

# THE ACCcelerator AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB June 2016



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## Next Meeting - June 21st

Start Time is 7:30 pm

Aquai Harbor Inn  
1415 Washington Dr,  
Stafford, VA 22554



## ACCCording to the President Skip Sizemore

## 2016 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

**Hello ACCC,**

June is here and so are the bugs, so that means it is time for you and your Corvette to hit the road. On that front ACCC is announcing a couple of events that may be of interest to you. The annual club picnic will be held at **Leesylvania Park on September 18 starting at 11 PM.** The next event added to the club calendar is our annual Christmas party. This years' party will be held at the **Park Lane restaurant in Spotsylvania Mall on December 18 starting at 4 PM.** You should plan to attend because no one will have a good time if you are not there. Do you want that on your conscious?

Remember that the club will have a tent at Carlisle this year. We are going to need some help decorating and manning the tent so we hope you can help out or at least come by for a visit. Please let me or any of the other club officers know if you would like to help. Having the tent will allow us to promote the Aquia Creek Corvette Club, provide a focal point for club members and provide a place to take a load off, get out of the sun and/or rain as the case may be. Our club Membership person Marie Sizemore is asking that club members to send her a picture of them and their Corvette. The picture will be put into a photo album for display in the tent at Carlisle.

I am sorry to report that because of bad weather our first Garage Night event had to be cancelled so keep your eyes open for the rescheduled date and let Pete Rutledge know if you will be attending. This is a fun and informative event so you should attend. Again, I remind you if you are attending a Corvette event, ACCC or otherwise, we would like to hear about it. So write something about the event and email it to **The Accelerator** newsletter editor Al McCloud. We like pictures.

The Corvette Racing Team is going through a rough patch. The tracks now being run seem to suit the Porches and BMWs and now the Ford GTs better than our beloved Corvettes. I think this will change starting with the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix in Detroit June 4 and then at the big go at the 24 Hours of LeMans in France on June 18 -19.

The first correct answer to the May trivia question was received from Pete Rutledge. Pete knew that Torch Red was the least popular for the first year of C6 production. One car was produced with this color.

### **This month's trivia question:**

In what year and where was the millionth Corvette produced?

- A. 1958 in St. Louis, MO
- B. 1966 in Welch, WV
- C. 1992 in Bowling Green, KY
- D. 1994 in Detroit, MI

Remember to send your responses to [bugbent@aol.com](mailto:bugbent@aol.com). As usual the first in with the correct answer will be the winner and will receive a free 50/50 ticket at our next business meeting.

**Keep the revs up and the rubber side down!**



*Skip*

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### **Other Club Duties**

#### **NCM Ambassador**

**Bud Donner**

#### **Sunshine Person**

**Bettie Shepherd**





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### **AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB**

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide educational needs for those with Corvettes, and for the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of all Corvettes.

Aquia Creek Corvette Club (ACCC) was formed in September 1987 by a group of die-hard Corvette enthusiasts from Aquia Harbor in Stafford, VA. The name was selected reflecting the Club's geographic and historical origins in Old Dominion. Through hard work and commitment, ACCC has enjoyed constant growth and now boasts 50 members representing nearly 70 Corvettes, from a 1953 to 2016. ACCC membership consists primarily of Stafford County residents, but has members from Prince William, Fairfax, Fauquier, Spotsylvania, Orange, Culpeper, Loudon, Louisa counties, and two in Florida. Since September 8th, 2014, the ACCC Facebook Group has been limited to ACCC members only, except for a few that were already group members.



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# FOR THE RECORD

Lee Morton, Secretary

## Minutes from the May 7, 2016 ACCC Business Meeting

President Skip Sizemore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were no new members or visitors. Members in attendance were: Jim Turlington, Margaret McCloud, Rebecca Hamil, Nan Wehmeyer, Joan Yaros, Tom Davis, John Horvath, Bud Donner, Pete Rutledge, Dave Shadbar, Dottie Shadbar, Marie Sizemore, Skip Sizemore, Lee Morton, and Al McCloud.

Bud Donner made a motion to accept the minutes from the April Meeting. Seconded by Jim Turlington. Motion passed.

**Treasurer report.** We paid out funding to reserve the shelter for the picnic. We also took in some funding. The account is in good standing. Dottie also brought up letters the Club received from various charities. No further discussion.

**Vice President.** No report.

**Membership.** Marie Sizemore reported that the Club has 51 members.

**Newsletter.** Al McCloud stated that the Newsletter will be out by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Sunshine.** No report, but Skip encouraged members to contact Bettie Shepherd if they know of anyone in the club who has taken ill or suffered an injury. Bettie will see to it that they get a greeting card from the Club. It is also an opportunity for members to send cards of their own if they choose too.

