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SAVE THE DATE — APRIL 19, 2019

EAST REGION TRACK DAY AT THE CORVETTE MUSEUM TRACK

East Region NCCC is having a track day at the Corvette Museum on April 19, 2019 and all East Region clubs can participate! Events on Thursday include track time and a driving clinic. On Friday we have a Corvette museum and assembly plant tours scheduled. Box lunches will be provided by the NCM. Some folks are going to spend Saturday up at Nashville, others will be driving back to the Northern Virginia area that day.

The track time will encompass hot lapping time at speed as well as all-you-can-drive parade laps. The day will be split into 30 minute sessions, so everybody will get 2 hours of track time. That's four 30-minute sessions for the hot lapping and four 30-minute sessions for the parade lapping. The cost for hot laps is \$200 for the day and the parade laps are \$50. The parade lappers can run all day long, 4 laps at a time behind a pace car. **JUST GET BACK IN LINE!** Convertibles are welcome for the parade laps, however, roll bars will be required for the hot lapping (if you have a convertible).

The driving clinic will be held on the skid pad. It will include instruction and practice of front and rear skids, threshold braking and driving a slalom course. The cost for this is also \$50 and it is a great way to improve your skills and see how well your car performs. The clinic is the same as format as our teen driving school, but for the big kids this time!

The event will be open to all the other NCCC region clubs throughout the nation, as well as other car clubs (Camaro, Mustang, Porsche, BMW, etc.). It should be a lot of fun!

We anticipate being able to handle 200 cars that day. East Region drivers will get a significant discount on the above-mentioned prices, as we paid for an acre at the track to help fund costs. Money raised by this event will help defer the cost of that acre, \$15,000.

Rooms are being held at the Country Inn and Suites. More details to follow!

Here's a video to whet your appetites!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=6XkjwyG007Q>

If you have any questions, please let me know. I'm on the East Region Committee for this event, so if I don't know the answer to your question, I'll know who will.

Andrej Balanc
NVCC NCCC Governor

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SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

NVCC STEAM TO CREAM CRUISE



MARSHALL STEAM MUSEUM
at Auburn Heights Preserve

Join us for a leisurely cruise (145 miles) to Auburn Heights Museum in Yorklyn, DE to tour the Marshall Steam Museum and Victorian Mansion.

Auburn Heights Preserve features a furnished mansion completed in 1897 as well as the Marshall Steam Museum with the largest collection of operating steam cars in the world.

For more info: <http://auburnheights.org>

- We will meet at Page Chevrolet and head over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge via Rt. 50 onto MD 301 North. **
- Stop for lunch at Grotto's Pizza (Middletown, DE).
- After museum tour, head to Woodside Farm Creamery in Newark, DE for home-made ice cream (approximately 15 minutes from museum).
<https://www.woodsidefarmcreamery.com/>

Drivers Meeting: 9:00

Cruise Begins: 9:15

Grotto's Lunch: 11:45 – 12:45

Arrive Museum: 1:45 (tour begins at 2:00)

Tickets are \$8 each for either Steam Museum or Mansion and \$14 for both.

** using EZ-Pass enables our corvette caravan to stay together

Contact: George Durk gadurk@gmail.com or 703.473.1005

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—MARCH 2018

Members and Guests, Club Officers and Council members,

Happy First Day of Spring (as the season's first real snow threatens the area). Keep Corvette covers on or garage doors closed - at least until this Saturday's Breakfast GBM. Let's see whether we will be better weather forecasters someday.

I'm pleased with the early progress of the committees during this quiet time of the year. We had a good turnout from our appeal for volunteers in February, with 14 members showing up at the car show planning meeting at Page Chevy on March 10th. Decisions and assignments were made, complete with Tabellario-furnished breakfast goodies.

Also, before the March council meeting, the 50th Committee churned out some great ideas for the Club's year of celebration, starting with the banquet in January 2019. And your council, the 50th Committee and Page Chevrolet Owner, China Arbuckle, will seriously consider the feasibility of raffling off a C7 Corvette during our Anniversary Year.

