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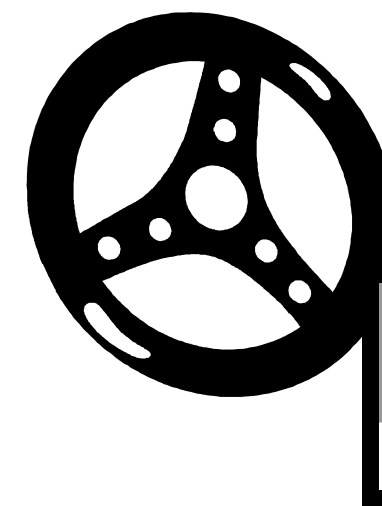
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The 'Glass Gazette

February 2005

NVCC Officers for 2005

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For the Northern Virginia Corvette club, 2005 is starting off just where we left off most successful 2004. There is a new slate of officers, some old—Jeff Kirk is serving a second year as President, some new—our new Vice president is George Kerns. If you haven't met George, do so. He has provided some great photography as well as jumped into all activities of the club. He has been a great new member.

Wanda Robinson continues as the great secretary and look out she will be really fast this year. After letting Wanda use Jim Beaupre's Z06 at Spooktacular, she and Zoel have bought their own Z06. Look out Snoopy!

Paul Hertel, former President, and always willing to jump in where needed is taking over as treasurer at a time when the club coffers are in good shape.

James Anderson who has been very supportive of the autocross programs and who has helped in virtually every speed event

held by NVCC in 2005 has taken over as Autocross chair.

Marsha Batchellor, Ms "first 2005 Corvette" in the club has volunteered to become the Rallye chair for 2005.

The club cannot thank Barbara Shaw enough for her many years of terrific rallye support for the club. Marsha with Barb's support will have a tough act to follow.

All other committee members will continue with Andrej Balanc doing double duty as NCCC Governor and Spooktacular chairman,

Don Patrick continues as the Corvette Museum Ambassador and will continue to keep the club updated on all the activities and events associated with the world of Corvettes. Judy Patrick contin-



C6 Z06, Grand Sport anyone?

ues as Membership chair, keeping track of new members and helping them become part of NVCC.

Laurie Kistner did a great job as Social Chair in 2004 and continues in 2005. If you didn't notice we had more events and more attendees at our social events that kept everyone busy throughout 2004. Keep up the good work Laurie.

Your truly, Jim Beaupre, continues for the third year as newsletter editor. We hope the 36th year of the NVCC continues as previous years. Bring some new members to the club. We have a lot of fun with Corvettes, SHARE IT!!!!

work to be donated. When asked, several of the club members stated that they have a new found respect for waitresses. Fortunately no plates were dropped, no drinks were spilled, and a great time was had by all for a great cause! George Kerns.

NVCC Starts '05 w/Charity Event!

Northern Virginia Corvette club along with the help of the staff of the Buffalo Wing House restaurant in Herndon put an interesting twist on fundraising during the Monday night football game on December 20th. Members of the club took over the waitress and bartending duties for the evening to raise money for the Youth for Tomorrow foundation in Bristow VA. The Youth for Tomorrow was established by Coach Joe Gibbs to help out troubled teens learn better values in life. NVCC club president Jeff Kirk along

with Wing House owner Naeem Mohd was able to arrange for this event to happen. Also the staff of the restaurant gave up their tip money for the evening to help with this good cause.

Working for tips, club members took orders, served customers, bussed tables, and even bartended for the evening while customers enjoyed their food, and watched the Miami Dolphins upset the New England Patriots. When all was said and done the club made \$254 in tips for an evenings

Newsletter Article Submissions

DEADLINE: 5:00 pm Friday after General Council Meeting (2nd Tuesday of month)

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Format: email, text format (MS WORD)

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Who ya gonna' Call ?



What's Happenin'.... in the NVCC!!

