

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB

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## 'GLASS GAZETTE

### CORVETTES ON THE BOARDWALK OCEAN CITY, MD—2019 Photos by Yas Kinashi \*\*



Yas' C-7 StingRay Coupe trailing the NVCC Group, behind Alex's C-2, Jim McKay's C-5, and Jim Dobish's C-6 Pace Car. Potential for full lot of exhaust noise! - Stay tune

NVCC Group had 22 Vettes at a preferred staging area, behind Free State and Bel Air Corvette Clubs



Jim McKay's Custom & Gorgeous C-5 Coupe, which won the Best of the Class



Jim McKay wins Fun Show's First Place for his custom C-5 Vette

**\*\* with a little help from some friends!**

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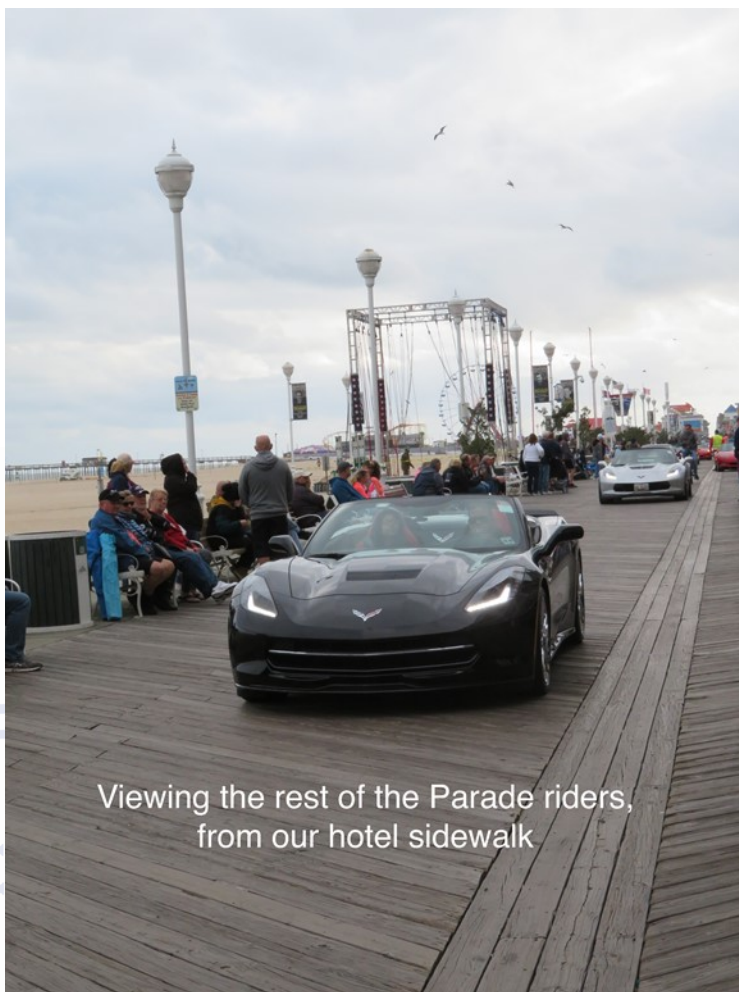
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Doreen got a honor & privilege to drive the OC BroadWalk this time!



Viewing the rest of the Parade riders, from our hotel sidewalk



David Kuhn leading NVCC next to a Bel Air C-7 Vette, Both are Honorable Mention Trophy Winners



Jim/Alex McKay's Custom C-2 Coupe, Winner of many past shows



A Past Multiple Award Winner from Corvettes of Annapolis





My stock C-7 was surrounded by several modified/custom models and trophy winners



Custom Yenko SC model with 1000-hp V-8 engine, obviously a trophy winners



Jim Dobish's C-6 Indy Pace Car won a Honorable Mention Trophy. Also, John Palmgren's C-6 won a special trophy



