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May all our 'Vettes be spectacular,
Each competition end with us begging for more,

May all the events in the coming year run as well as George's Spooktacular!,

Our Corvettes be powerful, fast, fuel efficient, and shine like the sun throughout 2004!



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What's Happenin'....

NOVEMBER_____

25 NVCC General Membership meeting
Koons—7:30 pm

DECEMBER_____

9 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm

JANUARY_____

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY !!!!
JANUARY 17, 2004

CORRECTIONS !!
Ed.

Who ya gonna' Call ?...

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What year to reverse taillights become
standard equipment?
1966

Presidential Pontifications from Paul Hertel

Reflections on the year:

One of the club's biggest challenges was almost seeing the end of 15 years of racing out at ODS. With new ODS ownership the new owners wondered, who is NVCC? We pulled together as a club and ODS autocrossing was saved by a lot of hard work from Jeff Kirk, Rick Poage, and myself. Thanks go to John Tribble for the introduction to Steve Britt, ODS owner, and many thanks go out to all of you who worked on the American Iron Event. Mike Sarver did his usual outstanding job of running Autocross as well as supporting the National Convention, Austin Healy autocross, and Spooktacular. Very busy year for Mike.

While not as well attended as she would have liked the Rallye program put on by Barb Shaw was excellent.

What I think amazes me the most about this club is the ability to pull together and make things happen. Every challenge we face is met with drive and enthusiasm to come up with a solution to achieve the desired result. There are no cliques in this club when it comes to major events or challenges.

Another thing that I have noticed is that if something can't be done right, then we don't do it. It is first class or



nothing at all for this club. We told Steve Britt, right from the start, that we wanted to keep the first year of American Iron, small but 1st class and that is what we delivered. There was talk of holding Concours at ODS but that wouldn't have been 1st class so we cancelled the event. Collin then sought out and found an excellent location for next year so we are set to go. Once again, it will be a 1st class event.

I want to thank all the members of this club for making it an enjoyable club with lots of activities and good friends. I look forward to serving you in a capacity other than President in the coming years.

Respectfully,
El Presidente
Paul

The Zo6 electron blue zone by Jim Beau

End of year.

Always a time for reflection on what took place and of what is envisioned in front of us.

The NVCC saw considerable activity as membership grew, major events were held such as Amercian Iron, the 10th Spooktacular, great rallyes, with our social activities including everything from Dart nights, Karting Wars, cruises and visiting retirement homes. And don't forget the NVCC has its' own online Forum with new web pages.

I have enjoyed doing the newsletter and this issue is the same as always; with great contributors the job is easy.

George Skalkeas has a great reflection on the the 10 years of Spooktacular. Collin has a repeat of his winter storing of Corvettes. The Robinson report on their Dart night. Joyce Corbin reports on how the club helped some high schools pull off some parades using club cars.

It is difficult to reflect on the past when the future is so uncertain. We have a two term NVCC President stepping down per the by-laws, George Skalkeas is moving to Florida and will not be running Spook from 1,000 miles away, Mike Sarver needs a break from autocross chairman to enjoy a bit more participating and less executing. All have done excellent jobs but who in our 100 plus membership will fill these shoes for the next year?

We have a terrific club but as in any enterprise it is only as good as its' parts.

There are several of us who feel that while membership has its' privileges it also has its' responsibilities. If you have enjoyed the many events the club has enjoyed in 2003, please do not hesitate to offer to help in 2004. The club needs social events people, autocross people, rallye volunteers and chairpersons of the various seats. This past year we had a number of volunteer positions go unfilled in 2003, with over 100 members in this club there is no reason that should happen. Look at the positions on page 2, there are 5 elected positions and 13 volunteer positions. When are you going to take some responsibility for your membership?

Have a great Holiday season, see you all in 2004!

Regards,
Jim Beau, 2002 Electron Blue Z06 racing team



Letters ... we get letters and emails!

SPOOKTACULAR 2003 *Spooktacular 10*

Stewart Fox came up to me at the October business meeting and said that he had one regret about how we ran the Spooktacular this year. I told him I did not want to hear it, that we were *done*, that it wasn't perfect but it was a success overall. Stewart persisted and said that his regret was that we did not think to have a photograph taken of the workers. Instantly I knew he was right and that is a regret I share as well. Ironically this year's event will be the best-photographed event ever due to Chuck Pellerin's assignment to photograph all the cars as potential trophy winners.

The picture *that did not get taken* would have shown-

Mike Sarver, James Anderson and Andrej Balanc smiling because the timing equipment that they have been continuously improving worked well again; Dick Hamaker and Zoel Robinson smiling because they had finally whipped the participants into shape in the staging lanes and kept them happy at the same time; Mark Bergstrom smiling at the timely, accurate and readable run times posted on "the big board"; Barb Shaw and Edie Soles smiling because all the registrations, hospitality munchies, shirt sales and lunches were successfully dealt with; Stewart Fox smiling (underneath the headset) at the fact that all the runs were made as advertised, and safely, even if he had to crawl under off-course cars to hook them up to the wrecker himself; Kirk DeNee smiling at the fact that once again he got his core corner workers, their friends and relatives, strangers from other clubs and prospective NVCC members trained, deployed and effectively working as a team yet again; Jeff Reinke and Paul Hertel smiling at the big bank deposit Jeff would make the following Monday; Mike Woods smiling at getting 90% of the cars teched and classified in the two hours before the event and because no one showed up in Group I with drilled rotors! The picture that did not get taken would have shown about 15 other good folks not mentioned here but smiling nonetheless with the satisfaction of another job well done.

