

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB

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## 'GLASS GAZETTE

### Taming the Snake and Dragon

Contributed by: George Durk



Our extended weekend to the mountains in southwest Virginia, commonly referred to as "Claw of the Dragon Country" by bikers and sports car enthusiasts alike, finally arrived.



With an extremely active hurricane and tropical storm season, I was hoping we would dodge the weather cycle. We got lucky! A tropical depression hit lower Texas the weekend before and its remnants travelled up into the central states. A cold front dipped into the mid-Atlantic arriving early Tuesday with rain, and then beautiful, seasonal weather.



The cool, dry and sunny weather remained through the rest of the week and into our weekend. Morning temps in Marion, our home base, were around 40 and rose to highs of around 65 during the day. But, with the sun, clear skies, and no wind, it was absolutely beautiful! Also, an unexpected surprise was the leaves starting to turn gold already.



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Given all the trials and tribulations of 2020, I felt an extra sense of excitement about escaping for a long weekend into the mountains with our Corvettes. Meeting at the Cracker Barrel in Manassas, some of us enjoyed a casual lunch. After some photos, introductions, waiver signing and drivers meeting, we were off by 2:00.

What an attractive Corvette caravan! We had 10 cars embark from our starting point – 1 C8, 2 C7 Z06s, 3 C7 Stingrays, and 4 C6s, including a Grand Sport. Four cars (2 C6s, C7 Grand Sport and a Nissan 350Z) met us at the hotel.

With the help of Waze, and after a few rest stops along the way, we arrived at the General Francis Marion hotel, with its renovated 1920s themed ambience, around 7:30. The hotel lobby restaurant, Waterlily, was quite surprised when NVCC packed its tables for a late evening surge of business around 8:00. The entrees were very good as well – the chef is definitely top-notch.

Our first day began at 9:30 with a drivers meeting in the hotel's breakfast room. The plan was to travel as one group until we arrived at The Snake in Mountain City, TN, and then break into two groups. We were fortunate to have Mike Gilliland, our current el presidente, with invaluable experience as our sweeper, and prior el presidente, Rick Poage, also a certified track instructor, to lead the spirited drivers group.

It was a good plan, until we got separated. Unfortunately, I got a little carried away enjoying the twisties, and with the help of an interloper, the group missed a turn and there were only three of us left on the planned route. Thanks to Rick taking the lead, the rest of the group made it to Mountain City to enjoy the first half of The Snake on route 421 north, and we rendezvoused at our lunch stop in Shady Valley, TN.







After lunch, we separated into the planned groups and continued on the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of The Snake towards the South Holston Dam in Bristol, TN. The South Holston Lake and Dam is very picturesque and a nice way to “unwind” after tackling The Snake. We were able to drive on the dam and stop to take photos. We then continued on the planned route - back down the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of The Snake and toward home base in Marion via semi-twisty country roads, of course. Once back at the hotel, it was time to relax – some of us enjoyed a drink at the bar – then, right across the street to Macado’s for a delightful dinner! Thanks to Rich and Rita Mars and Jim Dobish for the suggestion.

Saturday was our Back of the Dragon (“BOD”) day. Its theme is “eleven ... try thirty-two.” Meaning, it has 32 miles of twisties compared to the infamous Tail of the Dragon’s 11 miles.

After the drivers meeting, we embarked around 10:00 to “Slay the Dragon.” The plan was to enjoy half of the dragon, then shoot east for 18 miles to Big Walker Lookout in Wytheville. It was awesome! We had no local traffic on the Dragon or going to and from Big Walker Lookout. It’s a popular destination with a general store and captivating views of the valley at 3,400 feet. It also has a 100-foot tower to get even a better view. Rita Mars was our lone brave soul, who fearlessly climbed to the top!

We then headed back to complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of BOD toward the Welcome Center in Tazewell for lunch. As we turned into the Welcome Center, I noticed more bikes than usual. Then we heard a band playing. There was a complete row of parking spaces empty in the rear and the Vettes filled all 13 available spaces. Was this providence? The crowd outside listening to music nodded as our caravan of Vettes made their entrance. The owners of the Welcome Center also came out to greet us, explaining that it was their Octoberfest. What an added plus! We ordered lunch from the food truck, milled, browsed and shopped around and enjoyed the excellent band. Many enjoyed checking-out our cars as well.



