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# **29th Anniversary with NVCC** by Dick "HAM" Hammaker #21

July was my 29th Anniversary as a member of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. Let's start from the beginning....

I started S.H. Rider High School, Wichita Falls, TX, in 1963. Go Rider Raiders! I was instantly in love with a class mate's 1962 Corvette Convertible. WOW, what a machine!

My next Corvette experience came in 1966 when my boss had a 1964 Corvette Coupe. After bugging him, he finally tossed me the keys and said, "take it for a spin." I was in heaven but that quickly spread to fear. I said to myself, "don't mess this up Hammaker, be careful, use good judgment." All that faded when I cranked the beast and heard the 327 cu in/375 hp come to life. Oh, did I mention it was a four speed manual? That's OK, my first car, a 1963 Pontiac Tempest, was a stick. I put it into first gear, made sure the highway was clear then let the clutch out. Yep, you guessed it, it stalled. Second try was much

better. As I shifted through the gears, I could feel the power! I decided to pass the car in front of me, down shifted to second, stepped on the accelerator, pulled out, and the rear end started to come around. CRAP!! After back in control of the Vette, I had a sensible drive back to the shop. No, I didn't soil myself.

I actually got my "Need for Speed" as a Weapon Systems Officer in the RF-4C, the Reconnaissance version of the F-4 Phantom, in Vietnam. That RECCE Phantom can run!



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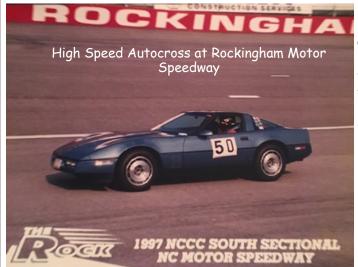
After Vietnam and Germany tours, it was back to Shaw AFB, Sumter, SC. Back in those days, USAF Academy cadets could save enough money to pay cash for a Corvette. One of the USAFA graduates I flew with bought a new 1973 four-on-the-floor, Corvette Coupe, for about \$5,500...such a steal! Every once in a while he let me take it for a spin.

Fast forward to 1990 and USAF retirement. Now I finally had some disposable income (USAF pension) and it's time to look for a sports car! No, it's not a middle age crisis, just following my dream.

I thought a new Corvette was above my budget so I was looking for a Fiero GT. On the way to look at one, I passed Rosenthal Chevrolet at the corner of Columbia Pike and Glebe Rd. Their used car lot had two Vettes; 1984 and 1985 Coupes. I test drove both...the salesman riding with me hung on for dear life. The 1984 Cross-Fire V8 was not as peppy as the 1985 Tuned-Port V8 so the 1985 came home with me. Yes I was hooked but my first Corvette wasn't red or a stick....compromises. "When you want it, you want it now."



High Speed Autocross at Sebring Raceway



Over the next 29 years, I've had five Corvettes, attended three NCCC Conventions, hundreds of autocrosses, many years of rallye series, Rallye Master for 8 years, and now NCM Master Ambassador. I'm hoping I have many more years with NVCC and a C8 Torch Red Z51 Corvette Coupe in my future!

Save the Wave!!

Rosenthal Chevrolet was the sponsor of the NVCC. The salesman gave me a flyer about all the NVCC events...autocrossing, rallies, concours, cruise-ins, etc. I was so excited, I went to the June Council Meeting plus attended a cruise in at the Jukebox Cafe in Manassas, become a member July 1991, and the 21st president in January 1992.



NVCC's 25th Anniversary (1994) Picture, Sully Plantation

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# THE HAMMAKER RED COLLECTION PONTINC, ILLINOIS C5 ROADSTER — ROUTE 66 C5 ROADSTER — ROUTE 66 **C6 ROADSTER C7 ROADSTER**

C7 Z51 COUPE

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#### This is a NCCC 3 Sanction Event Poker High, Poker Low, Gimmick Rallye

Join the NVCC for a classic timed, measured, Gimmick Rallye and/or a Poker Rallye through scenic Virginia countryside ending at Blue Ridge Seafood. Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on Gimmick. Cash Prize for Poker. Good Fun, Good Food, and Great People.

