

Beachcombers Newsletter

June 2021



BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ Beginning this month there a few changes that have been made to the Beachcombers Newsletter. The highlights from previous month's business meeting have been eliminated as this information can be found on Beachcombers Website. The Beachcombers Marketplace will only be included if I have been notified that a member has something they wish to post.
- ❖ Probably all of you are aware that Covid-19 restrictions have been scaled back in Virginia. This is great news for all of us and for the Beachcombers as we may be able to expand our activities, including holding our Monthly Business Meetings at the Main Virginia Beach Public Library. Unfortunately as of this writing the Main Virginia Beach Public Library auditorium is still closed.
- ❖ If you weren't able to attend the 2021 VAWD you missed out on a spectacular event. The Friday night Meet & Greet was well attended by close to 200 people and many of our out-of-town guests commented that they'd never been to an event so nice. Saturday was no exception, as it proved to be a continuation of Friday night. We filled the MUL with Beachcombers and our guests were on the Promenade. Over 120 Corvettes were parked and everyone was busy checking out all fantastic cars, especially all the new C8's. A THANK YOU goes out to all who had influence with the weatherman as Saturday was a picture perfect day, but a SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to all of the volunteers who showed up to help make this day the huge success that it was. I'm not sure what we can do to make VAWD 2022 even better but I'm sure we'll try, if you have suggestions please contact me.
- ❖ The development of our new Beachcombers webpage is in progress. John Kummers will be providing information at the June Business Meeting regarding progress and when to expect a preliminary version.
- ❖ The Beachcomber membership is growing and we are now at 120 families. Please join me in welcoming our newest members;
 - ⇒ Mary Ann & Tim Eason driving their head turning 2012 Carbon Flash Metallic Grand Sport,
 - ⇒ Jim Bennett in his 2009 Victory Red ZR1,
 - ⇒ Jeanne & Daniel Schiavo who took NCM Delivery of their 2021 Black with Red Accents Coupe on May 26.
- ❖ Several new events have been added to our calendar. To get an idea of what they are please refer to the **SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE BEING PLANNED BEYOND JUNE** section of this newsletter.
- ❖ Got an idea for a Beachcomber outing? If you do, please share it with me and we'll see if we can make it happen. 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.
- ❖ Michele Suttle is the point-of-contact for BCC merchandise such as ball caps and parade flags. Contact Michele at msuttle@verizon.net.

MERCHANDISE

Michele has worked with clothier, Lands' End. A link, business.landsend.com/store/beachcombers, has been developed where you can directly order an apparel item from Lands' End and have it embroidered with the BCC logo and shipped to you. Or

Locally, we have two options for having the BCC logo embroidered on your apparel item.

- **American Eagle Embroidery:** Debbie Kidd, 3108 Woodbaugh Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23321. Call for estimate (757-673-8337). Or:
- **Design 4 You:** 4554 Virginia Beach Blvd Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Call for estimate (757-456-0428).

NAME TAGS

Wearing a BCC name tag at our club gatherings is not mandatory, although it is highly recommended. Wearing your BCC name tag identifies you as a Beachcomber and helps everyone know who you are. If you want to purchase a name tag please visit;

- **CROWN TROPHY** at 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 a name tag is \$9.95 (pin backing) or \$11.70 (magnetic backing). The turnaround time is about 3 days.
- ❖ Please look at the BCC Roster and if any of your personal 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 not sure if your information is correct contact me and together we'll check it.
- ❖ We have a new “go to guy” at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet for your Corvette service needs. His name is Joe Garvin and he can be reached at 757-455-4576.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In 1986, the removable roof panel underwent some changes. Now, buyers had a choice between a blue tint (RPO 24S) and a bronze tint (64S) for \$595 more than the solid, body matched unit. Also, realizing that some buyers might want both the translucent panel and the body-matched panel, Chevrolet offered them both under RPO C2L for \$895. During shipping from Bowling Green and to the dealership the second top was simply stowed in the provided clasps under the hatchback. 529
- The LS1 was the first Corvette engine with a plastic intake manifold. Although all prior engines used aluminum or cast-iron induction plumbing, to save weight, cost and complexity, General Motors took advantage of advances in nylon-composite materials to render a sleek, ram tuned intake manifold. As with the cylinder heads, the LS1 intake manifold fed each cylinder through an identical sized and shaped intake runner for optimized cylinder-to-cylinder efficiency. 683
- All C7s came with dual mufflers and quad-outlet tips with flow shut-off valves acting on the inboard pair. When cruising in economy mode as a V-4, the engine-management computer routed all exhaust flow through the outboard pair of exhaust tips. It increased backpressure, but that was the goal. The revised sound waves tamed an otherwise gruff V-4 exhaust note at highway speed. The optional \$1195 NPP dual-mode exhaust (standard on Z51 and Z06) mounted another set of bypass valves upstream, before the mufflers. When activated, the backpressure decrease added 5 horsepower and made it past GM's standards and practices censors. 929

