



ODCC Newsletter – Spring 2023

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What's Happening

Monthly meetings are normally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 at the Bungalow Lakehouse (46116 Lake Center Plaza, Sterling, VA). For more details and to register for events, see the [Events](#) menu on the [ODCC website](#) and click on [Event Calendar](#). Please check the website often, as new events may be added at any time. Don't forget to check [Cars and Coffee](#) for non-ODCC events you may enjoy.

Upcoming ODCC Events:

- **13 April: Weekday Wanderers.** Happy Hour at Dirt Farm Brewing
- **15 April: Cruise to Charles Town, WV.** An easy cruise on some enjoyable and historic country roads.
- **23 April: Captain Billy's Crab House Cruise with Aquia Creek CC.** Non-ODCC event.
- **29 April: Cruise to Early Mountain Winery with lunch in Culpeper.**
- **06 May: Cruise-in and Wine Tasting at The Winery at LaGrange.**
- **23 – 27 May: National Corvette Museum Cruise-in.** This is the first big ODCC cruise-in for 2023. See the [article](#) below for more details.
- **11 June: Dominion Raceway Track Attack with Battlefield Corvette Club.**
- **04 July: Leesburg 4th of July Parade.** Details not yet confirmed, but save the date!
- **08 July: Simeone Auto Racing Museum "American Muscle".** The museum will be featuring the 1966 Corvette Stingray 427 among other cars at this event. There will also be a raffle to in a ride in one of the show cars!
- **15 July: 4th Annual Vettes for Vets Car Show.** Willing Warriors non-ODCC event; see [Event](#) calendar for details.
- **13 August: ODCC 34th Annual All Corvette Cruise-In.** This is our big event of the year. Mark your calendar now and plan on attending!
- **25 – 27 August: Corvettes at Carlisle.** Save the date!
- See the [Event](#) page for more!

From the President's Garage...

Hello ODCC Members,

Welcome Spring! I am already starting to put some miles on the Corvette and enjoying every minute of it, and I hope you are doing the same!

So far in 2023, we've had several events, two Club meetings, and have had several new members join ODCC. The events page is full of things to do, and I want to thank Bob for all his work and dedication to making these events happen. Bill is actively planning the Club's cruise to Bowling Green to visit the National Corvette Museum and Corvette plant, and is also working hard to set up ODCC's main event in August, the 34th Annual ODCC All Corvette Cruise-In. There is no doubt in my mind that there is something for everyone in the Club for 2023.

As we move forward for 2023, I want to stress that ODCC is your Club! If you have ideas for events, please share them with other members and the Club leadership team. This is a framework that helps to ensure ODCC remains healthy, vibrant, and enjoyable.

In closing, enjoy the warm weather that's around the corner and what the Club has to offer. I look forward to many miles of fun as I take the targa top of my car and bask in the sun behind the wheel of America's Sports Car!

Remember, Corvette - Live it; Love it!

Cheers

Scott

ODCC President



A Corvette is an automobile, the rest are just cars!



2023 Winter Events

ODCC is just getting rolling again for the new year after our winter hiatus. Following are brief synopses of ODCC and other events in which Members have participated since the last newsletter. Please see the ODCC website for additional pictures (Photo Gallery link from the home page, or click here [ODCC Photo Gallery](#), with videos at [ODCC Videos](#)). If you have photos, you can send them (or links using Google Drive or Dropbox) to Bob who can upload them to a Club Album (for Club events only) for you, or you can post non-Club activity photos (like photos of your car you want to share) to the gallery in a "Member Album" you create (log in, got to the Members tab, and select "Upload Photos" and see the [Get to Know the ODCC Website](#) article below for more details). You can also check out the [Old Dominion Corvette Club Facebook page](#) (it is a private group, so you must request to join).

Weekday Wanderers Lunch Run to Front Royal (13 February)

Those willing to brave the horrible February winter weather (60 degrees with intervals of clouds and sun – actually a great day for a drive) met at the Gainesville WaWa, then headed out US 29 through Warrenton to US 211, then north on a winding Route 688 (a very enjoyable road in a Corvette – as one participant said “Sort of a mini *Tail of the Dragon*...a *Tail of the Lizard* maybe?”) through Orlean and Hume to Route 55, then on to Front Royal for a tasty barbecue lunch at the PaveMint Taphouse. With 35 beers on tap, it’s not hard to find something you’ll like, and they had plenty of parking for a group of Corvettes, too. The drive is enjoyable at an easy cruise, or at a faster, more challenging pace. Just be sure to slow down when the speed limit drops to 25 mph. The local governments fund their budgets with out of area drivers, especially on the weekends. We had a great turnout of 14 Weekday Wanderers this time (13 members and 1 guest).



