

# THE ACCCelerator

## AQUIA CREEK

### CORVETTE CLUB

#### April 2019



David Jones' C4 (see his article on p. 8)

(Note: cover pictures of members' cars come from the ACCC web site "garage")



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Next Meeting - April 16  
 Start Time is 7:30 pm  
 Aquia Harbor Inn  
 1415 Washington Dr,  
 Stafford, VA 22554



## ACCCording to the President Al McCloud

Fellow ACCC Members - Spring has sprung!

I want to start out by sending condolences to Bob Vander Veer. Bob's mother, Rosemary, passed away at the beginning of March. Our thoughts are with Bob in his time of grief. Additionally, Bob was in the hospital with a bout of the flu; hopefully by now he has fully recovered. Hope to see you out and about soon Bob.

I want to thank all that turned out for the annual trip to Nags Head. It turned out to be a little costly for Joan when her Corvette developed a problem with the shifter and had to be towed to the dealer. An extra day at the beach and an unanticipated expense she was on the road back home on Tuesday. This year we had 17 members that made the trip down to the beach for the St Patrick's Day weekend. My observance was there were more people watching the parade this year than ever before. I went through 30 pounds of candy before the end of the parade and started getting the sad faces from the kids - and scowls from the adults. No big door prize winners this year but Marie won a hat and Joan won a hanging car plaque for her wall. John Horvath walked away with a Top 75 at the car show. Congrats to the winners.

Hope to see more members in April at our monthly breakfast at Amy's Restaurant, the annual cruise to Captain Billy's, and of course our general membership meeting, see details under the VP events section or the flyers. Also, there is a change in venue for the Manassas Cruise-in. Make sure you put that one on your calendar.

In a couple of months our secretary, Lee Morton, will be retiring and moving down to Myrtle Beach. We will need a secretary to fill the position until the next election. Please think about it and if interested, let me know. Lee has been a long time member of ACCC and will be missed. Hopefully he will stay in the club as a long distance member.

Until next month, don't let the April Fools get to you.

**All Corvettes are Red!**

*Al*

Al McCloud

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## February 19, 2019, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:31PM by President Al McCloud. There were no new members or guests. Al pointed out a correction to the February minutes that showed the Annual Picnic on "Sunday the 8th". The minutes should have read , "Sunday September 8th".. John Horvath then motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Dottie Shadbar. Motion passed.

Vice President. Joan Yaros was unable to attend, but sent in a list of upcoming events for discussion. Two events including the breakfast on April 6 at Amy's and the April 14 Captain Billy's. More details in the events section.

Treasury Report. Steve Argubright reported the balance and that the Treasury is in good standing and passed around a report for attending members to view.

Membership. Marie Sizemore reported that we have 50 members.

Newsletter. Pete Rutledge announced the newsletter would be out by the 1st of the month and it will include an article about how to document your Corvette.

Museum Ambassador. Bud Donner discussed the Caravan, and the need to build goody bags. They are looking for items to add to the bags. Bud also discussed the raffle tickets for a new Corvette. The winner will drawn on May 26th at Shelton Vineyards; Please check the NCM website for the latest and greatest information.

Sunshine. Nan Wehmeyer sent a card to Bob Vender Veer for the passing of his mother. .

Past President. Skip Sizemore deferred his comments until the discussion of Old Business.

Old Business. Skip Sizemore gave an update on the picnic. Lee Morton gave a recap of th Nags Head trip which was well-attended, the weather was great, and we had the usual great time; For Captain Billy's, Cruise on 14 April, members will meet at the Walmart at Washington Square Plaza in Fredericksburg at noon and depart at 1230.

New Business. Pete suggested that members write up one-page brochures for their cars that tell a bit about their car's story (for use on dashboard at car shows)—he offered to help anyone needing it; Bud suggested we use the newsletter to introduce new members. Great idea!

Al read the March birthdays. There were no anniversaries.

Marie Sizemore won the trivia question.

Mary Ann McGovern won the 50/50.

John Horvath made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bud Donner. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:01PM.

After the meeting, several members adjourned to the parking lot to get a close look at John Amabile's newly purchased 2018 Stingray Z06. Even in the dark the car looks great!

Submitted by Lee Morton

*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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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

Joan Yaros

### ACCording to the Vice President

Spring has sprung and April has arrived! Hopefully this will be the beginning of a fun cruising season.

Thanks to Skip & Marie Sizemore for arranging our March breakfast in Culpeper. Several Members stayed after breakfast and enjoyed the Downtown Culpeper Carnival.

Thanks to Lee Morton for heading up our annual March trip to Nags Head. We had about 17 Members and 2 former Members celebrating Shamrock Weekend. It was great catching up with Dave and Gloria Greer who are now residents of the Outer Banks. Although there were a few "mishaps," overall it was a good weekend.

ACCC's monthly breakfast & quarterly Board meeting will be on Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 am, at Amy's Riverside Cafe, 103 W. Cambridge Street, in Fredericksburg. This Cafe is in a very historic building located just below the Route 1/Falmouth bridge crossing into Fredericksburg. Please RSVP to Joan by Thursday, April 4, if you are planning to attend.

On Sunday, April 14, Mike & Bettie Shepherd will lead our annual Captain Billy's Seafood Cruise. We will meet at 12:00 noon at the Ferry Farm Walmart on Route 3 East, Fredericksburg, departing at 12:30 for the second staging area at Dahlgren Tech Center. Arrival at Captain Billy's for lunch estimated about 2:00 pm.

