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NVCC Racers go at each other for 150 laps!!

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In an attempt to get over the winter doldrums 40 NVCC members went to All Sports in Sterling on March 10th to race in 150 lap Karting endurance race. There was more than a little sweat pouring off these guys as each team of two drivers went 15 laps between pit stops. As Mike Woods said to me, "this is a lot harder than I thought it would be!" With the course set up on a slick track of about 7 turns in about a 10th of a mile the drivers worked really hard to keep up. The drivers were kept abreast of how each team was doing with complete video of electronic scoring—position, fastest lap, laps to go, etc.

Pit stops were a real jumble as the pit entrance was only one kart wide! This meant if you came in behind another kart you were at the mercy of their pit speed!

Bob Compton's comments:
Last years winners, Bob and Doug Compton were relegated to a 3rd place finish this year due to an extended pit stop. An engine on one of the cars died in front of Bob as he was entering pit lane for the first pit stop. This cost the team an extra 18 seconds. The total lap time was 56 seconds while the remaining pit stops took about 38 seconds for the lap. Bob entered the pit lane on the first stop in 4th place but dropped down to 6th as Doug took off. Doug took the team back into 3rd by the time the next pit stop came around and 3rd is where they finished, a lap down to the winners.

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Exciting stuff as we all know the NVCC racers can be very competitive!!!



Andrej Balanc and Chuck Wasserstadt at the top of the podium (both SCCA race driver license holders!)



All the racers after an exhausting 150 laps

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What's Happenin'... in the NVCC!!

MARCH

23 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

APRIL

13 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm

27 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

MAY

2 NVCC 2004 Concours

Collin MacDonald—for information see Flyer

11 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm

25 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

JUNE

8 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm

22 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

JULY

13 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm

27 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

AUGUST

10 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm

24 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

27-29 Corvettes at Carlisle

SEPTEMBER

7 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm

21 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

OCTOBER

9-10 NVCC Spooktakular—Summit Point!

12 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm

24 AutoX by NVCC for MWCSCC at Rosecroft

26 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

NOVEMBER

9 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm

23 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

**When was the first year
Corvettes had different
sized front and rear tires?
1993**

CORRECTIONS !!

All right last month I called Mark Bergstrom and Barb Shaw—on the front page! - “the Bergstoms” not only did I spell it wrong, Mark and Barb are not married! Ed.

Presidential Pontifications from Jeff Kirk

Hello fellow vetters! The weather is finally beginning to show signs of warming up, and nature is finally beginning to wake up and start moving again. Hooray! Likewise, your club is starting things off in high gear this year too. The annual Hopsfrog brunch will of just happened, the ice cream cruise is planned and ready to go, the Concourse is just a few weeks away, go-cart racing, shop days, and much much more.

On top of this, your club is also making a lot of serious changes that I hope everyone will get involved with. In fact, we need almost full participation for these. Over the last few years, the NVCC has been donating money to local charities. This year, we're going to do a lot more. Collin MacDonald has worked out an arrangement with the Loudon County Park Services, that a portion of the proceeds from this year's Concourse will be donated to the Little League World Series. This will be bringing the club additional press and allows us to make a contribution back to the people that are supporting us.

Additionally, the NVCC will begin working this year with the Special Olympics. Mark Griggs, one of our members, has been working with this group for several years, and has volunteered to liaison between the NVCC and the Special Olympics, as well as several local law enforcement agencies. At the last council meeting, Mark spoke of a recent meeting he had in which many of the high level organizers were excited that our club was wanting to work and volunteer our services. I would ask that anyone interested or willing to assist us in this, please come to the next GBM. A speaker for the Special Olympics will be there to provide some insight on how the club can assist in helping these children. I don't think there's a greater feeling in the world than helping put a smile on a child's face, and I certainly look forward to doing whatever I can to bring this about.

Lastly and just as important, I would like to thank Koon's Chevrolet, and Alex Perdikas in particular, for offering assistance to the club. Koon's has donated \$1000 to the Concourse this year, and has offered to assist the club in purchasing a trailer to tow the autocross gear. Additionally, Koons will be offering forms and membership applications to those members who have bought a new or used Corvette from Koons Chevrolet, as well as offering discounts to all current NVCC members on parts, work,



and cars. Also, once we get the forum setup and prepared, look for a new section called "Ask Joe".

The Z06 Electron Blue Zone from Jim Beaupre

Joe Malo, the Corvette mechanic for Koons, has offered to answer questions about your car on the forum. Anyone familiar with Joe knows that he's very knowledgeable about Corvettes, and is always willing to give advice to those who ask.

All in all, I think we have some great opportunities here to work and get this club on the map, to increase the general awareness of the NVCC, and most importantly, do some good things for our local communities. It's my sincere hope that you each take the time and get involved and make this a winning effort. Look forward to seeing you at the next function!!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey L. Kirk

Wow that Jeff Kirk is a prolific writer. Squeezing my column each month. That is great. Nothing like a leader that has something to say.

Despite winter hanging on and spring teasing us with some nice Corvette weather in early March it still was a very active club over the past 30 days.

There was the impromptu Hopsfrog social where almost 40 of the faithful showed up. The 4th annual Winter NVCC Kart race at the indoor track in Sterling. Very competitive, very quick drivers, very tired drivers at the end of the night.

