

# THE ACCCelerator

## AQUIA CREEK

## CORVETTE CLUB

### May 2023



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for the full  
story.



A special sighting through the windshield of Steve Argubright's C8

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Next Meeting: May 16  
Start Time: 7:00 pm  
Aquia Harbor  
Stafford, VA



This month I am using the logo for the Corvette Caravan in 2024. Too early you say, but the hotel reservations will go fast and the sooner you get your application in to the leaders, the sooner you will be in the loop for lodging. Information and registration form are in this newsletter. The information will be in this Newsletter two times, after that the registration form will stay in the Newsletter until the cutoff date of July 1, 2024. This is not an event, it is an experience, and it only happens once every five years. If you have never done it, now is the time. I sent all of this info in a previous email but some members said they never saw it.

Captain Billy's was an overall success. We had 20 Corvettes on the cruise and 36 members from four Corvette Clubs. In addition to ACCC, we were joined by members from BCC, ODCC, and Piedmont. It was a beautiful day for beautiful cars, great people, and great food enjoyed by all.

I am looking forward to Ron's Cinco de Mayo luncheon at Hector's in Lake Ridge on May 5<sup>th</sup> and also the Block Party at Regester Chapel the next day. Hope to see you at one of these gatherings. If you haven't signed up for the Block Party, let me know if you want to attend. I presently have ten ACCC Corvettes coming to that car show.

I will be out of town for the May meeting, but it is in good hands with VP Ron Mahaffey. We need to see more enthusiasm at our events, especially the meetings, where your vote may decide the events we have and where they will be held. Recently, one vote determined where the Christmas Party will be held.

Until next month...

*Al*

Al McCloud, President  
Most Corvettes are Red!



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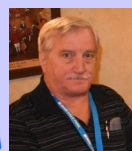
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# April 18, 2023, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

ACCC General Meeting  
Aquia Harbour Clubhouse  
April 18, 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, Albert Martinez, Mike Shepherd, Betty Shepherd, Mary-Anne McGovern

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

## President's Report.

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

--The President reported the passing of Nan Wehmeyer's (Goodwill Ambassador) mother, who was 98 years old. See below.

## NCM Ambassador Report.

--The 26 Annual Michelin NCM Bash is on April 27-29. Online registration is closed.

--The Museum celebrates military Veterans May 11-13.

--Planning is underway for the 2024 National Corvette Caravan as outlined in an email sent by President McCloud on April 17.

--Six 2023 Corvettes are being raffled by the Museum. These raffles are a prime fundraiser for the organization.

## Secretary/Treasurer Report

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

--Per a request by the President, a meeting was held with Mr. Hamza Aziz, the Finance Director at Lindsay Chevrolet to determine if the company might be interested in becoming an ACCC sponsor. The sponsorship would be in addition to that being provided by Radley Chevrolet in Fredericksburg. Mr. Aziz will provide a response at a later date.

## April 18, 2023, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Membership Governor Report. The club has 48 active members.

Vice President Report.

--Nearly a dozen members have signed up to attend the "Spring Block Party" car show (charity event) at the Regester Chapel in Stafford on Saturday, May 6 from 3:00pm-6:00pm. Members will meet in Stafford at 2:00pm and cruise to the event. POC is Al McCloud.

--"Pets and Vettes" car show in Dumfries on May 20. Times and details to follow. POC is Steve Argubright.

Past President Report.

--A Hawaiian theme has been chosen for this year's picnic on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Newsletter Editor Report.

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

Wellness Check

-- The President distributed a sympathy card for members to sign that will be sent to Nan Wehmeyer.

Old Business.

-- The multi-Corvette Club cruise is on Sunday, April 23 to Captain Billy's Crab House in Newberg, Maryland. Many details have been published in the newsletter.

New Business.

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

--Christmas Party - The following five establishments were identified as possible locations, with comments as noted:

**The Clubhouse at Aquia Harbour** - Under new management and not considered further.

**Vinny's Italian Grill** - Not competitively priced and not considered further.

**Park Lane Tavern** - A menu with pricing was proposed.

**Zibibbo 73 Italian Restaurant** - A menu with pricing was proposed.



## April 18, 2023, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

**The Alpine Chef** - A menu with pricing was proposed.

After extensive discussion, the attending members voted by hand to accept The Alpine Chef in Fredericksburg as the location for the 2023 Christmas party, to be held on Sunday, December 17th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. POC is Marie Sizemore.

--April birthdays were announced and there was one anniversary.

Albert Martinez won the 50/50 raffle.

