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### CLIFTON IMPROMPTU CRUISE

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On Friday afternoon, February 10, Ruth Baumert (white C4), Jeff Klain (yellow C5) and Michael Root (red C8) joined Mark Director in his silver C5 for an impromptu cruise to Clifton for lunch. We met at the CVS/Safeway center on Burke Center Pkwy and cruised to Clifton via Popes Head Rd, Colchester Rd, Fairfax Station Rd and Clifton Rd. Had lunch at The Clifton Store and then cruised back via Fairfax Station Rd. Pleasant afternoon with our Corvettes (and some people) in common.

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## FATE HAS A LONG ARM

By: Jack Ludwick

I was driving back from the gym when I suddenly heard a whap-whap-whap coming from the left front of the car. It sounded as though I'd picked up something on the tire and it was slapping against the wheel well. I turned into a side street, stopped and took a look, moved it forward a little and looked again, but everything seemed normal. So I set out again, and the thumping resumed, but soon stopped. I turned around, drove back and scrutinized the roadway where I'd been but didn't spot anything that might have been thrown off.

When I got home, I carefully felt around the tire and found that the inner part of both front tires were eroded away, down to the steel belt, as I discovered when a wire stuck me in the finger! However, with such low ground clearance, it was impossible to see any sign of such extreme wear until I turned the steering wheel all the way to the side.

Corvettes come equipped with "Goodyear Eagle F1 EMT Ultra High Performance Summer" tires. EMT stands for "Extended Mobility Technology," referring to the capability to drive for up to 50 miles at 50 mph after a loss of air pressure. This is necessary because the tires are so large there wouldn't be room for a spare in the trunk, which is otherwise quite capacious – there is room for two, wheeled carry-on suitcases – our usual luggage complement – with a surprising amount of space to spare. And even a space-saving spare wouldn't be suitable, because not only are the rear tires wider than the front, but they're also taller.

The "Summer" part means "it is not intended to be driven in near-freezing temperatures, through snow or ice!" Perhaps they assume you have another set of winter tires for the rest of the year. Or more likely, it's from the lawyers, saying don't blame us if you wreck when it gets cold!

Seeing missing rubber along one edge, I realized that the whapping sound must have been caused by a strip that had peeled away from the tread, but was still attached at one end – until it broke loose. My first thought was that it was my fault; that it had been too long since I'd had it aligned. Then I remembered that I had it aligned the last time I was there; although ten months earlier, it was only 3,500 miles ago!

So now I thought they had actually misaligned it. I called Criswell Chevrolet and made an appointment to get two new tires, but I was concerned about whether it was safe to drive there – about twenty miles away in Gaithersburg, mainly over high-speed roads.

Then I remembered OnStar, to which I had continued to subscribe after the initial trial period expired. One high-profile benefit is automatic crash notification, so they can contact you and/or send help if necessary, since they know where you are. Another feature is locating the car and, if necessary, disabling the engine, in case of theft. So far, the only services that I had used were remote door unlocking, when I had accidentally locked the coat containing the key fob in the trunk, and hands-free calling using their higher-power-than-hand-held-units cell-phone link.

However, they also listed road service, and when I called found that indeed they would arrange to have my car taken to the dealer aboard a flatbed truck. When we arrived there, the operator told me it otherwise would have cost about \$150.



Since I believed it was their negligence that had caused this dangerous condition, I asked them to notify me when they got to my car. When they took me back to the shop, it was even worse than I thought. This is the left tire, showing the section where I figured the whapping rubber strip had been.

It looked like the edge had been ground down even past the steel belt, although it hadn't resulted in any detectable symptoms, e.g., steering pull or tire imbalance. You can see that there are still thousands of miles of tread left on the rest of the tire. However, I carefully scrutinized the alignment test and saw that it actually was within specs.

So it wasn't an alignment problem, and it took me quite a while to determine the cause. I eventually concluded that it was a combination of three factors: aging tires, the type of alignment used on performance cars, and even the way run-flat tires are constructed.



Rubber compounds harden and lose elasticity with age, due to the effects of heat and oxygen – no doubt you've observed the effect on old rubber bands. Although the damage was along the inner edge, the mechanic pointed out other areas that had small cracks in the tread. I've since learned that although there is general agreement that ten years is too old, several automobile manufacturers recommend replacing tires after six years, regardless of tread life.

Although tires include a four-letter code indicating the week and year they were made, I hadn't thought to check mine while I was there. However, I later found that the remaining, left rear, original tire (the right rear tire had been replaced earlier) was manufactured only a short time before the car itself – the code was 2808, or the week of July 7-13, 2008, which was just now approaching five years. (The 2009 model year began in August 2008, which is when the car I ordered was built.)

The alignment part has to do with camber, which is the amount the tire tilts as seen from the front. There will be the least wear if the tire is perpendicular to the road (zero camber), while performance cars tend to have the bottom of the tire tilted out slightly compared to the top (negative camber). This provides a better footprint on the pavement while cornering, but it also increases pressure on the inside edge of the tires during straight-line, that is, most, driving.

Finally, the very design of run-flat tires compounds the previous effects. To be able to support the weight of the car after a blowout, the sidewalls are much more rigid than on a normal tire. In addition to resulting in a harder ride, they provide much less resilience for that part of the tread in contact with the pavement.

Incidentally, tire pressure monitoring systems, now required on all new cars, were first developed for use with run-flat tires, since underinflation wouldn't be noticeable.

I imagine most Corvette owners rarely encounter my problem. Corvette forums reveal that many wear their tires out well before the 22,000 miles mine lasted – "spirited driving" is often mentioned, and one forum is even called "smokinvette.com" – and, in any case, sooner than five years.

Fortunately, once more the good-luck fairy was looking over our shoulders. If the tread strip hadn't separated in just the way it did, I probably wouldn't have had a hint of any problem until a blowout, at best, or total sidewall separation at worst.

And, if the serendipitous discovery of the blood clot in Betty Lou's leg hadn't kept us near home, the previous week we'd have embarked on a 400-mile trip to my high school reunion in upstate New York. Even if we weren't out of cell phone range in some remote part of Pennsylvania when a tire failed, it's unlikely that we'd easily locate the necessary specialized replacement(s).

For example, Criswell Chevrolet had four of the necessary tires in stock, but they also had 76 new 2013 Corvettes on hand, while the Internet revealed that Sutliff Chevrolet in Harrisburg, probably the largest city we'd likely to be near, had all of 5 new Corvettes available.

