

Beachcomber News Letter

July 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. Soon we will be entering Phase 3 of the reopening of Virginia and things are beginning to return back to somewhat normal, we must remain diligent and continue to follow the recommended guidelines for the safety of all. As we go forward we will try to incorporate as many events into our calendar as possible being mindful that we must be cautious regarding our activities.
- ❖ **VAWD IS A GO!** The Waterside District (WD) management team has informed us that their reopening shouldn't have a negative effect on our event. So we are pushing forward with plans for our mega event for the year. If you haven't signed up yet please go to Event Brite and do so.

To make this or any event successful it takes people who are willing to help with the various things that need to be done. For VAWD this is especially true as it takes several people to smoothly get everyone checked in and safely parked. There have been requests in the Weekly Updates and in a dedicated email seeking volunteers that will be needed and there are still positions open. If you want to volunteer, contact me to get your name added to one of the lists. Please consider helping, it will only take a few hours of your time. Each volunteer will receive a uniquely special gift for the giving of their time. Thanks.

You should have received a welcoming email from Jimmy Clemmer highlighting the activities for July 10 and 11. Check-in or registration time on July 11 is 9:00 a.m., this is the time to arrive if you are not volunteering to help. **If you volunteered to help with this event, you are requested to arrive between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m., on July 11.**

Now is a good time to make sure you locate your name tag so that on July 10 and 11 you'll be able to display you're a Beachcomber and remind everyone who you are. Can't find your name tag or you need a new one? Contact Michele Suttle ASAP to get one on order to have it in time for VAWD.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The Beachcombers have a new member, Cynthia Jordan who is sporting a 2020 Artic White with Black Trim Stingray. Join me in welcoming Cynthia to the Club, we are now at 118 families.
- ❖ We have received word that the owners of Landstown have given permission to begin opening back up. Therefore, Cruise-In's will be starting soon with car shows beginning in August. As of this writing it appears as though the first Landstown Commons event will take place on July 11. Look for more information on Facebook or the Weekly Updates.
- ❖ We are beginning to see activities from other Corvette Clubs are moving forward with their plans for events later in the summer and fall. Two specific events are the Vette Fest in Pigeon Forge, TN and the Queen City Car Show in Charlotte, NC. The Beachcombers are planning a Club trip to attend both of these events and hope you can include them in your plans. Please refer to the section of this News Letter entitled ***SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PLANNED BEYOND JULY*** for more information.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT INFORMATION!** Since the Virginia Beach Public Library is still not open for us to conduct our Monthly Business Meeting in their auditorium we are going to try an outdoor parking lot meeting for July. We plan to meet in the Landstown Commons Shopping Center parking lot in the vicinity of the Beachcombers Trailer. The meeting will take place on July 7 and begin at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting, the most recent information regarding VAWD will be shared and you'll have an opportunity to add your name to the sign-up

sheets for the various positions. Be sure you arrive early and bring your folding chairs. If the weather prevents the outdoor meeting, the meeting will take place on Facebook at 7:00 p.m. as we've done for the past few months.

- ❖ I've received word that Hendrick Chevrolet will be receiving three C8's on or about June 29 and one will be in the showroom for over a week. This car has been sold but the customer cannot pick it up until July 11th. So if you need to refresh your memory as to how great they look up and see one close and personal, plan to "Take a Trip to Hendrick".
- ❖ You may have noticed that Doumar's has begun holding their Cones and Barbeque on Wednesday evening's beginning at 7:00 p.m. Doumar's is located at 1919 Monticello Ave. This is scheduled to continue throughout the summer.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT INFORMATION!** Many of you are experiencing an issue where you are not receiving emails that are being sent via announcements@beachcomberscorvetteclub.com. The feedback is that in some instances it's being directed to the members SPAM folder or in some cases it's being deleted altogether. The puzzling thing is that some people are receiving the emails and some are not even if they have the same Internet Service Provider (ISP). Gordon Patterson has been working to develop a means of getting you the announcements that are being sent including, resending announcement to you via his personal email account as well as posting announcements on the BCC Website. Keep in mind that some Beachcombers announcements are sent regularly like Sharon's minutes of meetings and Joel's membership reports and my News Letter is sent out the last week of the month and the Weekly Updates are sent out each Sunday. So if you haven't received an email with these items there are a few things YOU can do to ensure you're being kept up-to-date;
 - 1) Go to the BCC website and look for recently posted announcements (if you need help finding these announcements contact me and together we'll walk through it), and
 - 2) Check your personal email account with your ISP to ensure it isn't flagged to discard emails originating from announcements@beachcomberscorvetteclub.com.Please share this with you Beachcomber friends as we don't want anyone to miss out on anything that relates to the Beachcombers.
- ❖ Please 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.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

