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AQUIA CREEK

CORVETTE CLUB

March 2021



Gene Kneibert & Angie McGee's newly acquired '96 Collector Edition

(Read more about it on page 12)

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Next Meeting:

None Until Further Notice
(Due to Pandemic)

ACCording to the President Al McCloud

2021 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

"March 2021"

Not much of a title but "it is what it is"! This month will mark one year since we didn't have to worry about where we went, who we associated with, and whether we would be around to enjoy another fun week. Hopefully by now, most of our club has received the first COVID vaccine dose, if not both, and on our way to getting back together for some events. I was hoping the inside group capacities would change so we could at least start having our meetings, but it was held at 10, for at least March. Maybe April we can get together.

As far as meetings are concerned, a few months ago I requested that you download the ZOOM app on your media equipment, so this month we will see who actually downloaded and setup the app. The March meeting will be ZOOM'd starting at 7:30 pm on March 16th. I will send out the meeting link and password and hope to see you online that evening. There will be no board meeting this month.

On two somber notes, one of our Corvette brothers, Gary Graham, passed away on February 19th and Gayle Hunter's mother passed away on Jan 18th. So sorry for your loss Gayle and Terry. Condolences to the family.

Gary was a previous member of our club with dual membership in BCC and was still a member of BCC. Gary enjoyed driving his blue C7 Stingray with the Z51 package, and prior to that, his green C5 convertible. His wife has asked Rino Pivrotto to sell the car - if anybody would like to upgrade to a well-taken-care-of car. Gary's obituary is posted on our Facebook page. RIP Gary, you will be missed.

The only thing left to say is, we made it through a year of the Pandemic, now let's beat this thing and get back to driving our Corvettes! Mask up, get vaccinated, and keep your distance.

Most Corvettes are Red

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ACCC Board Meeting February 5, 2021

Via Zoom

In attendance:

Al McCloud - President

Joan Yaros - Vice President

Steve Argubright - Secretary/Treasurer

Skip Sizemore - Immediate Past President

*Marie Sizemore - Membership Governor

Pete Rutledge - Newsletter Editor

President Al McCloud called the meeting to order at 10:29am.

President's Report.

--The pandemic continues to hamper club activities. If the meeting restriction is lifted to allow 25 attendees per meeting, a March general meeting is planned.

--Given the success of the recent cash donations, members may wish to consider making a return trip to the Brisbane Center and Willing Warrior facilities with cleaning supplies and other goods.

Vice President's Report.

--The Nags Head St. Patrick's Shamrock weekend is canceled again this year.

--A block of 10 rooms have been reserved for Corvette Weekend on October 14-19.

--Cruisin' Ocean City is scheduled for May 20-23. All cars are welcome.

Secretary/Treasurer Report.

--The Club's 2020 federal and state income tax return paperwork has been submitted to Mr. Michael J. Klein, CPA.

--As of January 31, 2020, the Club's checking account balance is \$2,907.11

Immediate Past President Report.

--The Membership Governor (*excused from this meeting) reported 49 members on the roster. Still in discussion with Graves Mountain regarding the club luncheon on July 18.

--Suggested canvassing the membership via email for new newsletter topics such as thoughts on a "Full Electric Corvette."

Newsletter Editor Report.

--Looking for more content and inputs from members. Will follow up on suggested topics as identified.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: 10:51AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Argubright

Recording 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 35th 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

March is here and we have had a couple of warmer days this past week to let us know that Spring is just around the corner! Maybe we can finally look forward to some opportunities to get together again. Many of us have received at least one COVID vaccine but indoor social gatherings are still limited. I am looking for any ideas from all of you for ways we can safely gather outside as the weather warms up and until restrictions are lifted.

Sadly our yearly St. Patrick's Shamrock weekend in Nags Head has been canceled again this year.

Last Wednesday was a beautiful sunny winter day so Skip & Marie Sizemore and I drove to the Crozet Blue Ridge Tunnel trail in Alton, VA. This was a scouting trip for a possible Club cruise, trail walk, picnic, and winery stop we had tentatively scheduled for March 31. Although we enjoyed our trip, especially Veritas Winery, it will not work out as a Club cruise. The drive was beautiful but parking on the side closest to the tunnel is extremely limited, about 10 spaces and all were full. Parking on the other side of the tunnel is much better but a 2-1/2 mile hike to get to the tunnel and then a mile through it. We did not feel it would work with multiple cars and a very long hike for some of us. So this Club trip is canceled.

