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EIGHTH ANNUAL CORVETTES AND CRABS RALLYE

By: Kris McCandless

The Eighth Annual Corvettes and Crabs Rallye started with an overcast day and rain threatening; it scared Rob Succolosky into using his daily driver (not a corvette). We had nine cars attending: three Gen 4's ALL in red, two Gen 6s, two Gen 7s and one Gen 8, all of whom played the poker hands and seven who also answered questions along the rallye route. President Mike Gilliland and past presidents Dick Hammaker and Kris McCandless prepared for the day with blueberry and pecan pancakes at the Dumfries Cracker Barrel while waiting for attendees to line up.

This rallye was a return to Mike's and Kris's first Corvettes and Crabs Rallye of 2014, covering many of the same roads and even some of the same questions. Eighty-five turn arrows were counted along the fun and twisty Joplin Road, 6 to 10 birdhouses were counted along a stretch in Dumfries, and at least 3 stars were counted along Flory Road in Nokesville. In a traditional Crabs/Mike/Kris rallye, we had people criss-crossing other rallyers to hopefully get them off course (one of many tricks up the Rallye Masters' sleeves) and filling in sign information about all the sod farms they traveled through. Three Woofs [in the] Way from our first rallye now had a cute sign showing a dancing cow and dog, and our group of rallyers surprised the Rallye Masters with the correct count of 15 evergreen shrubs outside the fence of a tree farm. We got nearly all of them stumped, though, by asking who the dam was named for on Glenkirk Road on the last leg through Gainesville: T. Nelson Elliott. Still...there were a lot of smiles as everyone finished at Blue Ridge Seafood in a little more than two hours, rewarded by delicious popcorn shrimp, stuffed flounder, blue crabs, and hushpuppies. Not running the route but joining us at Blue Ridge Seafood on Rt. 29 in the far western reaches of Prince William County were Rustom and Nalini Desai, Doreen Kinashi, and Candace Rende.

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Joanna and Connie in the 2014 Callaway – First place Rallye winners.



Veteran Rallye Barbara Foor and friend Sandy in her red C4.



Ken from the Piedmont Corvette Club only did the Poker Run but won the low hand.



New Member Mace from Alexandria played the poker run only and kept Dick Hammaker company for a while, with his 2012 Anniversary (?) Edition Carbon Z06.



John and Karen Provost in their 2021 Silver Stingray, won 2nd place in the Rallye, high hand, AND fastest time.



Rob & Cathy Succolosky's new Nissan, rallye and poker run.



Evelyn and Alex McKay in her Beat Red C4 - won slowest time.



Paul and Carol Caprosi ran the rallye and poker hand too.

A big thanks to Dick Hammaker for hanging out behind the Aiden Market, passing out a set of cards at the midpoint of the rallye and for documenting most of the cars he saw; missing only one pic of the Stark's C6 yellow convertible. First Place went to 2021 Rallye 101 Champion Joanna McCandless in her C7 Callaway, this time with her BFF and navigator, Connie Harriman. Second Place in the Rallye, Fastest Rallye Team, AND winner of the High Hand in Poker were John and Karen Provost in the C8. Third Place was handed to veteran rallyers, John and Lynn Stark, who have placed multiple times in the Corvettes and Crabs Rallyes. Slowest rallye team went to Evelyn and Alex McKay, and the Poker Low Hand was played by Ken Kerzner in the burgundy C4, a member of the Piedmont Corvette Club, which has participated recently in these Rallyes. Veteran rallyers who participated but did not place included Barbara Foor and her navigator, Sandy; Rob and Cathy Succolosky; and, Paul and Carol Caprosi. Newest member, Mace from Alexandria, drove his Carbon C6 Z06 and played the poker hands.

For the newer members reading this article, the Club's original Rallye Master, Dick Hammaker provides a similar but simpler version called Rallye 101, where he teaches you the rules of a rallye and how to participate. In his rallyes, it's more important to answer the questions than to be judged additionally on time and mileage, like the Crabs rallye. I hope this article excites you because Mike and I LOVE to map these out and create the questions. It's challenging, but always aims to show you some awesome Corvette roads and celebrate the camaraderie that goes with America's Sports Car.



John and Karen Provost, 2nd Place Rallye



Connie Harriman (navigator) and Joanna McCandless First Place Rallye winners.



John and Lynn Stark, 3rd Place Rallye winners



Alex McKay taking a model C-1 Corvette prize for his and Evelyn's slowest rallye team.



Ken Kerzner of the Piedmont Corvette Club winning the low hand in poker (\$35).



John Provost awarded Fastest Rallye team, winning a black C7 Corvette model.



John Provost claiming his prize of \$35 for Poker High Hand.



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Corvettes & Crabs Rallye



IT WAS AN HONOR

Bob Devery



Slowly, the group grew. There were toddlers, grammar school kids, teens, a cheerleader squad, parents, airport workers, an active duty Army squad, adults of all ages ... and a few of us from NVCC. All of us were together to welcome back to Dulles Airport a contingent of military veterans who had been in DC for the day to tour the monuments that were erected to recognize their service and enjoy a time for camaraderie. Men and women who had served their country in WW2, Korea, and Vietnam. Average people who, in many cases as indicated by the symbols that they wore on their hats or shirts/jackets that said, "Combat veteran", did extraordinary things on a battlefield that they thought were just the right thing to do for their country and for their fellow soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines.