#### Date: Sunday November 8th, 2020

Place: 9598 Old Keene Mill Rd., Burke, VA (Behind McDonalds)

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

Driver/Navigator Briefing: 10:15 am

First Car Out: 10:30

End Point: Blue Ridge Seafood Restaurant, 15704 Lee Hwy Gainesville, Virginia Price per Car: Gimmick Rallye, \$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members

High/Low Poker Rallye, \$5 one \$10 Both

RSVP by October 30th, 2020 to gilliland\_michael@yahoo.com







Covid-19 Precautions: attendance is voluntary and at your own risk. Individuals are responsible to maintain social distancing. If experiencing flu symptoms, please do not attend. Hand sanitizer will be available for use after signing waiver, etc.

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# 2020 Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades Held on the last Saturday of Every Month from June thru October Cascades OVERLOOK 10:00am to 01:00pm, Rain or Shine!



These are sample photos of this last month's event held on July 25<sup>th</sup> (Also See Photo Gallery: <u>https://www.flickr.com/photos/nvcorvetteclub/sets/</u>)

Sponsored and Hosted by

Cascades Overlook Town Center (https://www.facebook.com/cascadesoverlooktowncenter/)

Chuy's Restaurant as Co-Host/Co-Sponsor 21365 Epíceríe Plaza, Sterlíng,

(Direction: From Beltway 495 to Dulles Access 267 to Route 7 going NW toward Leesburg; Once in Sterling turn left to Potomac View Rd, then right to Benedict Dr - see the map below)



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Contact:

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Open Invitation to Other Sports Cars (and Exotics); also Welcomed in their own Reserved Parking Area

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# It's that time again !! NVCC Police Appreciation Visit ... SUNDAY 9/20/20

Join us as we say a simple "THANK YOU" to the men and women of the Fairfax County Police Department. Last year's event was fantastic as we got a full briefing from officers on what their day is like as well as being able to see the mobile command post vehicles and other police equipment to give us a better idea of what they encounter at any moment.

Meet at Kingstowne Shopping Center at 11:30 AM. Restaurant TBD based on outdoor availability. Leave at 1 PM to be at the Franconia Station 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria at 1:15 PM to meet the evening shift officers. We will stay til @ 2:30 PM.

# This is NOT a "rain/shine event"! FINAL confirm on 9/18/20

# coordinator: Bob Devery trends04@verizon.net text: 703-786-2147

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# Off we go into the Wild Blue Yonder ... !! SUNDAY October 11, 2020

Well, the guys and gals who fly the magnificent aircraft that are known as The Flying Circus Air Show in Bealeton VA will do the flying. BUT, you can enjoy their show AND catch a ride with them if you want!

## FLYING CIRCUS Aerodrome 5114 Ritchie Road (Route 644) in Bealeton, VA

We will meet at 10:30A in Haymarket at the Sheetz Gas Station off of Rt 66 at the intersection of Rt 15/ Rt 55 (15315 Washington St, Haymarket, VA 20169) depart at 11:00a for a ride to Warrenton (restaurant TBD); have lunch 11:30 AM for those who want and leave at 12:45- 1PM for the 15 mile drive to the Circus behind "The Bear" driven by Kris McCandless . The departure time gives us plenty of time to arrive and get chairs set up as well as walk around and enjoy the aircraft. Rides in the aircraft will be available before and after the show.

For those who do not want to meet in Haymarket, you can meet us at the Warrenton restaurant OR at the Circus grounds. There is a "food truck" set up on the Circus grounds. Grandstands give plenty of seating but can become scare as show time nears so consider bringing a folding chair ... Cost at the moment is \$15 per car BUT IF we get enough cars, the rate will drop to \$10. Should be able to get them to give us a Corvette parking area if we have at least 10 cars ...

