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KENTUCKY ONE LAP

As Told by Kris McCandless



NVCC's own Master Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum (NCM) and 21st Past Club President, Dick "Ham" Hammaker has been talking up Museum in Motion's (MiM) Kentucky One Lap (K1L) to me for several years at GBMs and at the banquets when Denise Hammaker is there to corroborate his tales. To celebrate the Club's 50th Anniversary last year, about 25 of us got to taste the "special sauce" of these K1Ls he's been talking about all these years: A Kentucky State Police Trooper in a dedicated C6 "cruiser" leading a group of Corvettes through the twisty lanes of Kentucky and stopping traffic at major intersections. This "special sauce" is actually the "main course" for the 4.5 days of K1L! This is NVCC-style cruising at its best (think: George, Shawn, Bob, Mike): 25 Corvettes with a dedicated leader, sweeper and mid-train communicator winding at brisk speeds along beautiful (smooth!) eastern Kentucky roads, breezing through stoplights and then experiencing Master Trooper Jonathan Biven flying past you on divided highways to catch the next light! It is a thrill YOU WILL NEVER FORGET! (And a thrill he never forgets when he passes you on those same twisty TWO-LANE roads!)



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K1L occurs during the four weeks of October, typically designated by the weeks, K1L-1, K1L-2, etc. The trips start with an introductory dinner Monday night inside the Museum and starts promptly the next day, heading to a central hotel location, with day trips to visit points of interest Tuesday through Friday. When NCM started K1L 11 years ago, the trip was a loop (or lap), staying in a different location every night. It has evolved into a “wagon wheel” shape on the map, with the hotel being the main hub, and day trips taken from there (like spokes). What I didn’t realize until actually partaking in a K1L was that “Trooper Jonathan” is more than just a police escort; he’s the one who plans the routes and themes of the various trips throughout the past six years he has been leading K1L, with Museum personnel, Maci and Bryce, working the logistics (setting up the hotel and restaurants, etc.). And each week has its own “volunteer/ attendee” leaders and sweepers. Both of ours hailed from Virginia:

Paul and Joan Herzing leading in their ZR1 and Jim and Felicita Griffith in their C7 Stingray. (We are working on them to join our club.)

Dick and Denise have chosen K1L-3 as their favorite week, and due to their “hype”, Joanna Hicks and I chose to join them this year. Thankfully, despite COVID-19, K1L was not canceled and we had the first real out-of-town vacation since the start of 2020. K1L of 2020 visited southeastern Kentucky, coal country in the flat-lying beds of the Appalachian Plateau Province (geology-speak). This type of geology and the weathering patterns lends itself to wide sweeping (fast!) turns. The Ramada Inn in Paintsville, KY was our home base Tuesday through Friday.



The Hammakers, Joanna and I met in Manassas and took off in the dark of Saturday morning, October 17, with RECCE (Ham’s 2016 red stingray) in the lead and Blaze (Joanna’s 2014 Callaway stingray) following, heading down the traditional route of interstates through Virginia, West Virginia and into Kentucky. As we had a Sunday morning tour planned, we skipped the overnight in Lexington as we had done with the club in the past. Brunch at the Montana Grill rewarded us after getting into a low boat and

crouching over to pass under low-hanging limestone rock on a tour of Lost River Cave in downtown Bowling Green, seeing pencil-sized stalactites that were 1,000 years old. We rested up for the remainder of Sunday as big plans were afoot for noon on Monday: Ham, Joanna and I would be taking our first drives in C8s on the NCM Motorsports track, in colors matching our own Corvettes (Joanna chose white as her favorite color). Following four very short and wonderful laps in the new mid-engine corvette, we toured the Museum, emptied the store of hats, T-shirts, and valve stem covers (for The Bear), ogled the C8s getting ready for Museum delivery and met our cohorts for the week at the introductory dinner held inside the dome.





Tuesday October 20 greeted us with downpours and a driver's meeting in the museum at 7:45 AM. This was our biggest day of cruising mostly parkways to get into southeastern Kentucky. Lunch was had at the Austin City Saloon in Corbin (owned by the same group as Austin City Limits, the music venue in the capital of Texas) and home to Colonel Sanders of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame. We were welcomed at Sanders Park by town officials and then toured the Spanky Bunch Art Gallery, an artist who had worked with Trooper Jonathan prior to settling in Corbin to paint and inspire kids. Most of us walked off our barbecue lunches to Sweeties Ice cream shop and some hung out with Colonel Sanders in his park. Hopping back into the cars, we then took off for the Paintsville Ramada and dinner on our own (microwave popcorn in the room for Joanna and me!).



For Wednesday October 21, we learned all there was to know about the Hatfield and McCoy Feud at the Big Sandy Heritage Museum in Pikeville, also home to University of Pikeville (UPike Bears!), a vibrant little town with a cozy feel nestled between two mountains. Covid restrictions kept us from seeing a historic courthouse in Pikeville, so one of the local Judges came outside to give us some history of