The annual concours planning is now going full steam ahead with the best event in the history of the club planned for May 2nd! Barb Shaw has the first rallye on the schedule for everyone to dust off their rallye skills. Social events keep thriving with ice cream socials and the ever popular Robinson Dart night coming up.

There is club discussion going on about charity work, contributions from our sponsor Koon Chevrolet, increasing our membership, getting a trailer to haul stuff to events and of course the racers are working on their ODS plans with MWSCC and the 2nd annual American Iron event.

No one can accuse NVCC of letting moss grow under our feet. Remember you can't enjoy your Corvette as much if you don't get involved. We have something for everyone who loves Corvettes and Corvette owners. Let's keep it going for a great 2004! Thanks to all!

Jim Beaupre

OK, How many 1978 Limited Edition Pace cars were made? 1,000? 4,000? ans. 6,502



Letters ... we get letters and emails!

Need your input for a NVCC project

Okay everyone I'm putting together a Corvette Compendium. The idea is to present to a broad history of the car, and the joys of owning one. It will either be in CD or DVD format (still working on that). I'm looking for images, sound files, videos, stories, rumors, history and yes Jeff, even trivia and jokes.

I'm also looking for anyone that wants to help on this project. Help also includes ideas on content, presentation, etc. I'm hoping that the end result will be a NVCC group effort. So if you receive this email and you have anything to provide, please do so.

Thanks

Mike Sarver

Hello Fellow 'Vetters,

Now that spring is just about here, it's time we get out there with our beloved corvettes and enjoy some (hopefully) milder weather! As a former New Yorker for 30 years, I'm thrilled I can drive this thing 10 or 11 months out of the year instead of just 6...

Since I am still new to the club and have only lived here for about 3 years, I am asking for the help of the club to get started on planning some events. So far Andrej has stepped forward with a terrific idea for a Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise for Sunday, June 6th. More details on that to come soon. Also, do we want to join CorvetteForum's Southeast Region's Skyline Drive Cruise on April 24th? I am particularly looking for some other members to possibly host some cruises before then as well. Please e-mail me at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com if you are interested in hosting an early or mid spring cruise.

Other ideas being tossed around are a Zaino party, comedy club night, dinner theatre, or perhaps a night of clubbing/dancing. Anything you would like to see happen? Hit me with an e-mail.

Looking forward to the fun times ahead...

Regards,

Laurie Kistner

aka LilRedCorvette

Rallye Ramblings by Barbara Shaw



Spring is here and it's time to prepare for the 2004 Rallye season. We will start with the annual running of "Rallye 101, Everything You Need to Know About Rallyes". Rallye 101 is a classroom type lecture followed by a short practice rallye. The participants return to the meeting area for a hearty brunch and "hot-wash" discussion. Sharpen your pencils and join us on Sunday, April 25th at Hopsfrog Tavern at 5745 Burke Centre Parkway in Burke, VA.

I am still recruiting Rallye Masters and Rallye Checkers for the five events that make up the 2004 series. Actually, this is the single most effective thing you can do to improve your rallye skills. Not only do you have the opportunity to put together the rallye you would love to run, the knowledge you gain by selecting and then wording the clues will help you to better interpret clues in other rallye events. I am hoping some of the experienced Rallye Masters and Checkers will volunteer again this year, but I also hope to see others who have participated over the last couple years step up and lead an event. If you are interested in being a Rallye Master or a Rallye Checker, please call me - let's talk.

See you at Rallye 101. Remember, participation is the key to winning.

Barbara Shaw



Members CORNER

By Judy Patrick

Socially Speaking from Laurie Kistner



March Report

We currently have 93 Active members and 10 prospective members

2004 Membership cards will be available at the General Business Meetings.

Prospective Members:

- Sal Gioia - '03 Black Convertible
- Ron Rexroad - '72 Blue Convertible
- Joseph Belotte '03 Steel Gray Coupe
- Phillip Tinney '96 Yellow Convertible
- Connie Sims '03 Silver Coupe
- David Ghiglio '03 Red Convertible
- Dave Erickson '04 Gray Convertible
- David Edwards '89 Red Convertible
- Richard Huxta '94 Red Coupe
- Ernest Porter '02 Pewter Coupe

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

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



Happy Birthday!!
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March

- Gerard Bragg 13
- Mike Sarver 14
- Dale Harrison 16
- Dave Rankin 16
- Rod Orem 18
- Kirk DeNee 25
- Barbara Shaw 30

APRIL

- Alice Arielly 11
- Marsha Batchellor 25
- Bob Devery 27
- Jeff Eckhaus 13
- Tammy Shiner 9
- Kenneth Taggart 11
- Stephen Wojcicki 6

NVCC 2004 Social Calendar

April 3rd 7pm Dart Night at the Robinsons, See flyer
Wanda and Zoel Robinson have been kind enough to open their home once again to all NVCC members for Dart Social Night. The dart games are for fun, no experience necessary, and teams are randomly chosen once the number of players is known. Wanda and Zoel are providing the venue, to help out please bring your own refreshments and an appetizer/munchie. Also bring your own darts if you have them as they only have a few sets. RSVP via e-mail (redvette1@cox.net), indicate whether or not you will be playing darts, and to receive directions to their home.