A couple of trivia notes on this annual cruise: it is always planned for mid-April and, in 1998, it was called the "Cry in Your Beer, Singin' the Blues, I Just Paid My Taxes" Seafood Cruise.

This event is open to all local Corvette Clubs and no RSVP's are required. Just join ACCC for a fun day!

Due to issues with Hot Wheels, I missed our March meeting so I will have copies of the list of potential event ideas to our meeting on April 16. Bring up your ideas and we will add them to the list.

Finally, on April 27, six Members, plus a couple of relatives, will embark on an ocean adventure, a Carnival cruise to Cuba! Bon Voyage!

*Joan*

### ACCC Events Calendar - April

April 6 - 9:00 am - Monthly breakfast & quarterly Board meeting at Amy's Riverside Cafe, 103 W. Cambridge Street, Fredericksburg.

April 14 - 12:00 noon - Annual Captain Billy's Seafood Cruise (Mike Shepherd). Meet at the Ferry Farm Walmart on Route 3 East, Fredericksburg. Departing at 12:30.

April 16 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Aquia Harbor Inn.

April 21 - Easter Sunday

April 25-27 - Annual Bash at the National Corvette Museum. See schedule and registration form at [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org).

### Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars

May 5 (Sunday) - 9:30 am - Monthly breakfast at Egg-spectation, 8058 Crescent Park Drive, Gainesville. Shopping center located at Routes 29 and 15. Following breakfast we will cruise to LaGrange Winery in Haymarket for ODCC's annual Corvette event. Make sure to register with ODCC if you plan to attend.

May 12 (Sunday) Mother's Day

May 21 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Aquia Harbor Inn.

May 25-27 - Memorial Weekend

June 1 - 9:00 am - Monthly breakfast in Manassas TBD. For interested Members, Manassas is celebrating its 25th Annual Railway Festival with lots of related activities.

May 31-June 1 - Beachcombers Corvette Show in Norfolk. Flyer and Registration Form attached.

June 9 (Sunday) - 9:00 am - Proposed brunch/lunch cruise to Hunters Head Tavern in Upperville. Possible stop at Oakland's Plantation on Route 15 and/or a local winery. Discussion at April meeting.

June 18 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Aquia Harbor Inn.

August 25-Sept. 2 - NCM Caravan

September 8 - Picnic at Widewater State Park.

December 8 - Christmas party at Bravo, Spotsylvania Town Center, in Fredericksburg.



**NEWS FROM THE  
NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM**  
*April 2019*  
**Bud Donner**



Corvette Raffles - I don't know what happened, but there's been a big change in the Museum's raffle fund-raising program. Tickets can now only be sold to persons who are physically located in Kentucky, Kansas, or Montana at the time of purchase. This restriction also applies to the \$10 tickets sold by club Ambassadors. I haven't seen a reason for this - all they are saying is that the Museum is working to expand the raffle program to include other states. The newly established raffle website (<https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org>) has no further information at this time.

If you're going on the Caravan, here's another opportunity for you to spend your raffle money. Our Carolinas and Virginia Caravan is holding a raffle for two great prizes - a free hotel room in Bowling Green, and a reserved parking space at the Museum. Tickets are \$25 for each prize - send your check to Carolinas and Virginia Caravan, 1407 Clay Hill Way, Durham, NC 27703, or see Joan for a ticket. The drawing will be held on May 25. Also, if you have NCM insurance, be sure to confirm your coverage for the caravan; call them at 877-678-7626.

Help - the Ambassador points program runs from July 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019. Please let me know if you have done any of the following since last July:

- Memberships - new or renewing.
- Bricks - purchased during the above timeframe.
- Raffle sales - purchased online.
- Attended NCM functions/events
- Volunteered for NCM activities
- Requested NCM Insurance Quote/Policy
- Bought a Corvette and chose NCM Delivery
- Donated to NCM

*Bud*



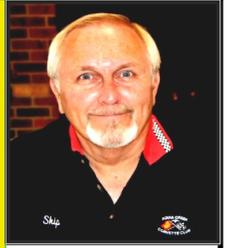
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## ACCC CORVETTE RACING Plus

### March 2019

### Skip Sizemore



Corvette Racing ran three cars at this years' Sebring race but not all ran in the IMSA portion (12 hours) of the show. The World Endurance Championship (WEC) was at the track to run a 1000-mile race and Corvette Racing brought along one of their European WEC version (the specifications are slightly different) race cars to compete. The WEC is the organization that runs the 24 Hours of LeMans the most famous endurance race in the world and one in which the Corvette has competed in almost from its very beginning. Unfortunately, the WEC race was no better for Corvette than the 12 hours race would prove to be. The number 63 Corvette only managed an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish out of the 11 cars running in its' class. This would prove to be an ominous sign for the coming 12-hour race. Another ominous sign was it started to rain about 30 minutes before the end of the 1000 mile race and that continued into the IMSA 12 Hours of Sebring.

The Saturday start of the 12 Hours of Sebring was in the rain. This is only the second time in the history of the race that it has started in the rain. The other time was in 1952. The rain ended after about an hour. At the first pit stop/driver change the # 4 Corvette ran into a problem that required a garage visit that cost the team 10 laps and the #4 was relegated to an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish. The race was not a total wash-out for Corvette Racing as the #3 Corvette raced on to a third-place podium finish. However, if you watched the race you saw that the Ford GT seemed to be the class of the GTLM (Corvettes' class) field until the # 911 Porsche grabbed the lead toward the end of the race and held on for the win.

