

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB

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## 'GLASS GAZETTE'

### BULL RUN FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS RALLYE

Hosted by Lori and Paul Benish

Now that the holidays are over and the tree and lights a memory, I thought I would share the results of the Christmas Lights Rallye we held on Nov. 21st at the Bull Run Festival of Lights. This year was a little different but we tried to make the fun the same. Everyone was ready to go this year in the Starbucks parking lot to start our drivers meeting, go over all the instructions, and we handed out prepacked cookie boxes for anyone interested. There were a total of 11 cars/teams participating. Of the teams that turned in their paperwork that night, the results were as follows:

1st Place: John and Kara Palmgren (-3 questions, -1Bonus)

2nd Place: Audrey Cupples and Friends (-5 questions, -1Bonus)

3rd Place: TJ Ward and team (-6 questions, Perfect Bonus answers)

Special Awards were given for:

Most Festive: Audrey Cupples

Best Ugly Sweater: Carol Caporossi

Worst Score (Special Category): Bob and Carol Devery

For a few participants that turned in the paperwork later or had to leave, results key is attached. Also I wanted to recognize Jeff Klain and team if they had stayed would have been 2nd Placed (-5 questions, Perfect Bonus answers).

Pictures follow with some of the fun we had.

Thanks and looking forward to 2021! Happy New Year!



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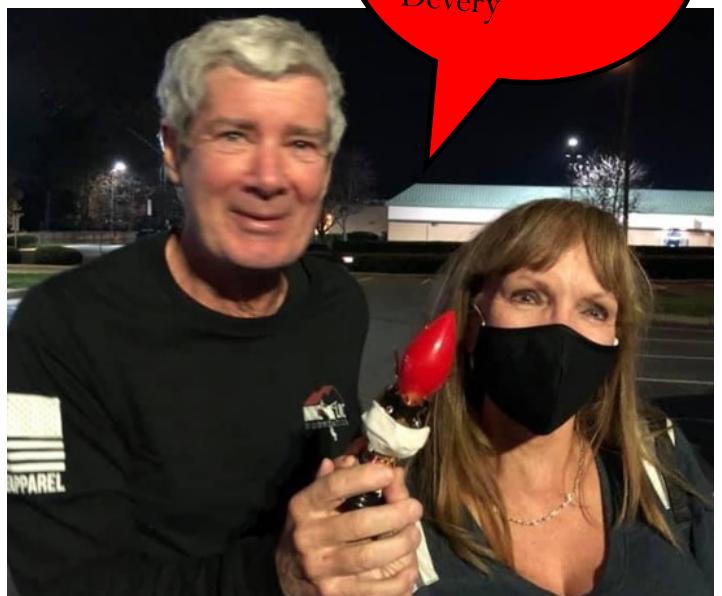
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the picture!  
It's cold!



Ha! I got  
TWO  
prizes!!



Yup. That's one  
ugly sweater!



And the BEST of  
the WORST ...  
Bob and Carol  
Devery



John & Kara: Digging this 50/50 part of the rallye... 1st place is pretty cool too!

Audrey the Red  
-Nosed Most  
Festive Winner!



Cookie  
Monster go-  
ing to the  
dark side....





## 2020 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS RALLYE

\*\*\* ANSWER KEY \*\*\*

- 1- \_\_\_\_\_ Parks  
 2- What is the name of ranger tipping his hat?  
 3- How many sets of bells do you see?  
 4- \_\_\_\_\_ Pay Fee  
 5- What is Santa coming out of?  
 6- What is written on the water tower?  
 7- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Lanes  
 8- How many penguins are fishing?  
 9- How many non-flashing (solid lite) snowflakes are there after the snowy blower until the leaping deer?  
 10- How many carolers are holding green books?  
 11- What color is the Gnome's hats?  
 12- What brother and sister duo are going into the Gingerbread house on the left?  
 13- What is the Elf struggling with?  
 14- Who is being pulled by the string (Hint: Ernie thinks he's #1)?  
 15- Count how many candy canes until the Jack in the box?  
directions  
 16 No \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
 (partial credit is available if only 1 is correct)  
 17- Whooooooo is in the tree?  
 18- The Polar bear is having a bad day; what color is his scarf? -  
 19- Winter \_\_\_\_\_  
 20- Count only within the raining snow area, how many deer are standing? \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
 21- Toy \_\_\_\_\_  
 22- What is the solider firing?  
 23- Count how many red stars?  
 24- Guard \_\_\_\_\_  
 25- Who's fire is brewing?  
 26- What is the name of the characters inviting you onto the yellow brick road?  
 27-What is Jack chopping?  
 28. Count how many elves are working at Santa's Toy Co.  
 29- \_\_\_\_\_ Flight School  
 30-What days of Christmas displays are stationary (no movement) ? #: ----- 5 & 12 (#4 HAS SLIGHT MOVE-  
 MENT- DOES NOT COUNT)