The pre-show starts promptly at 2p with The Show at 2:30P . You want to be there by 1:30pm if you go direct to the Circus...

This is NOT a "rain or shine event"! Last update on 10/9/20 coordinator : Bob Devery <u>trends04@verizon.net</u> cell for text: 703-786-2147

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# **IVCC's 25th Anniversary Article in VETTE Magazin**



# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB By Tamsen Adams

ineteen sixty-nine was a big year. Neil Armstrong took the first steps on the moon, and Woodstock celebrated music and art like nothing else could. Hurricane Camille ravaged Louisiana. It was also the founding year of something a little smaller but no less enthusiastic than Woodstock—the Northern Virginia Corvette Club.

Now in its 25th year, the Northern Virginia Corvette Club is comprised of about 55 members and 65 cars. Its members include many avid autocrossers, who participate in the club's 10- to 12event autocross series at Old Dominion Speedway in Manassas, Va. Highlights of this series include the now-traditional Porsche Challenge and an NCCCsanctioned event. There is a rally series that often takes participants through the beautiful Virginia hunt country (watch out, Vettes on the prowl!). Members are frequently called upon to provide cars for local high school homecomings, and for years the most important dignitaries in the famous Alexandria, Va., St. Patrick's Day Parade have ridden in Northern Virginia Corvette Club Convertibles.

The club also includes restoration aficionados, many of whom are members of the NCRS. These men and women provide the core of beautiful cars that are entered in the club's annual concours. This NCCC-sanctioned event typically draws entrants from as far away as Delaware and New Jersey. Together with the support of the club's sponsor, Koons Chevrolet of Tysons Corner, Va., the club has been able to donate thousands of dollars from proceeds of these shows to charity, such as The Children's Hospital of Washington, D.C., and The Northern Virginia Association for Retarded Citizens. To keep members up to date on what's going on, the club meets on the second Tuesday of every month,

and also sends out a monthly newsletter called the "Glass Gazette."

Showing off their beautiful cars is easy for the members of the NVCC in sunny Virginia, but for the club photograph they required an equally stunning setting to match their objects of love—the historic Sully Plantation in Chantilly, Va., a representative 18th-century Southern plantation. Big, the club isn't, but original—definitely.

If you'd like more information on this active club, write to the Northern Virginia Corvette Club, P.O. Box 4201, Arlington, VA 22204.

Editor's Note: This series spotlights Corvette clubs and their members. If you wish to be featured, write to Club Corner, VETTE Magazine, 299 Market St., Saddle Brook, NJ 07663. Club features are published in the order they are received, and will not be considered if previously published elsewhere.

> Front row, L-R: Dick Hammaker, Joan & Ron Whitesell, Walt Gilbert. 2nd row: Steve Ballard, Ralph McMichael, Tim Evans, Jon Clements. 3rd row: Tom McGrath, Rob Bruning, Roy White, Jim Chalupsky, Karen McMichael, Vaughan Harrow.

Harrow. Harrow. Pete Hekel, Paul Tegler, Bob Arnold, Ray Bruning, Tammy Shiner, Brad Johnson, Glenn Schlarman, Mike & Shannon Caldwell. Back row: George Skalkeas, Joe Daly, Vic Vaughn, Ed Masek, Mike Connors, Richard Taylor, John Carney, Dave Rigo, Ken Taggart.

PHOTO: RICHARD COOPER

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# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB

# CLAW OF THE DRAGON EXTENDED WEEKEND MARION, VA



OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 4 (Thurs - Sun)

Meeting Place:	Cracker Barrel, Manassas, VA
Time:	11:00 am
Home Base:	General Francis Marion Hotel
	107 East Main St., Marion VA
	276-783-4800
Contact:	George Durk, gadurk gmail.com confirm/questions.

