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## No C5-R's 4 DC in '03!

Stating that there were "operational difficulties" the American Le Mans Series, featuring the conquering Corvettes, will not be seen on the streets of Washington, DC in 2003. The ALMS cancelled the scheduled June date. There appears to be political issues between the DC government and the constituency that lives near the RFK Stadium parking lot where the race was held in 2002.

The event was very successful in 2002 bringing a reported 10 plus million dollars in much needed tourist dollars alone to the District. This may well spell doom for the race in the future. Without the residents consent to withstand a couple of days of thunder from the racing cars there probably not be a race in the future in the district.

Without too many venues to hold an event in the District we may have seen the last of the C5-R racing cars running in the area.

Having lived in the area long enough I can remember going to Hains Point to watch the Unlimited Hydroplane boats run on the Potomac. Those races were lost because of "operational difficulties" as well and never returned.

## Fasssst Company!

Finding the racing line, keeping the momentum and luck in the pits made for exciting racing as NVCC held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Go-Kart Racing Night at All Sports Grand Prix in Sterling.

Since its inception, this event has entertained a different form of racing each year. The first, a 20 lap qualifying race and a 40-lap feature, the next, five, 10-lap sprint races. This year we went BIG...a 120-lap endurance race!

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## NVCC's Knock down Some Pins

The annual Bowling Party was held on February 15, 2003 at Bowl America in Sterling, VA.

Everyone that signed up was really counting on getting together for another fun evening with their Co-Vet owners and friends. So we made the decision to go ahead and have the event.

We still had a good turn out even with the bad weather conditions Thirty had signed up and we had at least twenty five bowlers.

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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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Corvette Club  
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www.nvcorvetteclub.com**



**Presidential Pontifications  
from Paul Hertel**

I've been thinking about the charitable donations NVCC makes every year. I think it's great that the club gives to charities in the memory of past members that have passed away. This just goes to show how much the members of this club care about each other. Last year, I asked you to name other charities that the council should consider for receiving donations from NVCC and no one came up with any new charities. Well, this year I'm asking you again.

Personally, I would like to make a donation to a charity at one of their fund raising events. We could show our cars, which would help the draw and we could get some publicity from the event. I feel that this charity should be local and smaller than the major charities so that the donation we give them will make a big difference in the live of the people that we are helping.

For example, we were contacted from a local charity that just wanted us to show ours cars at his fair where they had food, games, etc. How cool would it be for us to show our cars, have fun with the other club members and our kids, and then give them a check to boot? So I'm asking you to think about it and contact the council with any ideas or suggestions.

Respectfully,  
Paul

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**The Zob electron blue zone  
by Jim**

In 1998 the International Speedway Corporation, owners of several NASCAR tracks, including Daytona, decided to add seats to their Winston Tower section. One of the sections added was the Earnhardt Tower, in honor of the many wins at Daytona by then living Dale Earnhardt. My son Jeff bought 4 excellent seats in the section in 1999 and we have gone every year since. If you have never been to the Daytona 500 it is truly something special. The number of fans, the activities leading up to the race, the circus atmosphere in the city of Daytona all add up to the "experience". People wonder if we were short changed this year when the race was shortened by rain. What is not understood is there are 5 races in the three days before the 500 that are usually more exciting. On Thursday the two 125 mile 500 qualifying races always has plenty of action as the cars in 15th and 16th place are battling for a place in the 500. This year won by Dale Earnhardt, jr and Robby Gordon. Friday is the IROC race, certainly past its prime but exciting none the less with a piece of driving by Fittapaldi that was pure magic. Christian got bumped turn one, slid off onto the grass at something over 175mph and not spin! He fishtailed up onto the banking and joined back in the action.

Friday also had the truck race, well they look like trucks! Going 190mph with no restrictor plates these "trucks" normally run on 1/2 mile tracks at 130mph. At 190 on a 2 1/2 mile, banked track they are exciting to watch. The race ended in a photo finish after 250 miles with three trucks crossing the line together. Terrific watch, with Rick Crawford taking the win.

Saturday has a 300 mile Busch race with quite a number of Winston drivers entered to obtain practice/experience for Sunday. Dale Earnhardt, jr. won this race on the last lap, again exciting.