**Bonus Questions:****B1.** Captain Hook was waving at two of his enemies, who were they? (NEED BOTH FOR FULL CREDIT)PETER PAN      CROCODILE**B2.** What building was the Wicked Witch flying over?EMERALD CITY**B3.** How many reindeer, including Rudolph, was on the final display before the Carnival? \_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_**B4.** What did the very last light display say on the way out? ... and to all a Good Night!NOVASMOKEY THE BEAR6 SETS (2per set)STOPCHIMNEYDEPOTMAINTAIN2 (rest are not fishing)107GreenHansel and GretelLightsRubber Ducky15 (some before and after the direc-STOPPING      SLOWINGOWLREDWONDERLANDLANDCANNON BALL2HOUSEWITCHMUNCHKINSBEAN STALK7SANTASMIDNIGHT SPECIAL



Russell Bank's (Founding Member) 2020 Black Coupe

# CAR SHOW

**APRIL 24th, 2021**

Cruise Starts at: 9:30 a.m. at  
JP Knapp High School  
2966 Caratoke Hwy.  
Currituck, NC 27929

Show will take place at:  
Digger's Dungeon  
5650 Caratoke Hwy.  
Poplar Branch, NC 27965  
From 10 a.m.— 4 p.m.

**\$20 Entry Fee**  
**Free to all Spectators**

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at JP  
Knapp for the cruise or 10 a.m. at  
Diggers Dungeon for show

**Cruise Not Mandatory to Attend**



Fundraiser for  
the JP Knapp  
PE Program

Keeping our  
kids active!

Car Show  
Monster Truck Rides  
DJ  
Activities for the Kids  
Restaurant on site  
Grave Digger Gift shop  
Top 10 & Best in Show Awards  
Raffles and 50/50



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**FRIENDS WITH VETTES***By: Jim McKay, C8,5&2*

Thanks to Everette and Scott, Friends with Vettes hosted a well-attended cruise-in to Dale City on Sunday 12/13. The weather was great, hitting 66 degrees. Yay-roof off! Twenty nine Vettes came from King George, Fredericksburg, Maryland, Woodbridge, Manassas, and a large contingent

from the Dulles Landing cars and coffee. The pictures say it all. We gathered and ogled all the Vettes, including some custom C8s. Lots of new friends! Several shops were represented including my mechanic, David and his wife, who will be joining NVCC soon with their “new” C5 Z06!



Only half of the corvettes had arrived at this point.

About 10 Vettes broke away at 1:20PM to cruise to Villagio's restaurant in Clifton. Outdoor seating and COVID protocol in place. Lunch was delicious and the camaraderie was awesome. This was a great example of expanding NVCC activity options to non-club sponsored events and the response was appreciated. Also, a great was to get new members to sign up. George Durk and I were recruiting heavily.





## PROFESSIONAL HELP

By: Jeff Klain

I pride myself on doing as much of the maintenance on my 2001 Corvette as I possibly can, but sometimes I get in over my head. When that happens, I turn to a professional. Back in October, to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my car leaving the Bowling Green factory, I did a flurry of do-it-yourself maintenance including changing the oil, brake fluid, clutch fluid, windshield wiper blades, and replacing all four shocks with new yellow Bilsteins. I even replaced the chewed-up tie rod boots with new red ones. I keep a detailed log of all of my Corvette activities, with commentary on what's going on in the wider world. Thanksgiving was a wonderfully small affair at home with my wife of nearly 30 years, my college senior daughter and high school junior son and a Corvette that was running perfectly. My Corvette log reports that life was going great for us:

**11/26/20 118,402** *Thanksgiving Day! I take the car out for a loop of Lawyer's Road. The previous day I took the roof off to go through drive-through COVID-19 testing. Zippy followed in the Corolla. We both tested negative in a rapid PCR test. 262,000 Americans have died of COVID-19 but we are safe at home for Thanksgiving.*

Two days later, the Corvette perfection bubble burst:

