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OLD WV 55/SENECA ROCKS REVISITED

By: George Durk

Well, although mother nature attempted to dissuade us, we persisted and had a great cruise back into West Virginia mountain country. The cruise was originally scheduled for Saturday, October 27. However, mother nature had other ideas when a huge rainstorm canvassed our area on Friday and Saturday of that weekend. So, I rescheduled for Saturday, November 10. Unfortunately, Friday the 9th was stormy with a cold front moving through the area. When I checked the weather in the West Virginia towns we would be passing through, it stated morning snow flurries coupled with temperatures not getting above 40 degrees and windy. So, I made an executive decision and asked those

registered if we could change our run to Sunday. The consensus was affirmative and we had the best of weather – sunny, high 40s and calm! By postponing, we even added two more cars. Unfortunately, someone took



a sick day and David Fraley's '05 Coupe became temperamental and couldn't join us. Per David, it's related to the steering wheel lock-up gremlin common on early C-6s. David mentioned he was ordering a bypass unit and would have it fixed soon. Perhaps not cruising on Saturday was providential as we avoided the gremlin rearing itself and stranding David in WV.

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Old WV 55/Seneca Rocks Continued

Our cruisers were myself ('14 Night Race Blue Z51 Coupe), Randy Taylor ('17 Artic White Grand Sport Coupe), Drew Thorpe and his girlfriend DJ ('16 Black Stingray Coupe), Mike and Luz Zabkowski ('14 Artic White Coupe) and Jim and Evelyn McKay ('97 Red ZR-1 like coupe). This was Jim's reveal of his recently purchased modified C5 500+ HP beast. He registered it on Saturday and joined us on Sunday. Jim commented several times on how easy it fishtails. Talk about the beauty and the beast! Another treat was meeting our new member Drew and his girlfriend DJ. New friends indeed – and Drew has an awesome C7 1LT with a modified Grand Sport exterior and Z06 wheels. What a beauty!



After meeting up at Manassas Cracker Barrel we headed west on 66. We had a gawker in a Jeep Cherokee speed up and slow down next to us filming almost the entire time on 66. We were joking our entourage may become a You Tube sensation that evening.



Overall, after a rest stop in Stephens City, entering the WV country roads sparks the fun of owning a Corvette. We pretty much had Old WV 55 to ourselves. There was one area about half-way through Old WV 55 where we stopped to re-group and a police car came off 48 and watched us re-group, then he turned and went the opposite direction.

After lunch at Ponderosa, we headed to Seneca Rocks. More nice twisty backroads until we merged onto Rt 220. Then we passed through Petersburg and enjoyed a twisty two-lane main road (28) – not crowded at all. Unfortunately, the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center was closed, contrary to what's posted on the internet. Nevertheless, the perfect day was great for walking the grounds and admiring the rock climbers way atop Seneca Rocks and the rushing Potomac River.

I hope we can try again next year and time our trip to coincide with colorful foliage. Maybe mother nature will look kindly upon us next year?

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—NOVEMBER 2018

Giving Thanks and a Plea to Show Your Pride in NVCC

I write this message with much gratitude in my heart for many things: For all the Veterans that served our country that are with us now and for those that we no longer can see; For an officer corps within the club who has worked diligently to fulfill not only the calling of their offices, but to organize and build the various committees and subgroups to carry out next year's key events for our 50th Anniversary as the Northern Virginia Corvette Club; For the persistent help and nudging of our Secretary, Vicki Allen-Scott to keep me on track these past two years, and for offering up hers and John Scott's home on so many occasions for council meetings and other club get togethers; For the generous contributions of not only money (to restore our "fame" with the National Corvette Museum) but time that Past President Dick Hammaker has given this year; For all of the council members who continue to perform their duties but also to bring forth new ideas; and, to all of the long-time and new members for making this club a success and sought after outside our traditional geographic area.

The aforementioned Past President has been making observations and reporting the results to me over the past year. While members are happy to join and take part, few are wearing our NVCC logo/polo shirts or hats. The name tags are being worn at a better percentage but we are not showing the solidarity that a club the third our size does (namely Piedmont Corvette Club), as witnessed at the October 7 Joint Picnic at the Flying Circus. It was from them and the Marlins' that NVCC "wisened up" to furnishing all members with name tags, but my plea to you for next year is for everyone to get out and show your pride in NVCC by wearing hats, T-shirts, the polo shirts. It will be our big year and we are participating in several key events outside Northern Virginia, so please "remember" to pack or wear that NVCC garb.

Thanks for the opportunity to be your President of this active, vibrant club. You'll see me next participating in and leading cruises again....how I started with this club almost seven years ago.

Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Holiday Season to all of NVCC!