MAJOR BEACHCOMBERS ACTIVITIES IN MAY

Saturday, May 1 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons hosted by the Beachcombers (128 vehicles with \$347 collected). Thanks to all who volunteered.

Tuesday, May 4 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting. This meeting was at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet, Norfolk. The meeting was also live streamed on the Beachcombers Facebook Page for those unable to attend in-person.

Saturday, May 8 – Beachcombers' Ladies Cruise. There was a great turnout of Beachcomber ladies for this cruise. Thanks to Annie and Michele for putting it together.

Wednesday, May 12 – Beachcombers Breakfast at 8:30 am at the *Brick House Diner*. Excellent turnout of over 20 Beachcombers.

Wednesday, May 12 – A Gathering at the Garage. A good turnout of Beachcombers and a chance to talk with new prospective members.

Friday, May 14 – BYOL at Munden Point Park.

Wednesday, May 19 – Beachcombers Board Meeting.

Friday & Saturday, May 21 & 22, 2021 – Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD).

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS PLANNED FOR JUNE

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).

NEW EVENT Saturday, June 5 – Corvette Extravaganza hosted by the Coastal Corvette Club of Delaware, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Several of the Coastal Corvette Club members attended our 2021 VAWD event and this would be a great show of appreciation to reciprocate and attend their show in Lewes, Delaware. Keith Reitnauer will be leading a Beachcombers Day Trip Caravan to participate in their show, get some road time in your Corvettes, eat some great seafood and run the back roads of the Eastern Shore. The day will begin by meeting at 6:00 am at the WAWA, 5701 Northampton Blvd, Virginia Beach and departing at 6:15 am for the Chesapeake Bay Bridge/Tunnel and US13 North. There will be a rest stop at the Maryland State Line (~2 Hrs.), then continue on US113 to Millsboro, DE and east to Lewes. At the 2:00 pm conclusion of the show, the return trip down the Eastern Shore will begin, turning off US13 to Wachapreague, VA for some seafood at the Island House Restaurant, then drive the winding back road south to the CBBT and arriving in Hampton Roads around 6:00 pm. Don't forget to bring your bag chairs and Easy Pass for the CBBT. If you have any questions or if you are interested in joining the caravan, contact Keith at (757) 635-9166 or email myorange07c6@cox.net. See the attached flyer for more Corvette Extravaganza information.

Saturday, June 5 – 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, June 9 – Beachcombers Breakfast at 8:30 am at the *Brick House Diner* located at 941 Providence Square shopping center, Virginia Beach. The *Brick House Diner* was a contributor for our VAWD by donating five \$20.00 gift certificates, let's show our appreciation with a large breakfast turnout. Please join us if you can.

NOTE DATE CHANGE Wednesday, June 9 – 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.

NOTE DATE CHANGE Thursday, June 10 – 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.

Friday, June 11 & 25 – Suffolk Airport Cruise-In. This event is located at 1200 Gene Bolton Drive, Suffolk from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Saturday, June 12 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the 7CCC and runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, June 16 – 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 these meetings.

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 is called the Chesapeake Drive-In Movie Park, located at 3064 Yadkin Road, Chesapeake. Their movie parking area is Vette friendly (no potholes), the cost of admission is \$30.00 per car. If you're interested in attending meet at the Movie Park at 7:00 pm. They have a concession stand (trailer) that sells popcorn, drinks and snacks but, I was told that you can bring in your own goodies. As of this writing there is no information regarding what movie will be shown.

