

THE ACCCelerator

AQUIA CREEK

CORVETTE CLUB

May 2024



Returning member Gene Kneibert's C5
 Welcome back Gene & Angie

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Next Meeting: May 21
Start time: 7:00 PM
Aquia Harbor
Stafford, VA

ACCCording to the President Ron Mahaffey

2024 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

Well, it appears that Spring is finally here. You see more and more Corvettes on the road as they had been in hibernation for the Winter.

This month we had several members (Al McCloud, Jim Martin ((Denise - Jim's wife showed up to support also)) Dave Jones, Chris Mendl, Steve Argubright and Ron Mahaffey) support the Register Chapels Spring Block Party.

Also this month Mike Shepherd arranged the annual Capt. Billy's Cruise and luncheon with police escort from the King George Police Department to the Harry Nice Bridge. We had representatives from Battlefield and Piedmont Corvette Clubs join us for the cruise to Capt. Billy's and a very good lunch. How those ladies get 27 people all served at once is amazing. Very good service. Thank you Mike for making all the arrangements.

I had put out a challenge a couple of months ago to increase the membership by 5%. I am happy to report that you met that goal. Thank you, lets continue to look for new members.

We had an ACCC Board meeting this month (required by the club by-laws) and we will share the results with you at the May monthly meeting.

Please support Pete with photos and articles about your Corvette. It's always interesting reading about what other Corvette owners have done to their Corvette in the way of not only modifications, but general maintenance and tips that may help you with your Corvette.

Have a great day!

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

At the May 21 meeting we will vote on approving the purchase of a brick at the NCM for Dave and Dottie Shadbar.

Ron

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President

Ron Mahaffey

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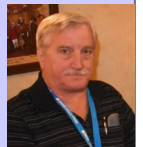
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AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB

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.

NOW IN OUR 37th YEAR

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 41 members representing nearly 80 Corvettes, from a 1954 to a 2023. ACCC membership consists primarily of Stafford County residents, but has members from Prince William, Spotsylvania, Culpeper, and Botetourt counties, as well as one member in North Carolina and one in South Carolina. Since September 8th, 2014, the ACCC Facebook Group has been limited to ACCC members only, except for a few that were already group members.



Find us on
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groups/437699356306459/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/437699356306459/)

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ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

Marie Sizemore

Hello fellow ACCC members. 2024 ACCC events for the next few months are as follows:

May 4 no breakfast in May

May 4 Zip Customer Appreciation Day in Mechanicsville, VA

May 5 Cinco De Mayo Brunch at Hector's in Lake Ridge at 12:30PM; POC: Ron Mahaffey

May 15 Corvette Display at Sentara Medical Center in Woodbridge from 11AM to 2PM; POC: Steve Argubright.

May 18 Antique Car Show at 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. VA. Cars have to be at least 25 years old. Pre-registration fee is \$10.00 in advance or \$15.00 on day of show.

May 21 ACCC Meeting at 7PM at Aquia Harbour

May 25 Cars and Coffee on the last Saturday of the month through Oct., 8 to 10AM at Classic Car Center, 3591 Lee Hill Dr., Fredericksburg, VA.

May 30 to June 1 Myrtle Beach Corvette Club Banquet and Car Show

June 1 No breakfast in June

June 1 Old Dominion Corvette Club Cruise-In and Wine tasting at the Winery at LaGrange from 11AM to 3:30PM. Registration is \$5.00 per person which is recommended to be paid in advance.

June 18 ACCC Meeting at 7PM at Aquia Harbour

June 23 Graves Mt. Lodge lunch and cruise to winery; POC: Marie Sizemore. Let me know by June 18th if you will attend this event.

