

Beachcombers News Letter

October 2020



BCC NEWS ITEMS

❖ A word from our President, John Kummers;

"It's been said and demonstrated the Beachcomber Family is a generous, fun, and caring group of enthusiasts that love to eat - and have a Corvette problem. We rally around the community and our own members in times of need. With that being said I am perplexed and disappointed that in a club with 122 member families, (approximately 250 people) we cannot garner a single member to step up and assist with club business. We put out a call for a nominating committee for this year's elections and not a peep. I put out a call for a club secretary and not a peep. As a result, and the ongoing challenges posed by COVID the board has agreed to stay on for another year forgoing elections. But we do have one problem our Secretary Sharon, who has served you and this club for six years needs to step down. So we need an interim secretary or someone to step-up and fill the position. If we can't get members to step-up, assist, and help within the BEACHCOMBERS CORVETTE CLUB what good is having a club? We can just dissolve the club, sell the assets and disperse the funds.

I know we are in trying, challenging, and unprecedented times; so now is the time we need to come together as a club and support each other if this club is to succeed.

If you have any questions or comment do not hesitate to contact me, standing-by!"

❖ A word from our Vice President – Membership, Joel Wolf;

"Your Beachcombers Corvette Club membership expires 31 October 2020, and our membership drive will start 01 October and end 14 Nov 2020. Your board has decided not to increase our dues, so the renewal fee to keep having fun with the best Corvette club in the Tidewater area is only \$65, and this includes membership in both the Beachcombers Corvette Club and the National Council of Corvette Clubs. For \$10 more and highly **recommended** for those spouses or companions who may drive your corvette at any of our events can join the National Council of Corvette Clubs by filling out a NCCC membership application.

If you wish to renew your membership you can send a check to the BCC PO Box (see below) or pay our Treasurer Mike Ware at the October/November business meeting. Checks are to be made payable to The Beachcombers Corvette Club. Mail the check to: Beachcombers Corvette Club, PO Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Renewals are due no later than November 14th, 2020. If you decide not to renew, please let me know and I won't send you any further reminders.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me."

❖ I want to remind all of you that before you take an action that affects the Club please run it past one of the Board Members. We want to avoid a situation that could potentially present a conflict of interest to the Club or a conflict with another planned event.

❖ Here we are, looking at the beginning of the fall season, cooler nights and shorter days, where has the time gone? For some, the time may seem to be dragging by and for others the time has flown by. In either case, the Beachcombers have tried to remain active doing the things that help hold our Club together. We will try to continue incorporating as many Club events into our calendar as possible. If we are cautious regarding our activities and stay within the requirements mandated by the state we can still conduct club events.

❖ Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting – It's looking like we may actually be able to conduct an in person meeting this month. Virginia's COVID-19 restrictions allow groups of 250 or less to meet providing social distancing and the wearing of masks is adhered to. We plan to hold the Monthly Business Meeting for October at Hendrick Chevrolet, in their Service Department Check-In area. We also realize that some of you may not be comfortable meeting in large groups therefore, we will be streaming the meeting via the Beachcombers Facebook Page. So, you can hear what's going on in your Club either in person or via social media. If you choose to attend the meeting 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.

- ❖ Shortly after sending you the Beachcombers News Letter for September I received an update from our CCCHR representative, Jeff Biggs. Jeff said that “Things are on an indefinite hold at Landstown”. Jeff went on to say that the old management company (BRG) is no longer employed by the owners and that the new management company is not as car friendly as BRG and it looks as if things may change in how they allow car activities.

Jeff had a few other updates;

- 1) The latest COVID update puts car shows and cruise-ins as outdoor venues vice a social gathering, meaning that up to 1000 people could attend vice 50.
- 2) The CCCHR is putting together a pamphlet “COVID for Dummies” and will hopefully be available soon.
- 3) The Coastal Virginia Car Show at the Pavilion (Convention Center) has been cancelled.
- 4) There is a car show planned at Hall Chevrolet for Sunday, November 8th. The Hall Chrysler across the street will be having a MOPAR show at the same time. Food trucks are planned for both.

Thanks Jeff for being the Beachcombers eyes and ears at the CCCHR meetings and keeping us up-to-date.

