



Road trip on two of America's most famous roadways: Route 66 and the Pacific Coast Highway (Part 3)

By Dick "Ham" Hammaker

Dick and his wife Denise spent part of their summer taking a road trip across the country along two of America's most well-known highways – Route 66 (the "Main Street of America") and the Pacific Coast Highway (California State Route 1). Below is a log of their travels, with pictures and descriptions of places and things encountered along the way.



hadn't tried.

Day 34 – After a disastrous Saturday (Day 33), things have started to look up. Glenn Fetter called with an offer to pick us up on Sunday and do some more touring. In the meantime, my brother-in-law Ken googled CorvetteForum and found some info. I looked over the data and saw something I

Sunday morning, Glenn stops by with a plan for Monterey. I asked if we could stop by the Chevy dealership on the way. Sure enough, the new procedure worked, steering column unlocks and we're good-to-go. So back to the motel, pack, load, check out, get on the road to Monterey! Hooray.

Day 35 – Today was an adventure in transportation...took the hotel shuttle to the San Francisco International Airport International Terminal, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) to Cable Car to Fisherman's Wharf, then walking until



my feet hurt. Return trip was Street Car, BART, hotel shuttle, hotel room, shoes OFF! It took two hours to get to Fisherman's Wharf and one and a half hours to get back.

San Francisco was cloudy, almost no wind, light rain in the morning, and cloudy in the afternoon. We went to Ghirardelli Square, Fisherman's Wharf, lunch at Boudin Sourdough Bread Company, then back to the hotel.

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Membership Corner for 2013

87 Active Members

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER July 2013

Hot enough for you??? Fortunately today wasn't the hottest we've had and the weather didn't detract from the annual NVCC picnic. While we will have more extensive coverage of the picnic in next month's newsletter (when our editor isn't enduring a 10-hour round trip just to spend time with the club), I would be remiss if I didn't thank everyone for coming out in strength. A particular thank you goes out to Laurie Kistner who has been catering this annual event since before I was a member (and no, that wasn't during the C1 era). As we have somewhat become complacent to expect, Laurie did another great job.

I would also like to thank our newly dubbed "Back Creek Mike" for giving us a story that will be repeated at picnics for a while to come...and yes Rich Mars, next year please place a sign on the other side that says something like, "If you are reading this sign, you aren't headed to the NVCC picnic." In addition I thank Stewart for his display of C6 mud wrestling skills. Maybe we could make Corvette mud wrestling an annual picnic event (NOT!)?

Next Saturday is Summer Thunder at Franklin Park in Purcellville. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for details. However if you are a genuine gear head and could only go to one show in the DC area this year, this is the one to attend. A little of everything for just about everyone.

Next week is also the 20th Annual Vettes @ the Beach Road Trip. For those interested in getting out of town to perhaps a slightly cooler setting, seeing lots of vettes and meeting great people, look further inside the newsletter for details.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at the GBM this week.