June 6 Ice Cream Cruise!

Hopsfrog Grill Impromptu Brunch and Social
The 6th Annual Hopsfrog Grill (formerly Tavern) Impromptu Brunch and Social was a huge success. A hearty band of thirty-nine (39) Corvette lovers took the opportunity to get out and exercise their Corvettes before the predicted rain arrives. As usual, a good time was had by all. If you left hungry, it's your fault! Thanks to all for a most enjoyable "Grub & Gab" event.
Dick "HAM" Hammaker





Concoirs by Collin Maconald

A Concoirs without judges is nothing more than a cruise-in with well polished cars! I am extending an invitation to all NVCC members to volunteer as judges for our Concoirs on May 2, 2004. Experience as a judge is not necessary, we all had to start somewhere. First time judges will be teamed with experienced judges to avoid any first time nervousness. We plan to have a judging seminar on Sunday, April 18 for all new and experienced judges to go over do's and don'ts, judging techniques and to discuss NCCC Concoirs judging changes in the new rule book. I would like to have 30 judges which would give us 15 teams. This will lighten the load on each team and enable us to complete the judging phase of the Concoirs sooner. Besides, judging allows you to meet the competitors from other clubs up close and personal and you can even pick up a few pointers on how to prepare your car for the next Concoirs.

We will start judging the day of the Concoirs after rags down, so if you plan to enter your Vette in the show there will be nothing preventing you from completely preparing your car once you arrive at the show. You just cannot judge the class in which your car is entered!

Already the following club members and prospective members have volunteered:

Barb Foor Edie Soles Don Patrick Andrej Balanc
Ernie Porter

If you would like to volunteer please e-mail me and your name can be added to the list on the next update.

Thanks for your support

Bill Kolster

Chief Judge The following events details can be found mostly on the Eastern Region Corvette Clubs web site.

Concoirs events in the Mid Atlantic area

Organizer	Event	Date
Belair CC	Baltimore	3/21
Cumberland Valley CC	Hagerstown	4/10
Gaithersburg	"fun" Concoirs	4/10
Gaithersburg CC	Gaithersburg	4/18
York County CC		4/25
NVCC	PURCELLVILLE	5/2
Corvette Annapolis	Annapolis	5/23
Monroe County CC		5/23
York County CC		5/23
CC of NE PA		5/29
CC of America	Wash. DC	5/30
Central PA CC		6/19
Tri—County CC		6/20
Chesapeake CC		6/26
USA-I CC		6/26
Lancaster County CC		6/27

Autocrossing Screeches By Paul Hertel and Jim Beaupre



Thanks to Paul Hertel

Speed events in the Mid Atlantic area

Organizer	Event	Date
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Apr 4
MWCSCC	FedEx	Apr 18
Belair CC	Double AutoX	April 18
Lancaster CC	Double AutoX	May 16
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	June 6
North East PA CC	AutoX	June 27
Allentown CC	Dble AX	July 11
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Jul 25
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Aug. 1
Lancaster CC	AX	August 8
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Aug. 15
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Aug. 29
Lancaster CC	AX	Sept. 19
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Sept. 26
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Oct. 10
NVCC	9 AX(Spooktakular)	Oct. 9,10
MWCSCC (NVCC)	Rosecroft	OCT. 24

NCM Ambassador Corner by Don Patrick

National Corvette Museum (NCM)
Ambassador Corner
by Donald Patrick, April 2004

CURRENT NEWS

Earnhardt, Jr. and Said to Race Chevrolet Corvette C5-R The Corvette Racing team announced the addition of drivers Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and Boris Said for Round Four of the American Le Mans Series at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, California on July 18th. The #8 Corvette C5-R will run as a third car in the event to further the team's overall strategy to capture a fourth straight ALMS championship in 2004. "It will be great to have Dale Jr. back into the Chevrolet Corvette C5-R and Boris will be an excellent partner for him," said Gary Claudio, marketing manager for GM Racing. The three-car squad for the race in Sonoma will reunite Dale Earnhardt, Jr. with the Corvette Racing team, a bond that began at the 2001 running of the 24 Hours of Daytona, where Earnhardt, Jr. and his father, the late Dale Earnhardt, finished fourth overall in their first sports car race. "I am really looking forward to getting back behind the wheel of the Corvette C5-R because it is such a great race car," said Earnhardt, Jr. "I'm happy that Chevy has given me the chance to crossover and take part in its sports car program, which has been a huge success. For more information on the Corvette Race Team visit: www.corvetteracing.com

C5/C6 Birthday Bash Registration Approximately 700 guests have registered for the upcoming C5/C6 Birthday Bash April 22-24! With the added activities, personalized commemorative event badges and the unveiling of the C6 Corvette, this year's bash will definitely be an event to remember! Pre registration ends April 7 and everyone who registers by April 7 is automatically entered in the drawing for the "C6 ride with" opportunities and will receive a personalized commemorative event badge. While registering, be sure to reserve your spot in the autocross activities at Beech Bend Raceway. Only 10 slots are left and you must register through the NCM to participate. Find out more about this year's bash and register at: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/info.shtml or call (800) 53-VETTE.

