

Beachcomber News

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BCC NEWS

- ❖ The 2020 Beachcombers Corvette Club membership currently stands at 112 families. This is a tribute to those of you who have hung on for many years and to our more recent members who have joined to participate in all this club has to offer. If given the chance, share your BCC experience with other Corvetters and invite them to attend one of our meetings. Pick-up a package of BCC Invitation Cards at the Business Meeting and distribute them to other Corvette owners. Word of mouth is one of the best means we have to get new members to join our Family. We have two new Club Members in our family, join me in welcoming;
 - Debbie and Wade Moorefield, driving an immaculate 2003, 50th Anniversary Red, C5 Coupe.
- ❖ At the January Business Meeting there was an active discussion concerning the 2019 Christmas Holiday Party. The feedback was mostly positive regarding the venue, The Royal Courtyard, and the Board will be going back to speak to their management about the possibility of scheduling the 2020 Christmas Holiday Party. The feedback from those that have attended previous Beachcomber Christmas Holiday Parties has been positive and that the majority of Club members felt this venue was far better than others we've used in the past.

When we meet with The Royal Courtyard it's important that we take with us any "Lessons Learned" so they can be discussed and not be repeated. The negatives dealt with the "First Drink Free" which didn't live up to everyone's expectations, the hors d' oeuvre's that weren't provided and the lack of a PA System. If you are aware of something else that needs to be discussed please let me know.
- ❖ Jeff Biggs and Joe Pine, our Car Club Council of Hampton Roads representatives, are working to establish the dates the BCC will be hosting the Landstown Commons Cruise-In's this year. Once this schedule is set, the 2020 BCC calendar will be updated, thereby eliminating scheduling conflicts with other events. Keep your eyes on the Refrigerator Pages and the "LOOKING BEYOND" feature in the Beachcomber News for upcoming events. Thanks to Jeff and Joe for being the BCCs eyes and ears at the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads meetings.
- ❖ Jimmy Clemmer has the lead and is making progress in putting pieces together for the 2020 "Vettes At Waterside District" (VAWD). The "Save the Date" flyer has been sent out to Corvette Clubs throughout North Carolina and the East Region of the NCCC. Jimmy has had preliminary meetings with some of the principal players and has blocked rooms at the Waterside Sheraton for those interested. As planning continues there will be a need for volunteers and each of you will have an opportunity to get involved. Keep your eyes open for more information in the Beachcomber News.
- ❖ Michele Suttle, our merchandise representative, is the point-of-contact 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 msuttle@verizon.net.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Recently I've had requests from Club Members for contact information for other Club Members. I've been glad to provide them the 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 JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING *(See Sharon's Minutes for the Complete Report)*

Old Business:

** Christmas Party – 95 of the 100 tickets were sold. 88 attended the party.

**The audit of the 2019 Treasurer's books was completed by John and Rob Clyburn. Everything was in order. No discrepancies were found.

**The budget for the fiscal year, November, 2019 – October, 2020, was based on 120 members and completed by Mike Ware. It was presented to the club at tonight's meeting.

**V.A.W.D. – “Save the Date” flyer is being worked on. Joel will give Jimmy a list of the NCCC clubs in neighboring states. “Save the Date” flyer will be sent out to these clubs. Wes at Rick Hendrick's Chevrolet has a list of local Corvette owners. He will email this flyer to them.

New Business:

**Landstown Commons Cruise in – 2020 Season – Season will begin on April 4, 2020 following the 2nd Annual George E. Smith Memorial Car Show. BCC agrees to do a Cruise-In once a month. Jeff Biggs and Adam Graham will head up the Cruise Ins. Jimmy Clemmer suggested a motion be made to approve the BCC's participation in the 2020 Landstown Commons Cruise in season. Mike McGinn made the motion and it was seconded by Gene Cooper. Motion was made by Adam Graham to continue to support Seton Youth Shelter as our charity and it was seconded by Mark Conrad. Both motions were unanimously approved by the club members.

General Discussion:

2019 Christmas Party – Art Schoen brought up the diversity of comments regarding The Royal Courtyard venue:

Beautiful venue but not happy with missing hors d'oeuvres and the limited selection of beverages allowed with the free drink ticket. No beer!

Should we go back there or not?

Pick date of the party early in the year.

Should we have music? Mike McGinn has a DJ in mind.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The all-new Chevrolet Corvette Stingray has been selected as the “2020 North American Car of the Year” by a 50-member jury of independent journalists. The Stingray was selected not only for its revolutionary mid-engine design, but for its level of refinement and impressive performance. Corvette executive chief engineer Tadge Juechter received the award at a public ceremony held in Detroit. “It’s humbling to be selected for this award by such an impressive jury of automotive journalists,” said Juechter. “Our team poured our hearts and souls into this vehicle, and to see such an overwhelmingly positive reception makes it all worthwhile. We are sure our customers will love the new Corvette as much as these jurors and we can’t wait to get them behind the wheel.”
- As Chevrolet prepares to start production of the 2020 C8 Corvette Stingray, it auctioned off the very first one at the Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale, Arizona on Saturday, January 18, 2020. VIN 001 hammered for \$3,000,000.00, a whole lot more than the C8's base price of \$59,995. But all that extra money isn't just for bragging rights. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Detroit Children's Fund, a non-profit organization focused on increasing the quality of schools and education in the Detroit area.

While the car at the actual auction is painted red, it's just a placeholder. The real No. 001 hasn't been built yet, but Chevrolet says it will be a fully loaded black-on-black coupe in 3LT spec equipped with the Z51 package. This build echoes the final C7 Corvette, which was a black-on-black Z06 coupe that sold for \$2.7 million last fall.