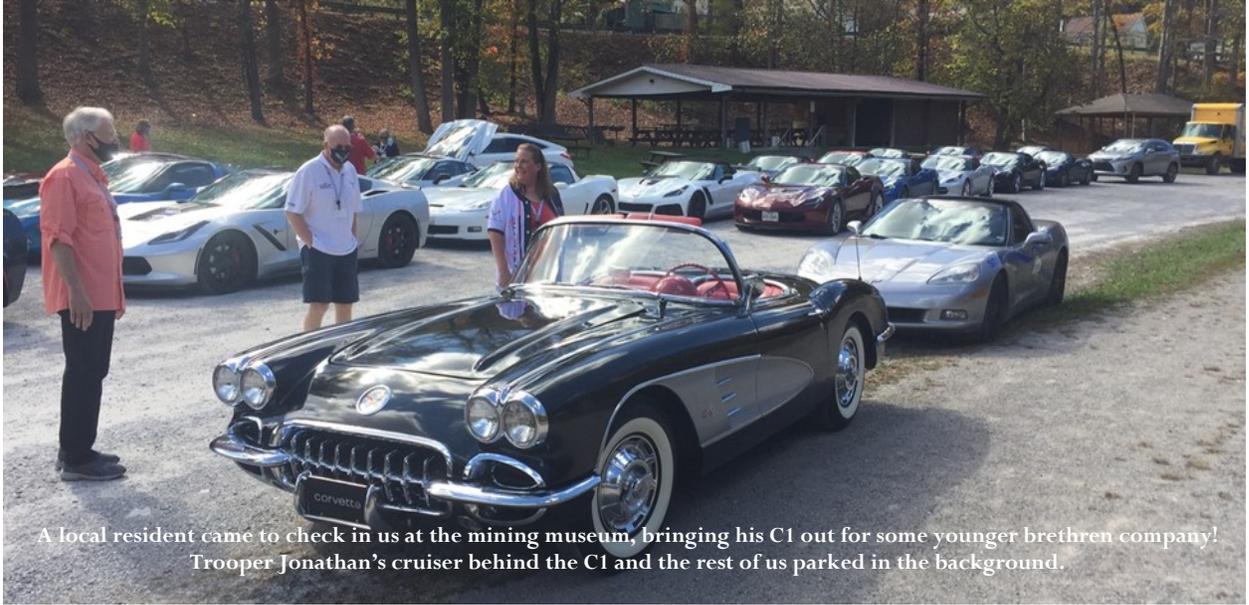


the courthouse and Pikeville. He drives a torch red C6 Grand Sport, by the way, so he was kin. Trooper Jonathan arranged with the town for all of us to block and park in an alley for lunch at the Hilton Garden Inn. During lunch, we sipped two flavors of moonshine by Pike County's Pauley Hollow Distillery. Appropriately, their water is derived from a 100-year old hand dug, spring fed well formerly owned by Randal McCoy.

With a little time to spare, Trooper Jonathan asked the group if we wanted to hit some more "twisty roads" and see the Breaks Interstate Park (actually located in VA, but overlooking Ky). Umm, don't twist a corvette-drivers arm, Jonathan, with such a question! Great road getting there and rewarded with fantastic vistas from the mountain-top park. Having traveled much of VA for my geologic field trips and vacations, I was surprised I had never heard of this park: Must return for roads leading in and for hiking the Geologic Trail. Dinner was had on the way back at Jenny Wiley State Park in a chalet-type resort overlooking a long and narrow lake, where Teams Hammaker and Hicks-McCandless got to dine with Jonathan and his daughter, Madeline, who had joined us for this trip. Needless to say, every one of us envied Madeline's seat in the C6 cruiser!!!



Thursday, October 22 was the day of twisty mountain roads and the Kentucky Coal Mining Museum. After seeing carbide lamps, canary cages and a mock coal mine in the museum, lunch consisted of delicious fried chicken at the Pine Mountain Grill. It was decision time again for the group: to attend an old country store with jams and preserves or exercise those struts and rev those valves and pistons on the Dragon Slayer. (I know we as the drivers have a blast on such roads, but some of our passengers would rather stay at home, so don't poopoo that decision - it might save your marriage!). Just like the Tail of the Dragon and Back of the Dragon, this famous road up to the summit of Black Mountain (EL 4,400 feet, highest point in KY) had a small shop for t-shirts and pictures taken of each of our Corvettes prior to the run. Joanna and I were near the front of the pack but the one C8 in the group asked to be behind the leader....mmmm, neither of us were happy at first but when we finally caught up to him, at the top we were glad we didn't dampen his fun!! What a car for the twisties, as Ham, Joanna, and I had found out on Monday (and Jim McKay already knows). The trip back from Appalachia, VA, on the other side of Black Mountain was delayed due to a member's clutch going out on the way down the mountain. But we all made it back to Smokin' Butts Barbecue for dinner with tales to tell.



A local resident came to check in us at the mining museum, bringing his C1 out for some younger brethren company! Trooper Jonathan's cruiser behind the C1 and the rest of us parked in the background.



Black Mountain overlook after having just driving the Dragon Slayer; about to tackle the Virginia side of Black Mountain!



