

THE ACCCelerator AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB August 2017

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



CORVETTES AT CARLISLE 1988



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Next Meeting - August 15

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,

I want to start off by welcoming another new member to the club. Vince Cosentino has joined us to start making some Corvette memories. If you see Vince, welcome him to the club or send him an email at vjcos@comcast.net.

I know some of you were upset that the Dominion free paced laps were cancelled, but it is best that safety was taken into consideration before allowing the event to go on. I am sure there will be a makeup date for all who had signed up to go. Stay posted.

We had some good events in July, starting with breakfast, Tavern on the Rail, Watkins Glen (looking forward to pics of our members at the race in the newsletter), and of course our monthly meeting. The trip to breakfast in July, at the Four Seasons Restaurant, took us almost two hours to get there from Woodbridge, but it was worth it to have breakfast with fellow members and a potential new member. D. Taylor, hope to see you out soon. We arrived late, but still enjoyed the entire meal with the group. Besides, the two hours was spent in a Corvette, how bad can it be?

In August we will start with National Night Out on the 1st (only four spaces were given ACCC and they are full) and breakfast on August 5th at the Bob Evans in Garrisonville. The next weekend, August 12th, is the ODCS sponsored "Corvette Cruise-in" in Manassas. Breakfast for those interested will be at the Golden Corral before proceeding to the event site. Our general membership meeting will be on August 15th, please come out and support the club. I will not be at this meeting as I will be in Florida on my annual vacation. Bud Donner will be presiding over the meeting. Pete Rutledge's Garage Night will be on the 19th. I will be back in time for Corvettes at Carlisle, August 24th - 27th - hope to see you when you stop by our tent.

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas, which brings me to Steve Argubright's event for "Toys for Tots." Please see Steve's article in this newsletter for more info. We can talk about how our toys will get to the Marine Corps Museum by group discussion at one of our meetings. If "Toys for Tots" has a soft spot in your heart, please come to our meetings and get in on the discussion.

I will end with wishing a Happy Birthday to the United States Coast Guard as they celebrate 227 years on August 4th. Salute!

Al McCloud

All Corvettes are Red



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July 18, 2017, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

President Al McCloud called the meeting to order at 7:37PM. We had two new member present. Vince Constantino and Dave Jones are now members.

John Horvath made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Tom Davis. Motion carried.

Officer Reports

Treasury Report. Dottie Shadbar reported that account is in good standing with no outstanding bills.

Vice President. Bud Donner mentioned the upcoming Jack Evans Chevrolet Car Show on July 29th at noon. The Club breakfast is Aug 5th at Bob Evans on 610 in Stafford at 9AM. August 12 is the Annual Manassas Cruise-in from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. Members will meet at the Golden Corral at 9:00AM. Bud also reported on behalf of Pete Rutledge that Pete would like an email if you're interested in attending Garage Night Aug 19 at Pete's house.

NCM Ambassador. Bud reported that at the end of July all ambassadors have to turn in reports for the year, as well as copies of Club Newsletters for a competition. Bud also went over a series of things required to earn points as our ambassador and to keep the Club's status. Check the Museum web page for some upcoming fun events.

Membership. Marie Sizemore reported that we have 56 members in good standing.

Past President. Skip Sizemore reported that he still has ACCC patches and other gear for sale.

Old Business

Tom Davis reported on the 4th of July parade at Aquia Harbor. We had five Corvettes, and the parade route was short and sweet.

Bud discussed the Tavern on the Rail event. It was a nice day and a nice drive. A very scenic run out to Lake Anna. The food was good and members enjoyed it!

Lee Morton discussed the Stafford National Night out on August 1st. Nothing new to report. Those who signed up should show up at Stafford Market Place by 5PM.

Al McCloud reminded members about Ocean City coming up in October. Members are staying at the Paradise Plaza. Registration for the car show and parade are on the Free State Corvette Club web page.

New Business

Steve Argubright discussed Toys for Tots coming up December 9th at the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico. Steve recommends that we meet at the Globe & Laurel at 11:00 and caravan up as a group and present our Toy gifts. (See article in this newsletter.)

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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ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

Bud Donner

Fellow ACCC Members,

No introduction this month - just a calendar full of fun events - still time to add a few of your suggestions!