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

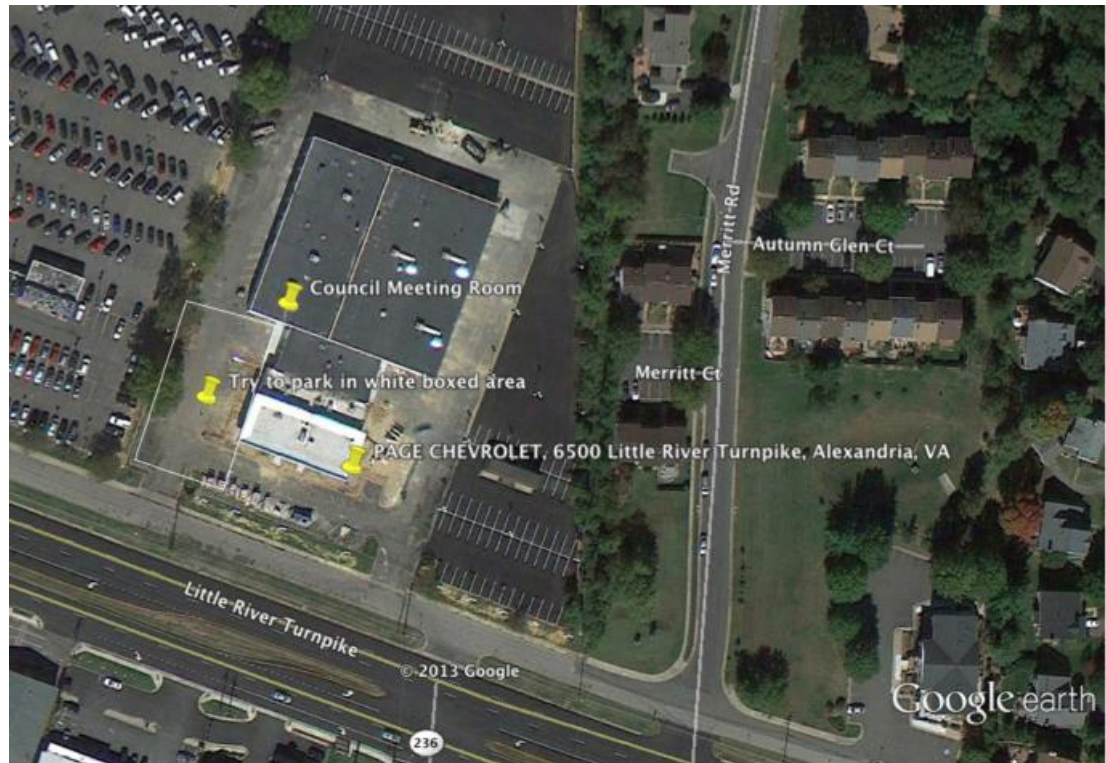
Rich Anderson
NVCC President, 2012/13

New GBM Meeting Location – Page Chevrolet

By Doug Swanson

The NVCC Council has decided to accept the Page Chevrolet invitation to have all future GBMs at their dealership, so our next General Business Meeting (7:30pm on Tuesday, July 23rd) will be at Page Chevrolet 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.



The Free State Corvette Club will be our guests at the July GBM to promote their Corvettes at Ocean City Weekend (Fri-Sat October 4th & 5th 2013). They will answer questions about this event and leave flyers for our members.

The Constitution Cruise

By Kris McCandless

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, September 14, 2013**, for a Cruise to President James Madison's home, Montpelier, (where much of the US Constitution was written and formulated), ride The Constitution Road and dine on Saturday brunch at the Boars Head Inn at Charlottesville. We will leave from the Gainesville Wegmans, take a brief stop at Montpelier to introduce everyone to the property (and get a group shot!), then proceed down very Corvette-friendly roads to brunch in Charlottesville. A different route will be taken back to Montpelier, where several options will be offered for the remainder of the day, including touring Montpelier (house and grounds), visiting wineries local to that area, and a "not-so-direct" route home to drive a "classic Virginia road". This will be an all day affair, so please plan accordingly. Like the Yellow Brick Bank Fall Colors Cruise I led last year, we will set up online registration for payment and reservations, and a goodie bag will be provided with route map, brochures, and a few other surprises. Check the events calendar in August for an active link to register. I look forward to seeing you on this cruise!

My Quest for the Right Corvette

by Stewart Fox

'Twas a dark and stormy night, and Jim said, "Captain, tell me a story"...This is how the story began:

Sorry. Wrong story...that was one my dad used to tell us kids. Drove my mom nuts every time he brought it up!

Anyway, I assume that most of you know about my passion for the Corvette, as well as my long awaited quest to move up to the C5 world. Not to say anything disparaging about C4s, the prior generations, the current benchmark C6, or the soon to arrive C7. It's just that the C5 has been my target vehicle for quite a while now. Looking back, I've had my C4 for 14 years, and really gotten to know it quite well. I have worked on almost every aspect of the car and it has been instrumental in my ability to participate in and lead many Corvette events. It has been rock solid and extremely dependable wherever I go in it. You could even say that owning my C4 eventually lead to my three year stint as President of NVCC. Numerous parades, car shows, autocrosses, and HPDE's and many like-minded friends have all been possible because of my Corvette.

So, I finally reached the point this year when I finally felt I could allow myself to start looking around to see what I might be able to come up with in the way of a C5. My parameters would be a little different than most folks however. I wasn't looking for a show car, one that has super low mileage, or one that was priced too high. Convertibles (Verts) were out, and so were cars with automatic transmissions. Some of you might think you know where this is going..."he means he wants a Z06"...but read on. I poked around on the Interweb a bit, found one that looked good in the photos but was "flood damaged" (not for me). Found a few more that had low prices but some collision damage (oh, I can fix that) but decided that wasn't right for me either. Looked some more, and found a LOT of Z06s that were, shall we say, still holding their value, which is actually a good thing because as we all know, the Z06 is one heck of a car.

Here's where it gets interesting. My wife and I were driving to NC two weeks ago and the topic of my "next" car came up (again). If there is anyone that knows that I've been chomping at the bit, it's Carol. So, during our trip she happened to ask me what it would cost to put all those tubey things (roll cage) in the car to protect the driver if it crashes. Oh, 3-4 thousand I replied, plus other safety items. To which she commented: why don't you just buy one already built. **DING!** Did I just hear what I thought I heard? Leap forward a few hours. I repeat the conversation to my son Chris, who kind of laughs. An hour later he emails me in a panic and says I HAVE to check out an eBay link...have you figured out where this is going yet? Well, I check out the link and it appears to be more car than I could ever hope for, at an awesome price. What's wrong with THIS picture, I think. I spent some more time that evening seeing what else might be on the market, found a few comparable cars for much higher price tags, and then went back to look at the original ad again. Could it be? Ten days till bids close, or buy it now for \$ xx,995. What are the chances, I wonder? I toss and turn for two more days trying to decide what to do. Check the ad again. The car is in Richmond! A mere two hour drive to even SEE the car. This is nuts. I pick up the phone. Yes, I am told, I can stop by the shop on Wednesday evening to see the car. Call Cassidy. Road trip! I need you, man! OK. We depart NoVA at 2:30. Arrive in Richmond at 4:30. No traffic, no tickets. Luck or fate, you be the judge. C5 is sitting in a showroom full of Mustangs! What the heck?