Our Social Committee is taking flight and producing nice surprises, including fresh ideas from Chairman Bob Devery (possible trip to the Marine Corps Museum) and events during the week for the retirees among us. The Social Committee and Social Media Committee could not be where they are today without the guidance (and baton passing) of 2017's Council Member of the Year, Vicki Allen-Scott. Thank you also to Mae Fromm, 2016 Member of the Year, who contributed significantly to restructuring the Club's social media, prior to stepping down in 2017. Chrissy and Tom Kinman, NVCC's new Social Media co-chairs, have already exponentially grown the Club's social media presence. We'll learn more about that at the breakfast GBM this Saturday.

I'm also impressed with the initiative taken by Paul Fineberg, to use his military contacts and coordinate what is showing potential for being the best Warrior Transition Brigade Car Show at Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda on September 8. It had humble beginnings just two years ago, as an idea rooted in David DuBois' mind. A truly great "thank you" from NVCC and CCA, to those who have served our country so valiantly and suffered in the process. Thanks again, Dave and Paul.

Behind every one of these past and future events in store for the club is our webmaster team of John Palmgren and Paul Benish, keeping the website and calendar up to date and other "IT stuff" moving behind the scenes. Thanks to you both for your many contributions to NVCC over the years.

See you all on Saturday!

Kris McCandless,
NVCC President
2010 Black GS - The Bear
President@nvc Corvette Club.com



MEET YOUR 2018 COUNCIL



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Membership George Durk

NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2018—VICKI ALLEN SCOTT, SECRETARY

Officers Present:

Kris McCandless, President
John Scott, Vice President
John Stark, Treasurer

Vicki Scott, Secretary
Jerry Lelansky, Officer at Large



The meeting was held at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria, VA and called to order at 7:39 pm by President Kris McCandless. Kris welcomed all members, including two prospect members, Jack and Betty Lou Ludwick. Also present were former presidents Dick Hammaker and John Palmgren.

Introductions were made around the room. Shortly after, a brief discussion ensued, about Coopers Corvettes being back in business (per Omar and Kris).

The January 2018 GBM minutes were unanimously approved.

Annual Banquet – Kris thanked Mae for doing an outstanding job of managing our annual banquet, without a hitch. He also thanked John and Kara Palmgren for helping Mae during the planning stages, as well as setup, for the banquet.

Car Show – Kris handed out a car show task list to attendees and asked them to consider which jobs they'd be willing to help with – and to let John Scott know. So far, Jerry Lelansky is checking on various options for a food truck, and Vicki Scott designed a flyer and will post it on several car show websites in the next week or two. Kris announced that our car show charity will again be Multiple Sclerosis (MS) – and that a planning meeting for the car show that will be held at Page Chevy, on Saturday, March 10th. He encouraged all who are interested in helping to attend – and that the meeting time will be announced as soon as it's confirmed with Page Chevy.

Annual Picnic – Kris announced that the Club picnic will be held once again at Rich Anderson's farm, on July 15th. He provided an overview of Rich's service to the Club, including his extensive collection of cars that includes a Corvette for 6 out of 7 generations. More details about the picnic will be provided as we get closer to the date.

Membership – George Durk reported that our present membership count is 92, which includes 7 prospective members.

NCM Ambassador – Dick Hammaker reviewed the status of NCM membership in the Club and learned that 16 members hold membership in NCM, and 7 of those are life members.

Social Media – Chrissy & Tom Kinman were not present, however, Kris announced that they'll give a "Social Media 101" presentation during the March Breakfast GBM.

Social – Bob Devery will update the Club activities calendar on the last day of each month. He also announced a dinner&movie night coming up on March 3rd, with future outings to alternate on a weekend, or midweek.

Jim Dobish is looking into the possibility of arranging a skeet and target shooting outing this Spring.

Bob is arranging a tour of the USMC museum at Quantico.

Breakfast GBM – Vicki Scott provided an overview of the Club's Breakfast GBM on Saturday, March 24th. The cost is \$22 per person, which covers the buffet, tax, and tip. The event will be held at the Amphora Diner Deluxe in Herndon. Kris reminded everyone that this event takes the place of the regular GBM meeting, for the month of March.