Bud

ACCC Events Calendar - August

Aug 1, 5-9PM - National Night Out, Stafford Marketplace, Target parking lot, Rte. 610

Aug 5, 9AM - Breakfast at Bob Evans, Stafford Market Place, Rte. 610

Aug 12, 11AM-4PM - Annual Manassas Cruise-In - details on ODCC website (see flier in this newsletter). We will meet for breakfast at Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Drive, Manassas at 9AM

Aug 15, 7:30PM - ACCC Membership Meeting, Aquia Harbour

Aug 15, 5-9PM, Track Laps @ RIR (see flier)

Aug 19, 6-8PM - Garage Night at Pete Rutledge's house - RSVP via email to Pete

Aug 24-27 - Corvettes at Carlisle; we will have a club tent on the Fun Field just south of Gate 3 - bring a chair.

Aug 25, 6-8PM - NCOA party in Harrisburg at the Hilton - \$10 per person - food and lots of door prizes.

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

Looking Ahead

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 - event sponsored by NCRS - 9AM-2PM

Sept 16 - Zoan Baptist Church Car Show, 5888 Plank Rd. Fredericksburg. Register 9 AM, show 12-4

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

Sept 17 - Graves Mountain lunch and Mountain Run Winery visit. Meet in Culpeper- details next month.

Sept 30 - Battlefield CC Cruz-in at Radley Chevrolet, Fredericksburg 9 AM - 3PM

Oct 13-14 - Ocean City Weekend - see the Free State Corvette Club website for info

Oct 14, 1-4PM, Track Laps @ RIR (see flier)

Oct 20-21 - Corvette Racing Weekend, Hershey, PA. Schedule and hotel info at corvettemuseum.org under events

Nov 5 - Hickory Bridge Farm lunch, Orrtanna, PA - Reservation required. Tell Bud if you're planning to go.

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

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

Dec 9 - Toys For Tots - meet at the Globe and Laurel Restaurant, Rte.1, Stafford, at 11:00 for the short drive to the Marine Corps Museum to deliver the toys

Aug 28-31, 2019 - National Corvette Caravan - details at www.corvettecaravan.com



NCM AMBASSADOR NEWS

August 2017

Bud Donner



The NCM will hold its first Ambassador Convention on Oct 31 - Nov 1 at the Museum in Bowling Green. No details have been announced yet, but I will try to attend and represent our club. NCM Membership Manager Stephanie Morrill sent a brief survey last month, and I submitted a comment concerning the Club Newsletter award program. Award certificates are given for the best three newsletters. It's my opinion that it's not fair to compare the newsletter of a small club like ours with fewer than 60 members, with those from clubs with the resources of hundreds of members. I'm certainly proud of "The ACCcelerator," our excellent newsletter, and I think it rivals those of the big clubs, but it seems they almost always are chosen during the annual competition. I look forward to discussing it at the meeting.

There were a few interesting announcements in the July issue of NCM eNEWS. If you are considering a Museum Delivery option for your new 2018 C7, you can sign up for touring laps at the NCM Motorsports Park. You won't be able to drive your new baby on the track until you've done the break-in miles, but you will be able to drive one of the track's Corvettes for \$199, weather permitting. Also at the Motorsports Park, the Kartplex is now open, and for only \$20 you can drive 15 - 20 laps.

Christmas is only four months away - the NCM is offering tempered glass ornaments made from your photo, the size is 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " high by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, for \$25 (member price). You can find them on the Museum website (www.corvettemuseum.org) under "Shop" and "Build Sheets and Window Stickers"

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)

ACCC Newsletter Editor



ACCC Garage Nights

REMINDER: NEXT GARAGE NIGHT, AUG. 19, 6-8PM, at Pete Rutledge's garage. Email [Pete](mailto:pjrutledge3@verizon.net) to reserve a spot. Accepting only the first 12 respondents due to space limitations.

Garage Tips — Dealing with Rusted Fasteners

When working on old cars, and some of our Corvettes are old, we often have to deal with the problem of a rusted nut or bolt that simply won't loosen, at least not on first attempt. So what can we do? Following are some techniques that have (and have not) worked for me:

Penetrating oil — there are a number of varieties of this product and they are advertised to help remove rusted fasteners. I haven't found them to be very successful. It may or may not help to soak the fastener with penetrating oil and let it sit for hours, Penetrating oil treatment will be more effective if you can get even the slightest turning of the rusted fastener, as that may open channels through which the oil can penetrate. If it doesn't help loosen the fastener, the lubrication provided by the oil may help to finish unthreading the fastener, once you have gotten it to start turning.

Heating — applying a propane torch to a rusted fastener can be helpful, as the heat may cause expansion of the rusted nut or the rusted metal into which the bolt is threaded. If the nut expands sooner than the bolt to which is rusted, it may loosen. If the metal surrounding a rusted bolt expands sooner than the bolt, the bolt may loosen. Heat has worked better for me than penetrating oil. Be careful when using the propane torch so you don't cause collateral damage with the flame or ignite nearby flammable materials. It's good to keep a fire extinguisher handy when using the torch.