2004 Corvette Announced as Official Pace Car At Indy 500 The 88th running of the Indianapolis 500 on May 30, 2004, will bring together two powerful symbols that stir the imaginations of enthusiasts around the world Chevrolet and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, as a 2004 Corvette Convertible will serve as the Official Pace Car of this year's Indianapolis 500. Corvette will perform Indy 500 pace car duties for a record sixth

This also marks the third consecutive year and 15th time overall that a Chevrolet product has served as the official vehicle. A white and blue two-tone paint treatment incorporates Americana-themed graphics, tying into Chevrolet's "An American Revolution" marketing theme. View a photo of the Pace Car by visiting our website at: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/specs/2004/rel_2004_indy.shtml

Actor Morgan Freeman to Drive Corvette Pace Car at Indy 500 Academy Award-nominated actor Morgan Freeman will drive the 2004 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible Pace Car to lead the field to the start of the 88th Indianapolis 500-Mile Race on Sunday, May 30 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Freeman will pace the starting field of the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" to a green-flag start at 11 a.m. (EST). The race will be broadcast live by ABC Sports and the IMS Radio Network. "We're thrilled that Morgan Freeman is driving the Pace Car for the 88th Indianapolis 500," said Tony George, president and CEO of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "He is an ideal person for the role since the theme of the event is 'Lights, Camera, Traction!' This theme highlights the connection between the excitement and stars of the Indy 500 and the glamour and stars of motion pictures, and Morgan is one of the most popular and respected modern film stars. "And the fact that he'll be behind the wheel of a Corvette, an American automotive icon from Chevrolet, is even more exciting." Freeman has received numerous awards for his performances in films, television and the theater, including Academy Award nominations for Best Actor for "The Shawshank Redemption" in 1995 and "Driving Miss Daisy" in 1990, and a Best Supporting Actor nomination for "Street Smart" in 1988. For information, www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com

Print Series Available Through the Corvette Store The highly anticipated Corvette Pastoral Series Prints are now available through the Corvette Store. "The 1959 Corvette - Pastoral #1" is the first print in a series of four original Corvette illustrations by Kentucky artist Fred Reaves to be promoted through the Museum. The prints are individually printed in the artist's studio, and each is considered an "original" and should not be confused with large quantity run offset prints. Each archival print is hand signed, numbered and limited to an edition of 200 total prints per image, and comes with its own signed and numbered Certificate of Authenticity. View this beautiful piece of Corvette art by visiting the online Corvette Store at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/store> or call (800) 53-VETTE

10th Ann. Corvette Celebration Info. Is Coming The word is out and excitement is building about the 10th Anniversary Corvette Celebration scheduled for September 2-5! The "Celebration of Friendship" will feature 4-days of exciting displays, live entertainment, and special video presentations of the Museum's groundbreaking, grand opening and past events. Road tours, parades, the Corvette Hall of Fame Induction and more are planned! Watch for information arriving in your mail box soon and visit our website at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com> on March 31 to find out more and register!

NCM Ambassador Corner by Don Patrick

“Biography of a Sports Car” Videos Less than 35 of the “Biography of a Sports Car” 1963-1967 videos are left. Available for a \$50 donation, these unique videos were established as the dealer training video for the next generation Corvette – the 1963. This twenty minute video contains a “behind-the-scenes” look at how the second generation Corvette was developed, and includes footage from its test runs at the GM Proving Grounds in Milford. The track testing was done by Dr. Dick Thompson and David McDonald under the direction of Zora Arkus-Duntov pictured giving instructions on the test run. The video includes pieces of historic footage not usually made available to the public. Reserve your copy now by clicking here: <https://www.corvettemuseum.com/donations/project3.shtml> or by calling (800) 53-VETTE.

Corvette Thunder Books Have Arrived "Corvette Thunder - 50 Years of Corvette Racing 1953 - 2003" by Dick Guldstrand/Dave Friedman is now available in the Corvette Store! This hardcover 393 page book is a photographic history of the past 50 years of Corvette racing vividly brought to life. Using little-known behind-the-scenes stories and first-person anecdotes from those who made the Corvette into a world class sports car, this exciting book features over 600 of the greatest racing photos you will ever see, many of them never before published. A must for the Corvette racing enthusiast!

Also new in the Corvette Store, Ladies C5 Racing tank tops, a new Ron Fellows racing cap and much more! Visit their online store www.corvettemuseum.com/ or call (800) 53-VETTE.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Going to Bat Campaign Update To date, over \$876,000 in contributions and pledges have been made towards the Building Campaign. You can now view the special gift incentives offered as part of the campaign online! The “Going To Bat” for the NCM series of the building campaign ends June 30. View the unique gift incentives and make your donation online at: www.corvettemuseum.com/building/index.shtml

ZR-1/C4 Gathering Registration Opens The ZR-1 C4 Gathering to be held May 13-15 is now available for online registration at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/gathering/info.shtml>

The NCM welcome enthusiasts for the second event of their exciting 2004 schedule and have a wonderful 3-day event in store for all who attend! Road tours to Diamond Caverns, a bourbon and coke road tour, drag racing, Corvette Assembly Plant tours, specialty seminars, a BBQ at the 1869 Homestead, a spectacular evening as part of the Gathering’s banquet and auction and much more are planned.