Corvettes 'n Crabs Rallye – This popular event, in its 5th year, will be a 'gimmick' rallye, wherein there are clues along the route that count toward a trophy at the end. The event takes place on Sunday, April 8th with the drivers' meeting at the Cracker Barrel in Dumfries, VA at 9:45 am. Cars will begin the route (on a timed basis), starting at 10 am. The endpoint will be Captain Pell's Fairfax Crab House. Please let Dick Hammaker know if you want to participate.

Dunkin' Donuts Car Show – Jerry Lelansky gave an overview of this event on Sunday, February 25th. Although it was a gray and rainy day, it was attended by several NVCC members, as well as some from ODCC (Old Dominion Corvette Club).

There was a shortage of parking (and some folks left early); however, the free coffee and donuts were enjoyed – as was the attention the crowd gave to our vettes!

Chantilly Car Show – Mike Falletti announced that there will be a car show in Chantilly on March 17th, to mark the grand opening of a smoothie shop.

Transition Brigade Car Show at Walter Reed – Paul Fineberg is working with the USO at Walter Reed, to plan this joint NVCC/CCA (Corvette Club of America) event, that will be held on Saturday, September 8th. The venue is limited to 30 Corvettes and if Paul hasn't registered that many (between the two clubs), he'll open registration to other local Corvette clubs.

Cooking will be done by Club volunteers, using the well-appointed USO facilities and Paul asked for volunteers to cook and serve food. The USO will provide sodas and ice – and the Base will handle advertising. NSO estimated that 70-80 wounded warriors and family members would attend.

~ Break ~

Trivia – presented by John Scott (for Jeff Klain who was unable to attend). The theme was “Oscar week: Corvette goes to the Movies”, as follows:

Q1. (For those who've been members for less than two years.) In this 2009 science fiction movie, a future favorite son of Riverside, Iowa “borrowed” his uncle's very vintage 1965 red Corvette, fled a policeman trying to pull him over, and drove the car off the edge of a rock quarry. What was the movie, and who was the driver?

A1. The movie was Star Trek, and the driver was James T. Kirk.

Q2. (For Rick Poage) Over the years, Corvettes have appeared in dozens (if not hundreds) of films. How long did it take for a Corvette to appear in a major motion picture? What was the movie, and what year was the Corvette?

A2. Just two years. A 1954 Corvette was featured in the 1955 *film noire* “Kiss Me Deadly.”

Q3. In the 1992 movie “My Cousin Vinny”, Marisa Tomei's character demonstrates her automotive expertise by informing a skeptical prosecutor that Chevrolet first offered a 327 four barrel carburetor engine in the Chevrolet Bel Air in 1964, not in 1955, as the prosecutor asserted. When did Chevrolet first offer the 327 four-barrel in the Corvette?

A3. The 327 was first offered in the Corvette in 1962.

Q4. James Kirk was not the only movie driver to discover that – while Corvettes go fast – they will not fly. This 1997 movie, starring Nicholas Cage, John Malkovich, John Cusack, and Colm Meaney featured a 1967 silver Corvette that flew briefly before crashing to earth in spectacular fashion. What was the movie?

A4. The movie was “Con Air.”

TDS – Kris announced that NVCC may hold a TDS session within the next couple of months; however, it will be further considered during the March Council meeting.

Monetary Contribution to Club – Bob Devery presented a check in the amount of \$50, which is a percentage of his earnings from a Caribbean cruise with a few NVCC members, in January.

The 50/50 jackpot of \$32 was won by Kevin Van Sloten.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Jack and Betty Lou Ludwick—2017 Torch Red Stingray Convertible

David Poole—2006 Convertible

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE MARCH 27, 2018 GBM

NVCC 2018 Activities Calendar

Dates are subject to change.



MONTHLY EVENTS

4th Tuesday monthly, January through November: General Business Meetings (GBMs) at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria, VA. Start time 7:30 pm; store open at 7:15 pm. Breakfast GBM twice a year.

2nd Tuesday of each month: NVCC Council Business Meetings at 7:30 pm; location varies.

