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## NVCC Scores at BACC AutoX!

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### Newsletter Article Submissions

**DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. Friday after the General Council meeting**

(Held 2nd Tues of each month)

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### BACC Autocross By Mike Sarver

April 18th the Bel Air Corvette Club held an NCCC double autoX at the Baltimore GM parking lot. NVCC was well represented with Wanda and Zoel Robinson, Andrej Balanc and Mike Sarver.

Convoing up with Zoel and Wanda in the lead, Andrej and then Mike. (Wanda was the only one smart enough to bring directions to the track) We were coming out of the Harbor Tunnel when smoke started coming out from under Zoel's truck. Two or three hundred yards later, we are getting water spray on the windshield. ("hmmmm, not smoke, water or steam, must be overheating")

Zoel takes the next exit which by chance is the one we needed and pulls over. It seems that the block heater where it goes into the freeze plug on the driver's side rear of the block is pushed out. Zoel gets under the truck and tries to push it back in. The rest of us are trying to figure out how far we are from the track. People going to the autocross start pulling over and asking if they can help. (Imagine the scene with 3 trailer vettes pulled over on the side of the street.)

Andrej and Mike take off to the event and unload. Drop Mike's trailer and head back. Put Zoel's truck on Andrej's trailer, Mike pulls Zoel's trailer and Wanda drives their race Vette the five blocks to the GM lot! Zoel heads out to find a parts store that is open and returns to install the freeze plug and all repairs completed before the first heat is over! Who says NVCC'rs aren't industrious?

Mike, normally a high speed guy, is starting to get the hang of these parking lot autocrosses. As usual Andrej, Zoel and

Wanda were kicking some serious booty.

The GM lot is in good shape and better to run on than Rosecroft. The two events each had 3 heats. So each heat ran their two events (3 runs clockwise and then 3 runs counter clockwise. The course had a number of tight corners (box corners) and a really tight start and finish, basically a 1<sup>st</sup> gear course. Mike ran in the first heat, Wanda ran in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Andrej and Zoel ran in the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

It was hard getting the tire temps up in the morning and with 400 rwhp in 1<sup>st</sup> gear, it was like trying to play basketball on an ice rink. After Mike's 1<sup>st</sup> run, he ran the entire course in 2<sup>nd</sup> and dropped 6 seconds off his time. On his 2<sup>nd</sup> run down into the 53s and feeling good as he pulled FTD. (That lasted for about 2 minutes.)

Of the two events Wanda nailed Ladies FTD in one and Zoel flew to Men's FTD in one. Overall NVCC put on a respectable showing.

It was like an 'old home' week... of lots of people from Spooktacular. Karen Ross, Tim Erdman, John Priestner, Dave and Sally Walter, etc.,

There must have been 5 or 6 people that asked about ODS. A couple of them were like "Hey you're from Northern Virginia right? I came down to one of your club events at Old Dominion and loved it. Are you going to do it again?"

Another guy... "The first event I ran was with you guys at ODS last year. I've run 11 events since then and can't get enough. I'm getting my NCCC high speed license so I can make it to your event in October. Do you have dates for ODS yet? It felt like you were driving in a mixing bowl. I loved it!"



**Who ya gonna' Call ?...**

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

**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**  
6 NVCC Ice Cream Cruise!  
hosted by Andrej Balanc  
8 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm  
22 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

**JULY**  
13 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm  
25 NVCC 2nd Annual ALL AMERICAN IRON  
at Old Dominion Speedway  
27 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

**AUGUST**  
7 15th Corvette Cruise in Manassas 5-9pm  
Contact Chuck at 703 754 1960 for info  
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**  
1-2 Corvettes at Ocean City Register June 1  
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

**CORRECTIONS !!**

Man I take a lot of heat. First of all in the February issue I mentioned that the Dalys had won like 10 Rally Championships in a row. That is just not true. Judy Patrick took at least two of the them over the last 10 years and who knows maybe somebody else too.

AND I know, Andrej Balanc's co driver at the GoKart endurance was Stuart Fox, not Chuck Wasserott (I even spelled Chuck's name wrong!) as stated in the caption!

