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The Official Newsletter of the Corvette Club of Richmond



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Pictures from the Round Up!



A Message from the President



Message from the President, Bob Brody

Dear fellow CCR Members,

As Corvette Crusin' Season continues, the 21st Annual All Corvette RoundUp looms large on the horizon. We have several events behind us, but June 3rd is the Big One. Since this Event will likely be history by the time you read this, I will not offer promotion; instead I offer heartfelt thanks to all the hard-working CCR Friends who make Events happen. A comprehensive accounting of the RoundUp Staff, the Helpers, the Sponsors and Donors will be in the July issue of CCRusin'. At this time, I would like to offer a BIG THANK YOU to Heritage Chevrolet for their support as Primary Sponsor of the 21st Annual All Corvette RoundUp. Please do all you can to support Heritage Chevrolet.

I would also like to thank our other major Club Sponsor, Zip Corvette. David Walker, President of Zip, sent us a message along with a check for \$1000.

(Read by Ray Wells at the April CCR Members' Meeting)

"I just want to say thank you to the Corvette Club of Richmond for their partnership with Zip for more years than I can count. When asked about the Zip story, CCR is always mentioned as one of the many reasons for our success. We brag upon the significance of having one of the oldest and most active Corvette clubs in the Nation. The Corvette spirit has thrived well in central VA, and you are a big part of the reason. Thank You!"

Please do all you can to support Zip Corvette.

Event Recaps and Upcoming Event Announcements follow in this issue for CCRusin', so take a look and decide which of these excellent opportunities you will take advantage of, to get your Corvette out on the road and enjoy the lovely Virginia countryside.

Even though the calendar has many great Events posted, we are always seeking new Event ideas. So let us know what you would like to do, and allow us to help you move your idea forward to make it a wonderful new CCR Event. We have many veteran OD's who will happily provide help and guidance.

Events are the lifeblood of CCR, so please join in. The best way to get to know other members and make new friends is to participate. I hope to see all the regulars AND many new faces at all the upcoming CCR activities.

The June Members' Meeting is at the Grace Lutheran Church in Chester and our After Meeting Social will be hosted by the Todd's at their home. We would like your help with After Meeting Socials; please let me know if you are willing to have one at your home or if you have an idea for a restaurant.

Best wishes, warm regards, and remember to Save The Wave!

Life is a highway, and I wanna drive it in my Corvette with my First Lady, Doris, as co-pilot.

Your CCR friend,

Bob Brody

2017 Events Calendar:

Saturday, Jun 24	CCR Night with The Flying Squirrels at the Diamond
Sunday, Jul 9	Smithfield Station Restaurant Cruise
Friday, Jul 14	Membership Meeting (West End) Meet and Greet: Hosted by the Montgomery's
Friday, Aug 11	Membership Meeting (West End) Meet and Greet: TBD
Friday, Sep 8	Membership Meeting (Southside) Meet and Greet: TBD
Sunday, Sep 17	Cruise to NAS Oceana Air Show
Saturday, Sep 23	Cruise to King's Arms Tavern

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

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

Cindy Rodgers	6/2	Danny Terry	6/2
Kevin Rodgers	6/3	Marcy Montgomery	6/6
Jane Campbell	6/7	Janie Hughes	6/7
Lori Dolan	6/8	Rob Olson	6/11
Gayle Haynes	6/12	Joe Cifelli	6/13
Rodney Hayes	6/13	John Ficklin	6/14
Susan Stansberry	6/14	Helen Stewart	6/14
Suzanne Burke	6/15	Lorna Maloy	6/15
Ed Paterek	6/15	John Temple	6/18
Brent Tyree	6/19	Anthony Campbell	6/20
Joyce Barker	6/21	Melvin Grayson	6/21
Wayne Gregor	6/21	Claude Reeson	6/23
Ellen Moore	6/25	Frank Anderson	6/27
Val Miser	6/27	Joanne Schmit	6/28

June Meeting

Friday, June 9th at our South Side Location

Our next General Membership Meeting will take place 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, June 9

The after meeting party will be at the Todd's. Directions will be provided at the meeting.



