

Beachcombers Newsletter

April 2023



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

BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ We will be resuming sign-up sheets at our monthly business meetings. So, in addition to sign-ups/RSVPs on our website, you’ll be able to sign up for events at the Central Library.
- ❖ 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.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We recently met with the new General Manager of [Hendrick Chevrolet Norfolk](#), Cameron Singleton, and together were looking to foster a positive relationship between the Beachcombers and Hendrick Chevrolet. So, this upcoming business meeting on April 4th the board would like to discuss moving forward in a positive way with Hendrick Chevrolet who has been a generous sponsor. – John Kummings

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?

- In 1958 you could upgrade the Corvette's base 230hp 283ci V8 to be fuel injected. Option code 579 costing \$484 would add 20hp to be 250hp. However, option code 579D for the same \$484 was a fuel injected 283ci VI with 290hp.
- In the 1965 Corvette, disc brakes were standard. However, with the J61 option you could substitute drum brakes and receive a \$64.50 credit. 316 Corvettes were made with drum brakes in 1965.
- The ZL1 option for 1969 Corvettes remains the rarest and most expensive option in Corvette history. Of the 38,760 produced, there are only 2 have the ZL1 option. These two have the L88 427ci BB V8s officially rated at 430hp but were likely closer to 500hp. One recently sold for greater than \$3M.

LOOKING BACK AT WHAT WE DID IN MARCH

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

Tuesday, March 7 – Monthly Business Meeting.

Wednesday, March 8 – Beachcombers Breakfast.

Wednesday, March 8 – Corvette Takeover at the Garage.

Saturday, March 11, 25 – Suffolk BBQ Cruise-in at the Airport.

Wednesday, March 15 – Beachcombers Board Meeting.

Saturday, March 18 – 56th St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Saturday, March 18 – York High School Car Show.

Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19 – Kelly's St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Parade.

Tuesday, March 21 – Corvette Takeover at New Realm Brewing.

Saturday, March 25 – Suffolk BBQ Cruise-in at the Airport.

Sunday, March 26 – Beachcomber Bowling at Pinboys.

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS IN APRIL

Saturday, April 1st

Landstown Commons Cruise In – Landstown Commons, 4 - 8PM

LTC Cruise Ins are back! Every Saturday starting April 1st through October 28th. Sponsored by the CCCHR and hosted by 757 Auto Events. Season Passes are available on line [here](#) for the cost of \$50.00. You can purchase them at the cruise-ins when you arrive. If you wish to pay as you go, each cruise-in is \$3.00. As Beachcombers, we host the cruise-ins every 4 weeks. This Saturday, Apr 1st, is our first hosting of this event. Here are the dates the BCC will host: Apr 1st, Apr 29th, May 27th, Jun 24th, Jul 22nd, Aug 19th, Sep 16th, and Oct 14th.

Sunday, April 2nd

5th Annual George E Smith Memorial Car Show – Landstown Commons, 2 - 7PM

The date and time have been changed due to inclement weather on Saturday! 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 \(ccchr.org\)](#).

(NEW) Thursday, April 13th and Friday, April 14th

[Southern Grace Distillery Road Trip](#) – Mount Pleasant, NC

Beachcombers, are you up for a road trip? If so, you may want to consider joining us on a trip to the [SOUTHERN GRACE DISTILLERY](#) near Charlotte, NC. We'll be leaving on Thursday, April 13 and return home on Friday, April 14.

The current plan is to meet at Greenbrier Mall, adjacent to Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant, at **7:00 am** and travel to the distillery with stops as necessary along the way. Once in the vicinity of the distillery we'll stop for lunch at one of the distillery's recommended restaurants. We have reservations for a 2:00 pm tour and tasting and you can pay the per person charge upon arrival.

Following the distillery, we'll head to the [SpringHill Suites Charlotte Concord Mills/Speedway](#) located at 7811 Gateway Lane NW for the night. Please call them at 1-704-979-2500 to make your room reservation. After check-in we can head out to one of the local eateries for dinner.

On Friday morning, you're on your own to explore the area with a planned meeting in the hotel parking lot at **NOON** to head to the [Richard Childress Winery](#) which is about an hour from the hotel. At the vineyard we'll enjoy lunch followed by browsing / shopping in their gift shop. Then when everyone is ready - we'll head home.

NOTE: In order to confirm our reservations at the Distillery and Winery please contact me at 757-343-4873, or Joe at 757-342-9207, or sign up no later than Friday, April 7th. Be sure to indicate total number traveling in your party!

Friday, April 14th

[Suffolk BBQ Cruise-in at the Airport](#) – Suffolk, 4-8PM

Come enjoy fellow car enthusiasts while enjoying some great BBQ at the Suffolk Airport.

Friday, April 21st

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

Our first monthly BYOL. These will occur on the 3rd Friday (hopefully) every month. *This was moved from the 4th Friday to not conflict with the Suffolk Airport cruise-ins.* For April, we will be going to the south Pavilion (close 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.