**Presidential Pontification by  
Jeff Kirk, Pres. NVCC**

This month I wanted to take a few minutes and reflect on what membership in this club really means. I think it's important to sit back occasionally and evaluate activities you have going on, and determine if they're truly adding value to your life.

In general, I think we're all blessed by finding ourselves associated with "good people" from time to time. "Good People" are the ones that will do almost anything to help someone out, in small ways and in large, from something as simple as listening to you and offering advice, to rolling up their sleeves and pitching in when needed. In looking at the membership of this club, I can't think of a single member that I wouldn't put into this group.

I've been fortunate in finding this club. The dichotomy of the individuals associated with it is pretty extreme, ranging from lawyers and engineers to mechanics and accountants. And even though this is a "Corvette" club, it's the people that are really the club, not the cars. From Joe Daly listening to me and offering advice on how to make the club better, to Andrej Balanc and Mike Sarver helping Paul Hertel work on his car, members hearing about other people's health issues and going to their house to help them. These are the things that truly make the club valuable. Zoel and Wanda Robinson opening up their house for an evening of darts, or Ron and Monique Weller hosting a huge lunch for the club, or Collin MacDonald inviting me in for a beer after talking about the concourse, that's what makes this club.

These are things that aren't required of anyone. The hours that your council spends working on events, the concourse, or the autocrosses and rallies, or rally directors taking the time to map out a course for us to run, or setting up a cruise somewhere for dinner...I can't imagine the time and effort that are put into these things, and yet all that these people ask for, is a thank you and a smile. Our newsletter is second to none, and our website and forum are rapidly becoming well-traveled areas that are viewed by not only members of our club, but by Veters across the country.

It's amazing that all of these individuals are working so hard, many behind the scenes, and all for so little, I think I'm truly lucky to be associated with them. For me personally, I want to thank every council member, and every chair member, and every single person that gives that extra effort to make the club, and the club's events, what they are. I can't think of a single event that I've attended or participated in where I didn't have a blast, and I owe all you a thank you for your effort and time. And I



hope that you, dear reader, feel as lucky as I do to be included in, and associated with, these members. It's your support and attending these events that makes it all worthwhile.

**Z06 Electron Blue Zone by  
Jim Beaupre**

I had two different experiences over the last month that readers might find interesting.

The first involved an advertisement seen on television and some print media related to a Mr. Clean (the household cleaner people) and their new Auto Dry Car Wash system. Well if you are one of those people who that takes a cham- ois then two towels after washing to get dry, any product that promised a no wipe system to dry the car seemed to be worth a try.

Home Depot had the system on "sale" for about \$20. The box promised, "wash your car and rinse with no wiping dry, water just beads off". Ok let's see.

After getting home I discovered the "system" consisted of a large plastic handle to attach to your hose, liquid car soap that looked like dish soap and a water filter to go in the plastic handle. The idea is to put the soap and filter in the handle, set the handle on one of three settings: rinse no filter, wash with soap, and rinse with filter. Following directions I put the soap and filter into the filter and set on rinse to wet the car, set on wash which generated a lot of suds that then had to be scrubbed by hand and then rinsed through the filter. The key is the filter and maybe the soap. The instructions said "only use Mr. Clean soap".

Well it did work kinda... It was tough to soap all the car and then rinse with the filter on. When in filter mode only a light spray comes out of the handle as the filter is purifying the water. I did not have to dry off, the water just beaded off leaving no water spots.

Problems. Filter is only supposed to last two washes and soap only lasted two. Buying a new filter and soap, both stated to last 10 washes was another 15 bucks. Slooow rinsing the cars. Another problem we noticed was when it rained a few days later the windshield of both cars was streaking. As we are big user of Rain-x we were surprised and guessed it must be the soap/rinse residue. Which I noticed kind of a slimy residue on the soap sponge.

Bottom line is I probably will only use on colder days when I am too lazy to wipe the car down and looking to give a quick wash. Pricey too.

My other experience was with Kuhmo tires this month. Looking to upgrade the old Z06 with new Kuhmo 710's for the Autox season I ordered and had the tires mounted. On the day I picked them up Kuhmo announced that they were recalling all the 710s. Seems a group of racers were finding the tires coming apart at the tread after 6 or 7 laps at Road Atlanta! Here is what Kuhmo did: replaced the 710s with 700s within 4 days and committed to providing new 710s within 90 days when the production problem is fixed! Good deal ! Two sets of tires for the price of one ! Will let you know if they come through with the second set.

