

Beachcomber News

March 2019

BCC NEWS

As was reported earlier, the Beachcombers lost a member of our family on February 20th. Barbara Harrington, wife of Dale Harrington, succumbed to injuries resulting from a severe automobile accident. Barb and Dale have been members of the Beachcombers for several years. Barb's friendly smile and warm personality will be missed at our meetings and events. Our condolences to Dale and his family.

With a turn to warmer weather more of us are willing to take our Vettes out for some behind the wheel time. As you read through this issue of the Beachcomber News you can see that things are beginning to ramp up in the coming months. But, that doesn't mean we can't add new outings or events to our calendar. If there is an outing or event you think might be of interest, let me know so it can be added to the calendar. Thanks.

AT THE FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING

There was a discussion of the ongoing saga of the BCC Trailer at Landstown Commons, specifically its contents. Jimmy informed us that some of the BCC contents in the trailer were removed and are currently stored at John Herbert's (CCCHR Events Coordinator) house. This was done to make room in the trailer for items needed to support the Cruise-In's at Landstown Commons. Gordon Paterson agreed to meet with John Herbert and obtain the BCC items. These items will then be dispositioned as appropriate. On March 31st the CCCHR intends to clean out the BCC trailer at Landstown in preparation for the upcoming Cruise In season, Tommy Starnes, Gene Cooper, Adam Graham and Pete Shultz volunteered to assist in this project. Thanks for your help.

The recommendation of the BCC Board concerning NCM bricks for deceased members of the BCC family was discussed. The discussion centered on the club providing a standard brick, pending approval by the deceased's Next Of Kin (NOK). Jimmy went on to say that in the event of the passing of someone who was an extremely active member the standard brick would be provided and that anything beyond that would be pursued as a venture taken on by individual members as opposed to a BCC organized effort. After some discussion, a motion was made and received unanimous approval regarding the purchase of the standard brick. Rob Clyburn volunteered to contact the NOK for those BCC family members that we've lost to obtain their approval.

John Herbert contacted Jimmy and stated that at the last CCCHR meeting, a decisions was made, that on a go forward basis the first Cruise-In at Landstown Commons each year will be dedicated to George Smith. Therefore, on Saturday, April 6, 2019, 757 Auto Events is hosting the 1st Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show. Volunteers are needed to assist in this effort.

Jimmy spoke of a large BCC event on June 1st that resurrects what the Beachcombers did several years ago "Corvettes at Waterside". Waterside is a beautiful backdrop for an event such as this; the water, the boats and of course the Corvettes. This event has been in the works for well over a year and finally received the go ahead. The vision for this event is a Corvette only gathering at Waterside on Saturday, June 1st, but would also include a social event on Friday, May 31. This event will be advertised to Corvette clubs in the region as we're hoping for a large draw of out-of-town guests. At the time of this writing some of the loose ends have been worked out with Waterside, the city of Norfolk, Rick Hendricks Chevrolet and Sinclair Communications and Jimmy has sent out an email to all informing you of the event. A meeting is planned at Pop's Diner on February 27th to form a planning committee with various areas of responsibility assigned. Anyone interested in helping with this event is asked to attend.

DID YOU KNOW?

That prior to 1958 Corvettes had only two headlights as it was illegal in the USA to have four headlights.

Two years after Jan & Dean's hit song "Dead Man's Curve", Jan Berry was in a devastating car accident, hitting a parked truck while driving his 1966 Corvette. The wreck didn't occur on the actual stretch of road know as Dead Man's Curve, as is often claimed; however, it did take place very close to that location.

The only one-year-body design was 1973 when Corvettes from this year featured a rubber front bumper and a chrome rear bumper. All prior Corvettes featured front and rear chrome bumpers, and all later years featured front and rear rubber bumpers.

LOOKING BACK AT FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 2 – Cars & Coffee followed by breakfast at Citrus.

February 2 – Valentine Fun Run. It was an impressive sight, seeing a long conga line of 33 Beachcomber Corvettes traveling down Highways 58 and 460 to Wakefield, VA where we enjoyed a spirited country road drive. After the drive, we stopped at the Virginia Diner for lunch. The food was fabulous and enjoyed by all (love their fried chicken). Valentine goodie bags were handed out and there were even a few door prizes given away. Thanks to Marge Wryk, John Kummers and Jacob Or-Bach for all they did to make this a huge success.

