

Beachcomber News

January 2020



BCC NEWS

- ❖ I hope all of you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year's Holidays, celebrating with friends and family. Now, a new year is upon us and if 2020 is anything like 2019, the Beachcombers should enjoy a great time of Cruises, Cruise-Ins, Car Shows, Road Trips and other surprises throughout the year. Keep in mind this is your club and for it to be all you want it to be you have to be involved.
- ❖ In December your new board swung into action and John Kummers led the Club through the Monthly Business Meeting. John introduced his vision for the Club in 2020 and plans to have quarterly reports from our Corvette College expert – Rob Clyburn, our National Corvette Museum Ambassador – Ed Munden and updates about the status of the Corvette Racing Team from LaVern Morris.
- ❖ The 2020 Beachcombers Corvette Club membership renewal has been a huge success and we currently have 111 families in the Club. This is a historically high number for this time of year which means that as the number of families usually grow closer to summer we should exceed last year's membership. Please if given the chance, share your BCC experience with other Corvetters and invite them to attend one of our meetings. Word of mouth is one of the best means we have to get new members to join our Family. Please join me in welcoming our newest Club Members;
 - Nicki & Al Plotnik and their beautiful 2019 Shadow Gray Z06, and
 - Molly & John Oberst with their fantastic 1971, Brands Hatch Green Coupe.
- ❖ Please contact Michelle Suttle, our merchandise representative, for name tags and other BCC merchandise such as ball caps, t-shirts and parade flags. The cost of name tags are \$10.00 each. Michelle can also help out for obtaining information about monogramming the BCC logo on your favorite shirt or for ordering apparel with the BCC logo applied. You can talk with Michelle following the Business Meetings or via her email address msullte@verizon.net.
- ❖ There will be representative from Seton House at the January 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Your Board has begun planning 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. We currently have a list of volunteers who are willing to contact neighboring Corvette Clubs to "Save The Date". As planning continues there will be a need for more volunteers and each of you will have an opportunity to get involved.
- ❖ If any of your personal information has changed such as; your email address, phone number or postal mailing address or if you would like your name added to the BCC distribution list for announcements, please send me your name along with the new information and we'll get the BCC roster updated. We don't want you missing out on BCC events or news items.
- ❖ As we move into the 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.

- ❖ Recently I've had requests from Club Members for contact information for other Club Members. I've been glad to provide the requested information but it makes me wonder if everyone in the Club is aware that the BCC Roster emailed by Joel Wolf each month contains not only the names of our Club Members but their contact information as well. If for some reason you don't have Joel's email you can go to the BCC webpage and after logging in you can go to the member's only area and find the latest roster.
- ❖ 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 DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING *(See Sharon's Minutes for the Complete Report)*

Old Business:

1. Christmas Party – Will be Royal Courtyard at 329 Birchwood Park Drive, Virginia Beach, VA on December 28. There is still space available as 100 people have been paid for and 82 have signed up to go. One free drink is provided, after that it's a "Cash Bar". Photo Booth will be available from 7 to 9pm. There will be Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle and a Gift Exchange.
2. A check in the amount of \$1500 was presented to Mr. Forest Harper. \$1576 was collected at the Harold Harper Memorial fundraiser. Expenses totaled \$287. The Club added \$211 to bring the amount to \$1500. Jeff and Charleen Price gave the check to Mr. Harper.
3. Mayflower Marathon – Thanks to Preston Powers for coordinating and setting up this event. 34 Corvettes from the Beachcombers and CCCC attended the event. \$1255 was collected that day. The BCC added \$500 making the total donation \$1755.
4. Landstown Commons Cruise-Ins - Closed out another successful season. \$2228 was collected. The BCC added \$772 and our portion of the advertising money was \$450, making our total donation to Seton Youth Shelter \$3450.00. A representative from Seton Youth Shelter will be at the January 7, 2020 meeting to collect the check. John thanked Jeff Biggs, Mike Ware, Gordon Patterson, Adam Graham, Mark Conrad, Skip Cutting, Sharon and Joel for their help with the monthly Cruise-Ins. A special thanks to Pam Ware, the brownie lady.