**11/28/20** *After an uneventful drive yesterday, I loaded the car with picnic supplies to head off to Brunswick for a picnic with Ari when I got ABS and traction lights that wouldn't clear and a bunch of diagnostic codes:*

*TCS NO COM*  
*accidentally erased code*  
*1571 HC*  
*SDM U1040 HC*  
*U1000H*  
*Went up on ramps and removed the EBCM plug and sprayed both sides with contact cleaner. Big plastic clip fell off but appears unbroken. Replugged in EBCM but same problems continued. Will check fuse and grounds tomorrow morning.*

Things were definitely taking a turn for the worse. I had done enough reading and talking to fellow members to know that I likely had a faulty Electronic Brake Control Module (EBCM). This is a well-documented C5 problem and a particularly painful one because new EBCMs are not available and serviceable used ones command premium prices. Bad grounding is a problem that afflicts all Corvette generations because Corvette bodies are made of nonconductive materials and can cause modules to misbehave. This didn't seem like a grounding problem but it was cheap to check so, the next day, I cleaned the frame rail grounds and plugged in the EBCM but my efforts were rewarded with the same fault codes. This gave me a lot of confidence that the EBCM itself was faulty. I decided the best thing to do was to remove the EBCM and send it out to a company called ABSFixer. ABSFixer specializes in soldering the faulty joints in these modules and does it for a reasonable fee.

I got out my three-volume shop manual for the car and found the section on how to remove the EBCM. That's when the situation got complicated. EBCM is attached to the Brake Pressure Modulating Valve (BPMV). The GM procedure calls for removing both as a unit and then separating them on a bench. That's a problem because to reinstall them requires an ABS bleeding procedure using a GM Tech II tool. I don't have one, so I decided to try to remove the EBCM without removing the BPMV. This is a painful procedure because one is working from above and below the car in tight spaces trying to remove the Torx bolts that hold the units together. It is tough to see what's going on but the shop manual explains, "Remove the four EBCM to BPMV bolts," so that's what I did. After the four bolts are out, the manual says to, "Separate the EBCM from BPMV by gently pulling apart until separated."

With the four Torx bolts removed, I began to pry the modules apart. I knew from the internet that this would not be an easy process, despite the advice of the shop manual to be gentle. Things deteriorated as I escalated my pry tools from flat bladed screw drivers to a fearsome chisel backed up with a mallet right out of Donkey Kong. Still, the modules would only partially separate. That's when I began to second guess myself. ABSFixers had a beautiful picture of four replacement bolts on its website but I noticed that the picture was captioned with a quantity description of six replacement bolts. Careful mirror and cell phone camera work showed my mistake. The shop manual was wrong! The unit was actually held in by six bolts and not four. Of course, all the prying and hammering had stripped the remaining bolts.

Now I was really in trouble. I don't have a tap and die set nor any experience with one so I could not see how I could drill out the bolt and then tap it for a new bolt. Worse, even if I wanted to learn bolt drilling and tapping, I couldn't do it without removing the conjoined modules. That would require the Tech II Tool for ABS bleeding. The famous saying by the mayor of Carmel, CA, kept coming to mind, "A man has to know his limits." My logbook describes what happened next:

12/02/20	<i>Gave up and called John McGhee, (703) 424-5096</i>
12/03/20	<i>Car picked up and towed to Cutaway Creations, 1144 Box Factory Road, Summit Point, WV, 25446. He separated the modules and will send the EBCM out for rebuild after finding numerous shorts on it. See photos for pictures. Unit #5 of Access Towing and Recovery in Sterling did a great job. Also, I tested negative today for COVID-19 on a rapid antigen test after finding out that [REDACTED] was exposed from [REDACTED]. More died yesterday than in 9/11.</i>

As many club members know, John McGhee was the Corvette tech at Page Chevrolet. He now has his own shop in Summit Point, WV, co-located with an awesome company called Cutaway Creations. Fortunately, I had been paying for 100-mile free towing with AAA so getting the car to his shop was no problem. I jumped on the AAA website and requested a tow and specified that I needed a flatbed because of a low front air dam. Access Towing arrived only a few minutes later and the driver went to great lengths to protect the low bodywork on the car. He even built a small ramp out of scrap wood to ease the transition onto the flatbed. I gave him a good tip and sent him on his way while I went back to my computer to watch the GPS tracker on the tow truck via the AAA website.





was frayed and so I asked him to replace it. I have replaced serpentine belts myself in the past and didn't relish doing it again. John also gave me his opinion on some maintenance issues that were coming down the road for the car but didn't need to be addressed immediately. I decided to defer those for a bit.