**NCM Ambassador.** The Museum-led trip to Le Mans is sold out. You can go the Museum on June 18, 19 and watch it on the big screen. The next event is the High Performance Drivers Education \$485, later in June. Details are on the website. Check the website for a host of other great events put on by the Museum.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Dottie reported on the cost of doing the Club's taxes. The accountant we normally use charges about \$300.

Bud Donner and Pete Rutledge displayed new nametags \$12.50 per nametag. Pete also reminded members that Garage Night is coming up on Saturday May 21.

Skip brought up that he will be attending the Customer Appreciation Day at Coopers Corvettes on the 21<sup>st</sup> earlier that day. 1200 – 1400.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Skip discussed the menu for the Park Lane Tavern restaurant, a potential location for the upcoming Christmas party. He and Marie stopped by and thought it was a good establishment. Members voted to have the party at that location on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4PM.

Bud Donner suggested a trip to Hickory Bridge Farm in PA, perhaps the first week of November; Bud also suggested a road trip to West Virginia, to include an overnight stay in Lexington VA, then into to NRAO Observatory the second night, and home on the third day. No dates yet.

Pete Rutledge suggested a trip to the Thornburg to visit the Dominion Speedway. May 29 is free admission.

Skip suggested that members work out the details of these recommended events with the Vice President and report back at a future meeting. All members are encouraged to recommend Club events.

Skip read the birthdays and anniversaries. Bud Donner won the 50/50.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.



Lee Morton  
Secretary



*"If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else." - Yogi Berra*

*Fellow ACCC Members,*

The June breakfast is scheduled for Bob Evans on RT 610 in Stafford at 9:00 on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

I want to thank ACCC and the Shadbar's for the get well wishes for Ginelle. We both appreciated the cards and the fact folks were thinking of us.

May was cancelled on account of rain. I know a few people went to Pete's garage night and the open house at Cooper's and I hope those that attended had a good time. For the most part, the weather was not good for driving events.

My calendar indicates there is a car show at Radley Chevrolet on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Let's see if we can get a group to go to the show after breakfast.



*Dave Benton  
Vice President*



*Calendar of Events*

**June 2016**

**3rd & 4th**

21st Annual Corvettes at Myrtle Beach

**11th**

9:00 am, Monthly Breakfast, Bob Evans, Stafford

**18th**

MIR Racing

**21st**

7:30 pm, ACCC Membership Meeting, Aquai Harbor

**July 2016**

**9th**

9:00 am, Monthly Breakfast, TBD

**19th**

7:30 pm, ACCC Membership Meeting, Aquai Harbor

**August 2016**

**13th**

9:00 am, Monthly Breakfast, TBD

**13th**

ODCC All Corvette Cruise-In, Manassas

**25-28th**

Corvettes at Carlisle





# NCM AMBASSADOR NEWS

## June 2016

### Bud Donner



At the May meeting, Skip mentioned that it's probably time for a club trip to the Museum. Last year Al and I went to the Hall of Fame weekend, and we had a great time. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame Induction event this year will happen on September 1-3, and it would be a perfect time for our club to make the trip to Bowling Green. Here's what the weekend would look like:

We would drive to Bowling Green on Wednesday, August 31. On Thursday there's an all day picture poker run, zoo tour, touring laps at the Motorsports Park, other tour options, and lectures on the Museum car insurance program, the assembly plant, and a presentation of the 2017 Corvette.

Friday starts with a meeting and autograph session with past and present Hall of Fame inductees, a car show, a lunch tour to Barren River Lodge, a live auction, a "Sip n' Paint" art project class/ wine tasting (?). The day ends at the Sloan Convention Center with the Hall of Fame Banquet, always a fun evening.

On Saturday there are two lunch tours; a barbecue or a family style restaurant, a GM presentation of the 2017 Corvette, and a Museum member-

ship meeting. There are many other options on the schedule, and you can also sign up for a tour of the Assembly Plant. If this is your first visit, plan on spending some time seeing the Museum exhibits and shopping in the Corvette Store. There will also be several vendors at the event – everything from jewelry to custom steering wheels!

We will drive home on Sunday, through Tennessee or West Virginia. All of the details and the registration form can be found at [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org). Registration for the event costs \$20 for Museum members, \$30 for non-members. There are additional charges for some of the events such as the Hall of Fame Banquet, track laps, and road tours.

