

THE ACCCelerator

AQUIA CREEK

CORVETTE CLUB

July 2016



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Next Meeting - July 19th

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,

July is here and we are well into the Corvette cruise season 2016. I hope you are taking the chance to hit the road. I hope you are keeping an eye on the ACCC events calendar and making plans to attend or better yet planning an event yourself. Also keep an eye on your email. Some events come up every quickly and do not always make it to the calendar. Remember the ACCC is your club and it will be the club you make it. On that front the ACCC calendar has open slots for you to add an event. Remember an event does not have to be a complex affair. If it is something you enjoy I am sure there are other ACCC members that would feel the same way.

One event coming in July is the Aquia Harbour 4th of July parade. We have three club members participating this year (wish it could have been more). I would like to thank Tom Davis, Bob Stevens and Al McCloud for their parade participation. I also want to thank Pete Rutledge and his wife Jan for the recent Garage Night event. As usual they were great hosts. Garage Nights are fun events. Remember if you enjoy what is parked in your garage or you have a garage project you would like to share and get help with I am sure your fellow ACCC members would have an interest. Just contact Pete Rutledge if you want to do a garage event.

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 Acccelerator newsletter editor Al McCloud. We like pictures.

I am sorry to report that the Corvette racing team had a less than sterling outing at the 24 Hours of LeMans only managing a 7th place finish in class. The Ford GT has arrived! Looks like it may be time to roll out that mid engine Corvette. Speaking of new Corvettes, I hope everyone has had the chance to see the new C7 Grand Sport. I think it just adds to the legacy of the already beautifully styled C7.

The first and only correct answer to the June trivia question was received from Al McCloud. Al knew that the Bowling Green assembly plant produced the millionth Corvette.

This month's trivia question:

In what year was the last Corvette produced at the St. Louis assembly plant?

- A. 1981
- B. 1952
- C. 1966
- D. 1994

Remember to send your responses to 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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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 June 21, 2016 ACCC Business Meeting

President Skip Sizemore called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Ray Amin was a visitor. He just bought a 1998 silver coupe. In addition to our guest, members in attendance were: John Amabilie, Tom Davis, Jim Turlington, Margaret McCloud, Rebecca Hamil, Nan Wehmeyer, Bud Donner, Peter Rutledge, David Shadbar, Dottie Shadbar, Marie Sizemore, Skip Sizemore, David Benton, Lee Morton, and Al McCloud.

Treasury report: Dottie Shadbar reported on the balance. The account is in good standing.

Vice President: Dave Benton reported on the fundraising from the Museum. They are taking club and personal donations to make improvements.

Membership: Marie reported that we have 51 members.

Newsletter: Nothing to report.

Sunshine: No report.

NCM Ambassador: Bud Donner received no responses for the trip to Bowling Green. One Lap of Kentucky. Will take place on Oct 11, 18, or 25. It is a four-day tour put on by the Museum and the Kentucky State Police; The Bowling Green assembly plant just spent over \$400M on renovations, to include the new paint shop.

Old Business: Jim Turlington discussed the Myrtle Beach trip. Jim's LeMans Blue convertible won the best in class at the show. The Club had eight cars make the trip, and everyone enjoyed it. Those attending with their Corvettes: Jim and Judy Turlington; Terry and Gail Hunter from Florida; Peter and Ann Huke; Nan Wehmeyer and Joan Yaros; Skip and Marie Sizemore; Al and Margaret McCloud; and Skip's friend Butch and wife. Also participating with a daily driver, John Horvath and Rebecca Hamil.

Pete Rutledge discussed Garage Night. The weather didn't cooperate, but he had about seven people turnout. It was an enjoyable social event.

Dave Shadbar reported on the Radley car show. Dave Shadbar won a Top 40 award for his 2015 Stingray. Several members attended. Radley had several new C7s on display to include a new Grand Sport. The show was well done by Radley Chevrolet.

Al McCloud and Nan Wehmeyer reported that the monthly breakfast at Bob Evans in Stafford did not go well. The establishment was not prepared and the service was slow. The July 9

breakfast will be at the Four Seasons near Radley's on Rt 1, Fredericksburg. Nan recommended a restaurant in Nokesville (Chuck Wagon) for a future breakfast.

