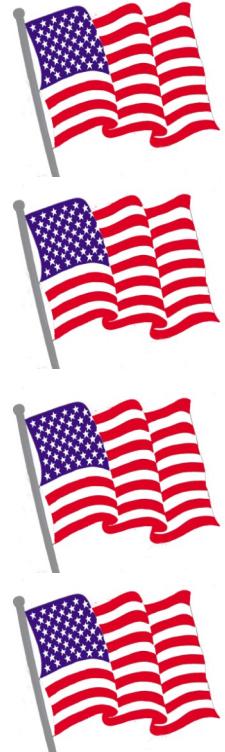
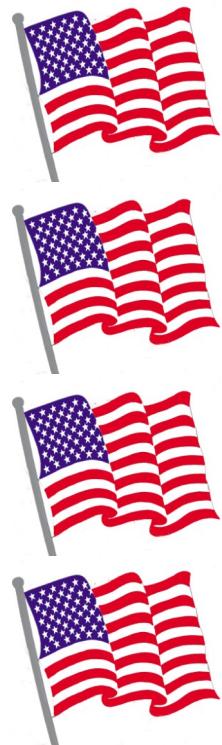




THE ACCCelerator

AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB

November 2019



Scott Clemons' '59 Corvette Proudly Displaying the Stars & Stripes

See last page for ACCC Veteran recognition

as we prepare to observe

Veteran's Day on November 11, 2019

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Next Meeting: November 19

Start Time: 7:30 pm

Aquia Harbor Inn

1415 Washington Dr,

Stafford, VA 22554

ACCCording to the President

Al McCloud

Happy Holiday Season to ACCC Members,

That's right, Happy Holidays already. The weather has started to chill, the leaves are changing, Christmas decorations have been in the stores since July, and Hallmark has been playing Christmas movies from the past - who's keeping count? Only a matter of days until Jack Frost will make his presence felt.

I want to recognize a belated Happy Birthday to the United States Navy on October 13th. The Navy was established in 1775 and turned 244 years old. Also, the United States Marine Corps will celebrate its 244th birthday on November 10th. On November 11th we will recognize all veterans (living, deceased, and missing in action) that have served this great nation. See a salute to ACCC's veterans on the last page of this newsletter. It was an honor to serve the United States of America as a military service member.

On Sunday, November 3rd, we will make our annual cruise to Hickory Bridge in Pennsylvania for a great sit-down family style country feast. This is one of our best events and always has a great turnout. The food is awesome. If you want to go, please contact Bud Donner no later than November 2nd. He must notify the restaurant of our count. See our vice president's column for more events and hopefully we will see you soon.

The election nominating committee has been working hard soliciting volunteers to run for the 2020 Board. Hopefully, you have submitted your name for a position, especially the Secretary's position, and we will vote for our new board members at the general membership meeting on November 19th.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night and until the next newsletter, everybody be safe driving those Corvettes.

All Corvettes are Red

Al McCloud

Al

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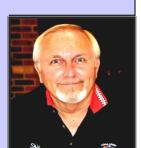
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Skip Sizemore



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October 15, 2019, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Al McCloud at 7:29PM. Al asked for 2 volunteers to serve as the Nominating Committee for 2020 officers.

John Horvath motioned to accept the September minutes; it was seconded and passed unanimously. Chris Mendl won the trivia question and a free 50/50 ticket (donated by Al).

NCM Ambassador. Bud Donner said that the "Lap of Kentucky" event departed the NCM this AM. It's a 5-day tour. The next "Bash" event will take place in April 2020. (Bud also reminded members of the Hickory Bridge club event and that he had only 20 names so far; Al said he would advertise the event to the club.)

Vice President. Joan Yaros went through changes to the calendar of upcoming events. She mentioned the Brandy Station VFD car show, the Shannon Airport Fall Festival (Chris Mendl is POC), the Hickory Bridge lunch event, the next monthly breakfast, Toys for Tots, and the ACCC Christmas Party. [Please check the events section of this newsletter for all of the new details from Joan.]

