

PAGE CHEVROLET



## KUDOS to the NVCC DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

by Stewart Fox

The year 2014 started off with anticipation as NVCC set sights on hosting its Tenth season of Teen Driving School (TDS) under the guidance of our new Chief Instructor; Dave Dubois, along with hopes of returning Car Control Clinic (C-Cubed) to the calendar. In the past nine seasons, NVCC has successfully passed nearly 500 students through the TDS program.

Planning for the Spring TDS in May was well underway when we were dealt an unexpected blow by our NCCC. NCCC and its insurer declined to provide an insurance certificate for the TDS event. After many emails and phone calls to our NCCC-East Region counterparts, it was clear that NVCC had to cancel the event, much to the disappointment of all involved.

Down but not out, we wondered what our next option might be. As it turns out, glimmers of hope existed with the idea that NVCC might be able to align itself with another program such as the Tire Rack Street Survival School (TRSS). Ironically, TRSS also began about 10 years ago and has grown to be a nationwide program (105 events in 2014) thanks to valuable corporate sponsorship from organizations like Tire Rack, Michelin, Shell Oil and the BMW Foundation. Club member Shawn Waddell volunteered to call Tire Rack and see what he could find out. Simultaneous to this, Bill Sangrey with NCCC-East Region also reached out to Tire Rack. In early June, we also learned that the local BMW & Audi clubs would be hosting their first TRSS at the same ADESA site we held last season's TDS at. As such, several Council members discussed going to the TRSS as observers, with the hope of speaking to the organizers. What happened next can't be made up: An email went out from one of the track rats that make up Corner Cravers, seeking additional Instructors to help BMW & Audi run the TRSS at ADESA in late June. Within hours, there were a dozen Corvette Instructors with prior NVCC TDS experience signed up to help, including Dave Dubois and myself.

On site the morning of the event, we met up with event organizers, including Rafael Garces, local Porsche aficionado and TRSS Regional Coordinator. There was a large student group that day and the BMW – Audi folks were feeling a bit overwhelmed. Thanks to our prior TDS experience, the Corvette folks really made a positive impression and helped make the event a success. Rafael expressed his appreciation of the Corvette Instructor turnout as it was truly needed that day.

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***Membership Corner***

**New numbers to be provided following close of renewal period.**



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER November 2014

Greetings from the snow cursed shores of Back Creek. I know winter has arrived (regardless of the calendar), since the state road crews have completed the season's first plowing of East Ganotown Rd. and dutifully pushed my new gravel from last summer into the side drainage ditches.....thus enabling me to maintain a fine layer of mud on my cars to protect them from road salt. Ahh the joys of country living!

As this is the last "President's Corner" for me, I wish to thank all of the NVCC membership for a wonderful 3 years in leadership. It has been my pleasure to hold the post and now equally pleasurable to pass the torch on to John Palmgren. When first elected 3 years ago, I was midstream in changing our primary residence from Sterling to our farm located in the urban core of the greater metropolitan area of Ganotown, WV (of which Northern Virginia is considered a loose collection of remote and less sophisticated suburbs). Obviously this required my adapting to long-distance commuting for meetings. At that time NVCC was also just starting to feel comfortable in our then home at McKay Chevrolet.....which of course was short lived, necessitating our move to our current location at Page Chevrolet....thus adding to a number of members' commutes as well. While our location and programs were shaken a bit during my 3-year tenure, together we've put NVCC on firm fiscal and physical foundation. This bodes well for NVCC continuing to be a vital and growing club providing members a wide variety of activities.

Again, I wish to thank everyone for the innumerable kindnesses and support provided me over the past three years. With all the other distractions and demands in my life during this period, the support of my fellow council members and the membership at large has been a constant for which I am most grateful. As most of you are aware, I've reverted to my previous role as newsletter editor and will continue to be a member of the council, but in an appointed capacity. I must again thank Anne Costolanski for caring for the newsletter during my presidency. I would also like to single out Stewart Fox, my predecessor as president, for continuing over the past 3 years to carry a large chunk of the workload and responsibility as the committee chair for AutoCross/HPDE.

Thanks again to everyone for a great 3 years!