John road tested the car and even brought it back to Fairfax where I was able to easily pick it up. I was pleasantly surprised to find the interior thoughtfully wrapped in plastic to protect the leather and keep the COVID at bay. While I won't talk prices, I will say that all of the repairs were done at a fraction of what a dealer would have charged and I was pleasantly surprised by the very reasonable bill. I made the payment over the phone so the whole process was contact free from pickup through return - totally COVID safe. John did a great job of keeping me informed of his work, routinely texting me pictures of the removed components. Most importantly, he was fully onboard with my goal of getting the job done as economically as possible rather than as fast as possible. John

was also able to store my car inside the whole time and it came back from him just as clean as when it left.

I love working on my car but I realize that I'm just an amateur with a limited amount of time, experience, and tooling. I remain committed to doing most of my own work, but I am reassured to know that when the problem gets above my level, I can call on a professional to get the job done right. The best part of the experience, was that John didn't judge me for first trying to fix the problem myself, he just picked up where I left off and I got the issue resolved. Club members: If you've got a job that's over your head from the start or because you dug yourself into a hole, give John a call and get that car back on the road.

As you see in the log, John quickly got the module out and apart and sent it off for rebuild. At the same time, I had him fix a small but persistent power steering leak. The process took a few weeks because the rebuilt EBCM did not work, but ABSFixers replaced it for free with another rebuilt one and even paid for shipping the second time. Fortunately, John was able to replace some seals in the power steering without having to replace the entire rack. During his inspection, John found the serpentine belt





Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, April 30-May 1, 2021. The OBX Rod & Custom show is a must see for classic car and Corvette enthusiasts. As with 2020, COVID-19 will impact the events and venue(s). A detailed schedule will not be available until February. The "normal" format is a central venue with live band and food trucks at Festival Park in Nags Head on the sound with cruises to multiple restaurants and commercial sites up and down the beach in order to "get your tickets punched" to be eligible for a prize. There was also an evening cruise into Manteo where folks parked and went to multiple restaurants. Great venue for pictures.

This year, the Governor would not allow the central site, so 17 venues were chosen that all participants could cruise into over the two days. This year's activities appear below to give you a flavor of what is to come. Over 400 vehicles participated from all over the eastern seaboard, including at least two dozen Corvettes of which at least 5 were C8s:

- Wednesday night – Drag racing at OBX speedway (1.5 hrs. west on mainland) \$15, drive in and race to your heart's content
- Thursday night 6PM-8PM – informal welcome at Richard Quigley's (charity organizer) American Classic Garage
- Friday-Saturday 11 AM-5PM – cruising the 17 venues (restaurants and shops)
- Friday night – unsanctioned meets at several large venues, one in Manteo with a live band

2021 will have an additional exciting event the weekend before OBX R&C. On April 24, Gary Knapp of "Gravedigger" fame will host a cruise to his Monster Truck facility a few miles north of OBX on Rt. 158.

For those who have never done this, folks come from as far away as the Gulf coast and the Northeast, many trailering their cars to the beach. They rent houses from various rental companies (now COVID prepped), or stay in one of many hotels from the lowest to highest price ranges. Many stay for a week and, given the spring timing, rates and weather should be good for outdoor dining and touring.

More information will be provided as it become available. We hope to see many more Vettes this year!



## NVCC St. Patrick's Day Cruise and Lunch Saturday, March 6 at 2 PM

Those Irish eyes are finally starting to smile and with March just around the corner it's time to kick off 2021 with our annual St Patrick's Day Cruise and Lunch. Yes, once again The Old Brogue will be the place for the NVCC members to gather and create new memories with old and new friends alike. The food is delicious and the green beer is cold, so mark your calendar and come join the fun.

As of this writing masks are required, temperatures are taken and tables are separated. In addition to the special filtration system they have also installed a hydrogen peroxide air sanitizer, and outdoor seating will be available if you so desire. Because of the seating restrictions that are currently in place, we are limited to 26 people. A list of names will be taken on a first come first serve basis, so please RSVP as soon as possible to [rsuccolosky@gmail.com](mailto:rsuccolosky@gmail.com).

Cruise information to follow.



**COVID-19 Precaution:** All 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 attend. Hand Sanitizer will be available to all members after contact activities (e.g., the signing of waivers) during all NVCC Sponsored events.



