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New, Updated NVCC web site goes LIVE!

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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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photos in .jpg format

**Northern Virginia
Corvette Club
Website:
www.nvcorvetteclub.com**

Brad Sneade has launched the NVCC web site in to a new era. Improved graphics, more capability to be interactive are all attributes of the new site. If you have not visited the site please do. These comments from Brad:

Now that the new site is up, I would like to get some content for the site from the council and membership. The areas which need the most help are: Social, Autocross, and Rallye. Content on the site can be updated by me relatively easily. If you have any changes, just send them to me, and I will do my best to update the site the same day. Content aside, I plan on releasing new functionality to the site periodically. Here is a quick road map on a release schedule.

Release 1.0 (currently out)

- Search members/prospective (membership, membership director)
- Add member/prospective (membership director)
- Edit member/prospective (membership director)
- Add corvette (membership director)
- Remove corvette (membership director)

- Edit corvette (membership director)
- Edit membership information (membership director)
- Log in (member, membership director)
- Log out (member, membership director)
- Edit own information (member)

Release 1.1 (release plan should coincide with database update by Judy)

- Add corvette to self (member)
- Remove corvette from self (member)
- Change own password (member)
- Change password (membership director)
- Changes to membership director's interface instructed by Judy

Release 1.2

- Upload news letter (news letter director)
- Create event (social director)
- Edit event (social director)
- Cancel event (social director)
- Event signup (member)
- Event un-signup (member)

Release 1.3

- Update content (council)

Release 2

- Move mailing list (internal)
- Scheduling service (internal)
- Event integration with scheduling service for notifications (internal)

**Presidential Pontifications
from Paul Hertel**

This month's Presidential Ponderings is about our membership count. With all the Corvettes we see driving in the DC area, I feel that the club should be much larger. In the past, we have just let potential members come to us but what we really need to do is seek out new members.

Our excellent Membership Director has taken the first step by giving out membership applications to people she sees driving a Corvette. I have started carrying membership applications with me in both vehicles and hand them out when I talk to fellow Corvette owners who are interested in the club. While this is a good first step, we need to take it further to get the membership number up to a more respectable number. We can accomplish this through membership drives, better advertising, and word of mouth. When you talk to someone about your Corvette, tell them a little about the club too. With more members, we will have more participation in events and we will be able to hold more events. We will also increase revenues so we can have more club-sponsored events. This is a great club so let's all get out there and promote it.

Respectfully, Paul



**The Zob electron blue zone
by Jeff Kirk**

(In response to last month's nasty story regarding the cruel and unusual behavior afforded to cones by Jeff and myself, Jeff has provided the following eloquent response! Ed.)

Last month I was criticized as being against the group known as PETC, People for the Ethical Treatment of Cones. In lieu of this, I have asked for a forum to respond accordingly to these charges.

First off, let me state that yes, I have bumped, hit, run over, and dragged under my car multiple cones.

Although many may feel that this treatment is "mean", "cruel" or "uncaring" towards cones, I think many of those who pass judgment on me and others for this are not fully aware of all the facts, nor the history of cones.

In fact, I have driven easily several hundred thousand miles without interference from cones, except when they purposefully toss themselves into my way.

Cones have appeared often in our history, although this has often gone unreported and isn't well documented.

Ancient cave drawings found in Ethiopia on the African Continent, near the skeletal remains of "Lucy" discovered in 1995, distinctly show cones demanding to be used by early Hominid species for marking off territories and for protection. Unfortunately, these drawings also depict the saber tooth tigers eating those early humans. Other cave drawings have shown cave men wielding fire-burning brushes against large hordes of attacking cones.

Fossilized remains of cones have been identified as being used by other predators in a symbiotic relationship, where the cones are granted a life of ease, after gathering together to indicate where early homo-sapiens were living, providing a path for the predator to follow to eat as tasty human meal.

Some French historians claim that Marie Antoinette was misquoted during her days of rule, and said, "Let them eat cones", not "Let them eat cake". This statement was made as certain cones had been bred to be domesticated pets in the late 1700's in France. Other misquoted individuals, along with their actual quotes are as follows:

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What's Happenin'...