Kris McCandless,
NVCC President
2010 Black GS - The Bear
President@nvcorvetteclub.com





**NVCC IS PROUD TO BE A FOUNDING
LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL
CORVETTE MUSEUM**

CORVETTES AT CARLISLE 2019

OFFICIAL NVCC 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

As you know, the Club has reserved a block of rooms for Corvettes at Carlisle in 2019. It will be one of the biggest NVCC 50th Anniversary celebrations - and rooms are going fast!

Please see booking information below (and please note that these rooms are for the convenience of NVCC members only):

NVCC ROOM BLOCK FOR CORVETTES AT CARLISLE 2019

Block Name to Request: "NVCC 50th group block"

Rate: \$129.99/night + tax

Cancellation Policy: up to **72 hrs** prior to arrival (**UPDATED** from 48 hrs)

Hotel: Red Roof Inn

Phone: (717) 706-3862

Address: 1450 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17015

of Rooms/Nights Reserved:

15 rooms – Thursday (Aug22)

25 rooms – Friday (Aug 23)

25 rooms – Saturday (Aug 24)

**BOOK ROOMS NOW!
BEST PRICE POSSIBLE**

Current Hotels.com
rate = \$199/night

NOTE: Group held until 6/22/19 or until sold out; the 50th committee will request additional rooms if they're not sold out.

AND ... NVCC needs volunteers to staff our hospitality tent on the Fun Field at Carlisle. We don't have exact placement yet; however, our position will be significantly improved if management sees 20+ show registrations by NVCC members. That will also earn our Club special notice, like advertising our tent location in the show program and recognition of our 50th Anniversary!

Be sure to choose your Corvette Club membership as you register online for the show.

Your participation in this event is important and appreciated - even an hour or a day helps your Club! Whether you stay at the Club hotel, or travel to and from the show on the same day, please let Vicki Scott know (email: merryva@outlook.com).

All NVCC members and guests are welcome at the Club's hospitality tent!

Thank you from the NVCC 50th Anniversary Committee

MEET YOUR 2018 COUNCIL



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Vice President John Scott



Treasurer John Stark



Secretary Vicki Allen-Scott



Rallye Mike Gilliland



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NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 23, 2018— VICKI SCOTT, SECRETARY

Officers Present:

John Scott, Vice President
 Vicki Scott, Secretary
 Jerry Lelansky, Officer at Large



John Scott (VP) presided at the meeting, which began at 7:33PM at Page Chevy in Alexandria, VA. Past presidents attending were John Palmgren and Rick Poage. A prospective member, John Provo, was an NVCC member from about 20 years ago.

The September GBM minutes were approved.

Guest Speaker: Steve Britt, owner of Dominion Raceway (DR), was introduced by Rick Poage. Steve told us about the 'new' facility and more, as follows:

A long history with NVCC began at the old raceway location (then called Old Dominion Speedway (ODS) in Manassas VA).

Steve bought it 17 years ago and wants to rekindle a relationship with NVCC.

DR is located off I-95 at the new Lake Anna/Thornburg exit (#118).

They offer a 2-mile road course with a 2,700 foot straightway and a total of 12 turns and 70' of elevation change, as well as a NASCAR oval track.

A Hilton-brand hotel will be built next year – as well as a dragstrip, and 165 garage condos (or fancy “man caves”).

37,000 sq. ft building includes drivers club lounge, store, hospitality, bar, and grill.

255 events were hosted last year, including:

Track Attack – an intro to road course racing limited to 100-110mph

SuperKarting on Sundays

Concerts

Zombie escape

Street racing on Friday nights – mainly grudge matches (vs. drag racing)

Drivers club - Members have exclusive access to 40 or more member-only track days a year, on DR's challenging 2-mile road course.

Nominations for 2019 Officers – The following individuals were nominated:

Mike Gilliland for President

Omar Gordon for Treasurer

John Scott for Vice President

Evelyn McKay for Secretary

Jerry Lelansky for Officer at Large

Additional nominations will be taken during the first half of the November GBM, followed by voting in the second half.

2019 Anniversary Committee – Rick Poage, 50th Committee Chair, led a discussion about the following events:

Banquet on January 26th

Over 100 people are expected at the annual NVCC banquet, and will include several past NVCC presidents

Corvettes Care Car Show on June 2nd: It was announced that George Durk will lead this event!

National Corvette Museum (NCM) cruise and visit (July 20-23): Details are forthcoming but there will be a Club cruise to Bowling Green.

Corvettes at Carlisle (Aug 22-Aug 25): Mike G. will lead this event, to include a hospitality tent on the Fun Field. Placement on that field will be greatly enhanced if NVCC can show proof of 20 or more registrations. We would also like to have a good showing in the parade. Our tent location will be advertised in the program and a 10% discount for the Fun Field will be apply for anyone who signs up for it. FYI: Carlisle always keys their annual event to the year of the car that is 50 years old, so a 1969 Corvette will be the car to have at this event!