JANUARY 2018

- 23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 27: Banquet, Maggiano's, Tysons Galleria, Vienna, VA

FEBRUARY 2018

- 24: Dunkin Donuts Car Show; 9 am—1 pm; Chantilly, VA—Organizer: Jerry Lelansky
- 27: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

MARCH 2018

- 3: Dinner & Movie; 5 pm; Springfield, VA—Organizer: Bob Devery
- 24: Breakfast GBM – Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon, VA—Organizer: Kris McCandless
- 25: Cruise to RDV Vineyards, Delaplane, VA – Organizer: Shawn Waddell (SOLD OUT)

APRIL 2018

- 8: Corvettes 'n Crabs Rallye, Capt Pell's Crab Shack, Fairfax, VA – Organizer: Dick Hammaker
- 14: Cars & Coffee—7 am—10 am; Manchester Lakes Shopping Center, Alexandria, VA
- 24: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

MAY 2018

- 19: Cruise to Auburn Heights & Woodside Creamery ('Steam to Cream') – Organizer: George Durk
- 22: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

JUNE 2018

- 03: NVCC Corvettes Care (All Corvette) Car Show, Page Chevy, Alexandria, VA (Rain date: June 10)
- 23: NVCC Ice Cream Social Cruise – Organizer: Mae Fromm
- 26: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

JULY 2018

- 8: Cruise to Barrel Oak Winery, Delaplane, VA – Organizer: Shawn Waddell
- 15: Annual Picnic—Anderson Farm; 12 noon—3:00 pm; Ganotown, WV—Organizer: Vicki Scott
- 24: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

AUGUST 2018

- 18: Breakfast GBM – Location TBD
- 25: NVCC Saturday Cruise to Carlisle, PA (Corvettes @Carlisle from Aug 23-26)

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 08: Warrior Transition Brigade Car Show, Walter Reed Military Hospital – Organizer: Paul Fineberg
- 16: Fall Rallye—Organizer: Dick Hammaker
- 25: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 29: Cruise to Corcoran Vineyards & Cider, Waterford, VA – Organizer: Shawn Waddell

OCTOBER 2018

- 6-7: Annual Jazz Festival, Duck, NC – Organizer: Jim McKay
- 12-13: Corvettes on the Boardwalk, Ocean City, MD (Freestate Corvette Club)
- 23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 24: Vienna Halloween Parade, Town of Vienna, VA – Organizer: Lori Benish

NOVEMBER 2018

- 18: Bavarian Inn Cruise and Sunday Brunch, Shepherdstown, WV – Organizer: George Durk
- 27: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

DECEMBER 2018 (NO GBM)



JOIN THE 5TH ANNUAL NVCC CORVETTES AND CRABS RALLYE

Join the NVCC for a classic timed, measured, rallye through scenic Virginia countryside ending at Capt. Pell's. Good Fun, Good Food, Prizes, and Great People.

Date: April 8, 2018

Place: Cracker Barrel, 17115 Dumfries Rd, Dumfries, VA 22025

Sign in Time: 9:30 am to 10:15 am

Driver/Navigator Briefing: 10:15 am

First Car Out: 10:30

End Point: Captain Pell's Fairfax Crabhouse, 10195 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030

Price: \$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members (Lunch at Capt. Pell's not included)

RSVP by April 3, 2018 to dick.hammaker@cox.net and gilliland_michael@yahoo.com



NVCC goes to Corcoran Vineyards and Cider

14635 Corky's Farm Lane, Waterford, VA ***THEY HAVE BBQ***

Save the DATE **September 29th**, 2018 Saturday

We will be starting out at 8402 Old Keene Mill Rd Shopping Plaza
Arrival at the shopping plaza 10:00 - Drivers Meeting 10:15 - Departure 10:30
Arriving at the Winery at 12:00





NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker

As the National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador, I want to get a feel for how many NVCC'er are members of the NCM. Thanks to the many members who answered my email request. NVCC has 16 NCM Members, of those 7 are Lifetime Members...that's, give or take, 17% and 7% respectively. Of course, I'd like to see those numbers increase. As a Corvette owners and enthusiasts, NCM membership offers many benefits.

