

# THE ACCCelerator AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB July 2017

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



ACCC 1987

Our first N. Stafford H.S. Homecoming



Yes, the pix are a little dark, but it WAS nighttime.



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Next Meeting - July 18

Start Time is 7:30 pm

Aquia Harbor Inn

1415 Washington Dr,

Stafford, VA 22554



## ACCCording to the President Al McCloud

Greeting fellow ACCC members,

Summer is officially here and the start of another hot muggy season. But we have (some) air conditioned Corvettes and hopefully we will be enjoying some fun filled events together. I would like to welcome new member David Jones to the club. David lives in Aquia Harbour and will be a great addition to the club. He was good friends with our past Treasurer, John Tomlin. Our membership is slowly starting to grow, so if you see someone in a Corvette, hook them up!

Also, kudos out to Steve Argubright, as he put that **RED** C7 Corvette in the Trophy Winners Circle (Peoples Choice) at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Prince William Cruisers "Good Ole Days Car Show" in Lorton, VA. Congrats Steve. If you go to a show and have something to report, be sure to send it to Pete Rutledge and he will get it in *The ACCCelerator*.

There are some great events coming up over the next few months, none bigger than our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic where we expect some of the founding members to be there, and I expect our current members to be there as well. I am working on getting the invitations out soon to those early members. We have reserved a large covered pavilion at Leesylvania State Park, so weather will not be a factor. Check the vice president's calendar in this newsletter and the club website for other exciting events you may want to attend.

Some of our members are driving to Watkins Glen to see the Corvettes race the "Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen" on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. May they have safe travels up and back and may the Corvettes win. A number of our members are also driving in the Aquia Harbour July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. For those not going to the Glen, we will be having breakfast at the Four Seasons Restaurant in Fredericksburg, VA, on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. See you there.

Until next month, have a safe and cool first full month of summer.

Al McCloud

**All Corvettes are Red**



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## June 20, 2017, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

President Al McCloud called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. We had three visitors present. David Taylor who owns 2008 Yellow convertible; Vince Costentino, who owns a 2001 Pewter Coupe; and Dave Jones who owns both a 1973 Coupe and a 1996 Collectors Edition Coupe.

John Horvath made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mike Truelove. Motion carried.

### Officer Reports

Treasury. Dottie Shadbar reported that our account is in good standing and all bills are paid, to include the space for the picnic.

Membership. Marie Sizemore reported that we now have 54 members in good standing.

NCM Ambassador/Vice President. Bud Donner discussed the National Corvette Museum (NCM); they are looking for an insurance agent. Club monthly Breakfast at the Four Seasons on 1 July. The July 4 parade at Aquia Harbor, there are still spaces for 2 or 3 more cars. The Manassas Cruise-in Aug 12, with breakfast meeting before it.

Newsletter. Pete Rutledge reported that the newsletter goes out on the last day of the month and all members can contribute articles. Pete also discussed Garage Night for our three guests.

### Old Business

Lee Morton gave an update on the Stafford National Night out. It will be Tuesday, 1 August at Stafford Marketplace. Lee has another coordination meeting to attend and will provide more details. We asked for space for 10 cars, but will likely get 5 or 6.

Skip Sizemore recapped Myrtle Beach trip. Ten ACCC members made the trip. The car show was huge, the weather was hot and sunny, and Myrtle Beach had a lot going on.

Marie Sizemore provided an update on Graves Mountain cruise. Members will meet at Culpepper at 1100 on 17 September. More details will be in the newsletter.

Bud Donner recapped the "mystery brunch," The event was well-attended and Bud led the group on a nice drive to Griffin Tavern in Flint Hill. The brunch was great!

Al McCloud discussed the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade at Aquia Harbor. So far we only have 4 people, but are allotted 10 cars. There is also a car show planned for after the parade.

**New Business.** Tom and Steve will join the National Night out crew. Bud joined. So we have Al, Lee, John.

### New Business.

Steve Argubright will come to the next meeting prepared to discuss Toys for Tots.

Mike Truelove asked about NCM Membership Cards, as he has yet to receive one since becoming a NCM member. Bud Donner advised the card is coming, but it does take the Museum some time.

Al read the June Anniversaries and Birthdays.

Bud Donner won the 50/50.