February 5 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting at the Kempsville Recreation Center.

February 13 – Beachcomber Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. at Anchor Allie's.

February 20 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop's Diner.

LOOKING AHEAD INTO MARCH

Saturday, March 2 – 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.

Saturday, March 2 – Beachcombers Chili Cook-Off beginning at 6:30 p.m. – This is one my favorite annual events because the atmosphere for this event allows us to mingle with everyone and you have the chance to talk with old friends and get to know our new ones. Connie and Rob Clyburn are once again allowing us into their marvelous home as we enjoy appetizers, taste award winning chili and delicious desserts. So here's your opportunity to show off your culinary skills and prepare a pot of award winning chili. After ample tasting, everyone will have a chance to vote on which pot of chili was the best and prizes will be awarded for the first three most popular pots of chili. 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. The flyer promoting this event was last sent out with the weekly update on Sunday, February 24 but, if you have questions please feel free to contact me. If you prefer adult beverages; remember this is a BYOB event. Not planning to attend this memorable event? I urge you to reconsider, I'm confident that you won't regret it.

Tuesday, March 5 – 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.

Tuesday, March 12 – Tech Night at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet, Norfolk from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Rick Hendrick Chevrolet has extended an invitation to the BCC for an up close and personal look at their Service Department. They are committed to be the premier Corvette dealership in the region, not only in sales but also in maintenance and repair. Here is your opportunity to see where your Corvette goes when it's dropped off for service and to talk with the service technicians that will be working on your Corvette. Refreshment will be served, courtesy of Rick Hendrick Chevrolet. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next Business Meeting. If you have a specific question or area you'd like to be addressed let me know.

Wednesday, March 13 – 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 or by acknowledging on Facebook.

Saturday, March 16 – Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Beachcombers were quick to volunteer for this popular parade and all 15 slots have been filled. An email will be sent to the 15 drivers listing the meeting location and time.

Sunday, March 17 – Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the Outer Banks. Kelly's 30th Annual St. Patrick's Parade kicks off on Sunday March 17th at 1:00 p.m. in Nags Head, NC. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. There is no limit as to the number of BCC cars that can attend. If interested, plan on meeting at Finn McCool's restaurant located in Providence Square Shopping Center at 8:45 a.m., from there we'll drive to American Classic Garage in Kill Devils Hill, NC, where we'll join in the staging for the parade. After the parade we can stop for dinner on the way back to Tidewater.



Wednesday, March 20 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. As always, all members are welcome to attend.

Saturday, March 23 – If you're wanting to get a head start on car shows for 2019 here's your chance – the 2019 York High School Car Show, located at 9300 George Washington Memorial Hwy, York, VA, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. This car show is one of the car shows that the Beachcombers regularly attend. Heldur Liivak is the point of contact for this event and can be reached at soccerbear53@gmail.com. Heldur recommends meeting in the Food Lion parking lot located at 8100 George Washington Hwy., Yorktown, VA at 10:00 a.m. If we enter as a group we'll will be parked together. Thanks Heldur for your help in this event.

Sunday, March 24 – Beachcomber Bowling – at Pinboy's from 3 – 5 p.m. This event has been moved from a fall time activity to one earlier in the year as the weather seems less cooperative in the spring. The cost of this event is picked up by the club which includes shoes, lane fees and snacks/beverages. Warren Hiteshew, the BCC resident bowling expert, will be on hand to show us "how it's done" and give advice. Pinboy's is located at 1577 Laskin Rd., Virginia Beach. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March Monthly Business Meeting.

LOOKING BEYOND MARCH

Friday, April 5 – Smithfield Lions Cruz-In honoring George Smith from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Sentara St. Luke's, 20209 Sentara Way, Carrolton, VA. George was instrumental in the BCC's involvement with the Smithfield Lions Cruz-In's and they are honoring his contributions to the car community at this Cruz-In. For those interested in attending this Cruz-In, we plan to meet at the Wawa located at 2916 Godwin Blvd., Suffolk, VA at 5:30 p.m. and drive together to the Cruz-In.

Saturday, April 6 – The CCCHR is opening the car show season with a First Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show at Landstown Commons, which coincides with the first Landstown Commons Cruise-In.

