

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB

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## 'GLASS GAZETTE

### HOW TO DEAL WITH WINTER

By Bob Devery, NVCC Travel Guy

We departed at zero dark thirty on a frigid March morning, with temperatures in the low 20s ... but that didn't stop a number of NVCC members to boldly get out there for a cruise! Ok ... yes, it's true ... we went on a cruise and left our Corvettes snug in their garages!



We landed in Fort Lauderdale, for a pre-cruise night before heading out the next morning on Royal Caribbean's ALLURE of the SEAS – a 225,000 ton, mega cruise ship. We had 20 travelers in the group, including NVCC members Jerry and Irene Lelansky, John and Vicki Scott, Tony and Eva Beale, John and Kara Palmgren (both celebrating a birthday), along with my lovely wife Carol and me. Another couple who have retained their NVCC membership and were on the cruise are Stewart and Carol Fox, from Myrtle Beach, SC! Others who joined us are Bill and Susan Kolster (Old Dominion Corvette Club), a couple who are dear friends and were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, and two of my air traffic control buddies with their better half's!

The Allure has an amazing array of things to do. I doubt that anyone was able to see the entire ship in a week! Although the ship was at full capacity with approximately 6000 guests on board, no one in our group had to worry about starvation or liquid refreshment!

Some of the more delectable choices for a group gathering were chocolate martinis, as well as dinner in the elegant main dining room with the group, each night. We rotated seating between tables to chat with everyone, and we all enjoyed entertainment by the staff that included a "parade of chefs", among other festive accompaniments.

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**NEXT GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017**

**A vote to accept the 2/28/17 GBM Minutes will be taken.**

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## THE ~~FOURTH~~ ANNUAL NVCC CORVETTES AND CRABS RALLYE

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

**Date:** March 26<sup>th</sup>

**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:** Captain Pell's Fairfax Crab House, 10195 Fairfax, Virginia

**Price:** \$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members (includes Coffee and Donuts at Cooper Corvettes, Lunch at Captain Pell's not included)

**RSVP by March 24 to** [gilliland\\_michael@yahoo.com](mailto:gilliland_michael@yahoo.com)



### NVCC GOES TO BARBOURSVILLE WINERY



### SCHEDULED DATE APRIL 15TH 2017\*\*

NVCC WILL BE STARTING AT OLD ~~SEASIDE~~ MILL SHOPPING CENTER IN WEST SPRINGFIELD NEAR STARBUCKS. MEETING TIME IS 9:30, DRIVERS MEETING 9:45 AND DEPARTURE 10:00. WE WILL JOURNEY DOWN TO BARBOURSVILLE WINERY - 17665 WINERY ROAD - BARBOURSVILLE - VIRGINIA - ~~2400~~ 2400 MILES (540) 832-3824. BEAUTIFUL SCENERY AND THIS IS THE NUMBER 1 WINERY IN VIRGINIA. PLEASE RSVP SHAWN BY 4/6/2017 (703) 473-6069. THE COST PER PERSON IS \$15, PLEASE BRING CASH AND REMIT TO ME UPON MEETING ON THE 15TH. I HAVE TO GIVE IT TO CHECK IN ALL IN ONE LUMP SUM. **WHAT'S INCLUDED;** 10 WINE TASTING 4 REDS, 4 WHITES, 2 SWEETS AND ONE COMPLIMENTARY GLASS, A TOUR OF THE FACILITY AND A PRIVATE AREA FOR TASTING. ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT SHAWN WADDELL @ 703-473-6069

## Northern Virginia Corvette Club providing information on:

### Audi Club's High Performance Driving & Car Control Clinic

Saturday April 29, 2017 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Summit Point Raceway – Jefferson Circuit



Fee: \$205  
Audi  
Club North America  
Potomac-Chesapeake



Join the **Audi Club** for a whole day of excitement that provides adults with hands on, real world driving experiences within the safety of a closed course environment. Audi's highly experienced coaches ride with you *in your car* to provide one-on-one instruction for specific car control exercises. There will be a limited number of openings. You should consider signing up as quickly as possible as this is open to all Audi Club members also.

### WHAT DOES THE DAY LOOK LIKE?

**CLASSROOM:** Short presentations – Car dynamics, correct seating positions, typical distractions, plus an overview of the day's activities

**THRESHOLD BRAKING:** Entrants are taught proper techniques of car control while using maximum braking in a straight line and while the car is in a turn.

**SLALOM :** Medium speed serpentine course through safety pylons laid out to highlight car control methods, eye - hand movements, "ocular driving skills" and car control

**SKID PAD :** A wet, slippery circular course used to educate entrants on loss of traction and demonstrate front and rear skid recovery techniques.

#### AFTERNOON LAPS AROUND THE JEFFERSON

**TRACK:** The afternoon will be spent with you driving your car around the Jefferson track, again with your instructor in the car.

### WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

You must be a licensed driver and at least 16 years old.

Minors require a parent/legal guardian signing the Minor Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement at the start of the event and witnessed by an Event Official.

Long pants, long sleeved shirts, and closed toe shoes required.

Cars of all makes and models are welcome

Convertibles, trucks, and vans, are not allowed. SUVs allowed case by case.

Brake fluid should have been replaced in the last 2 years.

**NOTE:** Helmets are required for ALL groups

They must be an automotive helmet SA 2010 or newer; no motorcycle helmets please). Helmets will be provided if you don't have one.

This event runs RAIN or SHINE, please make sure to show up regardless of weather and dress accordingly !

Make certain that you have a full tank of gas and check tires for proper inflation prior to the event.

Remove all loose items from the vehicle prior to arrival, including items in the trunk. Spare tire and related equipment are OK. Loose bowling balls, wedding cakes, or Tiffany chandeliers will not fair well in your car.

