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The Official Newsletter of the Corvette Club of Richmond



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Pictures from ZIP Open House—Holiday Party!



Note from the Editor

Again, please be mindful of deadlines we must meet in order to keep the distribution of the newsletter running smoothly. Please make sure all articles, event recaps, and any other information is sent to the Newsletter Editor by the **25th** of each month to jamesntiff4@gmail.com.

I also ask for your ideas for the Tech Tips pages. What would you like to know?

A Message from the President



Fellow CCR Members,

With Christmas 2016 behind us, and likely, the New Year Celebration as well, here's hoping each of you had a wonderful Holiday Season and are looking forward to a joyous New Year.

In December, we enjoyed another delightful CCR Christmas Dinner Dance at the Meadowbrook Country Club. The venue was beautiful, the service was impeccable, the food was scrumptious, the band was terrific, and the company was superb! This was another marvelous CCR event with Fellowship, Fun and Food.

Many thanks to Paul and Gayle Murman for reserving this wonderful venue for us at their Club and assisting in the planning...again! And many thanks to Rick and Kathy Franklin for all their work to make this another fabulous CCR Event. If you were not able to attend, I encourage you to join us at this marvelous event in 2017.

I would like to recognize the outgoing board members for their diligence and devotion to CCR:

Rick Franklin for leading us as President
 Mary Belcher for serving as Recording Secretary
 JR Walker for serving as Treasurer for many years
 Bubba Carr for serving as Sergeant- at- Arms
 Steve DuBosky for serving as Events Coordinator

Great job! Thank you all for your dedicated service to CCR!

Looking forward, I would like to thank the incoming CCR Board and Supporting Appointees for agreeing to continue in service to the CCR.

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Everyone on this list is a veteran CCR Contributor, and I am proud to be part of this esteemed group of dedicated devotees! Thank you for stepping up to do the work needed to keep us the Greatest Corvette Club...in the World.

This year, I look forward to continuing our traditions of Fellowship, Fun and Food at many outstanding Events. We have a Bowling Outing planned by the Wilsons. Gayle, Peggy, Janie, and Val are already planning a Valentine's Brunch on February 12, and I expect we will make another terrific Bunny Run. Plus, we make another trip across the Potomac to Captain Billy's, and we are planning our Annual All Corvette Roundup in June.

I have heard some terrific new Event ideas as well. Please let us know what you would like to do, then allow us to help you move your idea forward and make it a wonderful new CCR Event. We have many veteran OD's who will happily provide help and guidance.

Events are the lifeblood of CCR, so please join in. The best way to get to know other members and make new friends is to participate. I hope to see all the regulars AND many new faces at all the upcoming CCR activities.

Best wishes for the New Year and remember to Save The Wave!

Life is a highway, and I wanna drive it in my Corvette with my best friend Doris as copilot.

Your CCR friend,

Bob Brody

2017 Events Calendar:

Friday, Jan 13	Membership Meeting (Southside) - 7:30pm Meet and Greet: Antonio's Ristorante
Saturday, Jan 21	CCR Bowling Event
Friday, Feb 10	Membership Meeting (Southside) - 7:30pm Meet and Greet: TBD
Sunday, Feb 12	Valentine's Day Brunch

***For event details, please see the website, www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com**

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those members celebrating birthdays this month. May there be a shiny, new surprise in your driveway!

Dot Corbin	1/2	Jim Chesser	1/3
Stacy Harper	1/3	Dianne Deis	1/4
Sue Ann Bickert	1/5	Dale Chambers	1/7
Jack Marshall	1/7	Mike Douberly	1/8
Bill Gladysz	1/8	Jim Cheek	1/11
Jerry Daniels	1/11	Ken Crowder	1/17
Felicia Jennings	1/20	Bruce Griggs	1/22
Louis Merucci	1/22	Annie Alexander	1/23
Cindy Ann Beeson	1/24	Margaret Wilson	1/28
Donna Carr	1/30	Robert Stansberry	1/31

January Meeting

Friday, January 13th at our South Side Location

Our next General Membership Meeting will take place on Friday, January 13th, at 7:30 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 13028 Harrowgate Rd, Chester, Virginia 23831. There is plenty of parking available. So come early to visit in the parking lot with other members!

