

# Beachcombers News Letter

## December 2020



### BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ As the old saying goes, “one step forward, two steps back” seems to be a perfect fit for where we are regarding our ability to gather. On Monday, November 15 a state-wide restriction regarding the size of groups that are allowed to gather was reduced to a maximum of 25 persons. We all realize that this is being done for our safety and the safety of others but, it’s still a hard pill to swallow. This restriction has forced us to once again resort to alternate measures for conducting our Monthly Business Meetings. Therefore, we will be streaming the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting via the Beachcombers Facebook Page beginning at about 6:45 pm with the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm.
- ❖ The Beachcombers currently have 97 families. This is the number of families who have paid their dues for the coming year. However, there are still some who haven’t mailed in their dues for the coming year, if you are one of those, please send it in as-soon-as-possible.
  - ❖ Our newest Beachcombers are Nancy and Gregg Kubu driving a 2004 Artic White Convertible. Welcome Nancy and Gregg, we hope you enjoy the many things we do and we live up to your expectations.
- ❖ A big “THANK YOU” is in order to the volunteers who stepped up to contact members of the club for a general wellness check, to inquire about their intent to rejoin the club for the upcoming year and to verify the accuracy of information in the BCC directory. These special people are; Rob Clyburn, Ginny Cooper, Connie Miller, Wade Ridgley, Lisa Sinatra, Hank Reisenbichler, Mike Ware and Marge Wryk. Thanks again for what you’ve done.
- ❖ John Herbert was successful in his fight to get us back to the use of the Landstown Commons parking lot to support the November 14 Cruise-In and the November 15 George E. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show. Unfortunately, these are the only events planned at Landstown for 2020. You will be notified if that changes.
- ❖ Our new “go-to” guy for service at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet is Peter Froberg, who can be reached at 757-455-4522. For Corvette service or concerns reach out to him.
- ❖ Michele Suttle, our BCC merchandise representative, is the point-of-contact for name tags and other BCC merchandise such as ball caps, t-shirts and parade flags. The cost of name tags are \$10.00 each. Michele can also help with obtaining information about monogramming the BCC logo on your favorite shirt or for ordering apparel with the BCC logo applied. You can talk with Michele following the Business Meetings or via her email address [msuttle@verizon.net](mailto:msuttle@verizon.net).
- ❖ Please look at the BCC Roster and if any of your information has changed, i.e. your email address, postal address, phone number(s) or model Corvette(s) you own please contact Joel Wolf by email at [wolfmanok@hotmail.com](mailto:wolfmanok@hotmail.com) with the correct information and he will update the BCC Roster accordingly. If you are unable to check your information please contact me and together we’ll check it. Thanks.
- ❖ As we move into the later stages of the year and the weather becomes a little more unpredictable it becomes increasingly difficult to plan outings or events where we can enjoy driving our Vettes. If you have an idea for an outing or a club activity please share it with me and together we may be able to make it happen.

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NOVEMBER BUSINESS MEETING** (See Melissa's email or go the Beachcombers website for the Complete Report)

### **Old Business:**

Chili Cook-off – TBD

George E. Smith 2nd Annual Memorial Car Show – TBD

Holiday Party – The Holiday Party that was scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Hilton Doubletree in VB has been cancelled. An agreement was reached whereby our \$1000 deposit will be credited for a rescheduled party prior to the end of 2021. The 2021 Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 11, 2021. Going forward, we will start looking for places in October/November for the following year's party. A motion was made by Pete Schultz and a second by Gene Cooper, and this plan was approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

Elections: The slate of officers for 2021 was presented. President – John Kummings Vice President/ Events - Joe Wryk Vice President/Membership - Joel Wolf Treasurer - Mike Ware Secretary – Melissa Farrar There were no nominations from the floor for any officer's position. A motion was made to accept the board as presented by Jeff Biggs, seconded by Bill Kaelin. Membership voted unanimously to approve. The new board will be in effect December 1, 2020.

### **New Business:**

VAWD: Jimmy Clemmer has secured a date for 2021, May 21 and 22. Thanks Jimmy! As before there will be a Friday "Meet-n-Greet" and Saturday "Show-n-Shine". A motion to accept this date was made by Tom Quicke, seconded by Gene Cooper. This was approved by membership vote.

Mayflower Marathon: Sunday, November 22, 2020. BCC will meet at 2PM at Pembroke Mall. A motion was made by Hank Reisenbichler to increase the BCC donation to \$500. This was seconded by Connie Miller and approved by membership vote. The Foodbank for this year has had increased need and decreased donations secondary to the pandemic. BCC members, let's once again show the Foodbank our generosity and donate personally as well. Food and/or monetary donations are accepted.

### **General Discussion:**

Joe Wryk is planning a December BCC outing to Norfolk Botanical Garden for the Holiday Lights.

