

THE ACCCelerator

AQUIA CREEK

CORVETTE CLUB

April 2023



Just for fun!



This year is the 70th anniversary of the Corvette



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Next Meeting: Apr 18
Start Time: 7:00 pm
Aquia Harbor
Stafford, VA



Baseball's Opening Day has come and gone, not good for the Nats, and another season is underway. As such, Corvette season is underway and in April we have two local cruises on our calendar - one to Cooters near Luray with BCC on April 16th, and of course our own cruise to Captain Billy's Seafood Restaurant on April 23rd. Mike Shepherd is coordinating with the restaurant which should be open soon. We need participation, so plan on attending.

Speaking of participation or lack of, Nag's Head was fun for the parade and the few who attended, but only two Corvettes from the club, Lee Morton and his C8 from South Carolina and our Grand Sport C7. If this is now the interest in this long time ACCC St Patrick's Day event, maybe we should take another look at it before committing next year.

Whatever April events you plan to participate in, have fun, be safe, and have a Happy Easter!

Until next month...

Al

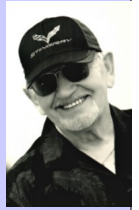
Al McCloud, President
Most Corvettes are Red!

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Pete Rutledge

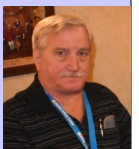
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March 21, 2023, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

ACCC General Meeting Aquia Harbour Clubhouse March 21, 2023

Board Attendees:

- Al McCloud - President
- Ron Mahaffey - Vice President
- Skip Sizemore - Past President
- Chris Mendl - Membership Governor
- Steve Argubright - Secretary/Treasurer

Members: Dave Jones (NCM Ambassador), Marie Sizemore, Margaret McCloud, Barbara Mendl Jett. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

President's Report.

--A motion to accept the minutes from the February 21, 2023 general meeting was approved.

NCM Ambassador Report.

--The 26th Annual Michelin NCM Bash is on April 27-29. Tickets are available online.

--The original 1953 Corvette emblem and its history are on display at the Museum.

Secretary/Treasurer Report.

--The checking account balance is \$X,XXX.XX.

Membership Governor Report. The club has ----48 active members.

Vice President Report.

--The BCC charity cruise to Cooters is March 23.

--The April monthly breakfast will be at the Great American Buffet in Fredericksburg on April 1 starting at 10:00am. POC is Marie Sizemore.

--A multi-Corvette Club cruise is on Sunday, April 23 at Capt. Billy's Crab House in Newberg, Maryland. Details in the newsletter and flyer. No reservations required.

--A Cinco de Mayo luncheon starting at 12:00pm is planned on May 5 at Hector's in Lake Ridge, VA. POC is Ron Mahaffey.

--A "Spring Block Party" car show (charity event) will be held at the Regester Chapel in Stafford on Saturday, May 6 from 3:00pm-6:00pm. POC is Al McCloud. Details to follow.

--"Pets and Vettes" car show in Dumfries on May 13. Times and details to follow.

Past President Report. Nothing to report.

Newsletter Editor Report. The Newsletter Editor was not present. Members were reminded to submit newsletter articles.

March 21, 2023, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Wellness Check. The Goodwill Ambassador was not present but it is known that one expression of get well support was sent since the last meeting.

Old Business.

Nags Head: A favorable event with positive feedback from attendees.

Old House Vineyards: A favorable event with positive feedback from attendees.

Picnic: The Lions Park reservation form has been approved for September 10 and a copy was submitted for the record.

New Business.

Christmas Party - Possible venues will be discussed at the April meeting.

--March birthdays were announced. There were no anniversaries.

Al McCloud won the 50/50 raffle and donated the proceeds to the Treasury.

Adjournment. 7:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve

Steve Argubright

Secretary/Treasurer





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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 36th 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 2020. ACCC membership consists primarily of Stafford County residents, but has members from Prince William, Fairfax, Fauquier, Spotsylvania, 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

Ron Mahaffey

Month of April

- April 1 — April club breakfast will be held on April Fool's Day (no joke) at the Great American Buffet in Fredericksburg, VA. Marie is the POC for this event
- April 16 — Battlefield Corvette Club will be having their 2nd Annual Charity Cruise to Cooter's on 16 April. They will depart the Wegman's parking lot in Fredericksburg (off Carl D Silver Parkway) 0930.
- April 23 — is the Cruise to Capt Billy's ...Mike Shepherd is the POC for this event.

