020 Corvette displays to have a next generation Corvette on exhibit.

Built in 2018, the Corvette powertrain development vehicle is a mid-engine Corvette used to test new powertrain, primarily at Milford Proving Ground in Milford, MI.

The 6.2-liter LT2 engine vehicle is out-fitted with test equipment to record data during testing on track at the



proving grounds, with a unique exhaust system that allowed Corvette engineers to run various tests on the engine. During its test runs at the proving grounds the car was vinyl wrapped with the now famous 8th Generation camouflage. After the reveal of the new mid-engine Corvette in California, the camouflage was stripped from the development vehicles, revealing this multi-colored, Next Generation Corvette.



The new midengine Corvette is the culmination of years of developments in engineering and styling. Since the late 1950s, Zora Arkus-Duntov had pushed for Corvette to

become a mid-engine sports car to rival the likes of mid-engine European sports cars and race cars. For over 60 years Chevrolet has experimented with mid-engine vehicles including Chevrolet Engineering Research Vehicle (CERV) I, CERV II, Aerovette, Astro II, Corvette INDY, and CERV III, just name a few. It is with the 2020 production mid-engine Corvette that Zora's dream is realized and this development vehicle played a major role in making it happen.

The car is on permanent display in the Museum's Skydome.

Also joining the Museum's exhibits to help tell the story of the development of the next generation Corvette is an eighth generation, 2020 Corvette Stingray clay model.

Constructed in 2014, this was the first 40% scale clay model produced of what would become the Next Generation Corvette. The model was used for



theme evaluation and aerodynamic testing. The model was used for theme evaluation and aerodynamic testing. The black ink streaks that you see running across it started out as drops placed in key positions before the wind tunnel was powered up, thus showing the effect of air flow over the vehicle. While clay modeling has been used since the early 1900s, today's models incorporate "rapid prototyped" components printed in plastic. This allows for more accurate testing of the model while also providing a three-dimensional example of how the look of the car is coming together. After testing was successfully completed, a full-sized clay model was created for more extensive testing.



The clay model is on display in the Museum's Design & Engineering exhibit.

Sincere and special thanks to General Motors for their generous loan of these two important artifacts!

Save the Wave!

#21 Dick "HAM" Hammaker H - 703-250-8644 C - 703-216-2846

FALL AND COUNTRY RALLYE

Hosted by: Dick Hammaker with Assists from Mike Gilliland and Kris McCandless

A successful Rallye with perfect weather drew 17 Rallye Teams, five Cruising teams, and three diners to Glory Days Grill at Stone Ridge on Sunday, September 8, 2019. We needed the gods smiling on us as they seemed angry last Fall, sending torrential rains and drawing only five hearty teams. And they did smile, with great weather and shiny corvettes! However, one little devilish god managed to trick the ever meticulous Rallyemaster before his final morning run on the day of the Rallye by placing a missing road sign (with the road name instead of number) at a critical corner in western Prince William County. It managed to trick all 17 teams and slowed them down a little, but at least half of them finished within the maximum time allowed of 2 hours and 15 minutes. (Sadly, any team coming in after 2:15 hrs. is disqualified, a DNF or Did Not Finish, and cannot place.)

Our First Place winners were Rich and Rita Mars



Second Place was taken by Luz and Mike Zabkowski (also second place winners in another recent club rallye)

Third place was taken by Bob and Karen Shoemaker.



Tab and Marge Tabellario were the fastest team to finish within the prescribed time (the minimum time was 1:45 hrs).



New members Danyelle and Craig Davis were the slowest team, each collecting miniature cars for their accomplishments.



PAGE 26 'GLASS GAZETTE





Dick Hammaker (past President #21) has been running rallies for the club since 1994, with at least a dozen out of this Glory Days location. His understudy and your author spent five months picking roads and questions to start and finish at this location. To freshen up some of his established routes, I introduced Dick to a southern loop that included some great corvette roads. Rallye teams enjoyed these stretches (called Free Zones) where they could relax from scrutinizing "signs read in part," kangaroos, RAGs (red-amber-green aka stoplights), wagon wheels and T-intersections. The teams returned and the Club members dominated one wing of the restaurant for lunch and to watch the season-opener for the Redskins (against division rival Eagles). Let's all give a round of thanks and applause to Mr. Hammaker for his efforts managing this Rallye and to the Club's other Rallyemaster (and President) Mike Gilliland for his generous provision of the trophies and miniature cars for this event. We are happy to uphold this tradition of two rallies per year. Corvettes and Crabs Rallye will return again for 2020!









VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE 2019

Wednesday October 23, 2019 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 ribbons almost every year since at least 2009 (since I have been runningit).

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 a 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 ©)

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FREE STATE CORVETTE CLUB

Weekend

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!

Stay Connected







The Spartans are Coming

Ocean City has informed us that a Spartan Sprint race will be taking place at the Inlet at the same time as our Corvette Weekend event -October 4-5.

Ocean City estimates the weekend will conceivably be bringing in several thousand additional people to town competing for hotel rooms. In light of this, we are urging our participants to consider making hotel reservations for this year's event sooner rather than later in order to guarantee you have lodging secured at your favorite location.

Announcing our 2019 Event

"Driving The American Dream!"

Our 33rd annual Corvette Weekend is set for October 4th and 5th, 2019 in Ocean City, Maryland.

The full details of the 2019 Corvette Weekend can be found on our event web site: www.CorvetteWeekend.com.

If you're planning on staying at our host hotel, <u>Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel</u>, 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. With the Spartan Race the same weekend, hotel rooms will go fast.

Registration opens June 1st!

Registration will open June 1st. You can register using our on-line registration tool available from our web page.



After you complete your registration on-line, you can chose to pay by check or credit card. Credit card payments are processed without leaving the on-line tool.

Stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters..

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FINAL THOUGHT



Corvette Sighting—City Center, Prague Courtesy of Rita Mars





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