MAY MEETING'S BIG WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Dinner Ticket—Rick Hansford



50/50 Winner—Carrie Starr



Mystery Handshake—Norman Hayes



WELCOME NEW CCR MEMBERS !!



Rick and Linda Cozad

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

CCR Ladies Tea at the Jefferson

By Doris Brody



On May 6th, the Jefferson Hotel mezzanine was graced with the lovely elegant ladies of CCR. Each lady sashayed through the historic lobby with their finest head attire. Janie Hughes and Marcie Montgomery could not bear to shelter their brilliant manes of silver white. After we were all seated, our three wait staff gave us a choice of Jefferson or Richmond tea. Each table was presented with a tier of scones and tea cakes. Then a tray of tea sandwiches was placed on our tables followed by a tray of chocolate lover desserts. What an indulgence! As we nibbled and sipped (our pinkies up), we were told the changes the Jefferson Hotel has experienced and many interesting tales. Did you know.....? When first built, there were concerts held on the roof for up to a thousand people. For years, baby alligators were abandoned in the Jefferson's fountains and were fed well by the staff.



I had asked our waiter to select four winners for our beautiful hat contest. Margaret Wilson won first place with her stylish classic hat displaying a reverse polka dot underside pattern, which coordinated with her polka dot blouse. Three of our guests were fortunate to win the other places. Mary Wells had prepared fabulous gift bags for prizes. After the winners were announced, a rumbling was heard throughout the room that Brenda Niedermayer should have placed. Not only did she look tres chic in her sophisticated dress, stylish wrap and lace gloves, she made her hat perfectly coordinate with her divine ensemble. She did not get a prize, but definitely won our admiration. Take home boxes were then placed on each table, so no tasty sandwich or delectable dessert would be left behind. Mary flitted around the tables with favors for each dear lady. They were a lovely choice of notecards from her gauzy basket. Little by little, we drifted away from our elegant afternoon to each person's individual plans for watching the Kentucky Derby. Tah Tah!

Upcoming Event

CCR Night with The Flying Squirrels
Saturday, June 24, 2017
OD: Mike Douberly

CCR Night with The Flying Squirrels at the Diamond

OD-Mike Douberly
Saturday, June 24, 2017
Akron Rubber Ducks at Richmond Flying Squirrels
CCR Picnic at 4:00 PM
Game at 6:05 PM

Who: Richmond Squirrels Baseball Game and Picnic

What: Corvette Club of Richmond and guests are invited to gather for an all you can eat picnic before the game. Menu to include Hamburgers/cheeseburgers, hot dogs, premium pulled pork, fried chicken, mac & cheese, garden salad, cole slaw, cookies, soda/water.

Where: The Richmond Diamond Stadium; 3001 N. Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23230

When: Saturday June 24, 2017 at 4 pm

Cost: Ground level seats if you are not planning on eating are \$11.00 per person
Ground level seats to include the all you can eat picnic are \$30.00 per person.

Kindly note that to be registered for this event payment must be received in advance, no later than June 1.

Make checks out to: M.J.Douberly, please note in the memo: **Squirrels Game**

Mail to : M.J. Douberly
6100 Moseley Road
Moseley, Va. 23120

Please write Squirrels Game on the outside of the envelope.

This is a rain or shine event. Once payment is made there is no refund.
We are trying to locate a group parking area, if we cant then I strongly suggest that you drive your OTC.

We will update on the parking or other items as time permits

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Upcoming Event

Sunday July 9, 2017
Cruise to Smithfield Station Restaurant
OD'S Rob and Sue Ann Bickert



It's time to visit one of CCR's favorite restaurants, Smithfield Station, Smithfield, Va. Smithfield Station sits on the banks of the Pagan River offering guests a superb spot to enjoy the solitude of the river port town. Enjoy your meal with your CCR's friends overlooking the Marina and the marshes beyond.

Smithfield Station is known for its extensive menu and fresh local seafood, pork, chicken and Smithfield ham. You have your choice of any item on the menu. In 2015 the restaurant was awarded the Certificate of Excellence by Trip Advisor and in 2016 Chesapeake Bay Magazine recognized the restaurant with four separate Best of the Bay awards for their crab cakes, gourmet meals, best restaurant for the whole family and best dockside bar!

