



## Teen Driving School!!

By Cassidy Nolen



May 11 turned out to be another stellar Teen Driving Program day for the Northern Virginia Corvette Club.

This event, which has evolved to be a cornerstone of the club, hosted a number of club members from Corvette Club of America as well as a bevy of new recruits to the right seat for instructing. We served a group of 29 students and their parents in vehicles ranging from the early 90's through brand new. Students worked towards mastery of vision, braking and steering skills as well as a host of good strategies for managing crisis situations. Our own Stewart Fox, Marsha Batchellor and Andrej Balanc led the three exercises after Paul Benish showed the participants around under their own hoods. The new format proved successful on the feedback and will be slightly tuned for the Fall 2013 program (information to follow when we have a date set).

The new facility hosted our event nicely. The ADESA lot was spacious and allowed for covered lunch seating, a great classroom and plenty of space to safety tech the vehicles before the activity. We even managed to avoid the weather! About 5 minutes after the event finished up it began raining heavily. Even Mother Nature believes in our program it seems!

*(See more Teen Driving School pics on page 3)*



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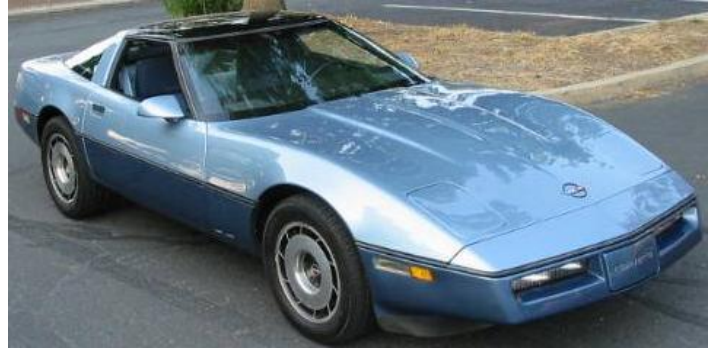
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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER May 2013**

It was a busy month for NVCC, with the cornerstone event being the premier of our Teen Driving School at its new ADESA location. The facility is more than we could hope for. A large cafeteria that doubles as a classroom, indoor tech inspection, acres of pavement and its own water truck for the skid pad. While there were a few minor bumps in working out the flow of cars/people at the new facility, I think all concerned considered it one of our best yet. I sincerely appreciate all the effort of the volunteers that made this event possible.

The calendar of events continues to fill up. One of the latest firm dates is for the NVCC picnic, scheduled for Sunday, July 21st, at "The Farm" in beautiful downtown Ganotown, WV. As always, this is a no-charge event open to members, families and their friends. Look for a flyer with specifics soon ... but in the meantime, please reserve the date. Cheryl and I look forward to hosting the NVCC picnic as always, which is a rain or shine event with plenty of cover in the event of inclement weather and unlimited parking.

As many of you have heard, Page Chevrolet has extended an offer of sponsorship to the club and will be the site of our May General Business Meeting (GBM). Located on Little River Turnpike (Rt 236) inside the beltway, it is a new dealership opened this past December with state of the art facilities. I encourage members to come out to the May GBM to view the facilities and give the council your input on making it our new NVCC home.

Now normally I wouldn't encourage anyone to do anything other than come to the GBM. However there is an important conflict on our calendar. At 6:00 p.m. that evening at the Holbert Building in Spotsylvania, the Zoning and Special Use Permit application for Dominion Raceway will be heard by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Steve Britt was a staunch supporter of NVCC as the owner/operator of the former Old Dominion Speedway and is deserving of our support in his efforts to establish his new facility. If you aren't coming to the GBM, please consider driving south and showing support for Steve's proposed new raceway.