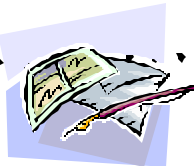
Spooktaculars 1 - 9

Some may not realize that this was our 10th Spooktacular. We started doing them at Old Dominion Speedway and used to include the infield as part of the course. We had a TAG Heuer timer that could accommodate but one car on the track at a time and needed to be reset for each lap. We did the NCCC points by hand. One year we even had a funkhana simultaneously going on in the parking lot. The name "*Spooktacular*" was coined by Tammy Shiner, club president at the time, because we originally ran it on the weekend closest to Halloween. Joe Daly did the original art work for those now-collectible early Spook shirts. The "your name here" feature is now a classic and you would be amazed at how many folks are still out there wearing these shirts at other speed events.

In 1997 Ray Bruning, then NVCC Officer at Large, had the bright idea of using the newly-opened Jefferson Circuit at Summit Point. Former member Walt Gilbert and I were intrigued and helped Ray pull it off. At that time, Ray, Walt and I were going to a lot of non-NVCC auto-crosses and saw how the Corvette folks really liked the "long courses". At the first Summit Point event we did two low speeds on Saturday morning, took the cones out and ran two high speeds in the afternoon. We set the course up again Saturday night and ran two low speeds Sunday morning in the opposite direction, then took the cones out at lunch and ran a couple of high speeds in the afternoon. We had four track radios and no family radios. There were NO computers! We had cones all over the place in those early years. We even had a "stop box" one year. If you recall how we set up the low speed for the NCCC convention this year you saw the culmination of all the lessons learned from mistakes of those early years. A slalom on the back stretch is NOT the safe way to lower speeds, and a stop box is NOT the safe way to get cars back into the pits!

In the early years a stint in the "timing truck" was something that would now make a good stunt on "Fear Factor". If you took a picture of the workers doing the timing in the early years they *would not be smiling*; if you took a picture of the people posting times on the board they *would not be smiling*! Crude as it all was though, the *participants loved it* and many have been coming back year after year.

After following that format for a couple of years Andrej Balanc had the bright idea of just doing high speeds and adding events and that is where we are now. The whole thing is simpler, cleaner, and more cost effective. The



Letters ... we get letters and emails!

challenge now though, is to avoid complacency. As you know, there are a lot of events and activities competing for a finite amount of participant dollars and if we stand still we will fall behind. Ideas for improving or expanding the event are welcomed!

Spooktacular 11

I have proudly been affiliated with every Summit Point Spooktacular as chairman or co-chairman. In the beginning it was the challenge; then it became the desire to see it survive with some continuity. For the last few years it was just easier to volunteer in January than to put together the "book of procedures" for a successor! Actually, it has gotten much easier because of the great teamwork, experience and expertise we have developed as a club. Each year I just round up my usual list of suspects and ask them to do their thing one more time. It is now time for a new chairman, however. Not only will I be a Florida resident next year but Maureen has already informed me that *whenever* the '04 Spook is, we will be busy that weekend! Whoever the chairman is for next year should feel free to call on me with any questions (and I will do a "book") but the essential information is just a list of the names and phone numbers of the team mentioned above and a couple of others! I do want to thank all of the club members who have helped out over the years and give a "shout out" to 2003's team of workers:

Worked exclusively: Dick Hammaker; Don and Judy Patrick; Dave and Barb Corp; Ron and Monique Weller; Barb Shaw; Paul Hertel; Kirk DeNee; Cheryl Graczyk; Edie Soles; Mike Sarver; Sadie Compton, Chuck and Karen Pellerin; Jeff Reinke; Zoelle and Wanda Robinson; Erin Sikes; Ron Rexroad; Mark Bergstrom; James Anderson; and Raleigh Tiller.

Ran and helped: Barb Foor; Mike Woods; Don Kerndt; Andrej Balanc; Barry McKibben and yes, Mike Geyer and Chuck Wasserott!

And thanks to Paul and the club council for the support and freedom to maneuver!

Autocrossing Screeches By Mike Sarver



It has been a long year but it is drawing to close now. The last autocross will be Sunday November 16th at Old Dominion Speedway. Temperatures are supposed to be in the mid to high 50's and it promises to be a good day.

I will be stepping down as the autocross chairman after this event. I've had fun and I appreciate all of the help and support I've gotten over the last three years.

If you are interested in working with a great bunch of people, if you get a 'charge' every time someone sets a new personal best or if you get a good feeling inside when a person gets out of their car with a big grin on their face, we need you.

If you are interested in volunteering for the autocross chairman, please contact Paul Hertel.