Looking at a bucket list of things to do prior to 2020, I have gathered some information for a Club cruise and overnight stay in the Natural Bridge-Lexington area. There are two potential times for the trip, May 6-8 and July 29-31. I have negotiated a great rate at Natural Bridge Hotel for the two-night stay and they will include breakfast for us in the Colonial Dining Room. The Hotel is across the street from Natural Bridge Park and there are lots of things we can do in that area. [See Hotel information on page 6.](#)

Because we are not having in-person meetings now, **I need to know by March 10th how many members are interested in this trip and if you have a date preference. As soon as I have that information, I will provide additional details.**

One last item, if you would like to have a Christmas party this year, I am looking for volunteer party planners. This is our Club so let's all participate!

Please remember that any and all future events and/or meetings are subject to COVID restrictions.

Save the wave,

Joan

ACCC Events Calendar - March

There are no plans for breakfast gatherings at this time. If circumstances change, we will add this monthly event back into our schedule. Depends on COVID-19 restrictions.

March 12-15 - St. Patrick's Weekend in Nags Head. **CANCELED**

March 31 - Possible cruise to Claudius-Crozet Blue Ridge Tunnel Walking Trail in Nelson County. Either lunch out or picnic. Maybe winery stop. **CANCELED**

Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars

April 4 - Easter

April 18 - Possible Captain Billy's Seafood Cruise. Mike and Bettie Shepherd have approved the date but the restaurant is closed for winter until mid-March. As soon as Mike can talk to them, he will let me know what we can do regarding any restrictions in place at that time. Details forthcoming.

April 30-May 2 - First Flight Cruisers OBX Rod & Custom Show. For interested members, check website online.

May 6-8 - Possible trip to Natural Bridge-Lexington area. See my column and the attached hotel information. I negotiated a rate to include breakfast in the Colonial Dining Room. **Alternate dates July 29-31. Contact Joan with your interest and date preference.**

Looking Way Ahead - Mark Your Calendars

July 10 - Vettes for Vets Show at Warrior Retreat in Haymarket. Details forthcoming.

July 18 - Annual Graves Mountain Lodge lunch cruise. Meet at Super Target on Route 28 at 9:30 am for departure at 9:45 to 201 Southgate Shopping Center in Culpeper by 11:15. Alternate: drive directly to Culpeper on your own. Skip & Marie will be leading us from Culpeper at **11:30 am** for our **1:00 pm** reservation. Pay \$23.00 + beverage + tax and gratuity prior to seating for lunch. Lunch will be served family style.

August 14 - ODCC's All Corvette Show in Manassas.

August 20-22 - Corvettes racing at VIR's Michelin GT Challenge IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship.

August 26-29 - Corvettes at Carlisle.

September 25 - BCC's Annual Cruz-In in Fredericksburg. Details forthcoming.

Sept. 26 - Annual Picnic at Widewater State Park in Stafford. Details forthcoming.

Oct. 15-18 - Free State's Corvette Weekend in Ocean City. Details forthcoming.

Nov. 7 - Hickory Bridge Thanksgiving lunch cruise. Date subject to Bud Donner's approval.

Dec. 4 - Toys for Tots ACCC and BCC cruise to Marine Corps Museum.

Dec. 5 - Christmas Party. Location TBD and Club's approval of date and location. Looking for volunteers for planning.

See Joan Yaros's column on previous page about possible club cruise to Natural Bridge. Below is related hotel information.

NATURAL BRIDGE

Historic Hotel & Conference Center



Hi Joan,
Such a pleasure to speak with you this afternoon and thank you for considering our property for your Club. We do have availability for the dates you have requested as well as July 29-31, 2021, and are pleased to present the following:

Room Block

Thursday, May 6, 2021 – Saturday, May 8, 2021

Room	Rate	Thu May 06	Fri May 07	Sat May 08
Veranda - Double	\$99.00	5	5	—
Balcony Room - 2 Queen	\$119.00	5	5	—
Totals		10	10	—

Total Room Nights: 20

Please note, rates include Breakfast in our Colonial Dining Room each morning.

