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Eye candy to adorn our cover this month — Mike Shepherd's beautiful '56

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Next Meeting: April 20 Start Time: 7:30 pm

Aquia Harbor Inn 1415 Washington Dr, Stafford, VA 22554

ACCCording to the President Al McCloud

2021 ACCC BOARD **MEMBERS**

April 2021

Greetings fellow Corvetters. We are finally getting to the point in the pandemic where we can start congregating again, but there are still many out there that are trying to spoil it for us by not getting the vaccine or wearing the masks. I am sure that none of you fit that category.

Unless something drastic happens, we will meet at the Harbour Inn for our general membership meeting on April 20th at 7:30. The Fourth Amendment to Executive Order 72, raised social gatherings to 50 people. Hope to see you there. Even though most of us are vaccinated, we will still adhere to the mask and distancing policies so that there is nobody feeling any discomfort - me. There may be free cookies and you will not have to show a vaccination card to get them. Maybe we can gather for breakfast in May.

Some of us did get out for the Cars and Coffee this past month and a few of us went with the Battlefield Club to Montpelier which was a great day for a cruise. Interesting tour of President Madison's home and grounds.

The March general membership ZOOM meeting went well with just a few hiccups. We had good participation from the club, so those who did not participate, you should get the Zoom app, load it on your computer, phone, or IPAD and join in the meeting, if we should need to have another one. It's easier than trying to program your Infotainment system on the Corvette.

Check out Joan's calendar and plan to participate in an Other Club Duties upcoming club event.

Most Corvettes are Red





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ACCC General Meeting March 16, 2021

Via Zoom

<u>Participants:</u>

Al McCloud - President

Joan Yaros - Vice President

Steve Argubright - Secretary/Treasurer

Skip Sizemore - Immediate Past President

Marie Sizemore - Membership Governor

Pete Rutledge - Newsletter Editor

Chris Mendl - Member

Ron Mahaffey - Member

Dave Benton - Member

Nan Wehmeyer - Member

Margaret McCloud - Member

Paul Thompson - Member

President Al McCloud called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

President's Report. No Report.

<u>Vice President's Report.</u> Reminded participants about the 3/15/21 email addressing two new Spring/Summer club cruises. Noted that the cruise to Captain Billy's Crab House is doubtful due to dining restrictions.

<u>Secretary/Treasurer's Report</u>. 2020 federal and state income tax returns have been completed and submitted by Mr. Michael J. Klein, CPA. The fee was \$XXX. The club's checking account balance is \$XXX and there are no outstanding obligations.

Immediate Past President's Report. No Report.

<u>Membership Governor's Report.</u> The club has 50 members. Working on potential sites for a club Christmas party.

<u>Newsletter Editor's Report.</u> The April newsletter will be compiled by March 23. Always looking for pictures, and inputs on members' first or memorable Corvette.

Old Business: None

New Business: March birthdays were announced. There were no anniversaries.

Adjournment: 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Argubright, Secretary/Treasurer



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AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide educational needs for those with Corvettes, and for the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of all Corvettes.

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Aquia Creek Corvette Club (ACCC) was formed in September 1987 by a group of die-hard Corvette enthusiasts from Aquia Harbor in Stafford, VA. The name was selected reflecting the Club's geographic and historical origins in the Old Dominion. Through hard work and commitment, ACCC has enjoyed constant growth and now boasts 54 members representing nearly 70 Corvettes, from a 1953 to 2018. ACCC membership consists primarily of Stafford County residents, but has members from Prince William, Fairfax, Fauquier, Spotsylvania, Orange, Culpeper, Loudon, Louisa counties, and two in Florida. Since September 8th, 2014, the ACCC Facebook Group has been limited to ACCC members only, except for a few that were already group members.



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ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS Joan Yaros

Welcome April! We are all looking forward to warmer weather and fewer COVID restrictions. All has announced our first 2021 in-person meeting will be on April 20. Hope to see some of you soon!

I spoke to Mike Shepherd on Monday and Captain Billy's is still not open or answering their phone. So, at this point, we agreed it would be best to cancel again this year.

The good news is that more local events are opening up and lots of car shows coming soon as restrictions are easing. For those interested, Cars and Coffee-Woodbridge should be returning sometime in April but at a new location, Tacketts Mill. I will keep you posted.

