

# Beachcombers News Letter

## February 2021



### BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ The Beachcomber membership is up to 112 families. Our newest member is actually an old member who has rejoined the fold. If for some reason you haven't renewed your membership please consider doing it as soon as possible. Our newest member is;
  - ⇒ Jerry Kennett driving a Red 2014 C7 Coupe. Join me in welcoming Jerry back.
- ❖ Ed Bickham forwarded me a hyperlink to the Virginia Department of Health regarding a place to register where you be notified when & where you may get your COVID-19 vaccine inoculation. The link is <https://vdh.jebbit.com/amkwk6m1?L=Owned+Web&JC=Vaccine>. Thanks Ed for keeping your Beachcomber family in mind.
- ❖ As we look into the 2021 crystal ball we see that things are beginning to take shape for events at Landstown Commons. The Car Club Council of Hampton Roads (CCCHR) has developed the Cruise-In schedule for 2021, with the Beachcombers hosting the Cruise-Ins on April 3, May 1 & 29, June 26, July 24, August 21, September 18 and October 16. As in previous years, we will need Beachcomber volunteers with the set-up in the mornings and the tear downs in the evenings on the days we are the hosting club. Thanks Jeff Biggs for keeping us informed.
- ❖ The National Corvette Museum is kicking off the on-site event season with the **Michelin NCM Bash** slated for April 22 – 24. Returning activities include a seminar and classroom sessions by GM Certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Enjoy guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, auctions, book signings, the Ladies' Oasis and more!

This years' event will also include the Hall of Fame activities for the 2020 Corvette Hall of Fame inductees, which was rescheduled from last September. Inductees include Doug Fehan, Henry Haga, Mike McCagh and Wendell Strode.

Registration for the event is \$20 for Lifetime Members, \$25 for Members and \$35 for Non-Members. For additional information go to the Corvette Museum Website.

If in-person attendance is allowed, the Beachcombers will go forward with plans to attend this event. However if COVID-19 restriction limit participation then this trip will not be a planned as a Club Trip. Please refer to the section of this News Letter entitled **SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PLANNED BEYOND FEBRUARY** for additional details.

- ❖ Beachcombers have asked if we'll be planning another cruise, ocean cruise that is, and the answer is YES. The Beachcombers Chapter of the Cruzin Corvetters are planning a Caribbean Cruise for March 2022. So, while you're looking at **SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PLANNED BEYOND FEBRUARY**, you'll see some of the details. As you know we had to cancel the cruise planned for February 2021 due to the pandemic but let's hope that by March 2022 life will be back to normal and cruising will resume.
- ❖ 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. Michele is working with Lands' End to develop a link on our new webpage where BCC members will be able to directly order an item from Lands' End and have it embroidered with the BCC logo. You will still have the option of having the BCC logo applied by American Eagle Embroidery as we've done in the past. Additionally, we are looking at a local business capable of producing BCC logo name tags where members will be able order their name tags directly and thereby expedite getting their nametags. If you have questions please contact Michele 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.
- ❖ Beginning with this issue, you'll see a new section to the BCC News Letter entitled **THE BCC MARKETPLACE**. BCC Members can contact me if you wish to place an ad in this section. The rules for placing an ad are;
  - The item being advertised must be Corvette related,
  - BCC Members will provide me with the information regarding the item they wish to advertise,
  - BCC Members will be limited to one item per monthly issue of the News Letter, after one month the item will be removed from the News Letter,
  - in addition to a description of the item advertised, the BCC Member must give their name and contact information and will be used as the point of contact for prospective buyers,
  - BCC Members may place an ad in **THE BCC MARKETPLACE** for a non-BCC Member in accordance with the above rules.
  - **THE BCC MARKETPLACE** will not be used to advertise businesses or business related services.
- ❖ 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 JANUARY 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 at Landstown Commons

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.

