

THE ACCCelerator

AQUIA CREEK

CORVETTE CLUB

February 2024



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Next Meeting: February 20
Start time: 7:00 PM
Aquia Harbor
Stafford, VA

ACCCording to the President Ron Mahaffey

2024 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

We held our first meeting of the new year on 23 January 2024, yes that was the fourth Tuesday of the month vice the third. We had to postpone the meeting one week as the weather on the 16th was too treacherous for some to travel to the meeting. There were several good discussions that took place at the meeting and we had a suggestion, which I personally like is when there are a couple of events on the same date, we'll take a vote on which one will be supported as an ACCC event. If time permits we will make this announcement in the newsletter (in a new column in the President article labeled as **(LEGISLATIVE ACTION)**) announcing that a vote will be taken at the next meeting and which event we'll support. This allows all club members to be aware of an upcoming vote and if they feel very strongly about which event/issue to support they have been notified and will show up to vote. Honorary Membership was also a topic of discussion, Jim Martin volunteered to do some research on the subject on how these are handled in other clubs, organizations, etc. The way it is currently written in the by-laws is a little, should I say vague. Once Jim completes his research then we'll decide how we want to handle Honorary Memberships in the future and the by-laws will be amended to incorporate the language. This will be voted on by the members in attendance and it will be announced in a future newsletter under **LEGISLATIVE ACTION**.

As previously announced Al McCloud had volunteered to be the (interim) Goodwill Ambassador until we found a permanent individual to assume that position. I want to announce that Rebecca Hamil has volunteered to assume the position for calendar year 2024. Thank you Rebecca! Al you have been relieved.

We had a very good turn out (16 members) at the subject meeting to start off the New Year, let's see if we can increase that number in the coming months. Yes, and keep an eye out for Corvette owners who may have an interest in joining our club. Remember this club exists because of your participation and interest in America's premier sports car.

Remember Valentine's Day is approaching so get those reservations made to wine and dine that special person for the evening.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The ACCC monthly breakfast which takes place the first Saturday of each month has been at 10 AM for the past year. There was some discussion about changing the time (earlier), that said, we are going to have a vote at the February meeting as to the time for the breakfast each month and make it permanent.

Have a great day!

Ron

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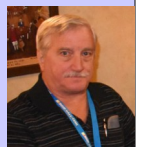
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Rebecca Hamil

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ACCC Board Meeting Minutes

ACCC Board Meeting

January 6, 2024

Juke Box Diner, Manassas, VA

Board Members:

Ron Mahaffey - President

Marie Sizemore - Vice President

Chris Mendl - Membership Governor

Steve Argubright - Secretary/Treasurer

President Mahaffey called the meeting to order at 10:40am.

President's Report.

Meeting with 2024 board members for the first time, the President lead numerous discussions regarding board matters, club operations and policies. Highlights:

1. In the future, the Secretary/Treasurer will be solely responsible for remitting payment for all fees and invoices that are presented to the club for payment.
2. The President will send letters to Gail and Terry Hunter notifying them that the ACCC Board of Directors has voted to make them Honorary Members. This is to thank and recognize them for their years of participating in the ACCC.
3. The President will contact two members for possibly becoming Goodwill Ambassadors and will also contact other active members who have paid their 2024 dues but have not participated in recent club events or attended meetings.
4. Locations for the 2024 annual picnic were discussed. The Membership Governor will review sites in Stafford County and will report to the membership at the February general meeting.

Vice President's Report. Nothing specifically to report but brought valuable insights to the discussions cited above.

Secretary/Treasurer Report.

As of January 1, 2024, the club's checking account balance is \$X,XXX.XX. This balance includes a \$50.00 check to David Jones for expenses he incurred in the gift for outgoing President Al McCloud, and a \$289.00 check to Dominion Webworks for the annual ACCC website fee. There are no new obligations as of this date.

Membership Governor Report. See above.

