

THE ACCCelerator ***AQUIA CREEK*** ***CORVETTE CLUB*** ***April 2025 (revised)***



Skip & Marie Sizemore's C4

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**Next Meeting:
 April 15, 7PM,
 at Aquia Harbor**

ACCCording to the President Ron Mahaffey

2025-6 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

Well, Spring has arrived...yes, it came on Thursday March 20th, which was a beautiful day with a high temp of 75, and then Friday it was a high of 59. Like they say, wait 15 minutes and the weather will change. Oh well, lets be thankful Spring is here. Which brings me to another subject. The last two monthly meetings we had 12 and 15 attendees respectively. Keep in mind, 5 of those were board members. Spring is here, clean up those Corvettes and let's show up and participate in the monthly meetings. Yes, we would like to get volunteers to take on a project or two, i.e., be the coordinator for a car show or to lead and arrange a mystery cruise and lunch. Remember too, Marie usually arranges for a pre-meeting dinner at one of the local restaurants there in Stafford. We normally meet at 5 PM, have a bite to eat, and converse.

On March 19th Al and Margaret McCloud conducted an audit of the ACCC checking account and found no errors. This, as you know, is an annual requirement by the ACCC bylaws. Thank you Al and Margaret! Secondly, thanks to Al McCloud for updating the club bylaws and posting on the website.

Our next club breakfast will be on April 5th, 1000 AM, at the Silver Diner in Fredericksburg, VA. Look forward to seeing a row of Corvettes there in the parking lot. In May, instead of having our monthly breakfast, we are planning our annual Cinco de Mayo lunch at Hectors in Lake Ridge, VA. More to follow on this event.

April 26th we plan to support the Register Chapel Block Party charity event in Stafford from 11AM - 3 PM. We'll plan on meeting at the old Carlos O'Kelly's parking lot in Aquia at 10:45 AM and cruise over to the church. Recommend bringing a lawn chair. They will have hot dogs, chips, sodas, etc., at the event.

Please check the VPs column for upcoming events, so you can plan accordingly.

Yes, I want to see those Corvettes at the next monthly meeting(s), breakfast, etc.

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ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes

ACCC General Meeting Aquia Harbour Club House March 18, 2025

Board Attendees:

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

Member Attendees:

Skip Sizemore, Al McCloud, Margaret McCloud, MaryAnne McGovern, Jim Martin, Dave Jones, Rebecca Hamil, Jan Rutledge, Albert Martinez, BJ Mendl

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

President's Report.

Asked for a motion to accept the proceedings from the February 2025 general meeting. The motion was approved after it was noted that the picnic scheduled for September approved by the board at the February board meeting was not discussed at the general meeting. For the record the ACCC annual picnic is scheduled for September 27 at the Widewater State Park.

NCM Ambassador Report.

--Several events are being planned for the Michelin Bash on April 24-26. Detailed information is on the NCM website, corvettemuseum.org.

--The Museum in Motion: Dragon Run is April 27-30 in Asheville, NC. The NCM website has more details.

--David Hill is the new CEO at the Museum. He is an avid Corvette enthusiast having restored multiple classics including a 1971 Stingray. His favorite is the 1967 Corvette. The NCM website has more information about him.

Secretary/Treasurer Report.

--Since the February meeting, the following payments have been made: 1) Annual website maintenance fee, 2) Pavillion Reservation for the annual picnic, 3) Manna Foodbank, 4) American Cancer Society, and 5) payment for a potted plant.

--After these payments, the checking account balance for March is \$X,XXX.XX.

Membership Governor Report. The membership stands at 47.

ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Vice President Report. (Includes multiple member inputs.)

--April 5 - ACCC Monthly Breakfast at Silver Diner in Fredericksburg (POC is Marie Sizemore).

--April 12 - BCC Charity Cruise to Massanutten (No ACCC POC.)

--April 26 - Regester Chapel Block Party, Stafford, VA (POC is Ron Mahaffey.)

--June 22 - Graves Mountain Cruise and Lunch (POC is Marie Sizemore.)

--July 4 - Aquia Harbour Independence Day Parade (POC is Dave Jones.)

--September 27 - Annual picnic at Widewater State Park. (POC is Marie Sizemore.)

--December 6 - Toys for Tots delivery to USMC Museum (POC is Steve Argubright.)

Newsletter Editor Report. Encouraged continued submission of pictures and special interest stories.

Goodwill Ambassador. Present but no report.

Car Talk.