The 90+ veterans ... easily recognizable in the

"Honor Flight Yellow Jackets" were treated to the day in DC by volunteer groups that raise the cash needed to support the veterans and caretakers that go with them. Many were in wheelchairs and supported by

volunteers whose only thoughts were to make the day special for the entire group. We were briefed about 15 minutes before their arrival back at Dulles. Our "job" was simply to form a welcoming line in the terminal so that they would pass between those on both sides of a "corridor of appreciation". As you can see from the pictures, a nice line it was! The Honor Flight team leader said that she was extremely pleased with the turnout. I was especially impressed with the parents who brought their kids to the event to teach them to appreciate the veterans and our country.





It took a while for all the "Yellow Jackets" to pass in review as their pace is not quite what it was when they were in uniform. However, they were well aware of how much they were appreciated and showed it as they walked by us. There were smiles and heads held high. Some took or gave salutes. A few stopped briefly to say hello to one or more of the kids in attendance. All of them got the respect that they deserved. Rob, Mark, and I all agreed that the atmosphere for this event was special. Mark said that he had goosebumps. It takes a very different person

NOT to be moved by these type ceremonies. I know when I was in air traffic control at Dulles or in airport ops and was told that a flight was an Honor Flight, we did everything possible to ensure that no one on the ground or in the air got in the way of that aircraft. The only time a flight had more attention was to assist in the return of a service member killed in the line of duty. I must admit that this event was the first time that I actually fully participated in it. It will not be the last. Although this event was the final Honor Flight of the year due to impending weather conditions in DC or at a departure point that would make the visit to DC not as safe as needed, they will resume in the spring. I assure you that it will end up on the Club calendar.



VETERANS DAY 2021

By: Bob Devery

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month ... The end of World War I ... The war to end all wars. Unfortunately, after another hundred years plus have gone by, men and women in the United States have still put on a uniform to defend the country time and time again. Like any group, our club has its share of people who have worn that uniform. We've got veterans from Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy who have served during conflicts in Vietnam through Iraq and Afghanistan. I must admit that I don't know a member who served in the Coast Guard, so please let us know. I'll bet someone did. Also, many members gave decades in support of military ops whether in DoD, "alphabet agencies" and contractors in which their service was silently critical. Also, almost everyone in NVCC had family serve in WW2, Korea or Vietnam as well as sons and



daughters and others in family who have or are serving. So, although many veterans could not make it, we ended up with a group of 20 who were able to get together for camaraderie and lunch on 11/11.



Rich Mars deciding which one to take home.

you put yourselves in harm's way. While a sad few in the country don't get it, I hope that you're aware that you are appreciated quietly by those who understand what you have done. So, whether it's ... **HUA, Hoorah, Hooah, Hooyah, and Oorah ...** and, no, it's NOT "great tee shot" in the Air Force ... all of it stands for "job well done" to all of you! VETERANS DAY does NOT have an apostrophe.

you put

We ended up at Backyard Grill in Chantilly ... a nice "watering hole" with a number of seating options and a very varied menu. As always, the key part of the event was simply to spend time with friends. For those who could not make it and served, a respectful hand salute. I know many of



Good food, good friends and a good day to celebrate.



THE ROAD TO BAVARIA via WEST VIRGINIA

Submitted by Jim McKay

Awesome annual Bavarian Inn all Corvette cruise!! Approximately a dozen Vettes made the entire cruise, with a few dropping out midway due to prior commitments. It started at Manassas cracker barrel at 10:30 AM Saturday. I joined at Stephen City Sheetz off Rt 81... From there we headed to Mooresville WV via old Rt 55 which is deserted as it has been bypassed by one of Senator Byrd's pet projects, I48.

George, our membership director, led to that point. We doubled back on old 55 to Wardensville, where I took the lead north on state rt 259 through Capon River valley.



Back into VA at rt 50, we jogged over to 703 N up through Gore, VA. Folks thought I was kidding when I said on the walkie talkie "that's my mailbox" at the end of a gravel Rd that runs into 703 coming off the mountain I live on. We headed east on 701 and a short Sprint north on 522, to a right on 600/692, to eventually hook up with 51 and 45 over the mountains to Shepherdstown WV... At which point I announced we had left the land of the double-wides and we're entering the high rent district!

taking off at exhilarating speeds... The leaves would fly up from the lead vette, only to shower down on the last one passing through.

Hairpin turns and switchbacks, beautiful fall foliage, and mountain streams bursting from the overnight rain. Of course at our speed, the fall colors looked like a kaleidoscope!

Despite taking back country roads, it only took 8 minutes longer from Wardensville to Shepherdstown than if we had taken interstates... Might have been the position of our accelerator pedals.



On the trip, we had our moments, occasionally



After 5 hours from start, we arrived to meet many other club members who came from all over northern VA to meet the tired twisty road cruisers at the Bavarian Inn.

At that point I remembered that the Inn was one of the first trips we took over 40 years ago when it was just the restaurant and a huge asphalt parking lot. We met the new owner, who is the son of the original owners. He has added a brewery, and wedding venue in addition to the hotel rooms overlooking the Potomac River that his parents built since then.



We had a wonderful dinner and a good number of us stayed the night to meet for breakfast the following morning.



2021 CORVETTES AND TACOS

Hosted by Yas Kinashi

Another successful year for our Corvettes and Tacos at Cascades, Sterling, VA. Thanks to everyone that helped us make this a success. We were able to raise funds for MS Society while giving back to the community.

My Family and I enjoy every minute and look forward to year 4 of assisting in managing Corvettes and Tacos!

