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HAPPY NEW YEAR. From the first New Year of Corvette (1953), each successive model year has been a Happy New Year (except 1983).

(Due to space limitations, only the first 12 Corvette New Years are shown above.)

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Next Meeting - January 16

Start Time is 7:30 pm

Aquia Harbor Inn

1415 Washington Dr,

Stafford, VA 22554

ACCCording to the President
Al McCloud

Greetings fellow ACCC members,

Happy New Year, 2018!!

Out with the old and in with the new, as we start another Corvette New Year! Hoping that this New Year will bring happiness and enjoyment throughout. As I think about our friendship and how happy it has made me, I want to wish you the best year ever.

Here is a suggestion for a New Year's resolution. Repeat after me, "I will attend at least one membership meeting, one monthly breakfast, and one Corvette event during the upcoming New Year, 2018." See how easy that was, now come out and join the regulars at these events. That folks, is not a hard resolution to keep.

The December meeting was part of our Christmas Party, which again was a huge success, thanks to Dottie Shadbar. I opened the meeting, introduced Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Pittman (of Radley Chevrolet) to the group, some who had never met them. There was no old business or new business to discuss, meeting was adjourned.

The January breakfast will have a free breakfast for someone, but during the upcoming months, I plan to mix it up a little bit. Who knows what you may be carrying home – you just might be driving home a new Corvette. The breakfast is scheduled for January 6th, at the Great American Buffet, Central Park, Fredericksburg, weather permitting. Membership meeting is Jan 16th, usual place and time.

Nan Wehmeyer has reserved us a Valentine's Day brunch at the Lake of the Woods Country Club on Feb 11th at 11:00 am. So grab your sweetheart and come out and enjoy some good food and company.

*Until next month, just remember, **"All Corvettes are Red"***

Al McCloud

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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 ISSUE BEGINS OUR 31ST 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 2018. 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.

Find us on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/groups/437699356306459/

Also Find Us On

Shutterfly

https://acccphotos.shutterfly.com/

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ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS
Bud Donner

ACCCording to the Vice President

Winter is definitely here – the season's first snowfall was last week, the electric bill has doubled, and both Corvettes are hooked up to their battery tenders. The ACCC Christmas party was a fun evening (thanks Dottie and Marie) and Steve's Toys for Tots event and lunch at the Marine Corps Museum was a big success in spite of the weather.

Bud

ACCC Events Calendar – January 2018

Jan 6 - Monthly Breakfast, 9 AM, at Great American Buffet, 1780 Carl D Silver Pkwy, Fredericksburg

Jan 16 – ACCC Monthly Meeting, Aquia Harbour Inn, 7:30 PM

Jan 24 – 29 - Daytona Rolex 24. This NCM trip is sold out, but wait list contact is Karen@corvettemuseum.org, phone (270) 467-8804

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Looking Ahead

Feb 3 – Monthly Breakfast, 9 AM, Silver Diner, 14375 Smoketown Road, Woodbridge (near Potomac Mills)

Feb 11 – 10:00 AM – Valentine's Brunch at Lake Of The Woods Country Club, 205 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, VA. A delicious buffet for only $13.95

Aug 28-31, 2019 – National Corvette Caravan – this is the biggest and most important event on the Corvette calendar – twenty-nine caravans from all corners of the US and Canada will meet up at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. Our caravan (Carolinas, Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia) will meet in the Charlotte-Concord area around Aug 23 for three days of fun before the two-day caravan to Bowling Green - details will be posted on the Caravan website in 2018.

NCM AMBASSADOR NEWS
January 2018
Bud Donner

The Museum has added a few more events to the 2018 schedule:

June 21-24 – MIM Explore Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

August 26-28 – MIM R&R, Roanoke, WV,

August 30 – Sept 1 - 24th Anniversary Celebration, Bowling Green

September (TBA) - MIM National Parks Tour (AZ/UT)

October 9-13, 16-20, 23-27 – Three "One Lap of Kentucky" tours

November 9-10 – Corvette Racing Weekend, Hershey, PA

As usual, details are available at www.corvettemuseum.org

Visitors to the Museum have expressed interest in a Corvette racing simulator. As the NCM E-Newsletter put it "You spoke and we listened!" The simulator will be soon be installed; it will be based on (in) a C6, will have 18 different racetracks to choose from and will be available to use for a "nominal fee." As to be expected, it will be an expensive piece of hardware. Tax-deductible donations are encouraged, and don't forget to check out the Museum Store from time to time. Remember, our Museum is truly OUR Museum – it's not owned by GMAC, not even Corvette – it's supported by the members' dues and contributions, and various fund-raisers like the raffles and the driving events at the Motorsports Park.

