

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB

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## 'GLASS GAZETTE

### A Tale of Two Cities Our Autumn Cruise to Luray

By George Durk



We are so fortunate to live only about an hour and a half away from the rolling hills and mountain country of the Shenandoah Valley and West Virginia. I'd had this idea for a few years for an Autumn Cruise. Then, lo and behold, after one of our West Virginia romps earlier this year, Jim Dobish, a fellow relisher of country twisties, suggested I



check out some of the restaurants in Luray. Hence, our first Autumn Cruise to Luray's Mimslyn Inn was planned and reservation made way back in July.



It's difficult to predict peak foliage, so I selected the last Sunday in October, which happened to be Mimslyn's monthly champagne brunch. Beautiful autumn landscapes, nice twisties on the drive to and from Luray, opulent ambience with a champagne brunch. It sparked my imagination! Until the two unknowns started to cloud it up a little – good weather and timing peak foliage.

Well, the good weather scenario slowly faded from a few spotty showers, earlier in the week, to a fast-moving remnant of tropical storm Olga! Moreover, a bulls-eye for Olga - the downpour would be heaviest during our travel window between 10:00 – 11:30? That reality, coupled with a "Roads May Flood" sign etched in my memory at the beginning of Rt 678, required a change in strategy. So, we reversed the route. Instead of taking routes 211 and 29 back to civilization, we would take them to Luray. Definitely roads with better drainage. And, if the weather cleared, as the forecast predicted, we could burn off some calories by taking routes 675/678 back.



Well I'll be, they DON'T melt in the rain!

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In the midst of the monsoon, although looking like wet puppies begging to come in out of the rain, 13 beautiful vettes – 9 C7s, 2 C6s, 1 C5, and Ole' Yeller, the McKay's very special '64 Goldwood Yellow Coupe, quite able to run and keep up with its younger siblings, filled the back of the Manassas Cracker Barrel's parking lot. Plus, 3 very nice daily drivers. After gathering on Cracker Barrel's porch, twenty-nine NVCC'ers, a little weather-dazed and apprehensive, began our journey onto the beautiful wet Autumn roads. Of course, each of us with a plan for cleaning our pride and joys at days end.

I imagined Olga grinning and saying lighten-up! As we turned onto Rt 29, a mile or so from Cracker Barrel, the rain almost stopped completely, and looking west, a streak of blue sky appeared on the horizon. By the time we reached Warrenton, our good friend began peaking in and out of the clouds. And the road spray, especially in the Shenandoah National Park section of Rt 211 twisties, provided quite the artistic view of our vettes!

By the time we reached Luray and the Mimslyn, it was clear skies and drying roads. We arrived at 11:30, right on time for our reservation, and the Mimslyn staff happily ushered their punctual guests into the beautiful banquet room. Champagne and brunch ensued with a toast to the change of seasons with our corvettes, friends and camaraderie.

After brunch, we gathered outside for a final photo. Most went their separate ways, but 12 of us and 8 cars went right down the road and visited the Luray Carriage and Car Museum. Great history of horse and buggy's evolving into the automobile up until the late 30s and early 40s. Plus, admission was free!



After the museum, with dry roads, sunshine and the crisp autumn air, 5 Vettes completed the beautiful and twisty turns of about two-thirds of Routes 675/678 ending in Front Royal. We were stuck behind a slow-poke driving under the speed limit the last third of the way. All was good! It provided ample time to absorb and appreciate the beautiful Autumn Virginia mountain country. Oh, for that second unknown, we probably were a week or two early for peak foliage. There's always next year!

For more photos, go to: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/mnt9vxpoqcdevgo/AADcDYk97bVW8tG\\_6F5DN47da?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/mnt9vxpoqcdevgo/AADcDYk97bVW8tG_6F5DN47da?dl=0)





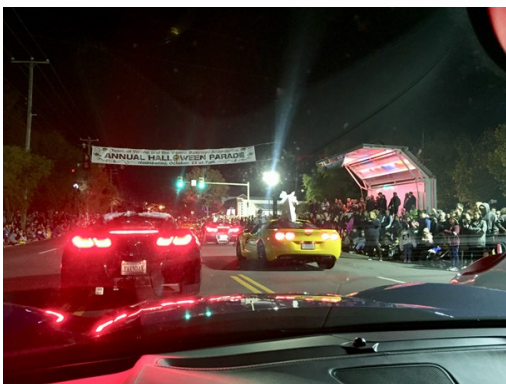
**NVCC TAKES FIRST PLACE IN CLASSIC AND ANTIQUE CAR CATEGORY IN THE 73RD ANNUAL VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE! THANKS TO LORI FOR ORGANIZING THIS AWESOME EVENT FOR THE CLUB**



