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Car-B-Que 2012 Wrap Up____By Alice Arielly



What a great day for Car-B-Que! OK, so July 9th was a bit on the hot side, if you want to call 103 in the shade hot. But it was sunny, we had the ODS facility all to ourselves, and had terrific food & vendor support! Even the Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department stopped by. We had enough cars to pay for the track, plus quite a few spectators that made it all worthwhile.

Thanks go to Stewart Fox, who put this event together & makes it better every year (even without

power at home for half of last week, thanks to the big storm at the end of June!) And thanks to everyone else that came out early to help set up and stayed late to help pack up, not to mention the instructors, racers and waxers.

The vendor support this year was great – what a great addition to the event!

- Myron Pierce from MJP Detailing (<u>www.mjpdetailing.com</u>) was out early, helped us set up several canopies, graciously moved his whole setup down to the main 'playing' field, and stayed all day.
- Cooper Corvettes (<u>www.coopercorvettes.com</u>) had a super display with lots of Corvette
 parts and accessories, plus an eager group of folks including our very own Rick
 Poage.
- Speedy Green Car Wash (www.speedygreencarwash.com) in Manassas Park sent car care goodie bags for all our entrants (see Wilfredo at the meeting if you didn't get yours).
- Jim McKay Chevrolet (<u>www.JimMcKayChevrolet.com</u>) graciously allowed us to use their canopy the registration team really appreciated it! Dan we missed you!
- **OG Racing** (http://www.ogracing.com/) loaned us the helmets, without which most of the attendees wouldn't have been able to enjoy the driving fun!

Thanks also go to our friends from the **Northern Virginia Mustang Club** who came out in full force to mingle and enjoy the day. It was great to see everyone's new cars since the 'old' days a few years ago on the oval with the Cobras competing against the Vettes!

Special thanks also go out to our friends Steve and Cari at Old Dominion Speedway for the terrific support, including the great food at very reasonable prices.

NVCC members are reminded that ODS has hometown NASCAR racing almost every Saturday evening and they would love to have our members in attendance. Adult tickets are \$15 and students are \$6. Qualifying starts at 5pm; racing starts at 7pm.

For more information go to: (www.olddominionspeedway.com)

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Pictures from Car-B-Que



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER July 2012

First and foremost, a big thank you goes out to those that helped make Car-B-Que and the annual NVCC picnic successes. While Car-B-Que was a bit of a heat endurance test, there were no human or mechanical problems and I think everyone enjoyed themselves ... with what I believe is the most driving time for the dollar out there. After the past week of oppressive heat followed by 3 inches of rain, Cheryl and I were VERY grateful that the picnic weather was near perfect. Thanks again to all those that made both events memorable.

The coming weekend is the Summer Thunder Cruise-in at Franklin Park in Purcellville, VA. While not a NVCC event, it has been well attended by the club in the past and is in my humble opinion one of the best general car shows around. There is something for everyone, from antique fire engines to the very latest in motor sports performance.

The next major NVCC event is the Barrel Oak Winery Fun Show on the 19th of August. This will be a low-stress event and weather cooperating, a fun day in the countryside. Please mark it on your calendar.

August itself is always a very busy month, with Corvettes at Carlisle and the start of the Baltimore Grand Prix. If you've never been to either, both are highly recommended. Just seeing the parking at Carlisle with vettes as far as the eye can see is worth the trip. Just make sure you drive your vette, since parking inside the gate is largely vette only.

This past month the Northern Virginia Mustang Club has attended both of our major events, which has underscored the benefit in reaching out and joining in with other clubs. Your Council is interested in expanding this participation to help build our programs. Since many NVCC members are also members of other clubs, please feel free to propose joint events. By banding together, we should be able to provide mutual enrichment of our respective programs. After all, setting car brand aside, most of us are really just gear heads at heart. Please think about it and let us know your ideas.

Now get out there and enjoy America's sports car!

Rich Anderson NVCC President, 2012

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Two Very Special Vettes By Cassidy Nolen

So far, my summer wanderings have found me in some far-off corners of the country. On a trip to visit Amanda's family, we found ourselves at the Sloan Longway museum in Flint, Michigan. Within just a few weeks we were in fun filled LasVegas (thanks to a FANTASTIC trip by our own Bob Devery!) and found our way to the Imperial Palace car show.