After a few hours, we headed to Burkes Garden for another short stint. It's also in Tazewell and only about 20 minutes from the BOD Welcome Center. Burkes Garden was first surveyed in the 1740s and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest plateau in Virginia at 3,087 feet. Here's the official geography and geology description:

*"The oval, bowl-like valley (or "cove") is known for its fertile land and was once the bed of an ancient sea. About 8.5 miles (13.7 km) long and 4 miles (6.4 km) wide, it resembles a large volcanic crater in satellite photographs and on topographic maps; however, it was formed when underground limestone caverns collapsed. The mountain valley is the second highest in Virginia at around 3,000 feet (910 m) above sea level and is completely surrounded by Garden Mountain. This unusual topography is similar to that of Canaan Valley in neighboring West Virginia."*

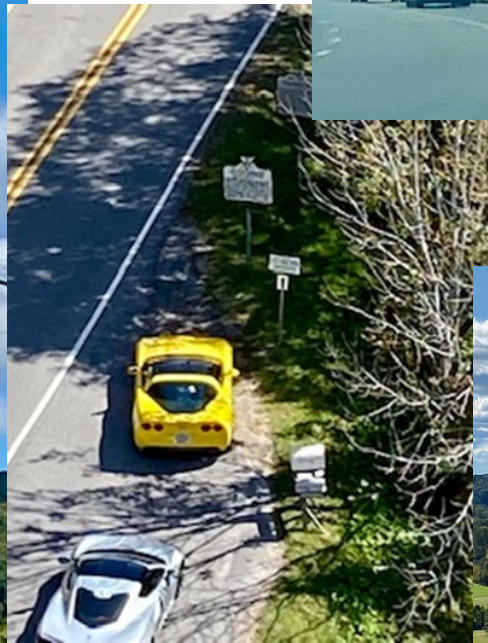
More importantly, it's an amazingly twisty and fun 5-mile drive up the mountain to get to the valley. Once you're in the valley, it's also amazingly peaceful with fertile green pastures. We stopped at the General Store and did the loop around the valley.



Back to the BOD Welcome Center and then it was time to take on the full BOD on our way back to Marion. Great ride most of the way. Except, about two-thirds of the way, an out-of-state sightseer killed our fun. On that note, keeping in mind these are public roads, our approach was not to tailgate and intimidate the locals. Most locals understand the awesome roads attract sports cars and bikers exploring the various Claw of the Dragon routes which promote tourism. My experience is most will reach their destination in a relatively short time (few miles) or pull to the shoulder and let us pass. They wave and we honk and give the thumbs-up! But, it's the luck of the draw. Either way, the majority of the drives provided ample time and miles to absolutely enjoy the mountains with our Corvettes.









Saturday evening was time to enjoy prime rib night at the Waterlily. It was also a time to reminisce and debrief our weekend. One thing's for sure, as the saying goes – it's important to find your passion in life. The weekend was definitely a testament to our passion for Corvettes and the camaraderie of enjoying and sharing that passion together in an awesome club!



GROUP AT HOLSTON DAM







# 2020 Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades

## The Last, Special Halloween Show

on Saturday, October 31st  
10:00am to 01:00pm, Rain or Shine!



CASCADES  
OVERLOOK  
Meladon Group, LLC



These are sample photos of the previous event held on September 26th  
(Also See Photo Gallery: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nvcorvetteclub/sets/>)

**Sponsored and Hosted by**

*Cascades Overlook Town Center*

(Sign-up to: <https://www.facebook.com/cascadesoverlooktowncenter/>)

*Chuy's Restaurant as Co-Host/Co-Sponsor*  
*21365 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)

Benefitting:



**Free and No Registration!**

- Awards for Best Costumes & Decorated Cars
- New 50-50 Raffle Tickets & Door Prizes
- Chuy's Hosts and Serves Food/Beverages
- and Live Music Entertainment!