We will meet on July 9th at 12:30pm and depart at 12:45pm at Hardees, Route 10, 1901 West Hundred Road, Chester, Va. We will enjoy a scenic hour and half drive to the quaint town of Smithfield, Virginia arriving at 2:15PM. Please bring your radios and your appetites.

Upcoming Event

Caravan to Carlisle
by Lori Dolan

CORVETTES at CARLISLE

Corvettes at Carlisle runs **Thursday, August 24 - Friday, August 27, 2017**. This is the largest and most fun-filled Corvette event in the world, the annual Corvettes at Carlisle event features more than 5,000 Corvettes representing all generations of America's classic sports car. Corvette enthusiasm is contagious with participation in autocross, burnouts and the parade through historic downtown Carlisle. The excitement continues with an incredible shopping experience, including a huge swap meet with a wide variety of vendors, an all-Corvette car corral, Manufacturers Midway and Installation Alley. Register [online](#) or call 717-243-7855 today.

If you are new to the Carlisle experience, note that Pennsylvania 7-11s and grocery stores do not sell beer, so plan to bring what you'll want for the weekend or else you have to get it from a distributor. Don't forget your nametags, Club apparel and Club radios.

We have done the Saturday night parade 3 years running and highly recommend it. Over 500 Vettes drive 3 abreast through downtown Carlisle and the route is jammed with cheering spectators. Suggest you sign up for that along with Fun Field Parking when you register for Carlisle.

We will drive up **Friday morning**. If you would like to join our caravan, meet us in the **River City Diner** parking lot at 803 E. Parham Road (Parham and Route 1, just off I-95). We will meet at 8:00 and **depart at 8:15 a.m.** Don't worry about breakfast--we'll stop about an hour up the road. Hope you'll join us.



CORVETTE *in the news*

Luxury Lineage: A Brief History of the Corvette
Michael Solomon, May 23, 2017, Forbes Magazine

Like a lot of sexagenarians, the Chevrolet Corvette still looks youthful for one reason—it's had a lot of work done. Introduced by General Motors in 1953, the Corvette (named for a small, fast warship) was the first American sports car, and while its initial performance didn't live up to that of its European competitors, the Corvette eventually became one of the great muscle cars of all time. In April, Chevrolet debuted a 65th-anniversary edition, the Corvette Carbon 65—meaning retirement is not in its future.



1953: C1

Displayed as a concept car at a 1953 General Motors auto show, the C1 Corvette was sped into production in June 1953. Only 300 were built, with a sticker price of \$3,498--about \$32,000 today—and they now sell for more than 100 times that at auction. John Wayne was one of the first owners of the two-seat fiberglass convertible, which came with a 150-hp straight-six engine. It was available only in white with a red interior, and it had just two luxurious options: a heater and an AM radio.

1963: C2

Ten years after the Corvette's debut, Chevrolet rolled out a smaller, sleeker cousin, the Sting Ray. The second-generation Corvette, the C2, had a more powerful engine (250 hp) and a controversial split rear window, which lasted only a year but is prized by collectors today. The Sting Ray, which had a list price of \$4,252 for the coupe (roughly \$34,000 in today's dollars), was a smash—Corvette sales increased from a record 14,531 in 1962 to 21,513 the following year.

1968: C3

The third-generation Corvette, the C3, was produced from 1968 to 1982 and included the second-generation Stingray (rebranded as one word). The 1968 models, which started at \$4,320 (\$30,000 today), featured a redesigned body (but maintained the hidden headlights) and a more powerful engine, including a turbo option. Mark Wahlberg's Dirk Diggler drove a '77 Corvette in *Boogie Nights*, and in honor of its 25th anniversary, the Corvette was named the official pace car of the 1978 Indy 500.

1984: C4

While the price continued to increase for the C4 Corvette (from \$21,800 in 1984 to \$37,225 in 1996), sales sharply declined during its 12-year production run (from 51,547 to 21,536). The car remained popular with collectors, though—a 1984 Corvette driven by Dirk Benedict's character on *The A-Team* (above) was listed for an ambitious \$40,000 several years ago.

