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34TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CORVETTE HOMECOMING BOWLING GREEN, KY BY ALICE & JACK HUFNAGLE

We're happy to report that Texas Rose IV returned safely to her National Corvette Museum delivery roots from July 16-18. Jack and I completed the 2,200 mile round trip from San Antonio safely (and not only do we have the trophy for traveling the farthest to prove it, but we're still on speaking terms!). We met up with Ben Duling, who drove out from Northern Virginia, so I think we certainly had the most diverse distances driven!

This annual event has been taking place since Corvette moved production to Bowling Green in 1981. This is primarily a car show, featuring reunion years (10, 20, 30, 40, 50, & 60 year-old models) and others like us in Drive & Shine that just want to be a part of something like this. See <http://www.corvettehomecoming.com> for more information and pictures. By coincidence, in the mid-90s, when I lived in Elizabethtown, KY (outside of Fort Knox), as a member of Louisville's Falls City Corvette Club, we used to do the reunion years' judging. That duty is now performed by Assembly Plant personnel, which gives it a new level of sophistication. Some celebrity judging is done, and Rose IV received a Celebrity's Choice Award from Nora Roper, assistant plant manager! Nora mentioned something about that bubbly personality...

This year's event also featured a minor league baseball game (the local team is aptly named the Hot Rods), and a 40-mile Road Tour that had some spectacular scenery of the Bluegrass State. And thanks to our stellar rallye skills, we actually made it back to the historic town square for dinner (which can't be said of all the participants)! Jack and I also toured the assembly plant, which was making and began delivering 2016s while we were there. Lastly, we toured the museum, and were surprised that the mangled wreckages of the sinkhole survivors were on display – very sad indeed. And although I took a chance on a raffle ticket for a new C7, my name wasn't drawn, so we will keep shining up Rose IV and motoring on!

As a postscript, since Rose IV was already shined up, we headed up to Austin last weekend for the Corvette Invasion of the Oasis – a lovely restaurant on the cliffs overlooking Lake Travis – to join several hundred other

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enthusiasts. Sunday they allowed the participants to take a parade lap around the new Circuit of the Americas Formula 1 track on the other side of town. See pictures at <https://www.facebook.com/events/702898039816633/>

So come on down to the Lone Star State to visit and check out the local fun spots – I think we've killed off all the rattlesnakes and tarantulas in the immediate vicinity!



2016 CORVETTE HOMECOMING

July 14th-16th, 2016

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER JANUARY 2016



Happy New Year and Welcome to 2016!!

It finally feels like winter and with the temps dropping to below freezing, many of our Corvettes are tucked in for their winter's nap. But that doesn't mean we can't still have fun with activities as a club. Case in point is the go-karting outings organized by Andrej these last few Saturdays in January, the NVCC Annual Banquet scheduled for January 30, and an Eastern Caribbean cruise with our fellow club members aboard Princess Cruise Lines in mid-February.

This month's GBM should be an informative one. Andrej has agreed to present information on how the NCCC points system works. I have also invited a guest from DitYDips in Woodbridge, VA to visit with our club and discuss liquid wraps like PlastiDip. He has agreed to come if the weather isn't too bad, and will also be providing the club with a gift certificate to be raffled off at the banquet. So brave the weather and come on out to the GBM.

We are in the early planning stages for our next Car Show tentatively scheduled for early June. We desperately need a Car Show Chairperson to lead/coordinate all activities associated with this charitable event. If interested, please contact council@nvcorvetteclub.com.

Finally, our thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to two folks: 1) our dealership contact, Jim Cox, and 2) our very own NCM Ambassador, Doug Swanson, both of whom are going into surgery within the next couple weeks.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

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 Autocross Chair – Stewart Fox:

Name (s)	Stewart Fox
City/State/How Long	Vienna, VA Since 1958
Where were you raised?	Vienna VA
Employed by	United States Park Police
Year/Color/Model of Vette	1999 / Millennium Yellow / Corvette C5R
Favorite NVCC Activities	Driving Events: C-Cubed and Teen Driving Schools
Least Favorite NVCC Activities	All guy Jello-Wrestling. It wasn't pretty.
In what activity, event or position would you most be interested in volunteering	Well...I have already enjoyed serving as VP (2008) and was First 3-Time NVCC President (2009 – 2011). I have been Spooktacular Chairman (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012), Paddock Marshall for Spooktaculars and for C-Cubed events, & head of NVCC trailer maintenance since 2009
Least interested in	Seeing an NVCC that isn't vibrant, active, and friendly
What are some things you would like to see improved at NVCC	Increased member participation, at all levels. It's not hard, but a lot of folks seem intimidated by it all. Don't be! NVCC is: of, by, and for its members, friends, and families. The rewards for pitching in, getting involved, and having fun are limitless. Getting up early to help set up a TDS course, washing & waxing your Vette for that perfect Car Show display, or staying up late to count the jumping reign deer at Festival of Lights is all part of what makes up NVCC.
Favorite Place to Vacation	Cape Cod
Hobbies	Corvettes, Obviously! Passionate about driving well, and sharing that knowledge and experience with others. Also, do my own vehicle maintenance and repair.
Dream Car (doesn't have to be a Vette)	Sorry. Too hard to decide. I plead the Fifth. But the C5R, C6R, C7R are all way up there on my list.
Do you have a funny story or "worst" ticket in a Vette	Funny to read about, maybe. Not funny the day it happened. First Spooktacular, I was going to compete in, probably around 2001. Rented a trailer back in those days, to haul my car to Summit Point. Loaded it Friday night, and set off early Saturday morning. 90 minutes later, I arrive, only to discover that I don't have the car keys with me and can't get it off the trailer. Drove all the way home, another 90 minutes, got the keys, drove another 90 minutes back to SP again. Hopped in the car, headed to the start line, and took off when the flag waved. Made it thru most of Turn 7- Jefferson Circuit, saw the back stretch and hit the gas! Bad idea. Big spin. Lots of smoke and dust. Slid thru the grass. Came close to some trees. Humbled and embarrassed for sure, but didn't hit anything, luckily. Learned a lot from that experience about keys, and preparation, and weight transfer and patience and being smooth behind the wheel. What a way to learn some important lessons that stick with me to this day.

WHERE ARE YOUR WHEELS?



If you are a High Performance Driver, obviously it is the "off season". You are already starting to plan your 2016 season, buying new tires, new parts, sometimes new fenders, and of course bulk ordering your new heavy duty CarboTech brake pads.

But have you given any thought to how your wheels are doing? Yes, you may have given them a quick once over as you put your new race tires on, but they may need more than that.

How many curbs have you "flown over"? How many times have you gone sideways or had two (or more) wheels off the track? You could have bent your rim, still have it meet alignment specs, and feel no vibration at speed.

Sounds silly . . . but when was the last time you jacked up your car and put a dial indicator on your wheels to quantitatively check them for "run out". The tolerances that I found doing a quick web search allows the wheel to be bent sideways NO more than .045" for street cars.

Read more: http://www.ehow.com/info_7997867_steel-wheel-runout-specs.html

Your wheels need a vacation.

I have an appointment with Brad Michie, a service advisor at Page Chevrolet to have Alloy Wheel Repair examine and straighten any wheels that are bent, at Page Chevrolet. He has a family connection with the business. Alloy Wheel Repair also services local Porsche and Audi dealerships. Note: This is NOT a paid advertisement.

They also can perform the full range of wheel repairs: Curb damage, corrossions, gouges, cracks, and finish.

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There are many other vendors in our area that perform the same services and some can even come to your home or office.

If you wheels are feeling like Rodney Dangerfield, consider quantitatively checking their run out.

David DuBois
Chief Instructor NVCC

THE BMW CCA FOUNDATION STREET SURVIVAL PROGRAM PRESENTS ITS FIRST CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS.

The Circle of Excellence includes individuals, chapters, and regions from all the organizations that conduct Street Survival schools, including the BMW Car Club of America, Sports Car Club of America, Porsche Club of America, Audi Club of North America, BMW Car Club of Canada, the National Council of Corvette Clubs, and the Tire Rack.

The first year for consideration for the Circle of Excellence was 2014. For the 2014 Street Survival school year, the BMW CCA Foundation was proud to announce the inaugural class of Circle of Excellence volunteers and organizations.

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HERO OF THE YEAR

Finally, the Street Survival Hero of the Year was Rafael Garces, Street Survival Coordinator for the BMW CCA's National Capital Chapter. For years, Rafael has been a tremendous force within the BMW Car Club of America. He is perhaps best known as the very successful past president of the National Capital Chapter, one of the largest in the BMW CCA.



