

Fellow Beachcombers,

BCC Event News

From a weather stand point, thank goodness March is behind us. Although the bad weather didn't deter our members from getting out of the house and out of the garage. We had a large turn-out for the Annual Chili Cook-Off at the beginning of the month. Our gracious hosts, Rob and Connie Clyburn allowed us to descend on their house for a great social gathering with a very varied selection of chili to sample along with an abundance of appetizers and desserts. After the eating and judging, the winners were: 1st Place – Lenny & Vivian Zingerelli, 2nd Place – Rusty & Terry Carter, 3rd Place – Jake & Debbie OrBach. Congratulations!

Ten *Beachcombers* braved a chilly morning to participate in the Ocean View St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thanks to George Smith for leading this event. And sixteen cars made the trip to Mechanicsville for our annual visit to Zip Products to stock up on Corvette parts and accessories before our season begins in earnest. Congratulations to Joe Wryk who won Zip's drawing for a \$100 gift card.

One of the attachments to this email is the complete 2018 Beachcombers Event Schedule. This look ahead for the balance of the year will provide members a better ability to select and plan for events of interest. The schedule will continue to be updated as new events are identified. And as always, if you have any questions, please contact me.

Several future events require advance reservations, either the event itself or hotel. These events will be briefed at the April meeting so that interested members are aware of general information, critical dates and specific arrangements. These include the trip to Corvettes at Myrtle Beach, the trip to the IMSA Championship Weekend at Virginia International Raceway and the trip to Corvettes at Carlisle. Information on each of these events is also summarized below.

Upcoming Beachcomber Events

Wednesday, April 04 - Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting. Due to scheduling complications, our Monthly Business Meeting **will not** be held on the first Tuesday of the month. A revised schedule is posted on our web site page and dates will be highlighted in the monthly Event News and Schedule. Meeting time will remain the same, 7:00PM @ Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, Virginia Beach. Meetings will be followed by our regular visit to Reginello's at Loehmanns Plaza.

Wednesday, 04/18 - Beachcombers Board Meeting – 7:00PM at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. All Members are welcome to attend.

Thursday, 04/19 - Beachcombers Breakfast – 8:30AM at The Village Inn, 313 Independence Blvd. Open to all but please RSVP to Jake Or-Bach at jacob.orbach@gmail.com or RSVP to the Facebook event.

Saturday, 04/21 - Beachcombers Night @ Landstown Cruise-In – (George Smith Event Lead) - This is the first of the summer Charity Cruise-In's that *Beachcombers* is hosting. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with the event as well as a large turn-out of Club cars. *Let's make this night a Corvette Blow Out.* Please come out to support our Club and our charity. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be available at the Business Meeting.

Saturday, 04/28 Norfolk NATO Festival Parade – (Keith Reitnouer Event Lead) – *Beachcombers* will again participate in what is the most prestigious parade in the area through downtown Norfolk. We are limited to ten cars to represent our Club with only 3 slots remaining. The sign-up sheet will be available at Wednesday's meeting. Participants will meet at Best Buy on Independence Blvd. at 8:00 departing at 8:15.

- A few parade particulars if you are interested in participating: This is a rain or shine event; the entire parade route is double file; we must be in our assigned position by 8:30AM and arrive as a group; the parade starts at 10:00 AM and there is typically a 30-45 minute delay before we move out so be prepared to pass the time; parade duration is approx. one hour; specific Parade Rules apply will be provided.

Looking Ahead to BCC Events

05/01 Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting, 7:00PM @ Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library, Virginia Beach. Meeting will be followed by our regular visit to Reginello's at Loehmanns Plaza.

05/16 Beachcombers Board Meeting – 7:00PM at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. All Members are welcome to attend.

05/19 Beachcombers Night @ Landstown Cruise-In – (George Smith Event Lead) - This is the second of the Charity Cruise-In's that *Beachcombers* is hosting.

05/26 Pungo Strawberry Festival Parade - We are awaiting information from the Parade Coordinator regarding participation in this year's parade.

06/01-03 Corvettes at Myrtle Beach (Wade Ridgely Event Lead) – A weekend trip to Myrtle Beach is planned for *Beachcombers* to attend the 23rd Annual Corvettes at Myrtle Beach, SC. hosted by the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club. Activities include a Friday night Pre-Car Show Party at the Landmark Resort, Saturday Car Show at Broadway at the Beach, a major shopping, dining and entertainment complex and free time to enjoy the beach or one of the many

live shows and attractions in and around Myrtle Beach. An informational Trip Plan is attached to this email. Additional information and a registration package is available at www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Business Meeting.

Advance Planning

08/17-19 IMSA Championship at Virginia International Raceway (Wade Ridgely/John Kummers Co-Event Lead) – Information on the track, race and tickets can be found at <http://virnow.com/events/michelin-gt-challenge-imsa-weather-tech-sportscar-championship/>. VIR Corvette Corral Tickets will be available April/May; for more information you can call Amber at (434) 822-7700. John Kummers has blocked six rooms (two are already taken) @ the Comfort Inn, 1895 Virginia Ave., Martinsville, VA. 24112, (276) 666-6835 for a rate of \$114.00 per night plus tax. Check-in is Friday 8/17 and check-out is Sunday 8/19. The block of rooms are all under John's name. If a club member books a room please notify John via email (captj7@aol.com), txt or phone call (757.404.8212) so he can keep track of the rooms available. Plans have also been made for a Friday night dinner at the VIR Oak Tree Tavern and a Saturday night cook-out.

08/23-26 Corvettes at Carlisle (Jim Cyr/Wade Ridgely Co-Event Lead) – This year *Beachcombers* has planned a Club Event for Corvettes at Carlisle including a block of rooms in Carlisle, a Friday night dinner, participation in the Saturday Corvette Parade through downtown Carlisle and/or some of the other area sights and activities. As in prior year's, you can spend 1, 2, or 3 days and participate in as little or as much as you want. Jim Cyr has blocked ten rooms at the Carlisle Econo Lodge and Suites, 1252 Harrisburg Pike, (717) 243-8585 at \$141 per night plus tax under his name. If a club member books a room please notify Jim via email (jimcyr@aol.com) so he can keep track of rooms available. Hotels are also available in surrounding areas including Gettysburg and Harrisburg. Additional event information is available at www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/corvettes-at-carlisle.

2019 Corvette Caravan – The 2019 National Corvette Caravan is scheduled for August 28 – September 1, 2019. This event only occurs every five years with thousands of Corvettes from across the country converging on Bowling Green. Information about the Regional Caravan for our area can be found at www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/.

Other Local Events

04/21 - VCL Spring Dust-Off Car Show – Landstown
www.virginiachevylovers.org.

05/05 – Zip Customer Appreciation Days www.Zip-Corvette.com

Information and schedules for other area events can be found on Web Sites for the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads (CCCHR) www.carclubcouncil.info/ and the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council (VPCCC) www.vpccc.org.

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