

# NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB

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## 'GLASS GAZETTE

### NVCC DOES CHRISTMAS IN MANHATTAN

By: Bob Devery

Our journey to New York City started out on Amtrak instead of with a convoy of Corvettes! there is a reason that you don't see many Corvettes in Manhattan which is because of the roads as well as the traffic! To get around Manhattan isn't bad as long as you drive like a cab driver! So, the use of getting on a train and enjoying the ride for 3 1/2 hours was a good idea. Arriving in small groups, we got to Penn Station and left the building for our 24 hour marathon. Manhattan is always a city on the go with millions of people creating its world-famous hustle and bustle. However, the Christmas season brings a change to the city not in the pace but in the attitude. The lights of the city are augmented by festive holiday decorations especially up near Rockefeller Center. Our day started with the arrival at the hotel not far from Rockefeller Center. We got our bags checked in and quickly left to head to Bryant Park, a mile away, home of an extremely large



Christmas festival which is a delight for foodies and shoppers. Need Christmas gifts? You never have to leave Bryant Park! Also, no one left hungry due to the variety of food.

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Most of us grabbed cabs a few hours into the trip then went down to the 9/11 Museum and Memorial while David Dubois enjoyed the motorcycle show at the convention center and others took time to enjoy many of the other sites in Manhattan including Ellis Island, Times Square, Macy's and more. The 9/11 Museum may not seem like a great choice for the Christmas season but it was well worth the visit. The Memorial/Museum is dedicated to those who lost their lives during the attack on 9/11 but also dedicated to the effort of thousands of people who not only were involved in the rescue efforts but also were resolved to make the site an example to the world of what resilience is. Freedom Plaza is stunning. Until you go to see what was done to make the site of the original buildings a Memorial to those who were there on that day and who spent years making it what it is, words cannot describe the positive effect. As the museum, it is humbling to read about the heroes from that day and how average people risked their lives to save others. Our group that went there certainly came away



with an even greater appreciation for them.

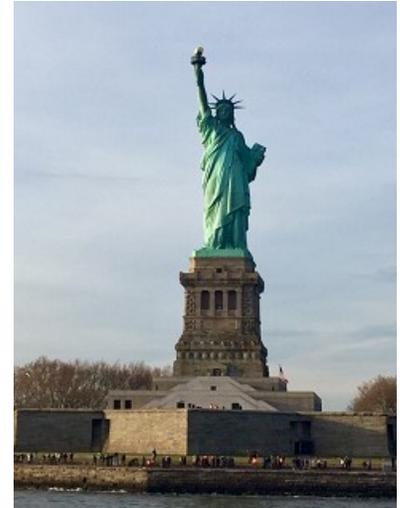




After group dining at a burger joint down by the museum, we went back uptown to Rockefeller Center. Some of the crowd had thinned out by then but the flow of people added to the excitement of seeing the famous Christmas tree. There was a time when the window decorations in the Rockefeller Center area with Saks Fifth Avenue and others were the



main reason for people to stroll around that area. It's still true but now there is a stunning immense computer display that covers the entire façade of the building so that when you are across the street at Rockefeller Center, you can watch the computer light show which this year was based on the movie "Frozen" ... But then again, what has not been based on that movie this year?! It was absolutely fantastic no matter how many times you watch it. I'm sure that our computer whizzes like John Palmgren and Paul Benish and others can put something like this together for our banquet 2021?... Okay... maybe not. St. Patrick's Cathedral was nice to see at night as well is just roaming around to see more of the sites. Some of us headed over towards Times Square for the second time during the day to see it at night. It's no wonder that it can be seen from the international space station! What was nice is to be able to enjoy it with some elbowroom as opposed to on New Year's Eve when as many as 1 million people head into that general area.



