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Next Meeting - Jan 17th, 2017

Start Time is 7:30 pm

Aquai Harbor Inn
1415 Washington Dr,
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ACCCording to the President
Skip Sizemore

Fellow ACCC members,

This is my final column as your ACCC President. Thank you for your support over the past two years. The club elections were held at the November 15 meeting and following is a list of the new ACCC Board: Al McCloud will serve as President, Vic President will be Bud Donner, and the new member Pete Rutledge will be the Newsletter editor. Al will still manage the website for now. Those are the new Board members; however returning to their current roles are Dottie Shadbar as Treasurer, Lee Morton as Secretary, Marie Sizemore at Membership, and yours truly will step into the Past President role. Thanks to all of these fine folks for stepping up to fill a vital role for the Aquia Creek Corvette Club.

Since this is my last column as the ACCC President, I would like to take this opportunity to say **Thank You** to my fellow ACCC Board members for their support over the past two years. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you.

I did not receive a correct response to last months' trivia question, so I am going to say Merry Christmas to you all by providing the answer to last month's question. The answer is highlighted in **green** below.

This month's trivia question:
In what year was the Head-up display offered in the Corvette?

A. 1955
B. 1966
C. 1984
D. **1999**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Skip

P.S. Hope to see you at the club Christmas Party!

Keep the revs up and the rubber side down!

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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 November 15th, 2016 ACCC Business Meeting

President Sizemore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Including President Sizemore, members in attendance were: Steve Argubright, Al McCloud, Margaret McCloud, Marie Sizemore, John Horvath, Dottie Shadbar, Lee Morton, Pete Rutledge, Nan Wehmeyer, and Joan Yaros.

President Sizemore asked if anybody would like the minutes of the last meeting read. John Horvath motioned to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasury Report. Dottie Shadbar reported the account is in good standing.

Membership. We have 45 renewed members thus far.

Vice President. Dave Benton was absent.

Newsletter. Al McCloud reported that the newsletter would be short, as the Club only had one event during the month.

NCM Ambassador. No report, Ambassador Bud Donner was absent.

Old Business. Members discussed the Hickory Bridge restaurant cruise. Some members also visited a local winery. It was a good drive and a good time.

New Business. Skip Sizemore brought up the monthly breakfast for December. Members present agreed we should have one. Possibly on 3 December, with the location TBD. (Check website for more info.)

John Horvath made a motion to invite Jonathan Pitman from Radley Chevrolet to the Christmas party. The motion was seconded and carried.

Nan Wehmeyer brought up the Ocean City Corvette Show for 2017. The event is the weekend of Oct 13 – 15, and Nan set aside a block of rooms at the Paradise Plaza Inn on the Boardwalk. 410-289-6381. The rooms are already going, so call soon!

Lee Morton reported that the Outer Banks trip looks good. Kitty Hawk is recovering from the Hurricane and plans to move forward with the St Patrick's Day Parade in March. Lee Morton reserved a block of rooms at the Baymont Inn & Suites. The rate for the ACCC is $75.59 per night. Call 252-261-4888.

Lee Morton also discussed the North Stafford HS Homecoming for next year. For the second year in a row, it will be the same Friday that many members will be departing for Ocean City. However, given the size of the Club, we should still be able to support it. This is an event the Club has historically supported, and the students and faculty really appreciate it.

Club elections. Congratulations to the ACCC Board members for 2017, elected as follows:

President: Al McCloud
Vice President: Bud Donner
Treasurer: Dottie Shadbar,
Membership Chair: Marie Sizemore
Newsletter Editor: Pete Rutledge
Secretary: Lee Morton
Past President: Skip Sizemore

Skip read the birthdays and anniversaries.

Margaret McCloud won the 50/50.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB

Lee Morton
Secretary

ACCCording to the Vice President

David Benton

Fellow ACCC Members,

First, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as Vice President and I want to congratulate Al and Bud for becoming the next President and Vice President of ACCC. I look forward to their ideas for fun events in 2017.

In November, Bud led a group of us on a very nice drive to Hickory Bridge Farm for a great lunch. The food and service were both first rate. I hope Bud keeps this trip on the calendar for 2017.

For December there has been a change to our monthly breakfast. Breakfast will be on December 3rd at Bob Evans on 610 in Stafford.

Lastly do not forget the Christmas Party on December 18th. We will have a gift exchange at the party. Please bring a gift, value of up to $25.00 and appropriate for both genders.