Long Range planning

- May 5 — Cinco De Mayo will be held at 12 Noon at Hector's in Lake Ridge at Tackett's Mill. More to follow. Ron Mahaffey is the POC for this event. This will take the place of the monthly breakfast.
- May 6 — Spring Block Party@Register Chapel (Chairty event) on 6 May. Al McCloud is the POC.
- May 13 — Pets & Vettes...this event takes place in Triangle, Va. More to follow.
- Cars and Coffee is back at the Tackett's Mill parking lot. 0800-1000 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.
- For the April meeting come with your suggestions for the Annual Christmas Party (place and date). We'll have a vote and get our reservation locked down.





NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)

April 2023

Dave Jones

The National Corvette Museum is busy this time of year. In addition to the normal displays and artifacts, events planned at the Museum for April and May include the annual Michelin Bash in April and honoring our military veterans in May.

The "2023 Michelin NCM Bash" is scheduled for Thursday, April 27 through Saturday, April 29. The event includes seminars by Michelin, Mobil 1, General Motors Assembly Plant and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerne. Also available are guided road tours, a car show, live auction and vendors. On-line registration closes at 9 AM central time on Friday, April 7. All registrants will receive a hard-card credential, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque. Registration rates are Lifetime \$35pp, Member \$40pp and Non-Member \$50pp. Guided road tours offered during the event include: **James Beam Tour & Lunch** in Clermont, KY; **Blue Grass Music Hall of Fame / Fetta Specialty Pizza Lunch** in Owensboro, KY; and **Andrew Jackson's Hermitage & FKS Kitchen** in Hermitage, TN. There is a per person fee for each tour. The event also includes a High Performance Driving Event (HPDE) to improve your driving skills. Seminars and classroom events include "Behind the Scenes: E-Ray on Ice @ Rockefeller Center NYC", "A Fast History of Corvette & Michelin Racing", "Mobil 1 Tech Talk", and much more. Check the museum website for more detailed information on the event events and fees at corvettemuseum.org.

In May the Museum will be celebrating our military veterans from Thursday, May 11 through Saturday, May 13 with the "Vets 'n Vettes" weekend. Originally held in November the event has been moved to coincide with Military Appreciation Month. On-line registration closes at 9 AM central time on Monday, April 24. Lifetime Registration is \$35pp, Members registration is \$40pp and Non-Member registration is \$50pp. All events are open to Event Registrants only. On-line registrants will receive a hardcard credential, lanyard and event pin. Thursday will include a half-day at the NCM Motorsports Park, including touring laps in your vehicle. This is not a high-speed track event and passengers are allowed. A lunch in the Motorsports Park Garage is included. There will be a banquet Thursday evening and the guest speaker is Bob Lutz, Automotive Hall of Fame Member. Guided road tours offered during the event include: **Lux Row Distillers & Lunch at BJ's Steakhouse** in Bardstown, KY; **Andrew Jackson's Hermitage & FKS Kitchen** in Hermitage, TN; and **American Legion Veteran's Luncheon**. More detail on events and fees can be viewed at the Museum website corvettemuseum.org.
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April 2023

Dave Jones

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In celebration of International Women's Day, March 8, the Museum honors several iconic women who have made a positive impact throughout the Corvette community. Four honorees this month are in the Corvette Hall of Fame. Dollie Cole, Donna Mae Mims, Betty Skelton, and Elfi Arkus-Dunkov have all made significant contributions to the Corvette legacy and history. More information on each of these women can be found on the Museum website.

Dave

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Breakfast, March 4, 2023

Nags Head, NC, Mar 17-20, 2023





Old House Winery, Culpeper, VA



"In honor of St. Patrick's Day, I painted your car green. I knew it would leave you speechless, dad."



St Patrick's Day, Mar 17th, 2023

4th ANNUAL
**VETTES
FOR VETS**
July 15, 2023 @ 10 am - 3 pm

Warrior Retreat at Bull Run
16013 Waterfall Road, Haymarket, VA

**WILLING
WARRIORS**

Join Us and Support One of Our Signature Fundraising Events!

