

# Beachcombers News Letter

## May 2021



### BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ Excitement is in the air as “Vettes At Waterside District” (VAWD) is right around the corner. Flyers have been sent, plans are set and the overall response has been tremendous. If for some reason you’re not aware, this event consists of a “Meet and Greet” on Friday, May 21 with the “Vettes At Waterside District” Gathering on Saturday, May 22. The event has been “Sold Out” with 135 Corvettes registered and over 210 attending the Meet & Greet. See the attached flyer.
  - ⇒ At the April Business Meeting, Jimmy Clemmer updated the club with details regarding the event, including the challenges associated with parking. The intent is to park guests (not Beachcombers) on the promenade with the Beachcombers parking in the Multi Use Lot (MUL). There are only 75 spaces available for parking on the promenade and about 50 spaces in the MUL and for late arrivals parking will be on the drive in front of Waterside.
  - ⇒ Be advised; once you are parked you will be required to remain parked until the event ends at 4:00 pm. If you must leave earlier than 4:00 pm make sure that when you “Check In” you let the volunteers know you have to leave early and all attempts will be made to park you in an area where you can leave without disruption to the spectators.
  - ⇒ Several Beachcombers have stepped up and volunteered to help make Saturday’s event a success. Volunteers are asked to be at Waterside not earlier than 7:30 am on Saturday, May 22 to have your Waterside picture taken and get parked in the MUL. Coffee and donuts will be provided for the volunteers.
  - ⇒ BCC members who are not volunteers are asked to arrive between 9:00 – 10:00 am to get your Waterside photo taken and to get parked in the MUL.
  - ⇒ Now, for those of you that have any influence with the weatherman or someone in a higher place, please put in your request for a beautiful day on Saturday, May 22.
- ❖ Beginning May 15, Virginia is easing restrictions on social gatherings and other events like, sporting events, entertainment and restaurants. Capacity limits for indoor social settings will be 100 people. Hope fully this will allow us to get back to VB Public Library for our meetings and plan a culinary social or two.
- ❖ As more people are receiving the Covid immunization, along with the weather beginning to improve, we’ll try to step up on some of the activities that we can take part in. Got an idea for something we can do? Please share it with me.
- ❖ The development of our new Beachcombers webpage is in progress. John Kummers will be providing information at the May Business Meeting regarding progress and when to expect a preliminary version.
- ❖ The Beachcomber membership is now up to 117 families. Please join me in welcoming;
  - ⇒ Charlene Price driving her 1997 Sebring Silver Metallic Coupe.
  - ⇒ Yahisa & Daniel O’Reilly in their 2017 Watkins Grey Metallic Coupe Z06 3LZ
  - ⇒ Mabelle & Scott Spear sporting a 2021 Sebring Orange Convertible
- ❖ We’ve added a new event to our calendar, a BYOL get together at Munden Point Park each month until such time as the weather says otherwise. So, keep an eye on the Weekly Updates.
- ❖ Michele Suttle, our merchandise representative, is the point-of-contact for BCC merchandise. Please contact Michele if you have questions regarding Land’s End products or obtaining BCC Name Tags. Michele can be reached 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.

- ❖ 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 APRIL 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 130 registered – sold-out. 206 are scheduled for the meet-n-greet. 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. We also need QUALITY gifts for silent auction.

BCC Trailer – further discussion pending.

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.

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

Awards: Bill Kaelin, Mack – Arthur Coppage, Richard Hillis and Butch Glover

BCC – for sponsorship at ZR1 Level

LTC Cruise-In Schedule \*\*Updated – The BCC will host on the following dates: April 10, May 1, May 29, June 26, July 24, August 21, September 18 and October 16.

- Jeff and Adam will be the primary contacts – volunteers will be needed.

Ed Bickham provided an update on his son following a work related injury, he is married and has a child. Thanked BCC for support through the years. Grateful for friends and likes spending Butch's money.

Food Bank Drive In @ LTC Thanks to all of the members who donated their time, food and money. We raised \$3000 and 320 lbs. of food!

### **General Discussion/Major Events:**

Dates for the "Garage Brewery" have been established through November.

Cruzin Corvetter's 3rd Annual Cruise – March 5-12, 2022. Rooms are booking – currently 18 rooms booked.