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

Rich Anderson  
NVCC President, 2012/13

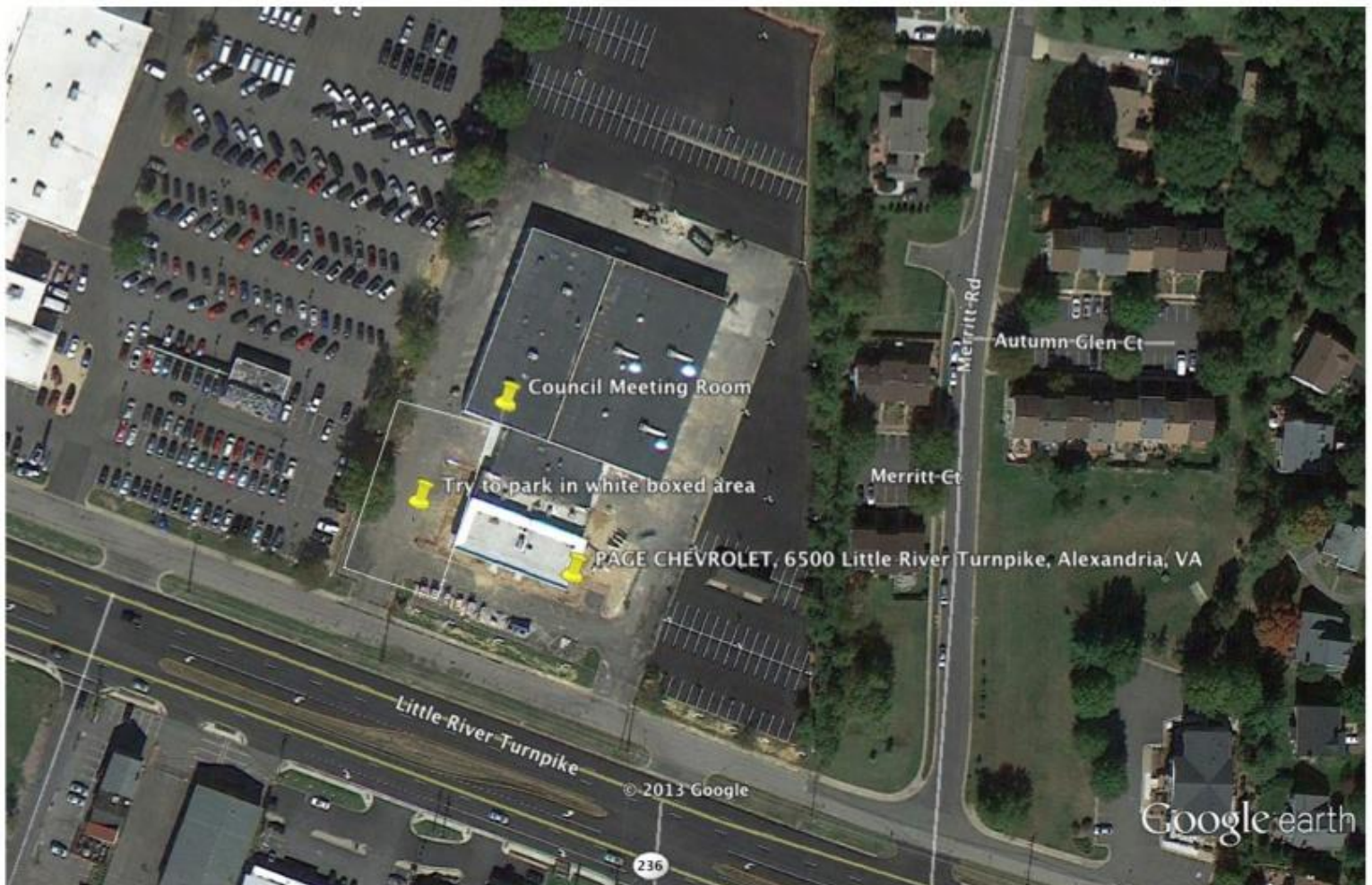
# New GBM Meeting Location – Page Chevrolet

*By Doug Swanson*

We will have our May General Business Meeting (7:30pm on Tuesday May 28th) at Page Chevrolet. Please see the attached map for their location at 6500 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA 22312.

They are located just east of the Annandale-Alexandria border. This Google Maps [link](#) will also take you to an interactive map of their location. They can be reached by taking Little River Turnpike (Rte. 236) **east** from the Beltway (I-495) **OR** by taking Little River Turnpike **west** from I-395.

As we have advised members at previous GBMs, the Council has been searching for a permanent GBM meeting location. The Council considers the Sterling Ruritan Club to be a temporary meeting place solution since it is far removed from the "geographical center" of our membership. Page Chevrolet has invited us to have meetings at their dealership. Please come to the May GBM to check out their facility and provide input to NVCC's Council on the desirability of having future GBMs at this location.



