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Concours 2007!!

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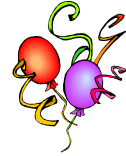
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Happy birthday!!!



John Craig	June 5th
Michael Higgins	June 8th
Mark Grigg	June 26th
Jim Robinson	June 28th
George Bratton	June 29th
Janet Higgins	July 1st
Zoel Robinson	July 12th
Andrej Balanc	July 15th
Joseph Baird	July 16th
John Eiden	July 22nd
Ernest Porter	July 26th

**Membership
Corner**

**We currently have
130 active members and
13 prospective members.**



Prospective Members:

Francis Brooks	2001 Yellow Z06	Henry Freund	2007 Silver Z06 Coupe
Gary Moller	2006 Z51 Victory Red Coupe	Jeffrey Tyley	2007 Silver Coupe
Josie McMahon	1994 Blue Coupe	Mike Bernardi	2007 Black Coupe
Forrest Elliott	1993 Blue Coupe	Stephen Henderson	1990 White Coupe
Jim Basdavanos	2007 Black Coupe	Nicole Nolen	2004 LeMans Blue Coupe
Alvin Further	2007 Monterey Red Coupe	Chris Zeck	1995 Red Coupe
Michael Neff	2003 50th Anniversary Ruby Red Convertible		

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



Member spotlight!!

This month's member is ... *Irene Woods*

Member since: 2005

Vette owned: 1996 Grand sport

Favorite NVCC activity: Cruises and riding with my husband at Road courses like Watkins Glenn, Summit Point raceway. Hope to get to VIR, Pocono and Lime Rock.

Who got me into vettes: My husband Mike aka "Woodsie." At first riding on a track at 150 mph was both terrifying and a thrill at the same time. I came to the realization watching him slide his stock (at the time) 2003 Z06 and pass cars that were much faster than his: being on the bumper of a full blown race car, letting the car put on a couple of car lengths, then having him close the gap in the turn and pass the faster car coming out of the turn. One of the things he says is a lot of people drive too fast in the slow turns and too slow in the fast turns. Whoops, I might have let out a driving secret ...

Favorite outside-of-NVCC activities: Gardening, exercising, reading and taking care of my three Shelties.

Fun vette experience: The 2006 NCCC Sanction Concours Car Show where I entered the Grand Sport and it won the President's Choice and Concours Prepared for my class. I was really excited and thrilled that I had won and it was the first car show I entered. I was not able to enter the show this year due to family events in Chicago; however, I look forward to next year. Another event was the Corvettes of Carlisle 2006. Being able to see all the Grand Sports in one place was way cool, meeting other Corvette people and realizing it's more than just a car. It's a lifestyle ... CORVETTE!



Concours 2007!!



Concours Wrap Up



Concours 2007 is now a memory. Although the weather wasn't what we had hoped for, we still had around 41 cars and the rain didn't dampen the spirit of the event.

The awesome tech and classification team and parking staff was able to get everyone through the process quickly and indoors before much of the rain happened. This year the registration and tabulation process was revamped and was the smoothest it has ever run. The judges did a flawless job judging cars quickly and efficiently. Workers manned the prize tables and scurried around helping me with things that needed to get done.



The one really good thing about a smaller show is that everyone usually goes home with something. Whether it was one of the awesome door prizes or raffles we got this year, or a trophy, participants received some token from Concours 2007. This wouldn't be possible without the help of club members knocking on businesses' doors for those prizes and the generosity of those companies who so willingly donated to the effort.

For the third year in a row, Koons extended their hospitality to us in hosting the show at their facility. I cannot thank enough our primary sponsor, Koons, for their generous support. Carl Leckner, GM of Koons, has announced that for every Corvette sold on the day of Concours, \$250 will be donated to Special Olympics. Without a doubt, I am blown away by Koons' generosity and help with this show, and will be eternally grateful to Carl for all that he has done for our club.



One of the best moments for me was awarding the Best In Show trophy to a car that had a perfect judging score of 100 points ... for the second year in a row, to the same entrant. A judge came up to me and said he could not find anything wrong with this car, and he tried his hardest! A big thank you to G-burg Vettes who attended this show in strong numbers, along with many other area clubs.

Without such enthusiastic participants and workers, this show simply doesn't exist. Thanks to everyone who had a hand in this show for such a wonderful job.

Take care,
Laurie Kistner
Concours Director 2005-7



MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING ...

Northern Virginia Corvette Club General Business Meeting May 22, 2007

Meeting brought to order at 7:35 pm at Koons Chevrolet, Tysons Corner.

George Kerns, President welcomed everyone to the GBM. Introductions were made by all.