MAY

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

JUNE

1 NVCC Ice Cream Cruise
10 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm
22 Rallye #2 Dick Hammaker see flyer
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 93 Active members and 3 prospective members

Welcome!! Welcome!! Welcome!!

NEW Member:

Tony Rodrigues - 2003 Red Z06

Prospective Members:

- Sandy Potter— 1979 Metallic Green Coupe
- Ron Ingram— 1999 Black Convertible
- Michael Hurt— 2003 Quicksilver Coupe

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

Happy Birthday!!

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May Birthdays:

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

June Birthdays:

- Ralph Watts 4
- John Graig 5
- Lyle Loveall 5
- James Bond 15
- James Anderson 26

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.

Judy Patrick

NCCC CONVENTION, SO WHAT?

George Skalkeas

As preparations continue for the 44th annual NCCC convention in Hagerstown, Maryland, I thought I would try to give some background to our newer and prospective members on what this convention means to NVCC and why we are involved in it to the extent we are.

NCCC conventions are annual events that take place all over the country, depending on which NCCC region hosts the event. The NCCC regions submit bids to host conventions and the bids are voted on by all the club governors at the national meetings. Regions decide to make bids after canvassing their local clubs to gauge the level of interest of the regional membership in putting on the convention. This is a process that begins about three years before the actual convention.

The East Region, of which we are a part, voted to make a bid for the 2003 convention several years ago. Prior to that, the last East Region convention was in 1989 in the Poconos. Convention bids are opportunities for regions to “give back” something to the national organization, showcase regional hospitality and or expertise, provide a challenge for scores of local club members and last, but not least, to make money. Usually they are a combination of most if not all of these.

Although there is no mandated formula, it is pretty much a foregone conclusion that for a successful convention there must be first class racing. Accordingly, conventions need access to high quality race tracks and drag strips. In addition, convention bids need to be supported by expertise in not only running a convention generally but in running the various component events a well. The East Region is blessed with all of the ingredients – facilities, expertise, and a big membership base to draw on as well.

Our club is recognized as a group that is capable of organizing and running a major track event. Our annual “Spooktacular” event gets us national acclaim. Just match up the top points winners in the racing events with our Spooktacular entry list an you will see a huge correlation. We committed to put on the low speed autocross nearly two years ago.

Our reasons for supporting the convention are similar but not exactly like the East Region’s – we won’t make any money *directly*. Our efforts will help the region make money for the good of the whole region however. Our participation (continued page 6 column 2)

Socially Speaking from

Edie Soles

THE NVCC 2003 Social Calendar

Ice Cream Cruise	Andrej Balanc	June 1
Brits Meet Brutes	See page 9	June 1
NCCC Convention		Aug. 15– 21
Skyline Cruise	Kirk DeNee	October 26

Sincerely; Edie Soles, Social Director NVCC

From 1970 to 1976 what popular Corvette color of today could not be ordered from the factory?
BLACK!

Dart Social - The Canadian Way, eh!

March 1, 2003

hosted by Zoel & Wanda Robinson

As you all know, winters in Canada can be fairly long (and cold) and our corvettes are tucked away where it is warm and dry from about October to March every winter. We don't have the privilege of driving our cars year round, so the winter months are spent fine-tuning our cars and getting them ready for the next spring and summer season. We usually need other things to do over the course of the winter months so we host house parties in order to keep in touch with other corvetter's and to keep our social skills up. We weren't really sure how the NVCC would accept our offer to host a Dart Social at our home and we were quite surprised at the turnout we had.

The get-together on Saturday, March 1st, 2003 was a great crowd. Zoel organized a mini 'round robin' of Darts with 8 teams of 3 people each. The teams were randomly picked and no teams were "stacked". The teams were a good mix of experienced players, novice players and those of us in between. With two darts boards set up and 4 teams playing at the same time, it wasn't long before the competition for first overall was well under way. Those that didn't play darts, enjoyed a

relaxing visit with friends and cheered for their favorite team. Everyone brought their own refreshments and munchies so there was a wide variety of snacks to fill us along the way to the winners circle.

