

# Beachcomber News

## November 2019



### BCC NEWS

- ❖ I know all of you read the Monthly Beachcomber News from the first to the last page and can't wait for the next issue to arrive in your email. But on a more serious note – I encourage all of you to read the below information regarding your membership dues and Christmas Holiday Party and look at the three NEW items happening in November, located on page 4. I'd hate for you to miss out on these Beachcomber Happenings.
- ❖ Your 2019 Beachcombers Corvette Club membership expired October 31, 2019. With that being said, it's now time to renew your 2020 membership. Your board has decided not to increase our dues, so the renewal fee to keep having fun with the best Corvette Club in the Tidewater area is only \$65.00, and this includes membership in both the Beachcombers Corvette Club and the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). For \$10 more your spouse or companion can join the NCCC by filling out a separate NCCC membership application. The membership drive is in progress and will end on November 17, 2019.

If you have any questions or if you decide not to renew your membership please send an email to Joel Wolf at ([wolfmanok@hotmail.com](mailto:wolfmanok@hotmail.com)) letting him know you're not renewing and he won't send you future reminders.

Dues can be paid in person at our Monthly Business Meeting or by sending payment to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, PO Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. If paying by check ensure your check states it's for 2020 Membership Dues.

- ❖ Don't forget about our Christmas Holiday Party on December 28<sup>th</sup>. **Payment for tickets is due NLT November 24. Please keep in mind that in order to purchase your tickets at the BCC member rate of \$25.00 per person your 2020 BCC membership dues must be paid.** If you cannot attend the November Business Meeting to pay in person you can pay by mail by sending a check to Beachcombers Corvette Club, PO Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Make sure your check states it's for the Christmas Holiday Party. **A copy of the Christmas Holiday Party Flyer is attached to this email.**
- ❖ At the Business Meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> we'll be voting on Board Members for the upcoming year. Please do your utmost to attend this meeting to cast your vote.
- ❖ Need a BCC name tag? Just 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 for 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).

- ❖ On October 12, the Beachcombers closed-out the 2019 Landstown Commons Cruise In season in which we were the host Club. Over \$2200.00 has been raised by the Beachcombers in 2019 for the Seton House. A presentation will be made to the Seton House at a future Business Meeting.
- ❖ We've received confirmation from the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library that we have the auditorium reserved for our monthly meetings beginning in January 2020. The Beachcombers Monthly Business Meetings will be at the Central Library, located at 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach. The meeting time will remain unchanged and will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and last one hour. Following our meeting we'll retreat across the street to Reginella's Italian Ristorante & Pizzeria for eats, drinks and socialization.

- ❖ If your email address has changed or if you like your name added to the distribution list for announcements that the BCC Board members send out, 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.
- ❖ As we move into the fall and winter months the activity level of the BCC has a tendency to slow down. This is primarily due to the colder temperatures and unpredictability of the weather. However, that doesn't mean we have to remain dormant until the weather warms up, so if you have an idea or suggestion of an outing or activity that might be of interest to the Club please let me know.
- ❖ If anyone has an article of interest or some other news worthy item they would like to share with the Club via the Beachcomber News please let me know.

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

### **Old Business:**

1. The Board has decided to move forward with the "closed" FB page by only allowing active Beachcomber members to have access to this page. Non-members will be removed from this page. Non-members will have access to the open BCC FB page. This will be done for security and privacy reasons only.
2. Trailer Inventory is complete! A copy will be attached hereto and made a part of this month's agenda.
3. Thanks to Bill Kaelin for his organizing the Beachcombers participation in the Oceana Air Show.

### **New Business:**

1. As of January 7, 2020, the BCC Business Meetings will be held at the VB Central Library Auditorium. Afterward, we will go back to Reginella's for the first month and evaluate whether or not the Club wants to continue to eat there. Management will be contacted to make sure they will be able to properly handle the increased volume of diners. If not, options will be explored.
2. Joe Pine and Mike McGinn were thanked for their work on the Nominating Committee. Candidates for the Officer positions spoke to the members about their desire to serve the club. Elections will take place at next month's meeting.

### **General Discussion:**

1. A first time attendee to the BCC Picnic, Brian Bowers, told the Club how much he enjoyed the event. Great time, great food and beautiful home. He enjoyed the Poker Run and his daughter enjoyed the horses. Thanks to Ed & Carolyn Bickham for once again opening up their home for this event.
2. Joe Pine advised the Club that he will be moving out of the area as of May, 2020. The Club will need a new representative to the CCCHR. He is bringing this up now so that he can help the new person transition into this position.
3. Cars & Coffee is this Saturday, October 5 at the VB Convention Center.
4. C8 Convertible reveal will be on October 2nd. Not live streamed like the C8 reveal but you should be able to find it online.
5. Someone said to Jimmy that the Business Meetings were boring. Jimmy said that 45 minutes per month spent at a business meeting gave the opportunity to conduct a formal agenda using Roberts Rules of Business. Gives members the opportunity to ask questions. The rest of the Club's time is spent doing fun things.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Although Arkus-Duntov's influence began to emerge with the 1956 Corvette, his impact on the 1953 – 1955 models was minimal. Born in Belgium to Russian parents, the automotive genius began GM employment on May 1, 1953. The Corvette's path for the next two years was already established, and there was little room for his influence. 135