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS





The Parade started promptly at 04:00 pm, and ended after 05:30 pm

NVCC AWARD WINNERS  
 FREESTATE CONCOURS/RALLYE  
 OCTOBER 5, 2019



# MEET YOUR 2019 COUNCIL



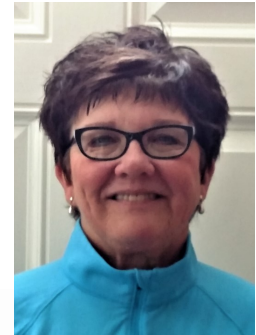
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# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB AUTUMN CRUISE AND CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>



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](mailto: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 I66N 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 2-weeks 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 I66.*

### NVCC Police Appreciation Day

Join your fellow NVCC Members on November 3, 2019, to show your appreciation to our Fairfax County Police Officers. The club will cruise to the Westfields station. RSVP to Bob Devery, [social@nvccorvetteclub.com](mailto:social@nvccorvetteclub.com), for more details.



**NEW LANDING  
GEAR FOR A  
CESSNA 172  
SKYHAWK.....**

**A race-prepared  
C5**





## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—OCTOBER 2019

Welcome to Fall weather. It has been a long time coming. I hope everyone is enjoying a reprieve from the heat. We have finally worked past all of our 50<sup>th</sup> year major club events. Still, we have plenty for your social calendar left in 2019.

Let me start by thanking everyone who worked to make the NVCC presence at Corvette Weekend in Ocean City a success. We had 5 (yes, 5) trophy winners at the event. This included a Rallye award as well as Car Show winners. We had the highest attendance at the event that I have ever seen to include the Saturday night awards banquet. Special thanks to Dave Kuhn for organizing the event, Rich Mars for getting us a primo spot in the lineup for the parade, Bob Devery for getting rooms for those of us staying next to the Clarion and most of all to John and Vicki Scott for hosting multi-night parties in room 107 (Vicki you are the hostess with the mostess).

Now that the big 50<sup>th</sup> events are behind us, let's all take a minute to thank our WEB server, Social Media and Newsletter editor support. Marsha continues to knock out a stellar NVCC Newsletter each month (and our newsletters have been north of 30 pages lately, thanks to all the contributors). Please pass along some gratitude to Marsha when you see her. In addition, your WEB masters, Paul Benish and John Palmgren have kept our WEB site rolling and up to date without significant outages or hacks (please take a moment to thank them). Finally, I want to do a shout out to our Social Media lead, Audrey Cupples and her predecessor Lauri Stevens, the work these lovely ladies have done with our Facebook pages and supporting social media have been a big boost to our membership. Please send them a thank you when you get a chance.

The Cars and Coffee that Yas Kinashi and his wonderful better half, Doreen continue to bring us is a great event that is well worth our attendance. It runs the last Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. — be there or be square. You will have fun. This event brings in at least 25-35 beautiful Corvettes and provides trophies for best pre and post 1982 with a potential best in show trophy to brag about. Let's all get out on October the 26<sup>th</sup> and support this event, I will be happy to see you there.

We have begun the meetings for the group to support the 2020 events in the coming year. We are meeting outside of the standard Council and GBM cycle (on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening of the month at 7:00 at the Amphora in Vienna, please feel free to attend). Again, 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 a great 2020 NVCC year!

Saving the best for last, Mr. George Durk, our Membership Chair has a terrific cruise to a Champaign Brunch at an elegant address in Luray planned for October 27<sup>th</sup>. This is one I'm looking forward to and hoping to see you on. Please look up the flyer and consider this one.

Well that's it for this month. Again, it is my pleasure to support this great group. Nothing beats driving and admiring America's greatest sports car and spending time with the people who love them. Even with cold weather on the way we still have time to get out there and enjoy the longest lasting true sports car. Here's hoping for blue skies and unblemished highways and byways as we cruise into our 51<sup>st</sup> year!

