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Corvettes and Crabs Rallye

Pics from Jim Garner and Kris McCandless

Thanks to Mike Gilliland and Kris McCandless for leading this very fun (and very tasty) rallye!



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER April 2014

Is it safe to take off the snow plow yet??????

Well it does indeed appear that warm weather may be here to stay. A sure sign today was that virtually every convertible I saw this afternoon had the top down. All these fresh air nuts can't be wrong ... / hope.

Normally we'd be gearing up for our spring Teen Driving School ... but I regret to inform the membership that differences with NCCC's insurance company has forced the cancellation of the spring school and has brought into question other aspects of our coverage for NVCC events. At this point there are more questions than answers, but I hope to provide all some clarification in the near future, as well as explore other options if the current differences can't be resolved. I don't think I can over stress the importance of ensuring adequate insurance coverage for NVCC events. While the near-term future is uncertain, I can assure everyone of the Council's continued commitment to provide teen driver education as part of NVCC's commitment to the community and the next generation of drivers.

I encourage everyone to routinely check our revitalized club calendar/web-site to keep abreast of the car related events available to you. The council is making an effort to be very inclusive of the events listed and is reaching out to other clubs and organizations to improve event opportunities for everyone. There are of course NVCC sponsored events, with the next one being the Barrel Oak Cruise-in and Wine Tasting on May 4th.

As always, members are encouraged to suggest/organize club events of interest to them. Many of our most popular events in the past started with one member's recommendation. This is your club and it takes all of us to continue to provide quality events.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the April GBM.

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

Rich Anderson
NVCC President, 2012/13/14



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ZR-1 Spyder Recovered from Sinkhole

Last week, the construction team began the tedious process of removing dirt from the sinkhole in hopes of recovering the two missing Corvettes, and to unearth the ZR-1 Spyder which previously only had a portion of the left rear quarter visible. With the aid of a heavy duty vacuum and excavating equipment, the team struck gold - or rather fiberglass - on Friday, March 28 with the discovery of the 1.5 Millionth Corvette.



"When we started digging around the Black Spyder, we found a piece of white fiberglass underneath it and we continued to expose that until we saw that it was the 1.5 Millionth car," said Mike Murphy, CEO of Scott, Murphy and Daniel Construction. "We had no idea where it was, we just happened upon it. We hope when we move the white car we find the red car that way, because we've just not had any luck detecting where it is." Murphy indicated that they have utilized metal detectors as well as probing rods, and that they remove layers of dirt as they probe but have not had a lot of luck so far.

On Monday, the team worked to continue removing dirt from around the Spyder, then in the early evening decided to carefully pull the car out of the remaining dirt.

The team resumed recovery efforts early Tuesday morning, removing a large boulder that was lodged in the cabin of the Spyder and collecting bits and pieces of the car to help with any restoration or preservation efforts. The Spyder was removed from the depths of the hole around 9am CT, and is in worse shape than even the PPG Pace Car.

"We have always feared that as we dig further into the hole, that the cars would continue to be in worse shape," said Katie Frassinelli, Marketing and Communications Manager. "Unfortunately those predictions were accurate. The 1.5 Millionth has both a large boulder and a concrete slab laying on it. We anticipate that when that car is pulled out, possibly on Wednesday, that it's going to be in even worse shape than the Spyder."

While each sinkhole Corvette has a "story," that of the Spyder is one of the most interesting. The ZR-1 was not a convertible, but GM made only a few prototypes that were. This car was a full performance ZR-1 and was originally painted Sebring Silver with a Neutrino Yellow interior. It debuted at the 1991 North American Auto Show before being repainted black and having the interior changed to red.

"They didn't build a convertible ZR-1 to sell to the public. This is actually a car that General Motors took to different shows to show the car off," said Mike Williams, a member of the Museum's Facility team whose father helped build the car. According to a May 1991 article in Vette Magazine, "The ZR-1 Spyder represents the first time a concept car has ever been assembled on a production assembly line."

The car has many one-off features including custom billet aluminum wheels, a custom tonneau cover with waterfall (an influencer of the C5 Corvette waterfall), a chopped windshield half the normal height, lowered seats mounted directly to the floorpan allowing air to flow around your head, narrowed mirrors, side coves and a louvered hood. Mechanically, the Spyder is a stock 1990 ZR-1.

Today, the team will be working to remove the boulder and concrete slab in preparation for removal of the 1.5 Millionth Wednesday or Thursday. The Spyder is now on display in the Museum's Exhibit Hall.

2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Ends Quest to Save Museum Corvettes

The last of the "Great 8" Corvettes has been pulled from the depths of the 40 foot wide by 60 foot deep sinkhole that collapsed within the Skydome building of the National Corvette Museum exactly eight weeks ago, marking the end of the first phase of rebuilding.



