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Tysons Corner

Most news editors with many years of experience can count on one hand the number of times they managed to land the front page of any publication they've worked on. Due to the wonderful weather we're having in beautiful Northern Virginia, the turnover of the guard, and the winter reduced level of activity in the club, the task has fallen to me to step up and produce some content. Be gentle, this is my first time. By way of introduction, my name is Dan Kinney and I'm proud to have been appointed to the position of Editor for the NVCC newsletter. While my background is in literature, I promise not to bust out any Shakespeare.

The first newsletter (February) will not be printed and mailed to everyone. I know a good deal of the membership prefers to have a mailed copy of the newsletter and I am one of those people as well. The Glass Gazette has always been created using a software program called Microsoft Publisher. While it is quite flexible and designed to produce the type of content we generate, timing of the newsletter hasn't given me the opportunity to learn the program as yet. This edition of the newsletter was produced using Adobe Pagemaker. While Pagemaker is designed more for writing books (yes, I'm writing a book, and no, you can't see what I've got so far), it's hardly designed for producing newsletters. However, I thought it best to produce the best quality newsletter using a program that I knew well, as opposed to throwing something together in a program that I've never used before.

As you've probably noticed, the format has changed quite a bit. Perhaps it's my sense of style (or lack thereof), but I felt the newsletter could use a bit more contemporary look. Beating the internet for a few weeks, I found publications posted everywhere of newsletters done by people from varied organizations. Admittedly, some looked absolutely horrible. Many were beyond my talents to incorporate, but every one of them influenced the design that I believe is best for our style of newsletter.

This, by no means, is written in stone. Please send me your thoughts and suggestions, your *constructive* criticisms and any concerns. As I mentioned, this is my first time producing a newsletter and I'm sure to get things wrong from time to time. Hopefully I can depend on the club for support as I get used to the new position.

NVCC Newsletter Editor
Dan Kinney

Oh where too start! First of all I would like to thank everyone in the club for voting me as your President for the next year! Over the last two years Jeff did a fantastic job at bringing the club to new levels. Membership is at record levels, our relationship with Koons is better than ever, and we have more events going on within the club than ever before. I just hope over the next year we can build upon those standards.

This year is already starting out with a bang and promises to be busier than ever! The banquet is right around the corner which Laurie is working her heart out on; the planning stages of the concours have already started so please e-mail Laurie if you are interested in helping out so she can have this information on hand when she's ready to start.

The first "Teen Driving School" that NVCC is putting on will happen on Saturday, March 4th at Stonewall High School in Manassas. We are really excited about this event and the outside support has been overwhelming! We are looking for volunteers for this event along with our Publicity representatives to help out. This event will have a variety of jobs to do so there is something for everyone. There will also be a lot of outside observers watching this event for possible future events of this nature for the club. This is an event that I have been working on for over a year to put together so I'm really excited about this one!

We are planning on April 10th (Monday) being our first HPDE of the year at the Summit Point main track for those that are interested. This event will have 75 openings for students opposed to the 45 we could have on the Jefferson track. This really plans on being an exciting day of fun.

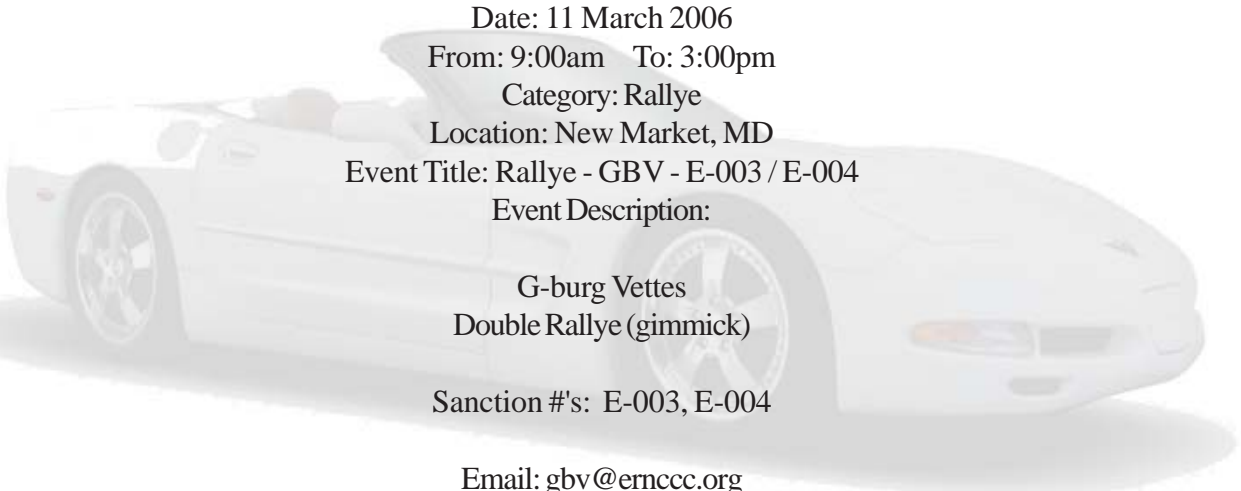
Sunday, July 30th will be our first HPDC (High Performance Driving Clinic) held on the Jefferson circuit. This event will be open to ALL club members! This will be a lower speed event so convertibles (With No roll bar) will be allowed. This will be a school for people to learn the handling characteristics of their cars (Over steer/Under steer, threshold breaking, slalom course, and the skid pad for learning to control slides). The second half of the day will be putting your teachings and knowledge to use as you run on the Jefferson circuit course in your cars for time! This is a great time to learn your cars in a safe/controlled environment! You DO NOT have to be a gear head or speed freak for this event.

