

Beachcombers Newsletter

September 2024



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

BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ **We are all set for our Fall Picnic!** Which will 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 the September 3rd business meetings where you can also pay. More detail is below and on our website. 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 (postmarked no later than September 20th) your payment to the club at the address:

Beachcombers Corvette Club
P.O. Box 6721
Virginia Beach, VA 23456
- ❖ **Board Positions and Nominations!** Our by-laws have us completing a slate of officers for nomination at the September 3rd business meeting! If you have ideas for nominations or wish to be on the Board next year, please forward to our Nominating Committee (Dave Ambrose or Al Plotnik... and thanks to both of you!). Know that for next year’s Board, we have two office vacancies which must be filled: President, and Events Vice President. Also know that all Board positions are open for new nominees including: Membership Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Once the slate of nominees is complete for all five board offices, the election process continues with the October 1st business to give each nominee opportunity to talk during the October 1st business and the vote/election during the November business meeting. Elected board members/officers are official seated at the December business meeting.
- ❖ **Membership Renewal-** We are accepting membership renewals now... being hopeful that we have a full slate of officers at the October 1st meeting. For payment, the Fall Picnic discussed above explains payment options which would also be at any of the upcoming business meetings. For membership renewal, the cost is \$90 per member, \$100 for two members in the same family. This includes the dues for NCCC membership. Please have payments made to the club at any upcoming business meeting to include the November business meeting. You can pay by mail as discussed above for the Fall Picnic, but please have it post marked no later than November 15th!
- ❖ **Our Holiday/Christmas Party is booked for Saturday, December 7th from 6:00-11:00PM!** Our party will again be 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). Last year’s theme was Hawaiian. Do you have an idea for this year’s theme or wish to be on the party committee? Let the board know! We are accepting payment for

the Christmas Party which is \$35/person, \$70/member-couple and \$65 for each additional guest. For details, see the event write-up below.

- ❖ **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.

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

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

Saturday, August 10th and Sunday August 11th, Carriages on West Street – Annapolis, MD

Saturday, August 17th, 32nd Khedive Autos Fun and Shine Car Show – Chesapeake, VA

Thursday, August 22nd through Saturday, August 24th, Corvettes at Carlisle – Carlisle, PA

Friday, August 23rd through Sunday, August 25th, IMSA WeatherTech at VIR – Alton, VA

Monday to Sunday, August 26th thru Sept 1st, National Corvette Caravan – Bowling Green, KY

Saturday, August 31st, Boulevard of Wheels Custom Car Show – Janaf Shopping Ctr, Norfolk

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 5th through Sunday, September 8th

Vettes versus the Dragon 2024 – Fontana Dam, NC

This year's event has sold out! 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. After this year's event, Smoky Mountain Drives will announce the dates for next year.

Saturday, September 7th

Landstown Commons Cruise-in – LTC, 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 and is now 3:00 - 7:00PM. It is no longer from 4:00 - 8:00PM!

(UPDATE) Wednesday, September 11th

23rd Annual Patriot Day Memorial Ride – 9:02AM - 12:02PM, Elizabeth City, NC

If you liked the Extortion 17 memorial ride on August 3rd you may be interested in this ride! Our friends at the Virginia Patriot Guard have a ride in remembrance of events from 9/11/2001. This NEVER FORGET escorted ride will start at the Dismal Swamp Canal State Park (located at 2294 US-17, South Mills, NC 27976). From there drive through Camden ending in downtown Elizabeth City. The ride should last between ½-hour and 45 minutes and is open to all vehicles. A link to this event on Facebook is [here](#). The event flyer is [here](#).

We need to arrive at park at 8:30AM. The event starts at 9:02AM. The briefing starts at 9:37AM, at 9:59AM will be an invocation by the Chesapeake Fire Chaplain then a moment of silence. The run starts rolling at 10:15AM. It'll take 20 minutes for all to rollout of the park and start heading for Camden. The ride will be escorted by several local NC police departments to include county, Elizabeth City, and Currituck. The ride ends in downtown Elizabeth City at the Chief Petty Officers Association (the CPOA is located at 514 Caldwell St, Elizabeth City, NC 27909) which is near the Perry Performance Chevrolet dealership. The CPOA will be sponsoring a BBQ lunch there and while staged at the park we will be asked if we wish to attend the BBQ so an appropriate amount of food can be prepared. I don't have the cost for the BBQ, but plan to attend.