We look, we ask questions, we kick the tires. Shop has many parts that go with the car. Shop owner seems legit. Car has a storied endurance racing lineage. Ponder my future with THIS C5 in the paddock. I can't take it anymore. I gotta have this thing. Dropped a \$500 deposit and called Carol. "Honey: We own a racecar!" A lot of heavy breathing on the other end of the line. Hmmmm, that went well. Headed home grinning from ear to ear. What have I done? To Carol's credit, I couldn't have done it without her. She took care of the details at the bank for me and made sure that she rode down with me to pick up the car last Sunday. Driving back with car in tow, she was asked by several at a gas station if they could take pictures of the car while I was in paying for gas (don't ask...the receipt never came out at the pump). Now I think she gets it. **FINALLY! I own a C5!!!!!!**



Route 66 Road Trip (cont.)

Day 36 – Another transportation exercise to downtown San Francisco...from hotel to Fisherman's Wharf took two hours...glad we got an early start. Today we took the "Hop On - Hop Off" bus for an overall SF



orientation. The two hour trip included Little Italy, Chinatown, SF City Hall, victorian homes in Alamo Square, Haight-Ashbury...birth of the Hippy Movement, Golden Gate Park, Golden Gate South Vista Point (clear skies one minute, fog the next), The Presidio, The Fillmore...great rock bands of the '70s got their start at The Fillmore, Ghirardelli Square, and Fisherman's Wharf. We also saw one of the Americas Cup Sailboats coming back from a practice. There is a park on the Bay-side of Ghirardelli Square that has great old memories. On the very spot on which I stand in the

picture to the left, some 43 years ago, a young Lt. Hammaker liked to sit, watch the Bay, listen to hippies playing conga and bongo drums, drink cheap wine, and eat sourdough bread and cheese...ahhhh, the memories!

Day 37 – I wake up this morning in a cold sweat just thinking about driving into San Francisco to cross the Golden Gate Bridge into wine country...traffic, narrow roads, street cars, pot holes, etc...but my trusty navigator got us there without getting lost or any incidents. What teamwork...I don't hit anything and read the street signs while Denise keeps us on course.



The Golden Gate Bridge was completely fogged out...when you can't see the bridge supports, it was just another road. It was an easy drive to Sterling Vineyard, Calistoga, CA. Sterling is unique because it sits on top of a mountain so you get there on a tram...WOW, the view as you ride to the top and such a beautiful day. Sterling has relaxed self-guided wine tasting...several tasting stations with multimedia presentations

on the wine making process...very educational and good wines!

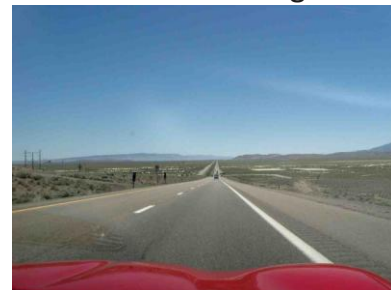


Tomorrow we rejoin with Frank & Mary in Roseville (just on the other side of Sacramento) and off to Reno via South Lake Tahoe. This is also the turning point in our trip (5,400 miles so far) and as far west as we'll go ...tomorrow we start back east.

Day 38 – It was a nice day to cruise from Calistoga to Roseville to meet Frank & Mary, then through the mountains to Lake Tahoe, lunch in Carson City, short trip to Reno to the Peppermill Casino for the night. Frank & I took turns leading on some very nice curvy roads! I was very impressed with the performance of his Audi TT.

Tomorrow is a straight cruise to Elko, NV...just getting from one point to the other across the desert wasteland!

Day 39 – It was a beautiful day to cruise the desert wastelands of Nevada.



We had a little trouble getting out of Reno because they were closing streets for a classic car show (about 400 cars) this weekend...wish we could've stayed to see it. It's 291 miles from Reno to Elko...mostly desert and nothingness. Since we were in no rush, I kept the speed around the speed limit but very tempting to open the Rocket up! Would have had no problems with "triple digits" (100+) except Denise would have wacked me in the head! Also we could tell we were getting close to the Rockies by the snow capped mountains east of Elko.



Tomorrow Denise & I are off to Park City (southeast of Salt Lake City) to see my cousin Jeff and family as well as dine in their restaurant, The Silver Star Cafe; Frank & Mary are off to Provo, UT...we'll rejoin in Montrose, CO, the next day.