The "CHAMPS" for the evening:

1st Place: Paul Wanda

Jack

We would like to thank everyone for coming and contributing to a great evening. We hope to do this again in the future, schedules permitting, maybe again in the fall. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of NVCC in accepting us into the club, we have met a great group of people and look forward to an exciting time while we are posted here and hope to make friendships that will last a lifetime.

Zoel & Wanda Robinson

& Dana too!

1975 Was the first year a High Energy Ignition distributor was used in Corvettes

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.

Organizer	Event	Date
CCNEPA NCCC	Driver School	May 26
COMSCC	NH Internatl	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 GMan Raceway	July 19-20
NASA-VA	Summit Point (Shenan)	July 19-20
LCCC NCCC	AutoX	July 27
BSR	FATT (Shenandoah)	Aug 1
NASA-VA	VIR (North)	Aug 2-3
NASA	Mid-Ohio Nelson Ledges	Aug 8-10
COMSCC	NH Internl	Aug 10-11
NCCC Convention	AutoX (High Speed & Low Speed)	Aug 18-19
NASA-VA	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Aug 23-24
NASA-VA	BeaveRun	Aug 30-31
NASA-VA	Summit Point(Shen.)	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 (Shen.)	Oct 4-5
COMSCC	NH Internatl.	Oct 10-12
NVCC	Spooktacular	Oct 11-12
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
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	Dec 5

Regards, Mike

Comments on the Concours

**By
Collin MacDonald**

With the date of September 21st confirmed and contracted for, the work of the 2003 NVCC Concours has begun.

Don Kerndt said that artwork is half done for shirts and brochures. We have a verbal agreement with Dulles Expo Center. Koons has committed to supporting us again and I will be meeting with them shortly. We're starting magazine and club publicity. We are considering lapel pins instead of dash plaques.

Most important the Club needs volunteer heads for judging, registration, PR. Let Don or Collin know as soon as possible!

Working with Vendor support. I have contacted Chevrolet & they will tie in something with the 50th Anniversary. We are also looking forward to having Reese Cox show up with one of his awesome racing Corvettes again. Let's get behind this terrific event. We had 60 Corvettes on display last year but are looking to reach 100 in 2003!

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will increase the prestige of the club and bring longer term financial benefits. We will invariably have a higher car count at this year's Spooktacular because of the exposure from the convention. In addition, our concours committee will be able to distribute our concours flyers, and our visibility at the low speed will be evidence to prospective entrants that they will be dealing with a club that knows how to put on an event!

The bottom line is that our contribution to this convention is made to help provide a good time for our fellow Corvetters, to support our regional and national organizations, to increase our "bragging rights" and probably reap some indirect financial benefit – and we will have fun doing it! A "no brainer".

If you can help us out and work the event you will get a "day pass" for that day that entitles you to watch the remainder of any other events going on that day, and/or go on back to the convention headquarters for happy hour and get free admission to the major party that evening. We will also provide you with a convention shirt and lunch!

Rallye Review by Barbara Shaw

The 2003 rallye season is off to a wonderful start. The annual instructional/social event, otherwise known as Rallye 101, was held on April 27th. Both those new to rallying, as well as those with experience, met at Hopsfrog Tavern to learn what rallying is all about, or to brush up on their skills. The very next weekend officially started the rallye series with Andrej and Lynn Balanc hosting Rallye #1.

Dick Hammaker and Chuck Pellerin, Rallye Master and Checker for Rallye #2, promise to provide a straightforward route with beautiful scenery. The NVCC newsletter, as well as the club website will provide the details and directions for all Rallye events.

If you missed Rallye 101, or if you enjoy rallyes but hate the stress – consider the “cruise” option. The cost to cruise the rallye route will be \$5.00 per car. The cruise instruction sheet will have the same rallye route instructions but with the street names identified. The routes and pages will not be out of order, but the clues will be as they are on the rallye instruction sheet. This provides another opportunity to see what NVCC rallyes are like without the stress of getting lost.