Special guests at the meeting were:

Steve Arnold and Crystal Waddy from Roadblock Protective Services, Carl Lechter from Koons, and David Leslie from Tire Van (who came in late).

George Kerns, President:

■ Teen Driving School – We had great participation at the event. The event was free for students and parents due to the sponsors – we greatly appreciate their support. Plaques expressing NVCC's appreciation to the sponsors were given to: Sheikh from Securitas, Howard Snook of Long and Foster, Carl Lechter from Koons, and Crystal Waddy from Roadblock. Not present were Wes Foster of Long & Foster, Tire Van, and Curry's Automotive, all of whom will also receive plaques.

■ NCCC East Region Spectacular – had 120 to 130 vettes participating. 31 different events in 2 days. NVCC did very well in autocross: Zoel & Andrej had FTDs.

Rich Mars, Vice President, added that he had a great time at the Spectacular despite his lack of autocross expertise (i.e., needing a sundial and directions to find the finish line. And it's a good thing he's got a good sense of humor, because he got ribbed plenty about it the rest of the evening!!)

Andrej Balanc, NCCC Governor – Handed out NCCC awards from 2006. Laurie Kistner took home 2 autocross awards from the East Region, and a variety of other folks got patches for their 2006 volunteer participation.

Pat Somersall, Membership – We have about 130 people in the club between active and prospective members (about 15 prospectives right now). And we picked up a few new applications in the last month.

Alice Arielly mentioned that a lot of new applications come from Koons, and that we owe Carl thanks for sending them our way.

Anne Costolanski, Newsletter – She thanked Sheikh for his great article on the Teen Driving School. She is still looking for someone to pick up the newsletter when she leaves in August; she thinks it would be a good idea to split the newsletter processing into (1) someone to format the newsletter electronically, and (2) someone to distribute (print & mail) it. If you are interested in either, please contact her.

Crystal Waddy, Roadblock Protective Systems – She said that she thought we were the most active, participatory group that she has worked with. She would like to have NVCC applications at their shop, since they get vette owners that come in that may not know about NVCC. Also, she will be doing demos of some of their products at Concours.

Steve Arnold, Roadblock Protective Systems – They have some new products to share with us; in particular, their protective film kit can now cover the full hood and fenders, and also the bottom rocker panel & rear wheel wells. It has a lifetime warranty. Also, RPS will have special pricing just for NVCC; it will be available on the website.

Austin Somersall – Next Friday, June 1, his high school, Heritage High, will be putting on a car show. It's free, and there will be lots of prizes. All types of cars and motorcycles are welcome to attend.

Laurie Kistner, Social Director:

■ Concours – June 3. There is a fun show & judged categories, so we'd like as many people as possible to put their car in the show to help benefit Special Olympics. We also need advertisers in the Concours program – if you know of any businesses who would be interested, please let Laurie know (ad rates are in the flyer she passed out).

■ Hopsfrog brunch cruise – June 24. It's a cruise, then brunch, then a part 2 to the cruise this year.

■ Drive your vette to work day – June 29. You can submit pictures of your vette at work to Mid America and they may post it on their website (see the newsletter).

■ In July – Annual Picnic, July 1; Ice Cream Cruise, July 15.

■ She has Concours t-shirts for sale: \$20 for medium thru 1X, \$25 for 2X & 3X sizes. Also has t-shirts from last year's event for \$5.

■ Website – Still working on programming pages.

George Kerns, President – Adams Car Care products will be doing demos at Concours. They detail all the cars that are shown at Barrett-Jackson and Broomfield auctions.

Miriam Schottland – Don Beyer Volvo is having an HPDC (like the Car Control clinic) on May 31. Price is \$150. Let her know if you are interested in signing up. Also, the July 27 HPDE is coming up – instructors need to sign up.

David Leslie from Tire Van (who came late) received his plaque for the Teen Driving School. He said he is working on getting NOVA's Sterling campus (where the motorcycle driver training is held) for the Teen Driving School next year.

Cassidy Nolen, Historian:

■ He and his wife Nicole went gokarting, and now she's signing up for the HPDE!

■ We now have 35 applications for the corvette license plate across the state. The NCM is sponsoring a contest for VA vette clubs – the club with the largest number of apps for the license plate wins something from them.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY: GEORGE KERNS

As I sit here and reflect on everything that has gone on in the club for the last couple of months, I think about how far this club has come over the last couple of years. It wasn't too long ago that several of us were sitting around a table at my house discussing how we were going to run our first high speed driving school. Now three years later, we have members from other clubs asking us when the next one is! If you sit down and think about it, NVCC has become sort of a local pioneer within the NCCC ranks when it comes to driver's education. Through great organization, and a lot of really great club members participating, our driver's education program has grown into three different areas. First is the teen driving program known as "Sir Isaac Newton's Totally Awesome Driving School" that is now starting to gain national recognition. Next is the adult car control clinics known as "Cone Killers". And last is our high speed HPDE program, which has our next event at the Summit Point Main on July 27th. I want everyone to know that without the support and help from everyone that volunteers at these events, they wouldn't happen at all!

