

# Beachcombers Newsletter

## July 2021



***“Life’s too short to drive a boring car”***

### **BCC NEWS ITEMS**

- ❖ All of us have been looking forward to the time when we would be able to return to the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library for our Monthly Business Meetings. Well, I have some good news and bad news. The good news is that the library’s auditorium is now open for meetings but, the bad news is that the library’s new hours of operation will not support our meeting time as the library now closes at 6:00 pm.

We are grateful to Rick Hendrick Chevrolet for their hospitality in allowing us to use their facility for our meetings, but I think you will agree it is less than ideal.

We have learned the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad (VBRS) has conference rooms at two of their sites that suits our needs, and they are free of charge. So, for the July Business Meeting we are going to give them a try, therefore, the **Beachcombers July Business Meeting will be at the VBRS Station 8, located at 1243 Bayne Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 (located near Virginia Beach General Hospital).**

We will be allowed access to the conference room at 6:45, with the meeting beginning at 7:00. We will be responsible for setting up tables and chairs and putting them away at the end of the night, so plan to show up at 6:45 to help set-up and plan to stay for a few minutes afterwards to help put things away. Afterwards we will head off to a *The Tapped Gastropub* located at 1550 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, for food, beverages, and fellowship.

- ❖ You are probably aware that the Beachcombers have been active participants in contributing to charitable organizations, included are the Foodbank of Southeast Virginia, Seton House, the American Red Cross Blood Bank but there is one more charitable organization that has not received as much attention as the others. That is CHKD’s Reach Out and Read Program.

For more than a decade Reach Out and Read has been building strong relationships between parents and medical providers to help children develop a love of reading and books and enter school ready to learn.

In a clinical setting information about the importance of reading aloud to children is given to parents and caregivers in a routine way that is as matter of fact as immunizations at each well child visit. The pediatricians use the books to assess the child’s cognitive development and to guide the parent in ways that they can support cognitive growth at home. At the end of the visit, children go home with a brand-new age-appropriate book. After all, both immunizations and reading are critical to a child’s health and well-being.

CHKD’s Reach Out and Read program distributes over 75,000 books in this region to children 6 months to 5 years of age and has done so since 2002. As of March, the program now includes our tiniest population, our NICU preemies. Books are provided at admission and every 4 weeks that the infant is in the NICU with the final book being given at discharge. Parents are then able to read at bedside providing verbal stimulation, bonding opportunities with their little ones and decreasing the anxiety and stress brought on by their infant being in the NICU.

This program relies strictly on philanthropy, and it is with the support of wonderful organizations in the community that it can support the children in the community and their school readiness.

Therefore, I am suggesting that each of you attending the July Business Meeting bring at least one child's book to be given to Lavern Morris's worthwhile cause. In addition to the books donated, there will be a special presentation from the Beachcombers to Lavern for her continued support in this program.

- ❖ As you read through this month's Newsletter, you will notice that some of our planned events state that "This is a sign-up event" or "This will be a sign-up event". This annotation means that an accurate head count of Beachcombers attending this event is needed. This is due to reservations being made at a restaurant or venue, and they need to know how many of us will be attending so they can be properly staffed for our visit.

As we begin conducting our meetings at the VBRS facility we will be able to put out sign-up sheets for you to sign-up for an event but, if you are not at the meeting, I am asking that you contact me via text, email, or phone that you plan to attend. My contact information is at the bottom of each Newsletter.

- ❖ The development of our new Beachcombers webpage is in progress. John Kummers will be providing information at the next Business Meeting regarding progress and when to expect a preliminary version.
- ❖ The Beachcomber membership is growing, and we are now at 123 families. Please join me in welcoming our newest members.
  - Tess & Bob Bradlee driving their 2020 Red Convertible,
  - Ernie Houston, in his 2020 White Coupe and
  - Aimee & Harry (Sonny) Slaughter sporting their 2020 Torch Red Coupe
- ❖ Got an idea for a Beachcomber outing? With more business's opening and fewer restrictions, we may be able to incorporate more Club activities. If you have an idea, please share it with me and we will see if we can make it happen.
- ❖ Michele Suttle is the point-of-contact for BCC merchandise such as ball caps and parade flags. Contact Michele at [msuttle@verizon.net](mailto:msuttle@verizon.net).

