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AQUIA CREEK

CORVETTE CLUB

April 2018 (Revised)



John Horvath's
2002 Z06

*The perfect car to commemorate the
welcome return of Springtime!!*

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Next Meeting - April 17

Start Time is 7:30 pm

Aquia Harbor Inn

1415 Washington Dr,

Stafford, VA 22554



ACCording to the President Al McCloud

2018 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

Happy Easter to my fellow Corvetters! That may not be politically correct but politics has nothing to do with wishing you Happy Easter, unless you make it an issue.

Just got done reading Doug Fehan's article in America's Sports Car Magazine, the magazine of the Corvette Museum. He just recently bought a new C-7, his first since taking over the Corvette racing team, imagine that. He was asked if he plans to track it, polish it, or drive it everywhere you can go with it. His answer is pretty much the way I feel about my car. He said, "It turns out that I'm still the guy who parks in the middle of the parking lot, and I am still persnickety about taking care of it, so no, there won't be any track days for me. I do plan to drive it every day though." He also said he would be driving it in the snow because the engineers have made the performance of the Corvette to weather all the conditions.

Several members have expressed interest in taking their car to the track. I will not be doing that, but highly support those who desire to do it. I will check the track days with the BCC and see if the few who want to do this can tag along and have a run with them. You know most of them so its not like you will be with strangers.

The few who went to Nag's Head this year had a wonderful time and brought home some loot as well. Lee Morton won the Poker Run grand prize, a 42" flat screen TV, and the rest of us took home consolation prizes - t-shirts, blankets, and bags. Turnout was low as all of our events are starting to show this trend. We need more members to show up and start participating in the events. One time a month is not asking too much to show your support. Pick your event and participate. Even membership meetings are starting to show that there are more board members than actual non- board members. You want a club, we want a club, support it! Check the events calendar for April, pick one or more, and come on out.

Until next month,
Al McCloud

"All Corvettes are Red"

President

Al McCloud

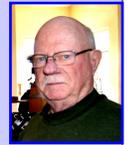
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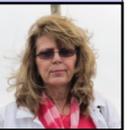
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March 28, 2018, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President Al McCloud. There were no guests or new members. The need to read the last month's meeting minutes was waived. The February minutes were accepted as written.

Vice President. Bud Donner went through the events calendar. The LaGrange winery (April 21) and Captain Billy (April 22) events were discussed. Some other clubs will be joining ACCC for the Captain Billy cruise. The NCM Bash (April 25-29), Zip Customer Appreciation Day (May 5), and the May 12 memorial service for Sandy Thompson (from 1-4PM at Carlos O'Kelly's) were discussed. Bud asked for new event ideas, especially for May. Pete Rutledge volunteered to identify an event at the new Dominion Raceway for a club event in the near future. There are three events scheduled for June 2: NCRS Sully Plantation Corvette meet, the Richmond Corvette show, and the Radley show. Bud announced that the Bob Evans in Aquia would be the site of the next ACCC Breakfast on April 7; on May 5 it will be at the Great American Buffet in Fredericksburg.

NCM Ambassador. Bud mentioned the NCM's acquisition of a "Corvette scooter" from the C6 Corvette racing era.

Treasury Report. Dottie Shadbar gave the Treasury status including current balance and recent outlays. The account is getting low. Dottie discussed her recent fall and continuing recovery.

Membership. Marie Sizemore reported that we still had 49 members.

Newsletter. Pete Rutledge announced that Al had loaned him a computer projector that might be used to make video presentations at future club meetings. Pete said one possibility would be to feature club members' cars at monthly meetings; another would be to show/discuss members' trips to special Corvette events, such as a trip to Corvette racing at Daytona.

Sunshine. Nan Wehmeyer had nothing to report.

Old Business. Joan Yaros reported on the trip to the Outer Banks and said it was a great trip; Lee Morton won the poker run and his prize was a TV. Carlisle was discussed; Skip said we will have a tent again and the cost was \$275. The Christmas party was discussed; it will be at Bravo restaurant at Spotsylvania Towne Center; Dottie will need money from attendees by Nov. 20; checks should be made out to ACCC (see flier in this newsletter); the club will pay for club officers.

New Business. There was some discussion of the need for fund-raising activities. A poker run was discussed and deemed not worth the effort required. A golf tournament was suggested, but was thought to be not suitable. August 17-19 there will be IMSA races at VIR. We need to start thinking about the 2019 NCM Corvette Caravan.