For a complete slide show, click on the Facebook Flickr page below:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nvcorvetteclub/albums/72157720097396434/page2>



Co-Hostess volunteering for MS Cherity Donation Collection



VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE—2021

Lori Benish—Vienna Halloween Parade Coordinator (and Holiday enthusiast)

Getting back to normal as much as possible has been the goal for 2021. I was happy to announce to the club that then annual Vienna Halloween Parade would be back in full force and held on October 27, 2021. We were invited again to attend and happy to oblige. The event is held each year by the town of Vienna (except 2020 -boo!) and is always a great time. I took the lead organizing our clubs participation, which I have done since 2009 marking my 11th year heading up our entry in the parade. It is one of my favorite events, and already cannot wait until next year. It was a beautiful fall night, and the Northern Virginia Corvette Club came out in full force to celebrate Halloween with Vienna's finest.



This year's theme for the parade was "The Roaring 20's." This led me to think, who doesn't want to hear a bunch of ROARING Corvette engines all decked out for Halloween!? I know I do! Looking to get back on the podium for awards in our category and celebrating our return to live events again, we pulled out all the stops! There were a total of 18 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 1st, at the Vienna Town Council we were awarded **2nd PLACE** in the Car category. We were runners up to Meadows Farms, who was one of the main sponsors of the event. The entry was a very cool, antique red truck all decked-out with a huge display

inside the back full of fall foliage. If we must get second place, I was not sad to lose to them- LOL. We have been lucky to have been award a place (most being 1st- but not bragging -haha) for 10 out of the 11 years I have headed the event. I love the growing ribbon collection and want to keep up the good work



next year! This is great exposure for the club and I may have even recruited a new member at the parade!



Thank you to everyone who attended which included: Lori and Paul Benish (corvette and lead truck with our club banner), Rita Mars and Josie McMahon, John and Kara Palmgren, Jeff and Ari Klain, Sue and Roger Williams, Yas and Doreen Kinashi, Scott Hurley, Bob and Carol Devery, John and Karen Provost, Barb Foor, Mike Gilliland and Candace Rende, Rob and Sharon Richwine, Dave Melcher — with two cars!!, Al and Adriene Boone, William Thayer, Mark Waters, and Brad Sneade.

Hopefully some of you will be able to join us for the annual Christmas Lights Rallye on Nov 21st! Look for that article in the new year. I am already looking forward to next year and Happy Holidays!



BULLETIN

Our November General Business Meeting will be here soon! In accordance with our bylaws, the agenda for our November meeting will include any additional nominations and elections for NVCC Officers (President, Vice President, Officer at Large, Secretary and Treasurer). Our bylaws state that officers are elected yearly and can hold a position for a maximum of three consecutive years. Since I have held the Secretary's position for three years, I cannot be re-elected.

There were no nominations for Secretary at our October GBM. Please consider volunteering for this position and becoming a member of our council. It is a fantastic way to become involved in NVCC and to contribute to our club!

Nominations from our October GBM

- President: George Durk
- Vice President: Jim McKay
- Officer at Large: Yas Kinashi
- Secretary: -- **Your Name Here**
- Treasurer: Evelyn McKay

If you are interested in serving as Secretary, please attend our November 23 GBM or e-mail me and I will put forth your name.

Evelyn McKay
Secretary, NVCC

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES SOLO II

NVCC TURNS OUT FOR BED DULING TRIBUTE LUNCH AT DIXIE BONES





NVCC
Christmas Lights Rallye
Sunday Nov. 21st, 2021
6:00pm \$5.00/car (+entry fee)



The Annual Christmas Lights Rallye is Back!

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.

We are going to run early again this year to avoid the super-sized crowds the lights get later in the season. Weather should still be good, 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. The route end is still TBD -but it will either be at the carnival area at the end of the lights or possibly Giro's pizza in Centerville- more details to come about this as I am finalizing with Bull Run the details for our group. They have not gotten word from the carnival when they will be finished setup so watch for additional emails on this. I will provide instructions at the drivers meeting the event night no matter what so everyone will know where to go. We still plan to head over for dinner at Giro's Pizza after, as it is a great by-the-slice pizza for anyone interested in joining.

**NOTE: Special awards will also be given such as
Most Festive, Best Ugly Sweater, and more!
So bring your Christmas spirit and have fun!**

DETAILS:

Cost to rallye: \$5.00 / car

Note: Admission to Bull Run Festival of Lights is required, \$30/per car- if purchased in advance. You can purchase early on their website (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-bull-run-festival-of-lights-tickets-174275321177?aff=ebdssbeac>) which is discounted from the at the door price (\$40.00 at the door). Tickets are also available at their gate directly for full price.

NOTE: Select for the 5:30-7:30pm time slot.

Start Location:

Starbuck Parking Lot: 14155 Saint Germain Dr. Centerville, VA 20121 at 6:00pm (Grab a drink if desired and head to the **back** of the parking lot where we will gather the cars).

Start Time:

6:00pm (Driver Meeting Starts at 6:15pm, Cars out by ~6:25pm)

Festival of Lights Address:

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

Ciro's New York Pizza:

6067 Centerville Crest Ln, Centerville VA 20121



Please register with Lori Benish via email at LoCo1707@yahoo.com to participate!
Call Lori @ 571-296-6816 or Paul @ 703-850-0574 if you have any questions or concerns the day of the event.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—NOVEMBER 2021

This is my final newsletter as your Club President. My three-year tenure is rapidly coming to an end. Starting in January you will have new blood and innovative ideas for the 2022 driving season. I know that the individuals you nominate and elect will do us all proud. Please excuse me if I use this space to reflect on all we have done together over the last three years and to express my gratitude to all of you.

