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LEAVING THE BUNKERS By: Bob Devery

Well, it would've been nice if the temperatures were a bit warmer but it is winter so even in Virginia, it can get cold. However, after one cancellation due to the ice storm, we had a sunny, albeit cold, day to enjoy a face-to-face get together for lunch. I had chosen the location, BACKYARD GRILL in Chantilly, due to the outdoor area that would allow members to feel



more comfortable with doing something together. With the efforts by management to enclose the area along with the ceiling heaters, I had been hoping for a balmy 70° temperature. It didn't quite reach that temp despite my use of Caribbean pictures for table backdrops! But it didn't stop us from having a couple of hours to enjoy catching up without using Zoom. The management of the restaurant was hoping that they would have an opportunity to see some of the Corvettes. I explained that our world-class vehicles are rarely subjected to freezing temperatures. We may be able to tolerate it but we don't want the cars to do it! The manager did say that they would love to have us come back during warmer weather when we can set our cars up

in a section of the parking lot. The second part of the outdoor area is a very nice patio which really expands everything as the tarp would be lifted to give us plenty of room especially when they have a band playing.

This outing was simply for the people ..not the cars. We've become wonderfully spoiled by the friendships that have been formed with this club and it's upbeat, aggressive schedule that allows us to spend a lot of time together ... something severely missed over the last year although we certainly did a lot more than most expected. Fortunately, our group of 20 was able to acknowledge the presence of Kris and Joanna McCandless, newest of NVCC newlyweds.



Congratulations again guys.

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There are couple of pictures from the outing right think it's easy to try a "Guess the Member" contest! Fortunately, the members did not have to stay in their winter garments during the lunch. Maybe we can add it to the trivia section for the next meeting so that members who did not attend the lunch can take a guess at the identity. Life is good outside The Bunker. Hope to see more of you soon ... Bob D













NVCC St. Patrick's Day Cruise and Lunch Saturday, March 6 at 2 PM

Those Irish eyes are finally starting to smile and with March just around the corner it's time to kick off 2021 with our annual St Patrick's Day Cruise and Lunch. Yes, once again The Old Brogue will be the place for the NVCC members to gather and create new memories with old and new friends alike. The food is delicious and the green beer is cold, so mark your calendar and come join the fun.

As of this writing masks are required, temperatures are taken and tables are separated. In addition to the special filtration system they have also installed a hydrogen peroxide air sanitizer, and outdoor seating will be available if you so desire. Because of the seating restrictions that are currently in place, we are limited to 26 people. A list of names will be taken on a first come first serve basis, so please RSVP as soon as possible to rsuccolosky@gmail.com.

Cruise information to follow.



COVID-19 Precaution: All 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 attend. Hand Sanitizer will be available to all members after contact activities (e.g., the signing of waivers) during all NVCC Sponsored events.



Northern Virginia Corvette Club In conjunction with Rosenthal Chevrolet Presents:

Corvettes & Coffee/Dealership Day March 13, 2021 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Meet your Rosenthal Service Team.

Say hello to the sales team and hear about status on 2021 Corvette deliveries.



Preregister for same-day service with Club discounts:



Brake flush \$175.00 (including tax)
Coolant flush \$200.00 (including tax)
Rear differential service \$175.00 (including tax)
Alignment \$129.95 (Free with tire purchase)
*Rosenthal will match tire deals from other venders
Oil Change:

Mobil1 \$8.37 per quart Filter \$9.00 Labor \$22.95 plus tax

*Contact Damian Harley to guarantee tire availability

Pre-register at: http://msreg.com/corvettes-coffee-dealership-day-2021





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Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, April 30-May 1, 2021. The OBX Rod & Custom show is a must see for classic car and Corvette enthusiasts. As with 2020, COVID-19 will impact the events and venue(s). A detailed schedule will not be available until February. The "normal" format is a central venue with live band and food trucks at Festival Park in Nags Head on the sound with cruises to multiple restaurants and commercial sites up and down the beach in order to "get your tickets punched" to be eligible for a prize. There was also an evening cruise into Manteo where folks parked and went to multiple restaurants. Great venue for pictures.

