

THE ACCCelerator

AQUIA CREEK

CORVETTE CLUB

March 2024



Member Val Liles' 2003 Z06

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Next Meeting: March 19
Start time: 7:00 PM
Aquia Harbor
Stafford, VA

ACCCording to the President Ron Mahaffey

2024 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

Well February has come and gone...Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow on February 2nd and, therefore, predicts an early Spring. For us Corvette drivers/lovers, that is a welcome sign. That said, start cleaning up those Vettes, and get them ready for some Spring/Summer/Fall adventures. You know the drill, wash, wax, change the oil, check the other fluids, tires, etc.

Assume you all took that special person out for a nice Valentine's Day dinner. I'm sure you all had a fantastic time. I personally know when I receive the email announcement from the Potomac Shore Golf Club about the venue for Valentine's Day Dinner, I immediately call and make our reservations. They did a fabulous job as always. Understand a group of ACCC members enjoyed the Mardi Gras festivities put on in Culpeper on the 24th of February.

In March we have St. Patrick's Day coming up and Mary Anne took the lead to make arrangements for some rooms in the Outer Banks for that weekend. As I understand it, we have 10 club members participating in this annual event. So as they say in Ireland....Erin Go Bragh!

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

- * A vote was taken and it was decided the monthly club breakfast will be held at 10 AM, like it has been this past year.
- * Jim Martin is still researching on the subject of Honorary Memberships and how they should be handled. More to follow on this subject. We need to finalize and vote on this in the next couple of months.
- * Chris Mendl is narrowing down his hunt on picnic areas for our Summer picnic. Recommend we vote on this at the March 19th meeting. We need to get our oar in the water early.

Final note for this month. I would like to thank Al McCloud who graciously keeps our ACCC website up to date.

Have a great day!

Ron

President

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Newsletter

Pete Rutledge

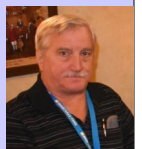
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Membership Gov.

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NCM Ambassador

Dave Jones

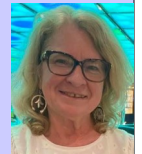
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Goodwill Ambassador

Rebecca Hamil

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ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

ACCC General Meeting
Aquia Harbour Club House
February 20, 2024

Board Attendees:

- Marie Sizemore - Vice President
- Chris Mendl - Membership Governor
- Pete Rutledge - Newsletter Editor
- Steve Argubright - Secretary/Treasurer

Members:

Dave Jones (NCM Ambassador), Rebecca Hamil (Goodwill Ambassador) Al McCloud, Margaret McCloud, MaryAnne McGovern, Jim Martin, Nan Wehmeyer, Jan Rutledge, Dean Hinkler, BJ Mendl, Skip Sizemore

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

President's Report.

--The President was absent. On his behalf, the Vice President asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the January 23 general meeting. The motion was approved.

NCM Ambassador Report.

--Immediate upcoming events in 2024 are:

--March 15 - Opening of "LUSTER," a presentation of coteremporary automobile and motorcycle paintings from over 55 artists.

--April 25-27 - The Michelin Bash featuring seminars, classrooms, guided road tours, a car show and live auction.

--Search online at corvettemuseum.org for more details.

Secretary/Treasurer Report.

--The checking account balance is \$X,XXX.XX and it has been reconciled with the latest Carter Bank and Trust statement. The President and Vice President have executed new bank signature accounts and have been issued new debit cards.

--ACCC member Mike Klein is preparing the ACCC 2023 Federal and State income tax returns.

--The following prepared statement was read: "On December 23, 2023, I wrote an ACCC \$289.00 check to Domain Networks, believing it was associ

ACCC Business Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

ated with maintaining the ACCC GoDaddy Website. It was not. Domain maintains a business listing directory but is not affiliated with GoDaddy in any manner. To correct my oversight, I deposited my personal check for \$289.00 in the ACCC Carter Bank and Trust account. I deeply regret this error."

Membership Governor Report.

--The roster stands at 41 members.

--Location sites and planning are still being explored for the 2024 annual picnic on September 15. Leading contenders are Duff McDuff Green Memorial Park in South Stafford, Locust Shade Park in Quantico, and Widewater State Park. A site will be selected based on accessibility, cleanliness, and affordability.

--Expressed a need for members to submit ideas for promoting and expanding club membership. More publicity is needed and several ideas were mentioned by the members.

