

Beachcomber News Letter

August 2020



BCC NEWS

- ❖ I hope this News Letter finds all of you in good health and learning to adapt your lives to living with Covid-19. 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 and stay within the requirements mandated by the state. With that in mind, we have received guidance from the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) addressing NCCC coverage concerning Covid 19, stating: Sicknes and Disease are covered in the NCCC Policy the same way as any other 3rd party bodily injury claim. So NCCC is covered for any Covid 19 claims made by a 3rd party. There is also Directors and Officers insurance in case you as an officer get sued directly. What has changed is how we base the use of our waivers on the risk associated with the event. So now with the virus, otherwise low risk activities, such as a club meeting, now have a higher risk. So NCCC has to rethink when and what types of events should require a waiver. The use of waivers is the primary defense against NCCC getting sued by a member. **It is mandatory that every club gathering or activity have everyone sign the standard waiver until the Covid threat has passed**, even those activities which did not previously require waivers
- ❖ Our President, John Kummers, sent you an email in mid-July and in it he advised you that it is time to begin thinking of who you want to lead the Beachcombers Corvette Club for the 2021 calendar year. This process begins with the formation of a Nominating Committee, the purpose of which is to develop a slate of candidates for office. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for collecting the names of candidates and report such to the membership at the September Monthly Business meeting. Candidates for office will speak at the October Business Meeting, with elections of Beachcombers Corvette Club 2021 Officers held during the November Business Meeting. If you are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee please notify John or any Board member.
- ❖ We Did It! Vettes At Waterside District for 2020 is in our rear view mirror. In lieu of the current state of affairs this event was a huge success. We had over 70 people attend the Meet & Greet on Friday evening and had 70 cars show up for the event on Saturday. The weather cooperated this year and we were treated to sunny skies and high temperatures. Thanks to all who helped make this a noteworthy event.
- ❖ Still no word on Cruise-Ins at Landstown Commons. The property owner originally granted permission for car events to begin only to rescind their decision a few days later. So until we know more we are in a holding pattern.
- ❖ A little more about Cruise-In's. There are a few new Cruse-Ins added to our list of things to do; The Garage Brewery Cruise-In, featuring the Beachcombers. This event will hopefully take place once a month. Also, the Suffolk Airport Cruise-In has started once again on the 2nd and 4th Friday each month. Keep an eye on the Refrigerator Pages and Weekly Updates for dates for these events.
- ❖ 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 new members, join me in welcoming our newest members to the Club, we are now 121 families strong.
 - Andrea and Brian Erbes driving a beautiful 2019 Artic White Grand Sport and,
 - Karen and Bob Bray driving a stunning 2020 Zeus Bronze Metallic Coupe,
 - Robert Maw in a spectacular 1967 Rally Red Convertible (2014 NCRS Top Flight – 96.)

- ❖ 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 JULY PARKING LOT BUSINESS MEETING (See Sharon's Minutes for the Complete Report)

Old Business:

V.A.W.D. – No 20% discount wristbands this year. The only places open to get something to eat are Stripers, Cogan's Pizza & Guy Fieri's Smokehouse kiosk.

Volunteers please arrive between 7:45 -8:00 am.

Christmas Party – Still on schedule for January 9, 2021. The menu will be selected three months prior to the event date.

New Business:

A proposal was made by John Kummers to have the Gourmet Gang provide coffee & pastries for the V.A.W.D. Participants. \$1 donation will be collected. Motion to approve this purchase made by Jacob Or-Bach, Seconded by Ed Bickham, Unanimous vote by the members.

General Discussion:

None

DID YOU KNOW?

- The C5's more spacious foot well allowed room for a dead pedal, a rigid raised platform where drivers could rest their left leg/foot. It was a first for any Corvette and went a long way in validating the Corvette as a true driver's car. 657
- Modern restorers of 1953 Corvettes seeking high-quality photographs of obscure details and unseen nooks and crannies owe a huge debt of gratitude to Chrysler Corporation. The engineering division of Chrysler's Technical Information Section acquired the seventh Corvette from the 1953 300-car production run and performed a deep-dive photographic investigation of its many unique details. Dated March 1954, Chrysler's report contained 50 high-quality photos depicting overall views, panel fit irregularities, VIN locations, hinge design, trunk compartment layout, convertible mechanism and more. No doubt Chrysler was curious about Corvette's novel fiberglass body construction. 015
- Although the 1953-1955 Corvette (especially in Polo White) resembled a porpoise to some, the unflattering aquatic theme was not intentional. By contrast, the 1963-1967 Sting Ray's fish like lines were absolutely by choice. In early 1956, Bill Mitchell took a deep sea fishing trip off the coast of Florida. Instead of hooking a typical trophy fish he caught a lean and mean shark. Impressed by its powerful proportions and coloring, he kept the mounted fish in his office as an inspiration for show cars including the corvette which inspired the Sting Ray production model of 1963. 253

LOOKING BACK AT SOME OF THE THINGS WE DID IN JULY

Tuesday, July 7 – Monthly Business Meeting – Outdoor Meeting at Landstown. We made the best of the times we're facing by conducting an outdoor meeting. It was good to be back with all that attended and be able to once again have an interactive meeting.

Friday & Saturday, July 10 & 11 – Beachcombers Hosted VAWD. Thanks to all who helped make this event the huge success it was.

