

Beachcomber News

August 2019



BCC NEWS

- ❖ On Sunday, July 28, we learned of the passing of one of our Beachcomber Family members, Harold Harper. Harold was 52 years young and was enjoying life as a retiree from the Naval Base Fire Department. Details are unclear however, the postings on Facebook suggest it was due to a massive heart attack. Harold joined the BCC in March, 2018 with his 2012 Blue Grand Sport Coupe, a car in which he took great pride. I had the opportunity to participate in a few Club events with Harold and he was a fun loving man who was always willing to pitch in and help wherever possible. He will be missed. As of this writing details regarding visitation, memorial service or funeral are unknown but, will be made available to the Club via separate correspondence as soon as something is known.
- ❖ It's hard to imagine that half of 2019 is behind us, but we have several exciting things in store for us for the remainder of the year; Corvettes at Carlisle, the Corvette Caravan, the Beachcomber Picnic, the trip to North Carolina and our Holiday Party are but a few of the things you can look forward to. If you have a recommendation for an event that might appeal to the club please let me know and we can see if we can make it work.
- ❖ Welcome to our newest members;
 - Melissa Farrar with a Pretty Admiral Blue 2017 Grand Sport Coupe
 - Robert (Rex) Jones driving a 1999 Silver Coupe
 - Timothy Krehbiel in a 2019 Watkins Glen Gray 3LT Grand Sport
 - Cynthia & Frank Little sporting a 2007 Blue Coupe, and
 - Giancarlo Polazzo in his 2005 Magnetic Red Coupe

Take a few minutes to introduce yourself and welcome our newest members into our family. With the addition of our newest members we are now at 124 BCC families. I believe you'll find that this club is the home of "Great People Driving Great Cars" and I sincerely hope this club is everything you expect it to be.

- ❖ For new and old members alike, if you haven't purchased a BCC name tag please contact Michelle Suttle, our merchandise representative, and she'll get one on order for you. The cost of name tags are \$10.00 each. Michelle is also the contact person for obtaining information about monogramming the BCC logo on your favorite shirt or ordering apparel with the BCC logo applied. If you're interested in custom embroidery, Michelle can help you contact the local embroiderer the Beachcombers use for our monogramming needs. Michelle also has other items for sale such as ball caps, t-shirts and parade flags. You can talk with Michelle following the Business Meetings or via her email address msullte@verizon.net.
- ❖ In case you haven't heard, the C8 Corvette was revealed to the public on Thursday, July 18. Nicole and Brian Bowers volunteered their house as a gathering point to watch the live GM feed on their big screen TV. Thanks to both Nicole and Brian for your hospitality. Several Beachcombers were on hand to see the new car, to hear of the new technology and the spec's associated with it. It was said the base model will be available for less than 60K. Hopefully we'll all be able to see it up close and personal at one of the upcoming events like Carlisle, in Bowling Green, in Charlotte or at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet.
- ❖ At each of the social events we have I try to talk to as many people as possible to solicit feedback to improve our Club. One common item I hear is that several people say they were unaware of upcoming events. This comment is usually from the lady members of the Club. Gentlemen, this tells me you aren't sharing the Beachcomber News with your partner, shame on you. So ladies, we can remedy this situation by having your email address added to the BCC roster. By doing this, every time an email is sent out via "BCC Announcements" you will be sure to get it. If you are not getting BCC announcements and would like to, please send me your name and email address and I'll get it added to the list.

- ❖ Our Club secretary, Sharon Cummings, contacted the Virginia Beach Public Library on Virginia Beach Blvd. regarding the completion of their renovations and when we can move our Monthly Business Meetings back to that location. The update is that the renovations are not complete with no estimate of when we might be able to resume meeting at the library therefore, our Monthly Business Meetings will continue at the Kempsville Rec Center until further notice. But look at the bright side, we'll be able to continue Taco Tuesday's at Plaza Azteca.
- ❖ It's getting to be that time when all of us need to begin thinking about the leadership of the BCC and who we want to be sitting on the Board of Directors for the upcoming year. Too often we are content with letting someone else do it or claim we're just too busy. But now is your opportunity to get more involved in what the Club does and how it's managed. As I'm sure you are aware, the Board meets monthly and discusses issues and makes decisions regarding the direction of the Club. It's not a lot of time from your busy schedule, so consider running for a seat on the Board of Directors.