NEW EVENT Saturday, June 19 – Tech Afternoon at *BEZWAX Auto Detailing*. Here we'll have an opportunity to see firsthand how hydro-dipping takes place. *BEZWAX Auto Detailing* is a small family operated business located at 117 Bay Leaf Drive, Currituck, NC. They provide auto detailing and custom painting services of small items including custom hydro-dipping. The focus of our visit is to see what's involved in the hydro-dipping process. If this is something of interest to you or if you're thinking of adding a personal touch to your Vette then this might be just what you need to see. If you're going, plan to meet us at 1:00 pm in the Atlantic Shores Baptist Church parking lot located at 1861 Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach. After signing the necessary NCCC waiver forms we'll be off to Currituck. Afterwards we'll head down the road to Currituck Barbeque for a late lunch / early dinner.

Saturday, June 19 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the VCL and runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

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 at 6 pm. This was Harold Harpers hang-out so I'm sure there will be a toast or two in his memory. If you are planning to attend this event please contact me (email, text, telephone or telegraph) that you are attending as a head count for Lendy's is needed.

NEW EVENT Friday, June 25 – BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) at Northwest River Park & Campground. Last month's BYOL had a good turnout and I expect more Beachcombers this month, so if you'd like to enjoy a picnic setting with your Beachcomber friends come on out. This month we'll be at the Northwest River Park & Campground which is located at 1733 Indian Creek Road, Chesapeake at 1:00 pm. As you enter the park proceed to Parking Lot 3 (Purple Martin) and drive to the back of the lot to the Group Shelter. If you see a gathering of Vettes you'll know you're in the right place. This is a fair weather event. Join us and make some Beachcomber memories.

Saturday, June 26 – 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.

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. We'll meet at Greenbrier Mall at 1:00 pm and drive to the Dairy Queen (DQ) located at 61 West Windsor Blvd., Windsor, VA, arriving at the DQ around 2:00 pm (join us at either location). About 2:15 we'll leave the DQ and drive to Lon Bickham's house at 22434 Scottswood Drive in Franklin, VA. After the drive-by we'll make our way to The Virginia Diner located at 322 W. Main Street, Wakefield, VA for dinner and comradery. If you plan on going to The Virginia Diner please notify me as a head count for the restaurant is needed.

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE BEING PLANNED BEYOND JUNE

NEW EVENT Friday, July 16 – BYOL at Chesapeake City Park. Here is another chance to enjoy a picnic with your friends. Plan on joining us for lunch at Chesapeake City Park located at 900 City Park Drive, Chesapeake at 1:00 pm. This is a Bring Your Own Lunch get together. Just drive around the circular loop and once you see several Corvettes you've found the Beachcombers. This is a fair weather event.

NEW EVENT Saturday & Sunday, July 17 & 18 – Overnight Getaway to New Bern, NC. Join us as we make Beachcomber memories when we leave for New Bern, NC the morning of Saturday, July 17. In New Bern, NC you'll find several historic sites and quaint shops to visit as well as several unique eateries to satisfy your culinary desires. We will be spending Saturday night at the Double Tree by Hilton located at 100 Middle Street, New Bern, NC. Since this is a one night stay, a block of rooms could not be arranged. You can call the hotel directly by dialing 1-252-658-9000 and make a reservation for July 17. The room rate is \$169.00 (plus tax and fees). If you are a Hilton rewards member, military or AARP member you may qualify for a lower rate. On Sunday we'll do more sightseeing and later in the day head home.

NEW EVENT Saturday, July 24 – Dyno Day at Virginia Speed. Interested in having your car dyno tested? This might be your chance. Virginia Speed is opening their doors to the Beachcombers from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and will provide us with information regarding the services they perform to help you get the most out of your Vette. If you are interested they will also dyno test your car for a discounted fee of \$100.00 for two pulls. Here is a chance to see who in the club is putting the most HP to the rear wheels. In addition to all of the above the Beachcombers will provide Pizza and drinks. Virginia Speed is located at 1397 Taylor Farm Road. If you are interested in having you car dyno tested, please notify me as I need to advise them so they are properly staffed to accommodate us.

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 Coral, a discounted ticket to the September 11 NASCAR race and more. In conversation with RR, the track laps are of the spirited drive and should be longer than five or six laps. See the attached flyer. The BCC is paying a club fee for this event that ensures the attending Beachcombers will be able to get on the track together. If you're interested in this outing please let me know. More information to follow.

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. One of the Beachcombers has agreed to drive his pickup truck to Carlisle and transport large bulky items back to Virginia Beach. If you are interested in taking the other vendor spot please see me.