The next morning, we headed out for our 11 AM matinee at Radio City Music Hall to see the Rockettes Christmas show. If you have not been to the show and have the opportunity to go next year, it's well worth it. The theater is packed with every age group from toddlers to grandmas and grandpas all of whom are kids for a day watching the wonders of the show. The basics of the show remains the same over the years but the technology has truly improved everything including 3-D journey to the North Pole. I'm glad that everyone enjoyed it as the performers certainly don't hold anything back and make every show special. For many of us, the day was finished by a trip over to St. Patrick's Cathedral to walk around the inside of the incredible church. I had wanted to find some good pizza but with so many places around, it's not easy to know where to go. So, I did what any good New Yorker would do... I asked the police officer who I saw walking with the pizza box! So Bob and Karen Shoemaker and Carol and I were on our way to Two Brothers Pizza a short few blocks away while many others did a bomb burst and spread out over the city for lunch. We were back at the hotel to start the journey back home although some of you got lucky and were able to spend the second day in the city to enjoy more of the sites. Going to Manhattan Christmas is always fun, but this year was fantastic by being there with 20 other friends and a special treat for Carol because I secretly invited her brother and sister-in-law to join us! They surprised her with the arrival at Penn Station. While we were waiting for David Dubois to arrive ... So I told her ... both of them showed up from another entrance from the train tracks and as I diverted her attention to "there's David", they snuck up on her. It truly made the trip even more special. Thanks David for letting me borrow your name for a bit! And thanks everyone for a wonderful trip.

## NVCC MARATHON BOMBERS

By: George Durk

This was our 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row for kicking-off the holiday season with a pre-Thanksgiving cruise and feast the weekend before Thanksgiving. On November 23, a Saturday this year, 23 NVCC'ers and guests made our annual trek to the Bavarian Inn. By 10:15, there were 13 attractive Corvettes adorning the service road in front of Page Chevrolet, including John Provost's surprise of a recently acquired '05 Daytona Sunset Orange Coupe plus Danyelle Davis' 07 Nissan 350Z for good measure!

Mid-November cruises are always risky with unstable weather - cold fronts pushing through with rain – or even snow (remember last year)! However, we were fortunate this year and managed to cruise and dine between two separate wet weather systems. The first weather system, Thursday evening into Friday, cleared by Friday evening and Saturday morning was sunny with dry roads. The second weather system gradually moved in and, as Saturday progressed, the rain returned by early evening. However, not before we carved our way around the Maryland countryside through Gatland State Park, Boonsboro and the back roads of historic Sharpsburg, eventually heading over the Potomac River to the Bavarian Inn on the West Virginia border.

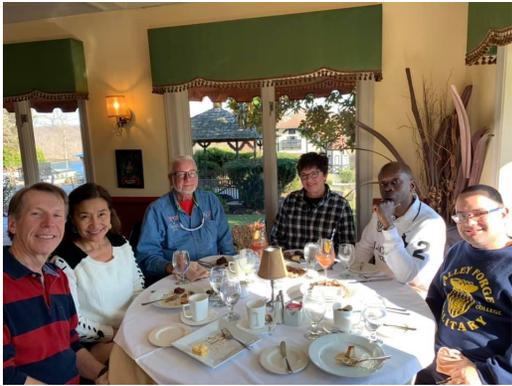
The only hiccup was NVCC marathon bombing! I wasn't aware of the Annual JFK 50-mile ultramarathon that occurs in Washington County every year the Saturday before Thanksgiving. We were most fortunate as we drove our route obliviously through Washington County back roads. However, our luck ran out at Taylors Landing Road, in the back country of Sharpsburg, as a surprised police officer looked with amazement at our caravan of Corvettes and asked what we were doing. "Hello sir, we just want to make a left and head toward Rt 34 through the country." His response was "no you're not," with consternation in his voice. Then it dawned on me why a police officer at a road block several miles back asked where we were going, and provided specific instructions on how to get to the Bavarian Inn. If only he had told me the roads were blocked for the marathon! I thought the road block was due to an accident or some other police or fire dept activity.

Back track we did and arrived at the Bavarian Inn only a half-hour late. Thankfully, a few members went directly there and kept the Bavarian Inn staff appeased. All was good. We were fortunate to be placed in the restaurant's newest renovated area next to their brewery.

Six of us made reservations to spend the night and met-up for dinner and the next day for Sunday brunch. My overall impressions -- although the meals are pricey, it's definitely worth the splurge as the cuisine was excellent. The rooms were also quite cozy and the overall old-world ambience was very relaxing. Next year will definitely include an overnight option – and a different country roads cruising route!