Treasurer. Steve Argubright informed members of the latest income and expenditures. The treasury is in good standing and the club has no outstanding obligations.

Membership. Marie Sizemore reported that we now have 59 members. She said she has mailed or handed out membership renewal forms for 2020.

Past President. Skip Sizemore mentioned that the race version of the C8 has been unveiled.

Newsletter. Pete Rutledge encouraged the members to provide articles for publication.

Old Business. Al stated that 13 members attended Ocean City (6 of them were Ocean City first-timers). He reminded members of the Christmas Party on Dec. 8; he said a headcount will be needed by Nov. 30; the cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members, and officers are free.

Pete Rutledge pointed out that newsletter cover cars are chosen from the ACCC web site "Garage," so members who would like to see their Corvettes on the newsletter cover should be sure they have a picture in the ACCC "Garage." If not, they should provide a picture to Al for posting on the web site.

New Business. Bud Donner and Dave Jones volunteered to be the Nominating Committee and they will bring a list of nominees to the November meeting.

Al announced the birthdays and anniversaries for August.

Pete Rutledge won the 50/50.

The meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Submitted by:

Pete Rutledge, Acting Secretary





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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 33rd 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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ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

Joan Yaros

ACCCording to the Vice President

Hard to believe it's Halloween and we are heading into the holiday season. This year is flying by so fast. Don't forget the time changes on Sunday so "Fall back."

Recapping a couple of October events. Starting off October, we had a great group and good weather for our annual Ocean City Corvette weekend. Several first-timers joined us this year. Next year it will be October 15-18. A block of 10 rooms has been reserved at Paradise Plaza and I am waiting for the Contract.

Special thanks to Chris Mendl for the invitation to join BCC for the annual Shannon Airport Fall Festival in Fredericksburg on Saturday, October 26. Al, Steve, John Amabile, and I met the group at Classic Cars for coffee and donuts. We then cruised a short distance to the Airport and staged our 11 Corvettes with some classic and antique cars. We had free admission to the Festival and a special guided history tour of the Museum by docent Dick Genaille. A very special highlight was meeting Astronaut Joe Edwards there with his Navy trainer. We all enjoyed watching four small planes drop candy on the field for the trick-or-treaters! Hope we can do it again next year.

Don't put the Vettes away yet because we have a few more events this year. One of my favorites is coming up on Sunday, November 3, our annual lunch cruise to Hickory Bridge in Orrtanna, PA. You don't want to miss this, and there is still time to let Bud Donner know you want to go.

Check out the **Events Calendar** and **Looking Ahead** (right column) for all the details.

Save the Wave,

Joan

ACCC Events Calendar - November

November 3 - Always popular, our annual Lunch Cruise to Hickory Bridge, [96 Hickory Bridge Road, Orrtanna, PA](#). See times and important details in Bud's separate flyer attached in the Newsletter. **Headcount is required to Bud @ buddonner@msn.com by November 1.** (POC Bud Donner)

November 9 - 9:00 am - Monthly breakfast and Board Meeting at Great American Buffet, 1780 Carl D. Silver Pkwy in Central Park, Fredericksburg. **Please RSVP to Joan by Thursday, November 7.**

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 19 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Aquia Harbour Inn.

November 28 - Happy Thanksgiving

Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars

December 7 - Toys for Tots Cruise to Marine Corp Museum to deliver our donated toys. Lunch at Tun Tavern. Invitation to join us will be extended to Battlefield Corvette Club Members. See time and important details in Steve's flyer attached in the Newsletter. (POC Steve Argubright)

December 8 - 12:00 noon - Christmas Party at Bravo, Spotsylvania Towne Center, Fredericksburg. Members \$20, non-Members \$31. No monthly meeting. See important details for RSVP and payment in Marie's flyer attached in Newsletter. (POC Marie Sizemore)

December 25 - Merry Christmas



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



The C8 is here - or is it? Road & Track had an interesting article recently about the remaining unfilled orders for the C7. The GM strike halted the assembly plant with about 600 C7's yet to be built. I'm writing this on Oct. 26 and it has just been announced that the strike is over! When work resumes and the C7's are finished, the plant will close down for two weeks of re-tooling before C8 assembly can begin. I wonder when (if) the plant tours will resume?