This year, the Governor would not allow the central site, so 17 venues were chosen that all participants could cruise into over the two days. This year's activities appear below to give you a flavor of what is to come. Over 400 vehicles participated from all over the eastern seaboard, including at least two dozen Corvettes of which at least 5 were C8s:

- Wednesday night Drag racing at OBX speedway (1.5 hrs. west on mainland) \$15, drive in and race to
 your heart's content
- Thursday night 6PM-8PM informal welcome at Richard Quigly's (charity organizer) American Classic Garage
- Friday-Saturday 11 AM-5PM cruising the 17 venues (restaurants and shops)
- Friday night unsanctioned meets at several large venues, one in Manteo with a live band

2021 will have an additional exciting event the <u>weekend before</u> OBX R&C. On April 24, Gary Knapp of "Gravedigger" fame will host a cruise to his Monster Truck facility a few miles north of OBX on Rt. 158.

For those who have never done this, folks come from as far away as the Gulf coast and the Northeast, many trailering their cars to the beach. They rent houses from various rental companies (now COVID prepped), or stay in one of many hotels from the lowest to highest price ranges. Many stay for a week and, given the spring timing, rates and weather should be good for outdoor dining and touring.

More information will be provided as it become available. We hope to see many more Vettes this year!





Join the NVCC for 3 days of fun with NVCC friends and show cars at Corvettes at Carlisle. We will be promoting the NVCC at the biggest Corvette only car show in the East. Contact for details: gilliland_michael@yahoo.com

Carlisle Room Reservations: (717) 706-3862 (NVCC group)
Carlisle Reserved/Fun Field (Club NVCC):
www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/corvettes-at-carlisle/

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—FEBRUARY 2021

February is upon us. Snow has been falling, Tom Brady has a new Super Bowl ring, and most of our Corvettes are snug and warm. I say most because my 2010 Coupe comes out whenever the pavement is dry and the sun pokes its head out for me. COVID-19 still has its hold on us. But at least some of our members have begun to be vaccinated. I know all of us have our fingers crossed that the summer will bring an end to many of our concerns getting our Corvettes and the NVCC back on the road where we belong.

One of the casualties of COVID-19 is the 2020 Banquet. We had many long discussions between Council members. We made multiple attempts to find a venue and date. In the end, we found this year's NVCC Banquet to be a bridge too far. All of us are disappointed. The $50^{\rm th}$ Banquet in 2019 was truly a night everyone will remember.

Thanks to Bob Devery for getting our members out to the Backyard Grill Gathering on the 20th. Bob put together an outdoors venue with heaters under a protected canopy for all to enjoy. I am definitely sorry I missed it. I hear there was a good turn-out and everyone had a good time.

Additional thanks to Rob Succolosky for putting together a cruise to the Old Brogue restaurant for March the 6^{th} . Rob promises a great cruise followed by good food and a chance to get together with friends who share our love for Corvettes. Please look into it and join in if you feel comfortable.

We still have a Corvette Cars & Coffee Dealership/Day at Rosenthal on Saturday March 13th. Bring your Corvette and join us for coffee and donuts as well as a chance to meet the Rosenthal team and get your questions answered. For those who sign up for service, there will be discounts and an enhanced staff to support our cars during the event. See the flyer for details.

Otherwise our tenuous 2021 calendar holds some events and I appreciate our member support for keeping us active in a socially distanced way. We still can't say when we will be back to the dealership for our General Business Meetings so expect to be on zoom into the summer. Please bear with us.

Here is the short list of activities we plan to accomplish this year: A Rallye 101 (beginners and those that want to sharpen their skills), a tentative monthly Cars and Tacos cruise in, a Corvettes Cares Car Show (at Rosenthal), wine cruises (at least two), a potential wine trip to the Finger Lakes, Corvettes at Carlisle, Corvette Weekend (Ocean City), a Fall Rallye, other activities to be announced. Check the NVCC Web and Social Network sites for details.

