

Beachcomber News Letter

June 2020



BCC NEWS

- ❖ I hope this News Letter finds all of you in good health and weathering these trying times in the best way possible. On May 15th we entered into Phase 1 for the reopening of Virginia and in a short while we'll begin with Phase 2, all with the intent of keeping us safe. As we look at the demographics of the BCC, many of us fall into the "Gray Hair Crowd" (over 60) and therefore are at a higher risk for contracting this Coronavirus. With that in mind, the social gatherings we've enjoyed in the past may just have to wait a bit longer, until it is deemed safe for all of us to enjoy one another's company. Only time will tell when that will be however, you can be certain that the BCC Board will stay focused on doing what we feel is in the best interest of our Club.
- ❖ One of our Beachcombers, Joe Pine, has been promoted to the rank of "RETIRED" and has chosen to leave the Tidewater area and will be residing in Salisbury, North Carolina. Joe is a 30 year Navy veteran and in 2009 joined the Beachcombers. Since joining the Beachcombers Joe served in many capacities including; Treasurer, Vice President - Membership and President. Joe also served as the Beachcombers representative to the CCCHR for many years. Joe, thank you for all you've done for the Beachcombers. We'll miss seeing your smiling face and outgoing personality not to mention your beautiful yellow C5 Z06. We wish you well on your retirement and look forward to seeing you when the Beachcombers' travel plans take us near you. Fair winds and following seas.
- ❖ The Beachcombers membership continues to grow. We are now at 117 families. Our most recent add is;
 - Cheryl Holmes-McKnight with her beautiful 2011 Super Sonic Blue C6 Coupe.Cheryll, we welcome you to the Beachcombers and hope you enjoy all we do, especially when the restrictions are lifted and we become more active.
- ❖ Jimmy Clemmer has been in contact with the Waterside Corporation representatives and learned that on or about June 1, they will be making a decision regarding their reopening. Until then we are in a holding pattern but are optimistically hopeful that our plans for "Vettes At Waterside District" (VAWD) on July 10 and 11, 2020 will go on as planned.
- ❖ It saddens me to say that several of our Beachcombers failed the homework assignment given to them in last month's News Letter. That assignment was to look at your information in the BCC Roster and verify it is up to date. This included your personal contact information and the Corvette(s) you own. Joel has informed me that he received about three updates but during a recent look at the roster I believe there are many more changes that could be made. So, again, I'm asking that you look at the BCC Roster and if any of your information has changed, i.e. your email address, postal address, phone number(s) or model Corvette(s) you own please contact Joel Wolf by email at wolfmanok@hotmail.com with the correct information and he will update the BCC Roster accordingly. If you are unable to check your information please contact me and together we'll check it. Thanks.
- ❖ 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.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY (ON-LINE) BUSINESS MEETING *(See Sharon's Minutes for the Complete Report)*

Old Business:

V.A.W.D. - Jimmy Clemmer: July 10 – Meet & Greet, July 11 – Day of the Event. Contact Eventbrite for a refund if you are unable to attend on these new dates.

Christmas Party: Catering coordinator is still furloughed.

Invitation cards have been printed and will be distributed to members whenever we have our next business meeting. They can be picked up at Joe Wryk's house. Decals and pins have not yet been ordered. Skip Cutting won the coin toss between him and Jake Orbach, so he is the winner of the VIR passes.

New Business:

Bill Refrakis from Rick Hendrick's Chevrolet sent out an email offering a 20% discount on any e commerce accessory (including Adams Polishes) order. Use code: MAY20.

General Discussion:

Still need someone to head up trip to VIR.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Despite the juggling lengths of the tailpipe tips, 1953 – 1955 Corvettes suffered from exhaust staining on the body. Arkus-Duntov affixed tufts of wool to the area and discovered that repositioning the exhaust tips to the ends of the fenders eliminated the staining. The body stylists further developed the idea by designing the rear bumpers to surround the exhaust tips. ¹⁶⁴
- Although 15-inch Rally wheels were first seen on the 1967 Sting Rays as standard equipment, they were only 6 inches wide. In 1968 Rally wheels returned, but with an increased rim width of 7 inches. For 1969, the Rally wheel grew to 15 x 8 inches, making it the widest Corvette rim ever offered until then. It was a perfect match for the new breed of Wide Oval type belted performance tires on the market. The 15 x 8 Rally wheel remained the base wheel offering until 1982. ⁴⁵⁵
- The C7, Z51 improved on the Stingray's standard limited-slip differential with electronic limited-slip differential (eLSD). This (eLSD) used a hydraulic coupler to adjust side-gear clutch pressure to shift the amount of tire-to-tire torque delivery. Controlled by a computer that measured vehicle speed, steering-wheel orientation and throttle position, the eLSD system could go from full-open action to locker-style dual grip in tenths of a second. Better yet, drivers could fine tune system aggressiveness by selecting Wet, Eco, Touring, Sport or Track modes via a rotary switch on the center console. ⁹⁵⁰

