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The Official Newsletter of the Corvette Club of Richmond



## October 2016

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### 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](mailto: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 a few activities in October, which means there is plenty of opportunity to have your Corvette cleaned and polished for car shows, Vettes and vittles, and the occasional cruise with your best partner. The convertible top is down and I am enjoying the fall warm weather in our Corvette.

The general membership meeting is on October 14th at Grace Lutheran Church in Chester. Meeting time is 7:30PM. Many members and guests will arrive 30 minutes early for some social time. After all this is supposed to be a social club. The after meeting gathering for October will be held at The Patron Mexican Restaurant & Cantina located at 12211 Jefferson Davis Highway, Chester. The cost this month is \$10 per person attending this gathering.

Speaking of club events, if you have an idea for a cruise or activity for CCR, let Steve Dubosky hear from you. This club is fun because we offer many different types of activities to provide fellowship.

The first opportunity in October to cruise with the gang is October 1. Danny Terry and Norma Bonner will lead a cruise to Louise's Southern Comforts in Dundas, VA. Saturday's special is a seafood extravaganza, so show up hungry. Later on October 22, the gang will travel to Cooper Vineyard in Louisa, VA. Kirby and Marcie Montgomery are leading this parade for all you wino's out there. One other event I want to make sure you are tuned in to, is our annual Christmas Dinner/Dance. This event will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the same location as last year, Meadowbrook Country Club. Mark your calendars now for this annual gathering.

During the October general meeting, the Nomination Committee will present the list of members running for election in November. All officers are up for election annually. If you have an interest in running for an officer position, please contact a member of the committee, or one of the current officers.

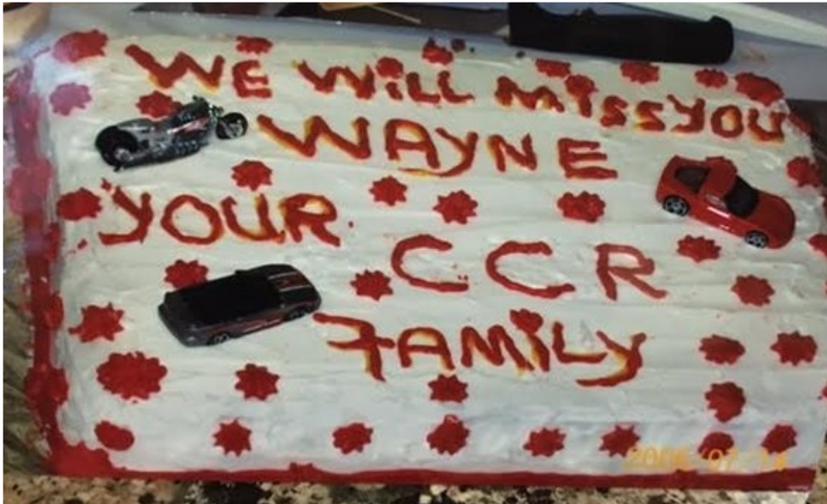
Lastly, fall is here. Now is the time to get your favorite passenger and America's sports car out for a cruise to that special location. Let's all have an opportunity in the remaining warm weather to enjoy a drive!

Save the wave!

*Rick*

# Goodbye Wayne Tilley

by Lori Dolan



Ten years ago we said our goodbyes to longtime CCR member Wayne Tilley as he moved back home to Kentucky and later to Madison, IN. Those aren't smudges on Wayne's face in picture below, they're good-bye kisses from the women of CCR!

Over the years Wayne came back to Richmond to visit family and CCR friends. I'm sorry to report that Wayne's travelling days are over. He passed away in his Madison, IN home September 9, 2016. Rest in peace,



# 2016 Events Calendar:

Friday, Oct 14	<b>Membership Meeting (South Side) - 7:30pm</b> <b>Meet and Greet: The Patron Mexican Restaurant &amp; Catina</b>
Saturday, Oct 22	Cruise to Cooper Vineyard
Saturday, Nov 5	59th Urbana Oyster Festival
Friday, Nov 11	<b>Membership Meeting (West End) - 7:30pm</b> <b>Meet and Greet: Hosted by the Harpers</b>
Saturday, Dec 3	2016 Christmas Dinner - Dance
Saturday, Dec 10	VA Beach Lights Tour & Cruise

**\*For event details, please see the website, [www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com](http://www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com)**

