



# The 'Glass Gazette

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## **NVCC Contributes morally to PETC !!**

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### **Newsletter Article Submissions**

**DEADLINE:** 5:00 p.m. Friday after the General Council meeting (2nd Tues of each month)

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www.nvcorvetteclub.com**

With the lack of a final decision on a venue for the 2003 NVCC Auto-cross season our club continues to contribute to the cause described in the following article discovered on the web regarding the protection of pylons. Jeff Kirk and Jim Beaupre are doing their part to protect these species by staying off the autocross scene!

**SAN BERNADINO, CALIFORNIA** by Tony Payne  
Pylon lovers are vowing to protest an upcoming gathering of the California Sports Car Club. Members of the radical group People for the Ethical Treatment of Cones have received a permit from the San Bernadino Police Department to picket the upcoming event where automotive enthusiasts, many with high-powered sports cars, will participate in a barbaric sport known as autocross.

According to the Sports Car Club of America, autocross -- also known as Sololl -- is a "driving skill contest that emphasizes the driver's ability and the car's handling characteristics. This is accomplished by driving a course that is designated by traffic cones on a low hazard location, such as a parking lot or inactive airstrip."

However, according to People for the Ethical Treatment of Cones -- more commonly known as PETC -- autocross is really little more than an excuse to abuse hapless pylons.

According to Steve Ekstrand, the President of PETC, cones are often placed

right in the expected path of the competing cars.

"Many times, I've seen cones become lodged within the suspension of a car. Never have I seen a single cone receive treatment. New cones are kept available, and displaced pylons are replaced as if they are commodities. It's disgusting."

Ekstrand has recently become the focus of fury within his organization when it became public knowledge that he keeps in his backyard a 1969 Plymouth Barracuda. "Imagine if the President of PETA had a cat-skinning machine in her backyard," said a high-ranking officer in the PETC organization who requested anonymity.

In his defense, Ekstrand points out that the Barracuda is in perfect operating condition and that he pretends it is half-disassembled in order to avoid the temptation to partake in the barbaric rituals.

Ken Motonishi, an avid participant in Los Angeles-area autocrosses, brushed off the threat of cone-nappings. "Every time I crush an innocent pylon, I can't help but feel a little guilty. I can't see the problem with a course without cones. It can't do anything but help my scores."

Members of PETC point out that Motonishi is among the worst of the abusers. In fact, Motonishi is often referred to with the middle-moniker "Cone" in reference to his tendency to demolish stationary pylons.

"He may say he feels bad about his actions. But why does he continue to kill every chance he gets?" queried one angry protester. "Even worse, he has started training more cone abusers. (cont. page 6)

## **Presidential Pontifications from Paul Hertel**

The NVCC council has been very busy this year as it's only April and we have already accomplished a lot.

We have ordered club shirts, placed an agreement with Tিরerack, you will be seeing a new web page soon, and we will be revising the by-laws over the next few months. That is the subject of this month's ponderings.

I ask you all to download the latest by-laws from the web page and give them a read. You can present any suggested modifications you would like, just provide suggestions to any council member. The council will discuss the modifications and a vote for modification will be held. If the council approves a change, it will be published in the newsletter for two consecutive months and then will be voted on by the general membership at a General Business Meeting.

Given the lengthy process to amend the by-laws, it may be a few years before this is done again. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference in your clubs future.

Thanks and see you all at the April GBM

Respectfully, Paul

*Editors note: Mr. Hertel apologizes for his lack of lengthy pontifications this month. Seems he fell down and broke his writing arm. Tough to single finger type with the wrong hand. There are those who are suggesting that Jeff Kirk "helped" Paul fall down but those are just nasty rumors. We wish our illustrious leader a swift recovery and let all know he will be performing all his Presidential duties although a bit slower. Ed.*



## **The Zob electron blue zone by Jim**

### **Close Encounters of Some Early Corvettes:**

I have always loved the image and the promise of the Corvette. I am old enough to have enjoyed the Route 66 TV series when it was new! My sophomore year in college I can remember like it was yesterday, when a student pulled up on campus with a red '62 with the top down. I was awe struck at how great that car looked. I have always loved that car.

My first ride in a Corvette was 1963. A college classmate had found someone who sold him a 1955 for \$1,000! I remember thinking, "Wow, I get to ride in a Vette!". Generally the closest I had been to a Corvette, was pumping gas at the stations I worked to support my education. The wind was in our hair on warm spring day in New England as we charged through the campus and down the highway. What a feeling of young freedom! While that was being enjoyed one has to remember that an eight year old car in 1963 was a lot different than an eight year old car today. The engine lifters were so loud you could not hear the exhaust, the shock absorbers were non-existent, the upholstery was worn and cracking, the "screens" covering the head lights were damaged and bent and the engine had had so many "mods" it was hardly recognizable. A lot different than the pristine restored '55's you encounter at places like Carlisle! In those college days of no money and driving a modified '52 Chevy most of my other Vette encounters were at the Pink Elephant Drive In cruise ins and at dealer showrooms.

