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High Performance Driving Idea

By David DuBois, NVCC Chief Instructor

High Performance Driving Idea Number 35: Slowly build up speed after a recent brake flush. I have more than 35 ideas but ... I just had this one happen to me. It also happened to another club member last year. And it surprised BOTH of us.

Premature failure is an engineering term that describes a failure that was not predicted. An engine throws a rod bearing 1,345 miles after a recent rebuild. That would Not be a predicted failure. This also applies to “boiling” your brake fluid after a recent brake flush. After you service your brakes by installing new pads and completely flushing the old fluid, you have every expectation of not having any brake problems for at least 6 – 8 sessions. The following example is very rare, but here is what happened to us. Both of us had our brake fluid flushed and new high temp brake fluid added by top notch Corvette service providers. During the first session on the track, in the RAIN (i.e., not running fast), my brake fluid boiled and I essentially had no brakes. Since it was raining, I had braked well before the 600’ marker for a turn at Watkins Glen and from well under 100 mph so there was no emergency, not even a pucker, as I entered the turn. The brake pedal had become a no-resistance clutch-like pedal, and no friction was applied to the rotors. Our other club member was at VIR with a hot shoe professional driver as the driver, and the brake fluid boiled with them.

The reason brake fluid “boils” is that moisture has gotten into the fluid and the water vapor has boiled at 212 degrees, leaving a gas that compresses and prevents any force being applied by the fluid to the pads ... to the rotors. Think of squeezing a soft partially filled balloon and trying to pop it ... it just won't pop.

How could moisture get into the new fluid? Or, did the new fluid push some old fluid with moisture closer to the caliper? Well if you are over 100 mph diving down into a 45 mph turn and you have no bakes, it really doesn't matter. The moisture, however it got there, seeks the lowest point in the brake lines. Often this is the calipers, the hottest part of the system.

Here is a new addition to my track check list as a result. FIRST session after a new brake flush or any addition of new brake fluid – slowly build up speed, lap by lap staring at 50% of your normal speed ending at 80% of your normal speed. Start the next session at 66% and build back up to 80%. Brake hard but brake early. Third session start at 75% and build up to your normal comfort level but again using early braking points and using the brakes HARD at the early braking point. Once you have a few sessions on the new fluid like this, the premature boiling failure can be checked off your list.

You already build up your speeds over several sessions if you have replaced mechanical or major electrical systems, it will serve you well to do the same when you service your brake systems also.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER May 2014

Finally, it is drop-the-top and hit-the-road weather, and hopefully everyone has been out and about enjoying America's sports car this lovely time of year. The NVCC calendar lists numerous events for you (excuses???) to meet and greet other enthusiasts while cruising back country roads, attending car shows, and tasting some great regional wines. Sharing the Corvette passion with others and making converts to the world of fiberglass just adds to the pure and simple joy of driving one of the world's iconic automobiles. After all, the bumper sticker is right ... they don't write songs about Volvos.

While our annual picnic is still close to two months away (20 July), it isn't too early to work towards this being one of our biggest and best picnics ever. This year we are making a point to reach out to fellow Corvette clubs and the Northern Virginia Mustang Club to make it a special occasion for like-minded gear heads in the region and a major opportunity to promote our next Car Control Clinic (C3) to be held September 21st at Summit Point. As always, the picnic is a FREE family and friends event and you are welcome to invite anyone that shares our love of Corvettes (or cars in general). All we ask is for a head count ahead of time to ensure plenty of food for everyone. Please RSVP to: social@nvcorvetteclub.com.

As noted above we have a Car Control Clinic scheduled on September 21st at Summit Point. This is our long awaited return to car performance oriented events that finances have precluded in recent years. In many ways, this is the adult version of TDS and is intended for all that desire to improve their skills in handling their car, whether a Vette or a Kia. It is essential that we make this a financial success to ensure a continuing schedule of track events in the future. As long-time members know, NVCC used to have at least two track events a year. Many of you have expressed a strong desire to get back to doing so. However, to make this work, we need the help and participation of all of our members to enroll, volunteer, and promote the event to those outside the club. If this event is successful, we can then work on bringing back the very much missed Spooktacular that NVCC was noted for before the recession.