Thank you again for your interest. I will follow-up with you in the coming weeks to discuss further. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Anita Aaron
Director of Sales

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Thank You Letter from Willing Warriors

For ACCC Donation combined with a Club Cruise in January



Where we provide cost-free retreat stays and other programs that positively impact the lives of wounded, ill, or injured military service members and disabled veterans



January 29, 2021

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Dear Aquia Corvette Club Owners:

On behalf of Serve Our Willing Warriors, and the military families we serve, I'd like to thank you for your \$300.00 donation dated January 15, 2021.

We are forever grateful that your group chose to support our mission providing encouragement and support to our nation's warriors and their families during their recovery process by providing them a peaceful retreat. As one warrior from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center wrote:

"Dear Sponsors:

Words are hard to come by that are adequate enough to say thank you for the love you have shown my family. This visit was utterly overwhelming. There is something about this place that is almost magical. Being a man of faith, I don't really believe in magic. I believe in God; I believe that He has a healing hand in what goes on here. This place was meant to be here. Those who donate their time and talents were meant to be here. God brought all these elements together to create a blessed experience for willing warriors. You have not done anything in vain. We will cherish the days spent here at the retreat for years to come. Please continue to do this for other warriors who are willing to come and be blessed by God through all that He is doing through you. No magic. Just blessings. Thank you so much! Sincerely stated"

We at SOWW work hard to make contributions to benefit our guests in an impactful way, and we appreciate your generosity in supporting our cause. To keep up-to-date on our organization and mission, please visit our website at www.willingwarriors.org. Please keep this letter as your tax receipt.

Thank you for your support! It was so nice to meet with you at the retreat.

mjb

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah G. Ford".

Sarah G. Ford
Executive Director
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No goods or services were provided in return for this donation.

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**NEWS FROM THE
NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM**
March 2021
Bud Donner



"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" I hope Punksy Phil got it wrong and there's not going to be six more weeks of winter. While we're waiting for the robins and daffodils, here's the latest news from our Museum.

The Michelin NCM Bash is still on for April 22-24, followed by the Dragon Run at the Biltmore on April 25-28. The Virtual Bash is available on April 22-23 for \$20.00. The 27th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Sept 2-4.

There are three current raffles in March and April, from \$20 to \$200.00. You can see all the details under "Join and Give" on the website www.corvettemuseum.org.

Lots of ice and snow in Bowling Green - the Museum was shut down for several days but deliveries have resumed. The new 2021 colors Red Mist and Silver Flare seem to be quite popular.

It's hard to believe but February 12 was the 7th anniversary of the sink hole collapse, when eight cars on display in the Skydome fell into the hole. You can revisit the event with a video on the Museum website under "Exhibits." There are surveillance camera shots of the actual collapse, news coverage, and remote camera views of inside the sinkhole.

It's almost tax time - don't forget that NCM is a 501c3 nonprofit foundation and your contributions and dues payments are deductible.

Bud



2021 Silver Flare

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What Did You Do to Your Corvette??

(Since the last newsletter)

Dave Jones '96 Coupe: I pulled the cover and started the Corvette, letting it idle until it reached operating temperature and a few minutes beyond. I do this on occasion to keep the internal engine parts lubricated and the seals from drying and cracking.

Don Radeke '16 Coupe: Another dismal month of mainly watching my car gather dust in a cold garage. I did give the battery a charge and I did get a license renewal and placed my stickers on the plates. Like a lot of other old guys, I did drive the car to the Doctor's office and get some groceries at the Food Lion. That's it for excitement! I'm wiping away the tears.

Terry Hunter '15 Coupe: (Terry did a lot — three parts follow)

New Steering Wheel

What have I been doing for myself and my C7? First thing was changing out the steering wheel. Why, one would ask. Answer is because the 2015 came with round wheel and I wanted a flat bottom, which they added after 2016.

Okay, first requirement was to find the wheel I wanted. My corvette is a Stingray with Z51 performance package, 2LT interior, and I wanted a wheel that was appropriate and Z51-looking. There are many after-market businesses that can help.