Now when you throw in Spook along with several of the auto cross events that club members travel around to, you could say that we have a lot of club members that truly like to DRIVE their cars. This is leading me to talk about something that I've been thinking about for a while: we have the Shenandoah track at Summit Point reserved for the club on October 28th of this year. Depending on the response I get over the next couple of weeks, I may consider holding it as a fun day for our club, and allow a few others to join us. CVCC is holding a similar day on July 8th which I'll be attending along with several others from the club. I will have more information on this at the next couple of meetings, so we can talk about how something like this could be run. There may even be a way to set up one group for just the first timers and convertibles, so more folks could come out and participate.

I'm going to change the subject now because I want to mention several of our club members that will be leaving us soon. First I want to mention Zoel and Wanda Robinson. These two members will be leaving us in July to go back home to Canada. Zoel and Wanda have not only done a lot for this club, but they are truly great friends, and we will miss them dearly! Zoel and Wanda were the first two people Erica and I met when we went on our first ice cream cruise in 2004, which was our first event with the club. We have had a lot of laughs together also! Wanda served as the club secretary for three years, which exceeded the norm, and Zoel built out the club trailer so that it's much more useful than before. I can't think of any other club members that have been more active and supportive in the club.



Second we are also about to lose our Newsletter Editor, Anne Costolanski. Anne came into the club a little after I did and jumped in with both feet. Anne is moving down to North Carolina to pursue her life long dream of getting her PhD in math. In knowing Anne from work and training her for a marathon, I can say that without a doubt she will succeed in her endeavor. Over the last several years, Anne has been a great friend and will be truly missed! We too have shared a lot of laughs together.

Well boys and girls, that's all I have for this month so remember, if it's too fast, you're too old!

Take care, George

Special Thanks ...

Howard Snook of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club presents plaques of appreciation to Wes Foster, Owner & CEO of *The Long & Foster Companies*, and to Brenda Shipplett, President of *Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc.*

Wes and Brenda were instrumental in getting NVCC's Teen Driving School started, and their continued support of this program helped make it successful again this year.



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NVCC at the Mother's Day Rod Run Car Show
Pictures from Alice Arielly



Waiting for breakfast ...

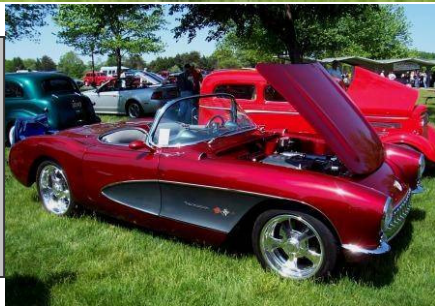


What a great lineup!

OK, who's cuter ... the couple, or the car?? 😊



We need
this car in
NVCC!
What a
beauty!!



NVCC Event Calendar



June 24 – Hopsfrog Brunch Cruise

Back by popular demand ... Hopsfrog Brunch Cruise ... the first one of the 2007 season! This is one of our most popular cruises covering some very twisty roads in the Clifton/Fairfax Station area.

Meeting point is the Giant Food/Sunoco parking lot on Route 123 (Shops at Lorton Valley/Palmer Drive) at 9:45am. After a quick drivers meeting at 10am, we will depart at 10:10am for Hopsfrog Tavern for brunch at 11am.

Hopsfrog Tavern's Sunday Brunch is \$12.95 + drink + tax + tip. Expect to see French toast, pancakes, waffle station, omelet station, bacon, sausage, home fries, carved beef and turkey, chicken and beef specialties, soup, vegetables, salads, fruit, desserts, and much more! Please bring CASH - \$18.00 per person - exact change only!

NEW THIS YEAR - After brunch, there is a Part Two to the cruise, with a different route. Stick around after brunch to cruise even more fabulous area roads. One event, twice the fun!

This is a RAIN or SHINE event. If it rains and you don't want to bring out the vette, feel free to bring alternate transportation (sedan, truck, minivan, whatever!) Please RSVP by Friday 6/22 to Laurie Kistner at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com.

June 29 – Drive Your 'Vette to Work Day

Friday, June 29th, is the date of the 7th Annual Drive Your Corvette To Work Day, sponsored by Mid America Motorworks. In honor of Drive Your Corvette To Work Day, enthusiasts across the United States make "America's Sports Car" their commuter car for the day. Every year, the Friday closest to June 30 (Corvette's official birthday) is chosen to observe Drive Your Corvette To Work Day.

