

# Beachcomber News

## October 2019



### BCC NEWS

- ❖ For the past several months there has been the introduction of new Club members in the Beachcomber News. It seems a bit strange not have any new names to add this month but I'm pleased to report that we are still at 126 Families and holding strong.
- ❖ Need a name tag? Just 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 for 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](mailto:msullte@verizon.net).

- ❖ If your email address has changed or if you like your name added to the distribution list for announcements that the BCC Board members send out, please send me your name and email address and you'll be added to the list. We don't want you missing out on BCC events or news items.
- ❖ August was an especially busy month, not only with the usual Beachcomber activities, but with three other major events; Corvettes at Carlisle, Corvette IMSA racing at VIR and the Corvette Caravan. Several Beachcombers participated in one of the major events and some even two. But, one Beachcomber did all three. Jeff Biggs racked up some miles on his new Vette as he traveled to Carlisle then on to VIR and then on to Bowling Green with a stop for family time in Nashville on his way home. Time to take a breather Jeff.
- ❖ As we move into the fall and winter months the activity level of the BCC has a tendency to slow down. This is primarily due to the colder temperatures and unpredictability of the weather. However, that doesn't mean we have to remain dormant until spring, so if you have an idea or suggestion of an outing or activity that might be of interest to the Club please let me know.
- ❖ The time is getting closer for the BCC to vote on Board Members for the upcoming year. Too often we are content with sitting back and letting someone else to take the lead, claiming we're just too busy or claim I just don't have the time to spare. Now is the time to step up and get more involved in what the Club does and how it's managed. As I'm sure you are aware, the Board meets monthly, 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 BCC Board.

At the September Business Meeting, Joe Pine (Mike McGinn was absent) updated the Club as to who has expressed an interest in running for a position on the BCC Board for 2020. To date, John Kummers has announced his interest to run for the position as BCC President, and Mike Ware for the position as BCC Treasurer. The current BCC Board members filling the positions of Vice President – Events, Vice President – Membership and Secretary have all agreed to continue in those positions if no one else desires to run for those seats.

If you're interested in running for a position on the Board please contact Joe Pine or Mike McGinn. The election of officers serving on the Board for 2020 will take place at the November Business Meeting. Please plan ahead and make every effort to attend the November Business Meeting to cast your vote.

- ❖ With the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beachcombers Picnic behind us, it's time we begin to think about our Christmas Holiday Party. A flyer was sent out with the Weekly Update on September 21<sup>st</sup> that gave you the details regarding this gala event. Please mark your calendar and save the date for this Holiday Party that always proves to be a good time. A copy of the Christmas Holiday Party Flyer is attached to this email.

- ❖ Your Beachcombers Corvette Club membership expires October 31, 2019. Therefore, our 2020 membership drive will start October 1 and ends November 17, 2019. Your board has decided not to increase our dues, so the renewal fee to keep having fun with the best Corvette Club in the Tidewater area is only \$65, and this includes membership in both the Beachcombers Corvette Club and the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). For \$10 more your spouse or companion can join the NCCC by filling out a separate NCCC membership application. Renewals are due no later than November 17, 2019.

If you have any questions or if you decide not to renew your membership please send an email to Joel Wolf at ([wolfmanok@hotmail.com](mailto:wolfmanok@hotmail.com)) letting him know you're not renewing and he won't send you future reminders.

Dues can be paid in person or by sending payment to the Beachcombers Corvette Club, PO Box 6721, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. If paying by check ensure your check states it's for 2020 Membership Dues.

Renewal doesn't apply to the following new members: Brenda Betts and Thomas Quicke

- ❖ If anyone has an article of interest or some other news worthy item they would like to share with the Club via the Beachcomber News please let me know.

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING** (See Sharon's Minutes for the Complete Report)

### **Old Business:**

1. The Board will readdress to how the handle the "closed" FB page at the next Board meeting.
2. Bill Kaelin addressed the club regarding the Oceana Air Show. The show is Rain or Shine. 1pm meet up time for Saturday and Sunday, September 21st & 22nd. Need 5 – 6 cars for each day. Cars can stay for the air show and be part of the static display.