The remaining 2003 Rallye dates and Rallye Masters are:

Rallye #2 – June 22 - Dick Hammaker
Rallye #3 – July 13 - Joyce Corbin
Rallye #4 – Sept 14 - Alice Arielly
Rallye #5 – Oct TBD - “Your name here”

NCM Ambassador Corner by Don Patrick

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

CALENDAR EVENTS

- May 22-24: Corvette Forum Cruise-In
- June 23-30: 50th Anniversary Celebration
- June 23-26: National Corvette Caravan
- June 27-28: 50th Anniversary Celebration (Nashville, TN)
- June 29-30: 50th 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

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
Sept 7: Monterey Sports Car Championships, CA NBC Sports
Sept 27: Grand Prix Americas, FL SPEED Channel
October 18: Petit Le Mans, GA SPEED Channel

CURRENT NEWS

MUSEUM PLANS EXPANSION TO COMMEMORATE CORVETTE'S NEXT 50 YEARS

The National Corvette Museum Board of Directors, at its April 26, 2003 meeting, authorized the commencement of fundraising for a building expansion anticipated to approximately double the size of the Museum. The Board mandated that funding for the expansion must come exclusively from donations. Preliminary architectural drawings which will enhance the contemporary landmark design of the Museum will be officially unveiled in June 2003 as part of the Museum's celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Corvette. Fundraising goals will also be announced at that time. For the complete release on the expansion fundraiser click here: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/press_releases/Expansion_Announcement.shtml

NCM Ambassador Corner by Don Patrick

WINNER DRAWN ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY PACE CAR RAFFLE

Congratulations to Lodell Parks of St. Louis, MO! Lodell was drawn as the winner of the 2003 50th Anniversary Pace Car at our recent C5 Birthday Bash Banquet and Auction. Over 500 people were present for the drawing that wrapped up the weekend's festivities with a ceremony/dinner and an auction that brought in over \$33,000 for the Museum. Lodell has participated in several of our raffles and owns a 96 Corvette. May 6, Lodell will come to the Museum for the first time and take delivery of his new Corvette! Thanks to everyone who participated in this exciting fundraiser – your support is greatly appreciated. Your next chance to win is coming up June 29 as part of the "Baseball, Hot dogs, Apple Pie and Corvette" block party when a winner will be drawn for the "Going for the Gold" Corvette. Only 2003 tickets will be sold! Get your tickets now by clicking here: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml> or call (800) 53-VETTE.

CORVETTE CHIEF ENGINEER, DAVE HILL TO ATTEND CORVETTE FORUM EVENT

Corvette Chief Engineer, Dave Hill will be one of the many special guests in attendance at the upcoming Corvette Forum Cruise-In scheduled for May 22 – 24, 2003. Dave will offer a special seminar in the Chevrolet Theater on Saturday and will be available during the event for autographs and questions. Drag racing, autocross, scenic road tours. For more information, by clicking here: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/forum/info.shtml> or call (800) 53-VETTE.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

CORVETTE 50th.COM UPDATE

The latest updates on the 50th Anniversary Nashville celebration activities are live via www.corvette50th.com! News on the Goodyear blimp route, Road & Track cover shot opportunities, Quadster steering course experiences and much more have been added. Make plans now to be a part of the fun and excitement by purchasing your Nashville Celebration tickets online at www.corvette50th.com Nashville Celebration Tickets will be refundable prior to May 26, 2003. Tickets will be non-refundable after May 26, 2003.

2003 NATIONAL CORVETTE CARAVAN KEEPS CLIMBING

Caravan registrant totals to date are at 8,000 people and

climbing! Everyone is geared up and ready for the National Corvette Caravan and 50th Anniversary activities – so if you haven't registered yet, now is the time. Be sure to pick up "National Corvette Caravan" merchandise offered exclusively to caravan participants before you hit the road. This special line of merchandise includes jackets, polos, T-shirts, hats and much more. Merchandise must be ordered by May 19, 2003 to ensure delivery prior to your departure. Order \$125 in Corvette Store merchandise and receive "Free" shipping. Some restrictions apply on deliveries outside the Continental USA and overnight and next day deliveries. Register now for 2003 National Corvette Caravan by clicking here: <http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com> Order your exclusive caravan merchandise via the caravan site or by calling the Corvette Store at (800) 53-VETTE.