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# CORVETTES at CARLISLE

## August 24 - 26, 2023

August 22 - 24, 2024

### Gate-n-Go Deadline

July 10, 2023

[More Gate-n-Go Details](#)

### Event Hours

Thurs- Sat: 7AM- 6PM

### Admission

Daily Thurs- Sat: \*\$20

Spectator Event Pass: \*\$40

Kids 12 & Under FREE

*\*Online tickets discounted.*

### Location

[Carlisle Fairgrounds](#)

1000 Bryn Mawr Rd

Carlisle, PA, 17013



Hi All:

I know it's early to be thinking about the 2023 Corvettes at Carlisle but planning starts a year in advance and hotel bookings start the day the previous show ends. Those of you who stayed with the NVCC group had high compliments for the Fairfield Inn in Mechanicsburg and requested we book there again. It's a beautiful, country road ride to/from the Fairgrounds, is only two-years old with very comfortable, dry rooms, and is very friendly towards our group offering us a small party room to gather in the evenings and even a two-night stay to be raffled at the NVCC Annual Banquet! *(Won by a VERY lucky couple!!)*

This year the nightly rate is \$159 plus tax for a double or king room with a generous cancellation policy of 48 hours prior to your arrival date. Reservations are available for the Wednesday through Saturday nights (August 23 -27) at the following link:

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1667227741246&key=GRP>

Although it seems early, it is advisable to book as soon as possible since the room block does fill - and if we need additional rooms, it is best to do it early. With the cancellation policy, it is best to reserve soon if you expect to attend - and cancel, if necessary. As usual, we will plan a Friday night group dinner, a women's Saturday activity, and possibly others.

I hope that Corvettes at Carlisle 2023 will be better than ever!

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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## A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF AN NCCC GOVERNOR

My duties as the club NCCC governor are to be the liaison between the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) and the Northern Virginia Corvette Club (NVCC). I need to keep the club informed about what is going on in NCCC at the national and regional level. I have access to the NCCC membership database and am required to keep it updated with current members. These duties, and others, are fully listed on the NCCC website [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org). I highly encourage you to visit this website as it contains a lot of information about our organization.

To become a member of NVCC, you must join NCCC. This is in our bylaws. Membership gives you access to all club benefits, including a national competition points program, a national convention, a quarterly printed Blue Bars newsletter, insurance and other benefits.

We have an outstanding insurance program that many other organizations do not. Check out the insurance tab on the NCCC website.

First time members must fill out an NCCC application when joining. As governor, I enter the information on it into the national database. This generates an NCCC number that is unique to you and always (almost) stays the same. You also must sign the application and when I'm done entering it, I must forward the original to the Regional Membership director. He/she needs the original. Ask me why the original is needed the next time you see me.

An issue comes up when a new member pays national and club dues but does not submit an NCCC application. Without this application, NCCC does not know about the new member. Thus, without this minor data entry process occurring, you don't have an NCCC number, you are not NCCC member nor a full NVCC member. Why is this significant enough for me to be writing about it to you now?

The main reason is because you are not covered by our insurance! If something happens at one of our events and NCCC does not know about you, you may have to provide for your own lawyer in the case of litigation.

NVCC has never had a claim that required insurance intervention, but something happened elsewhere in NCCC last year that made NCCC membership very important. Your NCCC number is your proof of membership.

As your NCCC governor, if you still need to submit your NCCC application, please get it to me ASAP.

Another frequent topic that comes up is points. What are NCCC points? Yes, you can read about points on the NCCC website, check it out.

NCCC members get points for participating in sanctioned events in their Corvette. Every competitive event, such as car shows, autocrosses, rallies, drags, and funkhanas generates points. Workers at events also generate points and awards. Some events get more points than others. People with the most points get prizes. Every year!!! Point totals per person, per event type, per year, yup, are all on the web site. Check it out.

Some of you attend the Concours at Corvettes at Carlisle and the OC event. These are NCCC points generating events and I enjoy entering and reviewing points generated by NVCC members.



I may do a show or two outside of our yearly show and I try to attend the autocrosses in the region too. I come in around the top twenty in the region in points with the few events I manage to get to. We have about 1700 people in our region, East region. Did you know there are other NCCC regions? Yes, you can check this out on the NCCC web page too.

I am currently also the Regional Competition Director (RCD). I manage the competition program for all the clubs in the region. I am also RCD for North East Region. I attend national governor meetings in St. Louis and regional governor meetings quarterly throughout the year. That's eight separate meetings!

Lastly, I want to talk about the NCCC convention. This year it is in Bowling Green, KY during the last week in June. The main convention hotel is already filled up. I am registered for the convention, and we are booked in the Marriott hotel. Check the website for the links to convention registration.

I've signed up for the judged and fun show concours, and the high speed and low speed autocrosses. Lynn and I are doing a couple of the tours too, as well as all the dinners.

I tend to be a competitive guy, so I'm going to the track at the Corvette Museum to practice at least twice before the convention. I don't want to be anywhere near dead last for the convention high-speed event, but I've never driven there either. So, I'm going down with Rob Yevoli on April 4 for a taste of the track. I'll be driving a C7, a C8 and a Camaro 1LE. I'm also going down on April 22/23, instructing for Chin Motorsports. Please feel free to sign up for these track days.

Did you know that you must be certified by NCCC before you can participate in a NCCC high-speed event? How do you get certified? Well, that's on the NCCC web page too. Basically, you must attend a high-speed driving event (HPDE) and pass it. Your instructor will document your prowess. If you do good, as your Regional RCD, I will amend your database record for high-speed certification.

Your friendly club governor is also soon to be a certified Level 2 Motorsports Safety Foundation instructor. I teach drivers the skill of high-speed driving at HPDE schools on road course tracks throughout the east coast. The HPDE involves the same car you drive on the street, but at the track you will be exceeding 100mph, legally, and, with instruction, safely on every lap.

I will be HPDE instructing for Friday at The Track (FATT at Summit Point) on March 3. One of you, by the time you're reading this, has won the FATT certificate that I donated to the club for the banquet. You can redeem it for this FATT. I'm also HPDE instructing at Summit Point on March 4/5 with The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). That same week I will be down at VIR on March 9/10 instructing with TrackAdvantage. You can sign up for all these events on Motorsportsreg.com.

Who knows, you just might get me as your instructor. I guarantee you'll have a great time, and you will learn how to track drive your car!

I've taken enough space now. I hope to have given you a glimpse of NCCC and being a governor.

Thanks, and see you at the track!

Andrej





**NVCC 2023 Calendar of Events**

**Need volunteers for Co-chairs and new Event Chairs**

Message from your Vice-President, Jim McKay - Our first NVCC Council meeting of the year was very productive. One of the outcomes of our in-depth meeting is the 2023 Event Calendar that appears below. Consistent with my theme of "Investing in a Quality Corvette Experience," we have an event protocol. Event Committee Chairs are responsible for event budget planning, providing for all logistics including hotels, scheduling sub-events (dinners/lunches, etc..), obtaining and sharing attendee contact information, and onsite coordination. For more complex and fast-moving events like Corvettes at Carlisle, this will help all attendees stay in touch, be aware of preplanned and impromptu on-site meetups and eliminate uncertainty so you can experience maximum entertainment and social interaction. Event Committee Chairs, whether permanent (see Bylaws) or temporary will be expected to attend Council meetings as needed and especially as events draw near.

If you are interested in the events listed, please reach out to the Event Chairs and let them know. Most importantly, we need volunteer Co-Chairs and member involvement in planning more complex events like the annual car show. Finally, if you are interested in adding and chairing an event not already listed, please let me know.