So Sunday's rain shortened race was no disappointment for someone who had been in Daytona for all 4 days. Besides I had Waltrip in the money pool!

When I was a child growing up in Rhode Island I became a fan of motorsports at an early age. My first real big time race was watching Mario Andretti win the Daytona 500 in 1967 on black and white closed circuit TV in an ice arena. We have come a long way since then.

Growing up I never envisioned attending any big time races but I have been blessed and have attended 4 of the 5 "Jim's 5 big racing events". Of LeMans, Indy 500, Daytona 500, US National Drags at Indy and the Monaco Grand Prix I have only missed LeMans. The Daytona experience is special though.

We need to take a break in 2004 but will be renewing the tickets, if you have a desire to we might sell.....

Jim Beaupre

**NEXT MONTH: The AutoX season soon!**



## What's Happenin'...

### MARCH

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

### APRIL

8 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm

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

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  
11-12 Spooktacular Summit Point, WV  
14 NVCC Council meeting @Koons-7:30 pm  
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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## ***Socially Speaking from***

### ***Edie Soles***

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

<b>Capt. Billy's Cruise Aquia Creek Club</b>	<b>April 6</b>
<b>NVCC Picnic Wellers &amp; Sandy</b>	<b>May 18</b>
<b>Ice Cream Cruise Andrej Balanc</b>	<b>June 1</b>
<b>Thorton Gap Cruise Kirk DeNee</b>	<b>October 26</b>

#### **Captain Billy's Seafood Cruise**

This is an annual event that the Aquia Creek Corvette Club always invites NVCC to participate in and is always a fun filled day. I encourage all to take part in this event.

There is always over 100 Corvettes on this cruise. All it costs you is your gas and whatever you want to eat at Capt'n Billy's. It is an order off the menu, bar, and salad bar type restaurant.

#### **Directions to gathering place for drivers meeting:**

Take I-95 South to Exit 140, Stafford.

Turn right on Route 630, and Commuter Parking lot is on the left at top of hill.

The agenda for the day is:

11:45 AM Meet at the Commuter Parking Lot on Route 630 for Caravan instructions.

12:00 Noon Depart the Commuter Lot in route to the Exxon Station on Route 1 South where others will join the Caravan.

12:30 PM Meet others joining the Caravan at the Wal-Mart store on Route 3 East.

1:10 PM Meet other participants at the Technology Center on Route 301 in King George.

1:45 PM All participants arrive at Capt'n Billy's

Sincerely; Edie Soles, Social Director NVCC

### ***Auto Crossing Screeches***

***By  
Mike Sarver***

Two big events have been set for 2003. The Spooktacular is firm for October 11—12 and our support of the NCCC National Convention events at Summit Point on Monday and Tuesday, August 17th and 18th. Expect 250 entrants with one day running the Summit course (high speed) and one day the Jefferson (low-speed). Enter soon if you expect a spot.

If you have not heard the ownership of Old Dominion Speedway has changed. We are checking on the impact for our summer event series.

Respectfully, Mike

#### **NVCC's Knock down Some Pins** **(cont. from page 1)**

I really encourage other members to take part in events like this because it is a let your hair down, great fun time.

I want to thank everyone that took part and hope you had as good of time as I did.

Don't forget the Dart Social to be held on March 1, 2003 at Zoel & Wanda Robinson's home. This will be another fun night. You can call them at 703-255-1746 or email them at redvette1@cox.net.

Edie Soles  
NVCC Social Director

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

The 2003 Rallye season is gearing up (pardon the pun), and the first thing that needs to be done is to thank Dick Hammaker for the nine years he served NVCC as Rallye Director. Dick was director when I first started rallying with NVCC in 1996, and with his encouragement I hosted my first rallye in 1999. I was worried about doing that first rallye, but Dick told me "Design the rallye you would love to run and it will be great". He was right. I prepared for my first Rallye Master experience by helping Dick plan the route and clues for Rallye 101. He taught me the elements of a safe and fun rallye, and also that a rallye does not need to be hard in order to be competitive. The Rallye Masters of the 2003 season will be asked to build rallyes that embrace this vision. So, thank you Dick for all your leadership and guidance. Enjoy this year as a participating member.