My next encounter was after college in 1966 and I had just discovered that by spending a few dollars there were clubs that would let you take your street automobile, put on a helmet, click your seatbelt and go as fast as possible for a very short period of time. I bought a 1966 Mustang GT and had a great time running against other Pony cars of the time. Venues included Horseneck Beach parking lot near Cape Cod that was 1 mile by 1/2 mile lot with NO obstructions, an abandoned NIKE missile site and a private road on Jamestown Island. It was a great time with early British sports car, an occasional Lotus Elan, John Laupher in his Chevy powered Austin Healey, Barracudas, Mustangs, Camaros and every so often someone would show up with a Corvette.

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## What's Happenin'...

### APRIL

22 NVCC General Membership meeting  
@Koons—7:30 pm  
27 Rallye 101 Shaw/Hammaker

### MAY

4 Rallye #1—AndrejBalanc  
13 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm  
18 Yahtzee Rallye and NVCC Picnic  
27 NVCC General Membership meeting  
@Koons—7:30 pm

### JUNE

1 NVCC Ice Cream Cruise  
10 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm

### TBD Rallye #2

24 NVCC General Membership meeting  
@Koons—7:30 pm

### JULY

9 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm  
13 Rallye #3 Barb Shaw  
23 NVCC General Membership meeting  
@Koons—7:30 pm

### AUGUST

12 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm  
15-21 NCCC Convention, Hagerstown  
22-24 Corvettes @ Carlisle  
26 NVCC General Membership meeting  
@Koons—7:30 pm

### SEPTEMBER

9 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm  
14 Rallye #4 Alice Areilly  
21 Concours—Dulles Expo Center  
23 NVCC General Membership meeting  
@Koons—7:30 pm

### OCTOBER

TDB Rallye #5  
14 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm  
18-19 Spooktacular Summit Point, WV  
26 Thorton Gap Cruise  
28 NVCC General Membership meeting  
@Koons—7:30 pm

### NOVEMBER

11 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm  
25 NVCC General Membership meeting  
@Koons—7:30 pm

### DECEMBER

9 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm

## Who ya gonna' Call ?...

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**Members  
CORNER  
By Judy Patrick**

**April Report**

**We currently have 92 Active members and 3 prospective members**

**Prospective Members:**

Tony Rodrigues - 2003 Red Z06  
Sandy Potter— 1979 Metallic Green Coupe  
Ron Ingram— 1999 Black Convertible

Note: You remain a “prospective” member until you pay your membership dues and return your NVCC form to Judy.

**Happy Birthday!!** **Happy Birthday!!**



**April Birthdays:**

Tammy Shiner ..... 9  
Ken Taggart ..... 11  
Alice Arielly ..... 11  
Jeff Eckhaus ..... 13  
Sandy Potter ..... 17  
Marsha Batchellor ..... 25

**May Birthdays:**

Partick Coffee ..... 1  
Geoffrey Harton ..... 17  
William Molloy ..... 19  
Jeff Reinke..... 25  
Todd Beal ..... 26  
Gary Swimeley ..... 29

**Additional NVCC key rings (\$6 ea.), NVCC window decals (\$2 ea.) and NVCC windshield banners (\$5 ea.) are available to active members. See Judy for these.**

**See Judy at the business meetings and events for your 2003 membership card.  
Judy Patrick**

**Electron blue zone (continued from page 2)**

For one reason or another I never made the push to buy a Vette. After 6 months with the Mustang I bought a really ugly car from England, a Lotus Cortina. Lots of aluminum, twin overhead cams and two dual throat webers. It was the only one in New England and I started eating big motor Pony cars for lunch! Taking the Cortina to Thompson Raceway in Connecticut for my first foray on a big time 2 mile road racing course I had my first true encounter with a “real” Corvette.

Thompson Raceway was a typical sports car track of the era. Two miles, 10 turns, one long straight, some grade changes... Hey it sounds like Summit Point. Very similar club track with an occasional National points event. This was before Solo I and II events but SCCA had rented the track for street cars to do time trials. While I was having success in parking lot autocrosses I had yet to learn about the proper apex for a turn, braking techniques or anything about driving really high speed.