Skip asked for members to provide ideas for displays and decorations for the Club's tent at Carlisle. An award will be given to the Club with the most creative tent display.

New Business: Dave Benton discussed his plans for the upcoming scavenger hunt. He recommended cash prizes. The scavenger hunt will be open to other clubs.

Dave Shadbar reported that the WAWA station in Central Park has non-ethanol gas. Very good for cars with carburetors.

Skip sent out an email for a trip to Ruckersville to visit the Vietnam Memorial. Please check your email for details and let Skip know.

Skip also sent out an email with information the 4th of July Parade in Aquia Harbor. So far we have three cars signed up. Any interested please sign up and copy Skip on the email. Applications are due the night of this meeting.

The All Corvette Cruise-in Manassas will be on August 13th at Sudley Plaza. The Club will have breakfast, or brunch, in Manassas and caravan over from there. Possibly at the nearby Golden Corral. More information in the July Newsletter.

Skip discussed the Club picnic coming up on Sept 18th at Leesylvania Park. Come on out!

Bud motioned that the Club pay \$17 per member for the Christmas party. Pete Rutledge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Skip read the Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Nan Wehmeyer won the 50/50.

Meeting adjourned.



*Lee Morton
Secretary*



**ACCCording
to the Vice President
David Benton**

**ACCC EVENTS
David Benton
Vice President**

Fellow ACCC Members,

The July breakfast is at the Four Seasons restaurant on Route One in Fredericksburg, 5201 Jeff Davis Hwy. This is the same place that we had the April breakfast.

At the ACCC June meeting we had a brief discussion about Carlisle and our tent that will be on the fairgrounds for the event. We need ideas on how to decorate the tent. There is a contest to see which club has the nicest tent. Please feel free to discuss any ideas you have for decorating the tent with the club board members. We will have an August meeting before Carlisle where we can work the details for the decorations.

The All Corvette Cruise-In (Manassas, VA) August 13, 2016 from 2 to 6 pm is sponsored again this year by the Old Dominion Corvette Club. Visit their website if you want to pre-register, otherwise register when you arrive. Old Dominion's website is <http://olddominioncorvetteclub.org>.



*Dave Benton
Vice President*



Calendar of Events

July 2016

3rd

Cruise for Heroes to the Vietnam Museum



4th

Parade, Aquia Harbor

9th

9:00 am, Monthly Breakfast, Four Season Restaurant, Fredericksburg, VA

19th

7:30 pm, ACCC Membership Meeting, Aquia Harbor

August 2016

13th

9:00 am, Monthly Breakfast, TBD

13th

ODCC All Corvette Cruise-In, Manassas

16th

7:30 pm, ACCC Membership Meeting, Aquia Harbor

25-28th

Corvettes at Carlisle

September 2016

2nd - 3rd

NCM Anniv, Bowling Green, KY (see Bud or NCM website)

10th

9:00 am, Monthly Breakfast, TBD.

10:00 am, Quantico Car Show.

18th

Club Picnic, Leesylvania State Park

20th

7:30 pm, ACCC Membership Meeting, Aquia Harbor





NCM AMBASSADOR NEWS

July 2016

Bud Donner



This 'n That –

We didn't get any response last month when we proposed a trip to the Museum's 22nd Anniversary celebration and Hall of Fame Induction in September. If any of you change your mind we can still register. Let me know if you decide to go.

A recent edition of the NCM Email News described a new facility at the Museum: "The opening of the new Vehicle Maintenance and Preservation Department has allowed the Museum to perform work that was previously outsourced." The facility maintains the growing number of donated Museum Corvettes and the fleet of mostly Z06's that are used at the Motorsports Park for hot laps and leading parade laps. The Department has also hosted seminars recently called "MEchanics" which teach car care basics to Boy Scouts and other young enthusiasts.

Over at the Assembly Plant, GM has recently invested \$439 million in upgrades, featuring a state-of-the-art paint shop with some really interesting new equipment. I don't begin to understand it all, but there will be a dry-scrub system to recapture the paint waste and recycle it. The first car to pass through the new system is still a year away.

