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Free State Corvette Club's "Life Lived as Played" Corvette Weekend 2010

By Alice S. Arielly & John Palmgren

It was a lovely weekend in Ocean City for Free State Corvette Club's "Life Lived as Played" Corvette Weekend 2010. The weather was in the 70's with a beautiful sunny days Friday, Saturday and Sunday. NVCCers in attendance were: Jerry and Irene Lelansky, Alice Arielly and Jack Hufnagle, Don Ellenberger, Patty and Jim MacGregor, Stewart and Carol Fox, John Palmgren and Kara Bennis, Mack and Josie McMahon, Wayne and Karin Gregor, and Gary and Sherrie Essex. Friday started with a caravan that included Stewart and Carol, Patty and Jim, and Kara and myself. We met on Rt. 50 a couple of exits before the Bay Bridge and cruised on down 50 getting into Ocean City around 5 PM. Once we all registered, a few of us went up to Big Fish in Rehoboth for a fantastic meal.

Friday night started with a welcome party at the event's new headquarters, the Clarion Fontainebleau hotel on 101st street. It was a newer, bigger venue, which made registration easier and allowed for many more great door prizes. They had a good buffet and a fun oldies band to get the party started off right.

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Membership Corner

113 Active Members

2 New Members

3 Prospective Members

118 Total

Annual Membership Renewal Right Around the Corner

Hopefully everyone has received my Annual Membership **Renewal** Letter for 2011 via the Club's member email address list. I have recently followed that up by sending a hardcopy renewal letter to all who have yet to register as of 20 OCT 2010. **The deadline for membership renewal has been extended until 15 NOV 2010! PLEASE PUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INTO THE MAIL BY 12 NOV 10 IN ORDER FOR ME TO RECEIVE IT BY 15 NOV 10!** To recap, you can very easily renew your NVCC Membership for 2011 by going

to www.nvcorvetteclub.com/membership.html

and paying for your membership by using **PayPal**.

And this year NVCC is paying for each member's PayPal processing fee! The Annual **Renewal** Fee for a member is \$73.00 and for a Member and their Spouse the Fee is \$73.00 + \$34.00 = \$107.00. You can also mail your membership renewal with a check made out to **NVCC** and send it to me **NVCC Membership Director, Michael Rathbun, P.O. Box 651223, Potomac Falls, VA 20165-1223**.

Please include your latest email address and telephone number to update our records. Thank you! Save The Wave! //Michael

Important Notice On November General Business Meeting

The November General Business Meeting has been moved to the 5th Tuesday of the month, the Nov 30th. This move was taken in recognition that many members will be traveling Thanksgiving week.

It is important that as many members as possible attend the November meeting, which is NVCC's annual election of officers. Nominations were held at the October meeting and will be open again prior to voting at the November meeting. Your participation in helping to shape next year's council is needed.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER Oct 2010

As I draft this month's article with mere hours to go before press time, I can sense the editor beginning to get a bit impatient with me. Sorry, but it's not easy to condense so much news into one page. Seems like the fine early fall weather is holding out for NVCC. Corvette events continue at a frantic pace, with several more coming up in just a few days. Here's how we're doing in the month of October.

Free State Corvette's big Cruise on the Boardwalk fundraiser in Ocean City was a big success once again, under near-perfect sunny skies. I understand this was the 24th year for this popular event. By my estimate, they had 600 registered Corvettes in attendance for the Friday check-in and Saturday Car Show, Rallye, Boardwalk Cruise, and awards ceremony. Carol and I were in attendance for the first time in about 10 years, enjoyed our 28 block excursion up the timbers, and were thrilled to be at the award ceremony to see our own Alice and Jack pick up first place for Rallye, followed by John and Kara with a second-place finish. Way to go NVCC !

The last week of October is going to be one heck of a busy week for NVCC !

We have a GBM on Tuesday evening. At the GBM, we expect to present our proceeds from this year's Concourse to a rep from the American Cancer Society. In addition, the latter part of the meeting will be devoted to nomination of members for next year's Council positions.

Wednesday night is the Vienna Halloween Parade. Again this year, Lori Benish has us meeting at the Leslie Pools parking lot on Rt 123 between 5 and 6 PM. We're also planning to slip into nearby Wu's Garden for a bite to eat before we head down the parade route.

Saturday 10/30 and Sunday 10/31 is Spooktacular. This NCCC-sanctioned event will be held at Old Dominion Speedway. There is still space available if you want to run in the event. Check the NVCC website for registration details. We could also use a few more workers to help everything run smoothly. If you're available to help out, please let me know.

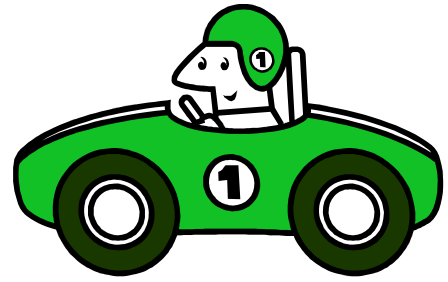
If you're not sure what Spooktacular is, come on out as a spectator and cheer on your favorite Vette. The event is spectator-friendly and no-charge to watch. Be sure to have your friends and family come out to catch the action!

Don't forget that Membership Renewal for 2011 is underway. **PLEASE submit your renewal by November 15.** The regular renewal deadline of 1 Nov has been extended to 15 Nov. owing to an oversight in getting hard copy renewal letters out as soon as we would have liked. Since we need to get our money and paperwork into Region by 1Dec, it is essential that members renew as soon as possible.

Finally, I want to thank Rich Mars for stepping up to take the place of Don Patrick as our club's Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum and want to extend a big THANK YOU to Don and Judy for their years of service to NVCC. We wish them well as they get ready to retire to the Carolinas.

