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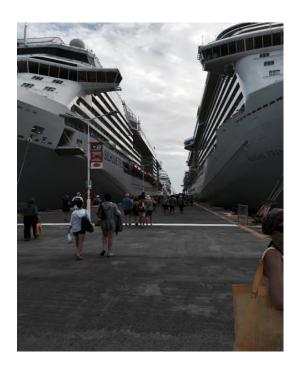
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### WINTER GETAWAY CRUISE 2016! BOB "SPATS" DEVERY, CRUISE DIRECTOR

Well, the time finally arrived to head to Fort Lauderdale for our winter getaway. We more than doubled our group size from last trip, as we ended up with 27 people including members from NVCC and ODCC as well as family and friends! It was a wonderfully fun group. As we left winter behind, our vacation started at Coconuts, a waterfront restaurant where 22 of us arrived to enjoy a pre-cruise dinner. A nice surprise was Vicky's cousin meeting us for drinks and driving up in a new C7!



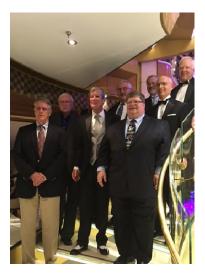
The next morning, we headed to the port to pick up our ride for a week, REGAL PRINCESS. The ship lived up to its reviews of being an elegant home for BAUGHAN COUNCE

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our cruise. There were full days with the group splitting up to enjoy whatever they wanted on the ship or on excursions in the ports that we visited. On Princess Cay, some of us rented beach bungalows to enjoy the afternoon. The port calls in St. Thomas, St. John's and St. Maarten gave people the opportunity to snorkel, catamaran, shop, try local food, tour the islands and much more.

The ship during the day allowed people to enjoy days at sea. Whether it was time at the gym or the spa, relaxing by the pool or exploring the ship, our group found lots of ways to have fun. At times, we were able to find activities where a number of members got together to share in the fun. The wine and chocolate get together as well as other beverage tasting went very well!



At night, the group had the opportunity to break bread together and share stories about their day. We had a nice section of the dining room for ourselves where we marked our turf with models of Corvettes on the tables! A couple of nights, members of the group went to specialty restaurants on board to enjoy some of the chef's unique cuisine. No one walked away disappointed or hungry! The post dinner shows and other entertainment were a blast.



The last day on the cruise, we enjoyed the Corvette happy hour set aside just for us. It was a nice way to get ready for our final dinner on board. The week had gone by very quickly but with many smiles and lots of laughs. What's always nice about the cruise is that it starts out with club members getting together but always ends with FRIENDS saying goodbye.

The consensus was YES to a 2017 effort which will be, well, you'll have to be at the meeting on 3/22 to be the first to hear about it!! **ALL ABOARD** ...







# The folks working hard for you ....

NVCC Council Members for 2016

#### **Officers**

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER MARCH 2016** 

By: John Palmgren



Good afternoon everyone on this beautiful, sunny St. Patrick's Day!! And believe it or not, the birthday of yours truly! That's right, today I hit the big 5-0!! But thanks to really good genes, I may not look it! The kickoff to the Corvette season officially began this past Sunday. Thanks to all of you who came out for the 2nd Annual NVCC St. Patrick's Day Brunch. This year it was held at Kilroy's Restaurant and Sports Bar in Springfield.

Your council has worked hard to fill up the calendar with many club activities and events. See the latest calendar elsewhere in this newsletter. The next great event is the 3rd Annual Corvettes and Crabs Rallye **which has been postponed to April 3** (see flyer elsewhere in this newsletter). Come on out and join the fun for some great windy roads...and who can beat Crabs at Tim's Rivershore as a great ending!!

Coming up in April, we have our teen driving school event, Tire Rack Street Survival, on April 23 and 24. Many volunteers are needed to put on this event whose purpose is to better equip our teen drivers to handle the roads. Please sign up to help.