George Durk  
C74LIFE





Christmas may be all packed away and behind us now, but we can all still enjoy a little recap from the NVCC Christmas Lights Rallye of 2019. On December 15th, we had lovely (be it cold) weather for our fun, holiday rallye through the Bull Run Festival of Lights. A total of 7 teams joined us at Starbucks in Centerville to Rallye. Benish's homemade cookies were given out at the start to everyone that wanted after picking up their Starbucks. We had a quick drivers meeting and then headed out to answer questions along the lighted path. Everyone at the end received a special glass NVCC Christmas Lights Rallye ornament created by Lori, and the winners of 4 categories got special ones:

1st Place- Team Audrey Cupples

Runner Up- Team Caporossi

Most Festive- Team Shoemaker

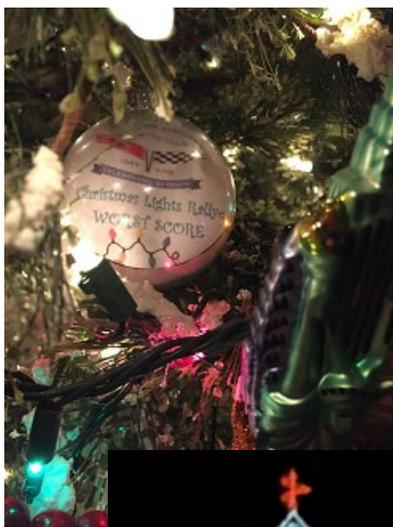
Worst Score -which was specially designed for: Team Devery!

Thank you to the other teams that joined us as well. We all had a great time and look forward to doing this again next year. Happy Holidays and Happy 2020!!

Sincerely,  
Lori and Paul Benish

*Christmas Lights Rallye Masters*





# MEET YOUR 2020 COUNCIL



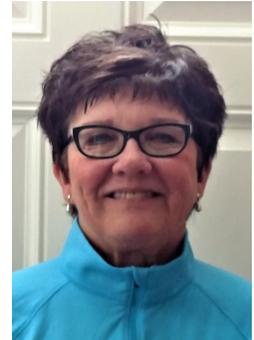
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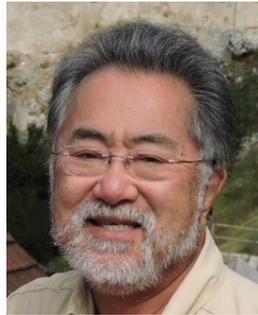
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*NVCC annual trip to BOW!!!  
3623 Grove Lane, Delaplane Va  
20144 Sunday, June 28th, 2020*

One of Virginia's most popular wineries welcomes NVCC with a complimentary wine tasting.

Dogs and children are welcome as is outside food. We will be following last years route!!!

Barrel Oak Winery has awesome brick fired pizza, beer and of course wine!!!

We will be assembling at Home Depot 25000 Loudon County Parkway, Chantilly Va We will arrive at 9:00 drivers meeting 9:15 departure 9:30

Arrive at BOW 11:00 Any questions email Shawn at [dr-wadd@msn.com](mailto:dr-wadd@msn.com)



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER—JANUARY 2020

Welcome to a new year, a new decade, and a new generation of Corvette. Soon we will see the first production C8's cruising our streets and for a lucky few of us, in our driveways. As I write this, our Banquet is coming soon and we have so much to celebrate from 2019. Speaking of the Banquet, make sure to thank all of the members who jumped in to support this event. What a year for our club; what a great group of people! Thank you all.

We will have another fun-filled year lined up. Former President, Kris McCandless and I have already started the layout for the Annual Corvettes & Crabs Rallye (we plan to add a Poker Rallye in for those who don't chose the conventional Rallye). There will be a group heading out to the Michelin NCM Bash at the Museum in Kentucky (we are still completing the details on that trip in April). We plan for another great Car Show at Page in May, get ready to pitch in and have fun for a great cause (Multiple Sclerosis).

