

Beachcombers Newsletter

September 2021



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

BCC NEWS ITEMS

- ❖ The *Virginia Beach Rescue Squad (VBRS)* appears to be a good fit for our needs as a location for our Business Meetings. So, the September 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 can access the conference room at 6:45, with the meeting beginning at 7:00 and 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 the *Ensenada Mexican Restaurant*, located at 2824 Virginia Beach Blvd.

- ❖ We are a little closer to choosing the Board for the upcoming year but, it’s not too late to get involved by running for one of the Board positions. If interested please reach out to Jacob Or-Bach, to discuss.

At this month’s Business Meeting we’ll learn of those who have volunteered to run for a position on the Board. At the October Business Meeting we’ll hear from the candidates themselves as well as from the current Board members who have agreed to stay in their current positions and per the Beachcomber’s Constitution the election of officers will take place at the November Business Meeting. I urge you to talk with a current or a past Board member and consider becoming a member of the Board.

- ❖ In last month’s Newsletter I failed to mention the overnight trip some of the Beachcombers took to New Bern, NC in July. The word *incredible* doesn’t accurately describe the great time we had. After a leisurely drive to our hotel in New Bern, we walked to an open-air market followed by lunch at a local eatery. From there we began exploring the town and went to the drug store where *Pepsi-Cola* was formulated in 1893. More exploring led us to the historic Governor’s Mansion where some toured the gardens and mansion. Later in the afternoon we all met outdoors to savor a few adult beverages and take in the scenery at the marina which was adjacent to the hotel. For dinner we drove to a near-by Mom & Pop Italian eatery for a great meal with great company. After dinner it was back to the hotel for more outdoor fresh air and beverages. On Sunday, we drove to Beaufort, NC, about 25 miles from New Bern, for an excellent lunch and a stroll down the main street of this picturesque small town before heading home. This was a picture-perfect weekend and something you may wish to consider when we do another overnight weekend getaway.
- ❖ WTF Friday? (Where’s The Food Friday?) turned out to be a huge success. Over 40 Beachcombers showed up at *Blue Pete’s* on August 6 for a great meal and company. After dinner several people took in the live music and enjoy the nice weather the evening offered. Be on the lookout for another WTF event.
- ❖ Beachcombers Bowling returned on August 15 with great gusto after a long delay due to Covid. The turnout was great, about 30 Beachcombers showed up and enjoyed bowling, refreshments and of course great company. A few of our skilled bowlers were on hand to give pointers and demonstrate the fine art of bowling. Thanks to Bill Kaelin for taking the lead at arranging this event.

- ❖ 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. Due to an email hiccup John Herbert did not get word that the Beachcombers are willing to sell the trailer. However, John Herbert now has the information regarding the sale of the trailer and will provided feedback to the Beachcombers.
- ❖ Progress is being made with the development of the new Beachcombers webpage. At the August Business Meeting John Kummers told us that the web developer is making progress and we should be seeing a version of his work soon. More to come.
- ❖ A group of concerned Beachcombers met and did some brainstorming regarding the development of a survey that can be used to solicit input ensuring we are doing things that appeal to the majority of Club members. The survey is still being polished and will be sent out soon. I'm asking in advance that you respond to the survey, when received, and provide us with the feedback we need to make this Club all you want it to be, after all *This is Your Club*.
- ❖ The Beachcombers membership continues to grow, as we are now at 128 families. Please join me in welcoming our newest members.
 - April & Dennis Bautista with their impressive 2016 Shark Gray Z06,
 - Debbie & Wade Moorefield in their beautiful 2008 White Z51.
- ❖ As you look through this month's newsletter you will notice that the number of planned events for November and beyond are beginning to dwindle. This isn't because we've lost interest in activities but because generally the weather doesn't lend itself to driving on performance tires in cold weather. If you have an idea of an activity that might be of interest to the Club please share your idea with me.
- ❖ 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.

MERCHANDISE

A link, 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 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 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? (INTERESTING C5 FACTS)

- The C5 was the first GM vehicle to receive the venerable LS V8 engine.
- Hydroforming was utilized to shape the C5's frame rails, a first-ever in the Corvette's history. This helped its chassis be four-times stiffer than the previous-gen C4.
- This was the last Corvette, and one of the last cars in general, to have pop-up headlights.
- Balsa wood is utilized as the C5's floor boards to cut weight, reduce road noise, and improve chassis stiffness; who knew the C5 had something mildly in-common with a Morgan Three-Wheeler.
- The rear suspension includes composite leaf springs, which are more common on pickup trucks than sports cars. But they are lighter, help enable the Corvette's low ride height, and are known to ride more comfortably than more common coil springs.
- The drivetrain is a rear transaxle, connected to the engine at the front via a long torque tube, which adds to the chassis' rigidity. This improves the Corvette's weight balance significantly.
- The C5-R was Chevrolet's international GT racing platform. Notably, it raced at Daytona, Le Mans, and other world-famous circuits. In 2001 Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr. raced it together at Daytona, earning fourth place overall.

WHAT WE DID IN AUGUST

Tuesday, August 3 – Beachcombers Monthly Business Meeting.

Friday, August 6 – WTF Friday? (Where's The Food Friday?)

Saturday, August 7 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. Hosted by the Beachcombers.

Wednesday, August 11 – Beachcombers Breakfast at *The Brick House Diner*.

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Friday, August 13 & 27 – Suffolk Airport Cruise-In.

Saturday, August 14 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. Hosted by the VCL

Sunday, August 15 – Beachcomber Bowling at "Pinboy's at the Beach.