The NCM Vets 'n Vettes event (Nov. 7-9), is always a highlight of the Museum calendar - touring laps on the track, road tours, a showboat cruise, a fish fry, and the Veterans' Day parade in Bowling Green. You can see live webcam coverage of the event at the track and Museum at www.corvettemuseum.org.

There's a new holiday event this year - "Twinkle at the Track," a display of over 1 million lights along two miles of the Motorsports track. The 25 holiday scenes will be there from the day after Thanksgiving thru New Year's Day.

The Daytona Rolex 24 NCM tour will be held from January 22-27, and the annual NCM Bash is on April 23-25. It's not too early to make your plans for these popular events.

If you're at the Museum any time from October thru December, you can see a special exhibit - "When the Earth Shakes," an interactive exploration of earthquake and tsunami science featuring a real-time seismic monitor and a 16 foot tsunami wave tank. The exhibit is sponsored by the National Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation and the National Science Foundation.

Bud



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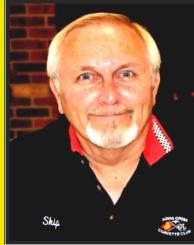




ACCC CORVETTE RACING Plus

November 2019

Skip Sizemore



Driver Assists?

I thought it might be good to talk about one of the technology trends taking over the modern automobile including the newest Corvettes. Driver assists. Are you for them or against them?

The modern automobile is a marvel of engineering. Modern electrics, advanced mechanical systems and better materials have improved their efficiency to a point that was only dreamed of a few years ago. However, many of these systems have been built to assist people that really don't like driving. Do they make us better drivers or just compensate for bad habits and create dependencies?

Driver assist systems like traction control, automatic braking, stability control, cameras, lane control, ABS, etc. Most of these systems are designed to keep drivers out of trouble or to help them survive the results once they are in trouble. In general, I am for the systems that help save us and from ourselves like air bags and seat belts. However, things like traction control, lane monitoring, and automatic breaking, and the accompanying annoying warning, I can do without. These systems add to the cost and complexity of our vehicles. I feel these systems are for people who would rather be doing anything other than driving. They view driving as a necessary evil. One of those groups is new drivers, teenagers specifically. Do these driver assists make them better drivers or make them dependent? What happens when these systems are not functioning correctly or not available in the vehicle they must drive? It is amazing how quickly we can become dependant on these systems. Is that good?

I have always loved driving and still do. The day I must give up the steering wheel will be very sad. When I was a kid and long before I was old enough for a license, I was always bugging my parents to let me drive. Before I could legally drive, I was driving old cars on their last leg through a junk yard. Driving these old cars taught me a lot about how cars work and what you can and cannot do with them. I am not the world's best driver, but I know a lot about driving and learned most of it by driving those old cars. Learning what understeer, oversteer, threshold braking, and dropped throttle oversteer can make us all better drivers even with driver assists.

Send me an email or text and let me know what you think.

Skip

ACCC Members Participated in
Free State Corvette Club's annual Corvette Weekend in Ocean City, MD,
on October 4-7, 2019

ACCC Members at



Seacrest Distillery, Dogfish Brewery, and Ocean City

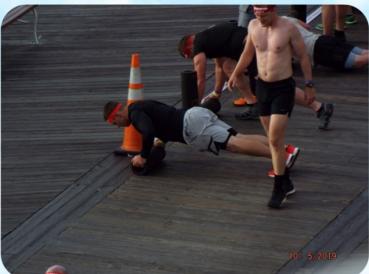
**Free State Corvette Club's annual Corvette Weekend in Ocean City, MD,
on October 4-7, 2019 (cont'd)**



Ocean City Corvette Parade - 2019

Free State Corvette Club's annual Corvette Weekend in Ocean City, MD,
on October 4-7, 2019 (cont'd)

2019 Ocean City



Spartan Challenge

**ACCC Members Participated in Our Monthly Breakfast at
Bob Evan's, Stafford, VA, on October 12, 2019**



ACCC Corvettes in the parking lot.