LOOKING BACK AT SOME OF THE THINGS WE DID IN MAY

Saturday, May 23 – Foodbank Charity Drive-By Event. The BCC hosted a Drive-By at Landstown Commons on behalf of the Foodbank of Southeast Virginia. During this event the Beachcombers accepted donations in the form of cash, check and non-perishable food items. The contributions were from several other clubs including the Chevy Lovers and the Custom Classic Corvette Club. The Beachcombers turned out in force and in addition to the \$500.00 contributed by the Beachcombers an additional \$2500.00 was donated, bringing the grand total of \$3000.00 that was presented to the Foodbank of Southeast Virginia in addition to a carload of food items. A special **THANK YOU** is warranted to all who showed up and gave a little of what they have to those who don't have as much.

Tuesday, May 26 – John Kummers and Mike Ware visited the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia where they presented the contributions collected at the Foodbank Charity Drive-By Event on Saturday. They were told that the combined total of food items and money donated would provide close to 9000 meals to the areas needy.

Friday, May 29 – "Drive-By" at the Bay Lake Retirement and Assisted Living Community. Jacob Or-Bach took taken the lead for arranging this Drive-By and it proved to be a huge success. About a dozen Beachcombers cars showed up and helped to put a smile on so many faces. More will be planned for future dates where we'll try to include weekends to allow more Beachcomber participation. Keep your eyes on the Beachcombers Weekly Update for future Drive-By's.

A LOOK AT WHAT IS PLANNED FOR JUNE

NOTE; With the uncertainty of events taking place due to the easing of restriction whether they be local or out of the area I'm suggesting you keep an eye out for the Weekly Update where I will try to keep you advised of upcoming events or changes that may affect any events.

Tuesday, June 2 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting. Tune in Tuesday evening June 2nd, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., for our Board Room Chat. Go to the Beachcombers Facebook page and tune in.

NEW Saturday, June 8 – The National Corvette Museum (NCM) Reopens. The NCM has been given approval by Kentucky Governor Beshear to reopen on June 8. Normal hours will resume at that time (8am-5pm CT, 7 days a week). Visit the NCM website for additional details.

Wednesday, June 10 – Beachcombers Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., at the Metro Diner located at 1124 Volvo Pkwy, Chesapeake, VA (**If Permitted**). The Beachcomber Breakfasts have become a monthly favorite with many, so if it'll fit into your schedule please join us for great company and good food. Please RSVP Jacob Or-Bach at 757-739-3328, by email at jacob.orbach@gmail.com or by acknowledging on Facebook. Although the Metro Diner isn't a mom and pop operated restaurant we've always found the food and service to be very good.

Wednesday, June 17 – Beachcombers Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Pop's Diner, located at 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. (**If Permitted**). As always, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

NEW Saturday, June 27 – A Ride for Shane. Many of you may be aware that the son of one of our Beachcombers family members was involved in terrible vehicle accident in May. Shane Collins, son of Lisa Sinatra was the victim of a hit-and-run accident on Shore Drive. Shane suffered extensive injuries and has just recently been moved out of the ICU and is classified as being in serious condition. He is on the road to recovery but has a very long way to go and is in dire need of financial support. As such, the Beachcombers are planning "A Ride for Shane" on Saturday, June 27. When plans are finalized you'll be informed of the specific details via the Weekly Update, but in general we'll meet, we'll drive, we'll eat and we'll pass the hat for donations to help Shane. More to come.

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PLANNED BEYOND JUNE (ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE)

Friday & Saturday, July 10 & 11 – 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, July 10, there will be a "Meet and Greet" for all of the participants who have registered for Saturday's Corvette gathering.

NEW INFO Friday through Saturday, August 7 & 8 – Corvette Expo in the Smokies (Re-Scheduled). This two day event takes place in Pigeon Forge, TN which is located near the famous Tail of the Dragon. Based on reports from previous years this appears to be a large show with several activities taking place over the two days including an escorted drive on the Tail of the Dragon.

