

Beachcomber News

April 2019

BCC NEWS

Its official, "Vettes at Waterside District" is a go. On March 19, all actions were in place to advertise and begin enrolling attendees for this event. Jimmy sent an email to the BCC membership with the poster and other pertinent information and other surrounding area Corvette clubs have been notified. So, now it's up to you to ensure you enroll early as space is limited to 120 cars and spaces are filling up fast. This is a pre-registered event, which means to attend the Meet & Greet on Friday and/or the Vettes at Waterside on Saturday, you must pre-register. Thanks to everyone who has stepped to help with this event, if you haven't gotten involved your chance is coming, as on the day of the event help will be needed to direct cars in and out of the venue.

With the weather getting nicer I've begun to notice more Corvettes on the road, as if they are coming out of hibernation after a long winter in the garage. As you prepare for the Corvette summer season don't forget the routine maintenance items. Things like an oil and filter change, check of the cooling system, the battery and charging system, the condition of your tires and balancing their air pressure are all things that go a long way to ensure worry free driving in the upcoming season.

Our club is growing at a fantastic rate, with a current count of about 108 families. This is the largest number of families that I can remember ever having in the club at this time of the year. With that in mind, take a few minutes to introduce yourself and welcome our new members into their new family. Our newest members are;

- Charleen and Jeff Price with a 1979 Light Blue Coupe and a 1997 Sebring Silver Metallic Coupe,
- Art Schoner with a 2019 Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic Grand Sport
- Olivia and Kevin Smith with a 1965 427 Blue Vert
- Ronda and Paul Taylor with a 1979 White L-48 Coupe and a 2016 Red LT1 Coupe,
- Lynda and Wayne Locklear with a 2010 Grey Coupe

As we move closer to summer we are beginning to see more parades added to our activity list. These are one of the things that the Beachcombers have always enjoyed being a part of. For almost all parades, we are limited to a specific number of cars that are allowed to participate. This can present a dilemma, especially when there are more Beachcombers who want to participate than we're allowed. To try to give everyone a fair chance, I intend to collect names via a sign-up sheets, emails, or texts indicating that you want to participate in a particular parade. Once we receive our parade confirmation I will draw names from a hat for those wishing to drive in that parade. Preference will be given to anyone who has not participated in a previous parade this year.

AT THE MARCH BUSINESS MEETING (FROM SHARON'S MINUTES)

Old Business:

1. The trailer inventory written report has not been completed. Gordon Patterson has not yet arranged a date to go to John Herbert's barn. Will do so now that the warm weather is here. Jimmy Clemmer has spoken to John Herbert about changing the code for the trailer.
2. NCM Bricks for the members and the spouses who have passed on have been purchased.

New Business:

1. Preston Powers made a motion to purchase a NCM Brick for Barbara Harrington. Pete Taylor seconded it. The Club voted for approval. Rob Clyburn will speak with her husband, Dale.
2. Kevin Smith will be joining the Beachcombers and taking over his father's membership.

3. Approval has been obtained from Landstown Commons management to go forward with the Blood Drive. The Bloodmobile will be at the Cruise in on July 20, a date that the Beachcombers will be hosting the Cruise in. Jake made a motion to approve the Blood drive and Adam Graham seconded it. The Club voted for approval.
4. First committee meeting for "Vettes at Waterside District" was held on February 13 at Pop's Diner. The date for the event is June 1st. This will not be a car show but a Corvette gathering. There will be a Friday night "meet and greet" at Waterside or one of the nearby hotels. Saturday the event will take place. The venue will hold 120 cars with the Beachcombers cars to be parked in the "mule" leaving the prime spaces for out of town guests. The Beachcombers will be gracious hosts by doing this. Saturday night, Waterside will provide live entertainment and valet parking for 100 participants. Wristbands will be provided for participants to receive discounts throughout the venue. Next "VAWD" meeting will be held at Pop's Diner on March 13th at 7pm.

General Discussion:

1. Curtis Wall thanked the Club for buying the NCM brick for his wife, Nancy.
2. The Club thanked Rob & Connie Clyburn for once again hosting a fantastic Chili Cook-off. Rob said the following items were left behind at his house. 1. A silver Coca Cola wine holder, 2. A large black ladle, 3. Hagerty insurance bag, and 4. Small knife. See Rob if these items are yours.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The original front emblem and horn button was designed to show a checkered flag crossed with an American flag. The design was changed when it was discovered that using an American flag on a commercial product is illegal. The American flag was changed to a flag showing the Chevrolet "bow-tie" emblem and a French fleur-de-lis symbol, reflective of the French etymology of the Chevrolet name.
- The Magnetic Ride Option offered in 2003 uses a magnetic fluid which adjusts shock damping 1,000 times per second, roughly equivalent to reacting to each inch of road surface at 60 mph.
- Black was not available as an exterior color in 2012 in favor of the special Carbon Flash Metallic paint featured on the Centennial Edition.

LOOKING BACK AT MARCH EVENTS

March 2 – Cars & Coffee, the weather wasn't cooperative but a few diehards turned out.

March 2 – Annual Chili Cook-Off, an estimated 75 Beachcombers turned out for this great event. As in the past this event didn't disappoint, as everyone had the opportunity to chat with old and new friends, eat great appetizers, chili and desserts and enjoy their favorite libations. Bragging rights go out to Charlene and Jeff Price who won first place. Second and third place went to John Clyburn and Bobbi Agner, respectively. A special thanks goes out to Connie and Rob Clyburn for hosting this event.

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

March 12 – Tech Night at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet. Approximately 46 Beachcombers turned out for this event where we had a chance to meet the technicians who work on our cars and see what goes on behind the scenes when our Vettes go in for service. Several questions were brought up by club members and the technicians provided easy to understand answers helping to address their concerns. A special thanks to all at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet for hosting this event.