"we Cruise them, we Show them, we Rallye them, we Race them, we are the Northern Virginia Corvette Club"
Respectfully,

Mike Sarver

Autocross Chairman since January 2001
Northern Virginia Corvette Club

**FOR RESULTS OF THE LAST OF 2003 AUTOX SEE
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Speed events in the Mid Atlantic area

Organizer	Event	Date
NVCC@ODS	AutoX	Nov 16
COMSCC	Lime Rock Park	Nov 17-18
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	Nov 21
BSR FATT -	Summit Point (Main)	Dec 5

Comments on the Concours By Collin MacDonald

We are going to have one in 2004! Look for this space in the Spring of 2004!

Collin



Members CORNER By Judy Patrick

November Report

Active members have been mailed their 2004 membership invoice.

We currently have 106 Active members and 12 prospective members

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Charles Miks '03 Yellow Z06
- Jackson Hufnagle - '98 Magnetic Red Coupe
- Jim Robinson '03 Torch Red Coupe

Prospective Members:

- Dick Allardyce - '72 Gold T-Top
- Sal Gioia - '03 Black Convertible
- Howard Gappa '69 Gold Roadster
- Ron Rexroad - '72 Blue Convertible
- Jeffery Smith - '04 Magnetic Red Coupe
- Marty McCabe '96 Silver Roadster
- Bryan Mossey '69 Black Roadster
- Charlie Brown '77 Red Coupe & '01 White Z06
- Patrick & Jean Hagen '02 Yellow Z06
- Jeffery Smith & Lauren Singletary '04 Magnetic Red Coupe
- Phillip Tinney '96 Yellow Convertible

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

Judy Patrick

With the C5 electronics we don't need this option, N03 was available coupe only, 63-67 what was it? 36 Gallon gas tank!

Socially Speaking from Edie Soles



NVCC 2003 Social Calendar NVCC HOLIDAY PARTY !!

January 17th, 2004 see the website for details!!

Edie Soles, 2003 NVCC Social Director

DART SOCIAL

The dart social was held at the Robinson's and again was a success. A good turn out and some enthusiastic players made for a very enjoyable evening. The competitive nature seems to come out in everyone as soon as there is a need to win. The winners for the evening were:

- 1st Place: Sadie Compton / Chuck Pellerin / Wanda Robinson
- 2nd Place: Angie Anderson / Zoel Robinson
- 3rd Place: Carol and Joe Daly III

Thanks to all that came out for the evening. Great company, food and drink!

Hope to see everyone out again in the spring when we do this again. Zoel & Wanda Robinson 'Canadian, eh!'



Happy Birthday!!

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November Birthdays:

- Chuck Pellerin 1
- James Green 1
- Stewart Fox 3
- Jeff Kirk 15
- Maurice Brumm 10
- Rick Poage 17
- Larry Jones 17
- John Giaquinto 21
- Edie Soles 24
- Tim Weston 25
- Joe Daly, III 28

NCM Ambassador Corner by Don Patrick

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

CURRENT NEWS

TOOL INSTALLATION UNDERWAY - From The GM Corvette Assembly Plant's Performance Press:

This week in general assembly tool installation for the C6 really took off. More than 87 tools will be installed for the 6th generation Corvette. Some of them are specifically for the C6, while many work on both the C5 and will be used for the C6. Tools to be put in this week include: the convertible drill and top load fixtures, a tonneau sub-assembly table, convertible seatbelt tower, new deck lid fixtures and door load arm fixtures. Concurrent build is just around the corner.

1983-2002 ORIGINAL DEALER BROCHURES ONLY \$5 EACH

Dealer Brochures from 1983-2002 are marked down to only \$5 each through November 30, 2003! These special pieces of collectible Corvette history can be ordered along with a reproduction window sticker and build sheet too! Build sheets are available on any Corvette built at the GM Corvette Assembly Plant since 1981 through 2003. What a unique gift for any Corvette enthusiast! Order your dealer brochure, build sheet, window stickers and black book as a set and save! Click here to order Corvette Dealer Brochures specially priced till November 30: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/store> click on "dealer brochures". Build sheets and window stickers or the complete set can be purchased by clicking here: https://www.corvettemuseum.com/library-archives/build_sheets/index.shtml or call (800) 53-VETTE.

Want to receive the latest Corvette Store catalog? Email the Corvette Store here: corvettestore@corvettemuseum.com

NCM VOTED "BEST OF THE BEST"

Bowling Green's "best" were showcased at the Sloan Convention Center as hundreds of participants and award recipients from restaurants and local businesses voted as the "Best of Bowling Green" in a local newspaper poll, showed their stuff. The Museum was voted "Best Tourist Attraction" by Daily News readers. View the Daily News spotlight article here: http://www.bgdailynews.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi/?200311/06+best20031106_news.html+20031106+news

MILITARY PERSONNEL RECOGNIZED DURING ENTIRE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

For the entire month of November, Military personnel from every branch and their families will be honored with a special \$1 admission during "Military Appreciation Month".

