







We had a great turnout for the 2013 Vienna Halloween Parade last month. We were lucky and had good weather until some last minute sprinkles – but they stopped just in time to ride down Maple Ave. We had 17 cars, with at least 8 decorated, one of our best "decorated" turnouts yet. After a great dinner at Maplewood Grill in Vienna (due

to a last minute change – but the food was amazing!), our gorgeous Vettes and one Chevy Avalanche with the club banner front and center paraded down the route. Many of us in were in costumes (not just our cars – haha!). We had Minions, Batman and Robin, scary masks, dancing spiders, witches and wizards, astronauts,

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a racecar girl (who was yours truly), and a few more. With the spooky Halloween tunes blasting, the truck covered in talking skull heads and wickedly laughing witches, we led the decorated Vettes and all the other beautiful Vettes down the route with tons

of screaming fans.



On a personal note, it was great for Paul and I to actually have a Vette in the parade again this year after not having one for the last few years (thanks to Cassidy, Stewart, and a few others that helped to get our C3 on the road). Other than our C3 and the truck, we had representatives of the C3, C4, C5, and C6 models. It was a pretty awesome year, and we were lucky enough to receive an award by the Town Council for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. This year we took second place in our division: Classic Automobiles. We were only beat out by the Daughters of the Revolution with some great antique vehicles. Four out of the last 5 years we have brought home a ribbon, with this making our first 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish, and the others

1<sup>st</sup> place – not too shabby! Looking forward to next year's parade already, to make it bigger and better (and maybe

getting back to 1<sup>st</sup> place – sorry, that is my competitive side talking!)

Thanks to everyone that came out to support the club! Hopefully many of you will join us for the upcoming Christmas Parade in Leesburg, and start another fun tradition (see flyer in the newsletter and online!).



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#### Membership Corner for 2013

87 Active Members3 Honorary Members10 Prospective Members

**100** Total Members







#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER November 2013

Another NVCC year is drawing to a close and as I write this, the snow squall outside underscores the cold reality that winter will soon be upon us. Nominations and election of the 2014 council will be held at the next GBM on Nov 26th, which will be the last GBM of the year. This also will be the last newsletter for the year and I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Anne Costolanski for continuing to lend her outstanding services as our Editor despite her move to Atlanta.

This also marks the end of the 9th season of offering the NVCC Teen Driving School as a community service. The fall session was another success for the club owing in no small part to the broad base of member participation. The ADESA location is truly a first class facility for the participants, their instructors and the workers. While I miss the historic ambience of Old Dominion Speedway as our home track, I frankly don't miss the lack of heat and use of porta-johns. There is something to be said for modern creature comforts.

Events remaining in the next month include the Leesburg Holiday Parade on December 14th and the Annual NVCC Christmas Lights Rallye on December 15th. The next major event is the Annual NVCC Banquet on January 18th. Please see the flyers herein for details. Early registration is requested to assist in planning, so please do not delay.

While this hasn't been our smoothest running year, it has seen some marked improvements for NVCC. Our new sponsor, Page Chevrolet, is providing a good platform for building NVCC for the future. We are ending the year in the best fiscal shape since the economic downturn and are now in a position to support more events in the coming year. Personally I'd like to see our driving program and show schedule expanded to restore the variety and depth of events NVCC had prior to the downturn and being bounced around between sponsors. This of course depends to a large extent on your desires, support and participation. Please give some thought to what you'd like to support in the New Year and let your council know.

Thanks to all for making NVCC a growing vibrant club in the past year. It has been an honor to be your President this past year and I look forward to working with all of you in whatever capacity I may have in the New Year.

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

Rich Anderson NVCC President, 2012/13

## **Teen Driving School**





































## **Annual Banquet 2014**

#### **Columbus Grill**

January 18th at 6:00 PM

The banquet will be held this year on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00 PM at Columbus Grill in Manassas, Virginia. Dinner will include the following:

Four Appetizers: Bruschetta, Fried Calamari, Garlic Glazed Shrimp, Grilled Sausage

Four Entrees: Pasta Primavera (vegetarian option), Pork Loin Roast, Roast Beef with Marsala Sauce, Shrimp

Alfredo

Dinner also includes Salad, Rice, Vegetables and Dessert. All food will be served buffet-style.

All meals come with non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available for those who would like to enjoy an adult beverage.

Address to Columbus Grill: 8349 Centreville Road Manassas, VA 20111

Columbus Grill will have plenty of parking, including a special parking area for Corvettes!

Register as soon as possible to reserve your seats!

Deadline for reservations is January 8, 2014.