Corvettes on the Boardwalk - Ocean City, MD (Oct 4-5): More details to come.

Photo shoot of NVCC members and their Corvettes, for the cover of *Blue Bars* magazine and our webpage – is scheduled for April 17 at Gunston Hall in Lorton, VA. We are looking into the possibility of a rain date.

“Summer of 1969 Party” will be hosted by John and Lynn Stark at their home in Stafford, VA. John will also lead a Club cruise beforehand.

Other events and topics:

Piedmont Corvette Club and NVCC at the Flying Circus Aerodrome in Bealeton VA on Oct 7: It was a successful event with great hospitality from Piedmont Corvette Club, a delicious and plentiful potluck lunch, and a fun air show. Kris McCandless led the event with a cruise to the venue.

Corvettes on the Boardwalk Oct 12-13: Jerry Lelansky led the NVCC participation at this event – which drew more than 700 Corvettes, 86 different clubs, and represented 21 states. In addition, 556 Corvettes drove on the boardwalk. NVCC had 22 members present with 13 Corvettes. Dave Kuhn won the C7 Governor’s Award and Cassidy Nolen won race-modified award with his track-prepared C5. NVCC was placed as 4th in the lineup for the boardwalk parade this year!

Jerry will not lead next year; however, he provided recommendations and planning documentation for future NVCC outings to this event.

We need a strong showing at next year’s event, to honor NVCC’s 50th

Skeet Shooting on October 20 at the Bull Run Shooting Center: Jim Dobish led this event, which was attended by 12 NVCC members.

Police Appreciation Day on October 21: Event lead, Bob Devery. The afternoon began with lunch, followed by a visit to Westfields Police Substation. NVCC made a good showing and the departing shift of police officers appreciated it!

Vienna Halloween Parade Oct 24: Lori Benish will lead the event. 16 cars are currently registered (with maximum allowed of 20 cars). This year, NVCC will appear much sooner in the parade, which is an improvement on past years.

Aviation Tour on Nov 4: Bob Devery, lead. The cruise will head to the Air Traffic Control System Command Center (ATCSCC) in Vint Hill, VA – and then to FFA’s High Altitude center in Leesburg (tour will be led by Bob’s son, Chris Devery).

Annual Banquet – Bob noted that volunteers are needed. There will be a planning meeting next week, at his home. He’ll email the date and time to the “everyone@nvccorvetteclub” address.

Membership – The Club numbers have reached 111, which includes 10 prospects!

Membership renewals are at 55% with one week until the late charge kicks in.

Trivia – Led by Club historian Jeff Klain

50/50 raffle: Dave Field won the \$46 jackpot

Meeting adjourned at 8:58PM.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**Audrey Cupples—1978 Yellow Stingray
Connie Harriman — Enthusiast**

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER 27, 2018 GBM

NVCC 2019 Banquet 50th Anniversary



Official kick-off of NVCC's 50th Year!
An evening of dub camaraderie, excellent food and libation!

\$50 per person

Saturday, January 26, 2019
6pm – 10pm
Maggiano's Little Italy
Tysons II – 2001 International Dr
McLean, VA 22102

Register no later than Jan 11th at
msreg.com/NVCC2019banquet

Please direct all inquiries regarding
this event to Bob Devery, event chair at
trends04@cox.net.

Dinner will include various appetizers,
main courses, and desserts.

Along with highlights from 2018,
the evening will feature a look back
at NVCC's history, with the help of
at least 10 past presidents! It's
going to be a blast from the past!

As always, there will be opportunities
to purchase raffle and 50/50 tickets.

Cash Bar!

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM AMBASSADOR CONFERENCE CLASS — NOVEMBER 6-7, 2018



POLICE APPRECIATION VISIT FROM BOB DEVERY

On October 14, club members took time to make a visit to the Westfields police station for Fairfax County. We had 10 cars as we headed to the Texas Roadhouse just off Rt 28 for lunch. The club members then took on The Challenge: a world class, intense and grueling drive of .3 miles to get to the police station! Yes, an entire three tenths of a mile. I'm glad to say that each and every car made it.