On a crisp fall night, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 Northern Virginia Corvette Club participated in the 73<sup>rd</sup> annual Vienna Halloween Parade. The event is held each year by the Town of Vienna and is always a great time. I took the lead organizing which I have done since 2009, this marking my 10<sup>th</sup> year heading up the parade. It is one of my favorite events, and already cannot wait until next year. This year, the theme of the parade was "Famous Children's Books and Fairytales Brought to Life." This led me to think, who doesn't dream of a row of Halloween decked-out Corvettes!?



Looking to get back on the podium for awards in our category and celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we pulled out all the stops! There were a total of 17 Vettes and 1 lead truck with our club banner up front and center. Everyone did a great job decorating, dressing up, and overall getting into the spirit. You guys did me proud! For all our hard work we were rewarded. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Vienna Town Council we were awarded **1<sup>st</sup> PLACE** in the Car category. Thank you to everyone who attended which included: Lori and Paul Benish, John and Kara Palmgren, Jerry and Irene Lelansky, Lynn and Andre Balanc, Jeff and Ari Klain, John and Vicki Scott, Josie McMahon, Rita Mars, Sue and Roger Williams, Yas and Doreen Kinashi, Marsha and Tommy Batchellor, Scott Hurley, Rob and Cathy Succolosky, Bob and Carol Devery, John and Karen Provost, Barb Foor, Bob and Karen Shoemaker, and Mike Gilliland. Looking forward already to next year and Happy Holidays!



PS- Feel free to join me again for the annual Christmas Lights Rallye (see the flyer in the Newsletter and I will be emailing everyone soon a reminder).

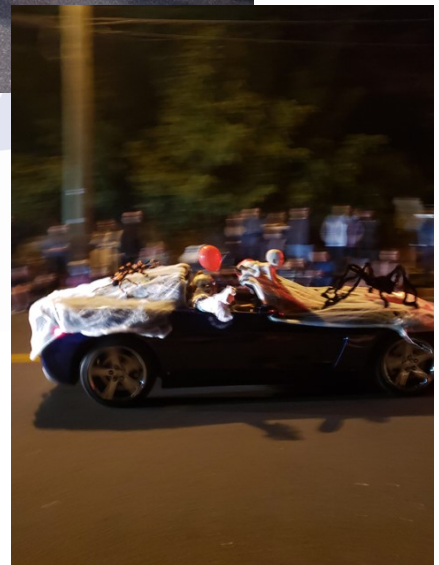
**Lori Ann Benish, Vienna Halloween Parade Coordinator**



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## *NVCC Christmas Lights Rallye*

*Sunday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2019*

*@ 6:00pm \$5.00/car (+entry fee)*

*We are bringing back the Annual Christmas Lights Rallye!*

This is a fun and easy event for everyone, even if you have never done a rallye before. We put a twist on a traditional rallye by answering questions about the holiday lights path, no directions to have to worry about getting lost. The route will guide you to the entrance of the "Bull Run Festival of Lights," which is where the questions will begin.

We will be running a single rallye- most correct answers win. December is typically safe for weather, but just in case Corvettes are not required to participate. You can run it alone or have a car full of people, it's up to you since it's on closed roads and very slow driving. Route will end at the carnival, which is on the top of the hill at the end of Bull Run Festival of Lights. At the carnival you can get hot chocolates, funnel cake, smores, etc. and enjoy the atmosphere while you wait for everyone to finish. Exact location to meet in the carnival will be discussed at the driver's meeting. After tabulation, a winner will be announced!

### DETAILS:

**Cost to rallye: \$5.00 / car**

It is a winner take-all pot for best answers at the end. A tiebreaker will be used in the event of a tie score on the questions. **Note: Admission to Bull Run Festival of Lights is required, \$25/per car which is to be paid at their gate directly.**

#### **Start Location:**

Starbuck Parking Lot in Centerville at **6:00pm** (Grab a drink if desired and head to the back of the parking lot where we will gather the cars).

#### **Address to Starbucks:**

14155 Saint Germain Dr. Centerville, VA 20121

#### **Start Time:**

**6:00pm** (Driver Meeting Starts at **6:10pm**, Cars out by **6:15pm**)

#### **Festival of Lights Address:**

Bull Run Festival of Lights 7700 Bull Run Drive Centerville, VA 20121

Please register with **Lori Benish** via email:

[LoCol707@yahoo.com](mailto:LoCol707@yahoo.com) to participate or get more details. \*

\* Call Lori @ **571-296-6816** or Paul @ **703-850-0574**

if you have any questions or concerns the day of the event.



