



Road trip on two of America's most famous roadways: Route 66 and the Pacific Coast Highway (Part 2)

By Dick "Ham" Hammaker

Dick and his wife Denise are spending part of their summer taking a road trip across the country to spend time along two of America's most well-known highways – Route 66 (the "Main Street of America" as it is known colloquially), which originally ran from Chicago to Los Angeles, and the Pacific Coast Highway (California State Route 1), which runs along most of the Pacific coastline of California. Below is a log of their travels, with pictures and descriptions of places and things encountered along the way.

Day 15

Started the day off at the National Route 66 Museum in Elk City, OK...what a rip off tourist trap! Also saw a full scale oil rig in Elk City. We love the relaxed drive to I-40 where big trucks are zipping by at Texas countryside on the way to the moment by staying at the Big Texan Steak Ranch...very interesting place. For lunch, I tried the Fried Mountain Oysters, Denise had a salad...steaks tonight!



Tomorrow will be a "Zero Day" to investigate the Amarillo sights.

Day 16

Today was an outstanding "Zero Day" thanks to Penny Harrison's recommendation. Ever heard of the Texas Grand Canyon? Palo Duro Canyon State Park is just that place...a rugged rocky beauty about 30 miles south of Amarillo. The Visitors Center had info on frontier history and a map for a drive on the floor of the Canyon. Next was a trip through the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum...also interesting, especially to Denise, who owned a horse in her youth.



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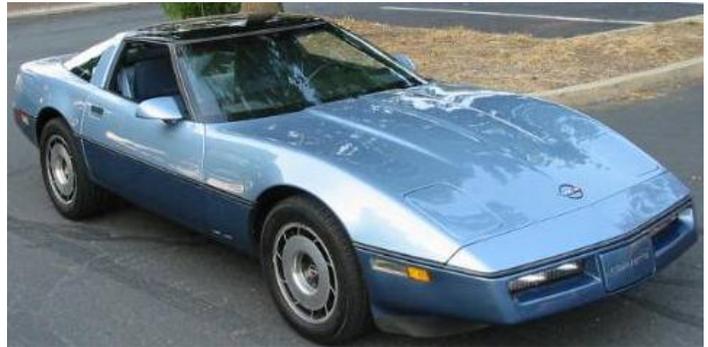
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER June 2013

Another month has slipped by, which now finds us in the heart of the collector / sports car driving season...particularly for those like me that have a particular affinity for rag tops. My son this morning picked up the Z06 that I gave to him, leaving a gaping hole in my collection (no C5 corvettes). Oh well, I guess it provides me a defensible excuse to acquire another vette. ☺

As most of you are now aware, Page Chevrolet on Little River Turnpike is our new Chevy sponsor and meeting place for General Business Meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month. To inject some spatial relationship fairness into at least the Council meetings, we will likely continue to move the Council meetings around so some of us don't have to penetrate the always traffic-congested urban core (aka inside the Beltway). I mention this since all members are welcome to attend Council meetings. So since we are going to be moving them around a bit, if you desire to attend a Council meeting, it will behoove you to ask ahead of time where any given one will be held.

Our primary point of contact at Page is Rusty Brown, their service manager. He has been working on additional benefits for club members and will be addressing the membership at coming meetings as to what they are, as well as to promote their excellent service department. While we don't have a policy of steering our members to our sponsor, I do encourage your consideration of Page Chevrolet for your maintenance needs.

In less than a month (July 21st), Cheryl and I hope to be seeing most of you at the annual NVCC Club picnic hosted at our farm in beautiful downtown Ganotown (don't blink or you'll shoot right through town and miss all of its cultural wonders) nestled along the banks of Back Creek. As always, this is a totally free event to our members and their guests. For our forgetful long-time and our newer members, the NVCC picnic is always open to your family and friends. As a matter of both economics and liability NVCC does not provide any alcoholic beverages at the picnic. If you desire such, please feel free to bring it along. Small children and pets are also welcome as long as you take care of them accordingly. Ours is a working farm with a number of active construction projects underway. As such there are all too many ways for unsupervised young children and pets to get into trouble wandering the grounds.

Now get out there and enjoy America's sports car!