The sunny season has begun, go out and exercise your Vette at a club event!

Regards,  
Jim Beaupre



## Letters ... we get letters and emails!

Jim,

Greetings from Budapest. The passion for American cars and especially the Corvette is strong in Hungary. As I've stated before my car draws an unbelievable amount of attention whenever I venture outside the garage.

I joined a dozen other Corvette owners last weekend for a membership drive to start the Corvette Club of Hungary. I can't take any of the credit, a young Hungarian named Tibor Magyar, who owns a C4, is the force behind the club thus far. I'm the token American.

Their cars might not be all about show or go, or even in the best condition, but these Corvette owners are extremely proud to own a piece of the American dream. This is a link to images of the gathering:  
<http://vette.hu/pictures/20040320>

Could you please share the link with the other NVCC members. Thank you.

Todd Beal  
2k2 MY Z06

Thanks to all of you who responded to my recent Concours email. I have updated the list and hope I have all the names correct.

We still have open positions, so if you have not signed up please do so. This should be a fun time and we want you to come and join with other club members for the event. We will train you if you are not sure what needs to be done in any of the tasks. Please contact me and let me know if you would be willing to help with the event or if changes are needed to the list. The Concours is scheduled for May 2. Check the web site for additional information.

You can still show your car and help with the event. My home phone number is 703-759-5495 and work is 703-848-1381. Don Kerndt

**Other than Blue, Black and Red  
what other interior colors were  
available in 1960??  
Turquoise !!**

## Rallye Ramblings by Barbara Shaw



By the time you are reading this the first rallye of the season, Rallye 101, a non points, let's get warmed up event, may have been completed. Let the instructions, sharp eyes, quick wits, and arguments begin. Remember the first two rules of rallying. 1. The rally master is always right. 2. When you have questions about the instructions or rally answers, see rule 1.

Here is a listing of Eastern Region Corvette clubs rallye events for 2004.

Date	CLUB
5/1	Corvettes of Annapolis
5/23	Pocono Mountain CC, Port Jarvis, NY
6/19	Corvettes of Annapolis
8/29	Cumberland Valley CC
9/19	York County (Pa) CC
10/2	Free State (Md) CC
10/9	Gaithersburg Vettes
10/10	Lehigh Valley (Pa) CC
10/24	Allentown Area CC
10/30	Perry County CC

Details of these events can be found on the eastern Region web site at <http://www.ernccc.org/>  
Barbara Shaw

**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 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 [markand-barb@cox.net](mailto:markand-barb@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)



# Members CORNER

By Judy Patrick

## May Report

We currently have 96 active members and 11 prospective members:

### New Members:

- David Ghiglio - 2003 Red Convertible
- Ernest Porter - 2002 Pewter Coupe
- Ron Rexroad - 1972 Blue Convertible

### Prospective Members:

- Joe Belotte - 2003 Steel Grey Coupe
- David Edwards - 1989 Red Convertible
- Dave Erickson - 2004 Medium Gray Convertible
- Sal Gioia - 2003 Black Convertible
- Tom Hanton - 2004 Magnetic Red Convertible
- Richard Huxta - 1994 Dark Red Coupe
- Robert Jones - 1971 Black Convertible
- Bill Linton - 2001 Magnetic Red Coupe
- Connie Sims - 2003 Silver Coupe
- Antonio Socarras - 2004 Black Coupe
- Philip Tinney - 1996 Yellow Convertible

You remain a "prospective" member until you return your "Events Attended" form to Judy for processing and then pay your membership dues, when billed.

**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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### APRIL

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

### MAY

Patrick Coffey .....	1
Sheila Jones .....	4
William Molloy .....	19
Jeff Reinke (nvcc Treas.) .....	25
Todd Beal .....	26
Gary Swimeley .....	29

# Socially Speaking from Laurie Kistner



## NVCC 2004 Social Calendar

Hello Fellow 'Vetters,

Time to enjoy the beautiful weather we have been having, our cars, and each other's company! Be sure to check the club website and upcoming newsletters for events.