**Look forward to seeing you there! And Happy Holidays!**

# MEET YOUR 2019 COUNCIL



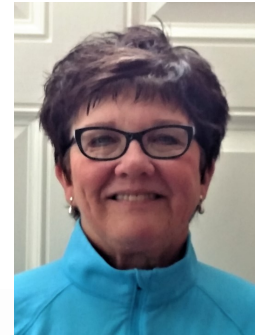
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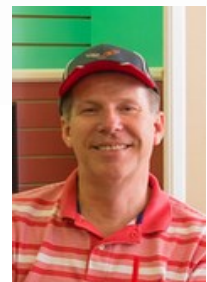
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## A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Page

By: Jim McKay

So, I brought my 97 to my trusted Indy racing mechanics for an oil change and inspection before a road trip to NYC. While there, I asked Dave to listen to the "thunk" I was hearing when starting forward in a slow hard right or left turn.

I told him it felt as though the wheels were shifting on their moorings. I'm thinking dried out bushings. It is 22 years old after all.

David looked at every connection and all bushings. Even the steering damper. Then, on a hunch, he checked the A frame bolts.

The idiots at the Outer Banks Chevy dealer had left them loose when I had it aligned there. Having narrowly missed death with my catastrophic rear spring bolt failure earlier this year, they had set me up for sure death on the highway at speed.

Tim's shop doesn't have an alignment rack, and no one in the area can get my low rider on theirs. Then I remembered that club members get one free alignment a year at Page.

I called and was told to bring it right in. The intake tech met me right away, waiting with papers in hand for me to arrive. No waiting. Within an hour it was done at no charge.

Bonus. I got to enjoy a long conversation with Tony, and learned the GM strike is over, and C8 production could possibly begin on schedule in December!



Anxiously awaiting delivery, and thankful for the quick no fuss service at Page!



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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—NOVEMBER 2019

The assembly line at Bowling Green has fired back up, we have a World Series Championship team in Washington, the fall colors are bright outside of our windows, the NVCC has a membership levels not seen in well over a decade and a great location is set for our 2020 Banquet. Additionally, we still have events for your social calendar left in 2019. Even as the cold weather sets in, there is much for a Northern Virginia Corvette owner to be thankful for this November.

Let's start by thanking the Veterans both inside and outside the club. We are all in your debt for serving our nation in uniform. I want to add a warm welcome to all of our new members and their gorgeous Corvettes. Thank you for joining this great group of people and sharing the joy of driving these incredible cars.

I want to thank Bob Devery and Jerry Lelansky for their support choosing a banquet facility for the 2020 NVCC Banquet. Locking the facilities in early is important and Mr. Devery worked to get us the best deal for the food and space we wanted. We look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of January at the Springfield Golf & Country Club. We will have more elbowroom, a space for smokers, a prime rib carving station and a dance floor. It should be a lot of fun.

If you missed George Durk's Fall Cruise, you missed a great event. The drive from the Manassas battlefield to Luray started in the rain and quickly transitioned to a sunny cruise through fall foliage at its peak. The switchback ride up and down the mountain from Sperryville to Luray made you glad to have a Corvette. The Champaign brunch at the Mimslyn Inn was wonderful. Thank you George for a great event.

My thanks to Yas and Doreen Kinashi for a great last of 2019 Cars and Coffee event. Show participants overflowed the parking area designated for the show and required additional parking. This was the largest number of Corvettes yet for this event. Over the course of the year we have collected over \$1,000 for our MS charity from this event alone, again, many thanks to Yas and Doreen.

Our Social Director, Bob Devery, led a group to edge of Alexandria in November for a law enforcement appreciation event. Bob tries to get in at least one of these events in each year to thank the public servants that protect our lives and property. Bob deserves our thanks for keeping this tradition going. Mr. Devery has let me know that he will be leaving his post as Social Chair at the end of this year. If you have an interest in this position, please let me know.

Mr. Rob Succolosky led a highly appreciated Gettysburg Ghost Tour group. Thank you Rob for putting this together and making it happen. All the feedback from this event has been really positive. This was a perfect event to get everyone into the Halloween spirit.





### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—NOVEMBER 2019 (CONT'D)

Speaking of the Halloween spirit, thanks to Lori and Paul Benish for another fully successful Vienna Halloween Parade (Yes, the NVCC has won first place yet again for best dressed Club). By the way, Marsha's ghoulish baby was absolutely horrifying (great work, Marsha, I loved it). Thanks to all of our members who joined in.



Last but not least, our NCM Ambassador extraordinaire, Mr. Dick Hammaker, was presented a special award for all of his support to the National Corvette Museum. The word is this was a first ever, one of a kind award for his service to the Museum. Please join me in congratulating our NCM Ambassador for this recognition.



Well that's it for November. As always, it is my pleasure to support this great group. If you have not gotten around to sending in your membership dues, please get that done. We want to hit another home run for membership and see you at the Banquet in 2020. We need you to make that happen. After all we wouldn't want to send Marsha's Halloween baby out looking for you. Here's hoping for those blue skies and unblemished highways and byways as we cruise into our 51<sup>st</sup> year!

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# NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 22, 2019—BY: EVELYN MCKAY, SECRETARY

**Officers Present:** Mike Gilliland, President  
 John Scott, Vice President  
 Jerry Lelansky, Officer at Large  
 Omar Gordon, Treasurer  
 Evelyn McKay, Secretary

The meeting began at 7:35 pm at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria, VA and was presided over by Mike Gilliland, President. Past presidents attending were Kris McCandless and John Palmgren.

Approval of Minutes: The September 2019 minutes were approved.

## Meeting Agenda:

- Amphora Reservations for Meetings. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will meet the week following the Council meetings. Evelyn will make reservations for both the Council and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meetings.
- Nominations were taken for the two council positions that are open for 2020. Mike announced nominations were now being accepted. Nominated were:  
 Vice President – Shawn Waddell  
 Officer at Large – Yas Kinashi  
 Jim McKay volunteered for the open Marketing position.
- The Halloween Parade is October 23. The lead for this event is Lori Benish.  
 The parade is at the maximum of 20 cars, however, 2 additional cars can be accommodated. It is recommended that drivers/passengers wear costumes and that cars are decorated. This is not required, however, NVCC wants to win!  
 Meeting location maps have been e-mailed to participants.  
 Arrive early. Streets close at 5:30 pm and get congested before then. Also, NVCC has been placed further to the front of the parade this year. With early arrival, participants will have enough time to have dinner together at Elevation Burger. Parade starts at 7 pm.  
 Paul has NVCC banners for cars and there are 6 clings remaining for purchase.
- Corvettes/Coffee at Cascades. Yas Kinashi is the lead.  
 There was \$180 collected from last month's cars/coffee. Yas presented this to the club.  
 For the final Corvettes/Coffee on October 26 (10:00 am-2:00 pm), there will be an Octoberfest with a live band.
- Mimslyn Inn Cruise. George Durk will lead the cruise.  
 This event is on Sunday, October 27.  
 Meet at 9:30 am at the Manassas Cracker Barrel.  
 Since this will be a "caravan", George will determine how we can stay together.  
 Mimslyn Inn has a nice lunch, and we will hopefully see gorgeous fall colors.

**A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER 26, 2019 GBM**

- **Bavarian Inn Cruise.** George Durk will lead the cruise. The cruise is on Saturday, November 23. Brunch is at the Bavarian Inn at 11:00 am. We will cruise and make a stop in Urbana, MD. George will create a flyer with more details.
- **Old 55 Cruise.** If there is an open Saturday in November, George will lead another Old 55 cruise. The road is now paved, and George will send an impromptu e-mail with details.
- **Banquet.** Bob Devery is heading this event. Bob visited Maggiano's Restaurant and the Springfield Country Club (off Old Keene Mill Road). Both locations are good and can accommodate the club from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Maggiano's can accommodate the group on the first weekend in February. Springfield would be the last weekend in January. Both locations have excellent food, good service, cash bar with bartender. Springfield will have a buffet set-up and more space. It will be a great event at either location.
- **Social Media.** Audrey Cupples is lead. Facebook and Twitter have been active. Look for NV Corvette Club. Instagram has not been very active. The Flickr account is NV Corvette Club. For photo uploads, we will now use Drop Box. Audrey can invite you to upload pictures and no password will be needed. E-mail Audrey for an invitation. Her e-mail is: [socialmedia@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:socialmedia@nvcorvetteclub.com)
- **Trap/Skeet Shooting.** Jim Dobish is arranging a trap/skeet shoot event at Bull Run on November 2. Please contact Jim if interested in attending.