"We're happy to have the completion of our major goal to recover all eight of the Corvettes," said Wendell Strode, Executive Director of the Museum. "Next week we have a meeting with all the major players, including the construction team, geo-technical firm, cave and karst specialists, engineers, our insurance company and others to review all the findings and have discussions on the next steps and a mutual understanding about rebuilding."

The 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 was one of two Corvettes that's whereabouts were initially unknown after the sinkhole happened. The car was finally discovered this Monday, upside down with the nose pointing towards the red Spire in the center of the room. It is, by far, the most heavily damaged of all eight Corvettes.

"It looks like the worst one... a lot of parts and pieces," said Mike Murphy, CEO of Scott, Murphy and Daniel Construction. "It took a lot of punishment from a lot of big rocks."

NCM Skydome Update

Now that the recovery of the eight Corvettes is complete, the next stage of meetings have begun to determine the best plan for repairing the sinkhole.

All eight Corvettes are now on display, along with the 1983, in the exhibit hall. We have also added a new addition to our landscape - boulders recovered from the sinkhole. The one pictured here had been on top of the Mallet Hammer.



More Interesting Sinkhole Facts

- Every sinkhole (in Kentucky) is part of a cave system
- There are 209 documented caves in Warren County
- 64 caves in the city limits of Bowling Green
- Traces of gypsum were found which means our cave is thousands of years old
- The current size of the space inside of the sinkhole is 2500 cubic yards

Operation Corvette Plus Team Meets to Review Sinkhole Findings, Discuss Skydome Plans

Last Tuesday, team members involved with the National Corvette Museum's sinkhole recovery and remediation met to discuss the future of the Skydome and construction plan moving forward. Presentations were made of all of the findings, from drillings, to microgravity readings, and the WKU cave and karst team's exploration into the hole.



Dr. Jason Polk with WKU shared that the void discovered beneath the Skydome extended in two directions – one leading from the Skydome towards the Museum's truck parking lot, and the other leading from the Skydome towards the pond. Both cave areas start approximately 50 feet underground. According to Dr. Polk, "You don't typically have sinkholes without caves or voids of some type below them, so this finding was not surprising."

Dr. Polk stated that they found mineral deposits that are indicative of dry conditions in the northern extension of the cave. This information means that this portion of our cave is likely thousands of years old and has been there since long before the Museum was constructed. The cave also probably hasn't had flowing water in a very long time.

The team reviewed the construction documentation from the original building and Skydome. Prior to construction of the building a geo-technical test was completed in accordance with normal standards. They found nothing to indicate any problems. "Normally if there is enough rock, it doesn't matter what is below it," said Danny Daniel of Scott, Murphy & Daniel Construction. Daniel also indicated that rebar was not required in the concrete flooring of the Skydome. "It's no different than the floor of your garage at home. Rebar was not needed to support the weight of the cars in the Skydome," he added.

The team thinks that our sinkhole was caused by the collapse of a portion of a cave roof, although they are still compiling data. Several things could have caused this, including the extra weight from clay soils above the roof becoming saturated from heavy rain. The team stressed that there is no reason for anyone to be any more concerned for safety here than any other area prone to significant karst development and sinkhole collapse, and it is important to note that much of Bowling Green/Warren County is located in just such an area.

Moving forward the team is exploring ways to rebuild the Skydome floor. One such plan includes drilling with micro piles then adding beams to ensure the Skydome floor is fully secure. The Museum is also exploring various ideas, which would in some way preserve a portion of the sinkhole, helping to tell the story of what is now Museum and Corvette history. "We will continue to explore these ideas as the process has not moved along far enough to know if keeping a portion of the hole is feasible or not," said Wendell Strode, Executive Director of the Museum. "The interest in our sinkhole and the rescued Corvettes has been more than expected, and our attendance for March was up 56% over March of last year," Strode added. "Our special display focusing on this event is now open in our Exhibit Hall. Current plans are to keep the cars on display as they are so that guests through the summer and especially the thousands attending our 20th Anniversary Celebration will have a chance to see the cars and witness the sinkhole for themselves."

Representatives from GM will be meeting with the NCM next month to inspect each of the Great 8 and determine which ones are appropriate to be restored. The Corvettes that are not restored will be kept on permanent display as part of preserving and telling the story of the February 12th Sinkhole Collapse.

Links to photos, videos and information related to the sinkhole are available on the Museum's website at www.corvettemuseum.org. For the latest updates visit the Museum's Facebook Fan page at www.facebook.com/corvettemuseum.

A visit to Don and Judy Patrick *by Dick Hammaker*

Many of you remember Don (NCM Ambassador) and Judy (Membership Director) Patrick. I had the pleasure of visiting them at their Mountain Estate about 40 miles south of Asheville, NC. WOW, retirement is good on top of the mountain, the views are breathtaking, and every road is like a road course!