Interesting how the "wave" of Vette owners works; once identified, Corvette enthusiasts seem to climb out of the woodwork to talk and help each other out. As you may know, Flint was the original production location for the 1953 Corvette. In the Sloan Museum sat a beautiful and appealingly unrestored 53, one of the finest examples I have ever seen. Quality control was less than stellar that year and obvious defects such as gap issues between panels and the appearance of fiberglass "texture" through the paint make this one a prime condition survivor. Often these cars are OVER-restored in the owner's zeal for perfection. After some asking around, it turns out to be VIN number 26 and has a rather dubious future. The family that has it on loan may be selling it soon. If you know anyone that would like it to own it and let it stay on display, they may be interested in meeting you!



Fast forward to the lights of Las Vegas and the Imperial Palace. I had been there once before and remembered they had a Corvette Challenge car or two. Of historical significance, these cars were designated "identical" in 1988 and 1989 to run against each other in a racing series inspired and created by Mike Yeager and General Motors. Interested parties can find more details online but suffice to say no other manufacturers wanted to play with the Corvettes; they just kept losing and subsequently Corvette had to play with other Vettes if it wanted to play at all! Turns out, the museum has two of these wonderful cars and the OWNER was there! After some introductions, we found ourselves behind the velvet ropes, and up close to the number "1" Challenge Car from 1989. This car is also referred to as "The Flipper" as it was in an accident very early in the series and landed on its top after a flight into the catch fence. Amazingly, the car survives today after its repairs and has just 3000 miles on it! Amazing. The entire driveline still shows the painted marks applied by the factory and race examiners to keep the races fair. Still has all of the mounts for the telemetry data recorders and the modified computer boxes for assuring the computer was not tuned. Truly a piece of vette heritage.



There was also a briefly campaigned 1988 Challenge "school car". It was a legitimate Challenge car, and still had the Nash 4+3 transmission. It was used at a driving school in Canada before being needed for the remainder of a race season by a team. All racing records are present and accounted for, as well as owner history and the distinction of being one of Mike Yeager's personal collection vehicles.

In what I think is an odd turn of events, these cars may all be for sale. The two in Las Vegas have price tags (albeit out of my range) and the '53 could certainly benefit from a new influx of love. If you are interested in any of these cars, please feel free to contact me. I love to see NVCC support the larger Corvette community (and see these cars at our Halloween parade!) and would be happy to put you in touch with the respective owners/caregivers.



USA Today Seeking Corvette Photos

In celebration of the 59th birthday of Corvette, USA Today is compiling a series of Corvette photo slide shows and is seeking your pics!

The categories of photos they need are: Corvettes at Landmarks, Corvettes and Weather (i.e., Corvette with lightning in background), and Classic Corvettes (older than 1970).



When submitting your photo, please include your first and last name, hometown, model year of the Corvette and a brief description of the photo and where it was taken.

Photo submissions can be emailed to Polina Marinova at pmarinova@usatoday.com.

Corvettes at Carlisle

Corvettes at Carlisle is just over a month away (August 24-26) and we hope you've been making plans to attend!

Carlisle is one of the largest and most fun-filled Corvette events in the world, featuring more than 5,000 Corvettes representing all generations. Participate in autocross, dyno testing, burnouts, and the



parade through historic downtown Carlisle. Check-out the swap meet with a wide variety of vendors, an all-Corvette car corral, Manufacturers Midway and Installation Alley.

<u>Online registration</u> is now open for the 2012 Corvettes at Carlisle event. If you'd prefer, registration is also available by calling <u>717.243.7855</u>. Please note: refunds will not be issued less than 19 days prior to the beginning of the event.

If you're coming to Carlisle, why not volunteer to help at the Corvette Store? We will have a large booth set up selling lots of great gear. If you are available to help, contact marla@corvettemuseum.org.

Race Ramps Holds Online Car Show

Our friends at Race Ramps are holding an online car show and you are invited! The show runs the entire month of July. To enter, just 'message' the Race Ramps Fan Page with your photo of your car and they will post them to the Car Show Photo Album. Share the page with friends and invite them to vote for your car by "liking" the photo of your car.

On July 31, the winner of the show will be determined by Race Ramps from the top three cars with the most 'likes.' The winner will receive a Race Ramps Gift Pack including 56" Service Ramps and 8" Wheel Cribs!

Enter at their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/raceramps.



Vette Travels - Pictures from the Road from Jim Pace



I participated in the 2012 Fairfax County 4th of July Parade due to an invitation to the NVCC. The picture (on the left) is of me in my 2003 50th anniversary black convertible Vette chauffeuring Janice B. Miller (Chair, City of Fairfax School Board) to the grandstand. As it turned out, I was the only Corvette in the parade! I was proud to have represented our great club for this well attended event. Apparently it is the largest 4th of July parade event in Virginia!