One of my greatest joys over the past year has been to see and interact with so many new members...many of whom, have been very active in planning upcoming events...every time I attend an event planning meeting, I see new faces. This energy is contagious!

This is one of the principal ways that new members can get to know the club's "old timers" and other new members. Our winning formula is [Involvement + Event = Fun!!]. This is in keeping with our motto:

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



Event	Date	Event Chair	Event Chair Contact
1. "The Great Triangle Cruise" to Gettysburg	January 15	George Durk Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:gadurk@gmail.com">gadurk@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
2. Banquet 2023	Feb 18	Doreen Kinashi	<a href="mailto:dac.dak@cox.net">dac.dak@cox.net</a>
3. Prospect Peak / Berkeley Springs Cruise	Feb 25 Feb 26 (rain date)	Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
4. Track Days/SCCA	TBD	Andrej Balanc	<a href="mailto:urtoslo@yahoo.com">urtoslo@yahoo.com</a>
5. Old Brogue St Patrick's Day	March 11	Rob Succolosky	<a href="mailto:rsuccolosky@gmail.com">rsuccolosky@gmail.com</a>
6. Honor Flight Dulles Airport	April 4	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
7. NCM Motor Sports Park	April 7	Rob Yevoli	<a href="mailto:ryevoli@gmail.com">ryevoli@gmail.com</a>



Event	Date	Event Chair	Event Chair Contact
8. Udvar-Hazy Museum	April 16	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
9. Rallye 101 Glory Days Stone Ridge	April 23	Dick Hammaker	<a href="mailto:dick.hammaker@cox.net">dick.hammaker@cox.net</a>
10. Autocross	Sundays April-Oct	Robert Yevoli (invited)	<a href="mailto:ryevoli@gmail.com">ryevoli@gmail.com</a>
11. NVCC Picnic at the Races	TBD	Jim McKay Rob Yevoli Greg Sowers	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
12. NCM Bash Museum	April 27-29	Dick Hammaker	<a href="mailto:dick.hammaker@cox.net">dick.hammaker@cox.net</a>
13. Cars & Cannolis Cruise-in Sully Place Shopping Center	April 30	Paul Caporossi	<a href="mailto:paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com">paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
14. Aeronautic Extravaganzas - Multiple	TBD	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
15. Weekday Cruiser Lost Barrel Brewing	April 21	Rob Succolosky	<a href="mailto:rsuccolosky@gmail.com">rsuccolosky@gmail.com</a>
16. Cruises	Throughout the Year	George Durk and others	<a href="mailto:gadurk@gmail.com">gadurk@gmail.com</a>
17. Tail of the Dragon	TBD	George Durk	<a href="mailto:gadurk@gmail.com">gadurk@gmail.com</a>
18. OBX Rod & Custom w/ Cape Fear	May 4-7	Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
19. Derby Day	May 6	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
20. Weekday Cruisers	May TBD	Rob Succolosky	<a href="mailto:rsuccolosky@gmail.com">rsuccolosky@gmail.com</a>
21. Veterans Appreciation Armed Forces Day – Mission BBQ	May 20	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
22. Cars & Cannolis Cruise-in Sully Place Shopping Center	May 21	Paul Caporossi	<a href="mailto:paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com">paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
23. Corvettes at Norfolk	May TBD	TBD	TBD
24. Spring Cruise to Lancaster	Multi-day TBD	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
25. Harpers Ferry Cruise & Brewery	June 1	John Provost	<a href="mailto:blinkr123@att.net">blinkr123@att.net</a>
26. NVCC Car Show at Pohanka	June 4	George Durk Paul Caporossi Andrej Balanc	<a href="mailto:gadurk@gmail.com">gadurk@gmail.com</a>
27. NVCC at the Races Racing and Picnics	Throughout the Year	Rob Yevoli In coordination with Andrej Balanc & Greg Sowers	<a href="mailto:urtoslo@yahoo.com">urtoslo@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:ryevoli@gmail.com">ryevoli@gmail.com</a>
28. Weekday Cruisers	June TBD	Rob Succolosky	<a href="mailto:rsuccolosky@gmail.com">rsuccolosky@gmail.com</a>
29. Museum NCCC Convention Cruise - Convention	June 24-30	Andrej Balanc	<a href="mailto:urtoslo@yahoo.com">urtoslo@yahoo.com</a>
30. Leesburg 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	July 4	Doreen Kinashi	<a href="mailto:dac.dak@cox.net">dac.dak@cox.net</a>
31. Museum Cruises throughout the year	TBD	Dick Hammaker	<a href="mailto:dick.hammaker@cox.net">dick.hammaker@cox.net</a>

Event	Date	Event Chair	Event Chair Contact
32. Weekday Cruisers	July TBD	Rob Succolosky	<a href="mailto:rsuccolosky@gmail.com">rsuccolosky@gmail.com</a>
33. Movie Night @ Pohanka	TBD	Paul Caporossi	<a href="mailto:paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com">paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
34. Vettes for Vets @ Willing Warrior Retreat Haymarket VA	July 15	Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
35. Hawaiian GBM	July 23	Paul Caporossi	<a href="mailto:paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com">paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
36. DIY Day	TBD	Paul Benish	<a href="mailto:firebird@ginch.org">firebird@ginch.org</a>
37. Cars under the Stars @ Twilight Polo	Aug TBD	Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
38. Weekday Cruisers	Aug TBD	Rob Succolosky	<a href="mailto:rsuccolosky@gmail.com">rsuccolosky@gmail.com</a>
39. Corvettes at Carlisle	8/24-26 Members 8/23-27 NVCC Crew	George Durk Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:gadurk@gmail.com">gadurk@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
40. NCM 28 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Aug 31-Sep 2	Dick Hammaker	<a href="mailto:dick.hammaker@cox.net">dick.hammaker@cox.net</a>
41. Hampshire County Classic Car Show Romney WVA	Sep 9 Sep 16 rain date	Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
42. Cars & Cannolis Cruise-in Sully Place Shopping Center	Sept 10	Paul Caporossi	<a href="mailto:paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com">paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
43. Edgar Rohr AACA Car Show Manassas VA	Sep 16	Jim McKay	<a href="mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com">jim.mckay63@yahoo.com</a>
44. Andrews AFB Air Show	Sep 17	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
45. Rich Anderson's Picnic Gerrardstown, WVA	Sep 24	Kris McCandless	<a href="mailto:justhad2rahrr@gmail.com">justhad2rahrr@gmail.com</a>
46. Weekday Cruisers	Sep TBD	Rob Succolosky	<a href="mailto:rsuccolosky@gmail.com">rsuccolosky@gmail.com</a>
47. Car Detailing Day	TBD	TBD	TBD
48. Fall Rallye	Oct 1	Kris McCandless	<a href="mailto:justhad2rahrr@gmail.com">justhad2rahrr@gmail.com</a>
49. Flying Circus Airshow Bealeton. VA	Oct 8	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
50. Halloween Parade	Oct 25	Laurie Benish	TBD
51. Cars & Cannolis Cruise-in Sully Place Shopping Center	Oct 29	Paul Caporossi	<a href="mailto:paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com">paul.n.caporossi@gmail.com</a>
52. Annual Bavarian Inn Cruise/Dinner/Overnight	Nov 18-19	George Durk	<a href="mailto:gadurk@gmail.com">gadurk@gmail.com</a>
53. Christmas Light Rallye	Nov TBD	Laurie Benish	TBD
54. Mid Atlantic Holiday Overnight	Nov 30 – Dec 2/3	Bob Devery	<a href="mailto:trends04@verizon.net">trends04@verizon.net</a>
55. Wine Cruises Throughout the Year	TBD	Shawn Waddell	<a href="mailto:dr-wadd@msn.com">dr-wadd@msn.com</a>