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FEBRUARY

8 Council Meeting Koons 7:30pm
12 Annual Club Party Holiday Inn Tysons see flyer in this issue
22 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

MARCH

8 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm
22 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

APRIL

2 DART SOCIAL !! Hosted by the Robinsons
12 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm
26 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

MAY

9 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm
23 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

JUNE

5 NVCC host MWCSCC autocross
14 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm
20 NVCC hosts hi speed drivers school at Summit Point

28 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

JULY

12 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm
26 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

AUGUST

9 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm
23 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm
26-28 Corvettes at Carlisle

SEPTEMBER

11 NVCC hosts MWCSCC autocross
13 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm
27 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

30 -Oct 2 Corvettes at Ocean City

OCTOBER

1-2 NVCC Spooktakular—Summit Point!
11 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm
25 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

NOVEMBER

8 NVCC Council Mtg Koons 7:30pm
22 General Business mtg Koons 7:30pm

CORRECTIONS !!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (please print or type)

CONCOURS—RALLYE—AUTOCROSS—CRUISE—SOCIAL EVENTS!!!

VERY ACTIVE CLUB—SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Home ph: () _____ Work ph: () _____

email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Year(s) currently owned Corvette(s): _____

Model: _____ Color: _____

Interests:

Autocross ___ Rallye ___ Concours ___ Cruises ___ Social events ___ Restoration/Other _____

How did you learn about NVCC? _____

SEND APPLICATION WITH \$10 Initiation fee to:

Mrs. Judith Patrick, Apt. 324, 2737 Devonshire PI, NW, Washington, DC 20008

Note: An initiation fee of \$ 10.00 must accompany this application. Prerequisites for membership in NVCC are attendance at two club events (including one General Business Meeting) during a four-month period following receipt of your application. After you have completed these requirements, your application will be reviewed by the NVCC Council. Upon acceptance, you will be assessed dues in the amount of \$ 66.00 for the first year, which includes \$36.00 for NVCC dues (prorated for the year you join) and \$30.00 mandatory National Council of Corvette Clubs dues. (NCCC dues are \$20.00 after the first year.) Spouses may also join. Yearly fees for a spouse are \$18 for NVCC and \$10 for NCCC.

NVCC USE ONLY: initiation dues received _____ Date

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.nvcorvetteclub.com



Winter break NVCC

Go Kart Racing!!

THIS IS JUST A PLACEHOLDER DATE TO BE SET SOMETIME IN MARCH—kind of the get you through the winter!

March x, 7:00 show time 7:30 on track

5 minute warm-up 120 Lap Enduro Team Competition
Laps average 25 seconds at 35mph average speed
Driver's Suit, Gloves and Helmet Provided

If you have a helmet you may use it if it has a full face and shield

\$80 per driver

There are only 20 driver slots available – Sign up Early!!

Payment due with registration

(Checks payable to Ralph Watts, mail to 10012 Raeburn Court, Fairfax, VA 22032)

Registration closes the evening of 18 February

Contact Ralph Watts 703.503.5988, or akcelr8@earthlink.net

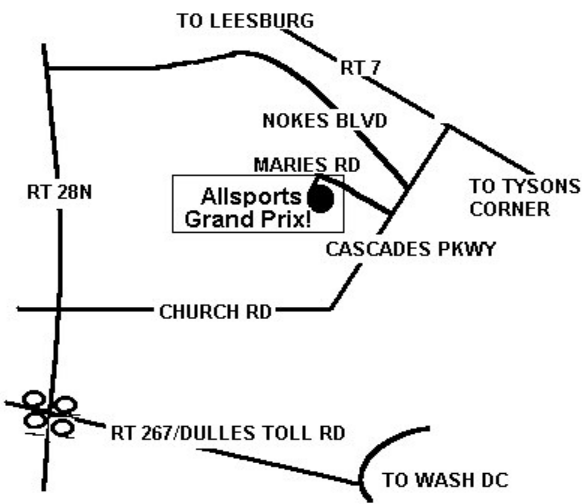
Due to limited slots, please choose teammates from club members or immediate family members (significant others)

Driver #1: _____

Driver #2 if known: _____

Is this registration for both drivers? Yes No

If yes, include payment for both.



Presidential Pontifications

By Jeff Kirk

NVCC members, at the beginning of 2004 I stated 4 goals that I wanted to accomplish.

- To increase the awareness of the NVCC within the Northern Virginia community using publicity and advertising.
- To bring in sponsors from local and nationally recognized businesses that can enhance the benefits to being a member of the club.
- To increase the financial stability of the club, making it less dependent on outside funding for events.
- To increase the number of members within the NVCC, and the participation of the members within it.

