

# Beachcomber News

## July 2019



### BCC NEWS

The events of a month ago are but a memory that won't soon be forgotten, I'm referring to the "Vettes At Waterside District". The day started dark and dreary with the skies opening up to a steady downpour that seemed wouldn't stop, but finally our prayers were answered and the rain let up, eventually stopping and blue skies prevailed. It was great to see that in spite of the rain, our spirits were not dampened and everyone was so upbeat and excited. Thanks to everyone for making this event what it was. Remember, if you have suggestions for improving this event please let me know. Plans are in the works for a bigger and better event for 2020.

Welcome to our new members. Our BCC numbers are growing and we currently have 120 families in our club. Take a few minutes to introduce yourself and welcome our newest members;

- Carrie and Jim Long with a 2007 Monterey Red Coupe, and
- Ron Prater driving a 2015 Red Z06 Coupe

In last month's Beachcomber News I mentioned that one of the quickest ways of getting to know one another is by wearing your name tag to meetings and other social gatherings. If you don't have one yet, you can contact Michelle Suttle, our merchandise representative and she'll get it on order for you. The cost of name tags are \$10.00 each. Michelle is also the contact person for obtaining information about monogramming the BCC logo on your favorite shirt or ordering apparel with the BCC logo applied. If you're interested in custom embroidery, Michelle can help you contact the local embroiderer the Beachcombers use for our monogramming needs. Michelle also has other items for sale such as ball caps, t-shirts and parade flags. You can talk with Michelle following the Business Meetings or via her email address [msullte@verizon.net](mailto:msullte@verizon.net).

If you missed the June Business Meeting, there were items discussed and brought to a club vote. These items affect the direction of your club as we move forward. If you are not aware of the changes, please refer to the Highlights below.

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

#### **Old Business:**

1. The trailer cleaning has been completed but the green showing through is not dirt but primer.
2. Red Cross Blood Drive is on July 20 and you can register online to donate.
3. Trailer Inventory: A few club members will attend the Tidewater Autocross event and ask their members if they would like any of the timing equipment.
4. BCC Annual Car Show: September 14 is the date set aside for this car show. Discussion was held as to whether we need to do this car show to raise money to offset the cost of the club's Christmas Party. More money comes out of the club's treasury to do this than money raised by a car show. The numbers attending the car show has dropped off due to the weekly Cruise Ins and Cars & Coffee. Also, the area is flooded with car shows. The CCCHR advised the club that they should pick a date earlier in the year. Brian Bowers suggested that the club concentrate their efforts on V.A.W.D. Keith Reitenouer made a motion to cancel the September 14th date and no longer do a car show. Motion was seconded by Mike McGinn. Joe Pine cast an opposition vote.

#### **New Business:**

1. Jeff Price has been working on the club's FB account and will present his recommendations in simple terms to the Board at the June.
2. Green Run High School contacted the BCC regarding our participation in their homecoming event this fall. Due to liability issues, the BCC Board made a recommendation to the club that we do not participate in High School homecoming activities this year. After a membership discussion, a motion was made by Jim Hollenbeck

and seconded by Mike McGinn that the BCC not participate in High School homecomings. The club voted to pass the motion. Dissenting vote cast by Pete Taylor.

3. Jake Or-Bach has been in contact with four different venues for the Club's Christmas Party. Some Saturday dates are already filled. Club voted to have the party on December 28 and will vote on the venue at the July business meeting.

**General Discussion:** None

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Although production C5 Corvettes were the first Corvettes ever sold without spare tires or the spare tire well to store them, early C5 design renderings dated from 1992 show that provisions were made for a vertically stored mini spare tire to be placed directly behind the tailgate panel. By the C5's January 1997 release date, run-flat technology made possible the total elimination of the bulky fifth wheel. <sup>642</sup>
- Every Corvette was made of fiberglass, right? Although the C4 still used some fiberglass body construction, its huge one piece hood was made of Sheet Molding Compound (SMC) plastic and its rear fascia of Reaction Injection Molding (RIM) plastic. For the C5, all fiberglass was replaced with SMC and RIM construction. The last all fiberglass Corvette body was built in 1972. <sup>648</sup>
- The seemingly unorthodox balsawood sandwich material used in the C5 and C6 floor panel gave way to an even more unusual material in the C7, clay. Carbon-nano clay, that is. Combining the clay with resin and miniscule glass particles resulted in a stiffer, lighter floor panel than the previous organic based unit. <sup>906</sup>

### **LOOKING BACK AT JUNE'S MAJOR HAPPENINGS**

Saturday, June 1 – The Beachcombers present “Vettes At Waterside District”. In spite of the rain there were 90 cars that turned out.