New Business:

1. January Business meeting will be held on January 7, 2020 back at the Virginia Beach Central Library with dinner following at Reginella's.
2. Treasurer's Book needs to be audited. John & Rob Clyburn volunteered to do this.
3. The Board is developing the budget for 2020 and it will be presented to the members at the January Business meeting.
4. Rolex 24 Hour race at Daytona, Florida will depart on January 23, 2020. Sign-up sheet is available. Details can be found in the "Monthly Newsletter".
5. Pop up event – Holiday Lights at Virginia Beach Oceanfront & Dinner. Meet at 5:30 at the Ice House for dinner followed by the Holiday Lights. RSVP to Joe Wryk.
6. V.A.W.D. - May 29 – 30. Jimmy Clemmer will be heading up this event. "Save the Date" notices should go out in January, 2020. Changes will be made from the feedback given after last year's event.

General Discussion:

1. Delivery date for the C8 has been moved back to February due to the GM strike. Hendrick's Chevrolet was allotted 70 C8 Corvettes and has deposits on all of them.
2. There will be a Spring Mountain driving school for the C8.
3. John brought up his desire to see the club support charities that deal with children, i.e., Shriner's Hospital and CHKD.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The NPP Dual-Mode Exhaust System of 2008 – 2013 revisited the spirit of the 1962 RPO 441 Direct-Flow Exhaust System and the 1963 – 1968 N11 Off-Road Exhaust System. However, instead of the full-time drone caused by the lightly baffled mufflers, C6 roadster and hatchback buyers had the best of both worlds. Thanks to vacuum-operated laps in the muffler outlets. Quiet neighborhood cruising or the guttural bellow of full throttle was just a stomp of the gas pedal away. Aural excitement aside, the reduced backpressure bumped the LS3 from 430 to 436 HP.
- According to the Automotive News data center, there are 5000 Corvettes in inventory nationwide as of November 1, a 122-day supply. Production of the 2020 Corvette C8 won't start until February due to delays caused by the UAW strike. The final C7 Corvette, a black Z06, rolled off the production line in Bowling Green, Kentucky on November 15, 2019, and was sold at a charity auction for \$2.7 million. But if you can swing one of these discounts at your local dealer, you'll be paying a lot less than that - and a lot less than MSRP.
- The United Auto Workers' strike forced a production delay for the 2020 Chevrolet Corvette until February 2020 rather than the original plan to start building them in very late 2019. The setback apparently isn't bothering dealers or customers placing orders, though. Barry Engle, President of GM for the Americas region, indicates the entire first year of production already has allocations. "The first year is sold out for 2020," Engle told Motor Trend. He estimated the allocation for the United States at 40,000 units of the new Corvette.

LOOKING BACK AT SOME OF THE DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, December 3 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting, then Taco Tuesday at Plaza Azteca.

Friday, December 6 – About 30 Beachcombers met for dinner at The Ice House restaurant and then drove the Virginia Beach boardwalk to see the holiday lights. This outing helped set the stage for the Holiday Season with everyone enjoying good eats, great company and festive holiday decorations.

Wednesday, December 11 – Beachcomber Breakfast. After a month's hiatus from the monthly breakfasts at the Metro Diner about a dozen Beachcombers met once again for a good breakfast and great company.

Wednesday, December 18 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at Pop's Diner.

Saturday, December 28 – Beachcombers Holiday Christmas Party. Wow, what a party. I must admit that when ya'll get dressed up, ya'll look good. Close to 100 Beachcombers donned their holiday attire and partied away the evening at the Royal Courtyard. From my viewpoint it seemed as if everyone had a good time. There were so many Beachcombers involved in making this party the success it was it's hard to name them all but, I have to send a special thanks to Jacob Or-Bach for volunteering to take the lead for this event. Thanks Jacob for all you do for the Club.

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE HAPPENINGS IN JANUARY

Saturday, January 4 – Cars & Coffee. From 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Virginia Beach Convention Center Parking Lot. Then off to breakfast.

Tuesday, January 7 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting. This month we move back to the Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library auditorium. The library is located at 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Following our meeting we'll retreat across the street to Reginella's Italian Ristorante & Pizzeria for eats, drinks and socialization.

Wednesday, January 15 – 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.

Wednesday, January 15 – 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.

UPDATED INFO Saturday, January 25 – ROLEX 24 at Daytona. The 2020 ROLEX 24 at Daytona is right around the corner and is your chance to see the C8R will make its track debut. This is a 24 hour endurance race that begins about 2:00 p.m. Saturday and finishes about 2:00 p.m. Sunday. 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 new to you, 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 unlike NASCAR the race goes on regardless of the weather. Call me if you have questions or are unsure of what to expect by making this trip.

