

Beachcomber News

May 2019

BCC NEWS

Excitement is in the air as we move closer to “Vettes at Waterside District”. As of this writing more than 80 spaces have been reserved. If for some reason you haven’t yet enrolled, I recommend you do so soon, as space is limited to 120 cars. 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. Your registration provides entry for two guests at the Meet & Greet on Friday evening and for one Corvette entry on Saturday.

Beachcombers are asked to be at Waterside by 7:30 a.m. on Saturday to be checked-in and parked in the MULE area. Our early arrival and parking will hopefully prevent a bottleneck of Non-Beachcomber cars and allow volunteers to be ready to assist in parking our guests. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to help with this event. If you haven’t stepped up yet your chance is coming, as several volunteers will be needed on the day of the event to help direct cars in and out of the venue. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next Business Meeting for those willing to help. If you can’t make the meeting to sign-up, let me know and I’ll add your name to the list.

Just in time for the “Vettes at Waterside District” gathering, our President will be hosting a Tech Night at his house. Jimmy will be sharing with us the finer points of washing our Vettes. I’ve heard it said that he is pretty fanatical when it comes to washing his Vette, so this should prove to be an interesting and enjoyable evening. If you’re one who prefers the waterless cleaning method, please plan on attending as pizza and beverages will be provided along with a lot of great fellowship.

An inquiry at the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library revealed that the work was just beginning and that a definite time for our return there for our monthly meetings is uncertain. Therefore, we can plan on being at the Kempsville Recreation Center until at least August. But, look at the bright side, *Taco Tuesday*.

I’ve had a few people ask me about Sign-Up Sheets; specifically why do I use them for some events and not for others. Here’s my rationale; I try to use a sign-up sheet in those instances where it’s important to know the number of participants we have for an event, such as making restaurant reservations. Or, when it’s important to know who is participating or volunteering in or for an event like a parade, road trip or volunteering to work a Cruise In so as to notify participants of the event particulars. Therefore, if you plan on participating or volunteering for an event and can’t personally add your name to the sign-up sheet, please notify me and I’ll get your name on the list.

Our club is growing at an unbelievable rate, with a current count of about 114 families. Please take a few minutes to introduce yourself and welcome our newest members;

- Gavin Benton with a 2015 Artic White Z51 Coupe,
- Lou Byars with a 2018 Grey Coupe
- Olivia & Kevin Smith the new owners of George Smith's 1965 Convertible
- Traci and Steve Volovsek with a 2007 Le Mans Blue Coupe

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL BUSINESS MEETING (See Sharon’s Minutes for the Complete Report)

Old Business:

1. The trailer cleaning took place on March 31st.
2. NCM Brick has been purchased for Barbara Harrington.
3. Blood Drive has been scheduled for July 20th to coordinate with the Beachcombers hosting the Landstown Commons Cruise In that night. A representative from the Red Cross will attend our May BCC Business Meeting and will provide further details.
4. Jimmy reminded the members to register for the V.A.W.D. Event.

New Business:

1. CCCHR is selling sponsorships for the George Smith Memorial Car Show for \$100. A motion was made by Tommy Starnes and seconded by Adam Graham that the BCC purchase a sponsorship.

General Discussion: None

DID YOU KNOW?

- Don't look for a telescoping steering wheel on 1990-1996 Corvettes. In 1990, federal passive restraint laws went into effect, forcing the addition of a driver-side airbag. Its steering wheel location conflicted with the convenient telescoping steering column found on 1984 – 1989 Corvettes. A passenger-side airbag arrived for 1994 – 1996 models.^{.539}
- The C4 employed the first aluminum disc-brake calipers ever seen on any Corvette. Roughly 1/3 the weight of the cast-iron calipers used in 1982, the aluminum calipers provided a reduction in unsprung weight that helped to settle the tires sooner on uneven surfaces.^{.590}
- The 2002 ZO6 hardtop was the first Corvette ever with an external badge touting engine horsepower. Although previous Corvette generations celebrated horsepower more subtly with air-cleaner-lid stickers and console brag plates, the basic ZO6 badge featured engraved characters that spelled out "405 HP" on each front fender for all the world to see.^{.674}

LOOKING BACK AT APRIL EVENTS

Tuesday, April 2 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting. The meeting was followed by Taco Tuesday at Plaza Azteca.

