

Beachcombers News Letter

April 2021



BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ It's beginning to look as though the light at the end of the tunnel is getting a little brighter regarding Virginia's restrictions due to Covid. On Tuesday, March 23, Governor Ralph Northam said he will roll back coronavirus restrictions once more as case counts decline. The new numbers allowed for social gatherings has increased from 10 to 50 for indoor gatherings and from 50 to 100 for outdoor gatherings, these changes go into effect on April 1. The Governor further stated that we all must be careful and continue to wear masks, frequently sanitize our hands and maintain social distancing. Due to these encouraging changes we are planning the April Beachcombers Business Meeting to be an in-person meeting at Rick Hendrick's Chevrolet. Please refer to the [A LOOK AT SOME OF THE HAPPENINGS PLANNED FOR APRIL](#) section of this News Letter for details regarding this meeting.
- ❖ The development of our new Beachcombers webpage is a work in progress. John Kummings will be providing an update at the April Business Meeting regarding progress and when to expect a preliminary version.
- ❖ The Beachcomber membership is now up to 114 families. Please join me in welcoming back one of our longtime members;
 - ⇒ Jim Cox – driving a 2014 Laguna Blue Stingray Convertible.
- ❖ Michele Suttle, our merchandise representative, is the point-of-contact for BCC merchandise such as ball caps, t-shirts and parade flags. Michele has worked with clothier, Lands' End, together they have developed a link, business.landsend.com/store/beachcombers, where you will be able to directly order an item from Lands' End and have it embroidered with the BCC logo and shipped to you. Additionally, an email was sent to you on behalf of Michele that gave instructions on "How to Place an Order" and "How to Change Logo Color". In case you missed seeing them, these instructions are attached to this email
 - ⇒ Keep in mind, you will still have the option of having the BCC logo applied by American Eagle Embroidery in Chesapeake as we've done in the past. If you have questions please contact Michele via her email address msuttle@verizon.net and
 - ⇒ Now a word about Name Tags. Although wearing a BCC name tag at our club gatherings is not mandatory, it is highly recommended, especially at an event such as "Vettes At Waterside District" where we'll have several out of town guests and wearing your BCC name tag identifies you as one of the hosts for the event.
 - ⇒ Here is some new information regarding BCC name tags. In the past, you went to Michele to order a name tag and when she had enough for a minimum order she would place the order with a company in Michigan. This sometimes took a long time to get the minimum order needed and then it became a challenge to get the name tag to the member, we felt there had to be an easier way. We have found a local business that is able to make BCC name tags with no minimum order required. By using this business, Michele will no longer be taking orders for name tags as you'll be able to do it yourself.
 - ⇒ The local business is *CROWN TROPHY* located at 3200 Dam Neck Rd., Suite 103, Virginia Beach. Their phone number is 368-7534, their web address is www.crowntrophy.com and their hours of operation are; Mon, Wed & Fri 9 – 5, Tues & Thurs 9 – 6, they are closed weekends & holidays. Contact them to place an order for a Beachcombers Corvette Club name tag. The cost of name tags are \$9.95 (pin backing) or \$11.70 (magnetic backing). The turnaround time is about 3 days.
- ❖ "Vettes At Waterside District" (VAWD) is moving forward at full speed. Flyers have been sent, people have been notified and the response has been tremendous. In case you are unaware, this event consists of a "Meet and Greet" on Friday, May 21 with the "Vettes At Waterside District" Gathering on Saturday, May 22.

- ⇒ But the work's not done, several volunteers are needed to make this event a success. You should have received an email from our president, John Kummers, where he asked for you to volunteer for one the positions needed on Saturday, May 22. Coffee and donuts will be provided to the volunteers.
 - ⇒ As of this writing close to 110 of the 120 spaces have been reserved. If you've not reserved one of them, I suggest you register ASAP before they are all taken. The response from out-of-town Corvette Clubs has been great which means there may be out-of-town events in our future for us to pay back the hospitality.
 - ⇒ Now, for those of you that have any influence with the weatherman please put in your request for a beautiful day on Saturday, May 22.
 - ⇒ Jimmy Clemmer, the chairman for this event, has done a stellar job at coordinating and organizing this huge Beachcombers event. Thanks Jimmy.
- ❖ 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.
 - ❖ Our "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 FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING (See Melissa's email or go the Beachcombers website for the Complete Report)

Old Business:

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.