Recognized in conjunction with Veterans Day, the discounted admission will be given to all military either active, retired and reserve members of all branches and their immediate family. In addition, a "free" admission offer will be given to all Korean War Veterans and their immediate family members in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War. NCM Executive Director, Wendell Strode stated, "Our military forces are the strength that protects this nation, and we welcome them during this special month of recognition." A military ID must be shown to receive the special admission offer. For the complete release on "Military Appreciation Month", visit our website at: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/press_releases/index.shtml

CORVETTE AN "EDITORS" MOST WANTED - From the BG Corvette Assembly Plant Performance Press newsletter:

The C5 Corvette has racked up yet another award! Four vehicles - Chevy Corvette, Chevy Tahoe, GMC Yukon and Cadillac Escalade received "Editors" Most Wanted awards from Edmunds.com. The winners for the 2004 model year were announced by Edmunds.com, a leading internet resource for consumer automotive information. "The "Editors" Most Wanted awards recognize the new model year vehicles the Edmunds.com editors would choose for each of the 29 vehicle categories, if we were spending our own money," explained Karl Brauer, editor-in-chief of Edmunds.com. "For this task, our demographically diverse editorial staff is guided by passion, not science, to choose the vehicles we'd love to have in our own driveways." Details on all award winners are listed at: <http://www.edmunds.com>

HISTORY TIDBIT

On November 2, 1990, in a small shopping center on Scottsville Road in Bowling Green, KY, the National Corvette Museum annex opened its doors to the world

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

"LAST" C5 CORVETTE Z06, CONVERTIBLE AND COUPE TO BE RAFFLED

Three raffles have just begun featuring the last C5 LeMans Blue Corvette Z06, Convertible and Coupe to be built at the GM Corvette Assembly Plant. Winners will be drawn at three upcoming events in 2004.

- Only 2004 tickets at \$150 each will be sold on the last C5 Z06, Commemorative Edition Corvette, and a winner will be drawn at the C5/C6 Birthday Bash, April 22-24, 2004.
- Tickets for the last C5 Corvette Convertible – also a Commemorative Edition model, are available at \$100 each, and limited to only 2004 tickets. A winner will be drawn at the Corvette Forum Cruise-In event, May 27-29, 2004.
- The last of the three raffles features the final C5 Corvette Coupe model offered as a Commemorative Edition and

NCM Ambassador Corner by Don Patrick

tickets are only \$25 each with an unlimited amount of tickets to be sold. The winner will be drawn at the 10th Anniversary Corvette Celebration, Labor Day weekend – September 2-5, 2004.

These are unique collector vehicles as they represent the very last Z06, convertible and coupe of the C5 generation. The assembly plant will begin building the next generation Corvette next summer. Registration and details on our upcoming events will be available soon.

To order a raffle ticket on all or either of these exciting raffles, visit our website at:
<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml>
or call (800) 53-VETTE.

The complete press release on these exciting raffles is available at: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/press_releases/index.shtml

BUILD YOUR OWN RAFFLE TICKETS - SOLD OUT

The Build Your Own Corvette raffle has come to a close and the final tickets have been sold! Thanks to everyone who participated and good luck! A winner will be drawn on Friday, December 5, 2003. Your next chance to win is coming up soon. Find out how to win a new 2005 Coupe by clicking here: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml>

SET SAIL FOR ALASKA ON A CORVETTE CRUISE

Take the "Corvette" cruise of a lifetime aboard the Coral Princess in the company of other Corvette enthusiasts. With discounts for NCM members, choose from a land/cruise package or cruise only package while space is available. The land/cruise package offers an exciting five day land excursion into the interior of Alaska - June 8-12, prior to the seven day gulf of Alaska cruise - June 12-19. Find out more about this exciting Corvette Cruise by clicking here: <http://www.trvlpartners.com/ncm.htm>

PICNIC DECKS AND TABLES NOW AVAILABLE TO GROUPS VISITING

Groups and guests visiting are invited to enjoy the new picnic decks and tables available on the grounds of the Museum. The newly built area, nestled in the beautiful wooded landscape, provides an excellent location for school groups, motor coach groups, families and folks to rest, enjoy or picnic while visiting the Museum. "We built the decks and tables to be an attractive and inviting place for our guests, and we hope everyone visiting will enjoy them." stated NCM Facilities Manager, Bob Hellmann. Over 150,000 guests visit each year, and the outdoor area will be a great resource during daily tours, special events

and amphitheater activities. For the complete release here: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/press_releases/New_Picnic_Decks.shtml

FREE NOVEMBER CALENDAR WALLPAPER IS READY

November's calendar wallpaper is up and ready and you can download it for free! Zora Arkus-Duntov behind the wheel of a 1957 Corvette SS is the feature for November's wallpaper and you can download it with three different screen resolutions. Download your calendar wallpaper here: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/pictures/calendar.shtml>

LIMITED EDITION 50TH ANNIVERSARY LIGHTER AND JEWELRY IN THE STORE

The Corvette Store is now offering a beautiful 50th Anniversary Limited Edition Lighter limited to only 5,000 world wide. Each high polished chrome lighter is numbered and designed with solid gold inlay symbolizing the 50th Anniversary logo and C1-C5 Corvette emblems. Also includes a laser engraved wooden box.