This year marks the 7th annual 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour; it's a partnership between the Museum and the Kentucky State Police. The two organizations join together to raise money for both the Museum and Trooper Island, a non-profit camp for underprivileged children. Each year the Tour explores a different section of Kentucky, led by a State Trooper in a marked KSP Corvette. Details of this year's four-day October tours will be released this month on the NCM website at www.corvettemuseum.org.

Bud





EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1990

News Events: David Dinkins sworn in as 1st African American mayor of New York City; Tower of Pisa closed to the public after leaning too far; DC mayor Marion Barry arrested in drug enforcement sting; Avianca Flight 52, runs out of fuel and crashes in Cove Neck, NY, 73 die; Nelson Mandela freed from prison; Gorbachev becomes president of the Soviet Congress; Fire in an illegal NYC social club, kills 87; Berlin wall is torn down; The two Germanys unite; Microsoft releases Windows 3.0; Up to 50K die in an earthquake in Iran; Panic in tunnel of Mecca - 1,426 pilgrims trampled to death; At 12:34:56 on 7/8/90 (1234567890); Pres George H. Bush signs Americans With Disabilities Act; Pres Bush orders troops to Saudi Arabia; Iraq invades & occupies Kuwait; UN security council authorizes military action against Iraq; Pentagon warns Saddam that US air power is ready to attack on 1/15.

President/Vice President: Republican, 1990-1994, George H. W. Bush/Dan Quayle.

Oscar Winners

Best Picture - "Dances With Wolves"

Actor - Jeremy Irons - "Reversal of Fortune"

Supporting Actor - Joe Pesci, "Goodfellas"

Actress - Kathy Bates - "Misery"

Best Supporting Actress - Whoopi Goldberg, "Ghost"

Director - Kevin Costner, "Dances With Wolves"

- Seinfeld debuts on NBC; Simpsons premiered on Fox-TV; Pink Floyds "Wall" is performed where the Berlin Wall once stood;

Top 5 Songs

1. Hold On - Wilson Phillips
2. It Must Have Been Love - Roxette
3. Nothing Compares 2 U - Sinéad O'Connor
4. Poison - Bell Biv DeVoe
5. Vogue - Madonna

#1 Country - Nobody's Home - Clint Black

World Series Champion - Cincinnati Reds

National Football League Champion - NY Giants, SB XXV

National Basketball League Champion - Detroit Pistons

National Hockey League Champion - Edmonton Oilers

Heavyweight Champion - Buster Douglas KOs Mike Tyson; Evander Holyfield Kos Buster Douglas.

- Jim Palmer and Joe Morgan elected to Baseball Hall of Fame; Ricky Henderson breaks AL stolen base record.

Quotes from 1990:

"This is America . . . A brilliant diversity spread like stars, like a thousand points of light in a broad and peaceful sky."

George H.W. Bush, President

The 1990 Corvette ZR1: During 1986, General Motors acquired Group Lotus, the UK based engineering consulting and performance car manufacturing firm. The Corvette division approached Lotus with the idea of developing the world's fastest production car, to be based on the C4 generation Corvette. With input from GM, Lotus designed a new engine to fit in place of the L98 V8^[1] that was powering the standard C4. The result was what GM dubbed the LT5, an aluminum-block V-8 with the same bore centers as the L98, but with four overhead camshafts, 32 valves. Lotus also designed a unique air management system for the engine to provide a wider power band by shutting off 8 of the 16 intake runners and fuel injectors when the engine was at part-throttle, while still giving the ZR-1 375 hp (280 kW) when at wide open throttle. In addition to the engine, Lotus helped GM design the ZR-1's (which in prototype version was called "King of the Hill"^[5]) upgraded braking and steering system sand helped them pick the settings for the standard "FX3" adjustable active ride control that Chevrolet was fitting to the car helping to ensure that the vehicle was more than just a modern-day muscle car with a big engine and no real capability on the track.

GM found that the engine required special assembly, and that neither the Corvette plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky nor any of their normal production facilities could handle the workload, so Mercury Marine corporation of Stillwater, Oklahoma was contracted to assemble the engines and ship them to the Corvette factory in Bowling Green where the ZR-1s were being assembled.