Day 40 – It was another beautiful day to cruise the desert wasteland of Nevada and the salt flats of Utah. We took a side trip to the Bonneville Salt Flats and Speedway, saw a great sign at Utah Rest Stop, strange building on the shore of the Great Salt Lake, walked around the marina, visited Temple Square (home of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir), dropped

by to see my cousin Jeff and wife Lisa at their restaurant, and posed in front of the Sundance Institute (HQ of the famous Sundance Festival).



Day 41 – Let me introduce my cousin Jeff, his wife Lisa, and sons Hayden and Keenan...Jeff and Lisa own and run an outstanding restaurant in Park City, The Silver Star Cafe. This restaurant is a hidden gem in a hidden gem of a city. Park City is a year-round outdoor paradise...hiking, biking, golf in three seasons, and skiing, cross-country, snowboarding, skating in the winter. The Silver Star Cafe is what I call casual fine dining...live entertainment on the weekends, relaxed dining inside or outside, outstanding views, great food and drinks, and friendly staff...did I mention great food and drinks!

Today was a long drive, 356 miles, 7 hours to get from Park City to Montrose, CO. We saw some interesting terrain...beautiful mountains, desert badlands, rugged hills...although when you've seen days worth of them, they all start to look alike!

Tomorrow ends Part 2 of our Most Excellent Adventure with a three day stay at Frank & Mary's in Woodland Park, CO...rest, sightsee in Colorado Springs area, wash clothes, clean the Rocket...then depart for Dallas and South Louisiana.

Day 42 – The trip from Montrose to Woodland Park had amazing views and road construction. One thing about Colorado and other snow states is road repair has to be done in the summer, so just something we had to live with. At Monarch Pass we crossed the Continental Divide at 11,312 ft, and it offered several photo ops. At Wilkerson Pass, we could see the Collegiate Mountain Range (named after Ivy League Schools ...Mt Princeton, Mt Yale, Mt Harvard, etc) on one side and Pike's Peak on the other. Then a short drive to Frank & Mary's house in Woodland Park for the next several days. This is a great way to finish Part 2 and

rest up for Part 3, and Denise & I will do some sightseeing in Colorado Springs during this down time.

Day 43 – WOW, so nice to just have a day of rest. The night before we went to dinner at an Irish pub with Frank & Mary and friends... good food, better friends, and great beer...Laughing Lab Dark Stout. After dinner, it was off to a birthday party for cake and ice cream and stories!



Today, Frank & I went to the pistol range to shoot his Springfield XD-9 Sub-Compact and S&W M&P-22. Lots of fun and my first time shooting steel targets. Haircut was next...I was getting a little shaggy...oil change for the Rocket and lunch for us. Mary & Denise went to Manitou Springs (arts, crafts, antiques, tourist trap) and Old Colorado Springs (same as Manitou Springs). Tonight is grilled steaks and scotch!



We considered taking the Cog Train to the Summit of Pike's Peak but the weather forecast was less than desired so will tour the Air Force Academy and Garden of the Gods instead.



Day 44 – Another relaxed day...while drinking my first cup of coffee, saw a herd of deer wondering through Frank's backyard. On the way to Colorado Springs, stopped to wash the Rocket, then off to Garden of the Gods and Air Force Academy. Glad we hadn't planned on the cog train to Pike's Peak summit because the clouds were so low, couldn't see most area mountain. Tomorrow we're off on a 422 mile leg to Amarillo...going to be a long day.



Day 45 – Depart Woodland Park for Amarillo this morning...took 6+30 to drive the 395 miles. Pretty laid back day with good weather the whole way. Only three exciting things happened today – Ragin Cajun was hiding in the woods and didn't want to leave; we saw some antelope east of Raton Pass; and I misjudged a passing situation, topped 101 mph to get around an 18-wheeler. Tomorrow is another long drive from Amarillo to Dallas.



Day 46 – Pretty much a textbook trip from Amarillo to Richland Hill, the area between Ft. Worth and Dallas, until we ran into massive road construction on TX-81, I-35W, Loop 820, and TX-121...took 45 minutes to find the hotel...I hate Texas service roads! But we saw the best hotel name this morning: "It'll Do Motel". Should have been on Route 66.

Also remembered a Route 66 memory...driving along enjoying the scenery when I saw a train approaching alongside of Rt 66. I honked and waved to the engineer, he honked his horn and waved back. I remember similar incidents from my youth! Oh, the memories. Too bad our grandkids will never experience this.

Tomorrow is going to be great! We're having lunch with Hank & Debbie Horton, Air Force friends for 40 yrs; and dinner with Melodie & Dan Keener, my baby sister & her husband. It's going to be a fun day of visiting!



Questions: When you booked your last vacation, did you GET the lowest price? MAYBE. A cash rebate? UNLIKELY! Did NVCC get a donation from your booking engine? NO! Here's my offer: I handle WORLDWIDE TRAVEL OF ANY TYPE: LAND (All-inclusives; tours; safaris!), ALL CRUISES, AIR & GROUPS. I'll book your travel at the LOWEST cost- yes, match or beat ANY price that you find ; give YOU a ca\$h credit PLUS (this is important) I give NVCC a donation for YOUR travel ! NO GAMES PLAYED - YOU love to save money & you love Corvettes. NVCC needs ca\$h to fuel the events that we (I'M A MEMBER!) want. So, do the math: A. do your own booking (NO rebate ; NO donation) or, B. contact me; save \$\$ AND help NVCC fund more events! Your choice ... Option B, anyone?

