

# Beachcombers Newsletter

## August 2021



*“Life’s too short to drive a boring car”*

### BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ Last month we were able to return to some degree of normalcy as the July Business Meeting was at the *Virginia Beach Rescue Squad (VBRS)* which was a setting many of us are accustomed to for our meetings. Therefore, the August Business Meeting will once again be at the *VBRS Station 8*, located at 1243 Bayne Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 (located near Virginia Beach General Hospital). We will no longer be streaming the meetings on the Beachcombers Facebook page.

We will be allowed access to the conference room at 6:45, with the meeting beginning at 7:00. We will be responsible for setting up the room and putting things away at the end of the night, so plan to show up at 6:45 to help set-up and plan to stay for a few minutes afterwards to help put things away. After the meeting we will head off to a local eatery (TBD) for food, beverages, and fellowship.

- ❖ Do you realize that the future of the Beachcombers Corvette Club (BCC) is in your hands? That might sound a little dramatic, but the truth is that it is time to begin looking at who you want to serve on the Board of Directors for the BCC. An email has been sent to each member (with an email address on file) on behalf of the Nominating Committee soliciting your input. Only two responses have been received to date.

Some people may feel that serving on the Board is for those members who are retired and that they just do not have the time to get involved. Let me assure you that serving on the Board is not necessarily a time-consuming effort, it requires attending the monthly meetings and having a voice in those items that serve to better *OUR* Club. I urge you to talk with a current or past Board members regarding their involvement and consider becoming a member of the Board.

- ❖ In June John Kummers reached out to John Herbert, from the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads, informing him of the Beachcombers willingness to sell the trailer and in July the membership voted favorably to sell the trailer to the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads. John will provide an update at the August Business Meeting of the progress made.
- ❖ At the August Business Meeting John Kummers will provide us with a summary of the progress made regarding the development of the new Beachcombers webpage.
- ❖ I think that most will agree that we are an active Club, and as such, we strive to obtain maximum Club participation in all we do. However, there has been concern that there is a lack of willingness for more members to get involved in lending a hand and that Club participation in events has not always been too great. With that thought in mind, a few Beachcombers gathered to discuss what can be done to increase participation in Club activities. One thought was that with newer members in the Club we may not be doing things that appeal to the majority. Therefore, a panel is looking into developing a survey to canvas the membership to get a better understanding of what appeals to everyone. If you would like to be a part of this panel, please let me know. The bottom line is that the Beachcombers is a great Club and if you want to keep it that way, it takes all of us to be involved.
- ❖ As you read this month’s Newsletter, you will notice that some of our planned events state that “This is a sign-up event” or “This will be a sign-up event.” This annotation means that we need an accurate head count of Beachcombers attending this event. We need an accurate head count so we can advise the restaurant or venue of the number of people attending so they can be better prepared for our visit.

Therefore, I ask that you contact me via text, email, or phone that you plan to attend that event. My contact information is at the bottom of each Newsletter.

- ❖ The Beachcomber membership is growing, and we are now at 126 families. Please join me in welcoming our newest members.
  - Camille & Dana Gobrecht in an amazing 2021 White Hard Top with Black and Grey interior.
  - Marianne Consolazio & Darrell Short with a 2019 Gray Grand Sport Coupe
  - Chris & Jean Clausen sporting their Black 2014 Coupe Z-51
- ❖ Michele Suttle is the point-of-contact for BCC merchandise such as ball caps and parade flags. Michele can be reached at [msuttle@verizon.net](mailto:msuttle@verizon.net).

### MERCHANDISE

A link, [business.landsend.com/store/beachcombers](https://business.landsend.com/store/beachcombers), has been developed where you can directly order an apparel item from Lands' End and have it embroidered with the BCC logo and shipped to you. Or Locally, we have two options for having the BCC logo embroidered on your apparel item.

- **American Eagle Embroidery:** Debbie Kidd, 3108 Woodbaugh Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23321. Call for estimate (757-673-8337). Or:
- **Design 4 You:** 4554 Virginia Beach Blvd Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Call for estimate (757-456-0428).

### NAME TAGS

Wearing your BCC name tag identifies you as a Beachcomber and helps everyone know who you are. If you want to purchase a name tag, please visit.