Bud

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MEMBERSHIP

An Important Reminder about Membership Renewal from Marie Sizemore

Hello ACCC Members,

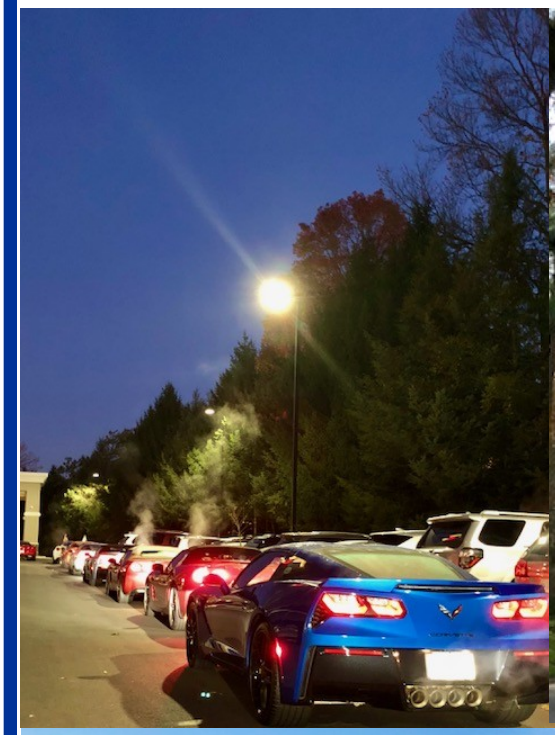
If you haven't renewed yet for the new year, it's never too late to reinstate your membership in the ACCC—we want you back. You should have received a membership renewal form (at a recent meeting or in the mail). Please make any changes/updates (address, phone numbers, Corvettes owned, etc.) and return the form and your check made out to ACCC to me ***as soon as possible.***

This is the last reminder you will see in the news-letter. As always, I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Marie

Joan's Excellent Adventure

ACCC member Joan Yaros's trip in November with the Carolinas & Virginia NCM Caravan group. This is the group that plans & will lead the 25th NCM Anniversary caravan to the Museum in August of 2019.

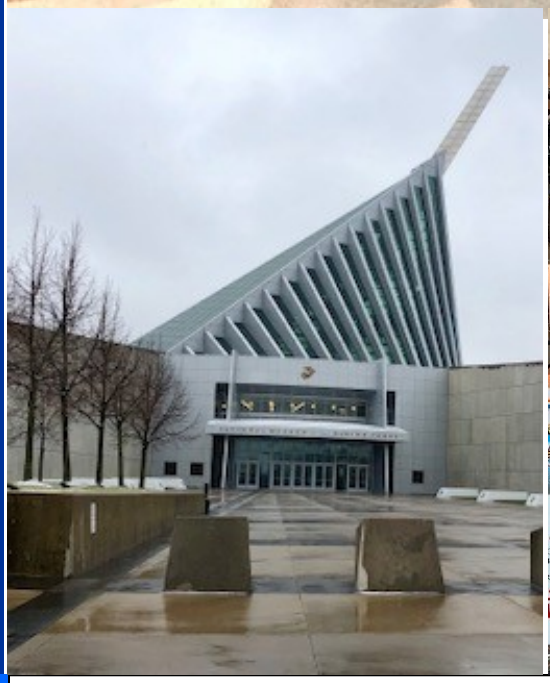


ACCC Christmas Party

December 3, 2017

Park Lane Restaurant, Fredericksburg, VA

ACCC Participated in
Toys for Tots
Marine Corps Museum, December 9, 2017



—In Memoriam—

Saundra Faye Thompson

Jan. 24, 1948—Nov. 10, 2017

As a final reminder, ACCC is soliciting donations from its members to buy a brick at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY, in memory of Sandy.

Bricks come in different sizes, accommodate different length inscriptions, and cost different amounts including $100, $200, and $600 each.

Our intention is to solicit donations and, depending on the amount raised, to purchase a suitable memorial brick in Sandy's name.

Recognizing that Sandy was a founding member of our club and contributed much to its success over the years, please be generous and send a donation to:

Al McCloud

16061 Kings Mountain Rd.

Woodbridge, VA 22191

[kindly make your check out to: Al McCloud]

EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1964 Corvette

Following the acceptance of the first Sting Rays, designers did little to alter the 1964 Corvette's styling. The split rear window feature was eliminated, however, replaced by an uninterrupted wrap-around design.

