

Beachcombers Newsletter

March 2023



“Life’s too short to drive a boring car”

BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ We'll continue with our Business Meeting agenda item – Website 101. This month's meeting continues with more BeachcombersCorvetteClub.com website discussion and quick demonstration a recent fix for downloading various documents.
- ❖ Please check your e-mail on Monday! Look for an e-mail with the subject: “Get the latest updates from the Beachcombers”. This e-mail is automatically generated by our website to include all of the new items the Board has entered into the website during the previous week. If you don't receive this e-mail or can't open any of the web browser links, please contact me! I'm happy to help work through any issues you may have.
- ❖ We're on Facebook! Twice! We have both public and private Facebook pages. The link to our public Beachcombers Facebook page is [here](#) and is accessible by any Facebook user. The link to our private Beachcombers Facebook page is [here](#). Our private Facebook page has limited access. If you click the private link above and can't see our page, then contact Joel Wolf or myself to help you get access.
- ❖ The NCCC has events which may interest you, such as Concours and Autocross. If you're interested, check them out. We are members of the NCCC Eastern Region (states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia). Here is a link to our [Eastern Region NCCC website](#). From there a drop down menu has all of their events.

MERCHANDISE

- ❖ Michele Suttle is the point-of-contact for BCC merchandise such as ball caps, BCC Cling-On Stickers and parade flags. You can contact Michele at msuttle@verizon.net for additional information regarding items available on our website ([here](#)) or for help in obtaining name tags and personal embroidery on your pre-purchased items and other gear.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The 1953 Corvette side windows did not roll down. You simply removed them. This is also true for the 1954 and 1955 model years.
- In 1958, the Corvette exterior had some major changes... two additional headlights, a more prominent grille, loads of chrome accents on the door, trunk, and front fenders. Louvres were added to the hood but were removed in 1959.
- Black exterior paint was not a factory option for 1970 through 1976 Corvettes.

LOOKING BACK AT WHAT WE DID IN FEBUARY

Tuesday, February 7 – Monthly Business Meeting.

Wednesday, February 8 – Beachcombers Breakfast.

Wednesday, February 8 – Corvette Takeover at the Garage.

Saturday, February 11 – Valentine's Day Fun Run.

Wednesday, February 15 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at YNOT Pizza.

Wednesday, February 22 – Tech night at Premium Auto Films.

Monday, February 27-Thurday, March 9 – Caribbean Cruise.

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS IN MARCH

(NEW) Saturday, March 11th and Saturday, March 25th

Suffolk BBQ Cruise-in at the Airport – Suffolk, 1-4PM

Suffolk Airport cruise ins have been going on all winter (November through March). These cruise-ins are on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 1-4PM. Suffolk Airport is located at 1200 Gene Bolton Dr, Suffolk, VA 23434

Saturday, March 18th

56th St. Patrick's Day Parade – Norfolk, 8:00AM - 11:30AM

We have received our acceptance package from the parade organizers and we are participating! This is a rain or shine event. We do have our 10 cars and 3 alternates. For those attending we will meet at the Best Buy on Independence Blvd. in Virginia Beach which just North of the I-264 interchange at Independence Blvd. **Note that the meeting time is moved up to 8-8:15AM which is earlier than 8:30AM as originally posted.** Don't forget about the after party which will be held at the Columbian Club of Oceanview, 211 W Government Ave, Norfolk VA, 23503. Open to the public ages 21 and up, this is a fun event with live entertainment, food, and beverages. The after party ends at 4PM. For more, checkout the parade website at [Norfolk Saint Patrick's Day Parade](#)).

Saturday, March 18th

York High School Car Show – York, 11AM - 2PM

This is usually the earliest car show of the year within a reasonable driving distance. Open to all makes and models. Here is the YHS Facebook page: [York High School Annual Car Show | Facebook](#).

(NEW) Saturday, March 18th and Sunday, March 19th

Kelly's St. Patricks Day Parade – Nags Head, NC

This is the 32nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Outer Banks. The Parade starts at 1PM on Sunday. There is also a dinner Saturday night at the Sugar Creek Soundfront Seafood Restaruant. We need to give headcounts for dinner on Saturday and how many cars on Sunday. Please RSVP for these events on our website. Also, for those wishing to make a weekend of it, there are discounted hotel rooms at the Heart of Manteo Motor Lodge, \$69/Single (plus taxes and fees), \$85/Double (plus taxes and fees). Call 252-305-3133 and ask for Miss Linda and mention the parade to receive this discount.