To me personally, I think we've made some great strides in the club. I say "we" because it's really been the members of the club that have moved it forward. We greatly enhanced our relationship with Koons, thanks to Alex Perdikas and Joe Malo. We're working with some local car groups, thanks to Mike Sarver, Andrej Blanc, Jim Beaupre and James Anderson. Our social calendar is so full that hardly a weekend goes by in the Spring, Summer and Fall months that there isn't something to do, thanks to Laurie Kistner, who also designed and got business cards for the NVCC. Feel free to ask Laurie at GBM for some of the cards to hand out to fellow veterans that you may want to tell about the club! Paul Hertel and Mike Sarver have accomplished getting a trailer for the club's use, which has been decorated and is now in the process of being fitted inside and outside.

We've begun working with the Joe Gibb's Foundation, "Youth for Tomorrow", thanks to George Kerns, which I'll speak more on in another article. A special thank you to the Herndon Connection for running an article on the NVCC and Buffalo Wing House for our night of waiter and waitressing at the BWH. Joe Daly's efforts with the town of Vienna had us in the local Halloween parade. Our Concourse last year with Colin McDonald and Don Kerndt had us working with the Babe Ruth little leaguers, and we donated money to the VFW to buy phone minutes so the men and women serving in the Armed Forces overseas could call home and talk to their families. We're even looking into holding driver education classes with local law enforcement agencies to help local young drivers understand the dynamics of their car's, and to hopefully be more aware and safer drivers.

Our finances are more stable. Not where I want them to be, mind you, but getting stronger. Although the council isn't looking to make the NVCC a fortune 500 company, it is nice to know that if there's an emergency, the club can cope with them.

The last two things are sponsorships and club participation. The sponsorships I think will come once members begin to speak more about the club and we gain recognition. Membership and club participation is totally up to you, dear member. This club is definitely moving upwards, and we need you to keep it moving. I hope to see more of you at our events, and hope to attend a few more myself this year as well.



Till next month....
Jeff Kirk
NVCC President

The Z06 Electron Blue Zone

By Jim Beaupre



January 1st 2005, temperature 60 plus degrees. What a day! When the new year started we began with some great weather. Instead of keeping the Z06 in the garage we dragged it out for a warm weather cruise. Lo and behold I think January 1, 2005 may have set a record for the number of Corvettes on the road on the first day of the year. Everywhere we drove we were catching the wave! From other Z06 to convertibles, to C2s, C3s, C4s, C5s and even one C6! It was a fabulous day.

We were tooling down some two lane back roads when the misses yells out, "Stop! Turn around! I just saw the house we need to buy!"

Turning around at the next opportunity we came upon a new house under construction, not as part of a development, but a one off. The house was not huge, mostly on one level. It was done well architecturally with field stone covering most of the home. The really BIG feature was facing us as the main house was connected to the garage by an enclosed, part of the house walkway. The garage had huge windows to let in light and was a 6 car garage with 3 large double doors. My dream house! It gets better. We drove down the lane to take a closer look and realized connected directly to the house was a four car garage! A nice small house with a 10 car garage, now that is my idea of the perfect home!

Hopefully as I write these words the concept is all club members would have received this newsletter in the mail. Thanks to Paul Hertel and Jeff Kirk an effort has been made buying a used laser printer with capability for 11x17 inch paper that allows us to print the newsletter in book format. Hope you like it.

The advantages it provides is reducing mailing costs by 38%, allowing a 16 page newsletter to be printed on 4 pages, reducing paper costs. Thank Paul and Jeff if you like the new format, if you don't

Also you might notice we have changed the format a bit from the last two years with the first page a bit jazzier. Hope you all like that as well. Comments both positive and negative are welcome. We have no pride of authorship, just want to do a good job.

Thanks to all!
Jim Beaupre



Letters, we get Letters and emails.....

WAZZZUP by:

George Kerns V.P.

Well, another election has come and gone. You good people deemed it fit to elect me as your new Vice President, and for that I felt it necessary to say a few words.

First of all, I still think that you elected me to avoid getting elected yourselves! Ha! I'll take it!

Second, I made a promise to every member who elected me to be a pain in Jeff's, well, side.

Actually all kidding aside, talking to Jeff earlier in the year we started brainstorming on several ideas in which direction we would like to see the club headed in the next several years. It was after that I was asked if I could handle the publicity side of the club. Not one to turn down a good challenge I accepted. Then shortly after that you elected me as Vice President. Over the last year Jim Anderson has done a great job as the club V.P. I can't remember a single function that I attended over the last year that Jim wasn't at. I only hope that I can fill his shoes.