Mike Gilliland

NVCC President

[President@nvc Corvetteclub.com](mailto:President@nvc Corvetteclub.com)



# NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 2019— JERRY LELANSKY, ACTING SECRETARY

**Officers Present:** Mike Gilliland, President  
John Scott, Vice President  
Jerry Lelansky, Officer at Large

Mike Gilliland (President) started the meeting at 7:30PM with introductions for new members.

## Agenda

Five new members introduced themselves. Mike had to cut the introductions short because we have a full agenda.

August GBM minutes approved.

Vince and James (Page Chevrolet) discussed their current technician status.

John McGee is 90% gone, but he will help out one day a week.

Repairs/service: the best course of action they have is James, service foreman, and their VA State inspector/new and used car technician; both men are certified to work on Corvettes. The latest technician they hired is/was the Cadillac CTS-V technician. For those that don't know, the CTS-V is sometimes referred to as a four-door Corvette, because its supercharged V8 is from the Corvette C7 Z06, but with 10 less HP.

Vince reminded us that we get one free alignment, any car, per year. Also, we get 20% on service and parts (up to \$200) used during service on any car we bring in; we get 25% off parts at the parts counter on most, but not all, parts.

If you have a large repair, please see Vince on pricing as he can help us out.

Show our club magnetic name tag for the discount; they don't know everyone on sight and/or don't always see the club decal on your car.

If you have any issues with membership discounts, please see Vince.

Vince and James fielded questions from the membership:

Parts for the C5 are getting difficult to find. What can Page offer? Page has alternative sources and if it's not a GM part they will tell us first before ordering.

Can Page work on a 1966, specifically alignment? Yes, and most likely James will work on it, as he's more familiar with the older Corvettes than the others, unless it's a big project.

Do we have to call Vince for service? No, any of the service advisors are capable. If you want, you can ask for Vince.

What do we do if we have ANY issues/problems/miscommunications with our cars? Please see or call Vince.

Recently, there was an issue with the VA State inspector that started with "hockey pucks" and escalated. Vince apologized to the members and said that we are welcome to talk to the service technicians, but asked that we come to Vince or James. He also asked that we be respectful of the technicians. Vince and James also stated that all their lifts have foot pads/discs, which are better than using hockey pucks.

Two council positions are open for 2020. The first opportunity to suggest/volunteer is during the October GBM. Nominations will happen during the November GBM. The positions are:

Vice President - John Scott's three years are up.

Officer At Large – Jerry and Irene are moving out of the area early in 2020.

**A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE OCTOBER 22, 2019 GBM**

**Membership Season is ongoing. Please renew your membership.**

Ocean City Oct 4-5 2019, the lead is Dave Kuhn.

Currently have 17 cars/29 people and 11 people will attend the Saturday banquet.

we'll be towards the front of the parade; we'll be fourth or fifth in the lineup.

Friday night dinner is still up in the air as far as the restaurant selection. We can't reserve tables ahead of time, but a few folks show up early and grab a few tables.

There is a change on teching our Corvettes – Dave was told that they are only teching cars on Friday, even though their webpage (<http://www.freestatecorvette.com/Corvette-Weekend>) states they will tech on Saturday morning at the inlet.

Because of the Spartan Race - Ocean City Sprint on Saturday, the overflow parking at the inlet will not be available.

John and Vicki Scott will have the NVCC clings/meatballs for sale before the parade.

Vienna Halloween Parade October 23<sup>rd</sup>; the lead is Lori Benish.

Meet at the Fresh Market parking lot in Vienna **no later than 5:15PM**. The address is 150 Branch Rd SE, Vienna, VA 22180.

20 cars are allowed and we're at the limit, but you can contact Lori and ask to be added to the wait list.

The theme this year is: Fairy Tales come to life. It is great if you decorate your car and wear costumes, but not mandatory, although encouraged as we want to win again this year!

Banquet – Bob Devery isn't here, so we'll discuss at the next GBM. This is a big event and Bob will need help.

Carlisle 2020 – please sign up and support this event.

Events committee replaced the 50<sup>th</sup> committee and will meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month to discuss 2020 events.