A Reminder from Marie About Your ACCC Membership

This is a reminder for those of you who have not paid your club membership renewals. Please give/send your renewals to me by November 12. Checks are to be made payable to ACCC.

Thank you,
Marie Sizemore



**ACCC Members Participated in the Shannon Airport Fall Festival
in Fredericksburg on October 26, 2019**



Coming Up REALLY SOON on November 3, 2019

HICKORY BRIDGE FARM TRIP

It's that time again - time for our annual cruise to Orrtanna, PA, and lunch in the 165 year-old barn at Hickory Bridge Farm. I think this is the fifth year that we've made the drive; if you've been there, you know what a delightful event this is. If this will be your first time - you're in for a beautiful drive and some good old-fashioned farm cooking.

The all-you-can-eat menu this year includes a salad, open pit beef brisket with apple butter BBQ sauce, oven fried chicken, crab imperial, several side dishes, dessert and beverages,. The price is \$27.95; wine and beer are available.

Here's the plan: we'll meet at 8:15 at Harris-Teeter on Hoadly Rd. in Woodbridge, leave there at 8:30, stop at the 7-11 at the corner of Rt.15 and Sudley Road at 9:30, take Rt. 15 north and make a quick pit stop in Thurmont, MD. Then it's Rt.15 to Emmitsburg, PA, and follow some nice country roads to our destination. The GPS address is 96 Hickory Bridge Road, Orrtanna, PA, and don't forget to bring your FRS radio.

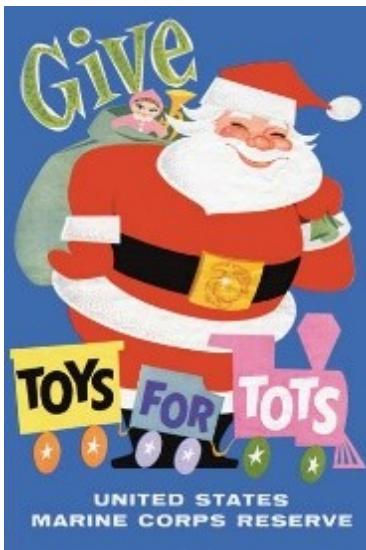
Our reservation is for 12:30 - I will need to tell them how many are coming, so please let me know by Nov.1 - email to buddonner@msn.com.



TOYS FOR TOTS

Dec. 7, 2019 — Please Mark Your Calendars

Every Child Deserves a Little Christmas



Annually, the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve **Toys for Tots** Program collects toys, and distributes them 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.

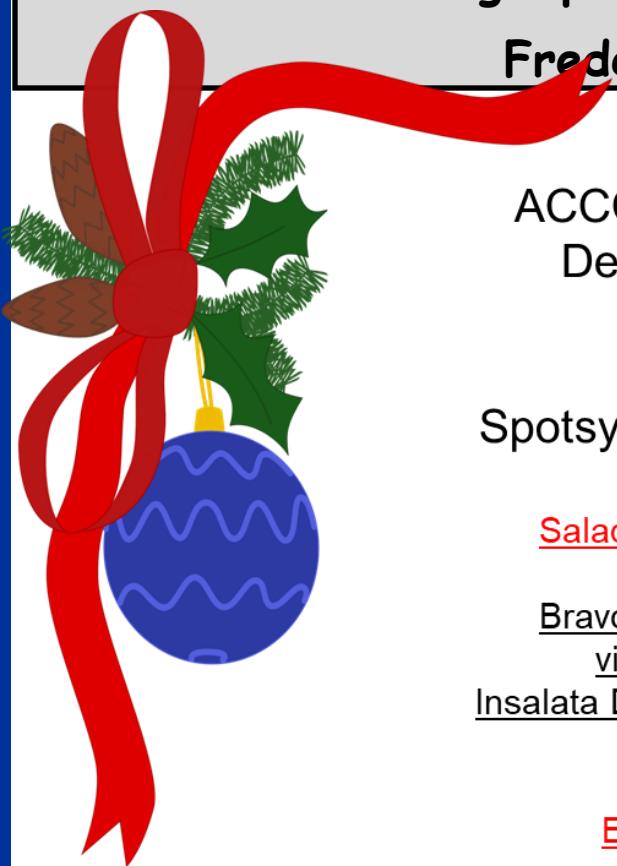
This is our third annual year supporting this program!! Please bring a new, unwrapped toy or two at 11:00am on Saturday, December 7, to the Hilldrup Moving and Storage Facility near the back gate of Quantico MCB, 4022 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Stafford, VA 22554. From there we will proceed to the National Museum of the Marine Corps, make our deliveries and have lunch at Tun Tavern.