We will, again, support two car shows that need your help. The big car show at Rosenthal is in the capable hands of George Durk, our Membership Chair. As usual, this is an "all hands on deck" project. The spreadsheet software supporting the winners has to have volunteers, traffic control, entry fee collection, 50/50 sales and t-shirt sales need to be supported (contact George Durk, I'm sure I've missed something). Please contact Yas Kinashi to help with the monthly Corvettes and Tacos Cruise-In (he needs traffic control, 50/50 sales and more). Thanks for your support.



NVCC Annual Corvette Car Show 2019

So that is about it for February. We are all looking for the weather to clear so we can get the shot in the arm that only our Corvettes can give. I look forward to seeing you in America's Sports Car and joining you on the road. Cold, snow and COVID can't keep us down forever. As usual, thanks to all of you who make the NVCC a very special organization to be a part of. You really do make this a pleasure.

Stay Safe!

Mike Gilliland NVCC President







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NVCC 2021 Activities Calendar

Dates are subject to change.

MONTHLY EVENTS

4th Tuesday monthly, January through November: General Business Meetings (GBMs) Start time 7:30 pm. Breakfast GBM twice a year.

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



January

26 GBM via Zoom

February

13 Backyard Grill Chantilly-Bob Devery

23 GBM via Zoom

March

06 St Patty's Day Cruise/Old Brogue-Rob Succolosky

13 Rosenthal Service Discount Day-Mike Gilliland

21 Spring Fling, Location TBD-Bob Devery

23 GBM via Zoom

April

15-19 Air Force Museum Cruise, Dayton, OH –George Durk

24 Corvettes and Tacos, Cascades Plaza, Sterling; Yas Kinashi

27 GBM via Zoom

28-May 1 Outer Banks Car Rally-Jim McKay

May

01 Derby Day-Bob Devery

16 Rallye 101, American Legion, Fairfax-Dick Hammaker

25 GBM

29 Corvettes and Tacos, Cascades Plaza, Sterling; Yas Kinashi

June

05 Banquet Cancelled

13 NVCC Annual Car Show @ Rosenthal, Alexandria

22 GBM

26 Corvettes and Tacos, Cascades Plaza, Sterling; Yas Kinashi

27 Barrel Oak Winery-Shawn Wardell

July

03 Culpepper Air and Car Show-Bob Devery

25-Pandemic Heroes Appreciation Day-Potomac Mills-Andy Guzman

27 GBM

31 Corvettes and Tacos, Cascades Plaza, Sterling; Yas Kinashi

August

24 GBM

26-29 Corvettes at Carlisle

28 Corvettes and Tacos, Cascades Plaza, Sterling; Yas Kinashi

September

10-17 Alaska Cruise-Bob Devery

25 Corvettes and Tacos, Cascades Plaza, Sterling; Yas Kinashi

28 **GBM**

October

15-16 Corvette Weekend Ocean City, MD

26 GBM

30 Corvettes and Tacos, Cascades Plaza, Sterling; Yas Kinashi

November

13 Bavarian Inn-George Durk

30 GBM

December

4-6 Colonial Williamsburg Grand Illumination-Bob Devery

No GBM for this month

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NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker

NCM MEMBERSHIP

If you're into everything Corvette, raise your hand. I have both hand up!! Those who fall into this class of enthusiasm, you own a corvette, show and drive your car with pride, as well as join other enthusiasts to share experiences. To fully enjoy your corvette, joining an organization helps focus your passion. In my case, being a member of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club (NVCC), National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC), and the National Corvette Museum (NCM) is a must.



The mission of the National Corvette Museum (NCM) is to celebrate the Corvette's invention and preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future. The museum serves as an educational and research model for all to enjoy. National Corvette Museum....

- Promotes the restoration, preservation, and conservation of America's only sports car.
- Is a repository of, and preserve, printed technical materials and historical information on the Corvette automobile.
- Enhances the knowledge of the general public regarding the design, development, construction, and history of the Corvette.
- Provides information to the general public, collectors and automobile historians about the Corvette automobile.
- Provides a facility to house and display the Corvette automobile for public exhibition, and for research in the areas of the automotive sciences and automobile mechanics.
- Provides historical literature and memorabilia on the Corvette automobile, from its development to the present day, for the general public and collectors.