Let's all meet inside the Service write up area - behind main showroom - Kris McCandless will try and be there at 7 pm to greet you & introduce you to Rusty Brown, the Service Manager and our Key Supporter

# VA Beach Boardwalk Car Show

By Laurie Kistner

A gal friend of mine from CorvetteForum.com and I took our vettes and headed down to Virginia Beach the weekend of May 17-19 for some much-needed R&R...unfortunately a Hazmat spill on I-95 near Fredericksburg added some time sitting in traffic (and aggravation). The next day we were rewarded with fantastic weather – while strolling down the boardwalk, we stumbled upon a neat little car show...below are some pics of the Corvette entries.



This vette was (and still is) the owner's daily driver...so clean, it could probably score well at Bloomington Gold...



Z0-sex at the beach? Yes, I went for the cheesy caption. :D



Hmmm...for once, I'm speechless...

While down in Virginia Beach, **LilRed** 'slept' in the hotel's parking garage...here are a few shots I took of her before I made the long trek home...



Not bad for a 19 year old car with 150,000 miles, huh?! :D ~Laurie



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## Motorsports Park Interest Picking up Speed

Corvette Racing Program Manager Doug Fehan, along with #3 Crew Chief Danny Binks, and championship winning driver of the #4 Corvette, Tommy Milner, were at the Bash sharing their excitement for what is happening with the Motorsports Park. "This is something Corvette owners have been dreaming about for years," said Doug. "Now we are on the cusp of actually making this happen. This completes the circle of wanting a Corvette someday, to buying one, to watching it be built, to learning how to drive it the way it was designed to be driven. When I'm here for the ground breaking, (during the 60th Anniversary Celebration at the NCM on June 27-28th) I'll be working that shovel harder than anyone."



Since last week we have had seven additional acres committed, bringing our total raised to \$868,000. We're just \$132,000 short of our \$1 million goal with just over two weeks left! Remember: the \$1 million mark will ensure we include one of the road courses in the initial construction! How can you help? Every dollar matters! No contribution is too small. So, we challenge you to [log on to our website](http://www.corvettemuseum.org) and be a part of the project.

## C7 the Star of the Show at the Bash

We are still trying to catch our breath from all of the fun we had at the Bash event last week. Corvette enthusiasts packed the Museum to get their first look at the 7th Generation Corvette in person. Designer Kirk Bennion, Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter, and Corvette Product and Marketing Manager Harlan Charles, teamed up with other GM staff to formally introduce the "C7" to everyone in attendance. With a coupe and convertible on hand, as well as a frame and various parts on display, they gave seminars covering everything anyone would want to know about these cars. "I thought it looked great in the pictures," said life-long Corvette fan Dave Hale, "but it looks even better in person. I'm really impressed with the overall design of the "C7". I love it and can't wait to get one. I'm excited."





The really good news is that you can order yours now! Click [here](#) and then enter your zip to find a dealer with allocations for the initial production period. Then you'll be on your way to owning your own "C7" Corvette!

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## NCM Event Updates

**Mid-Ohio HPDE:** There are still open slots in all groups for this HPDE event, hosted by the Museum and Hooked on Driving. A number of current and former GM engineers and designers are expected to attend, including John Heinricy.

Registered participants will have the opportunity to take a ride with John around the track to experience an expert's performance. To register, please [click here](#).



**Corvette 60th Anniversary Celebration:** The agenda for the Corvette 60th Anniversary event at the Museum is now available on our website. This event is free to Museum members and costs only the price of Museum admission for non-members. Featured activities include up-close access to the new "C7" Corvettes that will be on display as well as attendance at the NCM Motorsports Park groundbreaking event with Doug Fehan, Corvette Racing Program Manager. For more information, please [visit our website](#).

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## Jim Harbaugh to Pace Indy 500 in 2014 Corvette Stingray

Jim Harbaugh, head coach of the NFL's San Francisco 49ers, will drive the all-new 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Pace Car to lead the pack of 33 racers to the start of the 97th running of the Indianapolis 500 this Sunday.

Harbaugh, who took the 49ers to the Super Bowl this year, is no stranger to Indianapolis - serving as a quarterback for the Colts NFL team 1994-1997.

