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## KENTUCKY ONE LAP (KY 1-LAP)

BY DICK HAMMAKER

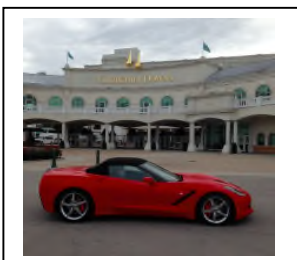
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### Day 1 – October 24, 2015

First leg of the trip was to Louisville, KY. Easy 600 mile, 9.5 hours trip, averaging 71 mph, and 29.7 mpg. Once west on I-64 the fall leaf colors really popped...red, yellow, orange, green, brown. Close to WV state line the rain started and stayed with us until Louisville.

### Day 2 – October 25, 2015

Louisville is the largest city in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the 30th-most populous city in the United States. Louisville was founded in 1778 by George Rogers Clark and is named after King Louis XVI of France, making Louisville one of the oldest cities west of the Appalachian Mountains. Sited beside the Falls of the Ohio, the only major obstruction to river traffic between the upper Ohio River and the Gulf of Mexico, the settlement first grew as a portage site. It was the founding city of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, which grew into a 6,000-mile system across 13 states. Today, Louisville is known as the home of the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Fried Chicken, the University of Louisville and its Louisville Cardinals athletic teams, Louisville Slugger baseball bats, and three of Kentucky's six Fortune 500 companies. Its main airport is also the site of UPS's worldwide air hub.



Today Denise & I visited two attractions.....Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory and Churchill Downs. Before getting to the details, let me share some Bourbon Fun Facts....95% of the world's bourbon is produced in Kentucky....1/3 of the world's bourbon is produced in Louisville....bourbon must be made from at least 51% corn....bourbon must be at least 160 proof or 80% alcohol....bourbon must be aged in new, charred oak barrels....on 4 May 1964, Congress recognized bourbon as America's only native spirit.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER NOVEMBER 2015

This year has flown by. We're into November and you know what that means (other than putting away your baby for its winter nap!)... It's the last GBM of 2015 and time to elect your club's officers for next year. Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Officer-At-Large were taken at the October GBM and will be taken again during the first half of the November GBM just prior to voting. Additionally, we still have other non-elected Committee Chair roles on the Council that need to be filled. These include Publicity Chair, Social Events Chair, Membership Chair and Concours Chair. If you would like to get more out of your membership in the club, I encourage you to step up.



I would like to extend my gratitude to Jeff Klain for handling the Membership Chair duties the past few years. Thanks as well to our NCCC Governor, Andrej Balanc, who has offered to take up the position if no one else steps up to take it. I would also like to thank new member, Mae Fromm, for volunteering to take on the role of Social Media Chair. In this role, she will maintain the club's Social Media presence on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/nvcorvetteclub](http://www.facebook.com/nvcorvetteclub)), Twitter @nvcorvetteclub, Instagram @nvcorvetteclub, etc. Please follow us on all those forums.

There are a couple events coming up soon after the GBM:

1) The Old Dominion Corvette Club (ODCC) is hosting a Corvettes and Golf event at Top Golf in Ashburn, VA, on Sunday, November 29. Details and purchasing of tickets can be done at the following Eventbrite.com link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/corvettes-top-golf-tickets-19170589750?ref=enivte&invite=ODYzNzI3MC9qb2huLnBhbG1ncmVuQGdtYWlsLmNvbS8x%2F%3Faff%3Defbnreg>.

2) NVCC Presidents Holiday Party at 5 PM on Saturday, December 6. Kara and I will be opening up our home to all club members and their families for a holiday party featuring a Cookie Exchange and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Food and drinks will be provided; however, feel free to bring a beverage of your choice to share if you so desire. We look forward to seeing you there for cookies and some holiday merriment. The White Elephant Gift Exchanges can be pretty hilarious! The flyer with additional details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

3) NVCC Annual Banquet - Save the Date - Saturday, January 30, NVCC will have its Annual Banquet at Wildfire in Tysons Galleria. A flyer with details will be sent out shortly, but we are already receiving great feedback on the venue after sending out an initial communication. Should be a fantastic event.