The goal is to have as many Corvette owners as possible drive their car to work that day. Launched in 2001, Mid America Motorworks' Drive Your Corvette To Work Day is an annual event celebrated by thousands of Corvette owners.

Corvette owners who observe "Drive Your Corvette To Work Day" are encouraged to send high resolution digital pictures of their car at work to clubs@mamotorworks.com. Mid America Motorworks will post as many pictures as possible on their website at www.madvet.com.

July 1 – Annual Club Picnic / BBQ

Our annual picnic/BBQ will be held this year at Algonkian Regional Park on Sunday, July 1st 2007. Come out and enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, snacks, soft drinks, and desserts as you partake of the park's nature trail, family playground, and golf, along with some great music. We have reserved Pavilion #1 for the entire day; please RSVP to lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com and indicate how many in your party will be attending. The food will be served around noon and the fun continues until sundown. For more park information visit: <http://www.nvrpa.org/algonkian.html>.

Anyone who wants to bring games, volleyball, etc., please feel free to bring those items for use in the park. No alcohol is allowed. The park is very family friendly and is also open to pets (leashed). This event is open to NVCC members, their families, and those who have applied for NVCC membership. See the flyer on page 17 for more details.

To reach Algonkian Regional Park from the Beltway (I-495), take Route 7 west 11 miles to Cascades Parkway north, and drive 3 miles to the park entrance. The address is 47001 Fairway Drive, Sterling VA, 20165.

July 8 – CVCC/Morgan Club Driving Event at Summit Point

The Morgan Club in Washington DC has reserved Summit Point's Shenandoah track on Sunday, July 8th, and is splitting the track with the Cumberland Valley Corvette Club for the day. On their part of the track, CVCC is sponsoring a day of high speed driving, without instructors, for anyone with an NCCC high speed license. The cost is \$80 for the full day. The Morgan Club is also holding a BBQ for \$20 per person for those attending. There are approximately 20 slots remaining, so for additional information please contact George Kerns at (703) 753-3277 or at whiskeytahoe@aol.com.

July 15 – Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise

Back by popular demand ... the NVCC Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise! Have lunch at Panorama at the Peak in West Virginia, ice cream in Cumberland Maryland, and then more ice cream in Boonsboro Maryland. Visit three states – Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland – in six to seven hours with over 250 miles of good corvette roads and beautiful scenery. Contact Andrej Balanc at urtoslo@adelphia.net or 703-220-8228 for more info.

Meeting point will be the Sterling IHOP at 9:45am. See the flyer on page 18 for more information.

July 27 – HPDE on the Main Track at Summit Point

NVCC is hosting a high speed driving school on July 27th on the Main Circuit at Summit Point. Registration will be open to 25 per group (novice, intermediate, and advanced), for a total of 75 slots. Since this is a high speed event, rules require a MOUNTED fire extinguisher and roll bars in convertibles, long pants and long sleeved shirt, a Snell SA 2000 (or newer) helmet and closed toe shoes. Cars must pass a tech inspection. The cost is \$175 until July 13th, and \$200 July 14 or later. See the registration form and tech sheet (pages 14 and 15) for more details. (**NOTE: The intermediate class is filling up quickly – get your registration in ASAP if you want to run in that class.**)

July 28 & 29 – 14th Annual Vettes at the Beach

Laurie Kistner is from the Syracuse, NY area, and she is hoping to take some fellow club members back there to help her represent NVCC at the 14th Annual 'Vettes at the Beach. This is the "flagship" show of the Northeast ... last year 466 vettes were in attendance! Two of our club members have won awards at this show. Clubs from all around the country come to this show, including those from our region who plan the annual Skyline Cruises we enjoy.

This show is put on by the Syracuse Corvette Club and is a non-judged, people's choice show. Excellent goodie bags, dash plaques, vendors, trophies, and Corvette camaraderie while seeing many vettes, old and new, modded or stock, at their finest. The ultimate goal? Raising money for charities and bringing together the owners of the coolest American made sports car ... the Chevrolet Corvette!

The plan is to leave Centreville at 9am on Saturday, July 28th, and stop in Hazelton, PA at Friendly's for lunch. Once we arrive and relax a bit, we'll gather for a group dinner out at a very nice steak house across the street, Justin's Grill. Early Sunday morning (July 29th) is the show. We will park, have breakfast together at The Pancake House, enjoy the show, have lunch at Harpoon Eddie's, enjoy the show some more, and head home the next morning. The host hotel for this event is Microtel Inn in East Syracuse, NY. Best rates (\$40/night) can be found at www.expedia.com. Contact Laurie Kistner at liiredcorvette94@yahoo.com to sign up. For more info, visit the event website at: <http://syracusecorvetteclub.tripod.com/vettesatthebeachshow/index.html>.