There is still room on the calendar for more NVCC sponsored events. If you'd like to organize an event, please contact your council and we can work out the details together.

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

Rich Anderson
NVCC President, 2012/13/14



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\$1500 donation too much to do all at once? That's okay too. We can set up your Lifetime membership on an automatic payment plan for as little as \$100 month. To learn more or to join, please contact [Stephanie](#) or [Becky](#).

Skydome Sinkhole Tour Schedule

Beginning Thursday, May 22 we will open the Skydome up for sinkhole viewing on a regular basis during normal business hours. Children must be age 8 or older to enter. The sinkhole viewing is included with your regular Museum tour admission. We will continue to offer this daily until construction resumes (July or after). As construction plans are decided on and finalized we will let you know!



Pictured: NASCAR Team Owner and Chevrolet Dealer Rick Hendrick visited the Museum yesterday so of course we had to ask him what he thought about his visit. His response? "Tell Kevin [Helmintoller, donor of the Mallett Hammer] I was thinking about buying this car until I saw the Carfax."

NCM Motorsports Park is Racing Forward

This August a moment you have all been waiting for will arrive ... the moment to take a lap around our new track! Our 20th Anniversary Celebration will offer FREE parade laps at the park for registered event attendees, plus a Chevrolet Ride and Drive (with free rides in a Stingray around the track) and the opportunity for Hot Laps around the track with VIP drivers like Andy Pilgrim and John Heinricy.



We will be updating the schedule and adding more details soon, but for now you can [bookmark this page](#).

Speaking of the track, we will be looking to acquire some rolling stock (think service vehicles). If you have or know of anyone looking to make a tax deductible donation here's our wish list:

- (2) Long Bed, 2500 or 3500 Gas Truck Crew Cabs
- (2) Sid by Sides or ATVs
- (1) Ambulance
- (2) 12' or 16' Open Flatbed Utility Trailers
- (2) Gas 1500 Truck Long or Short Bed (V6 or V8)

- (1) 22' Rollback
- (1) Track Ops/Pace Car
- (1) 12-15 Passenger Van
- (2+) 4 Door Sedans
- (1) Open Car Trailer

While GM products are preferred we are open to discussing any vehicles you may be interested in donating! Questions? Please contact Track Operations Manager Matt Busby at [270-467-8802](tel:270-467-8802).



CONGRATS CASSIDY AND AMANDA!!

On Saturday May 3rd, our Corvette family official grew by 1! Longtime club member Cassidy Nolen (past chief instructor) and his beautiful bride Amanda tied the knot in sunny Myrtle Beach, SC in a small private ceremony. Cassidy and Amanda Nolen are the club's historians; many of you may remember them for their fun questions and prizes at break-time during GBMs. Please join me in congratulating this amazing couple and looking forward to making many more Corvette memories with them in the future!

Lori Benish

Sure signs of Spring

Sure signs of Spring ... The blossoms come out and the top goes down! This is Jim Pace's C5 50th anniversary edition sitting in front of blossoming cherry trees in his front yard. I'm not sure which is prettier, the flowers or the car ...





NVCC Cruise 2015 ... and more ...

Bob Devery, NVCC Travel Guy

Ok ... we made the cruise idea for WINTER when the Vettes – even my daily driver – are garaged and covered with battery chargers ablazing. Well, ablazing is not what we want from battery chargers, but you get the idea. Winter was horrible for 2014. It's not like it's going to be sunny and 80+ in 2015. So, we're heading to the Caribbean. Who is going?