An array of gold and silver Corvette emblem jewelry is also available in the Corvette Store. Choose from roll bracelets, earrings, two-tone men's rings and much more! Do your holiday shopping in the Corvette Store and receive "free" shipping on orders of \$125 or more if placed by November 30, 2003. Some exclusions apply. Browse through the online Corvette Store by clicking here: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/store> or call (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

Corvettes on Parade! By Joyce Corbin

We succeeded in participating in 2 parades on Saturday, October 4 --- not completely without a hitch but we all had a good time flaunting our cars!

First we hear the disastrous forecast for RAIN early Saturday then we had to scramble to see what the alternative plan was in case of inclement weather. There was none included in any planning! So for the Herndon parade, we drove our convertibles with the top UP through the streets with the VIPs waving from our dry, warm cars. Some VIPs were a little more boisterous than others making for some interesting entertainment! Out in the front of the parade I carried the Principal of Herndon High School, Mrs. Jan Leslie and must say she is QUITE an entertainer!! Realizing she could not be readily seen inside the car, after the rain subsided, she hung OUTSIDE the car window yelling "Go Hornets!! Beat the Wolverines!!" several times! Pretty funny sight! It made me think of how unassuming my own high school principal was. What a contrast!

With about an hour before the next parade at Edison High School, we pulled off the road to synchronize our objectives. There were 5 of us stopped conferring about logistics and timing. When it came time to leave, one car would not start! Then another wouldn't start! Had to push the first one out of the way and figure out another plan! Finally the second one started. Phew!! But the first one was being rather obstinate. Once the spare key was present the first one FINALLY started with the deadline to be at the second parade looming. We all have Corvettes that have a bit of power under the hood so we had to put it to the test!

We were able to make it the 25 miles or so to the staging area in just less than 13 minutes! We met up with the other cars to make 10 cars for the parade. What a noble site! The parade finally got underway at about 12:25 PM, which unfortunately made it logistically impossible to participate in the TC Williams parade. Being in constant contact with the coordinator for TC Williams I assured him that next year we would be dedicated to them no matter WHAT the date.

After all was said and done we had a procession to "The Bungalow" in Kingstowne for lunch, libations and chatter. Great food, cold drinks and lots of it!

Being my first time coordinating this event, I want to extend a heartfelt "Thanks" to the following people who helped pull the entire event together. We'll be looking for you NEXT year too! See Joe Daly ... he'll set you right up!

Alice Arielly
Andre Balanc
James Bond
Carol and Joe Daly
Dick Hammaker
Shirley Jones
Judy and Don Patrick
Steve Berger at Pallone Chevrolet
Alex Perdakis at Koons Chevrolet

Suggestions for Corvette Winter Storage

**This was in last February's issue. I thought it more appropriate BEFORE WINTER!
Thanks to Collin MacDonald. Ed.**

After storing cars during New England and Virginia winters for many years, through trial and error, I have found these suggestions very useful on protecting your car during the hibernation. So for those who are lucky enough to be able to store your Corvette, my suggestions are:

- Wash, and dry completely, use a leaf blower to assure all the water is out of the mirrors, and all the cracks and crevices of the front and rear fascias, stop lights license plate areas, you get the picture. Standing water spots, and in some cases corrosion of the metal will occur. Next step is to polish the car, I use Zaino, remove it and clean or polish the metal surfaces and coat the wheels with preservatives, do not use Armor all, it can crack rubber. Don't forget to do the weather-stripping and clean windows inside and out. Vacuum carpets, clean seats, etc.
 - Change the oil & filter (keep oil in house night before, room temp.), don't forget to run the car for at least 20 minutes before you change the oil. This assure the small particles of contaminates are in the oil and will flow out instead of settling to the bottom of the oil pan. Top off other fluids.
 - Place a vinyl tarp, or carpet with a large catch pan under the car. Remember, even on cement floors, moisture rises and the tarp or carpet will prevent some of this moisture from getting into the undercarriage, again this can cause corrosion.
 - Jack Stands...personally, I don't use them, as they are not necessary and I have heard people who do use them eventually encounter problems with their suspension system. Let the car rest on its tires. But to eliminate "Flat spots", inflate the tires to 45 PSI and place carpet pieces under the tires or use the new car dollies. This helps with the flat spot problems.
 - The fuel system needs your attention. I suggest not to empty out the fuel system but what you can do to prevent the accumulation of moisture in your tank and the forming of shellacs through your fuel system, is to fill the tank right up to the top with gas. This disallows a lot of the condensation that will form in and sit under the gas rotting the bottom of your tank. You can add some alcohol as well, which will bind any water already present. Next put in a gas stabilizer that can be obtained from automotive supply stores. Wynns makes a good one that I use and seems to do the job although any name brand will probably work just as effectively. Another good gas stabilizer, such as "Sta-Bil" also will eliminate condensation that occurs in the gas tank.
 - If you don't use the battery, you will lose the charge, use a "Battery Tender", thus there is no need to remove or disconnect the battery. Just plug it in, attach the terminals to the battery leads and let the power trickle in. One of the best investments you can make.
- Now what about those critters that might want to take up winter residence in you Corvette. Smaller animals such as squirrels, chipmunks, rats and mice are almost impossible to keep out of older buildings and even most new ones. This means that you have to keep them out of your car. The old method was to liberally salt mothballs throughout the interior of the car, but this is almost as damaging as the rodents and leaves the car with a distinctly unpleasant odor, which is as unpleasant as the odor of mouse urine. Mothballs can be used effectively under the car to create barriers over which most creatures will be reluctant to pass. If this is used in conjunction with another simple procedure you can almost guarantee a rodent free car come spring. One important thing, put steel wool in the exhaust tips, those critters love to crawl up your exhaust and make it a cozy winter home. Critters hate mothballs and don't forget to remove the steel wool before you start the car, also remember where you put the mothballs and remove them before you start the car.

