

Beachcombers Newsletter

December 2021



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

BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ In case you missed it in last month’s newsletter; beginning in January 2022, the Monthly Business Meetings will be back at the Central Branch of the Virginia Beach Public Library, located at 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach starting at 6:30 pm. Unfortunately, the auditorium was already reserved so we had to settle for one of the smaller rooms but, we’re back at the library and will be able to gather afterwards at *Reginella’s*.
- ❖ The votes have been counted and Preston Powers has been elected as the new Vice President – Membership. Congratulations Preston. Preston will assume the duties of this position beginning Decembers 1st, we all look forward to working with you in your new position.
- ❖ The Beachcombers Activity Survey has been sent to you and we would like to hear back from you. The objective of this survey is to solicit feedback and help guide us in planning things that appeal to the majority of Club members. If you’ve not yet returned your survey please do ASAP as we’d like to compile the results by the middle of December. You can place your completed survey in the Survey Box at December’s Business Meeting, give it to any Board Member or reply via email to ensure your input is recognized. Copies of the Survey will be available at the December Business Meeting.
- ❖ We’re at the time of year when the number of Beachcomber families fluctuates as some members choose to not renew their membership or they haven’t renewed their membership but, we’ve added a few new members. Please join me in welcoming our newest members;
 - Ellen & Jeff Bobrow with a beautiful 2022 Red Mist Z51 HTC
 - Angel & Curt Coenen sporting a 2017 Torch Red 2LT Stingray
 - Kristie Hollingsworth in her 1999 Nassau Blue Metallic Coupe
 - Sandra & Burt Johnson in their Red 2019 Vette
 - April & Reginald Mano driving a 1978 Coupe (25th Anniversary Pace Car)
 - Homer Wood in a beautiful 2021 Rapid Blue HTC
- ❖ If you haven’t renewed your membership for next year, be advised that it has expired! Joel Wolf sent you an email detailing the cost and how to renew your membership for 2022. In brief, your current membership expired on October 31, 2021, and the membership drive for the upcoming year ran through November 14, 2021. If you intend to continue your Beachcombers membership but haven’t paid your dues please submit them ASAP.

Incidentally, a portion of your renewal fee covers the cost of your renewal in the NCCC (National Council of Corvette Clubs) which provides you additional liability insurance in the event of an issue while operating your Corvette during a BCC event. When renewing your annual BCC membership we are encouraging you to enroll your significant other in the NCCC, the additional fee is only \$10.00 and covers them while participating in a sponsored event.

You can pay your membership renewal at the Business Meetings or by sending a check made out to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, sent to our P.O. Box. Please ensure the subject line on your check specifies the check is for membership dues. Mail checks to Beachcombers Corvette Club, P.O. Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Thanks.
- ❖ The Beachcombers Christmas Holiday Party takes place on Saturday, December 11. The Christmas Holiday Party Flyer provides details regarding the social hour before dinner, the dinner menu and the post dinner activities.

The host hotel was offering rooms at a discounted price of \$99.00 (+tax and fees) for Saturday, December 11 but reservations were to be made by November 10 to secure this rate. If you want a room and didn't call in time to get the discounted rate you can call and ask if the Beachcombers rate is still available but there is no guarantee that it will be.

As in previous year's, there will be a gift exchange for those interested. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$30.00 and after dinner everyone who brought a gift will play a game where gifts are swapped. You never know what you'll end up with.

And of course, there will be a photo booth for you to get silly, by donning crazy hats, glasses and other props and have your picture taken.

Throughout the evening door prizes will be given away including a weekend stay at the *Double Tree by Hilton, Adams Car Care Products* and other surprises. There are two fabulous Grand Prizes, a women's and a men's *Seiko Watch*. These two watches have been graciously donated by Barb and Pete Schultz. Thanks to both of you for your generosity.

If your membership dues have not been paid at the time of paying for the Beachcombers Christmas Holiday Party, you'll be charged the non-Beachcomber rate. This is a pre-payment event.

- ❖ It's a done deal, the sale of the trailer has been finalized. The Hampton Roads Car Club Council (HRCCC) has purchased the trailer for \$3000.00. As agreed, the Beachcombers will retain the right to use items stored in the trailer for our events.

The HRCCC has indicated that they intend to have some cosmetic upgrades performed including cowling repairs, the replacement of brakes & tires and an external makeover with logo's from all of the HRCCC Clubs applied. So if you're driving by Landstown Commons and you don't see the trailer it's more than likely being upgraded.

