

# Beachcombers News Letter

## January 2021



### BCC NEWS ITEMS

#### ❖ A few words from our President;

Fellow Beachcombers – I'd like to say a few words about something that is near and dear to all of us, and that is the ability to effectively communicate Club information with you.

“Our existing web site, “beachcomberscorvetteclub.com”, was originally designed and developed on a barter system during the Club’s autocross days (circa 2007). The agreement was that the website host would receive free autocross in exchange for website development. Since then, we have experienced technical issues which have been on-going for several years with little to no support from our website host. Our website host owns the “beachcomberscorvetteclub.com” domain name and we have tried to contact him regarding his willingness to surrender this domain name, to no avail.

Our webmaster Gordon has tried his best to maintain the lines of communication by using his personal email account to distribute “announcements” with a mass mailing to all of the Club membership. Additionally, Gordon has pulled most of our information and data from the beachcomberscorvetteclub.com website and secured it on his hard drive.

The Board has been discussing our existing website deficiencies and correspondence issues for the past several months and have come to the realization that we should no longer have to rely on Gordon’s workaround for “announcements” to get the job done.

With all of these ongoing website issues and patches to maintain information and effectively communicate with the Club, the Board had decided to switch our webhosting services, email services, domain privacy & protection, and our new domain name “beachcomberscorvetteclub.net” to GoDaddy Web Hosting Services.

Presently we pay an annual fee of \$180.00 for website hosting, a non-functioning email, poor security, and do not have control of our domain name. We feel we need to have and maintain control of the safety, and security of our information as well as make it easily accessible to our members across multiple platforms (cell phones, tablets, laptops, computers, etc.).

By migrating to GoDaddy Web Hosting Services we pay an annual fee of \$225.09 for the next three years and have the following services provided:

- \* Free SSL Certificate for duration of hosting (enable websites to move from HTTP to HTTPS, which is secure),
- \* One website,
- \* Unlimited storage,
- \* Unlimited visitors,
- \* Business email (1) for BCC Membership Communication,
- \* Website backup protection with 1-click restore,
- \* Free domain name (Owned by BCC),
- \* Automatic daily malware scan,
- \* SEO optimizer (Search engine optimization of web pages and their content to be easily discoverable by users), and
- \* Unlimited malware removal and hack repair.

We are still in the idea/development phase and have tentatively secured the services of a very competent web designer, eager to help us in developing our website. His development services would be a one-time fee of \$1,500.00, and the board strongly supports this expenditure to develop a new interactive website. The proposed GoDaddy web site will feature enhanced capabilities, including (but not limited to) public and members only areas, calendar with events, sign-up page for events, RSS newsfeeds (NCM/Corvette Racing/NCCC, etc.), membership page, sunshine page, photo album, historical records/reports, Club merchandise, etc.

We will discuss our new proposed website hosting and take a vote on expending the funds to design our new website at the next live Facebook "Board Room Chat" on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 starting @ 7:00 PM.

Also, up for vote is the BCC Budget that was tabled (provided along with my December Holiday Note) to be voted upon during the January Business Meeting.

- ❖ Let's hope that as we move into 2021 we will experience some relief from the misery of the dreaded Covid-19 that we've suffered through in the last 10 months. With a vaccine that has been approved and being administered to some, hopefully we'll slowly see things return to normal. However, until that happens, we may have to continue to shelter-in-place and limit our contact with others.
- ❖ The current Beachcomber membership consists of 111 families. In lieu of the state-of-affairs regarding Covid, I'd say we're doing very well. If for some reason you haven't renewed your membership please consider doing it as soon as possible. Our newest members are;
  - ✓ Francine & Ed Deir with their 2021 Torch Red Convert,
  - ✓ Rick Ellis in his 2000 Red Coupe, and
  - ✓ Jacin (Jason) Lisner driving a 2016 Torch Red Z06. Please join me in welcoming our newest members to our family.
- ❖ An increasingly popular attraction for many Beachcombers has been the following of the Corvette Racing Team in the IMSA Race Circuit. Several Beachcombers attend the IMSA kick-off race each year known as the ROLEX 24 at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, FL and the race at VIR in August. Probably our most avid Club fans are Lavern Morris and Johnny Jones, aka JJ, who attend several races each year. Lavern is also our eyes and ears regarding IMSA Racing and asked me to share some updated information from Daytona International Speedway if you're planning to attend the ROLEX 24 in 2021. Please go to <https://www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com/Plan-Your-Visit/Facility-Rules-A-Prohibited-Items.aspx#safety> for their updated information. Please look further down in this News Letter for more information pertaining to the Thursday, January 28 to Sunday, January 31, 2021 – ROLEX 24 at Daytona. Thanks Lavern for keeping us informed.
- ❖ Here are some of the things we can look forward to regarding Landstown Commons' events in 2021. This is information from the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads (CCCHR) as provided by our BCC representative Jeff Biggs.
  - ✓ Landstown will not be covering the expenses for Cruise-In's but it looks as if Hall Chevrolet may pick up much of the cost.
  - ✓ Insurance for the Cruise-In's may cost each of the four host clubs \$25.00 - \$35.00 for the entire year.
  - ✓ Entry fee for the Cruise-In's might be increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 - \$5.00.
  - ✓ The tentative plan is for Cruise-In's to begin on March 27<sup>th</sup> and continue weekly throughout the summer.