The vehicle went on sale in 1990 and was available only as a coupe. It was distinguishable from other Corvette coupes by its wider tail section, 11" wide rear wheels and its new convex rear fascia with four square shaped taillights and a CHMSL (center high mounted stop lamp) attached to the top of the hatch glass instead of between the taillights.

The ZR-1 displayed stunning ability both in terms of acceleration and handling capabilities, but carried with it an astonishingly high price. MSRP for the (375 hp) ZR-1 in 1990 was \$58,995,^[6] almost twice the cost of a (250 hp) non-ZR-1,^[7] and had ballooned to \$66,278 by 1995; some dealers successfully marked units as high as \$100,000. Even at base MSRP, this meant that the ZR-1 was competing in the same price bracket as cars like the Porsche 964, making it a hard sell for GM dealers. See Page 9.

RECENT ACCC AWARDS

April - Scott Clemens, Kars for Kevin, Best of Class, 1930—1960

June - Scott Clemens, Radley Chevrolet Car Show, Radley Choice Award

June - David Shadbar, Radley Chevrolet Car Show, Radley Top 40 Award

June - James Turlington, Myrtle Beach, SC, Corvette Show, Best in Class, C5 Stock

THE ILLUSTRATED CORVETTE SERIES NO. 82

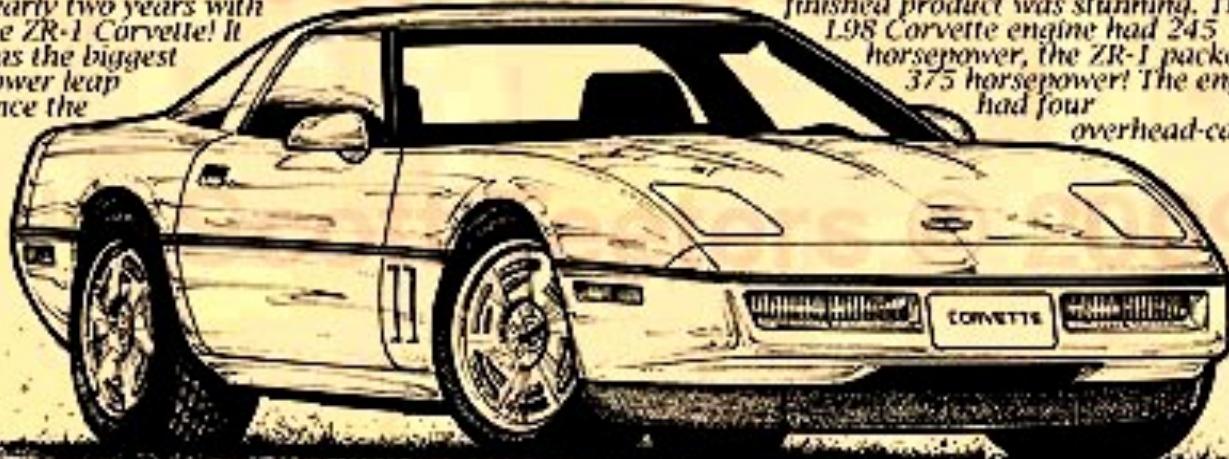
Written & Illustrated by K. Scott Teeters

Whether it was deliberate or accidental, Chevrolet milked the automotive press for nearly two years with the ZR-1 Corvette! It was the biggest power leap since the



The Amazing 1990 ZR-1 "Super Corvette"

Even though the introduction was delayed because Chevrolet wanted to get it right, the finished product was stunning. The 198 Corvette engine had 245 horsepower, the ZR-1 packed 375 horsepower! The engine had four overhead-cam



introduction of the big-block engine in 1965.

The ZR-1 conversion was much more involved than simply dropping a larger engine under the hood. The biggest challenge had to do with actual production. The original idea was to have a set of double-overhead-cam heads made that would replace the stock Corvette heads. But they soon discovered that the extra width from the new heads made it impossible to install the engine on the assembly line. Changing the assembly line or the frame was not an option. So the decision was made to have a completely new engine developed.

