THE ACCCE LUB CORVETTE CLUB May 2025



Al Martinez's newly acquired C7

(and that's your editor's Torch Red '99 hardtop in the background)

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Next Meeting: May 20, 7PM, at Aquia Harbor

ACCCording to the President Ron Mahaffey

2025-6 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

ACCC activity this month has picked up. We started the month with our normal monthly breakfast at a new establishment in Fredericksburg (The Silver Diner in Central Park). The breakfast menu had lots of choices and the food was very good. Parking is a little bit of an issue, but we all found parking close by. Those who participated were: Mary Anne McGovern and her two guests, Dave Jones, Steve Argubright, Al and Margaret McCloud, Skip and Marie Sizemore, Chris and BJ Mendl, Jim Martin, and Ron Mahaffey. Thank you Marie for arranging the breakfast.

As you know, we always try to have dinner before our monthly meeting at a local establishment. This month we tried a new place and was very pleased with the food and the service provided. It was the Mi Rancho Mexican Restaurant on Route #1 just South of Route #610 in Stafford. We'll definitely add the restaurant to our places for dinner in the future. Thanks Marie for arranging. Those at dinner were Skip and Marie Sizemore, Al and Margaret McCloud, Mary Anne McGovern, Jim Martin, Nan Wehmeyer, Steve Argubright, and Ron Mahaffey. I had previously challenged everyone to drive their Corvettes to the meeting...well guess who did not, you got it, me. I had errands and meetings between Woodbridge and Burke and by the time I got home it was 4:10 PM and I was going to meet everyone at Mi Rancho, so I just drove my SUV. Well Al called me on it, and rightly so. I will be driving a Corvette, rain or shine, to the next meeting, so the challenge still stands.

Saturday, 26 April, we were going to support the Regester Chapel Block Party but since the weather was not going to cooperate with us, I cancelled our participation and notified the event organizer (Jim Atkinson). He understood and said, we'll look forward to next year. The following members had signed up to support: Steve Argubright, Chris Mendl, Dave Jones, Jim Eden, Al McCloud, and myself.

Lastly, we had our annual CAPT Billy's Cruise and lunch in Maryland on Sunday, 27 April. Marie and Skip orchestrated this event including the Police Escort from the Dahlgren Technical Center to the Harry Nice bridge. We had invited five other Corvette Clubs to participate and we ended up with members from four of them, Northern Neck, Battlefield, Old Dominion, and Northern Virginia. Old Dominion was the biggest supporter. We had a total of seventeen Corvettes make the cruise. ACCC Members who made the cruise and enjoyed the lunch were: Al and Margaret McCloud, Skip and Marie Sizemore, Ron and Elizabeth Mahaffey, Gene and Angie Kneibert, and Jim Martin. I will send a note to the King George Sheriffs Department thanking them for their police escort in support of our event.

** Remember we'll be celebrating Cinco De Mayo with lunch at Hectors in Lake Ridge, Saturday 3 May at 1200.

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ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes

ACCC General Meeting Aquia Harbour Club House April 15, 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, Jan Rutledge, Albert Martinez, BJ Mendl, Nan Wehmeyer

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

President's Report.

Asked for a motion to accept the proceedings from the March 2025 general meeting. The motion was approved.

NCM Ambassador Report. Absent. No report.

Secretary/Treasurer Report.

--The checking account balance is \$X,XXX.XX. The only known expenditure for April is for the preparation of the club's Federal and State income tax returns, which is estimated to be about \$XXX.00.

Membership Governor Report. The membership stands at 45. Ongoing efforts to recruit new members were presented.

Vice President Report. (Includes multiple member inputs.)

- --April 26 Regester Chapel Block Party, Stafford, VA, meet at Aquia Town Center at 10:45am and depart at 11:00am for the chapel
- --April 27 Cruise to Captain Billy's Crab House with the Battlefield Corvette Club. (POC is Marie Sizemore.)
- --May 3 Cinco de Mayo lunch at Hector's in Lake Ridge (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.)
- --July 19 Willing Warriors Corvette Show, Haymarket (POC is Ron Mahaffey.)

ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

- --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 photographs and special interest stories.

Goodwill Ambassador. Absent. No report.

Car Talk.

- --Pete Rutledge hadn't started his '54 Corvette for a few months, but he tried starting it recently and was pleased that after quite a bit of cranking it started without the use of starting ether. He had begun to doubt his last carburetor rebuild but thinks maybe he did okay after all. He added that maybe he just needs to start the car more often to keep gasoline in the carburetors (as gasoline evaporates over time).
- --Albert Martinez mentioned a possible case of gremlins in his garage. He recently took his C2 out for a drive because it was such a beautiful day. To his dismay, the car rode rather rough...so he checked under the hood and noticed a small hose connected to the carburetor was disconnected. After reconnecting the hose, the car still idled rough, so he removed the air filter to look at the throttle and nothing seemed amiss. Then he decided to turn the idle screw on the carburetor and noticed the idling improve. Ironically, he had done the same procedure the day before and was perplexed because there's no way for the screw to turn on its own. Bottom line…look out for garage gremlins!

Old Business/Event Follow-ups

--The PWCPD has not responded to an ACCC proposal to hold a "Cops, Coffee, and Corvettes" event. This topic will be placed on hold pending further information. Jim Martin will check with the Stafford County Sheriff's Department to see if there is any interest in the project.

New Business.

- --The BCC is in the preplanning stages of a Route 66, 100th Anniversary Cruise next year. More information to follow.
- --Preliminary information was provided on a Maine to Key West, Florida, cruise on Route 1. More details to follow.
- -- The Vice President will check the availability of the Alpine Restaurant for the club Christmas party on Sunday, December 21.

ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Other.

- --April birthdays were announced. There were no anniversaries.
- --Al McCloud won the 50/50 raffle and donated the proceeds to the Treasury.
- -- The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve

Steve Argubright Secretary/Treasurer





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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 Botentourt 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: Accclub@aol.com



https://www.facebook.com/ groups/437699356306459/

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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM) May 2025

Dave Jones (Email: oneregal@yahoo.com)

In recent newsletters I have provided information about ongoing events and galleries at the Museum, so this month I offer a quick look at upcoming special events and activities and the Museum in Motion program.

On August 28-30, 2025, join other Corvette enthusiasts at the National Corvette Museum 31st Anniversary with a three-day celebration in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The event is filled with exclusive activities, special presentations, Corvette Hall of Fame festivities, exciting raffles, and more. Registration opens in Spring 2025 and if you have questions or need additional information, you can contact the Museum Events Specialist Maci Johnson at (270) 467-8804 or Events Administrative Assistant Melissia Comer at (270) 777-4556.

The Museum in Motion (MIM) program has exciting events planned for this year. These events blend the thrill of driving, with socializing, sightseeing, and exclusive VIP access and behind-the- scenes opportunities. MIM this year has the following planned activities:

<u>24 Hours of Le Mans</u> - June 7-17, 2025 - Enjoy the excitement of the 2025 Le Mans Tour, a blend of racing heritage and French culture. Start off with four nights in Paris, exploring landmarks like the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre, before visiting Normandy's historic D-Day beaches. Then head to Le Mans for the legendary 24 hours of Le Mans and see Corvette Racing battle the world's best racers. Enjoy the Parade des Pilotes, two full days of racing and stay in Angers for a final mix of adrenalin and relaxation. End the trip with a final night in Paris and visit the Chartres Cathedral.

<u>Branson Experience</u> - June 24-28, 2025 - The adventure starts at the Hotel Grand Victorian with dinner, followed by a drive through scenic routes to Eureka, AR, for an open air trolly tour. Evenings are for entertainment, including a visit to the Branson Auto Museum, movie night, and the Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise. Enjoy live shows such as the #1 Hits of the 60's and Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner & Show.