Also, I am still looking for members to come forward to host cruises or any other social events. Unfortunately, I will be having surgery (on my driving foot, no less), so I will be unable to host any cruises, let alone drive, for at least 2-4 weeks.

Some events I am researching right now are a horseback riding outing as well as a dinner cruise. More information on that to come. Please e-mail me at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com if you would like to host a cruise or other social event.

Ciao, Laurie Kistner  
aka LilRedCorvette

"Little Red Corvette, baby you're much too fast...."

### Saturday, April 24th – Corvetteforum.com Southeast Region's

Skyline Drive Cruise, Front Royal, hosted by Collin MacDonald approx. times 7:30 AM - ?

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Sterling Blvd. McDonald's in Sterling, VA, leave at 8:00 AM. Then we will take Rt. 28 S to Rt. 66 W and meet up with the entire cruise at Jack Evans Chevrolet dealership in Front Royal. Over 100 cars are expected this cruise, making it the largest one yet. In addition it will be covered by CORVETTE FEVER magazine.

We will be stopping in a beautiful restaurant in Luray that will be a nice place for lunch. In the morning, the cruise will be on the lower roads in the foothills of Luray, then after lunch the cruise will take you to Big Meadows.

Also, they will be collecting a donation for Chip Miller's charity... For more cruise information, check out the following link: [http://home.att.net/~jstrathearn/skyline\\_cruise/skyline\\_main.htm](http://home.att.net/~jstrathearn/skyline_cruise/skyline_main.htm) Register on the events page on the club website or e-mail Collin at o2bquik@erols.com (pls. inc. NVCC Skyline Dr. Cruise in subj. line of e-mail.)

### Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Tri-State Ice Cream Power Cruise, approx. times 10 AM – 4 PM, hosted by Andrej Balanc

Lunch at Coolfront, ice cream at Cumberland, along with a unique Corvette collection tour (tentative), and then more ice cream in Boonsboro. Three states, VA, WV, and MD, in six hours with over 250 miles of some good corvette roads. Register on the events page on the club website or e-mail Andrej at urtoslo@adelphia.net.

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## Concoors by Collin Maconald

### May 2nd "best concoor in NVCC history scheduled"

Those are the words of Collin MacDonald as the club prepares for one of the NVCC premier events of the year. With pregristration running ahead of two years ago and promises of some NCRS vettes in attendance this could be a truly great event. The county park people are promoting the event witnessed by this photo of the sign outside Franklin park in Purcellville.



#### Concoor events in the Mid Atlantic area

Organizer	Event	Date
<b>NVCC</b>	<b>PURCELLVILLE</b>	<b>5/2</b>
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

#### (socially speaking continued)

**Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Fourth of July Parade, Leesburg, approx. times 9 AM – 1 PM, announced by Sheila Jones Presented by the Rotary Club of Leesburg, check out [www.leesburg4th.com](http://www.leesburg4th.com) or call 703-779-2451 for more info. Parade lineup is at Ida Lee Park at 9 a.m. (but recommend getting there @ 8 am for a spot up front) 10:00 am parade begins

11:30 am parade ends 12:00 noon "Honoring America" program on the courthouse lawn Register on the events page of the club website if you wish to attend.

#### The results for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Dart Social:

'A' Side Winners:

- 1st place - Zoel Robinson & Bob Compton
- 2nd place - Steve Wojcicki & Wanda Robinson
- 3rd Place - Sadie Compton & Don Kerndt

'B' Side Consulation Winners:

- 1st Place - Chuck Pellerin & Nick Balanc
  - 2nd Place - Lynn Balanc & James Anderson
  - 3rd Place - Andrej Balanc & Katie Balanc
- A good time was had by all who attended. Thank you, Wanda and Zoel, for your hospitality!  
Respectfully Laurie Kistner, Social Chair

## Autocrossing Screeches By Paul Hertel and Jim Beaupre



Mike Sarver and Andrej Balanc already participated in the first Metropolitan Washington Sports Car Clubs autocross event on April 4th. Andrej taking a 3rd in ASP. NVCC is now a member of MWSCC and club members will be participating as we head to hosting our first MWSCC event in October.

