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'GLASS GAZETTE

The Black Hills Corvette Classic By John Scott and Vicki Allen-Scott

It all began with an ad on the inside front cover of the summer edition of Blue Bars announcing the 46th annual Black Hills Corvette Classic (BHCC). Sponsored by the Sioux Falls (South Dakota) Corvette Club, the BHCC is an annual four day gathering of Corvette lovers from across the U.S. (and Canada and Mexico) celebrating America's Sports Car in one of the most scenic and historic spots in the United States. I hadn't been to the Black Hills in more than fifty years, and Vicki had never been to the American West, so it seemed a perfect opportunity to see (a part of) the USA in our Chevrolet.



Getting There (and Back) Is (Almost) Half the Fun

The BHCC itself ran from July 12-15, but we took a relatively leisurely time making our way there. Leaving Sunday afternoon (July 9), our three day outbound itinerary gave us the opportunity to stop for a few hours at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio (July 10); and at my alma mater, the University of Iowa, in Iowa City (July 11). The Air Force Museum is a personal favorite for Vicki and me; the collection of aircraft and memorabilia is so vast that you see something new on every visit. This time around it was an entirely new hanger dedicated to former Presidential aircraft and various experimental/test bed aircraft. Somehow, driving into the museum parking lot in a high performance sports car makes one feel right at home.



An Iowa City stop is always nostalgic (and easy – Interstate 80 runs just north of Iowa City), and at that time of year lacks the full-on hustle and bustle of a college town when classes are in session.

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**NEXT GBM—SATURDAY, August 19, 2017
AMPHORA RESTAURANT—VIENNA**

9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

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To Sioux Falls and Points West



After overnighting in Omaha on July 11, we headed north on the morning of July 12 to Jerry's Chevrolet and Corvettes in Beresford, South Dakota (dealer sponsor

of the host Sioux Falls Corvette Club) for the initial meet and greet events to kick off the Classic. First stop was, of course, a car wash; it would border on sacrilege to show up at the opening event with a dirty Corvette. We pulled in to Jerry's just after noon, and it was immediately apparent that the Sioux Falls Club had organized what promised to be a terrific event. We were efficiently directed to the parking area, picked up our registration packet (which was chock full of information on the available activities for the next few days) just in time to get positioned for the aerial photos. After the photos we enjoyed the D.J. music and conversation accompanying a catered fried chicken lunch. After lunch, we headed to our Sioux Falls hotel to unpack, then gather downtown for the "Hot Summer Nights" Corvette car show. "Hot Summer Nights" was superb -- a rockin' good band and several musicians at various corners of the venue, all kinds of good things to eat and drink, and some truly spectacular 'Vettes! The weather was fine and the festive atmosphere made for a great end to the kick off day.

By 6:30 a.m. on July 13, BHCC participants began staging in the Ramkota Best Western hotel parking lot for the cruise across South Dakota toward the Black Hills. After a brief drivers' meeting, the caravan got under way at 8:00 a.m. on Interstate 90, heading for Al's Oasis and breakfast about 140 miles west of Sioux Falls. It is difficult to describe the rush of traveling in a 100-plus Corvette convoy at speeds that would draw a reckless driving ticket in Virginia (the Interstate speed limit in South Dakota is 80 miles per hour). After a delicious western breakfast, some socializing, and a little time in the Oasis souvenir shop, participants headed off at their own pace for the Black Hills. Many BHCC participants, including Vicki and I, took an hour or so on the way to stop at what may be the most fa-

mous tourist stop in the United States -- Wall Drug, in Wall, South Dakota. Wall Drug is a bit of everything -- ice cream shop, soda fountain, western wear store, souvenir stand, western art boutique, and of course, a pharmacy. Famous for nearly a century for "free ice water" and "5 cent coffee", that afternoon it was also an impromptu Corvette show; Vicki and I -- and I'm sure many of our fellow participants -- heard a steady stream of "Wow, beautiful car" from fellow tourists.



Pulling into Spearfish, home base for BHCC festivities about 5:00 p.m., we checked into our hotel, and got ready for the social mixer and kick off party. First order of business for many (including yours truly) was to wash the road dust off our rides, and we learned that the Sioux Falls Corvette Club had arranged with several of the hosting hotels to have washing stations with towels available. One of the BHCC sponsors -- C*Magic Corvette Care Products -- donated cleaning products for participants to use at the washing stations. Definitely kudos to the Sioux Falls hosts for making sure our Corvettes could shine!! Drinks and a Philly Cheesesteak buffet dinner at the mixer and kickoff party were a great way to get to know more participants.



Trivia By Jeff Klain July 25, 2017 GBM



1. Beginner: Fifty years before the first Corvette, Mary Anderson patented a hand operated device that would later be fitted to all Corvettes, albeit in electrically operated form. What is this device? *Windshield wiper*
2. Advanced: On the C5, RKE has a maximum range of 30 meters. What is RKE? *Remote Keyless Entry*
3. Everyone: What was the last year for a vacuum operated windshield wiper door? *1972*

Trivia bonus – Once again, Rick Poage offered one of his personal prizes for the correct answer to a trivia question, as follows:

In what year did Corvette offer a “copper metallic” color option? Answer: 1994

NVCC Logo Polo Shirt Order Form

The popular NVCC Logo Men’s and Women’s Short Sleeve Polo is back! Made by Devon & Jones, the polo’s feature premium Peruvian Pima cotton, rib knit cuffs, and dura-pearl buttons. The cost of a shirt is \$40.00 (plus personalization and shipping if required).