I also found out this week that Ralph Watts is planning on running the Go-Kart night again and this is always a blast for people in the club! Date and time TBA.

Before I end this month's letter I would like to take a minute to point out charities. In 2005 the club raised and donated over \$8,500 to charity! \$7,000 was raised in the charity run for the Youth for Tomorrow and \$1,000 for the Project Fit foundation during the charity run in October, and \$500 raised for the Special Olympics during the Concours. I'm pretty sure that this is one of the largest amounts that the club has donated in a single year! It is also something that each and every one of you should be proud of!

We need to also recognize some of the new faces and changes within the council this year. Chuck Pellerin is now the Vice President and is a great addition to the council. He also is into rally and will be a valuable resource to that end. Richard Mars is taking over the Club Historian position. He will be responsible for bringing some of the fun trivia questions back to the General business meetings for prizes. Dan Kinney is taking over the monthly newsletter and has some wonderful ideas to build onto what Jim has really evolved for the club. Mike Higgins has moved into the auto-x chair position. This will be a real challenge for Mike due to the fact that he is in the middle of completing his PhD! So until then we have several people helping him out so please be patient. Jeff K. and Jim B. have moved over to work on the Publicity end for the club, and as you know I moved into the roll of President. Andrej, Don, Judy, Wanda, Marsh, Paul, and Laurie will be continuing in their current positions.

I have a lot more information to put out, but it will have to wait until next month!



Date: 11 March 2006
From: 9:00am To: 3:00pm
Category: Rallye
Location: New Market, MD
Event Title: Rallye - GBV - E-003 / E-004
Event Description:
G-burg Vettes
Double Rallye (gimmick)
Sanction #'s: E-003, E-004
Email: gbv@ernccc.org
More info: www.ernccc.org/flyers/2006/e-003.pdf

We currently have 107 active members and 17 prospective members.

This is the first year NVCC has entered a new calendar year with 100+ members.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Richard Mars - 2000 White Hardtop
Randy Urick - 1993 40th Anniversary Ruby Red Coupe

Prospective Members:

Joseph Caucci - 2005 Red Coupe
Eric Hagerty - 1996 White Coupe
Dolores Hallinger - 2005 Sunset Orange Coupe
David Heland - 2005 Red Coupe
Steve Jones - 2005 Daytona Orange Coupe
Joe Michaliga - 1985 Red Coupe
Bruce Miller - 2000 Silver Coupe
Steven Moline - 2005 Silver Coupe
Cassidy Nolen- 2004 LeMans Blue Coupe
Dan Nowak - 1978 Black/Silver Pace Car
Donna Ojjeh - 2005 Blue Convertible
Dean Shepard - 2005 Red Convertible
Garry Shields & Rebecca Maksel - 1986 Red & Black Coupe
Brian Tray - 1973 Dark Cherry Coupe
Mike Wanjon - 1965 Maroon Roadster
Jeanie Wine - 2004 Silver Z06

2006 membership cards will be available at the General Business Meeting on January 24th.

Fellow NVCCers,

Plans are already moving for Concours 2006. The NCCC sanction date is Sunday, June 4th, 2006. The artwork/graphics theme for the event is the new C6 Z06!

I have already met with Michelle Gates from the Special Olympics and we are working to make this event grow. We are looking to get more area businesses and individuals as sponsors for the event and to contribute prizes as well. Last year many wonderful club members helped with judging, registration, tabulation, tech, prizes, photography, and many other tasks to help pull off the show. I will need the help of everyone in this club once again (and then some!), so please save the date!

