

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB

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### ANNUAL HOLIDAY WEEKEND IN CAPE MAY

CAROL CAPOROSSI

This year's NVCC Annual Holiday Weekend was in Cape May, NJ. Cape May is known for its Victorian architecture and extravagant Christmas decorations. Cape May is located at the southern-most tip of New Jersey and few, other than New Jerseyans, know anything about it. It is a small beach town of only a few thousand permanent residents but has one of the largest collections of Victorian architecture in



the country, with over 600 historic buildings. It is also a registered National Historic Landmark District.

In previous years, the club's Holiday Weekend was to Williamsburg, VA and Lancaster, PA. Hauntings, ghost tours, Christmas decorations, and good food are central

parts of the NVCC Holiday Weekend. We started our journey on Friday, December 8 in several different groups and arrived at the Sea Crest Inn in the afternoon.

Thank you, Jane, for finding this motel. Our group caravanned together, stopping at Steakout Homeplate for lunch in a private fireplaced room. Several others took the Ferry from Lewes, DE to Cape May.

Our caravan started at Starbucks in Oakton, and Thomas Lee came to the Starbucks with his SUV. We shamed him into going home to get his Corvette. He was happy that he changed because we saw his beautiful white C8 all over Cape May all weekend!

Paul created a text message group that we used for communicating with each other. It worked out great; we knew where others were, when and when to meet, and were able to share photos. Thank you, Paul.



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Late Friday afternoon we met Mark and Helen Waters who were staying at a friend's home in Cape May. Thank you Mark and Helen for hosting the club and for the wine, cheese, and hospitality. Mark was voted "Best Santa Impersonation" in Cape May. I think he found his true calling in life.

Later that night, we enjoyed the Christmas decorations and hot chocolate at Congress Hall and then pizza for an evening snack. A few of us continued to the Cape May Ghost tour.



Saturday ended up a busy day, starting with breakfast at Uncle Bill's. We spent most of the day on Washington Street that was surprisingly packed with people, Christmas decorations and plenty of shops. Lesley, Rita, and I got a little shopping done! Then, lunch at



Delaney's, a local Irish pub with great food. Thanks to John Stark for convincing them to accommodate our big crowd without any prior notice.

The highlight of the day was the historical tour of Cape May and tour of a fully restored turn-of-the-century Victorian home. The tour guides were fantastic and stayed in character even with our unruly crew of folks.

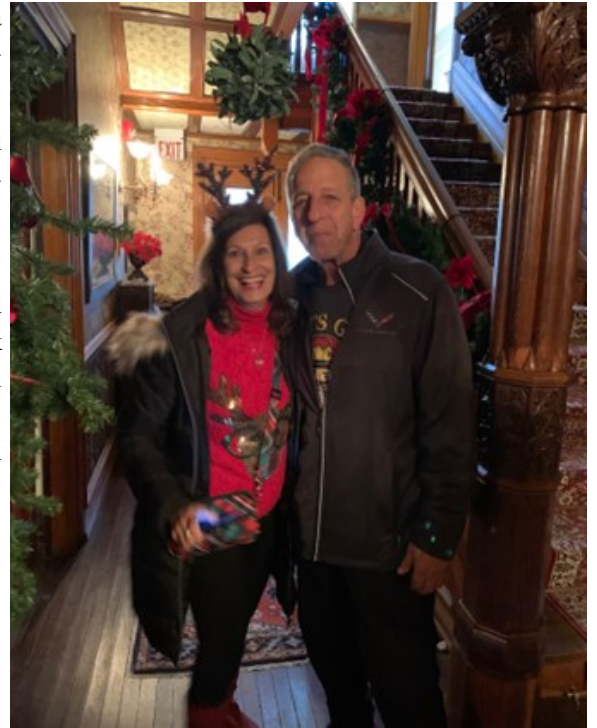
While most of us stayed together for the day, a few went off exploring. Gene and Angie met some friends that live in Cape May. Tia and Rob went whale watching and saw whales, which sounds really cool! Maybe an idea for another club event! A few of us also went to Sunset Beach and the Cape May lighthouse. George and Merce found some quiet time walking on the beach.



Cape May is one of those unique locations on the southern tip of a peninsula where you can see both a sunrise out of the ocean and sunset into the ocean. A lot of good photo opportunities.

Later that night, we went to Canini's Italian Restaurant in Wildwood Crest for dinner. Great food, great atmosphere, and just a great overall time. Special thanks to Rich Mars for suggesting the restaurant. Did you know Rich is an honorary staff member of Canini's.

Attending this year's event were: Dave and Lesley Koluder, Bob and Carol Devery, Thomas and Yunnie Lee, John and Lynn Stark, Mark and Karen Waters, John and Karen Provost, Tia Hockenberry and Rob Letherland, Joe and Beverly Stultz, Gene and Angie Kneibert, George and Merce Durk, Rich and Rita Mars, Jane Stieber and Jim Dobish, and Paul and Carol Caporossi.