- Pop-music icon Prince's 1983 hit single "Little Red Corvette" surely helped fuel the popularity of this color choice. In the case of the C5, for the first five years of its eight-year production run, Torch Red (Paint Code 70) was the most popular body color. A total of 34,046 were built (3026 in 1997, 8767 in 1998, 8361 in 1999, 6700 in 2000 and 7192 in 2001). Had Prince sung "Little Blue Corvette", would the numbers have been different? <sup>662</sup>
- Corvette drivers always had exciting stories to tell, but with the new-for-2015 UQT Performance Data Video Recorder, video proof backed up those stories. With its windshield-mounted high-definition camera and cabin microphone, the \$1795 system shot real-time track or cruising videos that drivers could view on the central display screen or download for viewing and sharing online. It was a popular option, installed in 25803 out of 34240 cars in 2015 and 27782 out of 40689 cars in 2016. <sup>969</sup>

## **LOOKING BACK AT SOME OF THE OCTOBER HAPPENINGS**

Tuesday, October 1 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting, then Taco Tuesday at Plaza Azteca.

Friday & Saturday, October 4 & 5 – Corvette Weekend at Ocean City, MD. The feedback from those who attended said it was a bit more crowded due another event being held but overall a very fun weekend. The pictures posted on FB were great and it seemed as if everyone had a good time.

Sunday, October 6 – A few Beachcombers traveled to Richmond where the Corvette Club of Richmond (CCR) hosted a gathering of Corvettes that included a presentation covering the history of Corvettes from pre C1 through the C8. An excellent presentation.

Wednesday, October 9 – Beachcomber Breakfast. There was a good turnout at The Metro Diner, where good food was had and great company was shared.

Friday through Monday, October 11 through 14 – Car Show, Choo-Choo & Cha-Ching Road Trip. There was a great turnout of Beachcombers who traveled to Charlotte, NC for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen City Car Show. The visit to Rick Hendrick's museum and NASCAR race shops was fabulous. The trip to Bryson City for the train ride was a very relaxing ride, the lunch was great and the company of the Beachcombers was over the top. After checking into our hotel a few Beachcombers tried their luck at the casino. Overall it was a great long weekend.

Saturday, October 12 – The BCC hosted their last Cruise In for the 2019 season at Landstown Common. There were over 120 cars that participated in this Cruise-In, several of which were Beachcomber Corvettes. Thanks to all who showed up and bigger thanks to all who helped with the set-up and tear-down. A special "Thank You" goes out to Jeff Biggs, Adam Graham and Mike Ware who made up the core group of the 2019 season that seldom missed a BCC hosted Cruise In to organize the set-up and tear-down. There are several others that helped out often but I don't have room to list them all but thanks to all.

Saturday, October 12 – Air & Auto Classic at the Military Aviation Museum. A few of the Beachcombers attended and displayed their diversity by attending an event hosted by the First Settlers Region Porsche Club of America.

Wednesday, October 16 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at Pop's Diner.

Sunday, October 20 – Cartoberfest – An outing that benefited a military charity that sends care packages to US troops deployed overseas.

Friday through Sunday, October 25 through 27 – Virginia Fall Classic. This popular Beachcomber event took place at the Newport News Park and was open to cars, trucks and bikes. This was the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual fall Classic with proceeds going to the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughter. On Friday there was a Trunk or Treat event and trophies for the best Halloween themed trunk decorations.

Saturday, October 26 – Landstown Common Trunk or Treat Cruise In. I think the Beachcombers enjoy this event more than all of the kiddies that show up. Literally hundreds of children were on hand to Trunk or Treat.

## **A LOOK AT MAJOR HAPPENINGS IN NOVEMBER**

**Saturday, November 2** – Cars & Coffee. From 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Virginia Beach Convention Center Parking Lot. Then off to breakfast.

**NEW Saturday, November 2** – Tidewater Region Antique Automobile Club of America (TRAACA) get together in Portsmouth, VA. The Beachcombers have been offered 20 tickets to the TRAACA's annual get together. Two years ago a few Beachcombers attended this event and it was amazing. It takes place in a Portsmouth warehouse that is owned by the President of the TRAACA and is converted into a picnic area for this event. Picnic food and beverages are provided, there will be a few games played to raise money for the TRAACA and then a movie, Grumpy Old Men, with popcorn and soft drinks. Sorry for the late word on this outing but I just got word of it. I'm certain if you go you'll have a good time. All tickets for this event have been distributed.