The next race on the schedule is the Long Beach California race through the streets (April 12-13). This is one of the most famous street races in the world and one of the best. While this race does not have the clamor of say, the Monaco Grand Prix it certainly is faster and competitors can actually pass. Over the years Formula 1, Indy car and IMSA have raced through the streets of Long Beach and it has always been a fun race. Be sure to catch this race.

Last months' column contained an opinion section on Corvette owners trying to improve on the appearance of their cars. I would like to extend that discussion and need your responses to the column to do so. So, go back and have a look at last months' column and sent me your comments at [bugbent@aol.com](mailto:bugbent@aol.com).

*Skip*

## 1996 Corvette by David Jones

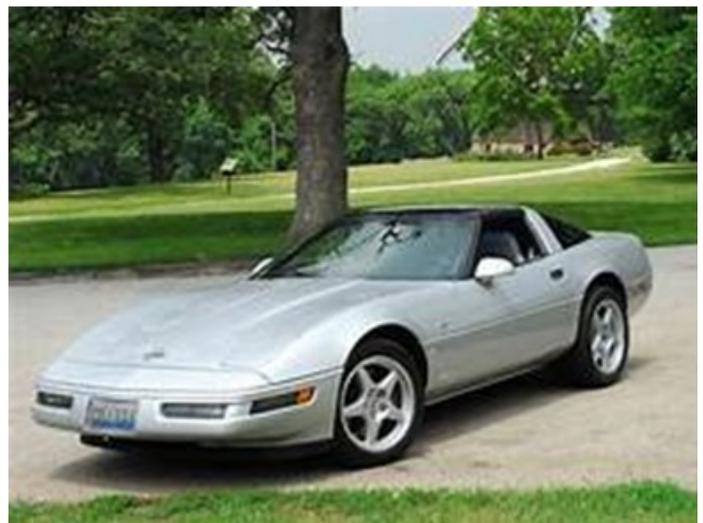


The Corvette C4 generation (1984-1996), under the guidance of Chief Engineer Dave McLellan and Lead Designer Jerry Palmer, provided a new body style much different from the retiring C3 generation. The T-Top roof design for the C3 gave way to a one-piece Targa top and the C4 coupe was the first general production Corvette to have a glass hatchback (The limited Edition 1982 Corvette was the first equipped with this feature.). The C4 came standard with a digital liquid crystal display, with graphics for speed and RPM and

digital displays for other important engine functions. The new C4 was slightly wider (1.7 inches) and shorter (6.8 inches) than the 1982, the last year of the C3 (1982). With the new body style and other enhancements in 1984 Chevrolet produced 51,547 Corvettes with a base price of \$21,800. C4 production numbers varied each year but generally declined until 1996 when 21,536 were produced at a base price of \$37,225 for the coupe and \$45,060 for the convertible. Since 1996 was to be the last production year for the C4, Chevrolet offered two optional styles in addition to the standard coupes and convertibles, the Collector Edition and the Grand Sport.

Standard 1996 C4 production numbers were 12,326 coupes and 2,798 convertibles for a total of 15,124. All came equipped with a 4-speed automatic transmission and an LT1, small block, 5.7 L, 350 CI, 300 HP V8, producing 335 lb.-ft. of torque. Performance-wise the LT1 achieved 0-60 mph in 5.4 seconds. Available as an option was the LT4, a 5.7 L, 350 CI, 330 HP, V8 with 340 lb.-ft. of torque. The LT4 was slightly faster achieving 0-60 mph in 5.2 seconds. LT4 engines came with a 6-speed manual transmission. The cars were available in 7 exterior colors and 4 interior colors.

The 1996 Collector Edition (CE) was a \$1,250 option and only offered in Sebring Silver paint with matching 5-spoke alloy wheels. A total of 5,412 were manufactured, 4,031 coupes and 1,381 convertibles. Interior options available were red, black and silver. A special emblem was created for the CE and adorned the hood, gas tank filler lid, wheels and other locations. It also was embossed on the seats. The CE came standard with an LT1 engine and an automatic transmission. Available as an option was the LT4 engine with a 6-speed manual transmission.



## 1996 Corvette (cont'd) by David Jones

In 1996 a Grand Sport (GS) was also available and only 1000 were manufactured, 810 coupes as a \$3,250 option and 190 convertibles as a \$2,880 option. The GS also had its own emblem on the car body that was also embossed on the seats as part of a special seat trim for the car interior. These cars also had unique VIN numbers different from other Corvettes produced this year. The GS was only produced in Admiral Blue paint with a wide white stripe down the middle and two red "hash marks" on the left front fender. It came with 5-spoke aluminum wheels painted black, with wider tires and the coupes had small rear fender flares. The LT4 engine with manual transmission was included with the GS.



In the "For What It's Worth" category, since the new C4 would not be ready at the normal start of the 1983 production year Chevrolet missed a huge opportunity to market a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition. It was decided that the C4 would debut in the 1984 year even though they were first produced in late 1983. Forty-three Corvettes were manufactured with 1983 VIN numbers, but none were released to the public as official production vehicles. All were destroyed except one (white with light blue interior) that was retired to the National Corvette Museum. The last C4 car was produced June 20, 1996.

