



# ***THE ACCCelerator***

## ***AQUIA CREEK***

## ***CORVETTE CLUB***

### ***May 2020***



**New member Doug Bergner's 6-speed 2000 roadster**

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

## ACCCording to the President Al McCloud

Greetings ACCC fellow members,

Another month of being shut-in together and apart since the week of March 9th. Hopefully this Covid-19 will end soon, give us back the summer, and then we will get prepared for another predicted breakout this winter. Experts say it will come back in the winter as a possible double whammy, the flu and the virus. I hope they are wrong.

I have not heard of anybody in the club being sick during this pandemic and I hope it stays that way. If we abide by the rules, I think we will be okay. Continue wearing your masks if you need to go out and stay away from those people who refuse to wear them.

We will plan on meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>, depending on relaxed state directives. Social distancing and wearing masks will most likely still be in effect, so it should not be a problem in our meeting room. We will allow the required spacing and everyone should be fine.

I have one Corvette note - I drove mine to Costco and filled it up last week while the gas is CHEAP? I paid \$1.96 but I am sure it is cheaper in the Fredericksburg area.

Staying on a short note, thanks to all who donated to The Brisben Center. A good cause and they are appreciative. Donations welcomed anytime.

Stay safe!

**All Corvettes are Awesome!**

Al McCloud

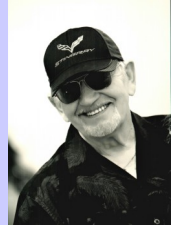
*Al*

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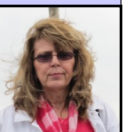
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## *ACCC Business Meeting Minutes*

**The May 2020, ACCC Business Meeting was cancelled due to the on-going Coronavirus Pandemic.**

## *Pandemic Survival Tip*

**While regular milk lasts 10 days or so at most, "organic milk" can last a couple of months or more, as it is "ultra pasteurized." It may cost a little more, but can help make sure that you don't run out of milk between deliveries or trips to the store. We've been getting it in one-gallon jugs and it's been great.**

**Jan and Pete Rutledge**

**P.S. If you have any tips you think might be helpful to your ACCC friends in these trying times, send them to the editor for publication in future issues of the newsletter.**





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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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groups/437699356306459/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/437699356306459/)

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## ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

### Joan Yaros

Welcome to the month of May, even if I am not sure what day it is lately! Hope you and your families are doing well and safe at home. By now, we have probably found many ways to stay busy as well as keeping in touch with family and friends.

To our Members who donated to The Brisben Center, thank you for your generosity. We should all do our part to help those less fortunate.

Unfortunately it looks like we may be celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day and maybe Memorial Day still in quarantine. All of our ACCC May events were canceled so I have listed below our events beginning with June. However, it is again with the understanding that it depends on the COVID-19 restrictions in place. Our Board will make decisions later in May, so please pay attention to Al McCloud's email updates regarding any event cancellations, rescheduled dates and/or additional new events. Check out the details below.

#### ACCC Events Calendar - May and June

**May 5** - Cinco de Mayo

**May 10** - Happy Mother's Day

**May 25** - Memorial Day

**May 28-30** - NCM Bash at Bowling Green, KY. Subject to change.

**June 4-8** - Myrtle Beach Corvette Weekend. Canceled.

**June 6 - 9:00 am** - Monthly breakfast and quarterly Board meeting at Great American Buffet, 1780 Carl D. Silver Parkway, Fredericksburg.

**June 13** - HOLD for potential garage visit with Mike and Bettie Shepherd in Stafford. Details forthcoming.

**June 20** - HOLD for potential Father's Day Cruise (maybe brunch and/or Sunset Winery) or alternate date for garage visit with Mike and Bettie Shepherd. Details forthcoming.

*Joan*

#### Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars

**July 4 - Time TBD** - Aquia Harbor Independence Day Parade. Meet in Aquia Harbor to participate in candy-tossing neighborhood Parade. After Parade we will cruise to Culpeper for its annual 4th of July car show and celebration. Lunch in Culpeper at Grass Routes. Details forthcoming.