- **CROWN TROPHY** at located at 3200 Dam Neck Rd., Suite 103, Virginia Beach. Their phone number is 368-7534, their web address is [www.crowntrophy.com](http://www.crowntrophy.com) and their hours of operation are, Mon, Wed & Fri 9 – 5, Tues & Thurs 9 – 6. They are closed weekends & holidays. Contact them to place an order for a Beachcombers Corvette Club name tag. The cost of a name tag is \$9.95 (pin backing) or \$11.70 (magnetic backing). The turnaround time is about 3 days.
- ❖ Please look at the BCC Roster and if any of your personal 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 not sure if your information is correct contact me and together, we will check it.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- To ensure C4 transmission and driveline reliability, Chevrolet devised the brutal spike test. This involved racing the engine to 2,000, 3,000, 4,000 and then 5,000 rpm. At each rpm level, the clutch was engaged abruptly in First and then in Reverse. It quickly exposed weak areas that needed fortification. Spike testing was performed at the Milford Proving Grounds until the DNE 4+3 manual transmission was ready for the option sheet. RPO MM4 was assigned to the DNE 4+3 and appeared in 31,434 Corvettes during its 1984-1988 lifespan. <sup>555</sup>
- The LT5 engine's ability to run full throttle for 200 hours combined with a 180-mph to speed meant that a ZR1 Corvette could, theoretically, cover enough miles to race around the earth one and a half times before wearing out. <sup>602</sup>

- A benefit of the C7's electric power-steering system was its ability to process data on vehicle speed, suspension stance, throttle position and even weather to tailor the response time and aggressiveness of the rack motor to best suit conditions. As with fly-by-wire aircraft, mechanical links supplemented the entire steering system. In the event of a total power failure, the driver still had manual linkages between the steering wheel and front tires. <sup>953</sup>

## **SOME OF THE BEACHCOMBERS ACTIVITIES IN JULY**

Tuesday, July 6 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting.

Wednesday, July 14 – Beachcombers Breakfast at the *Brick House Diner*.

Wednesday, July 14 – A Gathering at The Garage at the Garage Brewery.

Friday, July 16 – BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) at Chesapeake City Park

Saturday & Sunday, July 17 & 18 – Overnight Getaway to New Bern, NC.

Wednesday, July 21 – Beachcombers Board Meeting.

Saturday, July 24 – Dyno Day at Virginia Speed.

## **SOME OF THE BEACHCOMBERS ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST**

**NEW LOCATION** Tuesday, August 3 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting. We will be holding the August Business meeting at the *VBRS Station 8*, 1243 Bayne Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 (located near Virginia Beach General Hospital). The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm but we ask you show up at 6:45 pm to help set-up and plan to stay a few minutes afterward to help put things away After the meeting we will head off to a local eatery (TBD) for food, beverages, and fellowship.

**NEW EVENT** Friday, August 6 – WTF Friday? No, it is not what you are thinking, WTF Friday? stands for Where's The Food Friday? The answer to that question is – *Blue Pete's Restaurant*. Join us at 6:00 pm for excellent seafood, cold beverages and best of all, great company. *Blue Pete's* is located at 1400 Muddy Creek Road, Virginia Beach. Hope you can join us. This is a sign-up event.

Saturday, August 7 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is hosted by the Beachcombers from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Help is needed for initial setup, during the event and post event breakdown. Jeff Biggs feels as though 3 – 4 people is adequate for initial setup but, more people are needed throughout the event to help at the check-in desk and for tear-down at the end of the event.

Wednesday, August 11 – Beachcombers Breakfast at 8:30 am at *The Brick House Diner* located at 941 Providence Square shopping center, Virginia Beach. Please come join us, no sign-up, just show up.

Wednesday, August 11 – A Gathering at the Garage. Join us for this monthly get together at the Garage Brewery located at 1011 Eden Way N, Chesapeake, starting at 6:30 pm. The beer is cold and the grub from the food truck always good. Be sure to join us. Thanks to Rich Hillis for organizing and coordinating this event.

Friday, August 13 & 27 – Suffolk Airport Cruise-In. This event is located at 1200 Gene Bolton Drive, Suffolk from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Saturday, August 14 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is hosted by the VCL from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

**NEW EVENT** Sunday, August 15 – Beachcomber Bowling. Did you know we have a few skilled bowlers in our midst? If you did not, you can join us at “Pinboy’s at the Beach” located at 1577 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach beginning at 2:00 pm and see them in action. You can join them and see if you can better their scores as the Beachcombers will be picking up the tab for your shoe rental, games and refreshments. Plan to join us in what promises to be a fun filled afternoon.