Even if you cannot work the event, you can help by putting your car in the show, even if it's just the Exhibition class. Your registration fee ensures that we can donate more money to Special Olympics! More updates to follow as time goes on.

Laurie Kistner
 NVCC Concours Director 2005-6"

Hello Corvetters,

Despite what the calendar says, the club is still busy with many social activities. OK, so maybe we are not on a cruise of the great corvette roads in Clifton during 80 degree weather, but we're still out there having fun anyway! Even if you can't pull the 'vette out of the garage just yet, why not come to a club dinner or gathering? Keep posted to your email, the club website and forum for events coming up.

Even with it technically being winter, there's never a break in planning events! I am currently putting together a social calendar to rival last year's roster of outings. Andrej Balanc's Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise is back by popular demand! Not only will there be more shows, cruises, and social events, but also some events that are tied into a charity in some way. One thing that stands out in my mind from Jeff Kirk's presidency is his desire for the club to do more charitable works. What better way to get the club's name out there and have fun while doing so!

Don't forget that our Annual Banquet is coming up on Saturday, February 4th. Checks are due by January 31st...no exceptions! See the flyer for complete details.

If you would like to host a club event, please contact me at LilRedCorvette94@yahoo.com.

1. What was the first year corvette that was fuel injected and what size was the engine?
2. What GM executive retired December 1, 1959?
3. What was the first year corvette had the tubeless tires???

1) 1957 and engine size was 28
 2) Harley Earl
 3) 1954

Due to overwhelming requests by members, we are having a Shop Night at Koons Chevrolet on Wednesday, February 15th, 2006. An opportunity to install those goodies you got from Santa or to get ready for spring!

Shop Night is an event unto itself. It's the opportunity for you to bring in your car or truck, and work on it yourself or with others, with guidance from Joe Malo, the Certified Corvette Mechanic at Koons. Lifts, tools, etc., are all there, and best of all, it's free!! Free, because....you're doing the work yourself. Everyone, even those not familiar with the car, are encouraged to come as well, as this is a neat chance to learn about the workings of your 'vette. Oil changes, tire changes, brake changes, installing that cold air system, or general things like asking "What does that there thingamajob do?" can all be accomplished that evening. Please plan on working on things that can be accomplished in under 4 hours (i.e., no tranny changes!) Typically there are a few experts around as well who will gladly dive in and assist you.

Shop Night starts with us gathering at the GARAGE entrance (not the service entrance where you drop your car off) around 6 to 6:15 PM, and then after some gabbing and bragging, bringing your car into a bay where work begins. We like to have things wrapped up by around 10. This is usually followed by a few people going out for a few cokes or a beer, (we occasionally even buy Joe one, to bring his stress level back to normal.)

Please register using the events tab on the club website or by emailing George Kerns at whiskeytahoe@aol.com."

As most of you know, Sebring International Raceway has over 50 years of Corvette racing history. It is where Corvette endurance racing really began in 1956. In those early days, the solid axle Corvettes (or "straight axles" as they are called in some circles) performed exceptionally well against exotic entries from Jaguar, Ferrari, Maserati and other makes. For the 2006 NCCC Convention in Orlando we want to extend a special invitation to all solid axle Corvettes (1953 – 1962) to enter the autocross and drag competition events at Sebring and Orlando Speed World. We are creating a special segment at Convention, the Solid Axle Challenge, to highlight these cars and their pioneering performance.

To encourage NCCC members to race their solid axle cars, we are offering special trophies for the solid axle participants which will commemorate Corvette racing history. Photographers will also be on hand for posed and action shots at the Sebring track, however, this track in general offers many opportunities for great pictures by anyone who can point a camera. Classics that aren't set up for the high speed can still participate in the parade laps on Friday for "on track" pictures. Additionally, we are working with solid axle parts suppliers, enthusiast magazines and possibly some other surprise guests which we hope will attend our Convention.

We can use your help in spreading the word and in encouraging your contacts to participate in this event. If you know of some special cars that are not NCCC we may be able to invite some as guests. It is a great opportunity at a special venue for owners and others to enjoy these historical vehicles in action. If you have any questions, please contact me at vette_rp283@yahoo.com

**The NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB and
HOWARD SNOOK of LONG AND FOSTER**
announce their long awaited event...

“SIR ISAAC NEWTON’S TOTALLY AWESOME DRIVING SCHOOL”
A Real Driving School for Teens Only

7:00 AM-5:00 PM, Saturday, March 4th at Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas VA.

PARENTS: This is for you too! Do your teenage drives a huge favor! Forget the mall and bring your teen driver out for a day of real driver training.