Check the brake fluid, change the oil, put a little air in the tires, rub on some wax, and hang on for another action packed season with your friends at NVCC. Come out and join the fun !

NVCC Social Calendar Nov 2010 - Laurie Kistner, Social Director & Webmaster



Wed. 10/17/10 - We are all gearing up for the Halloween season (except the malls that are already celebrating Christmas - haha). To celebrate, the NVCC is participating again in the Vienna Halloween Parade. It is a great parade and we usually get a great showing. Costumes not required, but are totally awesome if so inclined.

We are meeting to line up between 5-6pm (after 6pm the roads close - so I urge everyone to come early!). We park to line up at Leslie's Pool Supply in Vienna (address is below). Many of us have dinner before the parade, which starts at 7pm, and since we have to be there so early for line up - we should have plenty of time!

We will go over to Wu's Garden Chinese Restaurant at around 5:30pm (address below), which is just a few doors down from where we park our cars. Please try to let parade leader Lori Benish know ASAP at historian@nvc Corvetteclub.com if you will be joining the group for dinner (or just the parade), so she can get a good headcount for tables at the restaurant.

Remember NO BURNOUTS, we are here to have fun, but also support the club and make a safe environment for all the little kids who will be watching our super cool cars! The parade's theme is "Pride of Vienna -- Sportsmanship through Players, Coaches and Fans". This year marks the 64th year of the parade.

So here are the details:

Be at the parking lot of Leslie's Pool Supply between 5-6pm
Address: 412 Maple Ave East, Vienna, VA

If you want to join us for dinner, be at Wu's Garden (after parking your car at Leslie's) at 5:30ish
Address: 418 Maple Ave East, Vienna, VA

Sat. 10/30/10 - Shenandoah Cruise/Show (formerly Skyline Drive). This semi-annual event is brought to us by the Shenandoah Valley Corvette Club.

Once again, we are staying off of the Skyline Drive, but driving a really beautiful route around the area, and this year the organizers decided to end the cruise back at Jack Evans Used Car lot for an impromptu car show (more of a display, no awards) and to allow participants to mingle awhile, and take in some of the shops and restaurants in Front Royal. Entry on the day of the event is a new, unwrapped toy (no stuffed animals) or a \$20 donation to Toys for Tots. Registration starts at 8:30 AM, and we'll take off from the lot at 10:30 AM. The cruise itself takes about 2 hours.

Please send pre-registrations to:

SVCC
P.O. Box 717
Berryville, VA 22611

Pre-registration is \$15 instead of \$20 (the day of the event). Please make checks out to Toys for Tots.

Directions to Jack Evans Chevrolet used car lot (from NoVa):

*Take I-66 West to the VA-79 exit- EXIT 13- toward VA-55/LINDEN/Front ROYAL.

*Turn LEFT onto VA-79/APPLE MOUNTAIN RD. - 0.2 miles

*Turn RIGHT onto VA-55/JOHN MARSHALL HWY. - 6 miles

*Turn RIGHT onto US-522 N/S COMMERCE AVE. - 0.3 miles - The Front Royal Business Park will be on your right and a 7-Eleven and KFC on your left.

*End at 9 S COMMERCE AVE FRONT ROYAL VA - We are on the left at the intersection of Stonewall Drive and Commerce Avenue across from the Quality Inn.

Sat. 10/30/10 & Sun. 10/31/10 - Spooktacular (see flyer for complete details!)

Sun. 11/7/10 - Corvette Club of America Double Autocross, beginning at 8:30 AM. Sanction #s:

ER-001-102 and ER-001-103. See www.corvetteclubofamerica.org for more details closer to the event date. Autocross address at top of next page.

Lincoln Technical Institute
9325 Snowden River Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046

Sun. 11/7/10 - 4th Annual Corvettes for Chip. (Rain date is 11/14 - check www.corvettesforchip.com after 6 AM on show day for any updates)

Brandywine Picnic Park
690 S. Creek Road
West Chester, Pa 19382

Registration 8:30AM - 11AM
Show 11AM - 3 PM

Pre-registration Fee: \$20 by 10/31/10
Day of Show: \$25

The Corvettes for Chip Corvette show was started in 2007 by a combined effort between the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware (CCND) and Keystone State Corvette Club (KSCC).

In the show's first year we had 165 Corvettes attend and donated \$2500 to the show's beneficiary which is the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation. In the second year we had 235 Corvettes and donated \$3,600 to the CMCF. In 2009 County Corvette Association joined the effort and we drew over 331 Corvettes...and donated \$8,000 to CMCF!

Most Corvette enthusiasts knew Chip Miller as the creator of the annual Corvettes at Carlisle Corvette Show and one of the main driving forces behind the Corvette hobby.

Chip Miller was taken from us in March of 2004 from a little known disease called Amyloidosis. The Chip Miller Charitable Foundation was formed to raise funds for the research, education, and awareness of amyloidosis and related diseases.

Show registration and information can be found at www.corvettesforchip.com

Sat. 11/13/10 - Never Too Cool for Teen Driving School, held RAIN or SHINE at Old Dominion Speedway, 10611 Dumfries Road, Manassas VA 20112, from 7:45 AM to 4 PM. Teen drivers will learn car control and real world driving skills in this class from knowledgeable and experienced instructors through a series of challenging exercises designed to extend his or her skills and thinking.

Volunteers will be needed to help this event run smoothly. Help will be needed in areas such as registration, tech, course set up, and cone retrieval. If you can help with any of these, please contact Lori Benish at historian@nvcorvetteclub.com ASAP!