NEW EVENT Sunday, September 19 – Beachcombers Annual Picnic. Mark your calendar as you won't miss out on attending the 2021 Beachcombers Annual Picnic at Currituck BBQ in Barco, NC. Look for more information as we get closer to September.

NEW EVENT Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 23 – 28 – 42nd Annual Vette Fest in Pigeon Forge, TN. This event had to be cancelled last year due to Covid but it's a go for this year. The Vette Fest is on Friday and Saturday but the plan for the Beachcombers is to leave on Thursday and be in Pigeon Forge on Friday for the kick-off festivities. On Sunday we'll drive to Frankfort, KY where we hope to again tour the *Buffalo Trace Distillery* before making our way home on Monday. See their attached Vette Fest flyer.

NEW EVENT Saturday, September 25 – Neptune Festival Parade. The Beachcombers have been asked to participate in this year's parade which has been a long time tradition for us to be a part of. As in the past, we'll be limited to the number of cars that we can have participate. Once I have more details I'll share them with you.

NEW EVENT Saturday, October 2 – 10th 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.

Rooms have been blocked under the Queen City Corvette Club's name at the Wingate by Wyndham Charlotte/Concord Speedway for Friday and Saturday nights. The hotel is located at 7841 Gateway Lane Northwest, Concord, NC, their phone number is 1-704-979-1300. The deadline for making your room reservation to get the room rate of \$119.00 per night (plus tax) is September 17. When making your reservation, be sure you tell them you want one of the rooms blocked for the Queen City Corvette Club to get the reduced rate.

NOTE If you are interested in participating in this trip please send me an email with your name and number attending and I'll add you to the sign-up sheet.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 8, 9 & 10 – IMSA Weekend at VIR. IMSA has announced the dates for the 2021 VIR race, the October dates are about two months later than in previous years which should make for a more comfortable viewing experience. As many of you know, the 2020 IMSA race at VIR was cancelled because of Covid, so being able to attend this year's race at VIR will be especially nice. Tickets are currently on sale however, VIR Corvette Coral tickets will not be available until mid-June. If you plan to attend this year's race you may not want to immediately purchase Corvette Corral Tickets as soon as they go on sale as there is a good chance the Beachcombers will be receiving a pair of complimentary Corvette Corral weekend passes from VIR which we will raffle to club members as a means of making a few extra dollars.

We have 10 rooms blocked at the *Days Inn by Wyndham Reidsville* located at 2205 Barnes Street, Reidsville, NC for October 8 & 9. You can call them directly at 1-336-496-2122 and let them know you wish to book one of the rooms blocked for the Beachcombers to get the discounted rate of \$73.05 + tax. In all likelihood we'll leave Friday, October 8, drive to the hotel and then go to the track on Saturday and Sunday and drive home after Sunday's race. There will be more detailed information forthcoming as we

get closer to October. Keep an open eye in the monthly Newsletter or the Weekly Updates for more information.

NEW EVENT Friday – Sunday, October 15, 16 & 17 – Ocean City Corvette Weekend. For several years this popular weekend getaway has been a favorite with many Beachcombers. This event is hosted by the Free State Corvette Club and details are in the works with more info to follow. In anticipation, the Beachcombers have a block of rooms blocked at the Hampton Inn & Suites Ocean City, located at 4301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. The room rate is \$104.00 per night (plus taxes and fees). If interested call the hotel directly at 1-410-524-6263 and ask for one of the rooms blocked for the Beachcombers Corvette Club to receive the discounted rate. The cut-off date for the discount is September 17.



NEW EVENT Friday, November 12 – VIR Charity Track Laps. Have you ever dreamed of being a race car driver and speeding around a challenging road course in your Vette? If you have, than you can make your dreams come true by joining us as we head off to VIR for their VIR Charity Track Laps. Here you'll be given the chance to drive your car in the manner for which it was designed. VIR's Charity laps benefit Victory Junction, a camp for chronically ill children started by NASCAR's Petty family. Pay just \$25 for the opportunity to drive your own car on our 3.27 mile Full Course for 15 to 20 minutes.

Saturday, March 5, 2022 – 3rd Annual Cruzin Corvetter's Cruise – It's still months away, but if you think this might interest you, you can begin saving your pennies now and join us in March. Just 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.	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.	

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