Friday, April 5 – Smithfield Lions Cruz-In honoring George Smith was cancelled to due rain.

Saturday, April 6 – The CCCHR opened the car show season with the First Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show at Landstown Commons. Approximately 25 Beachcomber cars and their owners were in attendance. The weather was a little chilly early in the day but slowly warmed up as the day wore on. Jim Cyr, Mark Conrad and Tim Miller took home a trophy, congratulations for these well deserved wins.

Wednesday, April 10 – Beachcomber Breakfast, good food and great company.

Saturday, April 13 – Trip to ZIP. The weather didn't cooperate with us and this trip had to be cancelled.

Wednesday, April 15 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop's Diner.

Friday, April 19 – Springtime Charity Laps at Virginia International Raceway (VIR). Cancelled due to rain.

Saturday, April 20 – Cars & Coffee at the Virginia Beach Convention Center Parking Lot.

Tuesday, April 23 – An impromptu lunch at Reginella's Italian Ristorante & Pizzeria. 14 Beachcombers enjoyed great company and good food.

Saturday, April 27 – Annual Parade of Nations. Keith Reitnouer will be leading 10 Beachcomber cars in this ever popular BCC parade. Thanks Keith.

Saturday, April 27 – Chevy Lovers Spring Dust Off car show at Landstown Commons.

Saturday, April 27 – Beachcombers is hosting their first 2019 Cruise In at Landstown Commons.

LOOKING AHEAD INTO MAY

NEW Friday, May 3 – 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. This is the make-up date due the weather cancellation on April 5th.

NEW Saturday, May 4 – Annual ZIP Trip. ZIP is hosting their 8th annual "Cruisin' in the Fast Lane" Customer Appreciation Day. Join the more than 200 beautiful Corvettes from all over the Mid-Atlantic that converge at their corporate headquarters in Mechanicsville, VA for a day of celebrating all things Corvette.

The fun officially begins at 10 a.m., but they suggest getting here early for the best parking spots! The day includes music, technical sessions, complimentary concessions and lunch and lots of door prizes! The first 200 attendees will also receive a Zip Corvette gift bag.

Since we'll be arriving at ZIP earlier than the trip planned for last month, we'll need to alter our departure and return itinerary accordingly. Exact details will be sent in an upcoming Weekly Update. Hank Reisenbichler has planned an interesting route to the Saude Creek Vineyard for glass of grape juice and lunch before heading home. Thanks Hank.

NEW INFO 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. This site has been updated with new info.

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 more 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. Yeh, Taco Tuesday.

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. Join your Beachcomber friends as Jimmy will be giving us a demonstration on the finer points in the first step of detailing your vehicle – WASHING IT. The timeliness of this event couldn't be better as this will help ensure your Vette is looking its best at the Waterside gathering. Plan to come out for pizza, beverages and comradery at 6:30 p.m., at 2241 Margaret Drive, Virginia Beach, VA. There will be a sign-up sheet for this event at the next meeting. **Please note the time change.**

NEW Sunday, May 19 – Car Show and Drag Event. King of the Streets is hosting a car, bike & drag show at the Northeast Dragway near Hertford, NC with the doors opening at 10:00 a.m. This is a 1/8th mile dragstrip, but offers the amenities of a large track, like tow trucks, ambulances, bleachers, large timing clocks, modern starting tree, sufficient run off lanes, a food vendor, etc. The price is \$20.00 for entry into the Dragway, plus a \$15.00 for the cars show and if you're interested, a \$15.00 for unlimited dragstrip runs. No special equipment is necessary if you wish to put your car on the track. There may be a discounted rate if you purchase all three. The parking area has paved access roads with side-by-side grass parking spots. This is a new and different venue compared our usual car shows. Are there any drag racers in our midst?

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.**

Saturday, May 25 – Pungo Strawberry Festival Parade. The application has been submitted for 10 cars to drive in this parade. Jeff Biggs has volunteered to take the lead for this parade. There is a sign-up sheet for those interested with more information to come following confirmation.