**Trivia—By Jeff Klain**

Corvettes and Coffee at the Cascades Overlook in Sterling. Yas Kinashi is the lead. There are only two more events this year. September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM – 1:00PM and the last one on October 26<sup>th</sup> and will have a band and local brewery.

Dominion Raceway. Rick Poage is working on getting a special event before the end of the year as part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

50/50 Raffle – Henry Alonso won \$60.

**BREAKING NEWS FROM NCM**

With the NCM Motorsports Park slated to have a small fleet of 2020 Stingrays for driving on track in early 2020, and with Kai and Harlan alluding to plant tours reopening in time for the Michelin NCM Bash in April, it's safe to say that enthusiasts will have plenty more opportunities to check out the next generation Corvette and experience just what all the buzz is about.

Dick "HAM" Hammaker



**All Corvette Owners and Enthusiasts\* are invited to**



**7<sup>th</sup> Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades**  
**(Special Oktoberfest Celebration)**  
**on Saturday, October 26, 2019**  
**Rain or Shine! 10:00am to 01:00pm**

The Last Show for  
This Year!  
Will Resume on  
April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Sponsored and Hosted by**

**Cascades Overlook Town Center**  
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**21453 Epicerie Plaza, Sterling, VA**

(Direction: From Beltway 495 to Dulles Access 267 to Route 7 going NW toward Leesburg;  
Once in Sterling turn left to Potomac View Rd, then right to Benedict Dr - see the map below)



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

**Free and No Registration!**  
50-50 Raffle Tickets and Door Prizes for Charities  
Several Trophy Awards including Peoples' Choice  
Coffee Shops and Restaurants at the Town Center  
Alcohol Served within the Plaza Court Yard  
(Photos of Previous Shows in Photo Gallery of [olddominioncorvetteclub.org](http://olddominioncorvetteclub.org) website)

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**CASCADES OVERLOOK TOWN CENTER**  
**CORVETTES AND COFFEE**  
**2019**



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By: George Durk

### October Report

We currently have 151 members, 128 primary, 1 associate and 22 prospective members.

### Welcome New Members!!

**Andrew Bradick** – '86 Yellow Convertible (Returning Member!)

**Stan and Nadine Carson** – '08 Coupe

**Randy DeAngelis** – '19 Torch Red Grand Sport Coupe

**John Masiowski** – '16 Laguna Blue Coupe

**Jim Erickson-Nepomuceno** – '66 Trophy Blue Coupe

**Nicolas Pologeorgis** – '06 Lemans Blue Grand Sport Convertible

**David Sparks** – '96 Sebring Silver Collectors Edition Convertible

Member	Corvette(s)	Expire
Arbuckle, Eric	'59	12/22/2019
Bacon, Greg	'11 Callaway Cyber Gray Grand Sport Coupe	12/22/2019
Bradley, Ed	'85, '89s (2), '19	12/22/2019
Burnett, Chris and Marcy	'69 Monza Red Coupe (restoration in-process)	12/9/2019
Carr, Joshua	'16 Laguna Blue Z51 Coupe	12/28/2019
Cyr, Greg	'13 Velocity Yellow Grand Sport Convertible	12/26/2019
Ege, Philip	'15 Z51	1/11/2020
Jones, Shaun and Kinda (New!)	'03 Electron Blue Z06 Coupe (FRC)	1/20/2020
Klingler, David	'19 Long Beach Red Coupe	1/2/2020
McCarthy, Michael and Louie Butler (New!)	'18 Coupe and '77	1/30/2020
McWilliams, Robin	'94	1/5/2020
Miller, Andy	Shopping a future C2	12/22/2019
Mooney, James	'15 Shark Gray Z51 Coupe	12/9/2019
Simon, Jim	'17 Admiral Blue Z51 Coupe	12/22/2019
Spindler, Jason	'05 Convertible w/removable hardtop	12/15/2019
Wagner-Starley, Christie (New!)	'00	1/24/2020
Walden, Jeff	'00 Convertible	1/15/2020
Wilson, Doug	'89 Brilliant Red Poly	12/22/2019
Work, Kevin	'08 Atomic Orange Z06/'94 Admiral Blue	12/23/2019

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](mailto:membership@nvcorvetteclub.com)).