Newsletter Editor Report. Absent. No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: 11:15am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve

Steve Argubright

Secretary/Treasurer

ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

ACCC General Meeting
Aquia Harbour Club House
January 23, 2024

Board Attendees:

- Ron Mahaffey - President
- Chris Mendl - Membership Governor
- Pete Rutledge - Newsletter Editor
- Steve Argubright - Secretary/Treasurer

Members:

Dave Jones (NCM Ambassador), Al McCloud (Goodwill Ambassador - Acting), Margaret McCloud, MaryAnne McGovern, Jim Martin, Denise Martin, Nan Weh-meyer, Jan Rutledge, Elizabeth Mahaffey, Dean Hinkler, Rebecca Hamil, BJ Mendl

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

President's Report.

--In his first official meeting of the new year, President Mahaffey promoted new membership, and encouraged members to fill the 2024 calendar with events to support as a club.

--The President made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 17 general meeting. The motion was approved.

NCM Ambassador Report.

--2024 is filled with several Museum events:

March - Art display of 55 paintings of automobiles and motorcycles

April - Michelin Bash

May - Military Appreciation Month

June - Exhibit of events and actions following the Sinkhole collapse

August - Caravan

October - Display of Corvette artifacts from the pop culture scene

--Other Museum in Motion events were reported.

Secretary/Treasurer Report.

--The checking account balance is \$X,XXX.XX and it has been reconciled with the latest Carter Bank and Trust statement.

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--The next expenses will be for the preparation of the club's 2023 Federal and State income tax returns and the payment of the annual registration fee to the State Corporation Commission.

Membership Governor Report.

--The roster stands at 41 members.

--Locations are being explored for the 2024 annual picnic. Possibilities include sites in Stafford County, Widewater State Park, and possibly Locust Shade Park. Planning continues.

--Made a recommendation that when a future event calls for a membership vote that it be identified as a new topic in the newsletter's President's corner and noting the date/meeting where the vote will take place. This will improve communications with the members and encourage attendance at monthly meetings.

Vice President Report. Absent. On behalf of the Vice President, the President informed members about the Mardi Gras celebration in downtown Culpeper on Saturday, February 2024. This is not an ACCC sponsored event.

Newsletter Editor Report. Reminded members that this is the 71st year of the Corvette and called for inputs to the monthly newsletter.

Goodwill Ambassador (Acting) - Noted that expressions of sympathy were passed to the next of kin for recently passed members. (**Note:** Rebecca Hamil has assumed the duties of permanent Goodwill Ambassador for 2024.)

Old Business.

--Christmas Party. The President complimented the Vice President on her 2023 Christmas party planning. December 8, or December 14, 2024 were dates recommended for the 2024 party.

Members were asked to suggest locations, and one was to return to the Park Lane Tavern in Fredericksburg, which did an excellent job in 2022. This will be a topic to be voted on in the next couple of months. The need to lock in a location early is required as restaurants to accommodate large groups are limited.

--Planning continues for the St. Patrick's Day events weekend in the Outer Banks. The rain or shine car parade is on March 17 at 1:00pm. Details have been provided separately via email. The POC is MaryAnne McGovern.

New Business.

--Noting various opinions, the President cited the need to establish a time for 2024 breakfasts. Members will be given the opportunity to vote

ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

at the March meeting. Discussion continues.

--The President opened a discussion on the topic of Honorary Memberships as addressed in the By-Laws. After several opinions were expressed, Jim Martin agreed to take on the topic as an action item and will present his findings at the February 2024 club meeting.

December and January birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

Dave Jones won the 50/50 raffle and donated the proceeds to the Treasury.

The next general meeting is on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Adjournment: 7:52pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve

Steve Argubright
Secretary/Treasurer



Aquia Creek Corvette Club

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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 37th 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 47 members representing nearly 70 Corvettes, from a 1954 to a 2023. ACCC membership consists primarily of Stafford County residents, but has members from Prince William, Fairfax, Fauquier, Spotsylvania, Culpeper, Loudon, Louisa counties, as well as one member in North Carolina 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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Facebook

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

Aquia Creek Corvette Club is sponsored by



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ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

Marie Sizemore

Hello fellow ACCC members,

February 2024 ACCC events are as follows:

- Feb 3, ACCC Breakfast at Great American Buffet Fredericksburg, VA, at 10AM. POC Ron Mahaffey
- Feb.20, ACCC Business Meeting, 7PM, Aquia Harbor
- Feb,24, Culpeper Downtown Mardi Gras Celebration. Lunch at 1PM at Grass Routes on Davis Street in Culpeper. Skip and I will go downtown at 10:30 to visit some of the shops on Davis St. If you would like to join us let me know. If not we will see you at lunch at 1PM. I will need to know if you want to do lunch with us by Feb.10, to make our reservation for lunch. POC: Marie Sizemore at bugbent@aol.com