There are five Rallyes this year and the cost will remain \$10.00 per car. One change I am making to the Rallye program this year is 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 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 will provide an opportunity for teams to see what NVCC rallyes are like without the stress of getting lost.

The 2003 Rallye Series will begin at Hopsfrog Restaurant on April 27<sup>th</sup> with the popular Rallye 101 "What you need to know", and the first rallye is scheduled the following week on Sunday, May 4. Look for flyers in the newsletter, and check the NVCC calendar for additional rallye dates.

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

Rallye #1	May 4th POC Andrej Balanc
Rallye #2	June TBD POC TBD
Rallye #3	July 13th POC Barb Shaw
Rallye #4	Sept. 14th POC Alice Arielly
Rallye #5	Oct Date TBD POC TBD

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

**March 2003**

### **CALENDAR EVENTS**

- April 24-26: C5 Birthday Bash
- 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**

April 6; Mexico City, Mexico	Cancelled
May TBA: TBA, Europe	TBA
June 29: Grand Prix of Wash. DC	Cancelled
July 27: Grand Prix of Sonoma, Ca	NBC Sports
August 3: Grand Prix of Trois-Rivieres, Ouebec, 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**

#### **GULDSTRAND SIGNATURE EDITION ANNIVERSARY CORVETTE UPDATE**

The much publicized prototype of the Guldstrand Signature Edition Anniversary Corvette has been reported to have sold for more than the list price of the car. Only 50 Guldstrand Signature Edition Anniversary Corvettes will be sold, and each will have special serialized identification number plates along with Dick Guldstrand's personal signature. The package is available only on 2003 Z06 Corvettes, and can be ordered through local Chevrolet dealers or installed on cars already in the hands of owners. Find out more about the Guldstrand Signature Edition Anniversary Car by clicking here: <http://www.CorvetteThunder.com>.

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

### **8TH ANNUAL CORVETTE CELEBRATION TO FEATURE C3 "SHARKS"**

The Corvette Museum will celebrate its 8th Anniversary at this year's Corvette Celebration and Corvette Hall of Fame August 28 - September 1, 2002. This year's event will feature a special evolution display saluting the third generation "Shark" Corvettes from 1968-1982. The prestigious Corvette Hall of Fame Induction, seminars, GM Corvette Assembly Plant tours, road tours and much more are in store for attendees. For the complete release on the 8th Annual Corvette Celebration click here: [http://www.corvettemuseum.com/press\\_releases/Corvette\\_Celebration\\_2002.shtml](http://www.corvettemuseum.com/press_releases/Corvette_Celebration_2002.shtml)

For complete schedule of activities and to register for the event visit our website at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/celebration/info.shtml> or call (800) 53-VETTE.

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.

### **CORVETTE STORE FEATURES NEW SPRING LINE**

The Corvette Store is now offering a wide variety of new spring / summer selections including colorful spring polos, t-shirts, light jackets and collectibles. Free shipping is available on orders of \$75.00 or more till April 15th, 2002. Order your new Corvette Store merchandise online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/store> or call (800) 53-VETTE.

### **CORVETTE OPENS ALMS SEASON WITH 1-2 GTS QUALIFICATION RUNS AT SEBRING**

#### **GM Corvette Racing Report**

One year ago, Ron Fellows captured the GTS pole at Sebring only to lose it in post qualifying impound. This year he made it stick. Fellows turned a lap of 1:59.699 in his No. 3 GM Goodwrench Corvette to lead Andy Pilgrim, in the No. 4 GM Goodwrench Corvette across the finish line to qualify 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the GTS class. Pilgrim's time of 1:59.940 outdistanced the 2:01.476 of the 3rd place Viper of Mike Hezemans. With the faster prototype class starting up front Fellows and Pilgrim will start 21st and 22nd.

