

# THE ACCCelerator

## AQUIA CREEK

### CORVETTE CLUB

#### January 2020



**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020 — THE YEAR OF THE C8**  
*The First Mid-Engine Corvette — Who Will Be the First ACCC Member to Own One?*

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**Next Meeting: January 21**  
**Start Time: 7:30 pm**  
**Aquia Harbor Inn**  
**1415 Washington Dr,**  
**Stafford, VA 22554**

## ACCCording to the President Al McCloud



Happy New Year to all ACCC members and family. May the prosperous new year bring you a new Corvette which should be made easier with the hefty raise we all got in our government checks.

January is a good time to get a jump start on being recognized as ACCC's Most Active Member. Congratulations to Joan for accumulating the most points during the year and to Marie for being the runner-up. The president's recognition was unannounced during 2019, but I kept a precise spreadsheet of all members who attended or POC'd events and awarded points on a per day attendance. If I was unable to attend the event, I asked the POC for a list of members who attended. They had no clue why I was asking. Now they do, so come on out and be surprised at the next Christmas Party.

I am busy putting together a picture video DVD of 2019 events. Be prepared to watch it at the next meeting, I will have a DVD player and TV, and if you want a copy, a \$5.00 donation to the club will get you one. You are free to go if not interested or time is a problem.

As previously stated, January is a slow month for the club, so hopefully I will see you at breakfast next weekend in Manassas and at the meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Maybe there will be cookies to enjoy during the video presentation.

Until next month, just remember -

**All Corvettes are Red**

Al McCloud

*Al*

## 2019 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

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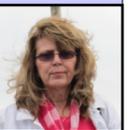
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## December 8, 2019, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

(The December business meeting was held during the annual Christmas Party.)

ACCC President Al McCloud called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM

Al asked those present if there were any issues with the November meeting minutes as shown in the November Acccelerator newsletter. Mary Anne McGovern asked that correction be made month shown on the birthdays section. The month should be changed from August to November. A motion was made that the minutes be accepted with the correction made as noted by Mary Anne. The minutes were approved.

President McCloud next noted the 2020 ACCC officers as follows. President Al McCloud, Vice President Joan Yaros, Treasurer Steve Argubright, Secretary Skip Sizemore, Membership Marie Sizemore, Past President Dave Shadbar and Newsletter Editor Pete Rutledge. President McCloud also introduced the Sunshine Nan Wehmeyer and National Corvette Museum Ambassador Bud Donner.

The meeting then moved to New Business with a discussion of raising club dues by five dollars. A ballot was taken and those full members present voted to approve the dues increase with only four opposing votes and twenty-seven approving votes. The dues increase was approved.

President McCloud then moved to thanking Nan Wehmeyer and Marie Sizemore for their efforts of making the 2019 Christmas party a success. Al then thanked Steve Argubright for his efforts in making the ACCC Toys for Tots a success.

President McCloud then gave the rankings of those members of the ACCC that have been most active during 2019 in club activities. The top five most active members were Al & Margret McCloud, John Horvath, Marie & Skip Sizemore and Joan Yaros. Joan Yaros was noted as the most active member.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM.

Submitted by Skip Sizemore, ACCC 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 33<sup>rd</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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## ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

Joan Yaros

### ACCCording to the Vice President

Welcome to 2020, a new year and a new decade! I hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday and you are ready to begin our ACCC year.

First, just a quick look back at our December events. On December 7th, thanks to Steve Argubright, our ACCC annual Toys for Tots Cruise to the Marine Corps Museum and lunch at Tun Tavern was a huge success. Thanks also to Rino Pivrotto for coordinating BCC members. Our best count was 25 Corvettes, 2 non-Corvettes, about 38 people and lots of toys for girls and boys!

Next, on December 8th, we gathered for a very festive celebration at Bravo in Fredericksburg. Thanks to Marie Sizemore and Nan Wehmeyer we ended our ACCC year with friends, fun gifts, great food and a yummy cake!