To get started took some time to build courage up, worrying about the airbag being destroyed, or at least going off in my face while pulling it. So I learned the key (first step) is to disconnect the negative side of the battery. Scary thought with all the electronics in this car. But I lost nothing in doing it, not even the infotainment system. Just Google "how to change steering wheel on a C7 corvette" and you can't go wrong.

Problems encountered were not many, but the main one was getting the hex head to break lose that holds the steering wheel in place on the column. While I don't have the abilities I used to, it really threw me that I could not break that nut loose. I purchased a half-inch drive impact wrench (gun) that is rated at 1050 ft/lb of torque and a T60 torx socket from Harbor Freight. Just another tool in for garage, right? After getting the nut to break lose, the rest of the job was pretty easy. I'm very happy with new steering wheel and glad to have had something to do. See pictures on next page.

What Did You Do to Your Corvette?? (cont'd)

(Since the last newsletter)

Terry Hunter '15 Coupe: New Steering Wheel (cont'd)



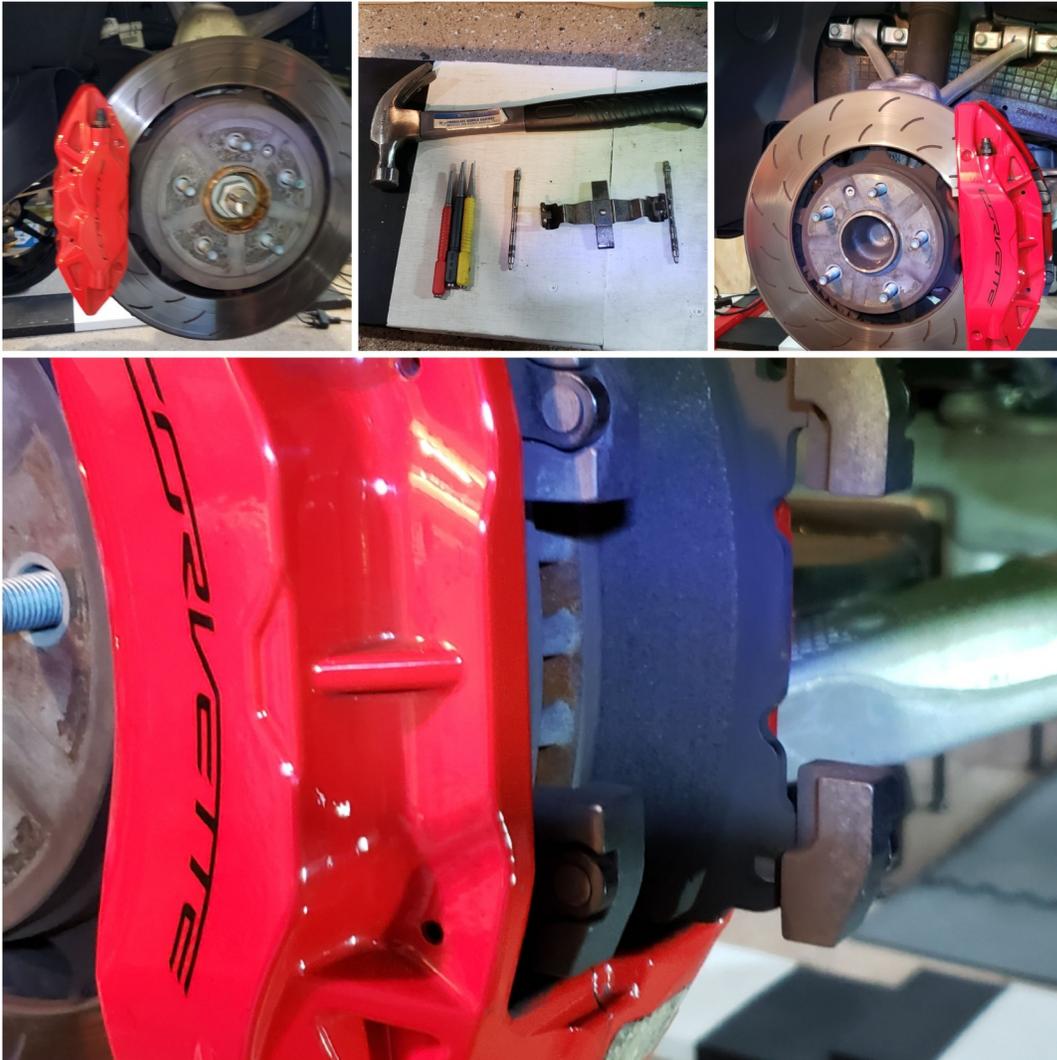
What Did You Do to Your Corvette?? (cont'd)