Wednesday, August 18 – Beachcombers Board Meeting. This informal meeting is at the YNOT Pizza at Landstown Commons Shopping Center and begins at 7:00 pm. The board meetings give the board an opportunity to discuss club issues and to plan upcoming events. As a member of the BCC you are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.

**NEW INFORMATION** Friday, August 20 – BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). Scottie Dyer asked if it was possible to incorporate a scenic drive enroute to our lunch location and volunteered to map out a course taking us to Washington, NC. This out-of-the-area drive will take us through the NC countryside before stopping for lunch. Be sure you pack your cooler with your favorite picnic lunch items as I cannot promise what food might be available along the way. This will be a fair-weather event. This is a fantastic opportunity to visit with your Beachcomber family, explore new roads and make new friends.

**NEW INFORMATION** Saturday, August 21 – 2021 Richmond Raceway (RR) Corvette Corral. This event has been **CANCELLED**. Anyone who has registered for this outing will be receiving a refund from Richmond Raceway and is advised that the complimentary ticket for the RR NASCAR race on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> has been voided.

**NEW EVENT** Saturday, August 21 – Khedive Autos Fun & Shine Car Show (Shriners Car Show). This car show has been supported by the Beachcombers in past years and this year will be no exception. See the attached flyer.

Saturday, August 21 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is hosted by the Flag Runners 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

**NEW INFORMATION** Sunday, August 22 – Commonwealth Senior Living Memory Care Center Car Show. We have been requested to show off our cars at the Commonwealth Senior Living Memory Care Center of Chesapeake located at 130 Great Bridge Blvd Chesapeake, Virginia 23320 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Here is an opportunity for a “Do Good Deed” to bring a smile to the faces of the residents and make yourself feel good at the same time. We will be providing 6 Corvettes and the VCL along with the 7CCCC Clubs will be providing six cars each. This is a sign-up event.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, August 26, 27 & 28 – Corvettes at Carlisle. Each year thousands of Corvettes and Corvette enthusiasts converge on Carlisle, PA for this event. If its Corvette related you can see it, buy it, or talk to someone about it at Corvettes at Carlisle. There are several Beachcombers attending this event and I am being told that hotel accommodations near Carlisle are hard to come by. If you are planning to go to Carlisle, I recommend you begin looking for a hotel as a block of rooms has not been arranged. Jeff Biggs is planning to travel to Carlisle and is willing to lead any other Beachcombers, Jeff is planning to leave on Thursday, August 26. More details will follow regarding departure location and time. The Beachcombers have paid for two vendor parking spots again this year. One of the Beachcombers has agreed to drive his pickup truck to Carlisle and transport large bulky items back to Virginia Beach. If you are interested in taking the other vendor spot, please see me.

Saturday, August 28 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the 7CCC from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

## **SOME OF THE BEACHCOMBERS ACTIVITIES BEYOND AUGUST**

**NEW DATE** Sunday, September 12 – Beachcombers Annual Picnic. The Board has changed the date so as to not interfere with another BCC event. Once again, this year's picnic will be at the Currituck BBQ in Barco, NC. This excellent eatery on route 168 has been a favorite with locals and visitors traveling to and from the NC Outer Banks. The outdoor pavilion is a perfect picnic setting and ensures hot, freshly prepared food from their kitchen only 100 feet away. Please refer to the flyer for additional information. This is a sign-up event.

**NEW EVENT** Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 17, 18 & 19 – Virginia Patriot Guard at Oceana Naval Air Station. The Beachcombers have been asked to support the Virginia Patriot Guard support at Oceana Naval Air Station for this year's annual event. The details are still being worked out, so the degree of Beachcomber involvement is not yet certain. More info to follow.

**NEW INFORMATION** Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 23 – 27 – 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vette Fest in Pigeon Forge, TN. Vette Fest is on Friday and Saturday but the plan for the Beachcombers is to leave on Thursday and be in Pigeon Forge on Friday for the kick-off festivities.

On Thursday, we will drive to an area north of Asheville, NC and spend the night at the Switzerland Inn. This quaint Inn is located near the Blue Ridge Parkway and has picturesque views of the mountains, an outside sitting area to enjoy the views and a restaurant where we can enjoy dinner and breakfast. To make a room reservation call them at 1-828-765-2153 and ask to reserve one of the rooms blocked for the Beachcombers Corvette Club. The room rate is \$139.00 or \$169.00 depending on the room view you choose.