### New Rides

New ride? Shoot me an email ([membership@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto: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 into the newsletter.

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.

*As of October 15, we have almost a 40% dues renewal response rate (42 of 107 eligible members) for the 2020 dues year. After November 1, renewing members will pay a \$10 late fee. \*\*New members who paid their dues after July 31 are exempt from 2020 dues renewal. \*\* We have a calendar dues year (Jan-Dec).*

**RENEW YOUR DUES TODAY!!!**

## NVCC 50<sup>TH</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:doreenski312@gmail.com).

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



**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

**JULY 2019**

4: Dinner and Fireworks @ Fairfax HS — Bob Devery

14: 12 noon NVCC Picnic-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  
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**

3: Police Appreciation Day — Bonefish, Springfield; Bob Devery  
6: Military/DoD Lunch — Ft. Belvoir; Bob Devery  
23: Bavarian Inn Cruise/Lunch — George Durk  
26: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**DECEMBER 2019**

8: Christmas in Manhattan — Bob Devery

**NO DECEMBER GBM**

All, as announced during the September general business meeting (GBM), two council positions are open for nominations. The open positions are:

1. Vice President - John Scott maxed out his three year term.
2. Officer at Large - Jerry Lelansky, and his wife Irene, will be moving to Williamsburg in early 2020.

Below are quick descriptions of each of the NVCC elected positions.

*Please consider volunteering for either (or any) position; all the elected positions are rewarding and your input and ideas can help make our club even better.*

Jerry Lelansky

Northern Virginia Corvette Club Officer at Large (OAL)

### NVCC ELECTED OFFICERS – Elected Annually in November

*Per By-Laws enacted in October 2017*

**GENERAL:** NVCC officers are elected for periods of one year, not to exceed three years.

#### **PRESIDENT**

The President conducts NVCC meetings and supervises official NVCC functions and activities. The President has signature authority (along with Treasurer) on Club checking account, deposits all funds within ten calendar days of receipt, and may access any Club safety deposit box, post office box, and Club charge card. The President instructs the Officer-at-Large to temporarily fill any vacated officer position for a period not to exceed 90 calendar days. The President supports the Vice President as needed, to ensure that appointed committee groups carry out planning and related responsibilities. The President is expected to attend NVCC general business meetings and council meetings.

#### **VICE PRESIDENT**

The Vice President assumes the duties and responsibilities that the President is unable or incapable of performing. The Vice President oversees activities of all NVCC volunteer chair/committee(s) and is expected to attend NVCC general business meetings and council meetings.

#### **SECRETARY**

The Secretary records minutes of all NVCC meetings and keeps a written copy for future reference. The Secretary prepares official correspondence and other written material deemed necessary by NVCC's council, to include business meeting minutes, Council minutes, attached Treasurer's Reports, and by-laws. The Secretary preserves all records and correspondence and maintains an inventory of current login information (i.e., user ids and passwords) for all systems and/or websites used by NVCC. The Secretary is expected to attend NVCC general business meetings and council meetings.

#### **TREASURER**

The Treasurer is responsible for the receipt, care, and disbursement of NVCC funds. The Treasurer prepares a monthly financial report to be made public at monthly business and Council meetings and has signature authority (along with President) on Club checking account, deposits all funds within ten calendar days of receipt, and may access any Club safety deposit box, post office box, and Club charge card. The Treasurer provides nametags for new members and fulfills additional orders. The Treasurer is expected to attend NVCC general business meetings and council meetings.

#### **OFFICER-AT-LARGE**

The Officer-At-Large will be familiar with the duties and responsibilities of all NVCC officers, and able to temporarily (not to exceed 90 calendar days) assume those duties as needed. The Officer-At-Large acts as Parliamentarian at meetings and is expected to attend NVCC general business meetings and council meetings.