## NVCC Gathering at Carlisle



August 26, 27 & 28, 2021

Join the NVCC for 3 days of fun with NVCC friends and show cars at Corvettes at Carlisle. We will be promoting the NVCC at the biggest Corvette only car show in the East. Contact for details:

[gilliland\\_michael@yahoo.com](mailto:gilliland_michael@yahoo.com)

Carlisle Room Reservations: (717) 706-3862 (NVCC group)  
Carlisle Reserved/Fun Field (Club NVCC):  
[www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/corvettes-at-carlisle/](http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/corvettes-at-carlisle/)

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—JANUARY 2021

*The Times They Are A Changin'*, I must have been 10 or 11 years old the first time I heard that song. I remember begging my dad not to touch the dial on the radio until the music stopped. Times were simpler then, at least for me. Corvettes were simpler then too. Most of the Corvettes on the street had drum brakes, manual steering, solid rear axles, and almost all had a ragtop. But the new Stingrays were out and all that was about to change.

Welcome to 2021; COVID-19 is still with us and it seems as if Lewis Carroll has scripted our national landscape (Mad Hatters and Cheshire Cats, maybe even a King and Queen of Hearts). But we have Corvettes and there are vaccines for COVID and this miserable winter won't last forever. So, our times will change for the better and we shall be released on the road again to leave that old white rabbit behind us.

Now for the bad news, one of the changes we will be facing is the end to our free alignments at our dealership sponsor, Rosenthal Chevrolet. It is not clear what will become of our discounted oil changes or other service discounts either. We are still in negotiation with Rosenthal on this. We will maintain our 20% discount on parts. This is frankly a side effect of COVID. We are not driving our cars or bringing them in for service in high enough numbers and the dealership has been losing money on the club (the accountant has proof). What we will have is a Corvette Service Day at Rosenthal on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>. There will discounts on service as well as coffee and donuts. The event will also serve as a cars and coffee for the club at the dealership. See the flyer for details.

Thanks to the members of our NVCC Council who have supported the crafting of a tenuous 2021 calendar. None of us can tell you when we will be back to the dealership for our General Business Meetings so we will still be on zoom maybe even into the summer. Please bear with us; we are planning out a set of activities that will be on the calendar soon.

I want to thank both Mr. Omar Gordon and Mr. Jim McKay for supporting the Treasurer Position for the Club. My thanks goes to Omar our outgoing Treasurer first for keeping us solvent and managing our books for the last two years. And second, my thanks to Jim for stepping up and taking the post when Omar needed to step down. The club could not operate without the support of people like Omar and Jim. Please give them a shout out for their support.

Let me give you a short list of activities we plan to accomplish this year: A Rallye 101 (beginners and those that want to sharpen their skills), A monthly Cars and Tacos cruise in, A Corvettes Cares Car Show (at Rosenthal), A belated banquet (toned down for COVID), Wine cruises (at least two), Corvettes at Carlisle, Corvette Weekend (Ocean City), A Fall Rallye, Other activities to be announced. Check the NVCC WEB and Social Network sites for details.

The Council has voted to hold the 2021 Banquet in June. 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 support two car shows that need extra hands. The big car show at Rosenthal is an all-hands-on deck project. The spreadsheet software supporting the winners has to have volunteers, traffic control, entry fee collection; 50/50 sales and tee shirt sales need to be supported (contact George Durk, I'm sure I've missed something). Please contact Yas Kinashi to volunteer for the monthly Corvettes and Tacos Cruise In (he needs traffic control, 50/50 sales and more).



CORVETTES AND TACOS

So that is about it for January. Whatever expression of America's Sports Car you own, we all know you have a remarkable car; one that expresses the changing times in style and performance. I can't think of anything finer than cruising out of our present fever dream to find better days (thank you Bruce). As always, stay healthy and stay safe. We expect to see everyone on the backside of COVID-19. All of you as members make the NVCC a very special organization to be a part of. You make this a pleasure.

Stay Safe!

Mike Gilliland  
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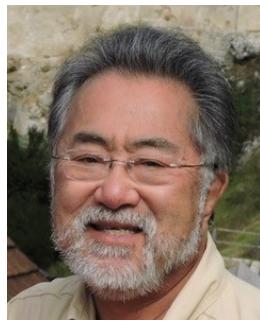
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**NVCC 2021 Activities Calendar***Dates are subject to change.***MONTHLY EVENTS**

4th Tuesday monthly, January through November: General Business Meetings (GBMs) Start time 7:30 pm. Breakfast GBM twice a year.