Impact — a pneumatic impact wrench, if you can get it on the nut or bolt head, is often surprisingly effective at loosening rusted fasteners. The suddenness with which the impact wrench applies its torque may help break loose rusted fasteners. If you don't have a pneumatic wrench, mechanical impact drivers are available that you hit with a heavy hammer to impart a sudden torque to a rusted fastener. Or you can simply use a conventional socket or box-end wrench and hit the handle of the wrench with a big hammer. A downside of impact is that the sudden torque may break the fastener, e.g., break the head off the bolt, which then leaves you with the

TALES & TIPS FROM THE GARAGE

Garage Tips — Dealing with Rusted Fasteners (Cont'd)

challenge of having to remove a broken fastener. Impact may also round the corners off a nut or bolt head (see note 2, below). To reduce this possibility, it is best to use a socket or box-end wrench with six-points when applying impact, rather than the finer 12-point varieties.

Leverage— if you can't turn a rusted fastener on your first attempt, it may help to use a longer wrench, i.e., one with more leverage. A T-handle may be a longer alternative to a socket wrench. If you don't have a longer wrench, you may be able to lengthen the handle of a socket wrench or T-handle by slipping a length of steel or iron pipe over the handle. I keep a 3-foot length of iron pipe in the corner of my garage for the really tough jobs!! I do have shorter pipes, as well.

Cutting— if a rusted nut won't come off any other way, it may be time to destroy it, i.e., cut it off. There are nut-splitter tools available that look useful—I don't have one. A nut can be cut off a bolt with a cold chisel and a big hammer, but it's slow-going, loud, tiring, and a lot of work, but it can be done. I recently had a nut rusted to the stud that protrudes from the top end of a shock absorber. I used a hand-held grinder to grind off the small length of stud extending beyond the rusted nut. Then I used an air-powered cut-off wheel to cut vertically down through the stud and the rusted nut all at once—then I was able to remove the two halves of the nut from the stud.

Notes:

1. **Broken bolts.** Some of the brute-force methods describe above, like impact and leverage, can result in a broken bolt that needs to be removed from a rusted hole. The solution to this problem usually involves drilling a hole through the length of the broken bolt. Then there are tools called easy-outs that thread into the drilled hole in a counterclockwise direction and effectively take the place of the broken off bolt head—you twist the easy-out to loosen the bolt. Over the years I haven't had a lot of success with easy-outs. One risk of using an easy-out, is that if it breaks off in the drilled hold, you are then left with a broken bolt with a hardened steel easy-out broken off in it. That's a real complication, as it will make it virtually impossible to drill through the bolt again. If you try an easy-out and you think you are getting close breaking it off in the bolt, stop and try another method. Another method would likely be to drill out the broken bolt and then re-thread or re-tap the hole. Then you will be able to use a new bolt in the old hole.

2. **Rounded bolt heads and nuts.** If you attempts to remove a rusted bolt or nut end up rounding off the bolt head or the nut, and you can no longer use a wrench to turn it, locking pliers or "vice-grips" might do the job—you will have to make them very tight; then you can even hit the handle of the vice-grips with a hammer. If the vice-grips slip, tighten them more.

Do you have a method not mentioned above that has been successful for you or do you have your own personal tale of how you dealt with a stubborn rusted fastener? If so, email it to me and we'll publish it in future *Tales & Tips from the Garage*.

ACCC Participated in July 4 Parade at Aquia Harbor



Bob Stevens readies his '95 Pace Car for the parade lap.



Mike Trueblood's 2017 anxiously awaiting the start of the parade.



Pete Rutledge, Scott Clemons, and Tom Davis cars lined up in the parade staging area.

A fun event for us and for the many kids.

