

Beachcombers News Letter

September 2020



BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ Another month has passed and we are still in "limited mobility mode". We will try to continue incorporating as many Club events into our calendar as possible. I feel that as long as we are cautious regarding our activities and stay within the requirements mandated by the state we can still participate in club events. With that being said, if you think of something that might be suitable as a Beachcomber activity please contact me.
- ❖ With these extraordinary times we're experiencing, the Beachcombers Corvette Club Board has voted to take unprecedented action and vary from the Constitution, ARTICLE V Elections, regarding the nomination of candidates for office for the upcoming year. The Board feels that the nomination and election of officers for the next year is too important of an event without first soliciting nominees, hearing from candidates in person and conducting a vote. Therefore, the Board is tabling the election of officers until such time as we can begin meeting in person on a regular basis.

Having said that, the existing Board members have agreed to stay in their present positions until such time as we can resume some normalcy with regard to assembly, with one exception. Our Club Secretary has expressed a desire to step down, therefore, we are looking for someone who is willing to fill this position until such time as we can implement the formal election process for Board members. If you are interested in the position of Secretary, or could help by filing the position temporarily please contact our President, John Kummings at Captj7@aol.com or (757) 404-8212.
- ❖ Still no word on any car related activities at Landstown Commons. Our CCCHR representative, Jeff Biggs, said that a few of the things that were hoping to take place in the near future have been cancelled for the time being. Therefore, I have not included any Landstown Commons Events in this News Letter and are shown as "Tentative" on the Refrigerator Pages.
- ❖ 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 122 families strong.
 - Sharon and Arthur Berkley sporting a 2013 Night Race Blue Grand Sport.
- ❖ 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 AUGUST FACEBOOK BUSINESS MEETING (See Sharon's Minutes for the Complete Report)

Old Business:

V.A.W.D. - Thanks to Jimmy Clemmer for all his hard work with this year's event. Thanks to all the volunteers. 106 cars registered. 70 cars participated. Profit from V.A.W.D. will go toward the Holiday Party.

Carlisle - John has decided not to go this year. Jeff Biggs may take the lead on this event but he is undecided at the moment. Two vendor spots are still available.

BCC Picnic – Please mail in your check. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Deadline is October 1st.

Chili Cook-off – TBD

George E. Smith 2nd Annual Memorial Car Show – Possibly rescheduled for October. No date yet.

New Business:

None.

General Discussion:

None.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The C1 Corvette's low sloping nose and hood liner forced the use of a special water pump on 6-cylinder models. To allow clearance between the fan blades and hood underside, the cast-iron pump housing was designed to position the fan pulley shaft's horizontal axis lower than the pumps used in any other Chevrolet model. Today, reproduction housings are available, but the laws of supply and demand set the price at almost \$2000. Rebuilt original pumps can run as much as \$3000. 072
- The rarest C5 colors appeared in 1998. A mere 14 cars (12 hatchbacks and 2 roadsters) received Navy Blue Metallic paint (paint code 28), while only 15 cars (12 hatchbacks and 3 roadsters) were painted Aztec Gold (paint code 58). No other regular-production C5 color saw lowly double-digit output. The next common color, 1997's Fairway Green Metallic, was applied to 10 times as many cars, with 155 hatchbacks painted this color (all 1997 Corvettes were hatchbacks).. 661
- On C7 Corvettes General Motors finally conquered interior-heat complaints by applying liberal amounts of aerogel insulation to the driveline tunnel, ranging from 5 to 10 mm thick. This same material used to insulate astronaut space suits. 925

SOME OF THE THINGS THE BEACHCOMBERS DID IN AUGUST

Tuesday, August 4 – Monthly Business Meeting – A Board Room Chat via Facebook. Due to a state mandated change in meeting size the Board decided to meet via Facebook vice meeting in person at Hendrick Chevrolet.

Wednesday, August 12 – Beachcombers Breakfast. A handful of Beachcombers met at the Brick House Diner for a good breakfast and great company. Consider joining us on September 9th.

Wednesday, August 12 – Wings Wednesday at Big Woody's. Several Beachcomber attended a get together and shared food and cheer. A good time was enjoyed by all. Any interest in doing something like this again? Send me your ideas.

Saturday, August 15 – Corvettes and Coffee. A Cars and Coffee get together at Pale Horse Coffee. A good turnout for a Saturday morning with about a dozen cars. There may have been more but the weather was looking a little threatening. The owners said they'd be inviting us back in the upcoming months.

Saturday, August 15 – RIR Track Laps. This was the chance to drive your Vette on the RIR with the proceeds going to charity. Any feedback from those attending?