John Laupher showed up with his small block Austin Healy which was blazingly fast and took me under his wing. John was quickest in the early runs when a black on black '65 Vette showed up. Turns out he was a friend of Lauphers. The car was a coupe with the big block 396, hood bulge and side mounted exhaust One fearsome car for the time. This car quickly set fastest time and I can remember each time the driver finished a run he got out of the car and looked like he had just seen a ghost. If you can imagine all that horsepower on non radial tires without the braking technology of today. I asked him what it was like and his response was, “terrifying!”. What a car. The amazing thing was the next year the same driver showed up at the Thompson event with a new car—big block 427 and even scared himself more! Those were awesome Corvettes worth a lot more today, especially that 396. In the days of small British sports cars, BMW 1600/2002s, I will always remember those terrifyingly fast big blocks at Thompson Raceway.

My next encounter with Corvettes was at Riverside Raceway at the Los Angeles Times Grand Prix Can Am in 1968 —and I have pictures! I’ll gather them up and print some if there is interest.

Regards, Jim Beau

## ***Socially Speaking from***

### ***Edie Soles***

#### **THE NVCC 2003 Social Calendar**

Thorton Gap Cruise	April 26
NVCC Picnic Wellers & Sandy including Yahtzee rallye	May 18
Ice Cream Cruise Andrej Balanc	June 1
Brits Meet Brutes See page 9	June 1
NCCC Convention	Aug. 15– 21
Thorton Gap Cruise Kirk DeNee	October 26

Brits Meet Brutes See Email Jun. 1

#### **Skyline Drive Corvette Cruises are held on the last Saturday in April and October.**

In the spring, we usually meet at the Dickey Ridge Visitor Center inside Shenandoah National Park at 9:30 AM and depart at 10:30 AM.

*(There are restrooms at the visitor center.)*

In the fall, we usually meet at the Park and Ride on US-340 just off I-66. A typical itinerary is as follows:

- Meet at 9:30 AM to socialize and give away door prizes and goodie bags.
- Break up into groups of ~30 cars, depending on the turnout. We are doing this so that we can fit into the scenic overlooks. Each group will have a group leader, and each car in the group will have a color coded set of instructions so that every driver/navigator will know which overlooks they will be stopping in. The instructions will be inside the goodie bags, which will be separated into the different group boxes. If you wish to travel with a specific group of friends/cars, be sure you all select goodie bags from the same box...
- Depart around 10:30 and travel to one of the larger overlooks. (Each group will go to a different overlook.) Socialize, argue waxes, etc...
- Depart the overlook and head for a noon lunch at Brookside.
- Depart lunch by 1:30 and head back onto Skyline Drive to do more cruising and sight seeing. The cruise usually ends at the Big Meadows complex.

Sincerely; Edie Soles, Social Director NVCC



NVCC'rs at the Capt. Billy Cruise

**History 50 years of Corvettes—what was the name of the hotel that the 1953 prototype made its debut??**



More NVCC'rs at the Capt. Billy Cruise

## Autocrossing Screeches

By  
Mike Sarver

Here is a list of the different events that I have been able to identify this year. If anyone would like a copy of the schedule in an Excel spreadsheet format, send me an email. A reminder also that the NVMC has invited us to their drag day at Mason Dixon Dragway, in Thurmont, MD. It is set for April 26th, 2003 at 8am-12 Noon. Cost is \$20 for as many runs as you can get in 4 hours. Contact Ceece Coburn at Enforcir@cox.net to let him know how many people are coming.

If you haven't done a drag before, there are plenty of people that are more than willing to give advice. These events are relaxed and are a good time.

Organizer	Event	Date
PMCC NCCC	AutoX (New Jersey)	April 13
TracQuest	Mid-Ohio	April 14-15
COMSCC	Summit Point	April 16-17
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	April 18
NVMC Mustang - Vette	Drag Race	April 26
CVCC NCCC Driver School		May 9
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	May 9
NASA-VA	BeaveRun	May 10-11

The 1969 Corvette marked the last year side mounted exhaust was available as a factory option—cool stuff in the 60's!!

