

ACCC Member Jack Whitis' new C8

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Next Meeting: June 20 Start Time: 7:00 pm Aquia Harbor Stafford, VA

Corvette Summer

Two weeks into our vacation and I was having withdrawal symptoms from not seeing a Corvette since May 13th, which was a torch red C-8 headed south on Hwy 101 near San Francisco Airport. Since then, nothing. But to be honest, I did not expect to see any in Alaska. Back in California on May 25th, I saw three the first day around Fairfield and Vacaville and two today, Friday, in South Lake Tahoe. Symptoms are normal again.

Today we visited two gravesites of Air Force comrades I served with at Travis AFB. They are interred in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, CA, a beautiful cemetery maintained like our local national cemeteries, Arlington and Quantico.

I hope everyone had a great safe Memorial Day weekend. Margaret and I were stuck in Northern California with warm 84 degree weather. We will be back to reality on June 2nd. 'Til then, just remember "Most Corvettes Are Red!"

Until next month...

Al McCloud, President

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Newsletter

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May 16, 2023, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

ACCC General Meeting Aquia Harbour Clubhouse May 16, 2023

Board Attendees:

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

Members:

Dave Jones (NCM Ambassador), Marie Sizemore, MaryAnne McGovern, Dean Hinkler, Donny Fisk, Joan Fisk

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

President's Report.

-- The President was not in attendance. -- The Vice President made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 18, 2023, general meeting. The motion was approved.

NCM Ambassador Report.

--May is the month to honor our nation's military. --Ongoing activities at the Museum include:

- Nostalgia Gallery
- E. Pierce Marshall Performance Gallery
- Design and Engineer Gallery
- Corvette Hall of Fame
- Education Gallery

--Activity is starting to pick up for the 2024 Caravan in August. Check out corvettemuseum.org for more information.

Secretary/Treasurer Report.

--The checking account balance is \$X,XXX.XX. --*Other. See Old Business.

Membership Governor Report. The club has 48 active members. The Vice President recommended that active members all look for new members to increase the club membership.

Vice President Report.

--The June breakfast will be held at the IHOP in Culpeper on June 10 at 10:00AM. POC is Marie Sizemore.
--The NVCC Club will hold their 2023 Corvette Show on June 4 at Pohanka Chevrolet in Chantilly.
--The July ACCC breakfast will be held at the Juke Box Diner in Manassas on July 1 at 10:00AM. POC is Ron Mahaffey.

May16, 2023, ACCC Business Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Newsletter Editor Report.

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

Wellness Check

--No report. The Goodwill Ambassador was not present.

Old Business.

--Captain Billy's Cruise - Well attended with great weather.
--Cinco de Mayo Luncheon - A great celebration.
--Block Party - The hosting church was appreciative of the ACCC members who attended.
-- *Lindsay Chevrolet did not respond to a suggestion that they become an ACCC sponsor. This topic will not be pursued further.
--The May "Pets and Vettes" car show in Dumfries will not be held this

year due to a lack of staffing.

New Business.

Christmas Party Update.

--A written quote has been received from the Alpine Chef. As recommended by the President, ACCC members in attendance agreed that the maximum amount <u>each member</u> (estimate 25 attendees) would be charged is \$35.00, with the club paying the balance, tax, and 20% gratuity for a total of \$40.52. Non-members/guests will be charged the regular price of \$48.52. Any alcohol/wine purchases will be paid for separately by the member or guest. A \$200.00 club deposit to be paid in June is incorporated in these figures.

--<u>Christmas party checks</u> <u>made payable to the ACCC must be received by</u> <u>Marie Sizemore no later than November 1, 2023.</u> --May birthdays were announced. There were no anniversaries.