Exhausted from eating and driving, report in front of the entrance. The officers going on duty for the swingshift add 2 PM were told of our arrival. Very shortly, the office has started leaving role call in order to come out and meet with us. Eventually, we have 15 of Fairfax County's finest in the lot with us where we found out that, in addition to their dedication as police officer's, they know a good car when they see it! The extreme majority of the officers are car guys and got into the nuts and bolts discussion about the different models of the Corvettes. We found officers who had Corvettes or who had family members who did as well as others who had some pretty cool vehicles in their garage at home. The best part of the day what is being able to say thank you to the men and women for their dedication to the community. The officers new house in sir we were and truly appreciated the fact that a group of residents took the time to come out and meet with them and say "thank you". These days, they look like they're going into combat overseas with all the body armor ; cameras and more. One group of officers with whom I was chatting all agreed that this type exchange was what they feel is needed between police and residents. So, it was a good day for the officers and certainly made us feel good about what the club was doing to recognize them.

Next year... An added day trip to go see the fire fighters!

**DOES YOUR C7 HAVE
A MYSTERIOUS
METALLIC
RATTLE/TICKING
SOUND BETWEEN
1200-1400 RPM?**



Does your C7 has a metallic rattle or ticking between 1200-1400 RPM, while driving between 20 - 40MPH, and when the engine is switching between V8 and V4? If so, it may be due to a failed or failing serpentine belt tensioner that's covered under the Bulletin PIP 5185 updated to PIP5185A, which covers C7's built after 2014.

The noise started on my 2016 C7 a couple months ago and at first it was sporadic, but quickly became constant when I was in the above-mentioned RPM and speed range. It sounded like it was coming from the glove box, so I took everything out of the glove box and still had the same rattle. I checked everything I could think of that I could get to without a lift or a jack and didn't see anything obvious. I even Gorilla taped a couple of plastic hoses to be sure. I also verified that the sound didn't happen while parked and running the engine between 1200-1400 RPM.

You may ask: Dang Jerry, why didn't you just speed up or downshift? Because I was usually stuck in traffic or in areas where downshifting would be annoying to the neighbors and/or people walking on the sidewalk.

After some digging around, I found the explanation on a couple different Corvette forums.

The Cause: the C7 belt tensioner uses a piston and hydraulic fluid rather than a spring assembly as used in prior generations of Corvettes. The primary symptom is a "Ticking" or "Rattle" that is louder than the normal ticking from high-pressure fuel injectors. Also, there may be wet areas of the front suspension or on the ground under the car as a result of hydraulic fluid leaking out. From what I could find, the PIP means preliminary information and is an unpublished bulletin, only available to GM service personnel.

The Solution: take your C7 into Page Chevrolet and tell them that your C7 is rattling, as described above, and that it can't be replicated while parked. I also mentioned that I found reference to PIP5185 for similar/same sound on Corvette forums. John, the Page Corvette technician, fixed it within a couple of hours after I dropped it off. He replaced the drive belt tensioner, which was covered under warranty, and no more rattle.

I hope this helps the C7 drivers in our club!

Jerry Lelansky
Officer at Large



Hayfield Days - Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show November 4, 2018

Hayfield Secondary School held their 11th Annual Hayfield days on a perfect day. The weather started out cool and warmed up enough to be comfortable. The cost to enter was \$20, which supports the Hayfield Auto Tech Program.

There were a few older motorcycles, a couple of Model A trucks, several dozen 50's sedans and coupes, a few rat mobiles, a front engine dragster, more than fifty pony cars/muscle cars from the mid 60's-early 80's, a couple dozen Corvettes, a few Japanese tuners, several European exotics, and a DeLorean setup to look like the DeLorean Time Machine from *Back to the Future* movies.

Three club members attended the show: John Scott (Vice President), Jerry Lelansky (Officer at Large) and Paul Fineberg. John drove his 1974 Red coupe, Jerry drove his 2016 Z51 Laguna Blue Metallic Tintcoat coupe and Paul drove his 2016 Long Beach Red Metallic Tintcoat coupe.

Congratulations to Paul, who won the award for "Best Late Model".



Contributed by: Jerry Lelansky, Officer-at-Large



NVCC 2018 Activities Calendar*Dates are subject to change.***MONTHLY EVENTS**

4th Tuesday monthly, January through November: General Business Meetings (GBMs) at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria, VA. Start time 7:30 pm; store open at 7:15 pm. Breakfast GBM twice a year.

2nd Tuesday of each month: NVCC Council Business Meetings at 7:30 pm; location varies.