Let's start with our 50th Anniversary Year, 2019. What a great year for blowout parties and happy memories. We began 2019 with an expanded banquet where we pushed out the wall at Maggiano's and brought in 12 past presidents.

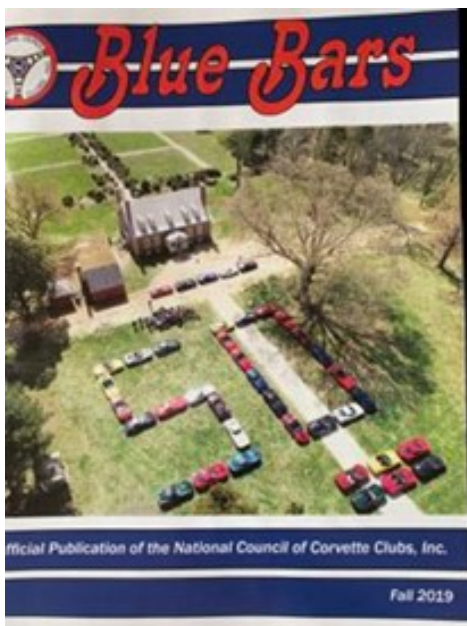
Then, thanks to Vicki and John Scott, the club began a 50th Anniversary committee that primarily met at the Scotts place where an occasional conga line would break out. We miss you Vicki. Plus, we had the largest car show turnout in years (thank you George Durk and all of our club members who helped).



Still in 2019, Dick Hammaker led us to Bowling Green for a cruise led by our favorite Kentucky State Patrolman in his Corvette squad car (damn, that was cool). Let me say that Mr.

George Durk fully established himself as the man to find some of the sweetest pavement and best food stops on his own cruises (there were too many to mention here, but my special thanks to George).

And did I mention that for 2019 the Starks threw a 1969 Party at their place (thanks John and Lynn, that was so much fun). There was also a club group that joined the NCCC Eastern Region for track sessions and autocross at the National Corvette Museum (that's one I wish I had not missed). Additionally, we headed back to Richard Anderson's farm for the annual club picnic in July (thank you Richard, your hospitality is second to none).



And then again with 2019, the club under the leadership of Jerry Lelansky produced the first and only aerial photo shoot of Gunston Hall (plus a Blue Bars cover). And we also went for the first time as a club to Corvettes at Carlisle with a club tent and a full 4-day presence on the field (this is one tradition I hope we can continue).

We also joined together as a club at the Corvettes at Ocean City parade on the Boardwalk (thanks to Rich Mars for putting us together as a club and getting us into the third spot). The evening parties in the Scotts room in Ocean City are unforgettable.

Then in 2019, last but not least, were our winery outings led by Shawn Waddell, I have pictures of the club taking over the outer tasting room at Barrel Oak where the band had to set up outside. Shawn also led us to Barboursville and DuCard (I may have missed one, but there was wine). The drives were bracing and the wine was wonderful. Shawn is awesome.

The 2020 Season started with a bang and then came to a screaming COVID-19 halt. For the bang, I can only point to our Banquet at the Country Club where many of us danced until we were forced to leave. This was followed by a fond farewell party to the Lelanskys at Rappahannock Cellars winery, then Rob Succolosky took us to the Old Brogue for Saint Patrick's Day and that was that (COVID lockdown ensued). A few of us broke free for George Durk's COVID safe road trips (everyone remained outside or in their own cars). In the midst of the COVID pandemic our dealership sponsor changed hands. That meant that the council had to go to work redefining that relationship and building relationships with a new set of players. Then again, a few intrepid souls came out to Carlisle in August, but our meeting's moved to ZOOM and any get together became rare.



Barboursville 2021

The 2021 Season brought us vaccines and a bit of hope as our members lined up for their inoculations. Then the delta variant hit and rained a bit on our parades. Still, we managed a car show, cruises, the Corvettes and Tacos shows, rallyes, parades, wineries, weekday get-togethers, a trip to Ohio for the Air Museum, trips to Bowling Green to play with our cars (or to play with new C8s), a trip to Carlisle and to Ocean City for the club. And let me add a shout out to Doug for his help at the American Legion Hall. I know I've left things out. It was another very special year with many of the very best people I have come to know.

So, I just want to say thank you to all of you who have made the last three years a joy. And I want to encourage you to join in the Council and realize the most from your membership. This is a fun group of people. Get involved, and get to know us. I am confident that the leadership that follows will do their best to make the club even more enjoyable.

That will be it for this Club Officer. You will still see me supporting events and on Council as Rallye Chair. Thank you Shawn Waddell, Dick Hammaker, Kris McCandless, Yas and Doreen Kinashi, George Durk, Omar Gordon, Evelyn McKay, Jim McKay, Paul Benish, John Palmgren, John Scott, Vicki Scott, Jerry Lelansky, Irene Lelansky, Bob Devery, Jeff Klain, Tab Tabellario, John Stark, Rob Succolosky, Jim Dobish and Jane Stieber, Andrej Balanc, Audrey Cupples and Doug Wilson. I can't say enough for those who have kept the wheels on the metaphorical NVCC bus during my three years. And that leaves Marsha, our Newsletter editor extraordinaire, you know I love you girl. Stay safe and happy in Texas. Damn, we miss you.

Stay Safe and Get Vaccinated!