Rich Anderson
NVCC President, 2012/13

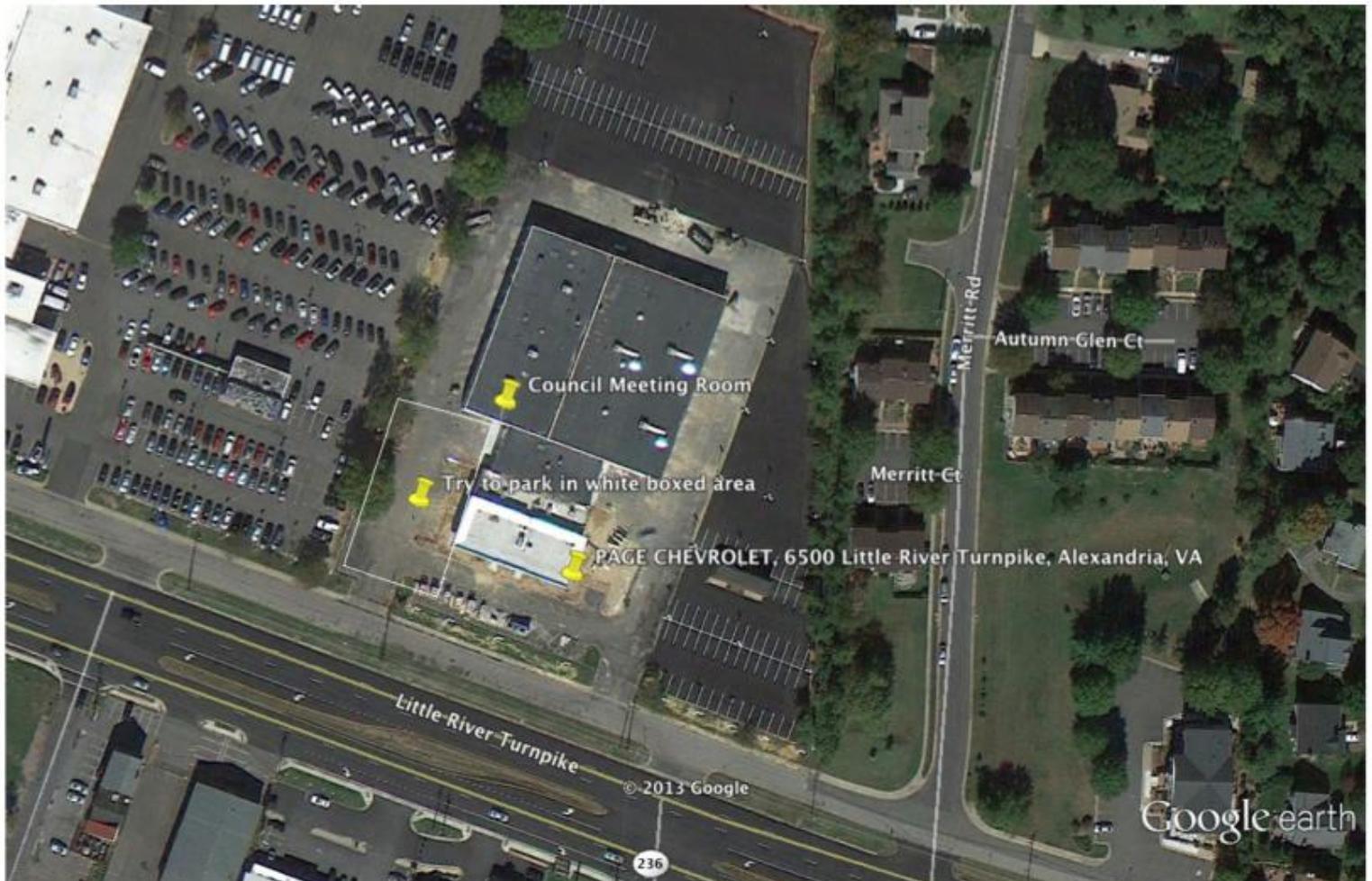
New GBM Meeting Location – Page Chevrolet

By Doug Swanson

We will have our June General Business Meeting (7:30pm on Tuesday June 25th) at Page Chevrolet. Please see the attached map for their location at 6500 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA 22312.

They are located just east of the Annandale-Alexandria border. This Google Maps [link](#) will also take you to an interactive map of their location. They can be reached by taking Little River Turnpike (Rte. 236) **east** from the Beltway (I-495) **OR** by taking Little River Turnpike **west** from I-395.

As we have advised members at previous GBMs, the Council has been searching for a permanent GBM meeting location. The Council considers the Sterling Ruritan Club to be a temporary meeting place solution since it is far removed from the "geographical center" of our membership. Page Chevrolet has invited us to have meetings at their dealership. Please come to the June GBM to check out their facility.



Let's all meet inside the Service write up area - behind main showroom - Kris McCandless will try and be there at 7 pm to greet you & introduce you to Rusty Brown, the Service Manager and our Key Supporter

Route 66 Road Trip (cont.)

Day 17

Pretty quick day because Route 66 in TX and NM isn't well maintained... large parts are gravel, private road, dirt, or I-40, Route 84, and I-25 were built over the original road...so about 95 % on major road and only 5% on actual Route 66 today. The highlights:

-- Front right turn signal light burns out...found a Chevy Dealer in Santa Fe and a very nice mechanic fixed it on the spot for free...that doesn't happen very often.



-- **Cadillac Ranch** is a public art installation and sculpture outside of [Amarillo](#). It was created in 1974 of what were older [Cadillacs](#), representing a number of evolutions of the car line (most notably the birth and death of the [tailfins](#)) from 1949 to 1963. They are half-buried nose-first in the ground, at an angle corresponding to that of the [Great Pyramid of Giza](#) in [Egypt](#).

-- Route 66 midpoint between Chicago and Santa Monica.