ACCC Visited Tavern on the Rail, July 14, 2017



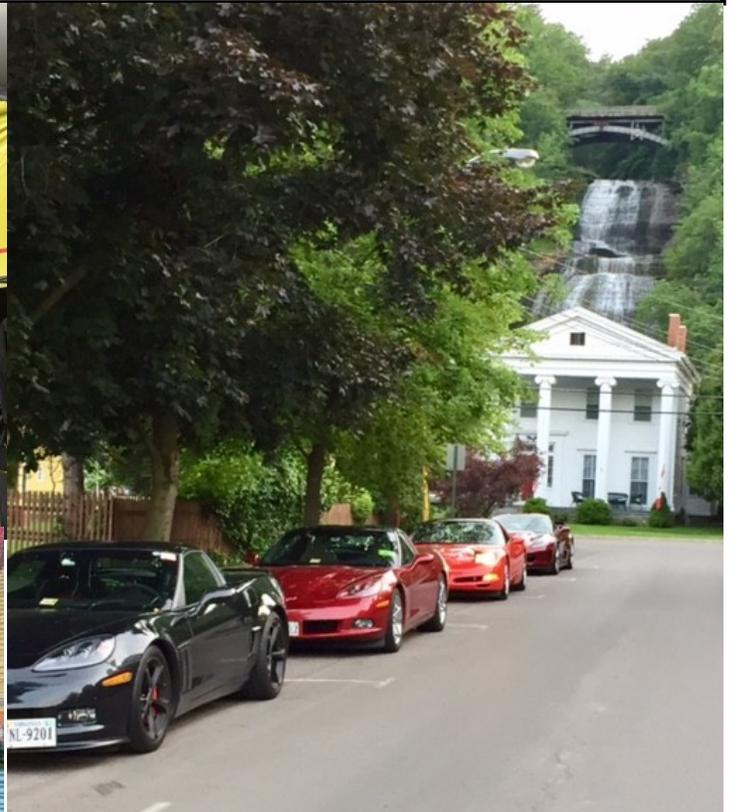
ACCC Participated in NVCC Picnic, July 16, 2017



Great weather, great food, great people, and a lot of Corvettes.



ACCC Visited Watkins Glen, NY, June 29-July 2, 2017



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

28TH 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



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- Dash plaques to the first 100 Corvettes
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- 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!
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EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1959 Corvette

Production levels remained similar to the preceding year, increasing by only 500 units to 9,670. This would be the final year Corvette would sell less than 10,000 units annually.

Gone was some the excessive chrome of the preceding year. Interiors in pure black, blue, and turquoise were available for the first time; supplementing the standard red, beige, and the occasional yellow or charcoal hues.

Armrests and door handles were repositioned to provide more elbow room. Calibration on dashboard gauges was improved and concave lenses cut down on light reflection and improved readability. The four-speed manual transmission's new "T" shift handle prevented accidental shifting into reverse.

Spring rates were modified to accommodate the weight added in 1958 and rear shock absorber mounts were changed to provide a softer ride. Horizontal slits were added to wheel covers to improve brake cooling.

The 283 cubic-inch engine displacement and 290 maximum horsepower remained standard. In tests, the Corvette roared from 0-60 in 6.6 seconds and ran through the quarter mile in 14 1/2 seconds. The base convertible listed for \$3,875.

On the track, Corvette once again won SCCA's Class B/Production Sports title. At the official opening of the Daytona International Speedway, a Corvette was driven at 155mph. In the shop, the rear of the XP-700 was lengthened and exaggerated and work began on the CERV I (Chevrolet Experimental Racing Vehicle).

ACCC member Scott Clemons has a beautiful red and beige '59 that he recently restored and has been successfully showing at local car shows.

1959 NOSTALGIA

Oscar Winning Pictures: Ben Hur, Anatomy of a Murder, The Diary of Anne Frank, ...