- ✓ The George E. Smith 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ The Chevy Lovers Spring Dust Off is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Our new "go-to" guy for service at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet is Peter Froberg, who can be reached at 757-455-4522. For Corvette service or concerns reach out to him.

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

**Old Business:**

Chili Cook-off – TBD

George E. Smith 3rd Annual Memorial Car Show – March 27, 2021

Holiday Party – The Holiday Party that was scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Hilton Doubletree in VB has been cancelled. An agreement was reached whereby our \$1000 deposit will be credited for a rescheduled party prior to the end of 2021. The 2021 Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 11, 2021. Going forward, we will start looking for places in October/November for the following year's party. A motion was made by Pete Schultz and a second by Gene Cooper, and this plan was approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

**New Business:**

Hendrick's Chevrolet – Stuff the Bus Campaign: From 11/30 to 12/04 toy donations are being accepted at Rick Hendrick's Chevrolet.

2020 BCC Audit: This has been completed by the Clyburn brothers with no concerns identified.

BCC 2021 Budget: A balanced "COVID" budget has been prepared. The vote was tabled until the next business meeting.

**General Discussion:**

BCC Website – current issues with maintenance and group communication were discussed. Considerations for action going forward were discussed. May need to consider a new domain name if unable to transfer current name. The Board will complete additional research regarding this matter.

2021 Valentine's Day Fun Run – need to determine location and \$750 club allocation.

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

- In 1957, Corvettes painted Inca Silver previewed a new paint formulation that all GM divisions would adopt beginning in 1958. To support the metallic content of Inca Silver (and the growing trend toward metallic paint), nitrocellulose lacquer replaced GM's age-old nitrocellulose paint. The rest of the 1957 Corvette color palette relied on nitrocellulose for that final year. Only 65 of the 6339 Corvettes built in 1957 wore Inca Silver paint. Enamel paint was used universally on virtually all GM wheels (Corvette included) because of its durable nature. <sup>175</sup>
- The C5's steel perimeter frame featured hydroformed side rails and a massive central tunnel that reduced door-sill entry/egress step-over height a full 3.7 inches compared to the C4. This eliminated a key complaint among C4 owners concerning its high doorsills, which many older buyers, found uncomfortable to climb over. Better still, overall torsional rigidity was improved 400 percent compared to the C4. <sup>654</sup>
- Other Stingray Concept/Sideswipe design details that GM considered for, but never incorporated into, the C7 were semi-Lambo, upward-hinged doors; a wraparound windshield with invisible A-pillars; and a C4-style one-piece flip-up clamshell hood. Through it all, even though, one item not on the menu was a return to the 1963-2004 retractable headlights. The hassle of blending their complexity into the C7's pointed snout wasn't deemed worth the retro points. <sup>897</sup>

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

Tuesday, December 1 – Monthly Business Meeting – A Facebook virtual meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Wednesday, December 9 – Beachcombers Breakfast. Not a great turnout at breakfast in December, actually it was only Margie and me. So we had an intimate private and enjoyable breakfast. Feel free to join us this month.

Wednesday, December 9 – Holiday Lights Drive at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. We had a great turnout with several fabulous pictures posted on Facebook.

Thursday, December 10 – Beachcombers Board Meeting. Meeting was held at the YNOT Pizza at Landstown Commons Shopping Center. A productive meeting. John will be sharing some of the things discussed at the next Business Meeting.

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

**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.

Tuesday, January 5 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting. The size of groups that are allowed to gather is now a maximum of 10 persons. As a result, we will be forced to once again, hold the Monthly Business Meeting on Facebook. We will be streaming the meeting via the Beachcombers Facebook Page beginning at about 6:45 pm with the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, January 13 – 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. This is a great opportunity to support local businesses during these trying times. While enjoying breakfast we'll be abiding by the restaurant's state mandated policy of social distancing.

Thursday, January 20 – 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** Thursday, January 28 to Sunday, January 31, 2021 – ROLEX 24 at Daytona. On Tuesday, December 22, Daytona International Speedway sent an email to those who had purchased tickets for the 2021 ROLEX 24 that detailed the COVID-19 restrictions that will be in effect during this event. Due to these restrictions several of the Beachcombers (including me) that were planning to attend this race have decided that they were no longer planning to attend the 2021 race. So, if you are still planning to attend the 2021 ROLEX 24 and plan to depart Tidewater for Savannah on Thursday, January 28 to spend the night and then drive into Daytona on Friday, January 29, please contact me. 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.

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

**NEW INFORMATION** Sunday, February 14, 2021 – Valentine's Day Fun Run and Lunch. The BCC Board discussed this outing at the last Board Meeting and unanimously agreed to **cancel** this event due to the restrictions posed by COVID-19. We agreed to revisit this event or something similar when the conditions permit.

**NEW INFORMATION** Sunday, February 20, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cruzin Corvetter's Cruise. All of you who had booked passage on this Cruise, should have been notified that Princess Cruise Lines has cancelled this cruise. Correspondence from Princess Cruise Lines outlines the disposition of the funds you may have paid for this cruise. Once Princess Cruise Lines publishes a listing of cruises for 2022 we'll begin looking at a Beachcombers Cruise.

**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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