Tuesday, June 4 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting, followed by Taco Tuesday at Plaza Azteca.

Saturday, June 8 – Vettes at Sedalia. Due to inclement weather, this trip was postponed to June 15.

Sunday, June 9 – Tidewater Sports Car Club – Suffolk Special Event (Autocross). Due to inclement weather, this trip was postponed.

Wednesday, June 12 – Beachcomber Breakfast. We changed up the location, meeting at The Metro Diner, good food and great company with the 12 Beachcombers present.

Sunday, June 15 – North Carolina Day Trip. Ten cars converged on the Jim “Cattfish” Hunter Museum for an interesting tour and then on to fun lunch at the Nicholson House. A great time with great people. Thanks again Ed Munden for making this happen.

Monday, June 19 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at Pop's Diner.

Saturday, June 22 – The BCC hosted the Cruise In at Landstown Commons. There were 155 cars that participated in this Cruise In, the weather was fantastic and there was a great turn-out of Beachcombers enjoying the day. Thanks to all who helped with the set-up and tear-down.

Sunday, June 23 – VB Strong Car Show and Memorial Service at Landstown Commons.

Saturday, June 29 – A pop-up lunch at Footers Sports Pub took place to accommodate our working Beachcombers, who for previous pop-up lunches have missed out. Great company and good food. Keep your eyes open for another one.

## [A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JULY](#)

Tuesday, July 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 Plaza Azteca restaurant located in the Providence Square Shopping Center.

**NEW CONTACT INFO** Wednesday, July 10 – Beachcomber Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. at Metro Diner, 1124 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake, VA. The Beachcomber Breakfasts have become a monthly favorite with many, so if it'll fit into your schedule please join in on the good food and great company, please RSVP Mark Conrad at 757-560-3599, by email at [peerless20@verizon.net](mailto:peerless20@verizon.net) or by acknowledging on Facebook.

Although the Metro Diner isn't a mom and pop operated restaurant we've always found the food and service to be very good.

Wednesday, July 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.

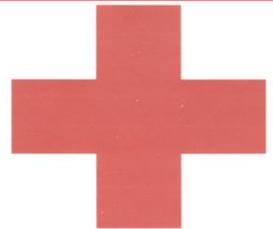
Saturday, July 20 – Beachcombers are hosting the Cruise In at Landstown Commons. Help will be needed to set-up, register cars and help tear down. Jeff Biggs and Adam Graham have taken the lead for the BCC Cruise Ins at Landstown Commons and help is always needed. A big round of applause is warranted for what these guys do, we appreciate it, Thanks. Get your name on the sign-up sheet if you can help out.

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 20<sup>th</sup> by visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://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.

Give blood.  
Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.  
American Red Cross



### **Blood Drive**

Saturday, July 20, 2019  
2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Bloodmobile at Landstown Commons  
3334 Princess Anne Rd

Please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: BCCVB to schedule an appointment.

As an additional thank you to all donors, volunteers and coordinators, Cedar Fair is offering discounted ticket pricing for their 2019 season and will donate \$2 of every ticket sale purchased through a special link back to the Red Cross. Tickets can be purchased at [pages.cedarfair.com/redcross](http://pages.cedarfair.com/redcross).

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2787 | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

## [LOOKING BEYOND JULY](#)

**NEW** Thursday, August 15 – Beachcombers Tech Night at Detail Garage. This is an opportunity to see some of their great products and how to use them. The Detail Garage opened earlier this year and their store is loaded with every imaginable product you'd want to keep your car looking its best. The Detail Garage is located at 4239 Holland Road, Virginia Beach. There will be pizza and drinks beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you plan to attend so we know how many pizza's to order. See you there.

**NEW INFO** 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 these vendor spots please see me. There are a few individuals who are planning to

travel to Carlisle and then some are traveling on to Bowling Green, KY for the Corvette Caravan and others returning to Tidewater. If you're going to Carlisle and are willing to lead other Beachcombers, contact me and I'll spread the word.