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CNN Seeking Corvette Stories

The first Chevy Corvettes went into production 60 years ago this month. The two-seater sports car has long been a subject of desire for auto enthusiasts, and has been immortalized in pop culture from music (Prince's "Little Red Corvette," The Beach Boys' "Shut Down") to movies ("Corvette Summer") to television ("Route 66").



Are you the proud owner of a Corvette? CNN wants to hear about your car and the story behind it. Did you save up for years to buy it? Lovingly restore a vintage model? Maybe you rode in one belonging to a family member or friend as a kid? What memories have you made in your 'vette?

Share a photo of you with your car and tell them what makes your Corvette special to you [online here](#).

Motorsports Park Groundbreaking Ceremony a Success!

Thanks to those of you who joined us for the NCM Motorsports Park Ground-Breaking ceremony last Friday! It was well attended and we're excited to be well underway with the project. If you missed it, no worries. We have both an edited video of the ceremony [online here](#), and we streamed it live - so that footage is also available [here](#).



Want to help keep the momentum going? We're running a photo contest on our MSP Facebook fan page! Simply post a photo of you with your ride and our "Let's Build It" sign, and get your friends to vote for you. The winner will receive a trip to Bowling Green including two night stay at the new Hotel SYNC, \$50 gas gift card from Houchens Industries (Shell & Jr. Foods Gas Stations), \$40 Mariah's restaurant gift card, \$25 Double Dogs gift card and certificate to participate in an NCM event autocross session! Learn more online [here](#).

GM Releases 2013 Corvette Stats

General Motors has released the statistics on the Model Year 2013 Corvette. Of the 13,466 produced, the most popular color was Arctic White at 21.8%... however, if you add together Torch Red at 14.1% and Crystal Red Metallic at 9.4% "red" wins with 23.5%.



The 60th Anniversary Package was popular, netting 15.3%, and the new 427 Convertible model was selected for 19% of the cars. Only 23 cars had the Engine Build Experience while 265 buyers selected the R8C Delivery option.

Check out the complete list of statistics [online here](#).



Corvettes at Carlisle

In just over a month, thousands of Corvette enthusiasts will gather in Carlisle, PA for the annual "Corvettes at Carlisle" event. Set for August 23-25, the event is boasted as the largest and most fun-filled in the world featuring over 5,000 Corvettes of all generations. Activities include autocross, burnouts, a parade, vendors, swap meet, car corral, Manufacturers Midway and Installation Alley.

NCM will have both a Corvette Store booth featuring all the latest merchandise, and an NCM Insurance booth providing free quotes on collector car insurance. View the complete agenda and learn more [online here](#).

Kentucky 1-Lap Event Registration Now Open

Due to the growing popularity we now offer THREE sessions of our Kentucky 1-Lap event. Lead by the Kentucky State Police, this year's caravan will take participants to fun sites like the 1792 Barton Distillery, General Butler State Park Resort, Louisville Mega Caverns and Zoo, Shaker Village, Dixie Bell Riverboat Ride, KY State Police Academy, Claudia Sanders' Dinner House and more.



Event dates are [October 1-5](#); [October 8-12](#) or [October 15-19](#). Registration is \$900 for the primary registrant, and \$400 to add a 2nd person. This tour will fill up fast! Click the dates you are interested in to view the schedule and register.

[From MotorTrend.com](#)

2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Premiere Edition Revealed

By Zach Gale, News Director

Chevrolet won't have trouble selling every 2014 Corvette Stingray that rolls into dealerships later this year, but just in case you weren't already on a C7 waiting list, a new special-edition model has been revealed. Just 500 units will be made of the 2014 Corvette Stingray Premiere Edition, a car that Chevy tells us will only be offered as a coupe.

Every 2014 Corvette Stingray Premiere Edition will be finished in Laguna Blue Tintcoat with a Brownstone suede interior. Since the car is based on the highest-trim 3LT model, the car will include suede-wrapped interior trim and carbon fiber accents plus a visible carbon fiber roof.

For those who plan to actually drive their limited-run 2014 Corvette Stingray coupes, each Premiere Edition car has the Z51 Performance Package that throws in an electronic limited-slip differential, upgraded brakes, and a unique aero package. Magnetic Ride Control is included, too. Since the Premiere Editions have the performance exhaust, the 460-hp Corvettes will hit 60 mph in a Chevrolet-estimated 3.8 seconds, brake from that speed to a stop in 107 feet, and hit 1.03 g in lateral acceleration.