Meeting Directions (South Side)

From VA-288, take the VA-145/Chester Rd exit toward Chester.

- Turn right onto VA-145 W/Chester Rd (signs for VA-145 W).
- Turn right onto W Hundred Rd.
- Turn left onto Harrowgate Rd.
- Destination will be on the right.

After Meeting Party, Friday, January 13th

The after meeting party on Friday January 13th will be at Antonio's Ristorante located at 11956 Iron Bridge Plaza, Chester, VA 23831. There will be a variety of pizza, salad and soft drinks, coffee, and tea available. Cost will be \$15 per couple, \$8 single. There will be a cash bar available for adult drinks! Come on and join us for some socializing after the General Membership meeting!"



NOVEMBER MEETING'S BIG WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Dinner Ticket—Ray Wells



50/50 Winner—Jim Chesser



WELCOME NEW CCR MEMBERS !!



Barry Welsch

Want to Become a CCR Member ?

In 1960, a small group of Corvette enthusiasts began to gather on a regular basis for fun and fellowship. The first official Club meeting took place in July of 1961. CCR is the oldest Corvette club in Virginia with membership approaching 400. To be eligible for regular membership, you must be a person of good character and own a Corvette. You must attend at least one meeting or event. If you don't own a Corvette, an "associate membership" is available. Associates can participate in all events and functions but have no voting rights. You'll make good friends, have fun and learn more about Corvettes. Club meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. After the meetings, there is usually a party where you can enjoy socializing with other club members.

Annual dues are \$25 for pilots or \$35 for both the pilot and co-pilot (includes spouse, or significant other/child). A membership application can be found on the CCR website:

www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com

Event Re-Cap

Virginia Beach Lights Recap by Lori Dolan

Well, another successful Virginia Beach Lights Event is under our belts and we're already planning for next year! We had fewer folks waiting for us at our staging area which was disappointing, but having only 8 Vettes in our caravan, everyone had a club radio and the ride was nice and easy. JR and Linda Walker did a fine job leading our caravan. Along the way, the radios helped us avoid a hunter's tree stand that fell off a truck in front of us. In Suffolk, a car on the other side of the road was looking at us and ran into the car in front of him. Luckily, they were just crawling, so no major damage!



Again this year we were invited to the home of Susan Jaworski and Bill Hardy in Suffolk for a break and they set out a feast for us of sandwiches, chips & dips, cheeses, fruit, sodas and cookies! In past years they led our caravan the rest of the way to the beach. Last year Bill's mom was ill so they couldn't go with us. This year, Susan broke some ribs at work and was in too much pain to go with us. How generous of them to feed us and make us welcome even though



they couldn't go all the way to the beach with us.

So, JR & Linda resumed the caravan lead again. The 1st leg of our caravan was down nice, winding country roads but this 2nd leg was via interstate. The interstate roads were busy, but changing lanes and keeping together was made easy thanks to our club radios! About 50 minutes later we checked into our hotel where others from CCR, Virginia Corvette Club and the Beachcombers Corvette Club were waiting for us.

Our dinner reservation at Rudees was set for 5:30 and, as expected, service was good and so was the food. After dinner, folks could take the Boardwalk Lights Tour or head back to the hotel's party room for more fun and food. **Talk about food!** We ate at Susan & Bill's, then at Rudees and right after that we put a ton of food out for the party. **Obviously, besides Corvettes we all LOVE to eat!!**



Event Re-Cap

Virginia Beach Lights Recap by Lori Dolan (Continued)

After putting up Christmas lights and decorating the party room, Dave got his poker table going. During the evening different folks took turns playing. Most of the night it was Texas Hold'em and then towards the end of the night we played some 7 Card Stud. The card table is always popular and the games went on until about 1:30 AM!



I played DJ but I haven't changed our musical selection in 3 years. Next year I hope people will let me pull some of the music that they like off their SmartPhones to change things up or we'll end up with the same-old-same-old again next year!



As promised, a large group played musical chairs and it was comical to watch. Several times when I'd cut the music off and people scrambled to grab a seat, TWO people would be left standing without chairs--not noticing that there was still an empty chair waiting!! It took screams from the audience to alert them and get them fighting over the last spot. What a hoot! No surprise--Will from Beachcombers won this game for the 3rd year in a row. The first year he won candy, the second year he won liquor and this year was wine.