On Sunday we will drive to Frankfort, KY where we plan to tour the *Buffalo Trace Distillery*. To find out more about the *Buffalo Trace Distillery* visit website at; <https://www.thetravel.com/where-is-buffalo-trace-distillery/>. Following the distillery tour we will drive east to Huntington, KY before stopping for the night. The hotel we will be staying at is a Fairfield Inn & Suites located at 536 Kinetic Drive, Huntington, WV. To reserve a room call them at 1-304-696-8777 and ask to book one of the rooms blocked for the Beachcombers Corvette Club. The agreed upon rate is \$109.00 plus tax and must be booked before August 26 to receive the discounted rate. On Monday we will continue our journey home.

See the attached Vette Fest flyer for event, registration and Pigeon Forge Hotel information. Please be advised that this event is open to the first 200 so, it may be in your best interest to register sooner than later. This is a sign-up event.

Saturday, September 25 – Neptune Festival Parade. The Beachcombers have been asked to participate in this year's parade which has been a long-time tradition for us to be a part of. As in the past, we will be limited to ten cars that we can have participate. Once I have more details, I will share them with you. This is a sign-up event.

Saturday, October 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen City Car Show. This event is unique in that this car show is being held at the Rick Hendrick property located at 4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd. in Charlotte, NC. In addition to the car show, tours of the Rick Hendrick Heritage Museum and Race Car shops are available (at an added cost). There are several vendors on site, including food and ice cream trucks. Several door prizes will be given out throughout the day along with silent auction items. Go to <https://queencitycorvette.com/> and follow their directions to the event registration page to obtain the registration form and to sign-up for the optional tours.

Rooms have been blocked under the Queen City Corvette Club's name at the Wingate by Wyndham Charlotte/Concord Speedway for Friday and Saturday nights. The hotel is located at 7841 Gateway Lane Northwest, Concord, NC, their phone number is 1-704-979-1300. The deadline for making your room reservation to get the room rate of \$119.00 per night (plus tax) is September 17. When making your reservation, be sure you tell them you want one of the rooms blocked for the Queen City Corvette Club to get the reduced rate.

On Sunday, October 3, as were traveling home, we plan to stop at the Richard Childress Vineyard in Lexington, NC for lunch and a sampling of their grape products. This is a sign-up event.

NEW INFORMATION Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 8, 9 & 10 – IMSA Weekend at VIR. IMSA has announced the dates for the 2021 VIR race, the October dates are about two months later than in previous years which should make for a more comfortable viewing experience. As of you know, the 2020 IMSA race at VIR was cancelled because of Covid, so being able to attend this year's race at VIR will be especially exciting.

This year the main IMSA Race will take place on Saturday and the Michelin Pilot Challenge race (GT Daytona Cars) will be the main race on Sunday. Use the below link to see the full schedule: <https://virnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-IMSA-Provisional-Schedule-and-SR-VIR-060221.pdf>.

Corvette Coral tickets are on sale via the VIR website. This year the Corvette Corral ticket price is \$250.00 for car, driver, and passenger, plus an additional \$26.50 for handling fees.

VIR has graciously provided the Beachcombers with two complimentary Corvette Corral ticket packages which will be available to two lucky Club members at a cost of \$200,00, a savings of over \$75.00 per ticket package. If you want your name added to the drawing for one of these Corvette Corral ticket packages you need to respond to John Kummings email that was sent to each member (with an email address on file) on July 22, asking that you respond to him by August 2. *Please only one response per household.* The two lucky names will be drawn at the August Business Meeting and will be able to purchase one of the Corvette Corral ticket packages for \$200,00. The proceeds from the sale of these tickets will be donated to one of our charities. You need not be present for the drawing.

We have ten rooms blocked at the *Days Inn by Wyndham Reidsville* located at 2205 Barnes Street, Reidsville, NC for October 8 & 9. You can call them directly at 1-336-496-2122 and let them know you wish to book one of the rooms blocked under my name, Joe Wryk, to get the discounted rate of \$73.05 + tax. These rooms are being held until September 17, after which you will not get the reduced rate. We will leave later in the day on Friday, October 8, to allow those that work to caravan with the group. We will drive to the hotel and then go to the track on Saturday and Sunday and drive home after Sunday's race. There will be more detailed information forthcoming as we get closer to October. Keep an open eye in the monthly Newsletter and the Weekly Updates for more information. This is a sign-up event.