We have spoken with Hayne out at ODS and we should have dates soon. Check the newsletter, forum, and web site for updates coming soon. Rev up the engines!

Let's go racing!!!!

- **All American Iron is scheduled for July 25th with a rain date of August 8th.** Rick Poage is chairing this event and will be looking for assistance from all of us in the future. Steve has already arranged for some special guests.
- It was a very productive meeting and I think we are off to a very good start this year. Thanks to Paul Hertel

#### Speed events in the Mid Atlantic area

Organizer	Event	Date
SCCA	FedEx AutoX	May 8
Lancaster CC	Double AutoX	May 16
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	June 6
SCCA (only)	FedEx AutoX	June 13
North East PA CC	AutoX	June 27
Allentown CC	Dble AX	July 11
SCCA	FedEx AutoX	July 11
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Jul 25
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Aug. 1
Lancaster CC	AX	August 8
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Aug. 15
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Aug. 29
SCCA	FedEx Autox	Sept. 5
Lancaster CC	AX	Sept. 19
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Sept. 26
MWCSCC	Rosecroft	Oct. 10
<b>NVCC</b>	<b>9 AX(Spooktakular)</b>	<b>Oct. 9,10</b>
<b>MWCSCC (NVCC)</b>	<b>Rosecroft</b>	<b>OCT. 24</b>

What year Corvette was the first to use computers to operate?  
1981

# NCM Ambassador Corner by Don Patrick

**National Corvette Museum (NCM)  
Ambassador Corner  
by Donald Patrick  
May 2004**

## **CURRENT NEWS**

### **Building Campaign Update**

Over \$900,000 in donations and pledges has been received towards the Building Campaign. The "Going to Bat" for the NCM series of the campaign is scheduled to end June 30. Gifts to the campaign can be made as a "one-time" gift or arrangements can be made to set up a gift of a specific amount each month, quarter or year. We want to continue to recognize our members and supporters for their efforts in spreading the word about the building campaign, as they work to initiate the NCM as beneficiaries at shows and coordinate programs that help us reach our \$6 million goal. Additional information and gift items can be viewed by visiting their website at: <https://www.corvettemuseum.com/building/index.shtml>

### **April R8C Deliveries**

Welcome to the 15 new Corvette owners this month who will share in the excitement of the R8C Museum Delivery Program! Approximately 2,000 new Corvette owners have taken delivery of their new Corvettes at the Museum since the program was started seven years ago. The program is an exciting experience that includes a VIP tour of the Museum, tours of the Corvette Assembly Plant (depending on plant schedule), a pre delivery inspection of the car, exclusive decal and hands-on delivery introduction by a Museum delivery staff member. If you are considering ordering a new Corvette, be sure to include the R8C option. Find out more about the R8C Museum Delivery Program by contacting your Chevy dealer, visiting the NCM website at: [http://www.corvettemuseum.com/ncm\\_delivery/index.shtml](http://www.corvettemuseum.com/ncm_delivery/index.shtml) or contact Gary Cockriel, Guests Services Manager at: (800) 205-4248.

### **Special Corvette Friend, Chip Miller Passes Away**

Corvette Enthusiast, supporter Chip Miller of "Corvettes at Carlisle" passed away March 24th. Chip had been sick for the past few months and suffered with a rare bone disease called primary amyloidosis. He was loved by everyone and will be greatly missed by all.

Close "bud" and NCM Past Chairman, Mike Yager of Mid America Motorworks commented, "Chip will be sadly missed as he was such a terrific "torch bearer" for the Corvette and the Corvette community."

### **Japan Guests Make a Visit**

Masako Sakuta from GM Japan, along with Toshiyuku Morinaga from Japan's "The Passionate – Corvette Journal" and photographer Masakatsu Sato made a visit to the Museum March 23rd to shoot a special feature for an upcoming issue of the GM PR magazine. Sakuta, from GM Japan, is not only the Marketing Manager for Corvette/Cadillac but is also a member of the National Corvette Museum! NCM was excited to welcome this special group of Corvette media colleagues and especially proud to welcome home one of our members from across the globe. "We have members all over the world," states Membership Services Manager, Stephanie Morrill. "It is a real pleasure to meet our member's one on one and find out more about each of them, and to thank them for their support." For more information on GM Japan, visit: [www.gm-corvette.jp](http://www.gm-corvette.jp)