Day 18

Forgot to mention in yesterday's update that Route 66, the Santa Fe



Trail, and the Pecos Trail all come together at Santa Fe. Pretty cool to drive on the old cattle trails (now paved roads - I-25) of the old west.

Also if you believe the sign at midpoint cafe, Route 66 is 2278 miles long...when in fact, it's 2,451 miles long (Google it yourself) so 1,225.5 miles would be midpoint. The good news is, by my odometer, we've already traveled 1,436 miles so more than halfway.



Did you know Santa Fe is the second oldest city in America? (St. Augustine, FL, is first) We started our Santa Fe orientation with a tour to get the history

and the lay of the land. Building style in the city is Adobe so city is keeping the old style. Also lots of old churches...Loretto Chapel and the Miraculous Stairway (1878) and The Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi (1625) and the oldest Virgin Mary Statue (1400s) in America. The statue was carbon-dated to verify.



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Day 19

Short day of travel with some sightseeing. I have to repeat myself, driving 75 mph on the Interstate, then getting on Route 66 and driving 45 mph is like a Twilight Zone episode...so calm, peaceful, and relaxing...



Sanda Peak Tramway and Sanda Peak were amazing. Temperature went from 60 degrees at the bottom to 34 degrees and 20 mph winds at the top. We also had an enjoyable lunch at the summit and spectacular view of Albuquerque and the surrounding area.



Day 20



Another fun day in Albuquerque...Hot Air Balloon Museum, Albuquerque Tour, and Old Town. In fact, we've scheduled a sunrise hot air balloon ride for Monday morning...no it's not a 50 ft tethered ride, it's a free flight, 500 ft plus ride for an hour...then on to Route 66 again.

We learned on the Tour that Albuquerque is used for many movies and TV shows...Wild Hogs", part of Avengers, parts of Transformers, Breaking Bad...because it looks like many other cities and has good

weather.

Day 21

Today started at 0415...get up, pack, load the Vette, drive out to Rainbow Rides (Hot Air Balloon Company) for 0530, paperwork, and drive out to the launch site. It took about an hour to set up, and launch. What a ride...smooth, beautiful day, great visibility. Max height was 1,500 feet. Words can't express what we



experienced. After an hour flight, the pilot hit the target (landing zone) perfectly...unbelievable skills. After the flight, we helped store the balloon, champagne toast, and received flight certificates. All that before 0900!



After the balloon ride, we're back on Route 66 on the way to the Petrified Forest and the Painted Desert. Didn't know a desert could be so beautiful...of course my pictures won't do it justice.



The final adventure of the day was to time warp back to the 1950 and check in the Wigwam Village Motel.

Day 22

Pretty short day, only about 90 miles on Route 66...Holbrook to Flagstaff...then off to Phoenix for a visit and supper with Denise's Cousin and family. Only event of note was Winslow, AZ...made famous by the band, The Eagles.



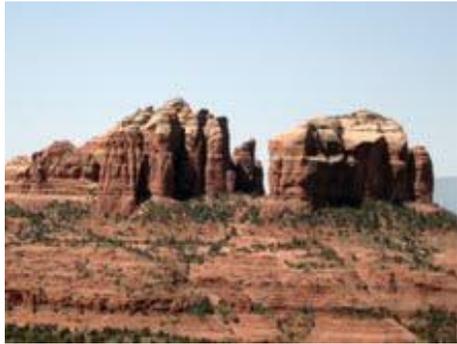
Day 23

Went on a tour of a house Denise's cousin is building...all I can say is WOW! After the tour we went on to Sedona, AZ for 3 days. Next we'll head to Williams, AZ to meet my good friends, Frank and Mary Giegerich, who will join us in their Audi TT Convertible to complete Route 66 with us

and then do the PCH together.

Day 24

Relaxed day...life is good! Started the day by washing the dust off the Corvette followed by a local van tour to include history, attractions, etc, and lunch.



Day 25

Denise & I were complete slugs today!

She got her pedicure, manicure, and haircut; I got a new tie rod and 4-wheel alignment. No pictures, no stories, just chilling and getting ready to get on the road tomorrow. Think we're going to see the Arizona Meteor

Crater (35 miles east of Flagstaff, a bit of a backtrack), lunch in Flagstaff, then Route 66 to Williams, AZ to meet Frank and Mary at the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel.



Day 26

It was a very pleasant drive from Sedona to Meteor Crater. The crater was created about 50,000 years ago. The object that excavated the crater was a nickel-iron meteorite about 50 meters (54 yards) across and Impact energy has been estimated at about 10 megatons. The speed of impact was about 28,600 mph. The meteorite itself was mostly vaporized upon impact, leaving little in the crater. The crater is a mile in diameter and 700 ft deep. Point of comparison: the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb

was 20 Kilotons or equal to 20,000 tons of TNT. The Meteor energy was 10 Megatons or equal to 10 Million Tons of TNT.

It was a nice drive back to Flagstaff for lunch to meet Frank and Mary, and then on to Williams, AZ.



