

# Beachcomber News

## March 2020



### BCC NEWS

- ❖ The Beachcombers Corvette Club (BCC) membership currently stands at 113 families. The number of members at this time of year is unprecedented. Please join me in welcoming our newest member;
  - Charlie Parsons, with a 2017 beautiful Sterling Blue Stingray Convertible.
- ❖ If given the chance, share your BCC experience with other Corvetters by giving them one of our meeting invitation cards and inviting them to attend one of our meetings and. Word of mouth is one of the best means to attract new members to join our Family.
- ❖ There are several things in the works that we hope you'll enjoy, so keep your eyes on the Weekly Updates, the Refrigerator Pages and the Beachcomber News for upcoming events.
- ❖ Jeff Biggs and Joe Pine, our Car Club Council of Hampton Roads (CCCHR) representatives, have established the dates the BCC will be hosting the Landstown Commons Cruise-In's this year, they are; April 11, May 9, June 6, July 4, August 1 & 29, September 26 and October 24. Thanks to Jeff and Joe for being the BCCs eyes and ears at CCCHR meetings and keeping us up-to-date with other CCCHR happenings.
- ❖ The pieces are falling into place for the Club's mega event of the year "Vettes At Waterside District" (VAWD). Jimmy Clemmer has had meetings with Wes McCullar and his staff at Hendrick's Chevrolet and the Marketing Managers at Waterside District. The lessons learned from last year have been addressed and hopefully things will run smoother this year. However, one thing we'll need are volunteers first thing in the morning the day of the event to help get things done. At the March Business Meeting there will be sign-up sheets for various positions that need to be filled. Keep your eyes open for more information in the Beachcomber News. Thanks Jimmy for taking on this challenge.
- ❖ Michele Suttle, the BCC 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](mailto:msuttle@verizon.net).
- ❖ Several Beachcombers traveled to Daytona, FL in late January to witness the race debut of the C8.R in the IMSA circuit at the ROLEX 24. The No. 3 and 4 Corvettes finished 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> respectively in the GTLM Class. Being in a new car and the ROLEX 24 being the first race of the season, their finish positions were respectable. There were many lessons learned, that when carried forward, will only make the Corvette Racing teams better and stronger. The next IMSA race will be at the Sebring International Raceway for the Twelve Hours of Sebring on March 21.

If you're looking at seeing the C8.R in action, the Beachcombers have always had a large group that attend the IMSA Michelin GT Challenge at VIR. This year it will be on August 23. Look for more information regarding this race.



*Where's Skip?*

- ❖ If anyone has an article of interest or some other newsworthy item(s) they would like to share with the Club via the Beachcomber News please let me know.
- ❖ 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.

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

### **Old Business:**

\*\*Christmas Party – A few Board members will meet with the management of “The Royal Courtyard” to discuss the pros and cons of the 2019 Christmas Party.

\*\*V.A.W.D. - “Save the Date” flyer has been sent out to NCCC clubs. Meetings will be taking place with Wes at Hendrick's Chevrolet and Waterside District management. After these meetings, the official event flyer will be made up. There is a sign up sheet for volunteers.

\*\*Beachcombers Caribbean Cruise – Rooms are still available at the Iris Garden Inn in Savannah, GA.

\*\*Rolex 24 – Weather was perfect. 30 new spots were opened up in the Corvette Corral. Call Daytona ASAP to get one of these spots. Once you get a spot here, never let it go.

### **New Business:**

\*\*Landstown Commons Cruise in – 2020 Season – BCC schedule will be posted soon.

\*\*Chili Cook off – TBD

\*\*Board is working on obtaining BCC invitation cards, decals, and pins.

\*\*If you shop on “Amazon Smile” you can name the NCM as your charity.

\*\*Preston Powers has the dealership's first C8 invoice. There is a lot of hype about the new C8 generation of Corvette. The C8 Z06 will be revealed this summer. The 2021's will start being built in September, 2020.

\*\*Laverne Morris took this opportunity to explain her CHKD “Reach Out & Read” program. The program provides books for children from six months to 5 years of age. There are 140 pediatricians that participate by providing books to their patients that may otherwise not have access to reading material. The children are excited to receive these books from their doctors. The program reaches children from the Hampton Roads area up to Gloucester, Va.

This is a charity that our President would like the Beachcombers to support. Something for the children of our area.

### **General Discussion:**

\*\*Need someone to head up trips to VIR & Carlisle.