VAWD – May 21-22, 2021. As of now, approximately 36 registered. 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 – John Kummers has an appointment at DMV on 3/27 to obtain replacement title. Further discussion as to keep or sell; hopefully we can vote in April/May.

BCC Website – A special thank you to Gordon Patterson for his dedicated maintenance of our website to date!!

- We own the "beachcomberscorvetteclub.com" (5 years) and "beachcomberscorvetteclub.net" (3 years) domain names
- We'll be pushing out BCC weekly and monthly information utilizing the new email.
- Awaiting feedback from web designer. Took all of our meeting notes and will provide a development timeline.
- We have talked with sponsors for the website and have 8 -12 lined up. We'll charge \$50.00 for a twelve-month period.

LTC Cruise-In Schedule **Updated - Jeff and Adam will be the primary contacts, volunteers will be needed on the dates when BCC will be the host club. The BCC is currently hosting on the following dates;

- April 3, May 1, May 29, June 26, July 24, August 21, September 18 and October 16

General Discussion/Major Events:

RIR Track Laps – see flyer, you have to go on line to register; coordinate with Joe for dinner reservations.
The Greenbrier getaway – due to the cost of a stay at this venue considerations are being placed elsewhere.
George E. Smith 3rd Annual Memorial Car Show – March 27, 2021 Board has approved a sponsor level of - \$150 - ZR1 - AWARD SPONSORSHIP you have to sign up on line \$16.00 per entry. See the BCC Face Book page for information.

Chevy Lovers Dust-Off – 04/10/2021 – more to follow.

Cruisin Corvetters 3rd Annual Cruise – March 5-12, 2022. Rooms are booking – currently 4 rooms booked.

NCCC National Convention, Atlantic City, June 12-17, 2022

BCC Anniversary Party

DID YOU KNOW?

- Only offered in 1967 on the Sting ray, the L88 option was as much known for what it was, the ultimate expression of 427 big-block development to that point, as for what it was not, which was a luxurious vehicle. Strictly forbidden were A/C, heater/defroster equipment, a radio, and even a fan shroud. The shroud was intentionally left off to make street driving in traffic impossible. Any attempt to idle in heat led to the threat of overheating. Naturally, devout street racers and pro racers knew to add fan shrouding to address the issue. The L88 was also the first Corvette fitted with a functional hood scoop, but instead of using the forward opening (which remained plugged), the trailing edge drew airflow from the base of the windshield. Only 20 1967 Sting Ray buyers forked over the \$947.90 L88 option fee. 325
- When actor Morgan Freeman was invited to drive the Corvette pace car during the 2004 Indy 500 opening ceremonies, he was given a different sort of rehearsal. To accustom the Academy Award nominated actor to the 2.5 mile oval track, three time Indy winner Johnny Rutherford showed Freeman the best lines then set him loose for a full day of chauffeuring members of the media around the historic raceway. Freeman gave dozens of journalists a 140-mph shotgun-seat ride they'd never forget. By race day, Sunday, May 30, Freeman was well versed in the process and led the field of race cars expertly. The 2004 event was the Corvette's sixth appearance as the Indy 500 pace car. 637
- Finally breaking free from long-held convictions that all four tires had to be the same size for the possibility of rotation, Chevrolet allowed C5 designers to fit different-sized front and rear tires to every Corvette, even the base model. During the C4 era, only Z51 and ZR1 Corvettes were allowed to use different-width tires on the front and rear axles. 710

SOME OF THE THINGS THE BEACHCOMBERS DID IN MARCH

Tuesday, March 2 – Monthly Business Meeting – Due to Covid-19 restrictions we had to resort to a Facebook Boardroom Chat virtual meeting. Due to a few technical issues the meeting was cut short however, we feel comfortable that this won't happen again.

Wednesday, March 10 – Beachcombers Breakfast at the *Brick House Diner* located at 941 Providence Square shopping center. More than a dozen Beachcombers were on hand for the March breakfast, feel free to join us in April.