#### REGISTRATION

**COST:** \$205 All cancellations 21 days prior will be charged a \$75.00 fee to cover fixed and administrative costs.

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/pcc-acna-hpdc-high-performance-drivers-clinic-summit-point-raceway-433826>

You will be given detailed information after you register

**QUESTIONS?** Please email <mailto:jim@audiclubpcc.org>

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—MARCH 2017

As I write this (still full of waffles, western omelets, sausage and hash browns from St. Paty's Day Brunch at Kilroy's this past Sunday), I'm warmed by the great camaraderie, friendship and joy felt that day amongst club members, brand new and long-standing. We were joined at brunch by former Treasurer Alice Hufnagle and her husband Jack, up from Texas visiting her kids, and also new members attending their first event, the Van Slotens. I alluded to this bond of friendship in my January article, all due to the "power" of this amazing sports car we all chose to own. I admire that great spirit, along with the Van Slotens, to venture forth into the unknown; it's what many of us have deep within, that thrill of adventuring and discovering wonderful new roads, straight or twisty. And this year's council and club aims to please in the "adventuring" category.

Starting this weekend, we have the "Crabs and Corvettes Rallye" taking us from Dumfries to Fairfax, with several folks taking the route just to "try it out" without answering the questions (you must answer the questions to win a prize). We have a trip in mid-April through some of the prettiest Virginia countryside to THE BEST WINERY in the Commonwealth. In Mid-May, we have yet another cruise, one that features both civil war and revolutionary war era history.

Remember my promise to bring you more exciting GBMs? Well, we have a Rafael Garces coming to the March meeting who everyone will be able to HEAR because of our new PA system (no more ear strain). We are making progress on finding a good Saturday breakfast venue for the April GBM. The Car Show committee is making nice metered progress in planning our June 4th show at Page. I thank all of you members for the hard work done so far in this first quarter of 2017.

"Don't use the brakes, let the friction of turning slow you down" - this is already engrained as my motto by one of my NVCC friends, so I shall sign off with it here. See you at the next event.

Kris McCandless,

NVCC President

2010 Black GS - The Bear

[President@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:President@nvcorvetteclub.com)



# MEET YOUR 2017 COUNCIL



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John Palmgren



Social Media / Photographer  
Mae Fromm



Membership George Durk

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB  
APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE AND MICHIE TAVERN CRUISE  
SATURDAY MAY 20, 2017**



Come join us for a romp in Virginia’s beautiful back country roads. Our first destination will be historic Appomattox Court House Park, where the civil war ended. It’s a preserved 19<sup>th</sup> century town with museum. We will meet 7:30 at Panera Bread Cosners Corner, Fredericksburg, VA and leave promptly at 8:00. We will spend a few hours at the park, then head 1-hour to Charlottesville for a 2:00 meal at the famous Michie Tavern. There will be one rest stop for gas and a snack on the way to Appomattox. And/or, you may want to bring light snacks to hold you over until our 2:00 lunch.

Let’s enjoy our corvettes, take in some history and experience novelty dining together!

There are no fees to enter the park. Michie Tavern group rate – 15 minimum (meal, drink, taxes, gratuity) is \$23.15 for the Chicken & BBQ buffet. \$5 to \$6 more for individual rate.

Organizers: George Durk and Partha Niyogi

**Please RSVP: [gadurk@gmail.com](mailto:gadurk@gmail.com) or 703-473-1005 by**

**Thursday, May 18** (Michie’s requires 48 hours confirmation)

<b>Meeting Place</b>	<b>Panera Bread Cosners Corner, Fredericksburg, VA</b>
<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>
<b>Drivers Meeting</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>
<b>Cruise Begins</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>

# Challenge Day Car Show at Oxon Hill Middle School

May 26, 2017 10am to 2pm

9570 Fort Foote Rd, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Calling all NVCC Corvettes, come and spend the morning/early afternoon showing off our cars for the kids.  
This is a rain or shine event!

Contact Andrej Balanc for further information:  
703-220-8228 urtoslo@yahoo.com

## **ANNOUNCING A SPEAKER FOR THE GBM:**

### **RAFAEL GARCES - BMW CLUB MEMBER AND TRSS CHIEF INSTRUCTOR**

Rafael Garces has been involved with Street Survival for over 12 years, and has hosted many schools in our area and jurisdictions from Florida to Pennsylvania. In 2014, he was the recipient of the National Circle of Excellence, Hero of the Year award, the highest award given by the BMW Foundation.

At our March GBM, Rafael will speak about the Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS) program that is operated by the BMW Car Club Foundation which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. TRSS schools are part of a national program, and hosted by local car clubs. In 2016, TRSS hosted over 130 schools around the country with 4 schools held in the Washington DC / Baltimore area. Rafael's presentation will cover the Street Survival program from a teen driver's perspective, as well as a volunteer's point of view.

TRSS is open to drivers between the ages of 16 and 21. There is no requirement for students (or their parents) to be members of any car club, or that they drive a BMW. In fact, it is the only national school where students use the car they normally drive, rather than a vehicle that is provided for them. This helps students learn how their vehicle will handle in an emergency, among other things. The national website for TRSS is at <http://streetsurvival.org>. The site includes the current TRSS calendar (that only shows schools with open registration) and an extensive FAQ section.

David DuBois

*You are most likely a Corvette Owner if .....*

*You find yourself looking at your reflection in large plate glass as you drive by.*



# NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28, 2017—VICKI ALLEN-SCOTT, SECRETARY



## Officers present:

Kris McCandless, President  
 John Scott, Vice President  
 John Stark, Treasurer  
 Vicki Allen-Scott, Secretary  
 Jerry Lelansky, OAL

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Kris McCandless, at Page Chevrolet, 6500 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Kris opened the meeting by asking if any past officers were present, noting the presence of Marsha Batchellor, our past treasurer, and current newsletter editor. Later in the meeting, past president John Palmgren joined the group. Kris also noted that a few new members were present: Dave Kuhn (referred by John Stark), and Mark Vilotsis (who spoke w/Jeff Klain at a Katy's Cars 'n Coffee the preceding weekend). Also present were Vince Brown, who is Page Chevrolet's service manager, along with John – their Corvette mechanic.