# TRIVIA

By Jeff Klain



School is back in session so we'll be leading off with a series of math questions.

1. What years were Corvettes available with special elliptical tires? Why?  
Answer: All years – a circle is a special type of ellipse, where all points on the figure are equidistant from the center point.

2. How many total headlights were installed on 1953 Corvettes?  
Answer: 600.

2. In a break from tradition, the 2020 Stingray won't be available with a torque converter. Up until this point, the torque converter has been a take it or leave it option except for three years. What were the three years where the torque converter wasn't in some sense optional?

Answer: 1953, 1954, and 1982. (Only automatic transmissions were available in those years.)



## NRA CAR SHOW

Several club members attended the 5th Annual NRA Car Show on Sept 22, 2019. The weather was perfect. Several hundred classic cars, sports cars, trucks, rat rods, motorcycles, imports (British, Italian, German, and Japanese) and of course Corvettes! I forgot how small the original British Motor Corporation Mini; the BMW Mini is absolutely huge in comparison!

*One of our own, Dave Kuhn won the late model GM car award!*



## DULLES PLANE PULL AND CAR SHOW

By: Paul Benish



The Dulles Day plane pull is always a fun event made to showcase airplanes new and old that benefits Special Olympics VA and of course to pull a plane! Nestled in the middle is a car show that has grown larger every year. This year there were over 80 cars of all types. We had a (short) cruise from the Dulles mall with good showing of seven cars and even saw an old member, Ed Davis in his LS7 powered Superlite! It was a nice day with great temperatures and topping it off Jim Dobish and Alex McKay won top 20 trophies. Looking forward to next year and hopefully have more cars to show our club pride!



## VETTES IN THE VINEYARD—2019

By: Omar Gordon

Vettes in the Vineyard 2019 took place on September 21, 2019. This was the fourth staging of the event at Dejon Vineyard at 5300 Hydes Road, Hydes, MD. Tonya Sloan (Top Flight Corvette Club, out of Maryland), Jeff Scruggs (BCCC) put together another outstanding event, with additional assistance from Batman (not the superhero, but of the Black Knights Corvette Club out of Stafford). I remember meeting Batman and Jeff Scruggs at Carlisle this year and it was cool seeing them again. There were about 250 Corvettes there representing many different states and clubs. Some notables were Black Knights - Stafford, VA; Trendsettas – Flint, MI; Baltimore County Corvette Club, Gaithersburg Corvette Club and many others.

Of course, there were so many beautiful cars one would not envy the judges but this year there were two in particular that stood out that made me say, “yea that one’s winning.” I would like to take the time to give a shout out to Easy of Trendsettas Corvette Club out of Flint, MI. He took home the best in class for his C5. Ladies and Gentlemen let me tell you it was the reddest torch red I have seen up to this point. Red crocodile skin interior, wheels, exhaust pipes, just a work of art in my opinion. Also, a shout to last year’s champ, Predator, also of Trendsettas, who took home best in show again this year. That car is insane, and words don’t do it justice. Orange, leather interior and the car looks like it was designed in a Hollywood studio. Trendsettas also took home a trophy for the best dressed club. They were all wearing burgundy polos with white trim, personalized with their club logo and their names/nicknames, and tan colored bottoms. Trendsettas were definitely styling and I see how they were living up to their club name. You can check the photos I put on Facebook to see what I’m talking about. Through all this, I won a nice trophy for top 75.



This year’s event featured the usual additional activities to keep the enthusiasts engaged. The live music kept your toes tappin’ and if that didn’t work, then the wine would (lol). Part of the reason that I’ve seemed to mark this date on my calendar is the opportunity to meet other enthusiasts from around the country. You get to meet and talk to a lot of great people and share our thoughts about the love the Corvette. I was particularly impressed with the efforts of Tonya Sloan (who owns a lovely Black C7 Stingray). For the past few years and months, she had traveled all over the country to other club’s shows and they most certainly reciprocated. When I spoke to her she said that’s what she likes to do, she goes around to support other clubs, builds relationships and in turn they support her show.

