

Fellow Beachcombers,

BCC Event News

Wow, the *Beachcombers* had another full month with a wide variety of events beginning with the 25th Annual Beachcombers Corvette Club Car Show at Landstown Commons on October 28th. A total of 98 cars participated including 38 member cars. A huge thanks to George Smith and the entire Car Show Committee for the planning, soliciting sponsors and donations and working hard for several months to make the show a success for both our Club and the Foodbank of Southeast Virginia. And then immediately following the Show, *Beachcombers* hosted our eighth and final Charity Cruise-In for 2017 which included the annual Landstown Commons Halloween "Trunk or Treat". There is no way of telling how much candy was handed out, but Landstown management estimated that over 6,000 participants and spectators filed through the complex. Next, *Beachcombers* participated in the annual Tidewater Veteran's Day Parade in Virginia Beach on November 11th. Our Club has been a regular in this event honoring local and national veterans and we appreciate the members who came out to be a part of what is a traditional event in our schedule. On November 16th, we tried something a little different by holding a Tech Night with a Twist. Rob Clyburn hosted the Tech Night portion in his garage featuring presentations by Garage Experts and ClearShine while Connie Clyburn hosted a social on the lanai. Apparently the idea was a hit with 26 members attending the tech portion with 11 companions joining Connie around the fire pit. A big thanks to Rob and Connie and to all who attended, either inside or outside. Later that week, 23 members participated in the Food Bank's Annual Mayflower Marathon on November 19th. This has become another traditional event, and this year we raised over \$1,100 between Club and member contributions in addition to food donations. Thank you to all who attended. And finishing out this month of activity, 20 Corvettes and 4 guest cars traveled to Virginia International Raceway (VIR) on December 1st to exercise our cars by taking part in their annual Holiday Laps. Most of us ran two sessions on the 4 mile road course (although some did more) while reaching speeds around 120 mph on the back straightaway. With great weather, there was a very high number of participants in every type of car (and truck), but we still had a terrific opportunity to put our foot into it and work the wheel through the turns. A good time!

Oh what a month.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party next Saturday.

Upcoming Beachcomber Events

12/05 Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting – 7:00PM @ Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, Virginia Beach. Followed by our regular visit to Reginello's at Loehmanns Plaza.

12/09 Beachcombers Christmas Party – NOTE: Tickets are still available for the Beachcombers Annual Christmas Party at the Double Tree by Hilton, Norfolk Airport, 1500 North Military Highway, Norfolk from 6:00 to 11:00PM. The evening will include Hors d'oeuvres, a Cash Bar, Dinner and Dessert Buffet, Door Prizes, a Photo Booth and a Gift Swap (\$20 max value). Cost is \$25 each for Beachcombers members plus one guest. \$65 for non-members. Payments will be accepted at the December Business Meeting on December 5th. For this year's Gift Swap, Jimmy delved into his archives to retrieve a throw-back story from the early 2000s'. So bring a wrapped gift to participate in an entertaining way to treat yourself to a surprise Christmas present. You can also treat yourself to an overnight hotel stay at a discounted rate of \$69.00 + tax. Call 757-8000 to make a reservation under Beachcombers Corvette Club. A Flyer is attached.

12/20 Beachcombers Board Meeting – 7:00PM at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. All Members are welcome to attend.

01/02 Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting – 7:00PM @ Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, Virginia Beach. Followed by our regular visit to Reginello's at Loehmanns Plaza.

Looking Ahead to BCC Events

01/24-28 Rolex 24 at Daytona – Joe Wryk has planned another excellent Beachcombers trip to Daytona with a change this year to a different hotel in a more populous area and closer to the beach. Plans are to depart on January 24th with an overnight in Savannah before continuing to Daytona Beach. Details for the trip including travel info and hotel reservation numbers are provided in the attachment to this Event News. Note that the deadline for discounted room rates is December 25th. Please notify Joe if you are planning to attend or if you have any questions at joewryk@aol.com .

Tickets and Speedway information for the Rolex 24 race weekend January 27-28 can be found at www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com/Events/2018/Rolex-24-At-DAYTONA/Rolex-24-At-Daytona.aspx .

02/11 Annual Valentine's Day Cruise – Date has been set and event planning has begun.

03/03 Annual Chili Cook-Off – Date has been set and event planning has begun.

Advance Planning

2019 Corvette Caravan – The 2019 National Corvette Caravan is scheduled for August 28 – September 1, 2019. This event only occurs every five years with thousands of Corvettes from across the country converging on Bowling

Green. Information about the Regional Caravan for our area can be found at www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/ .

Wishing you all the best of the Holiday Season,

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