Former Club President, Richard Anderson is inviting us back out to his West Virginia farm again this year for the Picnic in July. The drive out, food, cars (Richard has an amazing car collection), and conversations over home-made pies, should not be missed. [Ed. Note: I've got dibs on the strawberry rhubarb.]

In August, we will be going back to Carlisle again this year at the biggest Corvette only car show in the East (the 2020s there this year will be production models). A crew from the Club will be there during all four days. Carlisle will be fun. We will again, have an after evening get together each night with libations and stories to share. There are opportunities to autocross, show off your ride and make new friends with the 5,000 plus Corvette owners that share the fairgrounds.

Our new Vice President, Shawn Waddell, is talking about a road trip to the Finger Lakes in New York for great Corvette roads and maybe a little wine tasting. Stay tuned for details on this one. In September, we are expecting another Fall Rallye from your other Rallye Master and NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker.

Our Treasurer, Omar Gordon, will lead us in a cruise to the big Fall Wine and Jazz Festival event he attends every year. The details will be coming soon. In addition, we have the Corvettes at Ocean City weekend event in October. We have all this to share without mentioning the return of Cars and Coffee that your Officer-at-Large successfully kicked off last year. Did I mention that we would try to sneak in one speed event too during the year?

So there you have it. How do you start a return from an epic 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration? For the NVCC, we jump right back into the fun and do it again. Here is my wish for a happy 2020 to all of the great people in the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. Well, that's it for January. As always, it is my pleasure to support this great group. Here's hoping for those blue skies and unblemished highways and byways as we cruise into a new decade of fun!

Mike Gilliland  
NVCC President

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# NVCC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 26, 2019—BY: EVELYN MCKAY, SECRETARY

**Officers Present:** Jerry Lelansky, Officer at Large  
Omar Gordon, Treasurer  
Evelyn McKay, Secretary



The meeting began at 7:30 pm at Page Chevrolet in Alexandria, VA and was presided over by Jerry Lelansky, Officer at Large. Past presidents attending were Kris McCandless, John Palmgren, and Dick Hamaker. New Member, Jason Spindler, was introduced and welcomed.

Approval of Minutes: The October 2019 minutes were approved.

Additional nominees were requested, and no additional names were brought forth. The nominations from the October GBM were confirmed and seconded. Voting was held and the following officers elected.

**Vice President: Shawn Waddell**  
**Officer at Large: Yas Kinashi**

**Congratulations!**

## **Recap/Updates from Chairs:**

### **Bavarian Inn Cruise:**

George Durk recapped the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bavarian Inn Cruise. Attending were 13 Corvettes. Cruisers arrived a bit late due to a marathon race in Sharpsburg which required a detour. However, the club was accommodated, and the food was great. Six members stayed overnight for dinner and brunch. Since this cruise had a very nice ambiance, George is planning next year's cruise with an overnight option.

### **Membership:**

George also recapped membership statistics. The club has 154 members (which includes 17 prospective members and 1 associate member).

The membership drive had a 91% response rate. There were 9 non-renewals. The club is growing!

Dick announced that 20 percent of NVCC members are also NCM members. On January 1, 2020 an NCM membership drive will begin.

### **Social Media and Store**

Audrey updated members on the banquet favors which are drinking glasses with the new logo. The samples are decorated nicely and look good.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Omar reported that at this time of year, the club balance is high due to membership dues income. Upcoming expenses are the banquet and NCCC dues. Balance as of today is \$16,789.92.

**A VOTE TO ACCEPT THESE MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE JANUARY 28, 2020 GBM**

**Events Committee**

Jim Dobish reported on the second events committee meeting which was held on November 19. He mentioned that since this is an extension of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, there will be no December meeting. He stated there were many good ideas and suggestions for 2020 events.

**Halloween Parade/Christmas Lights Rallye**

Lori Benish presented the award for NVCC's 1<sup>st</sup> place in this year's Halloween parade. Eighteen members attended. Thank you to those who participated! Lori is looking forward to next year's parade.

The Christmas Lights Rallye will be held on December 15. Meet-up is at Starbucks in Centerville. The rallye is held at the Bull Run Holiday of Lights. There is a \$25 entry fee for the light show and a \$5 rallye fee.