If you are unable to join us, please bring your gifts to the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8, at Bravo Restaurant in Fredericksburg and we will ensure delivery. The club point of contact is Steve Argubright at stephfa@comcast.net.

Toys for Tots name and original 1948 poster created by Walt Disney used with permission.

Coming Up on December 8, 2019

Fredericksburg, VA



ACCC Christmas Party

December 8, 2019

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

Spaghettini + Meatballs
Chicken Parmesan
Grilled Salmon

Focaccia Bread, dipping oil served
with all meals

Choice of Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink

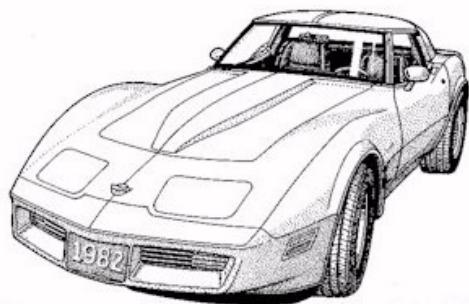
Cash Bar

Member cost 20.00, non-members 31.00
This will be a gift exchange party
\$25.00 gift limit



EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1982 Corvette

The Corvette's third era was drawing to a close. The last of the innovative, sexy "Sharks" or "Makos" that were introduced in 1968, and the classic chassis design that debuted in 1963, incorporated several features that would become synonymous with Corvettes developed and built in the years ahead.



For example, power and fuel economy were further improved in 1982 through "Cross-Fire Injection;" two throttle-body injectors mated to the "Computer Command Control" system that optimized driveability and performance through more precise fuel monitoring. The computer was capable of making 80 adjustments per second, compared with 10 the year before. A new fuel metering system included a positive fuel cutoff to prevent engine run-on or dieseling. Hoods had solenoid-operated doors to direct fresh air to the air filter during full throttle operation.

The exhaust system was redesigned with smaller and lighter catalytic converters. Exhaust pipes entering the converter were reworked to allow hotter exhaust gases to boost efficiency. But, for the first time since 1955, a manual transmission was not available.

To mark the phasing out of the Shark series, a special "Collector Edition" was offered. 6,759 of the year's total production of 25,407 units were awarded Collector status. In addition to a higher level of options available, the limited series had a lifting rear hatchback window, special wheels similar to the 1967 bolt-ons, unique silver-beige paint, a silver-beige leather interior, special emblems, and, it was the first Corvette selling for in excess of \$20,000 — \$22,537.59 to be exact.

As the third generation of Corvette drew to a close, the American motoring public couldn't help but wonder what exciting new surprises might be in store.

1982 Nostalgia

Oscar Winning Pictures: "GANDHI," "E.T. - The Extra-Terrestrial," "Missing," "Tootsie," "The Verdict"

President/Vice President:

Republican, 1981-1989, Ronald Reagan/George H. W. Bush

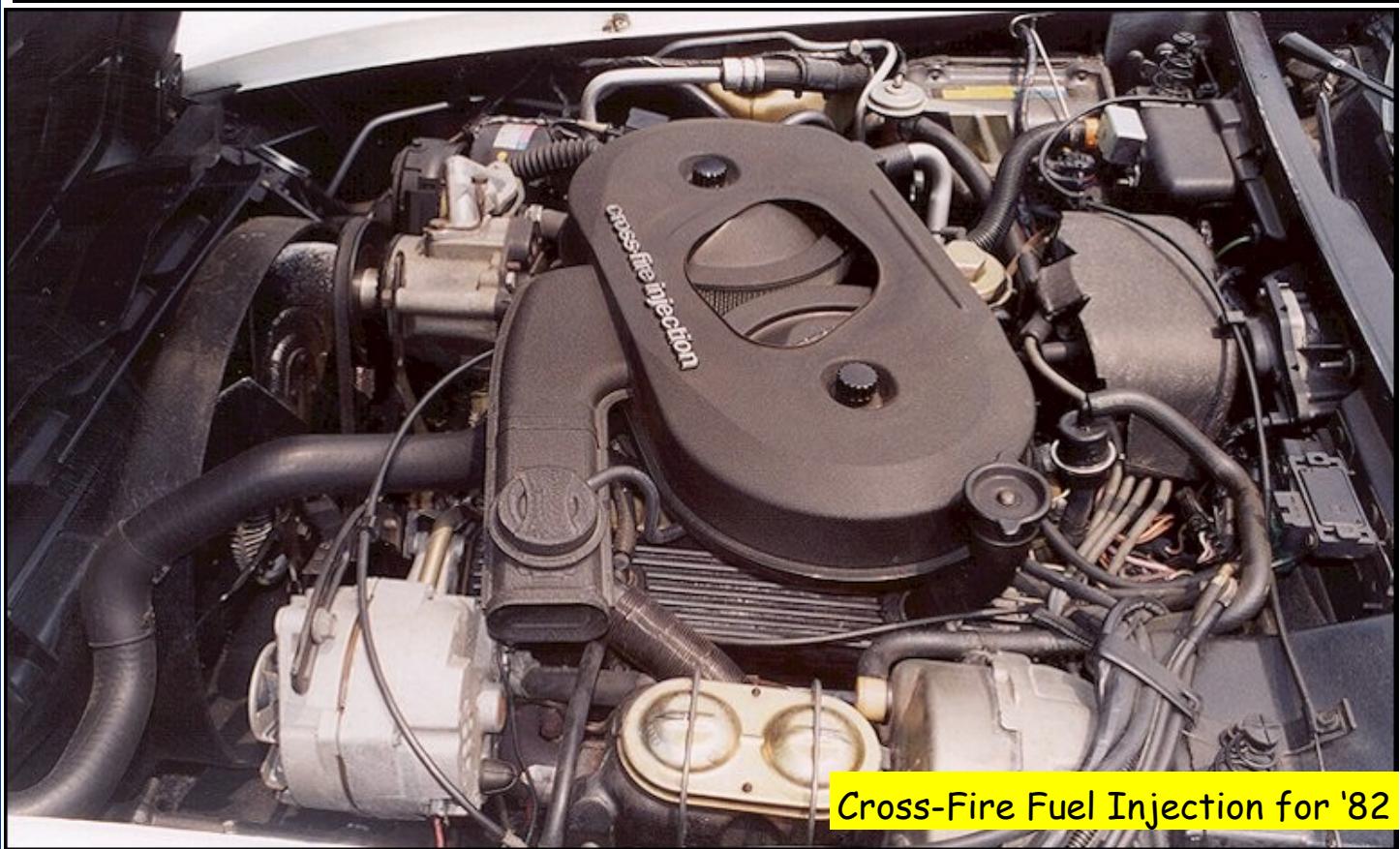
News Events:

The Space Shuttle Columbia completes its first operational flight.

Automobile manufacturer John DeLorean is arrested and charged with possession of 59 pounds of cocaine.

The first artificial heart is implanted in American Barney Clark.