As a reminder <u>do not</u> bring any Toys for Tots items as the date of our party is past the dropoff date. If you have items, please drop-off at a Toys for Tots drop-off place.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dave Benton

ACCC EVENTS
David Benton
Vice President

Calendar of Events

<u>December 2016</u>

3rd
9:00 am, Monthly Breakfast, Bob Evans, Rt 610, Stafford, VA

18th
4:00 pm - ACCC Annual Christmas Party, this will count as the monthly meeting. (See flyer)

<u>January 2017</u>

14th
9:00 Monthly Breakfast, TBD

17th
7:30 pm, ACCC Membership Meeting, Aquia Harbor

<u>February 2017</u>

11th
9:00 Monthly Breakfast, TBD

21st
7:30 pm, ACCC Membership Meeting, Aquia Harbor

NCM AMBASSADOR NEWS
December 2016
Bud Donner

Not much happening this month – our Corvettes are nestled in their garages, the battery tenders are connected, and visions of sweepers and twisties dance in their heads.

Soon it will be 2017 and NCM member/volunteers will be busy planning the next Corvette Caravan. It happens only every five years and has been called the largest moving automotive event in the world. Twenty-nine local caravans, thousands of 'Vettes from all over the US and Canada, will all converge on Bowling Green on August 28, 2019 for the Museum's 25th anniversary celebration. The logistics are challenging; scenic routes to plan, hotels to reserve, advertisers to solicit to help pay for the route books for each caravan, and a thousand other details.

We will be part of the Carolinas and Virginia caravan, meeting about 400 other participants in the Charlotte, NC area around Aug 24th. There will be a couple of days of fun activities around Charlotte and then we will take two days to drive to Bowling Green. Frank Sancineto, our caravan captain, has already reserved rooms at a hotel in town, and I'm sure he will have the beer truck parked outside.

The event details are still a work in progress, and there soon will be a Caravan Chat email list and a Facebook page. Meanwhile, mark August 24-31, 2019 on your long-range planning calendar – it's an event every Corvette owner must do at least once!

Bud

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EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1995

News Events: A bomb explodes in a federal building in Oklahoma City killing 168; Osaka, Japan is hit by 7.2 magnitude earthquake killing 5,100 and injuring 26,800 with damage estimated at $100 billion; Israeli Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin is assassinated by a right-wing Jewish student opposed to the peace process; The Republican Congress passes much of the "Contract With America." Microsoft unveils its long-awaited Windows 95 software. US rescues Mexico's economy with $20 billion aid program; Death toll of 2,000 in Rwanda massacre; Los Angeles jury finds O.J. Simpson not guilty of murder charges as 150 million people watch on TV; Rock and Roll HOF Museum opens in Cleveland; First solo transpacific balloon flight, Steve Fossett made a flight of more than 5,430 miles from Korea to Saskatchewan, Canada; Howard Cosell, Mickey Mantle, Jerry Garcia, and Rose Kennedy among celebrities that passed away in 1995. **Pop Culture News:** Dolly (the clone) the Sheep was born on July 5th, and lived for seven years; Starbuck's Frappuccino was released; AuctionWeb began in 1995, the company officially changed the name of its Service in September 1997 to EBAY.

Oscar Winners

Picture: "Braveheart"
Actor: Nicholas Cage, "Leaving Las Vegas"
Actress: Susan Sarandon, "Dead Man Walking"

Top 5 Songs

1 I Know - Dionne Farris
2 Run Around - Blues Traveler
3 Kiss From A Rose - Seal
4 I Believe - Blessed Union of Souls
5 Water Runs Dry - Boyz II Men

Top Country Song – "You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone" - Brooks and Dunn

World Series Champion - Atlanta Braves over Cleveland Indians
NFL Champion - SF 49ers over San Diego Chargers
NBA Champion - Houston Rockets over Orlando Magic
NHL Champion - New Jersey Devils
Heavyweight Champ - Bruce Seldon (WBA); Frank Bruno (WBC)

President/Vice President

Democrat, 1993-2001, Bill Clinton/Al Gore

Quotes from 1995:

"Just because God knocked your facility to hell, doesn't mean the federal government can put it all together again."- FEMA - Morrie Goodman - 1994 Northridge quake.

"Houston, we have a problem" - Tom Hanks, Apollo 13

"No Soup For You: - Soup Nazi on TV's Seinfeld

"If it doesn't fit, you must acquit!" - Johnny Cochran at O.J. Simpson murder trial.

The 1995 Corvette: Once again, Corvette was chosen as the Indianapolis 500 Pace Car. Only convertibles, featuring Dark Purple and Arctic White exteriors, were available as replicas (527 units were sold).

The only exterior redesign on the 1995s were front fender gill-style air vents. Metallic Copper, introduced in 1994, and Black Rose Metallic, introduced in 1992, were deleted from exterior color inventories.

Management limited 1995's total ZR-1 production to another 448 units and the last special performance "King of the Hill" coupe rolled off the Bowling Green line in late April. Over its six-year life span, 6,939 ZR-1s were built.

Meanwhile, some improvement were made to the 350hp, LT1 engine, which continued to be the workhorse of the basic Corvette. The engine cooling fan was made quieter; connecting rods were made using new powdered-metal technology thereby adding strength and weight uniformity; fuel injectors were refined to accommodate alcohol-blend fuels and to cut down on fuel dripping after the engine was shut off.