Let's social distance by cruising! We will be heading to beautiful Smyth County in southwest Virginia for a weekend of excitement on the Back of the Dragon and two Claw of the Dragon driving routes (http://www.clawofthedragon.com/maps-2.html):

- To North Carolina Snake and Back (Friday)
- To The Breaks and Back (Saturday)

Friday's cruise will be modified to cover the entire Snake and visit the South Holston Lake & Dam in Bristol, TN.

Saturday's cruise will be reversed going to the Breaks Interstate Park for lunch (Back of the Dragon going and returning).

Thursday and Sunday are travel days.

Please contact the hotel directly to book your reservation at the group rate of \$137.66 (includes tax & fees), if we book 10 rooms by Sept 1. Our group block name is Northern Virginia Corvette Club. \$152.96 without.

Wolfe's BBQ Restaurant across the street from hotel.

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# The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual All Chevy-GM Show

IT'S HISTORY AND WE EMBRACE IT! WE WILL HAVE A VERY DIVERSE SHOWING OF CARS. CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE THAT LOVE THEIR CARS AS MUCH AS WE DO. ALL THE GM BRANDS ARE IMPORTANT AND WE HOPE TO SEE ENTRANTS FROM EVERY BRAND PAST AND PRESENT.

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\$25 Heartbeat Judging Register online at www.mdcamaroclub.com/shop Check -In 8:30 to 11:00 am Awards presented at 3:00 pm All Judged cars must be on the show grounds by 11:00 am Pre-Registration fees and forms must be received by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 For more information contact David Via <u>aivdivad@gmail.com</u> 443-271-5884

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# **MEET YOUR 2020 COUNCIL**



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# **REMINDER:**

Be sure to order your Club Spirit Wear! We've got shirts, jackets, vests, hats, bags, kid's attire, etc. There's something for everyone! Here's the link....

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# TRIVIA

By Jeff Klain



1. What year is Vice President Joe Biden's Corvette?

2. What year is President Donald Trump's Camaro?

3. What year was Bill Clinton's Mustang?

4. Which president owned a Subaru BRAT?



# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—AUGUST 2020

August has arrived and we are still suffering with social distancing, masks and a subdued schedule due to COVID-19. Thanks to all our members who soldier on to give us Corvette events, Zoom meetings and Newsletters that will leave us with memories beyond our own four walls for 2020. Personally, I salute you all and your beautiful wheels. You make the magic happen, by creating events or just showing up. I personally appreciate all of our members.

Now for the fun stuff, yes there will be a Fall Rallye. And yes, we will be back at Carlisle (for a much smaller Corvettes at Carlisle). And yes Mr. George Durk will have an overnight trip to some wonderful winding roads on the Virginia/Tennessee boarder. Additionally, Shawn should have at least one last trip to a Virginia winery and Mr. Kinashi is working on Car shows for our future. If I have left anything out, please forgive me.

Thanks to Shawn and all who attended this year's July 26<sup>th</sup> Barrel Oak wine cruise. The participants were feted to flights of wine, giving them samples of Barrel Oak's varietals and blends. The limits to participation this year made this event as intimate as our socially distanced activities can be. Shawn always shows us a good time. I regret missing it.

Thanks to our Officer at Large, Yas Kinashi for supporting the Cars and Tacos Car Show. He has been negotiating with the property manager to ensure support for the Club charity, The MS Society. For those of us who have had friends and family with Multiple Sclerosis, we know how heartbreaking this disease can be. We would all love to see a cure. In addition, we will have a new, weekly, car show venue thanks to Yas starting in September. Please contact Yas to sign up to be part of his support team for these events. Thanks again to Yas and Doreen for their support to these events.

George Durk's trip to the Claw of the Dragon in southeastern Virginia will take place in October. George always finds great Corvette roads to stretch our legs on. This event will take place from a Thursday through Saturday. If you want a group discount at the hotel, make your reservation soon. I look forward to joining this cruise.