Al read the February Birthdays and anniversaries.

Nan won the 50/50 and donated her winnings to the club treasury.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Skip substituting for 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.

NOW IN 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.



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ACCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

Bud Donner

ACCording to the Vice President

The weather forecasters said we could expect one significant snowstorm last month and they were right! So now its spring, the cherry blossoms are about to bloom and we can get our 'Vettes ready for summer.

ACC Events Calendar - April

Apr 7 - 9 AM - Monthly breakfast, Bob Evans, Stafford Market Place, on Route VA-610, Garrisonville Rd.

April 17- ACCC monthly meeting, 7:30 PM at the Harbour Inn, Aquia Harbour

Apr 21 - 12th Annual Cruise-in and Wine Tasting, La Grange Winery, Antioch Rd., Haymarket, VA. Details at ODCC Website - meet at the Scout Camp on Antioch Rd. at 11 AM

Apr 22 -Cruise to Capt. Billy's Crab House, Pope's Creek, MD. See details in this newsletter

April 25 - 29 -Annual Bash at the National Corvette Museum. See the schedule and registration form at www.corvettemuseum.org
We will leave early on Apr 25 for the 11-hour drive to Bowling Green and return on the 29th - hotel will be the Super 8 Bowling Green North - RSVP to Bud

Looking Ahead

May 5 - 9 AM, Monthly breakfast, Great American Buffet, 1780 Carl D Silver Pkwy, Central Park, Fredericksburg

May 5 - 10 AM - Zip Customer Appreciation Day, 8067 Fast Lane, Mechanicsville, VA

May 12 - 1-4 PM - Celebration of the Life of Sandy Thompson, Carlos O'Kellys, Aquia Town Center. Please drive your Corvette and join us for snacks and drinks in remembrance of Sandy.

June 1-2 - Corvettes at Myrtle Beach, Landmark Resort. Details at www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.org

June 2 - 9 AM - 2 PM Corvette Club of Richmond Annual Corvette Roundup, Heritage Chevrolet, 2698 W Hundred Rd., Chester, VA

June 2-9AM - 2PM Mid-Atlantic Chapter of NCRS hosts Corvette Day at Sully Plantation

Aug 11 - Annual ODCC Manassas Cruise In, Sudley Rd. Registration info on ODCC website.

Aug 17-19 - Michelin GT Challenge IMSA Races at VIR. For ticket info, see <http://virnow.com>

Aug 23-26 - Corvettes at Carlisle

Sept 9 - Annual Club Picnic, Leesylvania State Park, VA

Sept 15 & 16 - Stratford Hall Wine & Oyster Festival, Montross, VA

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

Bud





NCM AMBASSADOR NEWS

April 2018

Bud Donner



Last call for the club mini-caravan to the annual Bash at the Museum this month. There will be plenty of activities for everyone. Some of the highlights include a display of the 2019 Corvettes, including the ZR-1, tours to a bourbon distillery, an auto museum, a thoroughbred retirement farm, and several other local attractions; a riverboat cruise, two car shows, seminars by Exxon/Mobil and Michelin, a sip-n paint, a ladies' garage, and a Corvette Racing seminar with Doug Fehan. Doug will also speak at a Racing Banquet, and there will be the usual Bash Banquet with entertainment at the Sloan Convention Center. All of the details and the registration form are on the website www.corvettemuseum.org. The registration fee is \$20 for NCM members and \$30 for non-members - there are extra charges for the banquets and some events.

We plan to leave early on Wednesday, April 25, for the approx. 11 hour drive to Bowling Green, and will return home on Sunday, April 29. If you prefer a more leisurely trip, you could leave a day earlier and meet us at the Museum.

If you've never been to our Museum, or if you haven't visited lately, this would be a great time to go. If you would like to join us, call Bud at 571-247-2110 or e-mail to buddonner@msn.com. C'mon, let's have a fun weekend with over 700 other vettes! If you're ready for a more ambitious road trip, the NCM High Performance Driver's Education event at the Museum Motorsports Park is scheduled for April 23-24, just before the Bash. As always, details can be found at www.corvettemuseum.org.