On Sunday morning, we left. Despite a little rain and choppy waters, we returned on the Ferry with Bob and Carol Devery, and Joe and Beverly Stultz. We were dancing in the aisles (actually, we were rolling with the waves!).

Thanks to everyone who participated, we had a great time and are looking forward to next year's NVCC Annual Holiday Weekend. Thanks to Jane and Rita for helping me organize everything. Make sure to put the 2024 NVCC Holiday Weekend on your calendar.



## LOVE 'EM VETTES NVCC ANNUAL BANQUET CAROL CAPOROSSI

To All Corvette Lovers!

This year's banquet theme is "**Love 'em Vettes**" - A fitting theme for our club!

**Washington-Dulles Airport Marriott, 45020 Aviation Drive, Dulles, VA 20166**

Saturday, February 10th, 6:00pm to 11:00pm

\$75 per member, prospective member, and their guests

**DON'T DELAY, REGISTER NOW:** All registrations must be processed by **Friday, February 2nd!**

Register at: [MSReg.com/NVCC2024Banquet](https://MSReg.com/NVCC2024Banquet)

Pay online, or by check (and save the \$2 MSReg processing fee). Mail checks to:

Corvette Club of Northern Virginia

PO Box 222102

Chantilly, VA 20151

We're offering an excellent buffet dinner including appetizers, entrees, dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks, and iced tea. A cash bar will be available for alcoholic beverages.

Dress attire is business casual. No t-shirts, polo shirts or jeans.

It will be a night of dancing with a DJ playing your favorite songs.

We will have a limited number of raffle prizes (12), a 50/50 raffle, table prizes, and special club-branded favors. We promise a great raffle prize selection, so bring cash for raffles.

The Marriott is offering the rooms at a discounted price of \$119 (normally \$199 per night) and complimentary parking. Reservation cutoff date for the discounted price is Friday, January 19, 2024. Call the Marriott on (703) 471-9500 for reservations. Tell them you're with the Northern Virginia Corvette Club.

Weather notice: If the Marriott is open, then the Banquet is on!

Contact Carol Caporossi at [social.ccnv@gmail.com](mailto:social.ccnv@gmail.com) or (703) 975-1365 for questions.

Thanks & Hope to See You There!

Carol C

(Banquet flyer below)

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB  
2024 ANNUAL BANQUET**

**LOVE 'EM VETTES**



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45020 Aviation Dr, Dulles, VA 20166  
Saturday, February 10th, 6:00pm to 10:00pm  
\$75 per Person

Buffet Dinner, Music, Dance, Raffles  
Hotel Rooms at \$119

Register By February 2: [MsReg.com/NVCC2024Banquet](https://MsReg.com/NVCC2024Banquet)

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For NVCC members, prospective members and their guests  
Dress code is business casual; no jeans or t-shirts please

## DC AUTO SHOW - NVCC PARTICIPATION

### MARK DIRECTOR

Three members of NVCC (who are also members of Old Dominion Corvette Club) were invited to show their cars at this year's DC Auto Show as part of the display sponsored by the Corvette Club of America (CCA), Silver Spring, MD. Bob Meyer has his 2021 Red Mist Metallic Tintcoat Hard Top Convertible C8 Stingray, Al Stitt has his 2016 Blade Silver C7 Stingray Coupe, and I have my 1962 Honduras Maroon C1 2-top convertible displayed on the ground floor of the DC Convention Center.



CCA had wanted to showcase at least one car of each Corvette generation as well as showing cooperation between the various Corvette Clubs in the Metro-DC area. Without any C1s in their club, they reached out to Bob Meyer to see if they knew anyone who owned a C1 in either NVCC or Old Dominion Corvette Club. He, in turn, reached out to me, and I happily agreed to show mine.



Wednesday, January 17 was move-in day for the show. Unfortunately, the weather in our region did not cooperate. However, the snow we had on Monday through Tuesday morning, while complicating things, was not so bad as to prevent most people from bringing their cars. I had earlier reached out to NVCC members after I had first been invited to see if anyone could help transport my car on a trailer as I did not want to drive it to the Convention Center. One of our members, Andrej Balanc, generously offered to help, and he picked me up Wednesday morning with his truck/trailer combo.

It was very cold when Andrej first arrived, about 15 F. While it was cold to be loading the car, at least we had dry roads for transporting it, and to my surprise, it did not need much cleaning once I got to the Convention Center. Bob drove his car that morning and cleaned it at the display point, and Al arrived later in the day.

I was given one of the best locations in the display, right at the front. What an honor, both to be invited and to be placed at one of the two the premier spots! Bob was given the next best position right behind/next to me, and Al is a little further back. There were about 16 cars on display when I left in the afternoon and hopefully a few more will arrive before the show opens, with all generations on display except a C2, the owner of which withdrew at the last minute due to concerns about road conditions.



Members of NVCC are planning to come on Saturday, January 20 to tour the show and gather at noon at the display for a group photo. Thank you to CCA for including us in your show area.



