Beachcombers Newsletter August 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.
- ❖ We are all set for our Fall Picnic to be held at the Currituck BBQ Co in Barco, NC on Sunday, September 29th (see the event write-up below). You can sign-up online or at either the August 6th or September 2nd business meetings where you can also pay. Payments can be cash, or check/money order made out to the Beachcombers Corvette Club. The cost is \$15/member, \$15/first guest, \$35/each additional guest. If you prefer, you can mail your payment to the club at the address:

Beachcombers Corvette Club P.O. Box 6721 Virginia Beach, VA 23456

❖ Our Holiday/Christmas Party is booked for Saturday, December 7th from 6:00-11:00PM! We will be having it at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Virginia Beach on Pavilion Dr (where it was held last year). We have a block of rooms for that Saturday night for \$99/room (plus taxes and fees). Do you have an idea for this year's theme? Last year it was Hawaiian. If you have an idea, let the board know! As of now, we are accepting website sign-ups only. We will begin sign-ups at our monthly business meetings starting with the October 1st meeting. For details, see the event write-up below. Know that the party is after membership renewal starts. We will begin accepting membership renewals at the October 1st meeting also.

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 SINCE OUR LAST MEETING

Thursday, July 4th – South Norfolk 4th of July Parade, South Norfolk Baptist Church

Sunday, July 7th – Dad's and Dame's Cruise In at the Vero at Chesapeake Senior Living

Wednesday, July 17th through July 20th – Black Hills Corvette Classic, South Dakota

Saturday, July 27th – Virginia Air and Space Science Center Day Trip, Hampton

Saturday, August 3rd – 13th Annual Extortion 17 Ride, Lendy's Café

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS IN AUGUST

Sunday, August 4th through Thursday, August 8th
2024 NCRS 50th National Convention, Hampton, VA

We have planned a day trip for Wednesday, August 7th to visit the convention! After conversation with Dwight Farmer (who was our guest speaker at the July business meeting), he indicated that Tuesday or Wednesday would be the best days to attend. As a result, we have a group trip to the convention for Wednesday. We plan to arrive at the Convention Center around 9AM to park and enter. We'll spend as long as we wish with a break for lunch possibly there at the convention or nearby; we can decide while there. Also, when ready to leave we can depart as a group or individually. For Southsiders considering traffic at the HRBT, we should leave 2-3PM to head home. For those wishing to go we can expect to pay \$5.00/car to park and then \$10/person donation to enter the Convention. No need to drive your Corvette; of course, unless you want to! Southsider beachcombers can meet Bill Kaelin at 7:45AM behind the Bojangles at the Southern Shopping Center located at 7519 Tidewater Dr, Norfolk, VA 23505 (the near the interchange of I-64 and Tidewater Dr). We'll roll at 8:00AM and head to the convention center to hopefully arrive before 9AM. Suffolk beachcombers can meet Ed Bickham at 8:00AM the Applebee's located at 103 Lake View Pkwy, Suffolk, VA 23435. Or... if you prefer, just meet the group at the convention center at 9AM, just let me know your choice so we can meet up upon arrival. The Hampton Roads Convention Center is located at 1610 Coliseum Dr, Hampton, VA 23666. If interested, please RSVP at our website event link here, at the August 6th business meeting, or contact me!

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

<u>Membership Business Meeting</u> – 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 here, or contact me.

Saturday, August 10th

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

This is a cruise-in that our club hosts.

(UPDATE) Friday, August 16th

Bring Your Own Lunch - Princess Anne Commons Gateway Park, VB, 12:00 - 1:30PM

We'll be heading to the Princess Anne Commons Gateway Park located at 3470 Dam Neck Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23453. The park is diagonally across the intersection of Dam Neck Rd and Princess Anne Rd from the Landstown Common Shopping Center (where we hold our Saturday cruise-ins). The park's entrance is on Dam Neck Rd. Pack a lunch and we'll see you there!

(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, at our August 6th business meeting, or contact me.

Wednesday, August 21st

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.

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), at our August 6th business meeting, 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. 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 Pizzaria and Grill on Friday night August 30th from 6pm-10pm.

The flyer is <u>here</u>. The registration form is <u>here</u>.

HAPPENINGS BEYOND AUGUST

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, 2:00 - 5:00PM

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 is \$25/vehicle. Anticipated payouts would be \$250 for best hand, \$150 for 2nd best, \$100 for third. Our rain date would be the next cruise-in we host which is Saturday, October 5th. The preliminary flyer is here (QR code not functional). 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 to 3:00 - 7:00PM and is no longer from 4:00 - 8:00PM!

(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. No location yet. If you have an idea, please let me know!

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

2024 Oceana Air Show - Naval Air Base Oceana, Virginia Beach

This year's air show theme is "Educate, Inspire, Soar" and we have RSVP/sign-ups for each of the 3 days. We will need 8 cars on both Saturday and Sunday, and can have up to 8 cars on Friday. This is a rain-or-shine event. Drivers/passengers will need to be vetted in advance. Excluded from vetting are participants with DOD/Military IDs, but we still need your ID#. Please RSVP at our event link here, at an upcoming business meeting, or contact me.