- ❖ Some of you may know John Herbert, if you don't, John is an active enthusiast in the car community in the Tidewater Region and is the residing President of the CCCHR.

The BCC Board ran into John at YNOT Pizza during our September monthly board meeting. John said he was there to meet with the Virginia Beach Mayor, Bobby Dyer. One of the items he planned to discuss with the Mayor is the reluctance of the Landstown property managers to allow Car Shows, Cruise-Ins and other gathering to take place at Landstown. As the Beachcombers were leaving YNOT we said hello to the Mayor and he told us he would get involved and do what he could do to get us back to Landstown. Who said it doesn't pay to know people in high places?

- ❖ 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 are holding strong with 122 families.

- ❖ 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 SEPTEMBER FACEBOOK BUSINESS MEETING (See Sharon's Minutes for the Complete Report)

Old Business:

Nominating Committee: Nobody has stepped forward to chair this Committee. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the present Board, except for the Secretary's position, will stay in place for the coming year. Please let the Board know if you would like to take over the Secretary's position. This suggestion will be voted on by the members.

BCC Picnic: Minimum number of participants has been met.

Holiday Party: Board members have met with the Catering Manager at Doubletree and have obtained menu options and placed a deposit.

New Business:

October Business Meeting will be held on 10/7 at Rick Hendrick's Chevrolet.

General Discussion:

None.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Before 1956, the only Corvette with roll-up side-window door glass was the 1954 Motorama hardtop show car. All others had empty doors without any glass whatsoever. Poor-weather protection called for stopping the vehicle, then extracting the door curtains from the trunk compartment and clipping them into place. Like the manually operated canvas soft top, the Corvette was still drafty and suffered from water leaks around the side windows. ⁰²⁸
- The only C5 not equipped with run-flat tires was the 2001-2004 Z06 hardtop. Its special Goodyear Eagle F1 Supercar tires lacked the stiffed sidewalls of the run-flat tires used on hatchbacks and roadsters to slash more than 23 pounds of unsprung weight. To help in the event of a puncture, each Z06 was equipped with a tire inflation/sealant kit that included a cigar-lighter powered electric air compressor. ⁶⁶⁶
- In addition to the C7s switch to French Michelin tires, Stingray's globalized parts-sourcing theme continued with the adoption of Brembo disc-brake calipers on all models. Outfitting cars from Ferrari to Formula One, the Italian company was a leader in brake technology and helped boost the Stingray's snob appeal among supercar buyers. In the age of large-diameter tires and rims with huge open spaces between the spokes, brake components became important fashion statement. It was a far cry from the subtle *disc-brake* boast lettering seen on 1967 Corvette and Camaro Rally Wheel center caps. ⁹⁶⁰

SOME OF THE THINGS THE BEACHCOMBERS DID IN SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 1 – Monthly Business Meeting – A Board Room Chat via Facebook. Due to the state mandated requirements regarding meeting size the Board decided to meet via Facebook vice meeting in person at Hendrick Chevrolet.

Wednesday, September 9 – Beachcombers Breakfast. A small showing of Beachcombers met at the Brick House Diner for a good breakfast and great company. Consider joining us there in October.

Saturday, September 12 – BCC Annual Trip to ZIP. Ten Beachcombers participated in this annual road trip where they purchased all of the “goodies” their budget allowed, then they drove to ROMA'S for an excellent lunch. On the way home they stopped at the Williamsburg Winery for some liquid refreshment and fellowship.

Wednesday, September 16 – Beachcombers Board Meeting. Meeting was held at the YNOT Pizza at Landstown Commons Shopping Center. As always we had a very productive meeting.

Wednesday, September 23 – A Mid-Week Corvette Garage Gathering. Round 3 of this popular event at The Garage Brewery had to be moved by one week due to inclement weather but, that didn't dampen the Beachcombers from having a good time on the 23rd. This monthly mid-week cruise-in has been very popular with many as it allows the Beachcombers to enjoy a few of the specialty beverages and more importantly, Beachcomber fellowship.

