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AQUIA CREEK

CORVETTE CLUB

April 2024



Al Martinez's 2005 coupe

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Next Meeting: April 16
Start time: 7:00 PM
Aquia Harbor
Stafford, VA

ACCCording to the President Ron Mahaffey

2024 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

March is when Spring is coming in, like always it will be warm for a few days then revert to chilly weather. March can never be predicted...so was Punxsutawney Phil correct or not. Maybe we should check with Phyllis next year? As I said in last month's newsletter, start getting those Corvettes ready for some driving. Speaking of driving, a few of us participated in the Outer Banks Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade which has been supported by the ACCC for at least 25 years. Weather reports prior to leaving for the Outer Banks were not predicting good weather, however, to our surprise we had super weather the entire weekend. We had a great time and yes we helped the economy of the Outer Banks supporting their restaurants each evening. Those members who participated were Margaret and Al, Elizabeth and Ron (and Ginger our Westie who tried to greet everyone in the parade), Mary Anne, Lee Morton drove up from South Carolina (Thanks Lee), Nan, Rebecca, (her son and daughter-in-law joined us the last evening there for dinner). Lets try to increase our participation for this annual event next year. Thank you Mary Anne for putting this event together.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

* A vote was taken as stated it would be in last months newsletter on the site selection for this years club picnic and date. The results of the vote were for the picnic to be held at Widewater State Park in Stafford and the date selected was 15 September.

* As required by the by-laws an Audit of the Secretary/ Treasurer's books, was conducted by Jim Martin and Dean Hinkler. The results of the audit was no discrepancies were noted.

* Nan Wehmeyer has taken the lead on planning this years Christmas Party. It was voted on to have it at the Park Lane Tavern in Fredericksburg and tentatively scheduled for Sunday December the 8th.

Have a great day!

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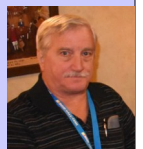
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AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB

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.



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ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

Marie Sizemore

Hello fellow ACCC members, 2024 ACCC events are as follows:

April 6 Breakfast at IHOP 320 Worth Ave. in Stafford at 10 a.m.

April 16 ACCC Meeting at 7 p.m.

April 20 Register Chapel Spring Block Party 12 to 4 p.m.

May 4 Breakfast TBA

May 4 Zip Customer Appreciation Day

May 21 ACCC Meeting at 7 p.m.

May 30 to June 1 Myrtle Beach Corvette Club Banquet and Car Show

June 1 Breakfast TBA

June 18 ACCC Meeting at 7 p.m.

June 23 Graves Mt Lodge Lunch and cruise to winery POC Marie Sizemore

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

Marie

Marie





NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)

April 2024

Dave Jones (Email: oneregal@yahoo.com)

I will title this "Little Known Automotive Trivia." Automobile designer Margaret "Peg" Sauer, who had previously worked for Harley Earl's "Damsels of Design," was influential in creating interiors for GM in the 1950s. In 1963 she was given an opportunity by Raymond Loewy's industrial design studio to work on his latest project, the Studebaker Avanti. The Avanti was Studebaker's new luxury performance car and Loewy's team was tasked with its design.

Loewy's studio created a design for a four-seat coupe with a very distinct appearance. The design featured an elongated hood and curved rear fenders, making the car appear like a futuristic airplane. Due to the unusual shape, the body had to be molded from fiberglass panels. The front of the car lacked a grill so the design team placed the air vents underneath the front bumper, and called it a "bottom breather." Sauer's most memorable contribution was a unique glove box equipped with a pull-out drawer. The drawer had a flip-up mirror and added storage space for small items. Unfortunately the Avanti did not save Studebaker as the company sold fewer than 6000 Avantis before closing its South Bend, Indiana plant.

However, the story does not stop there as the Avanti lived for several more decades due to a series of periodic revivals. The longest-lived of these successor cars was created by Nate and Arnold Altman, former Studebaker dealers. The Altman brothers partnered with Leo Newman, formerly overseer at Studebaker's truck parts division, to form the Avanti Motor Corporation, which, from 1965 into the 1980s, sold a modified version known as the Avanti II. Each Avanti II was custom ordered, hand-built and buyers could select from a variety of color combinations for the interior and exterior, even including shag carpet in the trunk. The Avanti II also used Chevrolet's small-block V-8 engine, the same power plant as the Corvette.