### MERCHANDISE

Michele has worked with clothier, Lands' End. A link, [business.landsend.com/store/beachcombers](https://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](http://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](mailto: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 will check it.
- ❖ Due to a medical emergency our “go to guy”, Joe Garvin, at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet is no longer available. When I know of a new person, I will let you know.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The C5 interior was much more spacious than any previous Corvette. The additional space included 6.3 extra inches of foot space made possible by relocating the transmission to the rear of the car, where it became a transaxle. Without the need to clear the traditional transmission placement (coupled directly to the rear of the engine block), the leading end of the driveline tunnel was made narrower. This increased driver and passenger foot room by 3.15 inches on each side. <sup>656</sup>
- Although C5 Corvettes still had conventional key-operated door locks (driver’s side only after 1999), the C6 eliminated the age-old mechanical door-lock system. In its place was a plastic key fob containing a built-in radio transmitter that triggered the doors to unlock and interior lighting to turn on within a 40-foot range of the car. Inside, the C5’s mechanical ignition key and lock barrel were also replaced, a push-button was now used to start the engine. <sup>782</sup>
- Far from a simple carryover of the C6’s inner structure, the C7 unit was totally new and much more rigid. Although the C6 frame required about 6600 ft-lbs. to twist 1 degree, the C7 frame required 10680 ft-lbs., a 57% increase in torsional rigidity. In fact, the C7 roadster frame was 20% stiffer than the C6 hatchback. The C7 structure was so stiff that the super-charged Z06 no longer mandated the permanently attached roof panel of the C6 era. Thus, the Z06 Stingray roof panel was removable, a first. Perhaps the ultimate endorsement for the C7’s chassis rigidity was the fact the 650-hp Z06 was finally available with the roadster body. <sup>902</sup>

## **SOME OF THE BEACHCOMBERS ACTIVITIES IN JUNE**

Saturday, June 5 – Corvette Extravaganza hosted by the Coastal Corvette Club of Delaware.

Wednesday, June 9 – Beachcombers Breakfast at 8:30 am at the *Brick House Diner*.

Wednesday, June 9 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting.

Monday, June 14 – A Gathering at The Garage. Postponed due to adverse weather.

Wednesday, June 16 – Beachcombers Board Meeting.

Friday, June 18 – Outdoor Drive-In Movie Night. **CANCELLED**

Saturday, June 19 – Tech Afternoon at *BEZWAX Auto Detailing*.

Wednesday, June 23 – Wings Wednesday.

Friday, June 25 – BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) at Northwest River Park & Campground.

Sunday, June 27 – Drive-By at Lon Bickham’s House.

## **SOME OF THE BEACHCOMBERS ACTIVITIES IN JULY**

Saturday, July 3 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the 7CCC from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

**NEW LOCATION** Tuesday, July 6 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting. As mentioned above we will be holding the July Business meeting at the *VBRS Station 8*, 1243 Bayne Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 (located near Virginia Beach General Hospital). The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm but we ask you show up at 6:45 pm to help set-up and plan to stay a few minutes afterward to help put things away.

Friday, July 9 & 23 – Suffolk Airport Cruise-In. This event is located at 1200 Gene Bolton Drive, Suffolk from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Saturday, July 10 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the Flag Runners from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, July 14 – Beachcombers Breakfast at 8:30 am at *The Brick House Diner* located at 941 Providence Square shopping center, Virginia Beach. We would love for you to join us.

Wednesday, July 14 – 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, July 16 – BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) at Chesapeake City Park. 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 have found the Beachcombers. This is a fair-weather event. If you are new to the Club this is an excellent means of getting to know other Beachcombers.

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 will 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. If you are a Hilton rewards member, military or AARP member be sure you ask for your best rate. On Sunday we will do more sightseeing and later in the day head home.

Saturday, July 17 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the VCL from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, July 21 – 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 give the board an opportunity to discuss club issues and to plan upcoming events. As a member of the BCC you are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.

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 the above the Beachcombers will provide pizza and drinks. Virginia Speed is located at 1397 Taylor Farm Road. If you are interested in having your car dyno tested, please notify me as I need to advise them, so they are properly staffed to accommodate us. This is a sign-up event.