The Premiere Edition adds a special hood stripe, Stingray-logo interior sill plates, vehicle identification numbers starting with 300001, and even Corvette-branded luggage made by Thule. We're told the very first 2014 Corvette Stingray — which sold for \$1.05 million and has a VIN of 0001 — is not part of the Premier Edition series. Pricing hasn't yet been announced, but since a 2014 Corvette Stingray 3LT with the Z51 Performance Package, an exposed carbon fiber roof panel, Magnetic Ride Control, dual-mode exhaust, and carbon fiber interior trim costs \$68,780, we anticipate the Premiere Edition will cost just over \$70,000, including destination.

NVCC'ers at VIR get some face time w/the C7

By Kris McCandless

WOW - what can I say!!?? These beauties were on proud display for all to see at the NCM event down at VIR June 23-25. I found myself shooting the C7 more than all the super hot Z06s and ZR1s down here.



Weather has been hot, but sunny, and rain held off today until 6:00 - kind of like TDS in May - it waited until we were all finished on the track.

Here is another one in Night Race Blue.

All these photos above were taken Sunday, at NCM Hotel registration headquarters (Sleep Inn in Danville, VA).



This is a panorama showing the VIR classroom (left), a red and a dark grey C7 (middle), the Museum shop was in that middle-ground barn, and eastern portion of the paddock (right side of photo). Turn 3 in the background for those with eagle eyes!

Cassidy, Amanda, John Palmgren and I got a glimpse of the C7 power plant the first evening at the VIR paddock.

The radiator is tilted forward and how that air duct above siphons the heat from the top of the radiator up thru the hood vent.

Road Trip to the National Corvette



Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky

By Michael Rathbun



On June 19, I drove 10 hours and 684 miles to the National Corvette Museum to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the first 300 1953 Corvettes that came off the assembly line in Flint, Michigan on 30 June 1953. So to celebrate, what better way than to see, sit in, and learn about the new 2014 C7 Corvette Stingray than from the GM creators! It is a truly beautiful and phenomenal high performance sports car!

Chief Engineer Tadge



Juechter and Marketing Manager Harlan Charles briefed the crowd of Corvette enthusiasts who showed up. A couple of fun facts about the C7 displayed in the pictures here: black side mirrors are an option; 3 new wrap around leather interior

options are available; the steering wheels are smaller, with rev-matching paddles and numerous controls including voice recognition.



Sat. 7/27/13 - Summer Thunder Cruise-In 2013, from 10 AM to 2 PM. In partnership with Franklin Park, the official home of the Summer Thunder Cruise-In in Purcellville, VA, Franklin Park will be ready to host this popular event and serve all participants and spectators with a beautiful setting, food, fun and just a great time!

We're looking forward to exceeding last year's car count...all makes and models are welcome! Thousands of people and tons of fun! Don't miss it in 2013! YOU can make our event even better – we'd love to see you there!

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[Official Summer Thunder Cruise-In Website](#)

Stewart Fox will be leading the club caravan, which will be staging at 8 AM from the [Sears at Dulles Town Center](#). Leaving at 8:15 AM SHARP! If you would like to be part of the caravan, or have any questions, please email him at autoxhpde@nvcorvetteclub.com ASAP!

Sunscreen/sunblock, sunglasses/hat, portable folding chairs, and camera recommended. An extra pop-up canopy or two would also be a good idea.

Sat. 7/27/13 - DMV Corvette Show. Complete details can be found [HERE!](#)

Sat. 7/27/13-Mon. 7/29/13 - 20th Annual Vettes @ the Beach (Road Trip). I am going back to my old stomping grounds and hoping to take some fellow club members with me to represent the NVCC at the 20th Annual 'Vettes at the Beach. This is the "flagship" show of the Northeast...last year close to 500 vettes were in attendance! Three of our club members have won awards at this show in the past, and we won the club participation award in 2010! Clubs from all around the country come to this show, including those from our own region. We have had vettes from as far away as Alaska at the show!

This show is put on by the Syracuse Corvette Club and is a non-judged, people's choice show. Excellent goodie bags, dash plaques, vendors, trophies, and corvette camaraderie while seeing many vettes, old and new, modified or stock, at their finest. You will see many rare Corvettes at this show. The weather is usually very nice, with temps in the 70s/80s and is a short walk to beautiful Sylvan Beach. We park up against the water, making for some fantastic photo opportunities. See the surf and sand along with some hot cars! Their ultimate goals? Raising money for charities and bringing together the owners of the coolest American made sports car...the Chevrolet Corvette!

We will be heading up the day before the show (Saturday, 7/27). The plan is to leave at 9AM and stop in Hazelton, PA at Friendly's for lunch. We can take some short breaks as needed...please bring your family radios and cell phones. When we arrive, we'll check into our hotel rooms, relax a bit, and then have a group dinner out at a very nice steak house across the street (walking distance), Justin's Grill. Business casual dress recommended.