Vice President Report.

--The next ACCC monthly breakfast will be on Saturday, March 2 at the Juke Box Diner in Manassas starting at 10:00am. An email will be sent to the membership. (Note: Past President Skip Sizemore provided a glimpse into the life of long time and avid ACCC club member Bob Stevens, who passed away on February 16. Bob loved his 1995 Corvette Pacecar with the tag "FstNFun." His service will be held on March 2.)

Newsletter Editor Report.

--Reinforcing the Membership Governor's comments noted above, Pete Rutledge noted that one important theme in the discussion was the need to get the word out about the club, perhaps through Nextdoor (or similar) social media forums. He offered to draft some text that could be sent to local Corvette owners and enthusiasts using Nextdoor. (Note: That text was shared with the ACCC membership via email on February 21. More information on Nextdoor may be found at <https://nextdoor.com>.)

Goodwill Ambassador. A get-well card was mailed to Mike Shepherd while he recovers from hip surgery.

Old Business/Event Follow-ups

--Member Jim Martin reported on his research to determine how other groups define Honorary memberships in their organizations, concluding there was no common theme. Some criteria included serving as a board member or time

ACCC Business Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

served within an organization. Discussion continues.

--Planning continues for the St. Patrick's Day events weekend in the Outer Banks. The POC is MaryAnne McGovern.

--By secret ballot, members in attendance voted on a proposed start time for the remainder of the 2024 breakfasts. The times under consideration were 9:00am, 9:30am, or 10:00am. The members voted for 10:00am.

New Business.

--Members were encouraged to report Corvette car shows and charity car show events so they can be added to the calendar and reported in the newsletter.

February birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

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

The next general meeting is on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

Adjournment: 7:51pm

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 41 members representing nearly 80 Corvettes, from a 1954 to a 2023. ACCC membership consists primarily of Stafford County residents, but has members from Prince William, Spotsylvania, Culpeper, and Botetourt counties, as well as one member in North Carolina and one in South Carolina. Since September 8th, 2014, the ACCC Facebook Group has been limited to ACCC members only, except for a few that were already group members.



Find us on
Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
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, 2024 ACCC events for the next few months are as follows:

- **March 2:** Breakfast at Juke Box Diner at 10AM in Manassas. POC Marie Sizemore. Some ACCC members will attend the funeral for former member Bob Stevens in Stafford at 1PM.
- **March 14-18:** Annual St. Patrick's Day Outer Banks trip. POC: MaryAnne McGovern
- **March 19:** ACCC Business meeting at Aquia Harbor at 7PM
- **April 6:** ACCC Breakfast, TBD
- **April 16:** ACCC Business meeting at Aquia Harbor
- **May 4:** ACCC Breakfast, TBD
- **May 4:** Zip Customer Appreciation Day
- **May 21:** ACCC Business meeting at Aquia Harbor
- **May 31-June 1:** Myrtle Beach Corvette Club Banquet and Car Show

For those members wanting to add/plan a club event, please contact me.

Marie

Marie





NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)

March 2024

Dave Jones (Email: oneregal@yahoo.com)

On February 12, 2014, at 5:38 AM the National Corvette Museum suffered a cave-in that claimed eight cars from the Museum's multi-million dollar collection. Video images captured by the Museum's security cameras went viral and all eyes were looking at the Museum's response and recovery. Beginning in June the Museum will begin celebrating 10 years since the infamous sinkhole collapse. The exhibit "Ground to Sky: The Sinkhole Reimagined" will open to the public on June 14 and run through September 15, 2024.

In honor of the tenth anniversary of the collapse, the exhibit will celebrate incredible change and growth since the event. The exhibit will document the memories, moments, and machines that made history that fateful day. Front and center of the exhibit will be the accomplishments of countless Museum staff and supporters who built back and reimagined an NCM that continues to evolve today. During those ten years there were over 15 major exhibitions, the creation of a new education gallery, tens of millions of dollars in renovations and improvements, the addition of a world-class Motorsports Park to the campus, and countless other advances. Thanks to the NCM team and supporters, the Museum has not only endured, but is thriving.

The exhibit will feature two Corvettes that were recovered from the sinkhole and fully restored, a 2009 "Blue Devil" ZR1 and the 1 millionth Corvette (a white '92 model). It also includes other cars that remain damaged from the incident and extensive multimedia that illustrate a look back at the NCM's history and a vision of the future of the Museum.