We will meet at the New York Bagel Company (located at 200 N Battlefield Blvd, Ste 1, Chesapeake, VA 23320) at 7:45AM and sign our NCCC waiver. If you wish, get there earlier to purchase breakfast (they open at 6:30AM). We'll leave at 8:00AM and head for the park. If you prefer, you can just meet us at the park at 8:30AM.

If interested, please RSVP at our website event link [here](#), at the September business meeting, or contact me. Know that if the weather is bad, the ride may be canceled. Check back at our website's event for updates or contact me.

(Date Change) Friday, September 13th

Bring Your Own Lunch – Woodstock Park, VB, noon - 1:30PM

Date has changed from September 20th to not conflict with participation in the Oceana Air Show. We'll be heading back to Woodstock Park located at 5709 Providence Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. See you there!

(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". Know we will 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 and we will be bringing 8 cars on Friday. The VPG vignette will open the show at 10:00AM each day and our cars provide escort for dignitaries.

The VPG will have a special guest! Richard Petty's grandson, Thad, will be participating in our vignette on Saturday and Sunday! He will be in his NASCAR truck and parked alongside our group. A link to read a little about Thad is [here](#).

This is a rain-or-shine event; and all drivers and passengers will need to be vetted in advance (which is full name and VA driver's license number). Know that it may be too late to sign up. I had no warning and needed to submit our vetting paperwork. Hopefully we can sign up more. Excluded from vetting are participants with DOD/Military IDs. **We still need cars for Friday and Sunday!!!** Please RSVP at our event link [here](#), at the September 3rd business meeting, or contact me. I'll let all who will be participating via email the weekend before the air show. You can always call me if you have any questions.

If attending the air show, please stop by! We will be parked among the spectators but far left of show center. Look for a pop-up with our Beachcomber banners!

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 event link above, at the September 3rd business meeting, or contact me.

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! Therefore, 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 the September 3rd 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 the September 3rd business meeting, or mail your payment (please no postmarks after September 20th) to:

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HAPPENINGS BEYOND SEPTEMBER

(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 Ken, he’ll let me know.

(UPDATE) Saturday, October 5th

Poker Run – LTC, 2:00 - 5:00PM

We are hosting our poker run the same Saturday as when we host the Cruise-In at LTC. We would start and end at Landstown Commons shopping center. The fee is \$25/vehicle and is open to all makes and models. Best hand pays \$250, 2nd paying \$150, and 3rd paying \$100.

Our updated flyer is [here](#). Rules and information and rules are [here](#). or by the QR code on our flyer. If you wish to participate, you may purchase tickets at Eventbrite [here](#) or bring cash to the event.

Saturday, October 5th

Landstown Commons Cruise-in – LTC, 3:00 - 7:00PM

Note the time is now from 3-7PM! This is a cruise-in that our club hosts and is our last hosting for the year. Please attend and support our club and charity!

Sunday, October 6th

35th Annual All Corvette Cruise-In – Manassas, VA, 11:00AM - 3:00PM

This is the 35th anniversary of the All Corvette Cruise-In in Manassas Virginia. It’s our 35th Anniversary! Since 1990 the Cruise-In has taken place, rain or shine, balmy weather or heat, even during the pandemic.

It’s also a big year for change: The All Corvette Cruise-In is moving! Not the location, which remains Bomnin Chevrolet, but the day. This year we will be holding the event on **Sunday, October 6th**. It’s been held in August for so long we thought we’d better get the news of this change out early so everyone can plan accordingly. We’re also changing the time. **We’re starting earlier, at 11:00**, so those coming from far away can get an earlier start home.

Holding it in October gets us out of the summer heat and humidity; and holding it on Sunday gives us more parking. less interference from folks bringing their pickup trucks in for service, and gives those who work on Saturday a chance to join in. And we’re moving back to the front parking lot, where we’ll get more visibility and attract more visitors.