Tuesday, August 18 – Beachcombers Board Meeting. Meeting was held at the YNOT Pizza at Great Neck Shopping Center. As always we had a very productive meeting.

Wednesday, August 19 – A Mid-Week Garage Gathering. The Garage Brewery hosted the Beachcombers at their location for a mid-week cruise-in to enjoy a few of the specialty brews and Beachcomber fellowship. This is becoming a popular mid-month gathering with the next one planned for September 17.

Thursday through Sunday, August 27 to 30 – Corvettes at Carlisle. A handful of the Beachcombers made the trip to Pennsylvania for this famous Corvette gathering.

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE HAPPENINGS PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER

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.

NEW INFORMATION Tuesday, September 1 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting, at 7:00 pm. If possible, we hope to hold the Monthly Business Meeting for September at Hendrick Chevrolet, in their Service Department Check-In area, if the state mandated COVID -19 guidelines allow. If we meet at Hendrick's, ***do not park in front of the service bay doors or near the lobby entrance.*** Parking is on the street or in the employee parking area near the used car lot. Be sure you bring your masks and folding chairs and be prepared to abide by state mandated requirements. If we are not able to meet at Hendrick's Chevrolet we will have our Board Room Chat via Facebook. You will be notified as soon as possible regarding the meeting location format.

NEW LOCATION Wednesday, September 9 – 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 EVENT Saturday, September 12 – BCC Annual Trip to ZIP. Previous 2020 attempts at this trip have been spoiled by COVID-19 so we are going to try it again. Here is your chance to get all the "goodies" you need to make your Vette sparkle. Afterwards, there will be a stop for lunch at "Roma's Ristorante Italiano" then a leisurely drive home with a possible pit stop at one of the area wineries. Sign-up at the September Business Meeting or notify John Kummers who has the lead for this event as we need an accurate head count for the ristorante. See the attached flyer for meeting location and time.

NEW INFORMATION Saturday, September 19 – ***CANCELLED*** Tidewater Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (TRAACA) 47th Annual Meet featuring a Special Exhibit; "The Evolution of America's Corvette".

NEW EVENT (WITH MORE INFO TO FOLLOW) Saturday, September 19 – Virginia Patriot Guard (VPG) "Virtual Air Show". As you have probably heard, the NAS Oceana Air Show is canceled. The VPG is working on a virtual air show that would be televised on local cable channels and social media sites. There would be live action flying by military aircraft but all the civilian acts have been canceled, except the VPG. The VPG is pulling together a "support the local heroes" escort for Firefighters, First responders and Health care workers. This is a one day only live event the time has yet to be established. If you are interested, you would be transporting "outstanding" healthcare professionals. Right now, we are rolling on to the tarmac, do our big loop and continue off. We might stop to allow for a presentation but are working out details of the "social distancing" optic.

NEW LOCATION Wednesday, September 23 – 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 EVENT Tuesday, September 29 – Taco Tuesday. Who doesn't like Taco's? This was our "go to" restaurant following our meetings at the Kempsville Rec Center and was very well liked, so we've added it to our calendar for September. Plan to join your Beachcomber Family at the Plaza Azteca Mexican Restaurant located at 5209 Providence Rd., Virginia Beach at 6:00 pm. See the attached flyer.

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PLANNED BEYOND SEPTEMBER

Friday through Sunday, October 2 to 4 – It's still on! The 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)

UPDATED INFORMATION Sunday, October 11 – Beachcombers Annual Fall Picnic. Our annual fall picnic is an extremely popular event with everyone. It allows all of us 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.

As of this writing we've had only 14 members pay for the picnic thereby getting their names on the list of attendees. With only a month before we have to commit to the number of people attending, we need you to send in you payment ASAP.

The location for this year's picnic is the Currituck BBQ Company located at 4467 Currituck Hwy., Barco, NC. The picnic will be from noon to 5:00 pm, **the cost is \$10.00 per person payable in advance with a deadline for payment of October 1, 2020.** You can pay at our September Monthly Business Meeting or by mailing a check to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, P.O. Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

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 – 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.

You can plan to drive there on your own or meet up with other Beachcombers and drive together, caravan style. Details to follow. See the flyer.

NEW EVENT Saturday, January 9, 2021 – Winter Holiday Party. Since we were unable to find a location for our Christmas Party before Christmas, the Club agreed to hold our annual celebration in January, 2021. The details are still being worked out and will be shared with you once they are all in place. Circle the date on your calendar as you don't want to miss this fun filled event.

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).

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