Northern Virginia Corvette Club  
Prospect Peak – Berkeley Springs Cruise  
February 25, 2022  
(Rain Date February 26, 2022)

This delightful twisty mountain cruise begins at Manassas Cracker Barrel (near Rt 66 & Rt 234 Business), heads northwest to Shawnee Springs Market known for its delicious pies, fruits, and vegetables. Then we travel west over Timber Ridge into West Virginia. We then head north on Cacapon Mountain following the Cacapon and Potomac Rivers to Prospect Peak with views highly rated by National Geographic. Along the way there is a popular outdoor biker BBQ pit stop for donuts and coffee. From Prospect Peak we head east on Rt. 9 to Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, passing its famous castle on the way into town.



One quick loop around old town to point out places of interest for those who wish to shop after lunch. Then on to Canary Grill perched high upon a hill overlooking the valley where we will lunch. After lunch, folks are free to shop, ogle the art galleries, visit the springs dating back to colonial days (1776), stay over at the Country Inn of Berkeley Springs, or return home. (Bring empty plastic bottles if you would like to take home the free spring water). Members who wish to stay over are responsible for their own reservations.

The long-term forecast has temps for Saturday in the mid to high 40s w/little chance of rain. Note the rain date...Sunday will be in the 50s. Make sure you charge up your walkie talkies!



- 9:00 Depart Cracker Barrel (George Durk)
- 10:00 Shawnee Springs Market, 6656 N Frederick Pike, Cross Junction, VA 22625 (Jim McKay)
- 10:50 Cheryl's Snack Shack
- 11:20 Prospect Peak
- 12:15 Berkeley Springs



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Participation in this event is voluntary and at your own risk. Participants must adhere to Covid protocols. Drivers and passengers must sign the NVCC insurance waiver form on site





**NVCC St. Patrick's Day Lunch**  
**Saturday, March 11th at 1:00 pm**

Those Irish eyes are finally starting to smile and with March just around the corner it's time to kick off 2023 with our annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch. Yes, once again The Old Brogue will be the place for the NVCC members and guests 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.

We'll be meeting at 1:00 pm at the Old Brogue. Although this is an official NVCC Event, it is not mandatory to drive your vette to the restaurant, especially if the forecast is calling for inclement weather. Seating is limited and with over 40 members so far signed up, now is the time to register and join in the fun. Please RSVP to [RSuccolosky@gmail.com](mailto:RSuccolosky@gmail.com) and include your cell phone number to guarantee your seat.

Thanks, Rob

703-362-9877



Non-NCCC members attending an NVCC event are not covered by NCCC insurance.

# **RALLYE 101- RALLYING FOR BEGINNERS & PROS**

WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RALLYING BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK  
-LEARN THE "SECRETS" & "TRICKS OF THE TRADE" FROM THE MASTERS-

**DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023**

**TIME: 9:15AM-1:00PM**

**WHERE: GLORY DAYS GRILL  
42010 VILLAGE CENTER PLAZA  
STONE RIDGE, VA 20105**

**RSVP: DICK "HAM" HAMMAKER  
DICK.HAMMAKER@COX.NET**

**RALLYE 101 WILL CONSIST OF DISCUSSIONS ON  
WHAT TO BRING,  
HOW TO PREPARE, HOW MUCH TO  
BRIBE THE RALLYE MASTER,  
HOW TO READ THE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS  
AND ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS.  
LECTURE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A  
SHORT (ABOUT 90 MINUTES)  
PRACTICE RALLYE & PAY AS YOU GO LUNCH  
SOCIAL**



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**Life Hack:  
Rent the same type  
of car that you own  
and switch the tires.  
Best \$39.95 I ever  
spent.**

# Cars & Cannolis

## CRUISE-IN



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# BUON APPETITO

## NY PIZZA



Organized by The Northern Virginia Corvette Club

**SUNDAY DATES:** April 30, May 21, Sept 10 & Oct 29 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sully Place Shopping Center

13932 Metrotech Dr, Chantilly, VA 20151

**Free Admission, All Vehicles are Welcome**

**Music, Raffle & Free Cannolis!**

**Proceeds Donated to the Willing Warriors Mission for Wounded Veterans**

Event Participation is Entirely at the Attendees Own Risk  
Only NCCC Members are Covered by NCCC Insurance



Photo credit: Gestalt Imagery  
Lebanon, TN - May 14, 2022: Low perspective front corner view of a 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback Coupe at a local car show.  
Reno, NV - August 4, 2021: 1971 Plymouth Barracuda Convertible at a local car show.

# Registration

SAVE THE DATE! MAY 5-6, 2023



OBXR&C registration is open! Email me directly if you are interested. [Jim.Mckay63@yahoo.com](mailto:Jim.Mckay63@yahoo.com).

Cruise down from Fredericksburg, Thursday. Thursday evening pre party and registration, Friday on the event field on the sound and pick cruises you will drive in, e.g. light house. We usually meet as a group for one or two dinners and it lunches. Saturday is a free day to do whatever activity you want. Last year, must followed me to Corolla lighthouse. Sunday return to NVA.

Expecting over 800 pro stocks from all over Eastern seaboard... Dozens of Vettes... Cape Fear NC and NVCC are usually the largest groups.

It'll be here before you know it!