If you plan on joining us, let me (Bud Donner) know by June 15, so I can find a decent hotel – the event brings hundreds of Corvettes to Bowling Green, so advance planning is essential

*Bud*



*"When you come to the fork in the road, take it!" - Yogi Berra*

# EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1989

**News Events:** The Exxon Valdez oil spill in which a tanker hit Prince William Sound's Bligh Reef and spilled an estimated 11 to 30 millions gallons of oil - the Captain, Joseph Hazelwood, was drinking at the time. Rebecca Schaeffer, star of TV's My Sister Sam, was killed by a stalker who got her address from California Dept of Motor Vehicles. Private information is no longer available from them. No one knows what happened to "Tank Man", who stood in front of government tanks at Tiananmen Square, in China. The Energizer Bunny was introduced to an unsuspecting public, replacing gymnast Mary Lou Retton as the energetic spokesperson. Time Magazine's "Man of the Year" - Mikhail Gorbachev.

The average annual income was \$21,000. The average cost of a new car was \$12,000 while a new house topped the \$100,000 mark. A gallon of milk carried a **\$2.30** price tag while a gallon of gas was **\$1.12**. A loaf of bread cost **61 cents**.

**President/Vice President:** Republican, 1981-1989, Ronald Reagan/George H. W. Bush

## Oscar Winners

**Best Picture** - "Driving Miss Daisy"

**Actor** - Daniel Day Lewis - "My Left Foot"

**Supporting Actor** - Denzel Washington, "Glory"

**Actress**—Jessica Tandy - "Driving Miss Daisy"

**Best Supporting Actress** - Brenda Fricker, "My Left Foot"

**Director** - Oliver Stone, "Born on the Fourth of July"

## Top 5 Songs

1. Look Away - Chicago

2. My Prerogative - Bobby Brown

3. Every Rose Has Its Thorn - Poison

4. Straight Up - Paula Abdul

5. Miss You Much - Janet Jackson

**#1 Country** - "I'm No Stranger to the Rain" - Keith Whitley

**World Series Champion** - Oakland Athletics

**National Football League Champion** - S.F. 49ers

**National Basketball League Champion** - Detroit Pistons

**National Hockey League Champion** - Calgary Flames

**Heavyweight Champion** - Mike Tyson

## Quotes from 1988:

**"If you build it, he will come."** - Ray Liotta (voice of Shoeless Joe Jackson in "Field of Dreams" starring Kevin Costner.

**"I'll have what she's having."** - Estelle Reiner, in "When Harry Met Sally" starring Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan.

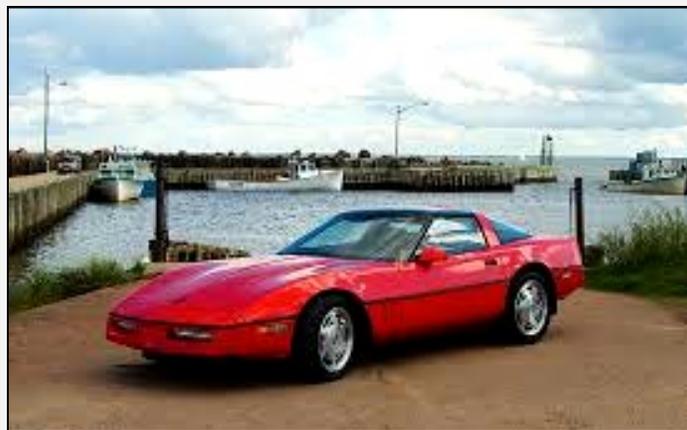
**The 1989 Corvette** introduced minor changes, the biggest being the introduction of the six-speed manual transmission manufactured by ZF (Zahnradfabrik Friedrichshafen). The new transmission senses the position of the throttle and only allowed shifts from first to second if the throttle was high. If the throttle was minimal it would block second gear and only allow a shift to fourth. This was one of the ways that were used to get fuel economy higher. Also the standard wheel and tire this year was the P275/40ZR17 tire and 17" wheel setup that had been part of the Z51 and Z52 packages in 1988. The Z52 option was no longer available.

A new "Selective Ride and Handling System" (RPO FX3) was only available with the manual transmissions and cars equipped with the RPO Z51 "Performance Handling" package. The SRC system offered three modes of driving: Tour, Sport and Performance. The low tire warning system that had initially been slated for 1987 was redesigned and was finally available as RPO UJ6 after being redesigned.