Saturday, April 13 – Trip to ZIP. This is our customary trip to ZIP Corvettes in Mechanicsville, VA. With the BCC sponsoring the Cruise In at Landstown Common on April 27, this is a great opportunity to get those items you'll need to get your Vette ready. ZIP is anxious to see us and is offering a 10% discount on any purchases you make that day. Afterwards, we'll proceed on to our second most popular pastime – lunch. Reservations have been made at ROMA's Italian Restaurant for our group. ROMA's is a family owned and operated eatery and has excellent food. Hank Reisenbichler has volunteered to take the lead on mapping an alternate route back to Tidewater with the possibility of a stop at one the areas wineries. Thanks Hank.

Friday, April 19 – Springtime Charity Laps at Virginia International Raceway (VIR). We'll drive to Alton, VA where you can experience what your Corvette has to offer on this 3.27 mile road track. The track offers twists and turns that will challenge all levels of driver's experience.

Several people have expressed an interest in the "add on" trip to Whitetop Mountain which is about 3.5 hours west of VIR on US58. Whitetop Mountain holds the title for highest elevation in the entire state, 4400 feet. On clear days, it's possible to see into the neighboring states of Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and West Virginia.

10 rooms have been blocked at the Super 8 by Windham at 298 Towne Center Drive, Abingdon, VA for April 19-21. To reserve one of the rooms call 1-276-451-2932 and let them know you wish to book one of rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club. The cut-off for room reservations is April 5, there is a 48 hour "prior to" cancellation policy. The rate is \$57.00 per night plus tax and includes a continental breakfast. The hotel is about 20 miles from Whitetop Mountain.



Saturday, April 27 – This is the first date in 2019 that the Beachcombers will be hosting the Cruise In at Landstown Commons. This is also the date for the Chevy Lovers Spring Dust Off car show. Help will be needed, primarily in the afternoon to help transition from the car show to the cruise-in. Please contact Jeff Biggs if you can help with this event.

NEW Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4 – OBX Rod and Custom Festival – This is an inaugural event in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, that is somewhat different than typical car show or cruise in. For more information go to obxrodandcustomfestival@outlook.com. Additional information can also be obtained by calling Mike Tillet at 1-252-305-5789.

NEW Saturday, May 25 – Pungo Strawberry Festival Parade. The application has been submitted for 10 cars to drive in this parade. More information will be provided following confirmation.

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 coinciding with the anniversary of the NCM. Thousands of Corvettes from across the USA and Canada converge on the NCM in Bowling Green, KY for this event. Marge and I participated in this event in 2014 and had the time of our lives. The Regional Caravan for our area, will originate in Concord, NC. After two days in Concord, we'll make our way west toward the NCM, with a one night stay in Sevierville, TN. As we inch our way toward the NCM you'll notice our Reginal Caravan growing.

As we travel west, you can expect to see local police and state highway patrol acting as escorts helping us get through traffic on our way to the planned stops along the route. It's an amazing sight, seeing all the well-wishers on overpasses and side street waving as if we were celebrities. This was a sight to behold.

Information about the Regional Caravan for our area can be found at www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/. Space is filling fast so don't delay.

For those interested there is a planned "add on" as we return to Tidewater. The plan is to travel home via The Tail of the Dragon in NC and to drive some of the other scenic area roads. Rooms have been blocked at the Quality Inn & Suites in Robbinsville, NC for Sunday, September 1 – 3 for those interested. The hotel can be reached by calling 1-828-479-6772 and let them know you wish to book one of rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club. Room rate is \$89.99 per night plus tax.

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. There will be a sign-up sheet for this event at the next meeting.

NEW February 2020, 2nd Annual Cruzin Corvetter's Cruise – On February 9th several Beachcombers boarded the Caribbean Princess for a 7 day cruise in the Caribbean. We were know on the ship as the "Cruzin Corvetter's" and needless to say we all had a great time. So much so, that there was talk of doing it again next year. The itinerary being explored is with Princess Cruise Lines aboard the Regal Princess, departing Fort Lauderdale, FL on Feb. 23, 2020. This cruise is 7 days long with 4 port stops. The port stops include the Princess Cays, Bahamas; Falmouth, Jamaica; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands and Cozumel, Mexico. If this is something that might be of interest to you please talk with me. More information to follow.



CRUZIN CORVETTER'S

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/ or by contacting Joe Pine and the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council (VPCCC) www.vpccc.org, or by contacting Heldur Liivak

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