**July 11 - 9:00 am** - Monthly breakfast at TBD.

**July 10-12** - Rescheduled date for 2nd Annual Vettes at Water-side hosted by Beachcombers Corvette Club. If interested, please see attached letter with registration and hotel information.

**July 19** - Annual "fried chicken" lunch cruise to Graves Mountain Lodge. Meet at Super Target on Route 28 at 9:15 am for cruise to 201 Southgate Shopping Center in Culpeper by 11:00 am. Depart Culpeper at 11:15 am for Graves Mountain Reservations at 1:00 pm. Cost \$23.55 includes buffet lunch, tax and gratuity. Stop at Quievremont Vineyard, 162 Gid Brown Hollow Road, Washington, VA after lunch.

**August 8 - 9:30 am** - Monthly Breakfast at Juke Box Diner and attend annual ODCC All Corvette Show in Manassas. Details forthcoming.

**August 21-24** - Invitation from BCC to join their annual cruise to VIR for Corvette Racing Weekend. Make hotel reservations now at Magnuson Hotel at the Lake (434-374-5023). Corvette Corral tickets available soon.

**August 27-30** - Annual Corvettes at Carlisle. Details forthcoming.

**September 5 - 9:00 am** - Monthly breakfast and quarterly Board meeting at Great American Buffet in Fredericksburg.

**September 13 - 11:00 am** - Annual picnic at Widewater State Park. Club provides hamburgers and hot dogs. Members will bring a dish to share. \$10 parking fee at Park entrance.

**September 18-20** - Rescheduled date at NCM for LeMans Viewing Party, Bowling Green, KY.

**September 20** - BCC/ACCC Cruise to Stratford Hall Wine & Oyster Festival. Details forthcoming.

**September 26** - 12th Annual Battlefield Corvette Club Cruz-In. New location at 3545 Plank Road, Fredericksburg (Value City Furniture parking lot). See flyer attached for registration information.

**October 3 - 9:00 am** - Monthly breakfast at TBD Alternate: Potential rain date for BCC Cruise-In.

**October 15-19** - Free State Corvette Weekend in Ocean City, MD. Reservation information available **July 1st**. Hotel reservations available at Paradise Plaza.

**November 1** - Annual "Thanksgiving" Cruise to Hickory Bridge Farm in Orrtanna, PA.

**November 7 - 9:00 am** - Monthly breakfast and quarterly Board meeting at TBD.

**December 5** - Annual Toys for Tots Cruise to Marine Corps Museum and lunch at Tun Tavern.

**December 6** - 12:00-4:00 pm - Christmas Party at Ristorante Re-



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



Another quiet month - I put on my mask and went to the almost-empty grocery store yesterday and found some clementines for Louise and me and some condensed milk for the puppies. This "social distancing" isn't all bad, though. A friend told me last week that he was getting great mileage - over three weeks per gallon!

The Museum calendar is looking pretty skimpy until late May, and even that is subject to further rescheduling delays. The Bash is now scheduled for May 28-30; advance registration closes on May 7. The Bash daily schedule is posted on the Museum website. The Dragon Run at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville will follow the Bash on May 31 - June 3.

There is one raffle in May, a 2020 Elkhart Lake Blue coupe (2LT) on May 29 - tickets are \$100 - the purchase form is on the website. Sales are slow - odds are good!

While you're waiting for better days to return, take a look at the website ([corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org)) and click on the "Learn" tab. At the bottom of the dropdown menu you will see "Vettecademy Series Video" and "Fullyvetted Series Video" - lots of good stuff here. Vettecademy is aimed at school-age young people, but there are a lot of interesting episodes for the old folks as well. I just watched Episode 8 of the Fullyvetted series, "The 1959 Stingray Racer" and enjoyed it thoroughly.

*Bud*



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## Rescheduled for July — Vettes at Waterside District

To All Corvette Enthusiasts,

Due to the current status of the Covid 19 virus and the temporary closing of Waterside District, the Beachcombers Corvette Club and Rick Hendrick Chevrolet have decided to reschedule **Vettes at Waterside District**. The new date for our event is **July 11, 2020**.