### **New Business:**

1. Joe Pine made a motion which was seconded by Mike Ware for the BCC to purchase a memorial brick at the NCM for Harold Harper. Unanimous vote by the members.
2. Joe Pine and Mike McGinn made up the Nominating Committee. Joe Pine presented the list of candidates to the Club:

President: John Kummings  
VP/Events: Joe Wryk  
VP/Membership: Joel Wolf  
Treasurer: Mike Ware  
Secretary: Sharon Cummings

### **General Discussion:**

1. Annie told the Club that Cars & Coffee is on Sunday, September 9th.
2. Ed Bickham told the Club he went to Carlisle and took a side trip to Niagara Falls. Recommended that everyone go see the falls if they have not done so already.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- One visitor at the Corvette's January 1953 NYC debut was a recently unemployed 43-year old engineer who'd just returned home from a work sabbatical in England. There, he helped Sydney Allard develop and race his hand-built sports car at Le Mans. However, the contract ended, so he returned to the United States seeking employment. Approaching middle age, this visitor was so taken with Corvette's potential that he applied for a job at General Motors. This man's name was Zora Arkus-Duntov. <sup>6</sup>
- Goodyear brought another tire-industry first to the Corvette in 1994 with its optional Eagle GS-C EMT, the first run-flat tire ever offered for installation on conventional wheels. Priced at \$70 and assigned RPO WY5, the EMT tires could run for up to 200 miles at 55 mph with zero air pressure. The trick was a unique thick

sidewall design. Although heavier than the Corvette's standard non-EMT Goodyear GS-C tires, *Car and Driver* testing revealed that the run-flat tires dulled acceleration, cornering and braking times only marginally. These tires opened the door for the future elimination of the Corvette's 55-pound temporary spare tire and jack assembly. <sup>597</sup>

- Lending credence to rumors that a new Corvette was on the way, in 2016 and 2017 General Motors spent \$439 million on improvements to the Bowling Green, KY assembly plant. Although the official company line was that the money and effort went into an improved paint shop, rumors swirled that the added space would house mid-engine C8 Corvette operations. <sup>880</sup>

## **LOOKING BACK AT THE SEPTEMBER MAJOR HAPPENINGS**

Sunday, September 1 – The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Boulevard of Wheel Custom Car Show hosted by the Street Dreams Corvette Club and sponsored by Rick Hendrick Chevrolet. Congratulations to the many Beachcombers who walked away with trophies.

Tuesday, September 3 – Beachcombers monthly Business Meeting, then Taco Tuesday at Plaza Azteca.

Sunday, September 8 – Wheels and Wine Festival. This was an open car show in Felton, DE and was hosted by the First State Corvette Club (FSCC).

Wednesday, September 11 – Beachcomber Breakfast. Several Beachcombers met at The Metro Diner, enjoying good food and great company.

Saturday, September 14 – The BCC hosted the Cruise-In at Landstown Common. There were over 120 cars that participated in this Cruise-In, with several from the BCC. Thanks to all who showed up and bigger thanks to all who helped with the set-up and tear-down.

Thursday, September 19 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at Pop's Diner.

Saturday, September 21 – Vettes in the Vineyard. Located at the DeJon Vineyard in Hydes, MD.

Saturday, September 21 – REV & RALLY at Richmond International Raceway (RIR). NASCAR's short track racing at its finest.

Saturday & Sunday, September 21 & 22 – NAS Oceana Air Show. Several Beachcombers enjoyed the beautiful weekend weather at Oceana Naval Air Station participating in the Annual NAS Oceana Air Show with the Patriot Guard. Thanks to all who participated and especially to Bill Kaelin who took the lead in organizing the Beachcombers participation in this event.

Sunday, September 22 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BCC Picnic at the home of Carolyn and Ed Bickham in Suffolk, VA. About 75 members of the Beachcomber family enjoyed a relaxing afternoon socializing with old friends and enjoying the country air, a great picnic lunch, bartering at the swap meet and driving the country roads. A special thanks goes out to Carolyn and Ed for all of the time and effort they put into making this a huge success.

Monday, September 23 – The C8 traveling tour was at Rick Hendrick Chevrolet in Norfolk. The BCC received VIP treatment as we saw the C8s up close and personal. Rick Hendrick was once again the consummate host for this event.

Saturday, September 28 – Neptune Festival Parade. John Kummers led nine other Beachcombers, driving their shiny Corvettes in this annual parade. Thanks John.

Saturday, September 28 – AACA Forty-Sixth Annual Meet. Located at the Military Aviation Museum in Virginia Beach.

## LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 1 – 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.

Friday & Saturday, October 4 & 5 – 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 you're going to Ocean City and are willing to lead other Beachcombers, contact me and I'll spread the word.

Wednesday, October 9 – 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](mailto: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.

Friday through Monday, October 11 through 14 – 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 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Queen City Car Show on Saturday, October 12. 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. After the train ride we'll take a short drive to the Microtel Inn & Suites. After you've settled in at the hotel you 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 at the slots or on the 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.

Saturday, October 12 – 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. This will be the last of the 2019 Landstown Commons Cruise-In's hosted by the BCC.