A new simpler folding top for the convertibles was introduced as well as newly designed seats. A fiberglass auxiliary top was available for the convertible for the first time since 1975. The sport seats were only available in cars optioned with Z51 because of weight and fuel economy concerns. 84 Corvette ZR-1 "King of the Hill" cars were built for evaluation and media preview although the car was delayed until the 1990 model year.

Planning was also started this year on the new "C5" which was intended to be a 1993 model. Budgetary and GM executive decisions delayed the introduction of the C5 until 1998.

A total of 26,412, 1989 Corvettes, were built. 16,663 Coupes and 9,749 Convertibles.



1989 Corvette



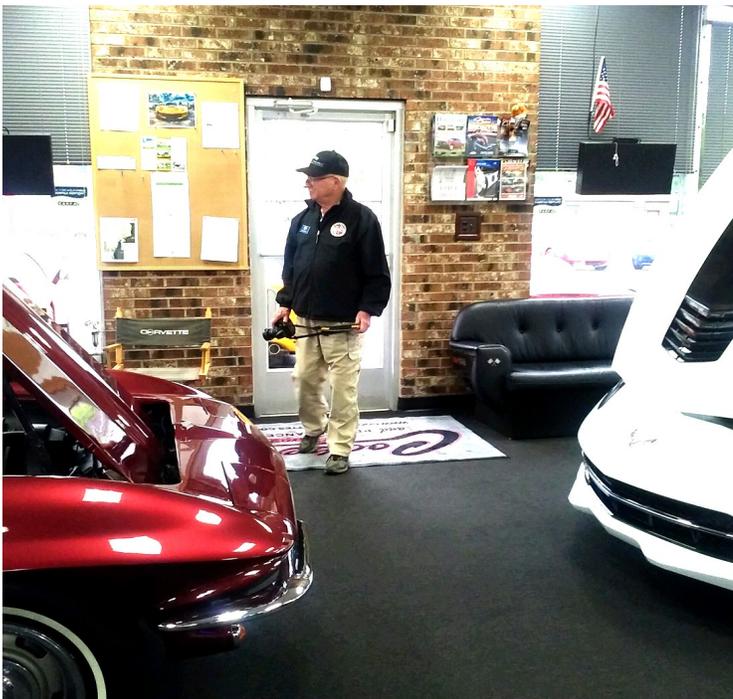
Cooper's Corvettes Open House



## ACCC Name Tags (*Pete Rutledge*)

Club name tags are available again (see picture). They are especially helpful to our new members when our “old” members wear them. While it’s pretty easy for old members to learn the names of one or two new members, for new members the challenge is much greater as they have a lot of names to learn. Name tags can help. It’s also a way to visibly show your club membership at Corvette events—it can even be a conversation-starter when people ask you about our club—maybe it will help you recruit new members. The cost of a badge is \$12.19. The badges are plastic. Most colors of the rainbow are available—match the color of your car if you like. The engraved club logo and your name will be white on all badges. The back of the badge can have any of three types of attachment mechanisms: 1) military “clutch” 2) magnetic or 3) pin (like safety pin). If you would like to order one, contact Pete Rutledge ([pjrutledge3@verizon.net](mailto:pjrutledge3@verizon.net)) or Bud Donner ([buddonner@msn.com](mailto:buddonner@msn.com)) and provide the spelling of your name, color of badge, and type of attachment. You will need to send them a check for \$12.19 per badge. Finished badges can be picked up from Pete or Bud or they will bring them to the next club meeting or event. You can also obtain the badges directly from Prince William Engraving (near Potomac Mills and Ikea), 2608 Dynasty Loop, Woodbridge, VA 22192; ph: 703-494-2658; email: [orders@pwengraving.com](mailto:orders@pwengraving.com); website: [www.pwengraving.com](http://www.pwengraving.com) – just tell them the name of the club and/or mention Pete’s or Bud’s names.

Here are samples of actual name tags.



Bud Donner arriving at Coopers Open House. A C7 Convertible on Coopers showroom floor. Pics by Skip Sizemore.



**\$700 Craigslist car find worth millions (by Jerry Garrett, 5/29/16 - Hagerty, Fox News)**

Have you ever looked at a Craigslist car ad and thought, “I wonder if I should take a chance?” Here’s one that was posted on Craigslist in the Tampa Bay area of Florida about five years ago.

“SERIAL # X53L on documented 1953 pre-production Corvette Frame. We believe this to be a 1953 Pontiac prototype that was to assume the name Longoria? Info received to date indicates that ZAGATO designed and PINNAFARINA constructed the body for GM in late 52.”

The typos and misspelling might have been one clue that the person who wrote the ad did not know much about the car being offered.