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DATE:	Oct 30 & 31, 2010	CLUB NUMBER:	ER-357
REGISTRATION: OPENS	September 1, 2010	CLUB:	Northern Virginia Corvette Club
CLOSES	October 30, 2010	REGION:	East Region
DRIVERS MEETING	8:30am	ENTRY FEE:	See below
FIRST CAR OUT: Saturday	9:00 AM	LOCATION:	Old Dominion Speedway
Sunday	12:00 PM	Manassas, VA	
SPEED EVENTS: Saturday	LOW SPEED: X	EXHAUST – OPEN:	Within track db limits
Sunday	HIGH SPEED X		

2010 SPOOKTACULAR MAP AND EVENT INFORMATION:

This is a rain or shine **LOW & HIGH SPEED** autocross, limited to 50 drivers. Seven events each day, two runs per event. **Run Cone Course on Saturday and on the famed Old Dominion Speedway 3/8 mile oval on Sunday.** For both Saturday and Sunday: the first seven runs count towards the first round of Auto-X 1-7, runs 8-14 count as the second round of Auto-X 1-7.

Event is open to Corvettes and non-Corvettes. Non-Corvettes are not eligible for NCCC points.

Sorry: For safety reasons, NO Trucks, Vans, SUVs or Crossover's are allowed.

Overnight trailer parking is available at Old Dominion Speedway.

Overnight lodging is available at: Olde Towne Inn 9403 Main Street Manassas, VA 20110 www.oldtowneinn.com.

Non-NCCC drivers must provide satisfactory proof of high speed driving skills to Event Chairman in order to participate in High Speed Events on Sunday. NVCC and Event Chair solely reserve the right to determine eligibility for High Speed participation.

Cost for Saturday & Sunday: 14 Auto-X Sessions - \$ 135 / driver

Cost for Saturday OR Sunday: 7 Auto-X Sessions - \$ 75 / driver

SEE LOCATION MAP –PAGE 2

NOTE: In High Speed Events: 1. All roadsters must have roll bars as outlined under Section on Technical Inspection For Speed Events. 2. Fire extinguisher (min. 5 BC) required in all groups and classes. 3. It is highly recommended (required in Group 3) that all competing cars be equipped with roll bars or roll cages. 4. All entrants must have High Speed Certification, and fire suits are required for Group III. 12-3

DEADLINE FOR WITHDRAWAL/ REFUNDS AVAILABLE UNTIL OCTOBER 23, 2010

EVENT CHAIRPERSON:		GOVERNOR:
Name: Stewart Fox		NAME: Andrej Balanc
Address: PO Box 3458 McLean, VA 22103-3458		Address: 604 S Dogwood St Sterling, VA 20164
PHONE: 202-439-7599		PHONE: 703-220-8228
EMAIL: spooktacular@nvcorvetteclub.com		EMAIL: urtoslo@yahoo.com

Electronic registration and payment accepted via PayPal at: www.nvcorvetteclub.com