Day 27

The Grand Canyon Day started with a wild west show...the cowboys pulled me out of the audience (guess I was an easy mark) to help out. It was lots of fun! The train ride to the Grand Canyon took about 2 hours with lots of time to see the changes in the countryside. Once off the train, we boarded a bus for a south rim tour and lunch. The magnitude of the canyon takes your breath away. Once again, my pictures won't do it justice. Back to the train for the ride home...oh, the train was robbed on the way back. All-in-all it was a tremendous day for sights and wonders. Many thanks to Frank and Mary for suggesting this outstanding side trip. We're back on Route 66 tomorrow with a side trip to Lake Havasu City for two nights before heading to San Bernardino.



Day 28

Easy day from Williams to Lake Havasu City...about 160 miles (125 miles on R66)...and some of the best Route 66 pavement we've been on. Also introducing "OTTO", Frank's 2001 Silver Audi TT Convertible.



About 42 miles west of Williams is Seligman...couldn't believe how many tour buses with Europeans visitors were in the town. Snow Cap is a famous Ice Cream stand...kind of decorated like the movie "Cars". Also in Seligman is The Road Kill Café...no they don't really serve Road Kill. Just up the road in



Hackberry is the Hackberry General Store...another very favorite spot with tourists...has a 1956 Red Corvette Convertible as part of its display. We'll chill in Lake Havasu City for a day then off to San Bernardino on Wednesday.



Day 29

A great "Zero Day" at Lake Havasu City. Thanks to Frank, we're staying in a great resort...note the view from the patio. Frank & Mary went to the Havasu Beach, Denise & I went on a Copper Canyon Boat Cruise.



A tourist attraction in Lake Havasu City is the [London Bridge](#), which crosses a 930 ft (280 m) long man-made canal that leads from [Lake Havasu](#) (on the [Colorado River](#)) to



Thompson Bay. It was bought for US \$2.5 million from the [City of London](#) when the bridge was replaced in 1968. The bridge was disassembled, and the marked stones were shipped to Lake Havasu City and reassembled for another US \$7 million. It opened on October 5, 1971. It was built on dry land, then the canal was dredged for the water!

The London Bridge is one of the most visited tourist attractions in Arizona, often cited as second only to the [Grand Canyon](#).

Day 30

Can't believe the Hammaker Road Trip, 2013, Part 1, will be over tomorrow as well as we've been on the road for 30 days! Not much of interest between Lake Havasu City and San



Bernardino except miles and miles of desert! The only kool thing was the Bottle Tree Ranch. We also passed the Roy Roger Double R Bar Ranch. Ragin Cajun was also so happy to be in California and can't wait to see the Santa Monica Pier and Pacific Ocean tomorrow...California Dreaming and Surf's Up, Dude!



Day 31

Wednesday night, old friends of 40 years ago, Kent & Penny Harrison, drove up from their home in Oceanside to visit. Penny's dinner suggestion, Magic Lamp Inn, was right on mark! Frank & Mary joined us so a good time was had by all.



Route 66 didn't give up easy...took four hours to drive the 85 miles from the hotel in San Bernardino to Santa Monica Pier. There are 10,321 traffic lights on those 85 miles and I hit every one red! It felt good to see the Pacific Ocean and complete Part 1 of our adventure. So far, our adventure has covered 4,256 miles from Burke via Dayton to Chicago to Santa Monica. Lots more of Americana to see in the next 30 days.



Day 32

Spent the night in Oxnard (two hours north) after our Route 66 finish at Santa Monica Pier. Today we departed Oxnard, along PCH to Santa Barbara to Solvang to Lompoc.



We spent some time in the Santa Barbara area including Stearn's Wharf and Shoreline Drive, then to Solvang (Danish Community) where we met Glenn Fetter (a friend of 15 years) for lunch and sightseeing. Glenn suggested a couple of local wineries so off we went to Firestone Winery and Ampelos Winery for some tastings. This area is known for its Pinot Noir wine.

Then Glenn and his wife, Amy, picked us up for an outstanding dinner at "The Hitchin' Post...relish tray, shrimp cocktail, grilled artichoke, grilled mushrooms, salad, filet mignon, baked potato, garlic bread, and ice cream...yummo...as well as a great 2006 Ampelos Pinot Noir...Thanks, Glenn!



Day 33



Today started out great. We met Frank & Mary in Pismo Beach, then off to Morro Bay to see seal lions, next to tour Hearst Castle, followed by a stop at Elephant Seal Beach...then disaster...my steering column locked. I tried to clear it by disconnecting the battery to reset the car computer but no luck. Had to have The Rocket hauled away on a rollback and taken to a Chevy Dealership 48 miles away. The Good News is it's at the Dealership, the Bad News is it's Memorial Day

Weekend, Service Department is closed until Tuesday, there are no hotel rooms available (finally found a room in the next town, 10 miles away), and there are no rental cars available. We'll not be able to see Monterey or San Francisco. We're hoping to get The Rocket fixed (hopefully just clear a computer code) on Tuesday and be able to see Wine Country on Wednesday.