“Might anyone have knowledge of some former FISHER BODY executive that could assist in further identifying this automobile?” the ad concluded.

This basket case could have been yours for perhaps \$700. To no one’s surprise, it didn’t sell.

Here’s what that wreck actually was: arguably, the most sought-after Corvette ever built. Today it is very likely worth several million dollars. **It is the storied No. 1 Cunningham Corvette.** Instead of a “documented 1953 pre-production Corvette Frame” this car is a 1960 model that was among three turned into racecars by the sportsman Briggs Cunningham. He raced them at the 24 Hours of Le Mans that year; the cars, marked “1,” “2” and “3,” took turns leading the race and delighting fans with their thunderous V-8 engines. Numbers 1 and 2 did not finish, but number 3 did, winning its class and a permanent place in Corvette lore.

It was expected the cars would be preserved in a museum collection after the race, but Cunningham turned them back into street-legal cars and they were sold through a Chevy dealer. After that, the cars disappeared for a number of years. Number 3 was found first, and restored by the late Chip Miller and his son Lance. Number 2 turned up in an Irwindale, Cali.,

junkyard a few years ago; it was eventually acquired and restored by Bruce Meyer, a collector and Petersen Automotive Museum board member. But Number 1 proved elusive until a few years ago, when enthusiasts looking for it discovered the purple beast in the Craigslist ad.

A years-long tug of war over ownership ensued. To make a very long, tortuous story short: The Corvette—now positively identified as the Number 1 Cunningham Corvette—is owned by Gino Burelli, an Indiana car dealer and collector.

Under terms of a 2015 legal agreement, Burelli will commission noted Corvette restorer Kevin Mackay of Valley Stream, N.Y., to bring the car back to its original glory. Mackay earned acclaim for his restoration of Miller’s Number 3 Corvette.

The restoration, estimates attorney Bryan Shook, a vintage car legal specialist who helped Mackay through the legal dealings, could take a year and cost more than \$500,000. (As of this writing, the car is in Indiana, in Burelli’s possession, awaiting a final payment agreed upon in the legal settlement, Shook said.)

Shook said he expects Burelli will sell the car. “He’s shopping it,” Shook said. And a price of \$3 million to \$7 million – “possibly more” – is not unlikely, Shook added.

The exact story of where the first Cunningham Corvette was for the half-century it was missing may never be fully known. But it appears that at some point it was intended for use as a drag racer. Its blue-on-white racing livery was replaced by gaudy purple paint, poorly applied. And key components, including the original engine, disappeared.

But Mackay said he has molds and rare spare parts still available from his restoration of Miller’s Corvette to finish the job to a very high standard.

When it goes up for sale sometime in the next year or two, don’t expect to see it on Craigslist. You missed your chance.

*(Article submitted by ACCC Member, Nan Wehmeyer)*

## *June Birthdays*

**14 - U.S. Army (1775)**

**19 - Pete Rutledge**

## *June Anniversaries*

**20 - Lourdes & John Amabile**

**30 - Ann & Peter Huke**

*Congratulations*



## **QUANTICO CAR SHOW**



The following email was sent by Joey Miranda to get the word out about the Quantico Car Show.

As we head into summer (already), I wanted to be sure that everyone can plan for the car show this year. It will be held on Saturday, 10 September 1000-1400 in the Daly Hall parking lot. We are still in the early planning phase, so if you have any suggestions for awards or how to do things differently, please let me know. I am always open to way to improve this event! As always, if you would like to be removed from my mailing list, please let me know. I look forward to seeing everyone this year!

Respectfully,  
Ms Joey Miranda

Director, Youth Programs  
Child & Youth Programs, MCB Quantico  
703-784-4262

*Submitted by ACCC Member Tom Davis*



# June 2016

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4 Myrtle Beach Corvette Show
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 ACCC Monthly Breakfast, 9:00 am, Bob Evans, Rt 610, Stafford.  Radley's Car Show
12	13	14  FLAG DAY	15	16	17	18
19 Birthday - Pete Rutledge	20 Anniv - Lourdes and John Amabile	21 ACCC Monthly Meeting, Aquia Harbor, 7:30	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Anniv - Ann & Peter Huke		

# ACCC STORE

*Items For Sale at all Club Events\**

## *Car Flags, US Flag & ACCC Flags*



**\$5.00**



**\$5.00**



**\$5.00**

## *Club Decal & Patch*



**\$2.00**



**\$3.00**

## *Club 25th Anniversary Coin*



**\$10.00**

## *ACCC Name Badges*



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