

# Beachcombers News Letter November 2020



## BCC NEWS ITEMS

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

“Your 2020 Beachcombers Corvette Club membership expires on 31 October 2020 therefore, it is time for you to renew your membership for 2021. The deadline for continuing your membership is 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 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.”

- ❖ The Beachcombers ended the year with 123 families. We know we'll be starting the new year with a few fewer families due to members moving from the area and some people no longer owning a Corvette. It is imperative that you pay your dues as soon as possible. As stated above this can be done in person or by mail.
- ❖ Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting – We plan to hold the Monthly Business Meeting for November at Hendrick Chevrolet, in their Service Department Check-In area. If you are not comfortable meeting in large groups, we will be streaming the meeting via the Beachcombers Facebook Page. 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.
- ❖ **NEW INFORMATION** – Regarding Landstown Commons. Progress has been made thanks to John Herbert who has been working diligently to reestablish our use of the Landstown Commons parking lot to support Cruise-Ins and Car Shows. Here is what we know so far:
  - Cruise-Ins are planned to resume on Saturday, October 31 and take place each Saturday through the end of the year, this of course will be dependent on the weather.
  - There will be NO TRUNK OR TREATING on October 31.
  - The Saturday, November 14 Cruise-In will be hosted by the Beachcombers Corvette Club.
  - The Cruise-Ins will begin at 2:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm.
  - Because of the state mandated restrictions brought on by Covid-19 regarding groups of up to 1000 people to gather, there will some changes compared to what we were used to in previous years.
  - Jeff Biggs, the BCC Cruise-In coordinator, has asked for a handful of Beachcomber volunteers to help with the set-up for the Cruise-Ins on October 31 and November 7 to get an idea of what we'll need to do when the BCC hosts the Cruise-In on November 14.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual George E. Smith Car Show is scheduled for Sunday, November 15 beginning at 9:00 am to honor the memory of George E. Smith, a beloved member of the Beachcombers, who left us in December 2018. At 3:00 the emphasis of the Car Show shifts to a Light The Night Event and will run until 7:00 pm.
  - Please keep an eye on the Weekly Updates for reminders of events at Landstown.

- ❖ Probably many of you are aware that our Corvette go-to guy at Rick Hendrick, “A. J”. Reid, has moved on to bigger and better things and is no longer with Rick Hendrick Chevrolet. Our new go-to guy at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet is Peter Froberg, who can be reached at 757-455-4522. For Corvette service or concerns reach out to him.
- ❖ **NEW INFORMATION** - Regarding our Winter Holiday Party. Earlier in the year we were unable to find a location for our Christmas Party before Christmas and the Club agreed to hold our annual celebration in January, 2021. The location agreed upon was the Double Tree by Hilton at the Oceanfront and we entered into an agreement with them for a party to be held on January 9, 2021. Now, as we move forward to the challenges of today, the realization that Covid-19 may prevent many Club members from attending, the Board has shifted its focus and has agreed to cancel the Winter Holiday Party planned for January 9, 2021. The Double Tree by Hilton at the Oceanfront has agreed to not hold us to the January date and will allow us to choose any date in 2021 for our party without a loss of the monies provided as a deposit. The Board is recommending December 11, 2021 as a primary date with December 18, 2021 as an alternate for next year’s Christmas Party.
- ❖ 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](mailto:msuttle@verizon.net).
- ❖ 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](mailto: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.
- ❖ As we move into the later stages of the year and the weather becomes a little more unpredictable it becomes increasingly difficult to plan outings or events where we can enjoy driving our Vettes. If you have an idea for an outing or a club activity please share it with me and together we may be able to make it happen.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING** (See Melissa’s email or go the Beachcombers website for the Complete Report)

**Old Business:**

**BCC Picnic** – Tickets are still available for this event. \$10/person.

**Chili Cook-off** – TBD

**George E. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Memorial Car Show** – TBD

**Holiday Party** – Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Hilton Doubletree in VB.

Tickets are \$25 per member and \$25 for the first guest. Additional guests are \$65 per guest. Discounted rooms have been reserved for \$89/night. Volunteers needed to plan the menu, photo booth, raffles and door prizes: Willard & Ruth Baum, Charlene Price, Lisa Sinatra, Connie Miller, Ginny Cooper, Wade & Gale Ridgley, Hank Reisenbichler, Marge Wryk & Fran Kummers.

**BCC Advertising Cards** – The new cards have been printed but are being held as they state the BCC Monthly Business Meetings are taking place at the VB Public Library.

**New Business:**

**Elections** – All board members except Sharon Cummings are willing to stay on for another year. Melissa Farrar agreed to fill in for Sharon for the remainder of this year. A motion was made by Hank Reisenbichler to table the elections to the Nov. Business Meeting. This was seconded by Pete Schultz.