Organizer	Event	Date
NASA Mid-Ohio	BeaveRun	May 17-18
LCCC NCCC	AutoX (Lancaster, PA)	May 18
TracQuest	Watkins Glenn	May 19-20
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	May 23
CCNEPA NCCC	Driver School	May 26
COMSCC	NH International	May 31 - June 1
CVCC NCCC	AutoX (Pennsylvania)	June 1
TracQuest	Road Atlanta	June 2-3
AACC NCCC	AutoX (Allentown, PA)	June 8
BACC NCCC	Drags	June 14
CCNEPA NCCC	AutoX	June 15
COMSCC	Mosport J	June 16-17
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	June 20
NASA-VA	Summit Point (Main)	June 21-22
BACC NCCC	AutoX (Baltimore, MD)	June 22
COMSCC	Watkins Glenn	July 2-3
NASA-VA	Summit Point (Main)	July 5-6
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	July 11
TCV NCCC	AutoX	July 13
NASA	Mid-Ohio GingerMan Raceway	July 19-20
NASA-VA	Summit Point (Shenandoah)	July 19-20
LCCC NCCC	AutoX	July 27
BSR	FATT (Shenandoah)	August 1
NASA-VA	VIR (North)	August 2-3
NASA	Mid-Ohio Nelson Ledges	August 8-10
COMSCC	NH Internl	August 10-11
NCCC Convention	AutoX (High Speed & Low Speed)	August 18-19
NASA-VA	Lowe's Motor Speedway	August 23-24
NASA-VA	BeaveRun	August 30-31
NASA-VA	Summit Point (Shenandoah)	Sept 6-7
CPCC NCCC	AutoX	Sept 7
LCCC NCCC	AutoX	Sept 7
NASA	Mid-Ohio Nelson Ledges	Sept 12-14
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	Sept 19
COMSCC	NH Internatl.	Sept 20-21
CCNEPA NCCC	AutoX	Sept 21
NASA Mid-Ohio	BeaveRun	Sept 27-28
NASA-VA	Summit Point (Shenandoah)	Oct 4-5
COMSCC	NH Internatl.	Oct 10-12
<b>NVCC</b>	<b>Spooktacular</b>	<b>Oct 11-12</b>
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	Oct 17
TCV NCCC	AutoX	Oct 19
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	Oct 24
NASA-VA	Summit Point (Main)	Nov 1-2
BSR	FATT (Shenandoah)	Nov 7
COMSCC	Lime Rock Park	Nov 17-18
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	Nov 21

## ***Rallye Wrapup by Barbara Shaw***

Spring is here and the 2003 rallye season is warming up too. We will begin April 27<sup>th</sup> with Rallye 101. So sharpen your pencils, make a date with your driver or navigator, and join us at Hopsfrog Restaurant in Burke, VA.

Whether you are new to gimmick rallyes or just want to brush up on your rallye skills – come and learn the tricks of the trade from the experts. Or show up at 11:00 am and join a fun group of vette enthusiasts for Sunday brunch.

Andrej Balanc is the Rallye Master for the first Rallye of the season on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

Please check out the details and directions in the April NVCC newsletter.

The remaining 2003 Rallye dates are:  
Rallye # 1—May 4— Andrej Balanc  
Rallye #2 – June 22 - Dick Hammaker  
Rallye #3 – July 13 - Joyce Corbin  
Rallye #4 – September 14 - Alice Arielly  
Rallye #5 – October 5 - TBD

Rallye 101— April 27<sup>th</sup> Hosted by Dick Hammaker and Barb Shaw

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At the last event, he convinced one of his students to smash 8 cones -- in one run!" (ed. *Must know some people from NVCC*)

With the number of autocross participants sharply on the rise in Southern California, PETC has begun the process of having pylons named an endangered species. Only time will tell if the conus traficus will survive this assault on its livelihood.

KEEP THOSE PYLONS SAFE— go slower when competing, **especially against Jeff and Jim!**

## ***NCM Ambassador Corner by Don Patrick***

**National Corvette Museum (NCM)  
Ambassador Corner  
by Donald Patrick  
April 2003**

### **CALENDAR EVENTS**

- May 1-3: The Visit 3.0 – Porsche at the NCM
- May 8-10: ZR-1/C4 Gathering
- May 22-24: Corvette Forum Cruise-In
- June 23-30: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- June 23-26: National Corvette Caravan
- June 27-28: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Nashville, TN)
- June 29-30: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (NCM)
- August 28-31: Corvette Celebration/Hall of Fame
- September 26-28: Camaro/Firebird Gathering
- October 9-11: Corvette Pace Car Reunion

### **C5R CORVETTE 2003 RACING SCHEDULE**

May TBA: TBA, Europe TBA  
July 27: Grand Prix of Sonoma, California NBC Sports  
August 3: Grand Prix of Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, Canada  
SPEED Channel  
August 17: Grand Prix of Mosport, Ontario, Canada  
SPEED Channel  
August 24: Road America 500, WI NBC Sports  
September 7: Monterey Sports Car Championships, CA NBC Sports  
September 27: Grand Prix Americas, FL SPEED Channel  
October 18: Petit Le Mans, GA SPEED Channel

### **CURRENT NEWS**

#### **STRODE ELECTED AS NAAM VICE PRESIDENT**

Executive Director, Wendell Strode, was recently elected as Vice President of the National Association of Automobile Museums' (NAAM) board at the annual NAAM conference held in Reno, NV. In addition, Strode was also selected to serve as Program Chairman for the 2004 NAAM Conference to be held in Dayton, OH. "We chose a man with experience," states Jim Johnson, NAAM President and Associate Director of the Alfred P. Sloan Museum. "When an organization the size of the Corvette Museum is being handled so responsibly by Strode, we knew the responsibilities of the association would be handled the same as well. "NAAM has 97 members including the National Corvette Museum, National Automobile Museum, National Packard Museum, Petersen Automotive Museum, NHRA Motorsports Museum, Canton Classic Car Museum, Sloan Museum and many others.

