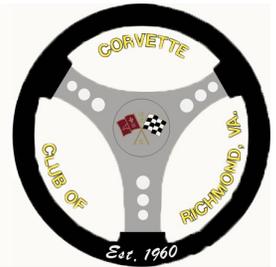




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The Official Newsletter of the Corvette Club of Richmond



November and December 2016

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Pictures from Cruise to Cooper's Vineyard!



Note from the Editor

Again, please be mindful of deadlines we must meet in order to keep the distribution of the newsletter running smoothly. Please make sure all articles, event recaps, and any other information is sent to the Newsletter Editor by the **25th** of each month to jamesntiff4@gmail.com.

I also ask for your ideas for the Tech Tips pages. What would you like to know?

A Message from the President

Fellow CCR Members,

The club has few activities in November, which means there is plenty of opportunity to have your Corvette cleaned and polished. The convertible top is now staying up with fall temperatures during the days and evenings. Dang leaves are down everywhere!

The general membership meeting is on November 11th at Markel Building in Innsbrook. Meeting time is 7:30PM. Many members and guests arrive 30 minutes early for some social time. The after meeting gathering for November will be held at the home of Stacy and Steve Harper in Mechanicsville, VA. Directions will be provided at the meeting.

I want to make sure you are excited about the annual Christmas Dinner/Dance. This event will be December 3rd at the same location as last year, Meadowbrook Country Club. Mark your calendars now for this annual gathering. Sign up on-line, at the general meeting, or by mail. We need to have a head count for the dinner. On tap for the following weekend December 10, is the Virginia Beach Boardwalk light tour which we have done for many years, including a Polar Bear plunge into the Atlantic Ocean by some hearty (crazy) attendees.

During the November general meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the list of members running for election. All officers are up for election annually. This is the meeting to cast your vote for all officers of the organization. A ballot is offered on our website.

Lastly, this is my final message as President. I decided not to seek re-election. 2016 has been a very challenging year. Several items became a source of controversy and debate. I have been pleased by the support offered by many members, but also dismayed by the actions of others. After all, this is supposed to be a social organization, and should be one. I would like to thank all who served the Club during the year, by hosting gatherings at their homes, OD'ing cruises and tours, helping set up and clean up. This is the members' organization and I tried to have more new members involved. Good luck in the future of CCR.

Save the wave!

Rick

2016 Events Calendar:

Friday, Nov 11	Membership Meeting (West End) - 7:30pm Meet and Greet: Hosted by the Harpers
Saturday, Dec 3	2016 Christmas Dinner - Dance
Sunday, Dec 4	Mechanicsville Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec 10	VA Beach Lights Tour & Cruise

*For event details, please see the website, www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com

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NOVEMBER and DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those members celebrating birthdays this month. **May there be a shiny, new surprise in your driveway!**

November

Linda Stewart	11/1
Jeanette Glass	11/3
Susie Rhodes	11/5
Norma Chambers	11/8
John Epperly	11/9
Linda Walker	11/11
Mike Starr	11/14
Bob Brody	11/15
Steve DuBosky	11/15
Ginger Viers	11/15
Susan Robinson	11/16
Maridel Lee	11/17
Marianne Warren	11/19
Genie Lucyk	11/20
Rob Miedermayer	11/20
Roy Binger	11/22
Richard Orrock	11/22
Patricia Marshall	11/24
Robert Marchese	11/26
Robin Foster	11/28
Phyllis Hall	11/28
Carroll Hudson	11/28
David Viers	11/29
Deb Evans	11/30
Tom Watkins	11/30

December

Gary Butler	12/1
Penny Johnson	12/3
BJ Sprouse	12/3
Jocelyn Lambo	12/4
Heidi Hrobuchak	12/6
Bonnie Elinskas	12/7
Darlene Reeson	12/7
Joe Morris	12/10
Warren Farrar	12/14
Rick Franklin	12/19
Bubba Carr	12/21
Vincent Charity	12/24
Alisanne Clifton	12/24
Lorna King	12/24
Coleen Anderson	12/25
Erin Glenn	12/25
Callie Redford	12/25
Suzan Morris	12/26
Cindy Goodwin	12/26
Shirley Bridgewater	12/26
Dan Baker	12/27
Connie Pollard	12/27
Donna Line	12/29
Alice Rice	12/29
Linda Stevens	12/29

November Meeting

Friday, November 11th at our West End Location

Our next General Membership Meeting will take place on Friday, November 11th, at 7:30 PM at the Markel Corporation Building in Innsbrook, 4521 Highwoods Parkway, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. There is plenty of parking available, so come early to visit in the parking lot with other members!