See you at the GBM.  
John Palmgren

## Kentucky One Lap (KY 1-Lap) – Continued

The Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory is a must stop. We took the guided factory tour seeing bats being made. Slugger bats are made ash or maple trees grown in northern Pennsylvania and southern New York. A major league player will use 80-120 bats per year at \$53 per bat. Besides the factory, the museum has great historic bats....Babe Ruth's broken bat (worth \$3M) and Hank Aaron's bat used to hit his 700th home run. I actually got to hold and swing a bat used by Mickey Mantle. If you're brave enough, they have a batters cage. You can also have a personalized bat made while taking the tour! Everyone gets a souvenir mini-bat.

The Kentucky Derby Museum and Churchill Downs were also very interesting. Kentucky Derby Fun Facts....thoroughbred horses go from zero to 40 mph in three strides....estimated total bets at the Derby is \$12M, all cash....winner's trophy is four pounds of solid gold or about \$102,000.



The Kentucky Derby Museum has various tours....Denise and I just did the "General Admission Tour"....great 20-minute video, 30-minute walking tour around Churchill Downs, and Derby history and artifacts. Only attractions on our list we missed were the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, Muhammad Ali Center, and KFC Center....just ran out of time!

### **Day 3 – October 26, 2015**

Today started with a photo op at Churchill Downs then downtown Louisville to the Brown Hotel for lunch. The Brown Hotel is known for a Louisville Original called the Hot Brown....basically an open-faced turkey sandwich with tomato, bacon, and cheese sauce. Also a Kentucky Original....the Derby Pie....chocolate chip and walnut pie.



After lunch is was a two hour drive in the rain to Bowling Green for the KY 1 LAP Greet and Pizza Party at the National Corvette Museum. Before the Party, Denise & I wandered the museum looking at the displays as well as seeing the Sinkhole Corvettes. Eight Corvettes fell into the sinkhole, only two were restored to showroom condition, the other six are on display as pulled out of the hole.



### **Day 4 – October 27, 2015**

It was an outstanding day except for driving in the rain for 10 hours and it's still raining....DAMN Hurricane Patricia! Kooltest thing was following the leader...Kentucky State Police Corvette. We got a city police escort through one town and "our KSP Trooper" blocked many red lights and street intersections so it was mostly clear sailing for the caravan.



### **KSP Corvette – C6 Z06 seized from a drug dealer!**

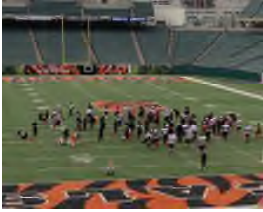
Week Three of KY 1 Lap is 14 very nice Corvettes...1-C5, 9-C6s, 4-C7s... including 2-C6 ZR1 (625 hp) and 2-C7 Z06s (650 hp)...also a couple of C6 Grand Sports. Not sure that means a lot to non-Vette folks but trust me, very nice Vettes!!!

OK back to today's agenda...first stop was some parade laps at the new NCM Motorsports Park track. Laps were slow (55 mph) due to the rain and wet track rather than 75 to 80 mph. Then it was off to Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace and boyhood home in Hodgenville, KY. After the tour, it was off to lunch at the Old Talbott Tavern. Next another wet drive to the French Quarter Inn, Maysville, KY. Group dinner will be in Maysville at Deshay's Restaurant.

### **Day 5 – October 28, 2015**

Another great day and it only gets better. Nice visit and guided tour at Rosemary Clooney's Vacation home in Augusta, KY. Also found out that George Clooney's aunt is Rosemary Clooney not son. Hadn't made that connection before. Then another rainy trip to Newport, KY to visit the Newport Aquarium and have lunch at a German Restaurant - Hofbräuhaus - and then the sun came out. Hadn't seen the sun and dry road in two days!

Highlight of the day was the behind-the-scenes tour of Paul Brown Stadium, home of the Cincinnati Bengals. We parked next to the executive entrance, met by the Bengals PR staff, toured the Press Lounge, Press Box, Coach's Box, and Network Box, and down near the field. Couldn't go on the field because ESPN was taping an interview.