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**Open Invitation to Other Sports Cars (and Exotics);  
also Welcomed in their own Reserved Parking Area**

**Covid-19 Precautions:** attendance is voluntary and at your own risk. individuals are responsible to maintain social distancing.  
If experiencing flu or cold symptoms, please do not attend. Mask is required in the restaurant, etc.





# Join The NVCC 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvettes & Crabs Rallye



*Poker High, Poker Low, Gimmick Rallye*

Join the NVCC for a classic timed, measured, Gimmick Rallye and/or a Poker Rallye through scenic Virginia countryside ending at Blue Ridge Seafood. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on Gimmick. Cash Prize for Poker. Good Fun, Good Food, and Great People.

**Date: Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Place:** 9598 Old Keene Mill Rd., Burke, VA (Behind McDonalds)

**Sign in Time:** 9:30 am to 10:15 am

**Driver/Navigator Briefing:** 10:15 am

**First Car Out:** 10:30

**End Point:** Blue Ridge Seafood Restaurant, 15704 Lee Hwy Gainesville, Virginia

**Price per Car:** Gimmick Rallye, \$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members

High/Low Poker Rallye, \$5 one \$10 Both

**RSVP by October 30th, 2020 to [gilliland\\_michael@yahoo.com](mailto:gilliland_michael@yahoo.com)**



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**NVCC ANNUAL BAVARIAN INN CRUISE AND DINNER  
SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020  
4:30 PM RESERVATION**

Once again, time to usher in the season of gratitude!



Reservation/Contact: George Durk  
[gadurk@gmail.com](mailto:gadurk@gmail.com)

- We will meet at Manassas Cracker Barrel and head to Shepherdstown via routes 211, 678, 340 and Harpers Ferry Road, meandering through VA, MD and WV country roads. We will stop in Luray for lunch and/or ice cream and rest stop in Front Royal.
- We will be ordering from Bavarian Inn Chef's Limited Menu (new all-day menu).
- If weather cooperates, the restaurant will accommodate seating us outside on the patio.
- Manor-view rooms are available for overnight stays at \$190.80 (\$160 plus 13% tax and \$10 resort fee). 304-876-2551

***\*\*Will furnish final guest count on 11/4\*\****

**MEETING PLACE – Manassas Cracker Barrel**

**MEETING TIME – 10:30**

**CRUISE BEGINS - 11:00**

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—OCTOBER 2020

Fall is in the air and the NVCC is still holding events, even with the requirements for masks and social distancing. I hope you are getting out and enjoying your Corvettes as the leaves change and the weather cools off. My 2010 Coupe and I spent much of this month driving to Austin, Texas visiting my granddaughter and driving back to Virginia. It was worth every minute. I can tell you that the Smoky Mountains look pretty good right now.

Yas and Doreen Kinashi continue to bring you the Corvettes and Tacos cruise-in and show. Thanks to the stalwart members who came out for the September edition of this car show. Please remember that the final Show will occur on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup>. Yes, there will be a Halloween show and you are asked to dress up your car and perhaps yourself. This promises to be a lot of fun. Most frightening Vettes get a prize.

I want to send a special thanks to George Durk for the trip to the Claw of the Dragon. All of our members who joined know how much fun this was. Driving our Corvettes on beautiful uncongested mountain roads with great vistas makes me appreciate the engineering and style that went into all of our cars. The cruise was tremendous fun. My thank you to all that joined in. Sadly, I left the group early to drive on to Austin for my granddaughter's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Many thanks to Mr. Bob Devery who continues to lead events supporting the Police Departments in the local area. These events have been a big hit with the membership and the professionals who protect and defend us here in Northern Virginia. Keep watching our Facebook and Websites for Bob's activities. We appreciate his continued support.

Mr. Shawn Waddell has another great cruise planned for the DuCard Winery on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be a nice ride on great country roads to a great venue with very good wine. There will be music, food and lots of space to socially distance. If you can join in, I suggest it. This is a great way to end that feeling of cabin fever we are all experiencing.



The NVCC Atop a TVA Dam

The Fall Rallye will be upon us soon on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Kris McCandless and I have put together a route on great roads that we have not used before. Mr. Dick Hammaker plans to man our checkpoint. This one will have a Poker Rallye as part of the fun. We hope to see you on this one. The Rallye ends at the Blue Ridge Seafood Restaurant on Route 29 in Gainesville.