## NCM Ambassador Corner by Don Patrick

"I am thrilled to be a part of this extraordinary group of Museum colleagues," states Strode. "Our missions, work ethics, and directives are all driven by the responsibility of preserving automotive history, and I look forward to an exiting term as Vice President. "For more information on the National Association of Automobile Museums, visit: <http://www.automuseumassoc.org/index.htm>

### ARE YOU SITTING ON A PIECE OF HISTORY?

A new PBS Series called "History Detectives" is in production, and we have recently been contacted to help in locating possible leads for the show. The coordinators are searching for Corvette owners who may have unique stories about their Corvette's past. If you think you have something that may have played a part in American history or might reveal a fascinating family story, they want to hear from you. For more information, email the show's coordinator at: [fredg@liontv.org](mailto:fredg@liontv.org) or call 212-206-8633 ext. 29. More information can also be found at the "History Detectives" website at: <http://www.pbs.org/opb/historydetectives/>.

### NCM AUCTION BLOCK

Have you visited the NCM Auction site lately? The NCM Auction is a great place to sell or pick up exciting Corvette collectibles, merchandise and so much more. Over 100 Corvette collectibles and many other items are online now. The NCM website receives over 5 million hits per month – so it is the perfect place to showcase and sell your special collectibles and memorabilia. Check out what's hot on the NCM Auction and consider making this your place to swap and shop. Visit the NCM Auction site at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/auction/auction.cgi>

### FREE SHIPPING ON ORDERS OF \$125 OR MORE!

Do your spring/summer shopping in the Corvette Store and save the shipping cost! We will cover the shipping cost on Corvette Store orders totaling \$125 or more and placed by May 31, 2003. Ladies' and men's spring/summer merchandise, die casts and collectibles, jewelry and selected marked sale items are available in our Corvette Store. Shop and save by ordering now at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/store> or by calling (800) 53-VETTE. Restrictions apply on deliveries outside the Continental USA – call for pricing.

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

#### CELEBRATE CORVETTE'S 50<sup>TH</sup> – DRIVE YOUR CAR TO WORK DAY

The final countdown to Corvette's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is ap-

proaching. Mid America is celebrating with its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Drive Your Corvette to Work" day, June 20, 2003. Along with individual commutes, there are 5 organized send-off locations, including the National Corvette Museum, GM Tech Center, Petersen Automotive Museum and others. Clubs and enthusiasts are encouraged to gather together and head out to work. Find out more about how you can be a part of this celebration and win prizes including a trip to Mid America Designs Corvette "Funfest" with complimentary travel expense and hotel accommodations. Visit the "Count Down 50" site for more information here: <http://www.countdownto50.com/drive2work.html>

### LIMITED SEATING OPEN AT C5 BASH BANQUET

Limited seating is available at the C5 Birthday Bash Banquet & Auction scheduled for Saturday, April 26. Seating is limited to only 500 event participants and seats are going fast – so register now! The C5 Birthday Bash event begins Wednesday, April 24 and features road tours, an autocross school, seminars, special guests, and much more. In addition, representatives from Cars & Parts Magazine, Corvette Fever Magazine, Corvette Magazine, Vette Magazine, US Autoscene, GM Tech Center News and others will be in attendance – so show and shine, you never know when you might be featured as part of the bash coverage! Register now for the C5 Birthday Bash, autocross school Banquet & Auction and the many other exciting activities by clicking here: [http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5\\_bash/c5\\_info.shtml](http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/c5_info.shtml) or call our events department at: (800) 53-VETTE.

### CARAVAN REGISTRATION REACHES 7,000 TO DATE

Over 7,000 people have pre-registered for the National Corvette Caravan spotlighted as the beginning of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration activities June 23-30, 2003. Caravan registrants receive a Caravan T-shirt, window decal, dash plaque and name-tag – and access to all NCM activities including the "Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie, and Corvette Block party in the Museum amphitheater on Sunday, June 29! Be sure to purchase a ticket for the "one of a kind" Going for the Gold Corvette – limited to only 2003 tickets. A winner will be drawn as part of the block party festivities. Register now for the National Corvette Caravan/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities by clicking here: <https://www.corvettemuseum.com/caravan/registration/registration.shtml> Be a part of the entire 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary experience - Register now for the Nashville celebration activities by clicking here: <http://www.corvette50th.com>



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Over \$19,000 in cash donations and approximately \$2,300 in non-cash donations have been received to date through the annual giving campaign that began in March. Over 206 total donations have been made, 6 of which are from Corvette Clubs and businesses. The campaign goal is to reach \$125,000 by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003. Exciting projects including remodeling and expanding the Corvette Store; laying new carpet in the Design Area, Corvette Store, Atrium and Lobby; and remodeling the Design Area are underway now! Contributions to the campaign may be made in cash or other assets such as stocks, bonds, cars, or real estate. Cash donations may be made via mail, telephone, or the NCM website at: <https://www.corvettemuseum.com/donations/project.shtml> A 2003 Annual Giving dash plaque will be ordered for participants giving \$50 or more; a paperweight for participants giving \$500 or more; and a plaque for home or office for those giving \$1,000 or more. These commemorative gifts will be mailed to you at the end of this year's campaign.