How do you join the Weekday Wanderers, you ask? Easy! Just watch the website and come join in on one of the upcoming weekday lunch drives. We'll be doing them all season long.

ODCC Annual Banquet (25 February)

It was a joy to see so many Club members attend the winter Banquet on February 25th. It was a cold and cloudy evening, but we had a few members drive their Corvette to the event. This year’s banquet was held in Leesburg at Tuscarora Mill in the Wine Cellar. We had 46 ODCC members attend, and all enjoyed the chance to have fun and socialize! The Club covered the cost of the appetizers served during Happy Hour and there was a cash bar with two dedicated (and very personable) bartenders. Before we took our seats for dinner, our Club President welcomed everyone and provided opening remarks, then asked Bill to provide the blessing. Everyone was then able to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner which included fabulous grilled Atlantic salmon and Prime Rib, salad and vegetables, and several different types of dessert. No rubber chicken at Tusksies! The Club also had the chance to learn about one of Tusksies signature dishes, their corn chowder. Before the event, ODCC member Joe noted that the corn chowder is awesome and wanted everyone to be able to try it, and he graciously covered the cost of adding the chowder to the menu. Thanks Joe from all of us who thoroughly enjoyed it! Corn chowder will be on the menu moving forward based on all the positive reviews! The event was a huge success, everyone enjoyed themselves, and the ODCC leadership is working to book the venue again for 2024.





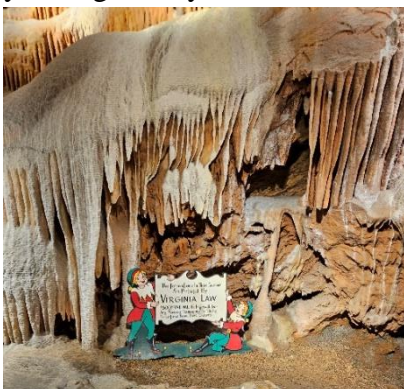
63rd Annual Highland County (VA) Maple Festival (Cancelled)

This was a new event for us and we thought it would be a fun one, but alas, it was not meant to be. The original date was Sunday, 12 March, but when the forecast called for several inches of snow, we postponed it to the following week on Saturday, 18 March. Unfortunately, though no snow was forecast, the high was only going to be 34 degrees with winds around 20 MPH, not very good weather for hiking around outside all day. There were about a dozen folks interested in the trip, so we will look at trying again next year!

Shenandoah Caverns Cruise and Lunch (25 March)

On a rainy and foggy Saturday, 25 March, ODCC members met in Gainesville in the morning. The route went out US 29 to US 211, up and over Skyline Drive at Thornton Gap to New Market, then up Route 11 to the Caverns. The fog was pretty thick around Skyline Drive, and we could barely see the taillights of the car in front of us as we navigated a sort of “Tail of the Gecko” (66 turns in about 10 miles), and a number of those in C8s got to try out “Weather Mode”! It was a fun drive. We had a total group of 10 people in 7 Corvettes.

Shenandoah Caverns are smaller than those at Luray, but less commercialized. They were formed millions of years ago and you can take all the pictures you want, but it is against the law to touch any of the structures, as

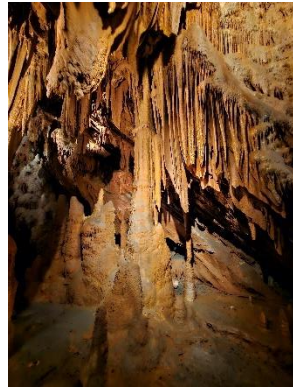


the oils in your skin can damage them. It was really interesting to see the different parts of the caverns (two of the three levels are able to be toured) and you could clearly see how some parts were made through earth movements and others by underground rivers. We learned about a number of different kinds of cave formations, including the typical stalactites and stalagmites (which grow only one cubic inch every 100 – 125