Meeting Directions (West End)

- From I-295, take exit 51B for Nuckols Road South.
- From Nuckols Road, turn right at the first traffic light onto Sadler Road.
- Take the next left turn onto Sadler Place.
- Take an immediate right onto Highwoods Parkway.
- Take the first left into the parking lot (you will see the "Markel" sign).
- The Markel Building will be directly in front of you. Enter under the carport on the right side of the building as you face it

After Meeting Meet & Greet, Friday, November 11

The after meeting meet & greet on Friday November 11th will be at the Harpers! Directions will be provided at the meeting.



Election of Officers for 2017

The By Laws of the Corvette Club of Richmond call for nomination of officers to be held during both the October and November General Membership meetings, with elections taking place in November. The new officers take office effective December 15 of the year in which they are elected, or at the first club meeting following their election, whichever shall first occur.

The nominees for President and Vice President must be members for a period of one year. Except for this provision of the by laws, any member can run for office. The elected positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Sergeant-At-Arms, and Historian.

The Nominating Committee for elections are Kirby Montgomery, Barry Roper and Gayle Murman. If you have an interest in understanding more about the duties of each of these positions, or for running for an officer position, please contact one of these representatives of the nominating committee.

Currently, the nominating committee has this list of candidates for office:

President-Bob Brody
 Vice President-Bubba Carr
 Treasurer-Paul Murman
 Recording Secretary-Sue Ann Bickert
 Corresponding Secretary-Donna Carr
 Webmaster-Mike Starr
 Newsletter editor-James Wilson
 Sergeant-At-Arms-Graham Wilson
 Historian-Dave Dolan



The nominating committee will nominate these individuals for office at the October and November General Membership meetings. Other nominations for any position can be accepted from the floor at the October and November meetings.

An absentee ballot will be on the CCR web site and in the October newsletter. This absentee ballot can be mailed to the CCR PO Box address or delivered to any member of the nominating committee, but must be received by a member of the nominating committee before the November General Membership meeting is called to order to be counted.

The leadership of your club is important to all members and we gratefully thank the current and past members who have served the club in these positions. Please consider supporting your club in a leadership position!

Kirby Montgomery
 Chairman, Nominating Committee



OCTOBER MEETING'S BIG WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Dinner Ticket—Val Miser



50/50 Winner—Lori Dolan



Mystery Handshake—Susie Rhodes





WELCOME NEW CCR MEMBERS !!



Connie Smith



Rick Howard

Lou & Lynn Merucci



Want to Become a CCR Member ?

In 1960, a small group of Corvette enthusiasts began to gather on a regular basis for fun and fellowship. The first official Club meeting took place in July of 1961. CCR is the oldest Corvette club in Virginia with membership approaching 400. To be eligible for regular membership, you must be a person of good character and own a Corvette. You must attend at least one meeting or event. If you don't own a Corvette, an "associate membership" is available. Associates can participate in all events and functions but have no voting rights. You'll make good friends, have fun and learn more about Corvettes. Club meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. After the meetings, there is usually a party where you can enjoy socializing with other club members.

Annual dues are \$25 for pilots or \$35 for both the pilot and co-pilot (includes spouse, or significant other/child). A membership application can be found on the CCR website:

www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com

Event Re-Cap

Cruise to Cooper Vineyards
Bob Brody on behalf of Kirby Mont-
gomery

It was a blustery, crisp fall morning when 13 sparkling Corvettes set out from Henrico for Cooper Vineyards.

We traveled rolling Route 6 west into Maidens, VA, turned north on Route 522 and snaked our way through the glorious greenery of rural central Virginia and into Louisa County, arriving at Cooper early enough to beat the crowd.

There were only a few other wine tasting customers when we entered and CCR completely filled the Tasting Room. We sampled the wines, talked Corvettes and mingled with the other patrons as they trickled in. Many folks migrated to the open-air pavilion and gathered for lunch of Pulled Pork, sides and well-paired wines. Other folks took their lunch inside to enjoy the live Blue Grass band who set up in the corner of the Tasting Room.

It was a glorious day with wonderful friends.

Many thanks to Kirby for organizing; you and Marcie were missed.

And thanks to all who joined in!!



We parked in the remarkable formation shown above. I would like to take credit for this terrific display, but it just happened spontaneously, demonstrating again that we are the Best Damn Corvette Club...in the world!!

Upcoming Event

Christmas Dinner/Dance

Once again, we will be at Meadowbrook Country Club (3700 Cogbill Road, Richmond, Virginia 23234). We will have happy hour starting at 6:00 p.m. with light hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served by the staff at Meadowbrook beginning at 7:00 pm.

The Christmas party has historically been a "dress up" event, with many leaning toward the formal side, so please dress accordingly. The cost for this year's party is just \$40 per single member (\$80 per joint membership) and \$80 per guest. For the purpose of definition, a guest is anyone who has not either paid the \$25 annual membership dues or paid the \$10 membership fee for their spouse or significant other. Use the link in the Events section to sign up and pay.

