

# The 'Glass Gazette

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## *Fearless Leader Out in Front at VIR*

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***This should help answer the question as to whether a C5 is still competitive...is that a Porsche lingering in the background???***

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## **Membership Corner**

We currently have  
**133** active members and  
**16** prospective members.



### **Prospective Members:**

Gary Moller	2006 Z51 Victory Red Coupe	Gary Essex	2007 Red 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
John & Jane Fritsvold	2007 Red Coupe	Scott Ziegler	2003 Yellow Z06
Michael Neff	2003 50th Anniversary Ruby Red Convertible		
Jim Miller	2006 LeMans Blue Z06 & 1976 Yellow Coupe		
Rod Cannon	1992 Grand Sport, 1996 Grand Sport, 2006 Orange Conv		

## ***THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER***

BY: GEORGE KERNS

Well hello everyone! As everyone can see fall is in the air now and yet another year is winding down for NVCC. This year has been a really big year for the club and there is still a lot more to come before it finishes out on us! There is always so much going on this time of year and the really great thing is that there is something for everyone! Just off the top of my head we still have Spook, an HPDE, Our teen Driving School, Christmas Dinner cruise and a ration of other events before the year's end!

Before I get started on all that I wanted to talk a little about an event with the Mazda Drivers that about ten of us in the club did down at VIR! I believe that Dick Clark has some photos that he is going to share with everyone. We all had a blast down there! If you have never been to VIR you really need to go down there at least once! It's taken Mike S, Jack M and Ralph W a couple of years to get me to go down there and now I can't figure out why it took me so long to get there! It was truly an awesome facility to say the least! NVCC made a great showing at the track and everyone had a great time.

Just as a reminder to everyone that the October General Business meeting we will be holding nominations for the November elections. I would like to see as many of you as possible to those two meetings to support your fellow club members in the upcoming elections. We have several positions coming open this year and possibly a couple of chair positions to fill. So come on out to the meetings and have a great time with everyone else!

The list of volunteers we have to help out at the December 1<sup>st</sup> "Sir Isaac Newton's Totally Awesome Driving School" is fantastic! We will be holding a meeting at Koons Chevrolet in the meeting room on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to go over everything need at this event. The sponsorship for the school is taking shape and we are looking good for our third school of this type. We are adding a 6<sup>th</sup> class to this event that will have to do with general car maintenance. Paul Benish along with members of Tire Van will be helping out at this station. We also plan on opening 12 additional slots for this school due to the increase of area witch will allow us to increase to 72 teens for the school. Registration will open on October 1<sup>st</sup> for this event and will fill within a week!

I will be calling this week or next to make reservations for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Dinner Cruise to the Bavarian Chef! Each year this event keeps getting bigger! Last year we had 42 people (24 Corvettes) attend this dinner! Afterwards we will all head back to Mr. & Mrs. Claus' for some cookies and liquid refreshments along with a cookie exchange. (Sorry Cel! No Wegman's cookies!!!) Home made! More details to follow soon!

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

Thanks George



## MINUTES FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING ...

Northern Virginia Corvette Club  
General Business Meeting  
August 28, 2007

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 PM at Koons Chevrolet, Tysons Corner

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

Laurie Kistner – Social Calendar

- Labor Day Car Show, Clifton, Virginia on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - o There is reserved parking for our club but must get there early
  - o Drivers meeting at 6:30 AM
  - o RSVP to Laurie
- Corvette Drag Racing Day & People's Choice Fun Show
  - o Capitol Raceway, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>
  - o For event info contact Charlie Geis at 301-854-2014, [sejgc@verison.net](mailto:sejgc@verison.net)
  - o Laurie will lead convoy...contact her with RSVP
- Sunday Cruise/Hopsfrog Brunch, Oct 7
- Corvettes @ Ocean City, Oct 12-13
- T.C. Williams Parade, Oct 13
- Fall Skyline Drive Cruise, Oct 20
- Vienna Halloween Parade, Oct 24

George Kerns, President

- Fall Teen Driving Class is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> at Battlefield High School, Haymarket, VA
  - o Will be open to 72 students
  - o Planning for a car maintenance/tech inspection clinic for the parents
  - o Registration to open October 1
  - o Need volunteers, meeting scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 at Koons
  - o George has commitments from the news agencies; so we will have good coverage
  - o George is contacting potential sponsors
- High Performance Driver's Education scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> on the Summit Point Shenandoah Track
  - o Registration is open
  - o Details on the website: [www.nvcorvetteclub.com](http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Dinner Cruise to the Bavarian Chef and the post-dinner cookie exchange is scheduled for Dec 8<sup>th</sup>
  - o Had 28 people last year
  - o Put the date on your calendar and watch for more details