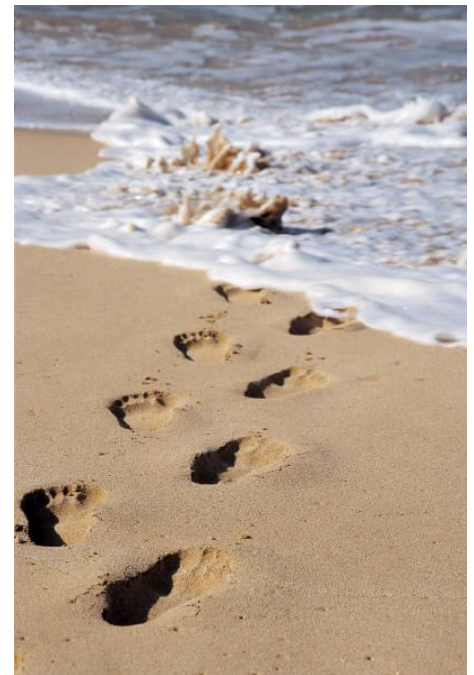
- ANYONE who wants to be in the aqua waters and on the white sand beaches of the Caribbean ...
- ANYONE who wants 7-8 days with NO cleaning ... NO cooking ... NO Beltway driving ... NO work and NO freezing temps ...
- ANYONE who wants to be treated to a good restaurant every night followed by live entertainment, instead of the latest reality show joke ...
- ANYONE who wants to just get away, relax with friends and have a blast!

Jerry Lelansky and I have reviewed various options for leaving between January 10 and 17th and decided on what we feel will be excellent choices. Wish we could just sail them back to back! So, at the meeting, we will place the cruises in a Corvette hat for good luck and pick one! ALL members, their families and friends are invited to join us. The invite will be extended to area clubs. NVCC will receive a much needed donation for every member travelling on the cruise!

So, eight months from now, we can complain about the snow, the cold, blah blah blah ... OR head for a warm weather port to take a deserved week at sea to relax and enjoy life. As they say, no one ever says at the end of life "I wish I had spent more time at the office"! Ok ... where's the hat?? Here we go ... join us !!!!

ALSO ... a number of people have called about airlines. They are the worst part of the travel biz these days. If you hesitate by even few hours ... well, even minutes, right Steve? ... the airlines can and will change your price and NOT for the better. Waiting til the last minute is NOT your best idea in the new airline market of packing them into seats. You'll find higher prices and NOT the flights that you wanted as they'll be SOLD OUT.

LAST ... if you do travel, let me review what you find. I may NOT be able to do better BUT if I can, you save money and the Club gets a donation on anything other than FLIGHT ONLY travel. I do that part as a favor and do NOT make money on it. Planning a cruise or land travel anywhere in the world, let me know. I'll do my best to earn your business and then write a check to the Club.



Barrel Oak Winery cruise

The Barrel Oak Winery cruise was a success – a great time was had by all. We had an eventual total of eight Corvettes. We started at Home Depot in Chantilly, drove through Middleburg on our way to an awesome driving road, VA rt. 626 (The Plains road) to Delaplane, then on to Barrel Oak Winery. Barrel Oak was extremely complimentary with VIP parking spots to a wine tasting ... Thank you Barrel Oak.

Shawn Waddell, Social Chairman



Pics from the Porsche Club PCA Summit event, April 4-6, 2014

Alex Lunsford shared some pictures of the Porsche Club PCA event, where he instructed in his C6. His tag line: “I don’t race Porsches, I pass them ☺”. Check out his car below!!



[June NVCC Event Calendar](#)

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

Springfield Day Car Show

Date: May 31, 2014

Location: American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield VA

Springfield Day is May 31st, and Springfield Toyota is sponsoring a car show at the American Legion Post 176. Registration is at 8am, show is from 10am – 2pm. The rain date is June 1.

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 Thompsontown, 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.