Questions: When you booked your last vacation, did you GET the lowest price? MAYBE. A cash rebate? UNLIKELY! Did NVCC get a donation from your booking engine? NO! Here's my offer: I handle WORLDWIDE TRAVEL OF ANY TYPE: LAND (All-inclusives; tours; safaris!), ALL CRUISES, AIR & GROUPS. I'll book your travel at the LOWEST cost- yes, match or beat ANY price that you find ; give YOU a ca\$h credit PLUS (this is important) I give NVCC a donation for YOUR travel ! NO GAMES PLAYED - YOU love to save money & you love Corvettes. NVCC needs ca\$h to fuel the events that we (I'M A MEMBER!) want. So, do the math: A. do your own booking (NO rebate ; NO donation) or, B. contact me; save \$\$ AND help NVCC fund more events! Your choice ... Option B, anyone?

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Voting runs through September 30 and you can vote once per day [online here](#).

MiM Lifestyle Tour Registration Open

Extend your time with the NCM this Labor Day weekend with a two-night excursion to the French Lick area of Indiana September 1-3.

Departing the Museum on Sunday, enjoy a buffet brunch at Moonlite BBQ in Owensboro, voted the "Best BBQ in Kentucky" by readers of Ky Monthly and Ky Living magazines before heading to the Five-Star West Baden Springs Resort. That evening you're on your own to enjoy the facilities or catch a shuttle to the French Lick Casino.

On Monday visit Patoka Lake Marina for a two hour sightseeing lunch excursion on the lake before going back to the Resort to enjoy their amenities or visit the French Lick Casino for more gambling fun.

Registration is \$700 for members and \$250 to add on a guest or \$740/\$290 for non-members. View the complete agenda [online here](#).

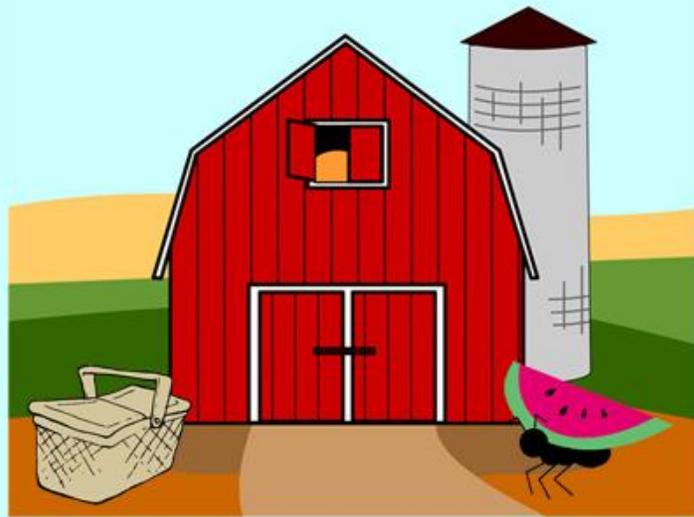


Seeking Motorcycles for Exhibit

September 21, 2013 we welcome to our Exhibit Hall a special display featuring motorcycles. The "**Two Wheel Speed**" exhibit runs through January 3, 2014 and will feature some celebrity-owned bikes, including one from Country music singer Kix Brooks; racing bikes; custom bikes and rare bikes. We'll even have one or more with ties to Corvette!

If you have a cool bike you'd be willing to loan us, please reply to this email (or email katie@corvettemuseum.org) with photos and details on your bike.





Annual NVCC Picnic *at the farm* Sunday, July 21st, 2013 at Noon

Come one, come all, to club member Richard Anderson's farm in wild, wonderful West Virginia for our Annual Club Picnic. Bring your folding chairs, yard games, ATVs, leashed pets, & family out & enjoy a yummy BBQ feast. Plenty of room to enjoy fun outdoor activities & park your hot rides! While you're there, check out the 1890s era farm house restoration & Richard's car collection.

Two events in one - AutoX/HPDE Chair Stewart Fox will be leading a group cruise for those who want to take the scenic route out to the farm. Staging point and time to be determined - please contact Stewart at autoxhpde@nvcorvetteclub.com for more details and to sign up for the cruise.

PICNIC MENU

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, NY-Style Hotdogs & Cones
Johnsonville Brats with Guinness, Marinated Chicken Breasts
Old Fashioned Potato Salad, Creamy Coleslaw
Brown Sugar Baked Beans with Bacon
Penne Pasta with Tomato & Mozzarella
Grilled Potatoes & Corn on the Cob
Vegetable Crudite, Green Bean Salad, Luau Fruit Salad
Various Snacks & Bite-Sized Appetizers
Assorted Cakes, Pies, Cookies & Desserts
Soft Drinks (Assorted Sodas, Iced Tea, Bottled Water)
...and much more!

Kindly RSVP to social@nvcorvetteclub.com and indicate how many in your party will be attending the club picnic ASAP. If you will be joining the group cruise to the farm, please send an email to autoxhpde@nvcorvetteclub.com ASAP. This event is open to all NVCC members, their families & friends, prospective NVCC members, and our friends from the NVMC.