Thanks to all who attended the Lunch GBM at the American Legion facility, we had plenty of room to keep our members comfortable. This was a success thanks to your participation. I want to send out a special thanks to Doug for his work on this. The food was great and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon. We had about thirty members on an open-air terrace there. My thanks to Evelyn McKay and the other members who scouted the facility out and gave it two thumbs up.



The October GBM will again be on ZOOM. I apologize to those who want us back at the dealership. We still have to sort out the shortened dealership hours and come up with a way to address the full club in a hybrid meeting (not as easy as it sounds in the service center echo chamber).

Thanks to those who raised their hands in support of the NVCC Banquet in January/February 2021. We do need a support crew for this. Please contact myself or Doreen Kinashi and offer your support.

So that is about it for October. Lets get those shining Corvettes out and have fun before winter slows us down. As always, stay healthy, stay safe and enjoy your beautiful Corvettes. Again, thanks to all of our NVCC members that make this club a joy even in times like these.



Future Corvette Owner in My Family



Stay Safe!

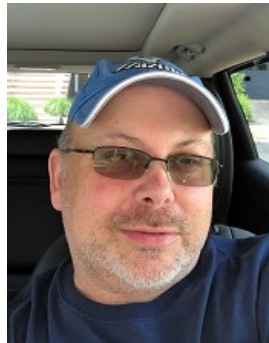
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# MEET YOUR 2020 COUNCIL



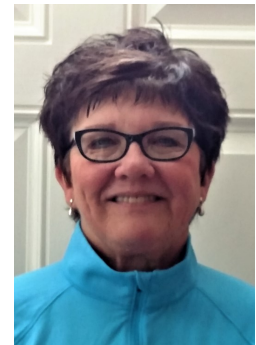
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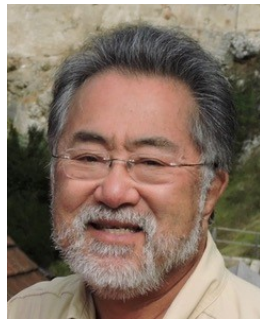
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**NVCC 2020 Activities Calendar***Dates are subject to change.***MONTHLY EVENTS**

4th Tuesday monthly, January through November: General Business Meetings (GBMs) at Rosenthal 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 2020**

25: Banquet, Springfield Golf & Country Club

28: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**FEBRUARY 2020**

25: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**MARCH 2020**

7: St. Patrick Cruise & Lunch/Old Brogue —  
Rob Succolosky

**APRIL 2020****MAY 2020****CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:**

*Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 Pandemic, and to comply with Federal, State, Local and CDC guidelines, we will be suspending all club related gatherings and activities until at least August 1, 2020. GBMs and Council Meetings will be held via ZOOM and hopefully will resume their regular schedule in August via ZOOM. All other activities will be rescheduled for later dates, if possible. Stay safe out there. We look forward to seeing you at our events once this situation subsides.*

**JUNE 2020**

23: GBM via ZOOM

27: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

**JULY 2020**

17-19: Tangier Island-Christine Wagner

25: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

26: Cruise to Barrel Oak Winery—Shawn Waddell

28: GBM via ZOOM

**AUGUST 2020**

1: ODCC at Odds and Ends Detailing

8: 31st All Corvette Cruise-in, Bomnin Chevy,  
Manassas

25: GBM, Rosenthal Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

27-30: Corvettes at Carlisle—Mike Gilliland

29: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

12: Fairfax Police Helicopter Squad—Bob Devery

20: Police Appreciation Day—Bob Devery

23: 2nd Visit to Police Helicopter Squad—Bob Devery

26: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

27: Lunch GBM American Legion, Fairfax, VA

**OCTOBER 2020**

1-4: Claw of the Dragon—George Durk

17: DuCard Winery—Shawn Waddell

18: Flying Circus Picnic, Bealeton, VA—TBD

27: GBM via ZOOM

**31: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi**

*\*Last Corvettes and Tacos for this year. Celebrate Halloween by decorating your car and wear a costume.*