Many of the activities are limited to a specific number of participants so register early. Everyone who registers before April 28 will also receive a commemorative event badge dash plaque as part of their event registration package. Register via their website or call (800) 53-VETTE. The event is co-hosted by the Grand Sport Registry, 40th Anniversary Registry, Team ZR-1 Motorsports, the ZR-1 Net the LT5 Registry.

Cards, DVDs & more –This week in the Corvette Store

Pick up a boxed set of 5"x 7" note cards showcasing 1961, 1963, 1964, 1974, 1979 or 1980 model year Corvette personalize your notes and greetings. Also available in the Corvette Store, the “Fastest 50 Years” DVD. Click on any year between 1953 and 2003 and instantly see that year’s Corvette sticker price, and cost of a gallon of gas. Ladies Corvette Racing tank tops, and a 50th Anniversary Corvette book by Auto Editors are new this week. Visit the online Corvette Store and place your order here: www.corvettemuseum.com/ or call (800) 53-VETTE.

Original Corvette Dealer Brochure Sale Add to the documentation of your 1983 to 2004 Corvette with a Corvette dealer brochure on sale and reduced to only \$5.00 each on the 1983-2002 brochures. Brochures on the 2003 Corvette are marked at \$10 each and \$24.95 for the 2004 brochure. Dealer brochures are only available on 1983-2004 Corvettes and exclude 1984, 1985 and 1997 model years. Pick up the complete multi-year collection excluding the 1984, 1985 and 1997 Corvette for only \$50 regularly \$140. Shop online at <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/store> or call (800) 53-VETTE to place your order. No member discount applies. Call for additional shipping charges outside the continental USA.

Reproduction window stickers and build sheets Reproduction window stickers and build sheets are also available on Corvettes built at the GM Corvette Assembly Plant since 1981. Find out more by clicking here: https://www.corvettemuseum.com/library-archives/build_sheets/index.shtml

Download “Free” Calendar Wallpaper of the 2004 Pace Car

Beautiful calendar wallpaper is available of the 2004 Corvette Pace Car showcasing the “Americana” theme! Download it here in three screen resolutions: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/pictures/wallpaper-17.shtml>

BACKGROUND

NVCC is one of the founding members of the NCM. 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 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: corvettemuseum.com or call the NCM at 800-53-VETTE (800-538-3883) or contact Don Pat-

OLD AND NEW WILL GATHER 2nd of MAY IN FRANKLIN PARK, ROUND HILL, VA

PLEASE JOIN US, Register Today!!!

The **Northern Virginia Corvette Club** with the cooperation of the **Loudoun County Parks and Recreation** will hold our annual **Concours d' Elegance and Shine n' Show** for all years Corvettes on 2 May 2004. This year our show will be held in beautiful Franklin Park, Round Hill, VA, under the shadows of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Franklin Park is located off Route 7, eleven miles west of Leesburg. Please print the registration form, fill it out, enclose check and mail it to the address noted on the form. Don't forget to order a Show T-Shirt, they going to extra special this year. NVCC will contribute portion of show funds to help the Babe Ruth World Series, a nonprofit organization that supports youth baseball.

PRE-REGISTRATION for Concours Class - \$35.00 per car and Shine n' Show - \$20.00 per car
SHOWDAY REGISTRATION – Concours Class -\$40.00/car and Shine n' Show \$25.00/car

- The show will be on blacktop, overflow cars will be on manicured grass that is level.
- This is a NCCC Sanctioned Show, using NCCC Show Guidelines for all Judging.
- Trailer and tow vehicles will park on blacktop and be accessible during show.
- An area will be set aside with a water hose so participants can wash or touch up car.
- Participant gates open at 8:00 AM, rags down 11:00 AM, Show Rain Date: 23 May 2004
- Trophy presentations 3:30 PM (tentative).
- First 125 Registered will receive a SHOW PIN, Prize drawings during show for all participants.
- Each class winners will receive a personalized trophy, special trophies too.
- A limited amount of T-Shirts at \$15 reg, \$18 Xlg, will be available, pre-order to assure you get one, on registration form. T-Shirts will have graphics on front and back, graphic above will be on back, front will have the NVCC Logo and show information.
- Cover Picnic area, so bring a picnic lunch. Other Park Food Concession will be open.
- Public admission \$4.00 per person, children under 12 free with adult.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK: www.nvcorvetteclub.com Concours Section
Keep visiting the NVCC website (www.nvcorvetteclub.com) for show schedule, updates,
and special announcements.

Or call Collin MacDonald 540 338-9677 after 6:00 PM



NVCC CONCOURS/Shine n' Show 2004 Registration Form

Thank you for your interest in our show. Please print a copy of this form, and then fill it out. Please enclose a check for the total amount. Remember you can pre-order show T-Shirts on this form. Mail form and check to:

NVCC CONCOURS 2004
c/o Collin MacDonald
17290 Arrowood Place
Round Hill, VA 20141

All Registrations must be postmarked no later than April 25, 2004; otherwise Showday Gate rates for registration will be \$40.00 for Concours and \$25.00 Shine n Show.