- Mere hours after the final C6 Corvette rolled off the Bowling Green, KY assembly line in early 2013, the facility was completely shut down for a \$131 million rebuild. A key addition made during the 10 month closure was an in-house aluminum-to-aluminum laser welding area that made it possible to construct the new aluminum skeleton on-site. During the C6 era, Dana manufactured the aluminum frames in Z06 and ZR1 Corvettes off-site. Because all C7s were upgraded to aluminum frames, the in-house sourcing boosted efficiency. ⁹⁸⁹

LOOKING BACK AT SOME OF THE JANUARY HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, January 7 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting, then a little socializing at Reginella's.

Wednesday, January 15 – Beachcomber Breakfast. A large turnout this month as the Beachcombers met once again at the Metro Diner for a hearty breakfast and great company.

Saturday, January 18 – The Car Club Council of Hampton Roads first Mystery Cruise of 2020. A fun drive into NC with about 10 Beachcombers attending.

Monday, January 20 (Date changed) – Beachcombers Board Meeting at Pop's Diner. A very productive meeting.

Wednesday & Thursday, January 22 & 23 – Several Beachcombers began their journey south to Daytona Beach, FL for the ROLEX 24.

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE HAPPENINGS IN FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 1 – Cars & Coffee. From 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Virginia Beach Convention Center Parking Lot. Then off to breakfast.

Tuesday, February 4 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting at 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, February 12 – 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. If you've not been to the Metro Diner they offer great breakfasts and several other menu options. Plan to join us if your schedule allows.

Sunday, February 16 – The BCC Annual Valentine's Fun Run. This year our National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador, Ed Munden, has planned a trip that will take us to The 51 House in Edenton, NC.

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 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. As with previous Valentine's Fun Runs the BCC will be reimbursing each attendee with \$10.00 toward the cost of their meal.

If you can't make the 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.

We plan to meet at Greenbrier Mall in the Sears Parking Lot (adjacent to Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant) at 11:45 a.m. and after signing the club waiver, we'll be on our way to *The 51 House*, with a convenience stop

at the Speedway Service Plaza located at 1129 Carolina Road, Suffolk, VA, we plan to be at the Service Plaza about 12:30 p.m. If it's more convenient for you, just plan to meet us at the Service Plaza and we'll caravan together to The 51 House. See the flyer for additional details.

Wednesday, February 19 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. All members are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, February 23 – Several of the Beachcombers will be boarding the Regal Princess, for a 7 day Caribbean cruise, departing from Fort Lauderdale, FL. They will be cruising to the Princess Cays (Princess Cruise Lines Private Island), Bahamas; Falmouth/Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands and Cozumel, Mexico. It's not too late for you join in for a fun week in the sun. For more information please talk with me.

LOOKING AT SOME OF THE MAJOR EVENTS BEYOND FEBRUARY

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.

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.

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. Two of our Club members have told me they are planning to attend. Anyone else interested? If so, let me know.

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 event also acts as the kick-off event for the 2020 season for Cruise-In's at the Landstown Commons with the first beginning immediately following the car show, this Cruise-In will be hosted by the Chevy Lovers Car Club. Please circle your calendar and try to not miss this car show which is in memory of one of our parted Beachcombers.

NEW ITEM Saturday to Monday, April 18 to 20 – Beachcombers Trip to Pennsylvania. A few years ago the Beachcombers had a trip to PA planned that included a tour of the Harley-Davidson assembly plant in York, PA. Unfortunately that trip was cancelled due to a severe weather storm that swept through our area. Several people haven't forgotten about that trip and have asked if it was still in our future. So here goes. *This* outing will take us to Gettysburg, Hershey and York, PA. On Saturday we'll arrive in Gettysburg where you'll be able to visit as much or as little of this historic battle site, spending the night in Gettysburg. On Sunday morning we'll travel to Hershey where you can smell chocolate in the air. There are several things to do in Hershey including a Hershey Chocolate factory and museum tour along with other area attractions. On Monday we'll drive to York, PA to the home of one of the Harley-Davidson assembly plants for a tour of their operation. Following the plant tour we'll begin our journey home. If you're unable to do the entire trip perhaps you can join your fellow Beachcombers on Saturday and part of Sunday before traveling back home.

NEW ITEM Saturday, May 2 – BCC Annual Trip to ZIP. This is the date that ZIP Corvette Parts and Accessories in Mechanicsville, VA will be hosting their Annual Open-House. The Beachcombers plan to attend this event which will give you the opportunity to get all the “goodies” you need to make your Vette sparkle. Afterwards we’ll head out for lunch at Roma Ristorante Italiano then a leisurely drive home with a possible pit stop at one of the area wineries. There will be more information forthcoming as the date draws closer.

Monday, May 25 – Charity Laps at VIR. Twice 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 and experience the feel of driving at the peak of their ability. This is a great opportunity for you to legally drive your Corvette in the manner for which it was designed. The Beachcombers always have a group that travels to VIR for this event and I’m certain this again will be the case. As we get closer to the date there will be more information made available.

Friday & Saturday, May 29 & 30 – Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD). This is the BCC event of the year and one you don’t want to miss. By now all of you should have circled these dates on your personal calendar and made plans to attend this huge Beachcomber event. On Friday, May 29, there will be a “Meet and Greet” for all of the participants who have registered for Saturday’s Corvette gathering. You’ll be kept informed of future plans as they are put together.

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 or by checking the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council website (VPCCC) www.vpccc.org.

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