This is an "easy" rallye with low speed. Attendees will meet at the end of the rallye, and the best answers determine the winner. This year, the light show has been updated. There are many new displays. Two cars are presently signed up to attend. December 1 is the deadline to sign up—Lori needs at least 5 cars, or she may have to cancel the event. There is a firepit, hot chocolate and carnival at the end of the light show. It is recommended that attendees do not drive a Corvette, due to the slow speeds and frequent stops.

**Police Appreciation Day/Military DOD Lunch/Banquet**

Bob Devery reported that fifteen cars attended Police Appreciation Day. The Fairfax County Police appreciated and thanked NVCC for their effort. Members had lunch at the Bonefish Grill and brought lunch to the officers. Members were able to tour equipment with an explanation from officers.

The Veteran's Day lunch at the Ft. Belvoir Officer's Club was held on November 6 and was successful.

The NVCC Banquet will be held on January 25. Planning for this event will advance quickly. As with past banquets, the 50/50 will be held, however, the number of raffles will be reduced. The Springfield Golf and Country Club is a more upscale location with more room, an outside area, dance floor, and prime rib carving station. A volunteer is needed to set up dance music. The council will supplement the cost and keep ticket prices at \$50/person.

Bob presented a \$500 check to the club from travel proceeds. Thank you, Bob!

Break

**50/50 Raffle:** Jim McKay won \$45.

**Online Store**

Audrey has begun the preliminary set up of an online store and is selecting items from the catalog which can accommodate the club logo.

**New Business**

Blue Bars Magazine has been mailed. Mike Gilliland and Jerry Lelansky donated their copies to the Gunston Hall staff who were anxious to see the Blue Bars cover and article. Gunston Hall plans to use this on their Facebook page.

Dick Hammaker, NCM Ambassador, was presented the first, one-of-a-kind award, the Betsy Reese Ambassador Award, for his support to the National Corvette Museum. Congratulations!

On a sad note, Brian "Mac" McMohan passed away. His service was on November 16 in Pittsburgh, PA. We sent our condolences.

There will not be a December GBM. The Council will meet on December 10 at the Amphora Restaurant in Vienna.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By: George Durk

### January Report

As of January 15, we have 124 members and 9 prospectives.

### Welcome New Members!!



**Philip and Cheryl Ege – '15 Z51 Stingray**

**Daniel Freeman (returning member) – '19 Z06 Convertible**

**Andy Miller – '66 Nassau Blue 427 Convertible**

**Jason Spindler – '05 Magnetic Red Z51 Convertible w/Removable Hardtop**

**Ed Bradley – '85 Coupe, 2 '89 Convertibles and '19 Arctic White Stingray Convertible**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Corvette(s)</b>	<b>Expire</b>
Foster, Valerie	'18 Admiral Blue Z51 Coupe	3/17/2020
Jones, Shaun and Kinda	'14 Black Coupe	1/31/2020
Simon, Jim	'17 Admiral Blue Z51 Coupe	1/31/2020
Vaughan, Gary	'77	4/1/2020
Wagner-Starley, Christie	'00	1/31/2020
Walden, Jeff	'00 Convertible	1/31/2020
Weisiger, Berry	'13 427 Convertible	5/9/2020
Work, Kevin	'08 Atomic Orange Z06/'94 Admiral Blue	1/31/2020

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

### NEW RIDES

### Andy Miller's recently acquired '66 Nassau Blue 427

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

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



*Note from Becky Madison, NCM Brick person.....*



"Dear NVCC,

Thank you for your purchase of a National Corvette Museum Commemorative tile. The success of the Museum depends on the generous support of persons like you.

Your tile is located in the original entryway of the National Corvette Museum. These tiles represent the widespread support from individuals, clubs, and businesses across America and the world.

Your contribution is very important and helps further the mission of the Museum to celebrate the Corvette's invention and to preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future.

We appreciate your interest in becoming a part of Corvette history. Again, many thanks for your support. Hope you can visit us soon!"

(Extra note from Becky...the tile looks fuzzy because of the photographer!)