Adjournment: 7:47pm.  
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 36<sup>th</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 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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groups/437699356306459/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/437699356306459/)

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## *ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS*

*Ron Mahaffey*

- May 5 (Friday) 1130, we have reservations for a Cinco de Mayo luncheon in lieu of the monthly breakfast. This event will take place at Hector's in Tackett's Mill, 2233 Tackett's Mill Dr.. Lake Ridge, VA 22192. POC: Ron Mahaffey
- May 6 (Saturday) some ACCC members will participate in a charity event, the Block Party at the Regester Chapel in Stafford, VA, from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. POC: Al McCloud
- May 27 is Vettes 4 Veterans in Staunton, VA (see flyer)
- June 3 is Corvettes at Myrtle Beach (see flyer)
- July 15 is Vettes for Vets at Warriors Retreat at Bull Run, Haymarket, VA (see flyer)

### **LONG RANGE**

- This year's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday 17 December at the Alpine Chef Restaurant in Fredericksburg, VA., from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Address for the restaurant is: 200 Lafayette Boulevard. POC: Marie Sizemore. More info to follow on this event in the next few months.





**NEWS FROM THE  
NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)  
May 2023  
Dave Jones**

Reminder that May is the month to honor our nation's military. "Vets 'N Vettes," presented by Mobil 1 is scheduled for May 11-13, with numerous events and activities planned. Check my last month's article for more detail. To honor the military, the Museum is offering free admission for military personnel, active and retired, and one guest during the entire month of May.

There is always something happening at the National Corvette Museum. Current on-going exhibits include:

Nostalgia Gallery-This gallery presents realistic scenes reflecting Corvette's early history. Step back in time to Main Street, which includes a mid-20th century barbershop, Mobil service station, '60s Chevrolet dealer showroom and the St. Louis Assembly Plant line.

E. Pierce Marshall Memorial Performance Gallery-Features of this gallery include digital projection, interactive touch screens paired with artifact display cases, 180-degree video footage and an impressive line up of cars.

Design and Engineering Gallery-Display *Driven by Design* entertains, educates, and inspires by using interactive elements, artifacts, hands-on objects, and motion-activated content to learn about the design history of the Corvette.

Corvette Hall of Fame-Located in the SkyDome, the Hall of Fame was established in 1998 to provide official recognition to those influential persons in Corvette history and honor their achievements.

Limited Engagement Gallery-"CARisma: The Legendary Creations of Carl Casper." Casper-produced car shows have entertained car enthusiasts nationwide for decades. Included in the exhibit are The Batman Returns Batmobile, Turbo Shark Corvette/Cosmic Invader, Young American Dragster/51 Merc "knight Cruiser," and more.

The McMichael Family Education Gallery- Opening in early 2023, this 2000 square-foot education gallery will provide state-of-the-art educational experience aimed at the next generation of Corvette enthusiasts, engineers, and designers.

To look ahead for 2023, below I have listed the Museum event schedule, including the Museum in Motion (MiM) program. For more detailed information go "Events" on the Museum website, [corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org).

April 30-May 3 - Dragon Run Presented by Michelin @ Biltmore Estate

May 11-May 13 - Vets 'N Vettes Presented by Mobil 1

June 3-June 8 - MiM Le Mans Tour

July 9-July 13 - MiM Explore Detroit

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**NEWS FROM THE  
NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)**

**May 2023**

**Dave Jones**

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July 11-July 23 - MiM Alaska Cruise

Aug 31-September 2 - 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration @ National Corvette Museum

September 24-September 30 - MiM National Parks Tour

September 25-September 30 - Lap of Kentucky Tour (1)

*Dave*

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[www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)

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# Members of ACCC, BCC, ODCC, & Piedmont



**Captain Billy's - April 23rd, 2023**



# *Captain Billy's Cruise - The Corvettes*



*April 23rd, 2023*





**26<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**CORVETTES AT MYRTLE BEACH**  
**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

**"Broadway at the Beach" 8am – 3pm**

Registration for ALL Events: \$130.00 per Couple or \$ 80.00 Single

Fee includes our Banquet Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and

Entry of one (1) car in the Show (each additional car is \$ 10.00)

REGISTER ON-LINE [www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com](http://www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com)

Please submit your registration no later than May 8, 2023

Entry Fee: CAR SHOW ONLY (pre-registered) - \$30.00

DAY OF SHOW/CAR SHOW ONLY - \$35.00

Participants for the Car show only may also pre-register

Or you may register the day of the show

**TROPHY C SSES**

(C1/53-62) (C2/63-67) (C3/68-82) (C4/84-96) (C5/97-04) (C6/05-13) (C7/14-19) (C8/20-23)