- ❖ On October 30, the Cruise-Ins at Landstown Commons wrapped up the 2021 season with the ever-popular Trunk or Treat Halloween finale. By 4:00 pm the parking lot was full of cars and thousands of children were anxiously waiting to get the "treats" that were being handed out. Several Beachcombers were there to pass out goodies and marvel at the ingenuity of some of the costumes. Thanks to all who were on hand to make this a memorable event.

Following the Trunk or Treating, John Herbert, President of the HRCCC, presented a \$650.00 check to each of the four clubs that have hosted Cruise-Ins at Landstown. This money was in part from the Seasonal Cruise-In ticket sales and money contributed by sponsors. John Herbert went on to say that the 2022 Cruise-Ins will begin in April and there are several ideas brewing for next year's events, including the possibility of an outdoor movie night.

- ❖ At last month's Business Meeting we heard from Tim Krehbiel who shared that he, Preston Powers along with Tim Miller are working on plans for an aerial photograph of the Beachcombers cars to commemorate our Clubs' 40th Anniversary in 2022. Preston has informed us that the NCCC has agreed to feature our photo on the back cover of the Blue Bars magazine in the Fall of 2022.

- ❖ We are currently at a standstill regarding the development of a new Beachcombers webpage, the web developer who we were told was making progress, has informed John Kummers that he was no longer able to work on our webpage. Therefore, we are exploring new possibilities. If you know of someone who is skilled in the area of web development please share their contact information with the Board.

- ❖ I've heard from several of you that you'd love a trip to the National Corvette Museum (NCM) and an opportunity to drive on the infamous Tail of the Dragon. If so, there is an offering by the NCM that allows you to do both of those things plus more. The NCM's Museum in Motion (MiM) program has a trip scheduled for May of 2022 that begins at the NCM, and proceeds to the Biltmore Hotel via the Tail of the Dragon. The MiM trips are, for the most-part, an all-inclusive package that includes lodging, activities and meals. If this is something of interest to you, visit the NCM website for more information. Be advised that the number of cars is limited, and these trips fill fast.

- ❖ Michele Suttle is the point-of-contact for BCC merchandise such as ball caps and parade flags. Michele can be reached at msuttle@verizon.net.

MERCHANDISE

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, there are two local 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 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.

DID YOU KNOW? (Thanks to Rob Clyburn.)

This information regarding wheels was shared during a recent Corvette College. With all of the wheel issues plaguing some C7 owners, it's worth repeating.

First - Cast Wheels. Cast wheels are standard on most nice cars.

Molten aluminum is poured into a mold where it cools, then its machined, drilled and trimmed to the final wheel. Molten aluminum hardens as it cools and has a certain porosity to it. Manufacturers use extra material for this reason, and it makes the wheels heavier, but has the lowest cost.

Next - Forged Wheels. Forged wheels are both strong and light weight.

Forged rims are made from solid aluminum that is heated to allow pressurized machines to shape the rims. Forged rims get their name from the process of forging a single piece of aluminum into the shape of the wheel rims. The Porsha GT3 comes with forged wheels.

Last - Flow-Forged Wheels. Flow forged wheels are an upgrade to cast wheels.

They not really forged at all but marketing as forged makes them sound stronger. The wheel is cast and after it cools it is put on a machine where it is heated to four hundred degrees and spun. A spinning wheel contacts the wheel and widens the barrel forming the final width and shape. This process of heat and pressure strengthens the aluminum in the barrel only, not the center. It also makes it lighter than cast. The center is still porous and can break away from the wheel. Sounds like a good fix for corvette since the barrel seems to crack on them. It's much cheaper to make flow forged than truly forged. These are standard wheel on the Porsche GT4. Weight of the car makes a big difference in what you can get away with. Most high dollar custom wheels are expensive and can take any weight.

LOOKING BACK AT WHAT WE DID IN NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 – Monthly Business Meeting.

Wednesday, November 10 – Beachcombers Breakfast.

Wednesday, November 10 – Gathering at the Garage.

Thursday, November 11, – Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade.

Friday, November 12 – VIR Track Laps.

Sunday, November 14 & 28 – Suffolk Airport Cruise-In.

Wednesday, November 17 – Monthly Beachcombers Board Meeting.

Sunday, November 21, 2021 – Mayflower Marathon Food Drive.