\*\*Joe Pine talked about the Khedive Temple Shriners Car Show on Saturday, August 15th. The Shriners car show supports their network of hospitals for children. There are 22 hospitals throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. They treat all types of childhood illnesses except cancer. The BCC's participation at this car show has dropped off in the past years and if the numbers do not increase, there will no longer be a reserved parking area for our Corvettes. Supporting this car show would go to support John Kummers request to do more for children in need.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Ever wonder what the Beachcombers are made of? In each month's membership report that we receive from Joel there is a plethora of information concerning our membership, including the generation and year of the Corvette(s) you own. A review of the February 2020 report revealed that the breakdown of Corvettes within the Club is; C1=1, C2=4, C3=15, C4=14, C5=14, C6=35, C7=46 and C8=2 (On Order). It's apparent that the BCC members favor the newer Corvettes. Is it because of the comfort aspects or the performance aspects of the newer Corvettes? Just asking.
- In 1970, the embarrassing sight of a Corvette spinning only the passenger-side rear tire during a hard launch became a thing of the past. Finally, the G81 Posi-Traction limited slip differential had become standard. Previously, buyers paid an extra \$46.35 for Posi-Traction and hero status, as they blasted off into the distance leaving twin streaks of burned rubber. No doubt, the cost of the clutch-type limited slip differential unit was tucked conveniently into the \$411.00 price hike of a base coupe in 1970 (from \$4781.00 to \$5192.00). <sup>426</sup>
- Although some buyers bought Corvettes to stand as far apart from the crowd as possible, with more than 1.5 million built, meeting another Corvette on the open road was statistically inevitable. Like owners of Harley-Davidson motorcycles, as early as 1957, Corvette drivers began acknowledging each other with a "Corvette Wave". Although there was no single recognition signal adopted *en masse*, a simple two-finger or open palm was a safe universal gesture of acknowledgement. <sup>400</sup>

## LOOKING BACK AT SOME OF THE FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, February 4 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting, then a little socializing at Reginella's.

Wednesday, February 12 – 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, February 15 – The Car Club Council of Hampton Roads Mystery Cruise.

Sunday, February 16 – Valentine's Fun Run to The 51 House in Edenton, NC.

Wednesday, February 19 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at Pop's Diner. A very productive meeting.

Thursday, February 20 – Beachcombers Pop-Up lunch at LIL BIT NOLA celebrating "Fat Thursday".

Friday, February 21 – Several Beachcombers departed for points south as they migrate to Fort Lauderdale for a week in the Caribbean sun aboard the Regal Princess.

## A LOOK AT WHAT IS PLANNED FOR MARCH

Tuesday, March 3 – 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.

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

Wednesday, March 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 allows 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. 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.

**NEW INFO Saturday, March 14** – Norfolk St. Patrick’s Day Parade. In the Weekly Update that was sent out on Sunday, February 9, I informed the Club that we’ve received confirmation for 12 cars to drive in this parade. I also asked that if you are interested contact me to get your name on the list. **All 12 spaces have been taken.**

**NEW Saturday, March 14** – HPDE Seminar at VIR. VIR is inviting all GM Performance PDR (Performance Data Recorder) users to learn how to use this great tool for driver improvement and car health. The presenter will be Sean Finnegan (hipodriver on YouTube), responsible for the best online training and demonstration of what this great system can do, especially when coupled with the powerful FOC (free of charge) and paid license versions of the Cosworth Toolbox data analysis software. Corvette C7 and C8, Camaro ZL-1/Z28 and Cadillac performance models often have this great system in the cars. See <https://www.chevrolet.com/performance-data-recorder> for a video update. The fee is \$125 and light breakfast and box lunch is included. Limited to ten attendees. Visit the VIR Website for more information.

**Sunday, March 15** – Beachcomber Bowling. From 3 to 5 p.m. at Pinboy’s at the Beach located at 1577 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach. 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. Hope to see you there.

**Wednesday, March 18** – 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.

**Friday to Sunday, March 20 to 21** – Pigeon Forge 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.

**NEW Saturday, March 21** – York High School Car Show. From 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with registration opening at 9 am. Come together and park together. Registration is \$20 the day of the show and each registration gets a ballot to vote for their Top 3 cars with awards given to the top 50 cars along with other Special Awards. The address is 9300 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown, VA. Concessions will be available all day. Door prizes and vendors. Dash magnet and goody bag for first 125 registered.

**Saturday, March 28** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 at try to not miss this car show which is in memory of one of our parted Beachcombers.

### ***SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PLANNED BEYOND MARCH?***

**NEW Saturday, April 11** – The Beachcombers Corvette Club will be hosting its first Cruise In for 2020 at Landstown Commons. This is a great opportunity to shoe your Club support. Help is needed and appreciated, for those who can show up for set-up in the morning and tear down in the evening.