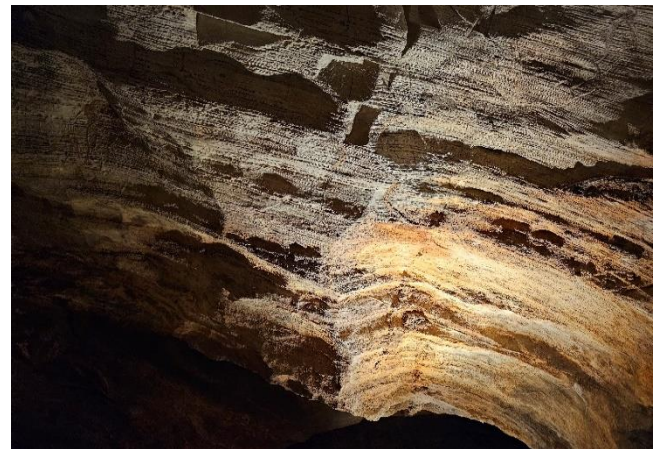


Cave Bacon

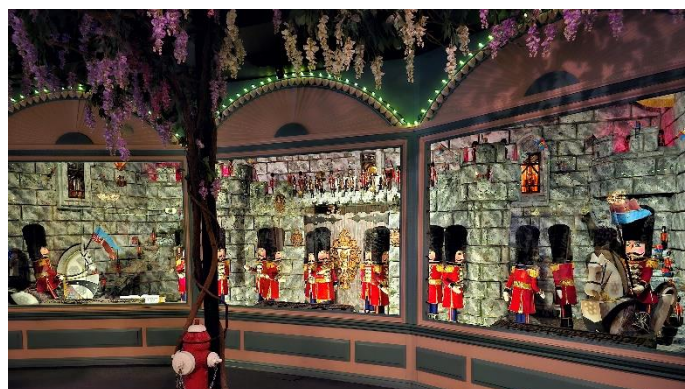
years), various crystalline formations, and others called “Cave Bacon” and “Cave Popcorn” based on their appearance. In fact, the largest known example of Cave Bacon in the United States is in Shenandoah Caverns, and was featured in a National Geographic article! The tour is a little over an hour long with a trek of over a mile underground, at a depth of over 200 feet in some places. There was also a nice exhibit of animated department store window displays from the 1940s and 1950s you could visit above the main lobby.



Formed through earth movement



Formed by underground rivers



After the caverns stop, we all went to lunch at the Ollie Cat Café in Luray, a great new “Mom and Pop” restaurant. The owner and chef is a former C4 owner and Corvette enthusiast, and loved having their parking

lot full of Corvettes! They even reserved parking spaces for the group. A number of other patrons came over and complimented us on how nice our Corvettes were.



Our Spelunking Group!

ODCC News of Note

Hazzard Run 2022

In October, Rudy participated in the annual “Hazzard Run” starting at Cooter’s Place in Luray. It was a great day and he wanted to share his experience in case anyone would like to do it next year. This was his first year participating, and based on his experience, he plans on making this an annual event and hopes many other ODCC members will join him in 2023!

Saturday, 15 October 2022 started out in the low 40s with a clear blue sky as participants began to gather before 8 A.M. at Cooter’s Place in Luray, Virginia. For those of you unfamiliar with Cooter’s Place, Cooter’s is a museum and gift shop dedicated to the *Dukes of Hazzard* television show. Ben Jones, who played the role of the mechanic Cooter on the show, opened his Virginia location originally in Sperryville, and later relocated it to its current location on Route 211, just west of Luray.

The event everyone was gathering for was the annual Hazzard Run, an organized cruise through scenic Page County, passing through the towns of Shenandoah, Stanley, and Luray. The cruise is led by the local Fire Departments, with Page County Sheriffs and town Police controlling intersections, so it is a non-stop, enjoyable drive.

There were approximately 70 cars in the run. Leading the pack were a host of tribute cars to the show, including over a half dozen General Lee Chargers, several Hazzard County Police cars, a couple of Boss Hogg Cadillacs, a Fall Guy pick-up, and a Bandit Trans Am. All the other cars fell in line behind the tribute cars. There were three Corvettes in the run; mine, a Turquoise C4, and an Orange early C3. Other cars included classic muscle cars, modern Challengers and Mustangs, and quite a few classics from the 30s, 40s and 50s.