I am looking forward to 2020, a year full of opportunities to gather and enjoy the company of friends. A tentative itinerary is being formed with lots of space for events, car shows and your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. I believe my position as VP is that of an events coordinator, not one person responsible for planning events. When more of our members contribute and participate, it will lead to a better and well rounded Club for all of us.

Please take a look at the upcoming events and I hope to see you all soon!

*Joan*

### ACCC Events Calendar - January

**January 4 - 9:00 am** - Monthly breakfast and Board Meeting at Golden Corral, 10801 Bullock Drive, Manassas 20109. The cost is \$9.99 for adults and \$9.49 for seniors, plus beverage and tax. *Please RSVP to Joan by January 3.*

**January 21 - 7:30 pm** - Monthly meeting at Aquia Harbour Inn.

**January 23-26** - Rolex 24 at Daytona.

**NOTE:** During the winter months, you do not need to drive your Corvette if the weather is questionable or your Vette is in winter hibernation! Just drive your OTC (other than Corvette) and come out to join us. Also in snow or severe weather we will, of course, reschedule. Safety first!

### Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars

**February 1 - 9:00 am** - Monthly breakfast at Metro Diner, 2068 Plank Road, Fredericksburg 22401. Let's try this new restaurant, great menu. *Please RSVP to Joan by January 29.*

**February 9 - 10:30 am-1:00 pm** - Valentine's Buffet Brunch in the private Community Room at HarborChase Catered Living, located at 14080 Central Loop in Woodbridge. It is visible and accessed from Prince William Parkway and also off Golansky Blvd. Additional details forthcoming.

**February 18 - 7:30 pm** - Monthly meeting at Aquia Harbour Inn.

**February 22 - 9:00 am-?** - Culpeper Downtown Carnival and lunch at Grass Rootes. Mardi Gras celebration. Several members attended this Carnival last year and had a great time so let's do it again! Additional details forthcoming.

### Way Ahead - Mark Your Calendars

**Additional details forthcoming.**

March 13-16 - Saint Patrick's Weekend in Nags Head

June 4-8 - Myrtle Beach Corvette Weekend

October 15-19 - Free State Corvette Weekend in Ocean City

December 5 - Toys for Tots Cruise

December 6 - Christmas Party



**NEWS FROM THE  
NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM**  
**January 2020**  
**Bud Donner**



There have been some big changes at your National Corvette Museum since January 2019 - a new President and CEO, four new Board Members, new exhibits, and a new generation of Corvettes on display. The 2020 C8's are already winning major awards; Motor Trend Car of the Year, Edmund's Sports Car of the Year, and the acclaim of Corvette enthusiasts that has resulted in the entire 2020 production being almost entirely sold out before the assembly line has begun turning them out.

If you have visited the Museum, you know about the various exhibit galleries with themes such as Nostalgia, Engineering, and Enthusiast. One of the oldest was the Performance Gallery and the Museum recently decided to upgrade it. After consulting a specialist in museum design, a new exhibit featuring historic racing Corvettes and race videos is being installed. Funded by a private donation, it will open in March and there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Bash in April.

Speaking of the Bash, it is one of the biggest and best attended events on the NCM calendar. The dates are April 23-25, and registration will open soon. The complete schedule for Bash weekend is on the NCM website, [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org). The Bash will be followed by the Dragon Run at the Biltmore Inn, Asheville, NC on April 26-29.

Lately it seems like those Amazon delivery trucks are everywhere. Do you know about the Amazon Smile Foundation? If you order your Amazon purchases at their website [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) (same stuff, same prices as Amazon.com) the foundation will donate 0.5% to the non-profit of your choice. You can designate the Museum by clicking [smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2519972](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2519972) and log into your Amazon account.

*Bud*



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## ACCC Driver/Owner Impressions — C5

(The second in a new series of articles that, with ACCC member participation, will cover all Corvette generations.)