FARM ADDRESS/DIRECTIONS: 281 Ganotown East Road, Hedgesville, WV 25427, 304-229-0010. I-81 to Exit 5 Inwood WV, Rte 51 thru Gerrardstown to LEFT on Rte 45, to RIGHT on Back Creek Valley Rd at Glengary, RIGHT onto Ganotown East Rd to 281 Ganotown East Rd (blacktop drive).

Fri. 6/28/13 – 13th Annual Drive Your Corvette to Work Day, sponsored by Mid America Motorworks. In honor of Drive Your Corvette to Work Day, enthusiasts across the United States make "America's Sports Car" their commuter car for the day. Every year, the Friday closest to June 30, Corvette's official birthday, is chosen to observe Drive Your Corvette to Work Day.

Mid America Motorworks promotes Drive Your Corvette to Work Day among Corvette owners and clubs. The goal is to have as many Corvette owners as possible drive their car to work that day. Launched in 2001 for the countdown to the Corvette's 50th anniversary, Mid America Motorworks' Drive Your Corvette to Work Day is an annual event celebrated by thousands of Corvette owners.

Corvette owners who observe "Drive Your Corvette to Work Day" are encouraged to send high resolution digital pictures of their car at work to clubs@mamotorworks.com. Mid America Motorworks will post as many pictures as possible on their website at www.madvet.com.

If anyone wants to organize a work lunch get-together, after-work drinks, or an after-work party, let me know at social@nvcorvetteclub.com ASAP!

Sat. 6/29/13 – James S. Ingram, creator of "The Big Bucket of Sports Show", a new live sports talk show at <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/thebigbucketofsportsshow>, has contacted us about a special car event. They are sponsoring a "Live" Classic Car Show & Contest at Hooked Seafood & Sushi Restaurant (www.hookedonseafood.com) in Sterling, Virginia on Saturday, June 29th at 1:00 pm. The purpose of the event is to promote their talk show, and to promote Hooked Restaurant. There will be food, jazz music, and prizes for the best cars; the winning cars will have the opportunity to tour with the Live Sports Events.

Please contact James directly to discuss the details and register your car.

James S. Ingram
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Sat. 7/13/13-Sun. 7/14/13 – BACC Quad AutoX. Complete details can be found [HERE!](#)

Sun. 7/21/13 – LCCC 7 Fun Shows. Complete details can be found [HERE!](#)

Sun. 7/21/13 – (See also Official Flyer) Come one, come all, to club member Richard Anderson's farm in wild, wonderful West Virginia for our Annual Club Picnic, beginning at noon. Bring your folding chairs, yard games, ATVs, canoes, fishing gear, leashed pets, and family and enjoy a yummy BBQ feast. Plenty of room to enjoy outdoor activities and park your Corvettes! While you're there, check out the 1890s era farm house restoration (air-conditioned if you need respite from the heat) and Richard's car collection.

Two events in one - AutoX/HPDE Chair Stewart Fox will be leading a group of Corvetters who want to take the scenic route out to the farm.

Picnic Menu:

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers
NY-Style Hotdogs & Cones
Johnsonville Brats w/Guinness
Marinated Chicken Breasts

Brown Sugar Baked Beans w/Bacon
Old Fashioned Potato Salad
Grilled Potatoes & Corn on the Cob
Chef Salad
Green Bean Salad
Creamy Coleslaw
Penne Pasta with Tomato and Mozzarella
Vegetable Crudite & Dip
Luau Fruit Salad
Potato Chips & Dip, Pretzels, Cheese & Crackers
Dessert Bar - Assorted Cookies, Brownies, Cakes, & Pies
Soft Drinks (Assorted Sodas, Iced Tea, Bottled Water)

Kindly RSVP to social@nvcorvetteclub.com and indicate how many in your party will be attending the club picnic ASAP.

If you will be joining the NVCC cruise to the farm, send an email to autoxhpde@nvcorvetteclub.com ASAP.

This event is **FREE OF CHARGE** and is open to NVCC members, their families and friends, prospective members, and our friends from the NVMC.

FARM ADDRESS/DIRECTIONS: 281 Ganotown East Road, Hedgesville, WV 25427, farm phone 304-229-0010.

I-81 to Exit 5 Inwood WV, LEFT onto Route 51 thru Gerrardsown to LEFT onto Route 45, to RIGHT on Back Creek Valley Road at Glengary, RIGHT onto Ganotown East to 281 Ganotown East Road (blacktop drive on left, flanked by gargoyles).

HELP REQUEST: I will be needing volunteers to bring and/or help with the following:

Coolers & Ice: I need at least 8 coolers with ice brought to the picnic. Will need these at the picnic location at 11:30 AM sharp.

Grilling Help: I need 6-8 grillers to pitch in to grill the food for the picnic. To make it easier on everyone, I'd like a group of people to share the duties (for example, each person grill for a half hour block of time and then a "relief" person takes over at the end of a "shift"). I will need at least 2 grillers at the picnic location at 11:30 AM to help get a batch of food cooked before other relief grillers arrive. We will have a couple grills going at once to make it go faster.