Harbaugh is also a racing fan and a principal at Panther Racing, which fields the two-car, Chevrolet-powered IndyCar team including the No. 4 National Guard Chevrolet and the No. 60 Sunoco "Turbo" Chevrolet.

Harbaugh is also no stranger to Bowling Green, KY. His dad, Jack Harbaugh, served as head coach for the Western Kentucky University Hilltopper football team, and Jim served as an assistant coach for WKU from 1994-2001 while still playing in the NFL.

Harbaugh's stint behind the wheel of the Laguna Blue Pace Car marks a record 12th time the Corvette has served in the role, starting in 1978.



# 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray pricing announced

C7 continues tradition of attainable American performance

From Autoweek online, [www.autoweek.com](http://www.autoweek.com)

By: Greg Migliore on 4/26/2013

The running line regarding 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray pricing has been vague. It usually goes something like: If you can afford today's car, you will be able to afford the C7.

That was proved true Friday, when Chevy said the latest generation of the iconic sports car will start at \$51,995, including destination charges. That is \$1,400 more than the 2013 model.

The convertible starts at \$56,995, also a \$1,400 increase compared with the 2013 drop-top.

The Corvette coupe is expected arrive in showrooms in September, followed by the convertible late in the year.

The C7 runs a 6.2-liter LT1 V8 pushing out at least 450 hp and 450 lb-ft of torque, capable of sprints to 60 mph in less than four seconds. It can be paired with a six-speed automatic with paddle shifters or a seven-speed manual gearbox. The aluminum frame is 99 pounds lighter than the previous generation, contributing to significant weight savings.

Notable options include the 3LT interior package (\$8,005), Z51 Performance Package (\$2,800) and Magnetic Ride Control (\$1,795). The sports car revealed at the Detroit Auto Show would have cost \$73,360.

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## FUN PICS FROM FILMING CAPTAIN AMERICA IN DC ...



**Sat. 6/1/13** - Corvette Club of Richmond 17th Annual Corvette Roundup. Iron Bridge Sports Park, 11400 Iron Bridge Road, Chester, VA 23831. See included flyer on pages 14 & 15!

Event Times - 9 AM to 2 PM

Check-in & Registration - 8 AM to 11 AM

Judging by Show Participants until 1 PM, Awards at 2 PM

Show & Shine - Corvettes Only

Pre-Registration \$25 - Day of Show \$35 - 2nd Car/Same Owner \$10 - Vendors \$40

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Trophies will also be awarded for Best Engine & Best Interior.

Dash Plaques and Goody Bags for the first 100 registrants.

Spectator Admission is FREE!

If it is raining on the morning of the Roundup, check the CCR website at [www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com](http://www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com) for schedule/date changes.

**Sat. 6/1/13** - Sponsored by the Leesburg Business Association and the Northern Virginia Rods and Classics Car Club, the 27th Annual Leesburg Vintage Car Show will be held between 5-9pm. This year's show will benefit the CS Monroe Auto Body and Graphic Arts Department students.

Automobiles made in 1987 or earlier are welcome to participate. Staging will take place at 4pm at Tuscarora High School. The cost to participate is \$15. For additional information, please contact Carolyn Craig at (703) 864-1665.

In the past, there have only been a few Corvettes there...it would be nice to see more vintage Corvettes out at the show!

**Sun. 6/2/13** - TCV Concurs & Fun Shows. See link below for complete details!

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**Sun. 6/16/13** - Celebrate Father's Day at Sully Plantation's Annual Antique Car Show, co-sponsored by the FCPA and the Model-A Ford Club of America. More than 400 antique and classic cars will fill the grounds. Buy the car of your dreams at the Car Corral or search for the perfect accessory in the Flea Market with more than 100 vendors. Treat Dad to a delicious lunch and get your toes tapping to a variety of music reminiscent of the heyday of these classic automobiles. Tour of the first floor of the 1794 house included.

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[Map/General Directions](#)

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**Sun. 6/23/13** - PWC Good Ol' Days Car Show – see included flyer on page 13 for complete details!

**Sun. 6/22/13** - CPCC 4 Fun Shows - click [here](#) for complete details!

**Fri. 6/28/13** - 13th 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.

Mid America Motorworks promotes Drive Your Corvette to Work Day among Corvette owners and clubs. The goal is to have as many Corvette owners as possible drive their car to work that day. Launched in 2001 for the countdown to the Corvette's 50th anniversary, 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](mailto:clubs@mamotorworks.com). Mid America Motorworks will post as many pictures as possible on their website at [www.madvet.com](http://www.madvet.com).