The Ride-in-a-Corvette program is back - Museum visitors can ride in one of the NCM's Corvettes, a 15 minute experience for those who have never been in one. Current available cars include a 1966 convertible 327, a 1979 coupe, and a 2003 50th anniversary convertible. The program is available Monday thru Friday and costs \$20.

Ever hear of a Corvette Racing Team Scooter? A museum member came across one for sale on Facebook a couple of years ago and recently donated it to the Museum. It was used by the racing team for two seasons, it's yellow and bears the #3 and several autographs, including Doug Fehan and Ron Fellows.

There's some bad and good news - the bad news - assembly plant tours will not be available until 2019 due to extensive retooling; the good news - GM is spending millions on the plant, indicating a long range commitment to continuing production of our favorite sports car.

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 (pirutledge3@verizon.net)

Corvette Wheel Cleaning Aids

By Steve Argubright

My 2016 Corvette has chrome aluminum wheels, and they are hard to keep clean and shiny because of brake dust buildup. I have tried "off the shelf" polishes and they work to some degree, and I did find that a simple paste of baking soda and water does a very good job, but a more concentrated product is sometimes required. I stopped at Quality Tire in Woodbridge and the manager sold me a tube of Wenol Metal Polish which he swears by. It's made in Germany and works better than anything else I have tried, although some elbow grease is still required for heavy buildup areas. I understand that Lowes and Home Depot carry it. Save the Wave!!

Using Vintage Automotive Test Equipment

By Pete Rutledge

I recently had occasion to use a vintage (probably 1970s era) Penske DC-powered timing light to time my '54 Corvette. The Penske light is a beauty because it's fully chrome-plated and, more importantly, can be connected to either a 6-volt or 12-volt battery and the '54 has a 6-volt battery. Timing the '54 is not easy, as one must point the timing light at a small opening on the front surface of the bell-housing area and watch for a shiny chrome ball bearing mounted on the front of the transmission's flexplate. When I first tried to use the light, its Xenon bulb was flashing very dimly. It occurred to me that the light's electrical alligator clips that connect to the battery terminals and to the spark plug adapter appeared to be cadmium plated and likely had oxidized over the years and, therefore, might not be making good electrical connections. So I wire-brushed the teeth of the light's three alligator clips to remove the oxidation. When I reconnected the light and pulled the trigger, it was much, much brighter, making the timing job much, much easier. Lesson learned — beware of oxidation on the electrical connections of vintage test equipment, which means they might not be conducting much electricity until you clean them up their contact surfaces with a wire brush or sandpaper.

ACCC Members Participated in the Tony Russ Funeral Procession March 6, 2018

It was an honor and humbling experience to participate in Anthony Russ' funeral and procession. Tony was a previous and longtime member of our club and was editor of the newsletter. He was a marine and had a career as a police officer. The police escort from Woodbridge to Quantico and the military graveside ceremony was a distinguished honor for Tony. In addition to those honors, we had eight Corvettes and ten members that gave Tony a proper sendoff. Thanks to those that participated.





*Nag's Head Weekend
Mar 16 - 19, 2018*



*First Flight Cruisers Car Show
March 17th, 2018, Mags Head*



Nags Head Weekend & St. Patrick's Day Parade, Mar 16-19



Captain Billy's Crab House Corvette Cruise Sunday April 22, 2018



Come join your fellow club members and other local Corvette clubs, on April 22, 2018, for a Corvette cruise to Captain Billy's Crab House located in Popes Creek, Maryland on the Potomac River. Back in the days of mail boats and loco-motives, when electricity was new to Popes Creek and work was just beginning on the Potomac River Bridge, nine-year-old Billy Robertson sold his first crabs on this very shore. He spent his entire life here, working on the water he loved, and opening two successful seafood restaurants, Robertson's Crab House and later, Captain Billy's, where his greatest joy was to mingle with and talk to his customers. He would greet his friends, colleagues and customers in the same fashion all the time, and to carry on his legacy, we say to you . . ."And How Are You Today?"

Cruise Info:

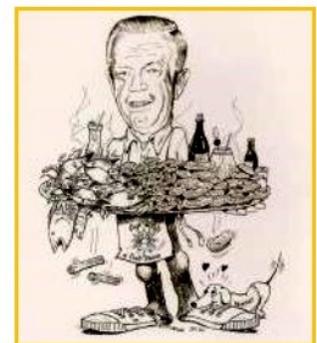
The Northern staging area for this cruise is the commuter lot on Route 630, Stafford, just west of the exit, at 11:45 am. We will leave at noon. Mike Shepherd will lead us to the restaurant and maps will be provided, "just in case". Mike is the POC for this event: Phone: 540-840-2099; email: Mike at vettemike@hotmail.com and please cc: Al McCloud at yankeal@verizon.net.