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.

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Damn the cones, Full speed ahead – Admiral David Farragut aboard the Hartford in Mobile Bay, Alabama, was surrounded by cones that were exploding trying to sink American ships in 1864.

Nuts – Although this was correctly quoted, the original quote was uttered when General McAuliffe was surrounded at Bastogne by Germans and German cones.

Cones, in general, are not the “innocent” and “abused” pylons most people assume them to be. In fact, there are domesticated cones that people use everyday....for Ice Cream! I don’t hear any complaining about that. Additionally, other cones have mutated and have become extremely aggressive towards humans.

How many times have you driven down the road and seen cones blocking off a lane of traffic as if work was being done, only to find nothing going on, and the roads blocked off for no reason? Do you really think people are behind this?

How often have you seen parking spaces, obviously available, with cones in them? Don you agree this is a plot to make us humans walk further, and that the cones are laughing at us?

Think about poor Beldar and Pyrmaat, simple normal everyday folks like you and I who actually had their bodies invaded by cones, and via mind control were forced to call themselves “Coneheads”. In fact, my theory is that cones must of originated from the planet Remulak, and may be plotting to overtake civilization as we know it!

PETC? Knee jerk liberals, probably already under the influence of cones. I bet if you did your homework, you’d find these same PETA folks in other useless organizations such as PARDON (Pit bulls Are Real Dogs Only Nicer), SWAP (Stinging Wasps As Pets), and PAW (Poodles Are Wonderful).

Feel bad for cones? No...not me. Not hardly. Stay off the road and out from under my car. \\
Jeff Kirk, NVCC Vice President



NVCC RALLYE #2 Low Speed/High Speed Rallye

The second Rallye of the 2003 NVCC Series will have something for everyone. Following the Rallye, you may retire to PW's Eatery for a hearty lunch.

You may participate in:

NVCC Series Rallye for Rallyers and points chasers.

RALLYE FEE: \$10.00 per car

OR

Country Cruise (same route, easy directions, with Rallye questions) so you can just enjoy the drive and the fresh country air.

COUNTRY CRUISE FEE: \$5.00 per car

AND/OR

Poker Run (**OPTIONAL**) open to both the Rallye and Cruise participants. High and low poker hands will split the pot.

POKER FEE: \$10.00 per car (in addition to Rallye Fee)

WHEN: Sunday, June 22, 2003

REGISTRATION: 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

DRIVERS' MEETING: 10:45 a.m. SHARP!

1st CAR OFF: 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Food Lion Parking Lot (next to McDonalds), Haymarket, VA

DIRECTIONS TO START POINT:

I-66 West, Exit 40, (Haymarket, Rt 15), South on Rt 15

Left on Rt 55 East

Right between McDonalds and Food Lion Cheap Gas at Sheetz!

VEHICLES: Open to all cars, but as usual, we would like to see as many Corvettes as possible.

RALLYE MASTER: Dick Hammaker (703) 250-8644

RALLYE CHECKER: Chuck Pellerin (703) 242-2619



Rallye One – Ashburn

By Andrej Balanc (Rallye Master)

I want to thank all the NVCC'rs that came out for Rallye One. It was scheduled on the weekend immediately following Rally 101 and they were ready to roll! All together, we had nine teams competing for the title of winner. There were even a lot of autocrossers in the group!

The Rallye started at Buffalo Wing Factory in Ashburn, home of the Flatliner. That is a chicken wing dish soaked in spices that induce pain and agony to anyone that attempts to eat them. The rumor is management makes you sign a waiver prior to starting eating the Flatliner. Also, my son works there and they opened up early that day for the competitors.