Shawn will get us back to Ducard Winery in late September. Stay tuned for the date and details. The owner there always pulls out all the stops for us and the wine is very good. If you have not enjoyed this winery, I suggest you join us. There will be music and the cruise out to this winery (it is very close to Old Rag mountain) is a reminder why we love our Corvettes.

Thanks to the 25 of you who signed up for the Corvettes at Carlisle show. Your support assured the Club of a primo space for next year's show (we all hope to have COVID in our rear view mirror for 2021). Our spot on the fairgrounds will be much closer to the action this year. As a reminder, there will be no factory Corvette team and no Saturday Night Parade this year. Still, we can enjoy the so-cially distanced camaraderie of our fellow Corvette lovers and all the beautiful examples of our favorite set of wheels. For those that have not signed up, if you just want to drive up for a day to say hello, we will be happy to see you at the club tent in row I-J near Gate three.

For the August GBM, we are planning a combination dealership GBM and ZOOM meeting. Please be kind, the acoustics in the garage area will make this an interesting exercise. In addition, we are considering a pleasant surprise with the September GBM, a socially distanced Sunday lunch meeting. The event would be appropriately socially distanced at a central location for most of our members.

There will be a Corvettes and Crabs Rallye on November the 8<sup>th</sup>. This should resolve any conflicts we would have with Sunday car shows. Kris McCandless, Dick Hammaker and myself will be supporting this event. For those of you who do not wish to take part in the Gimmick Rallye, you will be able to cruise the route with the Poker Rallye (same route, you just don't need to answer the Rallye questions or worry too much about the clock (the Poker Rallye has a cash prize). Proceeds from this event will go to our club charity, the MS Society. You will want a driver and navigator in any event.

Mr. Bob Devery is working on what we hope can be an NVCC Banquet to remember for January/ February 2021. We will need a support crew for this. Please contact a Council member and offer your support.

So that is about it for August. Everyone have fun and stay healthy. Again, thanks to all of our NVCC warriors who are giving our Corvettes a little sunshine. We are all working to get you activities that will make sense during a trying time.





Stay Safe!

Mike Gilliland NVCC President President@nvcorvetteclub.com

#### NVCC 2020 Activities Calendar

Dates are subject to change.

#### MONTHLY EVENTS

4th Tuesday monthly, January through November: General Business Meetings (GBMs) at Rosenthal 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 2020

- 25: Banquet, Springfield Golf & Country Club
- 28: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

#### FEBRUARY 2020

25: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

#### **MARCH 2020**

7: St. Patrick Cruise & Lunch/Old Brogue — Rob Succolosky

#### APRIL 2020

<u>MAY 2020</u>

#### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE:

Due to the current situation with the COVID-19 Pandemic, and to comply with Federal, State, Local and CDC guidelines, we will be suspending all club related gatherings and activities until at least August 1, 2020. GBMs and Council Meetings will be held via ZOOM and hopefully will resume their regular schedule in August via ZOOM. All other activities will be rescheduled for later dates, if possible. Stay safe out there. We look forward to seeing you at our events once this situation subsides.

#### JUNE 2020

23: GBM via ZOOM

27: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

#### JULY 2020

- 17-19: Tangier Island-Christine Wagner
- 25: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi
- 26: Cruise to Barrel Oak Winery-Shawn Waddell
- 28: GBM via ZOOM

#### AUGUST 2020

- 1: ODCC at Odds and Ends Detailing
- 8: 31st Annual All Corvette Cruise-in, Bomnin Chevy, Manassas

- 25: GBM, Rosenthal Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 27-30: Corvettes at Carlisle—Mike Gilliland
- 29: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

#### SEPTEMBER 2020

- 12: Fairfax Police Helicopter Squad—Bob Devery
- 20: Police Appreciation Day-Bob Devery
- 22: GBM, Rosenthal Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 26: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

#### OCTOBER 2020

- 1-4: Claw of the Dragon—George Durk
- 11: Flying Circus Picnic, Bealeton, VA-TBD
- 21: Vienna Halloween Parade Lori Benish
- 27: GBM, Rosenthal Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA
- 31: Corvettes & Tacos at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

