

# Beachcomber News Letter

## April 2020



### BCC NEWS

- ❖ The Beachcombers Corvette Club (BCC) membership currently stands at 117 families. Please join me in welcoming our newest members;
  - Lisa & Randy Byrne, sporting a 2010 Black Grand Sport.
  - Jay Jachimowicz, with a unique 1992 Polo Green Convertible.
  - Dee & John Newman, in a 2000 Black Convertible.
  - Sandy & Don Sniady, driving a 2006 Black convertible with many upgrades.
  
- ❖ All of us are aware of the impact the coronavirus is causing worldwide. It has affected all of us, ranging from not being able to purchase staple items at the super market, to causing changes in our travel plans and causing changes to our daily routines. Restrictions are being put in place daily and events are being cancelled or postponed on a minute-by-minute basis. No one can predict how long this will last but you can be certain that the BCC Board will stay focused on doing what we feel is in the best interest of our Club. Therefore, I ask that you pay particular attention to any BCC announcements as they may update you to items that might affect your plans regarding Club related events. Please note that the events discussed in this Newsletter are **TENTATIVE**; the "Weekly Update" will provide specific updated information regarding cancellations or postponements.
  
- ❖ One of our members shared a thought that I think is worth passing along; and that is to try and help Local Small Businesses (LSB) in your respective community. While we may not be able to visit some of these LSB's we can support them by buying gift cards for future use after the pandemic is over. The purchase of a gift card will provide a cash flow allowing LSBs to remain solvent.
  
- ❖ We've had new meeting invitation cards printed and ask that you keep them handy, so that if given the chance, you can share your BCC experience with other Corvetters and give them one of our meeting invitation cards. Word of mouth is one of the best means to attract new members to join our Family and the meeting invitation card acts as a visual reminder of who we are and where we meet. These cards will be available at future Monthly Business Meetings but if you need some sooner just let me know and we'll work something out.
  
- ❖ The pieces are in place for the Club's largest event of the year "Vettes At Waterside District" (VAWD). Jimmy Clemmer has worked diligently at pulling together all of the positive things from last year and putting in place fixes for those things that needed improvement. However, one thing we'll need are volunteers first thing in the morning the day of the event to help get things rolling. At the April and May's Business Meetings there will be sign-up sheets for various positions that need to be filled. Here's your chance to sign-up, show-up and help-out.

One new item for this year are "Vendor Sponsors". Vendor Sponsors are those vendors that are willing to pay \$300.00 for a 10X10 tent, two chairs and a table from which they can sell their merchandise or advertise their product from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are aware of someone or a business that might be interested in becoming a vendor sponsor, please contact Jimmy or me as there are guidelines that have been established that must be adhered to.
  
- ❖ In case you missed seeing some of the pictures posted on Facebook, 35 friends and family of the Beachcombers embarked aboard the *Regal Princess* on February 23 for a seven day Caribbean Cruise. Everyone had a great time, so much so that the date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beachcombers Caribbean Cruise has been set for February 20, 2021. Look for details on page 7 & 8 of this newsletter if you think you might like to be part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beachcombers Caribbean Cruise.

- ❖ In talking with some of our Family members, I get the feeling that they believe every car show, car event, cruise-in or car gathering taking place in the area ought to be covered or mentioned in this newsletter or placed on our calendar. If this were to happen our Newsletter and calendar would grow to an unmanageable size. Therefore, I strongly urge you to visit the Web Sites for the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads (CCCHR) or the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council website (VPCCC) if you're looking for a local event that are not listed in the Newsletter or BCC Calendar.
- ❖ Michele Suttle, our BCC merchandise representative, is the point-of-contact for name tags and other BCC merchandise such as ball caps, t-shirts and parade flags. The cost of name tags are \$10.00 each. Michele can also help with obtaining information about monogramming the BCC logo on your favorite shirt or for ordering apparel with the BCC logo applied. You can talk with Michele following the Business Meetings or via her email address [msuttle@verizon.net](mailto:msuttle@verizon.net).
- ❖ If any of your personal information has changed such as; your email address, phone number or postal mailing address or if you would like your name added to the BCC distribution list for announcements, please send me your name along with the new information and we'll get the BCC roster updated. We don't want you missing out on BCC events or news items.
- ❖ Jeff Biggs and Joe Pine, our Car Club Council of Hampton Roads (CCCHR) representatives, have established the dates the BCC will be hosting the Landstown Commons Cruise-In's this year, they are; April 11 (CANCELLED), May 9, June 6, July 4, August 1 & 29, September 26 and October 24. Thanks to Jeff and Joe for being the BCCs eyes and ears at CCCHR meetings and keeping us up-to-date with other CCCHR happenings.
- ❖ If anyone has an article of interest or some other newsworthy item(s) they would like to share with the Club via the Beachcomber News please let me know.