**NEW Sunday, November 3** – Beachcomber's Ladies Only Cruise. Ladies only driving the Vettes for this cruise while the men hang out at one of the restaurants/bars at Town Center. The exact restaurant will be TBD based on the number of participants in this event, but the most likely places will be Smokey Bones, Bahama Breeze, or Tailgaters. Meet up at the Pembroke Mall parking lot by the old SEARS (along the side of Independence Blvd) at 10:30am and plan for an 11:00am departure. The route should take about one hour round trip and will start and end at the same location. **NOTE:** Please notify Annie Lahren at 757-646-9000 or by email at [alahren@hotmail.com](mailto:alahren@hotmail.com) if you plan to participate. Have fun ladies.

**NEW Sunday, November 3** – “Harold Harper Memorial Cruise In” from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Landstown Commons. As most of you are aware, in July of this year Harold Harper, a member of the Beachcomber Family, passed away very unexpectedly. What you may not know is that Harold was the sole caretaker of his father, Mr. Forest Harper, who is currently in failing health, and is in need of financial support. At Harold's funeral the Beachcombers vowed to not forget Mr. Harper. So, your Beachcomber Board has decided to host the “Harold Harper Memorial Cruise In” at Landstown with the proceeds from this event going to Mr. Harper. This Cruise In will be after the Beachcomber's Ladies Only Cruise on November 3, so as to not interfere with those plans.

If you can't attend this event please open your heart in addition to your wallet to help Mr. Harper by sending your help to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, PO Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 or by making a contribution at the November Business Meeting. If sending your help by mail, ensure your contribution is made payable to the Beachcomber Corvette Club and states it's for the Mr. Harper fund and please do it ASAP so the much needed funds can get to Mr. Harper as quickly as possible.

Annie thanks so much for stepping up the challenges of pulling this together on such short notice.

**Tuesday, November 5** – 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 INFO Saturday, November 11** – Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade. Ken Jobe has the lead for this event and will provide an email to everyone that has signed up for this parade the details regarding when and where to meet. We currently have all spaces filled for this parade. Thanks Ken for helping out.

**Wednesday, November 13** – 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](mailto: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.

**Friday, November 15** – Holiday Charity Laps at VIR. If you've not done this in the past you'll want to take the opportunity to drive your car on the 2.7 mile road track. Here you'll be given the chance to drive your car in the manner for which it was designed. There will be a sign-up sheet for those interested. We are in need of someone who plans on participating in this event who'll be willing to lead other Beachcombers to VIR. Thanks.

Saturday & Sunday, November 16 & 17. – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal Virginia Auto Show. This is a 2-day indoor and 1-day outdoor event at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. This event features hot rods, imports, classics, motorcycles, customs, antiques and trucks. In past years there have been BCC entries who have received trophies and prizes. Plan to attend and vote for your BCC Family entries.

**DATE CHANGE** Thursday, November 21 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. As always, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Saturday, November 23. – Pre Caribbean Cruise Meeting. If you're planning on going on this Caribbean cruise or just thinking about it, you may want to attend this meeting at the YNot Pizza in Landstown Shopping Center at 12:30 p.m. At this meeting we'll discuss the cruise and answer any questions you may have.

Sunday, November 24 – Food drive for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. Every year the Beachcombers do a tremendous job of filling the trunks of their Corvettes with non-perishable food items to be donated to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. The generosity of the Beachcombers is also displayed as many reach into their pocket to donate cash for this worthwhile event. Historically the Beachcombers are the last group to parade to the food drive location, making a presentation to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. Afterwards the BCC go out for eats and spend some quality time together. Preston Powers has the lead and will provide more information as the event draws closer.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENINGS BEYOND NOVEMBER**

**NEW INFO** Saturday, December 28, 2019 – Beachcomber Corvette Club Christmas Holiday Party. Time to get geared-up for one of the Beachcombers biggies of the year. Every year the Beachcombers dig out their finest duds and enjoy the company of others at the Christmas Holiday Party. At the party you can enjoy your favorite adult beverages, good food and fantastic company. One of the evening's highlights is the gift exchange for those that wish to participate. Just bring a wrapped gift valued at \$22.00 (Max) and place it under the tree. During the party instructions will be provided regarding how the swap will take place.

The flyer detailing this event has been sent out several times, is attached to this email and will be sent out regularly with BCC Announcements. This has always been a fun filled evening and this year's party will undoubtedly be the same.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Business Meeting for those interested in attending.

**NEW INFO** Thursday, January 23 to Sunday, Sunday 26, 2020 – ROLEX 24 at Daytona. Well its official, in early October the C8R Corvette made its debut and the press release said the C8R will make its track debut at the ROLEX 24 in January. So now is the time to make 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.

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:** To get the discounted rate be sure to make your reservations at the Iris Garden Inn by December 23, 2019 and at the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown by January 10, 2020. Call me if you have questions or are unsure of what to expect by making this trip

**NEW INFO** Sunday, February 23, 2020 – The BCC has planned the 2<sup>nd</sup> “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. Make 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).

**NEW.** If you’re not certain about going on this cruise or want to chat with those going, there is a pre-cruise meeting on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the YNot Pizza in Landstown Shopping Center at 12:30 p.m. Here we’ll discuss the cruise and try to answer questions you may have and possibly convince those that are still uncertain about going to join us for a week of fun in the sun. So mark your calendar and save the date.

## **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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