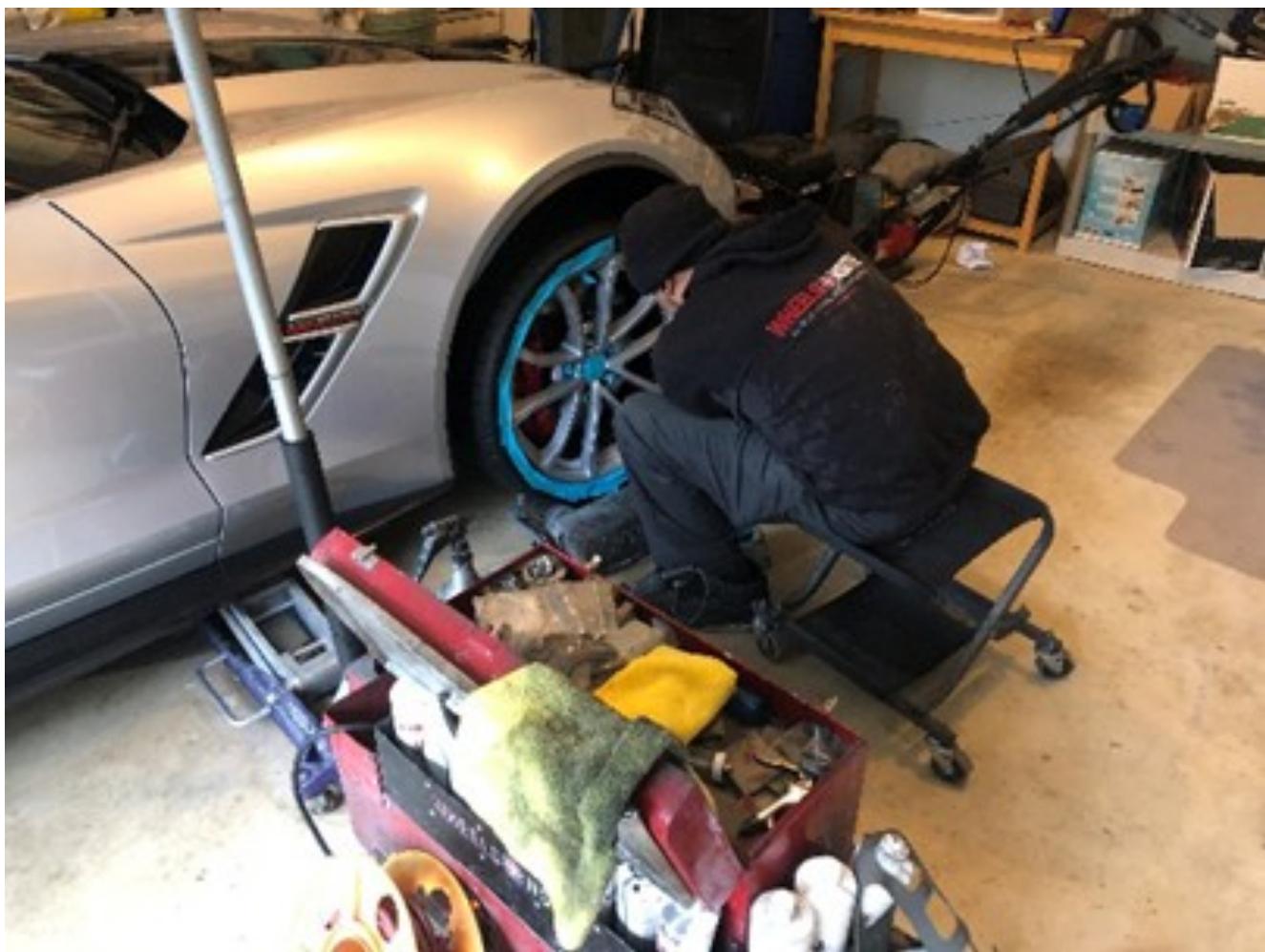
EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1982 Corvette



Tales from the Garage

Mobile Cosmetic Wheel Reconditioning

Imagine my dismay when I recently nudged the right front tire on my Corvette against a concrete curb!! It wasn't bad curb rash but I knew I had to hide the damage. A local body repair shop recommended WheelsonSite, a company in Sterling, Virginia, that does wheel repairs at your home or business. I called them, emailed pictures of the damage, and made an appointment. The repair took about 45 minutes. The wheel stayed on the car during the repair, and I am very happy with the results. I hope you never have to go through the agony, but if you do, I highly recommend calling them at 1-800-987-6674. They were professional, answered all my questions, and I thought the price was right. A picture of the technician at work is attached. P.S. - They don't repair chrome wheels or anything that is plastic. **Steve Argubright**



November Birthdays	November Anniversaries
Nov 11 — Andrea Clemons Nov 14 — Dottie Jones	Nov 1 — Bud & Louise Donner Nov 4 — Valerie Liles
<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</p>	

FOR SALE

This space reserved for your ads in future issues of the newsletter. Send them to the editor.