NEW Saturday, August 15 – Shriners Car Show. As of now there is no specific information available except for the date of their event. More information will be provided when known.

NEW INFO Friday through Sunday, August 21 to 23 – WeatherTech SportsCar Championship at VIR. The 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.

On May 15, IMSA revealed its plans to return to racing this summer with a revised 2020 calendar for the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge.

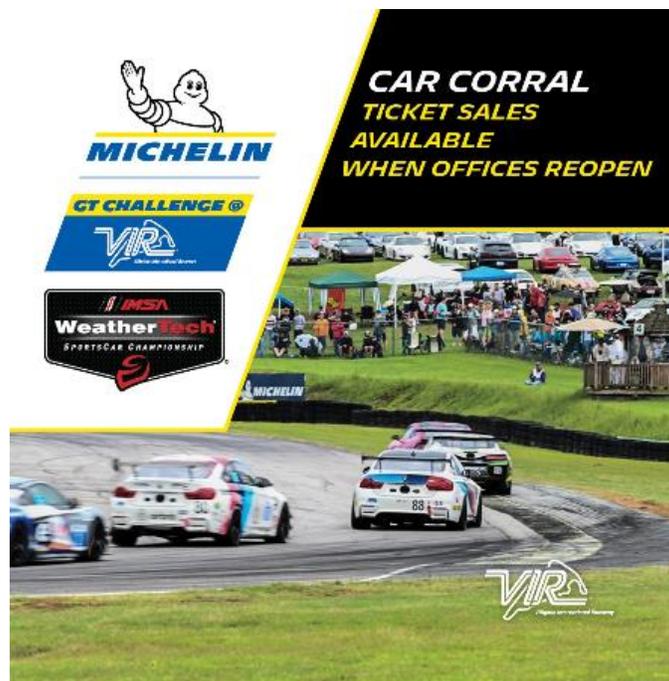
The WeatherTech Championship will return July 4 at Daytona International Speedway. This Fourth of July event will feature an evening race with WeatherTech as its entitlement partner and a live television broadcast on NBCSN. This will be a no fans allowed event.

The Michelin Pilot Challenge will resume alongside the WeatherTech Championship at Sebring International Raceway on July 17-18. The WeatherTech Championship event also will be televised live on NBCSN. This will be a no fans allowed event.

The race at VIR is still scheduled for August 21 to 23 however, a decision has not been made regarding fans being allowed to attend, therefore ticket sales via the VIR website are on hold for the time being.

If fans are allowed and you'd like to attend, we'll probably 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. Then on early Sunday we'll return to the track for the race.

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.



NEW INFO Friday through Sunday, August 27 to 30 – Corvettes at Carlisle. This event is one you don't want to miss especially if you're new to Corvetting. This event is one of the largest Corvette gatherings on the East Coast. Each year thousands of Corvettes and Corvette enthusiasts converge on Carlisle, PA for this event. If its Corvette related you can see it, buy it or talk to someone about it at Corvettes at Carlisle.

The Beachcombers have paid for two vendor parking spots again this year. These vendor spots are available to any Beachcomber who is willing to drive their truck/SUV to Carlisle and be willing to transport large bulky items back home. If you are interested in taking one of these vendor spots please contact me.

If you're planning to attend this event please let me know as we're looking for someone to take the lead. In any case, I suggest you begin shopping for lodging as-soon-as-possible as things are known to fill up fast.

NEW INFO Saturday, September 19 – Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (TRAACA) 47th Annual Meet featuring a Special Exhibit; “The Evolution of America’s Corvette”. About 25 Beachcombers will have their cars featured in this event. As the time for this event draws closer there will be more information regarding the Beachcombers who wish to attend this event as a spectator as the TRAACA will be providing a dedicated parking area for us.

NEW Friday & Saturday, September 25 & 26 – 42nd Annual Vette Fest. This is an Eastern Tennessee Corvette Club (ETCC) hosted weekend event in Pigeon Forge, TN that has been held annually for several decades. It draws participation from several states and includes a “Meet & Greet” get together, car show, cruise, dance and various other activities. The car show takes place in the Country Cascades parking lot which is the hotel where the ETCC has secured a block of rooms for this event.

A few Beachcombers have expressed an interest in this event and I believe this could make for a fun filled long weekend trip. Anyone interested? If you’d like more information regarding this event please go to the ETCC webpage at <https://www.etc Corvette.club/vette-fest>.

Sunday, February 20, 2021 – 3rd Annual Cruzin Corvetter’s Cruise – this is still 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. 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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