



THE ACCCelerator

AQUIA CREEK

CORVETTE CLUB

October 2025



The Corvette parking area at our annual picnic (there is actually one Corvette there; club president Ron Mahaffey was brave enough to drive his, despite the weather; rain held off for most of the event). More pix on p.11

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Next Meeting:
October 21, 7PM,
at Aquia Harbor

ACCCording to the President Ron Mahaffey

We started the month of September off with our monthly breakfast at the Paradise Diner in Falmouth, VA. on 6 September. The food and service were excellent as always as well as the camaraderie. Club members who dined that Saturday morning were: Chris and BJ Mendl, Jane Loveland and Don Surmac, Dave Jones, MaryAnne McGovern, Jim Martin, Steve Argubright, Jim Eden, Doc Morin, Ron Mahaffey and we had a guest Jeremy Elcox from the Battlefield Corvette Club. Thanks Chris for arranging the breakfast.

Battlefield Corvette Club (BCC) had their Annual Cruz-In on Saturday 13 September in Fredericksburg, VA. Aquia Creek Corvette Club (ACCC) participants in this event were Chris Mendl, Al McCloud, Steve Argubright, Dave Jones, and Ron Mahaffey. BCC did something different this year — they included a Camaro Class and had trophies for winners in that category also. They had a very good turnout.

The ACCC Annual picnic took place on Saturday 27 September at the Widewater State Park in Stafford, VA. We had been watching the weather forecast all week long and as usual it changed from day to day (actually hour to hour) as to when the rain would start. Skip was able to get the hamburgers and hot dogs grilled prior to the rain starting. Nice thing about the park there is we had a covered picnic area, so we managed to eat without getting soaked. Thanks to Marie Sizemore for setting up this event. Naturally a picnic would not be complete without all of the dishes to share provided by the following members: Skip and Marie Sizemore, Pete and Jan Rutledge, Al and Margaret McCloud, Steve Argubright, Chris and BJ Mendl, Ron and Elizabeth Mahaffey, Doc Morin, and Dave Jones.

For those members who volunteered to fund the new brick at the National Corvette Museum, please note Steve's email providing directions where to mail your checks for the brick replacement, and I want to "personally" thank you all...this will keep the legacy alive of the ACCC at the National Corvette Museum.

Several members have already signed up to support the Old Dominion Corvette Club 36th Annual Cruise-in on 5 October at Bomnin Chevrolet in Manassas, VA. Since this is next weekend we will have our October Breakfast on Sunday at the Juke Box Diner in Manassas at 0900 in order for us to get better parking at the Corvette Cruise-in.

Lastly, keep in mind Christmas Party arrangements have been finalized for 21 December at the Park Lane Tavern in Fredericksburg, VA, from 3 - 7 PM. Cost is \$32.00 per member and \$42.00 per non-member.

Have a great day!

Ron

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ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes

ACCC General Meeting Aquia Harbour Club House September 16, 2025

Board Attendees:

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

Member Attendees:

Dave Jones (NCM Ambassador), Rebecca Howell (Goodwill Ambassador), Skip Sizemore, Al McCloud, Margaret McCloud, Nan Wehmeyer, Mike Klein, BJ Mendl, "Doc" Morin, Albert Martinez, Jim Martin, Jan Rutledge

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

President's Report.

- Thanked everyone for attending and encouraged more member participation.
- Asked for a motion to accept the proceedings from the August 2025 general meeting. The motion was approved.

NCM Ambassador Report.

- Corvette Plant Tours are scheduled for the week of September 29 and October 6, 2025. Tickets may be purchased online at corvettemuseum.org.
- A Vets 'N Vettes Special Event to honor military heroes is scheduled for November 6-8, 2025. Events include scenic road tours, a group luncheon and participation at the Veterans Day Parade. Check the museum website for more information. --

Secretary/Treasurer Report.

- The checking account balance is (\$,XXX.XX) and there are no near-term obligations.

Membership Governor Report. The membership stands at 46 and no new membership inquiries have been received.

Vice President Report. (Includes multiple member inputs.)

- 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, Cars and Coffee in Woodbridge, 8:00am-10:00am.

- September 27 - Annual ACCC picnic at Widewater State Park. An email has been sent to members asking for complimentary food dishes. (POC is Marie Sizemore.)

ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

--October 5 - ACCC Breakfast at the Juke Box Diner in Manassas, followed by the 36th Annual ODCC All Corvette Cruise-In at Bomnin Chevrolet in Manassas. Details at www.allcorvettecruisein.com.

To facilitate an early arrival at the Cruise-In, breakfast will start at 9:00am.

--October 25 - Marine Corps Museum 2025 Trunk-or-Treat Car Show, 12:00pm-3:00pm. Registration closes on October 23. Register online at: <https://tockify.com/mchfcalendar/detail/386/1761411600000>

--December 6 - Toys for Tots delivery to USMC Museum. An invitation email to the ACCC membership and BCC will be sent on October 1. (POC is Steve Argubright.)

--December 21 - ACCC Christmas Party, Park Lane Tavern, Fredericksburg, 3:00pm-7:00pm. (POC is Ron Mahaffey.)

Newsletter Editor Report. The next newsletter will be published on September 28. Al McCloud was thanked for his support by providing collages for many editions.

Goodwill Ambassador. A get-well card was sent to Mike Shepherd. Some members reported information they had received on Mike's condition, and all wish him a speedy recovery.

Car Talk.

--Skip Sizemore reported that during he and Marie's trip to Texas that their C7 suffered a cracked windshield and was also "scratched" in the hotel parking lot. Windshield replacement estimates ranged between \$800 and \$1200.

--Pete Rutledge reported his adventures while rebuilding the transmission on his vintage Studebaker, which included the exact placement of 94 bearings.

--Nan Wehmeyer reported she was taking her '04 Red Coupe to Elite Speed and Performance in Fredericksburg to have them check out the fan motor and AC issues. She was very complimentary about their repair work.

Old Business/Event Follow-ups.

--The President confirmed that the Christmas party menu had been modified to delete Shepherd's Pie and replaced with Knob Creek Cracked Pepper Steak.

--The cost for each ACCC member is \$32.00 and \$42.00 for non-members. Payments should be made to the Secretary/Treasurer either in person at a

ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

monthly meeting or mailed to his residence. The Secretary/Treasurer will send an email outlining the above.

--The President noted that planning continues for the October 2026 BCC Route #66 (commonly called "The Mother Road.") road trip and asked members to let him know if they are interested.

New Business.

Legislative Action:

--The club bylaws have been updated, and the members present approved them.

--The National Corvette Museum reports that the 12"x12" ACCC brick that reads "Aquia Creek Corvette Club Stafford VA Est 1987" purchased in 2001 has significantly deteriorated and can be replaced for \$360.00. The membership present voted to "NOT" replace the brick. The president asked how many would be willing to donate to make up the \$360.00 to replace the brick? Nine members said they would donate to make up the \$360.00. Then the president said an email would be sent to the entire membership to see if any others would be willing to donate which would reduce the cost for everyone. The Secretary/Treasurer will take follow-up action.

--The members present voted to make a \$250.00 cash donation to Stafford Relief Through Volunteer Efforts (SERVE).

--September birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

--Dave Jones won the 50/50 raffle and donated the entire proceeds to the ACCC treasury.

-The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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 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: Accclub@aol.com



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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)

October 2025

Dave Jones (Email: oneregal@yahoo.com)

From Stingray to Star Ship

The 1965 Corvette featured in the 2009 reboot of *Star Trek* is now on display. At the intersection of American muscle and science fiction a 1965 Stingray brings Corvette heritage and cinematic flair together on the big screen.

The screen-used stunt Corvette plays an important role in the early moments of *Star Trek* (2009), as a young James T. Kirk drives it screaming across the Iowa countryside with a hover-bike cop in pursuit. The sequence ends with Kirk leaping out just before the Corvette launches into a quarry. While the film was dramatic, the actual 1965 Corvette Stingray survives to tell its story.

While deleted from the film, a scene expands on the story. The Corvette once belonged to George Kirk, James' father. After George's death, the car ended up with James' uncle, that is, until the future Starfleet captain found the keys and made the car his own for one final ride.

Thanks to a generous loan from Ray Zielinski, this iconic Corvette is part of the Museum's collection of historically significant vehicles. Just a reminder that Corvette's cultural impact does not stop and racetracks or road tours. It spans generations, genres, and galaxies. Visit the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky and stand face to face with a Corvette that boldly went where no car had gone before.