The run pulled out of Cooter's at 9 A.M., heading west on Route 211 to take 340 south towards the town of Shenandoah. Once we hit Shenandoah, the run made a loop around town before heading back north on 340,



then turning on 340 Business. 340 Business took us to the town of Stanley, then through the town of Luray, and back on 211 west to Cooter's. Total distance was a little over 40 miles, taking about an hour and 15 minutes. People were actually waiting along the route in their yards and on the streets for the Hazzard Run to come by. It was fun seeing all the kids waving, just like in a parade!

After the run was finished, participants had a choice: go home, attend the car show, or turn some laps at Shenandoah Speedway. Rudy decided on the car

show. The car shows at Cooter's are run by the Shenandoah Valley Mustang Club (SVMC) and are open to all cars. This was his second show there, and he credited SVMC for running a nicely organized event. SVMC normally awards trophies to the top 20 1999 and earlier cars, and to the top 20 2000 and later classes. There is also a Best of Show. This is all done by participant voting (each person selects five for each class). When awards are announced, they go in order of votes received, this time Rudy was eighth in his class (not bad since he didn't have a voting bloc of friends with him). What Rudy really liked about the car shows at Cooter's is that they are in conjunction with another event, so you get a lot of non-car show people wandering around looking at the cars.



In addition to the car show, Cooter's had live music presented by Ben "Cooter" Jones and Cooter's Garage Band starting at noon. Festivities continued in to the evening with a bonfire and showings of the Dukes of Hazzard on a large outdoor screen. There were also several cast members there doing *Meet and Greets* and signings. Tom Wopat (Luke Duke) and Byron Cherry (Coy Duke) were on hand, Catherine Bach (Daisy) was scheduled but cancelled. I didn't hang around after the car show for any of this.



This was Rudy's second event at Cooter's in 2022. In August, he went to Ben's 81st Birthday Bash, another all-day event that included another car show run by SVMC. That time he placed sixth. When the events for 2023 are posted, maybe we can get a strong showing of ODCC Corvettes to offset all those Fords and Dodges!

All Roads Lead to Bowling Green – Caravan 2024!

2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the National Corvette Museum! To celebrate, the Museum is hosting the seventh National Corvette Caravan 29 - 31 August 2024. Held every fifth-year anniversary, the Caravan is the world's largest moving automotive rally. Regional caravans from all over the U.S. and Canada will meet up

with other regional groups as they converge on Bowling Green, KY, for four days of festivities. There will be presentations by members of GM's Corvette team, Corvette Master Technicians, and vendors; vendor displays and sales; prize giveaways; food trucks galore; and more. Live entertainment is expected (Jefferson Starship performed in 2019!). It's a great opportunity to meet up with 7,00 or 8,000 of your closest Corvette friends, learn about the cars, ask questions directly to the Corvette team, and just generally have a great time.

One of our ODCC members (Bob) is the state leader for the Virginia state Caravan, which will join with groups from Maryland and North and South Carolina. ODCC will meet up with clubs from Virginia and Maryland for a combined caravan to the Biltmore in Asheville, NC, where we'll combine with the Carolina groups and some from other parts of Virginia and Maryland and begin the Caravan to Bowling Green. We expect there will be an option to meet up in Charlotte, NC, ahead of the official start for those who would like to visit Rick Hendrick's private car collection. With hundreds of Corvettes, as well as some other cars, it should be a bucket list experience for every Corvette enthusiast.

Planning and organizing an event of this magnitude takes a considerable amount of time, effort and expense. Each regional caravan is responsible for raising money to support its activities, which include subsidizing hotel rates. We do this primarily by selling advertisements in our Caravan route book, which is given to each registered participant. We also encourage individuals to take out a credit card size ad (\$50). Many participants choose a photo of their vanity plate (\$25). If you or your business would be interested in reaching several hundred Corvette owners, please reach out to Bob at

VirginiaCaravan2024@gmail.com for more information and rates. Another way to contribute is to purchase a static cling Caravan sticker for your car (\$10). Contact Bob if you would like one of these:



Registration for the regional caravan opened on 1 March 2023. More information and the registration form can be found on the [Club website](https://OldDominionCorvetteClub.org/docs.ashx?id=1120540) (<https://OldDominionCorvetteClub.org/docs.ashx?id=1120540>). Note that this only registers you for the *regional* caravan. You will still need to register with the NCM at their website. ODCC had about half a dozen cars in the 2019 Caravan, and it would be great if we could double that in 2024! Reach out to Bob at VirginiaCaravan2024@gmail.com with any questions you might have, and check out the NCM Caravan website for updates: <https://www.CorvetteCaravan.com/>. Let's have a great ODCC turnout at this epic event!