## Documenting Your Corvette by Pete Rutledge

Old Corvettes are classic cars. Newer Corvettes will certainly become classic cars in time. The value of classic cars is increased by "documentation." An investment in documentation today will pay off when you eventually go to sell your car. In the meantime, documentation offers a lot of interesting armchair reading about your favorite ride. For an older Corvette that you want to restore, documentation can show you what your car was like when it was new, providing valuable guidance for your restoration. For all Corvettes, documentation can help you understand how to properly operate, maintain, and repair your Corvette. Documentation for older Corvettes costs money, but not that much, and it isn't that hard to find, especially with the on-line resources available to us today. Some documentation for brand new Corvettes is available from your dealer for free, but only for a limited time, so act quickly. Not only does the right documentation make your car more valuable, more presentable at car shows, and more fun to think about when relaxing in your family room, but it can be a lot of fun in terms of the quest to find it all—a virtual treasure hunt. If you enjoy "collecting," literature related to your Corvette can be a whole new, exciting world for you.

So what documentation related to your Corvette should be of interest? And where can you find it? Following is a list:

"Window sticker." If you just bought or are about to buy a new Corvette, keep the window sticker. Tell your dealer you want to keep it, so when the car is prepared for delivery to you, you will get the window sticker. Or if the car comes home with the window sticker still on the window, carefully remove it and preserve it. If you are buying a used Corvette, be sure to ask the seller if they have the window sticker and be sure it is part of the deal when you buy the car. If you bought a used Corvette and don't have the window sticker, there may still be ways to get it. If you can track down the original owner of the car, you can ask him/her if they have it and would be willing to give it to you. If your older Corvette is 1981 or newer, a reproduction of the original window sticker (and build sheet) can be purchased from the National Corvette Museum.

Titles. If you buy a used Corvette, before you give up that title from the previous owner at DMV, make a color copy of it and save it.

Dealer brochure - Corvette. During most model years of the Corvette, dealers had free brochures in their showrooms that potential buyers could peruse and take home with them. For almost any model of older Corvettes these brochures are easily obtained on-line (e.g., eBay) or from automobile literature dealers (who usually frequent large swap meets such as Corvettes at Carlisle). Any they are not very expensive. And they have great pictures of Corvettes like yours when they were new. They also provide information on available options, technical details, interior/exterior color combinations, and more. Often times, these brochures came in specially marked, colorful envelopes, so if you're searching for an older one, give preference to those that come with their original envelopes.

Dealer brochure - "full-line." Most model years of Chevrolet included a full-line brochure, i.e., one that shows all of the Chevrolet models available in that year, including the Corvette. I find it

## Documenting Your Corvette (cont'd)

by Pete Rutledge

interesting to be able to compare and contrast a particular model year of Corvette with the other Chevrolets available in the same year—there is always a tremendous contrast and sometimes a family resemblance. Like the Corvette-specific brochures, full-line brochures are easily obtained in the same manner, and be sure to look for examples that include their original envelopes, if applicable.

Owner's Manual. Every year of Corvette since the beginning in 1953 had an owner's manual that told new owners how to operate and maintain (to a greater or lesser extent) their new vehicles. It's always a nice touch to have an original (or even a nice reproduction) owner's manual in the glove box. Original owner's manuals are readily available on-line. Reproductions of the original manuals are available from most larger Corvette parts suppliers, they are affordable, and they look like brand new. If you have never had the owner's manual for your Corvette, you might even learn some new features of your car that you never knew about. Note, too, that except for the oldest Corvettes, owner's manuals often came with a plastic holder/cover, often with the name "Corvette" or the Corvette emblem on it. These covers are not that hard to find, either, often with their paper owner's manual.

Miscellaneous glove box material. In most model years, a new Corvette came with additional literature in the glove box besides the owner's manual. Examples are literature on how to operate the radio, literature on the tires, warranty material, operating instructions for the clock, etc. Some research should reveal what documents were usually included with your Corvette when it was new and most of these can eventually be located and purchased on-line or at a swap meet. If you have a new Corvette, don't throw away any papers that came with your new car.

Service manuals. For all but the oldest Corvettes, GM produced a service manual for Corvettes every year. The earlier manuals were a single volume, maybe an inch or less in thickness. For new Corvettes, service manuals come in discrete volumes, a set of which can stack up to a number of inches in thickness, and a price that can stack up, too. The early manuals are, again, readily available on-line or at swap meets; they are also available from Corvette parts suppliers in reproduction versions that look just like the original, except for the grease smudges and doggy-eared pages. The newest, multi-volume service manuals can cost up to a few hundred dollars, but used sets can be found for less. Service manuals are essential if you like to fix your own car; they can also provide you with additional insight even if you have someone else fix your car. If you are going to buy an older Corvette, remember to ask the seller if they have the service or "shop" manual for the car and make it part of the deal. Finally, don't be distracted by aftermarket service manuals, like those produced by Helms or Clymer—they may be useful in the garage, but they are not special like the ones from GM. By the way, a useful alternative or even supplement to the paper manual is a digital version on a CD; they are often very reasonably priced, are easy to use, and allow you to print the page(s) you need for a particular repair job on your car.