Introductions were made around the room, with 36 attendees.

The GBM minutes for January 2017 were unanimously approved.

## Council Reports

### Membership

Jerry Lelansky, OAL gave a report in George Durk's absence. At present, NVCC's membership is 90, with 10 prospectives. Shortly after the Membership report, another new member, Jeff Hagen and his son (Jeff) were welcomed to the meeting.

### Activities Calendar

Vicki Scott reported that she prepared a half-size version of the NVCC activities calendar, that lists six months at a time. It will be printed on card stock, and available for handout very soon. She will ensure that Ferrell Cook, Social chair, receives stock, as well as Mae Fromm (Social media chair).

### Treasurer

Treasurer John Stark reported that the current bank balance is \$7100. He is a member of the budget sub-committee and they're hammering out a 2017 budget. He added that the club needs to bring in more income, perhaps via sponsors for our car show, and perhaps through fees to participate in club events, like cruises.

### Newsletter

Marsha Batchellor provided the answer to the trivia question (on p. 17) from the January newsletter; that all the numbers are in alphabetical order! Everyone applauded Marsha for consistently turning out newsletters that genuinely reflect NVCC's membership and culture.

### Head Tech

Paul Benish met with Vince Brown of Page Chevy, about putting together a 'show and tell' shop event using a C7, or perhaps a 'shop day', like those in the past.

## Upcoming Events

St. Patty's Day Brunch – John Palmgren spoke to the group about the third year of this event, on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Kilroy's in Springfield. John was acknowledged for his efforts as NVCC webmaster, which are very much appreciated.

Corvettes 'n Crabs Rallye – Mike Gilliland provided details of this popular event, which is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year and takes place on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The route will begin at Coopers Corvettes and end (with lunch) at Captain Pell's Crab House in Fairfax, VA. Mike defined what a rallye is, and added that Dick Hammaker had contributed significantly to planning this year's route. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Kris asked Ferrell to send out a weekly email (with the event flyer attached), to the general membership.

Teen Driving School (TDS/TRSS) – Dave Dubois announced that this popular event will be held on the weekend of May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, with BMW's event on Saturday, and NVCC's on Sunday. Teens maneuver their own vehicle through a course of pylons, as well as a skid pad and brake course. Activities include tech under the hood, and classroom instruction. Each day of this comprehensive educational event takes up to 10 hours to manage, and volunteers and instructors are needed!



NOTE: BMW and CCA have often helped staff NVCC's event; however, this year they'll be spread thin on Saturday with another event that takes place on the same day. Please consider reciprocating their generous help, by volunteering at the BMW event on Saturday.

Currently, 30 teens are signed up for Saturday (BMW), and 25 have signed up for Sunday (NVCC). Dave asked everyone to consider volunteering as workers or as instructors. As he finished his remarks, Dave added that plans are underway to have another TRSS event this autumn, in a back-parking lot at Dulles airport. Everyone was glad to hear that this event may return to Virginia!

Kris reminded everyone about an Audi C3 event coming up on April 29<sup>th</sup>, which is a great experience for anyone who's generally interested, or is thinking about becoming an instructor.

Penn Alps Cruise – Tom Faust briefed everyone about this cruise on July 29<sup>th</sup> to Grantville, Maryland. Penn Alps is a restaurant that features a delicious 'all you can eat' buffet, and is located next to artisan exhibits and shops. Plans are to meet at Page Chevrolet at 8:15am, with a three-hour travel time to the venue.

Winter Escape Cruise to the Caribbean – Bob Devery announced that there's still room on the Royal Caribbean's "Allure of the Seas", and that several club members and spouses, as well as a few friends, will be traveling together on this trip.

Barboursville Winery – Shawn Waddell provided an overview of the Club cruise on April 15<sup>th</sup> to Barboursville Winery, which is the #1 winery in Virginia.

Corvettes Care Car Show – Dave Dubois and Jim Garner announced that they met with Vince Brown of Page Chevrolet just prior to this evening's meeting, to plan logistics for the Club's car show, to be held on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> (with a rain date of June 11<sup>th</sup>). Jim and Dave also provided the following information:

NVCC members are encouraged to distribute flyers about this event!

Page Chevy will donate certificates for free oil changes and nitrogen tire services, and they will also offer a lifetime warranty for any NVCC member who brings their vehicle for all future oil changes.

Page will also help sponsor a food truck, and expressed specific interest in the BBQ vendor at last year's show.

Page requested a photo from last year's car show and will advertise it.

Page will encourage prospective employment candidates (car techs) to attend this show to see the dealership in action, enhanced by an 'all Corvette' car show that they are sponsoring for NVCC.

The car show opens at 9am; however, we need volunteers to show up at 7:15am. We are only three months out and all NVCC members are encouraged to participate by showing their vehicle and/or volunteering to work at the show.

There will also be a bake sale, which is being organized by Vicki Scott – who spoke briefly about the setup of the baked goods to the Club store and T-shirt sales. She also asked for volunteers to help bake and/or man the booth and will follow up with the general membership via email.

NCCC sanctions have been assigned; however, they will only apply to Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Registration can be made online at motorsportsreg.com, or by personal check.

This show will benefit Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

#### **15-minute break -**

Trivia – Jeff Klain provided five trivia questions, of which three were answered.

50/50 – Jackpot was \$33 and won by Rob Richwein.

Fairfax County Police appreciation event – Bob Devery is planning an event in appreciation of the Fairfax County Police, to take place during Police Week (May 15-22), with all proceeds to benefit the children of fallen police officers. He tentatively targeted May 20<sup>th</sup> (which may be a conflict with the cruise to Appomattox Courthouse/Richie Tavern), although another date may be possible.

Travel Discounts – Bob D. reminded attendees that booking travel through him always yields a contribution to NVCC. He mentioned the upcoming Caribbean cruise, along with a cruise in October 2017 to the Mediterranean. Bob guarantees the best price for any type of travel.