June 29 Cars and Coffee from 8 to 10AM at Classic Car Center, 3591 Lee Hill Dr., Fredericksburg, VA

July 6 Great American Buffet in Fredericksburg, VA, at 10AM; POC: Marie Sizemore

Marie





NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)

May 2024

Dave Jones (Email: oneregal@yahoo.com)

For a decade the Museum has offered the "Corvette Experience" at its Motorsports Park (MSP), providing driving experience on its 3.2 mile, 23-turn road course. In 2024 the MSP is launching a new "Driving Academy." The new academy is ideal for the Corvette enthusiast to improve their driving skills in an entry-level driving school. The school offers a combination of classroom sessions, paddock activities and on-track driving exercises. Expert instructors provide high-level instruction tailored to a wide array of skills and comfort levels. Participants have the opportunity to enjoy the Corvette's incredible performance while learning the fundamentals of high-performance driving. The curriculum provides a wide array of topics, including vehicle dynamics, cornering techniques, braking strategies and much more. After the classroom, the exercises move to the paddock area and ultimately to driving on the 3.2 mile road course. The experience also includes admission to the NSM and a lunch voucher for the Stingray Grill. For an added \$30 participants may invite a guest to the classroom sessions, lunch and a tour of the NCM. For an additional fee the guest can also put on a helmet and experience the thrill of riding as passenger with a professional driver in a 20-minute ride-along. More information at motorsportspark.org.

Did you know that in the 1990's there were plans for "The National Corvette Museum CORVETTE LAND" that included a water park, meeting area with restaurant, covered music pavilion, kart track, putt-putt golf course and much more. In keeping with the plan, the NCM has now obtained rights to 8.05 acres, which is currently an RV dealership, adjoining the existing NCM park. The NSM is asking for support to help fund this additional acreage to the existing park. You can see the 1995 Master Plan and find out more about how to contribute on the NSM website at corvettemuseum.org. At the top of the web page click on "Support" and find the article "Imagining our Future."

In shopping news, the Vintage Shop is now open at the Museum and online at corvettestore.com. The shop sells memorabilia from throughout the history of the Corvette. These items have been donated by the public for resale in the shop. Vintage jackets, T-shirts and accessories can be found here. Also rare items are available such as a VHS rewind machine shaped a like a 1963 Corvette. If you wish to donate items you can use the corvettestore.com web sight to find out more. Also now available through the corvette store are personalized checkered flag racing decorative sherpa blankets. These are available for the C1-C6 generations for the purchase price of \$89.95. The blankets are 1/8" thick, 100% polyester, 50 x 60 inches and can be personalized with name, VIN number, year etc. A great gift for the Corvette enthusiast.

Online information: corvettemuseum.org motorsportspark.org corvettestore.com

Dave



www.corvettemuseum.org

www.corvettestore.com



Willing Warriors – Continuing Needs How ACCC Members Can Help

As we all know, Willing Warriors in Haymarket, VA, is a great cause. We attend their Vettes for Vets Corvette Show every year. There is a way we can help them on a continuing basis. They have recurring needs for the following:

- **Cases of Bottled Water** to keep in the garage refrigerator for volunteers who are working and Warrior families when they play outside or go off-site.
- **Tall Kitchen Trash Bags**
- **Dawn Dish Soap**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Septic Safe Toilet Paper**
- **Gallon and Quart size freezer zip lock baggies**
- **Pledge**
- **Snack bars such as Nature Valley Granola bars**

If you bring any of the above items to any ACCC meeting, ACCC Associate member Mary Anne McGovern has volunteered to get them to Willing Warriors. Thank you Mary Anne.