"Team Manager Doug Fehan calls Sebring our (Corvette's) Bermuda Triangle. Last year we finished 2nd and 3rd in GTS so we are gunning for a much better finish," said Fellows. Corvette has been the major GM brand to attack the 12-hour race at Sebring. The first Corvette appeared in

1954 and the marquee boasts a total of 206 entries second only to Porsche with 831 entries. Virtually every Corvette model from 1954 forward has undertaken the Sebring challenge including the very rare Corvette Grand Sport, the limited production Corvette SS and the production Stingray. The Sebring race is scheduled this weekend in Sebring, FL. For more information on the 12-Hours of Sebring race click here: <http://www.sebringraceway.com/index2.html>

### **GRAND PRIX OF AMERICAS SCHEDULED RACE CANCELLED**

The Grand Prix of the Americas race scheduled for April 7th, 2002 in Miami Florida has been cancelled. No specifics on a make-up date have been released at this time. Race and pit package auctions scheduled to take place via the Museum's website will be postponed until a specific race date is final. Information will be made available via this news service and the Museum's America's Sports Car Magazine.

### **50 YEARS OF CORVETTE DISPLAY OPENS TO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

The 50 Years of Corvette Display to be featured at the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration activities in June is now open to NCM general membership. The display recently open to only lifetime members, will feature one of each model year Corvette to be hosted as a center piece display in both Bowling Green and Nashville, and will be featured as part of a special parade during the event festivities. For a registration fee of \$500 per car, participants in the 50 Years of Corvette display also receive two event tickets to 50th Anniversary activities in Nashville, a parking pass for Coliseum grounds admittance, personalized commemorative plaque, and much more. Several model year spaces are still available. Click here for more information on how to be part of this exciting display at the upcoming festivities commemorating Corvette's 50th Anniversary: [http://www.corvettemuseum.com/50\\_years\\_display/index.shtml](http://www.corvettemuseum.com/50_years_display/index.shtml)

### **VIEW THE EARNHARDT Z06E VIA WEBCAM**

Take a look at the Earnhardt Signature Series Z06E Corvette on display and viewable via the NCM webcam! Previously on display at Earnhardt Inc. in Mooresville, NC and at the recent Daytona 500, this "one-of-a-kind" Corvette features a special graphics/appearance package courtesy of DEI and is signed under the hood by the entire staff at Dale Earnhardt Inc. Tickets are only \$25 each winner to be drawn as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities June 30. View the Earnhardt Z06E at webcam #5 here: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/webcam/index.htm> Purchase a ticket online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml>

## 2004 COMMEMORATIVE EDITION Z15 and Z16 CORVETTE SPECIAL UNVEILING

The Corvette Brand Team has provided us the opportunity to offer additional details on the special unveiling of the 2004 commemorative edition Corvettes at the upcoming C5 Birthday Bash, April 24-26. A RPO Z15 commemorative edition coupe and convertible, along with a RPO Z16 Corvette Z06 model will be unveiled on Friday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m. CT. We encourage all Corvette enthusiasts to register for the C5 Bash and be a part of the special unveiling. Register now for the C5 Birthday Bash by clicking here: [http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5\\_bash/registration.shtml](http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/registration.shtml) or (800) 53-VETTE.

### ENJOY AN ANTIQUE SHOPPING SPREE

Karen Hill, Liz Cooksey and Connie McGehan will be hosting an all day antique shopping spree as part of the many activities planned at the upcoming C5 Birthday Bash, April 24-26, 2003. The antique shoppers will head to Paducah Kentucky where the "Kentucky Quilt Festival" is the highlight of the trip. Tours of the Quilt Museum will be available in addition to enjoying numerous antique shops, specialty stores, boutiques and excellent restaurants in downtown Paducah. Register now for the C5 Birthday Bash and the many exciting activities planned by clicking here: [http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5\\_bash/c5\\_info.shtml](http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/c5_info.shtml)

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

#### GEARING UP FOR THE CORVETTE FORUM CRUISE-IN

Registration for the Corvette Forum Cruise-In is live and ready to roll! May 22-24, event participants will enjoy the nonstop fun and excitement planned for all event attendees. The packed weekend schedule includes tours of the Corvette Assembly Plant, a scenic road tour to Long Hollow Winery, drag racing and low-speed autocross at Beech Bend Race park, a spaghetti dinner at the 1869 Homestead and much more. A "Peoples Choice" car show, informative seminars, vendor demonstrations, and more are also part of the exciting festivities. Register now for the Corvette Forum Cruise-In by clicking here: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/forum/info.shtml> or call our events department at (800)53-VETTE.