JANUARY 2018

23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

27: Banquet, Maggiano's, Tysons Galleria, Vienna, VA

FEBRUARY 2018

24: Dunkin Donuts Car Show; Chantilly, VA

27: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

MARCH 2018

3: Dinner & Movie

24: Breakfast GBM – Amphora Diner, Herndon, VA

25: Cruise to RDV Vineyards

APRIL 2018

15: Corvettes 'n Crabs Rallye, Capt Pell's Crab Shack,

24: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

28: Dinner and Movie

MAY 2018

5: USMC Museum Tour, Quantico, VA

19: Cruise to Auburn Heights & Woodside Creamery

22: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

JUNE 2018

3: NVCC Corvettes Care Car Show, Page Chevy

9: Dinner & Movie— Organizer: Bob Devery

23: NVCC Ice Cream Social Cruise, Annapolis

26: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

JULY 2018

8: Cruise to Barrel Oak Winery, Delaplane, VA –

15: Picnic—Anderson Farm; Ganotown, WV

21: Old West Virginia 55 Wardensville Cruise

24: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

28: Mason Dixon Drag Racing; Boonesboro, MD—

AUGUST 2018

4: Potomac Nationals Woodbridge, VA First Pitch
6:35 pm; (fireworks) — Organizer: Bob Devery

15: Weekday Cruise to National Harbor and Cadillac
BBQ; 11:30 am; Organizer — Bob Devery

18: Breakfast GBM – Amphora Diner, Herndon; Or-
ganizer — Vicki Scott

25: NVCC Saturday Cruise to Carlisle, PA — Organ-
izer: Mike Gilliland

SEPTEMBER 2018

8: Warrior Transition Brigade Car Show, Walter Reed
Military Hospital – Organizer: Paul Fineberg

9: Fall Rallye—Glory Days, Stone Ridge, VA —
Organizer: Dick Hammaker

25: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

29: Cruise to Breaux Winery, Purcellville, VA – Or-
ganizer: Shawn Waddell

OCTOBER 2018

6-7: Annual Jazz Festival, Duck, NC – Organizer: Jim
McKay

7: Flying Circus; 10 am--Organizer: Kris McCandless

12-13: Corvettes on the Boardwalk

20: Skeet Shooting — Organizer: Jim Dobish

21: Police Appreciation Day—Organizer: Bob Devery

23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

24: Vienna Halloween Parade, Town of Vienna, VA –
Organizer: Lori Benish

27: Seneca Rocks Autumn Cruise — Organizer:
George Durk

NOVEMBER 2018

3: (or 4) Aviation Air Traffic Tour —10 am Chantilly
Dunkin Donuts; Organizer: Bob Devery

18: Bavarian Inn Cruise and Sunday Brunch, Shepherd-
stown, WV – Organizer: George Durk

27: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

DECEMBER 2018

15: Christmas Party—Stark Residence

NO DECEMBER GBM

SCENES FROM THE HALLOWEEN PARADE

VIENNA, VA — 2018

Hosted by: Lori Benish
Halloween Parade Guru



Thank you to everyone that came out for the Vienna Halloween Parade on the Wednesday October 24th. We had a beautiful, crisp night that felt perfectly like Halloween. We had a grand total of 13 cars along our lead truck and NVCC banner in the parade. Everyone that came was in the spirit, between the costumes and the car decorations we put on a great show. From the kids to the parents we were getting cheers and lots of love all up and down the parade route, with several "I want your car" shouts. The Vienna Town council meeting for the awards will be on November 19th, so I will keep the club posted with the results from that evening. I am looking to take away another ribbon again this year (note the competitive tone -LOL). This is my favorite event each year and I am happy that I can help everyone enjoy this amazing event. Already looking forward to next year!









TRIVIA

By Jeff Klain



Question: If your tire pressure is the recommended pressure for C5 and C6 Corvettes at 15 degrees C (59 deg F), what will it be if the temperature in your garage drops to 0 degrees C (32 deg F)?

Answer: 30 [so * (273 kelvin/288 kelvin) = 28.4 psi]

Question: What is the freezing point for the GM approved 50/50 Dexcool used in late model Corvettes?

Answer: -34 degrees F

Question: According to Tire Rack, "If ambient temperatures drop to near- or below _____, driving or rolling a vehicle equipped with summer performance tires risks the possibility of tread compound cracking."

Answer: freezing



**3rd ANNUAL BAVARIAN INN CRUISE
AND SUNDAY BRUNCH
SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 18, 2018
12:30 PM RESERVATION**

We will meet at Page Chevrolet and head to Urbana, MD via Rt. 270, then 60 miles into beautiful Maryland country ending in backroads of Antietam. Cost per person is \$32.95 plus 15% gratuity.