Break

**TRIVIA By Jeff Klain**

**Event/Committee Reports:**

The Ghost Tour to Gettysburg along Route 15 was excellent. Members had a delicious dinner at Dobbin House. Twenty-four members attended and took a private ghost/history tour. The group had a great time! Led by Rob Succolosky

The Corvettes at Ocean City weekend was great! There was good club turnout and five NVCC members won awards. NVCC was third in the parade line and had good participation at the dinner/awards ceremony. Thank you to John and Vicki Scott for hosting a hospitality suite. Led by Dave Kuhn.

George reported that membership renewals are at 54%. Membership renewals are due November 1.

Paul Benish discussed the e-mail problems with the "everyone" list. This should be fixed by now, however, this list is on "probation".

When several pictures are sent/attached to an e-mail, the e-mail is read as spam. Please refrain from sending very large e-mails. For example, when 50 (approximate) very large e-mails come through the server, it is read as spam and can disrupt the list. In the future, the club may need a separate ip address.

Members were encouraged to use strong passwords.

Please use Drop Box or a Google Drive link for pictures. Do not flood the "everyone" list.

John and Paul have contacted Microsoft, Verizon, Comcast, etc. to fix this issue.

If you feel you are missing e-mails, please contact Paul Benish or John Palmgren.

50/50 Raffle: Karl Grill won \$61 and gave his proceeds back to the club. Thank You!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**Evelyn and Jim McKay's Holiday Open House**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2019 – 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**  
**4605 Kamet Ct.**  
**Woodbridge, VA 22193**  
**703 638 5640**  
**RSVP By November 12 to**  
**[Jim.mckay63@yahoo.com](mailto:Jim.mckay63@yahoo.com)**



## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By: George Durk

### November Report

As of November 10, we have 152 members. 133 primary, 1 associate and 18 prospective.

#### Welcome New Members!!

**Al Boone (returning member) – '03 Medium Spiral Gray Coupe**

**Greg Cyr – '13 Velocity Yellow Grand Sport Convertible**

**Dave Klingler – '19 Long Beach Red Coupe**

**Michael McCarthy and Louie Butler – '77 and '18 Coupes**

Member	Corvette(s)	Expire
Arbuckle, Eric	'59	12/22/2019
Bacon, Greg	'11 Callaway Cyber Gray Grand Sport Coupe	12/22/2019
Bradley, Ed	'85, '89s (2), '19	12/22/2019
Burnett, Chris and Marcy	'69 Monza Red Coupe (restoration in-process)	12/9/2019
Carr, Joshua	'16 Laguna Blue Z51 Coupe	12/28/2019
Ege, Philip	'15 Z51	1/11/2020
Jones, Shaun and Kinda (New!)	'03 Electron Blue Z06 Coupe (FRC)	1/20/2020
McWilliams, Robin	'94	1/5/2020
Miller, Andy	Shopping a future C2	12/22/2019
Mooney, James	'15 Shark Gray Z51 Coupe	12/9/2019
Simon, Jim	'17 Admiral Blue Z51 Coupe	12/22/2019
Spindler, Jason	'05 Convertible w/removable hardtop	12/15/2019
Wagner-Starley, Christie (New!)	'00	1/24/2020
Walden, Jeff	'00 Convertible	1/15/2020
Wilson, Doug	'89 Brilliant Red Poly	12/22/2019
Work, Kevin	'08 Atomic Orange Z06/'94 Admiral Blue	12/23/2019

If you are a prospective member, have attended a GBM and event, but have not received an invitation to join as a full member, send me a notification specifying GBM date and event. ([membership@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:membership@nvcorvetteclub.com)).

### New Rides

New ride? Shoot me an email ([membership@nvcorvetteclub.com](mailto:membership@nvcorvetteclub.com)) if you change or add to your stable so I can update the Club's database. Send a photo and we'll insert into the newsletter.

Also, any other changes to your membership profile (address, phone, email) can be sent to the aforementioned membership email to keep your profile record current.

*As of this report date, we had 10 members who did not respond or pay their 2020 dues renewal. It's not too late – renewing members, paying after November 1, will just need to pay the \$10 late fee.*

*\*\*New members who paid their dues after July 31 are exempt from 2020 dues renewal.\*\* We have a calendar dues year (Jan-Dec).*

### NVCC 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SHUTTERFLY ALBUM

Have you been to any NVCC events since the beginning of this year? Did you take pictures? Would you like to share your pictures? I'm putting together a Shutterfly album to commemorate our club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and I'm looking for photos to include in the album. Everyone can participate. Whether a major event like the Annual Banquet or a cruise through the countryside, I'd love to get copies of your photos. I will be working on the album from now until the end of December and plan to have the album available in sometime in January.