March 2024 events are as follows:

- Mar 2, ACCC Breakfast TBD
- Mar 14-18, St. Patrick's Day Parade at the Outer Banks. The host hotel is The Holiday Inn Express at Kitty Hawk. Their phone number is 1-757-419-3665 to make your reservation. You can pick the number of days you want to stay from the dates listed. Mary Anne McGovern is the POC for this event.
- Mar 19, ACCC business at 7PM, Aquia Harbor

Marie



NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)

February 2024

Dave Jones (Email: oneregal@yahoo.com)

Last month I provided a quick look at future NCM exhibits and events for 2024. This month I offer more information on the events coming in March and April as follows:

-Beginning on March 15 and running throughout 2024 is: *LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting*. This traveling museum is an art exhibit of over 55 present day realists and hyperrealists who specialize in automobiles and motorcycles as their primary subject matter. Throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, cars and motorcycles have not only been prominent on the nation's streets and highways, but also in film, music's top hits and in painting. With the emergence of photo-realism in the 1960's, motorized vehicles have assumed a special place of distinction as subject matter in the American art scene. *LUSTER* will present art together with Corvettes, motorcycles and other automotive icons that have served as inspiration for works of art. Included in the exhibit is a 1937 Cord 812 on loan from the Auburn Cord Dusenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn, IN.

-April 25-27 is the Annual Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash. During this event Corvette fans will get to have an in-depth experience learning about the latest and greatest with the Corvette. Activities include a seminar and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Additional seminars are presented by Michelin, Mobil 1 and GM. Also available for guests will be guided road tours, a Museum's Choice Car Show, and a live auction featuring exclusive Corvette memorabilia, and more.

-Also coming in April will be the opening of The Vintage Shop on CorvetteStore.com. This will be another opportunity for the Museum to showcase Corvette's incredible history and the fashions that have accompanied it. Interest in vintage apparel has skyrocketed with younger generations craving a unique look. There will be a limited number of "product drops" in 2024 on the newly renovated CorvetteStore.com.

In other NCM news, the 2023 Corvette year-end production statistics are now available. A few of the notable stats are:

-53,785 cars produced, 52% coupes and 48% convertibles

-Of the 14 exterior colors offered, the most popular was Torch Red with 7,895 produced and least popular was Caffeine with 536 produced.

-Carbon Flash was the most popular exterior stripe option and can be found on 2,363 cars

-Right hand drive accounted for 1,312 cars produced.

-2,504 cars were Option R8C National Corvette Museum deliveries.

You can go online to corvettemuseum.org to get the complete production statistics.



www.corvettemuseum.org

www.corvettestore.com



Willing Warriors — Continuing Needs

How ACCC Members Can Help

As we all know, Willing Warriors in Haymarket, VA, is a great cause. We attend their Vettes for Vets Corvette Show every year. There is a way we can help them on a continuing basis. They have recurring needs for the following:

- **Cases of Bottled Water** to keep in the garage refrigerator for volunteers who are working and Warrior families when they play outside or go off-site.
- **Tall Kitchen Trash Bags**
- **Dawn Dish Soap**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Septic Safe Toilet Paper**
- **Gallon and Quart size freezer zip lock baggies**
- **Pledge**
- **Snack bars** such as Nature Valley Granola bars

If you bring any of the above items to any ACCC meeting, ACCC Associate member Mary Anne McGovern has volunteered to get them to Willing Warriors. Thank you Mary Anne.

MARI GRAS IN CULPEPER

Bringing the Bayou to Culpeper Downtown Culpeper Downtown Carnival - an all-day Mardi Gras celebration in the heart of Downtown Culpeper - Saturday, February 24, 2024 Laissez les bon temps rouler! On Saturday, February 24, 2024, join the excitement of Mardi Gras in Downtown Culpeper, Virginia! Fun for the entire family, while exploring historic Downtown Culpeper enjoy live music, street performers, performing artists, New Orleans inspired food, face-painting, and activities. Enjoy the traditions of Mardi Gras with beads and masks for all. Enjoy in-store specials during the day with many merchants located in the downtown district. Restaurants will serve up delicious Mardi Gras themed specials from sweet French Quarter beignets and King Cake, to savory gumbo and po' boys that are sure to please.