Saturday, March 13 – RIR Track Laps. This proved to be a spectacular outing as 10 Beachcombers drove to RIR for their charity Track Laps and drove their cars on the infamous ¾ mile NASCAR short-track under the lights. We were fortunate in that all 10 Beachcombers were able to be bunched together and went on the track

at the same time. Before being led onto the track by the pace car, we were asked if we preferred a “timid drive” or a “spirited drive”, the answer was obvious and we were treated to a drive that was fabulous with straightaway speeds reached over 100 mph. As we were leaving the track the pace car and tail car drivers commented that they enjoyed having 10 Corvettes together with drivers who weren’t afraid to put the pedal down. If you go to the Beachcombers public Facebook page you can see several videos of the Beachcombers on the track. Afterwards we proceeded to *Roma’s Italiano Ristorante* where we enjoyed great conversation and a great dinner.

Sunday, March 14 & 28 – Suffolk Airport Cruise – In. This is an event that takes place on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month and help fill the void for those needing to get out of the house on a Sunday afternoon.

Wednesday, March 17 – Beachcombers Board Meeting. Meeting was held at our usual gathering place, the YNOT Pizza at Landstown Commons Shopping Center. As always this was productive meeting and as a member of the BCC you are invited to attend the Board Meetings. John will be sharing some of the things discussed during the next Business Meeting.

Sunday, March 21 – Beachcombers Drive-By Food Drive. A fabulous turn-out of an estimated 40+ Beachcombers drove-by with food and monetary donations for the Food Bank. Once again the Beachcombers out did themselves and showed their compassion by donating an estimated 225 pounds of food and \$3000.00 in cash and checks. The Food Bank estimates that the Beachcombers donation will provide an estimated 8500 meals, making Easter a little happier for many. A hearty “Well Done” to all of you.

Saturday, March 27 – 3rd Annual George E. Smith Car Show & 1st 2021 Cruise-In. Both of these events were at the Landstown Commons Shopping Center. There was a tremendous turn-out of Beachcombers and support from others car enthusiast to pay tribute to George. Four Beachcombers took home trophies, Bill Kaelin, Rich Hillis, Butch Glover and Arthur “Mack” Coopage, congratulations to all. Additionally the Beachcombers Corvette Club was awarded a Recognition Plaque for being one of the event sponsors. Thanks to all who came out.

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE HAPPENINGS PLANNED FOR APRIL

PLEASE READ: The BCC Board shall not be held accountable 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 guidelines regarding COVID-19. If you are sick do not plan to attend any BCC event(s).

Saturday, April 3 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by The Beachcombers Corvette Club and runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Help will be needed for initial setup, during the event and post event breakdown. Jeff Biggs feels as though 5 -10 people should be adequate for initial setup but, due to Covid restrictions placed on the gathering we don’t know exactly how many people we’ll need throughout the day. Don’t be surprised if at some time during the day you’re asked to lend a hand.

NOTE DAY CHANGE Wednesday, April 7 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting. At 7:00 pm we will begin the Monthly Business Meeting at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet located at 6252 E Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk, in the Service Department Check-In area. The meeting will also be live streamed on the Beachcombers Facebook Page for those unable to attend in-person. **For in-person attendees, do not park in front of the Service Department doors or near the lobby entrance.** Parking is on the street or in the employee parking area behind the used car lot. Be sure you bring your masks, hand sanitizer and folding chairs and be prepared to maintain social distancing. This meeting has been moved to Wednesday due to a scheduling issue.

Saturday, April 10 – Events at Landstown Commons. The Virginia Chevy Lovers will be hosting their Spring Dust Off from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm followed by a Cruise-In hosted by 7CCC from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Sunday, April 11 & 25 – Suffolk Airport Cruise – In. This event that takes place on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. They have food and music and this is an excellent alternative for another Cruise-In.

Wednesday, April 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 serves a good breakfast and allows us to support local businesses during these trying times. Please join us if you can.

NEW EVENT Wednesday, April 14 – A Gathering at the Garage. Last year the Beachcombers enjoyed a monthly get together at the Garage Brewery located at 1011 Eden Way N, Chesapeake, starting at 6:30 pm. This popular event has been added to our calendar for the second Wednesday of each month and will continue until the weather no longer supports this event. Plan to join us for a brew or two, food from the truck and best of all – great company. Thanks to Rich Hillis for organizing and coordinating this event.