Mike Gilliland
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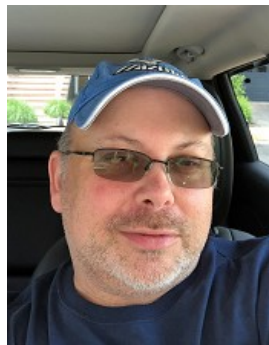
Here's hoping you catch the last of the fine fall weather with those beautiful Corvettes. To all our members that came out and joined in, you are the reason we keep doing this. Keep on coming out and encouraging other Corvette owners to join. As I have heard them say, garages are for overnight parking, Corvettes need the road (and other Corvettes to play with).



MEET YOUR 2021 COUNCIL



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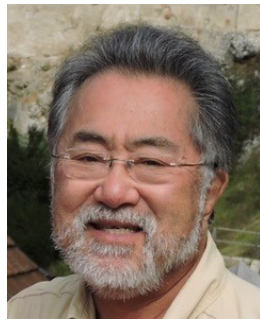
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NVCC 2021 Activities Calendar*Dates are subject to change.***MONTHLY EVENTS**

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

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

27 GBM via Zoom

28-May 1 Outer Banks Car Rally-Jim McKay

May

01 Community Support, Kingstowne Town Center-Bob Devery

01 Kentucky Derby Day-Bob Devery

10-14 Air Force Museum Cruise, Dayton, OH—George Durk

16 Rallye 101, American Legion, Fairfax-Dick Hammaker

19 Cruise to Gettysburg—Rob Succolosky

25 GBM via ZOOM

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

June

02 Graduation Parade for Lindsey Cerda—Vicki Scott

13 NVCC Annual Car Show @ Rosenthal, Alexandria

19 Father's Day Car Show at Aarondale Assisted Living 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

04 Independence Day Parade—Leesburg—Doreen Kinashi

11 PAX River Naval Museum, PAX River, MD—Bob Devery

27 GBM via Zoom

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

August

14 ODCC 32nd Annual Cruise In, Bommin Chevy, Manassas

15 Police Appreciation Day—Bob Devery

24 GBM

26-29 Corvettes at Carlisle; Mike Gilliland

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

September

10-17 Alaska (Sea) Cruise-Bob Devery

18 Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet—Manassas, VA

24 Weekday Warriors Lunch—Breux Vineyards—Rob Succolosky

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

28 GBM via Zoom

October

03 Flying Circus, Bealeton, VA-Bob Devery

10 Barboursville Vineyard—Shawn Waddell.

15-16 Corvette Weekend—Ocean City, MD—Mike Gilliland

23 Breakfast GBM; American Legion Post 177 Fairfax

24 Fall Rallye-Mike Gilliland/Kris McCandless

27 Vienna Halloween Parade—Lori Benish

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

November

4 Honor Flight at Dulles—Bob Devery

13 Bavarian Inn-George Durk **An NVCC Members Only event.**

21 Christmas Lights Rallye—Lori Benish

23 GBM

December

3-5 Colonial Williamsburg Grand Illumination-Bob Devery

11 John & Lynn Stark Xmas Open House—Fredericksburg

No GBM for this month

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25 GBM

February

19 **Annual NVCC Banquet @ Springfield Country Club — Doreen Kinashi**

22 GBM

March

22 GBM

April

24 Rallye 101, American Legion, Fairfax —Dick Hammaker

26 GBM

28-30 NCM Bash at Bowling Green, KY —Dick Hammaker

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

May

7-8 OBX Rod and Custom Show, Outer Banks, NC — Jim McKay

24 GBM

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

June

5 NVCC Annual Car Show @ Rosenthal, Alexandria

12-17 63rd Annual NCCC Convention, Atlantic, NJ

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

28 GBM

July

04 Leesburg 4th of July Parade—Doreen Kinashi **This is a members only event, RSVP NLT June 30**

26 GBM

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

August

13 ODCC 32 Annual Corvette Cruise-In, Bomnin Chevrolet, Manassas.

23 GBM

25-27 Corvettes of Carlisle

27 ??? Corvettes and Tacos, Cascades Plaza, Sterling —Yas Kinashi

September

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

25 Fall Rallye — Mike Gilliland and Kris McCandless

27 GBM

October

14-15 Corvettes on the Boardwalk, Ocean City, MD

26 GBM

29 Corvettes and Tacos Halloween Show, Cascades Plaza, Sterling — Yas Kinashi**Last one for the year!!!**

November

12 Bavarian Inn-George Durk- **This is a NVCC Members only event.**

22 GBM

December

NO GBM IN DECEMBER

IMPORTANT SCHEDULING NOTE:

The 63rd annual NCCC convention – June 12th through 17th, 2022 in Atlantic City, New Jersey is shaping up to be another great time. See the information from the link below for the additional information:

<https://www.corvettesnccc.org/2022Convention/Convention2022.php>. Start your planning now!



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Master Ambassador Dick Hammaker



NCM's 2021 Ambassadors Conference, November 2nd and 3rd, was a time for 71 of the 306 Ambassadors to get together to learn what's new at the NCM; meet Sharon Brawner, new NCM CEO; and interact with other Ambassadors.

Half the fun of the Conference was getting to Bowling Green, KY, on some really great WV Corvette roads. The weather was great, traffic light....the 650 mile trip took 9 hours 30 minutes over and 9 hours 50 minutes back... two personal best times...normal time is about 11 hours.

The Conference was action packed from 8:00a to 5:00p each day followed by evening events activities and entertainment.

After opening remarks from Stephanie Morrill, NCM Director of Operations; Bryce Burklow, NCM Events Manager, gave 2021 highlights and a preview of the 2022 events. Mark you calendars for the two biggest NCM on-site events; Michelin Bash, April 28th-30rd and the 26th Anniversary Celebration, September 1st-3rd.