I must confess that after the first go around with setting up the rallye, I wanted to pick another location. While Ashburn has many beautiful new homes and old town features, they don't have a lot of stuff lying around that you can ask folks to find on a rallye. Not a single full sized lawn cow! I started laying out the route using a map and after winding through many of the subdivisions that make up Ashburn, the route went into Montgomery County, MD. I thought that was way cool, but upon driving this route, it turned out the Montgomery County portion was on private property and inaccessible. A quirk in state boundaries allows Maryland to extend it's state line all the way to the Virginia side of the Potomac River and this private property was an island in the river. But after the disappointment of not being able to find any lawn cows or get into Maryland without crossing a bridge, I was able, with the help of my wife and children, to find a massage parlor, polka-dotted shutters, a shoe hedgehog, a wind mill, purple slides, three life guard chairs, an 11 foot high flood water marker, a UPS box, a dinosaur, Karate Bagels, thirty-one yellow school buses and a C3 Corvette with antique plates.

The results are as follows: Bill and Susan Kolster, First Place



Jeff Ekhaus and Carolyn Raucki, Second Place



Joe Daly and Carol Evans, Third Place



Alice Areily and Jackson Hufinger, Fourth Place



Rallye One – Ashburn By Andrej Balanc (Rallye Master)



Phil Berge and Marsha Batchellor, Fifth Place



Charles and Karen Pellerine, Sixth Place



Jim and Nancy Tortorella, Seventh Place



Edie Soles and Barbara Foor, Eighth Place



John Tribble and the other guy* , ninth Place

(pictures by Nick Balanc)

* I never saw John's navigator, didn't even sign the waiver (and I'm the NCCC Governor). Seems John had a late night prior to the Rallye, so I have to applaud his effort for their first ever rallye!

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 18th and 19th. 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 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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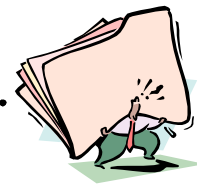
RACING?

ATTENDING CONVENTION?

WORK MONDAY (yes/no)

WORK TUESDAY (yes/no)

SHIRT SIZE



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

Attendance: NVCC General Membership Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2003

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

Attendance: 15 Council + 18 Members + 10 guests = 43

President. Paul Hertel reiterated that 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. Jeff Reinke told us that this month's biggest expenses were for Spook deposits, new member key tags, & web hosting fee; biggest income was from Austin Healy club for providing timing at their national event.

Autocross. Mike Sarver referred us to a Washington Post article last Sunday on ODS that reported that the new owners paid \$2.2 million and want to put that much into it. They told the Post that they're NOT developing the track for houses. Want to push it as an alternative to Saturday night movies. We're still working on negotiating autocross dates.

Concours. Don Kerndt said that artwork is half done for shirts and brochures. We have a verbal agreement with Dulles Expo Center for Sept 21st date. Want to meet with Koons early May. We're starting magazine and club publicity this week. Maybe we could use lapel pins instead of dash plaques. Need volunteer heads for judging, registration, PR. Let Don or Collin know soon! Working with Vendor support. Collin has contacted Chevrolet & they will tie in something with the 50th Anniversary.

Membership. Judy Patrick told us that we have 92 active + 3 prospective members. She still has 2003 membership cards-- please pick up! She also has applications.

Newsletter. Jim Beaupre thanked everyone for input! Most other Vette Clubs don't have the kind of content we do – they don't post on web either.

NCCC. Andrej Balanc attended last month governor's meeting. See newsletter article for updates on groups. New rule book coming out 2004-2007 – get input in to Andrej before July to get in. Still have some high speed licenses due out.

Historian. Ralph Watts challenged us with trivia questions. Winners received a raffle ticket.

1. The wheelbase of the C5 is:

- a) More than 8 inches shorter than the C4,
- b) More than 8 inches longer than the C4,
- c) More than 4 inches shorter than the C4,
- d) More than 6 inches longer than the C4

Answer: B 8.3 inches. Edie Soles won

2. The original Corvette emblem was changed from what to the fleur de lis & checkered flag? Why?

Answer: American Flag which is protected from commercial applications by copyright law. Don won.

3. The very first person to drive a Corvette was:

- a) Harley Earl, the designer of the Corvette,
- b) Ed Cole, the chief engineer,
- c) Joe DiMaggio,
- d) some guy on the assembly line

Answer: Terry Kieiber, a line worker. Tony Rodriguez won.