While this is not an ACCC activity, ACCC members wishing to participate should contact Marie Sizemore by Feb. 10.

A large collage of 24 photographs of various Corvettes, including modern C7 models and classic C1, C2, and C3 models in various colors and configurations. The images are arranged in a grid-like fashion, showcasing the diversity of the Corvette brand. Some photos include text overlays, such as "BUD DONNER'S CALLAWAY C8 CONVERTIBLE" and "AQUA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB". The collage is bordered by a dark red frame.

ACCC Member Reunion in Savannah

ACCC members Skip and Marie Sizemore, Terry and Gail Hunter, and Joan Yaros (and friend Mike) reunited recently in Savannah, GA.

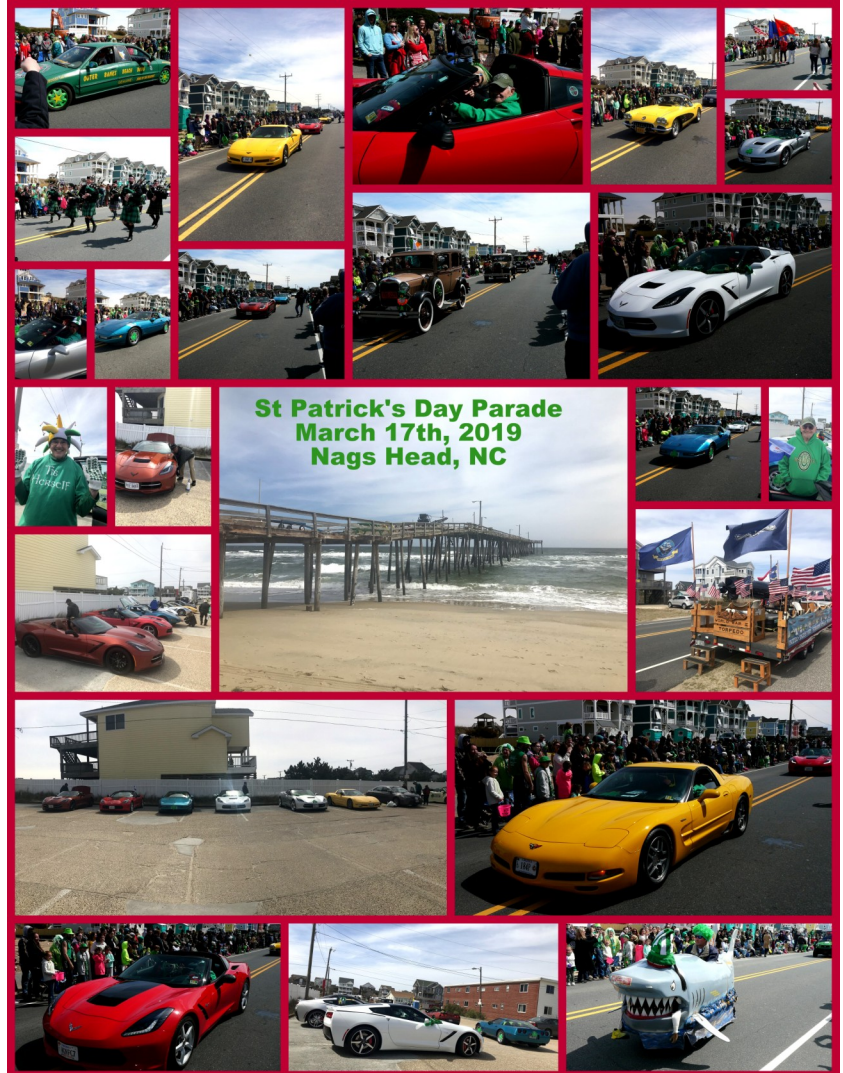


Mar 14-18, St. Patrick's Day Parade at the Outer Banks.