Picnic Tunes: Any offers from club members to volunteer their talents and/or equipment to provide music at the picnic would be greatly appreciated. Richard has several outdoor electrical hookups if needed.

If anyone can help with any of the above, kindly email me at social@nvcorvetteclub.com ASAP. Please make absolutely sure you can help before committing; last minute cancellations on help do hurt us!

Sat. 7/27/13 – DMV Corvette Show. Complete details can be found [HERE!](#)

Sat. 7/27/13-Mon. 7/27/13 – 20th Annual Vettes @ the Beach (Road Trip). I am going back to my old stomping grounds and hoping to take some fellow club members with me to represent the NVCC at the 20th Annual 'Vettes at the Beach. This is the "flagship" show of the Northeast...last year close to 500 vettes were in attendance! Three of our club members have won awards at this show in the past, and we won the club participation award in 2010! Clubs from all around the country come to this show, including those from our own region. We have had vettes from as far away as Alaska at the show!

This show is put on by the Syracuse Corvette Club and is a non-judged, people's choice show. Excellent goodie bags, dash plaques, vendors, trophies, and corvette camaraderie while seeing many vettes, old and new, modified or stock, at their finest. You will see many rare Corvettes at this show. The weather is usually very nice, with temps in the 70s/80s and is a short walk to beautiful Sylvan Beach. We park up against the water, making for some fantastic photo opportunities. See the surf and sand along with some hot cars! Their ultimate goals? Raising money for charities and bringing together the owners of the coolest American made sports car...the Chevrolet Corvette!

We will be heading up the day before the show (Saturday, 7/27). The plan is to leave at 9AM and stop in Hazelton, PA at Friendly's for lunch. We can take some short breaks as needed...please bring your family radios and cell phones. When we arrive, we'll check into our hotel rooms, relax a bit, and then have a group dinner out at a very nice steak house across the street (walking distance), Justin's Grill. Business casual dress recommended.

Early Sunday morning (7/28) is the show. We will cruise out there, park, have breakfast together at The Pancake House, clean up our cars and enjoy the show. In the afternoon, we will have lunch at Harpoon Eddie's and enjoy the show some more (awards will take place at the end). After the show, we will partake of some social evening activities at Dinosaur BBQ (rated the #1 BBQ restaurant in America) and leave the next morning (7/29). This restaurant has been featured on Good Morning America, the Travel Channel, and Food Network.

Monday morning (7/29) before heading home we will make a stop at Watkins Glen International for some parade laps (\$25) and photo ops at the grand stand. We're allowed to chase the pace car up to 115 mph. I have HPDE'd here and it is a great track. Afterward we will have lunch at the Blue Pointe Grill at the famed Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen and then begin the trek home.

The host hotel for this event is the Hampton Inn off of Carrier Circle (Old Collamer Road) in East Syracuse, NY. There are other hotels nearby as well (listed below). These are all within walking distance as the area is a travel hub, so you can stay where you'd like. Best rates can often be found at www.expedia.com or www.travelocity.com. Your check-in date is Sat. 7/27 and check-out date is Mon. 7/29.

Hotel contact information:

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6605 Old Collamer Road
East Syracuse, NY 13057
1-315-463-6443
www.hamptoninn.com

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Please e-mail me at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com if you would like to join the caravan to CNY!

Directions to caravan meeting point: We will meet at the intersections of Routes 28 and 29 in Centreville at the Newgate Shopping Center (there is a post office, Fast Eddie's, and Trader Joe's in this plaza, next to a Sunoco gas station). From Route 66 Westbound: take Exit 53 A to Route 28 South, then take the Route 29 South exit, turning right into the Newgate parking lot. We will meet at 8:45 AM for a short driver's meeting and then leave at 9 AM.

*If you have a Smart Tag/Speed Pass, please bring it as there will be some nominal tolls on the NYS Thruway (used on the way to the car show and on the way to Watkins Glen).

Coming soon...

Sat. 8/10/13 – 24th Annual All-Corvette Cruise-In
Sun. 8/11/13 – G-burg Vettes 7 Rallyes & 7 Shows
Sat. 8/17/13 – FTR Summer Car & Motorcycle Show
Fri. 8/23/13-Sun. 8/25/13 – Corvettes @ Carlisle
Fri. 8/30/13-Sun. 9/1/13 – Baltimore Grand Prix

Summer is officially here! And with that comes high temps, sunny days, and hot cars. If anyone would like to host or organize an event, please let me know your details and possible dates you are available ASAP. As Social Director, my duty is to *direct folks in planning their events*...handing me a menu from a restaurant or a business card does not constitute planning an event. Many times all it takes is making a few phone calls and/or arrangements, doing some dry runs (can be fun!), etc...my job is to facilitate and promote YOUR efforts. While I do plan several events, it is impossible for me to plan them *all*.

We have *many* more events coming down the pipeline for the warm weather months...stay tuned to the club website at www.nvcorvetteclub.com for updates!