Number of people atte	nding: (total)
Names of attendees	(please mark if attendee is a child under 12 years old)
	Child:
	Child:
	Child:
	Child:

The banquet fee is \$40 per adult, \$75 per couple, and \$15 for each child under 12. Please mail this registration form and a check made payable to NVCC to: Kara Palmgren 8765 Hackney Drive

Bristow, VA 20136

Or, register and pay for your seats online at http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/banquet.html

If you have any questions, please contact Kara Palmgren at 703-396-8263, or via email at <a href="mailto:kara.palmgren@gmail.com">kara.palmgren@gmail.com</a>.

# Page Chevrolet Welcomes NVCC



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#### Corvette Named 2013 Performance Car of the Year

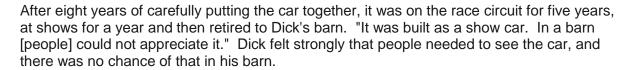
Road & Track magazine took 13 performance cars - including the Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG Black Series, Ferrari F12 Berlinetta and Audi R8 V10 Plus for a test drive to determine which one takes the cake...and to no one's surprise it was our trusty 2014 Corvette Stingray earning top honors.



"It sounds melodramatic, but virtually all of our drivers agree: the C7 isn't just a Corvette. Since the early days of the Cross-Fire C4, 30 years ago, the plastic Chevy's been a racetrack wonder and a twisty-road chore. It's been a numbers car, beloved of the stopwatch but frequently consigned to the garage when it's time to focus on enjoyment. This new one? It's something else. The seats, finally, are good enough for long trips. The roof is easy to remove and store. It's become a brilliant everyday car."

#### **Dick Coup Donates Corvette**

Dick Coup created a car - all hand built - that was inspired by the Chaparral of Jim Hall and all of his racing. Back in 1964 Dick saw that car lead the first lap of the Sebring race, and after learning more about what a Grand Sport was...he decided he wanted to build one.





"Talking with Johnny Downs [NCM Board Member], he kind of triggered the idea that it would get an everlasting view from the public if it were at the Museum," said Dick. "And I gave thought to it, and I didn't have to think too hard. And it's my indeed honor to put this in this building and have the public exposed to it."

#### Tadge Juechter Named Man of Year

Automobile Magazine's January 2014 issue names Tadge Juechter, Corvette Chief Engineer, Man of the Year. The publication praises Tadge as not only the most eloquent engineer they've met, but also "the one who got it right."



"Corvette critics can be harsh, and those complaints are rarely unfounded. Some will contend that Chevy's engineers should not be applauded for simply fixing all the stuff that was wrong in previous versions. But Juechter's team did far more than finally bolt in decent seats..." In addition to Tadge's accolade, the 2014 Corvette Stingray was named Automobile Magazine's 2014 Automobile of the Year.



### **Leesburg Annual Christmas & Holiday Parade** Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 2013

Hello NVCCers!

I have some fun and exciting holiday news. Many of you put your Corvettes to sleep for the winter, but since Mother Nature has been so kind this year, I was thinking we can get in some more Corvette fun before the weather gets bad!

We have been invited to participate in a local Christmas parade in **Leesburg, Virginia**. The parade is **Saturday, December 14th** (participants would need to arrive around **9-9:15 AM**). The parade will begin at 10:00 AM and will usher Santa and his friends down King Street, through Historic Leesburg. The parade will begin at Ida Lee Drive and end at Fairfax Street. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to celebrate the holiday season in Leesburg. I have included parade guidelines below (most importantly - NO ONE CAN DRESS LIKE SANTA) - Santa hats are OK - just not full Santa garb. If you would like to participate, please email me to confirm, as we are limited to the first 20 cars, much like the Vienna Halloween parade. Decorating your car or yourself (LOL) is encouraged, but not required. I will send more information as the time gets closer.

#### **Guidelines for Parade Participation**

The Town of Leesburg welcomes bands, floats, organizations, fire trucks, animals, businesses and more to join the parade!

- There is NO fee to participate.
- The Department of Parks and Recreation will host Santa in the parade.
- No other individuals will be allowed to pose as Santa.
- All parade entrants and their group must arrive at Ida Lee Park no later than 9:30 AM.
- There will be no static demonstrations. This is an order from the police to help maintain the flow of the parade.
- Giveaway items such as candy, coupons, etc are encouraged. Please remember that throwing items from a float or vehicle is prohibited. This is a direct violation of parade policy and may prohibit your participation in future holiday parades. Any giveaways must be handed directly to the person or gently tossed to the curb.
- All parade entries should be decorated in a holiday/winter theme. Music, lights and other decorations are highly encouraged!
- Any person operating a motorized vehicle must be 18 years or older, have a valid driver's license and obey all traffic signs.
- The use of sirens and air horns is prohibited and reserved for emergencies only.