This is one of our longest running annual events since the mid-1990s. The parade starts at 1PM on Sunday, March 17. (This is a candy-throwing parade.) The host hotel is The Holiday Inn Express at Kitty Hawk.

They have blocked rooms for the ACCC. Standard room rates are \$99 (Thurs & Sun nights) and \$109 (Fri & Sat nights), plus applicable state and local taxes (12.75%).

Their phone number is 1-757-419-3665 to make your reservation (mention Aquia Creek Corvette Club). You can pick the number of days you want to stay from Mar 14 through 17. Mary Anne McGovern is the POC for this event. Please book your reservation before Feb 25.



ACCC Corvettes at the Parade in 2019



MYRTLE BEACH CORVETTE CLUB

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MYRTLE BEACH, SC • JUNE 1, 2024



You are invited to help in our club mission by attending our 27th Anniversary **"Corvettes at the Beach"** car show in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at Broadway at the Beach!

MBCC was organized in 1997 around the excitement of the C-5 roll out as a social club organizing events and generating monies for local charities.

In 1997 MBCC enrolled as a lifetime member in the NCM to help in it's time of need.



Over \$100,000⁰⁰

in donations in the past
5 years to local charities



For More Information Visit:

www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com





27th ANNUAL CORVETTES AT MYRTLE BEACH

Saturday, June 1, 2024

"Broadway at the Beach" 8am - 3pm

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

Fee includes our Banquet Friday, May 31st 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 13, 2024

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

DAY OF SHOW/CAR SHOW ONLY - \$35.00

Pre-Registration opens Feb. 1, 2024 at

www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com

TROPHY CLASSES

(C1/53-62) (C2/63-67) (C3/68-82) (C4/84-96)

(C5/97-04) (C6/05-13) (C7/14-19) (C8/20-24) (C8/Z06)

**Best of Show, Best Engine, Best Interior, Best Custom, Most Extreme,
Furthest Travelled, Club Participation**

Awards will be given at the end of the show

Charity Organizations:

Children's Recovery Center • Julie's Kids

<i>February Birthdays</i>	<i>February Anniversaries*</i>
<p>Feb 2 — Joan Yaros</p> <p>Feb 5 — Barbara Mendle (Jett)</p> <p>Feb 7 — Jane Loveland</p> <p>Feb 8 — Joan Fisk</p>	<p>Feb 14 — Marie & Skip Sizemore</p> <p>Feb 16 — Beth & Paul Thompson</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

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

February 2024



NOTE: See "ACCC Events" on Page 8 for the details on particular events. **ACCC club events**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 10AM Breakfast @ Great Amer. Buffet, F'burg
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 7PM ACCC membership meeting @ Aquia	21	22	23	24 Mardi Gras @ Culpeper
25	26	27	28	29		

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).

Aquia Creek Corvette Club Application (Print application) To join or renew membership, either bring application to business meeting, see schedule for time and place, or mail application and membership dues to address at bottom left of application. **IF RENEWING, THIS APPLICATION IS FOR YEAR 20_____.**



Membership Application or Renewal

Date: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE : _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____ EMAIL: _____

SPOUSE _____

BIRTHDAY (MEMBER/ASSOCIATE) Month _____ Day _____ (SPOUSE) Month _____ Day _____

ANNIVERSARY Month _____ Day _____

May this information be published in the ACCC Member Directory: YES _____ NO _____

Corvettes currently owned:

Year _____ Style _____ Color _____ Engine _____

Year _____ Style _____ Color _____ Engine _____

DUES INFORMATION:

	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>LIFETIME</u>
ACCC Annual Dues (Member) (after Apr 1 - Half/Annual)	\$30.00 _____	\$150.00 _____
ACCC Annual Dues (Spouse) (after Apr 1 - Half/Annual)	\$20.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Associate Member (after Apr 1 - Half/Annual)	\$20.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
TOTAL	_____	_____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ACCC FOR ALL FEES

MAIL APPLICATION AND APPLICABLE FEES TO:

Chris Mendl, Membership Gov
203 Northview Dr.
Falmouth, VA 22405

ALTERNATIVE ADDRESS:

Aquia Creek Corvette Club
P.O. BOX 986
Stafford, VA 22555

 Member or Applicant's Signature

 ACCC Membership Governor's Signature