Happy Cruising!! John

# 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 Officer-at-Large and Social Chair – **Andrej Balanc**:



Name (s)	Andrej Balanc – NCCC Governor; Membership Chair	
City/State/How Long	Sterling, VA	
Where were you raised?	Washington, DC	
Employed by	NPS, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park	
Year/Color/Model of Vette	2001 black Z06, converted to race car	
Favorite NVCC Activities	Meetings, TDS	
Least Favorite NVCC Activities	Meetings	
In what activity, event or position would you be most interested in volunteering	What, I'm already filling two volunteer positions at this time!	
Least interested in	President	
What are some things you would	More participation in club events by club members, especially	
like to see improved at NVCC	the TDS and our driving school	
Favorite Place to Vacation	I can probably tell you the least favorite place I've been to easier than the favorite place. Least, train station in Rome, favorite places include Alaska, NYC, London, Hawaii, Slovenia and almost any place outside of where I live.	
Hobbies	Reading, hiking, traveling	
Dream Car (doesn't have to be a Vette)	Ariel Atom	
Do you have a funny story or "worst" ticket in a Vette	I gave a friend of a friend a ride in my Vette last year at Summit Point. He was not used to track driving and my friend said not to hold back. I started out pretty easy, then ended up passing everything on the track, having a ball! I forgot about the guy next to me till near the end of the session. I gave him a thumbs up, making sure he was ok. He responded immediately with a thumbs up, so I figured he was ok. When we got back to the paddock and could talk (my car is very loud at "race" speed), his first comment was, "Wow, I didn't know cars could do that!" I apologized for getting carried away, but he was ok with it.	



Join the NVCC for a classic timed, measured, rallye through scenic Virginia countryside ending on the water at Tim's Rivershore. Good Fun, Good Food, Prizes, and Great People.

Date: NOW POSTPONED TO APRIL 3 Place: Cooper Corvettes, 18313 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, VA 22172 Sign in Time: 9:30 am to 10:15 am Driver/Navigator Briefing: 10:15 am First Car Out: 10:30 End Point: Tim's Rivershore Restaurant and Crabhouse Price: \$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members (includes Coffee and Donuts at Cooper Corvettes, Lunch at Tim's not included) RSVP by March 17<sup>th</sup> to *vp@nvcorvetteclub.com* 







# **NVCC goes to Barrel Oak Winery**





Come join us May 14th 2016 Saturday for a cruise in through the beautiful Virginia countryside

# Start Home Depot 25000 Riding Plaza, Chantilly, Va 20152 Start time 9:00 drivers meeting 9:15 Depart 9:30 Arrival Barrel Oak approx. 11:00

Enjoy a complimentary wine tasting, Reserved Corvette Parking for those who RSVP. RSVP Shawn Waddell <u>703-473-6069</u> or <u>Dr-wadd@msn.com</u>

Please check out Barrel Oak's website <u>www.barreloak.com</u> for entertainment.

They do offer food for sale and you can bring food as well.



### NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES February 23, 2016

President John Palmgren called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the garage area of Page Chevrolet, 6500 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA 22312. There were no new members present at this GBM, but member introductions were held.

The council reviewed the success of this year's banquet, and had a discussion of how we do prizes next year; perhaps do a "Survey Monkey" to the club members seeking their input.

Condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Cox and Page families on the death of Jim Cox; NVCC to donate \$100 to charity in Jim's name. Dick Hammaker suggested that individuals may want to add money to the NVCC \$100 contribution – at their discretion.

The Third Annual NVCC Corvettes and Crabs Rallye is to take place Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> [POSTPONED to April 3. Ed.] meeting at Cooper's Corvettes in Triangle, VA at 9:30 a.m. RSVP to Mike Gilliland. (See flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The NVCC Barrel Oak Winery Cruise will occur on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, departing from the Home Depot in South Riding at 9:30 a.m. RSVP to Shawn Waddell. (See flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Discussion of DityDips – the owner of the company, Jesus, presented some helpful information: They are mobile and will come to you; wraps/rubberized spray on coating completely removable; stripes or whole car - can do any color, even pearls or chameleons, blends, wheels anything... \$750 +/- for single color, whole car

\$150 standard set of 4 wheels Maintenance requires no wax, only soap Cure time – 12 hours before it hits the road

Discussion concerning initial plans for the June 5<sup>th</sup> NVCC Car Show at Page Chevrolet

#### <u> Trivia Questions – February 2016 GBM</u>

#### "Corvettes at Sea"

Q1. (For those who've been members for less than two years) What denizen of the deep is said to have inspired the C-3 body design?