### **Corvette Takes Third Consecutive GTS Victory at Sebring**

The Corvette Racing team took an impressive flag-to-flag GTS victory at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring. Ron Fellows, Johnny O'Connell and Max Papis claimed the class victory in the #3 Corvette C5-R. "This is an historic race and it is great for us to win here three times in a row," said Doug Duchardt, director of GM Racing. "Sebring was our nemesis in the beginning of our program and we've really put a lot of effort into developing the Corvette for this track. The #3 Compuware Corvette C5-R of Ron Fellows, Johnny O'Connell and Max Papis started Saturday's race from the GTS pole position, 10th overall, after qualifying at a record-setting 1:57.052. The trio briefly surrendered the lead to the partner #4 Corvette C5-R, but again took over the lead on lap 30 and held on for the remaining 299 laps. With Sebring's victory, O'Connell becomes the first driver in the 52-year history of Sebring International Raceway to capture six class wins, with one of them overall in 1994. For more on the Corvette Race Team click here: [www.corvetteracing.com](http://www.corvetteracing.com)

## **CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

### **C5/C6 Birthday Bash Auction**

When making your plans to attend the event, you will want to sign up to be a part of the C5/C6 Banquet and Auction where a variety of collectible items will be available on the auction block! A Rolex 24-Hours Commemorative print by Paul Eggermann, king size C6 quilt with shams, C5/C6 quilt with shams, framed and matted Corvette Racing C5R Champions puzzle print – #204 of 250 donated by VetteQuest, Framed and matted 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary puzzle print - #204 of 250 donated by VetteQuest, framed and matted 24 Heurs Du Mans poster autographed by Ron Fellows, Andy Pilgrim and Johnny O'Connell, Corvette Racing banner-34"x60" autographed by Ron Fellows, Andy Pilgrim and Johnny O'Connell, C5-R Racing apparel donated by Gary Claudio, and much more will be up for bid!

## Get Ready For the Corvette Forum Cruise-In

Registration for the Corvette Forum Cruise-In, May 27-29 is open via the NCM website at:  
<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/forum/info.shtml>

Guests in attendance can enjoy three-days of fun filled activities including speed events at Beech Bend Raceway, scenic road tours, tours of the GM Corvette Assembly Plant and much more. Many of the activities planned may be limited to a specific number so make plans now to attend. A winner for the Last C5 Convertible will be drawn as part of the activities planned on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Winner need not be present to win. Raffle is limited to only 2,004 tickets. Purchase your raffle ticket here: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml> or call (800) 53-VETTE.

## New In the Corvette Store

Sit in style in one of the newest items in the Corvette Store. A Corvette Victory Seat Bean Bag Chair. Made of 100% Polyester Micro Fiber fabric, this stylish bean bag has soft faux leather suede comfort and is very cleanable. Bean bag is finely embroidered with the Corvette flag logo and script - 100% virgin polystyrene bead fill. Also new this week – Ron Fellows Letterman jacket featuring high-end leather sleeves and Yukon Melton body, embroidered with the Ron Fellows racing logo. Pictures frames, hooded sweatshirt, NCM Back Sacks and many other exciting items have just been added to the online Corvette Store. Shop online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/store> or call (800) 53-VETTE.

## 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: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com> or call the NCM at 800-53-VETTE (800-538-3883) or contact Donald Patrick.

## Captain Billy's Seafood Cruise By Collin MacDonald

Well, since I was the sole club member to attend, I thought I would write a few words about the event. This is an annual event sponsored by the Aquia Corvette Club, usually attended by many NVCC members. For some reason, this year, the event was late to be announced and I think many more people would have attended, but due to the late announcement the attendance was a lot less than the past.

The caravan from Northern Virginia (Ron Sarol and Meg and I) met at McDonald's in Sterling Park. Our Caravan departed at 9:30 AM on time with no stragglers. Ron drives a beautiful 95 Red Flame Coupe, and I took my trusty 2002 Electron Blue Convertible. Although the weather was cloudy and windy in Sterling, the conditions changed as we approached Springfield to partly cloudy and windy. Of course the temperature was not conducive to putting the top down in the convertible, as the heater was on for a while.