November 2019



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

ACCC Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Set clocks back 1 hour at bedtime
3 Hickory Bridge cruise & lunch	4	5	6	7	8	9 ACCC Monthly B'fast & Board meeting @ F'burg
10	11 Veteran's Day 	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 7:30PM ACCC meeting @ Aquia	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving	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 shown 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!!

ACCC STORE

Items For Sale at all Club Events*

Car Flags: U.S. Flag & ACCC Flags



\$5.00



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Club 30th Anniversary Patch



\$3.00 for patch

Club Decal & Patch



\$2.00 for decal, \$3.00 for patch

Club 30th Anniversary DVD

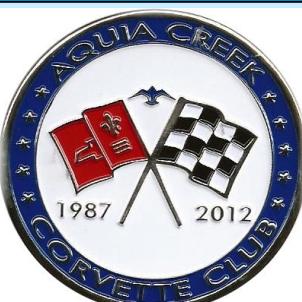
"ACCC, 30 years, 1987-2017" = 1 hr, 6 minutes of music and over 700 photos and memories.

Shown at the 30th Anniv Picnic.

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

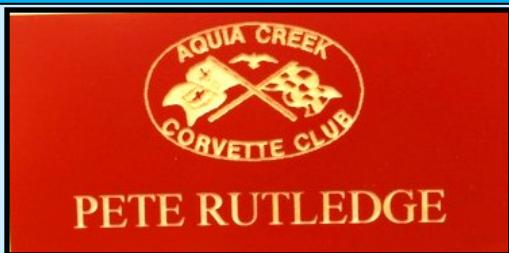
\$5.00

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, reference same.



Shutterfly.



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

ACCC

Established in 1987
Centered in Stafford, VA

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

www.acccclub.org



Come join US!!



"ALL GAVE SOME — SOME GAVE ALL"



**Dedicated to the memory of all who
proudly served and protected their country**

Saluting our ACCC Vets and all Vets everyday, especially on Nov 11th, 2019

IN REMEMBRANCE

Jeff Wehmeyer, USMC, Corporal, 1968-1970 (2 years), Vietnam
John M. McGovern, Jr., USMC, 1962 - 1968 (6 years), Vietnam
Lawrence Halley, USA Reserves, (20 years)
Warren "Butch" Loveland, USN (4 years) Vietnam

UNITED STATES NAVY

Steve Argubright, 1964 -86 (22 years)
Terry Hunter, 1967 -88 (21 years)
Valerie Liles, 1967-69; 1974-92 (20 years)
Michael Truelove, 1973-1993 (20 years)
Bob VanderVeer, 1970-78, (8 yrs, 2 mos)
Ron Mahaffey, 1964-89, (25 years)
Lou Patch, 1958 - 1962 (4 years)

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Lee Morton, 1982 - 2002 (20 years)
Jerry Mackling, 1992-99; 2004-06 (9 years)
Paul Thompson, 1972-75 (2 yrs, 7 mos)

UNITED STATES ARMY

David Shadbar, 1959 - 1965 (6 years)
John Amabile, 1982 - 2002 (20 years)
Tom Davis, 1982 - 1986 (4 years)
Don Radeke, 1969 - 1991 (22 years)
David Jones, USA Reserves, 1969 – 1975 (6 years)
Pete Rutledge, USA NG and USA Res, 1971-78, (7 1/2 years)

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Bud Donner, 1958 - 1967 (9 years)
Al McCloud, 1973 - 1997 (24 yrs. 3 mos))

285 years of service.

SALUTE!