Convertibles remained the predominant body style with production growing to 13,925 units. Production of the relatively new coupes dropped from 1963's 10,594 to only 8,304 units.

The basic convertible retailed for $4,037 and the sport coupe was priced at $4,252.

Four engine options were available -- all basic 327 cubic-inch V-8s that ranged from 250 to 375 horsepower (fuel-injected). A special front and rear suspension option package dampened bumps from rough roads without effecting handling. Additional insulation and better body and transmission mounts addressed earlier noise complaints.

Hood trim panels, including simulated air vents added the year before, were removed from the '64s but the recesses in the hood remained. A three-speed fan, added to improve ventilation in the rear of the coupes, drew fresh air from working vents located in the driver's side roof panel (B-pillar). Rocker panel trim was simplified as were wheel covers. Steering wheels were walnut-grained plastic and the variety of colors available for leather seats also increased.

This model year has special significance for me. My 2nd Corvette was a silver '64 coupe with a 300hp 327, Powerglide AT, PS, PB, and PW. I purchased it in 1975 for $3750, if I remember correctly. I have often stated that it was the nicest driving car I ever owned.

Oscar Winning Pictures:

- "MY FAIR LADY," "Becket," "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned To Stop Worrying..." "Mary Poppins," "Zorba the Greek"

President/Vice President

- Democrat, 1963-1969, Lyndon Baines/Hubert H. Humphrey

News Events

- After riots break out, Panama suspends relations with the U.S.
- Cassius Clay becomes heavyweight champion when Sonny Liston throws in the towel in 6th round in Miami.
- Hundreds of white college students work for civil rights in the south in the Freedom Summer.

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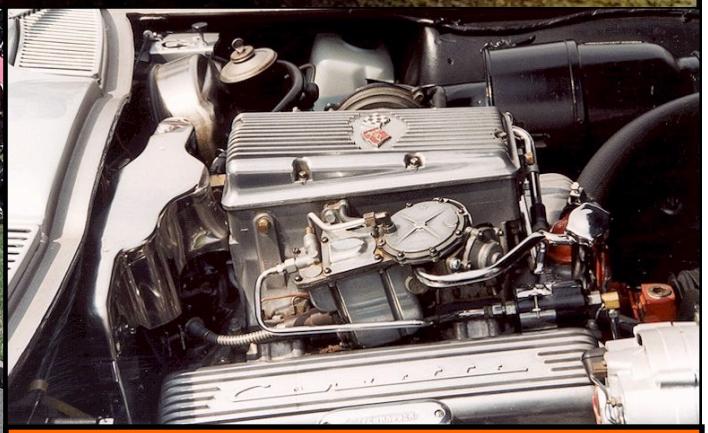

January Birthdays	January Anniversaries
January 6 — Jerry Mackling January 9 — Warren "Butch" Loveland January 9 — Michael Truelove January 15 — Lee Morton January 16 — Vince Cosentino January 20 — Nan Wehmeyer January 25 — Lourdes Amabile (Wow! Quite a few this month!)	None that we know of

January 2018

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Breakfast 9AM F'burg
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Monthly Meeting 7:30PM	17	18	19	20
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ACCC CLUB JACKETS

Tom Davis has kindly made arrangements for members to order club jackets embroidered with our logo by Heartland Signs on Rt. 1 in Stafford. As show in the pictures above, a large embroidered club logo is on the rear; the front would normally have a smaller club logo on left chest; other options available but might be extra cost. Jackets come in **three varieties**:

1. **Competitor Jackets** — nylon outer shell, front zipper; sizes XS-6XL, tall sizes LT-4XLT; $52.65 w/tax

2. **Denim Jackets** (shown above) — stonewashed indigo denim, button front; sizes XS-4XL; $54.77 w/tax

3. **Welded Soft Shell Jackets** — polyester woven shell bonded to water-resistant film insert and polyester microfleece lining, front zipper; sizes XS-4XL; $68.45 w/tax

Contact Tom Davis to place order.

QUALITY JACKETS AT GREAT PRICES!!

ACCC STORE

Items For Sale at all Club Events*

Car Flags: U.S. Flag & ACCC Flags

$5.00

$5.00

$5.00

Club 30th Anniversary Patch

$3.00 for patch

Club Decal & Patch

$2.00 for decal, $3.00 for patch

Club 30th Anniversary DVD

"ACCC, 30 years, 1987-2017" = 1 hr, 6 minutes of music and over 700 photos and memories.

Shown at the 30th Anniv Picnic.

Let Al McCloud know if you would like one of these keepers.

$5.00

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.

Club 25th Anniversary Coin

$10.00