Speaking of talking to folks and building relationships I got a chance to chat with Juice of Black Knights out of Stafford, VA. I remembered his 2007, black and green turbocharged Z06 and he told me that he bought it new back in ’07 and it was just slow build till he got to where it is now. He told me that he was planning an event for the following month and he said that he would be putting the word out to the local clubs and I told him to make sure to keep me in mind. That event turned out to be the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Evolution Motorsports open house in Fredericksburg, VA this past October 12<sup>th</sup>. I guess I may something about that next month. Later





## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker

### Retiring Wendell Strode Selected to Corvette Hall of Fame

During the Corvette Hall of Fame banquet held on August 30, 2019, as part of the National Corvette Museum's 25th Anniversary celebration, NCM Board Chairman, Lon Helton, spoke to the 1,050 guests in attendance about reaching this milestone year. He shared his optimism for the future and expressed his gratitude for retiring Executive Director Wendell Strode.

"Wendell, your 23 years of service to the NCM could never be [overstated]. A few years after it opened, the NCM fell on some pretty tough times, to the point where I think that its very existence was threatened. Not only did you rescue the NCM—you led it to the prosperity that we enjoy today."

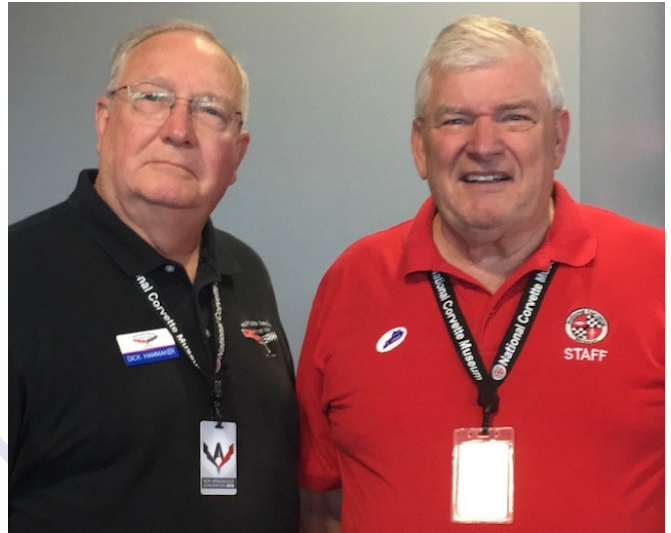
He then went on to make a surprise announcement. "As we prepare to meet the 2019 inductees to the Hall of Fame... it is my pleasure to announce to you that the 2020 class of the Corvette Hall of Fame will include Wendell Strode."

The crowd showed their support with a thunderous standing ovation.

This honor is well-deserved, as Wendell was involved in getting the National Corvette Museum going when it was still just an idea.

In 1988, word had spread that the National Corvette Restorers Society had been exploring the idea of building a Corvette Museum. Strode, a banker at the time, contacted the local Chamber of Commerce with an idea to initiate a proposal to have it built in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He then found himself heading up a task force, bringing to the table an offer of a 30-acre land donation from private citizens, and a commitment from the State of Kentucky to put in the road and utilities. Strode also worked with the NCRS to put together a financial package that included a feasibility study to get banks interested in joining the effort.

The Museum opened Labor Day weekend 1994 with much fanfare, but the excitement was short-lived as it soon began experiencing financial troubles. Strode was recruited to join the National Corvette Museum as Executive Director on December 20, 1996. At the time, he had never even driven a Corvette and had only ridden in one once. While he didn't know much about the car itself, what he did know was how to save its new home.