Tom Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mike Truelove. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

*Lee*





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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.

### ***THIS IS OUR 30TH YEAR***

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 the Old Dominion. Through hard work and commitment, ACCC has enjoyed constant growth and now boasts 54 members representing nearly 70 Corvettes, from a 1953 to 2017. 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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## ACCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

Bud Donner

### Fellow ACCC Members,

The Looking Ahead schedule we posted last month was well received so we will continue it and add events as they are announced. There are lots of dates available in July for you to add your own events - just pick a date and a destination or scenic drive route and let Al or me know where and when - we'll send out an announcement to the members.

**Bud**



### ACCC Events Calendar - July

July 1 - 9:00AM - Breakfast at the Four Seasons, 5201 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Fredericksburg.

July 4 - Aquia Harbour Parade - limited by the organizers to 10 cars - all slots have been filled - sorry!

July 14 - Lunch at Tavern on the Rail, 81 Tavern Rd., Mineral, VA. Meet at Aquia Town Center parking lot at 10:00AM - about a 1:15 drive.

July 18 - ACCC Monthly Meeting - Aquia Harbour, 7:30PM

July 29 - Annual Car Show at Jack Evans Chevrolet, 125 S. Royal St., Front Royal, VA, Noon to 4 PM, food, live music.

### Looking Ahead

Aug 1 - National Night Out, Stafford Marketplace.

Aug 12 - Annual Manassas Cruise-In - details on ODCC website. We will meet for breakfast either at Golden Corral or the Juke Box Diner in Manassas.

Aug 19 - ACCC Garage Night at Pete Rutledge's garage; space limited; email him to reserve a spot (see page 7 for more info)

Aug 24-27 - [Corvettes at Carlisle](#), NCOA party in Harrisburg at the Hilton on Friday night.

Aug 31 - Sept 2 - NCM Anniversary and Hall Of Fame, Bowling Green, KY.

Sept 8 - North Stafford High School Homecoming - need convertibles and T-tops. Contact Lee Morton.

Sept 9 - ACCC Annual Picnic, Leesylvania Park - ACCC provides the hamburgers and hot dogs, bring a dish to share.

Sept 16 - Corvette Day at Sully Historic Site, Chantilly, VA.

Sept 17 - Stratford Hall Wine and Oyster Festival, car show.

Sept 17 - Graves Mountain lunch and Mountain Run Winery visit.

Sept 30 - Battlefield CC Cruz-in at Radley Chevrolet, Fredericksburg.

Oct 12-15 - Ocean City Weekend

Oct 20-21 - Corvette Racing Weekend, Hershey, PA. Schedule and hotel info at [corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org) under events.

Nov 5 - Hickory Bridge Farm lunch, Orrtanna, PA Reservation required.

Nov 10-12 - Carolinas/Virginia Region Caravan to Asheville and Biltmore Estate. Info - contact Frank Sancineto at [caravan25th@aol.com](mailto:caravan25th@aol.com).

Dec 3 - ACCC Christmas Party, Park Lane Tavern, Fredericksburg.

Aug 28-31, 2019 - National Corvette Caravan - details at [www.corvettecaravan.com](http://www.corvettecaravan.com)



# NCM AMBASSADOR NEWS

## July 2017

### Bud Donner



Trivia question of the month: How many U.S. automobile museums are devoted to a single marque? Right - only one, our National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. It's a non-profit, member-supported gem, and if you haven't been there, put it on your bucket list.

In preparing for this month's Ambassador column, I've been exploring the Museum's recently redesigned website, and I recommend you spend some time checking it out. The address is the same: [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org).

There is everything from a history of the development of the Museum to the Corvette Café menu. You can learn about the various membership categories (there are over 36,000 members!), browse the goodies in the Museum Store, get information on the NCM insurance program, and even see what's happening inside the Museum by selecting the live webcams. The Corvette Blvd. webcam right now is showing eight new Stingrays waiting for their owners to take delivery today, and the Entrance webcam is showing the 2017 Torch Red coupe that will be won by a lucky raffle ticket holder in September. I still have some tickets, \$10 each - call me, send me an e-mail, or see me at a club event.