Contact: George Durk
gadurk@gmail.com



MEETING PLACE – Page Chevrolet
MEETING TIME – 8:30 a.m.
DRIVER MEETING – 8:45 a.m.
CRUISE BEGINS – 9:00 a.m.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CRUISE



LOCAL CARS AND COFFEE LOCATIONS

Day / Time	Event	Venue	Location
Friday (5-7 PM)	Cruise-In	Chic-Fil-A	Sterling, VA
Saturday (7-9 AM)	Cars & Coffee	Katie's Coffee	Great Falls, VA
Saturday (6-9 PM)	Cruise-In	Burger King	Manassas, VA
Sunday (7:00 AM)	Cars & Coffee	Dunkin Donuts / Dulles Landing Shopping Center parking lot	South Riding, VA
Sunday (8:30 AM)	Cars & Coffee	Market Station (203 Harrison Street SE)	Leesburg, VA

A SLOW LEAK

By: Jack Ludwick



Peep
and Flo

Recently I went to get a Mobil 1 oil change for the Corvette. Although it had been only about 5,000 miles since the last one, and I've read that synthetic oils should be good for at least another 10,000, they also recommend it should be changed at least once a year. I also requested an alignment, since the right front tire was wearing more than the left one, although I hadn't noticed any steering problems.

I also mentioned that the right rear tire had a slow leak, losing about a pound a month. Since they'd previously given me a nitrogen fill to make up for an earlier service slip-up, I was expecting they'd just add another five psi and I'd be on my way. However, when they sought me out in the customer lounge, it wasn't to notify me that everything was ready, but to take me into the shop. The tire was off the wheel, and they showed me not only the small screw in the middle of the tread that was repairable, but also the really small nail that was angled too close to the sidewall to be repaired.

The new tire, including labor, balancing, and new tire pressure sensor, cost \$516.40! Well, the rear tires are pretty huge – twenty-six inches tall with a tread width of nearly a foot – and specialized, capable of being driven flat for 50 miles at 50 mph, as well as, when inflated, at continuous speeds of "over 168 mph." Unfortunately, although they "had" one, it was in a warehouse that was two hours away. Fortunately, it was nearly lunchtime and the nearby restaurant they recommended was quite pleasant.

Also fortunately, the tire warranty I had purchased reimbursed me for the entire cost, although it required a half-hour telephone conversation between the shop person and the warranty people. It also required that I provide a date for when the damage had occurred! Since the air loss had been occurring for months, who knew? But I shouldn't have been concerned, it was just another box that needed an entry, so I chose a random date several months in the past.

In the end I was there for five hours for something I thought would take no more than an hour, since I had an appointment. And now the rear tires have 18,000 mile different diameters. It drives fine, but I have no idea if the difference might be enough to result in significant differential wear.

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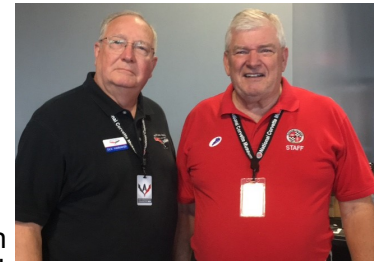


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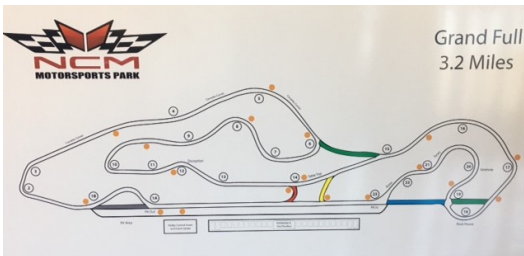
By: NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker

NCM Ambassador Conference Highlights - Nov 5th & 6th

First week in November, I attended the 2nd Annual Ambassador Conference with 58 of the 380 Ambassadors attending. The Conference was an introduction into the National Corvette Museum (NCM) and Motorsports Park (MSP) Programs. The Conference was hosted by the Membership Director Stephanie Morrill.



Day one, opening remarks were by Executive Director Wendell Strobe on the history of the NCM and MSP. Curator Derek Moore discussed collection inventory, database, and presentation program with a tour of the Library and Archives. Events Director talked about the Museum-in-Motion (MIM) Program. Other speakers highlighted Development & Donations, Information Technology, and Gift Shop. A fun afternoon was spent at the Motorsports Park (MSP) with touring laps (lead/follow) on the track and (Go) Kart races.



Day two, discussed Membership Benefits & Programs, Marketing & Newsletters, Museum Delivery, NCM Insurance, NCM Education, and a behind-the-scenes Museum tour to places I didn't know existed. Afternoon highlight was a Assembly Plant Update by the Plant Manager Kal Spande. He focused on the ZR1 production and the new paint facility.



In the coming months, I'll provide more facts and figures from the Conference.



Great visit with Tammy Shiner. Tammy is the Mother of Spooktacular and NCM Founder Status. She will be at the Banquet.