**NOVEMBER 2020**

TBD: Veteran's Day—Bob Devery

8: Corvettes & Crabs Rallye—Mike Gilliland

11: Honoring Vets-Pax River Naval Museum and Lunch-  
Bob Devery

14: Bavarian Inn Cruise and Dinner—George Durk

21: Christmas Lights Rallye—Lori Benish

24: GBM via ZOOM

**DECEMBER 2020**

***NO GBM IN DECEMBER***

**Event attendance is voluntary and at your own risk. Individuals are responsible to maintain their own social distancing and if you are sick, do not to attend. Hand sanitizer will be available to members after contact activities such as signing of the waiver.**

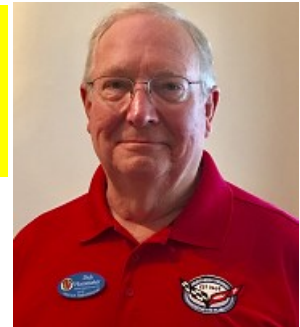




# NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker

## Kentucky One Lap



The National Corvette Museum (NCM) is open for business with several new exhibits. It turns out Kris McCandless, Joanna Hicks, Denise Hammaker and myself are going to roam the museum to our hearts content prior to starting Kentucky One Lap (K1L) on October 20th. Hopefully we'll see some great fall colors on our drive through VA, WV, and KY to Bowling Green, Home of NCM. One disappointment is the Assembly Plant is not open for public tours. To counter this disappointment, we are going to drive some C8 Laps on the NCM's Motorsports Park track....what's not to like!!! Since none of us have even sat in a C8, it will be quite the experience.

Yes, K1L will be five days of driving fun on some great Corvette roads in Eastern Kentucky following Kentucky State Police (KSP) Master Trooper Jonathan Bevins in his Official KSP Corvette!! Those who went to NCM for NVCC's 50th Anniversary will remember the fun we had with Jonathan....this will be four full days of that kind of driving excitement!

Kris McCandless will be putting together a very entertaining chronicle of our epic adventure for the November newsletter. Stay tuned....



#21  
Dick "HAM" Hammaker  
NCM Master Ambassador  
NCCC Life Member  
NCM Life Member  
NCM Spire Society Member



## CRUISE TO DUCARD WINERY Hosted by Shawn Waddell

Hello and thank you to everyone who joined us on the DuCard Vineyard Trip. It was great to see you all. We had 13 corvettes in all. C3's, C5's, C6's, C7's and a C8 oh my. It was an absolutely beautiful day, the colors were all there, the weather was mildly brisk and the air crisp. Of course, Scott the owner of DuCard provided VIP parking, and a tasting of some new vintages one red and one white. They were delicious. Thank you to Scott and Julian (wine maker) for such a fabulous time. The BBQ truck was delicious as well.

PS we all had a hard time keeping up with Rob!!!  
Sent from my iPhone





# CRUISE TO DUCARD WINERY



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By: George Durk

**Our 2021 Dues Renewal Season is Now Open! After November 1, please add late fee.**

### October 2020 Report

As of October 20, we have 136 members and 21 prospective members.

### Welcome New Members!!

Jeff Adelman ('08) Returning Member

Andy Guzman ('20 Blade Silver Coupe)

Rick White ('14 Night Race Blue Z51 Coupe)

Robert & Jacquie Yevoli ('19 Torch Red Z51 Coupe)

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Member	Corvette(s)	Join
Adams, Jeff & Glenda	'11	6/27/2020
Berselaar, Marty	'85 and '99 Convertible	8/10/2020
Brooks, Al	'20 3LT (On Order)	6/11/2020
Cassidy, Kevin	'19 Grand Sport	10/17/2020
Cook, Doug	'20	10/5/2020
Dodge, Mark	'16 Z06	4/7/2020
Flowers, Robert	'07 Z06	10/15/2020
Gant, Warren & Lynn	'15 Z06	6/6/2020
Greenstone, Aaron	'66 L79 Convertible	7/29/2020
Hamlin, Michael	'16 Blade Silver Z06	8/3/2020
Kneibert, Gene & McGee, Angie	'01 Convertible	4/6/2020
Pesce, Jack	'95 Black Coupe	8/2/2020
Poli, Jared	'11 Grand Sport	7/21/2020
Stone, Robert	'08 Coupe	6/27/2020
Wagner, Joe	'20 Z51 Coupe	4/23/2020
Washington, Anthony & Spouse	'11 Aqua Blue Grand Sport Coupe	2/27/2020
Weisiger, Berry	'13 Torch Red 427 Convertible	1/10/2020