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# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Tita Lockhart	10/1	Rosie Goodwin	10/1
Duane Maloy	10/1	Melvin Belcher	10/3
Sher Garrett	10/3	Mike Short	10/6
Bonnie Bell	10/9	Gary Hrobuchak	10/10
Pamela Hultquist	10/10	Doris Farrar	10/11
Jocelyn Lambo	10/13	Gary Green	10/14
Pam Cifelli	10/15	Jimmy Brice	10/16
Butch Bell	10/18	Cynthia Butler	10/18
Steven Goodwin	10/19	Jim Tolbert	10/19
Charles Warren	10/22	Leslie Culver	10/23
Mike Lowery	10/23	Norman Burkhart	10/26
Larry Halley	10/27	Brenda Niedermayer	10/27
Greg Bull	10/28	David Goodwin	10/28
Beau Morris	10/28	Rose Talley	10/30
JR Walker	10/30	Joni Williams	10/31

# October Meeting

## Friday, October 14th at our South Side Location

Our next General Membership Meeting will take place on Friday, October 14th, at 7:30 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 13028 Harrowgate Rd, Chester, Virginia 23831. There is plenty of parking available. So come early to visit in the parking lot with other members!

## Meeting Directions (South Side)

From VA-288, take the VA-145/Chester Rd exit toward Chester.

- Turn right onto VA-145 W/Chester Rd (signs for VA-145 W).
- Turn right onto W Hundred Rd.
- Turn left onto Harrowgate Rd.
- Destination will be on the right.

## After Meeting Party, Friday, October 14th

The after meeting party on Friday, October 14th will be at The Patron Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, located at 12211 Jefferson Davis Highway, Chester. There will be a variety of food, salad, and soft drinks, coffee, and tea available. Cost will be \$20 per couple, \$10 single. Come on and join us for some socializing after the General Membership meeting!" 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 nominee 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-Open  
 Corresponding Secretary-Open  
 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.

As to the currently open officer positions, we ask members to please consider filling these positions, they cannot be vacant.

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



# SEPTEMBER MEETING'S BIG WINNERS

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Dinner Ticket—Bubba Carr



50/50 Winner—Greg Lucyk



Mystery Handshake—Lori Dolan





# WELCOME NEW CCR MEMBERS !!



**Shawn Moorer**



**Doug Harvey**

## 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](http://www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com)

# Event Re-Cap

## Heritage Chevrolet Customer Appreciation Day

### Heritage Chevrolet Customer Appreciation Day *Corvette-Only* Car Show

The clouds may have filled the sky all day on the last Sunday of September, but the lot at Heritage Chevrolet never looked so good!! We had every class of *Corvette* represented at the annual Heritage Chevrolet Customer Appreciation Day festivities.

The day started out with a few challenges... The registration software gave us some difficulties; the wind blew at times attempting to take our registration paperwork and donations with it; we didn't have the Corvette Club of Richmond banners proudly displayed (as we have in past years); and there was a mention of a later registration time on our website that hindered the timely arrival of some participants. In spite of all that, we had a fabulous time.

We had 48 registered Corvettes in the show, and there were another 10-12 that arrived after 11:00 that didn't get registered. We handed out several membership applications, of which two completed applications were turned in.

Tom Bolden volunteered to sell 50/50 raffle tickets and what a great job he did! He collected a total of \$314.00. Barry Welsch (who turned in a new membership application) had the winning raffle ticket and won a jackpot of \$157. The remaining \$157 went toward the donations for the Central Virginia Food Bank. In total, we collected \$794 in monetary donations and some canned goods. As they have in the past, Heritage Chevrolet matched our donation (plus a few extra dollars) to contribute a total of \$1600. Jay Burchell got a round of applause when he announced that he wanted to split the donation evenly between the Chesterfield Food Bank and the Richmond (city) Food Bank in the name of the Corvette Club of Richmond.

In addition to matching our donations to the Central Virginia Food Bank, Heritage Chevrolet also raffled off two gas grills.