NVCC Store – Kris announced that T-shirts from last year's car show are available for sale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

**A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE MARCH 28, 2017 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

## NVCC 2017 Activities Calendar

*Dates are subject to change.*



### MONTHLY EVENTS

4th Tuesday of every month: NVCC General Business Meetings (GBMs) at 7:30pm, at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria, VA.

2nd Tuesday of every month: NVCC Council Business Meetings at 7:30. Location varies.

Every month: NVCC Member Host an Event Challenge! – The council is encouraging members to volunteer to host/co-host an event every month. Please email [council@nvccorvetteclub.com](mailto:council@nvccorvetteclub.com) for more information.

### JANUARY

28: 2017 NVCC Annual Banquet –Maggiano's in McLean, VA- Organizer: Kara Palmgren

### FEBRUARY

None

### MARCH

05-12: NVCC Winter Getaway Cruise, Western Caribbean, Organizer: Bob Devery

19: NVCC 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch - Kilroy's Restaurant & Sports Bar in Springfield, VA - Organizer: John & Kara Palmgren

26: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NVCC Corvettes and Crab Rallye - Cooper Corvettes in Triangle, VA - Organizer: Mike Gilliland

### APRIL

15: NVCC goes to Barboursville Winery – Organizer: Shawn Waddell

23: Aquia Creek CC—Captain Billy's Crab House Cruise— see flyer on page 18

29: Potomac-Chesapeake Audi Club 1-day High Performance & Car Control Clinic at Summit Point Jefferson Circuit – Organizer: David Dubois

### MAY

06: Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS), National Capital Chapter BMW club, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD - Organizer: Dave Dubois

07: Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS), Corvette Club of America and NVCC, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD - Organizer: Dave Dubois

20: Cruise to Appomattox Court House & Michie Tavern, Fredericksburg, VA – Organizer: George Durk & Partha Niyogi

26: Challenge Day at Oxon Hill Middle School, Ft. Washington, MD – Organizer: Andrej Balanc

### JUNE

04: Corvettes Care Car Show at Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA- Organizer: David Dubois & Jim Garner

24: Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise - Organizer: Mae Fromm

### JULY

16: NVCC Annual Picnic at Anderson Farm, Back Creek WV - Organizer: Richard & Cheryl Anderson

29: Cruise to Penn Alps Restaurant and Craft Shop, Grantsville, MD – Organizer: Tom Faust

### AUGUST

26: Saturday Cruise to Carlisle with NVCC, Carlisle, PA – Organizer: Mike Gilliland

### SEPTEMBER

30: NVCC goes to Shady Maples Restaurant, PA – Organizer: Shawn Waddell

### OCTOBER

13-14: Corvettes on the Board Walk, Ocean City, MD (sponsored by Free State Corvette Club)

14-21: Autumn Getaway Cruise to Mediterranean – Organizer – Bob Devery

21: NVCC goes to Kings Family Vineyard – Organizer: Shawn Waddell

24: NVCC 2018 Officer Nominations - October GBM

25: Halloween Parade, Vienna VA - Organizer: Lori Benish

### NOVEMBER

19: Bavarian Inn Cruise and Sunday Brunch, Shepherdstown, WV– Organizer: George Durk

28: NVCC 2018 Officer Elections - November GBM

### DECEMBER

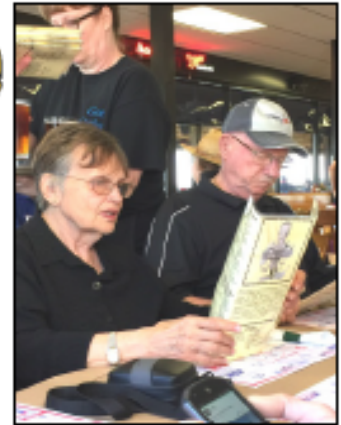
None

***IF ANYONE HAS AN INTEREST IN LEADING ANY EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT ANY COUNCIL MEMBER***



# Captain Billy's Crab House

## Corvette Cruise Sunday April 23, 2017



Come join your fellow club members and other local Corvette clubs, on April 23, 2017, for a Corvette cruise to Captain Billy's Crab House located in Popes Creek, Maryland on the Potomac River. Back in the days of mail boats and loco-motives, when electricity was new to Popes Creek and work was just beginning on the Potomac River Bridge, nine-year-old Billy Robertson sold his first crabs on this very shore. He spent his entire life here, working on the water he loved, and opening two successful seafood restaurants, Robertson's Crab House and later, Captain Billy's, where his greatest joy was to mingle with and talk to his customers. He would greet his friends, colleagues and customers in the same fashion all the time, and to carry on his legacy, we say to you . . ."And How Are You Today?"

### Cruise Info:

The Northern staging area for this cruise is the commuter lot on Route 630, Stafford, just west of the exit, at 11:45 am. We will leave at noon. Mike Shepherd will lead us to the restaurant and maps will be provided, "just in case". Mike is the POC for this event: Phone: 540-840-2099; email: Mike at [vettemike@hotmail.com](mailto:vettemike@hotmail.com) and please cc: Al McCloud at [yankeel@verizon.net](mailto:yankeel@verizon.net).

The southern staging area is the Walmart on Route 3 east. The caravan will do a "drive by" but will not stop, so please be ready to join us at approximately 12:30 pm.

The final staging area is at the Tech Center in Dahlgren, just before the 301 bridge, at approximately 1:10 pm. When the police arrive, they will escort us over the bridge into Maryland.

ETA at Captain Billy's is 2 pm. Generous parking is available.

If interested in the menu, you can check it out at: <https://captbillys.com/Menu.html> .



## HIGH PERFORMANCE INSTRUCTORS SYMPOSIUM

This was our second annual High Performance Instructor's symposium – 33 attended last year, and this year we had 30. Our high performance instructors group was formed in 2015, consisting of individuals who are coaches, or those who have an interest. There's no affiliation with a particular club, although they're members of several different ones. Members mainly hail from the Northern Virginia area, and I feel very lucky to be such good friends with these individuals, and the many more instructors that I meet and work with each year.