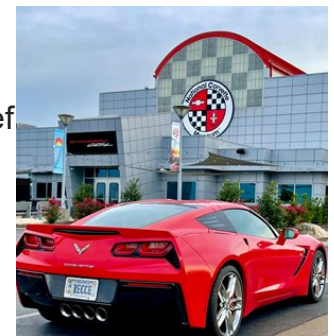
# NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Master Ambassador Dick Hammaker

(Words and pictures by NCM Archives Staff)



Dan Binks was no stranger to professional auto racing. Back in the 1980s, he was Tommy Kendall's crew chief when Kendall dominated IMSA's GTU division in a Mazda RX-7. Binks had also worked on Jack Roush's NASCAR team during the 1990s. By March 2003, he faced a new challenge. The 12 Hours of Sebring would be his first race as crew chief and tire changer on the Corvette Racing No. 3 car.



The helmet that Binks wore on that memorable day is our Artifact of the Month. Painted yellow to match the car, the famous Corvette crossed flags appear prominently on the front of the helmet. A checkered flag pattern swoops around the sides to the back, leaving just enough room for an American flag emblem and grinning skull and crossbones above the nickname "Big Daddy." Complete with a set of goggles, this helmet is generously on loan from Binks himself. He joins John Amgwert and David Wickman in the Corvette Hall of Fame class of 2023.

Binks used this helmet from his first race at Sebring through the end of the 2008 ALMS season at Laguna Seca. It bears the markings of a long career in motorsports. Along with the usual dents, scuffs, and scratches, the helmet displays an impressive set of autographs. They include racing legends Jackie Stewart and Phil Hill, motorsports journalist Chris Economaki, and astronaut Bruce Melnick.

Binks and the No. 3 Corvette team won that race at Sebring. After the No. 4 Corvette dropped out in the 11th hour with a gearbox problem, the No. 3 took over the lead in the GTS class and led the rest of the way. It was the first victory for Binks on the Corvette team, but far from the last. He remained the crew chief of the No. 3 until his retirement in 2020, becoming one of the most respected members of Corvette Racing. Binks is celebrated today for his mechanical skills and efficient pit stop coordination. His helmet is a unique piece of Corvette racing history, and a reminder of how races are often won in the pits.



## DRIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM!

### THE APEX: NVCC'S MOTORSPORTS MONTHLY

CASSIDY NOLEN

We've all hit the "loud pedal" and fancied ourselves a racecar driver. Imagine getting to do it legally (and morally!) on a racetrack. With the capabilities of a modern Corvette, you can take a stock car on many tracks with very little prep! Grab a helmet, change your brake fluid, and get ready to roll!

High Performance Driving Event, or HPDE is a great way to enjoy your car. There are several clubs locally that host these events one day or two at a time but HPDE's are available all around the country. We have a strong gathering of Corvette members that attend these up and down the Eastern seaboard states. You can drive your car with a qualified instructor at high speed on these tracks. World famous tracks like Lime Rock and Watkins Glen, these are a blast!

It takes a LOT of work (and finances) to host one of these events. Our friends at the Ferrari Club of America (FCA) host several of these you may be interested in attending. April 8-9 they will host an event at Virginia International Raceway (aka VIR). You can enjoy some social time after the track goes cold with a banquet or a nice cocktail at the restaurant right on the track campus. They offer trap/skeet and spa packages as well as lots of great views from the Villas of the famous "climbing esses".

May 8-9 is FCA's Watkins Glen (NY) Spring Event. These are amazing events with small run groups and more track time per day than you could imagine! Often there are dinner cruises up Lake Seneca, great seafood at the Lakefront hotel restaurant, or the Stonecat Café for a farm-to-table meal to remember! Take some time to explore the popular antique shops or wineries that dot the area.

June finds the "Tifosi" [*Ed: sports team supporters*] back at it June 28-29 at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut. This was Paul Newman's favorite and a bucket-list track for many. This tiny little track in the valley is well worth the drive up there and back. The social aspects are just as memorable as the track time. Dip into Cannan for a meal or head south a bit to Darryl Hall's House of Blues (of Hall and Oates fame). These are so much more than just a "day at the track" events or weekends. Often the rooms of the bed and breakfast predate the 19<sup>th</sup> century and fill you with natural beauty. Be careful, that natural spring swimming pool is "brisk", even in summer months!

The week after Labor Day finds the FCA group back at the "Glen", along with a Ferrari and sports car show in Corning, NY, that weekend. Yes, the Corning of "Corningware" glass, an amazing experience all in its own. Details to come on this one.

These events are lightly attended, very exclusive events. Costs are roughly twice what a standard track day would be. We are invited to these otherwise restricted meetings, and are welcomed with open arms; our longtime friendships benefit the club! Interested in attending? Message me at [cassidynolen@yahoo.com](mailto:cassidynolen@yahoo.com) for more info. Hotel discounts are available, and it is recommended to register early. Please feel free to contact me with questions. Can't make it this season but still want to go? Message me and let's keep in touch for next year.