Friday – Sunday, October 15, 16 & 17 – Ocean City Corvette Weekend. For several years this popular weekend getaway has been a favorite with many Beachcombers. This event is hosted by the Free State Corvette Club and additional details can be found at [www.corvetteweekend.com](http://www.corvetteweekend.com). In anticipation, the Beachcombers have a block of rooms blocked at the Hampton Inn & Suites Ocean City, located at 4301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City. The room rate is \$104.00 per night (plus taxes and fees). If interested call the hotel directly at 1-410-524-6263 and ask for one of the rooms blocked for the Beachcombers Corvette Club to receive the discounted rate. The cut-off date for the discount is September 17. This is a sign-up event.



Friday, November 12 – VIR Charity Track Laps. Have you ever dreamed of being a race car driver and speeding around a challenging road course in your Vette? If you have, then you can make your dreams come true by joining us as we head off to VIR for their VIR Charity Track Laps. Here you will have the chance to drive your car in the manner for which it was designed. VIR's Charity laps benefit Victory Junction, a camp for chronically ill children started by NASCAR's Petty family. Pay just \$25 for the opportunity to drive your own car on our 3.27-mile Full Course for 15 to 20 minutes.

NEW EVENT Saturday, December 11, 2021 – Beachcombers Corvette Club Christmas Party. This year's party will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton located at 1900 Pavilion Drive, Virginia Beach. Rooms have been reserved in the Clubs' name at a reduced rate of \$125.00 plus tax. To obtain a one of these rooms, you must make your reservation prior to November 11. More information to follow as the date draws closer. This will be a sign-up event.

Saturday, March 5, 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cruzin Corvetter’s Cruise – It is still months away, but if you think this might interest you, you can begin saving your pennies now and join us in March. Just imagine, being with your Beachcombers friends on a Caribbean Cruise aboard the *Sky Princess*, departing Fort Lauderdale, FL on March 5, 2022. We currently have about twenty cabins booked for this cruise and without a doubt it will be a wonderful time. This is a 7-day cruise with three port stops. The port stops include the Princess Cays, Bahamas, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and St. Maarten. For more information please talk with me or, if you are ready to book your cruise, contact our cruise planner, Chelsea, at 1-800-901-1172 ext. 41651. Make sure you let Chelsea know that you want to be linked to the Beachcombers Corvette Club Booking. If you are a first-time cruiser with Princess Cruise Lines, be sure you let Chelsea know and she can help you get additional On-Board Credit (OBC). Below is a brief look at the itinerary for this cruise.

	Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
<p>The map shows the cruise route starting at Ft. Lauderdale, FL in the United States. The route goes to Princess Cays in the Bahamas, then to Grand Turk in the Turks &amp; Caicos Islands, St. Maarten, St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and St. Kitts in the Caribbean Sea. A note indicates that port substitutions and order may vary.</p>	Sat, March 5	Ft. Lauderdale, FL		4:00 p.m.
	Sun, March 6	Princess Cays, Bahamas	9:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
	Mon, March 7	At Sea		
	Tue, March 8	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	10:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
	Wed, March 9	St. Maarten	7:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
	Thu, March 10	At Sea		
	Fri, March 11	At Sea		
	Sat, March 12	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	6:00 a.m.	

Friday & Saturday, May 20 & 21, 2022 – 2022 Vettes At Waterside District (VAWD). After much consternation it appears as if we have a solid plan going forward for next year’s VAWD. Thanks to Jimmy Clemmer’s persistence and vision for making the Beachcombers annual event one of the best this area has to offer. Please keep your eyes on future Beachcomber Newsletters for more details.

**NEW EVENT** Saturday - Friday, June 12 - 17, 2022 – 2022 NCCC National Convention. This convention is being hosted by the East Region of NCCC and will be in Atlantic City, NJ. The goals of the NCCC East Region for the Convention are to highlight a region of the country that many NCCC Members have never visited, to show clubs from across the country we can run a smooth convention, have fun, and provide convention participants with positive memories. Any profit made at Convention will help fund the East Region and hopefully keep us with a sound financial footing for the future. The convention is a week-long event, but you do not have to be there for the entire week.

The host hotel is Harrah's Resort, and is a first-class facility in Atlantic City. A room rate of \$119.99 per night and that includes all taxes and charges have been secured. Refer to Things To Do & Attractions in Atlantic City / Harrah's AC Resort & Casino ([caesars.com](http://caesars.com)) for more information

This would be a wonderful opportunity for the Beachcombers Corvette Club to show the NCCC East we are willing to participate and be an active part of the East Region.

If you are interested in going to the convention please let me know so we can start planning. This will be our first experience to see the fellowship of belonging to a national organization. Please provide feedback so we can start planning for the convention. **We joined for the cars and stayed for the people!**

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