Music this year will be provided by Al Kyriakides, a member of CCR, and his band named "Flashback".



16th Annual Holiday Lights at the Beach

by Lori Dolan

Upcoming Event

We hope you're making plans for our **December 10th** over-night event to Virginia Beach. If you've been before, I know you had a good time. If you've never come, **why not?** This event offers you a beautiful caravan, great dinner, chance to drive on Boardwalk, a party with friends (cards, games & music)--all in one day.



Details: Like past years, we will **meet at 11:30 a.m.** at the Dairy Queen at Route 5 & 295 and **depart at noon**. JR Walker will our lead caravan by way of scenic back roads and the Smithfield Christmas parade will not be a problem this year! Susan & Bill Hardy have generously invited us to their Suffolk home for a pit stop again this year before we continue to Virginia Beach. Our dinner reservation at **Rudees on the Inlet** (227 Mediterranean Ave) is set for 5:30 pm. Please sign the events book or call me (804-346-5266) so I can give Rudees a good headcount.

Please make your own hotel reservations 1-757-437-9100 (Country Inn & Suites at 1801 Atlantic Avenue) and ask for our special CCR \$85 rate. The hotel has good, covered parking and if you've put your Vette away for the winter, come in your OTC (*other than Corvette*). We have an indoor pool, so bring your suits!

Please pack your Santa hats, nametags, club radios, a cooler with your beverage of choice for after dinner partying and bring along some munchies to share. If you're feeling lucky, join Dave Dolan in a little game of Texas Hold'em OR a game of LCR \$1 dice game (*Left-Center-Right*). Around 9:30 pm CCR's Polar Bear Club will take a dip in the ocean. Join them if you dare!



CORVETTE *in the news*

Corvettes of SEMA 2016 before the Show!

Taylor Kempkes Nov 1, 2016; Super Chevy

Corvettes are always a staple in the aftermarket with their exceptional handling characteristics and ample power. This year at SEMA, the aftermarket has taken advantage of the corvette again, using ‘Vettes as a platform for showcasing new technologies.



SEMA, Specialty Equipment Marketing Association, is celebrating its 50th year as the premier convention for the automotive aftermarket. This year is no different as the cars built by these companies keep getting crazier and crazier with bold styling and innovations.

We perused the showroom floors while vendors were busy setting up and putting the final touches on their booths before the crowds fill the Las Vegas Convention Center tomorrow morning. Enjoy the gallery of purely ‘Vettes and make sure to check back throughout the week for mini-features, big releases, and all the new aftermarket performance products!



REVS & RUMBLES @ THE NCM

By Barry Roper, NCM Ambassador/Lifetime Member



As the end of the year and Christmas approach, are you thinking of giving yourself an unforgettable present this holiday season? If that thought might include ordering a 2017 Z06, some updated information from the Corvette Assembly Plant might be of planning value. A newly available option termed the Engine Build Experience is available which combines the Engine Build program with the Buyers' Tour (as well as a Photo Album of your Corvette's assembly) with the entire experience being compressed into a single visit to the Plant and Museum in Bowling Green, KY.

Previously the two programs required separate visits scheduled anywhere from days to weeks apart. The new Experience will occur over two or three consecutive days for anyone ordering a Z06 regardless of trim level. The build of the 650-hp supercharged LT4 engine will be performed by the participant and an assembly technician who instructs and oversees the build on day one. This is followed the next day by a tour of the NCM and dinner that evening with a senior manager from the Plant and an NCM representative. The Experience is concluded on the third day by watching your Corvette being built on the Plant assembly line. Also provided are a personalized engine plaque and poster identifying the builder, a piston trophy commemorating the experience with customer name and date, and a Build Your Own Engine Polo shirt and Z06 cap.



Though decidedly not inexpensive @ \$7500 (what really cool things are?), the individuals opting to add the RPO PBC (Engine Build/\$5000) and RPO PD5 (Buyers' Tour/\$2500) codes to their order when placed through their Chevrolet dealer will be guaranteed an experience like no other. The documentation of your vehicle's assembly is provided by the 15" x 20" Photo Album (\$700 if purchased alone) which is included in the cost of the Buyers' Tour. So, if you've been more nice than naughty this year, and your banker is a willing elf, Santa may be delivering your dream come this December!



The 1968 Sunray DX Corvette Race Team at the 1968 Daytona 24 Hour in Full Color

Drew Hardin; 18 October 2016; Super Chevy

Color images from the 1960s and earlier are rare in the Petersen photo archive. Rarer still are color photos from anything other than carefully staged cover shoots. So we were drawn to this photo of the red, white and blue Sunray DX Oil-sponsored Corvettes at the 1968 24 Hours of Daytona.