Here's a review of the content and presenters for this year's symposium:



Pat Roney (CCA) has been instructing for over 10 years and teaches an average of 45 events per year. He drives his stock Corvette to each event, and is the go-to guy for working with new students. Pat discussed the importance of interviewing your student BEFORE you get in their car, using a check list that he and I put together. Pat reviewed the check list for his presentation, and provided a hand out containing the information he collects on each of his students. This is a best practice for future reference IF required.

David DuBois presented Pat Sullivan's best practice of demonstrating the "point bys" with your student before you get in the car. Each motion is quick and as sharp as a salute would be, "out the window, and right back in". Pat also "invented" having the student "tap their review mirror" just before entering a turn, to signal to the person following them, that they are seen and will be given a point by, right after the turn. This allows the student to stop worrying about the idiot in back of them, decreasing the pressure and distraction on your student.

Cassidy Nolen discussed the distinction between two main student populations. Those who are "sailors" and those who are "customers on the cruise". The sailors will be coming back for more and are interested in learning. Those on the cruise are there for the entertainment or "edutainment" as Cassidy described. Cassidy's presentation can be found at [https://prezi.com/wutnoxg16xsu/recognizing-different-students/?utm\\_campaign=share&utm\\_medium=copy](https://prezi.com/wutnoxg16xsu/recognizing-different-students/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy) This is a Prezi based presentation and may take a second to download from the site. It's a pretty impressive tool, and his presentation is "free use". Cassidy also introduced a concept that, for the first session or two, allows your student to "explore the track" and get comfortable. After that, slowly introducing the concept of "lines" to them – making it fun and relaxed. Comments from the other coaches suggested naming a section of turns with a funny name, rather than using turn numbers.

Steve Katz, Owner of Jacob J Katz & Co and OnTrackInsurance.com described how you can purchase an "on track" policy to cover damage to your car, for HPDE events. (I usually purchase a policy for every event from Steve.) As he stood up to present, Steve asked that he not EVER follow Cassidy again, since Cassidy is a great presenter – which elicited a chuckle from the audience. Included in his presentation is the fact that if you have an incident and have purchased an "on track" policy, he does not report any claims to anyone else. No information is reported to ANY 3rd parties including C.L.U.E. (stands for the Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange). This results in NO Car Fax reporting! The high speeds we are seeing now translate to frequent write offs due to impacts that cause spins with both front and rear damage. Most of the main clubs that host events are really



underwritten by a few of the large insurance companies and as such, these underwriters include coaches as "others insured" on the event policy. With this clause, coaches are covered in the event's liability clause. Instructors must ask to see the written policy for their club to make sure. (NOTE: especially important to coaches.) There are no separate "volunteer" coach liability policies available at a reasonable expense. Pro instructors have available liability policies, however, they're expensive. Steve would be glad to review any policy you have questions about, including your umbrella policies. (... and you SHOULD have a home/auto AND an umbrella policy.)

Gregg Haas, Chief Instructor at Summit Point, strongly believes that coaches should be able to anticipate what could go wrong with a student at different points on the track, and be ready for instant "correction" or instruction. Gregg (and several of the coaches present) will gently touch the steering wheel to guide the student to the correct position on the track. Gregg covered standard student errors and correlated them to the Student Errors segment of the Summit Point Instructor Clinics he holds.

Mathew Yip, OG Racing presented the new hybrid device that is FIA approved to work in full harness cars -and- with stock 3 point seat belts. He brought one and showed how it worked. Here's a reference to the device: [http://simpson-europe.com/head-and-neck-restraints/head-and-neck-hybrid-restraints?product\\_id=50](http://simpson-europe.com/head-and-neck-restraints/head-and-neck-hybrid-restraints?product_id=50). Matthew also discussed the importance of "systems" of protection. Differences between: use of the hybrid with 3 point lap belts and the use of 5 or 6 point belts with roll bars. He cautioned the use of 5 or 6 point belts with just a "harness bar" as a rollover accident could keep the driver's body upright (tight shoulder straps) ..... just as the roof caves in on the driver, causing severe injury or death. The driver is "fixed" in the upright position by the 5 point belts, as the roof caves in on his/her upright body. The 3 point lap belt would allow the driver's upright body to "lean over", if you would, "pushed" out of the way by the collapsing roof. This could yield a better outcome if you are not using a roll bar. Take away - suggest that you not use 5 - 6 point belts unless you incorporate a roll bar with your safety system.

Rafael Garces, BMW and TRSS coach for MANY of those in attendance. Rafael covered the teen driving school exercises and the excitement you see on the student's faces at the end of the event.

Discussion Topic for Coaches: I had this one student... The last 45 minutes of the symposium allowed seven coaches to "tell stories" of the students who "scared them" and how each coach solved the problem. The main theme was that "target speeds" (speed limits) are being used more and more.

We obviously crammed a lot into 6 hours! The combination of speakers, their presentations, and constant discussions with coaches that attended, all made for a great event. We will be making plans to do this again next year about the same time - last Saturday in January. Please let me know if you have questions or suggestions – or an interest in learning more.

Thank you.  
Dave DuBois  
Chief Instructor



Carl Iseli, Chief Instructor for the Ferrari Club of America (retired). Carl reviewed a number of key points for coaches as the coaches transition from coaching in street cars, to coaching with students in race prepared cars.

# Trivia By Jeff Klain February 28, 2017 GBM

Newcomer question: Identify this special tool?

Lifting puck (C5 & C6)

Hard question: Identify this special tool?

C5 tire synchronization magnet

What is the heaviest Corvette model?

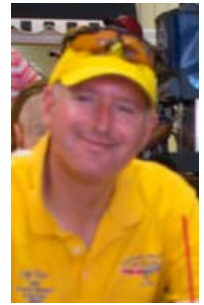
C7 Z06

What was the first year for a fiberglass leaf spring?