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

BCC 40th Anniversary Party in 2022 – volunteers needed for planning

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The Corvette's first public unveiling took place on January 14, 1953, in the third-floor Grand Ballroom of New York City's prestigious Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Part of the GM Motorama car show, one group of spectators frustrated the venue's security detail by repeatedly slipping past the ropes and brazenly tape-measuring the show car's dimensions and snapping numerous photographs. A little digging revealed the intruders to be product planners and engineers from Ford. Its two seat rival, the Thunderbird, went on sale on October 22, 1954, more than 20 months later. Undoubtedly, details gathered by the Waldorf Astoria snoops helped shape the Thunderbird's final configuration. 004
- The C6 Z06 and ZR1 inner body structures were visually similar to those used in base-Corvette applications. The key difference was their use of aluminum instead of steel. Dana, long known for making rear axles, supplied the structures that General Motors called uniframe. At 214 pounds, the exotic uniframe was 136 pounds lighter than the regular C6 item and helped trim the Z06 curb weight to 3130 pounds, 49 pounds lighter than a base hatchback. 792
- As it did with every external surface of the C7, the grille was perfected in the wind tunnel. The terraced, parabolic, delta-shaped openings were configured to drive the maximum amount of cooling air to the engine, making them more than mere ornaments. Testing showed that removing the plastic grille insert actually reduce the air volume reaching the radiator core. 922

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

Saturday, April 3 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In was hosted by the Beachcombers.

Wednesday, April 7 – Monthly Business Meeting. After a five month hiatus we were finally able to conduct an in-person meeting at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet. The meeting was also live streamed on the Beachcombers Facebook Page for those unable to attend in-person.

Saturday, April 10 – Events at Landstown Commons. The Virginia Chevy Lovers Spring Dust Off followed by a Cruise-In hosted by 7CCC.

Sunday, April 11 & 25 – Suffolk Airport Cruise – In. Takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

Wednesday, April 14 – Beachcombers breakfast at the *Brick House Diner*.

Wednesday, April 14 – A Gathering at the Garage. Several Beachcombers showed up for the first Garage Brewery event of the year.

Saturday, April 17 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In was hosted by the Flag Runners.

Tuesday, April 20 – Beachcombers Board Meeting. An informative meeting at Y NOT Pizza at Landstown.

Wednesday, April 21, – NCM BASH in Bowling Green, KY. A handful of Beachcombers departed for Bowling Green, KY.

Saturday, April 24 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In was hosted by the Virginia Chevy Lovers.

Friday & Saturday, April 30 & May 1, 2021 – OBX Rod & Custom Festival. A few Beachcombers reported that trip to the outer banks was worthwhile to see the variety of cars on display

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

**PLEASE HEED:** 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, May 1 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the Beachcombers 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 3 – 4 people is adequate for initial setup but, due to Covid restrictions placed on the gathering more

people are needed throughout the event to help at the check-in desk and for maintaining crowd control throughout the day. Don't be surprised if at some time you're asked to lend a hand.

Saturday, May 1 – OBX Rod & Custom Festival (Day 2). This event has grown to be a huge Hot Rod and Custom Car Builders event. The main event location is the Vertico Event Site located at 7594 Shipyard Road in Manns Harbor, NC.

Tuesday, May 4 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting. The Monthly Business Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the Service Department Check-In area at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet located at 6252 E Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk. 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 to bring your masks, hand sanitizer and folding chairs and be prepared to maintain social distancing.

Saturday, May 8 – Beachcombers' Ladies Cruise. Annie Lahren and Michele Suttle have created an event especially for the ladies of the club. The 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 all 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. Men are welcome to attend for lunch only as long as they are willing to pay.

Saturday, May 8 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the 7CCC and runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, May 12 – Beachcombers Breakfast at 8:30 am at the *Brick House Diner* located at 941 Providence Square shopping center, Virginia Beach. The *Brick House Diner* serves a good breakfast and allows us to support a local businesses during these trying times. Please join us if you can.

Wednesday, May 12 – A Gathering at the Garage. Join us for this monthly get together at the Garage Brewery located at 1011 Eden Way N, Chesapeake, starting at 6:30 pm. 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.

**NEW EVENT** Friday, May 14 – BYOL at Munden Point Park. If you'd like to enjoy a picnic setting with your Beachcomber friends, then plan on joining us for lunch at Munden Point Park at 1:00 pm. This is a BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) get together. Hopefully the weather will be nice and we can catch up visiting with old friends. Munden Point Park is located at 2001 Pefley Lane, Virginia Beach. Just drive through the parking lot and once you see several Corvettes you've found the Beachcombers. This is a fair weather event. Join us and make some Beachcomber memories. We hope to make this a monthly event, hopefully at different locations.

Saturday, May 15 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the Flag Runners and runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, May 19 – Beachcombers Board Meeting. This informal meeting is held at the YNOT Pizza at Landstown Commons Shopping Center and begins at 7:00 pm. The board meetings gives the board an opportunity to discuss club issues and to plan upcoming events. As a member of the BCC you are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.

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.

