

# Beachcomber News

## December 2019



### BCC NEWS

- ❖ The 2020 Beachcombers Corvette Club membership renewal has been a huge success and we currently have about 115 families in the Club. If for some reason you haven't got around to renewing your 2020 Beachcombers Corvette Club membership, it's not too late. 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> which is one of the big social events of the year.
- ❖ At the Business Meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> a new 2020 Board of Directors for the BCC was elected. The 2020 Board Members are;
  - John Kummers, President
  - Joe Wryk, Vice President, Events
  - Joel Wolf, Vice President, Membership
  - Sharon Cummings, Secretary
  - Mike Ware, Treasurer

As a result of the election we say good-bye to Jimmy Clemmer who served as the BCC President for the past three years. Jimmy has been a great leader who kept the Club focused and was instrumental in resurrecting "Vettes At Waterside District" in 2019. Thanks Jimmy for all you've done.

- ❖ If you haven't got a BCC name tag 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).

- ❖ We are working to have a Seton House representative available at the December Business Meeting where the BCC will make a monetary presentation of \$3000.00. This amount represents the monies the BCC collected from hosting the 2019 Landstown Commons Cruise Ins plus a round up from the BCC operating fund.
- ❖ The "Harold Harper Memorial Cruise In" on Sunday, November 3 was a huge success. A check in the amount of \$1500.00 was delivered to Mr. Harper on November 24. Mr. Harper was grateful for the money presented to him but above all he was happy to know that Harold's car was still in the Club thanks to Charlene and Jeff Price.
- ❖ Don't forget that the January Business Meeting will be at the Meyera E. Oberndorf 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.
- ❖ The Board is beginning to lay the plans for the 2020 Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD). Jimmy Clemmer has agreed to lead this event and as such has had a few preliminary meetings with some of the principal players. There is a need for volunteers to help in prepping for this event and there will be a need for more volunteers as the events draws nearer. There is a sign-up sheet for those willing to help spread the "Save The Date" flyer to other clubs in neighboring states.

- ❖ In preparation of Joe Pine moving from the area, Jeff Biggs has agreed to take over as the BCC representative at the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads (CCCHR). Joe, the BCC thanks you for your contributions to the Club for many years. Jeff, thanks for volunteering to fill Joe's shoes.
- ❖ If your email address has changed or if you would 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 FB pages, Closed vs Public has been completed.
2. January 7, 2020 Business meeting will be held at the VB Central Library.

#### **New Business:**

1. The election for the Officers' Board positions were concluded. New Board is as follows: President: John Kummers, Vice President/Events: Joe Wryk, Vice President/Membership: Joel Wolf, Treasurer: Mike Ware and Secretary: Sharon Cummings
2. \$2228.00 was raised for Seton House from the Landstown Commons Cruise ins. A motion was made by Joe Pine and seconded by Adam Graham to round the amount of the donation up to \$3000.00. Unanimous vote by the Club members. Jimmy asked Joel to have a Seton House representative come to the December Business meeting to accept the donation check.
3. The Cruise in held on Sunday, November 3rd for Harold Harper's father, Forest, raised \$1362.29. 49 cars participated. Jeff Price made a motion to round up that amount to \$1500.00. That motion was seconded by Adam Graham. Unanimous vote by the Club members.
4. The Mayflower Marathon for the Southeastern Virginia Foodbank will be held on Sunday, November 24th. Preston Powers will lead this event. He has reached out to Custom Classic Corvette Club and Street Dreams to join us. Preston Powers made a motion that the Club make a \$500.00 donation to the Foodbank. This was seconded by Adam Graham. Unanimous vote by the Club members. The group will eat at Mission BBQ after the event. The BCC is the grand finale.

#### **General Discussion:**

1. This meeting was Jimmy Clemmer's last one as President and he took this time to thank his present Board members, Joe, Joel, John, Sharon, Mike and past Board member Keith Reitnouer for helping to make his job so much easier. He also thanked Club members for their help during his tenure.
  - a. Keith Reitnouer for many conversations and advice.
  - b. Joe Pine for stepping up to be our representative to CCCHR.
  - c. Rob Clyburn for his many contributions to the Club, heading up the Sunshine Committee, hosting the Chili Cook-off's, his Corvette College presentations and being a close friend and confidante.
  - d. Ed Munden for being the NCM Ambassador.
  - e. Annie Lahren and Jeff Price for all their social media work. Annie originated the BCC FB page and Jeff has expanded it.
  - f. Michelle Suttle for handling all the Merchandise orders.
  - g. Gordon Patterson for working diligently behind the scenes to keep the BCC Website up to date.
  - h. Preston Powers for his work with the BCC Car shows and the Mayflower Marathon.
  - i. Jeff Biggs & Adam Graham for heading up the Landstown Commons Cruise ins.
  - j. Jacob Or-Bach for organizing the BCC Breakfast Club and the BCC Christmas Party.