5th Annual Page Custom Rods & Restoration Car Show

Date: June 20 & 21, 2014

Location: Richmond International Raceway

Page Custom Rods & Restoration and Ford are sponsoring the 5th Annual Page Custom Rods & Restoration Car Show. Location to be the Infield @ Richmond International Raceway. Amenities & things to do: Cruise the Track, Food Truck Court, Test Drive New Vehicles, Swap Meet, and more. Free for spectators! See the event flyer [here](#).

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.

33rd Annual Nation Corvette Homecoming 2014

Date: July 17 - 19, 2014

Location: Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green, KY

Check out the website <http://www.corvettehomecoming.com/> for more information.

Triple Fun Show by York County Corvette Club

Date: July 19, 2014

Location: Markets @ Shrewsbury PA

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

LCCC: Corvettes at Stauffers of Kissel Hill

Date: July 20, 2014

Location: Stauffers of Kissel Hill, Lititz, PA

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

NVCC Annual Picnic

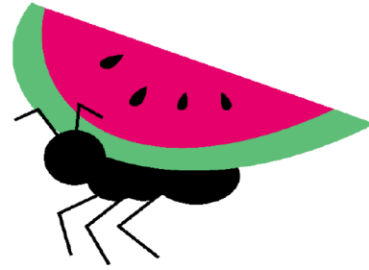
Date: July 20, 2014

Location: Rich & Cheryl Anderson's farm in Hedgesville, WV

See the event flyer on the next page for more details!

Annual NVCC Picnic *At the Farm!*

SUNDAY
July 20th
2014
12pm



Come one, come all, to club member Richard Anderson's farm in wild, wonderful West Virginia for our **Annual Northern Virginia Corvette Club Picnic.**

Bring your folding chairs, yard games, ATVs, leashed pets, & family out & enjoy a yummy BBQ feast, complete with all your favorite BBQ classics and sides, drink, and desserts. Plenty of room to enjoy outdoor activities & park your hot rides!

Two events in one! There will be a cruise for those who want to take the scenic route out to the farm. Staging point and time to be determined- please contact social@nvcorvetteclub.com for more details and to sign up for the cruise.

Kindly RSVP to Social@NVCorvetteclub.com and indicate how many in your party will be attending the picnic, and if you will be joining the group to cruise to the farm. This event is open to all the NVCC members, their families & friends, prospective NVCC members, our friends from the NVMC, & other invited area Corvette Clubs.

NOTE: DO NOT USE GPS- You will end up in the creek!!

GAMES & FUN

This year, we are hoping to start a fun tradition of playing some lawn games and having a water gun war in the field. Please bring your water guns (and towels) as well as any fun lawn games (ie. Croquet, Bocce, Horse Shoes, Kickball)...Please Contact Kara Palmgren, kara.palmgren@gmail.com, to let her know what you will be bringing. She will be coordinating the fun and will bring some extra games as well!

FARM ADDRESS: 281 Ganotown East Rd. Hedgesville, WV 25427.
DIRECTIONS: I-81 to Exit 5 Inwood WV, Rte 51 thru Gerrardstown to LEFT on Rte 45, to RIGHT on Back Creek Valley Rd. at Glenary, RIGHT onto Ganotown East Rd. to 281 Ganotown East Rd. (blacktop drive).

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Newsletter News ...

Hello NVCC,

Sorry I got the newsletter out so late this month. I wish I could say I was enjoying the beautiful Georgia weather ... which I have ... when I'm not at work. Clearly I need to change my priorities, especially when the weather down here has been so nice (except for the pollen ...).

I've made plans to come join you all for the annual NVCC picnic at Rich and Cheryl's house, so I hope to see as many of you there as possible! I'm helping with the menu & food preparation, so there'll be homemade desserts as well as lots of good picnic fare.

As always, thanks for all your contributions. See you July 20!



Anne Costolanski

Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, May 27th at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, June 24th at 7:30 pm

GBM Meeting Location:

**Page Chevrolet
6500 Little River Turnpike
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