Bowling Green Assembly Plant Manager , Kal Spande, gave an in-depth presentation on Paint Shop. The new 800,000 square feet, \$340 million facility has three floors, 19 Vertical Displacement Lifts (elevators), 51 robots, 240 employees, and three panel suppliers. Axalta paints (formerly DuPont) is used exclusively. There were too many amazing facts to discuss in this article.

Then there were updates from Derek Moore, NCM Curator; Bobbie Jo, Development; Chris Huffman, Information Technology; Tammy Bryant, Store; and Greg Waldron, Motorsports Park Director.

The first evening activity was a behind-the-scenes tour of the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKYPAC)...Bowling Green's version of the Kennedy Center.



Day two activities included updates from Mariah Hughes, Marketing; David Smith, R8C Delivery Program; Chris Sweeney, Membership; Deb Howard, Education; Adam Boca, NCM Insurance; and closing remarks from NCM's President and CEO Sharon Brawner.

That evening's activity was a visit to the Western Kentucky University's Hardin Planetarium and a program on the recent Mars Mission.

NCM was honored to host the Tunnel to Towers Foundation's 9/11 NEVER FORGET Mobile Exhibit.



Police escort for 9/11 Mobile Exhibit

On September 11, 2001, Stephen Siller, who was assigned to Brooklyn's Squad 1, had just finished his shift and was on his way to play golf with his brothers when he got word over his scanner of a plane hitting the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Upon hearing the news, Stephen called his wife Sally and asked her to tell his brothers he would catch up with them later. He returned to Squad 1 to get his gear.

Stephen drove his truck to the entrance of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, but it had already been closed for security purposes. Determined to carry out his duty, he strapped 60 lbs. of gear to his back, and raced on foot through the tunnel to the Twin Towers, where he gave up his life while saving others.



NCM Mobil 1 C8



9/11 Mobile Exhibit

To learn more, go to www.t2t.org

For more information on any of NCM's programs, check out www.corvettemuseum.org or contact me at dick.hammaker@cox.net

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Dick "HAM" Hammaker
NCM Master Ambassador



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By: George Durk

November 2021 Report

As of November 15th, we have 160 members and 12 prospective members.

Welcome New Members!!

Eric Alchowiak ('21)

Ruth Baumert ('88)

Mace and Andi Carpenter ('11 Z06 Carbon Edition)

Erika Jacks ('07 Convertible and '22 HTC on order)

David and Marla Melcher ('59, '16 and '20)

Steven Titus and Mariana Barros-Titus ('11 Grand Sport)

Matthew Traudt ('13 Night Race Blue Grand Sport Coupe)

Mark Waters ('21 Red Mist HTC)

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Member	Corvette(s)	Join
Aziz, Younes	'78	11/7/2021
Cagney, Joshua	'96 and '03	8/24/2021
Cook, Doug	'20	10/5/2020
Dmytrijuk, Andrew	'14 Stingray	11/12/2021
Franklin, Paul & Mankowski, Cheryl	'07 LeMans Blue Coupe	10/7/2021
Greene, Larry		9/14/2021
Harlow, Georgia & Warren	'66, '16, '22	9/25/2021
Lee, Thomas & Yun, Mahaffey	'21	10/5/2021
Meawad, Philip	'15 Z51 Coupe	10/27/2021

IMPORTANT:

Please note -- in order to become full voting members of NVCC, our by-laws require prospective members to attend a General Business Meeting (GBM) and club event within 4-months. Monthly GBMs are currently via Zoom. If a Prospective Member has not attended an event, due to COVID-19 concerns, 2 GBMs will fulfill the event membership requirement. Conversely, if your schedule does not permit you to attend a GBM, 2 events fulfill the GBM membership requirement.

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 or event.

(membership@nvcorvetteclub.com).

NEW RIDES

New ride? Shoot me an email (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.



The 2022 Dues Renewal Season is over. However, you can still renew with a \$10 late fee.

[Membership and Late Renewals Payment Center \(nvcorvetteclub.com\)](https://nvcorvetteclub.com)



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...

<https://nvcorvetteclub.itemorder.com/sale>

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Deadline: Friday December 31st, 2021 (12:59am EST)



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BREAKING NEWS

FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

If you are planning on attending the [National Corvette Museum](#) anytime in the next five months, you'll want to take note of their new "seasonally adjusted" operating hours that will go in effect beginning on November 1st.

The new hours of operation for the Corvette Museum will be:

November 1 – December 31

Monday – Friday 10am – 5pm CT

Saturday and Sunday 9 am – 5 pm CT

January 1 – March 1

Monday through Friday, 10 am – 5 pm CT, CLOSED TUESDAY

Saturday and Sunday 9 am – 5 pm CT

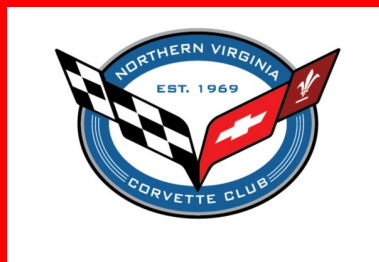
March 2 – October 31

Monday through Sunday 9 am – 5 pm CT

The National Corvette Museum is also closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Corvette Store will have the same hours as the Museum.