Ride for Shane – BCC Board has authorized a \$500.00 donation.

Looking for 6 – 8 cars to support "Kaitlin's Toys" on Saturday, 6/13.

General Discussion:

Joe Wryk will head up trip to VIR (If spectators are allowed).

DID YOU KNOW?

- Although all 300 Corvettes built in 1953 were painted Polo White with red interiors, black canvas tops and red painted wheel rims, the color palette was expanded for 1954. Of the 3600 second year cars built, approximately 300 were Pennant Blue, 100 were Sportsman Red and 4 were Black. The remaining were Polo White. Unfortunately, factory documents indicating precise shipments are lacking and because the Corvette's trim tag lacked any sort of body color data up until 1962, verification of factory applied body color on 1953 – 1962 cars is only possible via the original window sticker. ⁰³⁷
- Some critics complained that the C6's exposed headlamps (with clear covers) resembled the Dodge Viper too much, but a positive side effect of the enclosed lamps was a coefficient of drag (cd) of .286, making the C6 the most aerodynamic Corvette yet. ⁷⁷⁸
- The C7 was the first Corvette with larger brake rotors on the rear than the front. On base models, the front and rear brake rotors measured 12.6 and 13.3 inches. By comparison, the base C6 rotors from 2005 to 2013 measured 12.8 and 12.0 inches. The C7s 1.3 inch rear rotor diameter increase was needed to make room for the return of drum type parking brakes. Despite the curious sizing, the base C7 brake package boosted pad contact area by 36 percent. ⁹⁵⁶

LOOKING BACK AT SOME OF THE THINGS WE DID IN JUNE

Saturday, June 13 – An impromptu Drive-By Event. John Herbert put together a surprise cruise made up of Chevy Lovers and Beachcombers to honor the young girl who has been an integral part of Landstown Commons Cruise-Ins for the last 5 years. The group traveled to Pierce's BBQ in Williamsburg lunch and then a leisurely drive home.

Friday, June 19 – Bring Your Own Lunch (BYOL) get together. With many eateries unable to accommodate a larger crowd at their restaurants we brought our lunch to the Chesapeake City Park. Here we met under one of the shelters with picnic tables, ate lunch, enjoyed the great weather, maintained social distancing and spend some time catching up with one another. Keep an eye out for the possibility of another one this summer.

Saturday, June 27 – The Beachcombers were able to exercise their Vettes when we took "A Ride For Shane". This event was all about the Beachcomber Family taking care of Beachcombers with John Kummers presenting a check to Lisa for just over \$2500.00. The generosity of the Beachcombers is overwhelming, once again proving that in the Beachcomber Family we look after and take care of one another. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL.

Sunday, June 28 – Unfortunately the "Drive-By" at the Chesapeake Place Senior Center had to be cancelled at the last minute due to a diagnosis of COVID-19 with one of the senior center occupants. However, we did make the trip to The Skinny Dip Frozen Yogurt Bar for a sweet treat and some parking lot socialization.

A LOOK AT WHAT IS PLANNED FOR JULY

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, July 7 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting (**NEW LOCATION**), at 7:00 p.m. Either an outdoor parking lot meeting in the Landstown Commons Shopping Center parking lot in the vicinity of the Beachcombers Trailer or on Facebook, for our Board Room Chat. The weather will dictate which one we do. If the weather allows an outdoor meeting be sure you arrive early and bring your folding chairs.

Friday & Saturday, July 10 & 11 – Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD). Please refer to the section of this News Letter entitled **BCC NEWS** for more information.