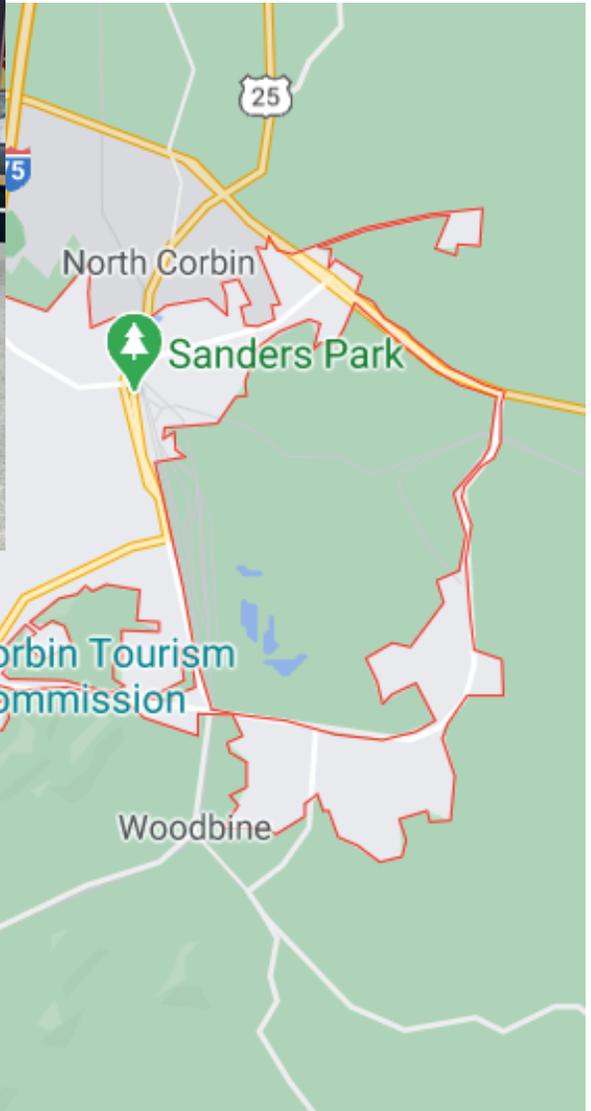
Paul Herzing's 2019 ZR1 was our leader as Jonathan stayed back to stop traffic at the lights. As you can tell by that red dragon sticker, his car has done the Tail of the Dragon, too! He's just recently moved from PA to Aldie, VA



L to R: Joanna, Denise, Ham, Trooper Jonathan Biven, and his daughter Madeline

Friday, October 23 will be a day long remembered by Joanna, Ham, Denise and me for what occurred at the end of the day (please see my other article in this newsletter). The start of the day featured a nice drive through road cuts of layered sandstone, shale and limestone to Winchester (Kentucky, that is) and the Bluegrass Heritage Museum. Besides learning of the history of this area rich in Bluegrass history (not so much the music) we also got to sip Ale-8, a clear lemony soft drink with ginger. Then it was back onto some fast-straight roads and our trip to Natural Bridge, where we all were given tickets to ride a chairlift to see this natural rock formation in Cambrian sandstone. Two hikes to get different vantages of the bridge were trod by many who braved the heights of the chairlift, including one alongside the natural bridge which I termed "fat man's misery". The vistas from the top of the mountain and chairlift figuratively capped a superbly wonderful first time for Joanna and me on Kentucky One Lap. That night we all enjoyed a big meal at the hotel and said our farewells to now familiar faces and to Trooper Jonathan until next year. A big THANK YOU to Ham and Denise for "talking up" these K1L adventures. Hopefully having read this far, you are encouraged, too, to attend the ultimate "Cruise" - K1L!





CITATION



X EXCESSIVE SPEED/RACING

**THIS OFFENDER WAS
CAUGHT IN A CORVETTE
RACING A SPEEDING
TRAIN, IN CORBIN, KY.**

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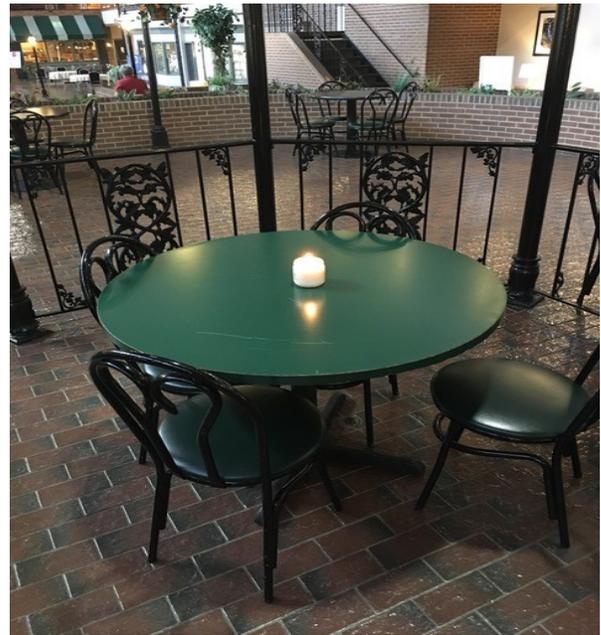
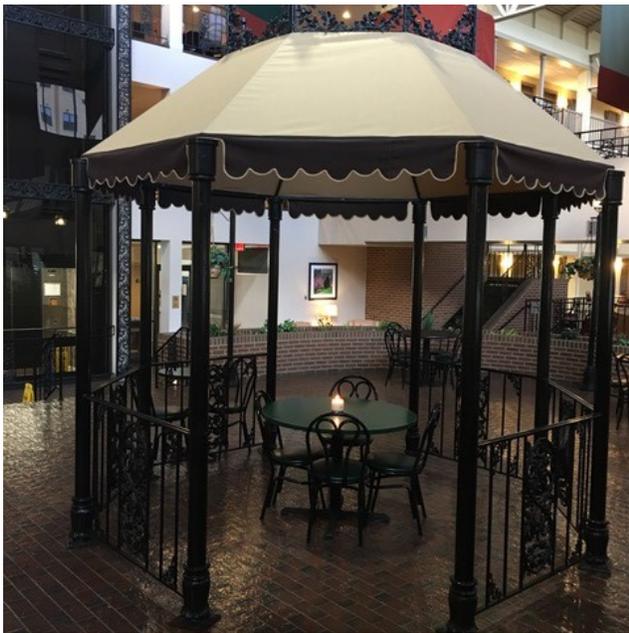
SIGNED: *A. Trooper*



AND SHE SAID.....