FREE CALENDAR WALLPAPER

Download free calendar wallpaper for the month of March that showcases a unique 1990 Chevy Corvette CERV III concept car. Wallpaper is also available in many other styles and selections. Download your free calendar wallpaper here:

**BACKGROUND**

NVCC is one of the founding members of the NCM (Card No. 1523). Club benefits are:

- Free individual or group admission to the NCM.
- 10% discount on NCM and Catalog merchandise.
- Free subscription to the magazine "America's Sports Car."
- NVCC plaque reconciliation in the museum.

If any NVCC members are planning a trip in the vicinity of Bowling Green, Kentucky, a visit to the home of the NCM and the Corvette factory should be in your plans. The NCM card can be borrowed from our President.

For additional information log on to: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com> or call the NCM at 800-53-VETTE (800-538-3883) or contact Donald Patrick.

Paul and Mike--

Here's a flyer on the Rallye/Picnic that we're having at farm on June 1st. The theme this year will be "The Brits Brutes" (Guess which one you guys will be....) We'd love as many of your members (and other Vette Clubs as well)- have this event and the website posted in your newsletter? Please come down--you'll have fun!

Best--Michael

**CELEBRATE "BRITISH CAR WEEK IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND" SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2003--RAIN OR SHINE**

The Second Annual celebration of British Car Week in Southern Maryland will take place at Little Cove Farm in Leonard, MD. on Sunday, June 1st, 2003. We again invite the British Car community to take a pleasant drive in the lovely Southern Maryland countryside and join us for a relaxed, free-form picnic with other LBC (Little British Car) owners and their families. And on your way down you're also welcome to participate in "The Patuxent Valley Rallye" which will start that morning near Upper Marlboro, MD. and end at the farm front gate.

The main event is a picnic at the farm, and all are invited to family and/or pets aboard, bring whatever they may want to eat, drink and play with, and come out for a day of fun and fellowship with others who enjoy driving and owning vintage vehicles. We learned a lot from last year's inaugural event, and this year we will be setting up large tents and picnic tables to provide shade and comfortable seating. We'll also have more to do and enjoy:

Live music, hayrides, nature walks, etc. If you're coming directly to the picnic, arrive anytime after 10:00 A.M.

The rallye will be of the "Observation" type--there are no distance to measure, average speeds to maintain or the like. Rather, you'll be given a set of simple driving instructions and asked to supply answers to questions relating to what you will see along the 50-mile course. All you need to bring is a pencil and a sense of humor--you can even run it without a navigator, but having someone to help find the answers will be more fun. The rallye starts at 10:00 AM SHARP and will take

about 1-1/2 hours to run on rural roads along the shores of the Patuxent River in Southern Maryland's lovely countryside. The course ends at our farm and awards will be presented at the picnic during the afternoon. Last year we had about 65 cars--This year we are expecting many more, and you can help make it so: Pass the word along to your friends and fellow car-club members, and have this event placed on your club's

> calendar and in its newsletter: The web address for this page is: <http://www.chesapeake.net/~orit/>

**TO REACH THE PICNIC:** Saint Leonard, MD. is about midway between Prince Frederick and Solomons Island on Route 4 (Less than an hour from the Capital Beltway or Annapolis). Turn west off of Route 4 at Parran Road, go about 1 mile to a T-intersection at Mackall Road, turn left and go 2 miles to Garrity Road, turn left and go 1/4 mile to 2455 Garrity Road--just follow the British flags!

**TO REACH THE RALLYE:** From Route 4 and US 301 (Near Upper Marlboro) go south on 301 about 1/10 mile and enter the Giant Supermarket parking lot (east side of 301). The Driver's Meeting will commence at 10:00 AM and cars will start immediately thereafter. Driving the rallye will take about an hour and a half and the course ends at the farm--we guarantee that you can't get lost!



## Rallye 101 – Rallying for Beginners and Pros

This is the event you've all been waiting for – Rallye 101 or “What You Always Wanted to Know About Rallying But Were Afraid to Ask!!” Come learn the “Secrets” and “Tricks of the Trade” from the Masters!!