Personalize your shirt by having your name embroidered on the front right side for an additional charge. (+\$5.00)

Available Colors: White, True Royal, Black & Red, (Sunray Yellow – available in men’s shirt sizes only)

Women’s Sizes- Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL (2XL and over +\$2.00)

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We got an early start the following morning (July 14) for what would be a fabulous (and exhausting) day. After a 7:00 a.m. drivers meeting, Vicki and I headed out with 19 other Corvettes for a cruise through Spearfish Canyon on our way to Hill City for a 1880's train ride to Keystone and back to Hill City. Spearfish Canyon is rated as one of the ten best scenic drives in the U.S.; our only question is which drive is number two? Driving through the deep cut canyon with the rising sun just beginning to kiss the peaks on the west side of the canyon is simply awesome – a perfect road for the driver and a feast for the eyes of the passenger. Stepping back a hundred and thirty years for a sedate steam train ride, with a box lunch waiting at the station at the end of the ride, was a treat.

After lunch, participants were on their own. Vicki and I headed southwest to see the Crazy Horse Mountain sculpture, a monumental project under way for more than 60 years. From Crazy Horse Mountain, we drove the Needles Highway, an amazing course on a narrow winding road through fantastic rock formations, to and through Custer State Park. We then headed north on Iron Mountain Road, with numerous switchbacks, over/under pigtail turns, and three tunnels that frame Mount Rushmore perfectly in the distance. We had supper at the Mount Rushmore monument café, featuring floor to ceiling windows with a view of the Presidents. During the drive



back north to our Spearfish hotel, we got caught in a brief thunderstorm, but – not to worry – a quick stop at the washing station and the Z06 was clean and sparkling for Saturday's trip.

We had a more leisurely start on Saturday (July 15). After having a souvenir photo taken of our spotless Corvette, Vicki and I headed west to Wyoming and Devils Tower National Monument. Made famous as the scene of the alien landing in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", Devils Tower would be a star, movie or not. Standing 867 feet high from its base to

the top, the tower dominates the skyline for miles in the surrounding prairie, and was a holy site to Indian tribes in the area. Afterwards, we headed back to Spearfish for the BHCC banquet – delicious food, great company, and plenty of opportunities to hear from other participants from around the country about their favorite events.



We began our journey back East on Sunday, July 16, but not before heading into Deadwood for a few hours of tourist-like sightseeing and a side trip though the Badlands. The arid, almost-barren character of the Badlands is a sharp contrast to the green forests and mountain meadows of the Black Hills, less than two hours drive away.

The Black Hills trip gave us a chance to spend four days with my family in Iowa, and the opportunity to meet a few long-time high school friends in my home town.

All told, we put about 4,000 miles on the Z06's clock. It was worth every mile and every minute. The Sioux Falls Corvette Club's Black Hills Corvette Classic is a textbook great event – well-planned and executed by enthusiastic, dedicated, and welcoming members. The 47th edition is scheduled for July 18-21, 2018. If you've never been to the Black Hills, or even if you have, Vicki and I heartily recommend it.



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MY EXPERIENCE AT THE RON FELLOWS' CORVETTE OWNERS SCHOOL - PART I

By Dave Kuhn

My wife Barbara, and I recently returned from Pahrump, NV. Pahrump is located about an hour West of Las Vegas, putting in right between Las Vegas and Death Valley. We were there to attend the 2-Day Corvette Owners School (COS) at the Ron Fellows driving school at Spring Mountain Motorsport Resort. If you are not already familiar with, or haven't heard, this is a first-class program, but until you experience it first hand, you have no idea.

As I am a new member here with NVCC I should set the stage a bit. I purchased my very first Corvette this past January. It is a 2017 C7 Grand Sport, Manual 7-speed. It has been a truly amazing car to drive and something I have been waiting for, for quite some time. Throughout the years I have owned many sporty vehicles and in my younger days I owned and raced several motorcycles (so the concept of driving 0-60 in 2.5 seconds, or riding at 160 MPH is not new



to me). I will now add the "However", and say that the C7 has been a breath of fresh air and is significantly powerful, especially when compared to what I have driven in recent years, making the C7 significantly more capable than I was really willing to drive it. I was not prepared to learn just how far I could push C7 in the middle of a turn, with the rain pouring down, only to find out after I wrapped it around a tree I'd exceeded the limits of the car. Another, nicer way, of saying this was I didn't want to try and learn on a public street in less than safe conditions.

Still, I desperately wanted to learn the limits of my new C7, and determine if I truly had the desire to actually track my new car. Yet I was concerned about tracking my brand new Corvette. What I desperately needed, was to drive "somebody else's Corvette" □.

Enter the Ron Fellows – Spring Mountain Motorsport Resort. Instead of a typical track day, which normally has very little to offer to families. Spring Mountain Performance driving courses are offered with resort amenities. The driving courses are the attraction. You get to drive one of their cars, Corvette, Cadillac CTS-V, or your own race car, on a real race track, with classroom and on-track instruction. The instruction is outstanding. The cars are almost brand new and the resort amenities are there to complement the whole experience.