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING** *(See Sharon's Minutes for the Complete Report)*

#### **Old Business:**

##### **VAWD**

- \*\*Jimmy Clemmer: Hoping for better weather! It is still is a rain or shine event.
- \*\*Registration fee increased from \$25 to \$30.
- \*\*VAWD flyer, cover letter and registration form are complete and will be distributed once Eventbrite is ready to go live.
- \*\*Once Eventbrite goes live, an email will be sent to the BCC members. The event will also be posted on the BCC website and Corvette Forum.
- \*\*Event forms will be sent to the same 120 regional Corvette clubs that received the "Save the Date" flyer.
- \*\*Rick Hendricks will again be our major sponsor contributing \$1500 and will send the VAWD flyer, cover letter and registration form to their Corvette customer list.
- \*\*May 29 "Meet & Greet" will be in the "Harbor Club" from 5:30 – 7. This year the room will remain open till 9pm. A bartender will be available till 9.
- \*\*Jimmy requested that a C2 or C3 be parked at the Waterside entry during the "Meet & Greet". Looking for a volunteer.
- \*\*A block of 15 rooms have been secured at The Sheraton.
- \*\*Since this event is also a fundraiser there will be additional vendor spots for \$300. "Wash Me Please" has secured a spot. Other vendor's spots are available.
- \*\*Need volunteers to park in the "mule". There is a sign up sheet for this. There are also sign-up sheets for specific tasks on the day of VAWD event.
- \*\*Preston Powers is working on the dash plaques.
- \*\*Joe Wryk is working on the printed dash sheet and a possible article in the Virginian Pilot.

## Christmas Party:

\*\*The BCC members were presented with three venue options. All three venues did not have any openings during the month of December. January 9, 2021 was the available date at all three places. Joe Wryk presented the pros and cons of the three venues, The Royal Courtyard, The Westin at Town Center and The Doubletree next to the VB Convention Center. After hearing the highlights, Jimmy Clemmer made a motion that the Club choose to have its Christmas Party on January 9, 2021, at The Doubletree. Ed Bickham seconded the motion and the members voted to approve the motion.

\*\*Invitation cards, window clings & pins: 500 Invitation cards will be ordered. Still looking for better pricing on the clings and pins.

## New Business:

\*\*Trailer Inventory needs to be done as it's an annual requirement. Mike will pick a date and sent out notification via email. Need volunteers.

## Fall Picnic:

\*\*New venue needs to be selected. Munden Point is a possibility. Picnic Committee volunteers, Pete Schultz and Ed Bickham will look into this.

## General Discussion:

\*\*Still need someone to head up trip to VIR. Jeff Biggs volunteered to take the lead for the trip to Carlisle.

## *DID YOU KNOW?*

- The average weight of the wiring harness used in cars that are 50 or more years old was just about 10 pounds. The average weight of the wiring harness used in today's cars weighs about 150 pounds. Who said technology isn't heavy?
- The Stingray retained the exposed headlamp configuration of the C6 but combined white LED daytime running lamps, edge-lit amber LED turn signals, and HID projector headlamps, resulting in a far more distinctive frontal appearance. Oncoming drivers, day or night, quickly learned to recognize the Stingray's trademark "boomerangs", helping to quickly establish the C7's recognition factor. <sup>908</sup>
- The C7 Z06's extra-wide rear fenders upset the proportions of the rear fascia and gave the car a cross-eyed effect. To restore visual harmony, the taillights were mounted 3 inches farther apart than on lesser Stringrays. <sup>916</sup>

## *LOOKING BACK AT SOME OF THE THINGS WE DID (AND DIDN'T DO) IN MARCH*

Tuesday, March 3 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting, then a little socializing at Reginella's.

