

Beachcombers Newsletter

May 2024



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

BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ **Please check your e-mail every Monday!** Look for an e-mail with the subject: “Get the latest updates from 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 and also the next 20 events on our Events calendar. 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.

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.

LOOKING BACK AT WHAT WE DID IN APRIL

Tuesday, April 2nd, Membership Business Meeting – Oberndorf Central Library, VB

Wednesday, April 17th, Beachcombers Corvette Club Board Meeting – YNot Pizza, LTC

Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th, 15th Annual Vettes Doin’ Charleston – Charleston, SC

Friday, April 19th, Bring Your Own Lunch (BYOL) – Woodstock Park, VB

Saturday, April 20th, 71st Annual NATO Parade of Nations – Norfolk, VA

Saturday, April 20th, 19th Annual Spring Dust Off – LTC

Saturday, April 20th, Landstown Commons Cruise-in – LTC

Sunday, April 21st, York High School Car Show – York, VA

Thursday, April 25th through Saturday, April 27th, 27th Michelin NCM Bash – Bowling Green, KY

Friday, April 26th through Sunday, April 28th, Eastern Shore Getaway – Easton & St. Michaels, MD

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS IN MAY

Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th

OBX Rod and Custom Festival – Nags Head, VA

The Rod and Customs group in Nags Head, NC will again have their annual Festival. Last year there were over 1600 vehicles! Registration is open ([here](#)). Early discounted registration has ended. Registration is now \$60. Information related to this 2-day festival is [here](#). A link to the event's Facebook page is [here](#).

Hotel arrangements are listed [here](#). There are two Comfort Inns listed. Both have discounted room rates. Also, the Ramada and the Heart of Manteo Lodge have discounted room rates. You can sign-up/RSVP on our website ([here](#)) or contact me.

Saturday, May 4th

ZIP Corvette Customer Appreciation Day – Mechanicsville, VA, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

We're heading to Zip Corvette for their annual customer appreciation day. We'll meet at Greenbrier Mall next to Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant at 9:00AM, roll at 9:15AM. We'll stop at the I-64 rest area close to 10:30AM to meet up with other beachcombers; and then head to Zip. We'll spend an hour or so on the Zip campus to allow all to take advantage of the 10% discount for purchases in their showroom and then leave around 12:45PM for lunch to follow at Roma's Restaurant at 1:00PM. After lunch, we'll head home. You can RSVP/sign up [here](#), or contact me. **Know we need a headcount for Roma's Restaurant by May 1st!**

Tuesday, May 7th

Membership Business Meeting – Oberndorf Central Library, VB, 6:00 - 7:30PM

We'll be in the auditorium at the Oberndorf Central Library. All members and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:00PM. Meeting starts at 6:15PM.

(DATE CHANGE!) Friday, May 10th

Bring Your Own Lunch (BYOL) – 12:00PM - 1:30PM

Due to our hosting of Vettes at Waterside District the next weekend, we've moved the BYOL for May to the 2nd Friday of the month. We're doing something a little different this one time. We're going to Boujee Dogs & Cocktails located at 2951 Shore Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. They server gourmet hot dogs, side dishes, and other items. So don't pack a lunch, we'll order off of their menu.

Saturday, May 11th

Landstown Commons Cruise-in – Landstown Commons Shopping Ctr, 4:00 - 8:00PM

This is a cruise-in that our club hosts. As part of hosting, we need volunteers to help run the event! Setup/teardown of cones, banners/flags, tents, tables, and more. Being our event, all money collected for admission goes to the Seton Youth Centers charity.

Wednesday, May 15th

Beachcombers Corvette Club Board Meeting – YNot Pizza, LTC, 7:00 - 9:00PM

The BCC board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This meeting is open to all members. Discussion of issues; and past, current, and plans for future events occur over dinner. If you have an idea for a club event, send me the details or bring them to the meeting to discuss!

Friday, May 17th and Saturday, May 18th

Vettes at Waterside District – Norfolk, VA

Our club is again hosting Vettes at Waterside Drive on Saturday with a Meet-&-Greet on Friday Night. Our flyer is [here](#).

We will have a “No-Host” Friday Night Meet-&-Greet from 5:30-7:30PM within Waterside District at the main bar area on the 1st/ground floor in the central common area. Just look for the Beachcombers Corvette Club banner.