If anyone wants to organize a work lunch get-together, after-work drinks, or an after-work party, let me know at [social@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:social@nvcorvetteclub.com) ASAP!

Well, the warm weather is finally here...with the next cicada swarm not far behind! If anyone would like to host or organize an event, please let me know ASAP. Don't forget to save the date for the Annual Club Picnic on Sunday, 7/21/13 at the Anderson's farm...more details to come. For those who want to take a fun road trip with their vettes, plan on joining me for a jaunt to beautiful Sylvan Beach, New York in July ... details [here](#).

We have *many* more events coming down the pipeline for the warm weather months...stay tuned to the club website at [www.nvcorvetteclub.com](http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com) for updates!

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If it is raining on the morning of the Roundup, check the CCR website at  
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# Road trip on two of America's most famous roadways: Route 66 and the Pacific Coast Highway

By Dick "Ham" Hammaker

Dick and his wife Denise are spending part of their summer taking a road trip across the country to spend time along two of America's most well-known highways – Route 66 (the "Main Street of America" as it is known colloquially), which originally ran from Chicago to Los Angeles, and the Pacific Coast Highway (California State Route 1), which runs along most of the Pacific coastline of California. Below is a log of their travels, with pictures and descriptions of places and things encountered along the way.

We departed Burke on 23 Apr for Fallingwater, Mill Run, PA; National Museum of the USAF, Dayton, OH; then on to Chicago for the start of Route 66 on 27 Apr.

Day 1 - 23 Apr - Mill Run, PA - Fallingwater

- Denise & I got away about 0730 today and had an uneventful four hour drive to Mill Run, PA, to tour Fallingwater designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. What an amazing architectural design and feat!
- We're in Donegal, PA, for the night. Tomorrow we're off to Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs, OH, and Dayton.



Day 2 - 24 Apr - National Museum of the USAF - Dayton, OH

- There are three things I hate to do in a Corvette...use the pop up headlights, use the windshield wipers, and drive in the rain...today I did all three! Other than driving in the rain for five hours from Donegal, PA, to Dayton, OH, it was a relaxed day. Many Thanks to our neighbor Ron Lindholm for his tip about Young's Jersey Dairy...Denise & I enjoyed some great ice cream!

Day 3 - 25 Apr - National Museum of the USAF - Dayton, OH

- Today was a full day at the National Museum of the US Air Force. The Museum Director, Lt Gen Jack Hudson (Retired), arranged Distinguished Visitor (DV) Parking and a Special Guided Two Hour Tour to cover the highlights. After this amazing tour, Denise and I watched the 3D movie "Space Junk". Having taught orbital mechanics and Space Satellite Systems for 22 years, it was super interesting. We had lunch at the Museum Cafe, then back for a more detailed look at the aircraft and displays. Boy, are our feet tired! The good news is my knees are fine after so much walking.
- Tonight we're going out to supper with a friend, former Goodfellow AFB Course Manager, now assigned at the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC), Wright-Patterson AFB. We're going to The Amber Rose Restaurant that specializes in homemade Eastern European Cuisine including German, Lithuanian, Polish, Hungarian, Russian and Italian cuisines. Yummo!

Day 4 - 26 Apr - National Museum of the USAF - Dayton, OH

- The first day's Special Guided Tour was amazing but today's private tour of the Restoration facility (including The Memphis Bell) by the Restoration Director and impromptu tour of the R&D Aircraft (XB-70) as well as Presidential Aircraft by the Museum Director was fantastic! One of the highlights was being presented a NMUSAF Restoration Coin (can't buy these in a store). It will be a treasured keepsake. Many thanks to Lloyd Rowland for making this happen.



- We depart tomorrow for Chicago and the start of our real adventure...Part 1 — Route 66.

Day 5 - 27 Apr - Willowbrook, IL



- Finally, after days of "Practice Road Trip" to Fallingwater and Dayton, we made it to Chicago and the Eastern Terminus of Route 66 at the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and Jackson Ave. The good news is it was a beautiful day; the bad news is everyone in Chicago was on Lake Shore Drive...the bumper-to-bumper traffic, the crowds, the crazies! We walked around, saw the sights between Millennium Park and Grant Park, including Buckingham Fountain, then fought our way on Route 66 along Adams St to Ogden Ave to Willowbrook, IL...about 30 miles.
- Dinner tonight was at Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket...a 1946 Route 66 staple...and featured on Food Network. We had fried chicken and Route 66 Red Ale!