The \$3 Left-Right-Center dice game was popular, too. It's an easy game, only costs three one dollar bills to play and each game lasts a good long while. There was a lot of laughing, cheering and moaning as money was passed around the table.



Linda Walker introduced something new to the event. She gave everyone a ticket and then drew numbers during the night for scratch off tickets. And, she put the tickets of those who won back in the hat after each drawing, so it was possible to win several times on your one ticket. Now you know *that* was popular!

There was just one thing that wasn't as popular this year as in the past--and that was our Polar Bear Plunge. I don't know if it was due to the very cold weather or the fact that we had a much smaller crowd this year. Only 3 braved the icy water and earned a Polar Bear t-shirt provided by Linda and JR. Our die-hards were Joanie Raynor, Connie Smith and Judy Anderson.

Most left the next morning after the complimentary breakfast the hotel provides but Dave & I stayed another night so we could do the Boardwalk Lights Tour. Hope you'll join us for this event next year. If you don't have a good time on this event--it's your own fault!



Event Re-Cap

Mechanicsville Christmas Parade

By Kirby Montgomery

CCR Parades with Young Lady "Misses" at Mechanicsville Christmas Parade!

CCR Members volunteered their Corvettes to provide parade rides for Misses State Fair of Virginia, Piedmont Region, Hanover, Hanover Princess, and Cardinal Princess in the Mechanicsville Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 4th. It was a cold and cloudy day this year but no rain (other than just a few drops as the parade was over!). Everyone got into the Christmas spirit and had a wonderful time! We want to give special thanks to all the CCR members who volunteered to participate in this parade with their Corvettes; Lori Dolan, Bubba Carr, Steve Balsam, Ken King, Greg Lucyk, Warren Farrar, John Ficklin, and yours truly. Some of the young ladies were unable to participate at the last minute but we are grateful to our CCR members who volunteered support and came out for the parade.



Upcoming Event

CCR BOWLING EVENT

January 21, 2017

OD: Graham & Margaret Wilson



CCR BOWLING EVENT

WHEN: January 21, 2017

OD: Graham and Margaret Wilson
(804)536-6485

WHERE: Eastern Bowl America
5018 Williamsburg Road
Richmond, VA 23231

TIME: 1-3 pm

PRICE: \$11.50 per person including shoe rental

It is that time againCCR Bowling Event! Please join us at Eastern Bowl America Richmond, Virginia 23231 on January 21, 2017. We have signed up for 2 hours of unlimited bowling plus shoe rental at \$11.50 per person. Please sign up to join in the fun!

Upcoming Event

Valentine's Day Brunch

February 12, 2017

OD: Gayle Murman

Valentine's Day Brunch

ODs – Gayle Murman, Peggy Maloy, Janie Hughes and Val Miser

Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 12:00 pm

Meadowbrook Country Club

3700 Cogbill Road

Richmond, Virginia



Cost To Be Announced

Valentine's Day is coming soon! Plan to spend this special day with the one you love and the ones who love Corvettes as much as you. The meal will include an omelet station, Belgian waffles, carved ham, bacon, sausage, potatoes, various salads, fruit, muffins, pastries, and an entire table of desserts, juices, coffee, tea, plus bottomless champagne.

Attire: Sunday dress, please

Please contact Gayle at 748-7695 for more information.

Please make your checks payable to Gayle Murman. Please mail your check to: 3501 Wood Dale Rd., Chester, VA 23831. Payment is due no later than February 10, 2017.

CORVETTE *in the news*

2017 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport Manual

-K.C. Colwell, Car and Driver Dec 2016

The Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport might as well be twirling a butterfly knife at the intersection of Performance Avenue and Value Lane with a pack of unfiltered smokes rolled up in the sleeve of a plain white tee. It's an intimidating thug from the Bowtie Gang that both outperforms and undercuts the competition. It's a bully that goads others into street fights they can't win and starts just as many brawls among friends (or co-workers if you happen to work here). Nothing at its price comes close to putting up the performance numbers it generates.