1981

What was the last year for the "arcade dash" in C4s?

1989



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## SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS:

*This month's Spotlight will focus on Tom Faust*



<i>Name</i>	Tom Faust
<i>City/State/How Long</i>	Potomac, Maryland (6 months) Washington, DC (2 years)
<i>Where were you raised?</i>	Flint Michigan: home of the first 300 Polo White Corvettes with red interiors in 1953!!!! I lived 4 miles from Van Slyke Avenue where the first Corvettes were made.
<i>Employed by</i>	Medstar Georgetown University Hospital: Liver transplant hepatologist
<i>Year/Color/Model of Vette</i>	2017/Torch Red/Stingray with 7speed manual. Long live the Tremec 6070!!
<i>Favorite NVCC Activities</i>	Cruises, car shows, monthly business meetings, annual banquet, winery events. I am a new member but I am sure that I will like the annual picnic!
<i>Least Favorite NVCC Activities</i>	None. They are all terrific!!!!
<i>In what activity, event or position would you be most interested in volunteering</i>	Cruise-Ins, car shows, teen driving program, anything else where I can help NVCC!
<i>What are some things you would like to see improved at NVCC</i>	More long distance cruises: Route 66, Bloomington Gold, Corvette Bash, Corvette Fun Fest in addition to Carlisle
<i>Favorite Place to Vacation</i>	London, Rome, anywhere where there are Corvettes!!!!
<i>Hobbies</i>	Family, reading about Corvette trivia!!! I am running out of space to store my Corvette books, magazines, Black Books etc. I have many 1:18 scale model Vettes in my office, a mini National Corvette Museum!!
<i>Dream Car (doesn't have to be a Vette)</i>	1969 Corvette C3 with ZL1 (L88 with aluminum block) with M22 4-speed manual, closed ratio, heavy duty transmission
<i>Do you have a funny story or "worst" ticket in a Vette</i>	I went to the Philadelphia Auto Show several years ago. I sat in a C6 Corvette and felt like the "King of the Castle". Unfortunately, other people were waiting to get a chance to sit in the Vette. I thought... OK, time to get out. Little did I know that I didn't know how to get out. The doors were locked. Many patrons were waiting their turn to sit in the C6. I thought... I have to get out of here. I saw where the driver's side window was down half way. I managed to squeeze through the narrow opening of the window only to fall on the floor next to the Vette at the Show. Everyone laughed, my wife and son were embarrassed and all was well. My son said.. "dad did it again". I still treasure that day sitting in the C6 no matter the circumstances. Save the wave!!!



## DO YOU PREFER A MANUAL CORVETTE – OR – A PADDLE SHIFT AUTOMATIC—By Dave DuBois

(One of life's never ending arguments)

These are a collection of responses from a recent NVCC mail chain that I thought you might like to read. I didn't add the authors to protect the guilty!

There is no right answer except for your answer.

It started when one of our members posted an add for a used C7 that had an automatic transmission.

And then it started:

- I thought Automatics only came in Camry's and Accords?

I guess folks want "Automatics" ....because it's easier on the road courses, tracks, etc....

Personal choice that we all have of course....but my own choice in any sports car is a manual shift.....to me...that is what sports cars are about... My wife's new...Nissan VERSA (108 hp)...is an automatic

- Some people like the faster lap times that an automatic achieves.
- Agree...but for me...time isn't everything....its achieving the time with the true layout of a sportscar... Even NAS-CAR and F1 still has manual shifters..... This is my first Vette, and I couldn't believe that over 90% of all sold are now automatics/paddle.
- I do agree...driving in traffic on normal roads is sometimes a pain with a manual, and I'd like to have an automatic for those situations, but not overall. My buddy in RI, purchased a 2015 C7, Z51, LT3 with an auto...and now wishes he got the manual.....(but he is not a track guy... and says the auto hunts and shifts to much on daily roads....).

My 2016 Z-51 A8, was flawless on the road. I never felt it hunting. It seamlessly selected the appropriate gear and often I didn't feel it.

On the track, it was a beast. The computer for the trans could read my mind. At the Jefferson circuit at Summit Point, you would leave the last turn on 2nd gear. The Corvette would to 3rd then 4th with hard shifts. As I applied the braked HARD...very hard.... and started to turn into Turn 1's apex, the computer had automatically downshifted to 2nd gear... and you could not feel a single downshift. It was on the cam and ready to blast you through the apex. The new tranny is as good as BMW, Porsche, etc. ... that is why I like them.

- Sounds great...but now do that all with a manual.....!!!!
- I can't and won't attempt to... My car is for cruising and sporty road driving...not to take on a track. If I get another car someday (win the lottery to afford a 2nd car....), then maybe I'll take the instruction and take it on the track. I have enough driving skills to do very well on normal roads and back roads at sensible speeds (non-track intent....). I learned to drive an auto much better, by perfecting my driving skills on a motorcycle...which really works and is very helpful. I drove a Ninja 1000 crotch rocket for many years when I lived in San Diego and did the canyons and deserts. I learned so much from that and using mirrors and looking ahead... as to where you will be going, vice right in front of you, made me a much better driver in a car. I can predict what people in front of me are going to do, just from that experience for years on a motorcycle... watch peoples heads, and eyes in their own mirrors. Saved me man times on the bike..... I do plan on taking a course in Vegas, where they supply the Vettes for you to drive, and not push my cruising every day car to the limit..... wear and tear on theirs....that's what I'll be paying for.
- I own a 2012 GS 6M... and before my C7, I owned a 2010 GS 6M. I do like the manuals. .. no question, but being competitive in nature....faster is better....
- Like you, we believed sports car = manual gearbox. We have a 2014 Z51 with a 7 speed we ordered on the last day of cyber grey. It was great when we lived in Arizona. Seven minute, two-light drive between home and the gate at Ft. Huachuca so it could be a daily driver. We are of the opinion that Corvettes need to be driven (and have the miles to prove it) so having a cream puff in the garage isn't appealing. Fast forward to living in NOVA and the commute between Woodbridge and Reston is a recipe for knee failure and then of course there is the cold/snow. We got a Corolla for a daily driver but had we bought an automatic it would probably get out more often.
- I have been following the thread and I am with you guys, all the way! My 15' Z51 is a seven speed that only sees the commute to Alexandria on Fridays and weather permitting. I66 is rough coming from my neck of the woods so the Buick wins out most days. Although, it may be harder to leave it