1997: C5

As its 45th year approached, the Corvette had its most dramatic overhaul since 1953--it even finally got a large trunk. The fifth-generation C5 (which listed for \$37,495) also improved performance, with a top speed of 175 mph. In the 2002 movie *Mr. Deeds*, Adam Sandler gave an entire town little red Corvettes—2002 C5s—after listening to some Prince.

2005: C6

Produced between 2005 and 2013, the C6 Corvette got another new body and featured exposed headlights for the first time since 1962. The sticker price for that initial C6 was \$44,245, and the production run, which ended in 2013, included lots of racing variants. After all, the 6-liter V8 engine delivered 400 hp.

2013: C7

The Stingray returned after an absence of 38 years, featuring a carbon-fiber hood and aluminum panels to keep the body light. Selling for a list price of \$51,995, the Corvette continued to get more muscular, with a 455-hp engine.

2018: Carbon Fiber 65

For its 65th birthday, Chevrolet introduced the Carbon Fiber 65 in Grand Sport 3LT and Z06 3LZ models in April. But good luck getting one: Chevy will produce only 650 of each for all markets, with a price starting at \$81,490 for the Grand Sport and \$99,490 for the Z06. And say goodbye to the C7 next year—the eighth-generation Corvette is coming.

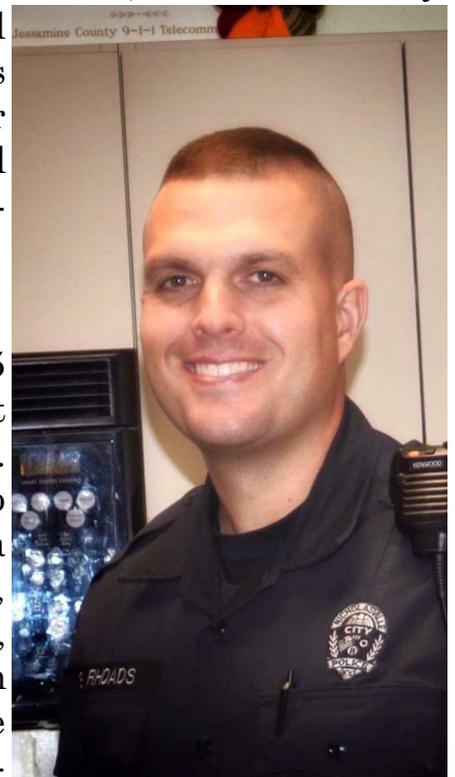
REVS & RUMBLES @ THE NCM

By Barry Roper, NCM Ambassador/Lifetime Member



Tragedy and sadness always seem to steal the headlines and generally dominate the news. While this story begins in that all too familiar fashion, it is able to conclude with an uplifting message due to the efforts of multiple staff members of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. Burke Rhodes, a resident of Nicholasville, KY, was a husband, a father, and a Kentucky State police officer. He was also a lover of Corvettes and had purchased a red 1984 model while promising his daughter Jacquelyn that she could drive the car to her prom when she turned 16. Burke had been slowly and painstakingly restoring the vehicle as his time and finances allowed.

The restoration efforts ground to an abrupt halt in 2015 when Officer Rhodes was killed in a vehicle accident while on duty for the Nicholasville Police Department. In July of 2016, his wife Melissa contacted the NCM to request a recommendation for a paint shop in her area that might be able to finish the car. Katie Frassinelli, the NCM's Marketing and Communication Manager, contacted the Blue Grass Corvette Club in Lexington and the Somernites car show in Somerset, KY. Multiple ideas were considered and then Katie and Executive Director Wendell Strode presented a project idea to the rest of the staff . . . how about the NCM heading up taking care of the car to symbolize the Museum's support of law enforcement, not only in Kentucky, but everywhere?



The restoration project picked up speed and assistance was promised and delivered by PPG Automotive Refinish and Final Finish of Morgantown, KY, with the former donating the Bright Red paint and the latter painting the car. Preservation Coordinator Daniel Decker had spoken with Melissa and realized that Burke had purchased several replacement parts that had yet to be installed.