# Event Re-Cap

## Heritage Chevrolet Customer Appreciation Day (Continued)

The trophy winners were as follows:

### Class C1

3rd Place Greg Lucyk  
2nd Place Fred Talley  
1st Place Kevin Rogers

### Class C2

1st Place Mike Todd

### Class C3 Early

3rd Place Chip & Kathy Phelps  
2nd Place Greg Bull  
1st Place Norman Hayes

### Class C3 Late

2nd Place Danny Terry  
1st Place Patricia Kropac

### Class C4

3rd Place Peggy Maloy  
2nd Place David Goodwin  
1st Place Steve Goodwin

### Class C5

3rd Place Gill Halasz  
2nd Place Terry Corbin  
1st Place Rob Bickert

### Class C6

3rd Place Norma Bonner  
2nd Place Bubba Carr  
1st Place Jim & Jo Chesser

### Class C7

3rd Place Mel Belcher  
2nd Place Kirby Montgomery  
1st Place Steve Powell

### Best in Show

Eric Gensheimer  
for his C6

Special thanks to all my helpers: Mike Douberly, Duane Maloy, Danny Terry, Norman Hayes, Terry Corbin and Don Miser. I also want to thank Donna Carr and Connie Douberly for working the Registration table. Without their help, this event would not have been such a great success.

Also a special thanks to the employees at Heritage Chevrolet who setup, grilled the hotdogs and chose our winners.

Thanks, Bubba Carr

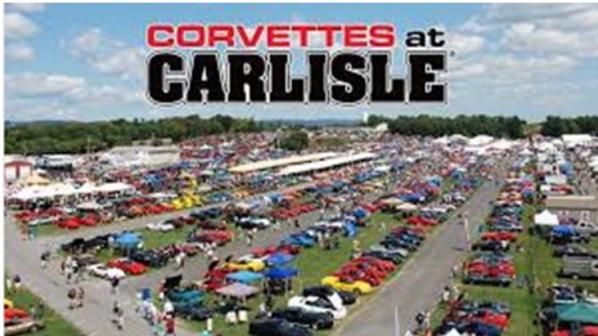
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## Heritage Chevrolet Customer Appreciation Day (Continued)



# Event Re-Cap

## 2016 Carlisle Recap by Lori Dolan



Dave led our small caravan again this year and included a breakfast stop and a rest area break along the way. The weather was gorgeous and we had no problems with traffic.

For years we went with Aquia Creek Corvette Club and looked forward to their Saturday night festivities. In those days we drove my 1980 Vette and were constantly on the lookout for needed parts at the fairgrounds. Now we drive a new car and don't need to search through bins for parts. Instead, we walk through the buildings, check out the GM and Kerbeck tents, visit our sponsor, Zip Products, go

through car corral and chat with the CCR members we run into. For the past 3 years, our Saturday night activity has been the Corvette Parade through downtown. We absolutely love it and now this is how we want to spend our Saturday night in Carlisle!



After last year's fiasco of recommending a horrific hotel for CCR members, everyone chose their own hotels this year. We chose Sleep Inn Carlisle and it was great...close to downtown, had good parking, an indoor pool, complimentary breakfast and had plenty of good restaurants nearby. Unfortunately, we didn't make our reservation for 2017 as we checked out and when I tried to get a room 10 days later, **it was already sold out for next year!!** So, we're booked in the Hampton Inn Carlisle on Harrisburg Pike for next year. If you're going, I suggest you find a hotel NOW.

Mark your 2017 calendars for next year's event: **August 24-24, 2017** (Thurs-Sun). We'll lead a caravan up on Friday morning--hope you'll join us.

## Event Re-Cap

## Glen Allen Day Parade Recap by Lori Dolan

This was an early morning event and many of you came from far away (*some even running on gas fumes*) to get here. We had beautiful weather and fantastic CCR participation for this year's Glen Allen Day Parade. At first we only had a handful of cars signed up, so webmaster Mike Starr sent out an email blast cry for help for me. That worked great-- we ended up with 22 Corvettes and more than enough convertibles to carry dignitaries. I'm also grateful to the 2 couples who brought 2 cars to the parade (Bob & Linda Stevens and Cheryl and Dean Maddern).

People arrived at our house around 8 am and coffee and donuts were waiting for them. We lined the Vettes up on our narrow road and the long line was very impressive. I couldn't fit all the Vettes in one picture for you to see-- guess I should have tried the panoramic option. Duh!



At 8:30 Dave led most of the Vettes to his staging site where those who wanted to decorate their cars could do so. He also arranged for a coworker's twin girls (Caitlin & Allison) to walk ahead of the Vettes carrying CCR's banner. They said they enjoyed riding in different Vettes to and from the parade. The crowd LOVED them--talking to them and having them pose for pictures along the route!