MAJOR DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

NEW EVENT Saturday, December 4, 2021 – Party at the Beach with the Corvette Club of Richmond (CCR). For several years the CCR has made a trip to Virginia Beach to see the Boardwalk Holiday Lights and to party. In the past, their annual event has attracted the interest of some of the Beachcombers who have joined them for dinner, the lights and their after party. If interested, contact Bill Kaelin at 757-343-4873 or check out the CCR website <https://corvetteclubofrichmond.org/events> for more information.

NEW INFO Saturday, December 11, 2021 – Beachcombers Corvette Club Christmas Holiday Party. This year's party will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton located at 1900 Pavilion Drive, Virginia Beach. Rooms are available at the discounted rate of \$99.00 (+ tax) should you wish to take the worry out of partying and then driving. These room rates were only good through November 10 but, you can try calling the hotel as see if they will honor the discounted rate. The Christmas Party Committee has put the finishing touches on the details; and the attached flyer provides more detailed information.

Mail a check to the BEACHOMBERS CORVETTE CLUB at P.O. Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Please annotate the check is for the Christmas Holiday Party. This is a sign-up event and pre-payment is required.

NEW EVENT Tuesday, December 14, 2021 – Drive Through the Christmas Holiday Lights in Newport News. Need some help in getting into the Christmas Holiday spirit? If so, we have just the thing for you. Join your Beachcomber friends as we drive through Newport News Park on Tuesday, December 14 and be dazzled by the displays of Christmas Holiday Lights. We'll begin the evening by meeting for Pizza at *UNO's* located at 5007 Victory Blvd., Tabb, VA at 6:00 pm and then drive to Newport News Park. If you can't join us for pizza, plan to meet us about 7:15 in the *UNO's* parking lot and drive through the lights with us.

Admission vouchers are not available for online purchase and must be purchased upon arrival at the Park or they can be pre-purchased in advance. To avoid waiting in line to purchase your voucher upon our arrival, we will pre-purchase vouchers for those who have paid in advance. The cost is \$10.00 per car, regardless of the number of passengers, which is a few dollars cheaper than purchasing a ticket upon arrival. If you pre-purchase a voucher, it will be given to you when we meet for pizza at *UNO's*. If interested, please pay Joe Wryk at the December Business Meeting (or whenever you see him) and be sure you've added your name to the sign-up sheet as we need a head count for *UNO's* if you're joining us for pizza. This is a sign-up event and pre-payment is recommended.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES BEYOND DECEMBER

NEW EVENT Thursday, January 27 to Sunday, January 30, 2022 – ROLEX 24 at Daytona. Originally known as the 24 Hours of DAYTONA, the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA is a 24-hour sports car endurance race held annually that kicks off the new IMSA Weather Tech SportsCar Championship season at Daytona International Speedway. There are traditionally around sixty cars in the field competing for the overall

victory as well as four different classes. Each team trades shifts between three and five drivers. Types of cars include Porsches, Ferraris, Corvettes, Mazda, Fords, Lamborghinis, Lexus and Cadillac.

For those new to the Beachcombers, we have made this multi-day road trip for several years and have always had a good time. If IMSA racing is something you enjoy or is something you'd like to learn more about, you won't be disappointed by attending this race. The weather can be unpredictable, but we've always managed to make the best of it and the race still goes on.

In all likelihood we'll depart for Daytona on Thursday, January 27 and drive to Savannah GA, where we'll spend the night and then drive into Daytona on Friday, January 28. Rooms have been blocked at the Iris Garden Inn in Savannah and at the Sunset Inn, formerly known as the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown, under the Beachcombers Corvette Club name. To reserve a room at the Iris Garden Inn for Thursday January 27, call 1-912-777-5002 and ask for one of the rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$69.00 (plus tax). To reserve a room at the Sunset Inn for January 28 – 30, call 1-386-255-4500, and ask to speak to Sandra. Sandra can be reached from 5:00 – 9:00 pm Wednesday through Saturday, let her know you wish to reserve one of the rooms blocked for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$119.00 (plus tax). To take advantage of this rate you must reserve your room prior to January 10.

On January 31, after checking out of the hotel you're on your own as some may be taking side trips to other adventures and others heading directly back home.

NEW INFO Saturday, March 5, 2022 – 3rd Annual Cruzin Corvetter's Cruise – The time is drawing closer to the Beachcombers basking in the sunshine while on a Caribbean cruise. Just imagine, being with your Beachcombers friends on a Caribbean Cruise aboard the *Sky Princess*, departing Fort Lauderdale, FL on March 5, 2022, for a 7-day cruise with three port stops.. We currently have about twenty cabins booked for this cruise and without a doubt it will be a wonderful time. 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).