**General Discussion:**

**BCC Picnic** – 71 people are signed up for the Fall Picnic on Oct. 11. Those wishing to caravan should meet at Abuelo’s at 10:45 AM for an 11:00 AM departure.

**Membership** – Dues are due and must be paid prior to attending the Holiday Party.

**Event Planning** – If you would like to plan an event or invite the media to a BCC function, please discuss with the BCC Board prior.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Did some owners of split-window 1963 Sting Ray coupes really take hacksaws to their nearly new cars? Yep. When General Motors gave the 1964 coupe a facelift and eliminated the central spine between the rear window panels, 10,594 split-window coupe owners suddenly became very aware they were driving “last year’s model”. To address the problem, Fibco Plastics of Torrance, CA, whipped up a conversion kit to remove the split window! A *Custom Corvettes* booklet of 1963 there was a six page how-to article in which a split-window coupe was “updated” with a one piece backlight. Worse yet, the aftermarket replacement wasn’t even glass. A sure to scratch and less than optically perfect Plexiglas panel came with the kit. You have to wonder how many split-window coupe owners took the dubious bait and what became of those removed OEM glass window panels and liberated divider inserts. 251
- The 1975 arrival of a catalytic converter, mounted directly beneath the passenger seat, put an end to true full-length dual-exhaust plumbing, a Corvette hallmark since 1953. To isolate the cabin from elevated temperatures, steel panels were added to the floor and firewall. Retrofitting pre-1975 dual exhaust was a simple matter, as the 1975 frame still retained the passage tube for the driver-side exhaust-head pipe used since 1963. In 1980, as part of a weight-reduction campaign, the transmission cross-member was redesigned to eliminate the driver-side pass through. Adding dual exhaust to any 1980 – 1982 model was more complex. 422
- Corvette body engineers chose to render certain Z06 and ZR1 body panels in carbon fiber for reasons far beyond its high-tech sex appeal. Carbon-fiber body panels weighed roughly half as much as fiberglass but also delivered five times more stiffness and strength. In addition, thanks to the manufacturing process, much thinner (and thus lighter) carbon-fiber panels could be made, down to 1 millimeter, an unthinkable thickness with fiberglass or SMC. Perhaps most surprising of all, per pound, carbon-fiber components absorbed twice as crash energy as steel. 797

## **SOME OF THE THINGS THE BEACHCOMBERS DID IN OCTOBER**

Tuesday, October 6 – Monthly Business Meeting – An in-person meeting at Hendrick Chevrolet along with streaming the meeting via the Beachcombers Facebook Page. This manner of conducting our meeting was so successful that we’re using this format in November.

Wednesday, October 7 – Fall Foliage Trip to Front Royal. About a dozen cars departed from Greenbrier for an excellent trip taking us to wineries, apple orchards, twisty roads, outstanding restaurants, spectacular scenery, fabulous weather and above all great company.

Sunday, October 11 – Beachcombers Annual Fall Picnic. The weather held off for most of the afternoon, then a light misty rain moved in. However, that didn’t dampen our spirits and the party went on. A great turn-out of about 60 Beachcombers. The food was excellent and everyone had a chance to visit with friends they may have not seen in a while.

Wednesday, October 14 – Beachcombers Breakfast. About a dozen Beachcombers met at the Brick House Diner for a good breakfast and great company. Consider joining us in November.

Tuesday, October 20 – BCC Winter Holiday Party Planning Committee Meeting. A meeting was held to discuss the BCC Winter Holiday Party scheduled for January 9, 2021 at the Virginia Beach Double Tree Hotel. Thanks to all who showed up to help.

Wednesday, October 21 – Beachcombers Board Meeting. Meeting was held at the YNOT Pizza at Landstown Commons Shopping Center. As always we had a very productive meeting.

Thursday, October 22 – A Mid-Week Corvette Garage Brewery Gathering. Round 4 of this popular event at The Garage Brewery. 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. This will be the last Garage Brewery Gathering for the year. I'm certain it will resume in 2021.

Friday, October 23 – A BYOL Lunch Date at Munden Point Park. Several Beachcombers brought their lunch to this end of the week get together at Munden Point Park. It was a fun time just being able to get out of the house, enjoy the gorgeous weather and spend time visiting with good friends.

## ***A LOOK AT SOME OF THE HAPPENINGS PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER***

**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 EVENT Sunday, November 1** – 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. The extended forecast is for good weather, so come join us for a late lunch or early dinner. Hope to see you there. See the attached flyer.