Early Sunday morning (7/28) is the show. We will cruise out there, park, have breakfast together at The Pancake House, clean up our cars and enjoy the show. In the afternoon, we will have lunch at Harpoon Eddie's and enjoy the show some more (awards will take place at the end). After the show, we will partake of some social evening activities at Dinosaur BBQ (rated the #1 BBQ restaurant in America) and leave the next morning (7/29). This restaurant has been featured on Good Morning America, the Travel Channel, and Food Network.

Monday morning (7/29) before heading home we will make a stop at Watkins Glen International for some parade laps (\$25) and photo ops at the grand stand. We're allowed to chase the pace car up to 115 mph. I have HPDE'd here and it is a great track. Afterward we will have lunch at the Blue Pointe Grill at the famed Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen and then begin the trek home.

The host hotel for this event is the Baymont Inn off of Carrier Circle (Old Collamer Road) in East Syracuse, NY. There are other hotels nearby as well (listed below). These are all within walking distance as the area is a travel hub, so you can stay where you'd like. Best rates can often be found at www.expedia.com or www.travelocity.com. Your check-in date is Sat. 7/27 and check-out date is Mon. 7/29.

Hotel contact information:

Baymont Inn
6605 Old Collamer Road
East Syracuse, NY 13057
1-315-463-6443
www.baymontinns.com

Microtel Inn
6608 Old Collamer Road
East Syracuse, NY 13057
1-315-437-3500
www.microtelinn.com

Holiday Inn
6555 Old Collamer Road
East Syracuse, NY 13057
1-315-437-2761
www.holidayinn.com

Official Website:
<http://syracusecorvetteclub.tripod.c...how/index.html>

Please e-mail me at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com if you would like to join the caravan to CNY!

Directions to caravan meeting point: We will meet at the intersections of Routes 28 and 29 in Centreville at the Newgate Shopping Center (there is a post office, Fast Eddie's, and Trader Joe's in this plaza, next to a Sunoco gas station). From Route 66 Westbound: take Exit 53 A to Route 28 South, then take the Route 29 South exit, turning right into the Newgate parking lot. We will meet at 8:45 AM for a short driver's meeting and then leave at 9 AM.

*If you have a Smart Tag/Speed Pass, please bring it as there will be some nominal tolls on the NYS Thruway (used on the way to the car show and on the way to Watkins Glen).

Sat. 8/10/13 - The 24th 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/sunblock
Sunglasses
Hat/sunvisor
Portable chairs/tent
Cooler with water/beverages

Email: info@allcorvettecruisein.com

Pre-registration available at [this link](#)

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)

Sun. 8/11/13 - G-Burg Vettes 7 Rallyes & 7 Shows.

Click [here](#) for official rallye flyer/details. Click [here](#) for official show flyer/details.

Sat. 8/17/13 - Finish the Race Ministries will be hosting its Summer Car & Motorcycle Show 1 - 4 PM at Calvary Temple Church, 50214 Triple Seven Road, Sterling, VA. All years, makes and models welcome. FREE Registration for Cars and Motorcycles. Pre-Register your Car or Motorcycle at: www.finishtherace.org. FREE Admission. Kids Activities including a Moon Bounce, Motorcycle Stunt Show, and more. Awards for Top 10 and Top 25. Visit our website at www.finishtherace.org or call us at 703-430-7307 for more information.

Fri. 8/23/13-Sun. 8/25/13 - Corvettes at Carlisle 2013. 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, burnout and autocross competitions, and displays of all sorts to look at. It is the "Superbowl Sunday" of Vетtedom.

You MUST pay a registration fee at the gate if you have not pre-registered online. General admission is \$15 per day per person (Thurs-Sat) or \$7 per person for Sunday...children under 8 are free. A 4-day pass is \$35 if you pre-register by 7/22/13. Corvettes get to park on the fairground infield. Visit www.carlisleevents.com (click on Corvettes at Carlisle) to read more details about the event and/or pre-register. Bring lotsa money (and sunblock, sunglasses, hat, umbrella, and good walking shoes)!

Since I am uncertain about my schedule and won't know if I'll be going up on Friday or Saturday until the last minute, Kris McCandless will be heading up the Saturday caravan. Details are below:

Meeting Point (meet at 9 AM on Sat. 8/24/13):

The Home Depot, 280 Fort Evans Rd, Leesburg, VA 20176

Mapquest route from Leesburg to Carlisle: <http://mapq.st/QtJWho>

The trip should take about 2 hours non-stop, so please plan accordingly.

If you want to participate in the Saturday AM caravan, please email Kris at Sogneiss@comcast.net ASAP.

IF anyone would like to lead a caravan on Friday AM or Sunday AM, please let me know at social@nvcorvetteclub.com and I will post your details on our website!

Sun. 8/25/13 - Redskins Rides Car Show. Here's an opportunity to bring out your ride and see the Redskins and their rides! See link below for complete show details:

[Official Redskins Rides Website](#)

Fri. 8/30/13-Sun. 9/1/13 - Baltimore Grand Prix. Join the Mason-Dixon Chapter of the N.C.R.S. for "A Weekend at the Races" on Labor Day Weekend, 2013.