Club Discount on Memberships

If your Corvette Club is a member of the NCM, your members can join the NCM for 25% off Individual and Family levels their first year.* That means Individual members are \$37.50 and Family are \$75.

*This discount does not apply to renewals.

NCM Members are.....

Ben Duling - Lifetime Member
 Dick & Denise Hammaker - Lifetime Members
 John & Vicki Scott - Lifetime Members
 Kris McCandless - Lifetime Member
 John & Kara Palmgren - Lifetime Members
 Richard & Susan Clute - Family Members
 Ted Stone
 Dave DuBois
 Vicki Hulick
 George Durk
 Michael Moore
 Paul Fineberg

If there are more, let me know. Thanks for your NCM support!

Dick "HAM" Hammaker
 Ambassador

Warrior Transition Brigade – Corvette Car Show

**The Northern Virginia Corvette Club
and the Corvette Club of America**

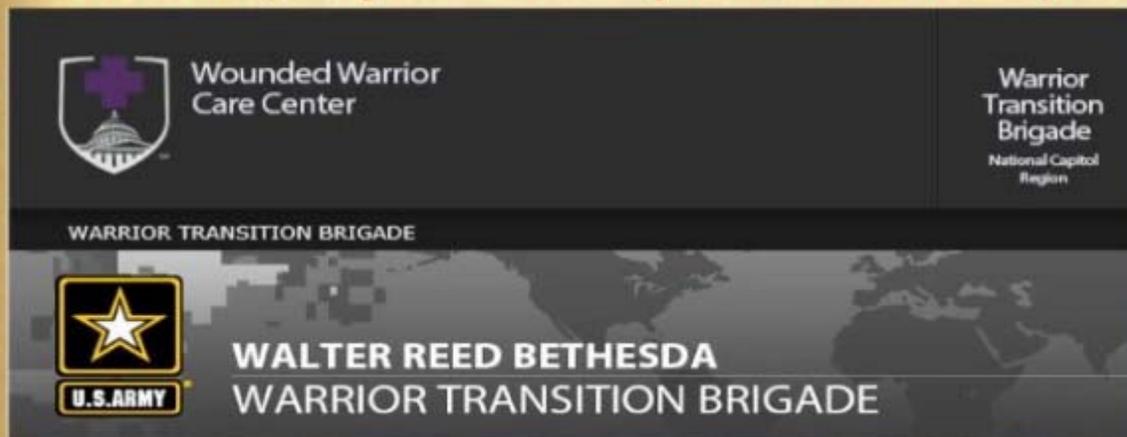
Would like to invite you to a Corvette Only Car Show at:

Walter Reed National Military Center

USO - Building 83

4565 Taylor St, Bethesda, MD 20815

Saturday September 8th (Rain or Shine..!!!)



Supporting the Warrior Transition Brigade soldiers, family, and staff.

When: Saturday September 8th (Rain or Shine)

Time: 11:00 AM until 3:30 PM

Registration: \$20.00. (Includes cookout lunch **Noon to 2 pm**)

(Note: Additional \$5.00 for each guest that joins you)

(No alcoholic beverages are allowed on site)

Limited to the first 30 cars registered

Registration OPENS 01 April 2018

EVENT QUESTIONS: Contact - pfineberg@gmail.com

Register online: <http://msreg.com/Corvettes-WWTB-18>

Note that your credit card will not be charged until Saturday, September 1st, 2018 (one week prior to the event)

REGISTRATION help questions ONLY: webmaster@nvcorvetteclub.com

WALTER REED WOUNDED WARRIOR CAR SHOW

(08 SEPTEMBER 2018 – RAIN or SHINE)

The event "FLYER" (previous page in this newsletter) is for all to utilize to register for this event via MOTOR REG (<http://msreg.com/Corvettes-WWTB-18>) that has been established by our Webmaster (John Palmgren) "thank you John". Also, there is a security form that will be needed by anyone not having access to a government/military facility, to gain access to show your car at the event, or to attend as a spectator at the event. **Note:** *Please obtain this form from Paul Fineberg.* All security forms must be filled out in their entirety and accurately or the security office will reject them. Also, all security access forms once filled out, need to be mailed to Paul Fineberg (pfineberg@gmail.com), who will consolidate all and submit to the appropriate USO representative, who has requested it be handled in this fashion (one person to communicate with for all).