Name _____ NCCC Number _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

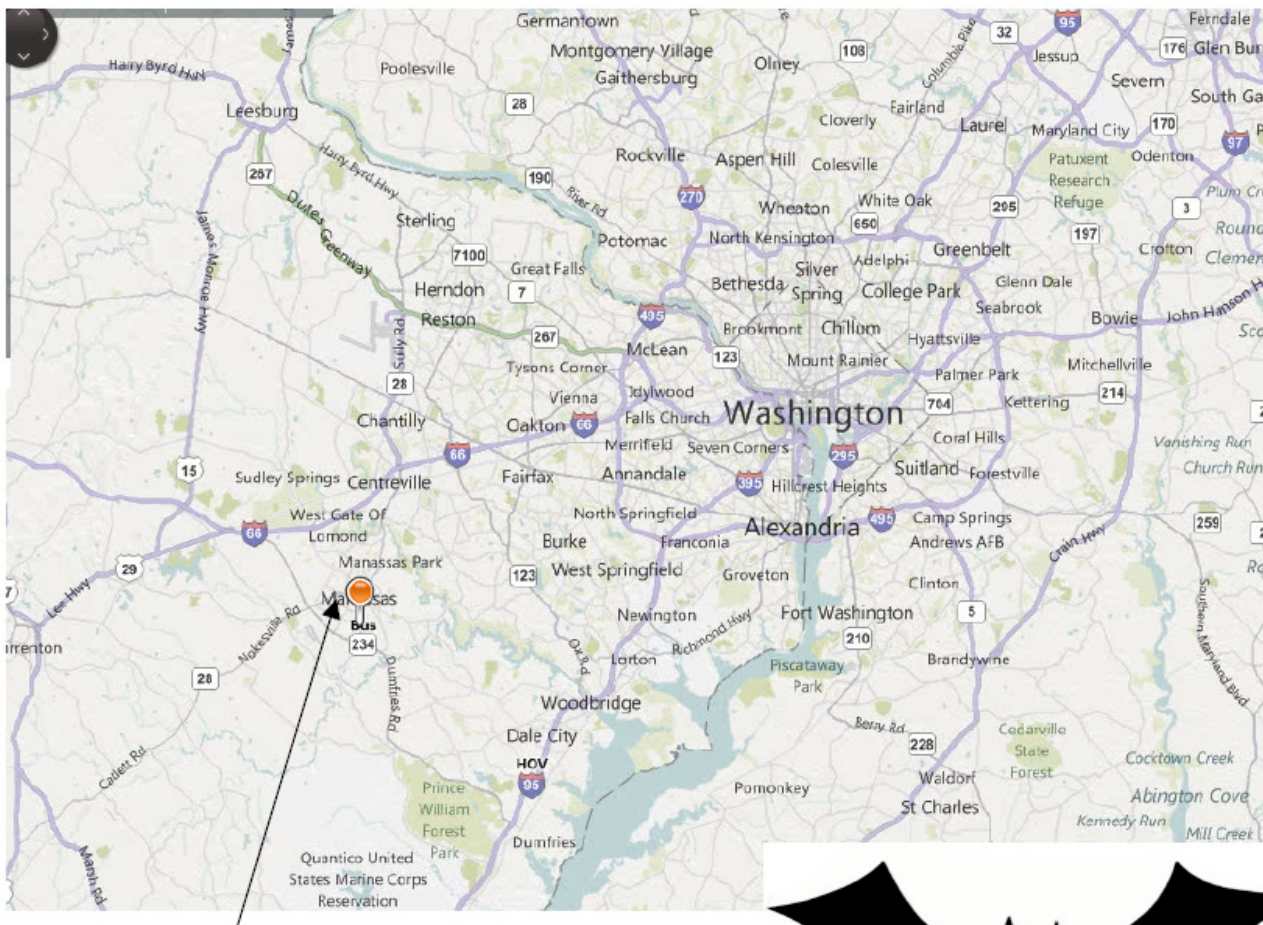
Car _____ Year _____ Group/Class _____

Spook 2010 Saturday & Sunday \$ _____ Spook 2010 Saturday OR Sunday \$ _____

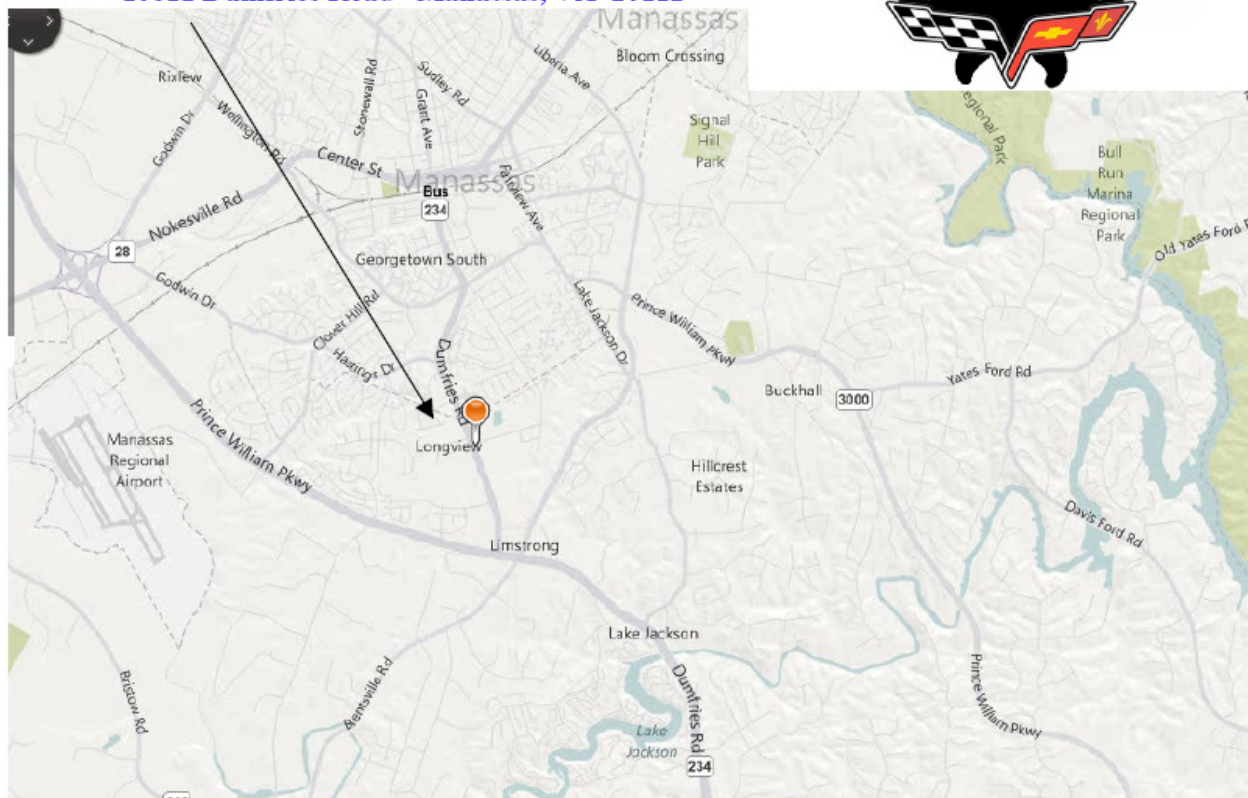
Make checks payable to: NVCC

Send registration & payment to: **NVCC Spooktacular 21731 Ladbrooke Grove Ct Sterling, VA 20166**

For registration questions, contact: **Lori Benish at: historian@nvcorvetteclub.com**



OLD DOMINION SPEEDWAY
10611 Dumfries Road Manassas, VA 20112



Items Sold During
General Business Meetings
& Select NVCC Events.



Please contact the member listed below if you are interested in any of these items, to check availability, or for questions!



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\$3.00 ea.

Contact: Lori Benish (historian@nvcorvetteclub.com)



NVCC Windshield Banners

\$5.00 ea

Contact: Lori Benish (historian@nvcorvetteclub.com)



NVCC Keychains

\$10.00 ea

Contact: Lori Benish (historian@nvcorvetteclub.com)



NVCC Lanyard

\$5.00 ea

Contact: Lori Benish (historian@nvcorvetteclub.com)

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\$40.00 ea

Contact: Stewart Fox (president@nvcorvetteclub.com)

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NCCC East Region Patch
(Limited Qty Available)

\$5.00 ea

Contact: Lori Benish (historian@nvcorvetteclub.com)

Store Proceeds Go Towards Northern Virginia Corvette Clubs Many Great Events - Support the Club and buy your NVCC Items here!!