The next picture is of me and my Vette on "Drive Your Corvette to Work Day", held every year on the Friday closest to the "birthday" of the Corvette, June 30th. My office building is in the background.



NVCC Social Calendar - August 2012 by Laurie Kistner

Sat. 8/4/12 – Jack Evan's Chevrolet (Address: 125 S Royal Ave, Front Royal, VA 22630) is having their Annual Classic Car Show from 2-6 PM featuring the Donnie Walton's Downtown Band. Lunch starts at noon. Proceeds to benefit WCGSA. See www.jechevy.com for more details!

Mon. 8/6/12 – Hooked on Driving will be at NJMP for a one day event on the Lightning track...a really nice track layout...and HOD puts on one of the best HPDEs you will find with intense classroom instruction as well.

Go here for more info or to register: http://www.hookedondriving.com/event...MP - Lightning. If you are looking to maintain an existing High Speed License, or want to qualify for the first time, this is your opportunity! NCCC Regional Competition Director Brian Gallagher will be at the event and will be able to issue a license to anyone who meets the qualifications. New drivers need an 'OK to SOLO' from their instructors. Remember, a High Speed License is required if you plan to compete in the high speed portion of Spooktacular in October.

Sat. 8/11/12 – The 23rd Annual All Corvette Cruise-In, hosted by the ODCC and sponsored by Zip Corvettes. Gates open at 11 AM (parking is at a premium, get there early!) Show is from 2-7 PM.

Admission is \$5 per Corvette and includes 1 raffle ticket (proceeds benefit the NCM & LAWS Abused Womens' Shelter) and vendors are welcome. Spectators are free but donation encouraged. Parking is first come, first served (no reserving spaces). Tents must be set up in the grassy common areas only. Dash plaques to the first 250 Corvettes. Mr. DJ will be playing oldies tunes. Great food and beverages at Big Joe's Pizza. There will also be many raffles, door prizes, and awards for the show. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at show site.

Items recommended to bring with you (it's very hot on the asphalt!):

Sunscreen – Sunglasses – Hat/sunvisor – Portable tent – Cooler with water/beverages Email: info@allcorvettecruisein.com Website: http://www.allcorvettecruisein.com

Directions to 7787 Sudley Rd (show location):

*Rt 66 to exit 47A

*South on Rt 234 (Sudley Rd) to 4th light

*Left at light onto Sudley Manor Dr

*Left at next light into shopping center (Best Buy)

Sat. 8/11/12 – G-Burg Vettes 7 People's Choice Fun Shows (Sanction #s: ER-190-537 thru ER-190-543)

Beginning at: 8:00 AM

Lakeforest Mall 701 Russell Avenue Gaithersburg,MD

Email: <u>GBV@ernccc.org</u>

More info: http://ernccc.org/flyers/2012/ER-190-537.pdf

Sun. 8/12/12 – G-Burg Vettes 7 Rallyes (Sanction #s: ER-190-012 thru ER-190-018)

Beginning At: 7:30 AM

Criswell Chevrolet 503 Quince Orchard Rd Gaithersburg, MD

Email: GBV@ernccc.org

More info: http://ernccc.org/flyers/2012/ER-190-012.pdf

Sun. 8/12/12 – CCA Muscle Car Mania @ Capital Raceway – Details TBA!

Sun. 8/19/12 – NVCC Cruise-In/Fun Show @ Barrel Oak Winery – Details TBA!

Sun. 8/19/12 – LCCC Double AutoX (Sanction #: ER-266-544 and ER-266-545)

Beginning At: 8:00 AM

Weaver Market

Rt. 272 & 897 Adamstown, PA 19501

Email: lccc@ernccc.org

More info: http://ernccc.org/flyers/2012/ER-266-544.pdf

Fri. 8/24/12 - Sun. 8/26/12 - Corvettes @ Carlisle. This is always a HUGE weekend-long event every year! Expect to see thousands of 'vettes in every model, year and color. Many vendors, swap meet, corvette auction, shows, burnout and autocross competitions, and displays of all sorts to look at. It is the "Superbowl Sunday" of Vettedom.

You MUST pay a registration fee at the gate if you have not pre-registered online. General admission is \$14 and children under 8 are free. A 4-day pass is \$40. Corvettes get to park on the fairground infield. Visit www.carlisleevents.com to read more details about the event (pre-registration is also available online, so hurry!). Bring lotsa money (and sunblock and good walking shoes)!