#### A1. The Mako shark.

Q2. (For Rick Poage.) In the 1983 award-winning movie "Terms of Endearment", Jack Nicholson and Shirley MacLaine take Nicholson's Corvette for a drive on the beach in Galveston, Texas. The drive ends with Nicholson, MacLaine, and the Corvette knee-deep in the Gulf of Mexico. What year was the Corvette?

A2. The sea-going Corvette was a 1978 Silver Anniversary Edition.

Q3. Myron Scott (no relation as far as I know), Chevrolet's Chief Photographer at the time, is said to have proposed that Chevrolet name its new sports car "Corvette." Where did Scott get the name?

# A3. He got the name from the Corvette class of small but fast warships.

Q4. In 1990, Chevrolet introduced the C-4 ZR-1, powered by a high tech LT-5 350 ci engine with four overhead cams and 32 valves producing an awe-inspiring (for the time) 375 non-supercharged horsepower. Who built the engine?

A4. Mercury Marine, of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



# THE INDY SPEEDWAY CRUISE

Just when you thought the cruising fun couldn't get more spectacular, the NVCC cruises to the home of the Indianapolis 500 and tours the US Air Force Museum.

Join NVCC Officer At Large, Shawn Waddell and Rallye Chair, Mike G. for a scenic cruise to the Heart of the Midwest; where we will tour the spectacular National Museum of the U S Air Force, the Wright Brothers Proving Ground at Huffman Prairie, the Speedway Museum, track and more.



Dates: 12 – 17 August Evening Start on the 12<sup>th</sup> Overnights in Morgantown, Indianapolis, and Dayton Details to follow RSVP by June 3 to: <u>Dr-wadd@msn.com</u> or: gilliland\_michael@yahoo.com





# WINTER GETAWAY CRUISE 2016

# **NVCC 2016 Activities Calendar**

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

JANUARY 16: Go-Karting Event – Autobahn in Jessup, MD 23: Go-Karting Event – Autobahn in Jessup, MD 30: Instructor Clinic, Ruritan Club in Sterling, VA - Organizer: Dave Dubois (Non-NVCC Event) 30: NVCC Annual Banquet - Organizer: Kara Palmgren	<b>JULY</b> TBD: NVCC Picnic at the Anderson Farm, Back Creek WV - Organizer: Richard & Cheryl Anderson
<b>FEBRUARY</b> 13: Go-Karting Event – Autobahn in Jessup, MD 14: Cruise on Princess Lines - Regal Princess; 7 Days, Eastern Caribbean - Organizer: Bob Devery	AUGUST 12-17: Road Trip to Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Organizer: Mike Gilliland & Shawn Waddell 25-28: Corvettes at Carlisle in Carlisle, PA - Day Cruise to event - Organizer: TBD
MARCH 13: St. Patrick's Day Brunch - Organizer: John & Kara Palmgren	SEPTEMBER
APRIL 3: Crabs 'n Corvettes Rallye (weather permitting) – Organizer: Mike Gilliland 23: TRSS (BMW Club) at Lincoln Tech – Organizer: Dave DuBois 24: TRSS (NVCC) at Lincoln Tech – Organizer: Dave DuBois	<b>OCTOBER</b> 14-15: Corvettes on the Boardwalk, Ocean City, MD (sponsored by Free State Corvette Club) 25: NVCC 2017 Officer Nominations – Oct. GBM 26: Halloween Parade, Vienna VA - Organizer: Lori Benish
MAY 14: Barrel Oak Winery Cruise-In - Organizer: Shawn Waddell	<b>NOVEMBER</b> 22: NVCC 2017 Officer Elections - November GBM
<b>JUNE</b> 5: Car Show (Page Chevrolet) – Organizer: Kris McCandless 25: Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise – Organizer: Mae Fromm	DECEMBER



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

#### To be Scheduled:

Top Golf Outing, Ashburn, VA Lead: Shawn Waddell/John Palmgren
Shop Night – Page Chevrolet, Alexandria VA

#### <u>April</u>

Instructor's clinic for TRSS. Lead: Dave Dubois

#### **September**

Car Control Clinic: Dave Dubois Staunton, VA (Cruise) Lead: Kris McCandless

#### **October**

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

**November** TRSS/Teen Driving School; Location TBD; Lead: Dave Dubois

#### **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



Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday – March 22, 2016 Tuesday – April 26, 2016

<u>GBM Meeting Location</u>: Page Chevrolet 6500 Little River Turnpike Alexandria, VA 22312