(Since the last newsletter)

Terry Hunter 2015 Coupe (cont'd):

Brake Pads

I changed the brake pads on my 2015 Stingray Z51. This was about the easiest job I have done on any of my Corvettes that I have had over the years. The hard part was choosing pads to replace my stock ones. Stock brakes on the Z51 are Brembo calipers and pads. The system is great and works very well in any driving conditions, including track driving. The reason I was looking to replace pads is the dust factor. You cannot drive the Z51 10 miles without heavy dusting on the wheels. I got really tired of having to clean wheels after every use of the car and twice the cleaning if it was a show we were attending. I chose a set of ceramic pads from Corvette Mods; they are DISC ITALIA hyper ceramic pads. Delivery was prompt and replacement was easy and required only one special tool — a set of punches with cupped ends. These are needed to drive out the pins that hold the pads in the calipers. Punches with cupped ends help prevent damage to the caliper. Again, I usually look for You Tube videos for guidance. The entire job took less than an hour, including cleaning and putting the wheels back on.



What Did You Do to Your Corvette?? (cont'd)

(Since the last newsletter)

Terry Hunter 2015 Coupe (cont'd):

Transmission Work

I do not want this to be alarming or critical of anyone. I want to relay my experience with servicing my C7 2015 Stingray Z51. I was noticing what has become known as torque vibration or rear end bounce. I would cruise, and it did not seem to matter at what speed, but after cruising a while I would feel vibration in seat. Though slight, it was irritating and worried me about what might be going wrong. I did a lot of research on Corvette blogs and asked other C7 owners if they knew of this issue. After several weeks of research, found out that this was a known problem in the 8 speed automatic transmissions. There was a GM service bulletin issued to dealers, which attributed the problem to the fluid installed at the factory, which was the wrong type; the fix was what they call a transmission flush. It is a very involved process and required dealer servicing. But the problem I have is that there was and is not a recall on this transmission problem. Look up the transmission flush procedure for the C7 8 speed transmission, or ask your dealer. My bad, the warranty had run out and the service was not covered. I paid over \$700 for the transmission flush and the newest recommended fluid. As I said earlier, I'm not blaming anyone, but wanted to inform members who own a C7 with automatic transmission. And if you are still under warranty, you might want to check with the dealer to see if you could get this taken care of by GM. Now that my transmission had this procedure done, I am happier with the way the transmission functions, and I'm glad I had it done. I wish I could have done it myself, but it is not a normal transmission flush or a standard fluid change.

Gene Kneibert and Angie McGee 1996 Collector Edition coupe (see cover pictures)

Everything happens for a reason, or so they say. The story of our '96 Collector Edition almost wasn't a story at all. Gene originally looked at a '96 Collector Edition in Centreville. After coming to an agreement with the owner and giving him a deposit, the day before we were supposed to pick the car up, the owner sent the deposit back and said he had changed his mind. We were bummed and we figured it probably wasn't meant to be until Gene stumbled across another in Pennsylvania—for \$3,000 less than the car we originally planned to buy!

We drove to Pennsylvania to look at it and she sure was a beaut! The owner had installed after-market wheels, but luckily, he kept the stock wheels and was glad to include them with the car. We left a deposit and planned to pick up the car by the end of the week. Gene and Logan made the trip to pick it up that Wednesday.

The stock wheels are back on the car, though we replaced all tires and opted to buy new wheels for the back to put extra wide tires on her. The brakes and rotors were also replaced. Gene replaced the cargo mat and floorboard mats, and we plan to put a new exhaust on her soon.

So What Do Think About an Electric Corvette in Your Future??