<u>Colorado Springs Adventure</u> – July 13-17, 2025 – Enjoy a blend of history and thrills as you journey through the beautiful landscapes of Colorado Springs. Trip highlights include visits to the U. S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum, the U S, Air Force Academy, and the majestic Garden of the Gods. Drive to the summit of Pike's Peak and explore the Manitou Cliff Dwellings. Enjoy aviation history at the National Museum of WWII Aviation and dine at the Airplane Restaurant.

<u>National Parks</u> - September 21-27, 2025 - This scenic road trip includes some the country's most awesome landscapes, including the Grand Canyon's South Rim, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, Arches National Park, Glen Canyon Dam, Monument Valley, and the Canyonlands National Park. Travel with fellow Corvette enthusiasts to enjoy the thrill of winding canyon roads and panoramic desert vistas.

Added information on these and other NCM activities can be found at corvettemuseum.org.

Dave



www.corvettemuseum.org www.corvettestore.com



ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS Marie Sizemore

Events for the next few months:

- May 3: Cars and Coffee, 8—10 a.m., Tackett's Mill, Lake Ridge, VA (see flyer)
- May 3: Cinco de Mayo lunch at Hector's in Lake Ridge, 12 Noon; Ron Mahaffey POC
- May 4: ODCC Cruise-in and Wine Tasting @ the Winery at LaGrange; info and registration at https://olddominioncorvetteclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=765025&item_id=2536768
- May 14: Sentara Medical Center picnic, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; POC Steve Argubright
- May 17: Cars and Coffee, 8—10 a.m., Tackett's Mill, Lake Ridge, VA (see flyer)
- May 20: ACCC Business meeting at 7 p.m., Aquia Harbour
- May 24: Cars & Coffee, 8 to 10 a.m., Classic Car Center in Fredericksburg
- June 6-7: Myrtle Beach Corvette Club car show at Broadway at the Beach Dinner on Friday, June 6, and show on Saturday, June 7, 2025 (see flyer)
- June 7: Breakfast at Juke Box Diner in Manassas at 10 a.m.; Ron Mahaffey POC
- June 17: ACCC meeting at 7 p.m. at Aquia Harbour
- June 22: Lunch at Graves Mt. Lodge at noon; Marie Sizemore POC (see flyer)
- June 28: Cars & Coffee, 8 to 10 a.m., Classic Car Center in Fredericksburg
- July 4: Aquia Harbour 4th of July parade; Dave Jones POC
- July 5: Breakfast at Great American Buffet at 10 a.m., F'burg: Marie Sizemore POC
- July 15: ACCC meeting at 7 p.m. at Aquia Harbour
- July 19: Vettes for Vets show, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Ron Mahaffey POC; Rain date: Aug 9
- July 26: Cars & Coffee, 8 to 10 a.m., Classic Car Center in Fredericksburg.

Marie

ACCC Members Participated in the BCC Cruise to Massanutten on Saturday, April 12

This is a photo taken from another gent on the BCC Cruise to Massanutten on Saturday 12 April. There were 17 Corvettes in the group.



ACCC Members Participated in Cars and Coffee, Woodbridge, April 19

Ron Mahaffey's "Casper" at Cars and Coffee in Woodbridge on April 19. This picture was taken by a passerby and posted on Facebook.



ACCC Members Participated in the ...















28th ANNUAL CORVETTES AT MYRTLE BEACH

Saturday, June 7, 2025
"Broadway at the Beach" 8am - 3pm
(Rain or Shine Event)

Registration for ALL Events: \$135.00 per Couple or \$85.00 Single
Fee includes our Banquet Friday, June 6th 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 19, 2025
Entry Fee: CAR SHOW ONLY (pre-registered) - \$35.00

DAY OF SHOW/CAR SHOW ONLY - \$40.00

Pre-Registration opens Jan. 13, 2025 at

TROPHY CLASSES

www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com

(C1/53-62) (C2/63-67) (C3/68-82) (C4/84-96) (C5/97-04) (C6/05-13) (C7/14-19) (C8/20-25) 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:
Canine Angels • Julie's Kids