Tech Talk by Paul Benish

Retrieving C5 Diagnostic Codes

Everyone that has a C5 or C6 has the Driver's information console (or DIC) above their steering wheel. It displays information that is accessible by pushing the buttons that are along the console. What most people don't know is that on the C5 you can also have it show those trouble codes that normally require a scan tool to be accessed. C6 owners are out of luck here since GM disabled this on the C6; I guess they got tired of us telling them how to do their jobs! Here is the procedure to access these codes:

1. Turn on the ignition but don't start the engine
2. Press the "reset" button to turn off any warning messages
3. Press and hold "options"
4. While holding "options", press "fuel" four times within a 10-second period

Once you do this, the on-board diagnostics go into "automatic" mode which shows DTCs in a pre-set sequence: PCM-TCS-RTD-BCM-IPC-radio-HVAC-LDCM-RDCM-SCM-RFA, which are the different modules that can have diagnostic codes stored. For each module it will show all the codes, as well as whether it is a current code (as shown by the letter C), or a historic code (as shown by the letter H). A historic code indicates a problem that has occurred within the last 40-50 ignition cycles.

When all the codes are cycled through, it will enter manual mode where you can go through each module individually. Manual mode can also be entered during the automatic sequence by pressing any button except "E/M", and once the IPC displays "manual diagnostics," select a module by pressing the "options" button to go forward or the "trip" button to go back. Once a system is selected and a DTC is displayed, if more than one is present, press "gauges" to go forward or "fuel" to go back. To exit the diagnostic mode at any time press "E/M", or to clear codes for a module press "reset".

You can find the list of what the codes mean on the C5 FAQ on corvette forum, or I put them on my website at <http://www.ginch.org/~firebird/C5codelist.html>.



CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

Photos of 2008 C6 from the Birthday Bash



Crystal Red Metallic Tintcoat



Jetstream Blue Metallic Tintcoat



LS3 Engine



*Sienna Custom Leather Wrap
 Ebony & dark cigar brown 2-tone*



*Linen Custom Leather Wrap
 Ebony & light taupe 2-tone*



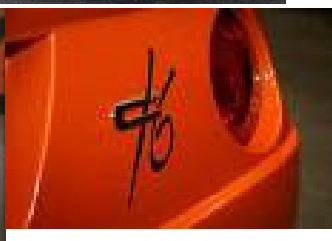
Crystal Red Metallic Tintcoat

Four wheel options will be offered:

- Standard wheel, twin spoke painted light grey
- Same wheel painted a darker grey
- Polished single spoke chrome
- Chrome single spoke



Photos of C16 Callaway



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.

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Cassidy Nolen, Historian:

- He is working on an exhaust plate with the NVCC logo.
- Cassidy and Nicole are hosting a BBQ this Saturday at their place. They have a pool (although the water's probably too cold to swim). It'll start around 2pm – see him for directions to his house.
- Trivia question winners were Steve Jones (microfiber wash mitt), Paul Benish (feather duster), Bruce Witkowski (tire gauge & first aid kit), and Jim Nokes (tool kit).

Rich Mars, Vice President – He's still working on getting a discount on AAA membership for NVCC members. For all those interested in going to Carlisle – go to the event website and email them, and you'll get a whole package of info. Bottom line: \$55 gets a whole weekend of parking and admission to Carlisle.

Marsha Batchellor, Treasurer – If you ordered a shirt from her and didn't get it tonite, see her. She is also taking info to do another order. The club is in sound financial shape!

Rick Poage – On July 2-3, NCM is sponsoring a high speed event at VIR. It's expensive, but they bring out lots of Z06s and other vettes. Also, Chin Motorsports is holding a similar (but less expensive) event July 4-5 at VIR.

Lynn Balanc – Because of the generous donations of everyone at the Teen Driving School, we were able to give \$240 to the VA Tech Hokie Spirit fund to benefit the families of those who were killed at VPI. Also, thanks to all who supported the Pampered Chef party; she raised an additional \$360 to go to the charity.

George Kerns, President –

- July 27's HPDE is filling up very quickly for the intermediate class. Get your registration in ASAP if you want to run in that class. The class will be on the Summit Point Main track. You don't have to run a vette, but any car in the event must be a hardtop or a convertible with a roll bar.
- July 8 – Cumberland Valley Corvette Club has reserved ½ of Summit Point's Shenandoah track to share with the Morgan Club. It costs \$80 for a full day, and the Morgan Club is sponsoring a BBQ for \$20 pp. It's not a driving school; there are no instructors, and you must have an NCCC high speed license. Have 40-45 slots available; 21 people have registered so far.