Name:	Spouse's Name:
Address:	Home Telephone:
City:	Work Telephone or Cell:
State/ZIP:	Email Address:
NCCC Number:	Club Affiliation:
Corvette Year: Engine:	Body Style: Coupe <input type="checkbox"/> Convertible <input type="checkbox"/> Hdtop <input type="checkbox"/>
Classification: Concours <input type="checkbox"/> Shine n Show <input type="checkbox"/>	Show T- Shirts: XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>PRE-SHOW REGISTRATION COST ONLY</u>	
CONCOURS \$35.00 Shine n Show \$20.00	
<u>REGISTRATION AT GATE, DAY OF SHOW</u>	
CONCOURS \$40.00 Shine n Show \$25.00	
<p><i>Note:</i> Special collectable Show Pins will be given to first 150 participants only. Pre-registered participants are guaranteed to receive their show pins. Pins are limited in quantity and not guaranteed that all people will receive one if they register at the gate, day of show.</p>	
<p>Pre Registration Prices for Show T-Shirts: XXL \$20 XL-M-S---\$15</p> <p>T-shirts will be Beefy T's, all black using show logo seen above (1963 & 2005). This logo will be on back: a small NVCC Club logo will be on front left side breast pocket in all white and will state "Show Participant".</p> <p>T-shirts at the show will be limited in quantity and sizes. The show cost will be \$5.00 more and most <u>will not</u> say "Show Participant" on the front. Show T's will be plain.</p>	
<p>Registering more than one Corvette, print & fill another form.</p>	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK \$ _____	
Additional information about your Corvette:	

The Light at the End of the Tunnel.....
Almost Show Time
By Collin MacDonald

Good news, it will be ready for show season 2004, bad news, won't be ready for our Concours Show. Total restoration will take 3 months minimum. It's going to be close, but I am hoping to show it for the first time on the 20th of June at the Sulley Antique Auto Show, in Fairfax. I will not rush this part of the restoration, as this is one of the most critical. When you read this, the car is under the skillful hands of John Sheldon. Many of the older club members remember John as the original owner of "Stingrays Auto Body" in Purcellville, VA. John sold his auto body shop to dedicate his skills for restorations of Corvettes and other classic fiberglass cars. John's shop is in his house, in West Virginia, along the banks of the Shenendoah River. He has the entire basement set up as a body shop able to work on two cars at one time. He has the best commute to work I have ever seen.

What's interesting about this setup, John is getting better paint results than he did in his shop. He was able to build a special filtering system in one of his bays that provides a dust free environment. It air system has very powerful filters that provides a dust free environment and I have seen the results, which are very impressive. One of John's associates is Mark who has been working with him for years. Mark does most of the painting of the cars and he is one of the best shooters I have seen. John specializes in Fiberglass cars, having over 35 years experience with fiberglass alone.

The 63 suffers from the dreaded paint blister syndrome, a very common problem with older Corvettes that have been repainted. Other little issues needing to be corrected are; the front hood emblem is on crooked, so the holes will need to be sealed and redone. The side front fender emblems are located in the wrong place; they need to be corrected. The front end of the car on the right side was in an accident at one time. Although from the inside they patch work looks like it was done correctly, the front clip is hanging about one inch low causing the hood to sit higher. The clip will be adjusted along with all the other seams of the car. On every quarter of the car is a series of these air blisters that are popping up, the worse being on the rear, below the gas tank. It's about a 3-inch diameter and a large bubble. I broke this bubble and it broke clean to the actual fiberglass of the car.

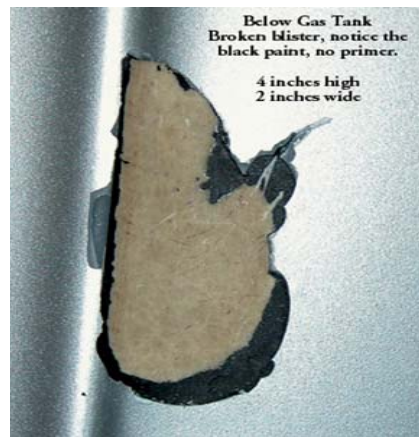
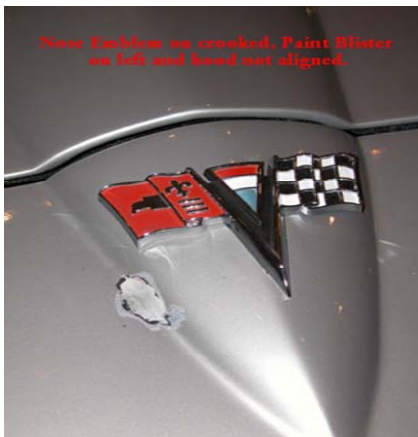
I counted **SIX coats of paint** on this car. The rule of thumb is each coat of paint is equal to ten pounds, so this car has an extra 40 pounds on it. One coat is black, painted directly on the fiberglass with no primer. I talked to one of the first owners who told me when he got the car in 1983 he stripped it down and painted it black, even though it was silver, and changed the interior to a saddle color. Well the saddle color interior is long gone, but the exterior was painted three different shades of silver after the black coat was applied. One of the coats looks like a primer was applied on top of the black paint. These air bubbles or blisters are caused because the paint stripper was not thoroughly washed from the fiberglass; as a result the primer does not adhere to the fiberglass. When the car sits in the summer sun, it heats up the fiberglass, which causes vapors from the stripper that has not been cleaned to become gaseous. Since paint is not porous, but stretches, it causes the paint to bubble upwards, causing the blister. Eventually, the paint will become brittle and crack open exposing either the fiber glass or the primer coat. The only cure for this is to strip the entire car, and start all over again.