(NEW) Sunday, March 26th

Beachcomber Bowling at Pinboys – Virginia Beach, 1-3PM

Time to put on some bowling shoes and knock ‘em down! Come enjoy a fun time bowling with Beachcombers. Just show up and be ready to bowl. No sign up is necessary. We’ll start bowling at 1PM so show up a bit earlier so you can be ready at 1! Please keep in mind that it is open to BCC members and one guest per member! You may bring additional guests, but each additional guest will pay \$10 for bowling and shoe rental; and also pay for their own food and beverages.

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS BEYOND MARCH

Saturday, April 1st

5th Annual George E Smith Memorial Car Show – Landstown Commons, 10AM - 3PM

Sponsored by the CCCHR and hosted by 757 Auto Events. This car show remembers our George Smith who passed away December 28th, 2018. George served as the VP-Events for us for many years and also as President of the CCCHR. The show is open to all makes and models. Proceeds go to the Southeastern Food Bank. CCCHR will accept food and donations for the Food Bank. Here is a link to the show for additional details: [5th Annual George E Smith Memorial Car Show | April 1st — Car Club Council of Hampton Roads \(ccchr.org\)](https://www.ccchr.org/5th-Annual-George-E-Smith-Memorial-Car-Show-April-1st).

Saturday, April 1st

Landstown Commons Cruise In – Landstown Commons, 3 - 7PM

LTC Cruise Ins are back! Every Saturday starting April 1st through October 28th. Sponsored by the CCCHR and hosted by 757 Auto Events. As Beachcombers, we host the cruise-ins every 4 weeks. Here are the dates the BCC will host: Apr 1st, Apr 29th, May 27th, Jun 24th, Jul 22nd, Aug 19th, Sep 16th, and Oct 4th.

(NEW) 2nd and 4th Friday, April through September starting April 14th

Suffolk BBQ Cruise-in at the Airport – Suffolk, 4-8PM

Suffolk Airport cruise-ins move from Saturday to Friday for April through September. These are on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 4-8PM. Suffolk Airport is located at 1200 Gene Bolton Dr, Suffolk, VA 23434

Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd

2023 Vettes Doin’ Charleston – Charleston, SC

This 2-day event is hosted by the Coastal Carolina Corvette Club. There is a Friday Meet-and-Greet from 5-7PM at a restaurant with a cash bar. The Corvette-only car show is Saturday from 9AM-5PM with several awards such as: generations 1st/2nd place, best-of-show, farthest traveled, best... engine, paint, interior, and more! Ed Bickham is attending and has forwarded the following information.

Use the discount code of “VDC” when staying at the DoubleTree to receive the discounted room rate of \$179/night + \$2.00 (and plus taxes and fees) based upon 2 nights (Friday and Saturday). Saturday-only night is \$189 plus taxes and fees. Ed will be leaving for Charleston on Friday.

The Doubletree by Hilton is located at: 5264 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418

(NEW) Saturday, April 22nd

2023 NATO Parade of Nations – Norfolk, 8AM-noon

We have submitted our request to attend this parade. This year, we will be limited to 10 cars. Sign-ups for this event will open on Wednesday, March 8th. The website event will be updated when we have received the parade acceptance package.

Thursday, April 27th through Saturday, April 29th

[Michelin NCM Bash – Bowling Green, KY](#)

This 3-day event is hosted by the National Corvette Museum sponsored by Michelin. Event registration is open. **Advance registration closes on April 7th**. Select the link above to our website event listing where you can check out the links to the Museum's website for details.

(NEW) Friday, April 28th

[Bring Your Own Lunch \(BYOL\) – Virginia Beach, 12-1:30PM](#)

Our first monthly BYOL. These will occur on the 4th Friday (hopefully) every month. For April, we will be going to the south Pavilion (closer to the disc golf course) at Bayville Farms Park which is located at 4132 First Court Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. We'll keep an eye on the weather which may cause this event to be canceled. These monthly events are not sign-up events, just come with your lunch and favorite beverage. If the weather is poor, check this website event for cancellation or contact me.