After Dave left, I led our 9 convertibles to the staging area where our dignitaries were waiting. Some of our dignitaries ended up providing their own rides, so a few of our cars didn't carry anyone. *Sorry about that guys!* As I requested, the parade officials lined us up at the front of the parade since we had a second event scheduled that day (*Kings Arms - Williamsburg*). Parade stepoff was 9:30 and since this was a short parade we were back at my house by about 10:10. Some headed home to stay, others drove home to pick up spouses and continued to the next event's staging area. The rest of us stayed about 20 minutes grabbing a soda or Bloody Mary and chatting about the parade. It was getting late, so we piled in our cars and headed to out to meet Larry 30 minutes away. We lost some people as we were leaving, but Dean Maddern chased them down and got them going the right way. Thank you, Dean!

The date is set for next year's parade, so mark your calendars for **September 23, 2017**. Larry Williams told me he likes to schedule the Kings Arms event a week after the Richmond Nascar race. So next year his event should be Sat., September 16 and would not conflict with us. That's great because two events in one day is difficult and caused alot of extra work logistically for me, for Webmaster Mike Starr and for parade officials.

Thank you, CCR, for coming out for this little parade. *You did our club proud!*

# Upcoming Event

## Cruise to Cooper Vineyards!!

October 22, 2016

OD: Kirby Montgomery

The Corvette Club of Richmond will be cruising to Cooper Vineyards in Louisa, Virginia, on Saturday, October 22nd! Ya'll come, 'ya hear?

We will depart from the WAWA on Broad Street just East of VA 288 (12564 Broad St., Richmond, VA 23233) at 10:00 AM. It is about a 40 mile trip from WAWA to Cooper Vineyards, but we will take a scenic route traveling for perhaps just over an hour, planning to arrive a Cooper Winery at approximately 11:30 AM.

Cooper Winery has a beautiful wine tasting facility with a very nice shaded outdoor deck with table and chairs. In addition they have a large gazebo with tables and chairs. Depending on the number of CCR members signing up for this cruise, Cooper Vineyards will set up additional wine tasting stations in the Gazebo. Wine tasting is \$10 per person for the White and Dry Reds, and \$5 additional for the Sweets and Dessert wines. Wine purchases may lead to crediting the wine tasting fee. Marcie and I were there with family and they have an extensive list of wines to taste, 12 whites and reds and about 6 Sweets and Dessert wines. Few vineyards offer such an extensive tasting sampling, and there are some delightful surprises!

How about food? After all, CCR does travel on its stomach! Cooper Vineyard will arrange for a food truck from Smok'in Eddies BBQ. Smok'in Eddies was highly recommended by our host at the Vineyard, Giovanni (he was a kick, and a terrific ambassador for the vineyard!).

The average high in Louisa in October is 70 degrees, and the average low is 45 degrees (most likely overnight). We should have a lovely fall day!

Please sign up for this event on the CCR web site, or in the sign up books at the September General Membership meeting. I need to get a head count into the vineyard so please sign up early! This will be a rain or shine event, so plan on going please if you sign up! OTC's (other than Corvettes) are ok!

Here is Cooper Vineyard's Web Site: <http://www.coopervineyards.com/road>



### 16th Annual Holiday Lights at the Beach

by Lori Dolan

# Upcoming Event



Due to a new work schedule, Danny and Norma aren't able to OD this event this year. We did this with them for 15 years and didn't want to see the event die, so JR Walker has offered to be our OD. Helping will be Tim Glass and Dave Dolan.

So, our **16th Annual Holiday Lights at the Beach** event in Virginia Beach is Saturday, **December 10<sup>th</sup>**. This is a popular event because it definitely covers CCR's 3-Fs (*Food, Fun & Fellowship*) with: a great Corvette caravan, dinner at a beach restaurant, a chance to drive the boardwalk decked out for Christmas, a party with music, dancing, fun games of chance, and for the crazies among us, a polar bear plunge into the Atlantic! And because this is an overnight event, we have plenty of time for mingling and socializing with fellow Corvette Enthusiasts during the dinner, the party and at the complimentary breakfast the next morning.

Details on departure time and place will be in next newsletter.

**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! After we check in and get situated, we'll head out around 5 pm for a great dinner at **Rudees on the Inlet** (227 Mediterranean Ave).