In 2014, Rafael's drive and talent for organization and motivation resulted in the National Capital Chapter's hosting three Street Survival schools. He also was instrumental in helping the National Council of Corvette Clubs and the Audi Club of North America conduct their first schools. On top of that, Rafael traveled to facilitate two more Street Survival schools at the request of national Street Survival director Bill Wade. In total, Rafael was a driving force for quite a few teen drivers to receive potentially life-saving training—and that made him the Hero of the Year.

CORVETTE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. *Thou shalt not loan a Corvette to anyone.*
2. *Thou shalt not bring a Corvette to an automatic car wash.*
3. *Thou shalt not fail to wave to a fellow Corvette owner.*
4. *Thou shalt never swear at Corvette – for it is very temperamental.*
5. *Thou shalt not drive a Corvette on an unpaved road (unless it's Rich's "street" to the picnic.*
6. *Thou shalt not pass a fellow Corvette owner in distress (unless it's "Back Creek Mike").*
7. *Thou shalt not feed a Corvette with budget grade fuel.*
8. *Thou shalt not expose a Corvette to harsh weather conditions.*
9. *Thou shalt not acknowledge a Mustang as "America's Sports Car".*
10. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's Corvette.*



NVCC 2016 Activities Calendar

(Events in blue are tentative)

NOTE(s): NVCC General Business Meetings (GBMs) are held the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:30pm, at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria VA.

***NVCC will hold two TRSS/Teen Driving School events – one in the Spring or early Summer, and one in the Autumn.**

<p>JANUARY 23: Go-Karting Event – Autobahn in Jessup, MD - Organizer: Andrej Balanc 30: Instructor Clinic, Ruritan Club in Sterling, VA - Organizer: Dave Dubois (Non-NVCC Event) 30: NVCC Annual Banquet - Organizer: Kara Palmgren</p>	<p>JULY TBD: NVCC Picnic at the Anderson Farm, Back Creek WV - Organizer: Richard & Cheryl Anderson</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 14: Cruise on Princess Lines - Regal Princess; 7 Days, Eastern Caribbean - Organizer: Bob Devery</p>	<p>AUGUST 25-28: Corvettes at Carlisle in Carlisle, PA - Day Cruise to event - Organizer: TBD</p>
<p>MARCH 13: St. Patrick’s Day Brunch - Organizer: John & Kara Palmgren</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p>
<p>APRIL 23: TRSS (BMW Club) at Lincoln Tech 24: TRSS (NVCC) at Lincoln Tech</p>	<p>OCTOBER 14-15: Corvettes on the Boardwalk, Ocean City, MD (sponsored by Free State Corvette Club) 25: NVCC 2017 Officer Nominations - October GBM 26: Halloween Parade, Vienna VA - Organizer: Lori Benish</p>
<p>MAY 14: Barrel Oak Winery Cruise-In - Organizer: Shawn Waddell</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 22: NVCC 2017 Officer Elections - November GBM</p>
<p>JUNE</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p>

**NVCC 2016 Calendar: EVENTS IN PLANNING
(Month & date to be determined)**

To be Scheduled:

- Top Golf Outing, Ashburn, VA
- Shop Night – Page Chevrolet, Alexandria VA

March

Crabs ‘n Corvettes (Rallye) Lead: Mike Gilliland

April

Instructor’s clinic for TRSS. Lead: Dave Dubois
TRSS/Teen Driving School (Tentative: April 23-24)
Location: Lincoln Tech; Lead: Dave Dubois

June

Car Show (Page Chevrolet) Lead: TBD
(Tentative 6/5 or 6/12)

July

Ice Cream Social (Cruise) Lead: TBD

August

Indianapolis IN (Cruise) Lead: Mike Gilliland

September

TRSS/Teen Driving School (Tentative: Sept 10-11)
Location TBD Lead: Dave Dubois
Staunton, VA (Cruise) Lead: Kris McCandless

October

Shady Maples Buffet, Intercourse PA (Cruise) Lead:
Shawn Waddell

December

NVCC President’s Holiday Party at home of John &
Kara Palmgren, Springfield VA

Christmas Lights, Bull Run/Manassas VA (Rallye)
Lead: John & Kara Palmgren

***IF ANYONE HAS ANY INTEREST IN LEADING
ANY OF THESE TENTATIVE EVENTS,
PLEASE CONTACT ANY COUNCIL MEMBER***

In Other News ...



**Next General
Business Meetings:**

Tuesday – January 26, 2016

Tuesday – February 23, 2016

GBM Meeting Location:

**Page Chevrolet
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