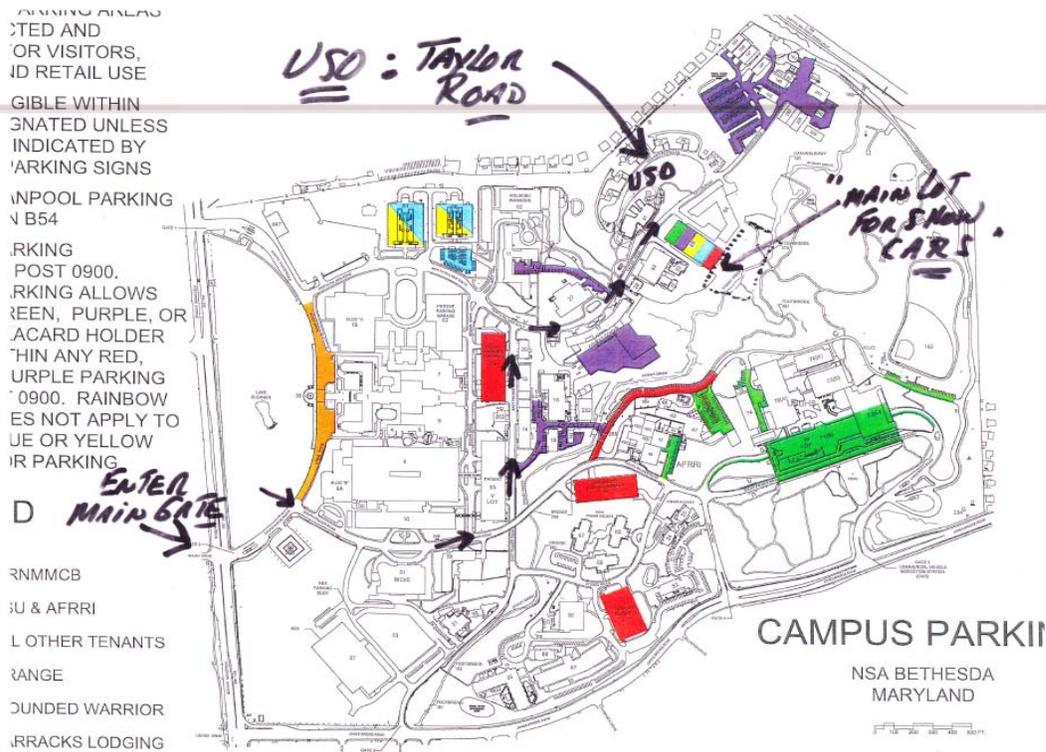
A map of the Walter Reed facility (see below) will be distributed at the GBM breakfast this month and will subsequently be mailed out to all.

This event is being co-hosted by CCA of Maryland with our club taking the lead on coordination with the USO and the setting up of the event. Between both clubs our goal is to have 30 cars at the event (this is the max allowed due to space restraints), and if we see we haven't reached that point over the next several months of registration, then our council might reach out to other clubs to fill the gap. In these initial stages, we are keeping things close to our club and CCA only for car entrants at this time.

Any additional spectators/guests can certainly attend the event, without entering a car. Please note, that these folks will need a lunch ticket paid for during someone's registration sign-up as an additional guest (tickets will be required for lunch), if they wish to join us for the cook-out lunch. If there are others that would like to attend and partake in the cookout, we can somehow make arrangements for them to pay a \$5 charge to cover expenses without registering on the webpage.... (we'll make it work.....)!!!

Event specific questions of any kind: Contact pfineberg@gmail.com

Registration only problems/questions: Contact: webmaster@nvcorvetteclub.com



Northern Virginia Corvette Club presents their 4th Annual

CORVETTES CARE Car Show

Sunday, June 3, 2018

9am – 3pm



- * Register Online or Onsite!