Over the last several months the club has participated in contributing to several charitable organizations. In December the club made a \$1000.00 donation to Operation Uplink! Being a veteran of the Army that served overseas I can say that there were many times that I couldn't call home because of lack of funds. Operation Uplink provides GI's with calling cards so that they can call there loved ones, and also helps out disabled veterans with the same thing. We also held a fund raiser at the Buffalo Wing House on December 10th where members of the club served tables, and bartended for tips for the evening. We were able to raise \$508 to be contributed to the Joe Gibb's 'Youth for Tomorrow' foundation.

Several other items that I am working on include a youth car handling skills school, a car show at the Youth for Tomorrow country fair, and a run for charity that I personally will run in October but more information on that one at a later date.(Don't worry! I'm the only one that will be running!)

Over the next month or so the club President and I will be working closely on several items in the club, and hopefully will be talking more about some of our plans over the next year. So, until next month just remember; if it's too fast, you're too old!

George

In case anyone is interested, here are the website stats from last year.

Unique Visitors: 16,448

Hits: 2768035

Bandwidth: 20.11 GB

October was our busiest month with 1716 Unique Visitors.

The busiest day of the week (average) is Wednesday.

4 PM is the busiest time of day (average).

Google gives us the most hits.

Top 10 search phrases:

northern virginia corvette club

nvcc

c6 vette

scott smith in autocross nvcc

national corvette museum

corvette club Virginia

nvcc corvette

corvette z16 commemorative

used corvettes in northern Virginia

jim beaupre

Jim.. what have you been doing?

Other interesting search phrases:

"monthly income for owning glass blowing shop"

"search school photos for graczyk in poland"

"buffalo wing factory flatliner ingredients"

"the batchellor - t.v series"

"baseball hot dogs apple pie and chevrolet americas favorite"

"greg mcphree -hockey -achl -australia"

"auto antifreeze and squirrels"

Brad Sneade

Talk about nostalgia—when did Holley Carbs become standard (and don't ask—what is a carb?)

1966



NVCC ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday February 12th, 2004

Where: Holiday Inn, Tyson's Corner

1960 Chain Bridge Road

Time: 6 PM to 11 PM with drinks and hors d'oeuvres from 6PM to 7PM

Prime Rib Buffet Dinner to include: A variety of salads including fruit, vegetable, pasta, and garden Vegetable Crudities, fresh vegetables, and Rice Pilaf, Chef carved Prime Rib and Breast of Chicken Dijon, Fresh rolls, assorted desserts, coffee and tea

Events include: Awards, door prizes, and special Corvette only reserved parking

COST IS \$25.00 per person

Payment must be received no later than January 27th, 2004

Send this registration form in along with your check payable to NVCC to

Laurie Kistner, 13800 Rock Terrace, Centreville, 20120-2076

Name _____ Number of people _____

Total Amount enclosed _____



- June 10-12 – Mississippi Gulf Coast Corvette Club Annual Show, Biloxi, Mississippi Vette8400@cablone.net
- June 11-12 – Rochester Corvette Club 32nd Annual Classic Glass Car Show, Victory, New York www.rochestercorvetteclub.org
- June 24-25 – Mt. Hood Corvettes BBQ at Russ Chevrolet, Tigard, Oregon mthoodcorvettes@comcast.net
- July 4 – Leatherstocking Corvette Club of New York, 2nd Annual show/cruise-in, Oneonta, New York www.leatherstockingcorvetteclub.com
- July 9 – York County Corvette's Corvette Concours – York Expo Center, York County, Pennsylvania BW1184@suscom.net
- July 16 – Corvette Club of Columbus Hot Summer Days, Columbus, OH www.columbuscorvette.com or doug.roberts2@comcast.net

Unique Valentines Day Gifts in the Corvette Store

The Corvette Store features a great selection of unique gifts just right for Valentines Day. Choose from a sterling silver C5 Corvette Heart charm bracelet, charms, earrings and pendants in many styles for that special someone. Men's watches, rings, tie tacs and cuff links are in stock and available to ship prior to Valentines Day. Shop online for your special gifts by visiting our Corvette Store at: www.corvettemuseum.com/store or call (800) 53-VETTE.