CAC caravans pending. I *may* lead a caravan, but it will be dependent upon weather and whether or not my car is running! If anyone would like to lead a club caravan on any of the event days, let me know and I will post your details

Fri. 8/31/12 - Sun. 9/2/12 - The Baltimore Grand Prix is a 3 day racing event, to include the ALMS race that Corvette Racing participates in, as well as the IndyCar, Indy Lights, Star Mazda, and USF2000 series races. Last year was the inaugural year of the event, and it is back again this year!

This year, you have to purchase the Car Corral tickets and then the actual race event tickets separately (which are already on sale). The Corvette Corral has limited availability, so act fast!

<u>Ticketmaster Linky</u> More BGP Info/Schedules

Coming soon...

Mon. 9/3/12 – Labor Day Car Show Sat. 9/15/12 – NVMC Drag Day/Test & Tune

Sun. 9/16/12 – TCV AutoX, 20th Annual Alzheimer's Association Benefit Car & Truck Show

Sun. 9/30/12 – RCC AutoX

Hi Folks,

Although I am still recovering from yesterday's picnic, I wanted to take a moment or two to thank everyone who came out to enjoy the day and everyone who helped me with the event! There are some very special folks I wish to recognize...

- Cheryl and Richard Anderson, for yet again graciously allowing me the Zen calmness I needed to set up the picnic at their home! It takes special people to let someone else take over their kitchen, and for that I thank them. I know everyone enjoyed the house tour and the grounds.
- Anthony Lucido, NVMC member who donated the use of his Highlander and helped me pick up and deliver all the food and supplies needed (from 4 different stores no less). I know of nobody else whose lists have lists! Thanks to you, I forgot absolutely nothing.
- George Borlase, Jerry Lelansky, and Jim Pace for their work at the grill. Everything was cooked perfectly...tender and delicious!
- Stewart Fox, for again leading the Corvette caravan to the picnic and truly making this event 'two events in one'. I am told the caravan was even bigger this year!
- Don Ellenberger, for once again bringing those amazing heirloom tomatoes to accompany the burgers and chicken.
- Dana Root for bringing those nifty cutlery/wet nap packets for everyone to use.
- Everyone (there were lots of you!) who stepped up and brought coolers and ice...they were a big help in chilling drinks and keeping the picnic meats cold and safe. Also, all those who stayed (despite being tired from the long day) to help break down tables and clean up!

For those of you who did not make it, you missed out on a ton of good food...hopefully you can make it next year. For those who did...I'm sorry for the extra laps on the treadmill I am responsible for!

By the way, more fun events are being added all the time...please stay tuned to your email box and the club website (calendar & online forum) at www.nvcorvetteclub.com for the latest!

Regards, Laurie Kistner social@nvcorvetteclub.com webmaster@nvcorvetteclub.com

Another NVCC Travel Donation Coming!



Laurie Kistner is going to take a well-deserved break with a trip to London to visit the Queen for her 60th Jubilee. Well, Laurie and a few million others as the Olympics take place. I got her set this week and am pleased to tell you that I showed her verification that my price was SUBSTANTIALLY LESS than competitors. I checked a number of my suppliers to find one that easily beat Travelocity and Orbitz. Upon completion of her travel, I'll give NVCC a check at the August GBM.

Also, I've been given permission by the Council to research interest in doing a "1st NVCC CRUISE Cruise"! I'm looking at planning a group cruise for us, family members and friends for 2013. We'll

likely open the ship to other clubs; look to have a few onboard seminars by our local experts as well as see if we can get someone as a special guest if the group can become big enough. We have LOTS of options but I'd like YOUR ideas. We can sail from Baltimore or another "area" port like NJ or NY or head out of a Florida port. There are pros/cons to both possibilities as Baltimore can actually cost more than Florida on many cruises. I'm looking at 7 days but we



can do a 5 day out of several Florida ports. Timeframe: if it's Baltimore...late May thru early September southbound is good. If you want a winter getaway; i.e., February, we need to get it planned "yesterday"! There's a new Norwegian ship joining the fleet out of NY in April on the 7 day Bermuda run. Baltimore has choices for Carnival and Royal Caribbean and Florida gives us those cruise line choices plus others such as Princess. From what I've seen with our club, I think that we can easily make a choice of a cruise with great itinerary to sail in late spring or early or late summer. July is too expensive. This cruise could generate \$1,000 - \$5,000 for the club that we really need if we get solid interest. This option was selected for donation potential by me because it's easier to give people "space" and options to do things on a ship versus planning a trip to a Sandals; etc. I even considered a trip out west to Yellowstone or Vegas where we could rent cars...ok, look for Corvettes! So, I'm open to other ideas as I do plan worldwide travel. But, having planned other group cruises, I really know what fun we can have while giving people plenty of space to have their own time.