#22
Dick "HAM" Hammaker
Ambassador

Color	Number	Percentage
Sebring Orange	398	40%
Black	170	17%
Watkins Glen Gray	112	11%
Arctic White	91	9%
Torch Red	78	8%
Admiral Blue	40	4%
Ceramic Matrix Gray	32	3%
Blade Silver	29	3%
Corvette Racing Yellow	27	3%
Long Beach Red	19	2%
Shadow Gray	4	<1%
Elkhart Lake Blue	0	0%

How would you like to own a 2019 Corvette? Rotary District 7730 is holding a CARS for CART contest. A maximum of 1,250 tickets will be sold. The Grand prize is, at the sole option of the winner, the choice of a New Corvette* (*a \$62,500.00 certificate toward the purchase of a New Corvette) or \$50,000.00 in cash. If the Corvette is chosen, delivery of the vehicle will be from a dealer selected by the winner. All remaining proceeds (\$62,500.00 or \$75,000.00 depending on prize selection) will benefit and support the CART FUND. (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) Support the CART Fund and get a chance to win. Visit www.rotary7730.org to purchase your ticket. Complete contest rules are posted on the website. Plans are for the contest to run until December 9th, 2018 or until all tickets are sold. The drawing for the "Christmas Corvette" will be held on December 15th, 2018. The contest is void where prohibited by law.



ROTARY DISTRICT 7730

IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

THE CART CHRISTMAS CORVETTE CONTEST



The contest begins August 1st, 2018 and will run through December 9th – or until **ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD**

Tickets are **\$100** each with a total of only **1250** tickets being sold
The winner will have the choice of :

A \$62,500 VOUCHER
TO PUT TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A BRAND NEW
2019 CORVETTE
OR
\$50,000 CASH

VISIT WWW.ROTARY7730.ORG AND CLICK ON THE CAR ON THE RIGHT TO PURCHASE TICKETS

THERE'S MORE!



For the month of August, 20 early bird ticket holders will be randomly chosen to receive a FREE extra ticket. And then again in September 20 ticket holders will be chosen. And finally, an additional 10 ticket holders in October will receive that free ticket.

The drawing for the **CART Christmas Corvette** will be held on December 15th, 2018.

DON'T WAIT.
TICKETS ARE SURE TO SELL OUT FAST!
AND GOOD LUCK!!!

For more info: carsforcart@gmail.com



NVCC ELECTED OFFICERS – Elected Annually in November

Per By-Laws enacted in October 2017

GENERAL: NVCC officers are elected for periods of one year, not to exceed three years.

PRESIDENT

The President conducts NVCC meetings and supervises official NVCC functions and activities. The President has signature authority (along with Treasurer) on Club checking account, deposits all funds within ten calendar days of receipt, and may access any Club safety deposit box, post office box, and Club charge card. The President instructs the Officer-at-Large to temporarily fill any vacated officer position for a period not to exceed 90 calendar days. The President supports the Vice President as needed, to ensure that appointed committee groups carry out responsibilities. The President is expected to attend NVCC general business meetings and council meetings.

VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President assumes the duties and responsibilities that the President is unable or incapable of performing. The Vice President oversees activities of all NVCC committees and is expected to attend NVCC general business meetings and council meetings.

SECRETARY

The Secretary records minutes of all NVCC meetings and keeps a written copy for future reference. The Secretary prepares official correspondence and other written material deemed necessary by NVCC's council, to include business meeting minutes, Council minutes, attached Treasurer's Reports, and by-laws. The Secretary preserves all records and correspondence and maintains an inventory of current login information (i.e., user ids and passwords) for all systems and/or websites used by NVCC. The Secretary is expected to attend NVCC general business meetings and council meetings.

TREASURER

The Treasurer is responsible for the receipt, care, and disbursement of NVCC funds. The Treasurer prepares a monthly financial report to be made public at monthly business and Council meetings and has signature authority (along with President) on Club checking account, deposits all funds within ten calendar days of receipt, and may access any Club safety deposit box, post office box, and Club charge card. The Treasurer provides nametags for new members and fulfills additional orders. The Treasurer is expected to attend NVCC general business meetings and council meetings.

OFFICER-AT-LARGE

The Officer-At-Large will be familiar with the duties and responsibilities of all NVCC officers, and able to temporarily (not to exceed 90 calendar days) assume those duties as needed. The Officer-At-Large acts as Parliamentarian at meetings and is expected to attend NVCC general business meetings and council meetings.