REVS & RUMBLES @ THE NCM

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Also a few issues like leaky windows needed to be addressed. With further donations from Corvette Central, Auto Zone, and Midas, the car was well appointed both inside and out. Additional expenses were incurred that were graciously covered by the Museum and the Bluegrass Corvette Club.



As a personalized touch, patches from Burke's uniform that had been presented to the Museum by the family were incorporated into the beautifully restored '84's interior by stitching his name patch along with the department's emblem to the center console cover. The gesture was intended as a tribute to both Officer Burke and police officers everywhere.

The gleaming, lovingly restored Corvette was finally revealed to the family, friends, and Corvette enthusiasts visiting the Museum on the final day of the annual Michelin NCM Bash, Saturday, April 29, 2017. All involved in the restoration eagerly await Jacquelyn's driving the car to her prom next year.





This Graffiti-Covered Corvette Le Mans Race Car Is Beyond Cool
France's Labre Competition tapped street artist Ramzi Adek for the coolest Corvette we've seen in a while.

Chris Perkins, 2 June 2017



BMW is most famous for commissioning artists to paint crazy liveries on its race cars, but for this year's 24 hours of Le Mans, one Corvette is getting in on the fun. France's Labre Competition, which campaigns a Corvette C7.R in the LMGTE Am class, commissioned artist Ramzi Adek to create an original design for its car. The result is fantastic.

Labre gave Adek "carte blanche" to paint whatever he wanted to on its #50 Corvette C7.R, and the artist came up with a superhero theme, featuring tons of comic book references and vibrant colors. Adek imagined Labre's three drivers as superheroes, so he decided to paint the car to match.

"I got the impression that I was the fourth driver of the team, and could motivate them even further," Adek said in a statement.

The fluorescent paint should look especially cool at night, as evidenced by the pictures Labre Competition provided.

This year marks Labre's 24th entry at Le Mans and its third with the Corvette C7.R. The team achieved class wins at the 24-hour endurance classic in 2011 and 2012 with a Corvette C6.R.



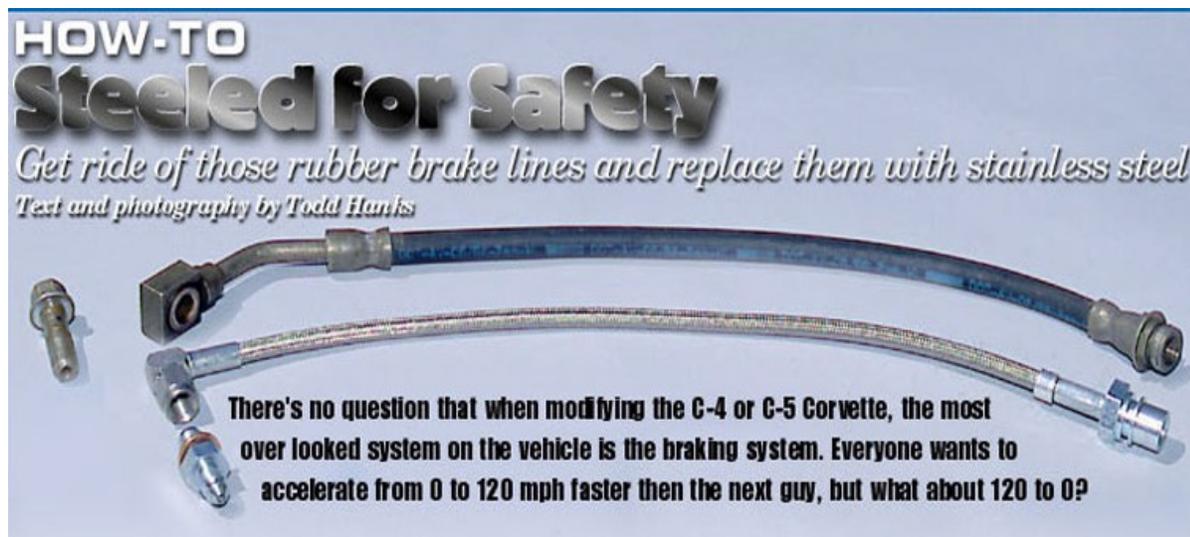
We're excited to see this Corvette in action at Le Mans later this month, where hopefully, the artwork won't get too damaged in competition. This car will certainly stick out from the crowd.