For members comfortable eating out at a restaurant, I am planning our first breakfast gathering at Juke Box Diner at 9:00 am on May 15.

Also coming up, ACCC has two new overnight trips planned. One to the OBX Rod and Custom Show in NC for April 29-May 2 and the other to Natural Bridge/Lexington for July 22-24. Please see the information in Events and the following pages in the Newsletter. Please let me know if you are interested in these two trips or if you have any questions.

If you have any ideas for events or for short cruising trips that are on your "bucket list," now is the time to bring it up and put a plan in motion.

One last item to mention is our Christmas party this year. Marie Sizemore graciously stepped up and has checked on two potential locations and I have checked on a third. We will present the information at our April 20 meeting for the Club's consideration. We will also be sending out an email to members asking for their quick responses so the Club can secure a place for our party on December 5.

Please remember that any and all future events and/or meetings are still subject to COVID restrictions in place.

Save the wave,



ACCC Events Calendar - April

April 1 - April Fool's Day

April 4 - Easter

April 18 - Canceled - Captain Billy's Seafood Cruise. Restaurant is still not open.

April 20 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Harbour Inn in Aquia.

April 29-May 2 - First Flight Cruisers OBX Rod & Custom Show. Please see the following pages with additional information. POC is Joan.

Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars

May 8 - 5:30-9:00 - Cars and Ice Cream at the Ole Country Store in Culpeper. \$15 entry fee to benefit Team Fisher House. Top 20 trophies, DJ, Lonesome Dove BBQ and ice cream! Maybe we can meet early in Culpeper and caravan to the Ole Country Store?

May 9 - Mother's Day

May 15 - 9:00 am - Breakfast at Juke Box Diner, 8637 Sudley Road, Manassas.

May 18 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Harbour Inn in Aquia.

May 31 - Memorial Day

Looking Way Ahead - Mark Your Calendars

June 5 - 9:00 am - Breakfast at TBD

June 13 - 9:00 am-3:00 pm - NVCC's Breakout Car Show at Rosenthal Chevrolet, 6500 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. \$25 online and \$30 at the door. NCCC Sanctioned Event. See NVCC website for info.

June 15 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Harbour Inn in Aquia.

July 4 - Independence Day

July 10 - Vettes for Vets Show at Warrior Retreat in Haymarket. Details forthcoming (see flier in this newsletter).

July 18 - Annual Graves Mountain Lodge lunch cruise. Meet at Super Target on Route 28 at 9:30 am for departure at 9:45 to 201 Southgate Shopping Center in Culpeper by 11:15. Alternate: drive directly to Culpeper on your own. Skip & Marie will be leading us from Culpeper at 11:30 am for our 1:00 pm reservation. Pay \$23.00 + beverage + tax and gratuity prior to seating for lunch. Lunch will be served family style. POCs are Skip & Marie Sizemore.

July 20 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Harbour Inn in Aquia. July 22-24 - Trip to Natural Bridge-Lexington area. Please see attached page for additional details. POC is Joan.

August 14 - ODCC's All Corvette Show in Manassas. Additional details forthcomina.

August 17 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Harbour Inn in Aquia. August 26-29 - Corvettes at Carlisle. Looking for a member to be POC for this event.

Sept 6 - Labor Day

Sept. 21 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Harbour Inn in Aquia. September 25 - BCC's Annual Cruz-In in Fredericksburg. Save the date. Details forthcoming.

Sept. 26 - Annual Picnic at Widewater State Park in Stafford. Details forthcoming. POCs are Skip & Marie Sizemore.

Oct. 8-11 - Corvettes are racing at VIR's Michelin GT Challenge IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship.

Oct. 15-18 - Free State's Corvette Weekend in Ocean City. Details forthcoming. Make your reservations now at Paradise Plaza, 410-289-6381, POC is Joan.

Oct 19 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Harbour Inn in Aquia.

Nov. 7 - Maybe Hickory Bridge Thanksgiving lunch cruise. Date subject to Bud Donner's approval.

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Nov. 16 - 7:30 pm - Monthly meeting at Harbour Inn in Aquia.

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 4 - Toys for Tots ACCC and BCC cruise to Marine Corps Museum. POC is Steve Argubright.