A quick reminder of future events at the NCM:

- April 25 - Michelin Bash
- April 28 - MiM Dragon Run, Biltmore Estate
- June 8 - MiM LeMans
- August 29 - 2024 Caravan at NCM

Up coming raffles:

- 2024 Arctic White Convertible, drawing March 7, 2PM CT, Tickets \$200
- 2024 Sea Wolf Gray Coupe, drawing March 28, 2 PM CT, Tickets \$100
- 2024 Riptide Blue Coupe, drawing April 18, 2 PM CT, Tickets \$150
- 2024 Build Your Own Stingray or \$85,000, drawing April 26, 3 PM CT, Tickets \$250
- 2024 Red Mist Convertible, April 27, 3 PM CT, Tickets \$20

And for those C8 owners, as I was perusing the Museum information I ran across a website that you might find interesting: midenginecorvetteforum.com.



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.

Former ACCC club member passed away February 16

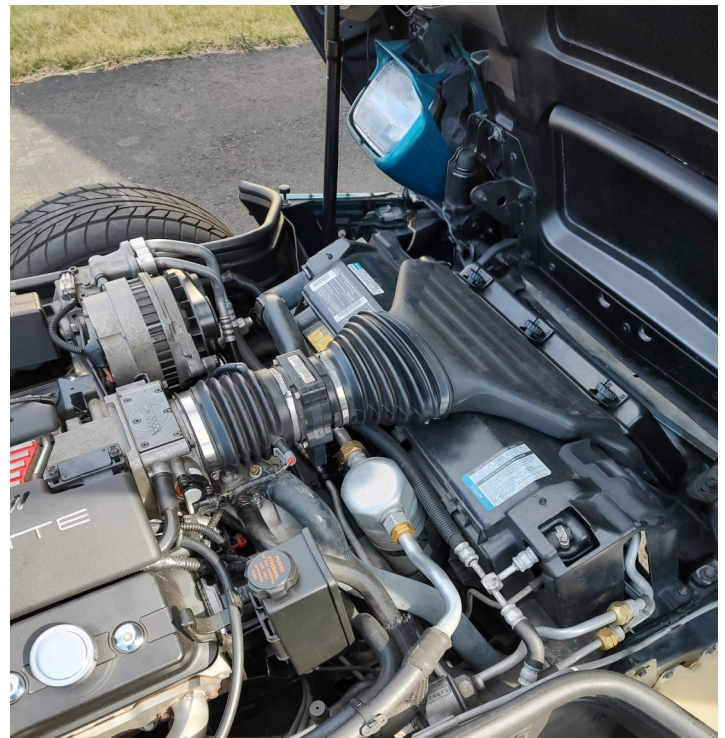
Former ACCC member, Bob Stevens, passed peacefully at his home on February 16. For anyone that would like to attend the funeral, it is scheduled for March 2, 2024, at 1:00PM at the Aquia Episcopal Church in Stafford.

What I Did to My Corvette

Skip Sizemore — 1995 Corvette

I went out to the garage to start my 1995 Corvette that had been setting for a couple of weeks. It started right up, but was running a little rough. Other than the tachometer being a little unsteady the gauges were not showing a problem. Opening the hood, I could see the engine was shaking with a miss that was accompanied with a clicking sound. However, there a clicking sounds and then there are other clicking sounds. I was thinking it was a valve lifter going bad, but the click was not the metallic click of a lifter. Looking around the engine, I discover a spark leak at the coil wire going to the distributor at the front of the engine. The coil wire exits the Opti-spark distributor at (the type used on this vintage of C4 Corvette) the front of the engine from behind the water pump. To allow myself a little more working room I decided to remove the air intake that occupies a lot of space in this area. When the air intake was removed I discovered the rubber connection at the at the throttle body was wrinkled, cut and torn. This is what you get when you allow other people to work on your car.

So, I started trying to find a replacement part. GM no longer makes the part, so onto the computer I went to find another source. Ecklers, Corvette Central, Mid America and a few others were checked with no results. I could find performance systems (promising big power and mileage increases) but no stock replacements. However, after a reminder from Pete Rutledge, I found the part I needed on eBay. There was only one problem. I had to buy a complete used air intake system to get what I needed. It included all the parts from the air cleaner back to the throttle body. It cost \$160.00. After about a week the parts arrived and were found to be in good shape. I used the one part I needed and within an hour had everything together and the Corvette was running. Anyone need C4 parts. I have a few.