# Now Open!

OBXRC.COM



Northern Virginia Corvette Club at the  
Outer Banks Rod & Custom Show



**SAVE THE DATE! MAY 5-6, 2023**



**MORE INFORMATION AT [OBXRC.COM](https://obxrc.com)**

This year the Northern Virginia Corvette Club plans to, once again, lead a cruise to the OBX Rod and Custom Show. The cruise will depart Northern Virginia early morning, Thursday, May 5. The event hotel is the John Yancey on the beach (unless you desire fancier more expensive accommodations). Each year, the format of the event has changed due to Covid restrictions. This year, the event will return to its original format with a main 10-acre event site on the sound in Nags Head hosting over 800 prostock and classic cars from all over the east coast. Our preliminary plan is as follows. Updates will be issued as details solidify:

- Thursday 5/4/22
  - o 10 AM Cruise to OBX from Rt 3 WAWA, Fredericksburg, VA
  - o Check in at hotel
  - o Cruise together to the pre-event evening registration (this pre-party is generally a great gathering as much fun as the event itself)
  - o At dinner - Plan which events all would like to participate in on Friday and Saturday – TBD
- Friday 5/5/22
  - o 9 AM - Depart Hotel and Cruise to Main Event Site: "Soundside Event Site" in Nags Head at 6800 S Croatan Hwy Nags Head. There will be other cruise in locations listed soon.
  - o Individuals break off for individual sub events like cruises to the lighthouse
  - o Dinner – location TBD
  - o Friday there is usually a live band at Kelly's automotive parking lot in Manteo
  - o Evening Entertainment at the Main Event Site
- Saturday 5/6/22
  - o Free day-participate in sub-events of your choosing, like the 20-mile beach road cruise
  - o Evening - Main Event site - Entertainment and Rallye prizes



2009 S Virginia Dare Tr, Milepost 10 Kill Devil Hills,  
NC 27948, (252) 441-7141



*Participation in this event is voluntary and at your own risk. Participants must adhere to Covid protocols. Drivers and passengers must sign the NVCC insurance waiver form before departure from cruise starting point.*

Event information can be found on the following pages and at <https://obxrodandcustomfestival.com/>  
Event Chair: NVCC Vice President Jim McKay; [jim.mckay63@yahoo.com](mailto:jim.mckay63@yahoo.com); 703 638-5640





## Northern Virginia Corvette Club at the Outer Banks Rod & Custom Show



In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic brought a new challenge and forced changes to the format. The event site would be unavailable, replaced instead by social distancing, mask mandates and smaller crowd gathering. The first change was to postpone the event to the fall to hopefully allow the virus threat to fade away. That didn't happen. Once again, **Garage Band Charities, Inc.** stepped up and created a hybrid event, using smaller venues for static displays, and spread the event out over 17 different locations with more than 400 participating vehicles. The end result was an event that was not only saved from cancellation, providing a much needed bright spot in some pretty dark times, but at the end of the event, was still able to donate more than \$22,000 to children's charities in the county.

In 2021, for the third installment of the event, Covid would once again create challenges. After making plans for the spring event, the restrictions imposed by the state would again prevent the use of the main event site in Nags Head. After going all the way to the Governor's office, the event site permit would still not be approved. So once again the team went for "Plan B", and another Hybrid event. Thanks to local Business owner and Bike Rally promoter Brian Mervine who allowed use of his event site in Manns Harbor, and cooperation of local car dealer Kelly Midgett, the show would go on! The registration field for the 2021 would include more than 700 cars! Once again the charity group would beat the odds and raise an amazing \$25,000 during a "Plan B" pandemic restricted event!



**Hay hitters from all over the East coast came to showoff at the event.**

For 2022, the event is slated to be at the original Soundside event site in Nags Head. The ten acre site will feature food vendors, automotive displays and awesome cars from all around the country. There are also additional sites for cruise-ins as well as planned organized cruises for those that hear the call of the road. Secure off-site trailer parking is also available and there are several new accommodations coming on board with special rates for rooms.

Additional information can be found on the Facebook page or on the webpage , [OBXRC.com](http://OBXRC.com), or you may call the Public Relations Director, Michael Tillet at 252-305-5789.



## Northern Virginia Corvette Club at the Outer Banks Rod & Custom Show



### Prior Years' Write-Ups

## *OBX Rod and Custom Festival*

The inaugural **OBX Rod and Custom Festival** was held May 3-4, 2019 and caught the attention of auto and truck enthusiasts from every state on the East Coast, with more than three hundred hot rods registered for display at The Soundside Event Site in Nags Head. "I've had this dream of creating a "car week" for at least six years now, ever since I took my **OBX SS Monte Carlo** onto the show circuit," explains event organizer Michael Tillett. "I've been out there ever since, building my credibility as a serious car guy and laying the groundwork to finally show the car world my home, the Outer Banks."



Registration and preview night at ACG brought out a large number of top quality street machines

Richard Quidley, owner of American Classic Garage (ACG) in Kill Devil Hills, NC, and ACG store manager Sara Hole, teamed up with Michael Tillett to turn the dream into reality by forming **Garage Band Charities, Inc.** to plan, promote and produce the event. Quidley brings years of experience with previous Harley-Davidson bike week events and charity motorsports events to the cause. "The way we planned out the **OBX Rod and Custom Festival** broke away from the normal template of sitting in a field or convention center all day. Our attendees were encouraged to get out and explore during organized cruise activities, and among smaller groups of friends. But the biggest feedback we got was that everyone felt welcomed, wherever they went. Welcome was the big buzzword."

"This was our big shot to put the Outer Banks on the map with the custom car community," explains Sara Hole, who personally handled all registrations, sponsorships and working with the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau to lease The Soundside Event site. "We are just a few locals with a passion for the community. I think the attendees were surprised that the main organizers were out there handing out welcome bags and name tags along with volunteers. It's just how we do on the Outer Banks."

For 2019, **OBX Rod and Custom Festival** donated a total of fifteen thousand dollars to the Children and Youth Partnership of Dare County and the Dare County Motorsports charity group, associated with the Annual Toy Run. Hallmarks of the 2019 event included an organized police led cruise down beach road NC12 from Kitty Hawk to Nags Head with more than one hundred cars participating, a pop-up drive-in movie night featuring *Smokey and the Bandit*, discount admissions to participating area attractions, and cruise-ins at sponsoring restaurants.



### Northern Virginia Corvette Club at the Outer Banks Rod & Custom Show



## C8—TEMPTING



Pulled into the Safeway lot. There in my favorite parking space to avoid dings was a cyber grey C8!!! I humbly pulled my C7 cyber grey into the spot near it. Almost immediately, after a minute of laughing about the coincidence, the C8 was remotely started. Loudly started!! Of course, the Corvette discussion began as the owner approached with both of us smiling about the chance encounter. One NVCC card issued and one tempting moment for me. Oh well, life with my C7 GS is a good place to be . . . okay, a great place to be !

Bob Devery

### NVCC IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS NEW SPONSOR DEALERSHIP

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Service Manager: Bryant Burrill (Corvette Specialist)  
His direct phone# is (703) 652-3607; his email is [bburrill2pohanka.com](mailto:bburrill2pohanka.com)

**Discount Code: NVCC062375**

Effective March 15<sup>th</sup>, all Corvette repairs or modifications performed by Pohanka Chevrolet on NVCC Members' cars will now receive **10% off labor and parts installed** (up to a total discount of \$500).

For those members turning their own wrenches and buying OEM parts from Pohanka Chevrolet, they will receive **10% off parts**.

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

Special Mobil 1 Oil Change Service (forthcoming)\*

\*General Manager (Steve Hoggle) is currently negotiating a bulk purchase of Mobil 1 and will let us know.



**Bryant Burrill**  
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# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—FEBRUARY 2023

Happy almost-end-of February NVCC!