Jagoda Bush, a writer for Voice of America, Croatia Division, called Don and Judy Patrick and interviewed them about the Corvette. They don't know why they were chosen to be interviewed but think that Ms. Bush wrote a very nice article.

Corvette, Half a Century Old, But Still Young
by Jagoda Bush
June 2003

The American symbol of speed, sex appeal and youth for 50 years, it is now old enough to join the AARP, which you are allowed to enter after 50 years of living! For the post-war Baby Boomer generation, the Corvette meant love, adventure, freedom. With today's Corvette one can go from zero to sixty in 4.7 seconds, keep going with ease up to 167 m.p.h, and continue, if you have the chance and it's needed, to over 200 m.p.h.!

That first Chevrolet Corvette, which left the assembly line in Flint, Michigan on June 30, 1953, getting its name for a type of British war ship was, to tell the truth, an anemic offering, with a six cylinder engine, bad shocks, and a convertible top that leaked. Constructed out of a strange new post-war material, fiberglass, that first Corvette, in reality, distinguished itself only in its styling -- short, long-nosed -- it called to mind a shark or a stingray, which name would be carried by a legendary later model. Included were the Freudian implications of the Corvette but it is enough to say the Corvette was, with only two seats, made for the free unmarried lads, with enough room only for their girlfriends!

In a world dominated by "horridly" snobbish Europeans, Corvette -- the brainchild of the legendary General Motors designer Harley Earl -- was the first American sports car, and the bandwagon of fans quickly filled up. Every inch worked on by this Yankee interloper on his long and steep path to fame was praised as a treat for the eyes. That first year, 1953, only 300 Corvettes were produced, all white with red vinyl seats. The price was \$3,498. The next year, 1954, Chevy produced over 3,000 Corvettes, but a third were left unsold. A year later, production fell to only seven hundred. The thing that saved the Corvette from certain death was a fortunate occurrence. Namely, in 1955 Ford threw a genuinely strong sports car -- the Thunderbird -- onto the market, and Chevrolet, embarrassed, picked itself up onto its feet with a little help from an engineer of Russian origin, born in Belgium and educated in Berlin - Zora Arkus-Duntov. He worked with them on what was under the hood, and after significant mechanical changes, and some aerodynamic adjustments, the first real American sports car was born -- the '56 Corvette.

There were two important events in 1960 which helped to popularize the Corvette. Briggs Cunningham, using a Corvette, came in eighth at the 24 hours of Le Mans race. At home, in America, the television series "Route 66" premiered, co-starring George Maharis and Martin Milner, who played two free, attractive young men who travelled the legendary road seeking adventure. In the third starring role was a red Corvette. The series lasted for four years, and the Corvette confirmed its special place in American iconology, becoming a symbol of rebellion and patriotism, freedom, speed, and sex. For the difference with its European rivals (refined European taste, but also snobbery), the Corvette is a sports car, they say, for every "red-blooded" American not to mention its name now represents America. It's in the same class as the rivals, but the difference in price is up to \$30,000. The Corvette, or the Vette, four decades after Zora's intervention, has passed through five redesigns and become a subject of worship for many Americans.

Donald Patrick, a civil engineer and a civil servant whose job is to preserve panoramic roads in national parks and wildlife refuges, along with his wife Judy, is one of over 100 members of the 34 year old Northern Virginia Corvette Club. He says that he dreamed about owning Corvettes as a child: " We're both from Michigan, close to Detroit, and cars were always an important part of our life. I drove a Corvette for the first time in 1969, and I fell in love with it immediately -- a love that never let go of me." "Once it gets into your blood," adds Judy, "you'll never be able to be without one!"

The Patricks have had three Corvettes in the last 30 years, a C3, a C4 and they now own the latest generation Corvette C5, introduced in 1997. What makes the car special, they say, is that it's the one two-seater that stayed that way. While all the other cars, with time, got bigger and bigger, "Route 66" helped to further the Corvette mystique. Also, all the automobile magazines, when they compare the Corvette with cars that are twice as expensive, put the Corvette and its performance in first place. It is worth the price, and is an excellent sports car. The Patricks spend every free moment driving on winding country roads, but still, they say, it's never enough. Their license plate reads 2FST4U, and it is a direct provocation to Mustang drivers who, Patrick laughingly adds, always want to race Corvettes, always jump the gun, and start first, but always lose in a race.