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. If you're planning on attending this race and are willing to lead other Beachcombers, contact me and I'll spread the word.

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 frequently 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 then drive some of the other scenic area roads. Rooms have been blocked at the Quality Inn & Suites in Robbinsville, NC for Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2 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. On Tuesday, September 3 we'll begin our journey home.

NEW Sunday, September 22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beachcomber Corvette Club Picnic. Carolyn and Ed Bickham have once again volunteered to host our BCC picnic, so mark your calendar for this annual fun filled event. This year we are adding a new dimension to the picnic as it will also include a "Corvette Swap Meet". Dust off all of your old Corvette parts and goodies and plan on bringing them to the picnic, maybe you'll find a buyer for those things you no longer need.

As in the past, there is a \$10.00 per person cost to help cover the cost of food and beverages. You can make your payment at one of the BCC meetings or by mail to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, PO Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. There will be more information to follow once all of the details have been worked out. Please get your name on the sign-up sheet as we need an accurate head count for the food caterer.

Saturday, September 28 – Neptune Festival Parade. We have received confirmation regarding our participation in this parade for 10 cars. If you're interested in this parade please put your name on the sign-up sheet.

October 4 & 5, 2019 – Corvette Weekend at Ocean City, MD. Be advised that 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. If this event is something you're interested in I suggest you make hotel reservations soon. If you're going to Ocean City and are willing to lead other Beachcombers, contact me and I'll spread the word.

NEW Friday to Monday, October 11 through 14 – The Car Show, Choo-Choo & Cha-Ching, Road Trip. This exciting road trip will leave on Friday, October 11 and travel to Charlotte, NC for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen City Car Show on Saturday, October 12 in Charlotte, NC.

We will be staying at the Red Roof Inn Charlotte – University (Phone No. 1-704-598-0007) on Friday and Saturday nights. The hotel is located at 5111 Equipment Drive, Charlotte, NC. The room rate is \$79.19 per night (plus tax), we have 20 rooms blocked under the Beachcomber Corvette Club name. To get the reduced rate when you call the hotel, be sure you ask for the Beachcombers Corvette Club booking.

This car show is being held at the Rick Hendrick property located at 4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd. in Charlotte, NC. In addition to the car show, tours of the Rick Hendrick Heritage Museum and Race Car shops

will be available (at an added cost). I've been told there will be over 40 vendors on site in addition to food, ice cream and slushy trucks. I was also told that if you keep your eyes open you just might see a C8 driving through the parking area. There are several door prizes that will be given out throughout the day with one special door prize being given out by Mr. Hendrick himself. Go to <https://queencitycorvette.com/> and follow their directions to the event registration page to obtain the registration form and to sign-up for the optional tours.

On Sunday, October 13, we'll head west to Bryson City, NC where at about 1:00 p.m. we'll climb aboard the Great Smokey Mountain Railroad for a 44 mile, 4.5 hour train trip, taking in the fall foliage colors of the Great Smokey Mountains and enjoy lunch on the train (lunch is included in the cost of the train ride). Lunch consists of a BBQ sandwich, coleslaw and chips or a Veggie wrap, rice pilaf and pita chips. Also, you'll receive a souvenir cup with drinks provided throughout the day. The cost of the train ride is \$92.45 (per person). You can make your train ride payment in person at one of the BCC meetings or by mail to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, PO Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Payment must be received by September 10, and you'll be added to list of paid attendees. Be sure you annotate the check is for the Great Smokey Mountain Train Ride. The Beachcombers will then make one payment for all attendees.

Afterward the train ride we'll take a short drive to the Microtel Inn & Suites located at 82 Songbird Forest Road, Bryson City, NC, where we have 20 rooms blocked for our one night stay. The room rate is \$85.00 (plus tax). The hotel can be reached at 1-828-488-7900, be sure you ask for the Beachcombers Corvette Club booking to get the discounted rate.

After you settle in at the hotel we can drive less than 10 miles down the road to the Harrah's Cherokee Casino. The casino offers various dining facilities that should suit everyone's needs and then if you're feeling lucky you can try your luck on the slots or tables.

On Monday morning we'll get on the road for a leisurely drive back to Tidewater. There may be a stop in Winston-Salem for lunch and some local sightseeing for anyone interested.