This is a rare event indeed! Your teen driver will learn how to really control a car, not simply learn how to pass a drivers test! They will learn why cars do what they do, why they do it, and what to do about it! Driving is applied physics, hence the name “THE ISAAC NEWTON’S TOTALLY AWESOME DRIVING SCHOOL”.

Spend the day with the Northern Virginia Corvette Club’s Super-Knowledgable driving instructors who are highly skilled drivers as well as driving teachers. They will put the drivers through a series of demonic, devilish, and truly diabolical exercises designed to exten the driving skills and thinking of your sons and daughters.

The NVCC will collect twenty five cents for each cone killed, so bring plenty of quarters. All proceeds will be donated to the charity of the group’s choice at the end of the day. Parents are urged and encouraged to stay and attend classroom sessions and watch their children drive through exercises designed to make these young drivers understand why they lose control and how to prevent it. Even experienced drivers will learn a lot . Behind the wheel instruction is done a very slow speeds in a very safe environment. It is far better for them to know what to do beforehand then to experience something happening on the public roads and not know what to do!

This driving school is free and includes a favulous gormet pizza from a local pizza place. “seating” is limited. Sorry, No Drive-ins or car sharing. No SUVs or vans! **AT LEAST ONE PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST ACCOMPANY DRIVERS UNDER 18.** More information will be available to those astute and caring parents who have registered their teen drivers early. These events fill up quickly! **NVCC MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED. REGISTRATION CLOSSES MONDAY FEBRUARY 27, NO EXCEPTIONS! FILL OUT REGISTRATION FORM AND SEND TO: GEORGE KERNS, 13544 WYECROSSE CT. BRISTOW, VIRGINIA, 20136 email: whiskeytahoe@aol.com**

DRIVER _____ AGE _____

PARENT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MAKE AND MODEL OF CAR _____ YEAR _____

QUESTIONS: email them to: MIRIAM SCHOTTLAND greywolf@millkern.com



NVCC Annual Banquet

February 4th, 2006 - 6:00 to 11:00 PM
Holiday Inn - Tysons Corner, Virginia

Starting at 6 PM there will be a reception hour, with peel and eat shrimp, vegetable crudite, and cash bar. At 7PM we will be having a Prime Rib carving station, and buffet to include Breast of Chicken Dijon, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, and fresh fruit, pasta, and garden salads. Desserts will be assorted cakes and pies, beverages included are coffee, tea, and iced tea. The cash bar will be open during dinner as well.

In addition to a sumptuous dinner, the events of the evening include prizes to be won (gift certificates as well as the infamous Tire Rack prize), a slide show of Spooktacular, and handing out awards.

*Cost is \$25 per person (children ages 6-12 are \$10 each). Checks must be made payable to NVCC and mailed to me **BY JANUARY 31st! NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please mail to: Laurie Kistner, 13800 Rock Terrace, Centreville, VA 20120 Please indicate the names of the persons attending in the RSVP. Thank you!*

Attire is semi-formal. The banquet is open to all NVCC members, their spouses, children, guests, and all those who have applied for NVCC membership.

***HPDE on the Summit Point Main Track
Hosted by Northern Virginia Corvette Club
Monday April 10th, 2006
Rain or Shine***

Participant Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Car Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

NCCC Number (If Applicable) _____

Track experience; please circle one (novice, intermediate, advanced, instructor). Please describe your experience in detail and list organizations you have participated with (for example FATT, BSR, PCA, NASA, etc.) Also include # of HPDE's attended. _____

If registering as an instructor, list instructor experience & specify which organizations you instruct for _____

Cost: \$150. Registrations after April 3rd, \$175. Instructors are free, but must register. The NVCC will determine instructor qualifications. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and will close on April 7th. There will be 25 slots in each run group. **No refunds after April 3rd.** Please make checks payable to NVCC. Please mail registration forms and checks to:

**George Kerns
13544 Wycrosse Ct.
Bristow, VA 20136
(571) 921-0620**

NVCC website: www.nvcorvetteclub.com

Fire extinguishers, Helmet SNELL SA 2000 or newer, and roll bar for convertibles are required. Cars must pass tech inspection. No timing equipment allowed. See administrative sheet for additional details.

Directions to Summit Point: Take Route 7 West past Leesburg toward Winchester, VA. Continue on Route 7 West past the Berryville exits and turn Right onto Route 632 (Crums Church Road). Follow 632 until you reach the "T" intersection. Turn right onto Route 761 (Old Charles Town Road). Continue on 761 until you reach the next "T" intersection. Make a right turn and follow 300 yards. The entrance will be on your right.