"Spirited" hour drive back to the hotel was also the first time to really could take advantage of our KSP Corvette Lead. When traffic permitted, 14 Corvettes cruised well above the 55 mph limit. What's funny is seeing folks passing us and

then realizing the lead Corvette is a police car...their brakes come on fast!

Weather forecast for Thursday and Friday is dry and sunny. I'm sure there will be some "spirited" back road driving!



**Day 6 – October 29, 2015**

First stop today was at Old Washington Historic Village. Washington is a village near the Ohio River in Mason County in the U.S. state of Kentucky. It is one of the earliest settlements in Kentucky and also one of the earliest American settlements west of the Appalachian Mountains....



Daniel Boone was a regular visitor. It played a significant role in the lead-up to the Civil War, producing two civil war generals (one Union and one Confederate) and an escaped slave whose legal case established Canada as a safe haven for escaping slaves. It also provided the site where Harriet Beecher Stowe witnessed a slave auction. An original edition of Uncle Tom's Cabin is on display. It has since been annexed by Maysville, Kentucky, and is sometimes now referred to as Old Washington. We had an amazing guided tour of the village and rich history. Washington was a stop on the Underground Railroad as well as considered for the location of the Nation's Capital by George Washington.

Great lunch at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park before driving to Old Pogue Distillery for a tour and tasting. Old Pogue, known as Bourbon's birthplace, was founded in 1784 and remains a six generation family owned business.

**Day 7 – October 30, 2015**

Another beautiful day to run the Kentucky Back Roads. First stop was at Old Friends Equine Retirement Center....AT OLD FRIENDS, the non-profit Thoroughbred Retirement Center in Georgetown, KY, the horses may not be racing anymore, but they are winners every day. Founded in 2003 by former Boston Globe film critic Michael Blowen, Old Friends now cares for more than 150 horses across three states whose racing and

breeding careers came to an end. A "living history museum of horse racing", the farm attracts nearly 20,000 tourists annually that get up close and personal with such stars of the turf as 1997 Kentucky Derby winner Silver Charm, three-time Santa Anita Handicap victor Game on Dude, Breeders' Cup Champions Gulch and Amazombie, and Hollywood Gold Cup winner Rail Trip. We had a great guided walking tour getting an overall look at the Center as well as enjoying sharing some carrots with these athletes.

After lunch it was a quick drive to the Toyota Plant. Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky, Inc. (TMMK) is an automobile manufacturing factory in Georgetown, Kentucky, USA. It is part of Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America (TEMA), owned by Toyota Motor Corporation of Japan. Originally known as Toyota Motor Manufacturing USA, TMMK was established in 1986 (the first wholly owned Toyota manufacturing plant in the U.S.) and is Toyota's largest manufacturing facility outside of Japan. It began production in May 1988, building the 1989 model 4-cylinder Camry. In the beginning, the engines were shipped from the Toyota Kamigo plant in Toyota City, Japan; however, an on-site engine plant was added in 1990. It presently builds the Avalon sedan, Camry sedan, and Venza crossover. It previously produced the Sienna minivan and Camry Solara coupe and convertible. The factory also produces 4-cylinder and V6 engines and powertrain parts with an annual capacity of 500,000 vehicles and 600,000 engines. We took a 45 minute narrated tram tour of the plant. It only takes 20 hours to make a Toyota....starting with roll of steel to driving off a finished car. They make 2200 Toyota per day. No cell phones or cameras allowed on the tour so no pictures.

Side Note....The Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green is a much better tour!

Tomorrow is homeward bound and back to reality as well as no State Police Escort!

**Day 8 – October 31, 2015**

The trip back to Burke was uneventful. It would have been more fun with a Police escort! Denise and I are already planning on 2016 KY 1-Lap Tour 3 next October.



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*Corvettes of Ocean City  
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**THE NEW CAPS ARE HERE !  
COME TO THE NOVEMBER GBM  
AND PICK YOURS UP!**

### **ELECTIONS IN THE NEWS**

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR ALL COUNCIL SEATS**

**WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

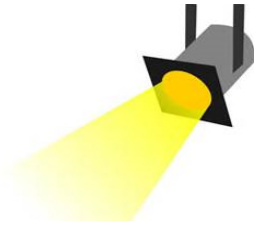
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**ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND**

**(IF NOT, YOU RUN THE RISK OF BEING NOMINATED**

**AND ELECTED IN ABSENTIA)**

# SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS:



We are reviving an old newsletter section highlighting each of our members – both new and used. You could be next!