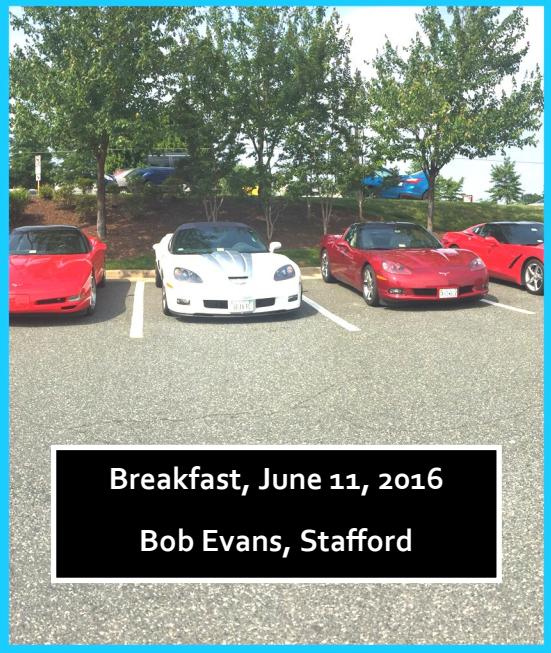
shafts and 32 valves. The heads used a fast-burn cloverleaf design with centrally located spark plugs. The intake manifold had 16-runner inlets and two Multec injectors per cylinder. It had a direct-fire ignition with camshaft sensors and used 12 quarts of oil. The ZR-1 was a jewel of an engine.

To handle the extra power, special 315/35 ZR17 Goodyear Z-rated tires were mounted to 11-inch wide rims. To cover the larger tires, new body panels were made to replace the stock doors, rear fenders, rear fascia, and upper rear panel. The taillights were rectangular, as were the exhaust tips. All of the Z51 suspension parts were standard.



Since GM owned Lotus, work began in May 1995 by Lotus engineers to design a new engine for a super-Corvette. The new engine would be designed to fit into the Corvette assembly line, but the overall package would be far from cheap. Unlike the Cosworth Vega's DOHC bolt-on heads, the new LT5 would be a fresh start.

The ZR-1 was a real bear. It ran the quarter-mile in 13.4-seconds and 0-to-60 in 4.9-seconds and. Top speed was 171 mph. Despite the \$58,874 price, it didn't stop 3,049 customers from buying a 1990 ZR-1.



Breakfast, June 11, 2016

Bob Evans, Stafford

4th ACCC Garage Night Held on June 12th

The ACCC's 4th Garage Night (the 1st one for 2016) was held on the evening of June 12th at Pete Rutledge's garage in Woodbridge, VA, from 6 to 8 PM. It was a warm (hot?), windy Spring day (high temp around 93 deg F). Ice-cold drinks were served. A "wind alert" was emailed to attendees before the meeting suggesting they consider parking along the street because wind has been known to down dead limbs from the tall trees in the vicinity of Pete's garage (in one case it broke the windshield on Jan's car). Attendees new to Garage Night included Marie Sizemore, Nan Wehmeyer (who drove her Torch Red 6-speed '04 coupe with Corsa exhaust), Joe Praetz (who drove his red '72 convertible), and Pete Huke (who, besides a Corvette, has a Factory Five '33 Ford coupe project on-going in his garage). Repeat attendees familiar with Garage Night were Skip Sizemore and Bud Donner.

The evening's presentation included the stories of Pete's '57 Fuelie, his red (originally blue) '54, and his newly acquired Torch Red '11 Z06. Attendees also saw progress made on the '54 Studebaker hot

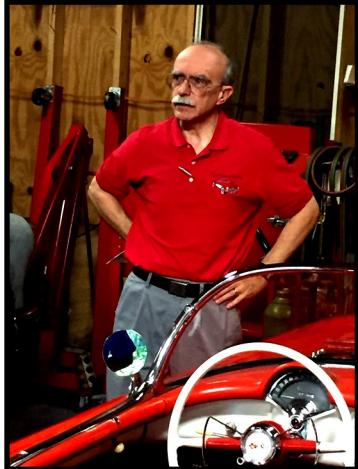
rod project, which now has a rebuilt '62 Studebaker engine and 4-speed transmission.