What I Did to My Corvette

Steve Argubright, C8 — CORVETTE WOES

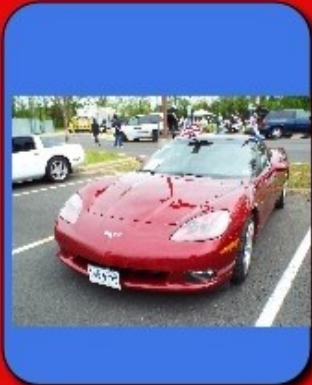
I dropped off my C8 at the local Chevrolet dealer on **April 8** after it began lurching during slow braking and acceleration. I returned on **April 15** and was told the symptoms were still being diagnosed. I stopped back on **April 17**. The C8 was still sitting in the service lane. I was informed that their Transmission Specialist's last day on the job was **April 19**. **April 22** - Service Rep said a new Transmission Specialist had been hired but it will take time before he can start to work. In the meantime, a transmission part has been ordered. If the part does not fix the problem, it looks like a new transmission is in my future. (Note: General Motors has released a Customer Satisfaction Program for select units of the [C8](#) due to a transmission issue).





Monthly breakfast at the IHOP in Stafford on April 6th, attended by Chris Mendl, BJ Jett, Steve Argubright, Skip Sizemore, Marie Sizemore, Ron Mahaffey, Elizabeth Mahaffey, Jim Eden, Jim Martin, David Jones, Margaret McCloud, and Al McCloud.





Cape Fear Motorcycle Club



Fayetteville, NC

Aquia Creek Corvette Club



**REGISTER CHAPEL BLOCK PARTY
April 20, 2024**

**Captain Billy's
Cruise
Apr 28, 2024
Welcome back
Angie & Gene**





**Capt
Billy's
Cruise
4/28/24**



**14
Corvettes

24
Members

Good
Crowd**

The annual cruise to Captain Billy's, on Sunday, April 28th, was the warmest day of the year so far with no rain. The convertible tops were down and the tops were off. With just two weeks notice we had a moderate turnout, with Corvettes and members from three clubs: ACCC, BCC, and Piedmont CC. Thanks to all who attended and made this a successful run. We also welcomed back Gene and Angie Kneibert and their blue C5 convertible. See ya next year!

MYRTLE BEACH CORVETTE CLUB

CORVETTES

At



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ANNUAL

The Beach

MYRTLE BEACH, SC • JUNE 1, 2024



You are invited to help in our club mission by attending our 27th Anniversary **"Corvettes at the Beach"** car show in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at Broadway at the Beach!

MBCC was organized in 1997 around the excitement of the C-5 roll out as a social club organizing events and generating monies for local charities.

In 1997 MBCC enrolled as a lifetime member in the NCM to help in it's time of need.



Over \$100,000⁰⁰

in donations in the past
5 years to local charities



For More Information Visit:
www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com





27th ANNUAL CORVETTES AT MYRTLE BEACH

Saturday, June 1, 2024
"Broadway at the Beach" 8am - 3pm

Registration for ALL Events: \$130.00 per Couple or \$80.00 Single
Fee includes our Banquet Friday, May 31st and

Entry of one (1) car in the Show (each additional car is \$10.00)

REGISTER ON-LINE www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com

Please submit your registration no later than May 13, 2024

Entry Fee: CAR SHOW ONLY (pre-registered) - \$30.00

DAY OF SHOW/CAR SHOW ONLY - \$35.00

Pre-Registration opens Feb. 1, 2024 at

www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com

TROPHY CLASSES

(C1/53-62) (C2/63-67) (C3/68-82) (C4/84-96)

(C5/97-04) (C6/05-13) (C7/14-19) (C8/20-24) (C8/Z06)

Best of Show, Best Engine, Best Interior, Best Custom, Most Extreme,
Furthest Travelled, Club Participation

Awards will be given at the end of the show

Charity Organizations:

Children's Recovery Center • Julie's Kids

GRAVES MOUNTAIN LODGE



SUNDAY, JUNE 23 2024

MEET BY 11:15AM

**AT SOUTH GATE SHOPPING CENTER IN
CULPEPER**

Will depart for lodge at 11:30AM

Cost \$25.00 per person

Winery visit to follow

<i>May Birthdays</i>	<i>May Anniversaries*</i>
<p>May 4 — Louise Donner May 4 — Al McCloud May 9 — Mike Shepherd May 13 — Paul Thompson May 18 — Bud Donner May 30 — Ginelle Benton May 31 — Michael Klein</p>	<p>None that we know of</p>

Please Note: 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

FOR SALE: 1996 Corvette Collector Edition; Last of the C4 generation; 86,000 miles; Sebring Silver body with 5-spoke matching wheels and light gray leather interior; LT1 Engine, 350 ci/300 hp, (5.7 L); Automatic Transmission; AM/FM/CD/Tape; Removable top stores in rear compartment; Battery and AC replaced two years ago. Asking \$14K. Contact Dave at oneregal@yahoo.com.