Adjournment: 7:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve

Steve Argubright Secretary/Treasurer





Aquia Creek Corvette Club P.O. Box 986 Stafford, VA 22553 Website: www.accclub.org/web Email: aquiacreekcorvetteclub@yahoo.com

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

- May 5, 2023: On Friday the 5th of May we had a luncheon at Hector's in Lake Ridge, VA, in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. The event was attended by the following club members: Al and Margaret, Skip and Marie, Steve, Nan and Mickey, Jane, Rebecca, and Elizabeth and Ron.
- May 6, 2023: On Saturday the 6th of May, our president having received an invitation from the Pastor of the Register Chapel in Stafford, VA, to attend their Spring Festival, several of the ACCC Corvette owners gathered at the Aquia Town Center parking lot and caravanned to the chapel. Our Corvettes were a big hit at the festivity.
- June 3, 2023: The Myrtle Beach Corvette Show will take place on the weekend of June 3; yes, in Myrtle Beach, SC.
- June 4, 2023: The NVCC club will hold their 2023 Corvette Show on 4 June at Pohanka Chevrolet in Chantilly. (See flyer.)
- June 10, 2023: Since several members will be attending the Myrtle Beach event, the June breakfast will be held at the IHOP in Culpeper on June 10 at 10AM. POC is Marie Sizemore.
- July 1, 2023: The July ACCC breakfast will be held at the Juke Box Diner in Manassas on July 1 at 10AM. POC is Ron Mahaffey.

LONG RANGE

Long range planning of note includes our Christmas Party, which will take place on December 17th from 1-4PM at the Alpine Chef in Fredericksburg, VA. Checks are to be sent (<u>made payable to ACCC</u>) to Marie Sizemore <u>no later than November 1</u>. The cost is: \$35.00 per club member and \$48.52 for non-members/guests. Additional details were in the May newsletter.



NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM) June 2023 Dave Jones (Email: oneregal@yahoo.com)

ANNIVERSARY TOAST



Here's to seventy years of Corvette love, A car that's always been a cut above, From the racetrack to the city streets, The Corvette has always been hard to beat.

Delighting generations with performance and fun, A love affair that's never done, From the day it debuted to the new C8, The Corvette has always been great.

So here's to America's love affair, With the Corvette, a car beyond compare, May it continue to thrill and excite, For another seventy years of pure delight.

Let's raise a glass and give a cheer, To the Corvette, a legend we hold so dear, Here's to seventy years of driving fun, And to many more yet to come!



Cheers, everyone!







26th 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 3rd and Entry of one (1) car in the Show (each additional car is \$ 10.00) REGISTER ON-LINE www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com Please submit your registration no later than May 8, 2023 Entry Fee: <u>CAR SHOW ONLY (pre-registered)</u> - \$30.00 <u>DAY OF SHOW/CAR SHOW ONLY</u> - \$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



NCCC Sanctioned Event: ER-357-001 thru 007 Trophy Plaques for Show Winners Event Chair: Paul Caporossi (703) 975-1455 NCCC Governor: Andrej Balanc (703) 220-8228

Event Participation is Entirely at the Attendees Own Risk Only NCCC Members are Covered by NCCC Insurance FREE EVENT T-SHIRT FOR EVERY REGISTERED VEHICLE! RAFFLES! MUSIC! FOOD!







Admission: Free Pre-Registration: \$25 Drive-In Registration: \$30 Contact: carshow@nvcorvetteclub.com See registration page for more details **REGISTER: msreg.com/NVCCChantillyCorvetteShow2023**





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



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Facebook Page: 2024 National Corvette Museum NC/SC/VA/MD Caravan



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 5th anniversary. In 2003, a 3rd National Caravan was organized to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Corvette marque. The 2009, 2014 and 2019 National Corvette Caravans were held to celebrate the NCM's 15th, 20th and 25th anniversary. We are now preparing for the 2024 National Corvette Caravan to celebrate the NCM's 30th 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.

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		

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.