#### Day 6 - 28 Apr

- One of the things we've noticed and liked is how great off season is...few people at Fallingwater and NMUSAF (except Friday was School Trip Day...hundreds of school kids running around!) and traffic is light.
- Also about 50 miles south of Chicago, near Remington, IL, there is a massive Wind Turbine Farm...I mean hundreds of wind turbines towers covering miles and miles of farm land. It was amazing! Each fan blade is 90 feet long with an 8 foot diameter base, the tower is 200 feet tall!
- Today, we travelled 195 miles in 7 hours for a total R66 of 225 miles...only 2200 miles to go.
- Lots along the way to Springfield, IL, and so much to do here, we decided to stay an extra day to visit all the Abe Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Lincoln Home, Lincoln Tomb...and the famous Cozy Dog Drive Inn.



#### Day 7 - 29 Apr - Springfield, IL

- What a day in Old Springfield. We spent seven hours exploring Lincoln's House, Lincoln Library, and Lincoln Presidential Museum and then treating ourselves to a Cozy Dog.
- Tomorrow we're off again on Route 66 with our sights set on St Louis. We're also going to spend an extra day there to see the sights.

#### Day 8 - 30 Apr - St. Louis

- It was a strange day...route directions were very confusing so there were a few wrong/missed turns. Took 5 hours, with a lunch stop, to drive the 91 miles from Springfield to St. Louis.
- The big event today, besides becoming disoriented multiple times, was stopping at Henry's Rabbit Ranch.
- Wednesday will be a visit to the Gateway Arch and Forest Park (site of the 1904 World's Fair).

#### Day 9 - 1 May - St. Louis

- It was a fun "Zero Day" (no Route 66 mileage). It was truly an adventure getting to the Gateway Arch in late rush hour traffic. I think Washington DC drivers learned to drive in St. Louis...same crazies!

- We spent 5 hours at the Arch seeing two movies: historic footage on the Arch construction, and the Louis & Clark Expedition. We also saw Wilderness Museum, and took a tram to the Top of the Arch. But the Mississippi River was too high and fast to do a Riverboat cruise.
- On the way back to the Hotel, we stopped at Ted Drews Frozen Custard for an afternoon treat.



#### Day 10 - 2 May - Joplin, MO

- It was an excellent day...St. Louis to Joplin, MO...7.5 hours, 300 miles. This leg of the trip was a marriage saver...roads were good (only a couple bad spots...of course, anything but perfectly smooth is bad for a Corvette); lots of relaxed beautiful country side; very little, sometimes no traffic; and easy navigation with well marked routes. The only downside of the day was the weather. We left St. Louis in 70 degree weather with high overcast clouds, and arrived in Joplin in heavy rain and 40 degrees. First thing before dinner was to find the long pants and jacket!

#### Day 11 - 3 May Joplin, MO

- Didn't go far enough south yesterday to stay away from the bad weather...heavy rains turned into a light dusting of snow...not a happy camper. Temperature will warm up on the way to OKC, then just need to worry about Tornado Alley!
- Weather warmed and cleared, found a self car wash to clean the road grime off The Rocket, spirits brightened. It turned out to be another very nice 7.5 hours, 260 mile day. Route 66 has improved...it started out in Chicago and most of Illinois, congested and confusing, to small rural towns with long stretches through farm country to the next little town. In fact, some towns are so small, all we notice is the town sign, not even a stoplight!



#### Day 12 - 4 May - Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum

- All I can say is *powerful*. The Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum is amazing, sobering, and very well done. The bombing claimed 168 lives, including 19 children under the age of 6, and injured more than 680 people. The blast destroyed or damaged 324 buildings within a sixteen-block radius, destroyed or burned 86 cars, and shattered glass in 258 nearby buildings. The bomb was estimated to have caused at least \$652 million worth of damage. A 300 ft reflecting pool is in front of where the federal building stood. The open field has 168 chairs, with 19 smaller ones, and the location of the chairs is a projection of where each person died in the building.
- After the Memorial, we had a late lunch at the Steak and Catfish Barn...the outside isn't very inviting, the inside is a tribute to Elvis...the fried catfish dinner and peach cobbler was great!