There are several NCM memberships available: individual, family, senior (65 +), and lifetime. Some of the benefits of membership, depending on your level are:

- Membership card
- NCM member lapel pin
- Free admission to member
- Discount on NCM sponsored events
- Annual subscription to America's Sports Car
- 10% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and catalog
- Discount on insurance from NCM Insurance Agency
- Discounts on car rentals and hotels
- 20% discount on CARFAX reports
- \$10 off membership to Air Evac/AirMedCare Network
- Access to Members Only section of website, including Monthly Corvette Calendar Wallpaper and Special Videos

I wanted to thank the 21 (18%) NVCC members for their NCM support. Individual (9): Audrey Cupples, George Durk, David Field, Robert Fox, David Kuhn, Ted Stone, Todd Sweet, Jeffrey Tyley, and Robert Yevoli. Family (6): Richard & Susan Clute, Richard & Rita Mars, Kris & Joanna McCandless, Michael & Gerry Moore, Bob & Karen Shoemaker, and Mike & Luzma Zabkowski. Lifetime (6): Russell Banks, Ben Duling, Dick Hammaker, Vicky Hulick, John Palmgren, and John Scott.

Membership has its privileges. Please join the over 38,000 Corvette enthusiasts from across the globe by becoming a member of the National Corvette Museum! If your membership has expired, please consider renewing.

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Dick "HAM" Hammaker
NCM Master Ambassador
NCCC Life Member
NCM Life Member
NCM Spire Society Member







TRIVIA

By: Jeff Klain



- 1. In 1954, what company built a twowheeled Corvette?
- 2. In honor of the inauguration, name 2 military services that never have flown the president.
- 3. For 2021, what Corvette color replaces blade silver metallic?









WINTER BLUES

Kris and Joanna's covered Corvettes ... waiting on Spring (and possibly swearing at Punxsutawney Phil)

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By: George Durk

January 2021 Report

As of January 21, we have 116 members and 18 prospective members.

Welcome New Members!!

Fred Belen ('69 Monza Red 427 Coupe & '04 LeMans Blue Coupe)

Joe Wagner ('20 Z51 Shadow Gray Coupe)

Member	Corvette(s)	Join
Adams, Jeff & Glenda	' 11	6/27/2020
Benjamin, Thomas	'20	11/3/2020
Cassidy, Kevin	'19 Grand Sport	10/17/2020
Choudhary, Fez & Melissa	'15 Z06	1/6/2021
Cook, Doug	'20	10/5/2020
Flowers, Robert	'07 Z06	10/15/2020
Kneibert, Gene & McGee, Angie	'01 Torch Red Convertible	4/6/2020
Lane, Bill & Sue	'07 Crystal Red Metallic Coupe	1/13/2021
Lewis, Ken	'94 Coupe	11/13/2020
Paolicelli, Mark & Courtney	'66 & '04	12/15/2020
Pesce, Jack	'95 Black Coupe	8/2/2020
Pudleiner, Jonathan	'78 Silver Anniversary	12/3/2020
Stone, Robert	'08 Coupe	6/27/2020

PLEASE NOTE:

Don't forget -- in order to become a full primary member of NVCC, Prospective Members must attend a General Business Meeting (GBM) and club event within 4-months of joining. Monthly GBMs are currently via Zoom. If a Prospective Member has attended a GBM, but no event, due to COVID-19 concerns, your prospective membership will remain open, <u>after I confirm</u>.

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).

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.



Mike and Luz Zabkowski's new C8

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....

NV CORVETTE CLUB Spiritwear

Deadline: Friday April 30th, 2021 (12:59am EDT)





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NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 2021—BY: EVELYN MCKAY, SECRETARY

Council Present: Mike Gilliland. President

Shawn Waddell, Vice President Yas Kinashi, Officer At Large Jim McKay, Treasurer Evelyn McKay, Secretary LOTTHERN VIRGING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm via Zoom video conferencing software by President Mike Gilliland, who also presided over the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The November 24, 2020 minutes were approved.