20,000th Corvette through its R8C Program

A Sebring Orange 2026 Stingray marked a major achievement for the widely respected and popular Corvette delivery program. On September 22, 2025, the 20,000th Corvette was delivered through its R8C program to Tim Vandergriff of Ardmore, OK.

The Museum sits adjacent to the General Motors Corvette Assembly Plant which makes the Museum a natural destination for Corvette enthusiasts and a perfect location for new owners to begin their Corvette journey. The Museum Delivery Program, which allows Corvette buyers to take delivery of their new vehicles at the Museum instead of a traditional dealership, has grown significantly since its inception.

The R8CF option (\$1,495) is available for any new Corvette model ordered from any Chevrolet dealership in the United States. Participants receive:

- Museum membership

- A personal VIP guided tour of the Museum

- The opportunity to view their Corvette on display in Corvette Boulevard

- A unique decal placed inside the driver's door jamb

- A personalized interior dash plaque

- A personalized wall plaque

- A commemorative photograph in front of the Museum

Always something interesting at your National Corvette Museum.

Dave



www.corvettemuseum.org
www.corvettestore.com



Willing Warriors — Continuing Needs

How ACCC Members Can Help

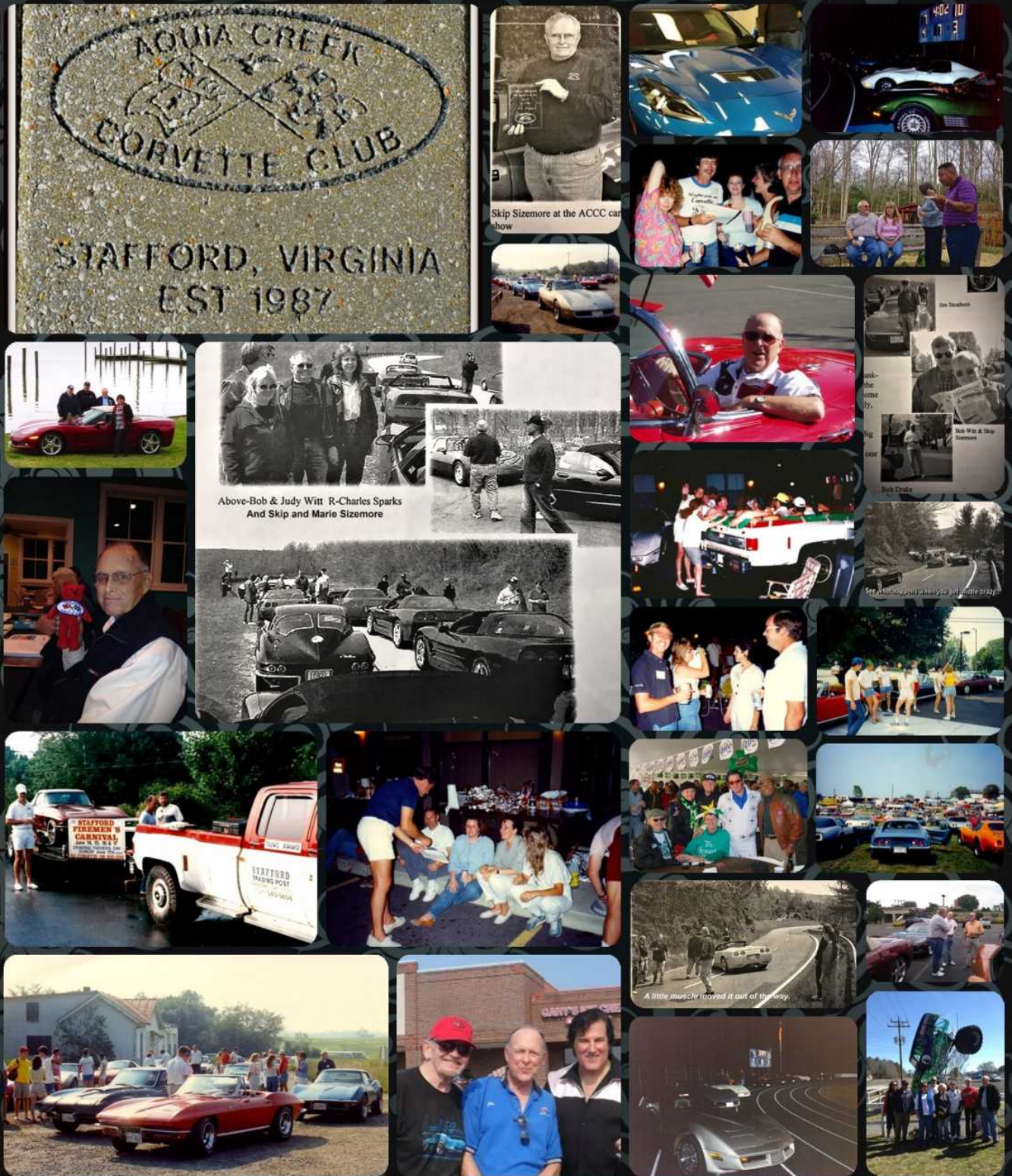
As we all know, Willing Warriors in Haymarket, VA, is a great cause. We attend their Vettes for Vets Corvette Show every year. There is a way we can help them on a continuing basis. They have recurring needs for the following:

- **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.



ACCC Wayback Memories





ACCC Annual Picnic Widewater State Park



September 27, 2025

ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS
Marie Sizemore

Events for the next couple of months:

I want to thank everyone that came to our club picnic. Thank goodness the rain held off until we had lunch.

Oct. 4: Cars & Coffee at Tackett's Mill, Woodbridge (see flyer)

Oct. 5: ACCC breakfast at Juke Box Diner in Manassas at 9AM; POC: Marie

Oct. 5: Corvette Cruise-In at Bomnin Chevy in Manassas from 11AM to 3PM, advance registration \$20, day of \$25 (see flyer)

Oct. 18: Cars & Coffee at Tackett's Mill, Woodbridge (see flyer)

Oct. 21: ACCC business meeting at 7PM at Aquia Harbour

Oct. 25: Trunk or Treat at Marine Corps Museum from 12 to 3PM (register by Oct. 23)

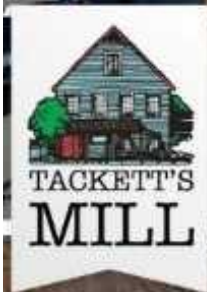
Oct. 25: Shannon Airport Festival Fly In, 10AM to 4PM

Nov. 1: Breakfast at Silver Diner in Fredericksburg at 10AM; POC: Marie

Nov. 7 to 9: Ocean City Weekend

Nov. 18: ACCC business meeting at 7PM at Aquia Harbour

Marie



NEXT MEET UP IS SATURDAY!

10/4/25 and 10/18/25

CARS & COFFEE WOODBRIDGE

8AM-10AM

**1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS
OF THE MONTH!**

**TACKETT'S MILL
12724 HARBOR DR
WOODBRIDGE, VA 22192**



Cars & Coffee - Woodbridge



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36th Annual All Corvette Cruise-In™

Sunday October 5th, 2025

11:00 am to 3:00 pm
(rain or shine)

Challenge coin
and door prize ticket
for first 150 registrants

Trophy for each generation +
Dealers Choice Award

Advance registration \$20
(\$25 day of show)

DJ playing the oldies
Food & refreshments
Silent auction
50/50 raffle
and more



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8000 Sudley Rd. Manassas, VA

It's time once again for the All Corvette Cruise-In™ in Manassas, Virginia. There will be plenty of parking, along with great food (a new vendor this year), great people, great music, door prizes, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and more. Entrants' choice trophy for each generation and a Dealer's Choice award. With your donation you'll receive a challenge coin (to the 1st 150 registered) and a door prize ticket. Register (once per car) and pay online by September 30th and save \$5. Proceeds from the show benefit local charities and the NCM. Come and show off your car, your mods and customizations, chew the fat with other Corvette owners, and get some more ideas for your own future mods.

All attendees will be eligible for the silent auction and 50//50 raffle. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the LAWS Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services organization, the Prince William County Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children, and the National Corvette Museum.

Advance registration at: https://www.olddominioncorvetteclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=4091&club_id=765025&item_id=2649028

What Did You Do to Your Corvette?

Skip Sizemore — 2016 C7

I had to replace the windshield in our 2016 Corvette as a result of our trip to the Circuit of the Americas (COTA) in Austin, Texas. I received estimates ranging up to \$1,200. I had the windshield installed by a company about one and a half miles from my house for \$800. I also received a scratched fender on this trip. We think someone hit it with a luggage cart. I am attempting to fix this problem on my own.