Best of Show, Best Engine, Best Interior, Best Custom, Most Extreme, Modified,

Furthest Traveled, Myrtle Beach Mayor's Choice, Club Participation

Awards will be given at the end of the show

Charity Organizations: Canine Angels and Associated Charities

**Honor Our Veterans**

**7th annual**

**VETTES**

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*Car  
Truck  
Cycle*

**VETERANS**

**Show**

**Saturday - May 27, 2023**

*--- Please put a reminder on your calendar ---*

**Location: Gypsy Hill Stadium Parking Lot**  
500 Thornrose Ave. Staunton, VA 24401

**Time: 10 am - 2 pm**

- ☒ **CASH Prizes, Music, Trophies**
- ☒ **Dash Plaques to the 1<sup>st</sup> 200 registered.**
- ☒ **Entry Fee: \$10.00 per vehicle donation to VFW**



**CASH PRIZES**

**Details: Open to all: Corvettes, Mustangs, Mopars, Classic Cars,  
Pickups, Motorcycles, Tuners, Street Rods & Customs.**



**R3**



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](mailto:Corvette_Show@willingwarriors.org)

Event Information - Contact Diane Lunsford at 571-248-0008  
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**Limited Parking -  
Arrive Early!**



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**THE CAROLINAS, VIRGINIA & MARYLAND CORVETTE CARAVAN**

**2024 National Corvette Museum Caravan**

**Sponsorship Overview & Fee Schedule**

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) Caravans have become an integral part of the National Corvette culture. The following provides some background information on these caravans.

A nationwide caravan was organized in 1994 to celebrate the opening of the National Corvette Museum and again in 1999 to commemorate the NCM's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 2003, a 3<sup>rd</sup> National Caravan was organized to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Corvette marque. The 2009, 2014 and 2019 National Corvette Caravans were held to celebrate the NCM's 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are now preparing for the 2024 National Corvette Caravan to celebrate the NCM's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Local caravans will be organized across the country and in most cases they will merge with other local groups as they proceed to Bowling Green, Ky. It is anticipated that more than 300 Corvettes will participate in our regional caravan and will join 7500+ other Corvettes in Bowling Green at the conclusion of the caravan.

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Our local caravan covers Corvette enthusiasts in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Maryland. It will originate in NC days before with our own events and depart for Bowling Green with an overnight stop in Sevierville, TN. After combining with other caravan participants, our caravan will arrive in Bowling Green, KY on August 28, 2024 for the weekend festivities at the NCM.

Each caravan is left to its own resources to raise the funds required for the activities at the origination site, overnight stops, Route Books and caravan materials. The NC/SC/VA/MD Corvette Caravan will be solely funded through corporate sponsorships. Sponsorships will be available in a variety of levels for businesses wishing to advertise to local Corvette enthusiasts and support the caravan and NCM.

Our NC/SC/VA/MD Corvette Caravan's primary fund-raising tool will be to sell ads in our 2024 Caravan Route Book. The attached Fee Schedule shows the rate structure for these ads but we would be pleased to meet with you and tailor a package that would provide the maximum benefit for your business. A representative can also show you samples of our previous Caravan Route Books and discuss the options.

Additionally, sponsors who commit their support at specified levels will have their ads placed on our NC/SC/VA/MD 2024 Corvette Caravan webpage with links to the sponsor's webpage that can be seen by Corvette enthusiasts visiting our site.

Planning an event this size takes considerable time and resources. To help facilitate our early start, the NC/SC/VA/MD 2024 Corvette Caravan is raising money now for planning, organizing and operating the event. If possible, we would appreciate a commitment of support at your earliest convenience. If you are interested in having your business advertised on our Caravan website, please let me know as soon as you can to get the most visibility for the longest period of time. We plan on publishing the Route Book in early 2024 and distributing it soon thereafter. Route Book ads and webpage links will again play an important role in products and services utilized by the Caravan participants.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the local participants in the ***2024 Carolinas, Virginia and Maryland Corvette Caravan.***

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## 2024 NC/SC/VA/MD CORVETTE CARAVAN FEE SCHEDULE & SPONSORSHIP ORDER FORM

Yes, I would like to be a sponsor of the NC/SC/VA/MD Region of the 2024 National Corvette Museum Caravan and subscribe to one or more of the following sponsorship levels. I understand that I am responsible for providing my ad in electronic media format so that it may be sized correctly.