For those that have finished reading about Kentucky One Lap (earlier in this November Newsletter) and for those that missed our announcement at the October GBM zoom meeting, this is what happened on Friday night, October 23:

A gazebo inside the Ramada Inn, Paintsville, KY
(the NCM Kentucky One Lap hotel)





I proposed marriage to Joanna L. Hicks on Friday night in the presence of Dick and Denise Hammaker. As you can see by her facial expression, Joanna was totally surprised and said,

Yes, absolutely!

Ham and I knew I was going to propose before setting off on our K1L adventure, as I had ordered the ring a few days before departure and had arranged for it to arrive at the hotel. Yes, I was taking a big risk that it might not make it in time, but the shipper was projecting a Friday delivery date, yikes! But when we got to the Paintsville Ramada, Ham let Denise know of our plans and I alerted Olivia the front desk. I had seen the gazebo after checking in and the Hammakers agreed that was an excellent place for the "event". Denise found the candle from the hotel gift shop, and unbeknownst to me, she and Ham leaked the news to Trooper Jonathan, who had the hotel set up this table at the final dinner especially for us.

Thankfully, the ring arrived on Thursday and when the hotel called me mid-day (I was driving so didn't pick up), I almost blew it in front of Joanna, quickly making up a very poor excuse of who had just called me. There was a lot of sneaking around the hotel on my part, having to hide the ring box with the Hammakers in the guise of going for ice! "What took you so long to get ice?" Joanna asked, and I had to say I caught one of our friends in the hall. Whew! But it was worth it for her utter surprise.

Thank you, Ben Duling, this is a shout out to you, for if you hadn't called Joanna over to your area of the Sully Car Show in 2018, where the Callaways were camped out, she and I would never have met. I am truly grateful for you all, our club and your support. I think Mike and Bob said it best, "You come for the cars and gain a family." I've met two of my best friends here at NVCC and now my future wife. We will be married in a small ceremony of family and close friends on December 19, 2020, to end 2020 on a very high note.



NVCC
Christmas Lights Rallye
Saturday Nov. 21st, 2020
@ 6:00pm \$5.00/car (+entry fee)



*Finally, something to look forward to in **2020**:
The Annual Christmas Lights Rallye!*

This is a fun and easy event for everyone, even if you have never done a rallye before. We put a twist on a traditional rallye by answering questions about the holiday lights path, no directions to have to worry about getting lost. The route will guide you to the entrance of the "Bull Run Festival of Lights," which is where the questions will begin.

We will be running a single rallye- most correct answers win. We are doing the event early this year to help with larger crowds expected in December. Weather should still be good, but just in case Corvettes are not required to participate. You can run it alone or have a car full of people, it's up to you since it's on closed roads and very slow driving. Route will end at the carnival area, but I will provide special instructions at the drivers meeting how this will go with the new social distancing measures. While at driver's meeting and turning in paperwork, everyone will need to be wearing masks- but once in your own car you can follow your own rules. After tabulation, a winner will be announced! Winner will get bragging rights and a cute Corvette related prize.

DETAILS:

Cost to rallye: **\$5.00 / car**

Note: Admission to Bull Run Festival of Lights is required, \$20-25/per car. You can purchase early on their website (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-bull-run-festival-of-lights-tickets-128002861871>) which is discounted from the at the door price. Tickets are also available at their gate directly.

Start Location:

Starbuck Parking Lot: 14155 Saint Germain Dr. Centreville, VA 20121
at 6:00pm (Grab a drink if desired and head to the **back** of the parking lot where we will gather the cars).

Start Time:

6:00pm (Driver Meeting Starts at **6:10pm**, Cars out by **6:15pm**)

Festival of Lights Address:

Bull Run Festival of Lights 7700 Bull Run Drive Centreville, VA 20121

Please register with Lori Benish via email:

LoCol707@yahoo.com to participate or get more details. *

* Call Lori @ **571-296-6816** or Paul @ **703-850-0574**

if you have any questions or concerns the day of the event.



Jaegerschnitzel and Schweinebraten, Please!

Contributed by: George Durk

Our 5th annual cruise to the Bavarian Inn arrived last Saturday on a beautiful clear and cool autumn day. Although there were a few cancels to our guaranteed minimum headcount, thankfully, a few members showed-up the day of the cruise and our numbers were fine. NVCC comes through again!



We embarked from Manassas with a bevy of 13 handsome Corvettes: 1 C4, 6 C6s, 5 C7s and a C8. Three cars came along just for the cruise.

There were 3 legs of the cruise. Manassas to Luray, via route 211 through Shenandoah National Park, Luray to Front Royal via route 675 and Front Royal to Shepherdstown via route 340 and Harpers Ferry Road, which hugged the Potomac River to our final destination. We actually meandered our way through beautiful country roads in 3 states!

In Luray, we parked at the far end of a Walmart parking lot for a 1-hour impromptu Corvettes and Coffee and to give many Walmart shoppers a treat. Then,

further west into the mountains and north towards Luray. Route 675 actually parallels a portion of the Skyline Drive, but in the valley. So beautiful!

From Luray, it's about 1.5 hours along the sightseeing route. Take the Keep Tryst Road exit off of route 340 and enjoy the historic and beautiful Potomac River, the quaint towns and numerous parks and walking trails.

We arrived right on time, 15-minutes early for our 4:30 reservation. It was around 55 degrees outside and I anticipated we would be sitting inside. However, to my surprise, the restaurant seated us outside with many other patrons. The restaurant used gas heaters to level the temps a bit. However, as the late afternoon crept into evening, the temperature crept down to 43 degrees, but we held strong. In fact, as we were wrapping things up, many patrons were being seated outside for an 8:00 dinner. Dining outside on a cool autumn evening was definitely a novelty. The restaurant also had a nice fire pit area as well.