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). This year's theme is "1950s Birth of a Legend". If you're interested in attending details (to include the mail in registration) are on our website at the event link above.

(NEW) Saturday, September 28th

Neptune Festival Grand Parade - Virginia Beach Oceanfront

We're participating in the Neptune Festival Grand Parade at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront again this year. We have room for 10 cars. Information about the parade is here. The parade is from 11:30AM – 1:00PM. We'll be staging at 9:30AM at the parking lot across General Booth Boulevard from Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center and roll to the parade at 9:45AM. The staging lot has no street address! So use the address of the Virginia Aquarium and Museum Science Center which is 717 General Booth Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

There is a traffic light there, the staging lot is on the ocean (east) side of General Booth Blvd. The group can decide while staging if there will be a lunch somewhere after our parade participation ends. This is a rain or shine event. If you want to participate in the parade, RSVP at our event here, at an upcoming business meeting, or contact me.

Sunday, September 29th

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

We are heading back to the pavilion at Currituck BBQ Company for a catered buffet at their pavilion. 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. The individual costs are as follow: \$15 per member, \$15 for a member's 1st guest, then \$35 for each additional guest. Currituck BBQ Company is located at 4467 Caratoke Hwy, Barco, NC 27917. You can RSVP at our website event here, at an upcoming business meeting, or contact me. For payment, you can bring cash, or check/money order made out to Beachcombers Corvette Club to an upcoming business meeting, or mail your payment to:

Beachcombers Corvette Club P.O. Box 6721 Virginia Beach, VA 23456

(NEW) Thursday, October 3rd

Corvette Only Track Attack – Dominion Raceway, Woodford VA, 9:00AM - 5:00PM

As with last year, Ken Holley of the Hampton Roads Corvette Club has organized a Corvette-only "Track Attack" day at Dominion Raceway. Dominion Raceway near Fredericksburg, VA is about a 2.5-hour drive from Virginia Beach. Several Beachcombers went last year. Please look at what we did at last year's event here to give you a flavor of what is in store. If you're interested, please contact Ken directly for details. There is no RSVP on our website for this event. Once you register through him, he'll let me know.

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, at an upcoming business meeting, or contact me.

Saturday, October 26th and Sunday, October 27th

Run to the Colors - North Wilkesboro, NC

The Foothills Corvette Club (FCC) will host the event on Sunday, October 27th with a possible car show Saturday, October 26th. 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.

This year's Run will again head north to have a luncheon at the Olde Beau Resort & Golf Club in Roaring Gap, NC. Not confirmed, but expected that the Run will meet at the North Wilkesboro Speedway at 8:30AM, have a drivers' meeting at 10:00AM then the Run/drive start at 11:00AM. Its approximately a 1-hour drive to the Olde Beau Resort for lunch. From last year, the luncheon was prepaid and was \$35/person. FCC also asked for a \$10 donation for the run to benefit their charities. I recommend to not wait until all FCC activities for this weekend are confirmed and reserve a refundable hotel room for Friday, September 25th and Saturday, September 26th. Then optionally Sunday night, September 27th. Sunday night could be back at your hotel in the Wilkesboro area, near the Olde Beau Resort near Roaring Gap, NC or somewhere else on the way home. I have some hotel information at our website link above. If planning to go please RSVP at our website link here, or contact me.

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, at an upcoming business meeting, or contact me.

(NEW) Monday, November 11th

Veterans Day Parade – Oceanfront

Our application has been approved and we will be participating. Soon, 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.

(UPDATE) Saturday, December 7th

2024 Holiday/Christmas Party - DoubleTree by Hilton, VB, 6:00 - 11:00PM

We are having our annual Holiday/Christmas party at the DoubleTree by Hilton where we held last year's party. Do you have an idea for a theme for the party? Last year we were Hawaiian. If you have an idea, please let a board member know! We will have the same buffet as 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 (November 7th) to determine the menu/buffet-items and until 7 days prior (November 30th) to determine the headcount.

If you wish to stay overnight at the hotel, the room rate for the night is \$99 plus taxes and fees. Here is the link to book your room directly: BEACHCOMBERS CC (hilton.com). This discounted

rate is available until November 9th! The link only has king beds for \$99 (plus taxes and fees). Book the king room online and then call the DoubleTree's main number to change to two doubles, if desired. You can also book your room at this discounted rate by calling the DoubleTree's main number at 757-422-8900 then mention you're attending the Beachcomber Holiday/Christmas party on December 7th. We will have one, maybe two hospitality suites on the 12th floor for the after party as in years past.

For the party, we are keeping the individual member cost at \$35. A member couple cost is \$70. Each non-member cost is \$60. We have RSVP/sign-ups on our website (here). We will have signups starting at the October 1st meeting along with accepting payment.

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).

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

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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