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

**January**

26 GBM via Zoom

**February**

13 Backyard Grill Chantilly-Bob Devery

23 GBM via Zoom

**March**

06 St Patty's Day Cruise/Old Brogue-Rob Succolosky

13 Rosenthal Service Discount Day-Mike Gilliland

21 Spring Fling, Location TBD-Bob Devery

23 GBM via Zoom

**April**

11-First Responders Appreciation Day-Potomac Mills-Andy Guzman

15-19 Air Force Museum Cruise, Dayton, OH –George Durk

24 Corvettes and Tacos Cascades Plaza, Sterling Yas Kinashi

27 GBM via Zoom

28-May 1 Outer Banks Car Rally-Jim McKay

**May**

01 Derby Day-Bob Devery

16 Rallye 101, Location TBD-Dick Hammaker

25 GBM

29 Corvettes and Tacos Cascades Plaza, Sterling Yas Kinashi

**June**

05 Banquet

13 NVCC Annual Car Show @ Rosenthal, Alexandria

22 GBM

26 Corvettes and Tacos Cascades Plaza, Sterling Yas Kinashi

27 Barrel Oak Winery-Shawn Wardell

**July**

03 Culpepper Air and Car Show-Bob Devery

11-14 TBD Lake Seneca, NY – Rustom Desai

27 GBM

31 Corvettes and Tacos Cascades Plaza, Sterling Yas Kinashi

**August**

24 GBM

26-29 Corvettes at Carlisle

28 Corvettes and Tacos Cascades Plaza, Sterling Yas Kinashi

**September**

10-17 Alaska Cruise-Bob Devery

25 Corvettes and Tacos Cascades Plaza, Sterling Yas Kinashi

28 GBM

**October**

15-16 Corvette Weekend Ocean City, MD

26 GBM

30 Corvettes and Tacos Cascades Plaza, Sterling Yas Kinashi

**November**

13 Bavarian Inn-George Durk

30 GBM

**December**

4-6 Colonial Williamsburg Grand Illumination-Bob Devery

No GBM for this month

**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 — MIM for 2021

This is the 10th month of the pandemic, everybody has a huge case of cabin fever, vaccinations have started, and there is a light at the end of the tunnel. It's time to start thinking about getting out and enjoying your Corvette.



Each year the National Corvette Museum (NCM) has many Museum in Motion (MIM) and On-site events to consider.

#### Museum In Motion Events....

- Daytona Rolex 24/January 27 - February 1
- Site and Sounds of New Orleans/March 30 - April 3
- Tail of the Dragon and Biltmore Estates/April 25-28.
- Branson Experience/June TBA
- 24 Hours of Le Mans (London, Paris, Le Mans)/June 4-15
- Colorado Springs/July 11-16
- Northeast Ohio/August 1-6
- National Parks Tour (Arizona & Utah)/September 19-25
- One Lap of Kentucky/four separate weeks in October.

#### Museum On-site Events...

- Michelin NCM Bash/April 22-24
- The Gathering/May 13-15
- Le Mans Race Weekend & Viewing Party/June 12-13
- NCM's 27th Anniversary Celebration/September 2-4
- Vets 'n Vets/November 11-13

For more information on the Museum In Motion and On-Site Events go to [corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org) or call Bryce or Maci at (270) 467-8804.

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



## REVENGE TRAVEL 2021-2022 UPDATE

Bob Devery, NVCC member and  
Expedia Cruises Travel Guy

Greetings ... THANKFULLY, we are starting to see a real possibility of being able to get on with life ... which includes leaving Das Bunker to see the world outside of Safeway!



So, per the Council ok, I'm putting info together on travel updates that I've seen. EVERY supplier that I have on every form of travel has been changing info as the Covid restrictions impacted their info. Many NVCC members have no interest in discussing travel for 2021 while others will be on a trip as soon as the doctor takes the needle out of their arm on the vaccine ! BOTH schools of thought are correct. Covid fear ranges from 1-100 and no info that I present will change that fact nor will I try.