You are most likely a Corvette Owner if

You wave at other Corvette owner... even when you're just out for an evening jog.

Ron Fellows—Continued

This was the place I wanted to go, and what was the best part? It wasn't just a track, or some driving school. Ron Fellows is GM's official performance driving school. The Corvette Owners School (COS) is available to every retail buyer of a new Corvette for a flat rate of \$1000; I signed up by registering my VIN to activate my discount. Normal cost of the two-day course would run a Stingray owner \$2500 (60% savings) and a Grand Sport/Z06 owner \$3695 (74% savings). All Corvettes at the Resort are either the Z51 Stingray, Grand Sport, or Z06 and either manual or automatic. Students are matched to their specific model and transmission type. All cars complete a 500 mile break-in before they even touch the track and all are cycled out once they reach 7-8,000 miles. On arrival, all Z07 Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tires are switched off for the Pilot Sport for longer tread wear.

After I determined this was the school I wanted to attend my next task was to convince my wife that even after I bought my new Grand Sport as my 50th Birthday gift to myself, that I also required a second gift of going to this Performance Driving School. The truth is I don't know how I did it, but she agreed. As a bonus, she even agreed to tag along (although there was a cost, I needed to add a few days at Mandalay Bay on the Vegas Strip). Fast forward, I scheduled the trip, flew out to Vegas, picked up the rental and off we went.



As we were headed west out of Vegas we truly entered the wasteland. As you drive and follow the GPS you know you are getting close but there is little to see. In fact, I didn't see Spring Mountain until about two miles from the track, and the entry was not visible until maybe 200 yards out. Don't let this description fool anyone. This facility has just added 500 additional acres, and when the new addition to the track is completed Spring Mountain will be the largest race track in the World.

When we arrived at the security gate, we were greeted by a guard that truly appeared to enjoy his job. He gave both my wife and I a wristband, which I thought was a little tacky for such a first-class organization, but after seeing why they require everyone to wear a wristband for the entire school, I am not sure that anything else would work. If you are a driver, it goes in your left wrist, if you are a guest, it goes on your right wrist. This is important because guests are welcome to attend all of the classroom talks (they are just not allowed to drive any cars), and they are welcome to go for ride-alongs with the instructors (the look on Barb's face after her first ride along was almost worth the entire cost of the school, by the time her second ride along came around, she answered with a "No Thank You").



We then picked up our room key and did a short check in where we received instructions on the following days' timeline, schedules and where we were expected to be. Then we were off to check out our condo. We entered the room hoping for the best, and Wow! The ceilings were really high, 15-18 foot minimum. It feels very large. Bathroom is huge with a long vanity. Beds are comfortable, a/c is quiet, and they all have their own private balconies. The views are great. In short, staying in a condo onsite is perfect! Just walk to your room after a long day on the track (or after a drink at the bar in the club house with some new friends) and wake up and drive! The bar also serves food in the evening, a limited menu but we ate there on the second day and it was quite good. The best dining in town was definitely at the winery, Symphony's, which we enjoyed the night before the COS began.

Being in the condo also meant that my wife (after doing a ride-along with an instructor once) could sit on our balcony drinking coffee (or wine) and watch me drive in comfort. However, I noticed the guests/Spouses usually congregated together and had a wonderful time getting to know one another.