- home as much as the nice weather approaches! We said if we got another one (Z06?) It would probably be an automatic as our knees are getting old, but it won't be the same.
  - Actually, the automatic is a detriment to any track activities – the overheating is certain and problematic. Generally never recommended if you intend to take your car to the track. Until the Corvette adopts a dual-clutch setup, the manual is a clear “drive it like you stole it” solution.
  - Great thread guys!
  - My overheating issues were “too small of a radiator”...issue. trans temp were good. 2016 they added the Z-06 trans cooler to the Z-51.
  - I ran my Z06 Callaway SC757 w/8-speed auto at Lime Rock Park last October and the car did not overheat, transmission temps were indicating an average of 213° at the end of each session.
  - The image of the tee shirt is only a 6 speed. It is an old shirt. Lol
  - Dreamt of the Corvette, bought first one in automatic, a 2007 coupe (sacrilege!, as many have pointed out) but we do live in a trafficky area!! Took it to the track, and realized as I got better I really needed the manual tranny. As Dave will certainly argue, it's just a matter of practice with the paddles on the steering wheel, but my hands were usually in the wrong place when it came time to shift those paddles in a turn. And we are talking solely the C6 here, as most of you know what I've owned. One definitely gets better mileage with the Automatic and as Shawn will attest it'll probably get you more wins at the drag strip. Both options have their merits. As for the future, I sure hope the gated shifter hangs around a while longer. (Editor's note: The manual Grans Sports have a lower gearing and lower gas mileage than the automatic Grand Sports)
  - Joking to all... as some love automatics and some like the manual...but I used to tell a semi-joke about auto's in sportscars: i.e. that anyone can drive an automatic...put the care in "D" and step on the gas. For me..."sports" in the sports car stands for the sport in having to shift, knowing how to shift, and knowing when to shift....to me that is the sport of it... not just going fast and letting a computer tell me when to downshift and do it for me, so I just have to break and enter/exit turns properly, and the car does the rest.... I once purchased a new Pontiac Trans-Am and made the personal mistake of getting an auto. Kept it 6-months and traded it in for a manual. But we all love what we have so we are "all" correct...!!!! There is no right answer...its what we prefer....
  - My next track car will be an automatic, a 1LE Camaro or a Grand Sport Vette. Paddle shifters on my iRacing setup converted me!
  - As much as I love my stick shift, those Paddle shifters would be a very welcome change on the Hey guys I'll chime in, I have a 2012 Grand Sport (Auto). For the 2012 year Chevy has the shift times down to 100ms from 1-2 gear faster than anyone can shift. I get 16 around town and 28 on the highway. I've had my car at the track plenty of time and at the drag strip. I've never had any problems with over heating ( I did add an oil cooler, though) it has a built in trans and diff cooler from the factory works off of your radiator. I've hit 140mph on summit point main, and felt I did the best I could all day never an over heating problem. It has a 2.72 rear. The only thing I change for the track is rotors and I use carbotech XP12's and 10's and the rotors are cheap centric \$250 delivered to the house from tire rack the carbotechs are about are you ready \$650 fronts and rears, you have to swap them out or they will drive you crazy on the street. I have a diff set of rotors and pads for street use and synthetic brake fluid a must I use Super Ate blue
- Great mail and it proves to me why I personally like the manual. I'm driving the car, not a computer doing it for me. Just my preference. I admit and know that the auto is faster because if this but to me it's the computer driving and not the human. I'm going to take a course out in Nevada with all manual and no computer help, so whatever my times turn out to be, are my times without computer aided assist. Got to get me one of those shirts. Anyone know where I can get one in a v-neck?
- So we end this where we started: There is no right answer. It's what you prefer....
- P.S. Now go out and buy one of those shirts...!!!!



Next month we will discuss rifles: bolt action or semi-automatic !

**Northern Virginia Corvette Club**  
**Penn Alps Cruise**  
**Saturday July 29, 2017**



Please join us for a wonderful cruise to Penn Alps Restaurant and Crafts shop in Western Maryland! Many of the entrees on the menu are reflective of delicious home-style food typical of Amish and Mennonite cuisine. Options include a daily soup and salad bar, desert bar, weekend buffets (all you can eat) enhanced by the warmth of an original log inn, and items that can be ordered from the menu. Information: 125 Casselman Rd., Grantsville, MD 21536 (301-895-5985)

Either before or after the meal, feel free to peruse the Penn Alps Craft Shop. More than 2500 craftsmen of the Tri-State area have marketed their work at the Craft Shop. Many rely on Penn Alps to support their income thus fulfilling the motto of Dr. Alta Schrock "To help people help themselves". Additionally, there are a variety of jellies, sauces, salsas, candies etc. available for purchase.

Before departing, consider a quick visit to the Spruce Forest Artisan Village adjacent to Penn Alps Restaurant. Historic cabins house craftsmen perfecting their crafts including but not limited to weaving, pottery, woodturning, metal sculpture, bird carving, and herbal soap making.

Organizer: Thomas Faust

Please RSVP: [thomas.w.faust@gunet.georgetown.edu](mailto:thomas.w.faust@gunet.georgetown.edu) or 610-613-3824 by July 22, 2017.