Saturday is our corvette-only car show. There will not be trophies. We will open the Valet Lane at Waterside District at 8:00AM for registration. After registration, we'll have a photo taken for each car and then direct cars to park cars on the Promenade. Cars that park on the Promenade must be parked by 10:00AM will not be able to move/leave until 4:00PM. Should anyone need to leave before 4:00PM we ask that they park in the Multi-Use Lot (MUL), which is the side lot next to Waterside District. Once maximum capacity is reached on the Promenade, parking will be directed to the MUL. We will have raffle prizes and a silent action.

We need your help! Please consider how you can make this event a success by helping with:

- Vehicle registration (10 volunteers)
- Hospitality (3 volunteers)
- 50/25/25 raffle drawing (2 volunteers)
- Traffic Control/Parking (15 volunteers)
- Photography (4 volunteers)
- Door Prizes (donations)
- Goodie Bag Items (donations)
- Silent Auction Items (donations).

Even if you cannot bring your car or volunteer to help that Saturday, you can still donate! Donations will be accepted starting now until and including that Saturday. You can bring donations to the May Business meeting or by arranging a meet with any board member.

Online registration is hosted by Eventbrite. Our Eventbrite registration link is [here](#). Our mail-in registration form is [here](#). You can bring the mail-in registration form filled out with payment at either the May business meeting. **Note that if you mail it in, it must be postmarked by May 13th. For Eventbrite on-line, the cut-off date is May 15th.**

Know that Dave Ambrose is leading this event. If you have any questions or wish to sign up for a donation or volunteer, feel free to contact Dave Ambrose or any board member.

(NEW) Saturday, May 26th

2nd Annual Cape Henry Classic – Old Cape Henry Lighthouse, 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Preservation Virginia is hosting car show at the old Cape Henry Lighthouse at Fort Story located at 583 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23459. Proceeds to benefit restoration and preservation of the old lighthouse. Join us for Fun, Games, and Classic Cars! Entry Fee is \$5.00. Registration starts at 10:00AM. Show starts at 11:00AM. Judging starts at 3:00PM. Awards at 3:30PM and must be present to accept prize. Rain date is June 1st. The flyer is [here](#). The entry form is [here](#).

Friday, May 31st through Sunday, June 2nd

Corvettes at the Beach – Myrtle Beach, SC

Hosted by the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club there were over 350 Corvettes last year. In the past, the Beachcombers have had as many as 12 cars make this trip! It's a great event with a Friday night banquet. Wade Ridgely will be leading the Beachcombers for this Event. Thank you Wade! Registration opened February 1st. The link to register either online or download the mail-in form is [here](#). The hotel will again be the Landmark Resort, phone number is 855-338-0226 and is located at 1501 S Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. A link describing discounted room rates is [here](#). When calling, mention the resort name: "Landmark Resort", group name: "Corvette Club", group reference number: "3719147". **If you plan to go, please make hotel arrangements soon!** Last year, the hotel filled early. Also know the discounted rate ends on May 1st!

Saturday is the car show with 250-300 or more Corvettes. There will be a lot of vendors and food will be available. The show is held next to "Broadway at the Beach", which is a large shopping, entertainment and food complex.

Trophy classes include: C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8(2020-2024), C8(Z06), Best of Show, Best Engine, Best Interior, Best Custom, Most Extreme, Furthest Traveled, Club Participation. Last year, Karen and Dave Ambrose brought home a Trophy!

Car show has early registration is \$30.00, after May 13th registration is \$35.00. All events registration (includes Friday Banquet) is \$130.00 per couple, \$80.00 single. Please review/download the flyer ([here](#)). The drive home is on Sunday.

If you're planning to go and in addition to the above, please sign up/RSVP on our website ([here](#)), or contact Wade or me.

HAPPENINGS BEYOND MAY

Tuesday, June 4th

Membership Business Meeting – Oberndorf Central Library, VB, 6:00 - 7:30PM

We'll be in the auditorium at the Oberndorf Central Library. All members and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:00PM. Meeting starts at 6:15PM.

(NEW) Saturday, June 8th

2024 Corvette Extravaganza – Lewes, DE, 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Our friends at the Coastal Corvette Club of Delaware are hosting their annual Corvette Extravaganza at the Burton Lewes Automall located at 17861 Coastal Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958 which is approximately 160 miles/3hr-15min by car in Lewes, Delaware. The details for this event are in the flyer [here](#). There is no pre-registration, just show up. The cost is \$20, and you'll receive a free breakfast sandwich! Know the space used for the show can hold over 300 corvettes. Registration starts at 8:00AM, show starts at 9:00AM.