**NOTE:** The deadline for making hotel reservations at either hotel is September 20, otherwise you may not get the discounted rate.

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](http://www.fsrpca.org).

**NEW** Monday, November 11 – Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade. We have received confirmation regarding our participation in this parade. A sign-up sheet will be available closer to the parade date.

**NEW INFO** 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 2020 ROLEX 24 at Daytona. 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. The 2020 Rolex 24 should prove to be very exciting as it will undoubtedly be the debut of the C8's decked out in their IMSA race uniforms.

If you attended this race last year you can renew your 2020 tickets up until July 19. Otherwise admission and paid parking tickets go on sale to the general public on July 23. As we've learned in the past, if you wait too long to purchase your tickets especially infield parking tickets you may be out of luck as they sell out very fast.

For the 2020 ROLEX 24 we're planning to depart for Daytona on Thursday, January 23 and drive to Savannah GA, spend the night and then drive into Daytona on Friday, January 24. I've blocked 10 rooms each at the Iris Garden Inn in Savannah and the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown. To reserve your room at the Iris Garden Inn for Thursday January 23, call 1-912-777-5002 and ask for one of the rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$53.00 (plus tax). To reserve your room at the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown for Friday, January 24 through January 27 call 1-800-329-7666 and ask for one of the rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$84.99 (plus tax). After you checkout of the hotel you're on your own as some may be taking side trips to other adventures and others heading directly back to Tidewater.

**NOTE:** The deadline for making hotel reservations at the Iris Garden Inn is December 23, 2019 and at the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown by January 10, 2020, Daytona Beach Downtown, otherwise you may not get the discounted rate.

**NEW INFO - Beachcombers Caribbean Cruise** – Princess Cruise Lines is currently offering their Sip N Sail promotion which runs through July 19, 2019. This promotion offers free adult beverages, up to a maximum of 15 per day, for the length of the cruise. If you're thinking of booking this cruise and having free drinks while onboard this might be the time for you to take action and call Chelsea to make your booking. If you've already booked your cruise contact Chelsea and she can explain the details and if you chose she will rebook your reservation to include the Sip N Sail promotion.

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Sun, Feb 23, 2020

**Interior Stateroom** starting from:

**\$779.00\*** USD *per person*

Taxes, Fees & Port Expenses additional: **\$156.80\***

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2020 Feb 09, **23**

Dates	Interior	Oceanview	Balcony	Mini-Suite	Suite
Sun, Feb 23, 2020 Regal Princess	\$779.00*	N/A	\$1,249.00*	\$1,499.00*	\$2,649.00*
Guests 3 & 4 - same stateroom	\$299.00*	N/A	\$499.00*	\$499.00*	\$999.00*
Special Offers Available	<a href="#">View Offers</a>		<a href="#">View Offers</a>	<a href="#">View Offers</a>	<a href="#">View Offers</a>

Taxes, Fees & Port Expenses additional: \$156.80\*

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Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sun, Feb 23	<b>Ft. Lauderdale, Florida</b> <a href="#">View excursions</a>		04:00 pm
Mon, Feb 24	<b>Princess Cays, Bahamas</b> (Tender Required), (Wheelchair Access Limited) <a href="#">View excursions</a>	09:00 am	05:00 pm
Tue, Feb 25	At Sea <a href="#">View onboard experience</a>		
Wed, Feb 26	<b>Falmouth, Jamaica</b> <a href="#">View excursions</a>	08:00 am	05:00 pm
Thu, Feb 27	<b>Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands</b> (Tender Required), (Wheelchair Access Limited) <a href="#">View excursions</a>	07:00 am	04:00 pm
Fri, Feb 28	<b>Cozumel, Mexico</b> <a href="#">View excursions</a>	10:00 am	10:00 pm
Sat, Feb 29	At Sea <a href="#">View onboard experience</a>		
Sun, Mar 1	<b>Ft. Lauderdale, Florida</b> <a href="#">View excursions</a>	06:00 am	

Join your fellow Beachcombers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crusin Corvetter's Caribbean Cruise, we'll be cruising 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 On Board Credit (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/](http://www.carclubcouncil.info/) or by contacting Joe Pine and the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council (VPCCC) [www.vpccc.org](http://www.vpccc.org).

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