From : Ron Mahaffey



Our C5 was purchased new in November 2002 off the showroom floor from Pallone Chevrolet in Springfield, VA. She has traveled to and through the following states, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Maryland, W. Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York and Vermont. She is all original with one exception, a Corsa custom exhaust system. She currently has 71,000 miles. She participated in Corvettes at Carlisle Parades from 2001- 2013 (we now take our 2014 Stingray). The "only" complaint about the C5 is the seats...C4s were much more comfortable, in fact when I purchased it and after driving it for a few months, my wife commented that the seats in our C4 were much more comfortable than the C5. I concur with her.

From: Val Liles



## ACCC Driver/Owner Impressions — C5 (cont'd)

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### From: Val Liles (cont'd)

I bought my 2003 Z06 from Radley Chevrolet in December 2002, as a daily driver. My thinking was that if I must commute 85 miles a day, I should enjoy the drive - and I surely did! I spent time in a few SCCA Autocross schools at Fedex Field, picking up tricks to handle more power than I was used to.

It was in Autocross school that I learned the Z06 does not want to skid, not even around a skid pad. It would just knuckle down, grip the tarmac, and make that part of the course a favorite for each instructor, all who were anxious to try my car. One of them told me, "It corners like it's on rails!" as if that wasn't one of my favorite things about it.

Because of my '66 roadster and a one-car garage, the Z06 was relegated to the driveway and did just fine out there until it started to leak in heavy rains. In 17 years and 143K miles, my only complaint is its tendency to leak and that damnable little door panel screw cover that is forever popping off.

### From: Chris Mendl



Unlike most club members, I'm only on my first Corvette, so I can't make comparisons. I purchased my beautiful dark blue 2000 C5 in November 2004 with about 15K miles on it. I've put about 55K on her, most of that on trips ranging from New England to Florida. Once seated, I find her to be a comfortable road car other than the noise from the runflat tires I chose to keep. I've gotten over 30 mpg on one leg. Trips usually average about 26-27 mpg with running around at destinations.

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**From: Chris Mendl (cont'd)**

I've had a lot of fast bikes, but this is my first hot rod. I love the power, sound under full throttle (aftermarket cat back), and handling. I had a blast on Dominion Raceway's road course until my exuberance exceeded my ability.

On the negative side, it would be nice for a cup to be held upright somewhere. On our first trip, BJ's makeup melted in her suitcase in the back. I devised a raised, ventilated platform since to cure that. The biggest drawback has been multiple electrical issues, more than anything I've owned since my 1961 Triumph motorcycle with Lucas (Prince of Darkness) electrics. Issues include losing the RR turn signal (2 times, dirty connector), telescoping steering column jamming (2 times), turn signal flasher failing (major job to replace) and losing all illumination in the climate control module (Roger Howell, BCC, provided the info to fix). When the battery gets old, the memory presets disappear.

Bottom line, Blue Baby, I love you.



Nan Wehmeyer's C5



Skip and Marie's C5



Terry and Gail  
Hunter's C5



Gene Kneibert's C5



**ACCC Members Participated in Toys for Tots  
on Dec 7, 2019, at the Marine Corps Museum, Quantico, VA**



These ACCC members contributed to Toys for Tots at this event:

John and Lourdes Amabile, Steve Argubright, Dave and Ginelle Benton, Kris Chaconas, Vince and Jeannine Cosentino, Bud and Louise Donner, Dave and Dottie Jones, Gene Kneibert and Angie McGee, Ron and Elizabeth Mahaffey, Al and Margaret McCloud, Mary Anne McGovern, Pete and Jan Rutledge, Dave and Dottie Shadbar, Skip and Marie Sizemore, Paul and Beth Thompson, Nan Wehmeyer and Mickey Klein, and Joan Yaros