**NEW INFO Saturday to Monday, April 18 to 20** – Beachcombers Trip to Pennsylvania. A few years ago the Beachcombers had planned a trip to PA 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 depart our area early so we arrive in Gettysburg so you’ll ample time to visit as much as possible of this historic battle site, area shops and other area attractions. You’ll be on your own for lunch but we’ll gather for dinner at one of the area’s restaurants. We’ll be spending the night at the Days Inn by Wyndham

(Gettysburg) on April 18. The Days Inn is located at 865 York Road, Gettysburg, the rate is \$74.00 + tax, and their phone number is 1+717+253+9945. When calling the hotel be sure you tell them you are with the Beachcombers Corvette Club to get the above rate. The cut-off date for making your reservation is April 4.

On Sunday morning we'll travel to Hershey where ***the smell of chocolate fills the air***. There are several things to do in Hershey including a Hershey Chocolate factory and museum tour along with other area attractions. Again, you'll be on your own for lunch but we'll gather for dinner at one of the areas Amish/PA Dutch restaurants. Our stay for the night of April 19, will be at a La Quinta by Wyndham (Lancaster) located in Ronks, PA which is near Lancaster. The La Quinta is located at 25 Eastbrook Road, Ronks, the rate is \$89.00 + tax, and their phone number is 1+717+392+8100. When calling the hotel be sure you tell them you are with the Beachcombers Corvette Club to get the above rate. The cut-off date for making your reservation is April 4.

On early Monday morning we'll drive to York, PA to the home of the Harley-Davidson Assembly Plant for a 75 minute tour of their operation, our tour time is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. There will be a small charge for the assembly plant tour which is based on the number of people, the cost should be somewhere around \$10.00 per person. Following the plant tour we'll begin our journey home via the Eastern Shore with a stop for lunch in Easton, MD. Be sure to bring your EZ Pass as we'll be crossing the Bay Bridge in MD and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel in VA, both require paying a toll.

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.

If you're interested in this trip please sign-up as early as possible so I can confirm our tour at the Harley-Davidson Assembly Plant in York, PA.

**NEW Thursday to Saturday, April 23 to 25** – NCM Bash in Bowling Green, KY. Kickoff of the NCM onsite event season. As in past years there will be a large contingent of GM engineers and designers from Warren Tech Center, and the Bowling Green Assembly Plant ready to answer your every question. They are also expecting several configurations of the new 2020 Corvette! The 2020 Bash will also feature the Ribbon Cutting for the Performance Gallery, and the Entombed Corvette exhibit, a discussion about the recently acquired XP 987 GT, and the renderings for the Silver Pearl Sisterhood supported Damsels of Design Rendering!

**NEW Saturday, April 25** – The Beachcomber Chili Challenge. Connie and Rob Clyburn have once again offered up their beautiful house as the location for this year's Chili Challenge. Here you'll have the chance to bring a pot of your chili creation, or if that's not your masterpiece, you be asked to bring an appetizer or desert. At last year's event there were over 70 Beachcombers who attended this favorite Beachcomber event. Last year's bragging rights went to Charlene and Jeff Price who won first place. Second and third place went to John Clyburn and Bobbi Agner, respectively. There will a poster and sign-up sheet at the March Business Meeting.

**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.

**NEW Saturday, May 9** – The Beachcombers Corvette Club will be hosting their second Cruise-In at Landstown Commons for the 2020 season. In addition to the Cruise-In, the Beachcombers have invited the American Red Cross who will be on hand seeking volunteers for blood donations. This is a good opportunity to "Show Off Your Vette and Donate a Pint". Jacob Or-Bach has coordinated the blood drive and is the point of contact for any questions you may have. Thanks Jacob.

As in the past the help is always needed with set-up in the morning and tear down in the evening. There will more information regarding sign-ups for the blood drive and for helping with set-up and tear-down as the date draws closer.

Monday, May 25 – Charity Laps at Virginia International Raceway (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. All proceeds collected go to area charities. 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.

NEW Saturday, June 6 – The Corvette Club of Richmond is holding their *Corvette Round-Up*. The location and times have not yet been promulgated.

NEW Saturday, June 6 – The Beachcombers Corvette Club is hosting the Cruise In at Landstown Commons. Help is needed and appreciated, for those who can show up to help with set-up in the morning and tear down in the evening.

NEW Saturday, June 6 – Corvette Extravaganza hosted by the Costal Corvette Club of Delaware. A judged show with no registration fee with featuring cash prize awards and trophies. There will be vendors, food trucks and a live radio broadcast/

NEW Saturday, June 20 – "The Flying Proms Symphony Air Show". Sound intriguing? A gathering that takes place at the Military Air Museum in Pungo from 3 to 10 p.m. It consists of an air show, a symphony orchestra concert and fireworks. You're allowed to bring in food items and beverages, just not alcoholic beverages, they want to sell them and make money. More details to follow. For a preview, click on the past YouTube link [PreviewPreview1:47How to Enjoy the Flying Proms Symphony Air Show.](#)"

## **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 or by checking the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council website (VPCCC) [www.vpccc.org](http://www.vpccc.org).

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