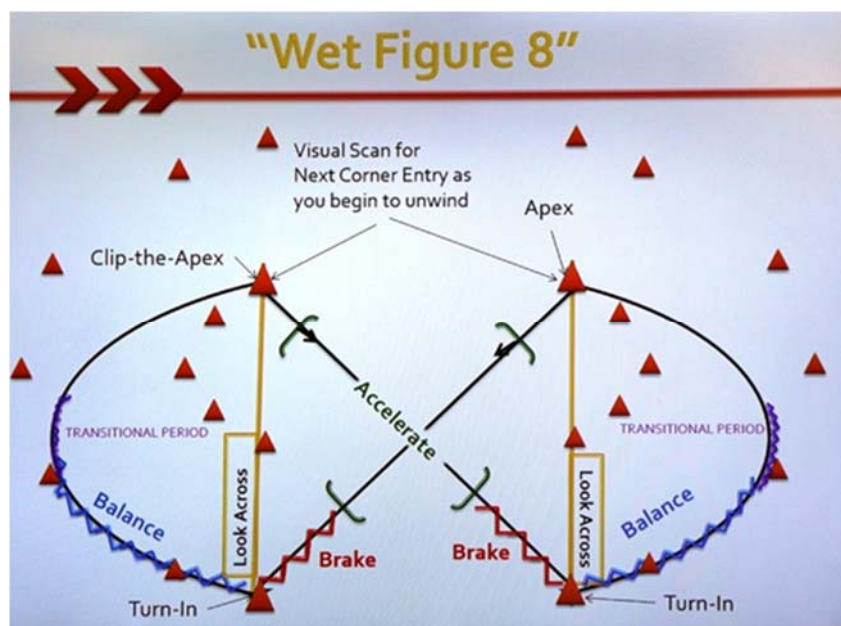
Ron Fellows—Continued

So, the schedule that we were given said breakfast started at 6:00 in the clubhouse, and registration began at 7:00 at the souvenir shop next to the entrance gate. Breakfast was nice, nothing fancy, but something for everyone no matter how picky you are. Registration was pretty straightforward. I signed the insurance forms, just know upfront, if you are driving a Grand Sport or Z06 the deductible is \$10,000. It seems steep, but I was assured when I first signed up unless you are going in to the school with the attitude that "I am going to push this car well beyond my abilities and I have no intention of following the instructor's advice." I'd be fine. The instructors are SO good and patient that if you listen to them, it is very unlikely that you would cause any damage to the cars. In my class of 20 students, two students went off track in the first 10 minutes of the Lead-Follow driving. The instructors shut that session down. We went back into the classroom. They pulled the PDR memory cards from both students and we all watched exactly what happened on the big screen, determined what had gone wrong. Perhaps embarrassing for them, but very educational for the rest of us. After that we were all better, and in the end no damage occurred to the vehicles, and no one paid anything.

Day 1 began in the classroom. The first thing that happened was the head instructor (JJ) went around the room and personally greeted every student, asks us where they are from, and did a quick intro. In speaking with the class, he stated "The Corvette is simply an amazing car as is. The best upgrade for a Corvette today is its driver". Of 20 students, I was either the third or fourth youngest at 50 (I would guess the average age was mid 50's to low 60's). We then began class. The instructors gave us an overview of what was going to happen, what they were going to teach, and after a little bit of basic instructions (e.g. how to set your seat position for performance driving, which was totally opposite how I have always positioned my seat), they divided the class into two groups of 10, and we were off to the cars for some control exercises. The morning control exercises. We practiced threshold braking and braking while avoiding obstacles so that we would have an idea of how the car would handle in a crash avoidance situation. We also did a serpentine drill to teach us to drive while looking out the side windows (for part of this exercise, they install a sunshade over the windshield so you can only see out the side windows while negotiating the serpentine).

Somewhere in the middle of all this they took us to the clubhouse for our included lunch (spouses/guests were able to join at no additional charge).

The afternoon exercises were even more fun as they took us out to the wet figure 8 track so that we could get a feeling for how to control the car if it would start to slide. There is just something about driving someone else's corvette sideways in a parking lot while the instructor tells you to stay on the gas to keep the slide going that puts a smile on your face. We finished day one doing some slower lead follow laps behind the instructor (I was just able to hit 103 mph down the straight) to teach us the proper racing line for the track.



Ron Fellows—Continued

Without a doubt, the figure 8 PTM hands-on demonstration with 'Weather Mode' was the biggest eye opener for me personally. We were told to negotiate the course as best we could without losing control. In other words, it was doughnut time. After doing it a few times, Weather Mode and PTM were enabled we were encouraged to try our best to break traction where control was lost, even flooring the gas around corners. It couldn't be done and some form of control was always maintained. This was an incredible lesson as, previous to the school, I felt 'Weather Mode' to be much like Eco Mode where it was no more than a great novelty available through the Drive Mode Selector; good for sales right? VERY IMPRESSIVE!

Class ended at 3PM, and that left us the rest of the day to relax. It was time to head to the club house for the evening social. I met and made friendships with eight couples out of the 20 people attending. Two I'd met/known via "CorvetteForum.com" prior to COS.

Day 2 began with a little classroom time, and then we were off to the track for some more lead-follow laps where the speed was gradually increased. Initial runs around the track were supposed to be at a very slow pace, the instructor explaining the track and the best driver movement as things moved along. Note I already mentioned this is when our two drivers put wheels in the dirt. As we drove, each member of the group would get a turn behind the lead vehicle and they would try to follow in the same path as the instructor. As things progressed, speed would increase, and the lessons taught would fall into place. If the group you were in was much too slow or too fast, the instructors would constantly observe and evaluate the students and begin to match drivers of similar ability. It was not unusual to see groups change often as instructors kept a close eye on the skill level of each student.



Instructor experience and professionalism was beyond reproach, some having driven professional circuits in the past. Each was hand-picked and under the gun in every run as safety was key. Most people find multi-tasking two or more activities simultaneously difficult; these instructors made it look easy. Not only were they negotiating the track and increasing the pace as things progressed, but also, they were constantly describing the right move turn for turn while at the same time monitoring each driver through their rear view mirrors and correcting them via radio.

There was a good balance of classroom vs track time, and no matter how it sounds, after 20-30 minutes of track time, 30 minutes of unwind time in the classroom was quite welcome. I don't remember how much actual track time we had on day two, but it was enough. I was physically exhausted when we finished day 2. I actually didn't know if I could make the one-hour drive back to Las Vegas.



Throughout the course the tools to properly driving your car on a track were taught. Understanding of visual scanning, downshifting, braking to slow down, turn-in, balance and an understanding of the apex and proper completion of turns.

I would also like to add that no matter your experience level, the instructors had a way of explaining everything so that no one felt stupid (if you were not getting it). They also allowed spouses/significant others to attend the classroom sessions, and not only did they allow them to attend the classroom, they made them feel welcome in the classroom and would answer their questions as well.

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE OF DAVE KUHN'S ADVENTURE
AT RON FELLOWS' CORVETTE OWNERS SCHOOL IN THE
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

JULY 25, 2017—VICKI ALLEN-SCOTT, SECRETARY

Officers present:

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



The meeting was called to order at 7:29PM by President Kris McCandless, at Page Chevrolet, 6500 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Past presidents Rick Poage and John Palmgren were present, as well as new member Jim McKay.