Andrej Balanc

- Spooktacular is scheduled for Sept 29-30
  - o Already have 20 reservations
  - o There is no event hotel this year. Book your room early @ Charlestown, Winchester, Shepardstown
  - o Need volunteers. Sign up early to help Andrej with his planning
  - o There will be a workers party Saturday evening at

the track

- o BBQ cooked on site
- o Tech check will be at the track Friday night and Saturday morning
- o Rich Mars is providing Hospitality at the track Friday
- o Hospitality starts at 5
- o Tech Check runs from 6-8

Paul Benish & Cassidy Nolan

- Need volunteers to work tech inspections for Spook and the Teen Driving Class

Pat Somersall – Membership

- We have 135 active members and 15 prospective members
- Renewal notices will go out in mid September
  - o Fees remain the same
    - \* NVCC member \$36
    - \* NVCC spouse \$18
    - \* NCCC member \$25
    - \* NCCC Spouse \$10
  - o Money is due to Marsha NLT Nov 1

Marsha Batchellor – Treasurer

- Financial position is sound

Rich Anderson – Newsletter

- Rich's first newsletter has been posted
- o Everybody gets a copy via e-mail and it is posted on the NVCC website
- o Paper copies will be sent out only if requested by the member
- Need input for the newsletters. Please send pictures and articles to Rich. Pictures are welcome even if there is no article with it.

Rich Mars – Vice President

- Ocean City – need to register ASAP. Hotels are filling up
- Visited the Corvette Museum and took the factory tour. Highly recommend it.
- Also toured the distilleries in the Bardstown, KY area.
- Rich plans to put together a 10 distillery tour in Sept 2008.

Alice Arielly

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show, Sept 16 at Sterling Chevrolet sponsored by the Old Dominion Corvette Club. [www.olddominioncorvetteclub.com/show.asp](http://www.olddominioncorvetteclub.com/show.asp)

Paul Benish

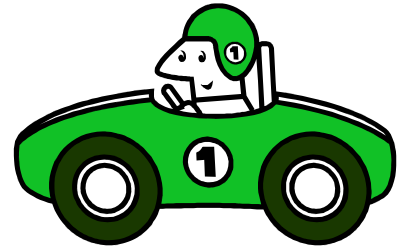
- Talked to a lawyer in his office about the Virginia "bad" drivers fees. The lawyer said that he would be happy to answer questions gratis. Contact Paul for contact info.

Raffle

- Oil Change
  - o Gary Essex
  - o Art Baer
- 50/50 drawing - \$48 Jimmy Nokes



*NVCC Event Calendar*  
*Maintained by Laurie Kistner*



**Sunday Oct 7th** - Back by popular demand...the fall edition of the Hopsfrog Brunch Cruise!

This is one of our most popular cruises covering some very twisty roads in the Clifton/Fairfax Station area. Schedule as follows:

**9:45 AM** - arrival at cruise start point (Giant Food/Sunoco parking lot on Route 123 (Shops at Lorton Valley/Palmer Drive)

**10:00 AM** - quick driver's meeting/map hand-outs

**10:10 AM** - depart for cruise

**11:00 AM** - arrive at Hopsfrog Tavern for brunch

**Around 12 - 1PM** (whenever people finish eating) - 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!

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 (including crème caramel), and much more! **Please bring CASH - \$18.00 per person - exact change only!**

Please **RSVP by Friday 10/5** to Laurie Kistner at [lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com](mailto:lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com). If you RSVP after that date, I cannot guarantee seating availability. 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!)

Directions to cruise start point: For ease of egress, we will be meeting at the Giant Food/Sunoco parking lot on Route 123 (Shops at Lorton Valley). From 7100 (Ffx Cty Pkwy) take the Route 123 south exit and pass the Burke Lake Golf Course and Park and continue toward Lorton. The Shops at Lorton Valley will be on your left; Palmer Drive is on your right. Or, if you wish to attend brunch only, the Hopsfrog address is: 5745 Burke Centre Parkway Burke, VA 22015.

**Fri. & Sat. October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>** – Corvettes at Ocean City

Sponsored by the Free State Corvette Club. Please see [www.freestatecorvette.com](http://www.freestatecorvette.com) for complete registration and event details. **YOU MUST FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM ON THEIR SITE TO PARTICIPATE.** There is something for everyone, including fun and judged shows, rallies, with the highlight of the weekend being the boardwalk parade of corvettes. This event benefits Spina Bifida.

**Sat. October 13<sup>th</sup> (TENTATIVE)** – T.C Williams High School Homecoming Parade.

Please stay tuned to your club email for details from Joe Daly. Need convertibles in particular to carry the kids, but coupes and hard tops are welcome to ride in the parade (no limits on the number of vehicles in attendance). Perfect for those not going to Ocean City but still want to support a club event. If interested, contact Joe at [jdthree@cox.net](mailto:jdthree@cox.net) for details.