Carpe Viam (Seize the Road)





Lake Seneca just after sunrise. Dew covered and ready for a fantastic day of high-speed fun. You do NOT have to have a Ferrari to participate at these events!



Club organizer Bob Coates original as-campaigned 1975 365 GT racecar is the backdrop for the drivers meeting. ALL of the Ferrari instructors are excellent and highly trained with big-horsepower cars. This is an ENTIRE run group in one picture! There are very few drivers in each group to keep things safe!



Club Members Cassidy and Amanda Nolen about to take on Lime Rock in their other car. Early C8 prototype maybe? At least the engine is in the back?!



You never know what you'll see at these events. The owner of this Ford GT went through a full tank of fuel EACH session at VIR! What a ride!



C7's are common sights at these events. This one travels most of the Southeast to find warmer weather (a little frost proves they don't freeze overnight and break!)

Club member Amanda Nolen in our 2000 FRC Widebody track car about to take on Watkins Glen. She is now a solo driver with the FCA after a few seasons of training.





## NVCC 2024 Calendar of Events

### *Investing in a Quality Corvette Experience*

As a member and Social Chair of one of the premier Corvette Clubs in Virginia, I would like to invite you to not only participate in the numerous events that we offer throughout the year, as evidenced by the attached Events Calendar, but to take part in hosting an event. Events can be short, only a few hours long, to all day, overnight or even several days. It's a great way for current members to get together with "old" and good friends and for new members to make new friends. Although we have guidelines depending on the type of event, I or another "seasoned" member will help you through all the steps.

So please take a look at the events below and contact the Event Chair if you're interested in participating or even helping out. Event Chairs are always looking for Co-Chairs and volunteers for our major events like the June Car Show and Carlisle. And remember, you can always contact me with questions.

There's something for everyone to enjoy and it's our energetic members who make NVCC the great club that it is!!!!

***"We came for the cars, we stayed for the people"***

(Updated January 15, 2024)

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Ferrari Movie with Late Lunch	Jan. 6	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
Trackcross at Summit Point	Jan. 13	Andrej Balanc	<a href="mailto:andrejbalanc@gmail.com">andrejbalanc@gmail.com</a>
Washington, DC, Auto Show	Jan. 19-28	Ruth Baumert Joanna McCandles	<a href="mailto:ruthbaumert@rocketmail.com">ruthbaumert@rocketmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:jmccandless@constangy.com">jmccandless@constangy.com</a>
Virginia Motorsport Park near Petersburg VA	Jan. 20	Andrej Balanc	<a href="mailto:andrejbalanc@gmail.com">andrejbalanc@gmail.com</a>
NVCC Banquet 2024	Feb. 10	Carol Caporossi	<a href="mailto:carol.a.caporossi@gmail.com">carol.a.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
Caribbean 8 Day Getaway Celebrity Cruise	Mar. 2-Mar. 10	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
Old Brogue St Patrick's Day	Mar. 9	Rob Succolosky	<a href="mailto:rsuccolosky@gmail.com">rsuccolosky@gmail.com</a>
Cruise to Kentucky, National Corvette Museum	Mar. 21-24	George Durk	<a href="mailto:gadurk@gmail.com">gadurk@gmail.com</a>
Virginia International Raceway Ferrari Club	Apr. 8-9	Cassidy Nolen	<a href="mailto:cassidynolen@yahoo.com">cassidynolen@yahoo.com</a>
The Big-Loop Cruise	TBD	George Durk	<a href="mailto:gadurk@gmail.com">gadurk@gmail.com</a>
Cars & Cannoli's Cruise-in Sully Place Shopping Center	Apr. 14	Paul Caporossi	<a href="mailto:paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com">paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com</a>

