

# **Beachcomber News**

## **January 2019**

### **BCC NEWS**

Christmas has come and gone and New Year's is just around the corner. Where has the time gone? I sincerely hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and that your New Years is all you want it to be. I'm looking forward to 2019 being an exciting Beachcomber year with many opportunities for all of us to enjoy all that the club has to offer.

In last month's Beachcomber News I asked for input for items that might be of interest as club activities and I've received some positive feedback. Several trips were suggested including trips to; an IMSA race other than Daytona, the Harley Davidson plant in PA, the Bourbon Trail in KY or the Barrett Jackson car auction in CT. These are all excellent suggestions however they all are longer trips requiring several days and would undoubtedly limit participation do to members' work schedules and additional costs.

Based on a BCC survey regarding club activities that was taken a few years ago, most members indicated they preferred shorter one or two day trips. The board feels that promoting more long trips would not serve in the best interests of most club members. The club does participate in several longer out of town trips such as; Corvettes at Myrtle Beach, the IMSA Race at VIR, Corvettes at Carlisle, and Corvettes at Ocean City, along with an occasional trip to the mountains. Therefore, for this year the club is promoting the 2019 Corvette Caravan and its longer add on trip.

With that said, if you have ideas for a one day outing or a one day outing that can be expanded into two days (or more) please let me know. Or, if you are interested in taking a longer corvette trip and would like to share the experience with other club member's contact me and I'll be glad to distribute the information and let anyone interested to contact you to work out details.

Did you know? The very first Corvette was introduced at the GM Motorama traveling show at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. On January 17<sup>th</sup> of 1953, the first American sports car, Chevrolet's 1953 Corvette, rolled onto the floor. With its all fiberglass body, white exterior and red interior – combined with a sleek aesthetic design and a respectable 150 horsepower engine – the Corvette was an instant hit. In fact, it went into production in June (just a few months after the show).

### **LOOKING BACK AT DECEMBER**

December 4, Beachcombers monthly business meeting.

December 8, Beachcombers Annual Christmas Party at the Norfolk Airport Doubletree Hotel. 64 Beachcombers and guests attended and a good time was had by all. The Photo Booth was once again a big hit. If you'd like to view or print your pictures visit the following URL and enter PIN 1663 when/if prompted, <https://shot.yoursmartshot/g/beachcombersholidayparty2018/>. A special thanks goes out to all who helped in making this event a huge success.

December 12, the Beachcombers met at Anchor Allie's for their monthly breakfast get together. Good food and great company – a winning combination. Thanks Jacob for coordinating this gathering.

December 16, a few of the Beachcombers, as well as members of other local car clubs, helped spread some Holiday Cheer by attending an impromptu car show for Leonard “Butch” Waller at the Chesapeake Place Assisted Living Facility. Butch who is a car lover and a patient at the facility can no longer attend car shows or work on the cars he once enjoyed, so a car show was brought to him. Thanks to all that participated in this heartwarming event.

December 19, Beachcombers Board Meeting at Pop’s Diner.

### **LOOKING AHEAD INTO JANUARY**

**Saturday, January 5** – Cars & Coffee 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Virginia Beach Convention Center Parking Lot followed by breakfast at Citrus at 357 North Great Neck Road.

**Tuesday, January 8** – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Kempsville Recreation Center, **Room No. 4**, 800 Monmouth Lane, Virginia Beach. The meeting will be followed by a visit to Finn McCool’s restaurant located in Providence Square Shopping Center. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE, ROOM NO. & LOCATION.**

**Wednesday, January 9** – Beachcomber Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. at Anchor Allie’s, 357 Independence Blvd. Come join in on the good food and great company, please RSVP Jacob Orbach at 757-739-3328, by email at [jacob.orbach@gmail.com](mailto:jacob.orbach@gmail.com) or by acknowledging on Facebook.

**Wednesday, January 16** - Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - Pop’s Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. All members are welcome to attend.

### **LOOKING BEYOND JANUARY**

**Saturday, February 2** – Valentine Fun Run –The final touches are being made for this popular annual event. The plan is to meet at Greenbrier Mall and after signing the club waiver, we’ll proceed on to some country roads near Wakefield, VA. Afterwards we’ll stop at a landmark restaurant, The Virginia Diner, for some of their famous fried chicken and country ham. A flyer is forthcoming promoting this event. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Business Meeting. If you haven’t added your name to the sign-up sheet or can’t make a meeting to add your name, please RSVP me at [joewryk@aol.com](mailto:joewryk@aol.com), as an accurate head count for the restaurant is needed. **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**

**Saturday, March 2** – Beachcombers Chili Cook-Off – Connie and Rob Clyburn have once again agreed to host this popular annual club event in their marvelous home. So here is your opportunity to show off your culinary skills and prepare a pot of award winning chili. Yes award winning, as prizes will be awarded for the first three most popular pots of chili as voted on by your fellow club members. Just think, bragging rights for an entire year. As in the past, if you’re not bringing chili you’re asked to bring a dessert or appetizer. For those with a last name beginning with an A through M please bring a dessert and those with a last name beginning with an N through Z bring an appetizer. A flyer will be coming to you soon detailing this event. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Business Meeting for those interested. If you haven’t added your name to the sign-up sheet or can’t make a meeting to add your name, please RSVP me at [joewryk@aol.com](mailto:joewryk@aol.com).

Saturday, March 16 – Saint Patrick’s Day Parade, Norfolk. The application has been submitted for 15 cars to drive in this parade. We’re awaiting acceptance confirmation.

**NEW** Saturday, April 13 – Trip to ZIP. This is our annual trip to ZIP Corvettes in Mechanicsville, VA. With the BCC sponsoring the Landstown Common Cruise In on April 27, this is a great opportunity to get those items you’ll need to get your Vette ready. Afterwards we’ll proceed on to our second most popular pastime – lunch, along with some back roads driving on the way home??? More to come.

**NEW** Friday, April 19 – Springtime Charity Laps at VIR. Once again you can experience driving your Corvette in the manner in which it was designed on the 3.27 mile road track at VIR. Keep an eye on this outing as there may be an interesting turn of events associated with this trip. More coming as the time draws closer.

**NEW** 2019 Landstown Common Cruise Ins – We have received the 2019 schedule of Cruise Ins at Landstown Commons. The Beachcombers will be hosting Cruise In’s on; 04/27, 05/25, 06/22, 07/20, 08/17, 09/14 and 10/12. The date selected for the BCC Car Show is 09/14 with 09/21 as a rain date

2019 Corvette Caravan - Registration is open for the 2019 National Corvette Caravan 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/](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/). The BCC is planning an “add on” as we return to Tidewater following the caravan. The plan is to travel home via The Tail of the Dragon in NC and to drive some of the other scenic roads. I have blocked rooms at the Quality Inn & Suites in Robbinsville, NC for those interested. This “add on” will extend our homeward travels by a day or two. Our National Corvette Museum Ambassador, Ed Munden has the lead for this event, contact Ed at 252-339-2234 for additional information. There will be more information to follow regarding this mega event.

## **OTHER LOCAL EVENTS**

Information and schedules for other area events can be found on Web Sites for the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads (CCCHR) [www.carclubcouncil.info/](http://www.carclubcouncil.info/) and the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council (VPCCC) [www.vpccc.org](http://www.vpccc.org).