--Pete Rutledge reported he finally got the fuel injection unit back from Tennessee after eight months and put it back on the '57. He drove it around the block, and it runs great.

--On his '99, Pete replaced the back-up light switch and now has working back-up lights again. He also installed a Computer-Aided Gear Selection (CAGS) pigtail. On manual transmission Corvettes (from around '89 through C7) under moderate throttle, it works with the car's computer to force the driver to shift from first to fourth, skipping second and third altogether. With the CAGS eliminator, the driver can shift the manual transmission as intended - from first to second to third to fourth, etc., skipping none of the gears.

Old Business/Event Follow-ups

--None

New Business.

--The *Steve* President identified members who are coordinating events for the remainder of the year and asked for other volunteers to coordinate events. Pete Rutledge will be the POC for Corvettes at Carlisle on Friday, August 22. More information to follow.

ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

--The President suggested that the May breakfast be canceled in favor of a Cinco de Mayo lunch on May 3 at Hector's in Lake Ridge. There were no objections. The President will plan arrangements.

--The Secretary/Treasurer

Cited a *Washington Post* article regarding damage recovery efforts in the aftermath of hurricane Helene in North Carolina. Members were thanked for their support to the Manna Foodbank.

Cited a March proposal to the Prince William County Police Department to create a "Cops, Coffee, and Corvettes" event as part of their Community Engagement efforts.

Other.

--March birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

--Ron Mahaffey won the 50/50 raffle and donated the proceeds to the Treasury.

--The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Argubright
Secretary/Treasurer

Steve



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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 38th 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 51 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, one in South 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.

For more information on ACCC send us an e-mail at: Acclub@aol.com



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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)

April 2025

Dave Jones (Email: oneregal@yahoo.com)

Visit the National Corvette Museum to view the newest exhibit, *SPEED CAPTURED: A Celebration of Corvette's Racing Heritage*. Take a visual journey through Corvette's dominance on the race track through the photographic art of Richard Prince. Prince is a Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee and has spent over 30 years documenting the speed, power and passion of the Corvette. Exhibit Highlights include:

Witness Corvette Racing History - High-resolution prints, archival images and never-before- seen moments of Prince's collection.

Go Behind the Lens - Explore Prince's creative process and techniques for capturing speed, power and emotion.

Get Up Close to Legendary Race Cars - Iconic Corvettes on display are: (1) the 2025 Corvette ZR1 (through March 21 only); (2) 2019 Corvette ZR1 with 755 supercharged horsepower; (3) Cadillac DPi Chassis #1, an endurance race car; (4) C5-R Chassis #4 driven by Dale Earnhardt, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kelly Collins and Andy Pilgrim. More information is available at corvettemuseum.org.

Experience the Art of Performance - A one-of-a kind fusion of motorsports photography and Corvette engineering excellence.

Two other exhibits that I have touched on in past newsletter articles are *Pop Culture and Corvette* and *Driven by Design*. In addition to the new exhibits are ongoing galleries such as *The McMichael Family Education Gallery*, the *E. Pierce Marshall Memorial Performance Gallery*, and the *Nostalgia Gallery*. There is something for everyone.

Don't miss the *Museum in Motion: Le Mans Tour* coming June 7-17, 2025. Enjoy the excitement of the 2025 Le Mans Tour, a blend of racing heritage and French culture. The trip includes four nights in Paris to explore iconic landmarks and a visit to Normandy's historic D-Day beaches. Then to Le Mans for the legendary 24 hours of Le Mans. Enjoy the Parade des Pilotes, two full days of race action, and a stay in Angers. The trip ends with a visit to Chartres Cathedral and a final night in Paris. Visit the NCM website at corvettemuseum.org for more details.

A significant funding source for the Museum are their Corvette raffles. The next Corvette raffle will be April 17, a 2025 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette convertible. Tickets are \$200 and the drawing is April 17, 2:00 PM Central Time. As of today there were 1159 tickets remaining of 1500 available. Check the museum website to find out how you can participate.

Dave



www.corvettemuseum.org
www.corvettestore.com



ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

Marie Sizemore

Events for the next few months:

April 5: Breakfast at Silver Diner in Central Park, Fredericksburg at 10 a.m. Marie POC

April 12: Battlefield Corvette Club cruise to Massanutten. Flyer in Newsletter.

April 15: ACCC Business meeting at 7 p.m., Aquia Harbour

April 26: Regester Chapel Block Party 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Stafford, VA.