Wednesday, March 11 – Beachcomber Breakfast. About a dozen Beachcombers met once again at the Metro Diner for a hearty breakfast and great company.

Saturday, March 14 – St. Patrick's Day Parade in Norfolk. **CANCELLED.**

Sunday, March 15 – Beachcomber Bowling. **CANCELLED.**

Wednesday, March 18 – Beachcombers Board Meeting.

Saturday, March 21 – York High School Car Show. **CANCELLED**.

Saturday, March 28 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show. **POSTPONED** to April 4, 2020.

### ***A LOOK AT WHAT IS PLANNED FOR APRIL (TENTATIVE)***

Saturday, April 4 – Cars & Coffee. From 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Virginia Beach Convention Center Parking Lot. **CANCELLED**.

**NEW** Saturday, April 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show. Rescheduled from March 28. **POSTPONED – Date TBD**.

**NEW INFO** Tuesday, April 7 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library auditorium. Due to the library being closed for the foreseeable future this month's has been **CANCELLED**.

Saturday, April 11 – The BCC is hosting the Cruise In at Landstown Commons. **CANCELLED**.

Wednesday, April 15 – Beachcomber Breakfast, **CANCELLED**.

Wednesday, April 15 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. All members are cordially invited to attend.

**NEW INFO** Saturday to Monday, April 18 to 20 – Beachcombers Trip to Pennsylvania. **CANCELLED**. Due to closures at the Gettysburg Visitors Center and the suspension of tours at the Harley-Davidson Assembly Plant, this Trip has been cancelled. If you've made reservations at The Days Inn located at 865 York Road, Gettysburg, at the rate is \$74.00 + tax (phone number is 1+717+253+9945) or the La Quinta by Wyndham (Lancaster) located in Ronks located at 25 Eastbrook Road, Ronks at the rate is \$89.00 + tax (phone number is 1+717+392+8100), I suggest you call them to cancel your reservation so you won't be charged for the room. Once this national emergency has passed we'll look at rescheduling this trip

**NEW INFO** Thursday to Saturday, April 23 to 25 – NCM Bash in Bowling Green, KY. **POSTPONED until May 28, 29 & 30**.

**NEW** Saturday, April 25 – Chili Challenge. **POSTPONED – Date TBD**.

### ***SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PLANNED BEYOND APRIL (TENTATIVE)***

Saturday, May 2 – BCC Annual Trip to ZIP. This is the date that ZIP Corvette Parts and Accessories in Mechanicsville, VA will be hosting their Annual Open-House. The Beachcombers plan to attend this event which will give you the opportunity to get all the "goodies" you need to make your Vette sparkle in preparation for VAWD. Afterwards we'll head out for lunch at "Roma Ristorante Italiano" then a leisurely drive home with a possible pit stop at one of the area wineries. See the attached flyer. There will be a sign-up sheet at the April Business Meeting or you can RSVP me directly as a headcount is needed for restaurant reservations.

**NEW INFO** Saturday, May 9 – Landstown Commons Cruise-In and Blood Drive. The Beachcombers Corvette Club will be hosting their second Cruise-In at Landstown Commons for the 2020 season. As in the past the help is always needed with set-up in the morning and tear down in the evening.

In addition to the Cruise-In, the Beachcombers have invited the American Red Cross who will be on hand seeking volunteers for blood donations. The need for blood is at an all-time high and this is a great opportunity for you to "Show-Off Your Vette and Donate a Pint". Jacob Or-Bach has coordinated the blood drive again this year and is the point of contact for any questions you may have.

Last year we had a great turnout at our Landstown Cruise In at which 15 pints of blood were donated. Considering the scorching heat, that was quite an accomplishment. This year, by holding the blood drive in May we hope for better weather and greater results. We are counting on our members to come out and help us in meeting or exceeding last year's success.