Atlantic City Toys for Tots By Rich Mars

Toys for Tots in Atlantic City N.J. was a great success. Over 1200 Corvettes and lunch provided by Kerbeck Chevrolet. I estimate about three semi's of toys were collected. It was a perfect day and a great cause. Christmas is just around the corner. The man standing with us in the center picture is Charles Kerbeck, one of the three brothers that own and operate Kerbeck Chevrolet, the world's largest corvette dealer. Rita and Rich Mars



Free State Corvette Club's "Life Lived as Played" Corvette Weekend 2010 (continued)

Saturday started early for the car show lovers – Don Ellenberger and Jerry & Irene Lelansky entered their super clean machines in this year's show. Some of us showed up a little later for three evil rallyes (well, the gimmick rallye was evil, poker & Scrabble were just dumb luck). After several brutal hours running the gimmick rallye (& looking at all the answers that we knew we got wrong), we were all pleasantly surprised when John Palmgren & Kara Bennis came in 2nd out of 81 entrants – and then Jack & Alice came in 1st! Way to go NVCC! None of us got lucky on Scrabble, but Jack & Alice also managed to pull three 5s in the Poker rallye, netting 2nd place out of 92 entrants. Wayne & Karin Gregor also made an admirable showing in the Poker rallye. Our NVCC President, Stewart, & his lovely wife, Carol, cheered us all on, as did newlywed Patty Williams and several other NVCCers.

The afternoon's Boardwalk parade of Vettes was again a fun event – lots of sunshine and people to cheer us on as we drove from the Inlet lot up the Boardwalk. That night's seafood buffet at the Clarion, after which all the trophies were awarded marked the end of a very entertaining, yet relaxing weekend. I think most of us slept in on Sunday, some of us enjoyed the hotel breakfast buffet overlooking the ocean, while Kara and John stopped at Jimmy's Kitchen in Fenwick for a wonderful breakfast with Stewart, Carol, Mack and Josie, followed by a great ride home on another beautiful day. All in all it was a wonderful weekend. We are enjoying our trophies and are already looking forward to next year.



September General Business Meeting Minutes

By Jerry Lelansky



NVCC General Business Meeting , Date: Sep 28th, 2010
Meeting brought to order at 7:30 PM at Koons Chevrolet Tysons Corner.

Attendees:

Stewart Fox - President

Paul Benish - Vice President

Laurie Kistner - Social/Webmaster

Lori Ann Collins - Historian

Michael Rathbun - Membership

Jerry Lelansky – Secretary

Carol Fox – Treasurer

Rich Anderson - Editor

Order of Business

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19. New Business

Meeting started with introductions.

Chief Instructor /C3 / TDS (Stewart Fox):

- Andrej, Cassidy, Paul and Stewart met with the East Region in Thurmont, MD to show what TDS is all about. Cassidy blew them away and really ramped up their interest in doing TDS. George Galant is running for the National President and wants to use TDS as part of his platform.
- TDS
 - This is our 6th year.
 - Registration is closed. The class is full.
 - Will need workers for the day (11/13).

Spooktacular (Saturday and Sunday October 30-31 at Old Dominion Speedway (ODS)):

- Registration is open and 13 have signed up so far.
- Will need workers on both days.
- Spook started out at ODS, so this brings the club full circle.
- Will use the straight track/drag strip staging on Saturday and the Oval on Sunday.
- There will be 14 sanctioned runs on Saturday for \$75.
- This will be the first time in 10 years that Corvettes run on the Oval on Sunday.

Concours/Publicity:

- John is on business travel.

- Rich Poage (Do It Yourself Garage) will have Larry O'Donohue from "In The Pits Racing Radio" tomorrow night. Larry wants to include NVCC.

Membership:

- 10 renewals on-line and three checks received tonight.
- Reminder: Membership renewals are due no later than November 1st. There will be a late fee for any dues received after November 1st.
- NCCC must have payment no later than Dec 1st.

Secretary:

- Nothing new to report

Newsletter:

- Paul printed copies of the newsletter. The club printer is fixed and Rich will need to pick it up.
- Need to keep the number of printed copies to a minimum and will rely more on electronic copies.

NCCC Governor/Auto-X:

- The meeting was on Sept 25th in PA. Stewart and Cassidy showed them the TDS classroom setup that Cassidy uses for instructing the students. They were very impressed. Proposal by Bill Sangree to take the lead on getting at least two other clubs to do a TDS in the next year with our assistance.
- K&K Insurance – took care of another club's copyright infringement resulting from a poem read at a funeral.
- Instituting a sanctioned club calendar for the East Region. Will require that we start putting in dates of events by Nov 1st for next year; Spook, Concours and TDS are our big ticket items. If there are contentions/ties on dates, the club with the most points will get the date.
- Baltimore Grand Prix Sep 2-4, 2011. The American Le Mans Series was added to Baltimore Grand Prix. See the website for more information: <http://baltimoregrandprix.com/>

NCM Ambassador:

- Don and Judy Patrick will be retiring soon and the NCM Ambassador position will be open soon.
- Will post the basic duties in the newsletter as they are not defined in the club bylaws.

Officer At Large: N/A

Rallye Chair: N/A

Social/Webmaster:

- October is a busy month, see the club calendar for all the events. Here are a few events to keep in mind:
 - 10/1 – 10/3 Lynchburg Smith Mountain Lake
 - 10/3 Mustang Club MD Cruise
 - 10/9 Knights of Columbus Parade
 - 10/0 Kerbeck Toys for Tots
 - 10/15-10/16 Corvettes at Ocean City to benefit Spina Bifida. See the Free State Corvette Club website (<http://freestatecorvette.com/>)
 - 10/16 last Test & Tune Drage race with the NV Mustang Club

- 10/22 Potomac High School Homecoming Parade
- 10/27 Vienna Halloween Parade
- 10/30-10/31 Spook at ODS
- 10/30 Shenandoah Cruise and Show

Historian/Raffle/NVCC Store:

- Vienna Halloween Parade. The theme this year is Sportsmanship and competition. Let Lori know if you want to participate.