April 26: Cars & Coffee in Fredericksburg at Classic Car Center 8 to 10 a.m

April 27: Capt. Billy's Cruise, flyer in this newsletter; Marie, POC

May 3: Cinco de Mayo at Hector's in Lake Ridge; Ron Mahaffey, POC

May 4: The Winery at LaGrange info and registration, Old Dominion Corvette Club

May 20: ACCC Business meeting at 7 p.m., Aquia Harbour

Marie

ACCC Members Participated in Mardi Gras in Culpeper on March 1



Mar 1, 2025

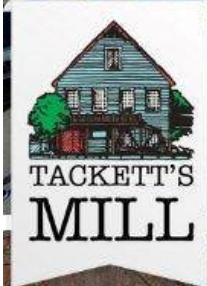
Mardi Gras
Culpeper

Skip's Beerlight

Grass Routes
back in the day

ACCC Members Celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 17





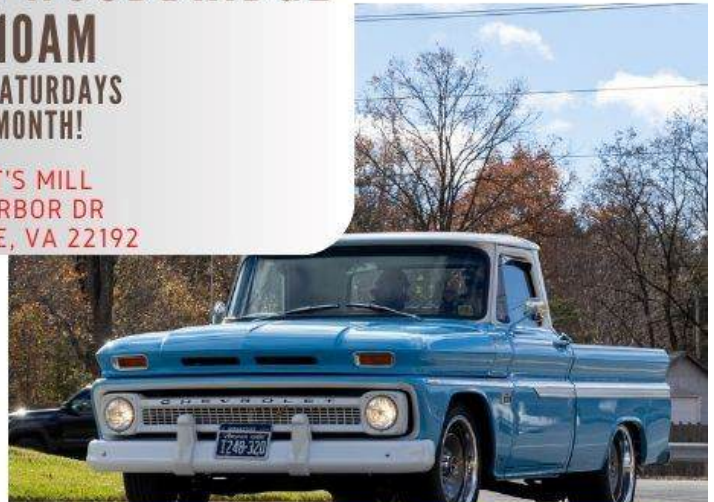
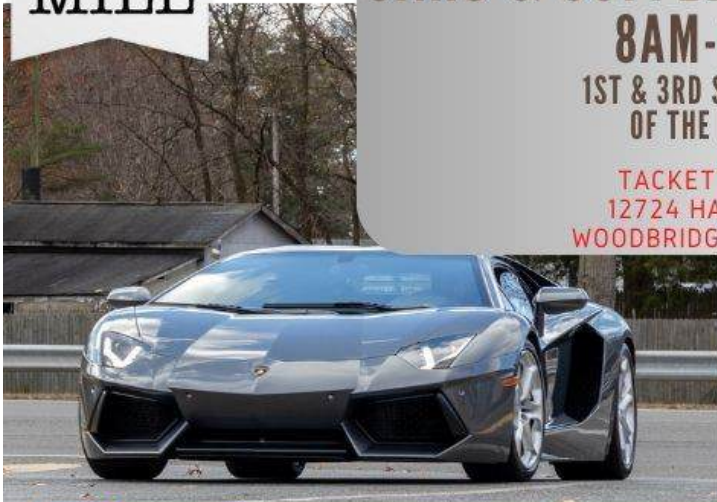
UPCOMING DATES: 3/15, 4/5,
4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5
7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 9/6, 9/20

CARS & COFFEE WOODBRIDGE

8AM-10AM

1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS
OF THE MONTH!

TACKETT'S MILL
12724 HARBOR DR
WOODBRIDGE, VA 22192



 Cars & Coffee - Woodbridge

 @carsandcoffeewoodbridge

Annual Charity Winter Breakout Cruise To Massanutten Hosted by Battlefield Corvette Club



Open to all makes of Cars & Trucks.

\$10 minimum donation. Door prizes.

100% of proceeds will go to support the Thurman Brisben charity

Depart April 12, Saturday, 9:30 am, Route: Wegmans parking lot, 2281 Carl D. Silver Pkwy; to River Road, to Route 3 West; Rt 20 to Orange, RT 33 West, Bathroom Stop at Walmart, over the mountain and to Massanutten Ski Resort. Lunch at Massanutten BBQ restaurant.



CAPTAIN BILLY'S CRAB CRUISE



Sunday April 27, 2025

Meet for the cruise at Route 3 east (Ferry Farm location) Wal-Mart starting at 11:30 AM

Leave for the Dalgren Tech Center meeting location at 12:00 noon

Leave Dalgren when the State Police escort arrives at approximately 1:15/1:30

You can check out the menu at <https://captbillys.com/Menu.html>.