SAVE THE DATE

NVCC ANNUAL BANQUET
SPRINGFIELD COUNTRY CLUB
FEBRUARY 19, 2022



NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 23, 2021—BY: EVELYN MCKAY, SECRETARY

Council Present: Mike Gilliland, President
Shawn Waddell, Vice President
Evelyn McKay, Secretary



The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am at the American Legion, Fairfax Virginia by President Mike Gilliland after a buffet breakfast. (It was noted that NVCC subsidized part of each member's cost for the breakfast.)

Approval of Minutes: The September 28, 2021 minutes were approved.

New, prospective, and returning members introduced themselves. New, prospective, returning members attending were:

Jason Kinashi
Lauren and Bob Fox
Matt Traudt
Mace Carpenter
Erick Alchowiak
Fez Choudhary
Ruth Baumert
Erika Jacks
Dave and Lesley Koluder

Reminder: Please send articles, comments and pictures to Marsha, Newsletter Editor.

George Durk and Jim McKay announced that they will lead a cruise following the meeting to Capon Bridge, WV. Lunch will be at a Mexican restaurant. All are welcome to join.

Nominations for Officers (2022)

In accordance with our bylaws, Mike put forward a request for officer nominations. Mike and Evelyn have fulfilled their 3-year term as President and Secretary, and Shawn will be stepping down from the Vice President's position. Therefore, several officer positions are open for next year. Jim McKay nominated the following which was seconded by several members.

President: George Durk
Vice President: Jim McKay
Officer at Large: No Nominations (Yas's term is not expiring.)
Secretary: No Nominations
Treasurer: Evelyn McKay

Updates on Events:

Flying Circus (October 3)

Bob Devery reported that this event had wonderful weather and bi-plane rides. Bob noted that the admission charge for this event is spent for the preservation of aircraft.

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

Barboursville Vineyards Cruise (October 10)

Mike reported that this cruise and event were excellent. A wine tasting was held in a private library room and acknowledged President Mike Gilliland's birthday!

Corvettes at Ocean City (October 15-16)

This was a magnificent event with members getting together for lunch on Friday. Seven hundred cars joined the boardwalk parade. The Shoemakers placed second in the rally.

Corvettes and Crab Rally (October 24)

Kris and Mike are planning a gimmick and poker (high and low) rally. Please meet at the Dumfries Cracker Barrel for the drivers meeting at 9:30 am. There has been a low response rate to date, however, it is not too late to register and attend.

Halloween Parade - Vienna (October 27)

Please e-mail Laurie Benish for details to participate in this fun parade. Note the details on the event flyer. Streets in Vienna close at 5:00 pm for the parade. If you wish, please decorate your cars.

Corvettes and Tacos

The October 30 Corvettes/Tacos Halloween Bash will be the last one for the year. The event will feature a Halloween theme with costumes, Halloween car decorations, DJ, complimentary chips/salsa/coffee from Chuy's and a 50/50 drawing to benefit our MS charity.

Honor Flight – Dulles

Bob Devery is coordinating a meet and greet at Dulles Airport for WW II veterans after they visit the memorials in Washington, DC.

Bavarian Inn Cruise (November 13)

This will be the sixth cruise to the Bavarian Inn with 10 cars (13 people) registered to date and 3-4 cars reserving rooms for an overnight stay. There are still rooms available for anyone wishing to stay. The Sunday buffet is not available due to COVID. This will be a cruise through beautiful countryside with twisty roads.

Banquet

The banquet is currently scheduled for February 19. The theme will be hearts and cars. Doreen is the banquet chair and noted that volunteers are needed for the banquet committee to assist with decorations, clean-up, ticket takers, etc. The banquet will be held at the West Springfield Golf and Country Club.

Williamsburg Grand Illumination (December 3-4)

Bob Devery has secured a block of rooms. Fifteen members have signed up for this event as of today. A "grab and go" breakfast and parking are included in the hotel rate. Currently, there are no formal dinner plans.

Corvettes at Carlisle (August 25-27, 2022)

Jane reported that the Red Roof Inn has increased their rates by \$45/night to a nightly charge of \$185 with no improvements to warrant the increase. The hotel may also charge a fee for use of the party room. Almost all Carlisle hotels are already full and most have a 2-night minimum charge. Meeting participants were amenable to a better hotel further from the Carlisle Fairgrounds in Shippensburg, Mechanicsburg or Gettysburg. Jane will research possibilities.

New Business

Treasurer's Report

Jim reported that the treasury is in decent shape and \$1047 donation will be made to our MS charity. (This amount does not include the donation from the upcoming Halloween Corvettes/Tacos event.)

Bob Devery presented a check to NVCC for rebates for travel booked by NVCC members.

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The paperwork should be back from our law firm in the next 30 days.

Membership

George welcomed new members and reported on membership statistics.

148 members

28 prospective members

George also explained membership requirements and reminded attendees that there are two weeks left in the dues renewal season.

National Corvette Museum

Dick reported that he just returned from a charity event (Kentucky One Lap) at the NCM and will return for the Ambassadors' Conference in November. Please look for Dick's e-mails regarding the NCM on the "everyone" list. Dick asked members to join the NCM since it supports our hobby.

Hyper Fest

Rick Pogue reported that the HyperFest (Richmond VA area) gives everyone the opportunity to try any type of motorsport (except drag racing). It is known as the amusement park of driving and events are a la carte.

Please e-mail Doreen at social@nvcorvetteclub.com if you would like to lead an event. The calendar has space in January, February and March.

Thank you to Doug Wilson and the American Legion for hosting our GBM!

