

Beachcombers Newsletter

July 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 upcoming 20 events on our 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.
- ❖ **Please plan to attend the upcoming July 2nd Membership Business Meeting!** We will be discussing and voting on our Fall Picnic at the Currituck BBQ Company on Sunday September 29th (below). We will be discussing our Holiday/Christmas party possibly held on Saturday, December 7th (below). We’ll discuss this year’s offering from the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel on Pavilion Dr, where we had this party last year. We would agree to the cost and date and vote. We will also have a guest speaker, Dwight Farmer, to discuss the upcoming NCRS 50th Anniversary Convention to be held in August in Hampton, the NCRS in general and any questions you have about the NCRS.

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 JUNE

Friday, May 31st through Sunday, June 2nd, Corvettes at the Beach – Myrtle Beach, SC

Sunday, June 2nd – Chantilly Corvette Show – Chantilly, VA

Tuesday, June 4th, Membership Business Meeting – Oberndorf Central Library

Saturday, June 8th, 2024 Corvette Extravaganza – Lewes, DE

Saturday, June 15th, Father’s Day Cruise-In at Harmony – Chesapeake, VA

Saturday, June 15th, Landstown Commons Cruise-in – LTC

Wednesday, June 26th, Wing Wednesday – Lendy's Café, VB

Saturday, June 29th, Cars Against Cancer Memorial Show for Danielle Strachan – LTC

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS IN JULY

Tuesday, July 2nd

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) Thursday, July 4th

South Norfolk 4th of July Parade – South Norfolk Baptist Church, 7:30 - 11:30AM

We will be participating in this year's 4th of July Parade put on by the South Norfolk Civic League. We are limited to four cars and each car must be decorated! This is a rain or shine event. We are in "Group B" and will stage at the South Norfolk Baptist Church at 8:00AM with the parade stepping off at 10AM. The church is located at 1101 Chesapeake Ave, Chesapeake, VA 23324. After the parade if you're interested, there is a "picnic in the park" gathering at Lakeside Park located at 1441 Bainbridge Blvd, Chesapeake, VA 23324.

We will meet at 7:30AM at Greenbrier Mall next to Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant. We'll roll at 7:45AM to proceed to the church. If interested, please RSVP at our website ([here](#)), or contact me.

(NEW) Sunday, July 7th

Dad's and Dame's Cruise In at the Vero at Chesapeake Senior Living – 11:00AM-1:00PM

Let's join the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads to brighten the day by visiting with the residents and staff at the Vero Senior Living located at 757 Cedar Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322. Open to all makes and models.

Saturday, July 13th

Landstown Commons Cruise-in – 4:00 - 8:00PM

This is a cruise-in that our club hosts.

Wednesday, July 17th through July 20th

Black Hills Corvette Classic – South Dakota

The Black Hills Corvette Club (BHCC) hosts an annual event which is a drive across South Dakota! Several club members have planned to attend. 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. Also Motor Trend has a

webpage for this event when it was held in 2018 including a video and photos. The webpage is [here](#).

Overall, with the drive to Sioux Falls and then the drive back from Spearfish after the event it's a 9-day (or more) round trip. If interested, this link ([here](#)) has their registration and accommodations for both in Sioux Falls and Spearfish. Before booking, please contact Ed Bickham at 757-434-3046 help to coordinate the trip.

Wednesday, July 17th

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! Let Mike Salonga or I know ahead of time so your details can be included in the agenda.

(UPDATE) Friday, July 19th

Bring Your Own Lunch – Great Neck Park, noon – 1:30PM

Join us at noon at Great Neck Park in Virginia Beach located at 2513 Shorehaven Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Once you pass the Great Neck Rec Center, enter the park and drive two-thirds of the way around the loop. We'll be at the pavilion near the basketball courts. There is no RSVP for this event, just show up. Pack your favorite lunch and beverage and we'll see you there!