Last year, several people stayed Friday night instead of having a very long Saturday (leave 5:30AM, 3hr15min drive, registration starts at 8AM, show from 9AM-2PM then 3hr15min drive home). Looking on April 30th using [hotels.com](#), here are a few hotels for Friday night: 1) The Anchorage Inn \$155 (\$172 with taxes and fees), fully refundable got a very good (8.4) rating and 2 miles from the Automall, 2) Econo Lodge (\$132/\$151) and 3) Roadway Inn (\$93/\$107) near the Automall.

This is a Corvette-Only car show benefiting the Henlopen Food Basket. There will be a 50/50, raffles, and food trucks on site. RSVP/sign-up [here](#) or contact me.

Saturday, June 15th

Landstown Commons Cruise-in – Landstown Commons Shopping Ctr, 4:00 - 8:00PM

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Wednesday, July 17th through July 20th

Black Hills Corvette Classic – South Dakota

This event has not yet been added to our Website's Event Calendar (but will be). Our fellow club member Ed Bickham spoke at the February business meeting discussing this event. The Black Hills Corvette Club (BHCC) hosts an annual event which is a drive across South Dakota! The event starts on the east side of South Dakota in Sioux Falls on Wednesday with events all day from 9:00AM-10:00PM, Thursday is the drivers meeting at 7:30AM. The caravan starts at 8:00AM to begin the 390-mile drive across the state to Spearfish on the west side of South Dakota. Arriving around 2:00PM there is hotel registration at the Holiday Inn until 5:00PM and then festivities at the hotel continue through 9:00PM. On Friday, there are guided and self-guided tours, a poker run, auto cross, a mystery brunch run, with vendors all day. The evening has a "Vette Street USA" in downtown Spearfish with a car show, entertainment, and plenty of food and drink. Then on Saturday, more guided and self-guided tours, a poker run, a dyno challenge, 70's Corvette showcase with lunch, vendors all day, culminating with an evening awards banquet and farewell party. A link describing this is [here](#). Also Motor Trend has a webpage for this event when it was held in 2018 including a video and photos. The webpage is [here](#).

Ed and other beachcombers are going. If interested, this link also has their registration and accommodations for both in Sioux Falls and Spearfish. He's been planning the hotel arrangements prior to this event to get us from here in Southeast Virginia to Sioux Falls. There is some urgency here since the Holiday Inn in Spearfish is nearly sold out for this event. You would need to book this early and hope they still have rooms. A link to the Holiday Inn's contract for the stay during this event in Spearfish is [here](#). The contract identifies the stay is not refundable after March 1st when they charge for the first night of the stay.

Overall, with the drive to Sioux Falls and then the drive back from Spearfish after the event it's a 9 or more days round trip from here in Southeast Virginia. For more information contact Ed at 757-434-3046.

(NEW) Sunday, August 4th through Thursday, August 8th

2024 NCRS National Convention, Hampton, VA

The National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) will be holding their 50th Anniversary Convention in Hampton at the Hampton Roads Convention Center (HRCC) located at 1610 Coliseum Dr, Hampton, VA 23666. If you wish to have your Corvette judged in the event, you can register [here](#). Know you must have an NCRS forum account to enter. A link to the convention schedule is [here](#). I haven't found whether or not the HRCC charges admission to this event.

Saturday, August 10th and Sunday August 11th

Carriages on West Street – Annapolis, MD

This year the weekend of Sat/Sun August 10th/11th is the Carriages on West St in Annapolis, MD. Know there are only 85 spots for cars to register in the car show. **Online Registration will open on June 3rd at 8:00AM and it is expected that all 85 spots will fill by noon!** If you plan to have your car in the show, please be ready to purchase your spot at that time! Online registration will

be [here](#). For those who went last year, let me know where you stayed so the club can better plan this road trip event. Know that even if not in the car show, it's a fun time just to be there to visit Annapolis and be part of the festivities. More to come! If you wish to travel to the event, please RSVP on our website [here](#), or contact me.