So, where to start? After reviewing hundreds of recent updates , I realized that ANY type of true update will exceed even my wordy reputation. So, here's the simple brief. EVERY ... as in EVERY ... land tour and cruise supplier; EVERY airline; EVERY hotel... ALL of them will be a new journey in 2021. Good news: cruises HAVE been operating since August 15 with NO COVID on ships as large as 5000 pax. HUNDREDS of THOUSANDS of pax and NO COVID. YES, it's true ... just not reported as it doesn't fit the preferred "cruises unsafe" script. Note that all are being done in Mediterranean and Asia but all successful protocols will be used with the restart in the US in May. All of the new Covid protocols as well as the significant number of modifications including all new ventilation systems for airliners, hotels and cruise ships have made a huge difference in the safety of clients. Many people will do land vs sea this year as they are ahead of the cruise restart. All- inclusive hotels are seeing steady bookings. One benefit for now is that the capacity is restricted like on the ships. So, you have plenty of room at the swim up bar and beach! Airlines hit ONE MILLION pax a day again after 10 months of less than that key number. Land tours are available worldwide. My only concern on booking Europe now is that each country has its own policies on foreign travel. But very important .... all forms of travel are with CANCEL clauses that have never been seen even up to just 48 hours until travel!!! So, "booking then decide" is ok. As for the question on vaccine passports, there will be some form of it coming soon as a variant of this one that many of us know:

*the International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP), this signed, stamped yellow card is given to people by their travel medicine doctors after receiving vaccines*

So, there is truly way too much new information to go into detail. Covid tests are not going away for 12-18 months. The bottom line on 2021 travel is simple: DO WHAT YOU FEEL IS OK. Maybe another "beach house for family" will be your 2021 vacation due to your covid concerns. For others ... if you have the vaccine or if you are okay to travel after you read the new Covid protocols, there's plenty available for you. With the opportunity to book and cancel with no penalty, you can do your homework just as though it were 2019 with unaffected travel. Where did you want to go or what did you have booked in 2020 or 2021 that was canceled? Do you have any future cruise credits or land travel vouchers to use? Let me know the answers to these questions and I'll help. NO ... you do NOT pay for my services nor is there a price increase from suppliers to use me. HUH? True... Cruise lines and major land tour companies recommend people like me because they don't want to have to staff thousands of people and pay salaries and all of the benefits. Almost 80% of cruises are booked by people like me. I simply guarantee a lower price than you can do on your own as well as the fact that I have access not only to all major worldwide travel suppliers but have also gotten to know people all away up to the VP level ... crucial when there is a problem at a lower level. No hype or BS ... I want to be able to go on the outings with NVCC! FACT: My Expedia office had done over \$5 million in business in 2019. We did over \$100 million in business in corporate volume. Out of 6,000 Expedia reps, I was in the top 150. I learned if I don't know an answer, find it from someone who does. So, I have access to any information that you could possibly need for a great vacation. NOTE: capacity WILL be restricted and prices will go up. Travel in 2021 or for 2022 for prime locations such as Europe, Alaska, Hawaii, etc. will be limited. "Deals" normally 30 days from travel will not be like in the past. So, if you **have any ideas for travel**, send me a note before you hit "BUY". Worst-case : you end up booking it on your own. If I book for you, as always, the club will get a donation.

So ... It's been a year of frustration. For those who are can, it's time to look forward. As a big wave surfer said: "*We're living our lives now ... not later. Later will be too late!*"

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**MEMBERSHIP CORNER****By: George Durk****January 2021 Report**

As of January 21, we have 116 members and 18 prospective members.

**Welcome New Members!!**

**Fred Belen ('69 Monza Red 427 Coupe & '04 LeMans Blue Coupe)**

**Joe Wagner ('20 Z51 Shadow Gray Coupe)**

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

Member	Corvette(s)	Join
Adams, Jeff & Glenda	'11	6/27/2020
Benjamin, Thomas	'20	11/3/2020
Cassidy, Kevin	'19 Grand Sport	10/17/2020
Choudhary, Fez & Melissa	'15 Z06	1/6/2021
Cook, Doug	'20	10/5/2020
Flowers, Robert	'07 Z06	10/15/2020
Kneibert, Gene & McGee, Angie	'01 Torch Red Convertible	4/6/2020
Lane, Bill & Sue	'07 Crystal Red Metallic Coupe	1/13/2021
Lewis, Ken	'94 Coupe	11/13/2020
Paolicelli, Mark & Courtney	'66 & '04	12/15/2020
Pesce, Jack	'95 Black Coupe	8/2/2020
Pudleiner, Jonathan	'78 Silver Anniversary	12/3/2020
Stone, Robert	'08 Coupe	6/27/2020

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Don't forget -- in order to become a full primary member of NVCC, Prospective Members must attend a General Business Meeting (GBM) and club event within 4-months of joining. Monthly GBMs are currently via Zoom. 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](mailto: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....