A survey inspired by Skip Sizemore

"First answer to an electric corvette is HELL no. But thinking it through I believe that it could work if battery technology can catch up with electric motors. What do you do with a spent 500 pound battery? Not to mention limited range, some of us like long cruises and long trips in the Corvette. The technology is there to have vehicles doing 200 MPH, formula E races, yes but without noise, well you get it. Lastly I am of the age group, where change is hard to deal with." **Terry R. Hunter**

"I have no interest in electric Corvettes. I would never buy one." **Dave Benton**

"It appears that electric cars are in our future, like it or not. Jaguar has promised to be all electric by 2025. Tesla seems to have gotten it right, particularly in the 0-60 mph category where they are outperforming a lot of their competitors. As far as Corvettes are concerned I would have no issues with driving an electric Corvette and am glad to see that GM/Chevrolet is already working on such a change. Better to get ahead of the curve than be dragging behind. I would probably miss the growling exhaust the most. " **Dave Jones**

"GM has already disengaged me with the mid engine, if they make it electric I'm gone. However, 2035 is the goal for all cars to be electric, but by then, I won't really care what powers the car." **Al McCloud**

"An all-electric Corvette will compete with the Tesla S - currently 1,020 HP, 0-60 under 2 sec., 390 mi. range - about \$92K (and seats for four). Recharge time on 240V cable - 10 hrs. BTW, Bowling Green is 681 miles from my house." **Bud Donner**

"I possibly might consider one if it came with an 800 watt stereo system programmed to make loud "VA-ROOOOM" sounds." **Chris Mendl**

"Although EV's are the wave of the future, I have a problem with an all-electric Corvette. I would support a Stingray V8 with optional electric motors. There has also been banter about an electric Corvette SUV. GM engineers, designers and PR guys must be having a field day with this!!" **Steve Argubright**

"I don't really like the idea of an electric Corvette, but I also think it's the right thing to do. So I would encourage all of you to buy electric Corvettes while I continue to enjoy the vintage cars." **Pete Rutledge**

So What Do Think About an Electric Corvette in Your Future?? (cont'd)

A survey inspired by Skip Sizemore

"An all-electric Corvette would be interesting, quick, quiet and heavy. One of the things I like about high performance cars is the exhaust sound from their internal combustion engines. An electric Corvette would make little to no sound. I could go on for a couple of pages about the electric Corvette, but for me they are a no sale. How about a hydrogen powered Corvette. Hydrogen is being studied as an alternative fuel. The only byproduct from using hydrogen is water vapor and a possible mushroom shaped cloud in the event of an accident (just kidding)." **Skip Sizemore**

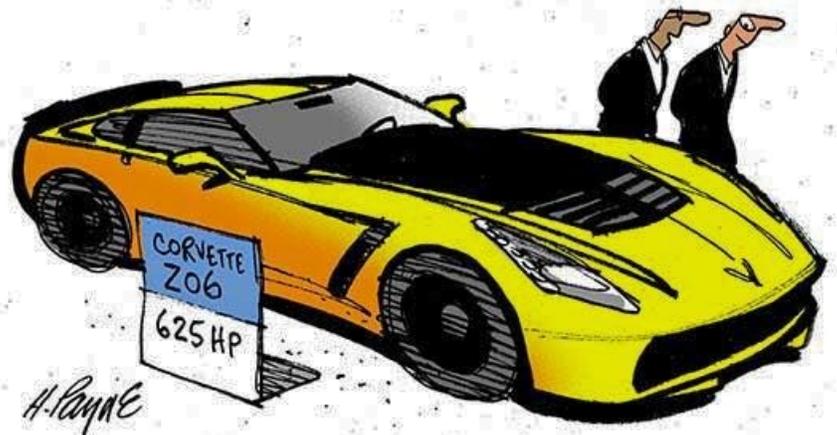
"Only if it makes loud car noises through the speakers or I will have to roll down the window and make VRRROOOM noises on my own. The acceleration could be very exciting but can we still spin the tires??? I am afraid the "greenies" will destroy the energy and car industries. The lights will go out and we will need peddle cars." **Don Radeke**

The following sort of sums it up:



Val Liles

And, finally, from Pinterest:



"WE TESTED AN ELECTRIC VERSION. BUT RECHARGING IT CAUSED POWER GRID BLACKOUTS."