Rallye 101 will consist of discussions on what to bring, how to prepare, how much to bribe the Rallye Master, and how to read General Instruction and Route Instructions. Lecture will be followed by a short (about 45 minutes) practice Rallye and “Brunch” debrief.

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 27, 2003 9:30am – 12:00

**WHERE:** Hopsfrog Tavern 5745 Burke Centre Parkway Burke, VA 22015 (703) 239-9324

**SOCIAL:** Hopsfrog Tavern has a great Sunday Brunch for \$16.00 (includes Brunch, Drink, Tax, and Tip). As before, please bring cash for one bill. Come for the Rallye or just join us for the Brunch at about 11:00 am.

Please RSVP to Dick Hammaker (703) 250-8644 or hammaker@erols.com

### Directions:

From I-495 – Take the Braddock Exit (Ext 5 – Rt 620 West)

Go approx 5 miles to Rt 123 (Ox Rd)

Turn left on Rt 123

Turn left on Burke Centre Parkway (approx 1/2 mile)

Hopsfrog Tavern is on left (hard to miss!)

## Rallye I

May 4, 2003

Northern Virginia Corvette Club  
Rallye Series

Test your navigational skills and match your wit and skill against the rallye master. Driver and navigator recommended.

**Location:** Buffalo Wing Factory Parkhurst Plaza, Ashburn, VA (at the corner of Farmwell Road and Ashburn Road)

**When:** BWF will open at 9:30am for us, drivers meeting at 10:00am. Rally duration - approximately 2 hours. Lunch at Buffalo Wing Factory upon conclusion of the rallye.

**Cost:** \$10 per car

**Rallye Master:** Andrej Balanc 703-220-8228

All cars welcome, especially Corvettes!

**Calling All Corner Workers!**

If you want to really see, feel and touch the competition at this year's convention, then corner work may be for you! We are looking to put together a cadre of approximately 30 people to serve as corner workers for one or two days at the low speed event on Jefferson Circuit at Summit Point on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. No experience required! Many experienced Northern Virginia Corvette Club members will be on hand but we want to have a "reserve" of folks to be able to let people work only one day, if necessary, and to be able to cover any last minute cancellations. If you have not done this before we will pair you with someone who has. Working a day will also entitle you to participate in the rest of the convention activities following the autocross that day, including the party. We will also provide your lunch and a worker shirt.

If you are interested in corner work (or some other support activity), please send me an e-mail at [gs72hotrod@att.net](mailto:gs72hotrod@att.net) and I will be happy to answer any further questions and get you lined up. If you have no questions or doubt, please sign up directly using the form below. Thanks!

George Skalkeas  
NVCC  
Low Speed Autocross Chairman

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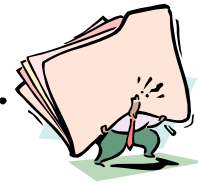
**RACING?**

**ATTENDING CONVENTION?**

**WORK MONDAY (yes/no)**

**WORK TUESDAY (yes/no)**

**SHIRT SIZE**



**NVCC Business Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2003**

Submitted by Alice S. Arielly, Secretary  
Koons Chevrolet, Tysons Corner, VA

**Meeting Start:** 7:30 p.m. Introductions were made by everyone.

**Attendance:** 14 Council + 16 Members + 4 guests = 34

**President.** Shirts are in and we'll be ordering more soon. Also have hats for \$15. Paul reiterated to please not park in named spaces on the roof.

**Treasurer's Report.** Jeff Reinke told us that the biggest expense this month was to Norton Embroidery for shirts.

**Autocross.** Mike Sarver met with the new ODS owners, who are pumping money into the track. They're redoing stands and buildings. They're race promoters; thus want us to put on full-blown show before they will give us autocross dates for this year! They'd like a big show to charge admission, draw people in. They would publicize it all, but would need a minimum of 90 days notice. They'd also like Vipers, Mustangs, etc. Club leadership working the issue. A possible alternative for Autocross: Dulles Expo Center parking lot, but it's tight and lots of obstacles.

Mike also met with the Capital Area Austin Healy club. We're doing timing for their national event (no flagging or tech work). This will be held Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at Summit Point's Jefferson Circuit in the morning, allow a 30-min break to tear down & set up a funkhana in the parking lot in the afternoon. We've signed contract and have check for the down payment. We need volunteers to help!

**Membership.** Judy Patrick mentioned that we have 92 active + 5 prospective members.

**Newsletter.** Jim Beaupre pointed out the date change for Spooktacular: October 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>

NCCC. Andrej Balanc attended the governor's meeting last Saturday. Latest scheduled events – our Concours is Sept 21<sup>st</sup>; Spook new dates Oct 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>.

There are changes in stock vs non-stock classes – see Andrej.