Saturday, October 12 – Air & Auto Classic at the Military Aviation Museum. This event is hosted by the First Settlers Region Porsche Club of America and is open to all vehicles. The event is from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event location is 1341 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach. 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](http://www.fsrpca.org).

Wednesday, October 16 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pop's Diner, 1432 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake. As always, all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Friday through Sunday, October 25 through 27 – Virginia Fall Classic. This popular Beachcomber event takes place at the Newport News Park and is open to cars, trucks and bikes. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual fall Classic with proceeds going to the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughter.

On Friday there will be a Trunk or Treat event and trophies for the best Halloween themed trunk decorations. On Saturday there is the car, truck and bike show with 50 participants' choice trophies. And, on Sunday there is a poker run with half of the money collected going to the winner. For more information go to [www.vafallclassic.org/](http://www.vafallclassic.org/).

**NEW Saturday, October 26** – Landstown Commons Trunk or Treat Cruise-In. This has become a favorite Landstown Commons Cruise-In for many of the Beachcombers. Literally, hundreds of children are on hand to get candy from all of the Cruise-In cars. Cars participating in the Trunk or Treat can enter the venue from 3:00 – 3:59 p.m., with the Trunk or Treat beginning at 4:00 p.m. No cars will be allowed to enter after 4:00 p.m. The BCC is not hosting this event.

## **LOOKING BEYOND OCTOBER**

**NEW Sunday, November 3** – Ladies Only Cruise. Annie Lahren has volunteered to organize a ladies only cruise and then stopping for lunch. The details are being worked out and will be published as soon as possible. So guys, it's time to turn the keys over to your lady so she can sport about in the Vette and go out for lunch with the girls.

**Monday, November 11** – Virginia Beach Veterans Day Parade. We have received confirmation regarding our participation in this parade. We have 10 volunteers signed up for this parade. Need a lead for this event.

**NEW INFO Friday, November 15** – Holiday Charity Laps at VIR. There will undoubtedly be some Beachcombers traveling to VIR for this always popular event. If you've not done this in the past you'll want to take the opportunity to drive your car on the 2.3 mile road track. Here you'll be given the chance to drive your car in the manner for which it was designed. There will be a sign-up sheet for those interested. If you plan on participating in this event and are willing to lead other Beachcombers please let me know. Thanks.

**NEW Saturday & Sunday, November 16 & 17, 2019** – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Costal Virginia Auto Show. This is a 2-day indoor and 1-day outdoor event at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. This event features hot rods, imports, classics, motorcycles, customs, antiques and trucks. In past years there have been BCC entries who have received trophies and prizes. Plan to attend and vote for your BCC Family entries.

**NEW Saturday, November 23, 2019** – Pre Caribbean Cruise Meeting. There is a pre cruise meeting on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the YNot Pizza in Landstown Shopping Center at 12:30 p.m. At this meeting we'll discuss the cruise and answer any questions you may have and possibly convince you to join us for a week in the sun.

**NEW Sunday, November 24** – Food drive for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. Every year the Beachcombers do a tremendous job of filling the trunks of their Corvettes with non-perishable food items to be donated to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. The generosity of the Beachcombers is also displayed as many reach into their pocket to donate cash for this worthwhile event. Historically the Beachcombers are the last group to parade to the food drive location, making a presentation to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. Afterwards the BCC attendees go out for eats and spend some quality time together. Preston Powers has the lead and will provide more information as the event draws closer.

**NEW Saturday, December 28, 2019** – Beachcomber Corvette Club Christmas Holiday Party. A sign-up sheet will be available beginning with the October Business Meeting for those interested in attending. The flyer detailing this event is attached and will be sent out regularly with the BCC Weekly updates. This has always been a fun filled evening and this year's party will undoubtedly be the same.

**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:** To get the discounted rate be sure to make your reservations at the Iris Garden Inn by December 23, 2019 and at the Days Inn by Wyndham, Daytona Beach Downtown by January 10, 2020.

**NEW INFO** Sunday, February 23, 2020 – The BCC has planned the 2<sup>nd</sup> “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 Sunday, 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. 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).

**NEW.** If you're not certain about going on this cruise or want to chat with those going, there is a pre-cruise meeting on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the YNot Pizza in Landstown Shopping Center at 12:30 p.m. Here we'll discuss the cruise and try to answer questions you may have and possibly convince those that are still uncertain about going to join us for a week of fun in the sun. So mark your calendar and save the date.

## **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/](http://www.carclubcouncil.info/) or by contacting Joe Pine and the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council (VPCCC) [www.vpccc.org](http://www.vpccc.org).

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