The BCC Constitution specifically addresses the election of Board members, if you've not read it recently, let me refresh your memory as to what it says;

“ARTICLE V

ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nomination for Officers shall be made by:

- a. A slate of candidates for office proposed by a Nominating Committee appointed by the Board and reported at the September meeting of the Club, and
- b. Nominations of other Members of the Club for office taken from the floor at the September Business Meeting of the Club.”

So, the first step in the process is to form a Nominating Committee and that's the seed I want to plant in your mind. At the August Business Meeting Jimmy will be asking for a volunteer(s) who is willing to act as the Nominating Committee. That person(s) will act as the central point of contact for members wishing to run for the Board and report so at the September and October Business Meetings. The actual vote for members running for Board positions will take place at the November Business Meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JULY'S BUSINESS MEETING (See Sharon's Minutes for the Complete Report)

Old Business:

1. Jake reminded the Club about the Red Cross Blood Drive coming up on July 20. Asked members to register online to donate blood. Blood drive starts at 2pm.
2. Trailer Inventory: Completed. A copy is attached to this July Business meeting report.
3. Christmas Party: Jake presented the Club with five venues that were available on December 28th. Preston Powers made a motion, seconded by Adam Graham, that December 28th be the chosen date for the party. Unanimous vote by the Club members. Jake took Joe Wryk and John Kummers on a tour of the “Royal Courtyard”. Price is \$42 per person with one free drink. There are two TV screens for a slide-show. There will be a shuttle service to the Crown Plaza on Bonney Road for members wanting to spend the night at the hotel. Price is \$82 per night plus tax. A motion was made by Adam Graham and seconded by Pete Schultz, that the 2019 Beachcombers Christmas Party be held on December 28th at the Royal Courtyard. Unanimous vote by the members.

New Business: None

General Discussion: None

DID YOU KNOW?

- Something new appeared on the shift handle of 4-speed Corvettes in 1959: a chromed reverse-lockout T-handle located between the boot and the ball. Spring loaded, it prevented accidental engagement of Reverse gear unless the driver deliberately lifted the T with his fingers. Of the 9,670 Corvettes built in 1959, 4,175 were 4-speeds. Interestingly, 1959 marked the first year that 4-speed transmissions were available in Chevy full-sized passenger cars, but their spindly swizzle-stick shift handles lacked a reverse-lockout function until 1964. ¹⁷¹
- In 1980 the Corvette speedometer only read to 85 mph. That was almost half the 160-mph gauge face reading of 1979. It was all part of a federally mandated, industry-wide scheme to discourage driving fast and saving fuel. Interestingly, General Motors was ahead of the curve, so to speak. A handful of late-built 1979 models received the Orwellian 85-mph speedometer before it became law. ⁴⁰¹
- GM test parameters revealed that at 45 degrees F and below, the standard Michelin tires on C7's were capable of generating 70% of their full grip potential. When the temperature elevated to between 45 and 115 degrees F, grip improved to 90%, and at temperatures above 115 degrees F, the tires achieved 100% grip. These numbers assumed dry pavement. ⁹⁶⁸

LOOKING BACK AT JULY'S MAJOR HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, July 2 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting, followed by Taco Tuesday at Plaza Azteca.

Wednesday, July 10 – Beachcomber Breakfast. Beachcombers met at The Metro Diner, enjoying good food and great company.

Wednesday, July 17 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at Pop's Diner.

Saturday, July 20 – The BCC hosted the Cruise In at Landstown Common. There were 58 cars that participated in this Cruise In, the weather was incredibly hot with a heat index of 106 degrees F, but the Beachcombers once again proved their loyalty to this event. Thanks to all who showed up and bigger thanks to all who helped with the set-up and tear-down.

Saturday, July 20 – The BCC hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive which ran concurrent with the Cruise In at Landstown Common. A total of 15 units of blood were donated. A special thanks goes out to all of you who braved the heat and donated a pint of blood. A bigger special thanks goes to Jacob Or-Bach for all of his hard work and effort put into organizing this very worthwhile event.

Tuesday, July 30 – A pop-up lunch at Salvatore's Pizzeria and Italian Ristorante. A dozen Beachcombers kept alive two of the things Beachcombers enjoying doing most, hanging out together and eating good food. Keep your eyes open for another pop-up lunch in August.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST

Tuesday, August 6 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Kempsville Recreation Center, Room No. 4, 800 Monmouth Lane, Virginia Beach. The meeting will be followed by a visit to Plaza Azteca restaurant located in the Providence Square Shopping Center.