- * Trophies!
 - Best in Show
 - Best in Class
 - ... and More!

- * Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

- * Show T-Shirts on sale

PAGE CHEVROLET
6500 Little River Turnpike
Alexandria, VA 22312



7 NCCC Sanctioned Competitions!

(ER-357-001 thru 007)



- * FREE Parking! (Limited Inside Parking for C1-C2 Models)

- * Food Truck

- * AM Bake Sale & Coffee

- * DJ & Music

- * After-Market Vendors



Pre-registration per vehicle: \$25 ~ Gate registration per vehicle: \$30

Register online at: msreg.com/NVCCFunShow18

For more information email: vp@nvcorvetteclub.com

NVCC 4TH ANNUAL CORVETTES CARE CAR SHOW

June 3, 2018

By: Kris McCandless

The Northern Virginia Corvette Club is about two months away from presenting our fourth annual "Corvettes Care" car show with Page Chevrolet on Sunday June 3. I've spoken with Amanda Pritt, the Multiple Sclerosis representative and receiving beneficiary, and we are on their schedule. She will be working with Chrissy and Tom Kinman, our social media gurus, as well as John Palmgren to ensure our flyer gets on their website and is well represented across social media for a good turnout. Your Vice President, John Scott, and I will have the fun of giving Ms. Pritt a crash course on the Corvette generations so she can make her selections for Charity's choice.

As in past shows, there will be People's choice trophies in the three placings, First, Second and Third Place, for each generation and the "race-prepared" category, Best in Show, Dealer's Choice, President's and Vice President's Choice. Compared to prior years, Charity's choice will consist only of First place for each generation. Solid Axle ('53-'62) (C1) and Split window/fastback ('63-'67) (C2) generation cars get to show inside the service bay, as in the last three years.

This has become one of our signature events and has been successful in the last two years (as the weather has cooperated for us in 2016 and 2017). As such, if you are available to help out besides showing your car, please do! You will get NCCC points for being a site worker. We'll have refreshments (coffee and baked goods) and lunch (barbeque) available for purchase, and you'll get to enjoy great camaraderie.

For the newer members, it's a fun show, which means the participants and the workers all get to vote. Every Corvette, from daily drivers to "trailer queens", competes on an equal footing in its generation, so don't be afraid to bring your car. At a minimum, take it to your favorite car wash before the show. It's fun to share the day with your fellow club mates and learn about detailing products from our vendors and participate in the raffles. If you're aspiring to enter your car in judged concours, use this show as your practice run. In the least, you'll get to share the experience of the other car show attendees.

FROM THE GREAT WHITE NORTH

By: David DuBois

Hello from snowy Binghamton, NY where the snow thinks it can't melt. The 18 inches from the last storm has melted down to 4 to 6 inches with some bare spots breaking through.

Binghamton Street Survival school progress:

I have been making great progress on starting a teen driving school in the Binghamton area. I have received some materials from Street Survival that could be used to introduce the concept to a new venue. I am combining two files into one and rearranging some of the content. I will certainly make the "new venue" presentation available to NVCC when you need it!!

I have teamed with my old SCCA club, the Southern New York Region, and will be making the "new venue" presentation to a local mall to see if they are receptive to hosting an event. This is scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

I have signed up to coach at a Mohawk Valley BMW teen driving event at Watkins Glen Raceway on Saturday May 5th. A few of the SCCA members are going to join me to see how this all works.

I am also going to invite the BMW club to come and join us when we host the Binghamton event.

Through my friends at SCCA, we also have a contact with the local community college, Broome Community College. They are receptive and have held SCCA autocrosses there several years back.

A side note, I graduated from BCC with an AAS Mechanical Technology degree. On another side note, it took me 4 years to get through the 2 year program. Not graded were my exceptional skills at playing hearts and pinochle.