(NEW) Saturday, July 27th

Virginia Air and Space Science Center Day Trip – NASA Langley, Hampton, 10AM - 3PM

Looking at the VASC website ([here](#)), it looks to be a fun family day trip! I've always had an interest in Space and am always eager to learn more. I've contacted the VASC to see how best to accommodate our group. After our visit, we'll have optional late lunch at the Grey Goose Restaurant ([here](#)) within walking distance. Full price admission tickets to include all exhibits and one 45-minute IMAX film are: Adult-\$22.50, Senior (65+)-\$20.50, Active Military/NASA-\$19.50, Children (3-18)-\$19.00, Children under 3-free. I hope to get a group of 10 or more. If we do, we'll receive the group discounts which is \$21, \$19, \$18, and \$17 respectively. For those on Southside we can meet at 10:00AM behind the Bojangles at the Southern Shopping Center off of I-64 located at 7519 Tidewater Dr, Norfolk, VA 23505. We would depart at 10:15AM to arrive at the VASC around 10:30AM. The VASC is located at 600 Settlers Landing Rd, Hampton, VA 23669. For those not wanting to meet at Bojangles can meet at the VASC between 10:30 and 11:00AM. We'll then begin 3-hour visit at 11:00AM. The first two hours to tour the exhibits, then the 3rd hour at 1PM to see the IMAX movie "Astronaut Oceans to Orbit". We'll leave at 2PM to head to the restaurant. After the luncheon, we'll go our own way. If interested in going, please RSVP at our website [here](#), or contact me.

HAPPENINGS BEYOND JULY

Saturday, August 3rd

13th Annual Extortion 17 Ride – Lendy's Café, 9:00AM - noon

We will be participating in this annual ride. The Virginia Patriot Guard (VPG) organizes this event every year. We have the Virginia Beach Police escort the ride which encircles Virginia Beach. We start at Lendy's Cafe. There we will have a brief ceremony with an Honor Guard, singing the National Anthem, a benediction, and the Frogmen MC will be reading the names of

the 30 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and 1 Military Service Dog who gave their ultimate sacrifice defending our freedom. For those who do not know Extortion 17 refers to the call sign used for the helicopter transporting special ops personnel which was shot down over Afghanistan on August 6th, 2011. [Here is a link to a good write up about this tragedy](#). Once the ride is over, you can go or stay at Lendy's Cafe for lunch and beverages.

Know that we may be asked to carry gold star family members, so let me know if you will have an empty seat and are willing. The VPG needs to know the number of cars attending so they can rope off an area for us to park upon arrival. Please RSVP at our website [here](#), or contact me.

Sunday, August 4th through Thursday, August 8th

[2024 NCRS National Convention, Hampton, VA](#)

The National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) will be hosting their 50th Anniversary Convention at the Hampton Roads Convention Center located at 1610 Coliseum Dr, Hampton, VA 23666. **We will have a guest speaker, Dwight Farmer, at our July Business meeting on July 2nd.** Dwight Farmer lives in Suffolk and has quite a corvette background!!! ... He has been a member of NCRS since 1981 and was a founding member of the Mid-Atlantic chapter. He was a team lead for judging of 58-60 Corvettes. He was a founding member of our National Corvette Museum. He is a former President and VP of the NCM. He currently owns a 1960 he purchased from original, a fully documented restored 1959 fuelie, a 1967 427/400 Tri-power AC convertible with 40,000 original miles, a 2019 ZR1 purchased new. At our meeting he'll talk about the NCRS, the convention, and answer any questions you may have about the convention and the NCRS.

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](#).

During the convention, we have a unique opportunity to purchase a heavy duty 4 post above ground lift at a big savings. The model is Advantage HD-9, 9,000lb capacity ALI certified heavy-duty lift. The lift includes a set of drip trays, a rolling jack tray and a set of caster wheels. The lifts are being offered at below wholesale cost for \$5,000. each. The lifts must be removed by the end of Thursday August 8th. For information or questions, you may contact Mark Tulley at MTULLEYLIFTMAN@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 516-841-6376.