4. In January 1956, the Corvette finally became recognized as a performance car by going 150 miles per hour on Daytona Beach. Who drove and what non-racing, seasonal device was used to improve traction?

Answer: Zora Duntov with Snow Tires. Chuck Pellerin won

5. What was the year of the last big block Corvette production engine and what was its displacement?

Answer: 1974, 454 cu in. Mike Woods won

NCM. Don Patrick has raffle tickets: June 30th Earnhardt edition \$25 2004 Convertible Aug 31st \$10 If you recently purchased a raffle ticket – see Don.



Rallye Director. Hi Barb! Barb Shaw gave information on upcoming April 27th rallye 101 at Hopsfrog to entice people to come—it's FREE! May 4th will be sponsored by Andre. Don't forget the cruise option for only \$5.

Social. Edie Soles mentioned upcoming events (see also newsletter):

- April 26th Skyline Drive Cruise - Our Club has historically met at Route 66 Rest Stop & gotten in line with others
- May 18th - Annual Picnic (Ron, Monique, & Sandy's) Hot dogs/hamburgers, please bring covered dish.

Spooktacular. George Skalkeas noted revised dates: October 18-19.

NCCC Convention plug (August 18 & 19th) – About 500 people have registered already. Sign-up sheets in Newsletter + at meeting to help work the Summit Point High Speed & Low Speed event (150 cars signed up). **NEXT CONVENTION WILL BE IN VEGAS – SO GET IN PRACTICE NOW!!!**

Web Site. Brad Sneade said the new site almost ready to go! There won't be a members section at first, but he's working on it.

Raffles. Shirts or banners were won by: Marsha Batchellor, Jim Beaupre, Alice, Zoel. Oil Change won by Mark Bergstrom. 50/50 took in \$77. \$38.50 prize won by Shep Moore.

Old Business.

Paul discussed the club shirts. He will email new order forms. Send to Paul with check. Will save up for 20 or so shirts.

Dyno Day. Mike Woods discussed May 17th – Woodbridge Dynatech in Midland VA; \$70 for less than 5 cars; 5-9 is \$65; 10 or more \$60. Can do up to 15 cars in one day.

This Saturday NVMC Drag Day. Meet 6 a.m. at Dulles Expo Center at Mobil station. Will caravan to Mason-Dixon Drag Strip in MD. \$20-25 run all day.

New Business.

Corvette Caravan promo – Mick Lemish is our local contact for the National Corvette Caravan. He was our special guest & gave us details: Caravan started in 1994 when museum opened; did it again at 5th anniversary in 1999; this is 3rd Caravan for the 50th Anniversary. Will have 30 start points around the country. Baltimore & Annapolis leaving at 4 a.m. on June 26th and moving towards Silver Spring. Sport Chevrolet there is hosting breakfast. Virginia Beach caravan is also leaving at 4 a.m. and going to Richmond. Meeting place at I81 & I64 to go on to Roanoke & spend the afternoon & evening. Roanoke will have car washing stations, food discounts, have set up historical displays at VA Transportation Museum with a reception, band. Next morning, Goodyear Blimp coverage, ceremony with mayor, get box lunch. Next stop is Knoxville TN, where you meet NC & SC caravans. Dealer there will provide BBQ Thursday night with music. Some people will get to Nashville on Thursday if they have plant tours. Everyone else will caravan to Nashville; meet at Opryland parking lot to get on to Bowling Green. He is still looking for celebrities to lead caravan and sponsors.

In Nashville, events will include museum events, Nashville events. Mick showed a promotional video. NCM June 25th & 26th; Chevy events June 27th & 28th; NCM again June 29th; Culminates on June 30th. Half the fun is the events along the way. Over 8,000 have registered so far, expect that to double by the time registration closes May 30th. Last time the local caravan was about 150 cars; this time already almost 300 cars registered from Atlantic Coast.

See www.virginiacorvettecaravan.com for local info, or get there from the museum web site. Several club members already indicated that they are going!

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Several adjourned to Vienna Inn, off I23 in Vienna.

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