May 2024



NOTE: See "ACCC Events" on Page 8 for the details on particular events. **ACCC club events**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Zip meet in Mechanicsville, VA
5 12:30PM Cinco De Mayo in Lake Ridge	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 11AM Corvettes at Sentara, Woodbridge	16	17	18 Antique Car Show, Fairfax
19	20	21 7PM ACCC monthly meeting @ Aquia	22	23	24	25 Cars 'n Coffee @ F'burg
26	27	28	29	30 Myrtle Beach car show	31 Myrtle Beach car show	1 Myrtle Beach car show

ACCC CLUB JACKETS



Members can order club jackets embroidered with our logo by Heartland Embroidery, 2072 Richmond Highway, Stafford, VA (phone: 540-659-5799) (open 8:30-5:00, Mon-Thu; closed Fri). 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; \$69.98 up to XL; \$71.98 for 2XL; \$73.98 for 3XL; \$75.98 for 4XL.

2. **Denim Jackets** (shown at left) — stone-washed indigo denim, button front; \$75.98 up to XL; \$77.98 for 2XL; \$79.98 for 3XL;

\$81.98 for 4XL.

3. **Welded Soft Shell Jackets** — polyester woven shell bonded to water-resistant film insert and polyester microfleece lining, front zipper; \$73.98 up to XL; \$75.98 for 2XL; \$77.98 for 3XL; \$79.98 for 4XL.

(ABOVE PRICES WERE LAST UPDATED IN MARCH 2024.)

Contact Heartland Sign Works (address and phone above) to place your order.

QUALITY JACKETS AT GREAT PRICES!!



ACCC STORE

Items For Sale at all Club Events*



American Flags: \$7.00 ea.
Club Flags: \$16.00 ea.
Patches: \$5.00 ea.
Decals/Stickers: \$3.00 ea.



ACCC Name Badges



* 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 (when we last checked).

Aquia Creek Corvette Club Application (Print application) To join or renew membership, either bring application to business meeting, see schedule for time and place, or mail application and membership dues to address at bottom left of application. **IF RENEWING, THIS APPLICATION IS FOR YEAR 20_____.**



Membership Application or Renewal Date: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE : _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____ EMAIL: _____

SPOUSE _____

BIRTHDAY (MEMBER/ASSOCIATE) Month ____ Day ____ (SPOUSE) Month ____ Day ____

ANNIVERSARY Month ____ Day ____

May this information be published in the ACCC Member Directory: YES ____ NO ____

Corvettes currently owned:

Year ____ Style ____ Color ____ Engine ____

Year ____ Style ____ Color ____ Engine ____

DUES INFORMATION:

	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>LIFETIME</u>
ACCC Annual Dues (Member) (after Apr 1 - Half/Annual)	\$30.00 _____	\$150.00 _____
ACCC Annual Dues (Spouse) (after Apr 1 - Half/Annual)	\$20.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Associate Member (after Apr 1 - Half/Annual)	\$20.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
TOTAL	_____	_____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ACCC FOR ALL FEES

MAIL APPLICATION AND APPLICABLE FEES TO:

Chris Mendl, Membership Gov
203 Northview Dr.
Falmouth, VA 22405

ALTERNATIVE ADDRESS:

Aquia Creek Corvette Club
P.O. BOX 986
Stafford, VA 22555

 Member or Applicant's Signature

 ACCC Membership Governor's Signature