Overall, an awesome seasonal day to cruise and a euphemistically cool dining experience! I always look forward to this time of year as the season of gratitude begins to envelop us. The Bavarian Inn cruise is a precursor and an opportunity to reflect and appreciate together how fortunate we are to be Corvetters.



2020 Corvettes & Tacos Show on Halloween Day

By: Yas Kinashi

The last Corvettes & Tacos Car Show at the Cascades Overland Town Center in Sterling was held on Saturday, October 31st and its theme was aptly Halloween Celebration. This was fourth show of the season; first two were not held due to the Covid-19 restrictions and the August event was cancelled because of severe storm warnings. Although the June and July event was limited with no organized charity, we did raise over \$300 for the year for the National MS Society.

The last show with a live country music entertainment started with usual early arrivals, but quickly within less than 30 minutes after the opening filled up half of the Chuy's restaurant parking lot. The rest of the arrivals were squeezed into individual spaces; as it turned out to be a good idea since by 11:30 am the parking lot reached its full capacity of 70 plus cars for the first time.

Many kids and adults came in their best spirits with some unusual and bold costumes. After a parade of costumes, two trophies were awarded to the best kids costume, Bat Boy and Bat Girl, and the best adult costumes, Silver Surfer (SLV SF) and Earth Angel!! Then, two trophies were awarded to the best-decorated Corvettes, both owned by NVCC members: Paul & Lori Ann Benish and Rich & Rita Mars. Also, traditional trophy awards were made to four cars; three of which were exceptional non-Vettes for the first time. Technically, should be two since one is a custom kit-car based on C-7 chassis and LT3 engine mounted mid-shift, mated to a Lamborghini trans-axis. Other two are '72 Chevy Chevelle 396SS for the Best Classic Muscle Car and '68 Mercedes 280SL for the Best Concours Classic. For those interested in seeing 64 slides and a video of the show, I suggest looking at our NVCC Flickr website:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nvcorvetteclub/albums>

Finally, I would like to express many thanks for your continued support these past two years, starting with Corvettes & Coffee in April 2019. We will see you all in the next Spring for the opening of the third year of the **Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades**, again at Chuy's Restaurant parking lot on the last Saturday of April.



Last 2020 Corvettes & Tacos Show held at Chuy's Parking lot at Cascades Overlook TownCenter on Halloween Day, October 31st



with Live Music Entertainment !!



*Many Showed up in Best Halloween Costumes;
Some Very Bold & Unusual!*



*Eventually the parking lot reached a full capacity
(70-80 cars) by an hour before Noon*



*A Costume Parade Lap was led by a Silver Surfer
and an Earth Angel
(Guess Who? - Hint: SLV SF)*



*Costume Winners were
Adults: Silver Surfer & Earth Angel
Kids: Bat Girl & Bat Boy*



The Best Decorated Corvette Winners



Congratulations to All Four Show Car Winners!!



*That's All for Now!
Thank you for Your Support.
Stay Tune for the Next Spring....*





Clouds came early and Parking lot filled up quickly



After the opening, arriving cars squeezed into individual spaces to accommodate for more later arrivals



Exotics and Classics were Well Represented



Also Much Decorated Corvettes in Halloween Spirits



CORVETTES & CRABS RALLYE 2020 HOSTED BY: MIKE AND KRIS AND HAM

What a great Rallye! We had perfect weather, great roads, devious clues and an amazing turnout. Congratulations to the Rallye and Poker winners. We appreciate all who came out and participated. We can say that the Rallye Masters have learned their lesson; the next Corvettes and Crabs will have a Poker Rallye by popular demand. My gratitude to Kris McCandless and Dick Hammaker really dove in to make this one work.



Rallye Masters Hard at Work
Kris McCandless & Mike Gilliland



Winners Jason Spindler and Jeff Wayne
First Place AND Low Poker



Winners John & Lynn Stark
Third Place AND Fastest Time





Chris and Jeff
Slowest Time



Alex McKay—High Poker
\$85

And let there be food....



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—NOVEMBER 2020

The winter chill will soon be upon us as we complete the 2020 NVCC event season. Many of you will be putting your Corvettes into winter hibernation. Even with social distancing and a lockdown we have still managed to pull out quite a year. I hope you got out and enjoyed your Corvettes, even with all the chaos. With a vaccine or two in the offing, 2021 should slowly bring us all back together again.

Thanks to Yas and Doreen Kinashi, our Corvettes and Tacos monthly event finished the year with a Halloween car show to remember. Thanks to all who dressed up themselves and their cars for the event. And thanks to Yas and Doreen for the idea to have everyone come in costume.

George Durk gave us one last trip through wonderful twisting roads to The Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown. Thanks to George for a great trip and a wonderful evening chilling outside. The drive let us all enjoy our cars. George is an artist at finding amazing, uncongested country roads that make us all appreciate America's Sports Car. George's cruises are always serious fun. This one was no different. Thank you again, Mr. Durk.

Bavarian Inn Crew Takes A Break



Let me add thanks to Mr. Bob Devery. He has been working to get us to the Navel Air Museum at Pax River. The most recent was called on account of rain. I'm sure Bob will get us there soon if he can.

The Fall Rallye went off with no discernable glitches on November 8th. Kris McCandless and Mr. Dick Hammaker are both owed a big thank you for making this work. We did not know that the NVCC wanted a Poker Rallye mixed in. Thanks to all that came out.

The November GBM will again be on ZOOM. Please remember that Officer elections take place on that night. We have an open seat for Treasurer that Mr. Jim McKay has graciously thrown his hat in the ring for. (Thanks to Mr. Omar Gordon who supported that position for the past 2 years, he will be missed at Council).