Video tapes, cassettes, CDs. "Newer" Corvettes, when sold new, often came from the factory with other "media," such as a video tape or CD/DVD about the car—sort of like a video owner's manual. Corvettes from the latter years of the last century even had audio cassettes with music samples to try out on the built-in cassette player. If any of these came with your new Corvette, be sure to save

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### by Pete Rutledge

them. If they originally came with your used Corvette, but you don't have them, you can try to find them on-line or at swap meets.

Restoration or Authenticity Guides/Books. Some of these are simply books about your generation of Corvette, giving you the benefit of the author's research into how your car looked when it left the factory. A prime source for excellent restoration/authenticity guides/books is the **National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)**. They have put a lot of effort into them for use in restoration and judging and they are available to members and non-members (at a slightly higher price), alike. If your car compares well to what you find in the NCRS guide, you might even consider joining and having your car judged (a good NCRS judging result can add considerably to the value and credibility of your car).

Books. Over the years hundreds of books have been published about Corvettes. Most are picture books, while others contain a lot of useful information. Some books describe the development of a particular generation of Corvette, including photos from the design studio and the factory production line. A great example of a Corvette story is **All Corvettes are Red**. A C5 owner should be thrilled to read this book and add it to his/her Corvette library. For C4 owners there is **Corvette from the Inside** by Dave McLellan, **The Newest Corvette** by Michael Lamm, and others I'm sure. Some Corvette books of interest to you are not new books, but that doesn't mean they can't be found through the many resources available to find used books. The Auto Editors of Consumer Guide has published literally dozens of Corvette books since the 1970s through the present day. A Corvette library in your den can be an invaluable resource for learning about the Corvette(s) you own now and about the next Corvette you are yearning to find and buy.

Magazines. For most model years of Corvette, the automotive press conducted road tests and wrote reviews. I find it very interesting to read what reviewers thought about a particular new Corvette from many years ago, especially if it's a model year that I have in my garage. Old car magazines with such road tests and reviews are easily found on-line and at swap meets.

Advertisements. Since the first Corvette, Chevrolet has advertised the Corvette in magazines to attract potential buyers. Such advertisements often have exciting pictures and prose about your car and it's straight from Chevrolet at the very time when your car was new. Some of it is pretty funny to read today. Ads are usually a single page, but some special ones may comprise a two-page spread. They are usually in color, but some are just black and white. There is often a considerable variety of different ads for a single model year. They are easily found on-line and at swap meets, as there are many vendors who specialize in acquiring old magazines simply to sell the old ads from them. They make good subjects for framing and hanging in your garage.

Sale listings. If you are buying or recently bought a Corvette based on on-line ads, e.g., eBay, Craigslist, used car dealers, etc., be sure to print copies of on-line listings before they are taken down. And save any pictures from the listing on your computer; print and save them.

Letters. If you can track down past owners of your Corvette, try writing them a letter. Tell them about you and the car as it exists today and your plans for it. Ask them if they will tell you their story of when they bought the car and any interesting experiences they had with it. Ask if they know or have any clues as to who they bought the car from. Try to locate and communicate with other previous owners and ideally, the original owner of your car. Keep copies of the letters you send and the letters you receive.

## Documenting Your Corvette (cont'd)

### by Pete Rutledge

Pictures. If you are successful in contacting previous owners, ask if they have any pictures of the car from "back in the day." And whether you bought a new or used Corvette, take "selfies" of yourself with your Corvette; future owners will appreciate it. If you bought a new Corvette, remember it will only be new once. So take the time now to take pictures of every square inch of your engine compartment, from all useful angles, while it's still new. These pictures can be invaluable to you as you try to keep your car looking new and original, and to future owners who may wish to restore the car to its original state. In these pictures, try to capture original factory parts, markings, stickers, decals, wire and hose routing, colors, fasteners, brackets, ties, tape, etc. Print and/or otherwise save the pictures.

State inspection records, stickers, registrations. Literature you get from state inspection stations and DMV can help to document dates, mileage, license plate number, etc. Just because you received a new registration doesn't mean you should throw away last year's. Save everything.

Maintenance stickers. If your older Corvette has service station stickers on the door jamb that show date and mileage of a long ago lube job, don't peel them off. Leave them in place as they are valuable documentation, too.

Miscellaneous. Does your new Corvette have a paper sleeve over the sunvisor or a paper tag hanging from the dashboard or from something under the hood? Save it. You can even re-hang them when displaying your car at a car show.

CarFax reports. If you have one, keep it. If you don't have one, consider getting one—about \$40.

Finally. If you are buying a used Corvette, always ask the seller what documentation they have for the car and make it part of the deal. It never hurts to ask, and they may have some of the documentation listed above, potentially saving you time and money and adding to the instant gratification and enjoyment of your new purchase.

Many of the documents listed above can be neatly organized in one or more loose-leaf notebooks. Use plastic "page savers" or sleeves to hold them in the notebook. I like to use notebooks that have a clear plastic pocket on the front and rear covers. I print large color pictures of the car to put in the pockets, sometimes a front view for the front cover and rear view for the rear cover. The notebook can be displayed with the car at car shows and/or passed on to future purchasers of your well-documented Corvette. Good luck and have fun!

**ABOUT THE NEW C8** — Vice President Joan Yaros provided a copy of an article from USA Today entitled "New Corvette is so fast, its frame warps," by Nathan Bomey. The article talks about how the unveiling of the C8 is being delayed because, among other problems, the twin-turbocharged V8 engine is so powerful that its torque is distorting the aluminum frame to the extent that it fractured the glass hatch covering the engine. Oh my. Bring it on!