Well, our annual banquet bash is history. That means we celebrated 2022 and officially kicked-off the Club's 2023 year of events. On behalf of the Club and with deep appreciation, I thank Doreen Kinashi and the Banquet Committee for another job well done. From the ambience and decorations to the raffles, food and music, it was a superb evening.

Our 2022 Member of the Year and Council Member of the Year are Rob Succolosky and Bob Shoemaker, respectively. Carol and Paul Caporossi were also recipients of a special Exemplary Member award. You'll notice them wearing their beautiful blue Tees at many of this year's events. Don't be shy - give them those well-deserved congratulations and thank you smiles this year.

I was asked by the Banquet Committee to share a vision for the Club. My over-arching vision is simply "to provide members a vehicle to enjoy life and have some fun." (pun intended). Speaking of fun, ever heard that adage - as one grows older, you appreciate more the little things in life? I've noticed of late I really enjoy listening to my stock 2014 Z51 LT1 idle. Have I reached the point of no return?

For February, we still have Jim McKay's WV Prospect Peak/Berkely Springs cruise and luncheon this weekend. March is Rob Succolosky's St Patrick's Day luncheon as well. Thank you Rob for turning this into an annual Club tradition. Speaking of tradition, either my schedule or the weather hasn't cooperated for The Big Loop to earn such an esteemed status yet this year. I will still have a few Saturdays in March or April to schedule an impromptu cruise – stay tuned.

Quoting a popular 20<sup>th</sup> century saying "keep on keeping on," let's do that - and when it's time to take an enjoyment break, we'll see you at an upcoming NVCC event!



George Durk  
NVCC President  
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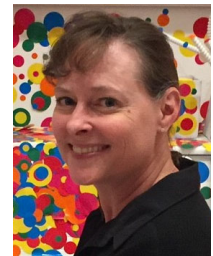
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**NVCC 2023 Activities Calendar***Dates are subject to change.***MONTHLY EVENTS**

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**

24 GBM

**February**

18 NVCC Banquet, Springfield Country Club, Doreen Kinashi

Prospect Park-Berkley Springs Cruise, Jim McKay

28 GBM

**March**

11 St. Patrick's Day Lunch, Old Brogue, Great Falls, Rob Succolosky, **NVCC Members Only**

28 GBM

**April**

04 Honor Flight, Dulles Airport, Bob Devery

07 NCM Motorsports Park Track Event, Bowling Green, KY, Rob Yevoli

16 Udvar Hazy Museum, Chantilly, Bob Devery

23 Rallye 101, Stone Ridge Glory Days, Dick Hammaker

21 Weekday Lunch, Lost Barrel Brewing, Middleburg, Rob Succolosky

25 GBM

27 NCM Bash, Bowling Green, KY, Dick Hammaker

30 Cars and Cannolis, Sully Place Shopping Center, Chantilly, Paul Caporossi

**May**

06 Derby Day, Burke, Bob Devery

05-07 OBX Rod & Custom Show, Outer Banks, NC, Jim McKay

20 Veterans Appreciation Armed Forces Day, Mission BBQ, Bob Devery

21 Cars and Cannolis, Sully Place Shopping Center, Chantilly, Paul Caporossi

23 GBM

**June**

04 NVCC 2023 Annual Corvette Show, Pohanka Chevrolet, Chantilly, George Durk

24-30 NCCC Convention, Bowling Green, KY, Andre Balanc

27 GBM

**July**

04 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Leesburg, Doreen Kinashi, **NVCC**

**Members Only, RSVP Required**

15 Vettes for Vets Show @ Willing Warriors Retreat, Haymarket, Jim McKay

25 GBM

30 Hawaiian GBM (**Sunday Meeting**)

**August**

05 Rain date for Vettes for Vets Show @ Willing Warriors Retreat, Haymarket, Jim McKay

22 GBM

25-27 Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA, George Durk/Jim McKay

31-Sep 02 NCM 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Bowling Green, KY, Dick Hammaker

**September**

10 Cars and Cannolis, Sully Place Shopping Center, Chantilly, Paul Caporossi

16 Edgar Rohr AACA Car Show, Manassas, Jim McKay

17 Joint Base Andrews Airshow, MD, Bob Devery

24 Rich Anderson's Picnic, Gerrardstown, WV, Kris McCandless

26 GBM

**October**

01 Fall Rallye, Kris McCandless, Info TBD

08 Flying Circus, Bealeton, Bob Devery

24 GBM

25 Annual Vienna Halloween Parade, Vienna, Lori Benish

29 Cars and Cannolis, Sully Place Shopping Center, Chantilly, Paul Caporossi

**November**

18 Bavarian Inn, George Durk, **NVCC Members Only**

28 GBM

?? Christmas Light Rallye, Bull Run Park, Centreville, Lori Benish

**December**

Nov 30-Dec 2/3, Annual Holiday Weekend, Bob Devery, Location TBD

**No GBM for this month**



# NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Master Ambassador Dick Hammaker

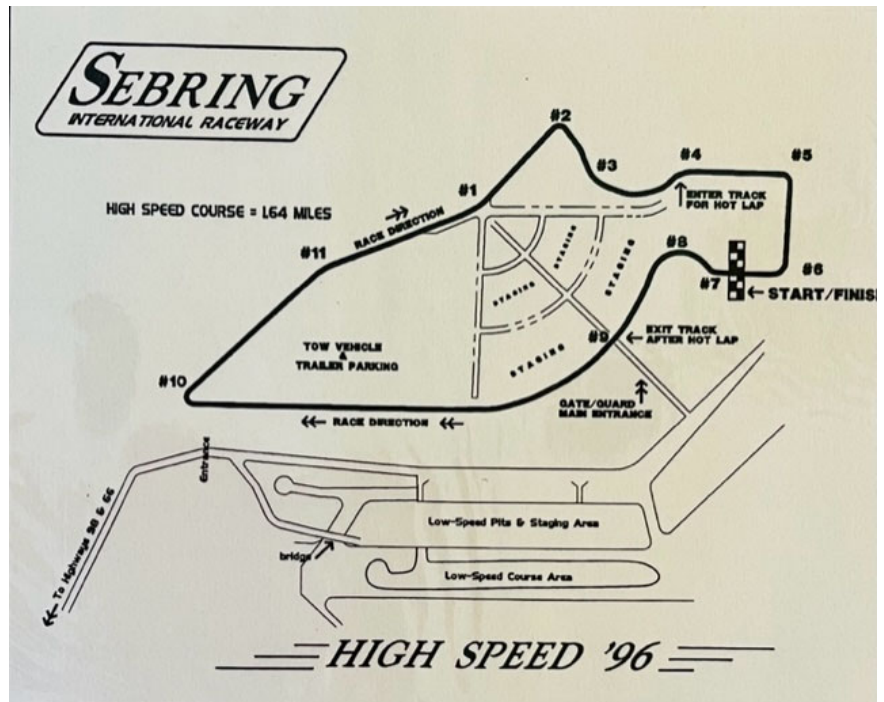
## NATIONAL NCCC CONVENTION IN BOWLING GREEN, KY



Many of you are probably asking yourselves, "why is our National Corvette Museum (NCM) Master Ambassador writing about National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) Conventions?" The answer is simple....the NCCC Conventions are fun and the 64th National NCCC Convention is being held in Bowling Green, KY.