Thursday, August 22nd through Saturday, August 24th

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

If you plan to go, please make your arrangements early! A link to the Carlisle main website is [here](#). Fun field and other ticket sales are [here](#). When purchasing Fun Field tickets, ensure to select: "BEACHCOMBERS CORVETTE CLUB OF VIRGINIA BEACH" for the drop down beneath "Corvette Club". If we get 25 cars to go, we will have use of a 20ft x 20ft tent during the event. Hotel rooms become scarce as days get closer. The Corvettes at Carlisle website has a link for local hotels you can book during your stay ([here](#)). Please sign-up/RSVP on our website [here](#) or contact me so we know who's going.

Monday to Sunday, August 26th through September 1st

[2024 National Corvette Caravan – Bowling Green, KY](#)

To join our regional caravan, you need to fill out and mail in the form located [here](#) (\$150/person). Know that when you fill out this regional form to mail, you can check a box if you need a room in Bowling Green and what is your departure date from Bowling green (Sunday, September 1st). Other Beachcombers who have done so, received information about the hotel arrangements to be made in Bowling Green, Asheville and Sevierville. A link for regional caravan registrants to booking these rooms is [here](#).

For Monday, August 26th, the Asheville DoubleTree by Hilton-Biltmore at 828-274-1800 has rooms for \$139/night (plus taxes and fees). For Tuesday, August 27th, night in Sevierville, TN there are 2 hotels. We already have a beachcomber staying at the Comfort Inn at 865-933-3131 which is \$109/night (plus taxes and fees). Another hotel for Sevierville although not with the caravan is the Hampton Inn, \$129/night (plus taxes and fees) at 865-465-0590. For Bowling Green, KY the Museum events are for the 3 days of Thursday through Saturday. The Bowling Green Hampton Inn has rooms for \$219/night (\$247/night including taxes and fees). Expect to check in on Wednesday and then check out on Sunday (or earlier or later depending on your preference). To make a reservation at the Bowling Green Hampton Inn, you will have to have been registered with the regional caravan and follow the information in the registrants booking link as above.

You will also need to register at the NCM. The caravan registration link to the Museum is [here](#). The cost per person is \$50 for lifetime members, \$60 for members, and \$85 for non-members. Thank you both John Kummers and Mike McGinn for leading this event!

Sunday, September 29th

[2024 Beachcombers Fall Picnic – Currituck BBQ Company, Barco, NC](#)

Save the date! We'll be heading back to the pavilion at Currituck BBQ Company for a catered buffet. More to come.

Friday, October 18th through Sunday, October 20th

[Queen City Corvette Show – Charlotte, NC](#)

These dates have been announced. Details to follow so stay tuned. You can checkout what we did last year [here](#).

Late October

Run to the Colors – North Wilkesboro, NC

The Foothills Corvette Club (FCC) hosts the event and they have a tentative date of Sunday October 27th with a possible car show Saturday, October 26th. Once we know more, I'll plan a weekend trip spending at least Saturday night in the Wilkesboro area. Being a 5+ hour drive from Virginia Beach, it would be possible to drive home on Sunday after the run/luncheon but it would be a late home arrival. Preferred or perhaps optional would be a stay over Sunday night and drive home on Monday the 28th.

Last year, the Sunday Run to the Colors event starts at the North Wilkesboro Speedway heading north for a luncheon at the Olde Beau Resort & Golf Club in Roaring Gap, NC. All met at the speedway at 8:30AM, drivers meeting at 10:00AM, drive starts at 11:00AM. Its approximately a 1-hour drive to the Resort for lunch. The luncheon was prepaid and as \$35/person. FCC also asked for a \$10 donation for the run to benefit their charities. Once the FCC starts to publicize this event, I'll add it to our website calendar and plan the trip. If interested in participating, give me your thoughts about travel to help plan this for the club.

Friday, November 8th and Saturday, November 9th

2024 Corvette Weekend – Ocean City, MD

Our friends at the Free State Corvette Club are once again hosting their Corvette Weekend at the Inlet in Ocean City. Registration will open in early summer. Associated with this event is a drawing for a new C8 corvette. To enter the drawing, you can download the flyer and mail [here](#). The winner will be announced at the Inlet on Saturday at 2PM!

If you wish to book your room at the host hotel, the Grand Hotel Ocean City, call the hotel directly at 410-289-6191 and tell the hotel you are attending the Free State Corvette Show to receive special rates. Rooms are selling so book soon!

If you plan to visit Ocean City this weekend, even if you're not registering in any of the events, please RSVP [here](#).