There are many appointment times, and here are three easy ways you can help us meet our goal on May 9th.

1) Schedule your appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) using sponsor code BCCVB or download the Blood Donor App.

2) Invite your spouse or significant other to donate. Share the love as you share the lifesaving gift of blood together.

3) Invite a friend to our drive. Donating blood is always more fun with a friend, so bring one along or in place of your donation.

If you have any questions or concerns about donating blood, don't hesitate to get in touch with Jacob. Your donation means so much to the Beachcombers and the American Red Cross as it is part of how we give back to our community and our country. Patients in need count on drives like ours to provide a steady supply of blood. Each donation can help save up to three lives, so by meeting our goal, we can touch so many lives in our community and around the country. Your donation is greatly appreciated. Thanks Jacob.

**NEW INFO Monday, May 25** – Victory Junction Spring Charity Laps at VIR. For just \$25 per 15-minute session, you can get your car on the track! All you need in your car is proper working seat belts. Children of all ages can ride as long as they are seat belted in per law. No helmets or any other special equipment is needed to participate. There is no ticket to get into this event other than paying for your lap sessions when you arrive.

All proceeds raised on this day are used to help pay for children's camp experiences. Free from the confines of disease, illness or disability, children discover that they can just be kids! How does this happen? Victory Junction is a medically safe, yet exhilarating camp that challenges children who have a serious medical condition to try things they never imagined possible. As they conquer activities like zip-lining and archery or experience bowling, fishing or swimming, children build confidence that will shape how they view the rest of their lives.

The magic happens on our lush 84 acres in the rolling hills of Randleman, North Carolina near Greensboro. Once children pass through our gates, the boundaries and limitations they live with on a daily basis disappear and they simply concentrate on having fun! That's when they shine!

**NEW Thursday to Saturday, May 28, 29 & 30** – NCM Bash in Bowling Green, KY. Kickoff of the NCM onsite event season. As in past years there will be a large contingent of GM engineers and designers from Warren Tech Center, and the Bowling Green Assembly Plant ready to answer your every question. They are also expecting several configurations of the new 2020 Corvette! The 2020 Bash will also feature the Ribbon Cutting for the Performance Gallery, and the Entombed Corvette exhibit, a discussion about the recently acquired XP 987 GT, and the renderings for the Silver Pearl Sisterhood supported Damsels of Design Rendering!

**NEW INFO Friday & Saturday, May 29 & 30** – Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD). This is the BCC event of the year and one you don't want to miss. By now all of you should be registered on Eventbrite, if you haven't, you don't want to procrastinate as you may find the event sold-out. On Friday, May 29, there will be a "Meet and Greet" for all of the participants who have registered for Saturday's Corvette gathering. See the attached flyer.

**NEW Saturday, June 6** – The Corvette Club of Richmond is holding their *Corvette Round-Up*. The location and times have not yet been announced.

**NEW Saturday, June 6** – The Beachcombers Corvette Club is hosting the Cruise In at Landstown Commons. Help is needed and appreciated, for those who can show up to help with set-up in the morning and tear down in the evening.

**NEW Saturday, June 6** – Corvette Extravaganza hosted by the Coastal Corvette Club of Delaware. A judged show with no registration fee with featuring cash prize awards and trophies. There will be vendors, food trucks and a live radio broadcast/



**NEW Saturday, June 20** – 10th Annual Flying Proms Symphony Airshow. Located at the Military Aviation Museum, 1341 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach. Something new for the Beachcombers, the Flying Proms Airshow at the Military Aviation Museum! Gates open at 3PM with the concert beginning at 7PM. Experience a musical spectacle unlike anything you've ever seen at the Flying Proms Symphony Airshow! This one of a kind event in America, inspired by a rich British tradition, features a full symphonic orchestra playing to the flights of vintage warbirds. With themes grabbed from the most popular of aviation and adventure films, listen to these classic cinematic scores as aircraft perform aerial maneuvers they only hoped to achieve on the big screen. As the sun sets, and the aircraft take their stations alongside the crowd, the orchestra continues into the night with a selection of patriotic melodies in celebration of our nation's history. The final overture is punctuated with a grand fireworks display, the perfect end to a magical evening.