The GBM minutes from June 2017 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report – John Stark reported that the current Club bank account balance is \$8900, and that's the largest sum in over a year. He added that expenditures are on-track with most budget items, except for G&A and trailer expenses, which are both tapped out.

NVCC made a \$321 profit on the car show and we gave MS a \$500 donation.

Membership – George Durk reported that Club membership is steadily increasing and we currently have 93 members, with 17 prospects. He reminded the membership to carry Club business cards to have ready for prospects!

Kris stated that we need more Club window stickers (cling) because they're a great marketing tool.

Rallye – Mike Gilliland spoke about the upcoming Fall Country Rallye on Sept 17th – and this will be its second year. The rallye will begin and end at Glory Days Restaurant in Stone Ridge. Mike and Dick already have planned the route and all questions – they're ready to go!

Social – Vicki Scott (acting Social chair) reminded everyone that NVCC will soon be in its 49th year, as of December 2017 (per Paul Benish). She asked the leaders of the following upcoming events to comment:

Penn Alps: Tom Faust has 12 cars signed up so far, and participants should plan to assemble this Saturday at Page Chevrolet for the drivers meeting at 8:30am, with departure at 8:45am.

Corvettes at Carlisle: Mike Gilliland will lead a Club cruise to Carlisle once again this year, on Saturday, Aug 26th. The membership will be updated re parking and other event information via email.

Breakfast GBM: August 19th at Amphora Restaurant (Vienna, VA) – This is an alternative GBM format that will feature breakfast at 9:30am and a shorter business meeting, raffle, and 50/50. It's the first of its kind for NVCC, and members are encouraged to bring a guest (particularly, significant others). We will meet in a private room and a breakfast buffet will be served. Vicki announced that she must have a headcount by August 14th and will follow up with membership via email in the coming week.

Wounded Warrior Car Show at Walter Reed: Dave DuBois provided an update about this show, in its second year, to be held on Saturday, September 23rd – with a limit of 30 Corvettes. We also learned that Paul Fineberg stepped up to take a food handling course so that the Club will have a certified manager onsite for food preparation (Thank you, Paul!) Dave added that the motorsportsreg.com link for registration will be opened to the public within a couple of weeks of the event date, if all 30 spaces haven't sold out by then. There will be a \$15 entry fee (instead of \$10) so that it will be fully funded by registrations. Dave will oversee online registrations for this event and will come back from New York to manage it (BIG thank you to Dave)!

TRSS: Dave is coordinating with CCA, BMW and Dulles Airport, to firm up a tentative date of October 3-4 for TRSS, to take place at the Dulles purple parking lot.

Sponsor Appreciation Plaque Contest – Kris announced that the winner is Marsha Batchellor, who will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Dogfish Alehouse.

Trip Report: Black Hills Corvette Classic – Kris asked John Scott to provide details about the trip that he and his wife Vicki took in their 2013 Z06, to participate in this July event that is in its 46th year. John circulated the information booklet provided by the Black Hills Corvette Club and reviewed several activities that took place during this great 4-day event. It was well worth the trip!

~ Break ~

Trivia – Prior to presenting trivia for the evening, Jeff announced that he would like to put together a group of members to view Dunkirk (preceded by “Aircraft Carrier Guardians of the Sea”), at the Udvar-Hazy IMAX theatre, this Sunday afternoon. He asked that interested parties email him.

NVCC Annual Picnic – Kris provided an overview of the picnic, which took place at Rich and Cheryl Anderson’s farm, on Sunday, July 16th. The turnout was good, with a total of 31 Corvettes and about 60 people. Kris thanked those who volunteered for setup, grilling, and cleanup. A big thank you to John and Kara Palmgren, Jerry and Irene Lelansky, Jim and Jo Garner, Mike Gilliland, Paul Fineberg, and Al Boone!

NVCC Store – Kris thanked Tab Tabellario for stepping in as NVCC store manager, during Bob Devery’s extended absence.

Social Media/Banquet – Mae Fromm reported that she is trained on the motorsportsreg.com site; however, she would appreciate any help that is offered, due to a busy schedule. Mae has also been working with Kara Palmgren, our former banquet manager, to learn more about planning the 2018 banquet – which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 27th.

Additional activity announcements:

Shawn Waddell provided a recap of the DuCard Winery cruise that took place on July 8th – which was a resounding success, with 12 Corvettes. The owner was very welcoming and made it a point to show our group around the vines, and to provide extra wines for sampling!

Cruise to Shady Maples Restaurant in PA: Shawn gave an overview of the route for this event, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th. It’s great terrain for Corvettes with beautiful scenery – and a great venue at the end! A flyer will be emailed to membership soon.

Rick Poage announced that he is working on putting together an event for the Club at the new MGM casino (at National Harbor).

Paul Benish said that the Dulles Plane Pull will take place on September 23rd, however, he and Lori will be out of town and won’t be able to arrange a Club event. Anyone who’s interested in participating can look at the website for more details.

Old Dominion Corvette Club Cruise-In on August 12th: This popular event will take place as usual in Manassas. Additional details regarding an NVCC caravan to drive-in to the show will be provided via email in the coming week and this event will be added to the NVCC activities calendar.