Everything that we had planned for the weekend will remain the same, we are simply changing the dates. We will still host the Friday evening "Meet & Greet" in the Harbor Club at Waterside District on July 10, 2020 and we will still park Corvettes on the promenade on Saturday, July 11, 2020.

If you have already registered for the event, you don't need to do a thing. You're all set. If you are not registered, you can still go online at Eventbrite and sign up. The Norfolk Sheraton Waterside, adjacent to Waterside District is taking reservations for both Friday, July 10, 2020 and Saturday, July 11, 2020. If you registered with us for the May date and you will not be able to attend, please contact us to make arrangements for a refund.

You may 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

757-651-0462

We hope you will still be able to join us for a fun filled Corvette weekend.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Clemmer

Event Coordinator – Beach-



**Coming Up on August 8 — Annual Corvette Cruise-in in Manassas**

**Please mark your calendars—This is always a big event for the ACCC.**

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

# 31st Annual All Corvette Cruise-in™

**Saturday August 8, 2020  
12pm to 4pm**

*Music by "Mr. DJ:*

*Food by Uncle Rocker's BBQ,  
Snowie Ice*

*Dash Plaques to first 200 Corvettes,  
Silent Auction, 50/50 raffles,  
door prizes, and more*

## **\$10 Donation per Corvette**

Proceeds benefit Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter  
Prince William County Court Appointed Special  
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**The Old Dominion Corvette Club 31st Annual All Corvette Cruise-In is in the works (COVID-19, Emergency Orders, and Social Distancing Permitting)!**

Few area Corvette owners can remember a time that there wasn't an annual All Corvette Cruise In in Manassas, VA. Last year was the best ODCC Cruise-In ever! A fantastic new venue (that will provide us even more parking this year), wonderful weather, great music, and fabulous vendors. We had about 150 Corvettes, representing all 7 generations, in attendance. This year we'll also have the new 8th generation mid-engine Corvette in attendance. Our next Cruise-In will be August 8th, 2020. Mark your calendars so you don't miss what is sure to be an even bigger, better event.

***This is always a big event for ACCC. You should try your very best to go to this event (if it takes place).***



**Coming Up on September 26 — BCC Cruz-In**

Please mark your calendars.

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*Presents the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual*

# **CORVETTE CRUZ-IN**



## **26 September 2020**

**3545 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, Virginia  
(Value City Furniture Parking Lot)**

**Rain Date October 3**

### **CHARITY EVENT**

Proceeds will benefit:

- Frazier Mason Some Gave All Foundation
- Mary Washington Health Care Cancer Fund



### **AWARDS**

- Best in Show
- Manager's Choice
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd by generation

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Music, Trivia, Food,  
Raffle, door prizes and  
silent auction

### **FOR MORE INFO CONTACT**

Roger Austiff: [raustiff@gmail.com](mailto:raustiff@gmail.com)  
Car Registration: \$25 day of show.  
Early Registration Discount visit  
[www.battlefieldcorvetteclub.org](http://www.battlefieldcorvetteclub.org)

Coming Up on October 16-17 — Ocean City, MD

Please mark your calendars.

## Corvette Weekend 2020 IMPORTANT UP- DATE:

With all the uncertainty surrounding group events in 2020, we have elected to delay the registration for this year's Corvette Weekend in Ocean City MD until at least July 1st. Please check back at [www.corvetteweekend.com](http://www.corvetteweekend.com) for updates as they arise, and from every member of the Free State Corvette Club, thank you for your support of our event.

**Stay well, and save the wave!**

# SAVE THE DATE!



**FREE STATE**  
*Corvette Club*

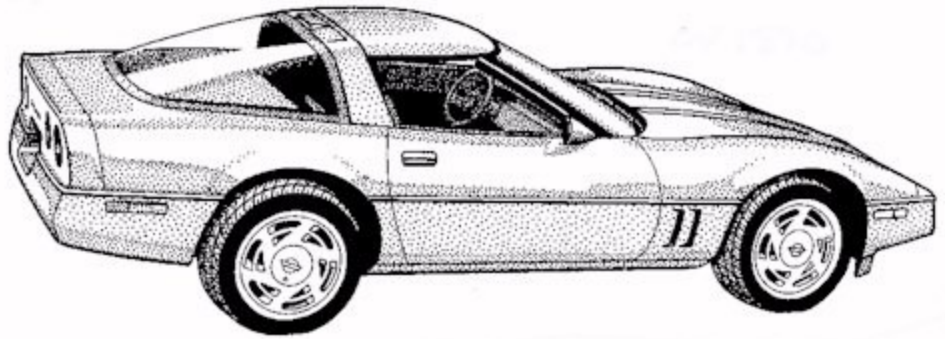
**Ocean City**  
**Corvette Weekend**  
**October 16-17, 2020**