#### Day 13 - 5 May - Wichita Falls, TX

- Took another "Zero Day" to drive 2 hours, 140 miles, south of Route 66 from Oklahoma City to Wichita Falls, TX, where I lived from 1958 to 1965...haven't been back since I graduated from High School some 48 years ago. Needless to say, things have changed a little.
- First was to look for our old house. There was a Tornado that went through the old neighborhood so not sure if it was destroyed and rebuilt. Next was to find the schools...Jefferson Elem, Barwise JHS, and Rider HS...all were there and expanded. Finally, find our family church it has had some remodeling but still there and even met the minister and two people I knew 48 years ago.
- It was a memorable blast from the past. Tomorrow, it's back to OKC and Route 66. Big event will be an Onion Burger in El Reno.

#### Day 14 - 6 May - Elk City, OK

- Today reminded me of a Tactical Reconnaissance Mission. Denise and I mission planned in Wichita

Falls (WF) Hotel, final crew briefing in the car, High Altitude cruise (Interstate) to OKC, as we approached OKC and Initial Point (IP), maps came out, hit the IP and went tactical (Route 66). The rest of the day was textbook to Elk City, OK. Mission Complete.

- One disappointment in WF...Rider High was having State Evaluation Testing and no visitors allowed so we couldn't drop by for chit-chat and tour.
- Big event today was a stop at Sid's Diner for their famous Onion Burger and Milk Shake. In fact, we missed the Annual Onion Burger Festival on Saturday. The Fire Department cooks a 1,200 lb Onion Burger...350 lbs of meat, 600 lbs bun, 150 lbs of onions, 5 - 5 Gal buckets of pickles, and can't remember how much mustard...for 10,000 people. Check it out on Google.
- Tomorrow it's a 140 mile day to Amarillo, TX for two days. We're staying at the Big Texan Steak Ranch...home of the 72 oz Steak! Check it out on Google.



## Travel for NVCC Donations...by Bob Devery



Hi...well, a few more dollars will arrive into the NVCC treasury courtesy of Anne Costolanski and Dave DuBois. They recently booked travel at hotels with me. It won't pay for a track day...or come close... but it's better than nothing... which is what NVCC gets when members book travel on their own. Remember, if you use me, I will match or beat ANY price from ANY supplier AND give NVCC a donation. All you have to do is contact me BEFORE your itchy fingers hit "BUY"! I can even do it AFTER you have booked a cruise thru the cruise lines

...match the price and give a donation to NVCC. REMEMBER...IT'S NOT JUST CRUISES!! I have people booked this last week on cruises; Alaska tours; Canadian Rockies rail trip; hotel reservations; and car rentals! I'm one of the top agents in the US/Canada for Expedia Cruise Ship Centers BUT the key is that I am a member and will give my profits to the Club.

**TIRED OF WINTER BLUES?** There is interest by several persons in a CRUISE in February 2014. I'll have specific ideas at the meeting for a Winter Break cruise to somewhere warm! EVERY person who joins us will bring added revenue to the Club. The info will go to the other area clubs IF we can get this going to make cash for NVCC.



We've raised a few hundred dollar\$ for the treasury with the Travel for Donation Program. But, the potential with all the travel that I've heard booked by people is THOUSAND\$\$\$\$. THANKS to those of you who've taken the time to check the idea AND then to give it a test. It works and checks are being written. Give me a call or text...[703-786-2147](tel:703-786-2147). Email is: [bdevery@cruiseshipcenters.com](mailto:bdevery@cruiseshipcenters.com). No games, just a check to the Club!

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## Newsletter News ...

Hello NVCCers!

Well I'm in the last stages of my PhD program, and I'm afraid that I won't be coming back to VA as I'd originally anticipated ...I've gotten a job in Atlanta and will be moving there at the end of the summer. But I'm happy to continue doing the newsletter remotely until someone else decides to take it over.

I hope to be up in NoVA this summer to say hello in person and join an event or two. So I hope to see some of you before I head further south!

Til next time,



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## Next General Business Meetings:

**Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

**Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**

### **May Meeting Location:**

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