Tuesday, August 6th

[Membership Business Meeting](#) – Oberndorf Central Library, VB, 6:00 - 7:30PM

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

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. Registration has ended. Know the show has only 85 spots for cars and all spots have been filled. 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. If you wish to travel to the event, please RSVP at our website event link above, or contact me.

Saturday, August 10th

[Landstown Commons Cruise-in](#) – 4:00 - 8:00PM

This is a cruise-in that our club hosts.

(NEW) Saturday, August 17th

32nd Khedive Autos Fun and Shine Car Show – Chesapeake, VA, 10AM - 3:00PM

If you wish to roll in to the show together, we'll meet at 8:30AM at Greenbrier Mall next to Abuelos Mexican Restaurant. We'll leave for the show at 8:45AM to arrive at the Shrine Center at 9:00AM. There is a Craft Show inside the air-conditioned Shrine Center. Please RSVP at our website [here](#) or contact me.

Wednesday, August 21st

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

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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](#). **Know the Gate 'N Go deadline is July 10th**. After this date, tickets will be full price, and you will not receive a postal mailing with your passes. By registering prior to this day, you will receive a postal mailing with your passes which saves time to get on the fairgrounds when you arrive. 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 at our website event [here](#), or contact me. We want to know who's going (and when) so we can plan group travel and get-togethers while there!

Friday, August 23rd through Sunday, August 25th

IMSA WeatherTech at VIR – Alton, VA

We had 7 cars that went last year. Know that Wade Ridgely has purchase the 3-day Corvette Corral tickets for two to anyone interested. Current value is \$330. He is asking \$280. Wade's phone is: 757-285-4296. Please sign-up/RSVP at our website [here](#), or contact me.

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!

Saturday, August 31st

[Boulevard of Wheels Custom Car Show](#) – Janaf Shopping Ctr, Norfolk, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Our friends at the Street Dreams Corvette Club will be hosting their 16th Annual Boulevard of Wheels Custom Car Show. This show is sponsored by Discount Tire, and hosted by UNO Pizzeria & Grill, Location (Janaf Shopping Center/UNO Pizzeria & Grill) 5900 E. Virginia Beach Blvd Norfolk, VA 23502.

The show is open to all makes and models including motorcycles/slingshots. \$25 Pre-Registration fee, \$30 day of show. Rain date is September 7th. Free to spectators. There will be a Meet and Greet at UNO Pizzeria and Grill on Friday night August 30th from 6pm-10pm.

The flyer is [here](#). The registration form is [here](#).

Thursday, September 5th through Sunday, September 8th

[Vettes versus the Dragon 2024](#) – Fontana Dam, NC

Vettes versus the Dragon and Smoky Mountain Drives are sponsoring an event in the area surrounding the famous “Tail of the Dragon”. This 3-day corvette-only rain-or-shine event includes over 600 miles of epic mountain driving. Tickets are \$199 for car and driver which a catered dinner on Friday, a Vettes versus the Dragon T-shirt, event packet with detailed route map, and more. For a passenger, the cost is \$30 which includes the T-shirt and Friday dinner.

The event is limited to 100 corvettes and you must provide a valid Driver's License, proof of Insurance and be 18 years or older to drive. The host hotel is the Fontana Village Resort located at 300 Woods Rd, Fontana Dam, NC 28733. The drive from Greenbrier Mall to the Resort is 500+ miles (8+ hours). More detail in the link above. If you wish to travel to the event, please RSVP at our website [here](#), or contact me.

(NEW) Saturday, September 7th

Poker Run - LTC

We are planning a poker run that we host the same Saturday as when we host the Cruise-In at LTC. This would be open to all makes and models. We would start and end at Landstown Commons Shopping Center. The fee would be approximately \$20/vehicle, option to purchase addition cards for draw poker. There would be a \$500 purse to pay the top 10 poker hands to be awarded during the cruise-in. We will be planning the routes and participant costs. Monies raised to go to BCC Treasury and cover the \$3 fee for the LTC Cruise-In we host that day. Our rain date would be the next cruise-in we host which is Saturday, October 5th. More to come.