## CARAVAN REGISTRATION REACHES 6,000 TO DATE

National Corvette Caravan registration has reached the 6,000 mark! Excitement continues to build and hundreds of caravan registrations are pouring in each week. Be a part of history in the making and celebrate Corvette's 50th Anniversary with us! To find a captain near you and to register for the National Corvette Caravan visit our website at: <http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com> or call (800) 53-VETTE. Order exclusive "Caravan Participant" merchandise when you register for the National Corvette Caravan. This merchandise is only available to participants and must be ordered by May 19 to insure delivery prior to your departure. You must have your caravan registration number to place an order. For more information and to place an order for this exclusive event merchandise click here: <http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com> or call (800) 53-VETTE.

### 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.

**"The year that had the largest production run  
of Vettes—1979 -53,807 units."**

## Fasssst Company!

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No, we aren't super men and women (well one of us was, I'll explain later) building massive forearms by wheeling a kart for two hours. We teamed up. Each kart was assigned to a team of two drivers, alternating driving chores every 15 laps or so. Pit strategy became key as everyone had to pit within a 3-lap window every time the lead car racked up another 15 laps.

The night started with 19 club members donning their driving suits and discussing strategy with their team mates. After a quick drivers' meeting where François, the owner of All Sports GP, explained some karting fundamentals, the track line, and safety and flag etiquette, each driver drove their kart for a 5-minute warm-up. This is where everyone concentrated on finding the racing line and developing some type of driving technique to bring them closer to racing history!

After determining who drives first, a ritual for my team sounding something like, "I'll drive first... no, I'll go first... no, I'll", the karts were fired up, placed on the grid, and flew into turn one as the green light flashed the start. What a blast. Wheel-to-wheel racing, wind in your hair, visions of Mario or Dale flickering in the back of your mind, you get the idea. 15 laps later the karts headed for the pits for the driver swap. Comments in the paddock were flying as fast as the karts on the track as newly anointed drivers expressed their perceptions of their track experiences. The pace never slowed, as lap after lap, driver change after driver change the thrills kept coming.

If you were paying attention, it's apparent that 19 is not divisible by 2 leaving one member to volunteer to become the only "one-person team". That stalwart individual was Mark Grigg. 120 laps, almost 2 hours of non-stop racing and he still had strength to drive home. I'm sure the following day he had trouble twisting the lid off the milk bottle. Way to go, Mark!

At the end of the night three teams ascended the podium with Bob Compton and his son, Doug victorious followed by Mike Sarver and Don Kerndt in second place with Andrej Balanc and Stuart Fox taking third. Congratulations to the winners!

Aside from sore muscles, we're taking away some great memories. Many of the teams were made up of fathers and sons making these memories that more special. My thanks to all the drivers and spectators who made this a great night of racing fun! If you didn't do it this year, don't miss the next chance to be part of NVCC's *Fast Company!* --Ralph Watts



**The Racers before the start!**

**"For those of us with gray hair, the last year  
Corvettes were offered with wide whitewalls—1961 !!"**





**Members  
CORNER  
By Judy Patrick**

**MARCH Report**

We currently have 92 Active members and 5 prospective members

**Prospective Members:**

- Patti & Russ Puncocar - 2001 Pewter Coupe
- Tony Rodrigues - 2003 Red Z06
- Sandy Potter— 1979 Metallic Green Coupe
- Ron Ingram—1999 Black Convertible
- John Mc Cauley—2002 Black Z06

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

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



**March Birthdays:**

- Rich Roemer ..... 3
- Gerard Bradd ..... 13
- Mike Sarver ..... 14
- David Rankin ..... 16
- Kirk DeNee ..... 25
- Kurush Reid ..... 29
- Bob Miller ..... 30
- Barb Shaw ..... 30

**April Birthdays:**

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

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

**HELP THE NVCC & YOURSELF!**

With Spring around the corner (hopefully), and the sunny days warming our sore back muscles from the workout Old Man Winter gave us shoveling snow, I'm sure that many of us are anxious to get out and about in our cars. For those of you looking to get new tires, as I have in the past, I would highly recommend using The TireRack, which now has a link available from the front page of our website. <http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/> Using this link can actually save you money, as well as make the club a few extra dollars! Read on to find out how!