This outdoor concert and air show seems to be the perfect opportunity for us to get together and enjoy a unique event. There will be food vendors on site or you can bring your own picnic goodies. Beverages are allowed as long as they are non-alcoholic, as they are sold on-site. The price of admission allows you to wander through the museum's rare and vast collection of vintage aircraft, and enjoy some of the new experiences at the Flying Proms. Ticket prices are \$35.00 per person and \$40.00 at the door. More details to follow.

**NEW Friday through Sunday, August 21 to 23** – Join the Beachcombers for a fun time at VIR as we once again watch the Corvette Racing Teams in action competing in the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. This International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) racing series is based in the United States and Canada and is a result of a merger between two existing North American sports car racing series, the American Le Mans Series and Rolex Sports Car Series.

In all likely hood we'll depart early on Saturday August 22 and drive to VIR to enjoy the pre-race activities and watch some of the preliminary racing. Later in the afternoon we'll drive to the Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham in Hillsborough, NC where we have 10 rooms blocked for the night of August 22, 2020. This hotel is about 40 miles south of VIR, with a room rate of \$60.00 plus tax which includes breakfast. To reserve one of the rooms call them at 1-919-245-3102 and be sure you tell them you want the Beachcomber rate of \$60.00 plus tax.

Visit the VIR website to learn more about the race weekend events and to purchase Corvette Coral tickets.



**NEW Saturday, September 19** – TRAACA (Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America) 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet. At the February Monthly Business Meeting the Beachcombers we were joined by representatives from the TRAACA advising us that at their annual event for 2020 they were having a Special Exhibit; "The Evolution of America's Corvette" at the Military Aviation Museum, 1341 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach. This event would feature a Corvette from each production year that would be in a parade and on exhibit.

Of the 67 cars they seek to exhibit, they have more than 1/2 committed, including a '53, '54, '55, '56, '57, '58, '59, '60 and '62 plus '63 – '67, several ZR-1s, one of which is a manual 2019 ZR1. Of course the 2020 will be in the parade and be on exhibit on the tarmac in front of the main hangar.

They are excited about the responses and hope to work with the Beachcombers to fill in the gaps they have in the model years, especially C3 and C4s.

**NOTE:** If you want your C3 or C4 featured in this event please contact me and I'll steer you to the point of contact at the TRAACA.

There will be more information provided as we get closer to the event along with a sign-up sheet so that if the Beachcombers wish to arrive and park together, they will set space aside for our Club.

We are looking for one or two Beachcombers who would be willing to work closely with the TRAACA in coordinating the planning and execution of this event. If interested please contact me.

**NEW Sunday, February 20, 2021** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cruzin Corvette's Cruise – I know this is a long way off but if you wish to join your fellow Beachcombers on a Caribbean Cruise aboard the *Enchanted Princess*, departing Fort Lauderdale, FL on Feb 20, 2021 you need to begin planning early. This cruise is a 7 days cruise with 3 port stops. The port stops include the Princess Cays, Bahamas; St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and St. Maarten. For more information please talk with me or, if you're ready to book your cruise contact our cruise planner, Chelsea, at 1-800-901-1172 ext. 41651. I've spoken with Chelsea, and found out that the current Princess promotion for the Free Drink Package, Free Wi-Fi and Free Gratuities has been extended to the end of April 2020. Make sure you let Chelsea know that you want to be linked to the Beachcombers Corvette Club Booking. If you are a first time cruiser with Princess Cruise Lines be sure you let Chelsea know and she can help you get additional On Board Credit (OBC). Below is a brief look at this itinerary.



Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sat, Feb. 20	Ft. Lauderdale, FL		4:00 p.m.
Sun, Feb. 21	Princess Cays, Bahamas	9:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Mon, Feb. 22	At Sea		
Tue, Feb 23	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	10:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb. 24	St. Maarten	7:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Thu, Feb. 25	At Sea		
Fri, Feb. 26	At Sea		
Sat, Feb 27	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	6:00 a.m.	

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