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

- Instead of the traditional retractable mast-type radio antenna fitted to most cars of the time, the 1953-1955 Corvette used a rectangular meshed-screen antenna that was embedded into the underside of the trunk lid. Trapped between layers of fiberglass matting and resin, they were durable and theft proof. <sup>032</sup>
- One drawback to the early LS1's aluminum-block architecture stemmed from its integrally cast cast-iron cylinder bore liners. The liners were a mere 3 millimeters thick, so the age-old practice of boring worn or damaged Corvette 350 and 454 blocks .030 or .060 inch oversize was history. At most, the LS1 cylinders could only be bored .004 inch during a rebuild. Later blocks received thicker liners but could still only go to .010 inch oversize. Fortunately, the LS1 bore material was of excellent quality, and with factory-fill Mobil-1 synthetic engine oil it was not uncommon to see 250,000 miles of use before they wore out. <sup>680</sup>
- A C7 technical-innovation that failed to materialize was four-wheel steering, which had also been rumored for previous generations. Unfortunately, the extra cost, complexity, and weight of articulated rear tires overshadowed potential gains in steering capability. <sup>893</sup>

## ***SOME OF THE THINGS THE BEACHCOMBERS DID IN NOVEMBER***

Sunday, November 1 – Seafood Sunday at Margie & Ray's. Although it was a gloomy and rainy day, several Beachcombers gathered for some great seafood and greater company.

Tuesday, November 3 – Monthly Business Meeting – An in-person meeting at Hendrick Chevrolet along with streaming the meeting via the Beachcombers Facebook Page. This manner of conducting our meeting was so successful that we're using this format in December.

Saturday, November 7 – Powhatan Distillery Event. Based on the event planners this had the makings of a unique event. I received a few inquiries from Beachcombers about attending but, I'm not sure of anyone from the BCC actually attended. Any feedback?

Saturday, November 7 – Blackwater Bonfire at John Herbert's residence. This is an event that John holds each year primarily for the Chevy Lovers Car Club but, this year he extended the invitation to the Beachcombers.

Sunday, November 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hall Chevrolet Car Show. This event brought out a huge number of all makes and models of cars including some Corvetters. Thanks to our Arthur "Mack" Coppage for sharing on FB some of the pictures he took.

Wednesday, November 11 – Beachcombers Breakfast. About a dozen Beachcombers met at the Brick House Diner for a good breakfast and great company. Give some thought to joining us in December.

Saturday, November 14 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. The first and probably the last Cruise-In for 2020 brought out a fantastic turnout of Corvettes as well as other show cars.

Sunday, November 15 – 2nd Annual George E. Smith Car Show. About 100 car enthusiasts were on hand to show off their prized possessions, including a handful of Beachcombers. The weather cooperated although a little cloudy later in the day. Congratulations to Terry Fennessey for taking home one of the trophies.

Wednesday, November 18 – Beachcombers Board Meeting. Meeting was held at the YNOT Pizza at Landstown Commons Shopping Center. As always we had a very productive meeting. John will be sharing some of the things discussed.

Sunday, November 22 – Mayflower Marathon Food Drive. Over 40 Corvettes driven by the Beachcombers and Custom Classic Corvette Club members were in attendance for this event. The Beachcombers donated \$500.00 from our treasury and those present reached into their pockets and along with the Custom Classics Corvette Club came up with an additional \$2000.00, for a total of \$2500.00 donated to the Foodbank, not to mention the hundreds of pounds of food items that were donated. Thanks to Preston Powers for organizing this annual charity event. Great job ya'll.

Monday, November 23 – Margarita Monday. What a great way to start the holiday week by having a Margarita Monday. A few Beachcombers met, drank some "Happy Hour" Margarita's, ate some good Mexican food and visited with their Beachcomber family.

Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day. This is a perfect time for all of us to reflect on all we have. We may not be driving a C8 but, we're all fortunate enough to be piloting a Corvette. Please enjoy your holiday in best way possible, be it with friends or family or both. Stay safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

## ***A LOOK AT SOME OF THE HAPPENINGS PLANNED FOR DECEMBER***

**PLEASE READ:** With the uncertainty of events taking place due to COVID-19 restrictions I'm suggesting you keep an eye out for the Weekly Update where I will try to keep you advised of upcoming events or changes that may affect these events.

Regardless of what we do or where we meet we must wear masks and maintain social distancing. The BCC Board shall not be responsible for irresponsible behavior of any of our members.

Attendance to any Beachcombers event is voluntary and at your own risk. You are responsible for complying with all state mandated restrictions regarding COVID-19. If you are sick do not plan to attend any BCC events.

Tuesday, December 1 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting. On Friday, November 13, our Governor imposed a state-wide restriction regarding the size of groups that are allowed to gather, to a maximum of 25 persons. As a result, we will be forced to once again, hold the Monthly Business Meeting on Facebook. We will be streaming the meeting via the Beachcombers Facebook Page beginning at about 6:45 pm with the meeting beginning at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 9 – Beachcombers Breakfast at 8:30 am at the *Brick House Diner located at 941 Providence Square shopping center, Virginia Beach*. This is a locally owned restaurant that recently opened that we've found to be very good and they are very happy to have us join them. While enjoying breakfast we'll be abiding by the restaurant's state mandated policy of social distancing.