Other things being repaired; driver's door needs to be realigned, all weather-stripping will be replaced, all body gaskets replaced, all stainless steel trim restored and polished. New front grill and cookie sheets (on top of hood) replaced all the bumper hardware will be replaced with the correct nuts, bolts and washers and a new gas tank cover, the correct one for an early 63.

The exhaust bezels will be removed and polished, along with the rear license plate bezel. New side mirror, the rear bumpers will be sent out to be re-chromed. New date coded windshield that will be shaded, new side windows, and new vent windows. The rear glass in the split windows will remain, they are date coded 63. The glass will be LOF and come from the original company that did the glass in 1963. Rocker panels are in good shape and will be repainted and polished. Rear lights will be removed and polished, including the lenses. I have most of the replacement parts now, just got to get a few odds and ends to complete this.

During the painting stage, the doors, hood, and headlight buckets will be removed from the car. These items will be painted on the bench. All the trim, windows, door handles, lights, bumper, rocker panels, gas tank cap, etc. are removed. This provides the opportunity to send out all the stainless steel trim and the chrome to get repaired and polished or chromed. Then all the areas that are not to be painted are papered and taped. Let the paint stripping begin. Car is totally stripped down, and then all old bodywork is repaired. All factory panel junctions are re-glassed and then the car is primed with a special primer much better than the gelcoats from years ago. It's a stable primer that will not crack or separate. Car goes through a series of hand sanding, and another coat of primer, sanded and made ready for paint, then the clear coat. I am not going with the lacquer paint, but going with the water base paint with clear coat. This will have a much nicer shine and more durable than lacquer, resisting chipping. Now if it was an NCRS car lacquer would be required, but I have no intentions of going NCRS, I want to drive this, I really don't want a piece of furniture. The total time will be 3 – 4 months of shop time. A lot depends upon the unknown, being the body work that might have to be done over.

I will take photos of the paint and body repair process. This part of the restoration will tell the history of the car, I will be able to understand much more of where the car has been and what was done with it in the past.



CONCOURS UPDATE

Registrations are coming in, and the park is working with us to get the site organized. Had a brief meeting with the park and everything is on schedule, they are very excited about our show.

Bill Kolster has taken the role of the Head Judge, working with Jeff and Koons, they have managed to get a bay for a meeting of all the judges for a course on how to judge. This will take place in April 18th at Koons. So please contact Bill to get the specifics of this course, I hope it will be very enjoyable and you will learn quite a bit of how to prepare your car.

The show pins are on order and expected to arrive any day. I am working on the T-Shirts and hope to finalize this in the next two weeks. I had a couple of vendors contact me. One to set up and sell dri-wash products, another to pass out information about their products. So the word is getting out. I have had more than several people call and are making plans to attend.

Budget was approved for the show a couple of weeks ago, and Koons contributed a good amount to help this show get going. In addition we purchased show software that will keep a much better record and a process for the entire show. From registration to producing windshield show cards this software does it all.

Remember you need to register your car too, I have not received any club registration yet. I will have much more information next month. So for now...we will keep working to make this one of the best shows yet...

Collin MacDonald
Concours Chair 2004



SOCIAL – DART NIGHT APRIL 3RD, 2004

7:00 PM TO WHENEVER

HOSTED BY: ZOEL & WANDA ROBINSON
1821 SAINT BONIFACE STREET, VIENNA, VA. 22182
PHONE: 703-255-1746
EMAIL: redvette1@cox.net

Come out to join us for an evening of socializing, story telling and a few games of darts. You don't need to be a dart player to join the fun. The dart games are for fun, don't be shy if you have never played before, teams will be randomly picked once we know how many players we have.

RSVP via email or phone to let us know if you are planning to join us and let us know if you plan to play darts.

We will provide the venue and to help out, we ask that you bring your own refreshments, mix and an appetizer / munchie. Also bring your own darts if you have them, we only have a few sets.

Directions to our place: From Route 123 (Maple Avenue, Vienna)

- Take Beulah Road, (north)
- Go approximately 1 ½ and turn left on Abbotsford Drive (entrance to Eudora community)
- Turn right at 2nd opportunity – Saint Boniface Drive and follow down to just about the end, we are on the right hand side #1821.

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 25, 2004 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 \$18.00 (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 Barb Shaw (703) 333-5284 or markandbarb@cox.net

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!)

**Northern Virginia Corvette Club
General Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 24, 2004**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm at Koons Chevrolet, Tysons Corner, VA.

Attendance Members – 29 Guests – 1

Introductions were made by everyone.

President – Jeff Kirk

- New NVCC Membership cards are available.
- Pictures from Yearend Banquet are available.
- Newsletter available on-line and some printed copies.
- Passed around an example of a proposed NVCC Business card. (Designed by Laurie Kistner). Looking for comments from members.

Concour – Colin MacDonald

- Concour scheduled for May 2nd, rain date May 23rd.
- Colin provided an update / overview for the concour.
- Artwork for pins and t-shirts.
- Waiting for final approval for concour budget, submitted to council.
- Received some pre-registrations already.
- Corvette Forum is adding to the participation.
- Working with Franklin Park on advertising for the event.
- NEED JUDGES! - April 18th date scheduled for judging class.
- Mike Sarver – Tech / Judy Patrick – Registration (Wanda Robinson to assist)
- Need Club members to support the Concour by registering for concour, exhibition or show & shine.
- Trophies are still being worked out.
- Need volunteers for the pre-setup scheduled for the Saturday, May 1st. (setting up snow fence for crowd control, moving tables etc.)