Air Force Museum Dayton, OH	May 6-10	George Durk	<a href="mailto:gadurk@gmail.com">gadurk@gmail.com</a>
Watkins Glen International Ferrari Club	May 8-9	Cassidy Nolen	<a href="mailto:cassidynolen@yahoo.com">cassidynolen@yahoo.com</a>
Vettes at Waterside, Virginia Beach	May 17-19	Karen Shoemaker	<a href="mailto:karenhoe@verizon.net">karenhoe@verizon.net</a>
Mimslyn Inn, Luray Cruise/Dinner/Overnight	May 25	Jane Stieber George Durk	<a href="mailto:jacydc@hotmail.com">jacydc@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:gadurk@gmail.com">gadurk@gmail.com</a>
Classic Car Cruise	May 18	Mark Director	<a href="mailto:drdirector@yahoo.com">drdirector@yahoo.com</a>
Harpers Ferry Cruise	May 30	John Provost	<a href="mailto:gslide9500@gmail.com">gslide9500@gmail.com</a>
NVCC Chantilly Corvette Show Pohanka Chevrolet	June 2	Paul Caporossi	<a href="mailto:paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com">paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
Aarondale Nursing Home Visit	June 15	Mark Director	<a href="mailto:drdirector@yahoo.com">drdirector@yahoo.com</a>
Sully Antique Car Father's Day Show	June 16	Mark Director	<a href="mailto:drdirector@yahoo.com">drdirector@yahoo.com</a>
Cars & Cannoli's Cruise-in Sully Place Shopping Center	June 23	Paul Caporossi	<a href="mailto:paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com">paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
Lime Rock Park Ferrari Club	June 28-29	Cassidy Nolen	<a href="mailto:cassidynolen@yahoo.com">cassidynolen@yahoo.com</a>
Vettes for Vets Car Show, Haymarket, VA	July 20	Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
Police Appreciation	July 7 or 14 (TBD)	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
Hawaiian Luau GBM Pohanka Chevrolet	July 28	Carol Caporossi	<a href="mailto:carol.a.caporossi@gmail.com">carol.a.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
Corvettes at Carlisle	Aug. 22-24	Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
Cars Under the Stars Twilight Polo at The Plains	TBD	Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
Alaska Adventure Royal Caribbean Cruise	Sept. 8	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
Annual Picnic at Rich Anderson's Farm, Gerrardstown, WV	Sept. 22	Kris McCandless	<a href="mailto:justhad2rahrr@gmail.com">justhad2rahrr@gmail.com</a>
Cars & Cannoli's Cruise-in Sully Place Shopping Center	Sept. 29	Paul Caporossi	<a href="mailto:paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com">paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
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Hampshire Heritage Car Show Romney, WV	TBD	Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
Fall Rallye	Oct. 6	Kris McCandless	<a href="mailto:justhad2rahrr@gmail.com">justhad2rahrr@gmail.com</a>
Flying Circus Airshow Bealeton, VA	Oct. 13	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
Halloween Parade, Vienna, VA	Oct. 23 or 30	Lori Benish	<a href="mailto:loco1707@yahoo.com">loco1707@yahoo.com</a>
Cars & Cannoli's Cruise-in Sully Place Shopping Center	Oct. 27	Paul Caporossi	<a href="mailto:paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com">paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
OBX Custom Corvette Festival	TBD	Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
Annual Bavarian Inn, Shepherdstown, WV, Cruise/Dinner/Overnight	Nov. 23	George Durk	<a href="mailto:gadurk@gmail.com">gadurk@gmail.com</a>
Christmas Light Rallye, Bull Run Park, Centreville, VA	Nov. 24	Lori Benish	<a href="mailto:loco1707@yahoo.com">loco1707@yahoo.com</a>
NVCC Holiday Weekend	Dec. 13-15	Carol Caporossi	<a href="mailto:carol.a.caporossi@gmail.com">carol.a.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
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# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER - JANUARY 2024

I hope everyone had a happy and joyous holiday. Welcome back. We had a fun-filled and busy 2023, thanks to our former President, George Durk. Now, it's time to start the new 2024 Corvette season.

Last year's final event was the annual holiday weekend to Cape May, NJ. It was lots of fun. Thank you, Jane Stieber, Rita Mars, and Carol Caporossi, for putting the event together.

The first major club event for this year is the annual banquet. The Banquet Committee has a special event planned for February 10th at the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott. This year's "Love 'em Vettes" themed banquet will get 2024 kicked off to another event-filled year. Don't delay, please sign up for the banquet. The Marriott is offering rooms at a discounted rate for those that want to stay overnight. The banquet is a time to reflect on a great 2023, recognize club members that made special contributions, and to get ready for a new season.

The club's event calendar is quickly filling up with car shows, cruise-ins, lunch-ins, overnight stays, and motorsports events. This year, we are making it easier for folks to plan events and get them on the club calendar. If you haven't planned a club event before, give it a try this year. It's fun and rewarding. Contact Carol Caporossi at [social.ccnv@gmail.com](mailto:social.ccnv@gmail.com). Also, thanks to all those that have organized events in 2023 and are planning more events in 2024.

Many members expressed interest in participating in motorsports events. So, an important objective for 2024 is to rekindle interest in motorsports activities, including autocross, track time, time trials, and other active driving events. The Autocross Committee is being revamped into a more general and broader Motorsports Committee. Stay tuned, you'll see more about active driving events in the next few months. Thanks to Rob Yevoli for keeping Autocross activities active for the past few years.

As a reminder, the NVCC is also part of a national corvette association, National Council of Corvette Clubs, or NCCC. Being part of the NCCC gives us connectivity to other Corvette Clubs and more national events. A special recognition to our previous Governor with the NCCC, Andrej Balanc, who served the club for more than a decade.

Finally, please welcome two new club officers: Rich Mars, Vice President, and Mark Director, Officer-at-Large. Many thanks to Jim McKay, our previous Vice President for his service and dedication to NVCC.

See you at the next event and keep the RPMs in the powerband!