ACCC Members Attended Monthly Breakfast and Mardi Gras  
At 4Cs Restaurant, Culpeper, VA  
March 2, 2019



**March Breakfast,  
4Cs Restaurant &  
Mardi Gras, Culpeper**



ACCC Members Attended Nags Head, NC  
March 15-18, 2019



St Patrick's Day Parade  
March 17th, 2019  
Nags Head, NC



ACCC Members Attended Nags Head, NC (cont'd)

March 15-18, 2019



2019 Nags Head St Patrick's Day Group

# ACCC Members Attended Nags Head, NC (cont'd)

March 15-18, 2019



ACCC Members Attended Nags Head, NC (cont'd)

March 15-18, 2019



... while Lee's C7 had a trouble-free weekend.



Coming Up Very Soon—April 14, 2019

Please Mark Your Calendars (Note: This flier is an update.)



# Captain Billy's Crab House Corvette Cruise Sunday April 14, 2019



Come join your fellow club members and other local Corvette clubs, on April 14 2019, 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:

Due to construction at the Northern Staging area, Rt 630 Commuter Lot, we will use the last two staging areas from previous years.

The first staging area is the Walmart on Route 3 east. We will leave the staging area at 12:30. Mike Shepherd is the POC for this event and will lead us from Walmart to Dahlgren, and then on to Captain Billys. Mike's Phone: 540-840-2099; email: Mike at [vettemike@hotmail.com](mailto:vettemike@hotmail.com) and please cc: Al McCloud at [yankeel@verizon.net](mailto:yankeel@verizon.net). 2 way radios: Channel 7.

The final staging area is at the Tech Center in Dahlgren, just before the 301 bridge, arriving 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> .



Coming Up Soon—May 5, 2019

Please Mark Your Calendars

(Use link at bottom of page to register)

Hello ,

You are invited to the following event:

## WINERY AT LAGRANGE CRUISE IN & WINE TASTING - 2019



Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 1:00 PM (EDT)

LaGrange Winery  
[4950 Antioch Rd](#)  
[Haymarket, VA 20169](#)

[View Map](#)

Share this event:



Attend Event

This event is RAIN or SHINE event.

**\*\*\*Sunday, May 5, 2018\*\*\***

It is once again time to register for our Annual visit to LaGrange Winery.

ODCC is holding a Corvette cruise-in, and LaGrange winery will be hosting a Wine Tasting for attendees. Corvette enthusiasts from all over the tri-state area are invited to attend.

This is our 13th Annual and consecutive return to La Grange, in Haymarket, Virginia.

*This year only the first 100 participants to sign up will receive the special ODCC commemorative Corvette glass.*

Don't forget a chair and covered dish pot luck; come spend the day with the friendliest Corvette enthusiasts in the area!

In addition to the special tasting area for Corvettes, the winery will sell bottles / snacks to our group for 10% off regular prices.

The official start time of the tasting at the event will be 1PM this year and we will have a tasting kiosk for Corvette enthusiasts only. We look forward to seeing everyone in Haymarket again.

*You must bring your receipt (event ticket) to take part in the wine tasting and get your*

[Ctrl-Click here to register to attend.](#)

**Coming Up Soon—Vettes at Waterside District, Norfolk, VA  
June 1, 2019 — Please Mark Your Calendars**

To All Corvette Enthusiasts,

After a ten-year absence from the Norfolk waterfront, the Beachcombers Corvette Club and Rick Hendrick Chevrolet proudly announce the return of "Vettes at Waterside District", Norfolk's newest dining and entertainment complex on the Elizabeth River. Once again, Corvettes will line the riverfront promenade on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Participation in this unique Corvette only gathering is limited to the first 120 pre-registered cars. Register today before it's sold out.

Registration will include access to a Friday night "Meet & Greet" at Waterside District <https://watersidedistrict.com/>, Saturday car entry to the riverfront promenade, 10% discount at all Waterside District venues and access to designated parking area if you are interested in staying for live entertainment on Saturday evening.

Discounted hotel rates are offered at the Norfolk Sheraton Waterside, adjacent to Waterside District and at La Quinta Newtown Road, approx. 7 miles from Waterside District. Additional hotel reservation and booking information is available on the Beachcombers Corvette Club webpage.

Due to pedestrian traffic on the riverfront promenade and adjacent Town Point Park, all cars must be parked by 10:00 AM and remain in place until 4:00 PM.

An event flyer and the registration form is attached. You may also register online at <https://vettesatwaterside.eventbrite.com> and additional information can be found at <http://www.beachcomberscorvetteclub.com/>, or by contacting:

Jimmy Clemmer  
[Jclemmer78@cox.net](mailto:Jclemmer78@cox.net)  
757-651-0462

Additional Norfolk attractions can be found at <https://www.visitnorfolk.com/> including NAUTICUS, a Maritime-Themed Science Center and Museum and the Battleship USS Wisconsin, MacArthur Mall, The Chrysler Museum, The American Rover, The Spirit of Norfolk and Norfolk Tides Baseball.