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1994 **Red** Coupe
1989 **Black** Coupe



Dave's Great Ride at 24 Hours of Lemons by *David DuBois*

Stewart and I each rented a 20 minute session with the team that sponsors Wounded Warriors....in the 24 Hours of Lemons. The Lemons race series has been described as the Halloween for race cars. The premise is that you can't spend more than \$500 for a car, not counting the roll bars, seats, harnesses, etc. They come in all sizes, shapes, and decoration. Look for a boat in one of the pictures. I have had the great luck to have driven in many 24 hour endurance races in my past and was greatly looking forward to my stint.



Stewart pointed out that our 4 cyl front wheel drive car didn't have a driver's door rear view mirror. Glad he did. We decided that we would go down the main straights hugging the right hand side of the track to protect our "blind side" and that bit of preplanning worked out to be a great survival strategy.

There were over 75 cars on a 2.2 mile course that has 22 turns. If this were a parade, this would be one car for every 150 feet. But you are never spread out for that long. More often you were in the middle of a 2-dimensional dog fight being held up by really slow cars and having faster cars trying to thread their way through the log jam.

With that many cars on the track, it was a "choreographed inches to inches ballet" with all the cars coming sooooo close and never bumping each other. You very seldom had a complete turn to yourself. You spent as much time watching your mirrors as you did outside your windshield.

I took a few laps to get dialed back into a front wheel drive car. The spinning front wheel as I passed the apex surprised me the first time. Oh, yeah...I remember that sound. My stint was spent giving way to faster cars when I had to, often with a casual point by. Several times I had my apex suddenly filled with two cars underneath me in a train leaving me on the outside of the turn trying to hold on. I sometimes had to shut the door on someone when it was in my best interest...like coming up on a tow truck who was on the right side of the track so I moved to the center and let the fast guys pass you on the right...and then watched as they put their brakes on and had to wait for the train of cars going by the truck...as I smiled smugly!!! I like doing that!



I took ALL 3 lines around the carousel during my stint (see the picture below with the banking). I went 3 wide in every turn at least once. Now THAT was exciting.



At the loop turn at the end of the back straight we were always multiple cars wide in the turn. I got stuck on the outside...way on the outside a few times. I had one huge tail slide when the backend came out due to heavy breaking - the guy in front of me panic braked - and so did I. I floored the gas and barely kept it straight. It was awesome. AWESOME fun.



All you need is \$100 for a 20 minute session. No formal racing license, no formal racing experience. They supply helmets, driver's suits, shoes, everything. This means you have no excuse to say no.

I am thinking of going to NJM Sport Park in July to join them for a few stints. Who is coming with me?



Official: New Corvette Stingray turns 12 second quarter-mile

From Autoweek Online (<http://www.autoweek.com/>), by Angie Fisher

The 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray with an available performance package has been rated as the best performing standard Corvette to date.

The 2014 Vette with the performance-exhaust system can make the 0-60 sprint in 3.8 seconds. Braking from 60-0 mph takes just 107 feet, and the Stingray can sustain 1.03g in cornering.

A Corvette with the performance and magnetic ride-control package lapped the 4.2-mile Virginia International Raceway Grand Concourse in 2 minutes, 51.78 seconds. To achieve those figures, the Stingray was stripped to include just a racing seat and harness, and fire extinguisher system.

The Corvette equipped with the performance package is priced at \$56,590. The Stingray goes on sale this September with a base \$51,995 price (including destination charges).

Car Show, North Carolina style

By Anne Costolanski



On Saturday June 1st, the local business across the street from my house in North Carolina hosted a car, truck, and bike show, along with a BBQ competition. If you've never been to North Carolina, barbeque is a B-I-G deal down here, so the incorporation of a BBQ competition at a car show almost seems natural. (In NC, there's eastern style BBQ, which is vinegar-based and western style, which



includes ketchup. But everywhere in NC, BBQ = pork BBQ.)



In addition, there was a band that played for a good bit of the afternoon, and it benefitted a non-profit that provides services to rural African communities. So what's not to like?

Although I didn't put my vette in the show (it's way too dirty...and I'm too lazy to clean it!), there were 3 others there along with a variety of older and newer cars, including a \$250k Shelby Cobra (which got a lot of attention). The motorcycles were mostly newer and customized, and a couple of the owners told stories about the work that had been done.



The weather was perfect, the folks were friendly, the BBQ was delicious, and the music was great. A couple of my friends joined me (that's Lana checking out the bikes.)



And the best part was that when I was done sampling the food and checking out the assortment of vehicles, I could walk across the street to sit on my front porch (in the shade) and watch/listen for the rest of the afternoon!



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Newsletter News ...

Hello NVCCers!

The summer's officially here, both in NC and in VA. So I'm doing my best to enjoy the weather while staying cool...hope you are too.

Unless some last minute issue comes up pertaining to my degree, I'm planning on attending the NVCC picnic at Rich's house on July 21. I hope to see many of you there, and if you have any ideas or feedback on the newsletter, please let me know.

Til (hopefully) the 21st!



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Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, June 25th at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, July 23rd at 7:30 pm

June Meeting Location:

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