Paul Benish – He is starting a Tech Committee to help make events run more smoothly. Cassidy Nolen will be joining him on the committee. Tech questions can be emailed to tech@nvcorvetteclub.com; answers will be provided via email and will be put in the newsletter as well. Also, we are going to Clydes after the meeting, for any who are interested in joining.

George Kerns, President – Joe Holzer & Cassidy went to the Spring Mountain Driving School recently, and they brought back info and CDs. Please feel free to take one.

Raffle:

Oil changes – Steve Jones and Art Baer
\$5 Caribou Coffee gift cards – Betsy Jones, Barbara Foor, Paul Benish, John Eiden
50/50 Raffle (\$61) – Josie McMahan

Meeting adjourned at 9pm with 40 active and prospective members present.

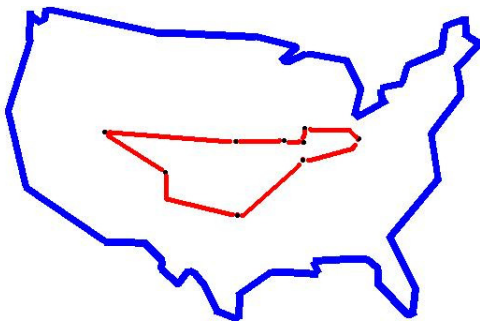
Meeting minutes by Anne Costolanski

Did you know that there really was a Cannonball Run?

One Lap of America

In the early 1970's Brock Yates, senior editor of Car and Driver Magazine, created the now infamous Cannonball Sea-to-Shining-Sea Memorial Trophy Dash, which was a no-holds-barred race from New York City to Redondo Beach, California. After five successful events, he decided to parlay that experience into screenplays for Cannonball Run and Smokey and the Bandit II.

Brock then set out to create a motorsports event that was accessible to the average Joe, but still mimicked the excitement of Cannonball Run. After several changes to the format, the current One Lap of America was designed to be one mainly of endurance and vehicle preparation: entrants drive nearly 24 hours a day, with competition taking place as time trials on race tracks throughout the country. No support crews are allowed, and tires (and the vehicle) must be street-legal. Although scoring is based on performance at the race tracks, the vehicles and their drivers must survive over 4000 miles of driving over the course of a week.



One Lap of America is not actually a complete lap of the country. The tour varies from year to year, with the 2007 route going as far west as the brand new Miller Motorsports Park, just south of Salt Lake City, and as far east as the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course near Mansfield, Ohio.

Starting and finishing at the Tire Rack headquarters in South Bend, Indiana, the official route covered some 4000 miles in a dozen states, visiting seven motorsports facilities for a dozen timed events.

This event is not just for high performance muscle cars: any type of car can enter, as was proved by the 2007 entrants. The majority of competitors were expected – Porsches, Corvettes, BMWs – but there were some anomalies in the field as well, including a few Honda Civics, a VW Beetle, a Subaru Brighton (a what?), and even a Geo Metro!

Our very own member, Dick Clark, participated in the 2007 One Lap of America, with his brother Jerry as his co-pilot. His experience, in his own words:

(On May 6) The fun began yesterday at Tire Rack headquarters with a wet skid pad competition. I placed 15th in a field of 85. We then drove to an oval circuit and then to Autobahn Country Club for 3 hot laps on that circuit. There are a bunch of Corvettes running (C4s through C6s) including a couple of insanely fast Lingenfelter twin turbos. Check out my entry photo (*at right*) if you want to see what the underside of a C6 looks like!



(On May 14) It was a totally awesome experience. Nine Corvettes began the event, including two stock C6's (my red one and a black one). Eight finished. A twin turbo charged Lingenfelter C5 Z06 had some overheating problems and pulled out in Utah. Another Lingenfelter CR Z06 and a modified C6 Z06 finished in the top 10. Either or both could have

been in the top five, except they each had off track excursions into tire walls and had DNF's as a result. I came in 29th overall, just behind a Dodge Viper. The other C6 finished 21st.

It was a really challenging experience, with lots of fast cars and fast drivers. Our finish was pretty respectable for a bone stock car. I am already thinking about next year!