In addition to Corvettes and Studebakers, three motorcycles were on display, including an '09 Harley Davidson Sportster Nightster 1200, a '73 Triumph Bonneville 750, and a '71 Honda CL350 Scrambler. Some discussion even included the vintage racing bicycles hanging from the ceiling.

Attendees again enjoyed the camaraderie and had fun seeing and talking about Corvettes and related car topics.

We plan to continue Garage Nights in the foreseeable future. Watch for an announcement of the next 2016 Garage Night this Summer. If you haven't participated yet, please consider it—you'll be glad you did. If you have an interesting project(s) going on in your garage, please consider hosting a Garage Night (contact Pete Rutledge if you would be willing to do this).

Pete Rutledge





MYRTLE BEACH, SC—JUNE 2 – 5, 2016



MYRTLE BEACH, SC - JUNE 3 - 6, 2016





AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB CARAVAN PROTOCOL

(Previously posted, November 2013 Newsletter)



Safety is the primary concern when traveling in a caravan. This is not a race. Do not speed or take other chances to catch up when you get behind. Keep safe spacing between cars and be courteous to non-caravan vehicles which might need the lane. Use common sense when unexpected actions occur and remain calm. Look farther ahead than the car you are following and check the cars behind you so you are aware of your surroundings.

No Corvette should be left behind. Be prepared to give assistance in case of a breakdown, accident or medical emergency.

Communication is one of the keys to successful travel. Every car should have some way to communicate with at least one other car in the caravan. Let people know what is going on around you if it might affect the caravan.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CARAVAN DRIVERS

CARAVAN LEADERS WILL:

Plan the route and give drivers an overall review including rest/fuel stops, distance and time expected to travel, address of final destination, and expected road conditions.

Review the communication plan with all drivers and have required resources (radios, cell phone numbers) available.

Designate a sweep vehicle, which will always be the last car and do a communication check with the sweep driver before departure.

Travel at a pace that will keep the caravan together as safely as possible and do not exceed posted speed limits.

SWEEP WILL:

Always be the last car in the caravan.

Never pass a distressed car and will stop or follow with them and report the problem to the leader.

Inform the leader of where the last cars are in order to keep the caravan together.

DRIVERS WILL:

Have a full tank of gas and all other equipment they feel is necessary for the trip.

Inform the caravan leader of any special requirements (extra fuel stop, interesting view point, recommended shopping or restaurant) which will alter the overall plan or cause them to leave the caravan before departure.

Follow the leader unless otherwise directed.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

Anyone having or seeing an emergency can report the situation to the lead or sweep vehicle.

Once the emergency has been reported the leader will stop where they think it is safe for all cars to stop.

The caravan leader and the driver of the distressed car will make the final decision on what action to take and whether or not the caravan will continue to the final destination.

July Birthdays

4th - Ray Hornsby
5th - Scott Clemons
16th - Sam Hess
27th - Marie Sizemore
28th - Skip Sizemore

July Anniversaries

12th - Gail & Terry Hunter
16th - Bettie & Mike Shepherd



QUANTICO CAR SHOW

(Repeat Article)



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 ways 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



July 2016

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3 Cruise to Vietnam Muse- um, Ruck- ersville, VA	4 Parade - Aquia Harbor BDay - Ray Hornsby	5 BDay - Scott Clemons	6	7	8	9 Monthly Breakfast, 9 am Four Seasons— Fredericksburg	
10	11	12 Anniv - Gail & Terry Hunter	13	14	15	16 BDay - Sam Hess Anniv - Bettie & Mike Shepherd	
17	18	19 Monthly Meeting, Aquia Harbor, 7:30	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27 BDay - Marie Sizemore	28 BDay - Skip Sizemore	29	30	
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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



* Available at Prince William Engraving, 2608 Dynasty Loop, Woodbridge, VA 22192. PH: 703-494-2658. Badges take 5-7 days and will cost \$12.19 each. See article in the June 2016 newsletter, reference same.