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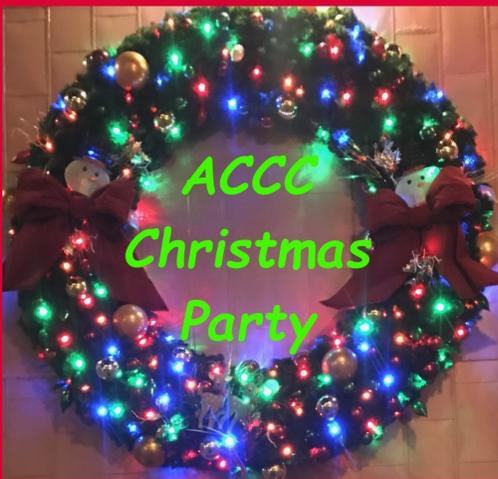
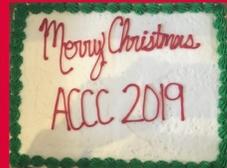
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ACCC Members Participated in Our Annual Christmas Party  
on Dec 8, 2019, at Bravo, Fredericksburg, VA



**ACCC Members Participated in Our Annual Christmas Party  
on Dec 8, 2019, at Bravo, Fredericksburg, VA (cont'd)**



Merry  
Christmas ACCC



ACCC 2019  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
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## EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1985 Corvette

The exterior of the 1985 model was unchanged from the preceding year, but with the numerous innovations introduced in the 1984 model, there were bound to be certain snags -- most notably electrical problems and a somewhat rough ride. The 1985 attempted to fix these issues.

The rough ride was addressed by adjusting suspension rates. Springs, both front and rear, were made softer, by as much as 26 percent in some cases, and larger stabilizer bars were added to compensate for spring softness in certain models.

Power of the basic 350ci engine was boosted from 205 to 230 horsepower with increased fuel efficiency through an improved fuel injection system. True fuel injection, supplied by Bosch, replaced the "Cross Fire Injection" system. Tuned-port injection utilized a mass air-flow sensor, an air cleaner mounted forward of the radiator, aluminum-tube tuned intake runners, a mold-cast plenum and individual injectors for each cylinder.

The brake master cylinder bore was increased and the brake booster was made of plastic, making it lighter and more corrosion resistant -- a first in an American car. Manual transmissions came with a heavier-duty differential and rear axle gearing was improved. A full length reinforced oil pan gasket improved the compression seal.

Dashboard instrumentation was improved with cleaner graphics, less color, and larger numerical displays. The fuel injection was retooled to prevent distributor spark ignition of exterior fuel vapors.

The 1985 performed well enough to be declared America's fastest production car by one trade magazine. It also took honors in top-gear acceleration tests and tied Porsche in road-handling performance. In one test, it hit 5.7 seconds in the 0-60 sprint and roared through the quarter mile in 14.1 seconds.