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

Rich Anderson  
NVCC President, 2012/13/14

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This positive experience led to a series of emails, phone calls, and meetings between NVCC and TRSS, culminating in acceptance of NVCC into the TRSS program. We also gained insurance through the BMW Foundation. Thankfully, a Fall date was established and we were back in the TDS business !

Not to be overlooked, NVCC also resumed its C-Cubed event for adults, held on the Jefferson Circuit at Summit Point in September. This marked the return of C-Cubed after a several year layoff. We had great weather, enthusiastic participants, and the efforts of many dedicated NVCC members to make this a safe and successful day of adult driver instruction in the classroom and behind the wheel.



TRSS in November was a great success for NVCC despite chilly temperatures and persistent wind gusts from the NW. NVCC adapted near seamlessly to the TRSS program that included slightly different classroom and behind the wheel formats and showed me once again what a tremendous program our NVCC members have helped to build. We can now go forward under the TRSS banner for many years to come.

The combined successes of our September C-Cubed and November TRSS events speak volumes about the determination and professionalism of the NVCC Driving School program, its Instructors, and all the NVCC club members that contribute in so many ways. You have all earned the right to feel very proud of what we have accomplished together. It has been my great pleasure to be part of this process.

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**Election Results  
For NVCC Council 2015**

**John Palmgren: President**  
**Kris McCandless: Vice President**  
**Shawn Waddell: Officer at Large**

**Marsha Batchellor: Treasure**  
**Mike Gilliland: Secretary**

The election results are in and John Palmgren moves from Officer at Large to President, Marsha Batchellor, Kris McCandless and Mike Gilliland retain their incumbent seats, while Shawn Waddell replaces John as Officer at Large. I wish to thank those elected for volunteering their time and wish them the best in the new year.





## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas-Lights Rally:

Start @ Starbuck in Centerville at 6:00pm

Sunday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 2014:

Located in the Giant Shopping Center

Address: 14155 Saint Germain Dr.

Centerville, 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 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 rally- 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 rally, in case of weather, etc.

Route will end at the **Carnival** (at the Bull Run Festival of Lights) where we can get hot chocolates, funnel cake, smores, and/or more (even catch a ride or two in the carnival if you desire). Drivers and passenger will meet at the end, which is the firepit 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 tiebreaker 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 Centerville, VA 20121

T: 703-631-0550



Please register with Lori Benish via email: [webmaster@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:webmaster@nvcorvetteclub.com) to participate or get more details!

Look forward to seeing you there! And Happy Holidays!



**Annual Banquet 2015**  
**Columbus Grill**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

The banquet will be held this year on **Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 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:** *Pork Loin Roast, Roast Beef with Marsala Sauce, Shrimp Alfredo, Slow Roasted Chicken*

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 7, 2015.***

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_ (total)

Names of attendees (please mark if attendee is a child under 12 years old)

\_\_\_\_\_ Child: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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**  
**8005 Rivermont Court**  
**Springfield, VA 22153**

**Or, register and pay for your seats online at <http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/Registration/banquet/>**

**If you have any questions, please contact Kara Palmgren at 703-338-2995, or via email at [kara.palmgren@gmail.com](mailto:kara.palmgren@gmail.com).**



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## Club Shout Out

**Bay Area Corvette Club** - Clearwater, Florida - John Trull, Ambassador



For the past sixteen years, Bay Area Corvette Club has taken the Joshua House as one of their charities and hosts a Toy Drive each year for them.

With Florida ranking third in the country with the number of children in foster care, places like the Joshua House are so needed and the support of these homes and organizations by clubs like Bay Area is crucial.

Not only do members of Bay Area collect the toys, but they deliver them in their Corvettes and let the children climb all over their beautiful cars and take them for rides.

Bay Area Corvette Club members are gearing up for this year's visit on December 14th and we applaud them for their kind hearts and giving spirit!

Please send your unique events, activities, fundraisers, etc to Stephanie at: [stephanie@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:stephanie@corvettemuseum.org) and watch for your club to be featured here.

## 20th Anniversary Celebration Wrap-Up

What a great event we had to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the museum, 5th Annual Corvette Caravan, and Grand Opening of the Motorsports Park! A huge thank you to all that served as Caravan Captains, Leaders, and attended the event, volunteered or sold raffle tickets - we couldn't have done it without you!