#### NOVEMBER 2020

- 8: Corvettes & Crabs Rallye- Mike Gilliland
- 21: Bavarian Inn Cruise and Lunch—George Durk
- 24: GBM, Rosenthal Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

#### DECEMBER 2020

- 5-7: Christmas Trip to Williamsburg, VA-Bob Devery
- ???: Christmas Lights Rallye—Lori Benish

#### NO GBM IN DECEMBER

Event attendance is voluntary and at your own risk. Individuals are responsible to maintain their own social distancing and if you are sick, do not to attend. Hand sanitizer will be available to members after contact activities such as signing of the waiver.

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# **NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 28, 2020—BY: EVELYN MCKAY, SECRETARY

#### Officers Present: Mike Gilliland, President Shawn Waddell, Vice President Yas Kinashi, Officer at Large Evelyn McKay, Secretary



The meeting began at 7:30 pm via Zoom video conferencing software and was presided over by Mike Gilliland, President. Members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: The June 2020 minutes were approved.

#### Updates from Committee Chairs and Events:

**St. Michael's Cruise:** Rustom Desai attended the St. Michael's cruise and stated the drive was fantastic. The Bed and Breakfast was also very nice. This was the first overnight cruise for the club since the COVID pandemic. Since the ferry was too crowded, Rustom stated that they chose to not ferry over to Tangier Island. It was decided that the "theme" for club members will be to make a choice for whatever makes members comfortable.

Vicki (Hulick) also attended the cruise and reported that the town of Onancock had galleries and shops and was overall a cute town and nice stopover. She reported that they took the ferry to Tangier Island which uses golf carts for transportation and touring. There were souvenir and ice cream shops and an alpaca farm on the way home. It was an interesting and pleasant trip.

**Corvettes and Tacos:** Yas mentioned that Corvettes and Tacos is ongoing. These events are held the last Saturday of the month. Thirty cars attended in July. Yas noted that with the COVID pandemic, restaurants, shopping centers and charities are suffering. Participant contributions from two events this year yielded \$60. Donations totaled approximately \$1,000 last year. Yas will ask Chuy's to take pre-orders for lunch which would guarantee some revenue for them. He will also check to see if they will open their bar.

Please note that the Corvettes & Tacos is for now temporarily not a NVCC event, since the property management and co-sponsor declined to donate to the M/S charity. Any reference to the NVCC and M/S was taken out of this month's flyer for the upcoming event. For now, NVCC is not involved with the event, as only Yas and his family have volunteered for the event as individuals. Yas is negotiating with the sponsors to redefine a format for the future events. Results of the negotiation will be reported at the next meeting.

**Suggestions for Upcoming Events**: Since Katie's Cars/Coffee has closed due to resident complaints, a drive-in movie event for club members was suggested. A club happy hour was also suggested.

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE AUGUST 25, 2020 GBM

**MS Donation**: Mike contacted the club's MS representative. A check for \$823 will be presented to them from donations made last year. MS is not getting the support they had in the past and were very appreciative for our donation.

**Wine Cruises:** Shawn reported that participants meandered out to Barrel Oak Winery this past Sunday. The group had complimentary flights and oysters, shrimp and pizza were available for purchase. Shawn was impressed how Barrel Oak handled social distancing and masks were required unless customers were at a table. Tables were 10 feet apart. Their parking lot was full, but 6 feet distancing had to be maintained.