NOTE: I encourage Prospective Members to attend a GBM. After October, Prospective Members, who have not attended a GBM, will be expired if your 4-month prospective membership period ends. If a Prospective Member has attended a GBM, but no event, due to COVID-19 concerns, your prospective membership will remain open until further notice. If you've attended a GBM, but do not want to join, let me know and I'll close-out your prospective membership.

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.

HOW TO KEEP  
YOUR CORVETTE  
CLEAN



**RENEW YOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP TODAY:**

[http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/  
membership.app.process/  
MembershipRenewalsOpen/](http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/membership.app.process/)



**REMINDER:**

Be sure to order your Club Spirit Wear! We've got shirts, jackets, vests, hats, bags, kid's attire, etc. There's something for everyone! Here's the link....

<https://nvcorvetteclub.itemorder.com/sale>

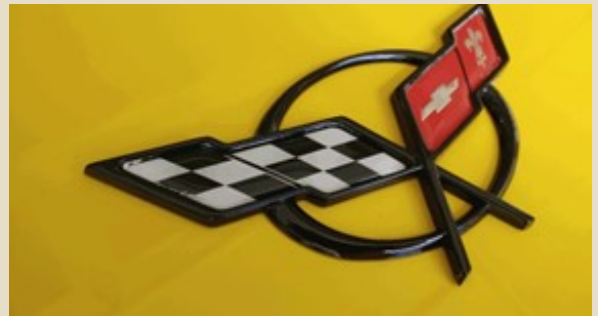
Dr. Audrey Cupples

Saxophonist, Yamaha Artist, Educator, Speaker

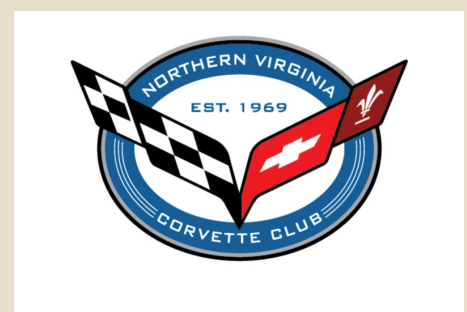
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**TRIVIA**

By Jeff Klain



1. For the engineers in the reading audience: What suspension component guarantees that the springs will exhibit strong positive dynamic stability?
2. For the mechanics: What do you use a pickle fork for?
3. For the aspiring parts clerk: The head of the dealership tells you that he wants to make sure that any one C5 owner can come into the dealership at any time and get a new set of shocks. How many part numbers will you have to stock and how many total shocks will you have to have on the shelf?





# NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020—BY: EVELYN MCKAY, SECRETARY

**Council Present:**

Mike Gilliland, President  
 Shawn Waddell, Vice President  
 Omar Gordon, Treasurer  
 Yas Kinashi, Officer At Large  
 Dick Hammaker, NCM Master Ambassador  
 Andrej Balanc, NCCC Governor  
 Doreen Kinashi, Social  
 George Durk, Membership  
 Marsha Batchellor, Newsletter  
 John Palmgren, Webmaster



A special GBM Brunch meeting held at the American Legion, Fairfax, was attended by many club members, who filled several tables at its outdoor balcony. The meeting commenced at 12:00 pm, presided by President Mike Gilliland.

The August GBM Minutes was motioned and approved by those in attendance.

**Membership Status:** Currently, we are at 131 primary members; and 21 prospective members. George announced two new members Andy Guzman, '20 Blasé Silver C-8 Coupe, and Rick White, '19 Night Racing Blue C-7 Coupe. He declared that so far 24 members (19%) have renewed their membership for the next year.

**DuCard Winery Cruise (October 17):** Shawn's cruise to DuCard Winery is proceeding as planned. We will meet at the Home Depot, Chantilly, as before, and details are forthcoming. The winery host will have music, a food truck, and outdoor seating; also reserved parking will be provided.