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

PLEASE COMPLETE FOR ALL DONATIONS INDICATED ABOVE:

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ADDRESS:

CITY: ______ STATE: _____ ZIP: ______

E-MAIL: PHONE (Day):_____

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

30th 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:	
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Email:	
Club Affiliation:	
Check box if you need a room in Bowling G *For Hotels in Bowling Green, list your departure da	reen
You will receive via email a letter confirming receipt booking information in Ashville and Sevierville. You will also be provided in this letter hotel registrat above you need a room there. Please note: Only regional caravan registrants will b Green hotels based on the post mark and receipt of	tion information for Bowling Green if you indicated
T-Shirt (1/person) Sm Med Large X-Larg	e2X-Large3X-Large4X-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 (n to Kim Sheldon NC/SC/VA/MD Caravan, 112 Gar	

What Did You Do to Your Corvette?!!

Val Liles — 2003 Z06

(May 24) HA! Had my car detailed yesterday, today it won't start. So one thing I AM going to do is get a new battery!

(May 25) Had AAA here today, and asked them to make sure they brought a battery for a 2003 Z06. They didn't. But they put a charge on it and said it wouldn't hold for long. Calling Radley in the morning to see if they have an 800 CCA AC DELCO in stock and if they do, I'll take the truck down to pick it up.

Ron Mahaffey — 2003 Coupe

Below is a photo of my 2003 Corvette with the graphic stripes I had designed and installed. The design was done by Illusion Wraps in Fredericksburg, Va., and also installed by them. It really complements the red color. I have received several comments.







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

Pete Rutledge — 1957 Corvette

You'll remember from the last issue that I was working on getting the '57 back on the road after a long dormant period. After its first extended ride in the neighborhood, the temperature gauge approached 220 deg F and it regurgitated coolant from the radiator. Oddly enough, the coolant coming out of the top of the radiator was cool. On the next attempt, I used an infrared thermometer from Harbor Freight and aimed it at the upper radiator hose while the engine was warming up, in order to determine if the thermostat was opening once the coolant reached 180 deg F; it didn't. So, evidently, the 11 year old thermostat was stuck shut, not allowing coolant to circulate through the cooling system. I replaced the thermostat with a new one from AutoZone and all was



well. On my neighborhood drives I had also noticed that the turn signal stalk would not stay in the right turn position when approaching a right turn. So I removed the steering wheel and cleaned and lubricated the turn signal mechanism. After that, the turn signal functioned as intended, but I had also realigned the steering wheel while I was at



it (it had been previously mounted offcenter) and now the steering wheel was crooked when going straight down the road. I subsequently straightened the steering wheel by adjusting a link between the steering box pitman arm and the steering bellcrank. Now the wheel is straight when the car is going straight. I'm pretty confident that I'll be able to drive the car to the Corvette show at Bomnin Chevrolet in Manassas in August. Hope to see you there.

June Birthdays	June Anniversaries*		
June 19 — Pete Rutledge June 28 — Elizabeth Mahaffey	June 5 — Jim Eden June 5 — Sam Hess June 27 — Jan & Pete Rutledge		
<u>Please Note</u> : If we fail to list your birthday of your dates in our membership database. If yo listed in the future, please let Marie Sizemore	u would like to see your birthdays/anniversaries		
FOR SALE or FREE			
	sale or free item listings to the plication in the next issue.		

June 2023



NOTE: See "	ACCC Events"	on Page <mark>5</mark> for	the details or	n particular ev	ents. ACCC c	lub events
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Myrtle Beach Cor- vette Show
4 Myrtle Beach & Pohanka Chev, Cor- vette show, Chantilly	5	6	7	8	9	10 ACCC breakfast, IHOP Culpeper
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 ACCC meeting @ Aquia	21	22	23	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 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) — stonewashed 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*



Club Flags: \$16.00 ea. Patches: \$5.00 ea. Decals/Stickers: \$3.00 ea.





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
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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ACCC AND FORWARD TO:

Chris Mendl
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Falmouth, VA 22405