Shawn will also lead a fall trip to DuCard or Barboursville wineries. Shawn is checking on group limits and requirements.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Albums:** Doreen stated the *original* price for the 50th Anniversary Photo Album was quoted at \$40/album. Shutterfly reduced that cost to \$24/album when the order was placed. They will be handed out at the next GBM (if it is not a Zoom meeting) or at Rosenthal Chevrolet on a pre-arranged date. Members who purchased albums may choose to get a refund or donate the excess they paid to our MS charity. Mailing is approximately \$31/album. With the leftover money, members may choose to have NVCC send them a check for the difference or donate to charity. Doreen will send an e-mail with more information.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Carlisle: Nineteen to twenty cars are expected. This event will be very relaxed. The club has a free tent again this year. There are still rooms available at the Red Roof Inn in the NVCC block of rooms. Eight members have booked rooms to date. Rooms will be held until August 3. Please note the Red Roof Inn claims they are sold out except for the remaining rooms in the NVCC block.

Corvettes and Crabs Rallye: Chris and Mike are completing the details. A rallye does not require much social contact. Chris and Mike are also trying to reserve seating under the tents outside of the restaurant for lunch. Mike explained the details of a rallye to members who were not familiar with this type of event.

Back/Tail of the Dragon Cruise: George would like to lead a cruise to southwestern Virginia during the first or third weekend of October. This would be a Thursday to Sunday cruise in place of the cancelled Corvettes on the Boardwalk at Ocean City.

Halloween Parade: The town of Vienna has not decided if this event will be held.

Banquet: Mike informed members that the club needs a banquet committee and a contract with a restaurant. However, the contract would need to have a cancellation clause due to the uncertainty of these times.

Next GBM (August 25): Mike asked if members would prefer an in-person GBM or a Zoom GBM for August. The consensus was that the meeting should be held via Zoom. If possible, please post a picture of your car as a virtual background in Zoom for the next GBM meeting.

#### **Changes to Club Rules:**

- COVID disclaimer will be added to the bottom of all event flyers.
- Since the club has grown, new rules for the "everyone" list have been published in the newsletter and on the club website.



Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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# **MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

**By: George Durk** 

#### August Report

As of August 21, we have 130 members and 19 prospectives.

Welcome New Members!!

Susan Howard ('04 Black Coupe)

#### **Prospective Members:**

Member	Corvette(s)	Join
Adams, Jeff & Glenda	'11	6/27/2020
Armstrong, Gary	'93 Convertible	3/21/2020
Bersselaar, Marty	'85 and '99 Convertible	8/10/2020
Brooks, Al	'20 3LT (On Order)	6/11/2020
Dodge, Mark	'16 Z06	4/7/2020
Gant, Warren & Lynn	'15 Z06	6/6/2020
Greenstone, Aaron	'66 L79 Convertible	7/29/2020
Hamlin, Michael	'16 Blade Silver Z06	8/3/2020
Kneibert, Gene & McGee, Angie	'01 Convertible	4/6/2020
Pesce, Jack	'95 Black Coupe	8/2/2020
Poli, Jared	'11 Grand Sport	7/21/2020
Stone, Robert	'08 Coupe	6/27/2020
Wagner, Joe	'20 Z51 Coupe	4/23/2020
Washington, Anthony & Spouse	'11 Aqua Blue Grand Sport Coupe	2/27/2020
Weisiger, Berry	'13 Torch Red 427 Convertible	1/10/2020

NOTE: The 4-month prospective membership period will be extended as necessary to account for COVID-19 club inactivity. However, some club activities are beginning to take place. If you are comfortable social distancing, I encourage prospective members to attend a club event. Also, GBMs can be attended via Zoom.

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. (<u>membership@nvcorvetteclub.com</u>).

# **NEW RIDES**

New ride? Shoot me an email <u>membership@nvcorvetteclub.com</u>) 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.



NCM was delighted to receive a copy of our 50th Anniversary Yearbook. "Derek and I were most impressed with the photo album, thank you so much for sharing!"





L-R Stephanie Morrill, Director of Operations & Membership Derek Moore, Director of Collections/Curator



# NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM By: NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker

# **KENTUCKY ONE LAP**

Kentucky One Lap (K1L) is just around the corner. This year Kris McCandless and Joanna Hicks are joining Denise and myself on K1L-3 (week three). As usual, Master Trooper Jonathan Biven will be lead the group for some "Spirited Driving" on great Kentucky country roads. It's not to late to join us on K1L-3. Sign up on the NCM website.