**Corvettes & Tacos (October 31):** Although attendance for the September 26<sup>th</sup> show was sparse due to nightly rain and wet morning roads, we had a successful outcome with our new member, Andy Guzman, winning a trophy for his new C-8 Coupe and a beautiful black '59 C-1 (Solid Axle) was awarded the Best of the Show. Newly revised 50/50 raffle tickets were resurrected and we raised nearly \$100 for MS Charity, with Alex McKay winning the cash.

Next month's show will be held on Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup>, hence we will promote people to come in costumes and decorate their cars for prizes. The property manager revealed that there will be live music entertainment and other activities.

**Corvettes at Carlisle:** Mike announced that Vickie Hulick has again won a Celebrity Sponsor Award for the second year. He also confirmed that the club will be provided a free tent and a reserved spot by the host for next year's event.

**Fall & Country Rallye (November 8):** This year's rallye will be co-hosted by Kris, Dick, and Mike, and is scheduled on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. An added twist will be the Poker Rallye for participants to win some money prizes.

**A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE OCTOBER 27, 2020 GBM**

**2021 Annual Banquet (February?):** Mike suggested that the upcoming annual banquet be held at the American Legion Hall in Fairfax, the same location as the GBM brunch meeting. He also suggested that a committee be formed to begin planning for this activity.

**Claw of the Dragon (October 1 to 4):** George shared that the coming week's weather looks very promising for the Marion area, which is located one-hour south of Virginia Tech; pre-autumn weather is in a good temperature range. Currently, 13 cars have registered: six C-6s, six C-7s and one C-8 owned by our new member, Andy Guzman. George suggested everyone bring two-way radios. First day will be Snake Mountain in Tennessee and visiting S. Holston Dam. Second day will be the Back of the Dragon.

**(Postscript:** George led an extremely successful and exciting trip in recent years, as attested by all those involved and thanks to Rick's road race experience. Looking forward to more of the same from George – again, no pressure)

**Officer Election for 2021:** Mike announced none of the current officers will have served 3-year limit term and they will be returning for the next year. If anyone is interested in seeking a position new nominations should be submitted in October. The election will be held in November at the next GBM meeting.

**Outstanding Technical Issues:** John stated that the proposed transition to the service provided for Old Dominion Corvettes Club website is still pending. The Zebra app purchase is also still pending.

**Treasurer's Report:** Omar stated that the current bank balance is \$12,012 with the PayPal balance of \$3,208. New nametags with new NVCC logo are on sale for \$6 for the existing members, while the new members will be given theirs for free.

**NCM Master Ambassador:** Dick, Denise, Kris, and Joanna will participate in Kentucky One Lap in October. Expect a great newsletter article from Kris in November. Dick presented a letter to Doreen from NCM acknowledging and thanking NVCC for the donation of their 50th Anniversary Yearbook to the Museum Archives.

**Next GBM on Zoom:** Shawn will send out an e-mail invite to all members via [everyone]. If you've not received previous invites or are a new member, check with Shawn and/or John (Webmaster) to make sure that you are on the [everyone] list.

**Other items:** Jane Stieber will check on hotel reservations at Red Roof Inn for the next year's Corvettes at Carlisle Show.

A Charity donation in the amount of \$500 from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Yearbook Album Sales was sent to the National M/S Society.

Andy Guzman wants to plan a co-sponsored event with the Montclair Lions Club and a Prince-William Chevrolet dealer next Spring. He has solicited Yas to help with the car show.

Rick Poage endorsed a rubber compound that works like a clay bar for reconditioning the car's painted surface. He tried it on his C-6 GS and it looks great!

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm for people to socialize.





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# FINAL THOUGHT



## China's Blatant Corvette C1 Copy Headlines Electric Retro Concepts From Beijing Motor Show



Trivia Answers: (1) Shock absorbers; (2) to separate suspension joints like ball joints and the rod ends; (3) 8 part numbers and 16 total shocks. Why? Because the C5 had a standard shock, a heavier shock associated with the FE3 suspension, and the selective real time damping shock for some years and the magnetic ride shock for later years. The front and rear shocks are different part numbers. Thus, 8 part numbers and 16 shocks.