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 Warriers — 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

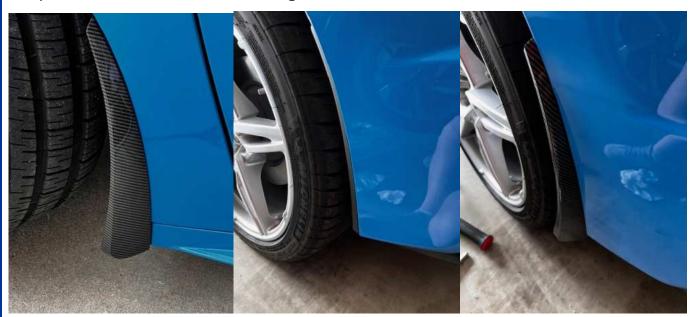
If you bring any of the above items to any ACCC meeting, ACCC Associate member Mary Anne McGovern has volunteered to get them to Willing Warriers. Thank you Mary Anne.



What Did You Do to Your Corvette?

Jack Whitis — 2023 C8 Stingray Coupe

Added extended mud flaps (stone guards) front and rear on Mulsanne. Inexpensive China versions with faux carbon fiber. If I like them, I'll upgrade someday. Easy switch out without removing the wheels.



Al McCloud — 2019 C7 Convertible

April 1, State Inspection, Mobil One oil change, and a 22,000 mile 8-speed transmission flush, not cheap. Runs like a new one Ready for the Block Party and a run to Captain Billy's.

Pete Rutledge — 1957 C1

No sooner had I put an end to the long saga of my fuel injection system renovation (see previous newsletters), than the ignition coil began leaking its insulating oil (the leaky coil was an expensive reproduction of the original coil), So, I purchased an economical replacement at AutoZone (it was the right color (black), size, and design, and only \$35) and installed it. Problem fixed.

Pete Rutledge — 1954 C1

After not being started for about 6 weeks, I was able to start the engine (Blue Flame 6) without the need for starting fluid (ether); hooray! Maybe my carb rebuild (all 3 carbs) was okay after all. In order to avoid a major transmission fluid leak on the garage floor (because fluid seeps past a seal into a part of the transmission that doesn't have the capacity to hold it), I need to start the car at least once a month (running the engine/transmission pumps the fluid back into the proper location). I will try.

Dave Jones — 2006 C6 coupe

I got my 2006 out of winter storage to ready it for the spring/summer season.

May Birthdays	May Anniversaries*
Louise Donner — May 4 Al McCloud — May 4 Mike Shepherd — May 9 Bud Donner — May 18 Ginelle Benton — May 30 Michael Klein — May 31	None that we know of

<u>Please Note</u>: 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.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Cinco de Mayo lunch Cars & Coffee- Woodbridge
4 ODCC cruise to win- ery @ La- Grange	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Senta- ra picnic show	<i>15</i>	16	17 Cars & Coffee, Wood- bridge
18	19	20 ACCC meeting @ Aquia	21	22	23	24 Cars & Coffee, F'burg
<i>25</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31

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) stonewashed 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_____.



NAME:				
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BIRTHDAY (MEMBER/ASSOCIATE) Month	Day (SPOUSE) Mor	nth Day		
ANNIVERSARY Month Day				
May this information be published in the ACCC Membe	er Directory: YESNO_			
Corvettes currently owned:				
YearStyleColor	Engine	_		
YearStyleColor	Engine	<u>-</u> -		
DUES INFORMATION:	ANNUA	AL LIFETIME		
ACCC Annual Dues (Member) (after Apr 1 - Half/Ann	nual) \$30.00	\$150.00		
ACCC Annual Dues (Spouse) (after Apr 1 - Half/Ann	nual) \$20.00	\$100.00		
Associate Member (after Apr 1 - Half/Annual)	\$20.00	\$100.00		
	TOTAL			
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ACCC FOR ALL FEE	ES			
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