We managed to keep our caravan of two together down 95 south and arrived at the Stafford Commuter Lot around 10:30 AM; of course we were the first to arrive. So we took advantage of the time and took our bathroom breaks. Around 11:30 AM more cars arrived. By noon about 15 cars were ready to leave.

We made our way through Falmouth, and started heading East on Route 3 to Dahlgren, VA meeting the rest of the caravan at an Industrial Park on Route 301. We departed with a police car blocking the traffic on Route 301, keeping all the Vettes together. Arriving at Captain Billy's at 1:30 PM.

By that time you were ready for a seafood feast. The service was much better this year, although not the best time of the year for crabs, the restaurant managed to get a fresh shipment from Carolina that morning.

A total of 53 Corvettes showed up, and we met many new people. Corvettes came from Norfolk and New Jersey. I just love going on this cruise, it's just plain fun. The caravan of two left around 3:00 PM and the ride home was sunny and uneventful, just a nice ride on a Sunday afternoon. I did talk to the organizer, and he will get the word out earlier next year. It was a very pleasant and fun cruise, like always. Hope next year some of the newer members can join this springtime event. I know you will enjoy the cruising, people and food. It's worth the trip.....





## 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.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Spouse's Name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Home Telephone:</b>
<b>City:</b>	<b>Work Telephone or Cell:</b>
<b>State/ZIP:</b>	<b>Email Address:</b>
<b>NCCC Number:</b>	<b>Club Affiliation:</b>
<b>Corvette Year:</b> <b>Engine:</b>	<b>Body Style:</b> Coupe <input type="checkbox"/> Convertible <input type="checkbox"/> Hdtop <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Classification:</b> Concours <input type="checkbox"/> Shine n Show <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Show T- Shirts:</b> XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>PRE-SHOW REGISTRATION COST ONLY</u></b>	
<b>CONCOURS \$35.00      Shine n Show \$20.00</b>	
<b><u>REGISTRATION AT GATE, DAY OF SHOW</u></b>	
<b>CONCOURS \$40.00      Shine n Show \$25.00</b>	
<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><b>Pre Registration Prices for Show T-Shirts:</b> XXL \$20   XL-M- S---\$15</p> <p>T-shirts will be Beefy T's, all black using show logo seen above (1963 &amp; 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>	
<b>Registering more than one Corvette, print &amp; fill another form.</b>	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK \$ _____</b>	
<b>Additional information about your Corvette:</b>	

**Northern Virginia Corvette Club  
General Business Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 23, 2004**

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

**Attendance** Members – 31 Guests – 3

Jeff Kirk (President) introduced Alex Perdikas, GM –Koons

- Alex thanked everyone for coming and offered his guidance / help for service / sales and indicated he would be happy to help out any way he could.
- Alex answered questions put forth by NVCC members ie: promotions available or coming up.
- Alex advised that Koons will be a great supporter of the Corvette Club.

Jeff Kirk introduced John DeGurse, along with Mark Grigg (NVCC member)

- John gave us an overview of Special Olympics with regards to helping out with this very worthwhile charity.
- The Plane Pull / Car Show (Sept. 18, 2004) is a great event to attend and the Special Olympic organizers are very receptive to having NVCC participation.
- Hat / T-Shirt Drive – the Special Olympic organizers are willing to put NVCC logo on the back of the T-Shirt, along with the Police Dept.
- There is a possibility of a car show at the opening ceremony for the Special Olympics on June 12 /13, 2004.
- Special Olympics will also help out with publicity.
- Law Enforcement will be hosting a couple of Tip-a-Cup events and it would be great to see some Corvettes out for these events.
- There is also a Demolition Derby coming up that will need sponsors and drivers.

On with the regular scheduled meeting – introductions were made by everyone attending.

Rallye - Barb Shaw

- Rallye 101 is scheduled for April 25, 2004. Details to follow.

Autocross – Paul Hertel not present – Jeff Kirk provided the following –

- April 11, 2004 is a tentative date for the first autocross at ODS
- There will be a spring cleanup day scheduled for ODS, date to be announced.
- Note on possible autocross for April 11 – this is also Easter Sunday! Jeff (President) volunteered to dress up as the Easter Bunny if it would get everyone out for the day. Worth checking out!