I've been to three National NCCC Conventions. Andrej Balanc may be the only current NVCC member to attend any of these conventions. Of course, it's more fun going with Club members but making new Corvette friends is amazing.

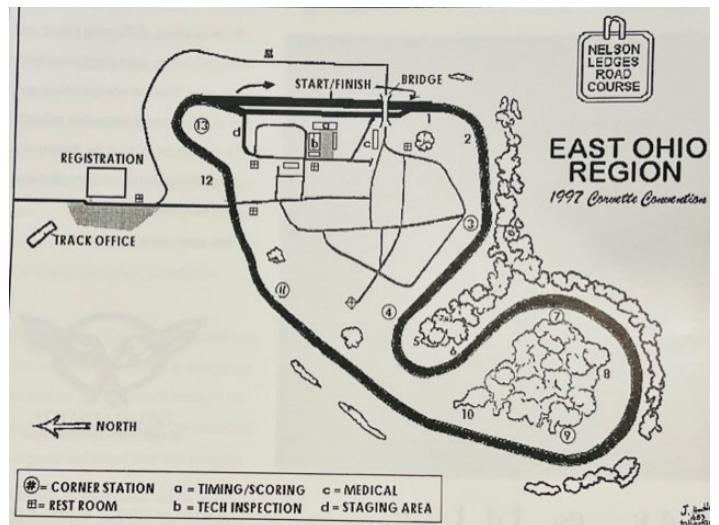
"Corvettes in the Sun," the 1996 NCCC National Convention was in Orlando, FL, and my fifth year as a NVCC member. I couldn't resist the opportunity to run on the Famous Sebring International Raceway. There were other Corvette activities like a Cruise Inn in Old Town Kissimmee, Corvette Show, and Arabian Nights Dinner Theater, a low speed autocross, and drag races.





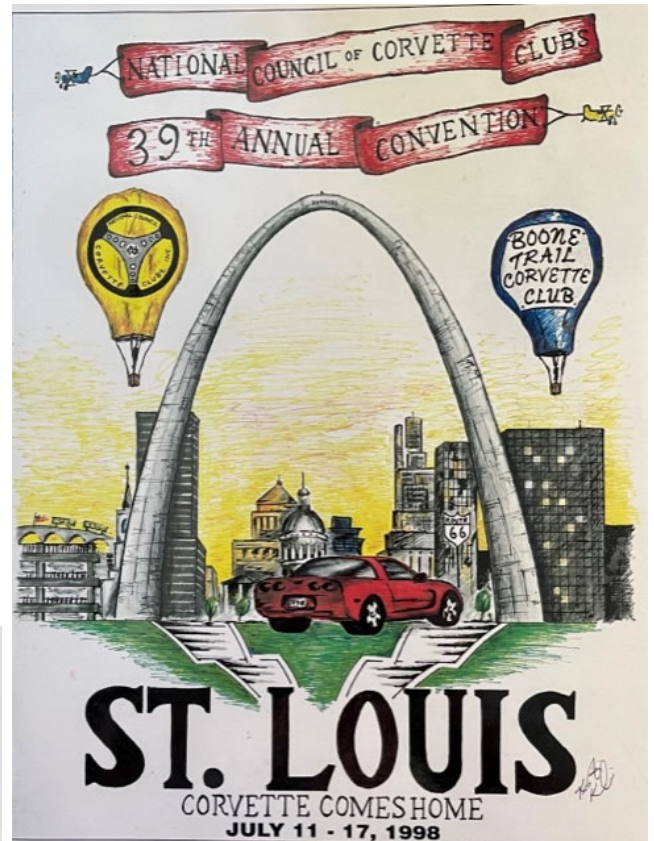


“Heaven in ‘97,” NCCC National NCCC Convention was held in Cleveland, OH. Once again, my “need for speed” drew me to their high speed autocross at the Nelson Ledges Road Course. Other events included a dinner cruise on Lake Erie, Corvette Concourse, a low speed autocross, drag races, and a party every night.





“Corvette Comes Home,” the 1998 NCCC National Convention in St Louis, MO, offered the once in a lifetime opportunity to run a high speed autocross on the Gateway International Raceway (now known as World Wide Technology Raceway - NASCAR Cup Series and INDYCAR Series). Once again, other events included Royal Dumpe Dinner Theater, con-course, a low speed autocross, drag races, and a party every night.





“The Place to Be in 2023” the NCCC National Convention in Bowling Green, KY. It will offer all the same events like a con-course, low speed & high speed auto-crosses at NCM’s Motorsports Park track in addition to a Country Music Hall of Fame Lunch, General Jackson Showboat Lunch Cruise, and Bourbon Trail tours. The National Corvette Museum and Corvette Assembly Plant Tour isn’t on the official schedule but why go to Bowling Green without taking tours of these two amazing places.

**THE PLACE TO BE IN**  
**2023**



**BOWLING GREEN**  
**64TH NCCC CONVENTION**  
**CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF CORVETTE**

**Bowling Green, Kentucky**  
**June 24th through the 30th, 2023**

For more details about the Convention go to <https://www.corvettesnccc.org/Conventions.html> or contact NCCC Governor Andrej Balanc, [urtoslo@yahoo.com](mailto:urtoslo@yahoo.com)

#21  
Dick "HAM" Hammaker  
Master Ambassador



# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

## Joanna McCandless

### February 2023 Report

As of February 21, we have 150 members and 16 prospective members.



### Welcome New Members:

Joe & Karyn Kolly - Dark Bowling Green Metallic 2001 Coupe

Rob Snyder - Cyber Gray 2012 Coupe

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Prospective Member(s)	Corvette(s)	Joined
Berge, Chuck	1969 & 2001	01/11/23
Goff, Robert	2011 Convertible Grand Sport	11/06/22
Hand, Allan & Radcliff, Angie	2023 Z51	11/06/22
Herold, Jim	2022	11/11/22
Holway, Mark	2022 Stingray HTC	11/09/22
Root, Michael & Andrea	2023	10/06/22
Shreve, John	1962	11/01/22
Skogsberg, John	2022 Stingray	02/18/22
Soucy, Phil	2002	08/26/22
Tackels, Richard & Spargo, Judy	2002	02/07/23
Wheatley, Joseph	1966	08/29/22
Wheeler, Michael	White 2023	01/18/23

**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.

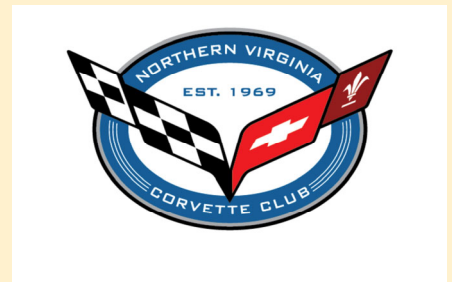
If you are a Prospective Member, have fulfilled your membership requirements, but have not received an invitation to join as a full member, please send me an email stating the GBM date and club event date that you attended. [membership@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:membership@nvcorvetteclub.com)

## 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! [membership@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:membership@nvcorvetteclub.com)



**National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc.**

*We joined for the car  
We stay for the people*



## CORVETTE WEEKEND OCEAN CITY MARYLAND - 2023

# “2023 Corvette Weekend is Canceled “

UNFORTUNATELY, THE FSCC HAD TOO MANY IMPEDIMENTS TO HOST OUR CHARITY EVENT THIS YEAR.