Treasurer: we're doing OK.

Old Dominion Speedway (ODS) – covered in earlier discussions

Summit Point – N/A

Vice President –

- Will need help with Tech for Spook. The helpers will be needed on Friday night between 5-10PM and Saturday starting at 8:00AM.
- Want to hold a Corvette Only night at Do It Yourself Garage before Spook.

President –

- Reminder, the next GBM will hold nominations for Council positions. The GBM is the night before the Vienna Halloween Parade.

New Business – N/A

Historian Questions and Raffle:

1. In 2009 how many choices did consumers have of different Corvette configurations? (Includes coupe, convertible, Z06, ZR1, Competition Sport, and GT1 Championship editions).

Answer: 9 **Winner** Michael Rathburn **Prize** NVCC Club T-Shirt and landyard

2. What year was the first to actually use a transaxle in production Corvettes? Side note, the first plans for one were in the Q-Corvette in 1958, planned for the 1960 Corvette. Transaxles showed up in Corvette prototypes in the mid'60s in running models.

Answer: 1997 **Winner:** Wil Fredo **Prize** Goodie bag

3. What company has produced a transmission for each generation of the Corvette (through C5)?

Answer: Borg Warner **Winner:** Dana Root **Prize** C5 T-Shirt and GM mug.

Raffle Prizes:

1. Barrel Oak wine glasses to Steve (2003 Blue Coupe)
2. Club T-Shirt and Oil change to Dana Root
3. \$25 Rock Auto gift certificate to Michael Rathburn
4. 50/50 Raffle (\$36) to Rich Anderson

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Jerry Lelansky

Secretary

Clifton Brunch Cruise

By Laurie Kistner



10/10/10 was indeed a special day for the Clifton Brunch Cruise! While the date was a once in a lifetime deal, the weather was a typical warm, sunny early autumn day in Northern Virginia. About a dozen people enjoyed exercising their cars through the twisty streets of Centreville, Clifton, Fairfax Station, and Lorton. We did make an unplanned detour around the Clifton town center to avoid Clifton Day traffic, but everyone managed to arrive at Fireside Grill ready to eat! Participants feasted on beef tenderloin, eggs Benedict, Belgian waffles, salads, and scrumptious desserts. Once everyone got their fill, we left for Part Two of the cruise, which included more canopy roads and sweeping turns. We ended the drive in Clifton and bid our farewells so that everyone could get home and watch football. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves!



October 16 Drag Day

By Laurie Kistner



Saturday, October 16th, 2010 was the last drag day of the season. With fall comes cooler temps; great for keeping those big Corvette motors cool, but not so great for traction.

Once you left the Christmas tree, traction went away quickly! Lots of 'vettes were kicking out on their 1-2 shifts, including mine. Only those lucky souls who brought slicks were able to hook up well. So for now, my personal best from April 2009 still stands! Oh well, better luck next year...

Corvettes for Sale



1993 Corvette for sale. Coupe with a LT1 engine and a 6-speed manual transmission. 40th Anniversary model with a glass top. 103K miles. The car is stock with the exception of the mufflers, cross-drilled brake rotors with S-S braided lines, and ZR1 chrome rims. I still have the original mufflers and rims. Goodyear Eagle F1 tires with around 2000 miles on them. 275/40ZR17 on the front, and 315/35ZR17 on the rear. A cam lobe is wiped, the A/C has a slow leak, approx. 2" tear in the driver seat, and there are 4 screw holes in the dash from the previous owner's cell phone. Safety inspection is current, but will not pass emissions. For more details call during the day at (703) 390-5501, or evening at (703) 866-4499. \$8500.00 or best offer. Randy Urick



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Step Out of That Ferrari and Consider, Are You a Corvette Guy?

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Oct. 14 (Bloomberg) -- There comes a point in any not-so- young man's life when he must ask: Am I a Corvette guy? Over their lifetimes, many car lovers will dabble with rocket-like Japanese tuners, pricy European imports and old- school American muscle. But as horsepower and prestige increase, so do the prices of those sleek, sexy playthings. At some point speed-demons will realize that the most sports-car bang for buck is a Chevy Corvette. The base 2011 coupe costs less than \$50,000, has a wow- worthy 430 horsepower and reaches 60 miles per hour in

4.2 seconds. That's as fast as many Ferraris. You can pick up a nice, used Corvette from the early 2000s for less than \$20,000.

While a Corvette's horsepower and handling prowess are high, its prestige level doesn't necessarily match up. The 1963 Sting Ray coupe was the height of cool, but the phallus-shaped models of the 1970s were total camp. As a teen in the late 1980s, it was clear to me that Corvette guys sported mullets, majored in Shop and smoked weed under the bleachers. Jeff Spicoli from the movie "Fast Times at Ridgemont High?" Total Corvette guy.

In 2002 I drove a Z06, the brand's most ferocious and unhinged model. It's a wild beast which doesn't care what you think about it. At the end of the loan, I felt a little unhinged myself. Such power! In the last six months I've driven all of the new model 'Vettes, trying to get a feel not only for the cars, but how I feel about them. Like the current owners, the vehicles have grown up.

Corvette Convertible: Choices range from the base coupe, upgraded Grand Sport (\$54,790, also 430-hp), carnivorous Z06 (\$74,305, 505-hp), and top-of-the-range ZR1 (\$111,100, 638-hp). Convertibles are available on the base and Grand Sport for an extra \$4,650 and \$3,810. Destination charges are \$950.