The National Corvette Museum automobile collection includes a 1977 Avanti II donated by Mike Hammer. The car has a gold interior and exterior after a Studebaker Avanti Hammer saw in his youth. It includes a Corvette engine, fiberglass body and the special glove box designed by Sauer.

In other news, the NCM Motorsports Park (MSP) has announced that they are the first track in the nation to offer E-Ray driving experiences. The two newest additions are a Rip Tide Blue E-Ray and a Sea Wolf Gray E-Ray. There are two ways one can experience these cars, (1) **Touring Laps** of four lead/follow laps on the track, or (2) a **Lightning Round** that allows you to drive four lead/follow laps on the track before riding as passenger as their professional driver takes the car on a Hot Lap.

To celebrate the E-Ray launch, the MSP team took the two new cars on a regional road trip from Detroit, MI to Nashville, TN with planned stops in Ann Arbor MI, South Bend, IND, Chicago, ILL, Indianapolis, IND, Louisville, KY, Lexington, KY, Knoxville, TN, and Pigeon Forge, TN where they took on the iconic Tail of the Dragon.

As always, you can learn more about the NCM at corvettemuseum.org.



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.

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What I Did to My Corvette

Jim Martin — 2023 C8

I recently had my windows tinted and my entire car ceramic coated by The Tint Factory in Stafford (pic below). I also installed jack pucks from ACS Composite, red rear strut covers, red engine shroud cover, and black license plate frame filler from Amazon (pics below), and seat belt retainer clips from Sandyeggo Designs (pic below).



Steve Argubright, C8

On March 12, I drove my C8 to the local Chevrolet dealer to schedule an oil change. "No problem," they said, "we can fit you in now, and include a factory recall, fuel injection cleaning, and throttle body service." The shuttle took me home. By 7:00pm that evening, no one had called. The next afternoon they finally called and picked me up. While I had been given an estimate for the service, I wasn't ready for the \$67.50 they charged me for shop supply fees. I did not give them a very high customer satisfaction score.

What I Did to My Corvette

Al McCloud, 2019 Grand Sport

This month I replaced my Michelin run flats on my 2019 Grand Sport with Continental all season Extreme Contact DWS 06 Plus XL (Front) and DWS 06 Plus SL (Rear) (50,000 mile guarantee - we'll see). Lindsay showed me that they were worn to the core. I purchased the tires on a Wednesday at Tire Rack, online, had them delivered to Discount Tires on Plank Road in Fredericksburg, and with my selected appointment time, they were installed early Friday morning in time to leave with the club for Nags Head. Total cost was just a little under \$1700. These tires are a quieter and smoother ride. Lindsay Chevrolet told me I needed new tires but they would not match the Tire Rack price and they wanted over \$2000 just for the tires. If you need new tires, the Tire Rack option is the way to go. Albert Martinez turned me on to this option and with a savings of close to \$500, I can't see why anybody would go the other way.



Nags Head, St Patrick's Day 2024



Nag Head, St Patrick's Day 2024



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

April 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	4	5	6 10AM ACCC Breakfast @ IHop in Stafford
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 7PM ACCC Monthly Meeting @ Aquia	17	18	19	20 12-4PM Register Chapel Block Party
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

ACCC CLUB JACKETS



Members can order club jackets embroidered with our logo by Heartland Embroidery, 2072 Richmond Highway, Stafford, VA (phone: 540-659-5799) (open 8:30-5:00, Mon-Thu; closed 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; \$69.98 up to XL; \$71.98 for 2XL; \$73.98 for 3XL; \$75.98 for 4XL.

2. **Denim Jackets** (shown at left) — stone-washed indigo denim, button front; \$75.98 up to XL; \$77.98 for 2XL; \$79.98 for 3XL;

\$81.98 for 4XL.

3. **Welded Soft Shell Jackets** — polyester woven shell bonded to water-resistant film insert and polyester microfleece lining, front zipper; \$73.98 up to XL; \$75.98 for 2XL; \$77.98 for 3XL; \$79.98 for 4XL.

(ABOVE PRICES WERE LAST UPDATED IN MARCH 2024.)

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:

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 Member or Applicant's Signature

 ACCC Membership Governor's Signature