The southern staging area is the Walmart on Route 3 east. The caravan will do a "drive by" but will not stop, so please be ready to join us at approximately 12:30 pm.

The final staging area is at the Tech Center in Dahlgren, just before the 301 bridge, at approximately 1:10 pm. When the police arrive, they will escort us over the bridge into Maryland.

ETA at Captain Billy's is 2 pm. Generous parking is available.

If interested in the menu, you can check it out at: <https://captbillys.com/Menu.html>.



ACCC Christmas Party



ACCC Christmas Party
December 9, 2018
12 – 3
Bravo
Spotsylvania Towne Centre

Salad Choices choose one

Bravo Chopped Salad with
vinaigrette dressing
Insalata Della Casa with parmesan
dressing

Entrée choose one

Spaghetini + Meatballs
Chicken Parmesan
Grilled Salmon

Focaccia Bread, dipping oil served
with all meals

Choice of Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink

Cash Bar

Member cost 15.00, non-members 29.00
This will be a gift exchange party
\$25.00 gift limit



EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1967 Corvette

This was to be another milestone year in Corvette's history with the introduction of the next generation (C-3) model, but design and production problems forestalled the changeover.

Production dropped by nearly 5,000 units -- 8,504 coupes and 14,436 convertibles rolled off the line. Buyers, apparently, were willing to wait for the next year's model. As a consequence, the '67s also became a prized possession of classic Corvette enthusiasts.

Sticker prices were \$4,388 and \$4,240 for the basic coupe and convertible, respectively.

Exterior adornments were kept to a minimum. Much of the trim, including the hood script "signature" and crossed flags, was removed. The hood bulge, needed to accommodate the big block engine, was replaced with a hood scoop.

Smaller side fender louver vents with five angled slots were added, replacing the three larger vents of the year before. Some models featured side-mounted exhausts as an option, along with cast aluminum wheels, aluminum cylinder heads, slotted six-inch rally wheels in place of elaborate wheel covers, and transistorized ignition as other optional items.

Inside, the seat design was modified and the parking brake handle removed from under the instrument panel to a spot between the seats. Safety legislation mandated a modification of the knock-off wheel feature. These were changed to bolt-on cast aluminum wheels with a clip-on center cap to conceal lug nuts.

Other firsts included four-way flashers; turn signals with lane-change features; folding seatback latches, and dual master cylinders. A limited number (20) of the L88 Corvette, rated at 430 horsepower, were built. This option was expensive and was aimed primarily at the competitive racing community.

Meanwhile, the American motoring public anxiously waited for the 1968 roll-out heralding the next generation of Corvette.

1967 Nostalgia

Oscar Winning Pictures: "IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT," "Bonnie And Clyde," "Doctor Dolittle," "The Graduate," "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner."

President/Vice President: Democrat, 1963-1969, Lyndon Baines Johnson/Hubert H. Humphrey

News Events:

- Meeting between U.S. President Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexsei Kosygin where they agree not to let any crisis push them into war.
- First African-American U.S. Supreme Court justice, Thurgood Marshall, is sworn in.
- The top two football teams play the first-ever Super Bowl.
- The first home microwave oven is released by Amana.

EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1967 Corvette



April Birthdays

April 8 — John Amabile
April 11 — Ron Dingus
April 21 — Bettie Shepard
April 27 — Tom Davis
April 28 — Becky Hamil

April Anniversaries

None that we know of



*Celebration of the Life of Sandy Thompson
May 12, 2018*

There will be a celebration of the life of Sandy Thompson on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at the Carlos O'Kellys restaurant at the Aquia Towne Centre from 1 until 4pm. Please drive your Corvette and join in for snacks and drinks in remembrance of Sandy.



April 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	7 9AM Breakfast @ Bob Evans
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 7:30PM Monthly meeting at Aquia	18	19	20	21 LaGrange Winery
22 Captain Billy cruise	23	24	25 Cruise to NCM Bash	26 NCM Bash	27 NCM Bash	28 NCM Bash
29 Return from NCM Bash	30					

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