

Beachcomber News

September 2019



BCC NEWS

- ❖ This issue of the Beachcomber News is being sent out earlier than usual as I will be participating in the Corvette Caravan leaving Tidewater on Sunday, August 25. The Weekly update will be sent out before I leave and will cover two weeks.
- ❖ Welcome to our newest members;
 - Brenda & George Betts with a 2019, Watkins Glen Gray, Grand Sport Coupe and
 - Lisa Sinatra with Thomas Quicke in his 2001 Silver Coupe

Take a few minutes to introduce yourself and welcome our newest members into our family. With the addition of our newest members we are now at 126 BCC families. As Jimmy eloquently stated at our August Business Meeting "we may not be the largest Corvette Club in the Country but, we're the best Corvette Club in the Country".

- ❖ For new and old members alike, if you haven't purchased a BCC name tag please contact Michelle Suttle, our merchandise representative, and she'll get one 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.
- ❖ If you are not receiving the BCC announcements that the BCC Board members send out and would like to be added to the distribution, please send me your name and email address and you'll be added to the list. We don't want you missing out on BCC events or news items.
- ❖ The time is here to be thinking about who you want to lead this Club in the coming year. Too often we are content with sitting back and letting someone else do it, claiming we're just too busy or just don't have the time to spare. Now is the time to step up and get more involved in what the Club does and how it's managed. As I'm sure you are aware, the Board meets monthly and discusses issues and makes decisions regarding the direction of the Club. It's not a lot of time from your busy schedule, so consider running for a seat on the Board of Directors.

At last month's Business Meeting, Mike McGinn and Joe Pine volunteered to Co-Chair the Nominating Committee in preparation for the election of officers. Together, they will act as the central point of contact for members who wish to run for office and will report candidates at the September and October Business Meetings. If you're interested in running for a position on the Board please contact Mike or Joe. The election of officers serving on the Board for 2020 will take place at the November Business Meeting. Please plan ahead and make every effort to attend the November Business Meeting to cast your vote.

- ❖ If you weren't able to be part of Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD) this year, don't feel sad as we are planning a repeat for 2020. If you were there this year, I don't have to remind you of what a great time we had (after the rain stopped). The positive feedback was overwhelming not only from within our Club but with the visiting guests as well. Jimmy has been working diligently with Waterside Management and has locked in May 29 & 30 for our 2020 VAWD. These dates should work better for us as there is less chance for other area Corvette Club activities which usually begin the first weekend in June.
- ❖ The BCC Holiday Party is a go. All of the details have been worked out and there will be a sign-up sheet at the October Business Meeting and a flyer will be sent out beginning in October. So for now all you have to do is to reserve December 28th on your calendar so you don't miss out on this evening of fun.

- ❖ Several people have signed up to participate in the BCC Picnic and/or to ride the train while on the Car Show, Choo-Choo & Cha Ching Road Trip but, have not yet paid. For the picnic we have to notify the caterer for the amount of food to prepare and for the train ride we have to make final payment well in advance of the actual day of the train ride. We use the sign-up sheets and who has paid to determine the actual head count for these events. So, if you are still planning to participate in these events and have not paid please get your check in the mail or pay in person at the September 3 Business Meeting. You cannot wait and make your payment on the day of the event. If you choose to pay by mail, send your check to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, PO Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING (See Sharon's Minutes for the Complete Report)

Old Business:

1. Jake thanked the Club for its participation in the Red Cross Blood Drive on July 20. The goal was for 20 donations but 17 was the final count. Jake was very pleased with this number.
2. Trailer Inventory: TSCC declined to accept any of the equipment the BCC wanted to donate to them. Equipment will be recycled or discarded.
3. Christmas Party: Contract has been signed with the Royal Courtyard to have our Christmas Party there on December 28th.

New Business:

1. Bill Kaelin wants the Club to again participate with the Virginia Patriot Guard in the Oceana Air Show on September 20 – 22. 5 – 8 cars would be needed to carry the dignitaries. The event is private on that Friday and then open to the Public on Saturday and Sunday. Annie Lahren will help Bill coordinate this event.
2. Jimmy asked for volunteers to form a Nominating Committee to secure a list of candidates for the upcoming election of Board members that takes place in November. Mike McGinn and Joe Pine volunteered.
3. Jeff Price made a presentation to the Club regarding an additional FB page be added on as a public page for non-members to see what the Club is all about. To be able to see this page, you don't even have to be on FB. There would be a link to the club application on this page. People on this public page would be able to communicate with the Club. Comments made on this page would be monitored by Jeff. Announcements for public events would be on this page and could be shared. None of the "members only" events would be put on this page. Once this page is up and running, all non-members that are presently a part of the private FB page will be asked to join the Beachcombers Corvette Club and become actual members. If they choose not to do this, they will be removed from the private, "members only" page and be advised to now join the public FB page. A motion was made by Joe Pine to approve this new public BCC FB page. An additional motion was made to by Mike McGinn to revert the existing FB page back to a private "members only" page. Motions were seconded by Hank Reisenbichler and Adam Graham and unanimously approved by the club members. The Board and the members will set rules and standards for this page.