### 1985 Nostalgia

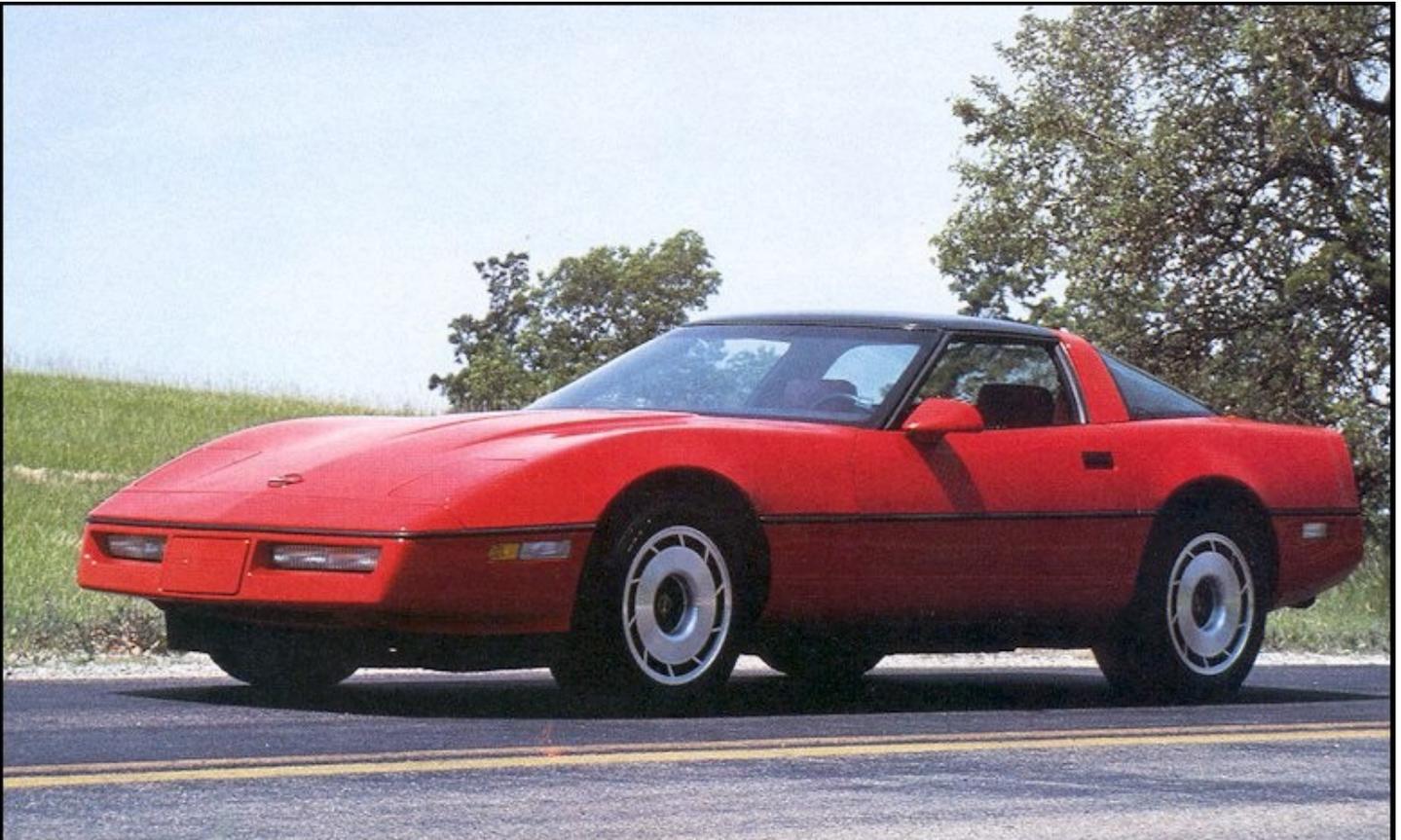
**Oscar Winning Pictures:** "OUT OF AFRICA," "The Color Purple," "Kiss of the Spider Woman," "Prizzi's Honor," "Witness"

**President/Vice President:** Republican, 1981-1989, Ronald Reagan/George H. W. Bush

### News Events:

- "Live Aid," a 17-hour rock concert broadcast worldwide from London and Philadelphia, raises \$70 million for the starving peoples of Africa.
- 8.1 magnitude earthquake hits Mexico City and results in an estimated 25,000 deaths.
- 4 hijackers seize an Italian cruise ship, the Achille Lauro, with more than 400 passengers aboard and kill an American, Leon Klinghoffer.

## EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1985 Corvette



<i>January Birthdays</i>	<i>January Anniversaries</i>
<p>Jan 9 — Jane Loveland  Jan 9 — Michael Truelove  Jan 15 — Lee Morton  Jan 20 — Nan Wehmeyer  Jan 25 — Lourdes Amabile</p>	<p>None that we know of</p>
<p><b>Please Note:</b> 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.

# January 2020



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

ACCC Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 9:00AM Breakfast @ Manassas
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 7:30PM Monthly Meeting @ Aquia	22	23 Rolex 24 @ Daytona	24 Rolex 24 @ Daytona	25 Rolex 24 @ Daytona
26 Rolex 24 @ Daytona	27	28	29	30	31	

## ACCC CLUB JACKETS



Tom Davis has kindly made arrangements for members to order club jackets embroidered with our logo by Heartland Signs, 2072 Jeff Davis Hwy, Stafford Courthouse, VA 22554 (open 8:30-5:00, Mon-Fri). 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.

# 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



## 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

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