Meeting place: Page Chevrolet

Meeting time: 8:15 AM

Drivers' meeting: 8:30 AM

Cruise begins: 8:45 AM

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRUNCH—John Palmgren**

We held the 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch at Kilroy's in Springfield on Sunday, March 19th. As some of you know, this now traditional event came about after we as a club stopped participating in the DC St. Patrick's Day Parade (for a variety of reasons, which I'll be happy to share with you over an adult beverage). Kara and I also like to host this event to celebrate the wonderful Irish holiday, as well as our Birthdays (mine on 3/17, and Kara's on 3/21).

47 members and significant others signed up and 40+ attended! The rainy forecast didn't keep people away, but there were some that left their Corvette at home, including yours truly. The long distance participation award goes to Jack and Alice Hufnagle, who came in all the way from Texas! Great Food, Great Camaraderie, Meeting New Members (Kevin and Susan Van Sloten), and Catching up with old friends...what more could you ask for! We look forward to next year's event.



**NVCC GOES TO SHADY MAPLES RESTAURANT**



**TENTATIVE DATE SEPTEMBER 30TH 2017**  
**WE WILL BE MEETING AT OLD KEENE MILL SHOPPING CENTER.**  
**ARRIVAL 9:00 DRIVERS MEETING 9:15 DEPARTURE 9:30**  
**THIS IS AN AMISH BUFFET IN PENNSYLVANIA**  
**WE WILL BE TRAVELING TO 129 TODD DRIVE EAST EARL**  
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**THIS TRIP WILL TAKE APPROX. 2:45 AND IS 145 MILES**  
**RSVP SHAWN BY SEPTEMBER 23RD 2017 (703) 473-6069**





Many members of the group used the adult-only solarium at the front of the ship, which boasted its own pool, bar and restaurant. Even so, it was amazingly quiet and relaxing. Everyone took time out to do their own thing – although it wasn't unusual to see a few people gathered in different locations on the ship, like Johnny Rocket's or one of the many bars on board. We were delighted with top-notch shows that included a thrilling water show, a full stage production of Mamma Mia!, and terrific headliners at the comedy clubs. Then there was that '70's night' ... more on that later!!

The port calls included Cozumel, where 10 of us participating in a Mexican cooking class along with unlimited margaritas and piña colada's! Despite the beverages, the lunch was fantastic, followed by resting on the beach and using the pool. Other diversions included touring the ruins of Tulum, and shopping for that perfect memento. Our choices in Jamaica included a wonderful beach day, shopping, or climbing scenic Dunn's Falls. Our last port was at Labadee, Haiti – Royal Caribbean's private side of the island, with a delicious picnic lunch served on the beach, as others in our group tried out the longest zip line in the world (that is, over water – and speeds can hit almost 50 miles an hour)! No boredom there!! Others enjoyed a yacht sailing experience, or snorkeled and visited a little place that we refer to as Gilligan's Island where only 20 people were allowed at a time. Everywhere we went was azure water and clear skies – paradise found!





Our formal nights were always fun, with some of the group wearing their individualized versions of tuxedos, or full formal attire. There was so much packed into a week – and impossible to cover here. We ended the cruise with a cocktail party to celebrate our passion for Corvettes and the pleasure of traveling with friends, old and new.

This group will get to decide on the next winter break cruise! In the meantime – a half dozen or so of us will be traveling out of Barcelona with Norwegian Cruise lines in mid-October, as we hit the Mediterranean for a week.

I certainly hope to see more Club members as we continue our NVCC ship cruises! Oh, by the way, a \$450 check will be coming to the Club from this cruise as part of my travel donation program!



**From: Corvette Chief Engineer, Tadge Juechter**

Tadge and GM have announced that the geometry for the Z-06 intercooler has been changed to improve the intake air temperatures. Manual transmission cars have added another intercooler. These and other changes now allow a Z-06 manual transmission car to run in up to 100 degrees even when driven hard.

The automatic transmission Z-06 cars were not able to fit the additional intercooler. These can be driven hard up to 85 degrees. This is still an improvement.

The 2017 C7 Grand Sport has the additional cooling capabilities and should be good for 100 degree days also.

The 2017 C7 Z-51 is supposed to have come with a larger radiator than the 2016 and earlier and should be good to go now. My 2016 C7 Z-51 A8 was known to have cooling issues on the track.

GM continues to plan for a retrofit kit the will enable earlier C7 Corvettes with both manual and automatic transmissions, to not overheat up to 100 degrees. However, this kit has been discussed for over 2 years now.

It has been reported that the new ZL1 Camaro has 11 heat exchangers and is expected to have no cooling issues. (I think GM learned something!)

Dave DuBois

**Tentative Events**

May

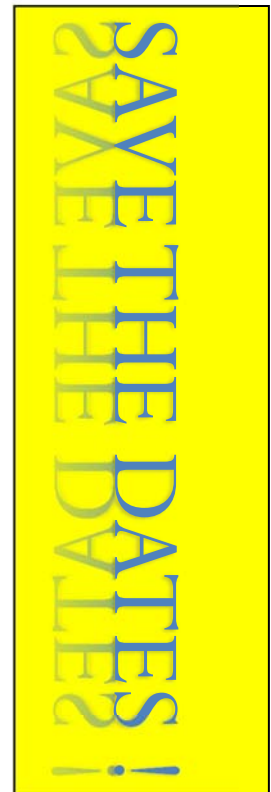
TBD: Fairfax Law Enforcement Appreciation Day– Organizer: Bob Devery

September

- TBD: Dulles Day Plane Pull, Dulles, VA - Organizer: Lori Benish
- TBD: Cruise to Staunton, VA - Organizer: Kris McCandless
- TBD: NVCC Fall Country Rallye, TBD - Organizer: Mike Gilliland and Dick Hammaker
- TBD: CCA-NVCC Corvette Show Warrior Transition Brigade, Walter Reed Medical Center, Bethesda, MD – Organizer: Dave Dubois

November

TBD: Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS), Location TBD - Organizer: Dave Dubois





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No one hates  
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in their  
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