General Discussion:

1. None

DID YOU KNOW?

- The fuel-fill door on the C1 was one of the few body parts not made of fiberglass. This was due to rough handling by service-station attendants and the constant attack from gasoline fumes. It was a conventional steel stamping painted to match the body. ⁴¹
- Every C4 ZR1 came with two ignition keys, one for initial startup and a smaller valet key that limited output to 200 hp by deactivating the secondary fuel injectors, high-speed intake-manifold runners, and other systems. ⁵⁴⁹
- Knowing that a 1-pound reduction in unsprung mass was like removing several pounds of sprung mass (weight carried above the springs), the C5 Z06 skipped the run-flat capability of the standard Goodyear

supplied tires. Instead, stickier Goodyear Eagle F1 Supercar tires were used. Despite the new tires being wider, they eliminated the extra sidewall beef needed for run-flat capability and allowed the Z06 to shed a full 23.4 pounds (total) of unsprung mass. ⁷²³

LOOKING BACK AT THE AUGUST MAJOR HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, August 6 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting, then Taco Tuesday at Plaza Azteca.

Friday, August 9 – Funeral Services for Harold Harper. About 25 members of the Beachcombers Family were on hand to pay their last respects to Harold Harper. A very solemn ceremony was held at the Lynnhaven Chapel and Crematory followed by a Memorial Service at Colonial Grove Memorial Park. A heartfelt thanks goes out to John Kummings who, at the last minute spoke on behalf of our Beachcomber Family, sharing Harold's story with the Beachcombers. Thanks John, you did a super job.

Saturday, August 10 – Old Dominion Corvette Club is host for their 30th Annual All-Corvette Cruise In located in Manassas, VA.

Wednesday, August 14 – Beachcomber Breakfast. 15 Beachcombers met at The Metro Diner, enjoying good food and great company.

Thursday, August 15 – Beachcombers Tech Night at Detail Garage. About 30 Beachcombers were on hand to see the long line of products *The Detail Garage* has to offer and several questions were answered regarding the vast array of products available for specific results. Pizza and drinks were provided and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. If you have a suggestion for a future Tech Night please let me know.

Saturday, August 17 – Khedive Autos – Fun & Shine Car Show. A few of the Beachcombers were on hand and walked away with trophies. Congratulations to Mark Conrad, Jim Cyr and Adam Graham.

Saturday, August 17 – The BCC hosted the Cruise In at Landstown Common. There were about 75 cars that participated in this Cruise In, with several from the BCC. Thanks to all who showed up and bigger thanks to all who helped with the set-up and tear-down.

Wednesday, August 21 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at Pop's Diner.

Thursday, August 22 to Sunday, August 25 – Corvettes at Carlisle. A sight to behold as thousands of Corvettes and Corvette enthusiasts converged to this annual event. A handful of Beachcombers attended.

Sunday, August 25 – IMSA Race at VIR. The thrills continued for the C7 racing team as they battled other entries in the GTLM Class. There were a few Beachcombers there to witness all of the excitement.

Sunday, August 25 – Corvette Caravan. For the BCC, our NCM BCC Ambassador, Ed Munden, will lead us to Charlotte, NC where we'll join the rest of the regional group before heading to Bowling Green. This trip is anticipated to be as great as the trip of five years ago. Where we enjoyed the company of hundreds of people from all over the country who all shared the Corvette passion. For those that can't make this years' trip, I suggest you add it to you your Bucket List for 2024.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 1 **NEW** – The 11th Annual Boulevard of Wheel Custom Car Show. This event is hosted by the Street Dreams Corvette Club and is being sponsored by Rick Hendrick Chevrolet and is being held at the Rick Hendrick dealership, 6252 Virginia Beach Blvd, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, September 3 – 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.

Sunday, September 8 – Wheels and Wine Festival. This is an open car show in Felton, DE and is being sponsored by the First State Corvette Club (FSCC). This event takes place at the Pizzadili Vineyards & Winery in Felton, DE from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Pizzadili Vineyard & Winery is about 175 miles north of Hampton Roads. The BCC has participated in FSCC hosted events in the past and have always enjoyed their company. If this is an event that interests you and are planning to attend please let me know so I can spread the word to other Beachcombers. For more information please visit the FSCC website at <https://www.firststatecorvetteclub.net/>.

Wednesday, September 11 – 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 us for great company and good food. Please RSVP Jacob Or-Bach at 757-739-3328, by email at jacob.orbach@gmail.com 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.

Saturday, September 14 – 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.