Saturday, August 10 **NEW** – Old Dominion Corvette Club is hosting their 30th Annual All-Corvette Cruise In located in Manassas, VA. This event runs from noon to 4:00 p.m., entry fee is \$10.00 with all proceeds going to charity. If this is an event that interests you and are planning to attend please let me know so I can spread the word to other Beachcombers. For more information please visit the Old Dominion Corvette Club website at <https://www.olddominioncorvetteclub.org/>.

Wednesday, August 14 **NEW CONTACT INFO** – Beachcomber Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. at Metro Diner, 1124 Volvo Parkway, Chesapeake, VA. The Beachcomber Breakfasts have become a monthly favorite with many, so if it'll fit into your schedule please join us for great company and good food. **Please RSVP Jacob Or-Bach at 757-739-3328, by email at jacob.orbach@gmail.com or by acknowledging on Facebook.** Although the Metro Diner isn't a mom and pop operated restaurant we've always found the food and service to be very good.

Thursday, August 15 – Beachcombers Tech Night at Detail Garage. This is an opportunity to see some of their great products and how to use them. The Detail Garage opened earlier this year and their store is loaded with every imaginable product you'd want to keep your car looking its best. The Detail Garage is located at 4239 Holland Road, Virginia Beach. There will be pizza and drinks beginning at 6:30 p.m. We need an accurate headcount for this events as we'll be ordering Pizza and beverages. **Please add your name to the sign-up sheet, send me a text or email if you plan to attend.** Hope you can make it, see you there.

Saturday, August 17 – Beachcombers are hosting the Cruise In at Landstown Commons. Help will be needed to set-up, register cars and help tear down. Jeff Biggs and Adam Graham have taken the lead for the BCC Cruise Ins at Landstown Commons and help is always needed. A big round of applause is warranted for what these guys do, we appreciate it, Thanks. Get your name on the sign-up sheet if you can help out.

Wednesday, August 21 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. As always, all members are welcome to attend.

Thursday, August 22 to Sunday, August 25 – Corvettes at Carlisle. This event is one of the largest Corvette gatherings on the East Coast. 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. In previous years, the BCC has planned and organized a trip to travel to Carlisle however this year, with other conflicting Corvette events, the BCC is taking a hiatus. However, the Beachcombers have paid for two vendor parking spots again this year. These vendor spots are available to any Beachcomber who is willing to drive their truck to Carlisle and be willing to transport large bulky items back home. If you are interested in taking one of these vendor spots please see me. There are a few individuals who are planning to travel to Carlisle and then some are traveling on to Bowling Green, KY for the Corvette Caravan and others returning to Tidewater. If you're going to Carlisle and are willing to lead other Beachcombers, contact me and I'll spread the word.

Sunday, August 25 – IMSA Race at VIR. This has been a popular event for several of the Beachcombers who have traveled to VIR to watch the Corvette Racing Team battle other GTLM entries. For those interested in attending the race, Corvette Coral tickets are now available and can be purchased by going to the VIR website. If you're planning on attending this race and are willing to lead other Beachcombers, contact me and I'll spread the word.

Sunday, August 25 to Wednesday, September 3 **NEW INFO** – Corvette Caravan. Our NCM BCC Ambassador, Ed Munden, has prepared the itinerary that takes us from Greenbrier Mall to Charlotte, NC where we will spend a few days enjoying the company of other Corvetters before traveling on to Bowling Green, KY. As we travel toward Charlotte there may be other Corvetters joining our group.

For those traveling to Charlotte on Sunday, August 25 plan to meet at Greenbrier Mall adjacent to Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant at 8:45 a.m. There, we'll sign the customary insurance liability form, have a drivers meeting and depart NLT 9:00 a.m. Ed has planned several comfort stops along the way in addition to a stop for lunch. Be sure you bring your FRS two-way radio (if you have one) and be sure you and your car are ready to roll by 9:00 a.m. I will be putting out reminders in the Weekly Update along with the complete itinerary from Greenbrier Mall to Charlotte in the coming weeks.

There is an "add on" planned for interested Beachcombers as we return to Tidewater. We'll travel home via The Tail of the Dragon in NC and then drive some of the other scenic area roads. Rooms have been blocked at the Quality Inn & Suites in Robbinsville, NC for Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2 for those interested. The hotel can be reached by calling 1-828-479-6772, and be sure to mention you wish to book one of rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club. Room rate is \$89.99 per night plus tax. On Tuesday, September 3 we'll begin our journey home.