Dec. 5 - Christmas Party. Location TBD with Club's approval. Marie Sizemore and Joan are POCs.

More Info from Joan on Club Trips to the OBX Rod & Custom Festival and Natural Bridge

This is an updated and shorter description of two planned Club trips. A more detailed email was sent on March 15 to all members.

The first trip will be April 29 to May 2 to the OBX Rod & Custom Festival. See additional info at www.OBXRC.com or on their Facebook page. It is my understanding that more than 500 vehicles have registered so far and there are several display locations.

ACCC has a block of rooms at Baymont by Wyndham Kitty Hawk at the Festival rate of \$89.99+ for Thursday & Sunday and \$119.99+ for Friday & Saturday. Call Baymont at 252-261-4888 for reservations in the ACCC block by April 10 and choose your own arrival and departure dates. Also please call, text or email Joan of your reservation. So far we have 8 rooms booked.

Everyone is free to make your own travel arrangements to and from the Outer Banks. For anyone interested, Skip and Marie Sizemore and I plan to meet on Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 am for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel in Central Park, Fredericksburg, and depart at 8:30 am. Please let us know if you want to join us.

The second trip will be July 22 to 24 to the Natural Bridge/Lexington area. ACCC has a block of rooms at the historic Natural Bridge Hotel. You will have a choice of two room types. The Veranda Room is a smaller room with a covered porch and street level walkout and either a king bed or two doubles at \$99.00+ per night. The Balcony Room is a larger room inside the main hotel with a balcony and either a king or two queens at \$119.00+ per night. Both room types include breakfast in the Colonial Dining Room.

Call National Bridge Hotel at 540-291-2121 for reservations under Aquia Creek Corvette Club, group code ACCC0722, by June 15. Please let Joan know that you have booked a room. So far, we have 5 rooms booked.

Plans are to drive down on Thursday morning, visit Natural Bridge on Friday after breakfast. The cost is \$8.00 each for Natural Bridge State Park. Lunch will be at the Pink Cadillac Diner, an iconic local diner and favorite of car and bike clubs. After lunch you are free to check out historical sites in Lexington with lots of other options in the area to explore on your own or with a group.

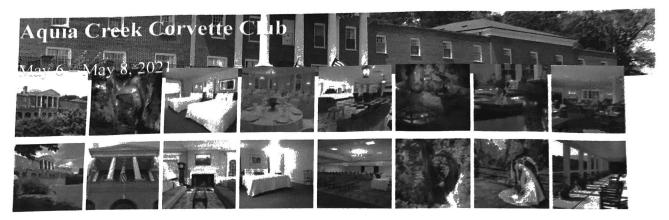
Saturday after breakfast you are free to leave on your own or stay and check out the area. Possible stop at Route 11 Potato Chip Factory on the way home?

Please contact Joan with any questions, suggestions or comments.

Hotel Info for Club Cruise to Natural Bridge

NATURAL BRIDGE

Historic Hotel & Conference Center



Hi Joan

Such a pleasure to speak with you this afternoon and thank you for considering our property for your Club. We do have availability for the dates you have requested as well as July 29-31, 2021, and are pleased to present the following:

Room Block

Thursday, May 6, 2021 - Saturday, May 8, 2021

Room	Rate	Thu May 06	Fri May 07	Sat May 08	
Veranda - Double	\$99.00	5	5	-	
Balcony Room - 2 Queen	\$119.00	5	5	-	
Totals		10	10	_	

Total Room Nights: 20

Please note, rates include Breakfast in our Colonial Dining Room each morning.

Thank you again for your interest. I will follow-up with you in the coming weeks to discuss further. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Anita Aaron Director of Sales

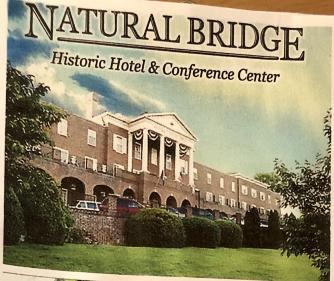
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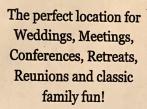
More Hotel Info for Club Cruise to Natural Bridge