This month's Spotlight will focus on the longest active NVCC Member - **24 Years**:

<i>Name (s)</i>	Dick "HAM" Hammaker
<i>City/State/How Long</i>	Burke, VA for 30 years
<i>Where were you raised?</i>	Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas, Louisiana and THEN a USAF career!
<i>Employed by</i>	USAF (20 years), DoD Contractor (22 years), and now Retired!
<i>Year/Color/Model of Vette</i>	#4 – 2014 Torch Red Corvette Stingray Convertible
<i>Favorite NVCC Activities</i>	Wicked Good Cruises
<i>Least Favorite NVCC Activities</i>	General Business Meetings
<i>In what activity, event or position would you most be interested in volunteering</i>	Corner Worker
<i>Least interested in</i>	Officer or Chairman (President 1992-1993; Rallye Chairman 8 yrs)
<i>What are some things you would like to see improved at NVCC</i>	Member Participation
<i>Favorite Place to Vacation</i>	Lafayette, Baton Rouge, New Orleans
<i>Hobbies</i>	Movies, Photography, Food, Travel, Corvettes
<i>Dream Car (doesn't have to be a Vette)</i>	1967 Corvette Stingray 427 Convertible and 1968 Ford Mustang GT (original Bullitt Mustang)
<i>Do you have a funny story or "worst" ticket in a Vette</i>	Wicked Good Cruise to Bowling Green.... Nuff Said!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PALMGRENS ON THEIR POKER RALLYE RECOGNITION IN OCEAN CITY**  
 Hosted by Freestate Corvette Club

**HALLOWEEN UPDATE:** Paul and I attended the Vienna Town Hall meeting and we were awarded third place this year in our category (antique and classic cars), which is now 6 years in a row that NVCC has been recognized. For a re-scheduled, last minute rain date, we did pretty awesome with the 12 cars that showed. I have attached a couple of highlight photos of our winning ribbon. Thank you to everyone that came out!!

Lori Benish  
NVCC Co-Webmaster



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- 11/24 GBM at Page**
- 12/8 Council Meeting**
- 12/22 NO GBM IN DEC.**



**Happy Thanksgiving**

**MEMBERSHIP**

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## NVCC General Business Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2015

Officers present:

John Palmgren, President

Kris McCandless, Vice President

Vicki Allen-Scott, Secretary

Shawn Waddell, OAL/Social Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by John Palmgren, in the garage area of Page Chevrolet, 6500 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA 22312. Attendees included Jim Cox, General Business Manager of Page Chevrolet.

The first order of business was a discussion about the status of NVCC's membership and renewals. As of today, Jeff Klain reports that there are 46 payments and 5 resignations; all resignations were due to relocation or financial reasons. John P. reviewed NVCC's various membership levels and dues structure.

### Annual Elections (GBM, Tuesday, 11/24)

John P. reminded attendees about upcoming elections, and reviewed both NVCC officer positions and volunteer chairs. He asked attendees to consider working for the Club by volunteering, and to spread the word about various positions that are, or will be vacant.

Officer nominations included: John Palmgren, President; Kris McCandless, Vice President, Vicki Allen-Scott, Secretary; John Stark, Treasurer.

John P. pointed out that Marsha Batchellor's term as Treasurer expires this year, and she has volunteered as our Newsletter Editor. He commended her for a job well done on her first production, which was released a week ago.

Jeff Klain will step down as membership chair, and he spoke about various aspects of the position, including that IT experience will be helpful for database management.

Nominations for volunteer positions included: John Scott, Historian; Mike Gilliland, Rally Chair.

Dave Dubois noted that nominations would remain open until elections are held, during the November GBM.

### Vienna Halloween Parade (Wednesday preceding Halloween – Oct 28)

Paul Benish recapped the timeline and location where NVCC will stage cars and eat dinner, prior to the annual Vienna Halloween Parade. As of today, 12 cars are registered for this event. Concerns were voiced about an inclement weather forecast for the parade date, which is a rain or shine event. All members were encouraged to participate.