Saturday, September 7th

[Landstown Commons Cruise-in](#) – 3:00 - 7:00PM

This is a cruise-in that our club hosts. Note for September and October the time shifts to be earlier in the day from 4:00 - 8:00PM to 3:00 - 7:00PM!

(Date Change) Friday, September 13th

Bring Your Own Lunch – TBD, 12:00 - 1:30PM

Date has changed from September 20th to not conflict with participation in the Oceana Air Show.

(NEW) Friday, September 20th through Sunday, September 22nd

2024 Oceana Air Show – Naval Air Base Oceana

Save the dates! Details to follow. Once all of the details are known, I'll create the RSVPs for sign-up, so stay tuned!!! Know we will have sign-ups for each of the 3 days and we will be bringing 8 cars each day. Drivers/passengers will need to be vetted in advance. Excluded from vetting are participants with DOD/Military IDs.

Thursday, September 26th through Sunday September 29th

45th Annual Vette Fest – Pidgeon Forge, TN

The East Tennessee Corvette Club (ETCC) has announced their annual event held in Pidgeon Forge, TN (530mi/8hr) at the Glenstone Lodge (\$134/night plus taxes and fees). The event is \$95/couple, \$85/single (includes T-shirt(s), Friday Meet-&-Greet, Saturday car show and Sock Hop). If you're interested in attending details (to include the mail in registration) are on our website at the event link above. Also, please RSVP at our website [here](#), or contact me.

(NEW) Saturday, September 28th

2024 Neptune Festival Grand Parade – Oceanfront

Our application will be submitted shortly. Presumably, we will be participating. I'll be adding an event to our calendar with an RSVP to sign up to participate. We'll be limited to 10 cars. This will be a rain or shine event.

Sunday, September 29th

2024 Beachcombers Fall Picnic – Currituck BBQ Company, Barco, NC

We'll be heading back to the pavilion at Currituck BBQ Company for a catered buffet. We have received the catering contract which has the same cost per-person as last year. The buffet includes: Pork BBQ, sliced beef brisket, fried chicken, ribs, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, hushpuppies, banana pudding, buns and sauces, sweet and unsweet tea, lemonade, water, and ice. Disposable plates, utensils, cups, and napkins will be provided. We will have a poker run, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. We'll discuss at the July 2nd business meeting and vote to agree to the total cost and the cost per person. From last year, the individual costs were as follow: \$15 per member, \$15 for a member's 1st guest, then \$35 for each additional guest and would expect the same for this year.

Saturday, October 12th

Exclusive Auto Show and Shop – Norfolk Premium Outlets, 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Our friends at the Custom Classic Corvette Club (CCCC) are hosting their annual event at the Norfolk Premium Outlets mall. Their car show is open to all makes and models. The cost is \$25 if preregistered early before September 2nd. Day of event is \$35. There will be food and merchandise vendors, various car awards, DJ, Raffles, 50/50 drawing and more! First 100 registrations will be entered in a raffle for a 55" TV. You can preregister online [here](#). A link to the mail-in registration form is [here](#).

Friday, October 18th through Sunday, October 20th

Queen City Corvette Show – Charlotte, NC

Online registration is open. Cost for the show on Saturday is \$30, VIP parking is \$70 (limited to 50 spots). If you plan to go, you can register with QCCC at our web event link above. More to come, so stay tuned. If you wish to travel to the event, please RSVP at our website [here](#), or contact me.