Tuesday, September 29 – Taco Tuesday. Another food gathering, this time at the Plaza Azteca Mexican Restaurant located in Kempsville, enjoying great company and good Mexican food, along with a few Margarita's and other social beverages.

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE HAPPENINGS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

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 Friday through Sunday, October 2 to 4 – The 9th Annual Queen City Car Show on Saturday, October 3. This trip, like so many, has been CANCELLED due to COVID-19 restrictions. If you were planning to attend this car show make sure you cancel your hotel reservations. The Queen City Corvette Club has sent an email to those who pre-registered regarding their refund.

NEW INFORMATION Tuesday, October 6 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting. The Monthly Business Meeting for October will take place at Hendrick Chevrolet, in their Service Department Check-In area at 7:00 pm. ***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 you're not comfortable meeting in large groups we will be streaming the meeting via the Beachcombers Facebook Page.

NEW EVENT Wednesday through Friday, October 7 to 9 – BCC Fall Foliage Trip to Front Royal, VA. Join us as we drive the Skyline Drive and Blue Ridge Parkway. We plan to visit an apple orchard, do some wine tasting, drive some winding roads, enjoying great company & scenic views. See the flyers.

NEW EVENT Saturday, October 10 – Coffee & Corvettes at 9:00 am. The owners of Pale Horse Coffee have invited us back! We were there in August for a Coffee & Corvettes event and although the weather was questionable, several Beachcombers showed up we all enjoyed a good time. The Pale Horse Coffee is located at 1296 South Battlefield Blvd. Their coffee is top notch and they plan to have a food truck on site in case you need a something to munch on. Hope to see ya there. See the flyer

Sunday, October 11 – Beachcombers Annual Fall Picnic from Noon to 5:00 pm. 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. The location for this year's picnic is the Currituck BBQ Company located at 4467 Currituck Hwy., Barco, NC.

The deadline for signing up for the picnic is only a few days away. You have until October 1 to provide payment to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, P.O. Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. **The cost is \$10.00 per person payable in advance.**

This year's menu consists of Pork BBQ, Pork Ribs, Sliced Brisket, Fried Chicken, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Hush-Puppies & Banana Pudding for dessert. 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 locations to visit which will take you on a tour of the countryside. At these locations you'll be required to take a photo 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.

Wednesday, October 14 – 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 Thursday through Saturday, October 15 to 17 – 2020 MOTUL Petit Le Mans IMSA Race at Road Atlanta. A few of the Beachcombers are planning to attend this year's event providing that spectators are allowed.

Here is a little information on what you can expect if you choose to join us. While the 10-hour MOTUL Petit Le Mans on Saturday, October 17th is the premier event of the weekend, there are three additional racing series also competing for their championships at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta! Wednesday through Friday of race week, fans can witness the title showdowns during the FOX Factory 120 featuring the Michelin Pilot Challenge, the IMSA Prototype Challenge and the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama. These series are each unique and offer the fans a different kind of racing to experience – there's never a dull moment at the 23rd Annual MOTUL Petit Le Mans and this won't be an event to miss as we close out the annual American Le Mans series!

Wednesday, October 21 – 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.

Thursday, October 22 – The Garage Brewery Corvette Gathering. Due to the popularity of this event we are planning to do it again. Who will be the featured inside Corvette? A special thanks goes out to Richard Hillis for making this happen each month.

NEW EVENT Friday, October 23 – Bring Your Own Lunch (BYOL) at Munden Point Park. Earlier this year we had a similar get together where everyone brought their lunch and we gathered at a Chesapeake City Park. That turned out to be a fun time so the thought is, let's do it again, but this time at Munden Point Park in Virginia Beach. All you have to do is stop and get your favorite lunch meal, drive to Munden Point Park and look for the gathering of Corvettes at one of their shelters. Munden Point Park is located at 2001 Pefley Lane, Virginia Beach. Plan to be there at noon. See the flyer.

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PLANNED BEYOND OCTOBER

NEW EVENT Sunday, November 1, 2021 – Seafood Sunday. With the popularity of Wings Wednesday and Taco Tuesday we're now going for Seafood Sunday. This gathering will be at Margie & Ray's Restaurant, located at 1240 Sandbridge Road in Virginia Beach. We planned this for a mid-afternoon event when it may not be as busy, so plan to arrive at 2:30 to join the rest of the Beachcombers. Margie & Ray's has indoor and outdoor seating available. Hope you can make it.