The Council has voted to hold the 2021 Banquet in March. The date has not been locked down, but the planning needs to start. Doreen Kinashi has agreed to chair the Banquet Committee. For those who raised their hands in support of the NVCC Banquet group, Doreen will be looking to hear from you. As I have said, we do need a support crew for this. Please contact Doreen to join in.

We will also be looking to build our calendar for the upcoming year. We will be returning to Carlisle August 26-28 of 2021. This might be our first real post COVID gathering. Please sign up for Fun Field or Show Field spots. Make sure you add your NVCC affiliation when you do. We will have another tent on the field for free. Many of us will be going back to Ocean City in October if things clear up with the virus. The details for this event are at Free State Corvette Club's sites under Corvette Weekend. If you haven't paraded your car down the Boardwalk at Ocean City, it is a treat.

Speaking of 2021, we should also be able to get a car show, cruises, a Rallye or two and maybe even a speed event in. Let us know where you would like to lead an event or provide support. We have a reputation as the most active Corvette Club in the area to keep up.

So that is about it for November. Let's dream about a Corvettes Summer as winter returns to slow us down. As always, stay healthy and stay safe. We want to see everyone on the backside of COVID-19. My very special thanks to our NVCC members that make this club a joy even in times like these.

Stay Safe!

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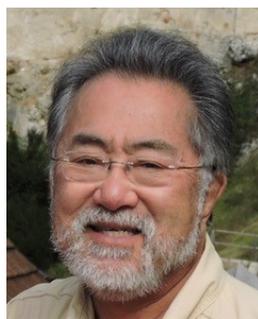
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NVCC 2020 Activities Calendar*Dates are subject to change.***MONTHLY EVENTS**

4th Tuesday monthly, January through November: General Business Meetings (GBMs) at Rosenthal 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 2020

25: Banquet, Springfield Golf & Country Club

28: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

FEBRUARY 2020

25: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

MARCH 2020

7: St. Patrick Cruise & Lunch/Old Brogue —
Rob Succolosky

APRIL 2020**MAY 2020****CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:**

Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 Pandemic, and to comply with Federal, State, Local and CDC guidelines, we will be suspending all club related gatherings and activities until at least August 1, 2020. GBMs and Council Meetings will be held via ZOOM and hopefully will resume their regular schedule in August via ZOOM. All other activities will be rescheduled for later dates, if possible. Stay safe out there. We look forward to seeing you at our events once this situation subsides.

JUNE 2020

23: GBM via ZOOM

27: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

JULY 2020

17-19: Tangier Island-Christine Wagner

25: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

26: Cruise to Barrel Oak Winery—Shawn Waddell

28: GBM via ZOOM

AUGUST 2020

1: ODCC at Odds and Ends Detailing

8: 31st All Corvette Cruise-in, Bomnin Chevy,
Manassas

25: GBM, Rosenthal Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

27-30: Corvettes at Carlisle—Mike Gilliland

29: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

SEPTEMBER 2020

12: Fairfax Police Helicopter Squad—Bob Devery

20: Police Appreciation Day—Bob Devery

23: 2nd Visit to Police Helicopter Squad—Bob Devery

26: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

27: Lunch GBM American Legion, Fairfax, VA

OCTOBER 2020

1-4: Claw of the Dragon—George Durk

17: DuCard Winery—Shawn Waddell

18: Flying Circus Picnic, Bealeton, VA—TBD

27: GBM via ZOOM

31: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi
**Last Corvettes and Tacos for this year. Celebrate Halloween by decorating your car and wear a costume.*

NOVEMBER 2020

8: Corvettes & Crabs Rallye—Mike Gilliland

11: Honoring Vets-Pax River Naval Museum and Lunch—
Bob Devery

14: Bavarian Inn Cruise and Dinner—George Durk

21: Christmas Lights Rallye—Lori Benish

24: GBM via ZOOM

DECEMBER 2020

NO GBM IN DECEMBER

Event attendance is voluntary and at your own risk. Individuals are responsible to maintain their own social distancing and if you are sick, do not to attend. Hand sanitizer will be available to members after contact activities such as signing of the waiver.



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker

NCM Ambassadors Conference



2020 has been a year of masks, isolation, and social distancing. Thank goodness for Corvette friends, safe cruises, and limited events to keep you sane. I just had the opportunity for two fun events... National Corvette Museum's (NCM) Ambassadors Conference as well as they say "Half the fun is getting there!"

When planning trips to Bowling Green, KY, GPS usually offers three routes. Up until this trip, the preferred route has been miles and miles and hours and hours of concrete interstate flooded with big rigs....I-66, I-81, I-64, I-65.

For this trip, I took the route less traveled...I-64, WV-48, I-79, I-64, I-65. I'm sure you're saying what's the difference. The difference is fun corvette roads on WV-48 and sparse traffic on I-79....the countryside was very relaxing. OK, why a trip to NCM? It was to attend the 4th Annual Ambassadors Conference in person rather than virtually on ZOOM. Thirty seven ambassadors from as far away as Hawaii made the trip to Corvette Mecca.

The purpose of the Ambassador Program is to provide Corvette clubs a two way communication link to the NCM....what's happening with NCM and Clubs. The two day event provided updates from the NCM CEO, Curator, Museum in Motion (MiM) Director, Motorsports Park Director, Cafe, NCM Store, Assembly Plant Manager, R8C Delivery Program, Membership, NCM Insurance, Newsletters, Education Program as well as an Ambassador Round Table to exchange ideas. Yes, all clubs have the same participation problems....90% of the work is done by 10% of the people.

Some of the highlights follow....