If my work isn't satisfactory, I will take it to a body shop. This was a very costly trip. The COTA track is a very nice facility, but I still prefer VIR. One final word. Texas has some terrible roads, with broken pavement, wavy pavement, and poorly joined bridges to pavement, with road debris and construction everywhere.

Pete Rutledge — Corvette-related

Well, my big project this month was Corvette-related, but was actually for my '54 Studebaker. I undertook my first transmission rebuild. I rebuilt the Borg-Warner T10 4-speed transmission that I had put in the '54. (This same transmission was Corvette's first 4-speed, beginning in 1957.) It had been jumping out of 2nd gear (a common problem with these transmissions), so I removed it from the car and rebuilt it with new bearings, seals, synchro rings, and "torque-lock" synchro sliders, which are designed to hold the transmission in the selected gear and should fix the jumping-out-of-gear problem. It was an interesting project (a mechanical engineer's dream).



The only special tools essential to doing the job were a hydraulic shop press (20-ton) and snap-ring pliers (about \$19 at AutoZone). With the help of YouTube, a transmission rebuilding book, and a Studebaker shop manual, I actually took the transmission apart and put it back together twice because after the first attempt, I didn't think it was working right. The second attempt was the charm. To put the finishing touches on the project, I am treating the transmission (and myself) to a brand new Hurst Competition Plus shifter (the last time I had one of these shifters was over 50 years ago, when I installed one in my '58 Corvette and it was wonderful).

October Birthdays	October Anniversaries*
None that we know of	Oct. 6 — Margaret & Al McCloud Oct. 24 — Barbara & Chris Mendl

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

FOR SALE: 1996 Corvette Collector Edition; Last of the C4 generation; 87K miles; Sebring Silver body with 5-spoke matching wheels and light gray leather interior; LT1 Engine, 350 ci (5.7 L)/300 hp; automatic transmission; AM/FM/CD/Tape; Targa top stores in rear compartment; new battery and AC replaced 3 years ago. New tires in 2024. Asking \$9,500. Contact Dave at

oneregal@yahoo.com.



FOR SALE, FREE, or WANTED (cont'd)

FOR SALE: 1976 Stingray w/T-tops, Bone exterior with Tan interior. It has been stored in a garage for 5 years. Runs. Engine was oil-fogged to prevent internal corrosion. Needs brakes and paint. I got it to restore, but while working, I have no time. Hoping to find it a good home to give it the care it deserves. Asking \$3500, which is what I paid for it. Contact Donny Fisk

CORVETTE TECHNICIAN in Manassas

A year or two ago, information was emailed to our members about a newly hired Corvette technician at a repair shop in Manassas. Well, that tech is still working at the same shop and it may be useful to some of our members to repeat the information. The tech is Dave; he works at Clark's Automotive in Manassas. He has 36 years of auto repair experience, 15 of which were specialized on Corvettes. He is a member of Northern Virginia Corvette Club; he owns a 2003 Corvette and an early '70s Camaro. If you would like to take advantage of his services for your Corvette, you can make an appointment by contacting Jen Thompson at Clark's Automotive, 8786 Commerce Ct., Manassas, VA 20110; phone 703-330-8507.



October 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4 Cars & Coffee @ Tackett's Mill
5 9AM Breakfast @ Juke Box Diner & Bomnin Cor-	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Cars & Coffee @ Tackett's Mill
19	20	21 7PM ACCC meeting @ Aquia Harbour	22	23	24	25 Trunk or Treat @ Marine Corps Museum & Shannon Airport Fly-In
26	27	28	29	30	31	

NOTE: See "ACCC Events" on Page 12 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 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; \$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.

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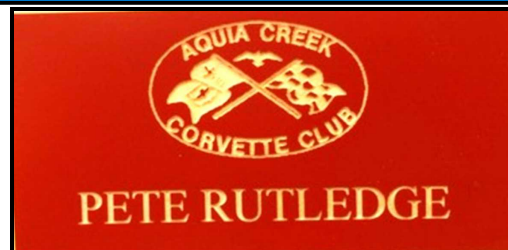
Items For Sale at all Club Events*



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