Don & Judy say "Hi."

1. Don & Judy Patrick
2. Custom Retirement Home

3. Three Car Garage



and lift for the Corvette!



[April NVCC Event Calendar](#)

For more details about these or other upcoming events, check out our [webpage!](#)

Event: Annual Aquia Creek Corvette Club Seafood Cruise

Date: Apr 27, 2014

Come join fellow Vette enthusiasts for a Corvette cruise to Captain Billy's Crab House located in Popes Creek, MD on the Potomac River. Contact Mike Shepherd for more information at 540-840-2099 or vettemike1959@verizon.net. Check out the official flyer [here](#).

Concours-People's Choice, Bel Air Corvette Club

Date: Apr 27, 2014 **Registration opens:** 8:00 am **Drivers meeting:** 10:15 am

Chinese Auction / Scavenger Hunt / Candy Jar Guessing and MORE. Located at Adams Chevrolet in Havre de Grace, MD. Check out the official flyer [here](#).

Event: Rollin' Coal Drags and Truck Show, Sponsored By Virginia Motorsports Park

Date: May 3, 2014

Location: Virginia Motorsports Park

Sponsored By Virginia Motorsport's Park (www.VirginiaMotorsports.com) Big Rigs to Pickup Trucks. Show, Swap Meet, Vendor Midway.

CCA: Autocross School (May 3) and Double Autocross (May 4)

Date: May 3 & 4, 2014 **Start time:** 9:00 am

End time: 3:00 pm

Location: Lincoln College of Tech

Check out the [event flyer](#) for more details.

NVCC Cruise-In and Winery Tasting at Barrel Oak Winery

Date: May 4, 2014 **Start time:** 9:15 am

End time: 5:00 pm

See the flyer on page 12 for more details.

Fun show in Manchester PA, York County Corvette Club

Date: May 4, 2014 **Start time:** 9:00 am

End time: 2:00 pm

See [flyer](#) for details.

Benefit the American Cancer Society at Mason Dixon Dragway **Date: May 11, 2014**

The Northern Virginia Mustang Club is hosting a "Benefit the American Cancer Society at Mason Dixon Dragway" (Sponsored) on 11 May 2014. Contact them at www.northernvirginiamustangclub.com for more info.

Super Chevy Show, Sponsored By Virginia Motorsports Park

Date: May 16, 2014

Sponsored By Virginia Motorsport's Park (www.VirginiaMotorsports.com) All Chevys! Car/Truck Show, Swap Meet, Car Corral, Huge Chevy Vendor Midway.

5th Annual East Region Awards Banquet and Car Show

Date: May 17, 2014 **Start time:** 7:30 am **End time:** 5:00 pm

The East Region Awards Banquet will follow the Car Show. Seven sanctioned events, goody bags & door prizes. See [flyer](#) for details.

Virginia Beach Town Center Corvette Car Show

Date: May 17, 2014 **Start time:** 10:00 am **End time:** 4:00 pm

Virginia Beach Town Center Corvette Showcase is presented by BeachStreet USA. See [flyer](#) for details.

Spring Spectacular – Car, Truck, and Tractor Show

Date: May 18, 2014 **Start time:** 8:00 am **End time:** 12:00 pm

Sponsored by the Robert Duvall Children's Fund, a fundraising event to benefit Fauquier High School band programs. Food, music, and more. See the [flyer](#) for details.

Double Autocross sponsored by High Point Cruisers

Date: May 18, 2014 **Start time:** 12:30 pm **End time:** 5:00 pm

Location: Bethel Motor Speedway, Bethel NY

See the flyer [here](#).

TheVetteBarn - Barn Raising IV @ Bowling Green

Date: May 22 to 25, 2014

See [link](#) for details.

People's Choice – 7 total events

Date: May 24, 2014

USA 1 Corvette Club is sponsoring a People's Choice Show with 7 events in State College, PA. See the flyer [here](#).

Corvettes for the Vets Corvette Car Show

Date: May 25, 2014

The "4th annual Corvettes for the Vets" will be held at The Williamsburg Winery. The event will feature a Veterans Parade tribute to our veterans in Corvettes. See the flyer on page 13 for more details.

HPDE Event at Pocono Raceway

Date: May 26, 2014

Corvette Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania is sponsoring a Performance Driving School at Pocono International Raceway. See [flyer](#) for more information.

Tri-County Vettes Summer Bash, including 7 Fun Shows

Date: June 1, 2014

Location: Brodheadsville Chevrolet in Brodheadsville, PA

For more details, see the [flyer](#) for contact information.

Perry County CC Concours, People's Choice + 5 Fun Shows

Date: June 7, 2014

Location: Register Chevrolet in Thompsettown, PA

See the [flyer](#) for more information.