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# NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 24, 2020—BY: EVELYN MCKAY, SECRETARY

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



The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm via Zoom video conferencing software by President Mike Gilliland, who also presided over the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** The October 27 minutes were approved.

**New members were introduced:**

Mark Waters attended as a prospective member. It was Fred Belen's ('69 and '04) and Doug Cook's ('20) first meeting.

**Officer Elections:**

According to NVCC Bylaws, officer elections take place at the November GBM meeting. President Mike Gilliland called for nominations and then for the election to take place. Voting by members occurred and the following officers were elected unanimously:

President: Mike Gilliland  
 Vice President: Shawn Waddell  
 Officer at Large: Yas Kinashi  
 Treasurer: James McKay  
 Secretary: Evelyn McKay

## UPDATE ON EVENTS:

**Bavarian Inn Cruise** (November 14): This was the 5<sup>th</sup> year for this cruise. It was a wonderful trip with great food.

**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 barbecue food truck, band, 13 Corvettes and a day with beautiful weather.

**Corvettes/Tacos** (October 31): This was a Halloween themed event. Photos are on the website and on NVCC's Flickr account. Members and cars were costumed with trophies awarded. The entire parking lot was filled with approximately 80 cars. Funds raised for charity were \$130 and combined with other Corvettes/Tacos the total raised for charity was over \$300.

**Corvettes/Crabs Rallye** (November 8): The rallye (gimmick and poker rallies) had a great response (many participants) with a wonderful meal afterwards at the Blue Ridge Seafood Restaurant. The route was tricky! Jason Spindler was the first place winner.

**Bull Run Festival of Lights** (November 21): John Palmgren will ask Lori to send the summary of winners. There were 12 cars competing. The event was terrific with John and Kira Palmgren winning first place, Audrey Cupples winning the most festive award, and Bob Devery finishing at last place.

**Pax River Naval Museum** (November 11): This event was cancelled due to weather.

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE JANUARY 26, 2021 GBM

**Upcoming Events:**

**Corvettes at Carlisle:** A block of rooms has been secured at the Red Roof Inn. NVCC will attempt to get reservations for the conference room if possible due to COVID.

**Car Show:** Honoring COVID Angels of Mercy. Participants expected are: Coleman PowerSport Honda and Quantico Motorcycles and possibly NVCC. Organizers are waiting for 2 other clubs to have their meetings and decide on participation. Chuy's and On The Border Restaurants may participate. This will be a rain/shine event and the calendar is being built. Assistance is requested from Yas to map out car parking.

**Finger Lakes Cruise:** Dave Dubois can be a contact for Watkins Glen during the Finger Lakes wine tour planned for next summer. Jim Dobish will also check on vineyard tours.

**Other Business:**

**Banquet Committee:** Thank you to Doreen for picking up the banquet details. The council agreed that the banquet should be moved to March/April due to COVID restrictions/precautions. April was preferred because of better weather. If the event can be held outside more members are likely to attend. Members at the meeting agreed that April is more comfortable. John Palmgren will create a survey and poll members as to their preference.

**Calendar of Events:** Doreen collects calendar events. The following events will be added to the 2021 calendar:

- April cars/coffee events
- Banquet
- Cruise to OH
- Cruise to OBX
- Cruise to Finger Lakes
- Carlisle
- Ocean City

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no treasurer's report since Omar could not attend due to another commitment.

**Newsletter:** GBMs are not held in December, and therefore there will be no December Newsletter.

**Website:** All is going well on the technical side (website, etc.). John and Paul will work with the Old Dominion Corvette Club when they can schedule time to meet. Members who have Verizon/Yahoo are not receiving the "Everyone" e-mails. Additionally, they are not going into junk mail for members with these service providers. Bob Shoemaker will send an example to John and Paul, who will investigate.

Since these e-mail service providers (Verizon/Yahoo/AOL) continue to flag "Everyone" e-mails as junk, please try to "favorite" the NVCC e-mail address which may allow the "Everyone" e-mails to show in these inboxes.

**NCM:** Dick Hammaker would like to pursue entering NVCC's Newsletter for a NCM Newsletter award. The museum will be active again this year, and NVCC members are encouraged to become members of the NCM.

January GBM: Will be held via Zoom video conferencing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.



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