- NCM Curator is applying for Smithsonian affiliation and American Alliance of Museum accreditation.
- Possible tours in the Collection Buildings...a behind-the-scenes.
- Corvette Cafe is under new management. It will be more of a restaurant experience.
- New 30,000 sq. ft. building is in planning for extra exhibits.
- NCM had 95 Corvettes in their collection.
- Assembly Plant has had no COVID cases in the facility. No date for Plant Tours. Two assembly shifts build 193 Corvettes per day.
- Kentucky One Lap (K1L) Week Three is October 11-16 2021 (my favorite K1L week!). Trooper Island received a \$29,000 donation from 2020 events.

NCM is planning an on-site and Virtual for both the BASH (Apr 22-24) and Anniversary (Sep 2-4). Maybe with the anticipated COVID vaccine, 2021 will be back to normal.

Mark your calendars and get ready for more National Corvette Museum events! I'll be signing up for the Michelin Bash in April.

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Dick "HAM" Hammaker
NCM Master Ambassador
NCCC Life Member
NCM Life Member
NCM Spire Society Member



1. Arriving at NCM



2. Interesting C5



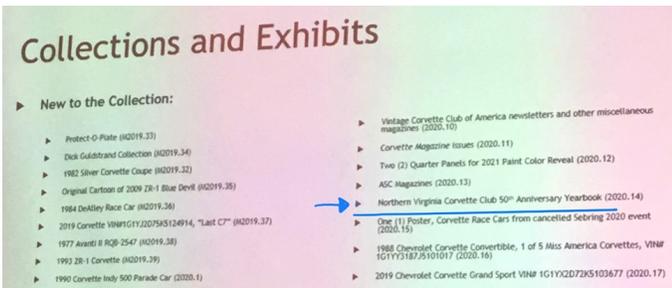
3. Sharp-dressed Ambassador



4. Social Distancing at Conference



5. NVCC Yearbook



6. NCM President & CEO, Sean Preston




Greg Waldron
Executive Director
Motorsports Park

- Florida Native
- Married to Jennifer
 - 3 daughters (Morgan, Abby, Emma)
- Veteran
- 30+ years in hospitality
 - Disney 29 years
 - Great Wolf Lodge 3 years



7. New NCM MSP Executive Director

8. My new friend... Rat Fink



9. and



10. Two Rat Fink Custom Cars



The REAL Circus is in the Air!!

By: Bob Devery

Once again, members of NVCC headed to Bealeton VA to see the Flying Circus Airshow ... now ending it's 50th season!! Most important, the staff at the Circus was able to get the season completed despite Covid and the ever present summer bad weather possibilities ... including our original planned date of 10/11. Our outing with 16 people was changed by a week with fantastic results ... blue skies with some beautiful clouds that actually helped to highlight the aircraft as the pilots put them through their routines. Since we all know how the Corvettes are treated by members, it can be appreciated that these aircraft with a couple of acrobatic aircraft as exceptions are ... 80-100 years young!! Yes ... one aircraft had been flown by the German Army during WW1! Others were aircraft such as Waco's and Stearman's which were used for primary training by the US Army and US Navy for the pilots who served after WW1 and into WW2. These aircraft flew at far less than the top speed of the cars that our members take to the track!!

The grass field at Bealeton is far different than the ones that we are used to seeing. It's not easy to "grease" a landing on a turf area that may have unexpected bumps and ruts. The aircraft need to be primed and warmed up to allow for sufficient oil temps ... something critical on radial engines that are up to 650 HP. Rich Mars was with us and with a "few years" at Delta, was ready to help out with the aircraft. He did pass up on the wing walker offer ..but they had a trusted guy who at some point in his life said: "you know what would be fun ? Walking on the wings of a fabric covered aircraft" !! AND walk he did including a "hang by the bootstrap" run. Type stuff that you just stare and go ... "WOW".

Speaking of WOW , there were two acrobatic performances that were just awesome. One was in a "high wing" Citabria Decathlon as you see above ... pilot can end up pulling up to 6G's during the performance! Blue Angels/Thunderbirds pull up to max 8G's ... humans normally can handle 2.5-3G's . The amazing thing about the Decathlon is it looks like your standard Cessna trainer and base aircraft. When it does a



loop or other stunning maneuver, it's so unexpected. Cruise on a Cessna is normally @ 100- 125 MPH so watching this guy drop the nose and get to 150MPH is interesting. The second showstopper was with a Reno type racer aircraft. While not the one at the show, the last pic up top shows an image of it. This one had to be flown into the show area from an airport nearby that had decent runway for it. The first run was past the crowd at 300MPH+!! From that point on, it was just sit back and enjoy as the pilot threw the aircraft all over the sky. From the arrival pre-show with the sound of big prop engines ; the skydiver delivering the flag for the National Anthem; wing walking; simulated mail pickup ; formation flying as well as the incredible acrobatic work ... the show was magnificent; the weather perfect and the group including a few from ODCC had a blast. If you want, THE LAST SHOW of the season is this Sunday 10/24 ... weather looks good ; the foliage is peaking and the sky will be a great backdrop to enjoy the pilots and aircraft of this amazing venue... bring your lawn chairs for a perfect view!! We WILL be back next year ...



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By: George Durk

November 2020 Report

As of November 15, we have 138 members and 19 prospective members.

Welcome New Members!!