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Dick "HAM" Hammaker

Ambassador



**NVCC 2020 Activities Calendar***Dates are subject to change.***MONTHLY EVENTS**

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

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

**JANUARY 2020**

25: Banquet, Maggiano's, Tysons Galleria, Vienna, VA  
28: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**FEBRUARY 2020**

25: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**MARCH 2020**

7: St. Patrick Celebration and Covered Bridge Tour—  
Rob Succolosky  
24: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA  
29: Corvettes & Crabs Rallye—Mike Gilliland

**APRIL 2020**

19: Cap'n Billy's Crab Cruise; Stafford, VA  
25: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi  
28: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**MAY 2020**

2: Kentucky Derby Day — Bob Devery  
?? Breakfast GBM  
23-25: Trip to Tail of the Dragon—George Durk  
30: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

**JUNE 2020**

7: 6th Annual Corvettes Care Car Show; Page Chevy  
23: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA  
27: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi  
28: Barrel Oak Winery—Shawn Waddell

**JULY 2020**

12: 12 noon NVCC Picnic-Anderson Farm-Ganotown, WV  
25: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi  
28: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**AUGUST 2020**

TBD Great Meadows Twilight Polo—Jim McKay  
9: Mediterranean Cruise Cruise—Bob Devery  
25: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA  
27-30: Corvettes at Carlisle—Mike Gilliland  
29: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

13: Fall & Country Rallye—Dick Hammaker  
21???: Corvettes in the Vineyard—Omar Gordon  
22: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA  
26: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

**OCTOBER 2020**

16-17: Corvettes on the Boardwalk, OC MD  
??? Flying Circus Picnic, Bealeton, VA—TBD  
21: Vienna Halloween Parade — Lori Benish  
27: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA  
31: Corvettes & Coffee at Cascades—Yas Kinashi

**NOVEMBER 2020**

21: Bavarian Inn cruise and lunch—George Durk  
24: GBM, Page Chevrolet, Alexandria, VA

**DECEMBER 2020**

???: Christmas Lights Rallye—Lori Benish

NO GBM IN DECEMBER



# TRIVIA

By Jeff Klain



Question 1:

What year did the checkered flag on the Corvette logo switch from the right side to the left side?

Answer: 1984

Question 2:

What generation car used oval styling in both its hood ornament and tail lights?

Answer: C5

Question 3:

What is the name of the Corvette Racing Mascot?

Answer: Jake



## LANDSDOWNE LUNCH

With Rob Succolosky

Not letting the calendar interfere with their fun, twenty hardy travelers set out for lunch at Landsdowne Resort + Spa in Leesburg. Good food was on the menu, but so was a warm fireplace, two billiard tables and a very long shuffle board. Before lunch was served, Dick, Tab, Marge, and Carol squared off on shuffle board with Dick and Marge emerging victorious and dusting off all newcomers that afternoon. The billiard table was another story with Bob D. and Yas playing by the rules while Irene, Marge and Carol were found running the table without the use of a cue ball! All in all a good time was had by everyone. Looking forward to seeing you at the next event.



Two club members lurking near an unattended 2020 Vette at Carlisle.

We all know someone who reads speed signs like this



## One plus one still equals two!! A math and travel quiz ...

from Bob D Travel Guy



**YOUR "MUST SEE" PICTURE HERE!**

Do you travel on a Cruise? Land tour? Specialty vacation?

Do you want to save money when you book travel? Have time to spend on the computer to complete your travel plans?

Are you familiar with Carnival, Royal Caribbean, Viking, Cosmos, Globus, Tauck, Disney, Sandals; etc.?

Do you enjoy your time on NVCC activities?