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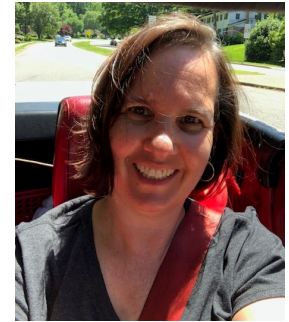
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Santa Claus (aka Mark Waters) dropped by our NVCC prestigious sponsor, Pohanka Chevrolet, around December 25, 2023. Santa met Rob Ferris, General Manager, to personally thank him for being our club's Sponsor and #1 Chevy dealership in Northern Virginia area. Santa walked through the facility wishing everyone a Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Smiles appeared on all faces, thanks to Santa's visit. Ho, Ho, Ho!

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All Corvette repairs or modifications performed by Pohanka Chevrolet on NVCC Members' cars will receive **15% of labor and parts installed** up to a total discount of \$750!

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Pohanka Chevrolet also offers club members a free alignment on any members' Corvettes with any purchase of four tires.

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**MEMBERSHIP CORNER**  
**Joanna McCandless**



**January 2024 Report**

As of January 17, we have 176 members and 10 prospective members.

**Welcome New Members:**

- Brown, Mitch – Silver Flare 2024 Coupe
- Brymer, Todd & Jenny – Magnetic Red 2000 Coupe
- Marx, Ron & Karen – 2024 Le Mans Blue Z06
- Owens, David – 2022 Hypersonic Gray Metallic Coupe
- Uhl, Horst & Heather – 2023 Stingray

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

<b>Prospective Members</b>	<b>Corvettes</b>	<b>Joined</b>
Cottle, Ron	Black 2023	11/23/23
Dubiel, Mike	2021 Coupe	10/29/23
Fishenden, Jim & Nancy	2023 Z51 Convertible	08/31/23
Forkner, David	Ermine White 1962 Roadster	08/31/23
Huntley, Mark & Virginia	2023	10/02/23
Lightfoot, Bill	1957	09/12/23
Pigott, Chris	Black 2015 Z06	12/15/23
People, Richard	1962	11/20/23

**Please Note:** In order to become a full voting member of NVCC, our by-laws require Prospective Members to attend one General Business Meeting (GBM) and one club event within four months of submitting your application and application fee. Monthly GBMs can be attended in-person or via Zoom.

If you are a Prospective Member, have fulfilled your membership requirements, but have not received an invitation to join as a full member, please send me an email stating the GBM date and club event date that you attended. [membership@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:membership@nvcorvetteclub.com)

**NEW RIDES**

Do you have a new or "new to you" Corvette? Did you say good-bye to another Corvette to make room for the new one? Send me an email with any updates to your collection so I can keep the club's database current. Also, please send any address, phone, or email changes to me so I can keep your profile record current. AND send a picture of the new addition for the newsletter

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# NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 28, 2023 - BY: RUTH BAUMERT

Call to Order 7:30pm and 71 attendees (in person and via Zoom, a new record!)

**Officers Present:** George Durk, Jim McKay, Paul Caporossi, Evelyn Yashinsky, Ruth Baumert

**Prospective Members Present:** Ron Cottle (C8 2023 Black), David Owens (C8 2022 Hypersonic Grey), Todd Brymer (C5 2000 Red)

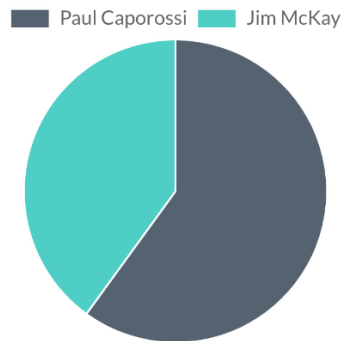


## OFFICER REPORTS

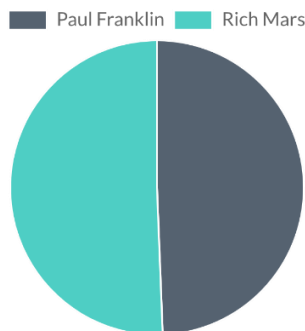
### President- George Durk

Elections are tonight. George read the By-laws. George advised the floor is open to any last-minute nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Officer at Large. No other nominations were submitted. Ballot remains unchanged. George advised voting will be online and will start at 7:45pm. Lauri Stevens emailed the invitation to Everyone to vote. Technical assistance was available to everyone who needed it (in person and on Zoom). Multiple laptops were available to cast ballots if needed. George advised everyone the security setting on the application was set to the highest setting. The Software Administrator can see who voted, but not their individual choices. George allowed 15 minutes (7:45pm-8:00pm) for people to vote; however, the voting was kept open for 1 hour. By 8:48pm, all votes had been cast and results are as follows:

**President-**Paul Caporossi received 60% of votes



**Vice President-**Rich Mars received 51% of votes



**Officer at Large-**Mark Director

**Treasurer-**Evelyn Yashinsky

**Secretary-**Ruth Baumert

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED GBM

Officer at Large, Treasurer, and Secretary positions were uncontested. George congratulated the winners. Also thanked the Election Committee, especially Lauri Stevens for the hard work. The process ran smoothly. No one on Zoom had technical issues. Council positions for Historian, NCCC Governor, and Motorsports are open for anyone to apply.