Strode worked to develop new strategies for generating funds, while making strides to repair strained relationships with the community, clubs, enthusiasts, media, the Plant, and GM. During his tenure, the Museum not only paid off its initial debt, but it nearly doubled its size, adding a world-class motorsports facility to its facilities. Under his leadership Museum membership grew from 1,600 enthusiasts to almost 36,000 members today. He even managed to survive a Corvette-swallowing sinkhole and helped to turn the attention it brought into a chance to share the Museum with a global audience.

The 2020 Corvette Hall of Fame recipients will be inducted during a ceremony and banquet held on Friday, September 4, 2020. Additional inductees will be announced at a later date. Their induction will take place as part of the Museum's 26th Anniversary Celebration, scheduled for September 3-5, 2020.

Save the Wave!

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# SUMMER OF 2019—SOME SCENES FROM VARIOUS EVENTS



ROHR MEMORIAL CAR SHOW MANASSAS



Katie's Cars & Coffee—5:30 a.m.



RIVER FARM CAR SHOW—Alexandria, VA



DULLES PLANE PULL AND CAR SHOW



AFTER PARTY — CORVETTES IN CARLISLE



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## 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 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](mailto:LOCO1707@yahoo.com))

Vienna Halloween Parade Master (Paul Benish's [other half](#) ☺ )

# October 13 Lunch and Cruise to The Flying Circus in Bealeton, VA

By: Kris McCandless and Bob Devery

Bob Devery's fall outing evolved into a smashing event! Originally planned as a repeat of last year's picnic and airshow, the small turnout of seven precluded renting the pavilion, so he needed to improvise, with a little help from the Club's Fauquier County expert. Bob and Carol Devery, George and Mercedita Durk, Joanna Hicks and Kris McCandless, and "newer member" Jim Mooney met up just off Route 66 at the Cracker Barrel in Manassas on Sunday morning, October 13, showing a theme of light and dark Vettes. We cruised to the Black Bear Bistro for a great lunch (brunch for some!) in



downtown Warrenton. For those that remember my license plate, you'll know why everyone chuckled at the idea of a place with a bear logo! It was ultra cool with great decor and very good food. If you need a pitstop in the Warrenton area, it's a good place to enjoy a good meal or brick-oven pizza. I then led a spirited drive down a few back roads and into The Flying Circus. The quick trip to Bealeton gave us plenty of time to park and then take a look at the aircraft that would be in the show. The Stearman biplanes were built in the 1930s as World War II trainers. The dedicated team at the Flying Circus keeps these aircraft flying as they did during the barnstorming days.



This year's aerobatics routine had maneuvers that were taught as basic training to those going off to war, such as target practice with balloons at low altitude, slicing a roll of paper towels at 2000 feet (amazing you can actually see the whole roll against the clouded sky AND the individual pieces), grabbing the mailbag, and bombing the "black baron in the outhouse" with pancake mix! We also enjoyed wing walking on one of the biplanes, but the way this show differed from last fall was we had two high performance planes taking our breath away with amazing aerobatic maneuvers.

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The first was by a four-cylinder, 360 cubic inch, fuel-injected, carbon-fiber-propellered biplane, (one you could order and build in your garage!), flown by Chef Pitts (the small plane shown in red) who wowed us with up to six barrel rolls, numerous full spins, aileron and torque rolls, and hammerhead stalls with speeds up to 200 mph (sort of like Cassidy, but up in the air in this Corvette-like airplane!).

We thought we had seen it all until a NXT Sport Race category aircraft with speeds in excess of 300 mph came on the scene and did full upside down flybys, large diameter loops, and long distant stalls, all accented with different colored smoke from the wingtips. Due to speed of this plane, it could not land in the grass at the Circus, but both stunt pilots came to the show to sign autographs. The seven of us left at 5 pm feeling so happy and proud of our nation's flying history and innovation. The Flying Circus is a place that has been giving people a wonderful look at aviation for 49 years. Join us next year to see why they have stayed around and will celebrate their 50th anniversary.







## FINAL THOUGHT

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GM is testing the new C8 Convertible with unique camouflage in Budapest, Hungary



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