18th Annual Roundup hosted by Corvette Club of Richmond

Date: June 7, 2014

Location: Iron Bridge Sports Park, Chester, VA

Show and shine Corvettes only. 8 classes of trophies. See the [flyer](#) for more information and registration form.

Corvettes on the Chesapeake – People’s Choice Concours

Date: June 8, 2014

Location: Perry Point Veterans Administration Medical Center, Perryville, MD

Double People’s Choice Concours sponsored by the Bel Air Corvette Club. Music, food and beverages provided. For more information and registration form, see the [flyer](#) for details.

Concours – People’s Choice CVCC

Date: June 14, 2014

Location: Graham Motor Company, Carlisle, PA

Concours – People’s Choice event sponsored by the Cumberland Valley Corvette Club. Games, food, silent auction, and fun! For more information, see [flyer](#).

Fun Ford Weekend sponsored by Virginia Motorsports Park

Date: June 14 & 15, 2014

Location: Virginia Motorsports park (www.VirginiaMotorsports.com)

All Fords Saturday! Car/Truck Show, Swap Meet, Car Corral, Vendor Midway. Fords vs. The World on Sunday.

Corvettes on the Bay hosted by Corvette Annapolis

Date: June 14, 2014

Location: City Dock, Annapolis, MD

People’s Choice Concours. Information and registration form [here](#).

Crystal Car: Father’s Day Auto Show

Date: June 15, 2014

Location: 2121 Crystal Drive, Crystal City, Arlington VA

We are proud to announce that Crystal Car will be returning this year on Sunday, June 15 from 2:00 PM to 6:00PM. Interested participants can [register](#) online. See the event flyer [here](#).

The event is open to all makes and models, and it is still FREE to enter. Voting for the top 3 cars in each division will be up to the public, and winners will receive prizes and a trophy. There will be a beer & wine garden with food from some of the areas favorite food trucks. Music for the event will be provided by one of bands participating in our monthly Blues & Brews event. We will also have new activities for families to participate in such as moon-bounces and build your own wooden race cars.

LCCC Double Autocross Event

Date: June 22, 2014

Location: Manheim Auto Auction, Manheim, PA

Sponsored by the Lancaster County Corvette Club. See the event flyer [here](#).

First Annual Car Cruise In & Free Family Fun

Date: June 28, 2014

Location: Seven Corners Center, Falls Church, VA

Classic, custom or vintage cars, trucks, and motorcycles. A special area of the parking lot will be set aside just for the show starting at 9:30am. Moon Bounce, Face Painting, Food, DJ, and more. See the [flyer](#) for more details.

*Northern Virginia Corvette Club &
Barrel Oak Winery
Presents:
NVCC Winery Cruise-In
& Tasting Event*



May 4th, 2014

**Northern Virginia Corvette Club
is proud to host the
NVCC Winery Cruise-In and Tasting Event
Sunday May 4th 2014**



We will cruise to the location, meeting a **9:15am**, at Home Depot of Chantilly's parking lot (address below). We will make our way to the venue on some fun scenic roads, going out through route 50, Middleburg, Delaplane, & route 626 to arrive at Barrel Oak Winery, around **10:30am**.

Barrel Oak Winery is providing reserved parking. You may bring a lunch, they have many picnic tables, and plenty of space for picnic blankets. Wine tasting are \$6 for 6 wine tasting and \$12 for 12 wine tasting. They will have live music from 1 to 5. Dogs are also welcome.

Start for Cruise: Home Depot Parking Lot
25000 Riding Plaza, Chantilly, VA 20152

End at: Barrel Oak Winery
3623 Grove Ln, Delaplane, VA 20144
(540) 364-6402

RSVP to Shawn Waddell at Social@NVCorvetteclub.com or (703) 473-6069

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Sunday | May 25, 2014 | 11am - 3pm
THE WILLIAMSBURG WINERY

The day will include exhibition
 with over 100 Corvettes, a wine-paired lunch,
 music, vendors and a raffle (organized and
 hosted by the VFW Post 4639).

All registration/tickets include entry into car exhibition area:

- Car Show Registration: \$10 (additional cars \$5/each)
- Wine pairing lunch ticket: \$25/person
- Lunch only – no wine: \$17

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Newsletter News ...

Hello NVCC,

I think the weather's finally warming up, although I haven't had the guts to take the top down (yet). Soon, I hope! Which I also hope means you guys will get a reprieve from the cold and get a chance to do some cruising and enjoy a well-deserved spring season. And when you do, don't forget to bring your cameras along to document your travels ... and then to send those pics along to me ... pretty spring pictures are even better when Vettes are involved!



Anne Costolanski

Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, May 27th at 7:30 pm

GBM Meeting Location:

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