Marie Sizemore is the event POC



GRAVES MOUNTAIN LODGE



SUNDAY JUNE 22, 2025

MEET at 10:15 AM

AT SOUTH GATE SHOPPING CENTER IN CULPEPER

Will depart for lodge at 10:30

Cost \$25.00 per person plus beverage and tax

Lunch at 12

Winery visit to follow



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.



What Did You Do to Your Corvette?

Pete Rutledge — 1999 Hardtop or Fixed Roof Coupe (FRC)

I finally got all the pieces I needed to safely lift my C5 (without damaging the car): a low-profile, extended reach floor jack; jack stands with protective rubber pads on top, and a 2" x 6" by 18" wooden plank (free from Lowe's). The plank goes under the car's rear cross member, the jack goes under the center of the plank; once the rear of the car is jacked up high enough, the jack stands go under the left and right ends of the cross member. At that point, the car was high enough to slide under, and I was able to undertake some work around the rear-mounted manual transmission. The first job was to replace the



backup light switch, which screws into the passenger side of the transmission: remove the electrical terminal from the old switch, unscrew the switch with a deep socket, screw in the new switch, and connect the electrical terminal. The next and final job was to install a short length of electrical wire or "pigtail" that had the proper terminals on both ends to insert between the driver side of the transmission and the wire that controls the Computer-Aided Gear Selection (CAGS) function of the car's computer. CAGS is what forces a shift from first gear directly to fourth gear under moderate-throttle acceleration. By inserting the special wire or "CAGS Eliminator," the "skip-shift" from first to fourth is disabled, allowing the manual transmission to be shifted normally, 1-2-3-4-5-6, under all driving conditions. (This modification can be done on C4 through C7 Corvettes equipped with manual transmissions.) Note that while the transmission now shifts as it should, the "Shift 1-4" indication still shows on the dash as it did originally (a very minor irritation). After this work, I now have backup lights when the transmission is put in reverse, and I can shift the transmission from first to second to third, etc., whenever I want to, with no interference from the car's computer.

Pete Rutledge — 1957 "Fuelie"

You may remember from the last issue of The ACCCelerator that I had reinstalled the fuel injection unit on the engine and it was ready for road testing. After some minor adjustments to ignition timing, idle fuel mixture, and idle speed, the car was ready to take to the streets again (first time since July 2024). So I took it around the block. It ran great! No more stumble or hesitation from the fuel injection—a very responsive throttle, probably for the first time since I bought the car in 2011. There was, however, one remaining minor problem in the throttle system that had nothing to do with the fuel injection system. The problem was with the gas pedal, itself. In normal operation, the backside of the pedal at the top, pushes against the throttle lever inside the car to actuate the throttle linkage in the engine compartment, allowing the car to accelerate. But, in its original configuration, the backside of the pedal at the top, has a built-in "divot" (upper picture) The lower tip of the throttle lever tends to catch in the divot at the very start of a push on the gas pedal; then, with more push, the divot lets go rather suddenly, and the lever continues to move as it should for smooth acceleration. That "catch" interferes with an initial smooth application of the throttle. It needed to be fixed. So, I removed the gas pedal and cleaned the backside of any old grease that had been applied (unsuccessfully) to improve pedal action. Then I cut a small rectangular piece of chrome-plated steel that I had on hand and epoxied it to the back side of the pedal to cover the divot (see pictures). Finally, I applied some silicone grease to the new divot-cover and reinstalled the pedal. Now the gas pedal pushes smoothly, with no hang-up, and the fuel injection unit does its job with no hesitation. All is good. I suspect the divot problem affects gas pedal function on most C1 Corvettes of '56-57 vintage.



<i>April Birthdays</i>	<i>April Anniversaries*</i>
Bill Marsch—Apr 5 Chris Mendl—Apr 10 Bettie Shepherd—Apr 21 Rebecca Hamil—Apr 28	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, FREE, or WANTED

None this month.

Send your sale, free, and wanted ads to the editor for publication in future issues.

April 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 <i>10AM- Brkfst @ Silver Diner, F'burg</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>BCC Cruise to Massanutten</i>
13	14	15 <i>7PM ACCC meeting @ Aquia</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>8AM Cars 'n Coffee 11AM Register Chapel, Stafford</i>
27 <i>Capt Billy Cruise</i>	28	29	30			

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

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:

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

Member or Applicant's Signature

ACCC Membership Governor's Signature