There were 8,667 pre-registered participants for the event, and 4,387 walk-ins over the weekend giving us a total of 38,888 in attendance over the event.

Raffle sales for all three cars given away over the weekend (including the the \$10 consignment tickets) exceeded \$830,000! Membership and Brick sales exceeded \$40,000, Auctions over \$21,000 and Corvette store sales of more than \$700,000.

## Upcoming Club Visits and Events!

### Raffle

Tickets are now available for the January 29th raffle. This is a 2015 Torch Red Coupe and tickets are \$10 each.

If you would like tickets on consignment, please let me know.

### This Week in Chevrolet History

November 23, 1969

Corvette Racing Team Driver, Olivier Beretta born in Monte Carlo.

**February 1 - May 10 - Comets, Asteroids, Meteors: Great Balls of Fire Exhibit**

**March 28 - Corvettes Limited of Central GA Work Weekend**

**April 18 - Circle City Corvette Club Work Weekend**

**April 18 - Corvette Club of Illinois Visit**

**April 18 - Western Kentucky Corvette Club Work Weekend**

**April 21 - York County Corvette Club Visit**

### **Callaway Corvette Donated to Museum**



Gary and Li Nichols of Wilmington, NC have donated their 2003 Callaway Z06 to the Museum. The car had previously been on loan as part of a Callaway exhibit at the Museum, and after hearing of the popularity of the car, Gary decided to donate it.

"When Bob told me about how it drew a crowd, I realized how much it was appreciated here. I even had people come up to me at Carlisle and tell me they saw it here," said Gary. "It made perfect sense to donate it to the Museum. It is a special car and needs to be preserved and displayed."

The car was originally purchased by Callaway and used in their development of their C5 Power Groups. This was the test mule used before the car went into production.

### **NCM Bash Registration LIVE!**

Corvette event season will kick off April 23-25, 2015 with our annual Bash event. This year on Thursday we are offering a Meet 'n Greet with the Museum Board of Directors; Golfing with the GM & Corvette Race Team; road tours to Belle Meade Plantation, Five Chefs Restaurant, Shaker Village and along the Dixie Highway; Touring Laps at the Motorsports Park and a number of seminars.

Friday offers popular seminars on the 2016 Corvette Stingrays and Z06 with walk-arounds; Celebrity Choice Car Show; Fashion Show; Race Team Seminar and more.

Saturday we will offer an Autocross at the Motorsports Park; Ladies' Garage Party; road tours to Makers Mark and the Amish Community; seminars by Dave Wickman, Jim Mero and Andy Pilgrim and more.

Paul Koerner will be on hand for expert Corvette advice and the NCM PDI team will be leading a number of session on how to properly clean your Corvette.



## Three Chances to Win a Corvette

December may be a busy season for the man in red, but it will also be a busy season at the Museum as three lucky people will become new Corvette owners!

### 2015 Torch Red Corvette Z06 Coupe

Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 2pm CT

Tickets \$300, Limited to 1,000 Tickets

Only 392 SOLD as of today!



### 2015 Arctic White Stingray Corvette Coupe

Friday, December 5, 2014 at 8pm CT

Tickets \$100, Limited to 2,015 Tickets

Only 374 sold as of today!



### 2015 Laguna Blue Stingray Corvette Coupe

Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 2pm CT

Tickets \$150, Limited to 1,500 Tickets

Only 18 sold as of today!



Learn more about our raffles, including exclusions and restrictions and purchase tickets online at [www.corvettemuseum.org/raffle](http://www.corvettemuseum.org/raffle) or call 800-538-3883 during normal business hours.

## NCM Motorsports Park Board Announced

The NCM Motorsports Park announces two new board members. Michael Newlander and Andy Pilgrim have joined the seven-person board charged with overseeing the operations of the Motorsports Park, owned by the National Corvette Museum (NCM). Current NCM Board Members that dually serve on both the Museum's board the Park's board include Johnny Downs, Board Chairman for the Museum, of Sadler, TX; Paul Herzing of Gibsonia, PA; and Henry Younger of Gurley, AL. Wendell Strode, Executive Director for the Museum and Mitch Wright, General Manager of the Motorsports Park are also on the board.