After dinner, feel free to take the **Holiday Lights at the Beach** tour which stretches from 2nd Street to 34<sup>th</sup> Street along the boardwalk with over 250 animated nautical and holiday-themed light displays! It is the largest grand illumination display to grace the Atlantic seaboard **AND** each year the order of light displays is changed to help create a new and fresh experience for visitors. The cost per car is nominal (about \$15 CASH only).



If you're not doing the lights tour, head to the banquet room on 1st floor and we'll continue with our holiday party. Please pack 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*). Lori Dolan will play DJ and will oversee our hilarious game of musical chairs. 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*

The 2017 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport in motion in a beautiful thing  
September 23, 2016; Alex Kierstein; AutoBlog



This is the 2017 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport, which at first blush looks a bit like a monstrous Z06. If you caught our [First Drive review back in July](#), you'll probably recall that the Grand Sport is essentially a regular C7 with a Z06-like wide-body kit and uniquely-tuned handling goodies. The wider fenders allow the Grand Sport to utilize larger brakes, and more importantly the option (for an uncharge) of fitting wide, sticky Pilot Sport Cup 2 tires.

Since the GS sticks with the tried-and-true LT1 V8, which displaces 6.2 liters and makes 460 horsepower, it has plenty of grunt. The end result is a Corvette that can pull 1.2g at the skidpad and hit 60 miles per hour in just 3.6 seconds, while maintaining all the sweetheart characteristics that make the regular Corvette an all-purpose powerhouse.

You can use the Z51 package and some careful spelunking in the Chevrolet Performance catalog to give a regular Corvette similar moves, but there's something about the whole Grand Sport package that's more than the sum of its parts. It feels like a special thing. As you can tell in the video above, it charmed us with its myriad special touches as well as its dynamic potential. Come along with us to Atlanta (without the heat and humidity!) and see why the Grand Sport is an instant Corvette classic.



## REVS & RUMBLES @ THE NCM

By Barry Roper, NCM Ambassador/Lifetime Member



In 2008, the National Corvette Museum initiated a tradition of honoring our veterans each fall with an event titled **Vets 'n Vettes**. This year the celebration is scheduled for November 3-5 and will include the American Warrior Recognition designed to provide our returning soldiers with a unique Corvette experience. The intent is to welcome and express appreciation to those of our service members who sustained a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound, co-incident to their military service.

The first morning of the three day gathering, Fort Campbell, KY, will transport members of their Warrior Transition Battalion to enjoy a day at the NCM, with rides in participants' Corvettes at the Motorsports Park as well as tours of the Plant and the Museum, followed by a complimentary lunch provided by Don Franklin Chevrolet, Buick, GMC of Somerset, KY. Participants may provide as many veterans track rides as desired.

Interspersed with those activities on Friday will be a Meet n' Greet, road tours, screening of a military movie, and seminars. On Saturday, participants and veterans are invited to take part in the Bowling Green Veterans' Day Parade with lunch provided thereafter at the local VFW to include their Annual Fish Fry. These events are offered to provide veterans, servicemen and women, and those wishing to support them, a comfortable place to meet and share stories and experiences.

General registration for the event is \$20 and on-line registrants will receive a hard card credential, lanyard, and event pin. Registration closes October 24.





## Corvette Racing Completes IMSA GTLM Championship Sweep At Petit Le Mans

by [Sam McEachern](#); Oct 3, 2016 - GM Authority



Corvette Racing completed a sweep of the [IMSA](#) WeatherTech SportsCar Championship GTLM driver's, manufacturer's and team championships at Petit Le Mans this weekend with a 3-4 finish for its No. 4 and No. 3 [Corvette C7.Rs](#), respectively.

In order to lock down the GTLM driver's title, No. 4 [Corvette](#) pilots Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin needed to finish seventh or better in class. Joined by part-time Corvette driver Marcel Fassler, the pair drove a smart and consistent race to earn a podium position after starting from seventh on the grid.

Milner started off the race for the No. 4 team and by the end of his two-hour, 30-minute stint had worked his way up to second with help from his pit crew. Gavin then took over and moved into first just after a full-course caution was put out 3 hours and 30 minutes into the race. Gavin never dipped below second before handing the car off to Fassler for his turn.