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



## EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1989 Corvette

Corvette's handling capabilities made appreciable progress in 1989. Perhaps the most significant innovation was a new, no-cost option -- a six-speed manual transmission, designed jointly with a German manufacturer, to replace the sometime temperamental "4+3 overdrive" system. A Computer-Aided Gear Selection (CAGS) system bypassed second and third gears for standing



starts to improve fuel economy under non-performance conditions, such as street driving. Additionally, a new option permitted three adjustable variations of suspension control initiated by a console switch. By adjusting shock absorber firmness, the "Selective Ride Control" feature allowed a driver to choose either "Touring," "Sport," or "Performance" operating modes. The six-slot, 16-inch wheels, introduced the year before, were discontinued but 1988's 12-slot, 17-inch wheel and tires became standard.

An optional tire pressure monitoring system, first introduced in 1987, was finally perfected. Convertible enthusiasts were given the option of a bolt-on, fiberglass-reinforced factory hard-top.

Although the Corvette Challenge race series at Phoenix International Raceway would be terminated in 1989, 60 Challenge cars with standard engines were built at Bowling Green, of which 30 were shipped out for conversion to racing capability. Meanwhile, 69 Callaway twin-turbos were sold.

Production for 1989 inched ahead with 16,663 coupes and 9,749 convertibles manufactured. Sticker prices for both body styles also inched above the \$30,000 level with the base coupe retailing for \$31,545 and the convertible pegged at \$36,785.

Two other watershed developments took place in 1989. The heralded ZR-1 special performance package, hinted at three years earlier and expected to be released late in the 1989 production cycle, was held off until 1990 because of "insufficient availability of engines caused by additional development." In the same timeframe, planning began on the C-5, the next the next generation of Corvette that eventually would be introduced in 1997.