#### **Parade Route**

The parade kicks off at Ida Lee Park on North King Street and travels south on King Street ending at the intersection of Fairfax and King Streets. Participants will be directed into the Safeway and Virginia Village parking lots. Please plan to meet your parties in the parking lots. Parade participants will not be able to turn onto Catoctin Circle from King Street.

#### **Schedule of Events**

8:00 AM: Gates open at Ida Lee for parade participants. Please access via King Street. No access available from Ida Lee Drive.

9:00 AM: Parade lines up at Ida Lee Park.

9:30 AM: Streets close to prepare for parade. All parade participants must be at Ida Lee Park at this time.

10:00 AM: Parade procession begins.

Please register with Lori Benish via email: <a href="mailto:rallye@nvcorvetteclub.com">rallye@nvcorvetteclub.com</a> to participate or get more details!

Look forward to seeing you there! And Happy Holidays!





# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Lights Rallye

Start @ Starbucks in Centreville at 6:00pm Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 Located in the Giant Shopping Center Address: 14155 Saint Germain Drive Centreville, VA 20121

(In case you are lost, call Lori Benish @ phone #: 571-296-6816)

Drivers Meeting will start at 6:15pm and the first car out should be around 6:30pm.

The route will be through a few side streets and through the "Bull Run Festival of Lights" to see Christmas lights and have some otherwise good, clean holiday fun. (Note: admission to Bull Run Festival of Lights is required, which will be \$20/per car).

We will be running a single rallye - best answer to questions only - no poker run this year. It should be great fun and a good night to get together before the holiday. Usually December is safe for weather, but Corvettes are not required to run the rallye, in case of inclement weather, etc.

Route will end at the **Carnival** (at the Bull Run Festival of Lights) where we can get hot chocolates, funnel cakes, smores, and/or more (even catch a ride or two in the carnival if you desire). Drivers and passengers will meet at the end, which is the fire pit inside the winter wonderland area. The first person to turn in their questions to the Rallye Master gets 1 additional point.

#### Cost to rallye: \$5 per car.

It is a winner-take-all pot for best answers at the end. A tie-breaker will be used in the event of a tie score on the questions.

(If anyone else wants to join us, please see the address below):

#### **Bull Run Festival of Lights**

7700 Bull Run Drive Centreville, VA 20121

T: 703-631-0550

Please register with Lori Benish via email: <u>rallye@nvcorvetteclub.com</u> to participate or get more details!

Look forward to seeing you there! And Happy Holidays!

#### TRAVEL UPDATE...

Well for those of you looking to do Alaska, I've got a cruise set for 8/29/14 on Royal Caribbean RADIANCE OF THE SEAS...a beautiful and elegant large ship. The food, service and amenities are excellent along with great entertainment onboard. The ship has a good mix of people with an age bracket of 20 to 70. The Alaska cruise will have fewer kids especially as this cruise goes past Labor Day. Will do from Seward Alaska to Vancouver and take a week with excellent port calls and excursion opportunities. ADDITIONALLY, I and others will arrive in Alaska one to five days early to enjoy a land option that includes Denali National Park and Mt. McKinley. I've got group rates as well as onboard credits for us. Of course, there will be a donation to



NVCC for each member who joins us. I'm taking deposits at this time. Balcony cabins go quick on these cruises so call sooner rather than later!

For those of you who want the Caribbean option, I've picked out the new Royal Princess, the largest ship in their fleet. The reviews are fantastic. I'll have the final date at the meeting Tuesday. It will be an early October or early November cruise. BTW these cruises were picked with cost and crowds in mind!

Last, four NVCC members and their spouses along with a few others head to San Juan 2/8/14 to pick up a Royal Caribbean cruise for a week to the Southern Caribbean ports! The ADVENTURE OF THE SEAS is our home for a week. She's a mega ship class at 138,000 tons with a Promenade deck down the interior of the ship! I've sailed this ship in the past and truly look forward to it again. I've got a few cabins left in the group at good prices and onboard credits if you want to enjoy some 80+ degree weather instead of the 20-30 degrees that you will have here. Just saying! The cruise will trigger a donation to the Club for members who booked with me.