Special Recognition- Atty Glenn Wainer was recognized for his assistance with our copyright issue. He was presented with a \$300 gift card to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse.

Not-for-profit Update-Form 1024 was submitted to the IRS for review of our not-for-profit status.

The form was accepted; however, we are waiting for the Determination letter for formal recognition. There is a backlog. We may have to file taxes for this year. George will assist with that. If our not-for-profit status changes, we will receive a refund. CCNV and NVCC can be used synonymously. CCNV has been identified as the successor organization of NVCC. We can file CCNV with the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) to use as an alias. Our logo will remain the same.

By-Laws-The By-laws for CCNV have been emailed to everyone, and a link to their location on the website was placed in the newsletter. Please review them and forward any questions to the Board for review. The By-laws have gone through 3 iterations and great care was taken to ensure they are correct and in the best interest of the club.

Corvette News-3 models are currently under production. The E-Ray regular production run began yesterday (11/27/2023). Stingray production started 9/25/2023. The 2024 Z06 went into production 10/2/2023. According to GM Authority, Corvette will be making a sedan-2026 launch; a crossover SUV with 2027 launch, and a 2-door coupe/convertible 2027-2028 launch.

We received a very nice Thank You note from Mike Moore in memory of his wife Gerardine. He appreciated our donation to Our House in her memory.

#### **Vice President – Jim McKay**

Carlisle-We currently have more people registered for 2024 than 2023. Jim had 2 extra spots reserved for last minute attendees. Jodi has been instrumental in assisting us with logistics.

Outer Banks Rod & Custom show will be first weekend in May.

**Treasurer –Evelyn Yashinsky** Confirmed donation to Our House in memory of Geraldine Moore.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Bob Devery – Thanks to all who participated in Police Appreciation Day, and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier events. Quantico Wreath laying 12/17.

Rich Mars:

Ocean City Corvette Show is 11/8-9. He did not volunteer our club since the dates are so late in the season.

Recommended the club purchase new radios. He recommended Baofeng Radios (available on Amazon for \$25 approximately). He will send email to everyone.

Ocean City New Jersey Corvette Show is in June. Rich will send out details to everyone.

Rita Mars-Please remember basic email etiquette when communicating with everyone. Please sign your name when you end your correspondence, and be careful when replying to "Everyone."

Paul Benish-Lori made Christmas ornaments and has some left over from the rallye. Please see him if you would like one.

Jim Dobish-Cruise to Oneida Lake NY 7/28. Great country roads. He will map out a route and email details.

George Durk-suggested cruise to NCM.

Andy Guzman congratulated election winners and provided advice- when faced with a challenging situation just ask yourself "What would George do?" A round of applause was given to George for his tenure as President.

**Trivia Questions, Answers and Winners (in bold):**

The new E-Ray boasts all-wheel-drive grip, as well as a combined 655 horsepower. Put into effect, it's enough to slingshot the E-Ray from 0 to 60 mph in (2.5 seconds), with the quarter mile dispatched in an estimated (10.5 seconds). **Dave Kuhn**

Similar to the [2023 Corvette Z06](#), [Cadillac Escalade-V](#), and [GMC Hummer EV](#), all of which are considered to be high-demand GM vehicles that could be the target of speculators, the E-Ray will be subject to the same ownership requirements. How long does a new E-Ray owner have to keep the car before selling? (six months) **Bob Meyer**

New 2024 Corvette E-Ray buyers will be required to sign a document which stipulates that if the vehicle is sold or ownership is otherwise transferred within six months of taking delivery, the customer will lose the privilege of placing vehicle reservations or sold orders with a dealer for future high-demand models. These high-demand models will be identified by GM, and may include both future Corvette variants and non-Corvette models.

What is the other major penalty if you sell within 6-months?

In addition, owners who sell their 2024 Corvette E-Ray within six months of taking delivery will risk voiding the warranty on their vehicle. If a new 2024 Corvette E-Ray owner does sell within that six-month time period, they will be required to communicate the loss of warranty coverage to the transferee. **Scott Cox**

The warranty covering the 2024 Corvette E-Ray hybrid system battery would not be voided if the car is sold in six months. The hybrid system battery warranty will remain valid for how many years or miles? (eight years or 100,000 miles - whichever comes first). **Mark Waters**

The upcoming [Corvette C8 Zora](#) – the eventual range-topper of the [Corvette C8](#) family named after early Corvette engineering chief Arkus-Duntov, expected in 2025 or 2026 – will mate the [5.5L V8 LT7](#) flat-plane-crank engine (from the [C8 ZR1](#)) with an electric battery. What's most unique about the ZR1's 5.5L V8 LT7 engine and a first for a Corvette? (twin-turbo) **Paul Caporossi**