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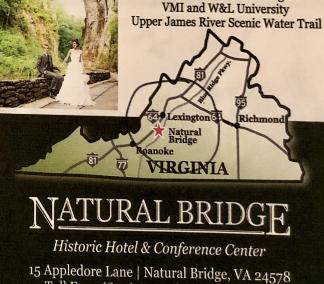
The Caverns At Natural Bridge

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Pink Cadillac Diner in Lexington, VA, for Club Cruise to Natural Bridge









OBX Rod and Custom Festival





NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM April 2021 Bud Donner



One year ago this month the country was shutting down - the Bash was rescheduled to May and later cancelled, the Museum was closed, the assembly plant suspended operations temporarily, masks became fashionable and TP was as scarce as hen's teeth. It has been a year without Corvette events, car shows, and club drives, and it's probably still too soon to go back to the old normal. Better times are coming though, and the advance bookings for upcoming NCM calendar events shows how anxious Corvette owners are to start driving again:

The Bash is this month (April 22-24) with driving events at the Motorsports Park, raffles, scenic drives, the Hall of Fame banquet - almost all events and lectures are already **fully booked**.

April 25-28 - Dragon Run at the Biltmore - sold out.

June 1-5 - the Branson Experience is an NCM event in Branson, MO - sold out Sept 2-4 - the 27th Anniversary Celebration, with tours, videos, raffles, and technical lectures - details available soon. **Probably will sell out quickly**.

Nov 4-6 - the annual Vets 'n Vettes event, with Motorsports Park track driving, road tours, and the downtown Veteran's Day parade. **Bud.**



Just another happy Corvette owner.

www.corvettemuseum.org buddonner@msn.com



One ACCC Member (Joan Yaros) Participated in Cars 'n Coffee at Tackett's Mill, Woodbridge, March 27



ACCC Members might consider this show on May 1 in Manassas



VETTES for VET'S CORVETTE SHOW



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RAIN DATE JULY 31, 2021

What Did You Do to Your Corvette??

(Since the last newsletter)

Steve Argubright, 2019 roadster: I drove to The Plains, Virginia, and had lunch at the Rail Stop restaurant, where the club went on its mystery cruise two years ago. The staff is top notch and the food was delicious!!

Pete Rutledge, **1991 coupe**: I drove from Woodbridge to Dumfries to get my first COVID vaccination dose at CVS. It was a nice sunny day and the car and CVS performed flawlessly.

Lee Morton, 2015 roadster: In most vehicles, the battery reliability usually lasts about five years. After such time, it's not uncommon to see an increase in battery-related issues. I've experienced this myself in other vehicles I've owned that we're older than 5 years. That includes my 2005 C6 which I kept for seven years. So after six years, I just replaced the original battery in my 2015 convertible.

Bud Donner, 2013 Callaway roadster: I hadn't driven the Callaway for months, so yesterday I decided to take it out for a spin around town. I went out to the garage, squeezed the door latch and---nothing! The green light was lit on the battery saver, so it was fully charged. Pushed the unlock button on the fob - the door was still locked. What to do - take it one logical step at a time; first step was to pour a splash of Tito's on ice - it worked its magic and the solution became obvious. I know 99% of you already have the answer - replace the little battery in the key fob! It's also probably worth five minutes to review the use of the key inside the fob, the door release cable in the trunk, and the fob slot in the glove compartment.

FYI — An Interesting Corvette Blog —



Click on the link below to go to the Corvette Blogger web site.

https://www.corvetteblogger.com/?

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EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 2000 Corvette

There weren't major changes in the 2000 model compared to the previous year. A number of minor changes were made, however. New wheels were introduced with thin spokes and were available in a popular optional polished finish (for \$895 extra). The Z51 han-



dling option was revised with larger diameter front and rear stabilizer bars and revised shock absorber valving. Two new exterior colors were added, including Millenium Yellow (see photos on next page). Torch Red became available inside the Corvette as an upholstery color (it had been a very popular exterior color since 1994). Passive Keyless Entry was replaced with Active Keyless Entry. The key lock on the passenger side was eliminated. The standard engine was the 350 cubic inch, 345hp version that was the same as the previous year. 18,113 coupes were produced, along with 13,479 convertibles and 2,090 fixed-roof hardtops. The relatively rare hardtop model included Z51 suspension and 6-speed manual transmission. The most popular color this year was Torch Red (as it had been beginning in '97) and the least popular was Nassau Blue Metallic.