\$20 Pre-Registration 🦅 \$25 On-Site Registration (From 8 - 9 a.m. on July 15th)

The 2023 Vettes for Vets Corvette Show Will Feature:

Music 🦅 Open House Tours 🦅 Food 🦅 Vendors 🦅 Awards at 1:30 p.m.

Expected to Draw Over 150 Corvettes!



To Register Scan the QR Code or Visit
<https://app.mobilecause.com/e/cGwU-g?>

Questions? Contact:

Car Registration - Chuck Berge at 703-629-0206
or Corvette_Show@willingwarriors.org

Event Information - Contact Diane Lunsford at 571-248-0008
or diane.lunsford@willingwarriors.org



**Limited Parking -
Arrive Early!**



My first red Corvette. A 1988 convertible, 35th Anniversary of the Corvette, with the Greenwood Package and a 4+3 transmission. I bought it at Jim McKay Chevrolet in Fairfax in 1997 after retiring from the Air Force. The Corvette is still in the family. My brother bought it in 2004 when I bought a new C5. The first picture taken along the Niagara River near Buffalo, NY; the second picture, Jennings Randolph Lake, WV.

Al McCloud



What Did You Do to Your Corvette?!!

Pete Rutledge — 1954 Corvette

On one cold day this past winter, I went to open the hood on my '54 Corvette. The release handle was hard to pull and the hood did not release. That was worrisome because while the hood can be opened if the hood release doesn't work, it involves jacking up the car, getting under it, and with great difficulty, releasing the hood latches, first one and then the other, with a long pry bar or similar long tool. I wasn't looking forward to doing that, so I elected to do nothing for the time being. Time passed and one day when the temperature was a little warmer I tried again to open this hood. This time, while it was still a hard pull, the hood popped open. Needless to say, for the next couple of months, I did not latch the hood for fear of it getting stuck shut again. This past month, I decided to do something about the hood opening problem. I suspected that the hood release cable assembly might have corrosion or lubrication problems. So I removed the cable assembly to inspect/fix it. When off the car, the cable functioned just fine, with no sign of corrosion or lack of lubrication. What could be the problem? I played around with the cable and found that if the cable was bent too sharply, effort needed to pull the hood release increased significantly. So I decided I would reinstall the cable and make sure that from the hood release knob to the hood latches, the cable would not make any sharp bends as it wound its way under the dashboard. After finding the best path for the cable, I was gratified to find that the hood release knob required no unusual effort and the hood popped up just like it did when it was new, 69 years ago.

Pete Rutledge — 1991 Corvette

It was a very nice example of a C4. But it occupied a precious garage space. And Jan had to park her car outside for 3-1/2 years. During that time, her car lost its windshield and its back window due to falling limbs and had sustained a number of acron dings in the hood.

Well, her car is now safely back in our garage on a full-time basis. No more fear of windy days and falling branches and acorns.



<i>April Birthdays</i>	<i>April Anniversaries*</i>
Chris Mendl — Apr 10 Bettie Shepherd — Apr 21 Rebecca Hamil — Apr 28	Maria & Dean Hinkler — Apr 15

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

Send any Corvette-related for sale or free item listings to the newsletter editor for publication in the next issue.

April 2023



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ACCC Breakfast @ F'burg
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 BCC Cruise to Cooter's	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Cruise to Capt'n Billy's	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

ACCC CLUB JACKETS



Members can order club jackets embroidered with our logo by Heartland Sign Works, 2072 Jeff Davis Hwy, Stafford Courthouse, VA 22554 (open 8:30-5:00, Mon-Fri). As shown 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 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**



American Flags: \$7.00 ea.

Club Flags: \$16.00 ea.

Patches: \$5.00 ea.

Decals/Stickers: \$3.00 ea.



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 (when we last checked).

2023 Aquia Creek Corvette Club Membership Renewal Application

Name:

Date:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone (home):

Work:

Spouse:

E-Mail Address:

Spouse:

Birthday (member):

Spouse:

Anniversary:

May this information be published in the ACCC Member Directory Yes - No (circle)

Corvettes currently owned:

Year	Style	Color	Engine
Year	Style	Color	Engine

DUES INFORMATION:

DUE:

ACCC Annual Dues (Member)	\$30.00	\$
ACCC Annual Dues (Spouse)	\$20.00	\$
ACCC Annual Dues (Associate membership)	\$20.00	\$

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ACCC AND FORWARD TO:

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