We hope you'll join us for a fun filled Corvette weekend.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Clemmer  
President – Beachcombers Corvette Club



Coming Up Soon—Vettes at Waterside District (cont'd)

June 1, 2019 — Please Mark Your Calendars



# VETTES AT WATERSIDE DISTRICT

HOSTED BY BEACHCOMBERS CORVETTE CLUB  
333 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA

## FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019

5:00PM-7:00PM

Meet & Greet at  
Waterside Market  
(Happy hour rates and  
free appetizers available)

## SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

9:00AM-10:00AM:

Check In & Corvette Parking

10:00AM-4:00PM:

Corvettes on the  
Waterfront Promenade

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT

THIS IS A PRE-REGISTERED EVENT FOR UP TO 120 CARS. SIGN UP TODAY!  
REGISTER BY MAIL (SEE SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM) OR ONLINE AT  
[HTTPS://VETTESATWATERSIDE.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://vettesatwaterside.eventbrite.com). FOR ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION GO TO [BEACHCOMBERSCORVETTECLUB.COM](http://BEACHCOMBERSCORVETTECLUB.COM)



## HOTEL INFORMATION

SHERATON NORFOLK WATERSIDE | LAQUINTA NEWTOWN RD  
FOR RESERVATION AND BOOKING INFO, GO TO [BEACHCOMBERSCORVETTECLUB.COM](http://BEACHCOMBERSCORVETTECLUB.COM)



OTHER AREA ATTRACTIONS IN DOWNTOWN NORFOLK:  
MACARTHUR MALL, CHRYSLER MUSEUM, SPIRIT OF NORFOLK, NAUTICUS,  
AMERICAN ROVER, NORFOLK TIDES BASEBALL

Coming Up Soon—Vettes at Waterside District (cont'd)

June 1, 2019 — Please Mark Your Calendars

**Rick Hendrick Chevrolet's**  
**Vettes at Waterside District**

Hosted by Beachcombers Corvette Club

**Corvette Registration Form**

Register online: <https://vettesatwaterside.eventbrite.com>

OR

Mail in your registration form and \$25.00 by completing the following:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Corvette Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate, entrants, participants and spectators, by signing this entry form release and discharge the Beachcombers Corvette Club, The City of Norfolk, Rick Hendricks Chevrolet and Waterside District and the property owner where the show is held, their officers and staff and employees or anyone else that is connected to the Vettes at Waterside event from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and or claims from any cause whatsoever.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attending the Friday "Meet & Greet" at Waterside District from 5:00 to 7:00 pm ?

\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES Number of persons attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Beachcombers Corvette Club" and mail to:

**Beachcombers Corvette Club**

**P.O. Box 6721**

**Virginia Beach, VA 23456**

Mail-in registration cut-off date is May 15, 2019 or until the event is sold out.

Online registration cut-off date is May 27, 2019 or until the event is sold out.

## Coming Up—Corvette Cruise-In @ Manassas

(new location—see note in yellow bar) August 10, 2019; Please Mark Your Calendars

[www.allcorvettecruisein.com](http://www.allcorvettecruisein.com)

# 30th ANNUAL ALL CORVETTE CRUISE-IN

**\$10 Donation per Corvette**

Proceeds benefit Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter,  
Prince William County Court Appointed Special  
Advocates, and the National Corvette Museum

**Saturday August 10, 2019  
12pm to 4pm**



Music by  
"MR DJ"

Dash Plaques to  
first 200 Corvettes,  
silent auction, 50/50 raffle,  
door prizes, food trucks  
and more

Hosted By



*Old Dominion Corvette Club*

[www.olddominioncorvetteclub.com](http://www.olddominioncorvetteclub.com)

NEW LOCATION & SPONSOR

**BOMNIN CHEVROLET**  
  
**Committed to Excellence**

8000 Sudley Rd. Manassas, VA

The Old Dominion Corvette Club has finalized the logistics for the 30th Annual All Corvette Cruise-in. They will be moving the cruise-in to the new Bomnin Chevrolet dealership in Manassas, VA. The dealership is only two blocks from the historic location for this show, but it will provide a significant better venue. They will have food vendors available on site.

**ACCC Members should consider  
Registering for the 2019 Corvette Caravan**

[THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FROM THE CORVETTE CARAVAN WEB SITE.]

**"THE 6TH NATIONAL CORVETTE CARAVAN  
IS SLATED FOR AUGUST 28-31, 2019.**

Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2019 and will mark the Museum's 25th Anniversary. Leading the charge will be Jeffrey Duda of Hainesport, NJ, a Lifetime Member of the Museum and previous co-captain of the New Jersey 2014 and 2009 Caravans.

Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum."

**Event registration is now open.**

**For more information, follow this link:**

<https://www.corvettecaravan.com/news/event-registration-to-open-september-12/>



Photo from Corvettes of Buffalo



## ACCC

Established in 1987  
Centered in Stafford, VA

Serving all of northern Virginia from  
Alexandria to Fredericksburg to Culpeper and  
beyond for 32 years.

Sponsor: Radley Chevrolet, Fredericksburg, VA

# Come join us!!

### CLUB FEATURES:

- Monthly meetings
- Monthly newsletter
- “Garage nights”
- Technical & special interest sessions
- Car shows
- Single- and multi-day trips
- An array of member Corvettes from C1 to C7
- Web site
- We support the NCM

[www.acccclub.org](http://www.acccclub.org)



This is our ad that will appear in the NC/SC/VA Region Caravan Route Book.

# Free State Corvette Club—Corvette Weekend 2019

Oct 4-5, 2019 — Please Mark Your Calendars



**FREE STATE**  
*Corvette Club*

Corvette Weekend is an annual event held in Ocean City Maryland.