For those of you planning to drive to Fort Lauderdale, I have blocked 10 rooms at the Iris Garden Inn in Savannah, GA for Thursday, March 3, 2022. The room rate is \$109.00 (+tax & fees) for a one-night stay. I recommend you book your room independently for your pre -cruise stay on Friday, March 4, in or near Fort Lauderdale, FL.

There will be a pre-cruise get together on January 8, the location & time will be provided later. Here you'll see who is cruising with you and we'll try to answer any questions you may have.

Below is a brief look at the itinerary for this cruise.

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sat, March 5	Ft. Lauderdale, FL		4:00 pm
Sun, March 6	Princess Cays	9:00 am	5:00 pm
Mon, March 7	At Sea		
Tue, March 8	St. Thomas, VI	10:00 am	10:00 pm
Wed, March 9	St. Maarten	7:00 am	6:00 pm
Thu, March 10	At Sea		
Fri, March 11	At Sea		
Sat, March 12	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	6:00 am	



The map shows the cruise route starting at Ft. Lauderdale, FL, heading south to Princess Cays in the Bahamas, then to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, then to St. Maarten in the Caribbean Sea, and finally returning to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. A note on the map indicates that port substitutions and orders may vary.

NEW EVENT Saturday, March 12, 2022 – 53rd Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The Beachcombers have been invited to participate in this fun time parade on Saturday, March 12, 2022. I'll be putting out a flyer and sign-up sheet closer to the event date but think about participating. Since the date of the parade conflicts with the Caribbean Cruise, I'll need a volunteer to act as the lead for this event, please contact me if interested. This will be a sign-up event.

NEW EVENT Saturday, March 26, 2022 – Airfield Shooting Club Outing. With many firearms enthusiasts in the Club one of our members, Art Schoner, suggested an afternoon at the range where he is a member. The Beachcombers will pay for the cost of using the range, however you will be required to provide the firearm(s) and ammunition. For those not owning a weapon, you can still attend this event and perhaps someone there will allow you to shoot their firearm. The Airfield Shooting Club is located near *The Virginia Diner* so a stop there for eats will probably take place. Details are still in the works and more information will be provided. This will be a sign-up event.

Friday & Saturday, May 20 & 21, 2022 – 2022 Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD). We have a plan! After much consternation it appears as if we have a solid plan going forward for next year's VAWD. Thanks to Jimmy Clemmer's persistence and vision for making the Beachcombers annual event one of the best this area has to offer. Please keep your eyes on future Beachcomber Newsletters for more details.

Sunday – Wednesday, May 1 – 4, 2022 – National Corvette Museums' Museum in Motion (MiM) Trip. The MiM will be going on a fun-packed trip with Springtime in the Smokies, Tail of the Dragon, and the Biltmore all-in-one! The group will be running the famous TN-129, which is also known as Tail of the Dragon. They will spend their stay at the Biltmore Inn on the Biltmore Estate grounds. Monday morning there will be photo-op of the cars in front of the manor house and breakfast in the Biltmore Stable Café! Advance registration has begun and will close at 10 a.m. CT on Friday, March 18, 2022, or when it is sold out.

Saturday - Friday, June 12 - 17, 2022 – 2022 NCCC National Convention. This convention is being hosted by the East Region of NCCC and will be in Atlantic City, NJ. The goals of the NCCC East Region for the Convention are to highlight a region of the country that many NCCC Members have never visited, to show clubs from across the country we can run a smooth convention, have fun, and provide convention participants with positive memories. Any profit made at Convention will help fund the East Region and hopefully keep us with a sound financial footing for the future. The convention is a week-long event, but you do not have to be there for the entire week.

The host hotel is Harrah's Resort and is a first-class facility in Atlantic City. A room rate of \$119.99 applies. Refer to Things To Do & Attractions in Atlantic City / Harrah's AC Resort & Casino more information go to; <https://www.corvettesnccc.org/2022Convention/Convention2022.php>.

This would be a wonderful opportunity for the Beachcombers Corvette Club to show the NCCC East we are willing to participate and be an active part of the East Region.

If you are interested in going to the convention please let me know so we can start planning. This will be our first experience to see the fellowship of belonging to a national organization. Please provide feedback so we can start planning for the convention. **We joined for the cars and stayed for the people!**

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EDITORS NOTE: Due to personal travel plans I will not be sending or receiving any Beachcombers correspondence from mid-November through the first week of December. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.