- k. Ed Bickham for opening up his home and hosting the annual BCC Picnic.
- l. And to everyone who helped get "V.A.W.D." up and running again.
- m. Jimmy had four goals to achieve when he took over as President; to give the Club back to the members to start new activities and to increase Club participation. And finally, to bring back "Vettes at Waterside". He felt he has accomplished what he set out to do. (Standing ovation by Club members)

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- An optional power-operated folding top augmented the standard manual folding top, adding to Corvette's more civilized 1956 redesign. For \$107.60, RPO 473 took the hassle out of raising and lowering the vinyl roof in case of rain. A healthy 2,682 out of 3,467 1956 Corvettes came with the power top. <sup>152</sup>
- Appearing in 1998, the second year of C5 production, the roadster was the first Corvette with an actual trunk lid and cargo compartment since 1962. Smart design resulted in a full 13.9 cubic feet of storage space with the top up and 11.1 cubic feet with the top retracted. The car easily had enough space to accommodate a pair of golf clubs. <sup>660</sup>
- Like the C6, the C7 front fascia was not designed for a license plate. In response to owner requests from California and other dual plate states, VK3 front license-plate bracket, last seen in the C5 era, returned to the option list. At only \$15.00, it was very popular, added to 23,790 out of 37,288 cars in 2104, 25,050 out of 34,240 cars in 2015 and 25,754 out of 40,689 cars in 2016. <sup>921</sup>

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

Sunday, November 3 - Ladies Only Cruise. About 15 of the BCC Ladies participated in this event as they drove around Tidewater showing off their beautiful cars and getting the wishful eye of onlookers. Great job Annie for pulling this together.

Sunday, November 3 - Harold Harper Memorial Cruise-In at Landstown. An impromptu Cruise-In was held at Landstown following the Ladies Only Cruise In. About 50 cars participated, raising over \$1350.00 for Mr. Harper. Thanks again Annie for making this a huge success.

Tuesday, November 5 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting, then Taco Tuesday at Plaza Azteca.

Monday, November 11 – Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade. Several Beachcombers drove their sparkling cars in this annual event. Thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to Ken Jobe for taking the lead for this parade.

Wednesday, November 13 – Beachcomber Breakfast. Cancelled.

Friday, November 15 – Holiday Laps at Virginia International Raceway (VIR). Once again some of the Beachcombers got up early and drove to VIR for the chance to put their cars on the track at VIR. The group drove four track sessions and by the comments, it seems as all had a good time. Hank had an especially good time at VIR, just ask him.

Saturday & Sunday, November 16 & 17 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal Virginia Auto Show. This 2-day indoor and 1-day outdoor event was at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. There were several pictures posted on the Beachcomber FB Page of the BCC entries.

Thursday, November 21 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at Pop's Diner.

Saturday, November 23 – Pre Caribbean Cruise Meeting. Those planning on going on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beachcombers Caribbean got together to share ideas and tips about this cruise. It's not too late to reserve your spot on this cruise. Contact me if interested.

Sunday, November 24 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mayflower Marathon Food Drive. About 35 cars were in our Conga Line as we drove to the staging area for this annual event. A cash contribution of \$1750.00 in addition to trunks of food were presented to the Food Bank.

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

Tuesday, December 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** Friday, December 6 – Beachcombers Doing Dinner and the Holiday Lights at the Oceanfront. To help kick off the Holidays join us for dinner at The Ice House Restaurant located at 604 Norfolk Ave., Virginia Beach at 5:30 p.m. After dinner we'll proceed to Atlantic Avenue to the entrance to the Boardwalk Holiday Lights.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the December Business Meeting as we need a head count for the restaurant. If you can't make the Business Meeting to sign-up please call me or email me and I'll add your name to the list. There is a \$10.00 (cash only) fee for driving the Boardwalk Holiday Lights.

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

Wednesday, December 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](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.

Wednesday, December 18 – 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, December 28, – Beachcombers Christmas Holiday Party. See the attached flyer.

## ***WHAT'S HAPPENINGS BEYOND DECEMBER***

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).

I’ve spoken with Chelsea and she’s informed me that there are cabins available in all categories for this cruise. So if this cruise is something you’re thinking about, call Chelsea.

Due to the variety of travel plans to Fort Lauderdale I have not blocked rooms at any hotel along the way. However, if you are planning to drive to Fort Lauderdale, FL and are looking for a place to stay in the Savannah, GA area, I recommend the Iris Garden Inn located at 347 Main Street, Savannah, GA, phone 1-912-777-5002. If interested, call them and reserve your room.

## ***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 Jeff Biggs and the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council (VPCCC) [www.vpccc.org](http://www.vpccc.org).

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