BACKGROUND

NVCC is one of the founding members of the NCM. Club benefits are: Free individual or group admission to the NCM. 10% discount on NCM and Catalog merchandise. Free subscription to the magazine "America's Sports Car." NVCC plaque in the museum. If any NVCC members are planning a trip in the vicinity of Bowling Green, Kentucky, a visit to the home of the NCM and the Corvette factory should be in your plans. The NCM card can be borrowed from our President. For additional information log on to: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com> or call the NCM at **800-53-VETTE (800-538-3883) or contact Donald Patrick.**

Corvette as Camel!!

Your C5 has a camel mode to help protect you against a total loss of coolant and still be drivable for a while. You're driving down the road and catch flying debris from Delbert in front of you and it punctures your radiator and your bleeding coolant. Your C5 has a contingency by a subroutine in the power train control module's software. Thanks to the conscientious efforts of GM calibration engineers like Mark Allen, every Corvette manufactured since 1997 has a built in safety cushion. An ingenious subroutine keeps the engine running a reasonable distance after the coolant is gone, so you can drive at a safe speed for service without fear of inflicting permanent damage.

The normal operating range for the Corvette's cooling system is 200-210 degrees F. "In the event of a total coolant loss, the driver receives various warnings" Allen notes. "The first is 'Engine hot', followed by 'Engine extremely hot', then finally 'Shut engine down'. If the driver ignores these ominous warnings and the temperature exceeds 265 degrees F, the engine management system takes over and the engine enters what Allen and his fellow calibrators call Corvette's "camel mode." He explains, "Once the overheat threshold is crossed, there's a 10- second delay before fuel delivery to one cylinder ceases. The engine spins another 240 revolutions (at 3000 rpm that takes less than 5 seconds) before a second cylinder is shut down. If the coolant temperature doesn't drop, the third and fourth cylinders are disabled the same way, until the engine is making power in only four cylinders.

In effect, the Corvette's water cooled V8 becomes an air-cooled four cylinder capable of making enough power to keep the car moving at a reasonable speed for several miles while major-components are protected from overheating.

"Every other cylinder in the firing order is disabled so the engine still runs smoothly." The disabled cylinders pump air, which keeps them from overheating, and every 240 revolutions, the subroutine switches to the opposite bank of cylinders, to give those that were working a rest.

Lest you dismiss the importance of your cooling altogether, Allen hastens to add that this "free ride" can't go on forever because the oil temperature will eventually climb past its 320-degree F upper limit. Even equipped with Mobil 1, not even the LS1 or LS6 engines will run indefinitely under those conditions.

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Spotlight on Members CORNER
By Judy Patrick

February Report

We currently have 97 active members and 10 prospective members.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

- Richard and Cheryl Anderson - '65 Nassau Blue Convertible
- Paul Benish '04 Lemans Blue Z06
- George Bratton '87 Yellow & '04 Red Convertibles
- Jim Kelly '60 Black Coupe

Prospective Members:

- Joseph Baird - 1980 Black Coupe
- Anne Costolanski - 2000 Yellow Convertible
- Jeff and Marilyn Dambach - 1999 Pewter Coupe
- Arne Dunhem - 2004 Magnetic Red Convertible
- Eric Fargo - 1984 Silver Coupe
- Chris Grabiell - 1994 Red Coupe
- Michael & Janet Higgins - 2004 Grey Coupe
- Irene Jarosz - 1996 - Blue/White Grand Sport
- Peter Schline - 1966 Silver Pearl Roadster
- Will Trevillian - 2004 Silver Z06

Prospective Members:

Note: You remain a "prospective" member until you pay your membership dues and return your NCCC form to Judy.

'05 Membership Cards will be available after the January General Business Meeting. If you joined after September 2004 you should already have yours.

Additional NVCC key rings (\$6 ea.), NVCC window decals (\$2 ea.) and NVCC windshield banners (\$5 ea.) are available to active members. See Judy for these.

Judy Patrick

Happy Birthday!! Happy Birthday!!

January Birthdays:

- Robert Arnold, Jr. 1
- Laurel Singletary..... 1
- Ann Shuman 1
- Jackson Hufnagle 24
- Jim's Z06! 27
- Jim Beaupre 26
- Joe Hlubucek 28



February Birthdays:

- Robert Compton..... 1
- Richard Anderson 5
- Judy Patrick 10
- Phillip Squires 21

Socially Speaking from
Laurie Kistner



NVCC 2005 Social Calendar

NVCC HOLIDAY PARTY !! February 12, 2005 see the website and flyer attached for details!!