Two April '17 Car and Driver articles

This month's magazine has two very interesting articles. "Power Drunk", an article about testing the Mercedes AMG E63 S, the BMW M5, the Cadillac AC CTS-V, and the Porsche Panamera Turbo. The first page of the article says "One launches from 5,000 rpm, one has a drift mode, one hits 200 mph, and one rushes to 60 mph in 2.8 seconds". My reason for bringing this article up is the BMW M5 runs the quarter mile in 10.9 seconds at 129 mph – um it weighs 4,300 pounds. Back in the mid 60's I rode in a 1962 Corvette that had a 396 cubic inch, balanced and blueprinted engine – it ran big slicks – and it turned 10 something at over 130 mph. Having a heavy street car do this takes my breath away.

The 2nd article, "Where have all the wrenches gone?" discusses the shortage of qualified technicians to work on our increasingly complex automobiles. Some key figures from the article: "The US Bureau of Labor Statistics says an average 76,000 mechanics are needed each year between 2016 and 2026". This is a very interesting statistic. And it seems to be a big secret as I have not read recent articles that are trying to recruit new mechanics.

Maybe it is time to go back to that 1965 Pontiac GTO I missed buying years ago !!

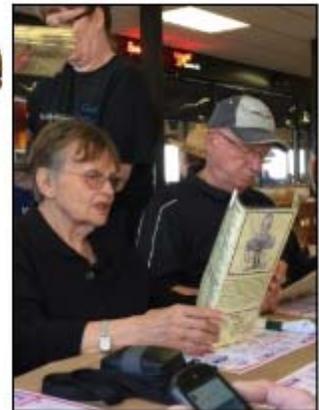


Captain Billy's Crab House

Corvette Cruise

Sunday

April 22, 2018



Come join your fellow club members and other local Corvette clubs, on April 22, 2018, for a Corvette cruise to Captain Billy's Crab House located in Popes Creek, Maryland on the Potomac River. Back in the days of mail boats and loco-motives, when electricity was new to Popes Creek and work was just beginning on the Potomac River Bridge, nine-year-old Billy Robertson sold his first crabs on this very shore. He spent his entire life here, working on the water he loved, and opening two successful seafood restaurants, Robertson's Crab House and later, Captain Billy's, where his greatest joy was to mingle with and talk to his customers. He would greet his friends, colleagues and customers in the same fashion all the time, and to carry on his legacy, we say to you . . ."And How Are You Today?"

Cruise Info:

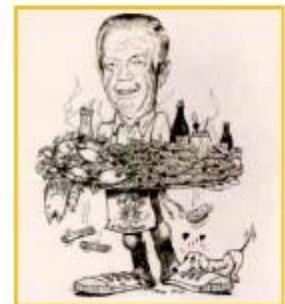
The Northern staging area for this cruise is the commuter lot on Route 630, Stafford, just west of the exit, at 11:45 am. We will leave at noon. Mike Shepherd will lead us to the restaurant and maps will be provided, "just in case". Mike is the POC for this event: Phone: 540-840-2099; email: Mike at vettemike@hotmail.com and please cc: Al McCloud at yankeal@verizon.net.

The southern staging area is the Walmart on Route 3 east. The caravan will do a "drive by" but will not stop, so please be ready to join us at approximately 12:30 pm.

The final staging area is at the Tech Center in Dahlgren, just before the 301 bridge, at approximately 1:10 pm. When the police arrive, they will escort us over the bridge into Maryland.

ETA at Captain Billy's is 2 pm. Generous parking is available.

If interested in the menu, you can check it out at: <https://captbillys.com/Menu.html> .



TENTATIVE EVENTS 2018

JANUARY – MARCH 2018

Karting

Bowling

APRIL – JUNE 2018

Cruise to Staunton, VA, 'Classics to Shakespeare' – Organizer: Kris McCandless

Quantico USMC Museum Cruise and Lunch—Organizer: Bob Devery (tentative 5/6/18)

NCM Bash, Bowling Green, KY – Organizer: TBD

Old West Virginia 55 Wardensville Cruise – Organizer: George Durk

Skeet and Target Shooting—Organizer: Jim Dobish

JUNE-AUGUST 2018

Tail of the Dragon, Deal's Gap, NC – Organizer: Kris McCandless

AUTUMN 2018

Punkin Chunkin/Hayride—Organizers: The Kinmans

Aviation Tour—Organizer: Bob Devery

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