Wednesday, July 15 – Beachcombers Breakfast (**NEW LOCATION**), at 8:30 a.m., at the **Brick House Diner** located at **941 Providence Square shopping center, Virginia Beach**. This is a locally owned restaurant that recently opened that we've found to be very good and they are very happy to have us join them.

Please RSVP Jacob Or-Bach at 757-739-3328, by email at jacob.orbach@gmail.com or by acknowledging on Facebook. The Beachcomber Breakfasts have become a monthly favorite with many, so if it will fit into your schedule please join us for good food and great company.

Wednesday, July 22 – 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.

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

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 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.

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.

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 or John Kummers.

NOTE If you are interested in participating in this trip please send an email to John Kummers, the lead for this event, be sure to include your name and number attending and he'll add you to the sign-up sheet.

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 INFO Thursday through Monday, September 24 to 28 – 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 at the Country Cascades which is the hotel where the ETCC has secured a block of hotel rooms for this event. For more information including hotel and event registration go to the ETCC webpage at www.etc Corvette.club/vette-fest.

Several Beachcombers have expressed an interest in this event therefore, we are putting together plans for a Beachcombers Club outing to attend this event. The below table provides the brief itinerary for this event. We have tried to include a great deal of back road scenic driving to help keep things interesting and while in Cherokee, NC there will be an opportunity to go to the Cherokee Casino (Cha-Ching) to try your luck at winning the down payment for your new C8.

We have 12 rooms blocked under the Beachcomber Corvette Club at the Courtyard by Marriott for Thursday, September 24 in Bristol, VA. The hotel is located at 3169 Linden Drive and their phone number is 1-276-591-4400. Call to secure one of the rooms in your name, using your credit card. The deadline for making your room reservation to get the room rate of \$89.00 per night (plus tax) is September 10.

We are working on securing a block of rooms in Cherokee, NC for September 27 and will provide that information as soon as things are finalized.

NOTE If you are interested in participating in this trip please send me an email with your name and number attending and I'll add you to the sign-up sheet.

Day / Date	Remarks
Thursday, September 24	Drive to Bristol, VA. Check in at the Courtyard by Marriott.
Friday, September 25	Drive to Pigeon Forge, TN. Check in at the Country Cascades.
Saturday, September 26	No travel. Enjoy the car show and comradery in Pigeon Forge.
Sunday, September 27	Drive to Cherokee, NC...
Monday, September 28	Drive to Tidewater, VA. Home Sweet Home

NEW Friday through Sunday, October 2 to 4 – 9th Annual Queen City Car Show on Saturday, October 3. Last year several Beachcombers attended this event and found this car show to be unlike any other they'd been to. It's unique in that this car show is held at the Rick Hendrick property located at 4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd. in Charlotte, NC. In addition to the car show, tours of the Rick Hendrick Heritage Museum and Race Car shops are available (at an added cost). There are several vendors on site, including food and ice cream trucks. Several door prizes will be given out throughout the day along with silent auction items. Go to <https://queencitycorvette.com/> and follow their directions to the event registration page to obtain the registration form and to sign-up for the optional tours.

We have 12 rooms blocked under the Beachcomber Corvette Club name at the Wingate by Wyndham Charlotte/Concord Speedway for Friday and Saturday nights. The hotel is located at 7841 Gateway Lane Northwest, Concord, NC, their phone number is 1-704-979-1300. The deadline for making your room reservation to get the room rate of \$119.00 per night (plus tax) is September 18. When making your reservation, be sure you tell them you want one of the rooms blocked for the Beachcombers Corvette Club to get the reduced rate. The below table provides the itinerary for this event.

NOTE If you are interested in participating in this trip please send me an email with your name and number attending and I'll add you to the sign-up sheet.

Day / Date	Remarks
Friday, October 2	Drive to Concord, NC. Check in at the Wingate by Wyndham Charlotte.
Saturday, October 3	No travel. Enjoy the car show, Hendrick's venue and comradery in Charlotte.
Sunday, October 4	Drive home via the Richard Childress Vineyard in Lexington, NC. (Lunch Stop)

NEW Sunday, October 11 – Beachcombers Annual Picnic. The board agreed to move forward with plans for our annual picnic as it has proven to be an event that is very popular with the Club. There will be more information to follow as planning takes shape.

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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