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.
- Franklin, VA Cruise-Ins are resuming. They are on Wednesdays every week starting on May 1st through October 5th. These are held downtown on Main St. in front of the Fire Station. A link to their Facebook page is [here](#).

ON THE HORIZON

If you have ideas about an event for the club; send me the details, or bring it up at the next business or board meeting!

There are many events from last year which haven't yet made it to our website's event calendar. Several of these are road trips and larger local events since they require planning and probably hotel arrangements. To help better serve our club, I want your feedback on any of the events below that spark your interest so let me know! I'll be picking from these to talk at the April 2nd Business Meeting.

Club Events (dates are yet to be determined)

Chili Challenge

We're looking for anyone interested in hosting our annual Chili Challenge. There is no set date, but plan it to be in cool weather. A link to what we did last year is [here](#).

Beachcombers Holiday/Christmas Party

We always need a committee to make this event a success. It's never too early to start thinking of a venue and date. Know for the past 2 years, we've held it at the DoubleTree by Hilton near the Virginia Beach Convention Center. For ideas, last year's event listing is [here](#).

Possible Club Events (dates are yet to be determined)

Poker Run Fund Raisers

Possibly planned for the Saturdays that we host the Cruise-Ins at LTC. Have a poker runs in the area, with possibly a luncheon after the run to determine winner prior to heading to LTC for the Cruise-In. Planning for routes and participant costs would be needed. Monies raised to go to BCC Treasury and/or other organizations.

Trip to "Mayberry, NC"

Actually, it is Mount Airy, NC (300mi/5.25hr). This would be best as an overnight/weekend trip. There are many things there which are all related to the famous TV town. A weekend can be determined based upon interest.

Trip to the Virginia Distillery

A day-trip to Charlottesville, VA area (180mi/3hr) to visit the maker of "Courage & Conviction" whisky. Lunch at Michie Tavern. Joe Wryk has already committed to be the lead. We just need the date(s).

Local Areas of Interest

Have day trips. Each local day trip event would be to a historical or touristy location. For example: Yorktown Battlefield, Hampton Air and Space Museum, etc. Of course, food would be involved so also a lunch or dinner!

Possible Club Events (which already have dates or will have dates)

JBA Chevrolet Fun Show

The Corvette Annapolis club is hosting a fun show at JBA Chevrolet in Glen Burnie, Maryland (which is a suburb just south Baltimore) on June 23rd. By car, its 240 miles, 3hr 15min from Virginia Beach. See the [Corvette Annapolis](#) website here which has the details about this show and also the Carriages on West Street on August 11th (which is already on our website's event calendar and discussed above).

IMSA WeatherTech at VIR

Alton, VA (190mi/3.5hr), Friday to Sunday, August 23rd through August 25th. With Corvettes at Carlisle which overlaps this event as well as right after this event is the Corvette Caravan. What we did last year is [here](#).

Vette Fest

Held in Pidgeon Forge, TN (530mi/8hr) and sponsored by the East Tennessee Corvette Club (ETCC). Last year it was held on the weekend of September 29th and 30th. What we did last year is [here](#).

Outer Banks Corvette Festival

Held in Nags Head, NC (85mi/1.5hr) and sponsored by the Custom Classic Corvette Club (CCCC). Last year it was held on the weekend of October 6th and 7th. What we did last year is [here](#).

35th Annual All Corvette Cruise In

Manassas VA (200mi/3hr15min), Sunday, October 6th, noon-4PM. We listed this as an event last year and was held on Sunday, August 13th which conflicted with the "Carriages on West Street" event. For this year, the date was moved to October. What we did last year is [here](#).

Charity Laps at VIR

Held at VIR in Alton, VA (190mi/3.5hr). Last year it was on Friday, November 10th. What we did last year is [here](#).

Dominion Raceway "Track Attacks"

Club members have gone to a couple of these. Dominion Raceway is in Woodford/Thornburg VA which is a 130mi/2hr drive from here. Track attack days are listed on the Dominion Raceway website ([here](#)) and appear to be year-round. If someone is interested in attending any of these track attacks we can get it on the events calendar, placed in our monthly newsletter and weekly update emails. Know that other corvette clubs have organized their own corvette-only track attacks as done last year with the Battlefield Corvette Club (BCC) on Sunday, June 11th (last year is [here](#)) and the Hampton Roads Corvette Club (HRCC) on Tuesday, October 3rd (last year is [here](#)).

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