## Give the Gift of History

What do you give the person who has everything? What about a Build Sheet and Window Sticker for their Corvette?

After a brief hiatus, Corvette window stickers are now available again! Window stickers can be purchased through the Library & Archives for 1981 to the present Corvettes.

Museum Member Price: \$75 | Non-Member Price: \$90 (Includes a build sheet!) Additional copies are \$10/each for members and \$12/each for non-members. Lamination is available for \$5 additional per item.

Order Build Sheets and Window Stickers by December 10 to guarantee delivery by Christmas. Items can be ordered on the Museum's website or by calling the Library and Archives at 270-467-8841.

From the Northern Virginia Mustang Club:



**2014 NVMC Toys for Tots Toy Cruise w/ Cruisin for Hero's 6 December 2014**

Folks this is NEW for 2014, we are teaming up with "Cruisin For Hero's Organization", this is a brand new affiliation for the NVMC. They are also affiliated with Fisher House and the Wounded Warrior Project. Below are the scheduled times, please try to be "prompt" as we are on a tight schedule, this is an any vehicle, any club affiliation, rain or shine event folks.

Folks this is one of the truly gratifying events of the holiday season. We cruise together representing the NVMC, stopping at one of our Club Supporters Walgreen's and pick up donated Toys and shop for additional toys at Club Discounted Prices and then deliver them to the United States Marine Corps Reserve at the Marine Corps Museum, Triangle VA.

We are dedicated in helping the Children in need, especially during the Christmas Season, to ensure that they can have a wonderful Christmas.

Bill Rabe will be planning the route for us again in 2014, more to come on this awesome event, stay tuned. If you are planning to attend, please EMAIL Ceece and provide the following information, this is to have a count so we don't forget anyone.

6:00AM - Meet at the Parking lot behind Field of Dreams Sunoco, 4475 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA 20151

6:30AM - Depart Parking lot for Walgreen's Store ( Thank You Manager- Dave Hall # 12167), 9150 Devlin Rd, Bristow, VA 20136

7:00AM - Arrive at Walgreen's for donated toys from other Walgreen's in the area and Club Members can shop for more !!

7:30AM - Depart for Chili's @ 1030 Stafford Market Place, N Stafford VA

9:30AM -10:00AM Arrive at Chili's for Brunch w/ Cruisin for Hero's

12:30PM - Driver Meeting w/ drivers meeting w/law enforcement for cruise to Marine Corps Museum

1:00PM Arrive at Marine Corps Museum to give collected toys to Marine Corps Reserve Marines

Then meet Mr. & Mrs. Clause, and tour the Marine Corps Museum, during the Marine Corps Family Day from 12:00-3:00 pm (FREE), yes so if you have kids, they will get a big surprise !!!

**RSVP Info to Send;**

1. Full Name
2. Contact Number
3. Number of persons in your group & Kids
4. Clubs affiliated with.

If you have any questions call us

(703) 346-8151 or [Enforcir@gmail.com](mailto:Enforcir@gmail.com)

Thanks goes out to Bill Rabe for the Route Planning !!!

See You Saturday am !!!!



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## Newsletter News ...



Since we historically don't have a December GBM, we generally don't have a newsletter as well (unless something *really noteworthy* happens). As such, this is so long for 2014 and wishing everyone the best of holiday seasons and a great New Year.

As always, please send me your pics, stories....whatever to be included in the newsletter. I really dislike white space and look forward to your input to help keep the blank pages at bay. As many of you know, I have to survive on a Frontier system out here, which is the next best thing to a dialup net connection. Sometimes I don't receive input owing to the vagrancies of the Frontier system. Therefore if you don't get an acknowledgement from me....I likely didn't get whatever you sent. If you don't get an acknowledgement in a day or two, please by all means call and confirm receipt of newsletter input.

Rich Anderson  
304-229-0010 [richard.anderson157@frontier.com](mailto:richard.anderson157@frontier.com)

## Next General Business Meetings:

**No December GBM**

**Tuesday Jan 27th, 2015**

**GBM Meeting Location:**

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