Please send your photos to my email address at: [dorenski312@gmail.com](mailto:dorenski312@gmail.com).

Include your name, event name, date of event and location and any short comments that you would like to add.



**THIS IS VERY TIME SENSITIVE. PLEASE EVERYONE, TAKE 10 MINUTES AND GO THROUGH YOUR PHONE AND SEND DOREEN ALL OF THE PICTURES YOU HAVE TAKEN THIS YEAR! (But not in large clumps please)**

**NVCC 2019 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

**JANUARY 2019**

22: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA  
26: Banquet, Maggiano's, Tysons Galleria, Vienna, VA

**FEBRUARY 2019**

3: 10:00 am -Test Photo Shoot; Gambrill Park & Ride  
26: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**MARCH 2019**

9: Pub Grub Dinner; Fiona's — Bob Devery  
16: Cruise & Lunch to Shamrock's— George Durk  
26: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA  
31: Corvettes & Crabs Rallye — Kris and Mike

**APRIL 2019**

6: Trivia Night with Optimists — Bob Devery  
7: Club Photo Shoot-Gunston Hall - Jerry Lelansky  
11: ERNCCC Event at NCM Motor Sports Park  
14: Cap'n Billy's Crab Cruise; Stafford, VA  
20: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi  
23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA  
24: Weekday Warriors — Bob Devery  
27: ODCC Detail Clinic—Dick Hammaker

**MAY 2019**

2-4: Outer Banks Rod/Custom Festival — Jim McKay  
3: Track Time @ Summit Point — Dave Kuhn  
4: Kentucky Derby Day — Bob Devery  
5: ODCC LaGrange Winery - 12 noon; Haymarket,  
18: Breakfast GBM @ Amphora—Herndon, VA  
25: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

**JUNE 2019**

2: 5th Annual Corvettes Care Car Show; Page Chevy  
15: Old 55 Seneca Rocks Cruise—George Durk  
22: DuCard Vineyards Cruise, — Shawn Waddell  
25: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA  
27: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

**JULY 2019**

4: Dinner and Fireworks @ Fairfax HS — Bob Devery

14: 12 noon NVCC Picnic-Anderson Farm-Ganotown, WV  
20-23: NCM; Bowling Green, KY—Dick Hammaker

23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

27: Summer of '69 Party—John & Lynn Stark

29: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

**AUGUST 2019**

4: Barrel Oak Winery Cruise, 9:00 am — Shawn Waddell

10: 30th All Corvette Cruise In, ODCC; Manassas, VA

17: Wine Tasting at "Chateau Devereux" — 7:00 pm

22-25: Corvettes at Carlisle—Mike Gilliland

27: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

31: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

**SEPTEMBER 2019**

7: Wounded Warriors Car Show (CCA) — Omar Gordon

8: Fall & Country Rallye—Dick Hammaker

21: Vettes in the Vineyard — Omar Gordon

22: NRA 5th Annual Car/Truck Show — Fairfax

24: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

28: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

**OCTOBER 2019**

4-5: Corvettes on the Boardwalk, OC MD-Dave Kuhn

13: Flying Circus Picnic, Bealeton, VA—TBD

19: Ghost Tour, Gettysburg, PA—Rob Succolosky

22: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

23: Vienna Halloween Parade — Lori Benish

26: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

27: Mimslyn Cruise & Brunch — George Durk

**NOVEMBER 2019**

3: Police Appreciation Day-Bonefish, Sprgfld; Bob Devery

6: Military/DoD Lunch — Ft. Belvoir; Bob Devery

23: Bavarian Inn Cruise/Lunch — George Durk

26: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**DECEMBER 2019**

8: Christmas in Manhattan — Bob Devery

15: Christmas Lights Rallye—Lori Benish

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# 2019 KENTUCKY ONE LAP (K1L)

By: Dick Hammaker



My hands down favorite NCM event is Kentucky One Lap...in fact this was my 5th time touring Kentucky back

roads and attractions with Kentucky State Police Master Trooper Jonathan Biven. I'm sure those who attended NVCC's 50th Anniversary Caravan to NCM remember Jonathan's "Spirited Driving."



Kentucky One Lap can be summarized by this saying... "Sleep, Eat, Drive, Eat, Drive, Eat, Sleep, Repeat." Highlights of some of the attractions are below.

### Trooper Island

Trooper Island Camp was developed by the Kentucky State Police as part of a long-range program of public service to the youth of Kentucky; a place when tensions and turmoil of our everyday lives can be forgotten; and for one week young people can be given a touch of hope and desire for a better tomorrow.