Bonus question

If the Corvette EV or E two-door coupe and convertible becomes the C9 launching in 2027, the C8 generation would be in production for 8 years. What generation would it tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place shortest production generation (C5 1997-2004). If it's 2028 and 9 years, it will tie what generation for 4<sup>th</sup> place? (C6 2005-2013). **Chris Ward**

50/50 Raffle winner of \$77.00 was Joanna McCandless

GBM adjourned at 9:00pm  
Ruth Baumert  
NVCC Secretary

### EVENT PUBLISHING PROCESS

If you have an idea for an event that you want to lead for the club, (1) email Social Chair at [Social@NVCorvetteclub.com](mailto:Social@NVCorvetteclub.com) so that they can help you find a suitable calendar date; (2) prepare a flyer for their review; upon approval (3) email the flyer to [Flyers@NVCorvetteclub.com](mailto:Flyers@NVCorvetteclub.com). This will then be distributed to the Webmaster, Social Chair and Newsletter Editor.



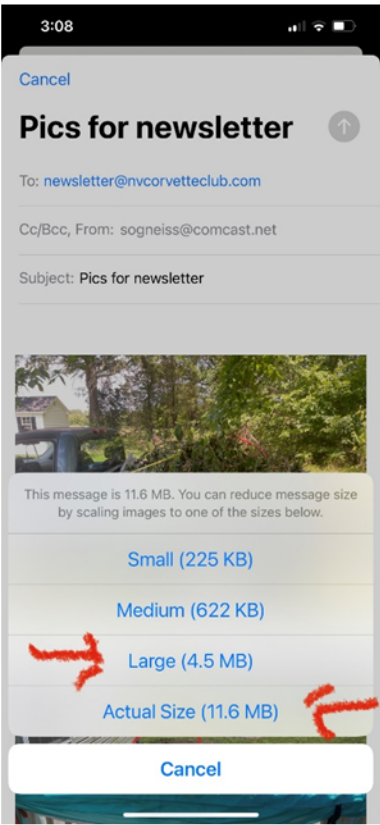
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## Planning Ahead: NCM's 30th Anniversary Caravan 2024

Bob Meyer is the Virginia State Captain for the 2024 National Corvette Caravan, celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum. Virginia is part of the Carolinas, Virginia and Maryland regional Caravan. <https://www.corvettecaravan.com/>

To celebrate, the Museum is hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> National Corvette Caravan from August 29-31, 2024. Held every 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, the Caravan is the world's largest moving automotive event. Regional caravans from all over the US and Canada will meet up with other regional groups as they converge on Bowling Green, KY for 3 days of festivities. There will be presentations by members of GM's Corvette team, Corvette Master Technicians and vendors, vendor displays and sales, prize giveaways, food trucks galore, and more. Live entertainment is expected (Jefferson Starship performed in 2019). It's a great opportunity to meet up with 7 or 8,000 of your closest Corvette friends, learn about the cars, directly ask questions of the Corvette team, and just generally have a good time.

Corvette owners from Virginia will meet up with others in the state and from Maryland to caravan to the Biltmore, in Asheville, NC, where we'll meet up with the Carolinas and groups from other parts of Virginia and Maryland and begin the Caravan to Bowling Green. There *may* be an opportunity for interested owners to "pre-stage" in Charlotte, NC and visit Rick Hendrick's private car collection. With hundreds of Corvettes, as well as some others, it should be a bucket list experience for every Corvette enthusiast.

Planning and organizing an event of this magnitude takes a considerable amount of time, effort and expense. Each regional caravan is responsible for raising money to support its activities, which include subsidizing hotel rates, providing goodie bags, and a dinner option when we arrive in Bowling Green. We do this primarily by selling advertisements in our Caravan route book, which is given to each registered participant. We encourage individuals to take out a credit card size ad or place a photo of their license plate in the route book. If you or your business would be interested in reaching several hundred Corvette owners, please reach out to Bob Meyer at [VirginiaCaravan2024@gmail.com](mailto:VirginiaCaravan2024@gmail.com) for more information and rates. Another way to contribute is to purchase a static cling Caravan sticker of the event logo for your car for \$10. Contact Bob if you would like one of these.

Registration for the regional caravan is now open. Our blocks of discounted hotel rooms are going fast, so if you plan to join in don't wait too long. More information and the registration form can be found on the regional Caravan website: <https://www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/>. And check out the video from an older Caravan on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/xL0IOmdJwuA>. Note that this only registers you for the regional caravan. You will still need to register with the NCM at their website. And check out the video from an older Caravan on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/xL0IOmdJwuA>. Reach out to Bob at [VirginiaCaravan2024@gmail.com](mailto:VirginiaCaravan2024@gmail.com) with any questions you might have.



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## FINAL THOUGHT

Prospective Member, Bill Lightfoot @ DC Auto Show  
on January 18, 2024 (Press Day) with Mark Director's '62



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