Okay... How do these things tie together?? If you have been with the club for a while, you know that my background was in the aviation industry for 30 years before retiring. Now, when I'm not with the grandkids; Carol or out in the Corvette with you, my day is spent booking travel as a vacation planner with [Expedia cruiseshipcenters](#). Unless you have booked travel with me, you're probably not familiar with the name of the company but do know the name Expedia ... our parent company. So, some NUMBERS:

ECSC started in 1987

double-digit growth with 2019 sales total @ \$1 billion !!

over 6000 vacation planners across the USA and Canada

access to 100% of major suppliers of land, ocean and River cruises, specialty travel and flights in the world including those above

Whether you want to do a Caribbean cruise ; go to Antarctica to march with the penguins; a river cruise in France; safari in Africa ...anything ... I can take a look at travel on the seven continents or the seven seas. Sure ... your comment can be : "yeah but I love to book my own travel". Out of 6000 vacation planners with ECSC, I ranked as #150 in production last year and with company growth of approximately 17%, my volume on bookings went up by 40%! The point is that I am at the top of the company because I know how to use our suppliers. The only promise that I ever make anyone when I book their travel is that there will be no gimmicks or hype. I treat the travel request as though I were booking if for myself and Carol and spending our money. So, if you have a fully detailed plan, I can still check it to see if I can get a lower price .. which I usually do. Also, you can also give me a general idea and let me do ALL the homework for you with many options for you .

All of us enjoy what the club has to offer. For years now, I've been booking travel for members. When it happens, I give a donation for the club to use as it sees fit. I've also put together group travel which not only has given money to the club but allowed members to enjoy some pretty cool experiences with each other. As has been said, we join the club because of the Corvette but we stay because of the friendships. The NVCC travel on a cruise or land tour in Europe etc., has truly been a wonderful experience.

So... end of the quiz! The last question is very simple. If you could have your travel booked exactly as you want it done with ANY supplier in the world at the lowest price possible and with a donation given to the Corvette club, would it be worth a few minutes of your time to send me an email or call me to look at the travel ideas before you book it ? Remember... I'm not someone that can hide from you if I make a mistake! So, if I want to continue to show up at meetings and go to club activities, the pressure is on to back up what I say. Carol and I have over 30 cruises and lots of land travel on our own and with groups to use as experience which, along with the ability to contact any supplier in the world, gives me confidence to handle your requests. Let me know what I can do

AND... our "Open Invites" that we have for travel: 10/4/20 ..river cruise out of Basel to Amsterdam; 1/29/21 ... Caribbean Winter Getaway; summer 2021 ...ALASKA ! More coming & send ideas!

Okay... It's your turn to test me. I look forward to completing it with very good grades!

**Bob Devery cell: 703-786-2147**

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# Captain Billy's Crab House Corvette Cruise Sunday April 19, 2020



Come join your fellow club members and other local Corvette clubs, on April 19, 2020, for a Corvette cruise to Captain Billy's Crab House located in Popes Creek, Maryland on the Potomac River. Back in the days of mail boats and loco-motives, when electricity was new to Popes Creek and work was just beginning on the Potomac River Bridge, nine-year-old Billy Robertson sold his first crabs on this very shore. He spent his entire life here, working on the water he loved, and opening two successful seafood restaurants, Robertson's Crab House and later, Captain Billy's, where his greatest joy was to mingle with and talk to his customers. He would greet his friends, colleagues and customers in the same fashion all the time, and to carry on his legacy, we say to you . . ."And How Are You Today?"

**Cruise Info:**

The Northern staging area for this cruise is the commuter lot on Route 630, Stafford, just east of the exit, at 11:45 am. We will leave at noon. Mike Shepherd will lead us to the restaurant and maps will be provided, "just in case". Mike is the POC for this event: Phone: 540-840-2099; email: Mike at [yeffemike@hotmail.com](mailto:yeffemike@hotmail.com) and please cc: Al McCloud at [yankeeal@verizon.net](mailto:yankeeal@verizon.net).

The southern staging area is the Walmart on Route 3 east. The caravan will do a "drive by" but will not stop, so please be ready to join us at approximately 12:30 pm. **2 way radios: Channel 7.**

The final staging area is at the Tech Center in Dahlgren, just before the 301 bridge, at approximately 1:10 pm. When the police arrive, they will escort us over the bridge into Maryland.

ETA at Captain Billy's is 2 pm. Generous parking is available.

If interested in the menu, you can check it out at: <https://captbillys.com/Menu.html> .





# NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

By: NCM Ambassador Dick Hammaker

## HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT DECADE

If there was a "NVCC State of the Union," it would say NVCC's last 50 years were great but the next 50 years are going to be even better! NVCC has a bright future: outstanding members and so many activities...all centered around American's Sports Car, the Corvette.