2000 Nostalgia

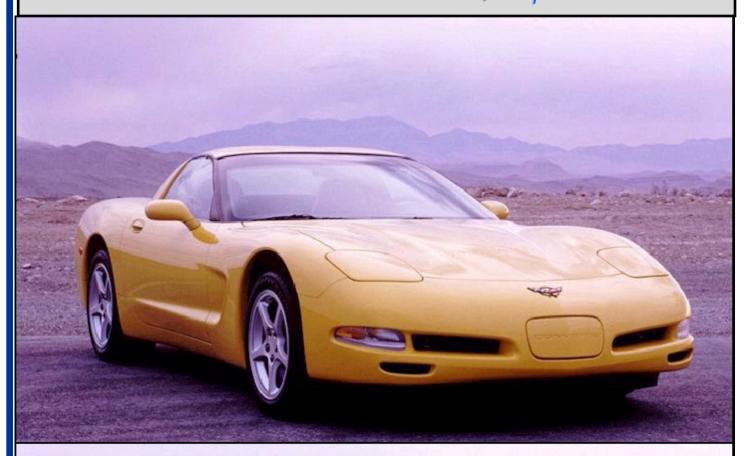
Oscar Winning Pictures: "GLADIATOR," "Chocolat," "Crouching Tiger," Hidden Dragon," "Erin Brockovich," "Traffic"

President/Vice President: Democrat, 1993-2001, Bill Clinton/Al Gore

News Events:

- Debate over whether a 6-year Old Boy Rescued at Sea Should Be Returned to father in Cuba
- Year 2000 sweeps across the planet with no computer catastrophes or glitches.
- AOL announces it will buy Time Warner in what would be the largest corporate merger ever.

EDITOR'S NOSTALGIA - 2000 Corvette (cont'd)





April Birthdays*	April Anniversaries*
April 10 — Chris Mendl April 11 — Ron Dingus April 21 — Bettie Shepherd April 28 — Rebecca Hamil	None that we know of

<u>*Please Note</u>: If we fail to list your birthday or anniversary, it may be because we don't have your dates in our membership database. If you would like to see your birthdays/anniversaries listed in the future, please let Marie Sizemore know just the month and day of your events.

FOR SALE or FREE

This space is reserved for you For Sale or Free ads.

Please send them to the editor.

April 2021



NOTE: See "ACCC Events" on Page 5 for the details on particular events.				ents.	ACCC Events	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 April Fool's Day	2	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 7:30PM ACCC Meeting @ Aquia Har- bor	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	OBX Rod & Custom Show	30 OBX Rod & Custom Show	May 1-2 OBX Rod & Custom Show

ACCC CLUB JACKETS



Members can order club jackets embroidered with our logo from Heartland Sign Works, 2072 Jeff Davis Hwy, Stafford Courthouse, VA 22554 (open 8:30-5:00, Mon-Fri), phone (540) 659-2411. As show in the pictures to the left, a large embroidered club logo is on the rear; the front would normally have a smaller club logo on left chest; other options available but might be extra cost. Jackets come in three varieties (prices do not include tax);

- 1. Competitor Jackets nylon outer shell, front zipper; \$61.98 up to XL; \$63.98 for 2XL; \$65.98 for 3XL; \$67.98 for 4XL; \$69.98 for 5XL; \$71.98 for 6XL
- 2. Denim Jackets (shown at left) stone-washed indigo denim, button front; \$69.98 up to XL; \$71.98 for 2XL; \$73.98 for 3XL; \$75.98 for 4XL.
- 3. Welded Soft Shell Jackets polyester woven shell bonded to water-resistant film insert and polyester microfleece lining, front zipper; same pricing as for Denim Jackets, above.

(ABOVE PRICES WERE UPDATED IN FEB. 2021)

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* Available at Prince William Engraving, 2608 Dynasty Loop, Woodbridge, VA 22192. PH: 703-494-2658. Badges take 5-7 days and will cost \$12.19 each. See article in the June 2016 newsletter, reference same.

Club 25th Anniversary Coin





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 - Car shows
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