BCC Promotional Items – BCC advertisement cards printed are being modified with our new website address and a scannable QC code. Michelle Suttle can be contacted at [msuttle@verizon.net](mailto:msuttle@verizon.net)

VAWD – May 21-22, 2021. Itinerary the same. Friday "Meet – n – Greet", Saturday "Show – n – Shine". Same menu, sponsors, and vendors. More details to follow in the coming months. Please consider volunteering, we need registers, parking directors, etc.

BCC Trailer Sale to CCCHR – trailer/contents/continued storage/logo – Jeff Biggs will be at the CCCHR meeting this Thursday. Need volunteer to review trailer inventory and research prices for BCC items and value of trailer.

**BCC Website**

- A special thank you to Gordon Patterson for his dedicated maintenance of our website to date!!
- GoDaddy confirmed for three years @ approximately \$225.09 per year.
- Mike Ware and Gordon are working on email account. Until this is completed, Gordon will continue to forward correspondence.
- [Beachcomberscorvetteclub.net](http://Beachcomberscorvetteclub.net)
- A designer has been identified for the website.

BCC 2021 Budget: A balanced “COVID” budget has been prepared. The budget was unanimously approved.

### **New Business:**

BCC Website - new discussion regarding website design.

- Make sure Rick Hendrick’s Chevrolet is prominent on webpage as official sponsor of BCC
  - No credit card payments through website at this time
  - Continue to use Eventbrite for outside activities
  - BCC logo needs to change to reflect the new information
  - Additional sponsors are needed
  - Calendar – to include events and the ability to sign up for events
  - Upload Gordon’s hard-drive with BCC Archives
  - Links to social media – Facebook, Instagram, etc.
  - Mission Statement
  - Lands’ End – we can send them logo and members can order items directly from Land’s End. There would be an additional fee of \$6.95 for embroidery of BCC logo onto Land’s End items
- BCC Website Design
- Approximately \$1500 needs to be allocated initially.
  - A vote was taken, and it was approved up to \$2000 as an initial allocation

### **General Discussion:**

Post COVID Party – Rob & Connie Clyburn will hold poolside party – date TBD.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Corvettes and movies went hand in hand from the beginning. The 1967 feature film *Hot Rods to Hell* was memorialized for its inclusion of a modified 1958 Corvette. In the 92 minute drive-in movie classic, a conservative family in a pea-soup-green 1961 Plymouth Belvedere is terrorized by a gang of hooligans driving an assortment of hopped-up machines. Leading the pack is a bright red Corvette with flamed side coves, yellow racing stripes, Radir mag wheels, a tall roll bar and deleted front bumper and grille. The Corvette was eventually wrecked in a game of chicken. <sup>131</sup>
- Ever wonder why the C4 had such high door sills and massive drive tunnel? Thank the Targa top. At the outset of the C4 development program in 1979, the C4 was meant to continue the shark-era T-top roof configuration, but Chevrolet president Lloyd Reuss demanded the same unobstructed view of the sky found in certain Porsche and Ferrari sports cars. However, without the T-top connection between the windshield frame and B-pillar hoop, early C4 body test mockups lacked adequate strength and rigidity. By upsizing the doorsills and center tunnel into “torque boxes” Chevrolet was able to restore strength. Still, some critics didn’t like the way the C4’s high sills complicated entry and egress. <sup>526</sup>
- A far cry from the basic in-dash heater used since 1953, heated seats took personal comfort in the C6 to a new level, a first in Corvette history. Electrically activate grids implanted in the upper and lower cushions allowed drivers and passengers to meet their personal heating needs. Blended into the Preferred Equipment Groups, heated seats occupied far more than 70% of all C6’s. <sup>781</sup>

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

Tuesday, January 5 – Monthly Business Meeting – Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a Facebook Boardroom Chat virtual meeting was held.

Wednesday, January 13 – Beachcombers Breakfast at the Brick House Diner located at 941 Providence Square shopping center. About a dozen Beachcombers were on hand for the January breakfast, feel free to join us in February.

Wednesday, January 20 – 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.

Thursday, January 28 to Sunday, January 31, 2021 – ROLEX 24 at Daytona. Due to Covid restrictions, most of the Beachcombers took advantage of the offer made by Daytona International Speedway to cancel or defer their 2021 tickets to the 2022 ROLEX 24.