Other changes: When 2 or more events of the same type are scheduled on the same day, even if in a different region – need to OK dates with that region (we checked with Ohio region for Spook dates)

Other region events: April 6<sup>th</sup> – Bel Air CC (Baltimore) AutoX (low-speed)

**Historian.** Ralph Watts entertained us with Corvette lore. Each winner won a raffle ticket:

1. What interior item was added in 1959 that most cars had then and all cars have now?

Ans: Sunvisors. Joyce won

2. What year was the last for contrasting cove colors to be offered as an option?

Ans: 1961. Bob Moore won

3. What cubic inch engine first broke the magical figure of one horsepower per cubic inch and in what year did this happen?

Ans: 283 cubic inch/290 horsepower but commercially marketed at 283 horsepower in 1957. Bob Moore won again

4. As far as Corvettes are concerned, what are "elephant ears"?

Ans: Factory installed ducting attached to the front drum brakes to aid in cooling for RPO 579E in 1957. won by Mike Woods

5. In 1968 the shark was introduced. What design detail in that year was added to improve aerodynamics by helping to eliminate air build-up under the car?

Ans: Gills behind the front wheel opening. Four in 1968. Mike Sarver won.

**NCM.** Don Patrick wasn't here, but provided an extensive article for March's Newsletter.

**Rallye.** Thanks to Barb Shaw who took over rallye! See March newsletter article for details & points. We have 5 rallyes, starting with April 27<sup>th</sup> rallye 101 at Hopsfrog.

**Web Site.** Brad Sneade is working to add functions to Web site.

**Spooktacular.** George Skalkeas updated us on NEW SPOOK DATES: OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>! Will come back to 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in October next year. Need high-speed license to run Spook.



**NCCC Convention plug.** August 18 & 19<sup>th</sup> in Hagerstown. There are sign-up sheets in the Newsletter to help us put on the Summit Point High Speed & Low Speed events.

**Social.** Edie Soles updated us on past events: We had a great Go-Kart night - see March Newsletter article. Also Dart Social on March 1<sup>st</sup> was a good time! Paul, Wanda, Jack won 1<sup>st</sup>. A comment was made that the cost to patch up Zoel's wall was less than cost to fix a table...about that time we found out that Koons' tables this year appear to be sturdier, as Ralph, Mike & Rick proved!

Upcoming social events:

- April 6<sup>th</sup> Seafood Cruise
- May 18<sup>th</sup> - Picnic again (Ron, Monique, & Sandy's) Hot dog/hamburger, please bring dish
- Skyline Drive cruise – last Saturday in April & October

**Publicity.** Position is still open!

**Raffles.** Shirts or banners were won by: Mike Woods (who won twice), Bob Moore, and James Anderson. Oil Change was won by Bob Moore and he gave his to next winner (Joyce Corbin). The 50/50 raffle took in \$78. The \$39 prize was won by Jeff Reinke.

**Old Business.** Dick Hammaker commented that shirts look great!! If more folks wore the shirt, we'd really look like a club!

### **New Business.**

**Tire Rack agreement.** Jeff Kirk explained the agreement whereby NVCC gets 6% commission off purchases made through our Web site's link (they don't have to be Corvette tires!). Must be ordered within 90 days of initial visit. See article in March's newsletter with details.

**Club picture.** Mark Bergstrom asked whether we would be doing a club picture this year. Paul would like to do this, needs someone to step up & take the lead. Mark Grigg volunteered that he had access to large parking lot.

**Crossroads forum.** Mike Sarver mentioned that Northern Virginia Mustang Club started a new forum: [www.crossroadonline.com](http://www.crossroadonline.com) forum similar to Corvette Forum – idea being all makes all models should be able talk & discuss.

**Bylaws.** Paul brought up that we'd like to work on revised Bylaws again this year. We have draft 1994 & 1995 amendments that weren't ever ratified. Please email Paul with ideas.

**Charity work.** In conjunction with Paul's March President's message, he discussed that we would like to broaden the scope of our charity work. Jim Beaupre mentioned that he does a lot of work with a clinic in Herndon that treats low-income families that would appreciate the help. Mike Sarver mentioned 'Kids Day at the Track' at ODS. Can allow kids around cars but couldn't give rides.

## **CLASSY CLASSIFIEDS**

### **FOR SALE:**

1999 FRC - pewter, 40k miles, 3yrs/34k miles remaining on platinum extended warranty \$29,500.  
Bob Compton - [bob.compton@wcom.com](mailto:bob.compton@wcom.com), 571-434-6636.

2001 ZO6, Quicksilver with black leather interior, 14k miles, GM warranty,garaged-mint condition, never raced, non-smoker, no damage history. Electrochromatic mirrors, dual AC, premium sound-CD. \$38,000 Call Dave Dobyys at 703-670-8166. [Ddobyys703@aol.com](mailto:Ddobyys703@aol.com)