We’ll have plenty of parking available, along with great food, great people, great music, door prizes, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and more. With a \$25 donation, you’ll receive a goodie bag, a magnetic dash plaque, and a door prize ticket. [Register and pay online](#) by September 29th and save \$5. All ‘profits’ from the show benefit local charities and the NCM. (Yes, we’ve raised our requested donation a bit. The costs of putting on the show have gone up, but mostly we want to better support our charities.)

Registration is now open at the ODCC website: [All Corvette Cruise-in Registration](#)

Their flyer is [here](#). If you’re interested in going, RSVP below.

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.

(NEW) Saturday, October 19th

12th Air & Auto Classic – Military Aviation Museum, VB

The 12th Air & Auto Classic charity car show will be held on 19 October 2024 from 11:00AM-4:00PM at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach (1341 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23457). It's a great opportunity to show off your pride and joy, check out the fabulous aviation museum and its collection of vintage aircraft, and contribute to some great charitable organizations.

The show is open to Foreign and Domestic, Vintage, Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Race Cars, Sports Cars, and Late model cars/trucks of all makes and types. "If you're proud of it, bring it." Come out and enjoy live music, vintage aircraft, camaraderie and some friendly car show competition.

Registration for car show participants (pre-registration not required for Regular or Corral parking): Regular Registration is \$30 which includes admission to the entire museum for everyone in your car, along with an Air & Auto Classic 12 dash plaque for the first 100 registrants. You can register on-line [here](#). For other types of registration and additional details, visit our website event entry link above.

(NEW) Saturday, October 26th

LTC Creepy Car Show – LTC, 10:00AM - 3:00PM

A link to last year's event is [here](#). The Facebook link is [here](#).

(NEW) Saturday, October 26th

Landstown Commons Cruise-in and Trunk or Treat – LTC, 3:00 - 7:00PM

This is the last cruise-in of the season! During this cruise-in also hosts the annual "Trunk-Or-Treat" event from 4:00-6:00PM. Cruise-ins will resume in the Spring.

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.

(NEW) Friday, November 8th

Charity Laps at VIR – VIR, Alton, VA

What we did last year is [here](#). Benefits Victory Junction, a camp for chronically ill children started by NASCAR's Petty Family. For \$25 you can drive your own car on the 3.27-mile full course for 15-20 minutes. This event takes place rain or shine. Tickets are not available for advance purchase. I'll be adding this event with all the details on our website's calendar soon.

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.

(UPDATE) Monday, November 11th

Veterans Day Parade – Oceanfront, 8:00AM - 1:00PM

Our application has been approved and we will be participating. We'll be limited to 10 cars. This will be a rain or shine event. You can RSVP/sign-up at our website [here](#), at an upcoming business meeting or contact me. We need an event lead for this parade.

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:

\$16.85, total cost of stay is \$115.85). 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. You can cancel your reservation before December 4th. 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 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 the Facebook page is [here](#). Please check this Facebook page to make sure the cruise-in is happening.

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 below 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 welcome your feedback on any of the events below that spark your interest. 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 is to be the lead. We just need the date(s).

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

North Carolina Pickle Festival, Mt. Olive, NC – weekend/car show submitted by Ed Bickham

The event in Mount Olive, NC about 4.5hrs from VA Beach and is held on the weekend of April 27th, 2025. Here is a link for more information: <https://ncpicklefest.org/>.

Old Orchard Beach, Maine – car show submitted by Ed Bickham

The event in Old Orchard Beach, Maine for the dates of Fri-Mon, 06/13/2025-06/16/2025. Here is a link to their 2024 event: <https://www.newenglandautoshow.com/event/me-old-orchard-beach-corvette-weekend-car-show-2/>. The event link is [here](#).

Minneapolis, June 2025 – car show submitted by Pete Schultz

The Minnesota Street Rods Association (MSRA) hosts this event in Minneapolis, MN in late June. Hosts over 6000 cars. For 2025, it will be held Fri-Sun, 06/20/2025-06/22/2025. Here is a link to their 2024 event: <https://msrabacktothe50s.com/>. This link may be valid for the 2025 event. The 2024 the registration was \$80. No refunds. For 2024, it was early January where the mail-in registration forms were sent. The online registration had opened on Feb 1, 2024.

Black Hills Corvette Classic Club, July 2025 – South Dakota

Anyone up to go to the 2025 event!?! I know we had a good group and a good time this year and if interested, let me know. A link to their event is [here](#).

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