

Beachcomber News

June 2019

BCC NEWS

As you read this we are literally a few days away from our mega event, "Vettes at Waterside District". A total of 105 of the 120 available spaces have been claimed. If your plans now allow you to participate in this event I suggest you get on Eventbrite now and register. 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.

There have been many volunteers, too many to mention individually, who have stepped up to help put this event together and you all deserve a pat-on-the-back for a job WELL DONE. Thanks to all of you. If you haven't stepped up yet your chance is coming soon, as several volunteers will be needed on the day of the event to help direct cars in and out of the venue along with other unanticipated things that might come up. There was a sign-up sheet at the last Business Meeting for those willing to help on June 1st, if you didn't get your name on that list let Jimmy know and he'll add your name.

All Beachcombers are asked to be at Waterside by 7:30 a.m. on Saturday to be checked-in and parked. 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. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and other personal items you may need during the day and remember that moving your Vette during the day will not be possible.

Our BCC numbers are growing with a current count of 118 families. Welcome to all of our new members. Our goal is for this club to be all you expect it to be, but for that to happen it takes help. So, if you have an idea for a club activity please let me know. Take a few minutes to introduce yourself and welcome our newest members;

- Richard Hillis and Karen Memmo with a 2019 Sebring Orange Z06 Coupe
- James Hollenbeck with a 1991 Red Coupe
- John and Mary Patton with a 2007 Monterey Red Z51 Coupe
- George Schmidt with a 2005 Millennium Yellow Coupe

One way for all of us to get to know one another better is to wear your Beachcomber Name Tag. Don't have one you say? If you talk with Michelle Suttle or send her an email at msullite@verizon.net she can get your information and get one ordered for you, the cost of name tags is \$10.00. Michelle has other BCC merchandise available including, ball caps, t-shirts, parade flags and more.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY'S BUSINESS MEETING (See Sharon's Minutes for the Complete Report)

Old Business:

1. The trailer cleaning completed on May 4.
2. Tiffany with the Red Cross spoke to the club regarding the upcoming blood drive scheduled for July 20th to coordinate with the Beachcombers hosting the Landstown Commons Cruise in that night. She told the club that 97% of the population will receive or know someone who will receive blood products during their lifetime. Only 37% of the population is eligible to donate blood.
3. Trailer Inventory: Gordon Patterson, Mike Ware and John Kummings have been trying to get the timing equipment to work. It has been deemed useless. They will notify the Tidewater SportsCar Club and donate to them any of this equipment they might like to have.
4. V.A.W.D. 92 cars have registered.
 - a. 148 people are signed up for the "Meet & Greet" on Friday night.
 - b. Jeannette Robinson from Sinclair Communications has informed Jimmy that the 30 second promotional spots have started running on 96X, 93.7 BOBFM & Sports Radio AM 85.

- c. Thirty (30) parking assistants will be needed the morning of the event. Must arrive early.
- d. On Saturday, May 18, Jimmy will be out at Waterside District with plywood and would like to have some volunteers to come out and help him fabricate the ramps. Also need a C7 to test it out.

New Business:

1. Preston Powers informed the club that Mike Villaluz is no longer employed at Rick Hendrick's Chevrolet.
2. Preston also informed the club that Rick Hendrick's Chevrolet will be eligible to sell the C8. Only 30% of the dealerships will be able to do so.
3. Jimmy brought up the idea of a BCC Car Show. Keith Reitnouer suggested to table this discussion until after the "V.A.W.D." event is over.

General Discussion:

1. Lavern Morris informed the club that Mack is in the hospital with gall bladder problems and could use our prayers.
2. The Beachcombers purchased a sponsorship at the CCCHR 1st Annual George Smith Memorial Car Show, for which they received a plaque. Jimmy presented the plaque to Kevin Smith, George's son, on behalf of the club.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The C6 was initially set for a 2003 launch, just in time to celebrate 50 years of Corvette history. That changed when the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks triggered global economic uncertainty. The reduced revenues forced cuts to GM budgets, including Corvette. In the end, GM marked the 2003 anniversary with a special edition based on the C5 model. ⁷⁶⁸
- The C7 introduced the Corvette's first electric power-steering system. Standard on all models, electric sensors translate steering-wheel inputs into tire movement, eliminating the engine-driven hydraulic-fluid pressure pump previously used. The reduced parasitic drag added approximately 10 HP with no other changes. ⁹⁵²
- DOT 5 brake fluid has the advantage of not absorbing water, but it has a major drawback that led to the formulation of DOT 5.1, another glycol ether based brake fluid like DOT 3 and DOT 4. DOT 5 brake fluid is silicone based and cannot be used in anti-lock braking systems (ABS). The rapid changes in pressure as ABS cycles tends to turn silicone fluid into a useless foam.