Fassler had a solid stint before going off track at Turn One, but he was able to recover well and was back in the top five before the end of his stint. He then handed things back off to Milner, who put the car in podium contention before handing driving duties over to Gavin for a final 75-minute stint.

The No. 3 C7.R of Garcia, Magnussen and Rockenfeller started from second and ran in podium contention for much of the race until a mistake in the pits caused them to lose track position. Magnussen then took over from Garcia and charged through the field before the Corvette suffered a throttle malfunction, which cost the team about four laps with two hours to go. However with smart driving and quick pit stops, the team was able to recover for a top five result.

# Tech Tips

## Corvette Storage Tips from CorvetteBlogger By Steve Burns - Dec 5, 2011

When it comes to storing a Corvette or any other car over the winter or other long stretch of time there are a number of options available. Ask 5 different people which method is best and you'll likely get 5 different responses. This how we store our cars in the CorvetteBlogger garage.

One of the most important considerations in storing a car for an extended period of time is keeping as much moisture as possible away from the car. Whether your car is in a heated garage or not, moisture is the menace that can ruin your spring and summer fun in a number of ways. Our method is designed to keep moisture away from our rides while they're sleeping.

So here's what you'll need to store your car our way:

- Standard Tarp: 16' x 8' or larger
- 4 pieces of 1/4" thick OSB plywood
- Car Jacket and desiccant
- Battery Tender + tools to remove the battery
- Fuel Stabilizer
- Quick detailing spray + rags

We start the storage process by placing a standard tarp on the floor of the garage to act as a moisture barrier. We use just a standard tarp which you can obtain from your local home improvement store. Thicker is better so spend a little more here for a more substantial tarp. Next, place 4 pieces of regular 1/4" thick OSB plywood side-by-side in 2 rows of 2 on top of the tarp. You can use thicker or better grade lumber if you choose. We're just cheap and the OSB seems to work just fine for us. Now is a good time to add fuel stabilizer to the gas tank of your car. We use STA-BIL for this job. Make sure you follow the directions and add the correct amount to your gas tank.

After you've got the tarp and plywood down, next comes the fun part. We use a Car Jacket from Pine Ridge Enterprises. Think of this like a giant Zip Lock bag. Unfold the Car Jacket and spread it out on the floor on top of the plywood. Make sure the Car Jacket is flat and drive your car onto the bag. Be sure to center your car on the bag so it will zip closed when you're ready. You may want to perform a "practice closing" of the bag just to make sure your Corvette is properly placed on the bag. Otherwise you'll just have to move the car again later (after the battery is out). Now that your car is in its extended resting place give it once last wipe down with the cleaner of your choosing. The car will need time to cool off anyway before you close up the Car Jacket. We like Meguiar's Quik Detailer for the final cleaning job of the season. This step is kind of like brushing your teeth before bed.

After your car is clean, it's time to remove the battery. Those of you with later model Corvettes and/or cars with power windows will want to make sure you've got the windows cracked open slightly prior to pulling the battery. Also be sure to leave a door and the rear hatch open as well for interior access. Those of you with manual windows will have no worries here. Once the battery is out, place it in a warm, dry area (like your basement) and hook it up to a smart charger. If you can't store your battery in the house, outside in the garage is fine too just make sure everything is safe from water contact. We like [Detran's Battery Tender](#). This charger only charges the battery when it needs it and lets the battery rest when it's full.

Now back to the car. Your car is now in position on its bed of tarp and wood which is below your Car Jacket. If the engine and exhaust have cooled fully it's now time to button things up for the winter. The first step here is to place the desiccant packs included with your Car Jacket throughout the car and car bag. We like to place packs 3 inside the car: 1 in the rear compartment, 1 on the passenger's floor board and 1 on the driver's floor board. Place the remaining packs evenly spaced underneath the car. Next, shut the doors (remember to keep the windows cracked), hood, rear hatch, and anything else you've left open and put a car cover over on your ride. Finally, double check that you've got everything you need out of your car and proceed to close up the Car Jacket as long as everything has fully cooled off.

As we mentioned earlier, there are many ways to store a car. This is just a method we've found which works will to get us through a frosty Midwestern winter. If you follow the steps we've outlined here your car should emerge in the springtime looking just as it did when you left it several months prior. The brake rotors won't even have any rust on them.

# The CCR Store



*Tote Bag \$20*



*Visor \$12*



*Baseball Cap \$15*



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



*Towel \$10*



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