LOOKING BEYOND AUGUST

Sunday, September 8 **NEW** – Wheels and Wine Festival. This is an open car show in Felton, DE and is being sponsored by the First State Corvette Club (FSCC). This event takes place at the Pizzadili Vineyards & Winery in Felton DE from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Pizzadili Vineyard & Winery is about 175 miles north of Hampton Roads. The BCC has participated in FSCC hosted events in the past and have always enjoyed their company. If this is an event that interests you and are planning to attend please let me know so I can spread the word to other Beachcombers. For more information please visit the FSCC website at <https://www.firststatecorvetteclub.net/>.

Saturday, September 21 **NEW** – REV & RALLY at Richmond International Raceway (RIR). RIR is having a car show in conjunction with the September 21 NASCAR race. They are offering a ticket package for \$99.00 that includes:

- One Vehicle Registration
- One Grandstand Ticket to the Cup Race (Dogwood Section I-S Rows 1-10)
- One FanGrounds Pass
- Specialty Rally Pass Holder
- Premium Parking in Designated Pave Rally Lot
- Commemorative Gift
- Track Laps (Date TBD)
- Potential for More Prizes

Add-On pricing for adults is \$90.00 and \$50.00 for children. Security will be on hand before, during and post-race to ensure that nothing happens to your vehicle. They are also working on having some NASCAR celebrity appearances. To reserve your tickets call 804-228-7612 and mention REV & RALLY Offer. Refer to Page 8 for the REV & RALLY Flyer

Sunday, September 22 – 3rd Annual Beachcomber Corvette Club Picnic. Carolyn and Ed Bickham have once again volunteered to host our BCC picnic, so mark your calendar for this annual fun filled event. This year we are adding a new dimension to the picnic as it will also include a “Corvette Swap Meet”. Gather up all of your old Corvette parts and goodies and plan to bring them to the picnic.

As in the past, there is a \$10.00 per person cost to help cover the cost of food and beverages. You can make your payment at one of the BCC meetings or by mail to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, PO Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. A flyer has been sent out advertising this event so be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss out on the Beachcomber fun. Please get your name on the sign-up sheet as we need an accurate head count for the food caterer.

Monday, September 23 – If you haven't had the chance to see the C8 up close, here's your chance. Preston has informed me that Rick Hendrick Chevrolet in Norfolk will have the C8 at their dealership as part of the C8 traveling tour on Monday, September 23. More details to follow as they are known.

Saturday, September 28 – Neptune Festival Parade. We have received confirmation regarding our participation in this parade for 10 cars. If you're interested in this parade please put your name on the sign-up sheet.

October 4 & 5, 2019 – Corvette Weekend at Ocean City, MD. Be advised that there is a second event in Ocean City, MD the same weekend as the Free State Corvette Clubs' Corvette Weekend. This event, a Spartan Sprint race, will take place at the inlet at the same time as the Corvette Weekend and is estimated to bring several thousand additional people to town competing for hotel rooms. If this event is something you're interested in I suggest you make hotel reservations soon. If you're going to Ocean City and are willing to lead other Beachcombers, contact me and I'll spread the word.

Friday through Monday, October 11 through 14 **NEW INFO** – The Car Show, Choo-Choo & Cha-Ching, Road Trip. This exciting road trip will leave on Friday, October 11 and travel to Charlotte, NC for the 8th Annual Queen City Car Show on Saturday, October 12.

We will be staying at the Red Roof Inn Charlotte – University (Phone No. 1-704-598-0007) on Friday and Saturday nights. The hotel is located at 5111 Equipment Drive, Charlotte, NC. The room rate is \$79.19 per night (plus tax), we have 20 rooms blocked under **block code (booking number) is B728BCCTRP** with the group name of Beachcomber Corvette Club. Be sure you give them the booking number to get the reduced rate.

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 will be available (at an added cost). I've been told there will be over 40 vendors on site in addition to food, ice cream and slushy trucks. I was also told that if you keep your eyes open you just might see a C8 driving through the parking area. There are several door prizes that will be given out throughout the day with one special door prize being given out by Mr. Hendrick himself. 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.

On Sunday, October 13, we'll head west to Bryson City, NC where at about 1:00 p.m. we'll climb aboard the Great Smokey Mountain Railroad for a 44 mile, 4.5 hour train trip, taking in the fall foliage colors of the Great Smokey Mountains and enjoy lunch on the train (lunch is included in the cost of the train ride). Lunch consists of a BBQ sandwich, coleslaw and chips or a Veggie wrap, rice pilaf and pita chips. Also, you'll receive a souvenir cup with drinks provided throughout the day. The cost of the train ride is \$92.45 (per person). You can make your train ride payment in person at one of the BCC meetings or by mail to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, PO Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Payment must be received by September 10, and you'll be added to list of paid attendees. Be sure you annotate the check is for the Great Smokey Mountain Train Ride. The Beachcombers will then make one payment for all attendees.