Okay, maybe there is one rival. Less than a year ago, a Ford Mustang Shelby GT350 knocked off a Z51-equipped Corvette Stingray in a two-up comparison test. This Corvette Grand Sport, though, is a slightly different animal. With all the Z06's go-fast bits except for the LT4 supercharged V-8, the GS proves that power isn't everything. Our test car also lacked the Z07 package (carbon-ceramic brake rotors, upgraded suspension, nearly racing-grade rubber) and the competition seats. Combined, those options add \$9990 to the price of a GS. The good news? You don't need 'em.

This GS hung onto the skidpad at 1.13 g and stopped from 70 mph in a lung-collapsing 136 feet. While its less aggressive tires likely mean this car couldn't match the Z07-equipped Grand Sport's time of 2:47.1 at the most recent Lightning Lap, we're confident it would come close enough that we'd rather spend \$10K elsewhere.

Atop those braking and cornering scores, add the glorious engine that unleashes 460 horses when you crop the throttle—it propels the GS to 60 mph in 3.9 seconds and through a quarter-mile in 12.3 seconds at 117 mph—and you have quite possibly the best performance value on the market. All of the car's might is baked into the Grand Sport's \$66,445 base price. Headlining the options on our test example was the \$4455 2LT package, which includes a lot of minor and pretty much unnecessary elements, such as a luggage net, front-view cameras, and heated and ventilated seats with memory. The \$1795 Performance Data Recorder produces high-quality dash-cam footage of your pole lap at Watkins Glen—or keeps tabs on parking valets—and also includes navigation. Racing stripes (\$995), Carbon Flash badging (\$100), black wheels (\$495), and the Heritage package, which adds fender and interior hash marks and floor mats for \$795, add strictly visual horsepower, so choose your options wisely.

The only contemporary that comes close to matching the Grand Sport's performance is the Mustang Shelby GT350R, which starts at \$64,270 without a radio. Similarly optioned, the cars carry essentially the same price tag. Arguing the merits of one to the other's fan base is a futile exercise, as blue ovals and bow ties won't get along until a common enemy materializes.

What no spec panel or features breakdown can convey is how composed the Grand Sport is on rough roads. Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires measuring P285/30ZR-19 up front and P335/25ZR-20 in back occasionally follow the ruts and grooves in the road a bit too much, but GM's Magnetic Ride Control dampers do an admirable job of quelling extraneous wheel movement. The trick fluid in the dampers varies its viscosity, and thus damping force, with electrical current, making for a ride that's smooth when you want it and firm when you need it. General Motors has polished this technology for more than a decade in Cadillacs and Corvettes, and it shows. Cars this quick and with this much grip aren't expected to deliver comfort and composure like a family sedan, but this one does.

The base seats not only save money over the competition buckets included in the Z07 package, they are more comfortable on long trips, although we'd want the upgraded thrones in any Corvette we planned to track on a regular basis. There still is a good amount of flex in the base seats when the Corvette is pushed to its extremes, something we have come to live with. We do, however, plan to mention it in every Corvette review in hopes it will be rectified when the mid-engine C8 debuts in the not-too-distant future.

Even without the Z07 package (which we tested this summer), the standard Grand Sport is anything but base. Both it and the GT350 made our 2017 10Best Cars list. Whether they continue to win such honors is a whole other question—and certainly not one that will be answered on a single street corner.



REVS & RUMBLES @ THE NCM

By Barry Roper, NCM Ambassador/Lifetime Member



Hark! Happy Chinese Year of the Rooster! Another New Year is upon us, and for the CCR faithful, the glad tidings herald renewed opportunities for Club participation along with anticipation of the 2017 events calendar. The incoming Board members have labored diligently during December to ensure a running start to the year but new ideas for trips and program suggestions can be helpful.

Many members are regular visitors to the National Corvette Museum's web site and some also have signed up for regular emails from the NCM covering a variety of topics. If you are one of those, you need read no further . . . For others, your choice . . .

Of interest to anyone contemplating ordering a '17 Corvette, take notice that a new color which only debuted at the April 2016 Michelin NCM Bash, **Sterling Blue Metallic**, will be deleted early in 2017 with the last build week being March 20th. No reason was given for its premature demise and no replacement color was announced on Dec. 2nd.