March—Mid winter racing break—Karts at Sterling,VA date to be set.

April 2—tentative Dart Social at the Robinsons.

Laurie Kistner, 2005 NVCC Social Director

Corvette To Be Featured on Live NBC Broadcast of the Auto Show

An NBC Sports special will bring the 2005 North American International Auto Show to America's Living Rooms; Jeff Gordon provides test-drive of 2005 Corvette Convertible

NBC Sports' two-hour telecast from Detroit's North American International Auto Show (The International Auto Show, **1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005**) will give viewers a first-hand look at the world car culture and the Chevrolet Corvette. Bill Weber, Allen Bestwick, and Benny Parsons will handle the show commentary with live political convention-style coverage from the show floor, while reporters Dave Burns and Marty Snyder will provide in-depth reports on the latest production and concept cars. Jeff Gordon will test-drive a 2005 Corvette Convertible in a special segment of the program.



Concoors

Franklin Park has contacted us to see if we are interested in doing the car show in late May (21 or 22 I think). The show must take place before the pool opens on Memorial Day. I understand that the NCCC has given us a Concoors date in July. If we are to use this date, another place to hold the show must be found. First and foremost problem is to find a willing concur chair person to lead the effort. Do we have an volunteers? If someone does not come forward there most likely will not be a concur in 2005. For those who would like to participate check out these events:

Regional events: Check out the ERCC web pages

(www.ernccc.org/calendarix/calendar.php)

for more detailed information on these events. Here are the scheduled Eastern Region Corvette Clubs schedule Concoors events:

Jan 29-30 2X events	Central PA Corvette Club
Mar. 20 2X	Beachcombers CC
April 10 2X	Gaithersburg CC
April 24	York County CC
May 1	Corvette County Association
May 13	Cumberland Valley CC
May 15	Corvettes Annapolis
May 15	Tri-County Corvettes
May 21	Lehigh Valley CC
May 22	York County CC
May 29	CC of Northeast Pennsylvania
June 4	Perry County CC (3X)
June 5	Corvette Club of America (DC) 2x event



Rallye Ramblings by Joe Daly, III

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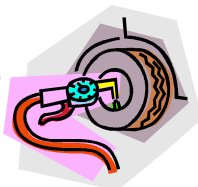
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Mar. 12 2X	Gaithersburg Corvette Club
Apr. 30	Corvette Annapolis
May 15 2X	Pocono Mountain Corvette Club

Autocrossing Screeches

By James Anderson



Last winter we decided to join the Washington Metropolitan Washington Council of Sports Car Clubs. Made up of numerous area marquee and autocross clubs MWCSCC has been around at least 25 years promoting autocrossing and rallyes. It was a great decision as the NVCC hosted our first event at the end of October. The Council really congratulated us on a job well done and we did add positive dollars to the treasury by hosting the event. We have decided to host two MWCSCC events next year, IF and it is a BIG IF, the MWCSCC can find a lot to host the events. The lot is a real issue as Rosecroft Raceway parking lot is crumbling apart and it is getting more difficult to host events at the lot.

In addition posted on the National Corvette CC events page is a high speed drivers school we will be hosting at the Jefferson circuit of Summit Point. Basically the new requirement to obtain a NCCC high speed license has been changed to "attendance of one high speed driving school". We are attempting to provide that event in a safe and inexpensive format.

Speed events in the Mid Atlantic area and Regional Corvette Club events: Check out the ERCC web pages

(www.ernccc.org/calendarix/calendar.php)

for more detailed information on these events. Here are the scheduled Eastern Region Corvette Clubs schedule Autocross and other speed events:

Organizer	Event	Date
Beachcombers CC	AX	2/6
Bel Air CC	2AX	4/3
Cumberland Valley CC	2X Drivers School	4/23—4/24
Lancaster County CC	2X Autocross	5/15
Corvette Club of NE PA	Drivers School	5/30-31
MWCSCC/NVCC	Autocross	6/5
NVCC	Summit Point Hi speed	
	Drivers School	6/20
MWCSCC/NVCC	Autocross	9/11