While the modern Corvette is not quite beautiful, it is elegant in the way that a wild wolf can be: Feral yet purposeful. They are massively fun to drive. The quintessential rear-wheel-drive car, the Corvette is like a sled with rockets on the rear. Slap on the gas and the back wheels spin furiously, bucking the nose skyward. The brakes are able to snap you back from suicidal speeds in the span of a single breath. You haven't experienced a hard stop until you've screeched to a halt at the behest of the ZR1's carbon-ceramic brakes, which are standard. The same type was found on the Ferrari Enzo.

Streaking Corners: Most roads have turns and modern Corvettes are equipped to handle them. Chevy engineers have tuned and finessed the suspension to the point where you can fearlessly streak around corners. Yet you can easily tool around town thanks to the available magnetically controlled suspension, which transforms from spine-shattering hard to post-hip-surgery gentle. Notably, the base coupe gets 26 miles per gallon on the highway, better than a Honda Element.

Not that I don't have quibbles. The six-speed manual gear box is vague enough that you occasionally put it into the wrong gear. Nor are the interiors particularly sophisticated, with sports seats that are big, clumsy and poorly bolstered. You'll find bits of cheap plastic around. Embarrassingly, the passenger's dash is embossed with an oversized Corvette logo. As if we didn't know.

Modern Classic: At least you can also get adult-minded goodies like Bose speakers, navigation systems and Bluetooth connectivity. So, are 'Vettes cheesy? Sometimes. At one point I found myself in an electric-blue, convertible Grand Sport with dorky stripes running up the front fenders. Yet I'd be happy to own a base coupe in metallic silver with optional five-spoke aluminum wheels. Even with lots of options, it's about \$56,000 and almost understated.

Then there's the ZR1. At \$111,100, it's expensive, but it is also a world-class supercar. Refined and easy to drive, the coupe is the fastest GM production car of all time, with a top speed of 205 mph. When I asked experts which modern cars would become classics, most mentioned the ZR1.

Interestingly, the Corvette's stiffest competition doesn't come from the Nissan GT-R or a German super-coupe. Rather the 'Vette has to watch its back from the latest Ford Mustang GT (\$33,695) and its beefed-up cousin, the \$49,495 Shelby GT500. They handle beautifully, look nice and offer excellent interiors.

Am I One? Nonetheless, the Corvette is a great car by any matrix. While there surely are Corvette gals, the model seems terribly male-centric. I've seen more women who have owned Mustangs and even Camaros. So, back to the question. Could I be a Corvette guy? By the time I got out of the special edition Z06 Carbon, I'd come to a decision. The 505-hp monster was festooned with a carbon-fiber hood, and it looked mean. The 7.0-liter engine sounded even meaner. It was so full of attitude, you simply couldn't miss it. When I stepped out, I wasn't at all

embarrassed. It's time for a confession. Those last years of high school? I too sported a mullet. Maybe I've always been a Corvette guy and just didn't know it.

The 2011 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 Carbon at a Glance: Engine: 7.0-liter V-8 with 505 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque; Transmission: Six-speed manual; Speed: 0 to 60 mph in about 3.7 seconds; Gas mileage per gallon: 15 city, 24 highway; and Price as tested: \$98,010.

Best features: Crazy attitude and high-speed hijinks; Worst features: Rougher riding, and louder, than most road cars; Target buyer: The 'Vette-head who wants the brashest Corvette out there.

2011 Corvette Production Statistics (So Far)



Buyers are still flocking to the Grand Sport models which combined, makes up 54% of total Corvette production. As far as popular colors, the numbers are following the recent trend of Black being the most popular choice followed by the two Reds and Cyber Gray.

Assuming that these percentages are based on the 4,909 2011 model year Corvettes built through the end of September 2010, we can estimate the total number of models and colors produced.

MODEL	% of MY	QUANTITY
Coupe	23%	1,129
Convertible	6%	294
Grand Sport Coupe	36%	1,768
Grand Sport Convertible	18%	883
Z06	6%	294
ZR1	11%	540
	TOTAL:	4,909

COLOR	% of MY	QUANTITY
Black	20%	981
Torch Red	17%	835
Crystal Red	12%	589
Cyber Gray	11%	540
Supersonic Blue	9%	441
Arctic White	9%	441
Blade Silver	7%	343
Inferno Orange	6%	294
Velocity Yellow	6%	294
Jetstream Blue	5%	245



NEW ENGINE OILS... FOR YOU (OLDER CARS ALSO INCLUDED)

Automakers are going to great lengths to get more miles per gallon from their vehicle and everything is being looked at--even the engine oil. Every 2011 General Motors car rolls off the assembly line with the engine filled with a new generation of oil. Other automakers, such as Ford Motor Co. and the Chrysler Group, are also beginning the switch to new oil, known by its industry grading as GF-5 or SN, or, in GM's case, Dexos1.

The grade identifies oil that's designed to help engines run more efficiently and better protect them from wear. Those are key properties as automakers wring more horsepower out of smaller engines and make greater use of heat-producing turbochargers and superchargers.

The protection properties of the new oil also have the potential environmental benefit of increasing the mileage interval between recommended oil changes. What is not clear yet is just how much more the new oil will cost.