50/50 – The jackpot was \$45 and was won by Jim Dobish.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Jim McKay - 1964 Goldwood Yellow Sting Ray

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE August 19, 2017 GBM

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. Quarterly GBMs held in a breakfast venue every quarter.

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 for more information.

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

None

MARCH

05-12: NVCC Winter Getaway Cruise, Western Caribbean,

19: NVCC 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch - Kilroy's

26: 4th Annual NVCC Corvettes and Crab Rallye

APRIL

15: NVCC goes to Barboursville Winery 23: Aquia Creek CC—Captain Billy's Crab House Cruise

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

MAY

06-07: Tire Rack Street Survival (TRSS/BMW/NVCC/CCA), Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD

20: Cruise to Appomattox Court House & Michie Tavern

21: Fairfax Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Springfield

26: Challenge Day at Oxon Hill Middle School

JUNE

04: Corvettes Care Car Show at Page Chevrolet, Alexandria

17: NVCC goes to Barrel Oak Winery

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

27: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

JULY

08: Corvettes & Jeeps Cruise-in to DuCard Winery, Etlan, VA

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

23: Design Entries due for NVCC Appreciation Plaque Contest (for Page Chevy)

25: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA – Voting for winning plaque design!

AUGUST

12: Old Dominion CC All Corvette Cruise-In — 11:00 a.m., Sudley Plaza, Manassas, VA

19: GBM & Breakfast, Amphora Restaurant, 9:30-11:30AM, 377 Maple Ave W., Vienna, VA

26: NVCC Saturday Cruise to Carlisle, PA (Corvettes @Carlisle, Aug 24-27) – Organizer: Mike Gilliland

SEPTEMBER

17: NVCC Fall Country Rallye, Location TBD - Organizer: Mike Gilliland and Dick Hammaker

23: CCA-NVCC Corvette Show Warrior Transition Brigade, Walter Reed Medical Center, Bethesda, MD – Organizer: Dave Dubois

24: NRA 3rd Annual Car Show—11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA; 9:00 am—3:00 pm

26: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

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)

13-24: Autumn Getaway Cruise to Mediterranean – Organizer – Bob Devery

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

24: GBM (NVCC Officer Nominations), Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

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

NOVEMBER

3-4: Teen Driving School (TRSS-NVCC & BMW); Dulles Airport/Purple Parking—Organizer: Dave DuBois

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

28: GBM (NVCC 2018 Officer Elections), Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

DECEMBER – No GBM; no events scheduled to date

Vehicle Registration Requests (email Michns@nrahq.org a picture & year/make/model



NRA 3RD ANNUAL

CAR & TRUCK

Show

DATE: **9.24.2017**

LOCATION: **NRA HQ** 11250 Waples Mill Rd.
Fairfax, VA 22030

TIME: **9am - 3pm**








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THE NRA CAR & TRUCK SHOW IS BACK!
Open to all years, makes, & models including muscle cars, antiques, exotics, motorcycles & custom/off-road vehicles

PRIZE PACKAGES AWARDED FOR

- FantomWorks Best of Show Trophy! Chosen & Presented by Dan Short
- Owners Choice Award (Participant Vote)
- Best Vehicle (Public Vote)

\$10 VEHICLE ENTRY FEE
100 random registered vehicle owners will receive a FREE GIFT PACKAGE from the NRA Range

FREE NRA Museum Tours on the hour from 10am to 2pm!
NRA Café & NRA Range will be OPEN during the show!

For vehicle registration, vendor slots, and event questions contact **Michael Johns** at **703-267-1489** or **MJohns@nrahq.org**




300+ VEHICLES IN 2016!
Meet the FantomWorks Crew!
Watch the Football Game at the Café!

SAVE THE DATE !

Saturday Cruise To Carlisle With NVCC



Join the annual Saturday morning NVCC led cruise to Corvettes at Carlisle, through scenic back roads to the biggest Corvette only car show in the East. Contact: gilliland_michael@yahoo.com

August 26, 2017

*Meet at Home Depot Parking Lot, 280 Fort Evans Rd,
Leesburg, VA*

*Sign up 7:30 to 7:55 am Drivers Meeting 7:55 am
Depart 8:00 am*



JOIN THE NVCC FALL COUNTRY RALLYE

Join the NVCC for its Fall Country Rallye through scenic Virginia countryside beginning and ending at Glory Days, Stone Ridge Location. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Good Fun, Good Food, Prizes, and Great People.

Date: September 17th

Place: Glory Days Grill, 42010 Village Center Plaza, Stone Ridge, VA 20105

Sign in Time: 9:30 am to 10:15 am

Driver/Navigator Briefing: 10:15 am

First Car Out: 10:30

End Point: Glory Days Grill, 142010 Village Center Plaza, Stone Ridge, VA 20105

Price: \$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members (Lunch at Glory Days not included)

RSVP by September 10th to gilliland_michael@yahoo.com

NVCC GOES TO KINGS FAMILY VINEYARD

SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 21ST 2017. WE WILL BE MEETING AT OLD KEENE MILL SHOPPING CENTER IN WEST SPRINGFIELD AT 9:30AM AND LEAVING AT 10:00. THIS IS AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE YOUR CORVETTE. TASTINGS ARE APPROXIMATELY \$10. RSVP SHAWN AT 703-473-6069. THERE WILL BE SOME AWESOME ROADS AND AWESOME WINE. LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING BIG TURNOUT.