NEW EVENT Friday, November 13, 2021 – Charity Laps at VIR. This event was advertised on the VIR website a few months ago but it has now been removed due to the frequent changes in the COVID-19 restrictions. I will continue to monitor their website and if the Charity Laps are taking place, I'm certain there will be some Beachcombers who will be attending.

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.

NEW EVENT Thursday, January 28 to Sunday, January 31, 2012 – ROLEX 24 at Daytona. For those new to the BCC, we have made this multi-day road trip for several years and have always had a good time. If IMSA racing is something you enjoy, you won't be disappointed by attending this race. The weather can be unpredictable but we've always managed to make the best of it and the race still goes on.

With the impressive showing of the Corvette Racing Teams in 2020 you don't want to miss out on the 59th running of North America's most prestigious sports car race. The season kick-off, will be held on January 30-

31, 2021 at Daytona International Speedway, the opening the IMSA Weather Tech SportsCar Championship season.

In addition, the annual “Roar Before the ROLEX 24” preseason test sessions shifts to a new date in 2021 – January 22-24 (Friday-Sunday). Following the popular “Roar” schedule, IMSA Teams are set to remain at the track through the ROLEX 24 weekend. They are scheduled to participate in fan-focused events celebrating the start of the IMSA season at ONE DAYTONA, the lifestyle and entertainment destination located directly across International Speedway Blvd. from Daytona International Speedway.

The IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship currently features competition in four classes: the headlining Daytona Prototype international class (DPi), Le Mans Prototype 2 (LMP2), GT Le Mans (GTLM) and GT Daytona (GTD). On Friday, January 29 – prior to the Saturday-Sunday, twice around the clock ROLEX 24 – the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge season will begin with the four-hour BMW Endurance Challenge. The full listing of racing action includes:

- January 22-24: Roar Before the ROLEX 24
- January 29: BMW Endurance Challenge
- January 30-31: ROLEX 24

We’re planning to depart Tidewater for Daytona on Thursday, January 28 and drive to Savannah GA, where we’ll spend the night and then drive into Daytona on Friday, January 29. Rooms have been blocked at the Iris Garden Inn in Savannah and at the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown under the Beachcombers Corvette Club name. To a room at the Iris Garden Inn for Thursday January 28, call 1-912-777-5002 and ask for one of the rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$62.00 (plus tax). To reserve a room at the Days Inn of Daytona Beach for January 29 thru February 1, call 1-386-255-4500, and ask to speak to Sandra, let her know you wish to reserve one of the rooms blocked for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$99.00 (plus tax). On February 1, after checking out of the hotel you’re on your own as some may be taking side trips to other adventures and others heading directly back to Tidewater.

[NEW INFORMATION Sunday, February 20, 2021](#) – 3rd Annual Cruzin Corvetter’s Cruise. It’s still about five months’ away but it’s not too early to begin planning and dreaming about being in the Caribbean for a week of fun in the sun. Obviously we can’t predict what the future will bring but for now this cruise is still “a go”. I’ve spoken with our Princess Cruise Planner, Chelsea, and she said that the Beachcombers currently have 11 couples who have signed up for this cruise. If this is something might be of interest to you and you’d like to join your fellow Beachcombers on a Caribbean Cruise, talk with me or, if you’re ready to book the cruise contact our cruise planner, Chelsea, at 1-800-901-1172 ext. 41651. The itinerary consists of boarding the *Enchanted Princess* in Fort Lauderdale, FL on Feb 20, 2021 for a 7 days cruise with 3 port stops, including the Princess Cays, Bahamas; St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and St. Maarten. 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).

[NEW EVENT Thursday to Saturday, April 22 to 24, 2021](#) – Michelin NCM Bash. Depending on state of affairs regarding COVID-19 restrictions we are considering a BCC trip to the Michelin NCM Bash in Bowling Green, KY. As the time draws closer we’ll be looking at the options available for travel and NCM rules during this event.

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