**Sat. October 20<sup>th</sup>** – Fall Skyline Drive Cruise.

Corvette Forum's Jim Strathearn and the Shenandoah Valley Corvette Club are again sponsoring this year's event, to benefit Toys for Tots. For those who remember past Skyline Cruises, we always have a blast! Skyline attendance usually is 100-200 'vettes!!! Lunch details are still being determined, so please stay tuned. This year we will not be going into the National Park for the cruise (but you certainly may do so afterward). There is a new cruise route this year! Instead of being in the mountains looking down at the valley, we will be in the valley looking up at the mountains! We'll be leaving Front Royal, heading up 522, hitting **both** sides of 211 and cruising some really nice roads that will give us perfect views of the leaves.

We will meet at the Newgate Shopping Center parking lot (corner of Routes 28 and 29 in Centreville) at 7:30 AM, drivers' meeting at 7:45 AM, leaving at 8 AM SHARP! We should arrive at the Front Royal Chevy dealership at around 9:00 AM, where those organizing the cruise will begin distributing goodie bags and door prizes. Representatives from the local Toys for Tots group

will be there collecting the donations. They will also have coffee and donuts for us. Please e-mail me at [lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com](mailto:lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com) if you wish to join the Centreville caravan to the cruise starting location.

### Sun. October 21<sup>st</sup> \*BONUS EVENT – Shenandoah Valley Hot Air Balloon Festival

On Sunday (the day after Skyline), we are invited to display our cars at the Shenandoah Valley Hot Air Balloon Festival. All ‘vettes get in the gate **free**. The balloons go up at 7:30 am and 4:30 pm (weather permitting). There's live music, crafters, wine tasting (for a small fee), stuff for the kids, and lots of food. It's really a nice event. Check it out at [www.historiclongbranch.com](http://www.historiclongbranch.com) and if anyone is interested, let me know at [lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com](mailto:lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com)

### Wed. October 24<sup>th</sup> – Vienna Halloween Parade

Anyone who lives in this area knows how big a parade this really is. This is a great opportunity to get the club out in front of our own community, and the cost **FREE!!!**

We have won 1st place at this event in the past and have had as many as 30 cars - lets see if we can top that this year! This year's theme will be "Jamestown – Celebrating 400 Years of History".

Several people have asked if we are decorating our cars - that is entirely up to you! Costumes are also optional. Additional people/spouses/kids are more than welcome, we need help carrying the club banner. Also, you are **not** allowed to throw candy etc. from the cars.(It can however be handed out by participants on foot.)

More details to follow. If you are interested please be sure you contact Joe Daly at: [jdthree@cox.net](mailto:jdthree@cox.net)

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### Upcoming social events...stay tuned...

Sun. November 18th - NVCC/NVMC Annual Sunday Brunch & Billiards Day

Sat. December 8th - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Dinner Cruise

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### *All Corvette Drag Day*

From Laurie Kistner:

What a great, fun day we had at Capitol Raceway! We had a perfect weather day for this event. Thanks to Dick Clark, Rich Mars, and Tom Shea for participating. It was fun to race and see all the beautiful show cars. Also cool to watch those 7 second race-prepared cars do their thing. Awesome! Looking forward to next year. Some of us were talking about doing a "Camp NVCC" tailgate there the next time around.



Laurie Kistner's C4



Richard Mars' C5

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador Corner  
By: Donald Patrick



## NO MAJOR NEWS OR ACTIVITIES

### 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.

## **ODCC Car Show, Sterling**

Provided by: *Alice Arielly & Rich Anderson*



This was one of the more fun car shows I've been to in a while. A great cross section of Vettes, friendly folks and certainly the best weather I've had my cars out in all summer.





## *Labor Day Car Show at Clifton*

Provided by: *Alice Arielly & Laurie Kistner*



*The Color Guard*



*The Refreshment Guard*



*OK it isn't a Vette, but it is the car from American Graffiti, which deserves honorable mention at any car show (as does Alice for proudly proclaiming "Vette Girl")!*



# Parting shots



*Just how many rotors do you go through George?    Fingerprint control at ODCC Show.*



*Jack that isn't a corvette, but still pretty.*



*Obviously the traffic was bad enough at Clifton that some celebrities flew in.*

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### Newsletter News ...

Having received no death threats, classic corvette vandalism or similar expressions of displeasure, I must conclude that my first edition was at least a modest success. I sincerely appreciate the help and support from the club's officers and members and look forward to trying to keep the newsletter fresh and relevant.

As I pleaded last month, this requires input from the members, both in the form of suggestions as well as the all important contributions of pics and articles. If it appears sometimes that the newsletter features the same members and their cars, all I can say is that I can only publish what I receive. So please expand our publishing base and submit your pics and items of interest.

Thank you and I hope to see you at Spook!

*Rich Anderson*

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### Next General Business Meetings:

**Tuesday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, Oct 23rd**

**Koons Chevrolet**

**2000 Chain Bridge Road**

**Tysons Corner, VA**