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

**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, February 2 – 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, February 10 – 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.

**NEW EVENT** Saturday, February 13 – Corvettes & Coffee at Pale Horse Coffee. The Pale Horse Coffee Shop located at 1296 Battlefield Blvd, Chesapeake has invited us to bring our Vettes, show them off and enjoy some of their delicious coffee beginning at 9:00 am. The *Flavor Savor* food truck will also be on site if you need a little something to eat. The Pale Horse Coffee is one of the advertising Sponsors for our new webpage, so let's show up in force and show our appreciation. Please see the attached flyer.

Wednesday, February 17 – 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.

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

**NEW EVENT** Sunday, March 21, 2021 – Beachcombers Drive-By Food Drive. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a public health and economic crisis, the effects of which are widespread. The repercussions include added hardship for populations already facing challenges making ends meet, as well as a significant increase in the number of people experiencing food insecurity.

Since the crisis began, food banks have faced a "perfect storm" that includes surges in demand, declines in food donations due to supply chain challenges, fewer available volunteers, and other disruptions to the charitable food assistance system's operating model. For now, with no immediate end to the crisis in sight, demand for charitable food assistance is expected to remain at elevated levels for the foreseeable future. Because of the pandemic, food insecurity is projected to rise by 33% for individuals in our area and 47% for children. Please see the attached flyer for details.

**NEW INFORMATION Thursday to Saturday, April 22 to 24, 2021** – Michelin NCM Bash. Depending on state of affairs regarding COVID-19 restrictions we are planning a Club trip to the Michelin NCM Bash in Bowling Green, KY. The itinerary would be something like this;

Wednesday, April 21 early morning departure, drive to Kodak, KY where we'll spend the night  
 Thursday, April 22 depart Kodak, KY, drive to Bowling Green, and participate in NCM Bash activities  
 Friday, April 23 participate in NCM Bash activities  
 Saturday, April 24 participate in NCM Bash activities  
 Sunday, April 25 depart Bowling Green and drive to Robbinsville, NC via The Tail of the Dragon  
 Monday, April 26 depart Robbinsville, NC and drive home

More information will be forthcoming once we have a better feel for COVID-19 restrictions in Bowling Green.

**NEW EVENT Saturday, March 5, 2022** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cruzin Corvetter's Cruise – I know this is a long way off but if you think this might interest you, you can begin saving you nickels and dimes now. Imagine being with your fellow Beachcombers on a Caribbean Cruise aboard the *Sky Princess*, departing Fort Lauderdale, FL on March 5, 2022. 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. The current Princess promotion for this cruise includes Free Drink Package, Wi-Fi, Gratuities, Specialty Dining and Stateroom Location Upgrade. Like most promotions this offer will not last indefinitely, so if this cruise is something that interests you, I'd recommend booking sooner than later. 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.

	Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
<p>The map shows a cruise route starting at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA. The route goes south through the Atlantic Ocean to Princess Cays, Bahamas. From there, it heads west to Grand Turk, then south to St. Maarten, St. Thomas, and finally St. Kitts in the Caribbean Sea. A note indicates that St. Thomas is a port substitution and the order may vary.</p>	Sat, March 5	Ft. Lauderdale, FL		4:00 p.m.
	Sun, March 6	Princess Cays, Bahamas	9:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
	Mon, March 7	At Sea		
	Tue, March 8	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	10:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
	Wed, March 9	St. Maarten	7:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
	Thu, March 10	At Sea		
	Fri, March 11	At Sea		
	Sat, March 12	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	6:00 a.m.	

**NEW THE BCC MARKETPLACE**

Corvette beige floor mats specifically for '63-'67. Paid \$300, looking for best offer. If interested contact Rob Clyburn at (757) 676 6667. Rob is advertising these for a friend,

Grey colored C7 WeatherTech floor mats. New. Asking \$25.00. If interested contact Joe Wryk at (757) 342-9207

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