Newsletter Articles are Needed:

Please send articles, pictures, humor, stories, and/or jokes to Marsha, Newsletter Editor, for NVCC's monthly newsletter.

New and Prospective Member Welcome and Introduction:

Bill and Sue Lane: 2007 Crystal Red Metallic.

Jonathan Pudleiner: 1978 Šilver C3 (anniversary color).

Tom Benjamin: 2020 C8 Rapid Blue and had a C3 purchased in 1972.

Dan Holeski: 2007 C6 Convertible, has purchased a 2021 hard top convertible to be picked up at

the NCM in February.

Mark Paolicelli: 1966 Stingray (his father's) 2004 Convertible, 2010 Grand Sport.

Rosenthal Update

Free alignments will only be given to club members if they purchase tires. It is not cost effective for Rosenthal for other services to be offered at a discount/no cost. However, on March 13, a cars/coffee is planned at Rosenthal. Members can reserve a time on the 13th to receive discounts for car maintenance. Registration will be available on MotorsportReg. Mike is preparing a flyer for this event.

The car show is planned for the second Sunday in June. At the March council meeting a decision to hold this event or cancel will be made. Rosenthal has agreed to this timeline.

Update on Events (Check the calendar for any updates that may have occurred after the GBM.) Corvettes/Tacos

This will be the third year for this event. April 24 (10 am - 1:00 pm) is the first Corvettes/Tacos of the season. Yas will contact the property manager to confirm. However, we are still in a situation where any event can be cancelled.

Pandemic Heroes

Andy Guzman is heading this event. Current restrictions have changed the date to July 25, but this date still needs to be confirmed. Andy and Yas will coordinate the details. Motorcycles, Corvettes, etc. will be invited. Depending on the size of the venue, the "best of the best" may only be able to attend. This could be done by invitation. Event details are still being determined.

Backyard Grill, Etc. Bob Devery has organized a few events for the near future:

Backyard Grill – lunch in an outdoor heated area (February 13)

Patio Pizza – held at Bob's or at a local pizza eatery (March)

Derby Day – May 1

Bob is working on a police appreciation day and museum trips.

A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE FEBRUARY 23, 2021 GBM

Banquet: Doreen, Social Chair, updated the club on the annual banquet. Due to COVID, the banquet has been put on hold. The banquet could possibly be held later in the year when it could be held as a more elegant event. This was referred to the council for discussion and a decision.

Corvettes at Ocean City: Doreen also updated members that the club hotel for Corvettes at Ocean City could be the Princess Royal. This hotel is one long block from the Clarion where many events are held. The Park Place hotel was also mentioned since it is on the boardwalk near the car show. John will send a survey to members to determine member preference.

Rallyes: A few rallyes are still planned. No date has been set; however, it is likely one will be scheduled for the Fall. Dick will contact Doug to see if a start/end for a rallye is possible at the American Legion.

Corvettes at Carlisle: A block of rooms has been reserved for August 26, 27, 28 at the Red Roof Inn. The party room is also reserved. Rooms are \$140/night. The restaurant next door to the hotel still has a restaurant area but now serves ice cream and has a store.

NVCC will have a tent which will be set up on Thursday and taken down on Sunday. However, at this time, NVCC does not know if Carlisle will be open on Sunday.

Wine Cruises: A cruise to Barrel Oak is scheduled for June 27 with a limit of 10 people as of today. Shawn will verify with Barrel Oak as the date get closer. Barboursville and DuCard vineyards are also a possibility.

NCM Spring Bash: This is an on-site and virtual event scheduled for April 22-24.

St Patrick's Day Cruise: Rob will lead a St. Patrick's Day cruise with a stop for lunch on March 6. See the calendar for details.

Tech Report

The final SSL problems were fixed. Jim and Paul will discuss details of the Treasurer's e-mail.

Treasurer's Report

Jim has met with Omar and gave an update on the current bank balance. Jim cannot access all accounts yet, however, a meeting is scheduled with Mike to resolve any remaining details.

Trivia was presented by Jeff Klain.

February GBM: Will be held via Zoom video conferencing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.



FINAL THOUGHT

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