Place: Baltimore Inner Harbor

Time: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. each day

Cost: For a 3-day ticket, Friday-Saturday-Sunday,
\$225 per Corvette; \$150 for each additional person(s)

For a 2-day ticket, Friday and Saturday,
\$175 per Corvette; \$125 for each additional person(s)

Included in the package:

- Special reserved parking in the designated Corvette Car Corral between Oriole Park and Ravens M&T Bank Stadium. This is located right next to the race track;
- Reserved grandstand seating located in Section 7 which is the straight-away with a Jumbotron TV screen of the race;
- Paddock pass;
- Corvette Hospitality Tent with complimentary refreshments and lunch on Saturday;
- Autograph session in the Hospitality Tent as well as a meet'n'greet with the Corvette drivers;
- The car corral will have 24-hour security;
- There will be several races - The Indy Lights Race, the American LeMans Race (Saturday), the Izod Indy Car Race (Sunday).

Your check will confirm your reservation and must be received by July 24, 2013.

Ticket packages are limited!

Make your check payable to Mason-Dixon NCRS and send to:
Steven Lesser, 3304 Timberfield Lane, Baltimore, MD 21208
410-484-9242 or 443-506-1360, eileen3304steve@verizon.net

Coming soon...

Sat. 9/14/13 – The Constitution Cruise, CVCC People’s Choice Show

Sun. 9/15/13 – Corvettes of Annapolis People’s Choice Show

Sat. 9/21/13 – BACC Fun Show

Sun. 9/22/13 – AACC People’s Choice Show

Sun. 9/29/13 – Corvettes for Chip, TCV Double AutoX

Well, it’s been hotter than Georgia asphalt this summer...hope everyone is staying cool both in and out of their vettes! If anyone would like to host or organize an event, please let me know your details and possible dates you are available ASAP. As Social Director, my duty is to *direct folks in planning their events*...handing me a menu from a restaurant or a business card does not constitute planning an event. Many times all it takes is making a few phone calls and/or

arrangements, doing some dry runs (can be fun!), etc...my job is to facilitate and promote YOUR efforts. While I do plan several events, it is impossible for me to plan them *all*.

We have many more events coming down the pipeline for the warm weather months...stay tuned to the club website at www.nvcorvetteclub.com for updates!

Vette Cheers,
Laurie Kistner
NVCC Social Director & Webmaster
social@nvcorvetteclub.com
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1994 **Red** Coupe
1989 **Black** Coupe



Picnic Snapshots by Laurie Kistner

Thanks to all who attended and assisted at the picnic at the Anderson Farm Sunday...even with all the hoopla I was able to capture a few shots...enjoy! ☺



Blanche is a Dirty Girl, thanks to her owner "Back Creek Mike"...



Happy Canine Picnic Guest...



What 1 out of 3 refrigerators looked like *before* the picnic...



Rick Poage's gift to me for all the picnic work...awww, gee thanks, Rick!



A colorful array of vettes on the Anderson lawn...



From www.virnow.com

Alton, VA, July 2, 2113 – There is no easy way to say this – The Oak Tree is down. The iconic landmark that has come to symbolize VIRginia International Raceway has fallen, broken at the base.

“We are in shock and mourning,” said track owner Connie Nyholm. “We’re too busy right now trying to get the racetrack cleared of debris. We are grateful no one was at the corner station or on track when she fell and that there is no damage to the track surface. Tomorrow we’ll begin to get our arms around what this really means, but I can tell you that it means more than any of us want to think about today.”

The massive oak stood sentinel at the south end of the racetrack, looking out from the highest point on the property at the sprawling facility and its 3.27 miles of serpentine asphalt that has come to be regarded as the most challenging in North America, if not the world.

Its branches shaded the apex of the legendary Oak Tree Turn, looking down on the likes of Roger Penske, Walt Hansgen, Tom Kristensen and Richard Petty as well as a host of race drivers from the brilliant to the not so.

“I can tell you this,” Nyholm said, “The Oak Tree will live on in our minds and hearts, and we will give it an appropriate send-off. Please email your thoughts and suggestions to oaktree@VIRnow.com for proper ways to honor this old friend.”



Picture and article at: <http://virnow.com/2013/07/02/oak-tree-down-2/>

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Newsletter News ...

Hello NVCCers!

It was great to see those of you who came out to the annual NVCC picnic at the Anderson's! It will probably be my last event with NVCC for a while, since I'll be moving to Atlanta at the beginning of September. However, I'll continue to be your newsletter editor for as long as I can, until someone else decides they'd like to take it over.

Thanks as always to those who have submitted info for the newsletter. Ideas and feedback are always welcomed and appreciated, so if there's something you'd like to see more (or less!) of, let me know.



Anne Costolanski anne.steffie@gmail.com

Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, July 23rd at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, August 27th at 7:30 pm

GBM Meeting Location:

**Page Chevrolet
6500 Little River Turnpike
Alexandria, VA 22312**