### *ROUTE BOOK / Caravan Webpage AD*

SIZE	COLOR	YES	B&W	YES	\$ TOTAL
BUSINESS CARD	N/A		\$50		
¼ PAGE	\$100		\$75		
½ PAGE	\$200		\$150		
FULL PAGE	\$400		\$300		
FRONT COVER – Outside	\$500		N/A		
FRONT COVER – Inside	\$500		N/A		
BACK COVER – Inside	\$500		N/A		
BACK COVER – Outside	\$500		N/A		

**VANITY PLATE Route Book Picture - \$25** \_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to purchase an ad; however, I would like to support the NC/SC/VA/MD Corvette Caravan by inserting a picture of my Vanity License Plate in color in the Route Book.

**PERSONAL Route Book Ad - \$50** \_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to purchase a business ad; however, I would like to support the NC/SC/VA/MD Corvette Caravan by inserting a *personal* business card size Black & White ad in the Route Book.

**DONATION - \$** \_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to purchase a business or personal ad, however, I would like to support the NC/SC/VA/MD Corvette Caravan by making a personal contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE FOR ALL DONATIONS INDICATED ABOVE:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE (Day):** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the [Carolinas & Virginia Corvette Caravan](#) with [Sponsorship](#) in the memo line and mail to:

Kim Sheldon, NC/SC/VA/MD Caravan Sponsorship  
112 Garden Gate Way, Summerville SC 29486  
Tel: 843-860-4731

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**Registration Form – 2024 Carolinas, Virginia & Maryland Caravan**  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Corvette Museum  
August 26 – September 1, 2024

**Registration Opens: March 1, 2023. All registrations must be postmarked by July 1, 2024**

Caravan registration: \$150 per person – includes:

- **Monday, August 26** Evening Meet & Greet. Details to be provided.
- **Tuesday, August 27** Lunch at the **Deer Park Inn at Biltmore**, Caravan kickoff
- **Tuesday, August 27** Sevierville, TN. Dinner on your own. Information list to be provided.
- **Wednesday, August 28** Evening meal in Bowling Green at Hampton Inn
- T-Shirt (one per person), Commemorative Route Book, plus more.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

☐

Check box if you need a room in Bowling Green

**\*For Hotels in Bowling Green, list your departure date: \_\_\_\_\_**

You will receive via email a letter confirming receipt of your registration along with hotel cost and booking information in Ashville and Sevierville.

You will also be provided in this letter hotel registration information for Bowling Green if you indicated above you need a room there.

**Please note: Only regional caravan registrants will be on the approved list to book a room at Bowling Green hotels based on the post mark and receipt of your registration.**

T-Shirt (1/person) Sm\_\_\_\_ Med\_\_\_\_ Large\_\_\_\_ X-Large\_\_\_\_ 2X-Large\_\_\_\_ 3X-Large\_\_\_\_ 4X-Large\_\_\_\_

Registration: \$150 X \_\_\_\_ # attending Subtotal\_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt surcharge for 2X, 3X, 4X (\$2/shirt) Subtotal\_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed\_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed form with your check (made payable to Carolinas & Virginia Caravan) to Kim Sheldon NC/SC/VA/MD Caravan, 112 Garden Gate Way, Summerville, SC 29486**



## Steve Argubright's Special Sighting

On my way to the club breakfast on April 1, I came across this Corvette being towed behind a U-Haul. The antique Virginia license plate was dated 1954, so this must have been a real barn find!! From what I read, in 1954 most Corvettes were white but two new colors were added, Pennant Blue and Guardsman or Sportsman Red (take your pick). A few black ones were also built. The driver and I exchanged "thumbs up" and he had a big smile on his face. I can't imagine why.

Steve

### Editor's Note:

*If its original color was black, it is, indeed, a rare '54 Corvette (only a half dozen or so were painted black). However, it's probably a repaint in a non-original color. Looks like it might be a "resto-mod," i.e., modified with custom wheels/tires, some de-chroming on the exterior (it's missing the side chrome trim strips), and maybe a late-model V8 engine (replacing the original straight 6 cylinder engine). It also has a Plasticon brand aftermarket hardtop that was quite popular in the day (there was no factory hardtops until 1956). It's quite nice just the same. And it's especially nice for a C1 and a C8 (and their owners) to exchange greetings on the highway.*