So that brings the monthly reminder...if you're booking your own travel, let me take a look. You'll get the same or likely LESS price plus a credit from me to use on your travels. The Club gets much needed funds in the firm of a donation from me. It can be land, cruise, air or ANY combination ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!! As the #2 independent rep in America with Expedia Cruise Ship Centers an Expedia partner, I assure you that I do what I promise. No games or hype just what works for you. I do the work; you travel and NVCC gets \$\$!! Send your info to me via text 703-786-2147. Bob Devery

#### Vettes FOR SALE

#### For sale: 1996 Convertible

Sheila Jones, a former NVCC member, is selling her 1996 vette. It is listed on craigslist at the old price (note price drop below to \$10,600): http://charlottesville.craigslist.org/cto/4184785355.html

I have just dropped the price to \$10,600. It is an excellent buy and in very good condition. It is white with beautiful red and black leather interior. The rug in cargo area and on floor is in excellent shape. The passenger side red leather seat has hardly been sat in...the Alpine CD player and radio is portable, so you can take it out to avoid theft and has a manual. Excellent alarm system. Very good vette cover. The black convertible top is like new. The heavy duty battery is only a year old. All new spark



plugs and tune up and oil change within the last three months. It also has nice plastic covers to protect the rug when you get in and out that reads CORVETTE in white lettering. I need a quick sale to buy winter tires for my Sebring. Due to the weather, it would be best to put it on a flatbed to take it down the mountain. She needs a warm garage and someone who will care for her as I did. Interested parties can call Obaugh Chevrolet service dept. and speak to Evan about the diagnostic I had done this month so it's in the best condition for selling to a new owner.

Sheila Jones: 434-218-7169, cell 757-329-1082

For sale: 2005 Coupe

2005 Precision Red Coupe, auto, most options. I'm the 2nd owner with 101k miles total on car. Dealer service at Koons and McKay. Body and mechanically very good. Will need new tires in the next 5,000 miles so price is dropped to \$22,000. Full details and records as requested.

Bob Devery: <u>703-786-2147</u>



#### **NVCC General Business Meeting**

November 26, 2013

Council Attendees:

Doug Swanson: Vice-President
Marsha Batchellor: Treasurer
Mike Gilliland: Secretary

Jeff Klain: Membership

John Palmgren: NCM Ambassador
Paul Benish: Tech

Lori Benish: Rallye Chair

Wilfredo Sauri: Historian

The meeting was called to order at 7:47pm by NVCC Vice President, Doug Swanson at the Page Chevrolet, 6500 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA on November 26. This was the last General Business Meeting for 2013. 17 members and 4 prospective members were in attendance.

Doug began the meeting by asking the group to introduce themselves and their cars. Jeff Klain, the Membership Chairman, documented the names and contact information of the proposed new members.

Doug informed the group that the next matter of business was voting on the elected Council members. The Secretary announced the nominees as follows:

President: Richard Anderson

Vice President: Kris McCandless and Roger Williams

Treasurer: Marsha Batchellor Officer at Large: John Palmgren Secretary: Mike Gilliland

Doug asked the group if there were any more nominees for the five positions. When the group offered no more nominees, Doug closed the nominations and moved on to the voting. The group voted the non-competed seats in by acclimation. This was followed by a unanimous voice vote for Kris McCandless for Vice President.

Doug explained that club rules prohibited him from continuing as VP for more than the three years that he already had served and told the group that if Richard was unable to continue in his position that Kris would complete his term.

John Stark discussed the successful November Teen Driving School event. He told the group that the event had 13 students despite the cold weather. He read the group some of the positive responses from the participants. The group was told that the club would need a new TDS Registration chair and a new TDS lead. Doug told the group that the Council was working on new instructor training to backfill any instructors that were unable to support TDS.

Marsha told the group that the treasury had over \$10,400 in funds and that the Club was in good financial shape. John Palmgren spoke about the Annual Club Banquet on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January and urged everyone to sign up to attend.

Our Historian, Wilfredo held the quiz as well as a 50/50 drawing.

- Q: What was the year for the first generation small block engine? A: 1955 Winner: Jim Garner
- Q: What was the year the LT1 small block was introduced? A: 1992 Winner: Paul Benish
- Q: What year was the first 1 to 1 ratio engine introduced in a Corvette? A: 1957 (283ci/283hp) Winner: Jim Garner

Mike Gilliland won the 50/50 and returned the winnings to the treasury.

Doug adjourned the meeting and Kris asked everyone to thank Doug for all he has done for the Club during his tenure. Doug got a standing ovation.

Submitted by Mike Gilliland, Secretary.

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#### **Newsletter News...**

Hello NVCCers,

The newsletter is on hiatus til January. Thank you to everyone who's contributed over the past year – I hope to see just as much content next year. See you all at the banquet in January!



Anne Costolanskí anne.steffie@gmail.com

# Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, January 28th at 7:30 pm Tuesday, February 25th at 7:30 pm

**GBM Meeting Location**:

Page Chevrolet 6500 Little River Turnpike Alexandria, VA 22312