**Tuesday, November 3** – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting. The Monthly Business Meeting for November 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 Saturday, November 7** – RIR Charity Laps. Richmond Raceway will host Track Laps for Charity presented by Virginia Credit Union from 10 am to 1 pm. Track Laps for Charity provide fans the opportunity to drive their personal vehicles around America's Premier Short Track for a donation of \$20. All proceeds will benefit Richmond Raceway Cares and the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU. For more information on Richmond Track Laps, visit [richmondraceway.com/tracklaps](http://richmondraceway.com/tracklaps).

**NEW EVENT Saturday, November 7** – Powhatan Distillery Event. Customer Appreciation Cruise at 10:30 am to 4 pm, hosted by Three Crosses Distilling Company. Delta V Motorsports and Hagerty Insurance have partnered up for a Customer Appreciation Cruise from Delta V Motorsports towards Powhatan with various stops along the way ending at Three Crosses Distillery. You do not necessarily have to be a client of either! The event will be limited to roughly 40-50 cars and registration will be required. Delta V Motorsports is located at 1510 Webster Street, Richmond, VA.

The tentative plans are to meet at Delta V Motorsports at 10:30 for coffee and conversation. Jonathan "the juggler" Austin will perform his best juggles and then a brief intro from Delta V Motorsports and Hagerty Insurance. We can then head off on our adventure. At the end of the route, we will stop at Three Crosses Distillery for a food truck lunch and Hagerty Insurance will cover lunch for you and a guest starting about 2:00 to 2:30 and they will have live music at 5:00. There will be parking set up in the Powhatan Administration Building across the street from Three Crosses.

If you are interested go to the Three Crosses Distillery Facebook Page or their website to register for this event, as space is limited.

**NEW EVENT Saturday, November 7** – Annual Bonfire in Blackwater. John Herbert from the Chevy Lover's Car Club has graciously invited the Beachcombers to his annual Bonfire in Blackwater from 6 - 9 pm. Bring friends and family. Food will be served beginning at 6:30 pm. He is asking that if your last name begins with an A-M, please bring a pot luck. If your last name begins with an N-Z, please bring a finger food/dip or dessert. He is providing the main course, as well as sodas, water, hot chocolate, and a limited supply of beer. This will be outside, so appropriate outer clothing and footwear, and a chair. In the event of inclement weather, we will relocate to "Garagemaha". John's address is 2853 Indian Creek Road, Virginia Beach.

**NEW EVENT Sunday, November 8** – 2nd Annual Hall Chevrolet Custom Car Show and Fall Festival. This event is a judged car show located at Hall Chevrolet Chesapeake from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm with a \$25.00 entrance fee. Join 757 Auto Events as they team up with local powerhouses including Hall / Mile One Autogroup, Clear Shine Virginia, Coastal Virginia Auto Show, and the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads bringing this awesome event to our community.

**Wednesday, November 11** – 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 Friday, November 13, 2021** – Charity Laps at VIR. CANCELLED due to Covid-19.

**NEW EVENT Saturday, November 14** – Landstown Common Cruise In Hosted by the BCC. Volunteers are needed to help out with the first BCC Hosted Cruise-In of the year. Please come out and lend a hand.

**Wednesday, November 18** – 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 Sunday, November 22** – Mayflower Marathon Food Drive for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. Every year the Beachcombers do a tremendous job of filling the trunks of their Corvettes with non-perishable food items to be donated to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. The generosity of the Beachcombers is also displayed, as many, reach into their pocket to donate cash for this worthwhile event. This year we'll meet at 2:00 pm behind the west end of Pembroke Mall and drive to the food drive drop-off location, where we'll make a presentation to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. Afterwards the BCC attendees plan to go to Mission BBQ, located at 116 Independence Blvd. for eats and spend some quality time together. Preston Powers has the lead and will be able to answer any questions you may have.

**NEW EVENT Monday, November 23** – Margarita Monday. Who doesn't like Margarita's? Plan to join your Beachcomber Family at the Gran Maya Mexican Restaurant located at 1756 General Booth Blvd., Virginia Beach at 6:00 pm. This is a newly opened restaurant where we've found the food to be excellent. On Monday's they have a \$5.00 Margarita "Happy Hour" special that lasts until 7:00 pm. So mark your calendar and plan to join us.

## **SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PLANNED BEYOND NOVEMBER**

**NEW EVENT Thursday, January 28 to Sunday, January 31, 2021** – 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 or is something you'd like to learn more about, 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 59<sup>th</sup> 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 reserve 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cruzin Corvetter's Cruise.](#) It's only about four months' away before the dream of a Caribbean getaway becomes a reality enjoying 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 9 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 February 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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