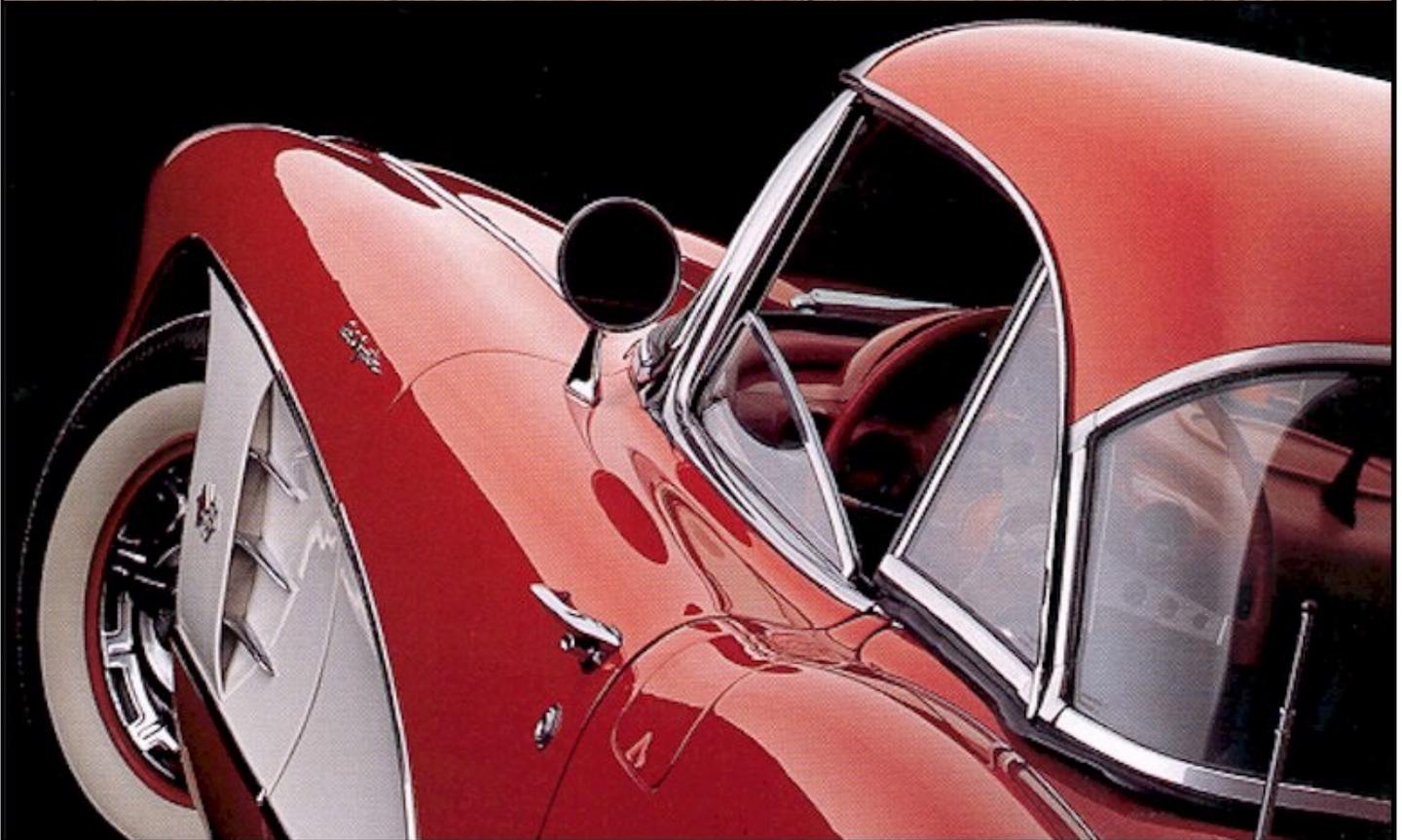
Top Song: Mack the Knife

President/Vice President: Republican 1953-1961, Dwight Eisenhower/Richard Nixon

News Events

- Fidel Castro takes power in Cuba.
- Alaska is admitted as the 49th state.
- Lee Petty wins the first Daytona 500 stock car race.
- Tibet's Dalai Lama escapes to India.
- Hawaii admitted as the 50th state.

EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1959 Corvette



August Birthdays

August 3 — Valerie Liles
August 11 — Peter Huke
August 12 — Don Radeke
August 16 — John Horvath
August 16 — Joe Praetz
August 17 — Ann Huke
August 17 — Sharon Radeke

August Anniversaries

August 9 — Chuck Jaquays
August 27 — Dave & Dottie
Shadbar
August 29 — Joe Praetz



Toys for Tots

Every year, the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve **Toys for Tots** Program collects toys, and distributes them as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community. The primary goal of **Toys for Tots** is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

Come and support a great cause!! Please bring a new, unwrapped toy at 11:00am on Saturday, December 9, to the Globe and Laurel Restaurant parking lot at 3987 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Stafford, VA 22554. From there we will proceed to the National Museum of the Marine Corps, and make our deliveries.

After delivering the toys, members may wish to proceed to the Tun Tavern Restaurant at the museum for lunch. It has recently been enlarged, seats up to 30, and offers a full lunch menu.

Please address any comments to Steve Argubright at stephfa@comcast.net.



August 2017



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Nat'l Nite Out, 5-9PM	2	3	4	5 Brkfst @ Bob Evans, Stafford, 9AM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Manassas Corvette Cruise-In, 11-4; brkfst @ Golden Corral, 9AM
13	14	15 Monthly meeting, Aquia Harbor, 7:30PM	16	17	18	19 Garage Night @ Pete Rutledge's, 6-8PM
20	21	22	23	24 Corvettes @ Carlisle	25 Corvettes @ Carlisle; NCOA party, 6-8PM	26 Corvettes @ Carlisle
27 Corvettes @ Carlisle	28	29	30	31 NCM Anniv. & Hall of Fame, Bowling Green, KY		

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-