Wednesday, August 18 – Beachcombers Board Meeting at the YNOT Pizza at LTC Shopping Center.

Friday, August 20 – BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) in Washington, NC. **CANCELLED**

Saturday, August 21 – 2021 Richmond Raceway (RR) Corvette Corral. **CANCELLED**

Saturday, August 21 – Khedive Autos Fun & Shine Car Show (Shriners Car Show).

Saturday, August 21 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is hosted by the Flag Runners.

Sunday, August 22 – Commonwealth Senior Living Memory Care Center Car Show.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, August 26, 27 & 28 – Corvettes at Carlisle.

Saturday, August 28 – Cruise-In at Landstown Commons. This Cruise-In is being hosted by the 7CCC.

MAJOR SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 12 – Beachcombers Annual Picnic. 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 for many years. The outdoor pavilion is a perfect picnic setting and ensures hot, freshly prepared food from their kitchen only 100 feet away.

To prepare for the picnic we need an accurate headcount of the people planning to attend and we are using the sign-up sheet to determine the headcount. So, if you haven't signed up or notified me to add your name to the sign-up sheet please do so **ASAP** as our final headcount must be provided by September 8. The \$10.00 per person copay can be paid the day of the picnic. Thanks for your cooperation. Please refer to the flyer for additional information. This is a sign-up event.

NEW INFORMATION Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 17, 18 & 19 – Oceana Naval Air Station Air Show. Due to Covid, this event has been **CANCELLED** in its entirety.

NEW INFORMATION Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 – 42nd 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.

Friday morning we'll drive to Pigeon Forge via the Blue Ridge Parkway and some exciting Corvettes roads, stopping along the way to enjoy the scenery and for lunch. After our arrival in Pigeon Forge you can head out to explore the surrounding area. Later on Friday night the Vette Fest Committee has a Meet & Greet planned where we can get to know some of the other Corvetters and perhaps enjoy a few adult beverages.

Saturday is Vette Fest which is in the hotel parking lot and later that night there is a Roaring 20's afterparty. I've heard that several of the Beachcombers ladies and gents will be dressing in their finest Roaring 20's attire. So plan ahead and get your garb ready.

On Sunday we will drive to Frankfort, KY where we have reservations for 10 people each at a 12:00 and 12:30 tour of the *Buffalo Trace Distillery*. To find out more about the *Buffalo Trace Distillery* visit their website at; <https://www.thetravel.com/where-is-buffalo-trace-distillery/>. Following the distillery tour and shopping in their gift shop 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. 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. As of this writing we still need two more cars. Once I have more details, I will share them with you. This is a sign-up event.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES BEYOND SEPTEMBER

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 1, 2 & 3 – 10th 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, a tour of the Rick Hendrick Heritage Museum is available (at an added cost) as well as the Rick Hendrick NASCAR Race Trams buildings. 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 we 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 EVENT Thursday, October 7, 2021 – Tech Night at Premium Auto Films. The Beachcombers have been invited to a demonstration of a relatively new product on the market called *EXPEL*. This is a car wrap product that can be applied to your car to help minimize the abrasive effects of driving on the clear coat and paint on your car. Join us for pizza at Premium Auto Films located at 524 Central Drive in Virginia Beach at 6:30 to learn more about this product. [This is a sign-up event.](#)

NEW INFORMATION Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 8, 9 & 10 – IMSA Weekend at VIR. 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>.

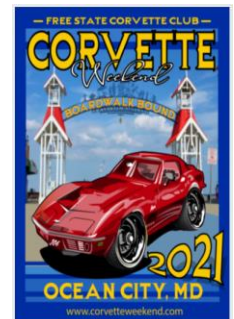
Corvette Corral tickets are on sale via the VIR website. This year the Corvette Corral ticket price is \$250.00 for car, driver, and passenger, plus an additional \$26.50 for handling fees. If you are active duty or retired military be sure you call the VIR Ticket Office to get a reduced-price ticket package.

The two complimentary Corvette Corral ticket packages that were donated by were raffled off at the August Business Meeting and the winning tickets drawn were Brian Bowers and Skip Cutting, neither of which were present. When Brian Bowers was notified of his win he said he wasn't able to attend after all and another name was drawn and that was Bob Bradley. Congratulations to both winners.

NEW UPDATE REGARDING HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS. The *Days Inn by Wyndham Reidsville* located at 2205 Barnes Street, Reidsville, NC has **CANCELLED** our block of rooms for October 8 & 9. I only learned of this after one of our members contacted me saying they were having problems trying to reserve a room. Due to the late nature of finding rooms, especially at a reasonable rate, I'm asking each of you to search the internet for rooms and at a rate that fits your budget.

I anticipate leaving later in the day on Friday, October 8 and drive to our respective hotels. On Saturday and Sunday we'll meet at the track to enjoy the day's festivities and drive home after Sunday's race. [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. 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.](#)



NEW EVENT Thursday, November 11 – Tidewater Veterans Day Parade. Last year, this parade was cancelled due to Covid restrictions but it's a go for 2021 and the Beachcombers have been invited to participate. The final details for this parade are still being worked out but it's anticipated that this parade will begin at 9:00 am with the route beginning on the south end of Atlantic Avenue and travelling to the reviewing stand at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial. So here is your chance to dress your Corvette in its finest red, white and blue finery in honor all of our nation's veterans. Following the tradition of previous

parades the participating Beachcombers undoubtedly find themselves at a local eatery for lunch. Look for mor details to follow. 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 – 3rd 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 a 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 & Caicos Islands, then to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, then to St. Maarten, and finally to St. Kitts in the Caribbean Sea. A note indicates that port substitutions and orders 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) 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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