Although I can't comment on the prices of everyone's tires, I can comment on mine. I had plugged my rear tires, and was somewhat concerned about how safe this would be on the track at Summit Point. Being a "better safe than sorry" person, I went to the local Goodyear dealer to find that my tires for the Z06 were listed at \$725 each, but that they would give them to me for \$550 each. I went and looked online, and was able to buy 2 tires, delivered to my house in 3 or 4 days, for \$568, a savings of over \$500, or \$1000 for 4 tires. These are the EXACT same tires that I would of bought in the store, and applies to not only Goodyear, but most other tire manufacturers, and for all vehicles. I even ordered a set of tires for my truck, and TireRack called me at home to make sure I hadn't accidentally ordered the wrong tires for the vette. They even haev racing tires!! The only issue you have now is getting the tires mounted, which means you have to carry the tires somewhere and get it done, which could be a pain in the rear, but to me, for a savings of \$500, easily worthwhile, especially for those who want a perfect balance with a speed system. Often, you can call the shop where you're going to have the tires mounted, and have Tirerack deliver the tires directly to that location. Saves you the hassle of trying to load tires into the baby! Many of the members already have special places where they get their tires mounted anyways, and most would gladly recommend these places to fellow club members. The bonus for all this, is that for all tires bought from the TireRack \*\*\* through\*\*\* the advertised link on our Northern Virginia Corvette web page, TireRack will then donate 6% of the already discounted price of the tires back to the Club. The council has specifically not declared where in the club this money would be spent, figuring that it would be best used as required to support the club, versus a specific event or item. So, not only are you making a great deal on tires, but you're helping the club out as well. Please take advantage of this great deal, save yourself some money, and help the club out as well.

Jeff Kirk  
Vice President



**NVCC Business Meeting Minutes – February 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:** 11 Council + 20 Members + 0 guests = 31

President's Report:

- Shirts are in! 38 shirts ordered
- \$15 hats for sale (ordered 20) + additional samples available
- Max discount is 48 items, which is low, so can do well! Discussion around how to best order items. Barbara Foor had indicated interest in being the order person--need to check with her. Catalogs & price lists are in hands of most council members.

Vice-President's Report:

- n/a

Secretary's Report:

- n/a

Treasurer's Report

- Ending balance approx. \$6,400. Last month's expenses for engraving, repair autocross tent

Autocross (Mike Sarver). ODS sold, still working setting up dates, 15-18 open dates

Concours (Collin McDonald). Sept 21<sup>st</sup> No contract signed yet.

Membership (Judy Patrick not present). See membership report in newsletter. Key ring vote taken--unanimous agreement to purchase new king rings..

Newsletter (Jim Beaupre). Needs jpg format logo. Mailed out 21 issues of February newsletter.

NCCC (Andrej Balanc). Attention: Z06 owners & autocrossers – new Group I Z06 has its own class—out of H into J. In Group II, they're still H class. Ordered High Speed licenses for: George Skalkeas Bob Compton, B4, Rich Roemer, Mike Woods.

Historian (Ralph Watts).

1. Recently a retro style Buick commercial has been on TV featuring a fellow named Harley Earl. What was his connection to Corvettes?

Answer: He was GM designer who sponsored and designed the first Corvette. "returning GI's after World War II were bringing home MGs , Jaguars, and he like.. Earl convinced GM that they needed to build a sports car. The result was the Corvette." (Earl introduced two types of design methods. One was a two dimensional rough sketch which consisted of line drawings and the other was three dimensional clay models which were presented to management as realistic mock-ups.) (Bob Compton won)

2. What does NCRS stand for, and ....There are four stated purposes of the NCRS. Name two (hint: their Acronym contains one)?