Treasurer – Jeff Reinke

- Report provided by Jeff.
- Donation received from Koons for the Concours event.

President – Jeff Kirk

- Reminded everyone to use the Forum, it a great way to keep up with what's going on.

Historian – Ralph Watts

- Questions / Answers and winners (of one raffle ticket each):
- **Question #1:** Corvette (as a concept car) first made its appearance as part of the Autorama / Motorama Show on January 17, 1953 in what city?  
**Answer:** The Waldorf – Astoria Hotel in New York. – **Winner** – Stan Bradley
- **Question #2:** The Corvette name is taken from a group of small and fast warships known as the 'Corvette Class' of ships. The project, however, which was begun by Harley Earl in 1951 was named?  
**Answer:** Opeï – **Winner** – Jeff Reinke
- **Question #3:** Who named the Corvette? a) Harley Earl b) Myron Scott, a GM photographer c) a college student who wanted to win \$25 e) both the photographer and the student.  
**Answer:** While Myron Scott, a photographer with GM, is officially credited with naming the Corvette, the truth is that the name did not actually originate with him. An advertising agency for GM approached the professor of marketing at the University of Alabama in 1952 and challenged his classes to come up with an innovative name for a sleek

new sports car to premiere the following year. A whopping \$25 savings bond would be the prize for the one who came up with the best name. A young man from Ensley, Alabama by the name of Al Propst just back from the Korean War, had become familiar with a highly maneuverable warship known as a corvette and thought the name would be perfect for the new sports car. He submitted the name along with an essay and won the coveted prize, but he was also required to sign a form relinquishing all rights to the name. – **Winner** – Ron Rexroads

- **Question #4:** What is true about the front to rear stripe on the 1996 Grand Sport? a) It's the first production use of a 'glossy' decal b) it's wider in the rear than it is in the front c) it was originally to contain a number, but the idea was considered 'over the top' d) the car is first painted white and then the blue is added.

**Answer:** The Grand Sport's stripe is not the same width all the way back. It gets wider as it goes up the hood, and the top is narrower and then it gets somewhat wider in the back end. – **Winner** – Chuck Pellerin

- **Question #5:** The T-Top gets its name from what?

**Answer:** T-Top does not refer to the shape of the roof, but rather it is short for Targa Top. The original design was a pure Targa, but body flex demanded the center bar, discovered late in the design. – **Winner** - Mike Woods

Raffles – Convention Memorabilia – Medallions to all winners

- Zoel Robinson, Chuck Pellerin, Maury Brumm, Joe Daly III, Stan Bradley, Jim Robinson and Rick ? (new member)
- Oil Change won by James Anderson
- 50/50 draw won by Sadie Compton

Social – (Laurie Kistner not present)

- Dart Social at Robinson's on April 3, 2004
- Crab Cruise scheduled for April 4, 2004. Jeff Reinke will send out details.
- Ice-cream Cruise scheduled for June 6, 2004

Membership – (Judy Patrick)

- 93 Active members
- 11 Prospective members
- Reminder that the attendance form must be completed and returned before becoming eligible for active membership.

President – (Jeff Kirk)

- Discussion on the free NVCC membership (1 year) that will be offered to Corvette buyers from Koons. This does not include NCCC membership.
- NCCC rules state that 51% of NVCC members must be NCCC members.
- Koons will help promote the NVCC
- Stewart Fox suggested that a Club poster be produced to be posted at Koons.
- Mike Sarver and Laurier Kistner are working on a promotional CD that would introduce NVCC and the advantages of belonging to a Corvette Club and owning a Corvette.
- Stan Bradley suggested NVCC business card to help introduce the Club. This has been discussed by Council at previous meetings and we have something in the works for the business cards. Koons will help us out with the cards and Koons logo will be on the card (back).
- The question was asked, whether or not Koons had a link to NVCC on their website?

NCM – (Don Patrick)

- Not much to report on at this time, right now the standard discount available for Corvettes is approximately 10,000 – 13,000. Could go up to 20,000.
- Suggestion from the floor – it would be great to have a private showing when the C6 is unveiled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 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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