The field of vettes (Dick's is the red one)



Dick at One Lap of America



***HPDE on the Summit Point Main Track
Hosted by Northern Virginia Corvette Club
Friday July 27th, 2007
Rain or Shine***

Participant Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Car Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

NCCC Number (If Applicable) _____

Track experience; please circle one (novice, intermediate, advanced, instructor). Please describe your experience in detail and list organizations you have participated with (for example FATT, BSR, PCA, NASA, etc.) Also include # of HPDE's attended. _____

If registering as an instructor, list instructor experience & specify which organizations you instruct for _____

Cost: \$175. Registrations after July 13th, \$200. Instructors are free, but must register. The NVCC will determine instructor qualifications. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and will close on July 27th. There will be 25 slots in each run group. **No refunds after July 20th. Please make checks payable to NVCC.** Please mail registration forms and checks to:

**George Kerns
13544 Wycrosse Ct.
Bristow, VA 20136
(571) 921-0620**

NVCC website: www.nvcorvetteclub.com

Fire extinguishers, Helmet SNELL SA 2000 or newer, and roll bar for convertibles are required. Cars must pass tech inspection. No timing equipment allowed. See administrative sheet for additional details.

Directions to Summit Point: Take Route 7 West past Leesburg toward Winchester, VA. Continue on Route 7 West past the Berryville exits and turn Right onto Route 632 (Crums Church Road). Follow 632 until you reach the "T" intersection. Turn right onto Route 761 (Old Charles Town Road). Continue on 761 until you reach the next "T" intersection. Make a right turn and follow 300 yards. The entrance will be on your right.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB HPDE
SCHOOL TECHNICAL INSPECTION FORM

Event Date _____ Track _____ Pre-tech _____ Track Tech _____

Driver _____

Car Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

INSTRUCTIONS (Read carefully):

Prior to bringing your car to the track or to the tech station, inspect each item on the car as noted on the Tech Sheet. Consult a tech inspector if there are any questions. Have the top of the form filled out **prior** to going to the tech inspector. Making sure your car is track ready is **your** responsibility.

WHEELS & TIRES

_____ condition of tires
_____ all lug nuts present & tight
_____ no hub caps or beauty rings

STEERING & SUSPENSION

_____ wheel bearings-front
_____ wheel bearings-rear
_____ steering play

ENGINE

_____ fluid leaks (oil, fuel, water)
_____ radiator overflow
_____ radiator hoses (condition)
_____ battery secured (no bungees)
_____ terminals covered

BRAKES

_____ pedal pressure
_____ fluid level
_____ brake lights
_____ lines (condition)

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

_____ roll bars in open cars
_____ seat belts or harness
_____ helmet (Snell SA 2000 or newer)
_____ fire extinguisher
_____ battery secured

MISCELLANEOUS

_____ gas cap secured
_____ no wires exposed
_____ seat belts bolted tight

HAVE READY AT THE TRACK:

- Numbers will be assigned at the track.
- No loose objects in car or trunk. Remove spare tire, jack, floor mats, paper, etc.
- A tech/group sticker placed on top center of windshield.
- All exposed lights covered with tape, except brake lights.

I have inspected the above vehicle and take full responsibility for its condition on the track.

OWNER SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

I have inspected this vehicle for items above.

INSPECTOR SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Inspector's comments (list any violations) _____

Inspector: Please do not sign until all violations have been corrected.

“My first car” stories ...

My first car was a 1958 Nash Rambler, four-door hardtop **station wagon**. V6 with 3 speed automatic PUSH BUTTONS on the CONSOLE transmission. AM Radio and not much else. It did have seats and floors as I recall. I have fond memories of that car – especially at the drive-in movies. I recall losing my oh never mind ☺

It looked a LOT like this: (see picture at right)

My current Vette: my 8th Vette, a 2005 Mag Red, 6-speed C6 coupe. Truly the First C6 in the D.C. area – I ordered it May 1, 2004 and took delivery September 3rd. First C-6 in the Eastern Region of the NCCC to be "tracked" – September 2004 at Spook – Summit Point Raceway. Turned 1,000 miles on the engine break-in during the drive to Summit Point.

Marsha Batchellor

My first car was a 1957 Triumph TR3 small grill, blue with red interior. The year was 1970 and I was a newly minted 16 yr old attending my sophomore year of high school. Mom said I could have a car when I got my license, so I went out and bought it for \$300 the day I passed my driving test ... which was the last time she gave me unqualified permission for anything (and the last day I rode the bus).

I dearly loved that little two seater, which could hold 5 in a pinch as long as the person on the hump could shift for me and everyone was high school skinny (helped if it was a coed group). I lived 3 miles back on a dirt road in Harpers Ferry, WV, so negotiating ruts and pot holes with a car that had 3 inches of clearance became an art form. Its most memorable feature was that it also came with a hand crank to use when the battery died, which with its famous Lucas electronics was not a wasted feature.