**TIME TO VOLUNTEER OR
NOMINATE FOR ANY OFFICER POSITION
AND
REMEMBER TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER !!**

TENTATIVE EVENTS

Wintergreen area wineries and BBQ — Organizer: Bob Devery

Guinness Brewery, Baltimore, MD — Organizer — Bob Devery

Weekday drive to Gordonsville VA/Exchange Hotel and Civil War Museum, followed by BBQ lunch—Organizer: TBD

***INTERESTED IN LEADING AN EVENT?
PLEASE CONTACT AN NVCC COUNCIL
MEMBER EMAIL:***

COUNCIL@NVCORVETTECLUB.COM



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

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

Men's Sizes- Small, Medium, Large, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL (2XL and over +\$2.00)

Examples:



Order online at:

http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/information/NVCC_STORE/NVCC_Shirts/

Events for NVCC's 50th Anniversary Year

In addition to our regular lineup of activities – the annual car show, a spring and fall rallye and TDS - 2019 will host six Official 50th Anniversary events throughout 2019, as follows:

NVCC Banquet at Maggiano's/Tysons II: Saturday, January 26th

The official kick off to NVCC's 50th Anniversary year of celebrations. This year will be a real blast from the past (1969-2019)! We'll revisit our Club's history, with the help of over 10 past presidents. It's an annual tradition and fun social evening with awards for Member of the Year, and Council Member of the Year – and some great prizes!

Escape from Winter Caribbean Cruise: February 10th - 7th

Join Club members for a 7-day Western Caribe cruise on Norwegian Cruise Lines! NVCC Social chair and travel expert, Bob Devery, will lead the way (**Itinerary:** Depart Miami FL - Roatan, Honduras - Harvest Caye, Belize - Costa Maya, Mexico - Cozumel, Mexico – Return to Miami.) NOTE: Reserve your cabin by emailing Bob at trends04@cox.net

NVCC Cruise to the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green, KY: July 20th – 23rd

Cruise with the Club to Bowling Green for a visit to the birthplace of many of our beauties! The NCM will provide us with VIP tour of the museum and plant, track time, and dedication of a Club brick to commemorate NVCC's 50th Anniversary. NVCC is a founding member club of the NCM and a lifetime member – largely due to Dick Hammaker's diligence as NCM Ambassador and generous contributions to our Club. More details will be rolled out in the near future.

Summer of '69 Cruise & Party in Fredericksburg, VA: July 27th

John and Lynn Stark will host a 1969-themed party at their home in Fredericksburg, VA – preceded by a Club cruise led by John to his residence. *Get your groove on, Baby!*

Corvettes at Carlisle, PA: August 22nd – 25th

This massive, East coast Corvettes-only event will provide NVCC members with the opportunity to enjoy hot cars, great programs and activities, endless merchandise, parts, and vendor stalls – along with our own Club hospitality tent! A block of rooms has been reserved by the Club – email "50thCommittee@nvc Corvetteclub.com" for booking information.

Corvettes Weekend (Free State Corvette Club) – Ocean City, MD: October 4th & 5th

A major Mid-Atlantic Corvette event sponsored by Free State Corvette Club (for over 30 years) will be the venue for another NVCC weekend to celebrate our 50th. Along with all the attractions and activities that this event offers, NVCC members will enjoy a hospitality suite, a club dinner on Friday night, and special placement in the boardwalk parade!

NOTE: Help NVCC win recognition for largest attendance by a Club!!

THANK YOU for your input regarding these events. Your opinion and suggestions matter!

Please note: If you'd like to volunteer to help the 50th Anniversary Committee plan and/or staff any of these events, email Vicki Scott at merryva@outlook.com.

Then and Now Logos



Pre-1982



Until the 50th

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

MOTOR SPORTS PARK

SAVE THE DATE – BOOK YOUR ROOMS after 6/14/18

THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2019

EAST REGION NONSANCTION EVENT

TRACK DAY – 4X ½ HOUR SESSIONS ON THE FULL COURSE - \$200

PACE LAPS- 4 LAPS FOLLOWING A PACE CAR- \$50.00

SKID PAD FOCUSED ON CAR CONTROL - \$50.00

FRIDAY APRIL 12, 2019

TOUR THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

BOX LUNCH PROVIDED BY NCM

PLANT TOURS

75 rooms are blocked off under ERNCCC APRIL 10 – 13, 2019

BEST WESTERN – 270-782- 6933

1940 Mel Browning St.

Bowling Green, Ky.

Cost - \$105 per night

You can make your reservations after June 14, 2018

Question or information – contact John Cantelmo

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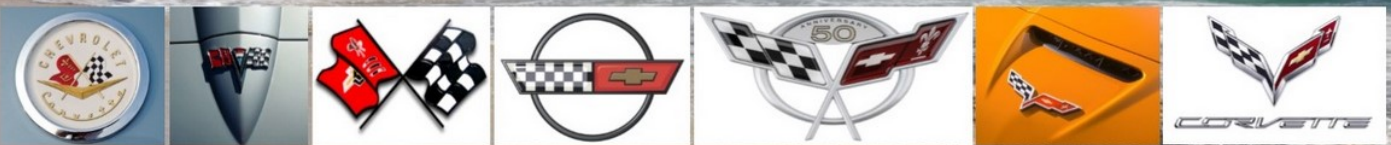
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FINAL THOUGHT



SAVE THE WAVE