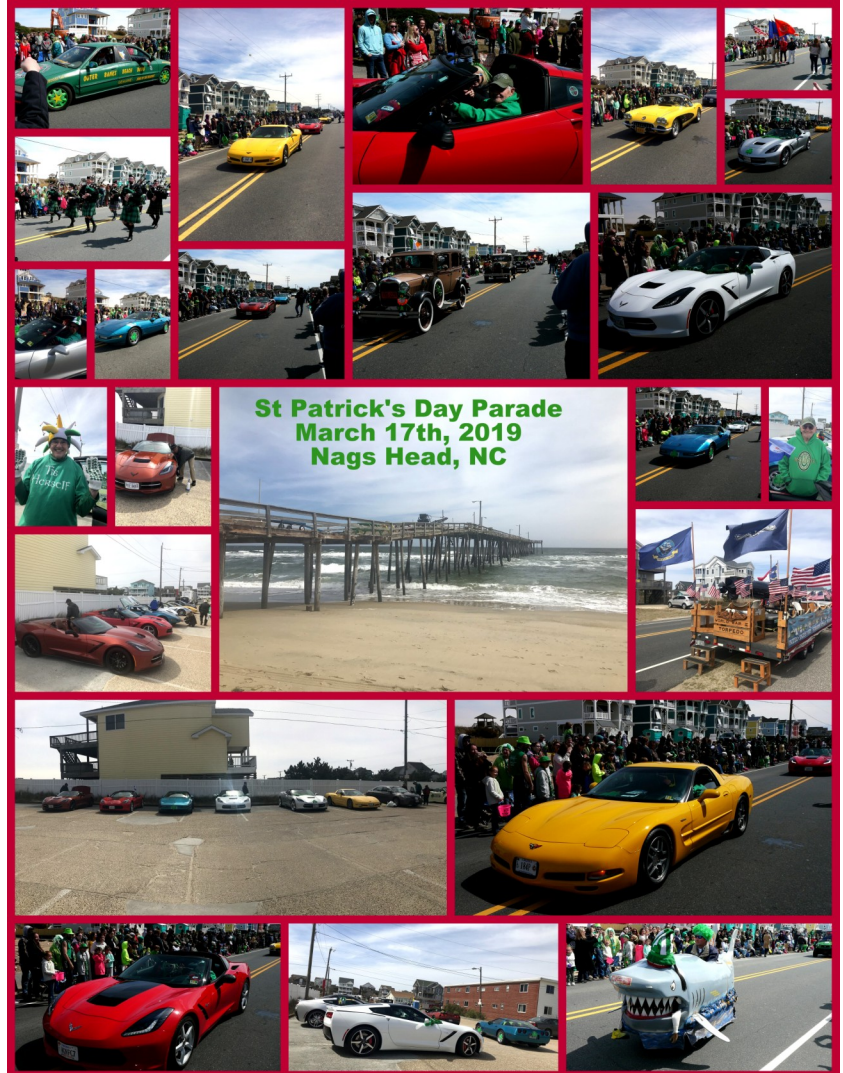


Mar 14-18, St. Patrick's Day Parade at the Outer Banks.

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>March Birthdays</i>	<i>March Anniversaries*</i>
Jack Whitis — Mar 3 Ron Mahaffey — Mar 6 Terry Hunter — Mar 8 Steve Argubright — Mar 15 Gail Hunter — Mar 19 Jim Eden — Mar 21 Jan Rutledge — Mar 23	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

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

March 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 10AM ACCC breakfast @ Manassas
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 St. Pat's Day parade @ Outer Banks	15 St. Pat's Day parade @ Outer Banks	16 St. Pat's Day parade @ Outer Banks
17 St. Pat's Day Parade @ Outer Banks	18	19 7PM ACCC meeting @ Aquia	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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ACCC CLUB JACKETS



Members can order club jackets embroidered with our logo by Heartland Sign Works, 327 Wallace Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 (phone: 540-659-2411) (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) — 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 LAST UPDATED IN FEB. 2021 and may not be current; Heartland Sign Works has been contacted for updated pricing and other details—see next issue or contact them directly.)

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