Redesigned clutch controls in the four-speed automatic transmission provided smoother shifting, and the six-speed manual transmission was reworked for easier operation. The larger brake package, previously found on the performance suspension and ZR-1 performance options, was standard on all 1995 models; lowered spring rates became standard, and all production units included anti-lock braking and traction control systems. Extended mobility (run-flat) radial tires, which were an option on the 1994 platform, minimized the need for a spare tire so 1995s could be purchased with weight and wallet savings. Windshield wiper arms were modified to provide improved contact angles and higher force to reduce chatter and lift.

Inside the cockpit, optional sports seats had stronger seam stitching; a readout for automatic transmission fluid temperatures was added to the instrument panel; a better radio mount prevented skipping when compact discs were played, and numerous straps were added to further reduce any rattles.

Production edged downward by 2,500 units during 1995 with 15,771 coupes and 4,971 convertibles built. Coupes were stickered at $36,785 and convertibles at $43,665.

The special Performance Handling Package, a popular option in the 1984-88 models, was re-introduced with several new features. Finally, a more sophisticated, complex on-board package more than doubled its diagnostics from 60 to 140. ***(See Photo on Page 11)***

Hickory Bridge Farm

Glimpse of the Past - 2002

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THE ACCCELERATOR

The Aquia Creek Corvette Club Newsletter **June 2002**

ACCCording to the President By Lee Morton

Hello, ACCC

As the Corvette weather approaches, our membership roster continues to grow. Seems like we welcome one or two new members at meetings and events. Speaking of events, the clock is ticking for Carlisle. Bob Witt is coordinating the hotel rooms and we have recently opened them up to "the world", so get your applications in ASAP. The rooms are now first come, first serve, so make your move now.

Kudos to Mike Shepherd for coordinating the Lindsay Corvette show. We didn't get the participation we wanted, but the weather was great, and there were plenty of Corvettes to gander at. We even had a 17 year-old lad pull up a 2002 Z06 and take home a third place trophy (we're *still* trying to figure out what that kid does for a living).

At any rate, the warm days are here to stay, and that means it's time to get out and about. We have a ton of events on the calendar in addition to our monthly meetings. The best way to enjoy your membership in YOUR club is to participate. Now drop the top and let's cruise! **- LeeMo**

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What are airplanes doing on the cover of a Corvette newsletter. Well, if you had attended the Bull Run Car Show at Catlett Virginia you might have seen the aerobatics air show just up the road at the Fauquier County Airport...

You Still Have One More Day to Sign Up!! Let's Have a Party!!

ACCC Christmas Party **December 18, 2016**
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Park Lane (formerly Fredericksburg Pub)
Spotsylvania Mall (between Macys and Movie theater)
540-548-0550

DINNER BUFFET

For Parties of 20 or More
(Includes Water, Tea, Coffee or Soda)

Mixed Greens Salad

Tomatoes, cucumbers, onions & croutons. Served with basalmic vinaigrette.

Entrees

Whiskey Cracked Pepper Steak *
5 oz Sirloin grilled to perfection & served with a Knob Creek Small Batch Bourbon Whiskey bordelaise

Bourbon Chicken
Grilled chicken breasts served with a Makers Mark Bourbon glaze

Char Grilled Salmon
Salmon filet with dill capers and a white wine butter sauce

Side Dishes

Redskin Mashed Potatoes
Peas & Carrots

Dessert

Assortment of mini dessert bars

Club members $15.00
Non Club members $32.00
Make checks out to ACCC

ATTENTION
ALL MEMBERS COMING TO PARTY!!

Please let Dottie Shadbar know by Dec 1 if you plan to attend the party . Email and address on roster. Also, money needs to be paid by Dec 10th, either by mailing or giving to Dottie at the December breakfast on Dec 3rd. See email I sent reference same subject.
We will have a gift exchange at the party. Please bring a gift, value of up to $25.00 and appropriate for both genders.
Toys for Tots gifts should be dropped by a TOT dropoff point.

December Birthdays	December Anniversaries
11th - Dave Benton 17th - Dave Shadbar 20th - Mary Anne McGovern 25th - Bob Stevens 31st - Jim Bennett	No December Anniversaries

1995 Corvette—See Page 8

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00 - Monthly Brkfst - Bob Evans, Rt 610, Stafford
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 BDay - Dave Benton	12	13	14	15	16	17 BDay - Dave Shadbar
18 ACCC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - SEE FLYER	19	20 BDay - Mary Anne McGovern	21	22	23	24
25 CHRISTMAS DAY Bday: Bob Stevens 	26	27	28	29	30	31 BDay - Jim Bennett

ACCC STORE

*Items For Sale at all Club Events**

Car Flags, US Flag & ACCC Flags

$5.00

$5.00

$5.00

Club Decal & Patch

AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB

$2.00 for decal, $3.00 for patch

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.**