Saturday, July 24 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the Beachcombers 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, more people are needed throughout the event to help at the check-in desk and for tear-down at the end of the event.

Saturday, July 31 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the 7CCC from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

## **SOME OF THE BEACHCOMBERS ACTIVITIES BEYOND JULY**

**NEW EVENT Friday, August 6** – WTF Friday? No, it is not what you are thinking, WTF Friday stands for Where's The Food Friday? The answer to that question is – *Blue Pete's Restaurant*. Join us at 6:00 pm for some excellent seafood, cold beverages and best of all, great company. *Blue Pete's* is located at 1400 Muddy Creek Road, Virginia Beach. Hope you can join us. This is a sign-up event.

Friday, August 20 – BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). Plan on joining us for lunch at 1:00 pm, the location for this BYOL has not yet been determined. This will be a fair-weather event. Great opportunity to visit with your Beachcomber family and make new friends.

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 RR, the track laps are of the spirited drive. To register, fill out the information on the attached flyer and mail it to Richmond Raceway, Attn: Nathan Davis, 600 E Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA 23222. If you are enclosing a check, make the check payable to Richmond Raceway.

The BCC is paying a club fee for this event that ensures the attending Beachcombers will be able to get on the track as a group and should be longer than five or six laps. If you are interested in this outing, please let me know. This is a sign-up event.

**NEW EVENT Saturday, August 21** – Khedive Autos Fun & Shine Car Show (Shriners Car Show). This car show has been supported by the Beachcombers in past years and this year will be no exception. See the attached flyer.

The Beachcombers will be spread thin on August 21 as there is the Richmond Raceway Corvette Corral, this car show and we are hosting the LTC Cruise-In (Jeff is trying to swap dates with one of the other clubs). So, there should be no problem finding something to do.

**NEW EVENT Sunday, August 22** – Commonwealth Senior Living Memory Care Center Car Show. We have been requested to show off our cars at the Commonwealth Senior Living Memory Care Center of Chesapeake located at 130 Great Bridge Blvd Chesapeake, Virginia 23320 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Here is an opportunity for a “Do Good Deed” to bring a smile to the faces of the residents and make yourself feel good at the same time. We have asked for about 10 – 15 cars to participate. This is a sign-up 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 am being told is that hotel accommodations near Carlisle are hard to come by. If you are 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.

Sunday, September 19 – Beachcombers Annual Picnic. Mark your calendar as you will not 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. This will be a sign-up event.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 23 – 27 – 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vette Fest in Pigeon Forge, TN. This event had to be cancelled last year due to Covid, but it is 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 will 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. This will be a sign-up 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 will be limited to 10 cars that we can have participate. Once I have more details, I will share them with you. This will be a sign-up event.

Saturday, October 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen City Car Show. This event is 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.

On our way home on Sunday, October 3, we plan to stop at the Richard Childress Vineyard in Lexington, NC for lunch and a sampling of their grape products. This will be a sign-up event.

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 exciting. Tickets are currently on sale however, VIR Corvette Corral tickets are not yet available. 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.

This year the main IMSA Race will take place on Saturday and the Michelin Pilot Challenge race (GT Daytona Cars) will be the main race on Sunday. Use the below link to see the full schedule: <https://virnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-IMSA-Provisional-Schedule-and-SR-VIR-060221.pdf>.

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 under my name, Joe Wryk, to get the discounted rate of \$73.05 + tax. These rooms are being held until September 17, after which you will not get the reduced rate. Likely we will leave later in the day on Friday, October 8, to allow those that work to caravan with the group. We will 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 and the Weekly Updates for more information.

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.



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, then you can make your dreams come true by joining us as we head off to VIR for their VIR Charity Track Laps. Here you will 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cruzin Corvetter’s Cruise – It is 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-day 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 are 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.	

**NEW EVENT** Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30, 2022 – 2022 Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD). Due to the availability of the Waterside District venue the 2022 VAWD has been scheduled for April 29 & 30, 2022. Based on the popularity of our 2021 event we have no reason to believe 2022 will not be even greater. More to come.

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