(UPDATE) Saturday, October 26th and Sunday, October 27th

Run to the Colors – North Wilkesboro, NC

The Foothills Corvette Club (FCC) is expected to hosts their annual event as indicated from their recent newsletters. The date for the Run is Sunday, October 27th with a possible car show on Saturday, October 26th. I'm still hopeful to hear from them before long with details, but being concerned about hotels filling in the area, it is best to book a refundable room now. It may be best to book at least Friday and Saturday nights the 25th and 26th. Then for Sunday after the run, it's 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. Optionally a stay over Sunday night near the luncheon location (or back in N. Wilkesboro) and drive home on Monday the 28th.

Last year, the Sunday Run to the Colors event started at the North Wilkesboro Speedway ([here](#)) 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 needed to be prepaid with a cost of \$35/person. FCC also asked for a \$10 donation for the run to benefit their charities. A link to their last year's flyer ([here](#)).

Looking at hotels in the Wilkesboro area, many are already full. We already have a club member booked at the Holiday Inn in Wilkesboro located at 1700 Winkler St, Wilkesboro, NC 28697 (9 miles from the speedway). Looking there for Fri/Sat nights on hotels.com there is has the nightly rate at \$229/night (for King only) (total with taxes/fees is \$518), double/queens are sold out. The hotel's phone number is: 336-838-1800. Going right to the hotel's website ([here](#)), same non-member price. Looking at the Quality Inn near the Speedway ([here](#)), phone#: 336-838-1000, the refundable 2-double room is \$90/night (\$203 with taxes/fees). Other hotels within 20mi (with refundable rates) from the Speedway nightly/total: Red Roof-\$179/\$405, Hampton Inn-\$220/\$497, Quality Inn Jonesville-\$116/261.

Once the FCC starts to publicize this event and the details are known, I'll add it to our website calendar and further plan the trip.

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 at our website [here](#).

(NEW) Monday, November 11th

Veterans Day Parade – Oceanfront

Our application has been approved and we will be participating. I'll be adding an event to our calendar with an RSVP to sign up to participate. We'll be limited to 10 cars. This will be a rain or shine event.

(NEW) Saturday, December 7th ???

Holiday/Christmas Party – DoubleTree by Hilton, VB

We have reached out to the DoubleTree and we have met the new Director of Catering. Fortunately, there was a recent cancellation for Saturday, December 7th for which she is now holding for us until after our July 2nd business meeting. They have two other possible dates as of June 18th. These dates are Friday, December 13th and Friday, December 20th. We have a minimum of a \$6,000 food and beverage order. We were looking at buffet like last year serving 3 proteins, 1 starch, 1 vegetable, salad, rolls, condiments, hors d'oeuvres trays, cheeses/fruits/berries, desserts, coffee and iced tea. We have until 30 days prior to determine the menu and until 7 days prior to determine attendance. We will have a block of rooms for our group for those who wish to stay overnight. Last year each room was \$109/night (plus taxes and fees) and we were verbally quoted to be \$99/night (plus taxes and fees). Still to do is the identify the cost of a hospitality room (on the 12th floor) for the after party as in years past. The club typically allocates \$3,500 from our annual budget and then uses a portion of dues collected for membership in November and other monies collected through the year (to include proceeds from Vettes at Waterside District, as well as inviting sponsors to attend the party to defray the per-person cost. The costs last year were \$35/member, \$35/first guest, \$60/non-member. We will be discussing the details at the July 2nd business meeting to determine if the club wishes to proceed and contract with the DoubleTree again, or choose a different venue. Last year, our party was at the DoubleTree and was held on Saturday, December 16th.

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 possibly 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!

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](#).

Possible Club Events (dates are yet to be determined)

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)

MVP Track Time @ VIR

MVP (www.mvptracktime.com) is hosting a track event at VIR in Alton, VA on July 13th and July 14th. MVP hosts track time on tracks around the country. See their website for more information.

Chesapeake Bay Balloon Festival

Cordova, MD (195mi/3hr40min) Sunday, August 25th through Tuesday, August 27th. Held at the Triple Creek Winery located at 11138 Three Bridge Branch Rd, Cordova, MD 21625. A link to this rain or shine event 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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