Next GBM meeting is November 23 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Evelyn McKay

Secretary, Northern Virginia Corvette Club



VACATION UPDATE PSA ... WHAT TO EXPECT AS TRAVEL INDUSTRY ENTERS “REVENGE TRAVEL” 2022-2023

Bob Devery, the Travel Guy



Life is returning to normal for most people. I realize that the media blitz on Covid will cause some people to never travel again. In my opinion, it's a shame as the companies have all undertaken proper protocols to take care of major concerns. In the cruise biz, almost three quarters of a million guests have sailed on river and ocean cruises since June with 1,359 cases of covid reported among passengers and crew, 49 of which required hospitalization and one death. **There is no number other than ZERO that will make some okay with travel but a 0.0018% rate of covid infection is far less than the common cold or flu ANYWHERE.** These numbers are from The Washington Post (10/5/21) so it's not a number that is designed to make cruises look good. The Post did all it could to make covid look as bad as possible. ** So, why are the rates so low? Common sense protocols have been in place: vaccinated adults onboard including ALL crew members and all guests over the age of 12, pre-cruise testing even if vaccinated, reduced capacity on cabins, onboard protocols for masks, etc. The cruise that a few of us from NVCC did in September in ALASKA showed that it works: ZERO cases of covid --OR ANY infectious flu, etc. -- out of 3,000+ passengers and crew. Land tours are reporting good results too, but with fewer people as Europe and Asia land tours are just restarting.

So, what's next for 2022? 2023?

First: cruise lines and tour operators will begin a GRADUAL return to 100% of available space. Our January cruise out of San Juan is still with reduced cabin use keeping a cabin in between guests. CDC leaves trying to run cruise ship business 1/15/22 so there will be more cabins available starting in spring as I feel the CEOs will stay with current restrictions thru March/April. Look for buffets to return to normal by year end. Masks will likely be phased out as a mandatory item in certain spaces after 1/15/22. Excursion tours will increase as tour operators get more employees back to work and "space limits" are reduced/eliminated.

Second: "costs will drop, right?" WRONG!!! The oil pipeline shutdowns have had a disastrous effect on cruise line costs as well as airlines. As we've seen, gas prices are up 50-100% in many areas over Jan. 20, 2021. The ships and tour operators running buses, etc., face the same price increases for gas/oil. Waiting to book is NOT NOT NOT a great idea. I can get good cruise prices with a group formed a year ago, etc., but the airlines are out for blood. I still find prices that are reasonable using packages for pre-cruise or land tour arrivals, but air is not a pretty item right now.

**The opinions expressed herein are not those of the NVCC.

Third: capacity controls. Remember: MILLIONS as in MILLIONS of people had travel cancelled in 2020-2021. They have credits to use. They ARE booking heavily for 2022-23. So, if you think that waiting is a good idea to get a lower price, you might have a rare occasion with waiting until a month before travel, BUT YOU WON'T get a flight or a cabin or a land tour slot. Europe, Alaska, and "exotics" are being booked 12-18 months in advance. Caribbean cruises that normally had 6-month advanced booking now book 9-12 months in advance. Our Viking cruise for the Rhine out of Basel, Switzerland for 10/1/22 was sold out of suites and veranda cabins TWO MONTHS AGO. Many land tours for South America, Asia, and Europe for 2022 are sold out already and 2023 bookings are heavy.

BOTTOM LINE: there are SO many variables in the travel biz now that it's numbing. I have calls/briefings that I can attend EVERY DAY. Companies are changing rules, protocols, vaccine requirements weekly. What's up on passports, etc.? On occasion, I have to go back to clients the next day because a new bulletin has arrived affecting them. To be safe on getting travel set, be vaccinated. It's not a political statement -- just reality. Not all travel companies are requiring it, and less will be doing it after spring arrives. Just be prepared for rejection if you are not vaccinated at the moment. We CAN book if NOT vaccinated but, at time of travel, you may be required to show vaccine card. I expect a change in that criteria in 2022. Since changes can occur quickly, contact me with questions for CURRENT data.

BUT WHY CALL YOU WHEN I CAN DO IT MYSELF? A fair question ... ALL of you can use the internet where there are 10,000+ travel suppliers. Many like some of my suppliers (say CENTRAV for airlines) simply take a price from Expedia, add a \$12 pp fee and say, "here's my great price"! I despise what they do so rarely use them UNLESS it's an overseas block price that they have which saves my clients a fair amount. Cruises .. "I can beat what you have by going direct to the cruise line right?" ... NO ... not really. MY company Expedia Cruises is one of the world's largest booking suppliers worldwide. Our "blocks/group bookings" give us a big advantage on most cruises. I AM going to beat any price that you see the extreme majority of the time. Also, bluntly, out of 6,000+ travel planners with Expedia, I'm #125 in rankings.

LAST: when you book with me, NVCC gets a donation. It might be only \$25, \$100 or \$500+ BUT it is FREE money for the Club. Money that they do NOT get when you book with Travelocity, Royal Caribbean, Viking, Tauck, etc. This donation is OUT OF MY POCKET as a way to say THANKS to the Club . You take the time to ask me to book travel -- I do all the work for you -- get you the LOWEST PRICE, make the booking, follow-up AND give NVCC a donation . When you booked your last internet trip, did NVCC get a donation? I've written checks to NVCC EVERY TIME -- not occasionally, but EVERY TIME that a member has booked with me. AND when you travel with an NVCC group, you WILL have a great time as we ALWAYS have fun! WHERE and WHEN do you want to go? Give me a chance to prove that I can do what I say. The worst case? You book yourself ... BUT MAYBE just MAYBE I can do what I say... lower price for you and donation to NVCC.



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