Saturday, April 29th (rain date is Sunday April 30th)

[18th Annual Spring Dust Off – Cruisn' thru the Decades – Landstown Commons, 10AM - 3PM](#)

Sponsored by the Chevy Lovers Club with proceeds to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The show is open to all makes and models.

Saturday, May 6th

[Zip Corvette Customer Appreciation Day – Mechanicsville, VA, 9AM - 4PM](#)

We've aligned our Cruise to Zip event (which had been held in either February or March) to participate in their Customer Appreciation Day which is usually the first Saturday in May. Although not yet announced, this is the anticipated date. While there, all receive 10% off of purchases in their showroom. Zip opens their campus to Corvettes and offers free food and drink. We follow up with our own luncheon at the Roma Restaurant near the Zip Corvette campus at 1PM before heading home. More details will be available as we get closer, and Zip has announced their event.

We will meet at Greenbrier Mall at 9AM and roll at 9:15AM. We'll meet other BCC members at the rest stop on I-64 at mile marker 214 at 10:30AM and leave at 10:45AM. We anticipate arrival at the Zip Corvette campus at 11:15AM. Those wishing to go to lunch at the Roma Restaurant, we'll leave Zip at 12:45PM for lunch at 1PM. Website sign-up will start at noon on Friday, Feb 3rd. Please RSVP on our website by noon on Tuesday, May 2nd.

(NEW) Saturday, May 6th and Sunday May 7th

[OBX Rod and Custom Festival – Nags Head, NC](#)

Details to follow.

Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th

[Vettes at Waterside District – Norfolk, VA](#)

The BCC board has been working on our annual event. Good news... we are going to have the Saturday car show at Waterside District! We are still working on the Friday night meet-and-greet event. It looks like it will be informal and at a restaurant (Stripers) at Waterside District. The BCC board is also looking at activities during the Saturday Car Show. More to come.

Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd

[Corvettes at Myrtle Beach – Myrtle Beach, SC](#)

BCC members have made this trip many times in the past with as many as 12 cars going. There is a Friday Dinner and Dancing event, followed by the Saturday Car Show. Registration is open. Hotel information is forthcoming, so mark your calendars and as we get closer, we'll have updates for this the event on our website. Wade Ridgely is leading this event and will give a brief talk at our April Business meeting.

(NEW) Saturday, August 19th

[31st Khedive Autos Fun and Shine Car Show](#) – Chesapeake, 8AM - 4PM

Save the date. Details to follow.

Thursday to Saturday, August 24th through August 26th

[Corvettes at Carlisle](#) – Carlisle, PA

A BCC favorite! Last year we brought more than 25 cars to help us celebrate the BCC 40th anniversary. Here is a link to the Carlisle event: [Corvettes at Carlisle](#). If you wish park your car in the “Fun Field” at the Fairgrounds for you and a passenger, here is a link to purchase tickets/passes: [Store at Carlisle Events](#). The price is \$80. Don’t forget when checking out select the drop down titled “Corvette Club” and select “BEACHCOMBERS CORVETTE CLUB OF VIRGINIA BEACH”. If we get 25 or more cars, we will get free use of a 20ft x 20ft tent. This will a sign-up event on our website starting at noon on Friday, Feb 3rd.

(NEW) Friday to Sunday, August 25th through August 27th

[IMSA Weathertech Sports Car Championships](#) – VIR Raceway, VA

Save the date. Details to follow.

IN THE WORKS

A Spring (late March/April) overnight road trip down to the Charlotte, NC. This trip will visit the Conviction Distillery and other places. More to follow.

A late summer/fall weekend cruise, possibly in the Charlottesville area.

Our Annual Fall Picnic. As in years past, a trip to the place in Currituck BBQ Company in Barco, NC on Caratoke Hwy at their pavilion possibly Sunday, October 15th.

Still in its infancy, but Its time start planning for the [2024 National Corvette Caravan](#) where all roads lead to Bowling Green Kentucky. This event will include celebrating the 30th anniversary of the [National Corvette Museum](#). The dates in Bowling Green are August 29-31, 2024. Usually, the BCC plan includes one or more overnight stops on the way there as we meet up with our region’s corvette group in Charlotte, NC. On the way back, there may be overnight stops too. Usual plans are for a week of travel and fun during this event knowing we will be on a driving vacation with thousands of other Corvette owners and enthusiasts throughout the States, Mexico, Canada and other countries!

If you have ideas about an event for the club, please let me know!

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