March 13 – Beachcomber Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. at Anchor Allie's. A record breaking 20½ people were there for breakfast.

March 13 – Beachcombers Planning Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop’s Diner. Close to 25 members showed up to get involved in the Vettes at Waterside Gathering. Great to see this much support in making this a huge success.

March 16 – Saint Patrick’s Day Parade in Norfolk. 15 of the Beachcombers drove their cars in this festive parade. There were several generations of Corvettes represented and the cars were decorated in their finest green garb for the occasion.

March 17 – Saint Patrick’s Day Parade in the Outer Banks. A few of the Beachcombers made the drive south to drive with First Flight Cruisers in the OBX Saint Patrick’s Day parade followed by a stop for dinner on the way back to Tidewater. This was fun event, one you may want to consider for next year.

March 20 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop’s Diner.

March 23 – York High School Car Show. Six Beachcombers attended the York High School car show. There were over 200 cars and trucks, ranging from new to old and shiny to rusty and everything imaginable in between. Congratulations to Heldur Liivak and Jim Cyr for walking away with trophies.

March 24 – Beachcomber Bowling. About 40 Beachcombers showed up for a Sunday afternoon of fun and comradery at Pinboy’s.

LOOKING AHEAD INTO APRIL

NEW INFO Tuesday, April 2 – 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 the **Plaza Azteca Mexican restaurant For Taco Tuesday, featuring 99¢ tacos. Plaza Azteca is located in the Providence Square Shopping Center at 5209 Providence Road, Virginia Beach, VA just around the corner from Finn McCools.**

NEW Wednesday, April 3 – Doumar’s Cones and Barbecue, every Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Here is a mid-week opportunity to go out for Barbecue or an ice cream treat and show off your car. This weekly event is hosted by The Mustang and Ford Association of Virginia, weather permitting and welcomes all car enthusiasts.

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.

Wednesday, April 10 – 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, April 13 – Trip to ZIP. This is our annual trip to ZIP Corvettes in Mechanicsville, VA. Now’s the time to get the Corvette goodies you’ll need to have your car lookin good for the summer season. ZIP will be offering a 10% discount on any purchases you make that day. Afterwards, we’ll proceed on to ROMA’s Italian Restaurant for lunch. From there, we’ll drive an alternate route back to Tidewater with the possibility of a stop at one the areas wineries. This promises to be a fun outing.

Wednesday, April 17 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. As always, all members are welcome to attend.

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.

For those interested, after the Charity Laps at VIR, we'll drive 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.



NEW Saturday, April 20 – 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. **Please note the date change.**

NEW Saturday, April 27 – Annual Parade of Nations. The application has been submitted for 10 cars to drive in this parade. More information will be provided following confirmation. There will be a sign-up sheet for those interested.

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.

LOOKING BEYOND APRIL

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.

Sunday, May 5 – Old Dominion Corvette Club is sponsoring a Wine Tasting & Corvette Cruise-in at The Winery at LaGrange in Haymarket, VA. See me for details.

Tuesday, May 7 – 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 Plaza Azteca restaurant located in Providence Square Shopping Center.

Wednesday, May 15 – 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.

NEW Wednesday, May 15 – Tech Night. Do you think you know all there is to know about washing your car? Well, Jimmy will be giving us a lesson on the finer points in the first step of detailing your vehicle – WASHING IT. This timely event will ensure your Vette is looking its best at the Waterside gathering. Plan to come out for pizza, beverages and comradery at 7:00 p.m., at 2241 Margaret Drive, Virginia Beach, VA. There will be a sign-up sheet for this event at the next meeting.

NEW Wednesday, May 22 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. As always, all members are welcome to attend. **Please note the date change.**

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. There will be a sign-up sheet for those interested. If you've done this parade in the past and are interested in taking the lead for this one please see me.

Saturday, May 25 – Beachcombers will be hosting the Cruise In at Landstown Commons. Help will be needed, please contact Jeff Biggs if you can help with this event.

NEW Saturday, June 8 – Vettes at Sedalia. Anyone interested? If so please see me.

On behalf of The Virginia Corvette Club, I would like to invite you and your club to join us on Saturday June 8th for an all Corvette cruise-in at the Sedalia Center in Big Island, VA. Very close to the BRP, it's an event for Corvette clubs and owners to meet, socialize and enjoy the mountains. Attached is a flyer, your members can visit our website to register. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you and hope to see you all there.



All Corvette Cruise-In in the beautiful
Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia
Saturday, June 8, 2019
11 am to 4 pm



DJ, Food Trucks, Door Prizes, Goodie Bags
Pre-Registration \$10 or \$15 @ the gate
Registration Forms available at www.virginiacorvetteclub.com

Sedalia Center
1108 Sedalia School Road
Big Island, Virginia



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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. 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 Regional Caravan growing.

As the Caravan travels 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-streets 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 is a sign-up sheet for this event.

NEW October 4-5, 2019 – Corvette Weekend at Ocean City, MD. There is new information regarding a second event in Ocean City, MD the same weekend as the Free State Corvette Clubs' Corvette Weekend. This event, a Spartan Sprint race, will take place at the inlet at the same time as the Corvette Weekend and is estimated to bring several thousand additional people to town competing for hotel rooms. In lieu of this you are urged to secure you hotel reservations earlier than later.

NEW INFO February 2020, 2nd Annual Cruzin Corvett's Cruise – Join your fellow Beachcombers on a Caribbean Cruise 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/Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands and Cozumel, Mexico. For more information please talk with me or, if you're ready to book your cruise contact our cruise planner, Chelsea, at 1-800-901-1172 ext. 41651. Made 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 OBC.



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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