LOOKING BACK AT MAY'S MAJOR HAPPENINGS

Friday, May 3 – Smithfield Lions Cruz-In honoring George Smith. A handful of Beachcombers attended this event where the local car community paid tribute to George.

Saturday, May 4 – Annual ZIP Trip. Several Beachcombers headed north to Mechanicsville for a fun event hosted by ZIP Corvettes. On the way home we drove a route that allowed for some spirited driving followed by a stop at the Saude Creek Vineyard for lunch and grape juice.

Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4 – OBX Rod and Custom Festival. Feedback from a few of the Beachcombers who attended said there were several outstanding cars to be seen.

Tuesday, May 7 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting, followed by Taco Tuesday at Plaza Azteca.

Wednesday, May 15 – Beachcomber Breakfast, good food and great company.

Wednesday, May 15 – Tech Night at Jimmy's. There were about 25 Beachcombers who turned out for this event where Jimmy pointed out the finer points of detailing our Vettes in preparation for the upcoming "Vettes At Waterside District". Not only was there good advice but the pizza was good too. Thanks Jimmy.

Saturday, May 18 – Tidewater Corvette Club “Corvette Roundup” Car show.

Sunday, May 19 – Car Show and Drag Event near Hertford, NC.

Monday, May 20 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at Pop’s Diner.

Tuesday, May 21 – An impromptu lunch at Lendy’s Cafe. 18 Beachcombers enjoyed great company and good food. Keep your eyes open for another one.

Saturday, May 25 – Pungo Strawberry Festival Parade. Mike Ware led the Beachcombers in this ever popular parade. Based on the pictures posted on Facebook everyone had a good time. Thanks Mike.

Saturday, May 25 – The Beachcombers hosted the Cruise In at Landstown Commons. There were over 165 cars that participated in this Cruise In, what a great turn-out. Thanks to all who helped with the set-up and tear-down.

Saturday, Sunday & Monday, May 25, 26 & 27 Memorial Day Weekend) – Whitetop Mountain road trip and Springtime Charity Laps at VIR. Those that participated in the Whitetop Mountain trip were not disappointed by the beauty of the area or twisty and curvy roads. The Charity Laps at VIR were great, it was fun seeing ear-to-ear smiles from those that were there for their first time, they’re hooked on doing it again.

Friday, May 31 – “Vettes At Waterside District”; Meet and Greet. We’re expecting a crowd of over 185 people to help kick off the “Vettes At Waterside District” gathering. Thanks to all who helped make this happen.

A LOOK AT WHAT’S HAPPENING IN JUNE

Saturday, June 1 – The Beachcombers present “Vettes At Waterside District” from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please refer to page 1 of this newsletter for additional details.

Tuesday, June 4 – 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. Yen, Taco Tuesday.

Saturday, June 8 – Vettes at Sedalia. If you’re looking for a getaway trip this just might be your ticket. This all Corvette Cruise-In is being hosted by the Virginia Corvette Club in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, just a few miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway. This could make for a fun weekend trip not only for the Cruise-In but for the opportunity to drive the picturesque Blue Ridge Parkway.



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 Sunday, June 9 – Tidewater Sports Car Club – Suffolk Special Event (Autocross). What is Autocross? If you're not familiar with what it is here is brief description; Autocross is a form of motorsports that emphasizes safe, low-cost competition and active participation. An autocross is a timed competition where drivers navigate one at a time through a temporary course marked by traffic cones, rather than racing on a track with multiple other cars, as in road racing or oval racing. Autocross tends to place more emphasis on car handling and driver skill than on sheer horsepower, and events typically have many classes which allow almost any vehicle, from economy sedans to purpose-built vehicles, to compete. Speeds are slower in absolute terms when compared to other forms of motorsports, usually not exceeding highway speeds, but the activity level (measured in driver inputs per second) can be higher than even Formula One due to the large number of elements packed into each course.

The Beachcombers were very active in Autocross several years ago but the interest fell by the wayside. So here is an opportunity to learn more about it and see firsthand if it's something you might be interested in. This event will take place at the Suffolk Executive Airport located at 1550 Airport Road, Suffolk, VA. For more information regarding times, rules, regulations, registration, tech inspection, driver meetings and course walk, please go to <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/suffolk-airport-autocross-executive-tidewater-sports-car-club-721255>. If you're not interested in participating in the autocross itself, but might be interested in taking a drive out and see what it's all about, I'll arrange a meeting time and place for us to go as a group. More to come.

NEW Wednesday, June 12 – Beachcomber Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. at Metro Diner, 1124 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake, VA. We are changing the location so as try something new and different. Although the Metro Diner isn't a mom and pop operated restaurant we've always found the food and service to be very good. The Beachcomber Breakfasts have become a monthly favorite with many of the club members so if it fits your schedule please 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. **Please note the location change.**

Sunday, 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 we'll go by the Northeast Dragway where you can watch the local's race and possibly even put your car on the track or just proceed on home. This should make for an enjoyable day. **There will be a sign-up sheet at the next Business Meeting, as we need a head count for the Nicholson House.**

Wednesday, June 19 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. As always, all members are welcome to attend.