### Wilderness Trail Distillery

We have a pioneering spirit here at Wilderness Trail Distillery, just like the settlers who follow the path Daniel Boone blazed into Central Kentucky. In keeping with our

location in the birthplace of Kentucky, we like blending old traditions with the science of making Bourbon and other fine spirits.





**Tour Old Harrod State Park**

A full-scale replica of the fort built by James Harrod in 1774 is the centerpiece of Old Fort Harrod State Park in Harrodsburg, KY. Cabins and blockhouses are furnished with handmade utensils, furniture, crude tools, and implements used by the pioneers.



**White Hall State Historic Site**



Nestled in rolling farmlands, the home near Richmond was built in the late 1700's, with a major addition constructed in the 1860's. Historic White Hall mansion, designed in Georgian and Italianate styles, boasts nearly 10,000

square feet with modern innovations of the time such as central heating and indoor bathrooms.

Old Friends Equine Old Friends provides a dignified retirement to Thoroughbreds whose racing and breeding careers have come to an end. By promoting these one-time celebrated horses through a campaign of education and tourism, we hope to raise awareness of all equines in need.

**Rebecca Ruth Candy - Home of the Original Bourbon Balls.**

The story of Rebecca-Ruth Candy begins in 1919 with two substitute school teachers, Ruth Hanly and Rebecca Gooch. After much praise from family and friends for chocolates they had given during Christmas, they decided they were better candy makers than substitute teachers. At the Frankfort Hotel, the two women rented the barroom and began making chocolates on a 12-foot curved marble table now called "Eda's Table".



Jonathan gave a preview of 2020 K1L and it's going to be fun. There will be plenty of driving in the mountains of East Kentucky as well as visiting Natural Bridge, Red River Gorge Tunnel, and a coal mine exhibit.



## 2019 Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades

*Hosted by Yas Kinashi*



This past winter the Cascades Overlook Town Center (COTC) property manager approached our club to co-host a car show at their location. They solicited over 20 local car clubs and we were the first and only one to respond. Since its property manager, Fred Snowden, previously owned a Corvette C-3 Z06, convincing him to initially start exclusively with Corvettes only in a Cars & Coffee format event on a monthly basis was an easy sale; hence “Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades” was born and an initial show opened on April 20th. This first event was promoted to local Corvette clubs which attracted nearly 30 Corvettes from local areas. Promotions were expanded to posting on Internet club websites and Facebook sites, with help from Lori, Audrey, John and Paul. Marsha provided hardcopy flyers to disseminate various show events, with help from member volunteers. Here, I’d like to acknowledge their efforts and thank them all.

Throughout the course of the next six CCC events, held the last Saturday of each month, we had not only local participants but also others from out-of-state, like Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and North Carolina. The show was an excellent venue for many beautiful examples of modern, customized and restored classic Corvettes. These are captured in the Photo Gallery in the ODCC website ([olddominioncorvetteclub.com](http://olddominioncorvetteclub.com)). Here are a few examples displayed below.



Classic Vintage '54 C-1 Convertible and Custom Mid-Engine Vette with Lambo Tranny



"The Best of Class/Best Modern" went to this beautiful C-2 Stingray Convertible



On October 26th, we successfully completed the 7<sup>th</sup> Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades (CCC) show, co-hosted by COTC. This year-end event attracted over 50 Corvettes of all 7 vintages and non-Vette exotic sports cars, including a Shelby Cobra, Lotus Elite, and Gen-1 Tesla. The Peoples’ Choice Award for the Best of the Show was won by an originally restored Black ’54 C-1 Convertible, which also was the best C-1 class winner at the O.C. Corvette Weekend earlier in the month. By a slim margin, it beat out a 2019 ZR-1 with a custom tiger-striped orange paint job, which won the Best of the Show at our previous show in August. To complete the awards list, four additional trophies were awarded to respective class winners.



More importantly, the event raised \$212 for our MS charity, with a total combined donation of over \$1000 for the year for both clubs (NVCC and ODCC). This show will resume next year, starting

April 26, 2020, with expanded programs, as promised by COTC management, to accommodate larger turnouts, including best class awards for all 7 (or 8) models. Also, you can count on continued special theme celebrations.