NEW EVENT Wednesday, December 9 – Norfolk Botanical Gardens Holiday Lights Drive Thru. Need some help in getting into the Holiday Spirit? Well, we have just the thing for you. We plan to meet at UNO's for pizza at 6:00 pm, then about 7:30 pm we'll leave UNO's for the Holiday Lights at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. UNO's is located at 5900 E. Virginia Beach Blvd., Norfolk.

You can meet us for pizza then drive through the lights or meet us for pizza and not drive through the lights or you can meet us in the UNO's parking lot about 7:30 and just drive thru the lights. However, if you are planning to drive thru the lights you must pre-purchase your admission ticket on the Norfolk Botanical Gardens webpage <https://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/>. When purchasing your ticket be sure you select December 9 and Time Slot 2 (7:00 to 9:30). See the attached flyer.

DATE CHANGE Thursday, December 10 – Beachcombers Board Meeting 7:00 pm – at YNOT Pizza, located at Landstown Commons. As always, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. YNOT has a separate meeting area where we'll meet and we'll be seated in accordance with state mandated requirements.

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day. I wish for all of you that your dreams come true and everything you hopped for is under the tree on Christmas morning. But, more importantly I hope you are able to share some of what you have with those that are less fortunate.

## **SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE PLANNED BEYOND DECEMBER**

NEW EVENT Thursday, January 28 to Sunday, January 31, 2021 – ROLEX 24 at Daytona. For those new to the BCC, we have made this multi-day road trip for several years and have always had a good time. If IMSA racing is something you enjoy or is something you'd like to learn more about, you won't be disappointed by attending this race. The weather can be unpredictable but we've always managed to make the best of it and the race still goes on.

With the impressive showing of the Corvette Racing Teams in 2020 you don't want to miss out on the 59<sup>th</sup> running of North America's most prestigious sports car race. The season kick-off, will be held on January 30-31, 2021 at Daytona International Speedway, the opening the IMSA Weather Tech SportsCar Championship season.

In addition, the annual "Roar Before the ROLEX 24" preseason test sessions shifts to a new date in 2021 – January 22-24 (Friday-Sunday). Following the popular "Roar" schedule, IMSA Teams are set to remain at the track through the ROLEX 24 weekend. They are scheduled to participate in fan-focused events celebrating the start of the IMSA season at ONE DAYTONA, the lifestyle and entertainment destination located directly across International Speedway Blvd. from Daytona International Speedway.

The IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship currently features competition in four classes: the headlining Daytona Prototype international class (DPi), Le Mans Prototype 2 (LMP2), GT Le Mans (GTM) and GT Daytona (GTD). On Friday, January 29 – prior to the Saturday-Sunday, twice around the clock ROLEX 24 – the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge season will begin with the four-hour BMW Endurance Challenge. The full listing of racing action includes:

- January 22-24: Roar Before the ROLEX 24
- January 29: BMW Endurance Challenge
- January 30-31: ROLEX 24

We're planning to depart Tidewater for Daytona on Thursday, January 28 and drive to Savannah GA, where we'll spend the night and then drive into Daytona on Friday, January 29. Rooms have been blocked at the Iris Garden Inn in Savannah and at the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown under the Beachcombers Corvette Club name. To reserve a room at the Iris Garden Inn for Thursday January 28, call 1-912-777-5002 and ask for one of the rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$62.00 (plus tax). To reserve a room at the Days Inn of Daytona Beach for January 29 thru February 1, call 1-386-255-4500, and ask to speak to Sandra, let her know you wish to reserve one of the rooms blocked for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$99.00 (plus tax). On February 1, after checking out of the hotel you're on your own as some may be taking side trips to other adventures and others heading directly back to Tidewater.

**NEW EVENT Sunday, February 14, 2021** – Valentine's Day Fun Run and Lunch. We are looking into locations for what has proven to be a very popular event with the Beachcombers. We are looking for a location that can accommodate a large group on Valentine's Day while maintaining the state mandated restrictions. We'll make every effort to hold this event on February 14 but if that's not possible we may have to choose another date. If anyone has a suggestion of a venue for lunch please let me know. Thanks.

**NEW INFORMATION Sunday, February 20, 2021** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cruzin Corvetter's Cruise. All of you who had booked passage on this Cruise, you should have been notified that Princess Cruise Lines has cancelled this cruise. Correspondence from Princess Cruise Lines outlines the disposition of the funds you may have paid for this cruise. Once Princess Cruise Lines publishes a listing of cruises for 2022 we'll begin looking at a Beachcombers Cruise.

**NEW EVENT Thursday to Saturday, April 22 to 24, 2021** – Michelin NCM Bash. Depending on state of affairs regarding COVID-19 restrictions we are considering a BCC trip to the Michelin NCM Bash in Bowling Green, KY. As the time draws closer we'll be looking at the options available for travel and NCM rules during this event.

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