This brings me to one of my favorite subjects...NCM Membership. Stephanie Morrill, Membership and Operations Director, confirmed NVCC has six life, 14 individual, and 10 family memberships for a total 50 or 37% (excluding prospective members). Let's make a 2020 Resolution to become a NCM member. This resolution is much easier than losing 25 lbs!

Everyone asks, "what's in it for me?" Listed below are the benefits of NCM membership and supporting our Corvette hobby.

### Individual Member

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

Price: \$50.00

\* Does not include admission to special gated events

\*\*\* Does not include discount on sale merchandise

Please go to the NCM website and complete the membership application. I'll also sweeten the deal. Become a new NCM Member, let me know, and I'll give you a \$10 rebate. Such a deal you can't refuse!

Looking forward to getting out and enjoying Corvette'ing!

Save the Wave!

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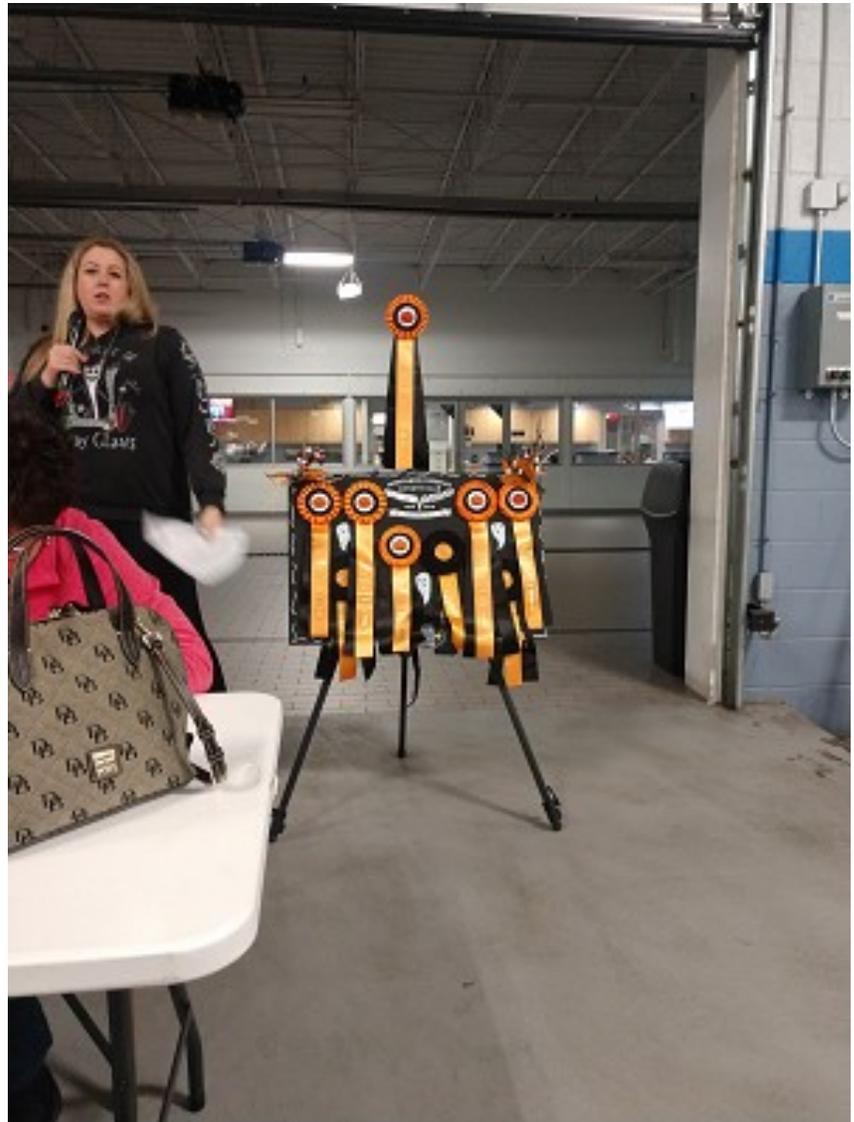
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