### 1989 Nostalgia

**Oscar Winning Pictures:** "DRIVING MISS DAISY," "Born on the Fourth of July," "Dead Poets Society," "Field of Dreams"

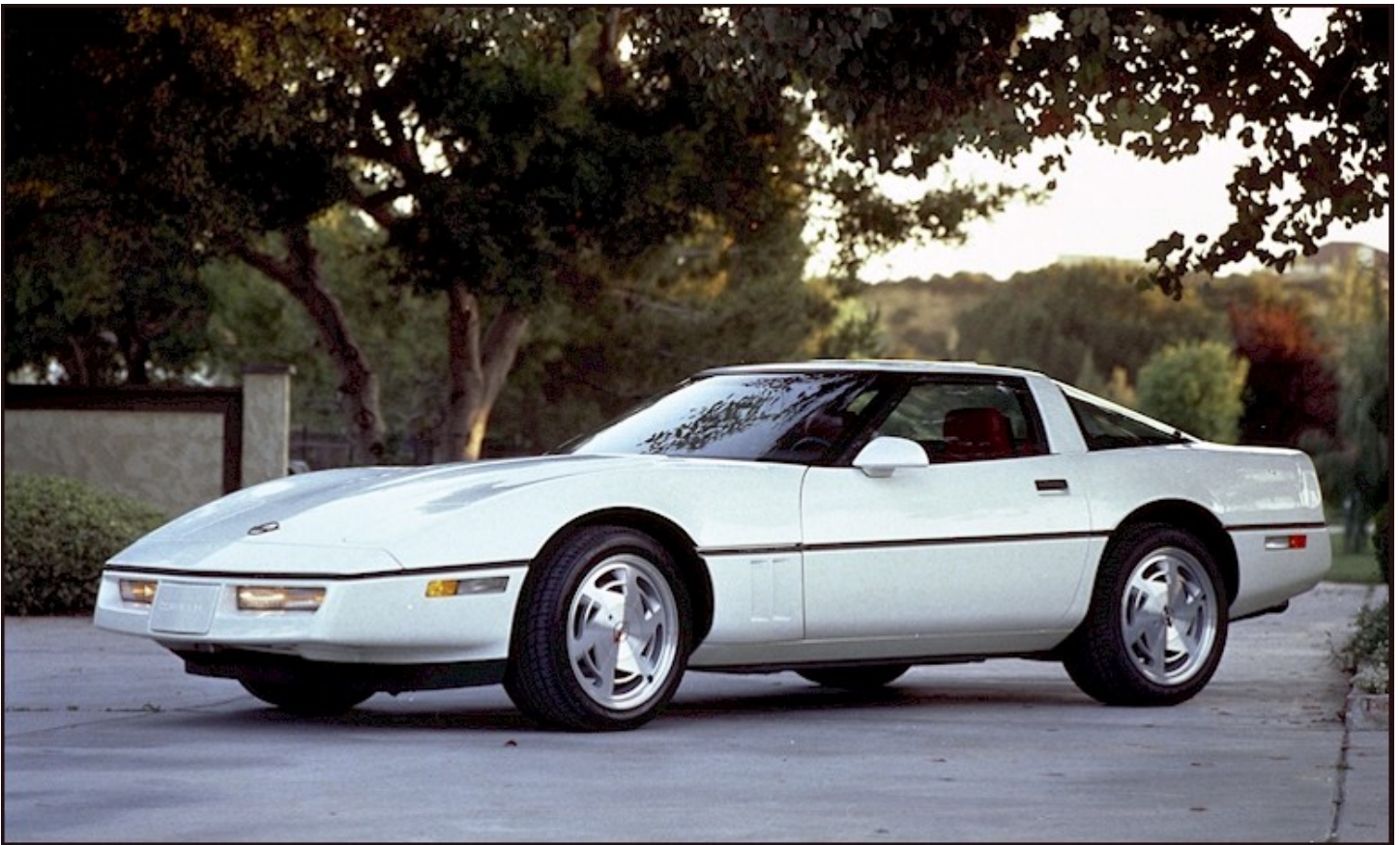
**President/Vice President:** Republican, 1981-1989, Ronald Reagan/George H. W. Bush; Republican, 1989-1993, George H. W. Bush/Dan Quayle

#### News Events:

- Largest oil spill in U.S. history occurs after Exxon Valdez strikes Bligh Reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound.
- Hurricane "Hugo" causes 71 deaths and damage estimated at \$4.2 billion .
- Massive earthquake hits San Francisco Bay area minutes before the World Series, causing 59 deaths .
- The Berlin Wall comes down, symbolically ending the Cold War.



## EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1989 Corvette (cont'd)





<i>May Birthdays*</i>	<i>May Anniversaries*</i>
<p>May 4 — Louise Donner</p> <p>May 4 — Al McCloud</p> <p>May 9 — Mike Sheperd</p> <p>May 13 — Paul Thompson</p> <p>May 18 — Bud Donner</p> <p>May 30 — Ginelle Bento</p> <p>May 31 — Michael Klein</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

Send you Corvette-related For Sale ads to the newsletter editor, Pete Rutledge, for publication in the next issue.

# May 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	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7		
10 Mother's Day	11	12			15	16
17	18			21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 Bash @ NCM	29 Bash @ NCM	30 Bash @ NCM
31						

All ACCC May events cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.



## 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

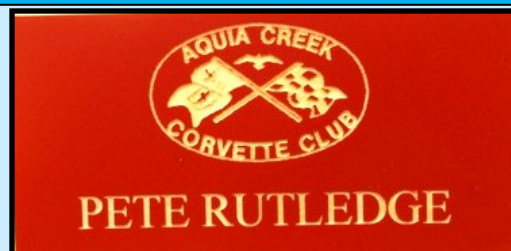
"ACCC, 30 years, 1987-2017" = 1 hr, 6 minutes of music and over 700 photos and memories.

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

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### 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)



# Come join us!!