WE ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO RESOLVE THESE DILEMMAS AND RETURN IN 2024. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE, [WWW.CORVETTEWEEKEND.COM](http://WWW.CORVETTEWEEKEND.COM) FOR FUTURE UPDATES.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED CORVETTE WEEKEND OVER THE LAST 35+ YEARS, WHICH ENABLED US TO DONATE OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO VARIOUS 501



### REMINDER:

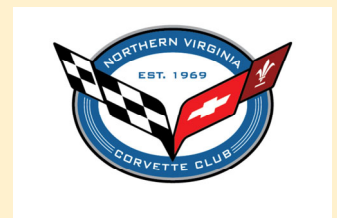
Be sure to order your Club Spirit Wear! We’ve got shirts, jackets, vests, hats, bags, kid’s attire, etc. There’s something for everyone! Here’s the link....

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

Dr. Audrey Cupples  
Saxophonist, Yamaha Artist, Educator, Speaker  
<https://dibida.org/>

NV CORVETTE CLUB Spiritwear

Deadline: Friday December 31st, 2021 (12:59am EST)



# NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2023—BY: KRIS MCCANDLESS, SECRETARY



Call to Order 7:32 pm via Zoom (20) and in person (20)

Officers Present: George Durk, Jim McKay, Evelyn McKay, Kris McCandless, Paul Caporossi, Council members present: Marsha B, Joanna M, Dick H, Rob Y, Doreen K, Andrej B, John P, Prospective Members Present: Rob Snyder new 2011 LT1 Cyber Gray; Keith Severson Assoc Member looking for his first corvette, converting from boating to cars, looking at C2s to C8s; Joe Kolly, first met at Carlisle, 2001 Bowling Green coupe, was in the Vienna Halloween parade.

## OFFICER REPORTS

**President** – George Durk – Introduction, this year is the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Corvette; Worldwide longest running production vehicles: Suburban, F-series trucks is 2<sup>nd</sup>, Corvette is 5<sup>th</sup>; Club is pursuing avenue to be a Not For Profit Club; atty is engaged. Then we can launch our website. Fun car show with a concours, many events already getting setup. NEW: Trivia at the meetings will be performed differently with winners receiving a 50/50 raffle ticket in lieu of a prize at the meeting (to be given at the next event offering 50/50 tickets). Aiming to make GBMs shorter (around 1.5 hours).

**Vice President** – Jim McKay – Cruising in January, an impromptu cruise set for this weekend; Ecklers bought by a truck supply company, Jim has been in contact with, later down the road Club will get a discount from them. Banquet: a lot of folks asking to bring friends who are not club members; they can, but must pay full price of \$130/person. Jim suggesting everyone bring \$100 cash for raffles and drinks. FilmSource/Mark Bakker (owner) will be at the banquet to explain products, offerings for raffle. Our 2023 Calendar of Events are ready to be published. Chuck Berge is a Willing Warrior car show coordinator and NCRS judge. He joined the club.

**Treasurer** – Evelyn McKay – Bank balance is \$17,984. Majority of banquet expenses have not been paid. Planned end of 2023 budget is \$9,700. 10% increase across the board.

**Secretary** – George asked for approval of November 2022 meeting minutes published in the January 2023 newsletter: Unanimous approval. These minutes gave the voted in slate of officers for 2023.

**NCCC Ambassador** – Andrej Balanc –NCCC roster is in close alignment with Joanna's Membership roster. NCCC Convention (June 24-30, 2023) this year is in Bowling Green, Registration opens Feb 1. Andrej planning a track day, HPDE and/or driving on the track at Dominion Raceway.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS & OPEN DISCUSSION

**Membership** – Joanna McCandless – 147 full members, 18 prospective members, five about to fall off end of January. Joanna will follow up with them.

**Newsletter** – Marsha Batchellor – Thank you to continuing contributors; next deadline is February 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

**Social Coordinator** – Doreen Kinashi – Activities calendar is put together, asking for help producing the monthly event calendar; Carol Caporossi has volunteered. Last day to buy banquet tickets is Feb 8; Bob Devery set up Shawn's trip, got him owners suite; Feb 25 Horizon Casino Night; March 11 Caribbean Cruise; May 1<sup>st</sup> is Horizon Walkathon (not club event). June 1<sup>st</sup> John Provost Harpers Ferry lunch cruise. Covid disclaimer is optional, per Andrej/NCCC. Rob S describing raffles: Summit Point 3 Certs; Wine baskets, spa baskets, Carlisle reserved parking spots, Golf 18 holes 2 carts, golf bag, Full accommodations at Carlisle, two high end hotels; and mystery gifts.

**NCM Ambassador** – Dick Hammaker – After 18 months of hiatus, Vettecademy education program is back online and the Club is sponsoring S3 - Episode 3: Rare Corvettes; April 23 is Rallye 101.

**HPDE** – Rob Yevoli – He is signed up for April 7 at NCM track, using their cars. HPDE instructors will be present, too.

Webmaster – John Palmgren – In process of bringing up a new server. Not the new website.

### Open Discussion

Business casual to Semi-Formal (No jeans allowed) at the banquet.

Rob S: check the age on your tires; he had a catastrophic tire failure in his garage after a big trip – if 8 years or older, they need to be replaced no matter how they look. Goodyear says the tire rots from inside out!! It may look cracked or not from the outside.

George: cylinder deactivation: is it worth it? Jim M says the difference is 5 mpg. Discussing range disablers – too much drain on battery (Paul C).

Mike Moore: for the banquet – He won the stay at the Fairmont Hotel and it was a real treat; had a lot of really good restaurants nearby.

Jim Dobish: Jane wants to remind everyone to sign up for the hotel for Carlisle: Fairfield Inn at Mechanicsburg.

### Trivia Questions, Answers and Winners:

What year was the first small block V8 introduced?

A) 1955 (won by Paul Caporossi)

What was the first year of the C5 Z06?

A) 2001 (won by John Provost)

What year was an automatic transmission offered as an option for the C5 Z06?

A) None – All C5 Z06s were manuals (won by Andrej Balanc)

What year did the infamous sinkhole at the Corvette museum happen, and how many Corvettes fell in?

A) 2-12-14, 8 fell in (won by Dick Hammaker)

How many were restored and what models?

A) 3 ('62 C1, '09 ZR1 Blue Devil, '92 1 millionth Convertible) (won by Scott Hurley)

GBM adjourned at 8:45 pm  
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