Two Finalists for the Peoples' Choice Award Trophy

## NVCC CRUISE TO DOBBIN HOUSE TAVERN GETTYSBURG GHOST TOUR

By: Rob Succolosky



The weather was with us, blue skies and cool temps when 12 cars and 24 spirits left on the afternoon of October 19, not knowing what the hand of fate was about to deal us or weather we'll be known as the lost colony of NVCC. Anyways, the cruise up was great, it was a sight to see in



my side view mirror all those vettes bumper to bumper trying not to get noticed by our local enforcement friends. Jumping on to business route 15 takes your mind back in time as cannons and Civil War cemeteries come into view and life gets a little slower at 35 m.p.h. Once into town we parked our time machines and head over to the oldest building in Gettysburg for lunch, the Dobbin House Restaurant and Tavern. If that structure could talk it would reminisce about being the home of 19 Dobbin children, a field hospital and an underground railroad all while cannon balls and bullets whizzed past. I think that if the same food that we ate for lunch was served to both armies the war would have ended over dessert!





From there we headed to our destination, the dreaded ghost tour. Actually, it was a fun filled experience with a combination of real history, local folk lore and some ghost tales. Our ghost host challenged us to park our cars at a designated spot next to a local cemetery, turn off our engines, roll down our windows and wait for a guaranteed “not of this world experience” needless to say there were no takers.

After the tour we headed over to a local eatery where we sat at a table long enough for royalty, which led to drinks and desserts for

the party goers. The festivities ended around 10 PM with my

body clock registering 3 AM. It was a fun filled day with fun filled people and Corvettes too. What could be better!



*Rob Succolosky*

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# NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker

## 3rd Annual NCM Ambassador Conference November 5-6, 2019

Who doesn't like road trips to the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green, KY. I must because this was my third trip to NCM this year to attend the Ambassador Conference.... RECCE knows the way by now!

It's always good to get updates from all the NCM Departments...Events, Corvette Store, Social Media, NCM Insurance Agency, Museum Delivery, Development & Donations, and Motorsports Park.

Three items were the highlights of the Conference....  
Corvette Assembly Plant update by the Assistant Plant Manager Nora Roper, First look at the 1954 "Entombed" Corvette, and touring laps at MSP.

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*During the event, Ambassador Dick Hammaker of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club was awarded the Betsy Reese Ambassador Award for being excellent in promoting the museum and providing great service.*





## 1954 'Entombed' Corvette Donated to Museum

It was 1954 and successful business man, Richard Sampson of Brunswick, Maine had just purchased a brand-new Corvette. After driving it for four years, he wanted to park it somewhere safe. Sampson was constructing new stores for his grocery chain and decided one of them would be the perfect structure to keep his car secure. A tomb was built inside the store – literally around his Corvette. Sampson specified in his will that the car was not to be taken out of the man-made 'time-capsule' until the year 2000. Although Sampson changed his wishes before he passed away in 1969, the car remained entombed for 27 years.



<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/cemented-in-history-1954-entombed-corvette-joins-museum-collection/>



## POLICE APPRECIATION DAY

By: Bob Devery



NVCC had another wonderful turnout for what has become the Annual Police Appreciation Day. Members joined up at Bonefish Grill in Kingstowne Shopping Center for a lunch before heading over to the Mt Vernon District Station for the Fairfax County Police. Our convoy was joined at the station by a couple of members who could not make the lunch. Our arrival was timed to allow us to visit with officers who would be on the evening shift as they got ready for roll call. Additionally, we were hoping to see some of the dayshift team as they were arriving back to the station.



Upon arrival, we headed into the station to deliver our "snack package " that we got at Bonefish for the officers. Several of them met us at the door and gladly took delivery! With that out of the way, officers started to head to the parking lot to check out the Corvettes. As with the last two years, it was nice to see the officers looking at our cars without flashing lights! We ended up with at least 10 officers in the lot and in conversation with our members about the cars. Many officers are also car enthusiasts which added to the visit. In return for looking at our "toys", the shift supervisor had a few of the Fairfax Police "toys" brought out including a shift command vehicle that was ready for action with emergency communication equipment, logistical support items and added weapons and defense shields — such as the one that recently saved an officer's life during an incident a few weeks ago. The new weapons in their inventory were both heavy duty as well as ones designed to stop the bad guys but without the deadly force that other items bring such as pellet guns that can disperse a rubber bullet or one that will disperse powder that can act like tear gas. The officers were very open to our questions and truly appreciated the visit. When you see the immense amount of equipment that they have to wear to safely go through the shift, it's amazing yet sad. It makes the effort by club members really stand out for the police. Thanks to everyone who took the time to join up for the visit.

# CRUISE TO COOTERS







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## FINAL THOUGHT



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