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. **Early registration is \$40 and must be paid by March 31st. Registration is \$45 on the day of the show provided it isn't sold out.**

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

Ed is planning to stop at LOVE's in Franklin on Friday to join up with other Beachcombers for the drive. Ed is leading this event and will give a brief talk at our April Business meeting.

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 are open. The website event will be updated when we have received the parade acceptance package. Spots are still available!

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.

Friday, April 28th

[Suffolk BBQ Cruise-in at the Airport](#) – Suffolk, 4-8PM

Come enjoy fellow car enthusiasts while enjoying some great BBQ at the Suffolk Airport.

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

[18th Annual Spring Dust Off – Cruisin' 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. **Early registration is open and the cost is \$20.00. Day of show is \$25.00.**

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS BEYOND APRIL

Saturday, May 6th

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

We've aligned our Cruise to [Zip Corvette](#) 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. Please sign-up/RSVP by Wednesday, May 3rd so we can get the restaurant a head count.

Saturday, May 6th and Sunday May 7th

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

Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th

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

We are going to have the Saturday car show at Waterside District. We will be parking corvettes on the promenade on a first-come/first-serve basis. Once a maximum capacity is reached, parking will be directed to the Multi-Use Lot (MUL). We will have raffle prizes on Saturday. We will hold an informal Meet-And-Greet event at the first-floor bar area Friday evening from 5-7pm.

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 night event, followed by the Saturday Car Show. Registration is open, hotel and other information is on our website. Wade Ridgely is leading this event and will give a brief talk at our April Business meeting.

(NEW) Saturday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 4th

[Blue Ridge Mountain Cruise](#) – Big Island, VA

Beachcombers interested in cruising the Blue Ridge mountains, the Virginia Corvette Club of Lynchburg, VA and the Star City Corvette Club of Roanoke, VA are having a picnic cruise to the [Sedalia Center](#) in Big Island, VA. Although the event is free, please bring your own food and drink. We have a block of rooms at the [Natural Bridge Hotel](#). To receive the discount, please call 540-291-2121 and use group code: 060323COR. Discounts using this code will expire on April 30th so get your reservations in early.

Sunday, August 13th

[34th Annual All Corvette Cruise-in](#) – Manassas, VA, noon - 4PM

Come join our friends from the Old Dominion Corvette Club of Sterling Virginia for their annual cruise-in/show.

Saturday, August 19th

[31st Khedive Autos Fun and Shine Car Show](#) – Chesapeake, 9AM - 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.

Friday to Sunday, August 25th through August 27th

IMSA Weathertech Sports Car Championships – VIR Raceway, VA

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(NEW) Wednesday to Saturday (10 days), February 28th through March 9th, 2024

5th Annual Beachcombers Cruise – Ft. Lauderdale, FL

It’s time to begin planning for our 2024 cruise. The itinerary chosen for next year is different from where we’ve gone in previous years. Next year we’ll be heading for the Panama Canal with a partial transit into Lake Gatun. The table below lists the daily itinerary and the port visits. This cruise is with Princess Cruise Lines, and we’ll be sailing aboard the Ruby Princess out of Fort Lauderdale, FL. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Joe at 757-342-9207 for any questions you might have.

If you’re ready to book this cruise, please call Michael Blair at 1-800-901-1172 ext. 41716. Michael is our PVP (Princess Vacation Planner) and can answer any questions and more importantly he’ll ensure you are linked to the Beachcombers Booking and be entitled to additional OBC (On Board Credit).

<p>♦ Port substitution, port order may vary.</p> <p>UNITED STATES Ft. Lauderdale Atlantic Ocean Montego Bay CAYMAN ISLANDS Grand Cayman JAMAICA Ocho Rios Falmouth Caribbean Sea COSTA RICA Cartagena PANAMA Cristóbal COLOMBIA</p>	Wed.	Feb	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
	Thu.	28	At Sea
	Fri.	Feb	Grand Cayman, Cayman
	Sat.	29	Islands
	Sun.	Mar 1	At Sea
	Mon.	Mar 2	Cartagena, Columbia
	Mon.	Mar 3	Panama Canal Partial Transit
	Tues.	Mar 4	(New Locks)
	Wed.	Mar 4	Colon, Panama
	Thurs.	Mar 5	Limon, Costa Rica
Fri.	Mar 6	At Sea	
Sat.	Mar 7	Falmouth, Jamaica	
	Mar 8	At Sea	
	Mar 9	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	

CRUISE-INS, CARS-AND-COFFEE, AND OTHER MEETUPS

Here are links to other websites for area Cruise-Ins, Cars-and-Coffee, and other meetups:

- [Car Club Council of Hampton Roads](#) - Cruise-Ins and events are dropdowns at the top.
- [Car Crazy in Tidewater Virginia](#) or on Facebook [here](#).
- [NCCC East Region](#) – Events are within a dropdown at the top. If interested, there are autocross and concours events listed there.
- The City of Franklin, VA has cruise-ins every Wednesday evening from 4PM 'till sundown. These cruise-ins start on May 3rd and through October 11th. Here is a link to their [website](#) and Facebook [page](#).

IN THE WORKS

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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