A Tale of Two Tires (and Two Rims)

By Steve Argubright

When I bought my 2019 Gran Sport, I purchased a Tire and Rim protection plan. Some caution against doing so, but I took a chance. A few weeks ago I picked up a 4" nail in the right rear sidewall, which could not be repaired. When ordering the new Michelin tire, the local Chevy dealer learned the tire had been discontinued, and replaced by a new Michelin with nearly the same specifications. The dealer also said that the two rear tires should match, so I got a new left rear tire as well. Guess what? The Tire and Rim protection plan paid for both tires as a cost of \$700.00 each. I broke even. Certainly something to consider in future purchases.



EXTRA! EXTRA!
READ ALL ABOUT IT!

After reading the above story, you might think I have a fixation with Corvette tires and rims!! Well, the saga continued this month as I hit a very BIG pothole at the Dale City exit on I-95 South. An alignment check at the Chevy dealer revealed that both left side rims were bent. The tires were not damaged. New rims were ordered, one was in West Virginia and the other in Michigan. I had to pay for the new alignment but my Tire and Rim Protection Plan paid for the rims. Steve

EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1999 Corvette

The fifth-generation Corvette, in its third model year, added a new sibling to the stable - the '99 Corvette hardtop, the first fixed-roof Vette offered since the legendary second generation Sting Rays of 1963-1967. The Corvette hardtop joins the coupe (with removable roof panel) and the convertible in the 1999 Corvette lineup. According to Corvette Brand Manager Dick Almond, the newest Vette had a character all its own. "Part of our potential customer base really wants a simpler, more elemental, yet high-performance machine," said Almond. "The new hardtop is the ultimate hot sports car, yet it will carry the lowest base price in the Corvette family. Those factors combined should make the consumer appeal for Corvette even greater." The hardtop featured a subtle silhouette distinction that set it apart from the coupe and convertible, while still preserving the classic Corvette lines. Corvette hardtop standard features included:

- Z51 suspension, designed for sanctioned racing competition or for drivers who demand the ultimate Corvette handling package. Z51 featured stiffer springs, larger stabilizer bars, and larger monotube shock absorbers. (F45 Real Time Damping Suspension Package was not available on hardtop.)
- Six-speed manual transmission (automatic transmission was not available in the hardtop).
- Limited-slip rear axle with 3.42:1 ratio.

The hardtop was a rarity among the many iterations of Vettes offered through the years. The only other fixed-roof coupes offered in the '60s are among the most collectible - the most memorable of which is the first, the 1963 "split-window" Corvette Sting Ray. "The '99 hardtop is most certainly 'legend' material," said Almond. "There's a historical significance surrounding this car that's hard to come by these days. While it's impossible to predict, there's an excellent chance that the Vette hardtop is going to be one of the classic Vettes in an already legendary lineage."

All three Corvette models were designed to provide a high-level of performance and convenience, contributing to Corvette's standing as the premier American sports car. The 5.7-liter LS1 V8 engine was standard on all models. The aluminum small-block V8 delivered an incredible 345 horsepower and featured a deep-skirt design, lightweight aluminum cylinder heads, and composite intake manifold. Optional new for '99 features included:

- Head-Up Display (HUD), which projected key instrumentation readouts onto the windshield, allowing drivers to view vehicle vitals without taking their eyes off the road. (Available on coupe and convertible only.)
- Twilight Sentinel (not available on hardtop), with delayed shutoff of the headlamps, allows for exterior illumination after the ignition is turned off.
- Power Telescoping Steering Column, allowed Corvette drivers to more accurately tailor the position of the steering wheel to their specific needs. In conjunction with the standard manual tilt feature, the driver was better able to create an optimum driving position. (Available on coupe and convertible only.)

Additional standard performance features included: Heavy-duty four-wheel disc/four-wheel antilock brakes, Electronic Throttle Control, Traction Control, Goodyear Extended Mobility Tires (EMT), and tire pressure monitoring system. The optional Active Handling System (introduced mid-1998 model year) available on all Corvette models was one of the most advanced stability-control systems of its kind. Active Handling operated in harmony with the ABS and Traction Control systems to selectively apply any of the four brakes in an effort to help the driver counteract and diffuse potentially dangerous handling characteristics, such as severe oversteer or understeer. Active Handling offered three settings. "On" for everyday driving, in which case Active Handling, ABS, and Traction Control all function. "Off," which disables all three of these functions. And for high performance driving, a "Competition Mode" setting, in which Traction Control was disabled, but Active Handling and ABS continued to function.