### Teen Driving School (11/7-11/8)

Dave announced that as of today NVCC's portion of this event has 25 student registrations. The BMW portion, which takes place on Saturday, has 30 student registrations. He added that volunteers are urgently needed to make this a successful event (picking up cones, etc.) Instructors are also needed, and anyone who is interested

can learn to teach in any of three areas (skid pad/slalom/braking). There was discussion about the new location in Columbia, Maryland, and that several NVCC members will attend both the BMW and NVCC events.

Another TRSS issue, insurance coverage for participants, was briefly discussed and Dave D. reported that it will be provided through BMW.

#### President's Cruise & Holiday Cookie Exchange (Sunday, 12/6)

John P. announced that he and his wife Kara are thinking about hosting a cookie exchange at their home in Springfield, Virginia at 4pm, followed by a cruise to Occoquan for dinner. More details will follow in an email to the membership.

#### Other Announcements

- John P. announced that the new NVCC hats are in and will be available at next month's meeting.
- The trivia quiz consisted of 4 questions about corvettes in music history.
- Due to time constraints, the raffle and 50/50 drawings were not held.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

## SAVE THE DATE JANUARY 30, 2016 6:00 p.m.

The date and location of our annual banquet have been set. We will send out details and pricing soon, but please mark your calendars now and plan to attend our Annual Banquet.

### **Northern Virginia Corvette Club Annual Banquet** **Location: Wildfire** **Tysons Galleria** **2001 International Drive** **McLean, Virginia**

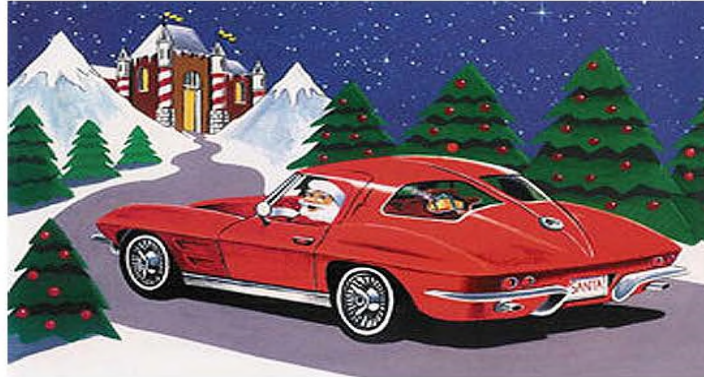
If you have not previously attended one of our banquets, or are new to the club, this is a "don't miss" event! We will have door prizes and raffles for excellent prizes. In the past, people have won such wonderful prizes as: Friday at the Track, a complete set of rocks glasses featuring each generation logo from C1-C6, etched stemware, wine tasting for 8, Corvette prints, t-shirts, mugs, jewelry, and much, much more!

Here's a link to our newsletter from last year with the write-up regarding the banquet if you're interested: <http://nvcorvetteclub.com/newsletters/downloads/files/nvcc0115.pdf>

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Kara Palmgren

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Featuring:  
Cookie swap  
White Elephant Gift Exchange



December 5, 2015  
5:00 p.m.

Palmgren Household  
8005 Rivermont Court  
Springfield, VA 22153\*

R.S.V.P. to: [kara.palmgren@gmail.com](mailto:kara.palmgren@gmail.com) by December 3

Food and beverage will be provided – you are encouraged to bring a beverage to share. Spouses, significant others, and children are welcome to join. Please note: If you have a cat allergy, we will have Benadryl on hand.

### Cookie swap:

If you wish to participate, Please bring 3 dozen of one type of cookie and an extra container to transport your swapped cookies

### White elephant gift exchange – 7:00 p.m.

If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15.00 or less.

How a white elephant works:

The gifts are placed in a central location, and participants draw numbers to determine order of opening gifts. The first person opens a wrapped gift and the turn ends. On subsequent turns, each person can open a new present or gets the choice to "steal" another person's unwrapped gift. When a person's gift is stolen, that person can either choose another wrapped gift to open or can steal from another player. The game is over when the last person goes and the first person goes again. Maximum of 3 "steals" per item.

\*Cruise to Palmgren Household will be organized separately

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**Tuesday – November 24, 2015**

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