So, please send me your feedback. I'd like to get ideas and then provide a firm decision to the Council to move forward on it.

NOTE: It was mentioned that some members may have a concern that if they book travel thru me that I'll raise prices on to give the club a donation. NO NO NO! It's real simple...if you love to do the research, God bless you. Just give me your lowest price and I'll beat it...AND give a donation to the Club! If you're like Laurie and others and want someone else to do ALL the work, great. It's what I do. There are NO games or gimmicks...if you book thru me, it's a win-win for everyone including NVCC. If you book through, well, anyone else, NO donation

to the Club. Throw me one pitch...if I swing and miss, you still have your trip planned. But, what if I can hit the pitch as I have with others?

The Club needs cash as we've heard. If you travel, you can help the Club with NO change in plans.

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Virginia Ignition Interlock Law In Effect

From AAA Mid-Atlantic via Tom King and Laurie Kistner

As of July 1st in Virginia, A NEW ignition interlock law requires first-time convicted drunk drivers to operate a vehicle which has been equipped with an ignition interlock device when driving on a restricted license. After a six year battle and with your help, this new law further strengthening Virginia's DUI statute, passed during the 2012 session.

On Friday, June 29, 2012, press conferences were held in both Richmond and the Tidewater area to inform the public of the law in time for the July 4th holiday, one of the worst days of the year for alcohol related traffic fatalities. Thank you to those who sent messages of support on this issue. Your voice is critical to our success as advocates for the safety of all motorists in the commonwealth.



Martha M. Meade, AAA Mid-Atlantic Ignition Interlock Law Press Conference 2012 **Richmond, Virginia**

Parking Restrictions at Jim McKay

By Doug Swanson

Please note the parking restrictions for the upcoming GBM:

The available parking across University Drive has become more limited after the opening of another dealership there. Please see the graphic below that illustrates where we can park.



JUNE 26, 2012 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

23 persons in attendance....

RICH started the meeting with intro of members and a discussion of the health status of Dan Walker and his retirement from McKay per a briefing by Bud Carroll, McKay GM. He went on to mention Car-B-Que in terms of needing added attendees and volunteers. All members were encouraged to tell friends and car enthusiasts about the event. PayPal can be used for registration.

Rich brought up the Club picnic set for 7/22: FREE. Stewart will likely assemble a cruise to the picnic. Family and friends are invited to attend. Early arrivals can help with setup.

DOUG reiterated Rich's comments on Car-B-Que and the need for help.

LAURIE discussed the picnic in detail in terms of all the food that would be available. Stressed it's BYOB for those who want alcoholic beverages. RSVP on the website for head count and contact Stewart for the cruise info. People are needed to help with grilling, etc...so that one person isn't the Griller all day. She also discussed numerous other social events which were listed in the newsletter such as Williamsburg (7/1); Cumberland AutoX (7/8); and Vettes on the Beach in upstate NY (7/28).

KRIS (McCandless) shared info on the fall '12 effort for a cruise to the Shepherdstown area. He's planning a nice run with lunch included at the Old Bank Building.

TDS was mentioned for 11/10/12 with the effort to get the word out to have as many people planning for it as possible.

RICH announced that Alice is leaving so we need to elect a new treasurer. LARRY FREAUFF was nominated and seconded (Frank Eaton) and since only one nominee was presented for the position, a vote by members present was conducted with all in favor except one abstention. LARRY accepted the position.

WILFREDO conducted the raffle and 50/50 and the Club raised \$85 with the drawing.

ALICE gave a briefing on Club finances. The balance in the Club account for end of May was \$4,130 minus new expenses for ODS track; store expenses plus income left \$2,671 as a new balance. RICH addressed the finances and stated that Summit Point and Concours were both primary sources of income in the past that are now not available to us. We need \$5,000 to run Summit Point. The need for fundraising ideas was discussed, as well as options for charging for certain events to raise needed cash.

DOUG stated that he would be out of town from 7/4 til early August and would need others to help with photo ops of club activities.

RICH adjourned the meeting at 9pm.

Submitted by Bob Devery 7/9/12

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Newsletter News...

Summer's in full swing, especially down here in North Carolina where it sometimes feels like the humidity equals the temperature (but I'm sure Virginia feels that way too!)

I'm sorry I missed the picnic – I've seen a few of the pictures (they'll be in next month's newsletter), and it looked like a great time. Unfortunately, work has to come first, at least until my degree is completed ...

Thanks as always for the newsletter contributions! Til next time,



Anne Costolanskí anne.steffie@gmail.com

Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, July 24th at 7:30 pm
Tuesday, August 28th at 7:30 pm

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