Answer: National Corvette Restorers Society... the restoration, preservation, history and enjoyment of Corvettes from model years 1953 through 1986. (Andrej Balanc won)

3. NVCC History: What year was NVCC founded and what NVCC?

Answer: According to the NVCC Bylaws, 1969. (Andrej won again, so he gave his prize to Mike Sarver. Paul mentioned that the first meeting wasn't until January 1970.

4. Who was the former General Manager and Chief Engineer of GM responsible for the small block Chevrolet overhead valve, pushrod V8?

Answer: Ed Cole (Collin MacDonald won)

5. What is the Corvette named after?

Answer: The name "corvette" for a class of ship goes back to small French warships of the 18th century. The resurrection of the name in modern times is often attributed to no less a person than Winston Churchill.

The WWII corvette was based on a mid - 1930's design for an ocean going whale catcher. Whalers need to be capable of making rapid twists and turns, which was of no less importance in submarine hunting.

In all 270 corvettes were built (145 in the U.K., 121 in Canada, 4 in France) making them the largest class of warships ever built.



They served in more wartime navies (11) than any type of ship before or since. (Collin)

Winners each won a raffle ticket.

NCM (Don Patrick not here).

Rallye Director (opening).

Social (Edie Soles).

- February 15<sup>th</sup> - Bowling party good time.
- March 1<sup>st</sup>, Dart tournament @ Zoel's, Vienna (BYOB + snack).
- Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> --Go Karts—All Sports in Sterling (Ralph)—Show 7p.m., track 7:30 p.m. Possible \$150 per team of 2-relays, or about \$75 each. Let Ralph know early head count/names. Have 20 people – full house, have waiting list.
- Hopsfrog brunch, 9 March
- Picnic again (Ron, Monique, & Sandy's) Tentative back to May 18<sup>th</sup>

Spooktacular (George Skalkeas). October 11-12.

Web Site (Brad Sneade). Web back up. Still working on ability to update database. Thanks to Mike Sarver & Tom Green for help.

Raffles.

- Other prizes: Hat – John Tribble, Mark Bergstrom, Joe Daly, Barb Shaw Grab box: Alice Arielly, Bob Compton
- 2 Oil Changes won by Collin MacDonald, John Tribble
- 50/50. Took in \$110. \$55 prize won by Jeff Eckhaus

New Business.

Rick Poage – Last weekend was 1<sup>st</sup> NASA Event at VIR, cold & rainy Saturday, nice Sunday, 40 cars in Novice, Intermediate, only had openings in advanced group. If you're concerned about costs, you can volunteer & accumulate points

Next event is in April – Carolina Motor Sports Park, Kershaw SC

Rick also has zinc plated slotted C5 rotors available.

Paul brought up that Corvette License plate bill will come up June 30<sup>th</sup>, limit of 6 digits, logo on left—possibly use for cars that aren't Corvettes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Several adjourned to Vienna Inn, off 123 in Vienna. Special guest-Vienna Inn-Vette mechanic.

Alice S. Arielly, Secretary

### Skyline Drive Corvette Cruise General Information

#### 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.

## HOPSFROG SOCIAL EVENT

Thirty (30) hardcore Corvetters (most drove their Vettes) braved the weather to attend the Hopsfrog Tavern Brunch today. Besides good food and better company, the highlight of the Brunch was hearing about Bill Kolster's adventure to Bowling Green to pick up his NEW 6 speed 50th Anniversary Corvette Coupe. Thanks to Jeff Kirk for giving Kostos, Owner of Hopsfrog, a ride in his Z06 and demonstrating it's performance capabilities.  
HAM

Catch some of the photos below. Corvettes and SNOW!!!!



Bill Kolster and his 2003 50th Anniversary Corvette



Corvettes do come out in Winter!!



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

**NAME (please print)**

**JOB (Check one) Timing  Posting  Paddock  Corner  MISC**

**NCCC NO.**

**TELEPHONE**

**EMAIL**

**RACING?**

**ATTENDING CONVENTION?**

**WORK MONDAY (yes/no)**

**WORK TUESDAY (yes/no)**

**SHIRT SIZE**

## **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](mailto: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!)

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