There were six Corvettes entered at Daytona in 1968, so the Sunray DX team made up fully half of that roster. This race marked the debut of the Mako-shark-inspired 1968 body style, and Don Yenko prepped two 1968 Vettes in DX livery especially for this race. Yenko had ordered an L88-powered 1968 model to drive in the race with co-driver Peter Revson. When it didn't arrive on time, he grabbed a red roadster off his dealer lot and built it into the #29 car you see here. A brand-new L88 was put into the engine bay, the chassis was upgraded with the heavy-duty suspension and metallic disc brakes, and he added a fuel cell, rollcage, auxiliary lighting and other race equipment.

The second 1968 Vette, #30, was purchased for Tony DeLorenzo so he and Jerry Thompson could join Yenko's team. The car was originally equipped with an L89 big-block, but the engine was rebuilt to L88 specs (and substituted an 850-cfm Holley for the Tri-power induction). It, too, received racing upgrades that included the J56 big brakes, a rollbar and a fuel cell. Representing the old guard was car #31, an L88-powered 1967 Vette that Yenko and Dave Morgan had raced the year before. At Sebring in 1967 the Vette finished 1st in the GT class despite a brake failure and resulting off-track excursion that put them in the sand 40 minutes before the end of the race. With Yenko in the new car for Daytona, driving duties for #31 fell to Morgan and Jerry Grant.

As it turned out, newer isn't necessarily better. Both of the 1968 Vettes experienced mechanical problems during the race. Yenko and Revson, who at one time had climbed through the field to 8th overall, finished 25th overall and 4th in the GT class. DeLorenzo and Thompson came in 27th overall and 5th in GT.

Morgan and Grant, on the other hand, wheeled the veteran 1967 to a 10th place overall finish and 1st in GT. Among the secrets of their success: The car spent less than 60 total minutes in the pits during the race's duration.

Despite the disparity in their finishing order—Morgan and Grant completed about 100 more laps than either of the 1968 Vettes—the three grouped up while crossing the finish line for a priceless photo op for their sponsor.



Tech Tips

Corvette Maintenance Tips

Some Simple Tips To Keep Your Vette In Tip Top Shape

Like any performance vehicle, Chevrolet Corvettes require some special maintenance. Being aware of these requirements will keep the car running well, providing a great experience each time drivers climb behind the wheel.

Corvette owners need to be especially aware of changes in fluid levels, since ignoring them could lead to serious damage to various components. While it might not be convenient, drivers really should check the oil level each time they purchase gas. Failing to do so risks an expensive engine problem.



Since many of the car's fluids are transported through the many hoses in the engine compartment, checking them regularly is a great habit. Carefully squeezing the hoses to look for cracks is necessary, as is inspecting the connections for leaks. At the same time, looking over the belts for cracking or splitting can also help avoid an expensive repair. If there's a problem, a technician has the training to determine if the belts need to be replaced or simply adjusted.



One thing that many first-time Corvette owners don't expect is how quickly the car can go through wearable items, or more specifically tires and brake pads. They're made of softer materials than on the average vehicle, providing better traction and stopping performance, but that comes at a price. Owners need to listen for noises such as grinding, squealing or chirping whenever they step on the brakes, which could mean new pads are needed. If the car takes longer to stop, that can also be a sign.

Aggressive driving maneuvers, including taking corners quickly and doing burnouts, help chew through tires faster. Knowing the signs of worn tires is helpful, such as at least three tread-wear indicators being visible, cracking in the sidewalls, fabric/cords poking through the rubber or any bulges/splits in the rubber. If you're unsure about tire wear or the brakes, a trained automotive technician who's familiar with Corvettes can use the proper tools to assess if they need to be serviced. They can also provide the kind of wearables that are paired to the performance abilities of your vehicle, helping avoid problems down the road.

Proper maintenance can help owners enjoy their Corvette more fully. From early on, lubricant should be regularly spread on the door and hatch seals to protect against deterioration. The same can be done for the other seals. Washing and waxing the car at least once a week will help guard against damage to the paint.

Many Chevrolet Corvette owners use their cars for competitive events, including drag races and autocross. The owner's manual recommends switching engine oil for motorsports of any kind, plus changing the oil more often. Switching to DOT 4 brake fluid is ideal as well, since it's less likely to vaporize under high heat situations, preventing a crash. Changing the brake fluid once a year is also necessary.



The CCR Store



Tote Bag \$20



Visor \$12



Baseball Cap \$15



*Flag 1 for \$13
2 for \$25*



Towel \$10



*T-Shirt \$16 (S-XL)
\$17, \$18 (2X, 3X)*



*Logo on back of
T-shirt*

**Long-Sleeve
T-Shirts
\$20
(all sizes)**



*Polo Shirt \$40
(Order Item)*



*Jackets
\$113
S, M, L, XL (2XL-4XL extra\$)
(Order Item)*

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Richmond"
Window Cling
\$15**



**Club Logo Window
Sticker
(Small, Round)
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