"At work," says Donald Patrick, "where the pace is crazy, colleagues don't understand why, every day, I celebrate going home. My Corvette is waiting! Washing the car is not work, it's a pleasure, therapy that calms me down after a hard day at work. I tell them, -- you have to have something that fills you with passion, something completely different from what is in the office and at work!"

In the 50 year history of the ties between man and Corvette, a crucial component has been the socializing with other people, with other owners, say the Patricks. Agreeing with this is Bobby Joe Lee, the public relations coordinator for the National Corvette Museum, in Bowling Green, Kentucky. "It's not just the car, it's also the passion for the life-style that the Corvette embodies, those are the friendships that it creates. It's a beautiful car and a beautiful group of enthusiasts."

Baseball has Cooperstown, football has Canton. the Corvette has Bowling Green, the Mecca for Corvette pilgrims. This weekend, all roads lead there, and to nearby Nashville, where a huge celebration is planned. Zora Arkus-Duntov, who some see as the true father of the Corvette, and all others, at the very least, as the godfather of the Corvette, laid the cornerstone for the museum building, now 9 years old. Originally envisioned as an archival library for all things Corvette-related, thanks to the zealous collections of Corvette enthusiasts, it's become a multimillion dollar museum that preserves the history of that car. This nonprofit organization, insists Bobby Joe Lee, is exclusively financed by its 19,000 members, all Corvette owners. (www.corvettemuseum.com.)

The Gallery of Automotive Displays in the museum changes regularly, but for this event, the Corvette's 50th birthday, says Bobby Joe Lee, there's a display of one Corvette for every year of production, all 50 years of the Corvette's evolution, even including the only one in the world from 1983. Across the street from the museum is the Corvette factory, from where, these days, every new Corvette comes. Around 11,000 owners have announced that they are coming this weekend, from every state in the union (the most from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Texas) and a few hundred of them from other parts of the world, from where, for this occasion, they will even be transporting their cars.

The price of the Corvette today is between \$44,435 and \$51,334. Americans buy about 35,000 Corvettes yearly, at least three times more than Porsche or any other foreign sports car. About 85% of the buyers are men, two-thirds are over 40 years old. The next generation of Corvettes, the C6, will debut next January in Detroit. They say it will not be a radical change, as the current generation C5 Corvette enjoys its reputation as an excellent sports car.

Pics from the Photo Shoot!



George lookin' good!



Now let's get organized!



Collin get ready for the ride



Line 'em up!

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9 November, 2003 NVCC/NVMC Open Low Speed Autocross 3/8 mile Oval
3/8 mile Oval

1st Event

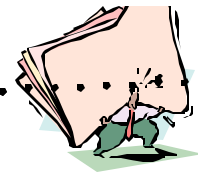
Driver	Class	Run1 Pen	Run2 Pen	Run3 Pen	Best	FTD
Ralph Watts	2G	73.141 1	67.773 1	67.348	67.348	X
John Tribble	1SH	71.000	69.456	69.004	69.004	
Don Kerndt	1SH	70.801 2	69.464	69.959	69.464	
Hector Malpartida	1SGT	72.912	71.967	73.328	71.967	
Allen Dobson	2H	76.541	73.196	72.293	72.293	
Jim Beaupre	1SH	69.968 2	72.420 1	71.623 1	73.623	
Curtis Judge	2H	86.656 1	77.329 1	76.907	76.907	
Jenny						
Higginbotham	1SLGT	88.192	85.083	82.316	82.316	
Nick Martin	1SFOX	115.815	104.944	100.862	100.862	
Joan Dobson	2H	113.072 6	114.827 2	103.540 2	107.540	

2nd Event

Driver	Class	Run1 Pen	Run2 Pen	Run3 Pen	Best	FTD
Ralph Watts	2G	67.007	66.783 3	68.146	67.007	X
John Tribble	1SH	68.193	69.640 1	68.961	68.193	
Don Kerndt	1SH	70.654 10	68.646	68.409 1	68.646	
Jim Beaupre 1	SH	75.361 5	68.714 1	70.008	70.008	
Allen Dobson	2H	72.534	70.571	71.930	70.571	
Hector Malpartida	1SGT	72.943	70.589		70.589	
Curtis Judge	2H	77.953	78.684 1	78.202 1	77.953	
Jenny						
Higginbotham	1SLGT	85.542 1	82.129	81.169	81.169	
Joan Dobson	2H	115.483	114.035		114.035	