NEW Saturday, May 25 – Beachcombers are hosting the Cruise In at Landstown Commons. Help will be needed to set-up, register cars and help tear down. Jeff Biggs has taken the lead for the BCC Cruise Ins at Landstown Commons and requests that those that can help out with set-up or tear-down please fill out the sign-up sheet to give him an idea of who'll be there to help out. Jeff we appreciate all you do, Thanks.

NEW Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26 (Memorial Day Weekend) – Trip to Whitetop Mountain. This itinerary will be similar to the one that was planned for April but had to be cancelled due to bad weather. We'd leave Saturday morning and drive west via US58 to the Red Roof Inn Marion, VA located at 1424 n. Main Street, Marion, VA. Their contact is 1-276-378-0481, the room rate is \$59.99 per night plus tax. Be sure you mention you are with the Beachcombers Corvette Club to get the reduced rate. The cut-off date to get the discounted rate is May 20.

On Sunday we'll drive to the Whitetop Mountain summit along with "The Back of the Dragon" and any other interesting roads we might see. There is a drive-in movie theater near where we're staying so if the weather allows we can do a movie on Saturday or Sunday night. On Monday morning we'll travel east on US58 in time to participate in the Spring Time Charity Laps at VIR before returning home.

NEW Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day) – Springtime Charity Laps at Virginia International Raceway (VIR). 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. With this being on Memorial Day, I'm guessing there will be a larger than usual crowd at VIR therefore, for those leaving Tidewater for the daytrip to you may wish to consider a very early departure. **Anyone willing to take the lead for those doing the VIR Only Trip? There will be a sign-up sheet at the next Business Meeting for Whitetop Mountain and VIR.**

NEW Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 – Rick Hendrick presents: "VETTES at Waterside District". This mega weekend event starts off with a Meet & Greet on Friday night from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with "Happy Hour" giving us the opportunity to meet and welcome our out-of-town guests who are here for our Corvette Gathering. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday we will begin checking in non-BCC participants in preparation for a relaxing day at Waterside and the surrounding area. Please remember this is a Pre-Register Event, meaning that to attend the Meet & Greet and/or the Corvette Gathering you must be registered.

NOTE: On Saturday, BCC members participating in this event are asked to be at Waterside by 7:30 a.m. to be checked-in and parked. There is a sign-up sheet for those willing to help in the many items needed to be done the day of the event both in the morning and in the afternoon. Please be generous with your time and help.

LOOKING BEYOND MAY

Saturday, June 8 – On behalf of The Virginia Corvette Club, I would like to invite 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 (Blue Ridge Parkway), 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.

If there is any interest in this event please see me.



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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NEW Saturday, June 15 – North Carolina Day Trip. Our NCM Ambassador, Ed Munden, has planned a day trip traveling south into Hertford County for some back roads driving with a few interesting stops along the way. This trip includes a stop in Hertford, NC, at the baseball legend and Hall of Fame inductee Jim "Catfish" Hunter also there is a small exhibit to Wolfman Jack, the radio DJ that many of us grew up listening to. Then we'll proceed to the Nicholson House where we'll have lunch and make a stop at a nearby country store (it

reminded me of what I saw watching the Walton's on TV). Then, if you're interested, we'll go by the Northeast Dragway in where you can watch the local's race and possibly even put your car on the track or just proceed on home.

Sunday, August 25 – IMSA Race at VIR. This has been a popular event for several of the Beachcombers who have traveled to VIR to watch the Corvette Racing Team battle other GTLM entries. For those interested in attending the race, Corvette Coral tickets are now available and can be purchased by going to the VIR website.

NEW INFO 2019 Corvette Caravan – Registration is open for the 2019 National Corvette Caravan but will close on July 11. The Corvette Caravan is scheduled for August 28 – September 1, 2019. Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2019 and will mark the Museum's 25th Anniversary. Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

There is an "add on" planned for interested Beachcombers as we return to Tidewater. We'll 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 her know you wish to book one of rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club. Room rate is \$89.99 per night plus tax.

NEW Saturday, September 28 – Neptune Festival Parade. We have received confirmation regarding our participation in this parade for 10 cars. A sign-up sheet will be available closer to the parade date.

October 4-5, 2019 – Corvette Weekend at Ocean City, MD. There is 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. So, make hotel reservations soon.

February 2020, 2nd Annual Cruzin Corvetter'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 a 7 days cruise 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.

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