Saturday, April 17 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the Flag Runners and runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

NOTE DAY CHANGE Tuesday, April 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. The meeting date has been changed due to the departure for the NCM BASH on April 21.

Wednesday, April 21, – NCM BASH in Bowling Green, KY. Beachcombers departing for the NCM BASH in Bowling Green, KY will meet at Greenbrier Mall adjacent to Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant at 6:00 am. All will be required to sign our customary waiver and drivers will be provided an itinerary with trip details.

Saturday, April 24 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the Virginia Chevy Lovers 5nd runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

NEW EVENT Friday & Saturday, April 30 & May 1, 2021 – OBX Rod & Custom Festival. This event has been organized by Michael Tillett who was a member of the Beachcombers Corvette Club several years ago. Since moving to the Outer Banks, Mike has created this event and through the years has grown to be a huge success with Hot Rod and Custom Car Builders.

The main event location is the Vertico Event Site located at 7594 Shipyard Road in Manns Harbor, NC. This is a four acre site and will accommodate several of the static displays, vendor tents and food. There will be multiple additional locations throughout the Outer Banks hosting static displays and cruise-ins. Go to www.obxrc.com for additional details.



SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PLANNED BEYOND APRIL

NEW EVENT Saturday, May 8 – Beachcombers' Ladies Cruise. Annie Lahren and Michele Suttle have created an event especially for the ladies of the club. Their plan is to meet at 10:30 am at the Pembroke Shopping Center in the old Sears store parking lot with a departure time of 11:00 am. The route will consist of mainly right hand turns and will end up at the Bahama Breeze located at 4554 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach for lunch at around 12:00 – 12:30. Annie and Michele have said that men are welcome to attend for lunch (and pay).

Friday & Saturday, May 21 & 22, 2021 – Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD). There will be a "Meet and Greet" on Friday, May 21 with the Corvette gathering on Saturday, May 22. Refer to the article in the **BCC NEWS ITEMS** section of this News Letter and the attached flyer.

NEW EVENT Saturday, June 5 – Corvette Extravaganza. This is a one day event that is being hosted by the Costal Corvette Club of Delaware and runs from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 5. Several of the Costal Corvette Club of Delaware members have registered for VAWD and this would be a great show of appreciation to reciprocate and attend their show. The current thought is for the Beachcombers to drive up the eastern shore to Lewes, DE in time to be there for the opening of their show and then to return home later that afternoon with a planned stop for dinner for those interested. Keith Reitnouer has agreed to take the lead for this event. Please notify Keith if you're planning to participate in this outing as a head count is needed for dinner reservations, Keith's email address is myorange07c6@cox.net. As the time for this event draws nearer there will be more information provided regarding meeting location and time. See the attached flyer.

NEW EVENT Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 8, 9 & 10 – IMSA Weekend at VIR. IMSA has announced the dates for the 2021 VIR race. The new dates are about two months later than in previous years which may make for a more comfortable experience as the temperature might be a little milder. As many of you know the 2020 IMSA race at VIR was cancelled because of Covid and the Virginia restrictions limiting participants at outdoor events. So, being able to attend (hopefully) this year will be especially nice. Be sure you circle these dates on your calendar if you plan on attending this race. There will be more information forthcoming as we get closer to October.

NEW EVENT Saturday, March 5, 2022 – 3rd Annual Cruzin Corvetter's Cruise – It's a long way off but if you think this might interest you, you can begin saving your pennies now. Imagine being with your Beachcombers friends on a Caribbean Cruise aboard the *Sky Princess*, departing Fort Lauderdale, FL on March 5, 2022. This 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). Below is a brief look at the itinerary for this cruise.

	Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
 <p>The map shows a cruise route starting at Ft. Lauderdale, FL in the United States. The route goes south to the Princess Cays in the Bahamas, then to Grand Turk in the Turks & Caicos Islands, then to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, then to St. Maarten, and finally to St. Kitts in the Caribbean Sea. A note indicates that port substitutions may occur 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.	

THE BCC MARKETPLACE

NEW Grey colored C7 WeatherTech floor mats. Asking \$20.00. If interested contact Joe Wryk.

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