KINGS FAMILY VINEYARD - 6550 ROSALIND FARM ROAD - COZET VIRGINIA - 22932 - (434) 823-7800 - DRIVE IS APPROX. 2HRS AND 20M AND 121 MILES THRU BEAUTIFUL CHARLOTTESVILLE VIRGINIA



2017 NVCC TRI-STATE ICE CREAM CRUISE

By Mae Fromm

The Tri-State Ice Cruise was held again this year on Saturday, June 24th. The weather forecast was showing heavy thunderstorms in the area few days before, and was making me anxious. But with the encouragement and positivity of the members, we moved forward with the event regardless of the imminent storm forecasted. And it turned out to be the best decision, as the day turned out to be gorgeous with blue skies.

There were a total of 20 corvettes that met at the Dunkin Donuts at Dulles Landing for the drivers meeting. My husband Matt helped me plan the trip and my good friend George Durk with his wife Merce was the sweeper.

Our first stop was Old Town Winchester, VA and arrived there around 11AM. We had a great lunch at Brewbaker's and had our first bite of ice cream at Red Fox Creamery, same as last year. Everyone enjoyed lunch and the homemade ice cream.



The second stop was at Corner Creamery in Martinsburg WV. It was a contemporary ice cream shop that served Hershey's Ice Cream, hand dipped cones, sundaes, milkshakes and floats. The owner was very kind and generous, giving the members discounts. The owner's family is also a Corvette owner and loved having us there.



The third and final stop was at the Little Red Barn Ice Cream Café in Jefferson, MD. It was a quaint ice cream parlor shop that felt like home. They also served Hershey's hand dipped ice cream and fresh, locally produced soft serve ice cream.



Overall it turned out to be an amazing day with great company of good friends. I would like to thank George, my husband and all the members that joined this cruise. See you again next year!



2017 Tentative Events

TBD: Cruise to Solomon's Island, MD – Organizer: George Durk

OCTOBER

Oct. 20: Homecoming Parade- Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield, VA

Contact if interested w/your convertible Corvette: Bill Snyder, 703-914-8715 usmc0311vn@cox.net

NOVEMBER

Top Golf Outing, Alexandria or Ashburn, VA – TBD – Organizer(s): TBD

DECEMBER

TBD: Bowling Night, Falls Church, VA – Organizer(s): TBD

JANUARY 2018

27: Banquet—Maggiano's at Tysons Corner— Organizer: Mae Fromm

IF ANYONE HAS AN INTEREST IN LEADING ANY EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT ANY COUNCIL MEMBER COUNCIL@NVCORVETTECLUB.COM



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
PHONE NUMBER (717) 354-8222
THIS TRIP WILL TAKE APPROX. 2:45 AND IS 145 MILES
RSVP SHAWN BY SEPTEMBER 23RD 2017 (703) 473-6069



Warrior Transition Brigade – Corvette Car Show



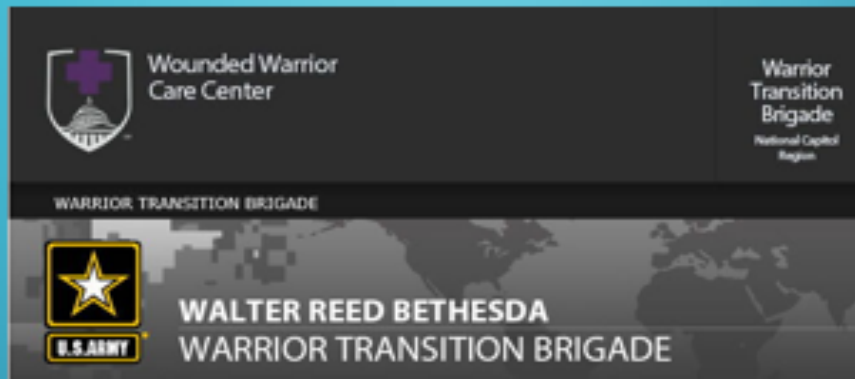
The Corvette Club of America
and the Northern Virginia Corvette Club

Would like to invite you to a
Corvettes Only Car Show at:

**Walter Reed National Military
Center**

8901 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20889

Saturday September 23rd (Rain or Shine)



Supporting the Warrior Transition Brigade soldiers, family, and staff.

When: Saturday September 23rd (Rain or Shine)

Time: 11:00 AM until 3:30 PM

Registration will be \$10.00. (To cover hot dogs & hamburgers)
(No alcoholic beverages are allowed on site)

Maximum number of Corvettes = 50 (due to limited parking)

Register online: msreg.com/Corvettes-WWTB-17

Note that your credit card will not be charged until
Thursday, September 21, 2017. You can cancel
anytime before that.

If you have any questions, please send me an email at: chiefinstructor@nvcorvetteclub.com

Supporting the Wounded Warriors Car Show - Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda on 23 September! A brief history of the site and how it came about.....