Every year over 1,500 registrants take part in our:

Boardwalk Parade

Friday Night Dance Party

Saturday Night Awards Ceremony

NCCC Sanctioned Car Shows and Rallies

**Come join us again and be part of the fun!**

**Stay Connected**



**Questions?**

**Contact FSCC**

Email: [Registration@freestatecorvette.com](mailto:Registration@freestatecorvette.com)

Web: [CorvetteWeekend.com](http://CorvetteWeekend.com)

Email: [feedback@freestatecorvette.com](mailto:feedback@freestatecorvette.com)

March 2019

## Important Information for

### Corvette Weekend 2019 Participants

Corvette Weekend participants,

We're reaching out to you a little early this year to let you know Ocean City has informed us that a Spartan Sprint race will be taking place at the Inlet at the same time as our Corvette Weekend event - October 4-5, 2019.

Ocean City estimates the weekend will conceivably be bringing in several thousand additional people to town competing for hotel rooms. In light of this, we are urging our participants to consider making hotel reservations for this year's event sooner rather than later in order to guarantee you have lodging secured at your favorite location.

If you're planning on staying at our host hotel, [Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel](#), we've blocked a set of rooms for Corvette Weekend participants. Be sure to call the hotel directly at 800-638-2100 and mention you're attending Free State Corvette Club's Corvette Weekend to book one of these rooms.

### Registration opens June 1st!

Registration will open June 1st. You can register using our on-line registration tool available from our [web page](#).

Thank you for your support and participation.

**Stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters...**

<i>April Birthdays</i>	<i>April Anniversaries</i>
<p>April 8 — John Amabile  April 11 — Ron Dingus  April 21 — Bettie Shepard  April 28 — Becky Hamil</p>	<p>None that we know of</p>

**Please Note:** If we fail to list your birthday or anniversary, it may be because we don't have your dates in our membership database. If you would like to see your birthdays/anniversaries listed in the future, please let Marie Sizemore know just the month and day of your events.

**FOR SALE (or FREE)**

YOUR FOR SALE (OR FOR FREE) AD COULD BE HERE IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER. MUST BE CORVETTE RELATED. SEND TO PETE RUTLEDGE AT LEAST 2 OR 3 DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

**FOR SALE:** Corvette C5, C6, C7 lifting pucks. A set of 4 nice quality urethane pucks with aluminum heads for safely lifting your Corvette with a floor jack. Never used (don't have a C5, C6, or C7 anymore). \$40. Contact Pete Rutledge



## FOR SALE (or FREE) (cont'd)

### 1969 CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE 4 SPEED SMALL BLOCK

\$26,900.00

Clean Car Driver and Show

Black Vinyl Hardtop Included

New Carpet

New Leather Seats

New Exhaust System

MSD Distributor / Ignition

Fiberglass Leaf Spring

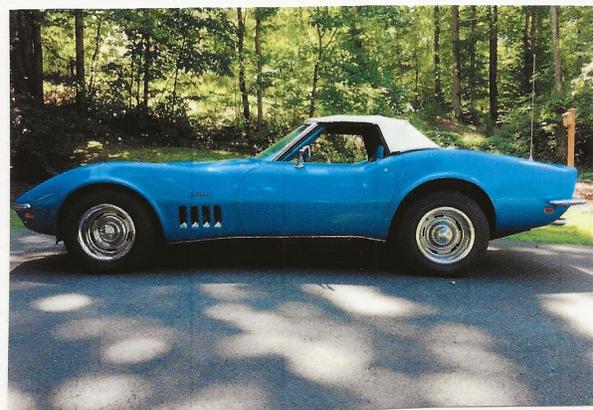
New Shocks

Power Steering

New Tires

Hurst Shifter / Have Original One

**Sam 703-609-5487**



## FOR SALE (or FREE) (cont'd)

### 2008 Corvette C6 Cooksey ZO6 #112

Currently 12,750 miles

Priced to sell at \$39,995.00

Serious inquiries may call Terry at 678-596-5382 (Car is in Atlanta GA)



# April 2019



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 9AM Breakfast @ Amy's, F'burg
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 12 Noon Cruise to Captain Billy's	15	16 7:30PM Meeting, usual place	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 "Bash" @ NCM	26 "Bash" @ NCM	27 "Bash" @ NCM
28	29	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 go to Heartland Signs to place your order.

## QUALITY JACKETS AT GREAT PRICES!!

## SHIRTS WITH EMBROIDERED ACCC LOGO

ACCC member Vince Cosentino (pictured) has worked with a neighbor to enable shirts in a variety of styles, colors, and sizes to be embroidered with the club logo. Note that the logo is embroidered directly on the shirt—this is not a patch. Embroidered shirts cost \$30ea. and can be ordered through Vince.



# 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

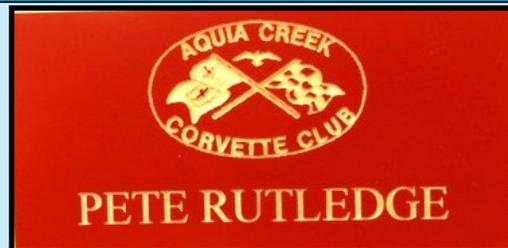
"ACCC, 30 years, 1987-2017" = 1 hr, 6 minutes of music and over 700 photos and memories.

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