My current Corvettes are:

- 1960 4-speed turquoise w/white coves
- 1965 4-speed roadster Nassau blue w/side pipes
- 1969 auto roadster red w/side pipes
- 1984 auto 2-tone blue

Richard Anderson



My first car WAS to have been a 1957 Aqua blue/green 1957 Corvette in 1967 for \$1,200.00. However, my father called my fiancée (who just happened to work for the local State Farm Insurance agent) and convinced her that I would kill myself in it and she needed to talk me out of it. She did rather easily by giving me a very inflated price for the annual insurance premium: twice the car's price. Being 19 and never having bought insurance I believed her.

So I went back to the local Chevy dealer and purchased a 1964 Corvair, Monza 700 Coupe, Metallic green with tan interior, 110HP and a 4 speed. 6 months and several thousand dollars later that little car had High Compression Micky Thompson heads, 3/4 race cam, a Carter 4-barrel carb sitting on a custom spider manifold and headers. The engine was balanced, blueprinted ported and polished intakes and exhaust and dyno tuned to 205 HP. I lived in the country with lots of gravel roads and that car was a Mustang killer!

(P.S. I married that girl and 4 years later she told me the story and the truth about the insurance. It would have been about \$100 a year more than the the insurance on that Corvair. That marriage didn't last too much longer.) Now 38 years later I finally have my vette: a red 2001 C5 convertible.

Michael Hunter

A 1966 VW beetle, purchased for \$300 during college. A jewel of a ride, a lovely pale green with 2" diameter light green paint blots all over (think "measles"), courtesy of the prior owner's younger brother's attempt to "fix" all the paint chips/rust spots ☺ The thing was a blast to drive in the central Illinois snow – great way to learn car control, it would go through just about anything a stupid college kid would try!

It finally met its demise at – of all places – the intersection in front of Koons Chevrolet! Of course, when the front suspension collapsed and wedged the tire up into the fender well, it picked the most convenient place to do it: dead square in the middle of the intersection. Ah, the memories. Unfortunately, back then I didn't have the means to just walk over to Koons to buy a new C3 (Ensigns didn't make *that* much back then!).

Current: 2004 black coupe, 6-speed – I swore I'd never own another black car, but with a seductive shape like that, how could I say no??

Mark Neblett



Celebrate summer at our

Annual Club Picnic & BBQ

to be held on Sunday, July 1st 2007 at

Algonkian Regional Park

Pavilion #1

47001 Fairway Drive, Sterling VA, 20165

MENU

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Old Fashioned Potato Salad
Coleslaw
Penne with Tomato & Mozzarella
Vegetable Crudite
Rye Bread Bowl Dip
Watermelon Boat & Fruit Salad
Assorted Cookies
Cheesecake
Cream Puffs & Eclairs
Soft Drinks (Soda, Iced Tea, Bottled Water)

Come out and enjoy a BBQ as you partake of the park's nature trail, family playground, and golf, along with some cool tunes. Feel free to bring games, volleyball, etc, into the park. No alcohol is allowed. The park is very family friendly and is also open to pets (leashed). This event is open to NVCC members, their families, and those who have applied for NVCC membership.

RSVP to LilRedCorvette94@yahoo.com with number attending

**Cruise the back road (and some highways)
in search of the perfect cone!**

July 15, 2007 10:00am to 5:00pm



Tri-State Power Ice Cream Cruise



Great Scenery Cumberland, MD

Lunch at Panorama

Ice Cream Ice Cream Ice Cream

Meet at the IHOP on Route 7 in Sterling at 9:45am

Drivers Meeting at 10:00am

RSVP Andrej Balanc by July 1: 703-220-8228 URTOSLO@YAHOO.COM

or use the Events tab at www.nvcorvetteclub.com

Heritage High School Auto Club Car Show

The HHS Auto Club held its 4th annual car show on June 1st. Thank you NVCC for supporting us with all the Vettes and for bringing other car clubs along. Don Ellenberger's yellow C6 Z06 was a big winner this year, taking the prize for Best Domestic and Loudest Exhaust. The person conducting the exhaust test was literally blown away with one push of the gas pedal!

Look for next year's show to be a little earlier in the year. Thanks again for your support of the HHS Auto Club. If you are interested in next year's show, please email me at austin.climb1@verizon.net.

Thank You,
Austin
Somersall



Photos from Pat Somersall



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Next General Business Meeting:

Tuesday, June 26th

**Koons Chevrolet
2000 Chain Bridge Road
Tysons Corner, VA**

Newsletter News

Current and past newsletters are accessible via our website at www.nvcorvetteclub.com. To receive the newsletter via email rather than through the mail, please contact me.

I will be leaving the area in early August, so NVCC is looking for a new newsletter editor. Please contact me if you are interested or have questions ... it's fun and I've met a lot of nice people because of it - I highly recommend it!

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