History of Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Walter Reed General Hospital opened its doors on May 1, 1909. The Commander of the Army General Hospital, Major William C. Borden had lobbied for several years for a new hospital to replace the aged one at Washington Barracks, now Ft. McNair. In 1923, General John J. Pershing signed the order creating the Army Medical Center on the same campus as Walter Reed General Hospital. World War I saw the hospital's capacity grow from 80 patient beds to 2,500 in a matter of months. Through World War II, Korea and Vietnam, the facility treated hundreds of thousands of injured American soldiers. As the complex grew, a new Armed Forces Institute of Pathology building was built on the WRAMC campus in 1955, and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology added an addition in 1971.

On September 26, 1977, the additional structures were dedicated by Walter Reed's granddaughter, Daisy Royce, President Dwight D. Eisenhower's widow, Mamie Eisenhower, and an array of military leaders. The hospital itself stands 125 feet, as tall as a 10-story building. There are 5,500 rooms covering 28 acres of floor space. The distance around the top three floors stretches the length of six football fields. The building was designed for the highest-quality patient care and comfort. It offered accommodations for 250 patients, admitting more than 14,000 a year.

In 1994, the main building was rededicated and was named the Heaton Pavilion. It honors the late LTG Leonard Heaton, a former commander of Walter Reed from 1953 to 1959, who served as the Army Surgeon General from 1959 to 1969. The Rumbaugh Parking Garage was dedicated in 1993, the Borden Pavilion in 1995, the Mologne House opened in 1997 and the Military Advanced Training Center opened in 2007. Walter Reed Army Medical Center served the nation for over 102 years.

History of National Naval Medical Center

President Franklin D. Roosevelt selected the present site in Bethesda, Maryland, and ground was broken for the Naval Medical Center in 1939. FDR laid the cornerstone of the Tower on Armistice Day, November 11, 1940. The President's vision was to establish a Navy Medical Center that housed medical care, Navy medical training, Navy research and a medical library in one location.

Over the years, NNMC has served and cared for every President of the United States, members of Congress and the Supreme Court, and other leaders of our Nation. In 1977, the original Naval Medical Center tower was designated a historical landmark and entered into the Registry of Historical Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Both of these marvelous facilities (Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Naval Medical Center) were combined into what is "now" known as the WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY MEDICAL CENTER in September 2011, due to the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005.

THIS IS FOR THE TROOPS (ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE): NVCC is supporting the car show, AS IS DOES EVERY YEAR... to support our "Wounded Warriors" from present day injuries sustained in violent places throughout today's world, and for those who have lingering war injuries, sustained all the way back to the WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict. These are our fighting men and women we are supporting, and letting them come out and touch, feel, and sit in our Corvettes, and to just talk to the owners of our cars and fellow NVCC members, surely brings a smile to their faces, and more importantly, them knowing that we "CARE" - and go out of our way to pay our respects and thanks for their service.

I am a retired Naval Officer, and my son Brad, just retired from the Army after a 20-year career and was awarded the "Purple Heart" for injuries he sustained in the Iraq War. I'm proud to do what I can to help the troops in any way I can, and I truly ask for all of your support in registering for the show, coming to the show, and spending some time with the troops that can't get out into the community right now to enjoy life like we can. LET'S MAKE A PUSH TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE AND REGISTRATION—AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!

Paul Fineberg, NVCC member

HALLOWEEN



VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE 2017

Wednesday October 25, 2017 at 5pm

Summer is almost over, and fall is just around the corner. What better way to get ready then to plan some fall fun! Northern Virginia Corvette Club will be participating again in the Vienna Halloween Parade. It is a fun event and we usually get a great showing. For many years now, we have participated as a club, and have placed in ribbons since at least 2009 (since I have been running it).

**Car Decorations and Costumes are not required,
BUT STRONGLY ENCOURAGED!!**

There is a 20 car cap, so make sure to RSVP -first come, first serve!

We are meeting to line up between 5-5:30pm

(After 5:30-6pm the roads close and are hard to get into the parking lot, so I urge everyone to come early). Our line up # to TBD, but we typically are put in the **Danor Plaza Shopping Center** (off Maple Ave./Branch Rd) in front of Fresh Market (at the end of the shopping center).

Please make sure to **RSVP** with a good contact phone # in case anything changes the day of. When you arrive, you will sign the club waiver sheet and check-in with me (Lori Benish).

We will have dinner, if you want to join the group, at **Elevation Burger**, which is in the same shopping center, right around the corner from our cars. We will head over to Elevation Burger around 6pm-ish, so if you arrive after that, find us there to check and sign in. It does get busy, since it is limited options with the parade closing the roads down, so don't wait to order your food until last minute! The parade begins a 7pm, but typically we do not roll out until after 7:30, plenty of time to get a bite to eat after decorating our cars.

Remember **NO BURNOUTS!** We are here to have fun, but also represent the club and make a safe environment for all the little kids that will be watching our super cool cars! Also, no throwing candy from the cars, only if someone is wanting to walk along and hand out the candy, due to safety concerns.

DETAILS: BE AT DANOR PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER AT 5-5:30pm

Danor Plaza: 142 Branch Rd Southeast Vienna VA 22180 (In front of Fresh Market)

DINNER WILL BE AT ELEVATION BURGER STARTING A 5:30-6:30PM

Elevation Burger: 142 Branch Rd Southeast Vienna VA 22180 ph703-865-7277

Hope to see many of you there! RSVP for this event to:

Lori Ann Benish (LOCO1707@yahoo.com)

Vienna Halloween Parade Master (Paul Benish's other half ☺)



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FINAL THOUGHT