GM recently released the 2017 model year statistics - 32,782 Corvettes were built. 34.3% were Stingray Coupes, 30.2% Grand Sport Coupes, 18.9% Z06 Coupes. For the convertibles, 7% were Stingrays, 6.2% Grand Sport, and 3.3% Z06. 77% of all production were automatics, Arctic White was the most popular color (18%), followed by Watkins Glen Gray (17.7%), Black (16%), and Torch Red (14%). Sterling Blue was least popular at 2%.

**Bud**



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# TALES & TIPS FROM THE GARAGE

"Tales & Tips from the Garage" is a monthly column featuring members' garage adventures; tips about garage safety, tools, organization, methods, etc.; and information on Corvette maintenance, repair, restoration, and modification. We can also use this column to share information about common problems and solutions. I hope we will be able to provide material of use to the full spectrum of Corvette owner-members, from those who do very little of a hands-on nature with their Corvettes to those who are accomplished "wrenches." The column is open to input from all members, so **if you have had an interesting adventure in your garage or even in your favorite Corvette repair garage, send it to me to share with the other members** through publication in this newsletter. Thanks.

Pete ([pjrutledge3@verizon.net](mailto:pjrutledge3@verizon.net))

ACCC Newsletter Editor



## ACCC Garage Nights

Imagine this nostalgic scene from perhaps 50 years ago (or was it only last year?). A warm summer evening. Someone's garage with a handful of fast, powerful hot rods, sports cars, and motorcycles. Motorsports posters and memorabilia decorate the walls. Car and motorcycle parts and tools everywhere. Against a background of soft popular music, a group of "young" guys and gals, obviously members of a club, sitting around, downing cold "soda pop" and enthusiastically talking their favorite subject—cars. Sharing tales about their cars, cars they have seen, cars they would like to have in the future (as soon as possible). And also sharing some of the misfortunes they have experienced with their vehicles and how they displayed their creativity and wit in dealing with them. Camaraderie abounds. These are people with a common interest sharing their excitement with one another. Enjoying one another and their cars. Those were the days, weren't they? Nice memories.

Now return with me to the present day. Those days we just imagined don't have to be over. We can be those people. The ACCC has been working to recreate the kind of experience described above through its "Garage Nights" program, which began a couple of years ago. We've had a handful of Garage Nights so far. I believe that all who have participated enjoyed themselves and were glad they did. Let's keep it going with the following:

1. **Perpetual invitation to my garage.** I'm retired and home having fun in my garage most of the time. All ACCC members are welcome (even encouraged) to contact me any time to be sure I'll be home and then come to my garage for a tour and enjoyable chat about Corvettes and things related. I'll keep some "soda pop" cold, just in case.
2. **Next ACCC Garage Night.** Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 19, 2017, when we'll have another Garage Night at my garage. I think these things work best with a small group, say up to 12 people. So email me to reserve a spot and then bring your Corvette on August 19. Come prepared to show us and talk about your Corvette—nothing formal, just what you like about it, how you got it, what you have done to it or would like to do with it, problems you have had with it, what you see in your Corvette future, etc.—you decide. I'll take copious notes and use your information (and a picture or two) to highlight your car in a future issue of this newsletter. I'll show you my cars again, too. It will be fun. I promise. And maybe the next Garage Night can be at your garage!!!

*ACCC Visited Myrtle Beach Car Show, June 1-3, 2017*



*A beautiful Corvette weekend was had by all.*



*ACCC Members Should Definitely Consider This  
Manassas, VA, August 12, 2017  
Expect a significant ACCC presence*

# 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALL-CORVETTE CRUISE-IN

*Hosted by*



*Old Dominion  
Corvette Club*

**SATURDAY, AUG 12, 2017**

**NOON - 4PM** RAIN OR SHINE

GATES OPEN TO CORVETTES AT 11:00AM

Admission \$10 per Corvette  
Proceeds benefit the National  
Corvette Museum and local charities.  
[www.allcorvettecruisein.com](http://www.allcorvettecruisein.com)



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- Dash plaques to the first 100 Corvettes
- Food and beverage vendors
- DJ playing musical favorites and requests
- Door prizes, silent auction, goodie bags & 50/50

Directions to 7787 Sudley Rd, Manassas, VA -  
I-66 to exit 47A, south on Rt 234 (Sudley Rd)  
Left at 4th light onto Sudley Manor Dr -  
Left at next light into Best Buy parking lot