Saturday, May 22 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the Virginia Chevy Lovers and runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Saturday, May 29 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the Beachcombers and runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

## **[SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE BEING PLANNED BEYOND MAY](#)**

**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 Reitnour 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](mailto: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.

**CHANGE OF DATE** Wednesday, June 9 – Monthly Business Meeting. Due a scheduling conflict, the monthly Business Meeting for June has been moved to Wednesday, June 9.

**CHANGE OF DATE** Thursday, June 10 – A Gathering at the Garage. Due a scheduling conflict, the monthly Gathering at the Garage for June has been moved to Thursday, June 10.

**NEW EVENT** Friday, June 18 – Outdoor Drive-In Movie Night. An outdoor movie theater has recently opened in our back yard (Chesapeake). This may be a fun and unusual outing. I've talked with the owner and we discussed the idea of the BCC coming in early and showing off our cars before the movie and thereby guaranteeing spaces for the movie as they only accommodate about 100 cars. The venue has a concession stand (trailer) that sells popcorn, drinks and snacks but, I'm was told that you can bring in your own goodies. Look for more info in the June News Letter.

**NEW EVENT** Saturday, June 19 – Tech Afternoon at BEZWAX Auto Detailing. This is a small family operated business that does auto detailing however, one of the services they provide is custom painting of small items that can be custom hydro dipped. The hydro dipping is what he plans to demonstrate to us. Afterwards we'll head five miles down the road to Currituck Barbeque for a late lunch / early dinner.

**NEW EVENT** Wednesday, June 23 – Wings Wednesday. Are you ready for some good wings and a cold beverage? If so then plan to join us at Lendy's located at 1581 General Booth Blvd., Virginia Beach about 6 pm. This was Harold Harpers hang-out so I'm sure there will be a toast or two in his memory.

**NEW EVENT** Sunday, June 27 – Drive-By at Lon Bickham's House. As many of you know, Ed Bickham's son, Lon, was seriously injured in a work related accident 10 years ago. The Beachcombers have provided support through the years to the Bickham family and Ed has suggested a Drive-By at Lon's house as a means of showing our continued support. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us. We will try to incorporate an eating social with this drive, whether it's a stop for ice cream or for dinner has not been determined. More details will be provided in the June News Letter.

**NEW EVENT** Saturday, August 21 – 2021 Richmond Raceway (RR) Corvette Corral. This event is being hosted by RR as a means of allowing area Corvette owners to drive their Corvettes on the famous ¾ mile NASCAR track and network with other area Corvette owners. Registration to this event includes: admission into the Corvette Corral, a discounted ticket to the September 11 NASCAR race and more. In conversation with RIR, the track laps are of the spirited drive and should be longer than five or six laps. See the attached flyer.

**NEW EVENT** Thursday, Friday & Saturday, August 26, 27 & 28 – Corvettes at Carlisle. Each year thousands of Corvettes and Corvette enthusiasts converge on Carlisle, PA for this event. If its Corvette related you can see it, buy it or talk to someone about it at Corvettes at Carlisle. There is a group of Beachcombers who are planning on attending this event and what I'm being told is that hotel accommodations near Carlisle are hard to come by. If you're planning to go to Carlisle, I recommend you begin looking for a hotel as a block of rooms has not been arranged. Jeff Biggs is planning to travel to Carlisle and is willing to lead any other Beachcombers, Jeff is planning on leaving on Thursday, August 26. More details will follow regarding departure location and time. The Beachcombers have paid for two vendor parking spots again this year. I plan to use one of the vendor tickets and will take my truck to Carlisle and am willing to transport large bulky items back home. If you are interested in taking the other vendor spot please see me.

**NEW EVENT** Saturday, October 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen City Car Show. This event is very unique in that this car show is held at the Rick Hendrick property located at 4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd. in Charlotte, NC. In addition to the car show, tours of the Rick Hendrick Heritage Museum and Race Car shops are available (at an added cost). There are several vendors on site, including food and ice cream trucks. Several door prizes will be given out throughout the day along with silent auction items. Go to <https://queencitycorvette.com/> and follow their directions to the event registration page to obtain the registration form and to sign-up for the optional tours. As the date draws closer I will try to block rooms at an area hotel and try to plan on a few things to do enroute to or from the cars show. Stay tuned for more information.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 8, 9 & 10 – IMSA Weekend at VIR. IMSA has announced the dates for the 2021 VIR race and tickets are currently on sale. The Corvette Coral tickets are not available yet as VIR is determining if, based on Covid restrictions, if a Corvette Coral is doable. The October 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 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.

Saturday, March 5, 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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			
	Sat, March 5	Ft. Lauderdale, FL		4:00 p.m.	Sun, March 6	Princess Cays, Bahamas	9:00 a.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.	

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