Tech Tips

1984-2004 Corvette Stainless Steel Brake Hose Installation

Posted February 12, 2013 by Zip Corvette in Corvette Technical Articles



It's possible the availability of components is partly to blame for this oversight. After all, for every 50 companies that offer horsepower upgrades, there are probably 10 that offer proven brake system performance. One of the companies that excels in packaging and selling C4 and C5 Corvette Brake Systems is Zip Products, Inc., 8067 Fast Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111, 1-800-692-9632.

What's appealing about Zip is that they offer more than just high-end competition brake systems. They are very conscious that not everyone wants to or needs to replace their entire brake system. They simply want to improve the factory system. Zip offers many affordable up-grades ranging from brake pads to a line pressure bias spring to the topic at hand, stainless steel brake lines.

To refer to them as brake lines is a bit of a misnomer; they're really high-tech hoses, and that's due to their construction. At the center is a flexible Teflon hose that seals in the brake fluid, just like OE brake hoses. The benefit is found in the outer shell. The Teflon hose is encased by a stainless steel braided shell. This is what gives the hose its strength and durability and is why they're referred to as lines and not hoses. This strength and durability is precisely why stainless steel lines have been preferred over rubber hoses on race cars. However, just because a part is on a race car doesn't mean it should be on a street car. Conversely, that doesn't mean it shouldn't be either.

Simply put, stainless steel brake lines are superior to the original equipment rubber brake hoses. Over time, rubber hoses dry out and crack. This leads to leaks and an eventual rupture. Granted a bad hose is usually discovered long before it bursts and under normal driving conditions it does take considerable time for a hose to reach failure. However, if the most aggressive driving you do with your Corvette is in a car show parade, your factory hoses are fine. Just have them inspected when you get your pads changed out at 60 or 80,000 miles. For those of you who are only used to changing brake pads at 5 to 10,000 miles (or less), get rid of those hoses and install a set of stainless steel lines like those sold by Zip Corvette Parts.

Whether you're aggressive on the street or auto-crossing on the weekend you'll enjoy the benefits. Most notable is a firmer and more consistent brake pedal. This comes from the strength of the stainless steel shell. With rubber, every time you stab the brake pedal the hose balloons slightly under the extreme internal hydraulic pressure. You will feel this ballooning as a soft brake pedal. Now add to that the high temperatures generated during heavy braking and the result is braking inconsistency. As the temperature goes up so does the flexibility of rubber and therefore more ballooning. Compound this with thousands of cycles and this is in part why rubber hoses eventually fail when subjected to constant aggressive braking. In addition to a firmer, more consistent brake pedal, you'll also realize a higher brake pedal. Simply put, less pedal travel is required to generate a desired brake pressure. When the rubber hose expands, the internal area of the brake system is increased. That is why extra pedal travel is required to bring the system up to a given pressure. All these benefits usually parlay themselves into more confidence in your brakes, resulting in quicker times at the auto-cross.

The following installation procedure was performed on a new C5 Corvette, however the steps shown here apply to C4 Corvettes as well. There is no significant difference to the C4 and C5's brake hoses and connections. The disassembly steps are shown at the rear, while the assembly is at the front. Now on with the corvette stainless steel brake hose installation.

<http://www.corvettemagazine.com/tech-articles/corvette-stainless-steel-brake-hose-installation/>

The CCR Store

OTHER CLUB APPAREL

To order any item shown here, contact: **Stacy Harper** toobluewow@comcast.net
Other club clothing can be found on our [ONLINE STORE PAGE](#)

NOTE: Shipping is not available at this time. Your order can be picked up at the next CCR meeting.

Clearance pricing on in stock items only, while supplies last!



T-SHIRT (Short Sleeve)
~~\$16~~ **NOW \$12**



CLUB LOGO WINDOW
STICKER (3"x3") \$3



CLUB FLAG (white, 13"x9")
~~\$13~~ **NOW \$5**



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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.

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

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