I'm sure those who went on the NCM Club Visit know the driving



Tuesday, October 20

#### J. Spanky Bunch Art Gallery

Josh grew up in Williamsburg, KY, in a community known as "Slabtown". He received the nickname, "Spanky" while participating in Little League Baseball, due to his strong resemblance to the character on "The Little Rascals", and the nickname stuck. Much, of Josh's artwork, expresses a deep seeded sentimentality, for having grown up in small town, KY. Consistent themes in his artwork, concern his spirituality, his interest in music, and his passionate interpretation of Eastern KY living.

#### Austin City Saloon

Birthed on a cold Kentucky December evening in 1981, Austin City Saloon quickly became a hot spot for country music fans far and wide! Their support of live and local music has spawned multiple artists that have gone on to sell millions of albums worldwide. Like bourbon in an oak barrel, Austin City Saloon just gets better with time. We feature live and local bands weekly with national touring acts sprinkled in! These old walls have played host to artists ranging from Keith Whitley to Luke Bryan and a lot in between with a lot more to come! There's a lot of history to talk about and whether you wanna hear some stories, tell a few, or just listen to some fine music, we're waitin' for ya at THE CITY!



Wednesday, October 21

Big Sandy Heritage Museum

The Big Sandy Heritage Center is a museum located in Pikeville, Kentucky that portrays the history and culture of Eastern Kentucky The Big Sandy Heritage Museum has the largest collection of authentic Hatfield and McCoy Feud and Big Sandy Valley Civil War Artifacts.

**Pauley Hollow Distillery** 

#### Thursday, October 22

Kentucky Coal Mining Museum

The Kentucky Coal Museum represent one of Kentucky's most valuable assets in educating the public about coal mining. Located in the picturesque mining community of Benham and near the U.S. Steel coal camp of Lynch, both of which are unique reservoirs of coal mining history, the museum is fast becoming one of the states must-see destinations. In addition to national magazines like Journals and Southern Living, newspapers from around the country Ohio to California have run feature stories on the museum and its exhibits.

#### Kingdom Come State Park

Kingdom Come State Park, with an elevation of 2,700 feet, is the crowning jewel in the crest of Pine Mountain near Cumberland, Kentucky. Admire the beautiful views from one of eight overlooks or hike a trail. Named after the popular Civil War novel, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," by Kentucky author John Fox Jr., the Kingdom Come State Park preserves 1,283 acres of unspoiled wilderness. Some of the most extraordinary rock formations in the state are featured at this park, including Log Rock, a natural sandstone bridge, and Raven Rock, a giant rock exposure that soars 290 feet into the air at a 45-degree angle!

#### Friday, October 23

#### Bluegrass Heritage Museum

The Bluegrass Heritage Museum seeks to bring the history of Central Kentucky to life by collecting, preserving, interpreting and exhibiting the material culture of the region known as the Bluegrass.

#### Natural Bridge State Park

Natural Bridge State Resort Park in Kentucky was established as a KY State Park in 1926 but was a tourist destination long before then. Originally founded as a tourist attraction by the Lexington and Eastern Railroad in 1895. Visitors to the area have gotten a thrill walking across the landmark 30-foot wide natural sandstone arch for well over a century. Currently, the park contains about 2,300 acres and is surrounded by the Daniel Boone National Forest. The natural sandstone arch that is the key point of this KY state park spans an impressive 78 feet and is over 65 feet high. If you don't want to hike the 0.75-mile trail to the top of the arch, you can always take the Sky Lift (it's like a ski lift).

#21 Dick "HAM" Hammaker NCM Ambassador NCM Lifetime Member NCCC Lifetime Member



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# **FINAL THOUGHT**

# THE C8 INDY PACECAR





Trivia Answers: 1967, 2011, 1967, Ronald Reagan

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