Warren & Lynn Gant ('15 Black Z06 Coupe)

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Member	Corvette(s)	Join
Adams, Jeff & Glenda	'11	6/27/2020
Belen, Fred	'69 and '04 LeMans Blue Coupe	1/22/2020
Benjamin, Thomas	'20	11/3/2020
Berselaar, Marty	'85 and '99 Convertible	8/10/2020
Brooks, Al	'20 3LT (On Order)	6/11/2020
Cassidy, Kevin	'19 Grand Sport	10/17/2020
Cook, Doug	'20	10/5/2020
Dodge, Mark	'16 Z06	4/7/2020
Flowers, Robert	'07 Z06	10/15/2020
Greenstone, Aaron	'66 L79 Convertible	7/29/2020
Hamlin, Michael	'16 Blade Silver Z06	8/3/2020
Kneibert, Gene & McGee, Angie	'01 Convertible	4/6/2020
Lewis, Ken	'94 Coupe	11/13/2020
Pesce, Jack	'95 Black Coupe	8/2/2020
Poli, Jared	'11 Grand Sport	7/21/2020
Stone, Robert	'08 Coupe	6/27/2020
Wagner, Joe	'20 Z51 Coupe	4/23/2020

PLEASE NOTE:

After November's GBM, Prospective Members, who have not attended a GBM, will be expired if your 4-month prospective membership period ends. If a Prospective Member has attended a GBM, but no event, due to COVID-19 concerns, your prospective membership will remain open, after I confirm.

If you are a prospective member, have attended a GBM and event, but have not received an invitation to join as a full member, send me a notification specifying GBM date and event. (membership@nvcorvetteclub.com).

NEW RIDES

New ride? Shoot me an email membership@nvcorvetteclub.com) if you change or add to your stable so I can update the Club's database. Send a photo and we'll insert into the newsletter. Also, any other changes to your membership profile (address, phone, email) can be sent to the aforementioned membership email to keep your profile record current.



REMINDER:

Be sure to order your Club Spirit Wear! We've got shirts, jackets, vests, hats, bags, kid's attire, etc. There's something for everyone! Here's the link....

<https://nvcorvetteclub.itemorder.com/sale>

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NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 27, 2020—BY: EVELYN MCKAY, SECRETARY

Council Present: Mike Gilliland, President
Shawn Waddell, Vice President
Omar Gordon, Treasurer
Yas Kinashi, Officer At Large
Evelyn McKay, Secretary



The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm via Zoom video conferencing software by President Mike Gilliland, who also presided over the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The September 27 minutes were approved.

Updates on Events:

Claw of the Dragon Cruise (October 1-4): George Durk updated members about the Claw of the Dragon cruise. The event was summarized in the newsletter, and it was an ideal cruise weekend.

Bavarian Inn Cruise (November 14): This will be the 5th year for this cruise. The route will change this year with a stop in Luray. No rooms are available currently for an overnight stay, but there is a waiting list. If weather permits, there will be outdoor dining with umbrellas available. A headcount is due to the Bavarian Inn on November 3.

DuCard Winery Cruise (October 17): This was a fun cruise with a variety of Corvette generations. The cruise included samples of Decade 10 wine (red and white), a barbeque food truck, band, 13 Corvettes and a day with beautiful weather.

Corvettes/Tacos (October 31): The property manager is very enthusiastic about this Halloween themed event. There will be no trunk or treat, however, participants can bring a bowl of candy to be located next to their car. Trophies will be awarded for the best decorated Corvettes and costumes, and there will be a 50/50 raffle. This is the last Corvettes and Tacos of the year.

Cruise to Southern Virginia/Kentucky: Dick Hammaker reported on an excellent cruise he took to the Dragon Slayer with 24 Corvettes led by a Kentucky state trooper.

Corvettes/Crabs Rallye (November 8): Mike and Kris will run the Corvettes/Crabs rallye. There is a traditional rallye and a poker rallye. The rallye will end with lunch at the Blue Ridge Seafood Restaurant in western Prince William County.

In the traditional rallye, drivers will receive a set of directions and questions to answer. This determines the rallye winner. A driver and a navigator are strongly encouraged for the rallye.

The poker rallye starts with a few cards at the beginning and middle of the drive. Participants receive additional cards at the end. There is a cash prize for high and low hands. Participants add money into a kitty with the winner receiving the payout. This is a less stressful rallye.

Bull Run Festival of Lights (November 21): This date was selected so that crowds can be avoided. Participants will meet at Starbucks-Centreville and drive to the festival. Information will be on Facebook and in the newsletter.

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER 24, 2020 GBM

Flying Circus (October 18): Participants reported that the air show was fantastic.

Pax River Naval Museum (November 11): The number of participants is limited. Details have been sent to those who have signed up for the event.

Other Business:

Banquet Committee: Mike has been in touch with Bob Devery (last year's banquet chair) regarding banquet preparations. Bob will be part of the banquet committee because of his expertise. Donations are needed for prizes. Mike asked members to reach out for these donations. Volunteers are needed for banquet set-up, clean-up, and the 50/50 raffle. Doug will send a proposal to host the banquet at the American Legion.

Election of Officers: Omar will be stepping down as Treasurer. Jim McKay was nominated by John Palmgren with a second to the nomination by Omar. Terms are not yet up for other positions; however, nominations are welcome for all positions.

Treasurer's Report: Omar reported on bank balances. Omar has several nametag orders pending and will place an order this week.

Website: All is going well on the technical side (website, etc.)

Membership: The club is currently at 136 primary members and 21 prospective members. Renewals are going well. There are 125 members eligible to renew and 80 have renewed to date.

Finger Lakes Cruise: Rustom would like to lead and determine interest in a cruise to the Finger Lakes region next summer. The cruise would include daily cruising, Corning Museum, Watkins Glen and possibly a casino.

Next GBM will be via Zoom on November 24, 2020 at 7:30 pm. Election of officers will take place.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.





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