*My '54 was originally Pennant blue with a beige interior; there were only about 300 blue ones. Mine was repainted white (around 1984) and then red (around 1985 and again in 2011) and the interior was changed to red (there were only about 100 original '54 red ones.) My intention is to make it blue again; I have all the beige interior pieces needed to make the interior color change to go with the exterior color change—I only have to strip off all of the paint, then prep and repaint the car in Pennant Blue.*



## What Did You Do to Your Corvette?!!

### Paul & Beth Thompson — 1971 Stingray convertible

Oh the challenge of the parts search for our (Thompson's) 1971 Corvette Stingray! The driver's side windshield wiper was an issue for years, but finally came to a head with the ACCC Toys for Tots drive to the USMC Museum at Quantico, VA, in December 2022. It was a rainy day and when I switched them on, the driver's side wiper wouldn't budge. Thanks to a liberal application of Rain-X, the rain drops flowed off enough to maintain visibility. But that forced an intense search for the wiper transmission part that Lester Long, owner of My Auto Shop in Woodbridge, VA, had recommended the last time I had it in for inspection. I called several parts shops that a Google search had identified. Eckler's was the biggest disappointment, seemingly one step away from bankruptcy. Next was Zip Corvette parts in Mechanicsville, VA, and after identifying the issue they recommended a wiper arm assembly and clamps which I bought. Upon receipt, I realized that it would not solve the root issue which was the stripped driver side three bolt wiper transmission hub, which the wiper arm fits on top of as seen in the picture on the right. A call to Zip resulted in a referral to Piper's Auto Specialties in Vermilion, IL. When the 89 year old J T Piper answered, he knew exactly what I was talking about and said he had a used wiper transmission assembly in stock. It was worth the call just to talk to this gentleman about life (mostly his) in general, and Corvettes in particular. Although he was extremely hard of hearing, his son-in-law called back the next day and got our address squared away, thus averting delivery of a \$175 part to 16022 Kings Mountain Rd. I don't think that address exists. (Al McCloud up the street maybe?? Ha, ha)



Upon removal of the wiper cover, Lester Long installed the wiper transmission, wiper arm assembly and clamps, made final adjustments to preclude interference of the wiper arms with each other and re-installed the wiper cover. He also replaced the flasher unit and changed the oil and filter. I have been using full synthetic 10W-30 in the Jasper 350 CI engine, replaced in 2013.

Now that the wipers and turn signals are in working order, it is time to get back on the road with the ACCC. Very sorry to hear that Corvette Weekend was cancelled, but without COVID restrictions, there are now plenty of other opportunities to cruise.

### Pete Rutledge — 1957 Corvette

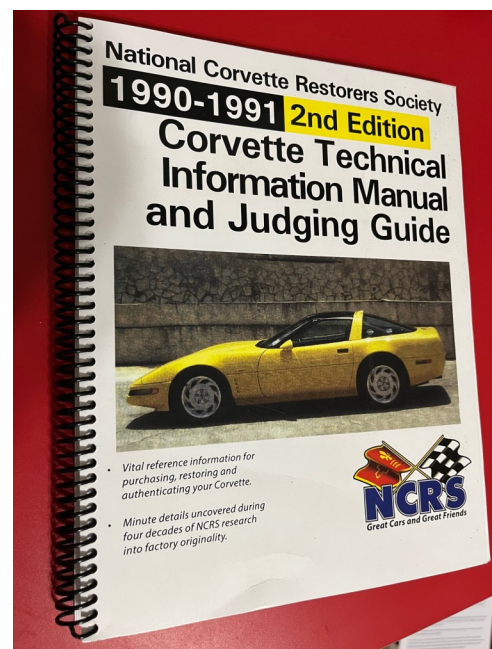
Replaced the dual ignition points and got the fuel-injected '57 running again after a long dormant period.

<i>May Birthdays</i>	<i>May Anniversaries*</i>
Louise Donner — May 4 Al McCloud — May 4 Mike Shepherd — May 9 Paul Thompson — May 13 Bud Donner — May 18 Ginelle Benton — May 30 Michael Klein — May 31	None that we know of

**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

1990-91 Corvette Technical Information Manual and Judging Guide, 2nd Edition, from National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS); the best reference for making your 1990-91 Corvette like it was when it left the factory. Excellent condition, \$25. Contact Pete Rutledge.



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

# May 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	2	3	4	5 11:30AM luncheon @ Cinco De Mayo	6 3-6PM Reg- ister Chapel, Stafford
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 7PM ACCC meeting @ Aquia	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Vettes for Vets @ Staunton
28	29	30	31			



## 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 Application/Renewal

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:

Chris Mendl  
203 Northview Dr.  
Falmouth, VA 22405