Under the category of Casual FYI, at the Mecum Auction in Kansas City December 1-3, Corvettes dominated the top-sellers list with seven of the top ten vehicles. The most expensive was a yellow '67 427 coupe for \$130,000. Other vettes were a '67 convertible (\$92,500), two '63 split window coupes (\$85,000 & \$80,000), a '67 convertible (\$75,000), a '62 convertible (\$75,000), and a '64 convertible (\$65,000). Others: an '04 Lamborghini, a '76 Trans Am, and a '69 Mustang Mach I.

The Michelin NCM Bash will be April 27-29 and registration will be opening soon. This annual event features a roll-out of the 2018 Corvettes with several versions of the new vehicles on display. Presentations are made by Chevrolet engineers and designers regarding stats for the current model year and information on changes in the new model.

Now that we're in 2017, the NCM's 25th Anniversary Celebration and the associated National Corvette Caravan are two years seven months away. These events will be spectacular and prospective attendees need to be early in to avoid issues with lodging and dining. it's not too soon to mark your calendars for **the last week of August 2019!** Members will be made aware as dates and details for online registration are announced.



IMSA: Corvette Racing keeps line-ups intact for 2017

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Wednesday, 07 December 2016, Team release - Racer

Having swept all six GT Le Mans titles in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship in 2016 and winning five times, Corvette Racing confirmed today that its full-season driver roster will remain unchanged for the 2017 racing season.

Antonio Garcia, Jan Magnussen, Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner will pilot the two Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R racecars during both the IMSA season and the 24 Hours of Le Mans, pending invitations for the annual French endurance race.

This will mark the sixth consecutive year that the full-season lineup features the same four drivers. In their combined Corvette Racing history, they have combined to win 105 races and 10 driver's championships in IMSA competition. Corvette Racing also has amassed 11 class manufacturer and team championships and an IMSA-record 102 race victories.

"Consistency is a key component in a successful endurance racing program," said Mark Kent, Chevrolet's Director of Motorsports Competition. "Retaining our core driver line-up for a sixth straight season gives us the best opportunity to repeat the phenomenal results from 2016."

The two Corvette C7.Rs will participate at an upcoming preseason test Dec. 13-14 at Daytona International Speedway. The team recorded a 1-2 finish in GTLM at last year's Rolex 24 At Daytona with the two cars separated by just 0.034 seconds. Gavin and Milner used that as a springboard to three additional wins and the GTLM driver's title.

"It's great to be coming back and joining Tommy again in the No. 4 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R. It was a great season for us with four victories, a number of podiums and of course sweeping the GTLM championships," said Gavin. "You have a little more spring in your step coming into a new season on the back of one like we had in 2016. You feel confident. I hope that's the way it carries over into 2017."

Milner added: "Being with Corvette Racing for this many years and having the same core team, I find we hit the ground running from the first test to the first race, almost as an extension of the previous year. With the success we had last year, let's hope that translates to a strong start for 2017."



Tech Tips

Corvette Facts' App Is Your Mobile Encyclopedia For America's Sports Car



The internet has made searching for information a breeze no matter what the answer you seek is. But, instead of navigating a search engine, many apps exist specifically to give you the information you desire.

The “Corvette Facts” app is one of those and aims to your mobile encyclopedia for the history of one of our favorite sports cars of all time. The application can be downloaded for both iOS and Android through the Apple App store or Google Play store and features information ranging from the first 1953 Corvette to the current 2017 C7 Corvette family.

The latest iteration of the app was released a few weeks ago, which added the C7 Corvette Grand Sport and all other facts and information regarding the 2017 model year in general.

Other tools included in the app are decoders for VIN numbers, RPO codes, casting numbers, Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTC), casting numbers and engine, transmission and rear axle codes.

The designers of the app told us the application is updated at least once a year to include the latest Corvette information, meaning the latest statistics are never too far out of reach.

You can find the app by searching “Corvette Facts” in your desired app store.

The CCR Store

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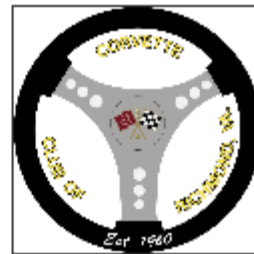


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