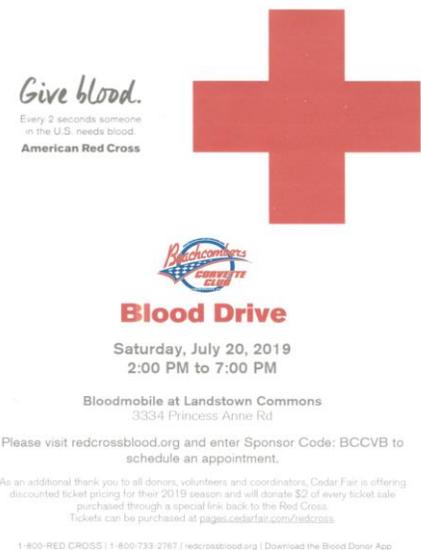
Saturday, June 22 – Beachcombers are hosting the Cruise In at Landstown Commons. Help will be needed to set-up, register cars and help tear down. Jeff Biggs has taken the lead for the BCC Cruise Ins at Landstown Commons and help is always needed with set-up or tear-down. **There will be a sign-up sheet at the next Business Meeting to give Jeff an idea of who'll be there to help out.** Jeff, we appreciate all you do, Thanks.

LOOKING BEYOND JUNE

Saturday, July 20 – In addition to hosting the Landstown Common Cruise In, the BCC will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive. Blood is said to be the gift of life and is a commodity all of us can give. Jacob Or-Bach has taken the lead for this very worthwhile event and I encourage all of you to consider donating.

The Bloodmobile will be at Landstown Commons for our Cruise In, so you can just wander over to the Bloodmobile and volunteer or you can schedule an appointment for July 20th by visiting redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: BCCVB. See the highlights from May's Business Meeting for more information.

Thanks Jacob for taking the time and making the effort to put together.



NEW Thursday, August 22 to Sunday, August 25 – Corvettes at Carlisle. This event is one of the largest Corvette gatherings on the East Coast. Each year thousands of Corvettes and Corvette enthusiasts converge on Carlisle, PA for this event. If its Corvette related you can see it, buy it or talk to someone about it at Corvettes at Carlisle. In previous years, the BCC has planned and organized a trip to travel to Carlisle however this year, with other conflicting Corvette events, the BCC is taking a hiatus. However, the Beachcombers have paid for two vendor parking spots again this year. These vendor spots are available to any Beachcomber who is willing to drive their truck to Carlisle and be willing to transport large bulky items back home. If you are interested in taking one of the vendor spots please see me. There are a few individuals who are planning to travel independently to Carlisle and then traveling on to Bowling Green, KY for the Corvette Caravan.

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.

Wednesday, August 28 to Sunday, September 1 – Corvette Caravan. Registration is open to register with the National Corvette Museum for the 2019 National Corvette Caravan but will close on July 11. The Corvette Caravan is 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 be sure to mention you wish to book one of rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club. Room rate is \$89.99 per night plus tax.

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.

NEW Saturday, October 12 – Air & Auto Classic. This is a charity car show will be at the Military Aviation Museum located at 1341 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA and is being hosted by the First Settlers Porsche Club of America. All proceeds from this car show will go to local area Food Banks. Aside from kewl cars, the show will feature live music, great food, beer and wine along with raffles and prized. For additional information go to www.fsrpca.org.

NEW Thursday, January 23 to Sunday, Sunday 26, 2020 – ROLEX 24 at Daytona. It's not too early to begin thinking about your plans to attend the next ROLEX 24 at Daytona. Although I've not seen it published, I believe this will be the debut of the C8s decked out in their IMSA race uniforms. For those new to the BCC, we have made this multi-day road trip for several years and have always had a good time, if IMSA racing is something you enjoy, you won't be disappointed at attending this race. The weather can be unpredictable but we've always managed to make the best of it and the race still goes on. As in previous years I'll try to find a moderately priced hotel for those that might be interested and plan a travel itinerary. More to come.

February 23, 2020 – 2nd Annual Cruzin Corvette's Cruise to the Caribbean. In February 2019 about 10 Beachcomber couples joined together for a cruise to the Caribbean and everyone had such a great time that they want to do it again. So for 2020 we'll be boarding the Regal Princess for a cruise departing from Fort Lauderdale, FL to the Caribbean.

This cruise is a 7 days cruise with 4 port stops, which 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 Princess Cruise Lines 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. So far there are about 10 couples signed up for the cruise.



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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