*ACCC Members May Wish to Consider This —  
Track Laps @ Richmond Int'l Raceway  
August 18, 2017*

# **SAVE THE DATES FOR TRACK LAPS!**

**Friday, August 18 | 5-9pm**

**Sunday, October 15 | 1-4pm**

## **TRACK LAPS**

**\$20 donation to RIR Cares = 5 Laps**

**Bring your car club, friends & family.**

**Stay after your laps for live music, door prizes & to purchase food from some of Richmond's most delicious food trucks!**

**REGISTER TODAY!  
[RIR.COM/TrackLaps](http://RIR.COM/TrackLaps)**



## EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1958 Corvette

In 1958 production continued to inch upward with 9,168 convertibles rolling off the line, enough to generate Corvette's first profit.

Externally, chrome was used extensively. New for '58 were dual headlights trimmed with chrome connected to a stainless strip that ran along the top of the fenders; two simulated air ducts located low in the front fenders and larger bumpers connected to the frame rather than the fiberglass body. Simulated vents added to the cove behind the front wheel wells, fake louvers on the hood, and twin chrome trunk "irons" became that year's distinguishing features. In addition, the Corvette's distinctive grill was reduced from 13 "teeth" to 9. Some models came with hubcaps instead of full wheel covers and body paint was improved by a fundamental change from enamel to acrylic lacquer.

The body grew 9 inches longer while its width expanded by more than two inches. Weight went up by 200 pounds to total of more than one and one-half tons for the first time.

Inside the cockpit, new body panels and upholstery, including carpets, were added. All dashboard instruments were centralized directly in front of the driver, including a 160mph speedometer and a 6000 rpm tachometer. A central console was added incorporating heater controls, clock and signal-seeking AM radio. Seat belts were factory-installed for the first time.

In terms of power, the fuel-injected 283 cubic-inch V-8 engine was now capable of producing 290 horsepower. Overall, five engine options were offered.

Meanwhile back at General Motors headquarters, designer Harley Earl retired and Bill Mitchell became the corporation's chief stylist. At the time, Mitchell had been developing the XP-700, a custom-built, highly-modified model with a long oval nose, twin-bubble plastic roof and a rear design that would later be adapted to the 1961 model. Work also began on the "Q-Corvette" that incorporated a rear-mounted transaxle and fully-independent suspension. That prototype's lower, sleeker lines eventually would be adapted to the next Corvette generation (C2)—the 1963 Sting Ray.

On the competitive circuit, two Corvettes were entered in the Sebring Grand Prix of Endurance, making that the last road race with official factory participation. And Duntov, driving a Corvette SS, hit 183 miles per hour at GM's proving grounds in Arizona.

### 1958 NOSTALGIA

**Oscar Winning Pictures:** "GIGI," "Auntie Mame," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "The Defiant Ones," "Separate Tables"

**President/Vice President:** Republican 1953-1961, Dwight David Eisenhower/Richard M. Nixon

### News Events

- First U.S. earth satellite, Explorer I, goes into orbit.
- "Quiz Show Scandals" rock the television industry and the nation.
- Vice President Richard Nixon faces hostile anti-American mobs during a visit to South America.

# EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1958 Corvette



*July Birthdays*

July 4 — Ray Hornsby  
July 5 — Scott Clemmons  
July 16 — Sam Hess  
July 27 — Marie Sizemore  
July 28 — Skip Sizemore

*July Anniversaries*

July 12 — Terry & Gail Hunter  
July 16 — Mike & Betty Shepard

*Congratulations*



*Steve Argubright's People's Choice trophy from the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Prince William Cruisers "Good Ole Days Car Show" in Lorton, VA*



*Congratulations, Steve!!*



# July 2017



NOTE: See "ACCC Events" on Page 5 for the details on particular events.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Breakfast at Four Seasons, F'burg, VA
2	3	4 4th of July Parade, Aquia Harbour, VA	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Lunch at Tavern on the Rail, Mineral, VA	15
16	17	18 ACCC Monthly Meeting - Aquia Harbour	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Car Show at Jack Evans Chevrolet, Front Royal, VA
30	31					

# 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 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, ref-