President – Jeff Kirk

- Working on a Charity spin for the Concour (Babe Ruth)
- Hope to meet with organizers of Special Olympics for future charity work.

Membership – Judy Patrick

- 94 active members
- 7 prospective members

Treasurer – Jeff Reinke

Autocross – Paul Hertel

- Still trying to contact Steve (ODS)

Newsletter – Jim Beaupre

- If anyone wishes to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please let Jim know.
- Cooper Corvettes has paid for advertising.
- Included in the latest newsletter is a list of upcoming Autocross and Concour events.

Historian – Ralph Watts

- MIA – trivia questions not available
- Colin MacDonald stepped up to the plate and challenged the members with a few trivia questions

Raffles

- Window Banner – Charlie Brown
- Window Banner – Joe Belotte (guest)
- NVCC Hat – Joe Belotte (guest)
- Oil Change – Phil Tinney
- 50/50 - \$37.00 – Wanda Robinson

NCCC Governor – Andrej Balanc

- The NCCC Trophy for Convention is in our possession and will be passed on to another Eastern Region Club.
- Now holds membership in the MWCSCC and NVCC will host an event in October. All proceeds will come to our club after paying a nominal fee.
- Received the contract for October Spooktacular Event.
- Andrej has volunteered to fill in a Spooktacular Chairman.

NCM – Don Patrick

- Nothing new – see newsletter.

Rallye – Barb Shaw

- Need Rallye Masters, Checkers and participants for upcoming events.
- Rallye 101 – will schedule for sometime in April.
- Plan for 5 events – May, June, July & Sept.
- The Rallye Director position will be open for next year. Barb has indicated this is positively, absolutely the last year she will be Rallye Director! If anyone is interested to mentor with Barb please step up.

WebMaster – Brad Sneade

- If you have any information you wish to be posted on the website please submit to a Council member.

Social – Laurie Kistner

- Sunday Brunch – March 14th @ Hops Frog
- Darts – TBA – hosted by the Robinson's

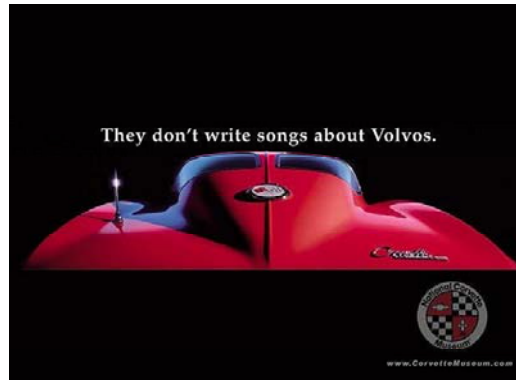
Old Business

- Andrej still has some pre-ordered Spook shirts.
- Rick advised that Cooper Corvettes provides Inspections and is willing to help out with prepping your car for autocross. Cooper Corvettes has several cars for sale.
- If there is enough interest Rick will coordinate a “Shop Day” at Cooper Corvettes. There will be mechanics, tools and instruction available. (8 – 10 members showed an interest. Date to be announced.
- Jeff Kirk brought up the issue of the past Council meeting. Jeff personally apologized to Collin and Don. He asked the membership to please help the council and not criticize. The Forum is public, please do not air club issues via the Forum.
- Jeff attended a meeting with Koons. Koons will help out with \$2500. for trailer and \$500. for concour. The trailer we were interested in has been sold. Will continue to look for another. Koons will bring a few cars out to the Concour.
- Jeff commented on remarks concerning the Club being an Autocross Club. Would like to see more emphasis put on social, concour, rallye, etc. Lets try and get more members involved all around!

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Wanda Robinson
Secretary

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CONCOURS—RALLYE—AUTOCROSS—CRUISE—SOCIAL EVENTS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
 (please print or type)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Home ph: () _____ Work ph: () _____

email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Year(s) currently owned Corvette(s): _____

Model: _____ Color: _____

Interests:

Autocross ___ Rallye ___ Concours ___ Cruises ___

Social events ___ Restoration/Other _____

How did you learn about NVCC? _____

SEND APPLICATION WITH \$10 Initiation fee to:

Mrs. Judith Patrick, Apt. 324, 2737 Devonshire Pl, NW, Washington, DC 20008

Note: An initiation fee of \$ 10.00 must accompany this application. Prerequisites for membership in NVCC are attendance at two club events (including one General Business Meeting) during a four-month period following receipt of your application. After you have completed these requirements, your application will be reviewed by the NVCC Council. Upon acceptance, you will be assessed dues in the amount of \$ 66.00 for the first year, which includes \$36.00 for NVCC dues (prorated for the year you join) and \$30.00 mandatory National Council of Corvette Clubs dues. (NCCC dues are \$20.00 after the first year.) Spouses may also join. Yearly fees for a spouse are \$18 for NVCC and \$10 for NCCC.

NVCC USE ONLY: initiation dues received _____ Date

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