In addition to its high-tech performance features, all '99 Corvettes benefited from a wide door opening and low sill for easy entry and exit, and a long list of standard interior features such as air conditioning, leather seating surfaces, power door locks/windows, Remote Function Actuation (RFA) with Remote Keyless Entry, PASS-Key II theft-deterrent system, electronic speed control, AM/FM Stereo with cassette player, and the electronic Driver Information Center.

1999 Nostalgia

Oscar Winning Pictures: "AMERICAN BEAUTY," "The Cider House Rules," "The Green Mile," "The Insider," "The Sixth Sense"

President/Vice President: Democrat, 1993-2001, Bill Clinton/Al Gore

News Events:

- Columbine shooting by a pair of high school students in Littleton, Colo.
- July death of John F. Kennedy Jr.
- The capture in April of three U.S. servicemen by Serbia was the top international story
- Hurricane Floyd and the destruction it wreaked on the Mid-Atlantic was the top weather-related story

EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 1999 Corvette (cont'd)



<i>March Birthdays*</i>	<i>March Anniversaries*</i>
<p>Mar 3 — Gene Kneibert Mar 6 — Ron Mahaffey Mar 8 — Terry Hunter Mar 15 — Steve Argubright Mar 19 — Gail Hunter Mar 23 — Jan Rutledge Mar 28 — Angie McGee</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

**This space is reserved for you For Sale or Free ads.
Please send them to the editor.**

Jigsaw Puzzle Giveaway. Thanks to all of you who participated in last month's jigsaw puzzle giveaway!! Joan Yaros scored two puzzles, "The Auctioneer" and "Runner's Up," both very fun puzzles. Dave Jones put in a claim for "Triple Threat" (a Porsche, Corvette, and Camaro) and Pete Rutledge is working on "Old Timer's Hot Rods (hot rods in a garage setting featuring scallop and flame paint jobs). Oddly enough, no one selected "Jewel of the Garage," which features a Shelby Cobra replica (we understand). Thanks to all who participated and are enjoying this wonderful pastime. **Steve Argubright**

March 2021



NOTE: See "ACCC Events" on Page 4 for the details on particular events.

ACCC Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

ACCC CLUB JACKETS



Members can order club jackets embroidered with our logo from Heartland Sign Works, 2072 Jeff Davis Hwy, Stafford Courthouse, VA 22554 (open 8:30-5:00, Mon-Fri), phone (540) 659-2411. As show in the pictures to the left, 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** (prices do not include tax):

1. **Competitor Jackets** — nylon outer shell, front zipper; \$61.98 up to XL; \$63.98 for 2XL; \$65.98 for 3XL; \$67.98 for 4XL; \$69.98 for 5XL; \$71.98 for 6XL

2. **Denim Jackets** (shown at left) — stone-washed indigo denim, button front; \$69.98 up to XL; \$71.98 for 2XL; \$73.98 for 3XL; \$75.98 for 4XL.

3. **Welded Soft Shell Jackets** — polyester woven shell bonded to water-resistant film insert and polyester microfleece lining, front zipper; same pricing as for Denim Jackets, above.

(ABOVE PRICES WERE UPDATED IN FEB. 2021)

Contact Heartland Sign Works (address and phone above) 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



\$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

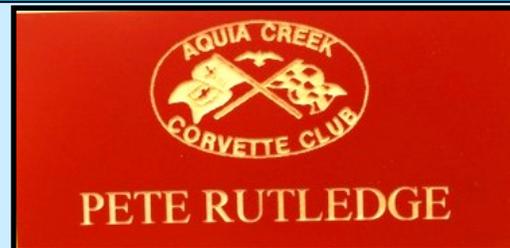
"ACCC, 30 years, 1987-2017" = 1 hr, 6 minutes of music and over 700 photos and memories.

Shown at the 30th Anniv Picnic.

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

\$5.00

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

Print, cut out, and put in your Corvette windshield at car shows.



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- 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



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