16 November, 2003 NVCC Open Low Speed Autocross 3/8 mile Oval

Driver	Class	Run1 Pen	Run2 Pen	Run3 Pen	Best	FTD
Andrej Balanc	2G	67.706	66.931	66.817	66.817	X
Ralph Watts	2G	69.693 2	66.230 1	66.975	66.975	
Barry McKibben	3ME	67.428 1			69.428	
Don Kerndt	1SH	71.912	69.896	69.817	69.817	
John Tribble	1SH	70.077 1	75.063	69.855 7	72.077	
Allen Dobson	2H	76.287	75.881	75.236	75.236	
Jesse Perez	1SGT	80.429	78.094		78.094	
Rich Mackow	1SH	88.369	84.954	78.253	78.253	
David Caramanica	MIATA	81.868 1	78.629 2	79.758	79.758	
Bill Kratz	RX6	86.776	79.804	79.129 1	79.804	
Phil Caramanica	RX7	80.380	82.450	79.201 1	80.380	
Dan Donohue	RX7	74.395 2	74.326 3	73.192 6	80.395	
Kyu Hwang	MAZDA	84.327	76.857 2	74.984 4	80.857	
Tom Green	3RP	87.481	81.129		81.129	
Ryan Roberts	BMW	89.861	81.485		81.485	
Jason Huber	MIATA	82.543 2	83.046	81.922	81.922	
Patrick Thomas	MAZDA	81.973 1	78.489 2	82.490	82.489	
Jenny						
Higginbotham	1SLGT	81.593 1	84.884 3	83.965	83.593	
Neil Martin	1SGT	95.281	88.130		88.130	
Mark Hillyfr	MAZDA	92.669	88.211	88.880	88.211	



NVCC General Membership meeting 10/28/03

Submitted by Don Kerndt

Meeting Start: 7:30 PM at Koons Chevrolet

Attendance: 8 Council Members, 3 Guests, Members 23, Prospective Members 2 = total 36

Treasurer Report Jeff Reinke, The balance the best it has been in months with the dues and Spooktacular major expense was the track rental.

Autocross: The next event is 11/9/03 at ODS. At the last autocross, the ODS owner Steve (I think) stopped by to say hi.

Concours: No new information, currently planning to hold the 2004 event at Franklin Park. Chairman out keeping the world safe.

Club Picture: The pictures taken in early October are 'looking good' per Collin. He is finalizing the copy costs. The pictures, 8x 10 or 11 x 14 will be available to club members, the local media, AOL, the London Times, and probably anyone else who want to see a bunch of cool cars and equally cool drivers.

Membership: 102 members with 14 perspective members. It was nice to see some new faces at the meeting but there is still space in the meeting room for some of the 60% of the missing members.

Newsletter: Copies of the current newsletter available, Jim Beaupre was not.

Historian: Ralph where are you? At least I did not have to write up the questions

Rallye: Last rallye of the season 11/2 with Joe Daly as rallye master. Each rallye participant has the option to take part in a cruise over the rallye course and not to do the rallye questions.

Social: Edie Soles is finalizing the end of the year holiday party. It will be held in January 1/17.

Mike Woods had a birthday on the 28th and took the opportunity to come to the club meeting to celebrate his special day. He was entertained with some off key singing of happy birthday that thankfully ended quickly. Jim Chalupsky also celebrated an October birthday but was able to skate by during the meeting without notice.

11/1 Darts at Wanda and Zoel's place in Vienna. A count will be taken of the number of darts hitting the wall rather than the target.

The Thorton Gap cruise is scheduled for 11/9. It takes place on some great roads and hopefully the trees should be pretty.

Spooktacular: Another successful event was held this year. A profit was generated with 50 + cars competing. Trophies will consist of pictures of the winners cars with times and location super imposed on the picture. Andrej gets credit for the idea. Chuck Pellerin was at Spook taking pictures of all the cars to use for the trophies and to provide an historical record of the event.

George Skalkeas has done his last Spook and is looking for next year's chairman. He expressed his gratitude for being supported by all the club members who helped with the events over the last years. Thanks George.

Chuck Pellerin had two tables filled with pictures from Spook

NCCC Ambassador: Andrej discussed rule changes specifically allowing poly urethane bushings for C-4 suspensions. Hope that it makes the cars faster. Consideration is being given to tightening up the requirements for high sped licenses. A driving school may be required rather than competing in 10 low speed autocrosses. Stay tuned.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador: The museum is still full of corvettes. A good thing based on its name.



Web Site: The site now includes a forum board and members are encouraged to contribute. Upgrades are in process to help with picture uploads and management of the forum postings. There is a chance that Joe Maler, chief mechanic for Vettes at Koons will be part of the forum. He would answer service type questions.

Raffles: Prizes consisted of shirts and a hat that no one wanted. Bob Compton won the 50/50. He may use the money for some all season tires for his vette when he goes four wheeling.

American Iron: The after event meeting has not been scheduled, Rick is still trying to get with the ODS owner.

Nominations 2004 Officers: The initial nominations were made. Additional names may be entered at the November general meeting.

Nomination:

President: Jeff Kirk
 Vice Pres: John Tribble
 Secretary: none
 Treasurer: Jeff Reinke
 At Large: Don Kerndt

Other: A general discussion was held concerning the club's relationship with its sponsor. The overall relationship between the club and the sponsor could be improved. There needs to be more actions taken to increase the benefits for both parties.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a follow up meeting at the Vienna Inn

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