Wednesday, September 18 – 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, September 21 – Vettes in the Vineyard. Located at the DeJon Vineyard, 5300 Hydes Road, Hydes, MD from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 21 – REV & RALLY at Richmond International Raceway (RIR). RIR is having a car show in conjunction with the September 21 NASCAR race. They are offering a ticket package for \$99.00 that includes:

- One Vehicle Registration
- One Grandstand Ticket to the Cup Race (Dogwood Section I-S Rows 1-10)
- One FanGrounds Pass
- Specialty Rally Pass Holder
- Premium Parking in Designated Pave Rally Lot
- Commemorative Gift
- Track Laps (Date TBD)
- Potential for More Prizes

Add-On pricing for adults is \$90.00 and \$50.00 for children. Security will be on hand before, during and post-race to ensure that nothing happens to your vehicle. They are also working on having some NASCAR celebrity appearances. To reserve your tickets call 804-228-7612 and mention REV & RALLY Offer. Refer to Page 8 for the REV & RALLY Flyer.

Sunday, September 22 **NEW INFO** – 3rd Annual BCC Picnic. Carolyn and Ed Bickham have once again volunteered to host the BCC picnic at their home in Suffolk, VA, so mark your calendar for this annual social gathering. This is a great opportunity to meet and get to know your Beachcomber Family.

This year we are adding a new dimension to the picnic as it will also include a "Corvette Swap Meet". So, gather up all of your old Corvette parts and goodies and plan to bring them to the picnic. Be sure you mark each item with your name and asking price and application of the item (if necessary).

Also this year there will be a Country Road Poker Run. Ed has worked diligently to put together a route that takes in some interesting area landmarks. Be sure you have your camera as you will be required to snap a

“Selfie” with the these landmarks as proof you were there. Once you return to the Bickham House you’ll chose a card for each correct picture and your chosen cards will make up your poker hand. There will be a challenging manner of getting an extra card, should you choose.

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.

A flyer has been sent out advertising this event, you don’t want to miss out on the Beachcomber fun so be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend. Please get your name on the sign-up sheet or email me as we need an accurate head count for the food caterer.

Monday, September 23 **NEW INFO** – Here’s your chance to see the C8 up close. Rick Hendrick Chevrolet in Norfolk will have the C8 at their dealership as part of the C8 traveling tour on Monday, September 23. For more information go to www.rickhendrickchevroletnorfolk.com where you can register for a VIP Invitation to this event.

Saturday, September 28 **NEW INFO** – Neptune Festival Parade. We have nine of the ten spots taken for this parade. If you’re interested in this parade please put your name on the sign-up sheet or email me. John Kummings will be coordinating the details for this parade. A seperate email will be sent to those participating detailing the meeting location and time.

Saturday, September 28 – AACA Forty-Sixth Annual Meet. Located at the Military Aviation Museum, 1341 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LOOKING BEYOND SEPTEMBER

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.

Friday through Monday, October 11 through 14 **NEW INFO** – 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 8th Annual Queen City Car Show on Saturday, October 12.

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 **block code (booking number) is B728BCCTRP** with the group name of Beachcomber Corvette Club. Be sure you give them the booking number to get the reduced rate.

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. **Note: The BCC has to confirm number attending**

and make final payment by September 19, therefore if you intend to participate in the Great Smokey Mountain Train Ride your payment must be received prior to September 19, 2019.

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 cool cars, the show will feature live music, great food, beer and wine along with raffles and prizes. For additional information go to www.fsrpca.org.

Monday, November 11 – Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade. We have received confirmation regarding our participation in this parade. There is a sign-up sheet for those wishing to participate.

Friday, November 15 – Holiday Charity Laps at VIR.

Sunday, December 28, 2019 **NEW** – BCC Holiday Party. A sign-up sheet will be available beginning with the October Business Meeting and a flyer will be sent out with the details. But, until then, mark your calendar and save the date so you don't miss out on the good time we always have.

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 by 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.

For the 2020 ROLEX 24 we're planning to depart Tidewater 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 at 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 January 24 thru 27 call 1-800-329-7666, 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.

PLEASE 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.

Sunday, February 23, 2020 – The BCC has planned the 2nd "Cruzin Corvetters" Caribbean Cruise. This year we'll be aboard the Regal Princess, for a 7 day Caribbean cruise, departing from Fort Lauderdale, FL on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020. This cruise has 4 port stops including the Princess Cays (Princess Private Island), Bahamas; Falmouth/Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands and Cozumel, Mexico. We'd love for you and your friends to join us for a fun week in the sun. 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 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/ or by contacting Joe Pine and the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council (VPCCC) www.vpccc.org.

Joe Wryk
Vice President – Events
Beachcombers Corvette Club



INAUGURAL REV & RALLY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

**FEDERATED AUTO PARTS 400
Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoff Race**

WEEKEND
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- One Vehicle Registration
- One Grandstand Ticket to the Cup Race
 - One FanGrounds Pass
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- Premium Parking in Designated Paved Rally Lot
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 - Track Laps
 - Potential for more prizes!

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- One Grandstand Ticket to the Cup Race
 - One FanGrounds Pass
- Specialty Rally Pass Holder

\$5 DISCOUNT TO VEHICLES 1946 OR OLDER

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