Due to personal itineraries, some Beachcombers have chosen to depart on Wednesday, January 22 and others on Thursday, January 23. For those interested in traveling to Daytona on Thursday, January 23 we'll depart early Thursday and drive to Savannah GA, where we'll spend the night and then drive into Daytona on Friday, January 24. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January Business Meeting to capture the names of those participating and the days they intend to depart the Tidewater area. If you can't make the meeting to sign-up, please call me to get your name on the list.

I've blocked 10 rooms each at the Iris Garden Inn in Savannah for Thursday night and at the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

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 26 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 your stay in Daytona you're on your own as some may be taking side trips to other adventures and others heading directly back to Tidewater.

Specific details departure location and time will be provided closer to the departure date.

WHAT'S HAPPENINGS BEYOND JANUARY

NEW ITEM Sunday, February 16 – The Annual Valentine's Fun Run. The final touches are being nailed down for this popular annual Beachcomber event. This year our National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador, Ed Munden, has taken the lead for this event and has planned a trip that will take us to Edenton, NC.

First, we'll meet at Greenbrier Mall and after signing the club waiver, we'll be on our way to *The 51 House*, a traditional American Restaurant overlooking the Albemarle Sound. A combination of the gorgeous waterfront setting, exceptional food and hospitality makes *The 51 House* a destination for anyone looking for a quality time.

The 51 House has prepared a menu for this event consisting of Prime Rib, Chicken Parmigiana or Fish 'N Chips. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January and February Business Meetings and you'll be asked to choose your meal selection on the sign-up sheet, this will ensure the restaurant is adequately prepared and to help expedite our service.

If you can't make a meeting to add your name, please RSVP Ed Munden by email at fmunden@icloud.com or by text at 252-339-2234 NLT February 12 with names of attendees and menu selections.

As with previous Valentine's Fun Runs the BCC will be reimbursing each attendee with \$10.00 toward the cost of their meal. **See the flyer sent on December 29, 2019 for additional details.**

NEW INFO Sunday, February 23 – 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. 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 for the dates that suit your schedule.

NEW ITEM Saturday, March 14 – Norfolk St. Patrick's Day Parade. The application has been submitted requesting 12 Beachcomber cars to drive in this parade. Once we have received confirmation a sign-up sheet will be made available for interested parties.

NEW ITEM Sunday, March 15 – Beachcomber Bowling. From 3 to 5 p.m. at Pinboy's at the Beach located at 1577 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach. Here is your opportunity to get out of the house and enjoy your fellow Beachcombers in taking out their winter frustrations on bowling pins. The Club will be picking up the tab for your shoe rental, games, food and beverages, therefore, we ask that attendance be limited to the number of people that will fit into your Corvette. Warren Hiteshew, the BCC resident bowling expert, will be on hand to show us "how it's done" and give advice. Bill Kaelin has confirmed the details with Pinboy's and more information will be provided as the time draws closer.

NEW ITEM Friday to Sunday, March 20 to 21 – Corvette Expo in the Smokies. This two day event takes place in Pigeon Forge, TN which is located near the famous Tail of the Dragon. Based on reports from previous years this appears to be a large show with several activities taking place over the two days including an escorted drive on the Tail of the Dragon. Anyone interested?

NEW ITEM Saturday, April 4 – 2nd Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show at Landstown Commons from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is the kick-off event for the 2020 season for Cruise-Ins at the Landstown Commons and is held in memory of one of our Beachcombers.

NEW ITEM Friday, May 25 – Charity Laps at VIR. Each year VIR opens its doors, once in the spring and once in the fall, to allow enthusiasts to take their vehicles on the 3.27 mile road track. This is a great opportunity to legally drive your Corvette in the manner for which it was designed. As we get closer to the date there will be more information made available.

NEWLY ADDED Friday & Saturday, May 29 & 30 – Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD). Hopefully all of you have circled these dates on your personal calendar and plan to attend this huge Beachcomber event. The plan is to have a "Meet and Greet" on Friday, May 29 and the Corvette gathering on Saturday, May 30. Details are in the works and you'll be kept informed of future plans.

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 Jeff Biggs and the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council (VPCCC) www.vpccc.org.

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