NCM Ambassador Corner

by Don Patrick

CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

Apr. 2-9:	Western Caribbean Cruise
Apr. 21-23:	C5/C6 Birthday Bash
May 12-14:	ZRI/C4 Gathering
May 26-28:	Forum Cruise-In
July 21-23:	Z06 Fest
Sept. 1-4:	Anniversary Celebration
Sept. 15-17:	Camaro/Firebird Invasion
Sept. 29- Oct. 1:	Pace Car Reunion
Oct. 13-15:	C3 Extravaganza

Don't miss out on the last chance to book the NCM Western Caribbean Cruise setting sail April 2, 2005. A Houston to Galveston Corvette Caravan, crazy Corvette events onboard, and the chance to hear Gary Claudio speak on Corvette Racing are all part of the cruise experience. Cabins must be booked no later than January 28th. Call Vicki at 877-857-2165 or email vickiw@trvlpartners.com Find out more about the exciting details by clicking here: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/cruise/>

Over 400 people have already registered for the C5/C6 Bash, April 21-23. Join them by registering online here: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/info.shtml

C5/C6 Bash Event Brick Unveiling

If you plan to have a brick placed in time for the C5/C6 Birthday Bash event, you have until March 7 to place your order. Brick orders placed before the deadline will be engraved and placed in time for you or your club to see at the Birthday Bash. You may order your brick online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/brick/index.shtml> or call the museum at: (800) 53-VETTE.

Please indicate that your brick order is for the C5/C6 Birthday Bash. To register for the C5/C6 Bash visit the NCM's website: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/info.shtml



The 2005 American Le Mans Series Schedule:

- Mar. 17-19: 53rd Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, Sebring (FL) International Raceway, (3.7 mile), 12 hours (SPEED Channel).
- Apr. 15-17: Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA, (2.54 mile), (CBS)
- May 20-22: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, OH, (2.225 mile) (CBS).
- July 1-4: Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, CT (1.54 mile), (SPEED Channel).
- July 15-17: Infineon Raceway, Sonoma, CA (2.53 mile), (CBS).
- July 29-31: Portland (OR) Inter. Raceway, (1.944 mile), (SPEED Channel).
- Aug. 19-21: Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI (4.048 mile), (SPEED).
- Aug. 26-28: Mosport International Raceway, ON, Canada (2.459 mile), (SPEED Channel).
- Sept. 29-Oct. 1: Chevy presents Petit Le Mans, Road Atlanta, GA (2.54 mile), 1,000 miles or 10 hours (SPEED Channel).
- Oct. 14-16: Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Monterey, CA (2.238 mile), 4 hours.

Machine Silver Corvette Coupe Raffle Update

The 500 ticket Machine Silver Corvette raffle has climbed over the half-way mark with over 275 tickets sold! The NCM will draw the raffle winner on Friday, April 22 as part of the C5/C6 Bash event festivities. The winner does not need to be present to win. Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$250 each! Order your tickets online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml>

or call the NCM at: (800) 53-VETTE.

Corvette Shows Taking Place Near You

NCM's Ambassadors and their Corvette Clubs are excited to spread the word about upcoming Corvette shows being held around the country. Here are Corvette shows taking place from March through July and the show contact information.

- March 18-20 – Corvettes of Bakersfield 13th Annual Gambler's Classic, Nevada www.corvettesofbakersfield.com
- April 1-3 – Mid Missouri 11th Annual Corvette Cup, Columbus, Missouri Plue-r@socket.net
- April 24 – York County Corvette Club "Funshow" at Thornton Chevrolet, Manchester, Pennsylvania BWLI84@suscom.net
- May 7 – 9th Annual Corvettes on the Circle 2005, St Armand's Circle, Longboat Key, Florida www.skywaycorvetteclub.org
- May 19-22 – Circle City Corvette Beach Caravan, Panama City Beach www.circlecitycorvettes.com or jhickman@ala.net
- May 22 – Central New Jersey Chapter NCRS, Atlantic City, New Jersey www.centralnewjerseyncrs.org
- May 20-22 – Lone Star Corvette Classic, Texas Motor Speedway www.lonestarcorvette.com
- June 5 – Corvette Club of America, Gaithersburg, mark.croson@filetek.com
- June 5 – Fonddevettes/Valley Vettes Annual Trip Around Lake Winnebago, Begins at Forest Mall in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin foyt@charter.net