Afterward the train ride we'll take a short drive to the Microtel Inn & Suites located at 82 Songbird Forest Road, Bryson City, NC, where we have 20 rooms blocked for our one night stay. The room rate is \$85.00 (plus tax). The hotel can be reached at 1-828-488-7900, be sure you ask for the Beachcombers Corvette Club booking to get the discounted rate.

After you settle in at the hotel we can drive less than 10 miles down the road to the Harrah's Cherokee Casino. The casino offers various dining facilities that should suit everyone's needs and then if you're feeling lucky you can try your luck on the slots or tables.

On Monday morning we'll get on the road for a leisurely drive back to Tidewater. There may be a stop in Winston-Salem for lunch and some local sightseeing for anyone interested.

NOTE: The deadline for making hotel reservations at either hotel is September 20, otherwise you may not get the discounted rate.

Saturday, October 12 – Air & Auto Classic. This is a charity car show will be at the Military Aviation Museum located at 1341 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach, VA and is being hosted by the First Settlers Porsche Club of America. All proceeds from this car show will go to local area Food Banks. Aside from cool cars, the show will feature live music, great food, beer and wine along with raffles and prizes. For additional information go to www.fsrpca.org.

Monday, November 11 – Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade. We have received confirmation regarding our participation in this parade. A sign-up sheet will be available closer to the parade date.

Thursday, January 23 to Sunday, Sunday 26, 2020 – ROLEX 24 at Daytona. It's not too early to begin thinking about your plans to attend the 2020 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, 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. The 2020 Rolex 24 should prove to be very exciting as it will undoubtedly be the debut of the C8's decked out in their IMSA race uniforms.

For the 2020 ROLEX 24 we're planning to depart Tidewater for Daytona on Thursday, January 23 and drive to Savannah GA, spend the night and then drive into Daytona on Friday, January 24. I've blocked 10 rooms each at the Iris Garden Inn in Savannah and at the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown. To reserve your room at the Iris Garden Inn for Thursday January 23, call 1-912-777-5002 and ask for one of the rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$53.00 (plus tax). To reserve your room at the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown for January 24 thru 27 call 1-800-329-7666, for one of the rooms reserved for the Beachcombers Corvette Club at the rate of \$84.99 (plus tax).

After you checkout 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.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for making hotel reservations at the Iris Garden Inn is December 23, 2019 and at the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown by January 10, 2020, Daytona Beach Downtown, otherwise you may not get the discounted rate.

Sunday, February 23, 2020 – The BCC has planned the 2nd “Cruzin Corvetters” Caribbean Cruise. This year we'll be aboard the Regal Princess, for a 7 day Caribbean cruise, departing from Fort Lauderdale, FL on Feb. 23, 2020. This cruise has 4 port stops including the Princess Cays (Princess Private Island), Bahamas; Falmouth/Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands and Cozumel, Mexico. We'd love for you and your friends to join us for a fun week in the sun. For more information please talk with me or, if you're ready to book your cruise contact our Princess Cruise Lines cruise planner, Chelsea, at 1-800-901-1172 ext. 41651. Made 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).

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

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/ or by contacting Joe Pine and the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council (VPCCC) www.vpccc.org.

Joe Wryk
Vice President – Events
Beachcombers Corvette Club



INAUGURAL REV & RALLY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

**FEDERATED AUTO PARTS 400
Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoff Race**

WEEKEND
PRESENTED BY



ADULT PACKAGE \$99

- One Vehicle Registration
- One Grandstand Ticket to the Cup Race
 - One FanGrounds Pass
- Specialty Rally Pass Holder
- Premium Parking in Designated Paved Rally Lot
 - Commemorative Gift
 - Track Laps
 - Potential for more prizes!

ADD-ON PACKAGE ADULTS \$90 | KIDS \$50

- One Grandstand Ticket to the Cup Race
 - One FanGrounds Pass
- Specialty Rally Pass Holder

\$5 DISCOUNT TO VEHICLES 1946 OR OLDER

Limited availability. Offer expires September 1, 2019 or until sold out.
Track Laps date to be announced.

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