Tests make the difference

The Dexos1 and GF-5 oils hit the market on Oct. 1. They replace the GF-4 standard from the International Lubricant Standardization and Approval Committee, which has members from GM, Ford, Chrysler and the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association. The American Petroleum Institute uses the SN designation for the new oil. "GF-5 and Dexos1 oils have a more robust formulation that should give you better contributions to fuel economy, cleanliness and fuel emissions," said Mark Ferner, manager of the lubricants technology group at Shell. The main difference between Dexos1, which is a GM-licensed brand, and GF-5 oils is testing, Ferner said. To be certified as GF-5, the oil needs to pass a variety of chemistry and engine tests set by the American Petroleum Institute. But GM's testing for Dexos1 uses some tests mandated by the ACEA, the European automobile manufacturers association, in place of the American Petroleum Institute tests. For example, Dexos1 oil has to pass Mercedes-Benz's sludge and fuel-economy tests and Opel's test for the ability to work under foaming conditions, known as aeration. GF-5-certified oils that do not undergo the same tests are subjected to the American Petroleum Institute's equivalent to be certified. GF-5 oil can be found in both conventional and synthetic formulations but Dexos1 can only be found as a synthetic, according to Shell, maker of the Pennzoil and Quaker State brands.

In some cases, oil companies already have formulas that meet or exceed the Dexos1 and GF-5 specifications. For example, Shell's Pennzoil Platinum and Quaker State Ultimate Durability synthetics exceed both standards. Driven by tighter regulations; Government regulations that call for lower exhaust emissions and higher fuel economy are the drivers behind the new generation of engine oil.

GM's powertrain fuel and lubrication engineers began working on Dexos1 in 2006. The goal was to set an oil specification that met the requirements of all GM vehicles and powertrains globally. GM also developed the Dexos2 oil specification for light-duty diesel engines. It was launched in Europe earlier this year. Dexos1 is designed to work with the engine-oil-life monitor in GM cars to increase the mileage between oil changes.

"Dexos puts us in a position to try and optimize the drain intervals," said Eric Johnson, a GM fuel and lubrication engineer who worked on the development of Dexos. GM does not specify a mileage life for Dexos1. It recommends that drivers change the engine oil when the oil-monitor system recommends, as oil life depends on driving conditions. However, Ford says it's possible to go as long as 10,000 miles between oil changes with GF-5 oil. This is possible because Ford has made major improvements in the materials and technologies it uses in its engines, a spokesman said.

Among the changes: greater use of aluminum for engine structural components and increasing the size of oil pans. Ford also uses an oil-life-monitoring system, which tells owners when it's time for an oil change. "We have made improvements to our engines and want to use the best oil we can," spokesman Richard Truett said.

Good for new and old cars: Dexos1 and GF-5 oils can be used in older cars. Owners still need to consult their owner's manual to choose oil with the recommended viscosity. Consumers will find some bottles of oil with both the Dexos1 and GF-5 certification, said Ferner of Shell. He added that consumers will not notice an immediate difference after changing to a Dexos1 or GF-5 oil. Instead, the benefits are oil that better protects and cleans the engine over time. But beware if you're tempted to use conventional oil in an engine that calls for the new specification. GM says not using Dexos1 oil may cause engine damage that would void the powertrain warranty.

Go to www.gmdexos.com for more information on GM's Dexos oils, and see www.gf-5.com for information on GF-5 oil.

Corvette Central: Revamped C7, radical mid-engined C8 in GM's plans

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This illustration shows what we think the V6 mid-engined C8 Chevrolet Corvette may look like

General Motors is mulling a radical re-engineering for the Chevrolet Corvette, centered on a more fuel-efficient, mid-engined V6 powertrain, a lightweight alloy body and a more compact footprint.

The idea is to re-energize GM's ambition for the Corvette, with fundamental changes that will make it into a contemporary global supercar. The changes are penciled into

GM's product plan for the next major model change, the C8, with an on-sale date around 2016. Both coupe and convertible models are planned.

The C7 had been the focus of plans for a mid-engined model capable of matching Europe's most exotic supercars. The mid-engined C7 got as far as engineering development but was canceled when the global credit crunch hit and GM faced financial woes that eventually led to the company's trip through bankruptcy court.

As a result, GM recast its Corvette plans around a more modest revamp of today's C6 into the C7 version, essentially a stopgap until the world-beating C8 arrives.

"That [the C7] will be the last of the traditional, old-style Corvettes," a senior GM insider told AutoWeek.

That will buy GM time while it works on a revolutionary new concept for the C8 Corvette that can blend fuel-economy and emissions improvements with the required level of supercar performance and handling.

Engineers are likely to shrink the C8 Corvette's footprint to cut weight and aerodynamic drag and reduce its visual bulk, which also will help with sales outside the United States.

Likely to shock Corvette purists is the suggestion that a V6 will replace a V8 in the C8, although 440 hp courtesy of twin turbochargers ought to calm fears of reduced power output. With a traditional C7 on the horizon and a world-challenging all-new C8 in the wings, the survival of GM's greatest sports car likely will depend on its adaptability more than on its longevity.

Parting Shots



This photo was supplied from John Girard, a former president of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club back in 1973



American Cancer Society representative Dave Judy accepts NVCC check for \$1200 as our donation from the June concours



Paul Benish can't leave vettes along even on vacation.... pic from Vegas with Paul next to a mural in Rock'N'Ritas at Circus Circus



If our lovely Rita wanted to be a meter maid (hey I'm old, I draw from Beatle material), it looks like she could find a comfortable home in Atlantic City. As a 27-year veteran of civil service, I must say this is how public servants should be treated.

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Newsletter News ...

OK, I'm late and I know it....but have lots of excuses...my dog ate my computer....well an electronic counterpart to a junk yard dog did. Anyway it is out and another month has come and gone.

Cheryl really is retiring in a few days and I really am slowly migrating our way from Sterling to the farm. The NVCC printer takes its trip as soon as this newsletter is printed.

There are still some wonderful cruising days left before real cold weather sets in, so get out there and see the USA in your Chevrolet....and send me the details for the next newsletter.



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Tuesday, Nov 30th at 7:30 pm

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