Wednesday July 15 – Beachcombers Breakfast. A handful of Beachcombers met at the Brick House Diner for good food and great company. Consider joining us on August 12.

Wednesday July 15 – Beachcombers Board Meeting. Meeting was held at the YNOT Pizza at Landstown.

Wednesday July 22 – Beachcombers Senior Citizen Drive-By at the Sentara Nursing Center. Only a handful of Beachcombers participated in this Drive-By but for those that did, we enjoyed seeing the smiles on the faces of the seniors. Following the drive we proceeded to Decoys Seafood Restaurant for an excellent lunch.

Wednesday July 22 – Garage Brewery Cruise In. Thanks to one of our members, Richard Hillis, who set up this event as an alternative to the Doumar's Cones and Barbecue. Judging by the comments it was a huge success. Hopefully this will become a regular once-a-month event. Thanks Richard.

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE HAPPENINGS IN AUGUST

PLEASE READ; With the uncertainty of events taking place due to COVID-19 restrictions 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 these events.

Regardless of what we do or where we meet we must wear masks and maintain social distancing. The BCC Board shall not be responsible for irresponsible behavior of any of our members.

Attendance to any Beachcombers event is voluntary and at your own risk. You are responsible for complying with all state mandated restrictions regarding COVID-19. If you are sick do not plan to attend any BCC events.

PRESUMABLY POSTPONED Saturday, August 1 – 2nd Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show.

PRESUMABLY POSTPONED Saturday, August 1 – Landstown Commons Cruise-In.

NEW INFORMATION Tuesday, August 4 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting, at 7:00 pm. Due to newly imposed state mandated restrictions, this month's meeting will be a Board Room Chat via Facebook. Look for an invitation from John Kummers in the next few days.

Friday & Saturday, August 7 & 8 – Corvette Expo in Pigeon Forge.

Saturday, August 8 – All Corvette Cruise-In. This Cruise-In is hosted by the Old Dominion Corvette Club. The location for their cruise-In is Bomnin Chevrolet located at 8000 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA from noon to 4:00pm.

NEW LOCATION Wednesday, August 12 – Beachcombers Breakfast at 8:30 am 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. While enjoying breakfast we'll be abiding by the restaurant's state mandated policy of social distancing.

NEW ITEM Wednesday, August 12 – Wings Wednesday. We've done Taco Tuesday's so now let's try Wings Wednesday. Join us as we get our fingers messy eating wings at Big Woody's Bar & Grill located at 1479 General Booth Blvd., Virginia Beach at 6:00 pm. See the flyer.

NEW ITEM Saturday, August 15 – Coffee & Corvettes. The owners of Pale Horse Coffee located at 1296 South Battlefield Blvd. have invited the Beachcombers to be the featured club for Coffee & Corvettes at their location. See ya there. See the flyer.



Coffee and Corvettes!

August 15th
9AM to 12PM

Smokey's Place Food Truck will be on site from 8AM to 12PM

1296 South Battlefield Blvd, Chesapeake, VA 23322 FB – PaleHorseCoffeeCo IG - PaleHorseCoffee

NEW ITEM Saturday, August 15 – Richmond International Raceway Track Laps for Charity. Monies collected will benefit The Special Olympics of Virginia. Experience this historic ¾-mile D-shaped oval from the comfort of your own vehicle. This event is from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and the cost is \$20.00 for 5 laps. Several restrictions apply, including; a maximum speed of 55 miles per hour and rubber banding will not be allowed. Richmond raceway is located at 600 E Laburnum Ave, Richmond. See the flyer.



NEW LOCATION Wednesday, August 19 – Beachcombers Board Meeting 7:00 pm – at YNOT Pizza, located at Landstown Commons. As always, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. YNOT has a separate meeting area where we'll meet and we'll be seated in accordance with state mandated requirements.

NEW INFORMATION Friday through Sunday, August 21 to 23 – WeatherTech SportsCar Championship at VIR. The race at VIR is still scheduled to take place however, spectators will not be allowed.

Thursday 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.

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

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 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 Fall Picnic. Our annual fall picnic has become an extremely popular event with just about everyone. It allows all of use to get to know our new members a little better and to catch up on what's happening to some of our long time members.

The location for this year's picnic is the Currituck BBQ Company located at 4467 Currituck Hwy., Barco, NC. The picnic is from noon to 5:00 pm, the cost is \$10.00 per person payable in advance. You can sign-up and pay at any of our monthly business meetings or by mailing a check to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, P.O. Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. The deadline for sign-ups and payment is October 1, 2020. You can plan to drive there on your own or meet up with other Beachcombers and drive together, caravan style. Details to follow.

This year's menu consists of Pork BBQ, Pork Ribs, Sliced Brisket, Fried Chicken, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Hush Puppies & Banana Pudding for desert. Soft drinks and bottled water will be provided. Canned adult beverages can be purchased on site but are not allowed to be brought in.

After you've enjoyed lunch we plan a poker run mystery cruise where you'll be given a set of ambiguous directions taking you on a tour of the countryside and occasionally you be required to take a photo of some notable item (to prove you were actually there). Upon your return to Currituck BBQ you'll be given the chance to draw a card for each correct photo you took – the Beachcomber with the best poker hand will receive a special prize along with a year's worth of bragging rights. Plan to attend. You won't be sorry you did. See the flyer.

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.

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