C6 Corvette Goes for a SPA Treatment!

One of our Club members has a black Z51 C6 Corvette convertible. He lives off a gravel road, and his cars take quite a beating, since it's about a mile of gravel before you get to a paved road. Over the years, wax, road grit, and various chips, nicks, scratches, and swirls in the finish have all had an impact. While routinely covering the C6 in the garage to protect it from dust, it was still time to get professional help and he knew just where to go. Darryl Nichols at Odds and Ends Detailing was the obvious choice. Darryl has hosted several detailing clinics over the years for both ODCC and NVCC, and they provided many useful insights on the kinds of things you can do to



Before Ceramic Coating

clean up you car. Darryl has also been a regular contributor to the ODCC Annual Corvette Cruise-in at Bomnin Chevrolet in Manassas.

Darryl booked the C6 into his schedule, and in no time the transformation had begun. He started by thoroughly washing and clay barring to determine the condition of the paint surface. Next came application of a multi-step compound and polish. Our member was particularly concerned about scratches on the surface of the car immediately behind the trunk lid that had been there a long time. The polishing started with a medium cutting compound on a microfiber cutting pad to remove oxidation and the majority of scratches and swirls. Darryl also identified some deeper “RIDS” (randomly isolated deeper scratches) that were exposed after compounding. He spot-treated those via wet sanding and compounding before finishing the entire car with a final lighter finishing polish on a soft pad. The scratches on the rear spoiler area behind the trunk lid which are common problems with the C6, as well as isolated scratches on the hood and fender areas, were completely eliminated. Careful touch up also took care of all the minor chips that the car had suffered. At this point, the Corvette was totally transformed, looking like a brand-new vehicle on the showroom floor. Then came the next step to lock in the results and provide protection for the surface. Darryl applied *Adam’s Graphene Advanced Ceramic* which has given the car a deep luster, even more striking than showroom new. That particular ceramic coating is 10H on the hardness scale and provides nine years of protection. As Darryl correctly notes, the actual longevity of any ceramic coating may vary depending on external factors that affect the life span. As a final touch, he also treated the convertible top, giving it a rich finish that beads water like the rest of the car, and cleaned the tires!



After Ceramic Coating

ODCC Trading Cards

For those who may not know about them, ODCC has its own trading cards! You can see them on the ODCC Photo Gallery webpage ([Photo Albums - Old Dominion Corvette Club](#)). The Club first made a batch of these in 2018 to be able to hand them out along the route of the 4th of July parade in Leesburg beginning in 2019. They were a big hit with the kids, but after a couple of years we had a hard time getting volunteers to walk the parade route. Hopefully we can get some volunteers and try again in 2023!

In 2021 we did another batch for any members who wanted to order a set for themselves. The Club didn't order any new ones, since we still have so many left over, but quite a few members ordered for themselves. They have been handed out to children at car shows, and any other time a child seems interested in Corvettes, and we

included a number of them with the gifts at our December 2022 *Corvettes for Kids* event. We still have a lot of the original batch left, but we also have a lot of new members who don't have them, as well as old members with new cars!

Making them is complicated, and Bob formats every individual card manually in Photoshop. In addition, he's taken most of the photographs of the cars, but can work with an existing photo if it has enough space around the car to fit the text. The back of each card is customized to reflect the options of that specific car. Depending on the photo and the car, it takes him anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour for each card. The original batch took a lot longer, since he had no templates or graphics to work with.

If anyone is interested in ordering them in 2023, Bob says he is happy to do another batch. The cost for 100 cards was about \$27 at last check, and \$31 for 250. Shipping runs about \$16 on top of the order price, no matter how many sets are ordered, as long as they are all the same quantity (e.g., 100 or 250) and going to the same address (the plan would be to have them shipped to Bob and distributed individually after that), so the more orders we get, the lower the overall cost for each individual order.

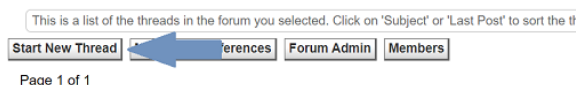


Get to Know the ODCC Website!

As the ODCC Webmaster (among other things), I've made some updates to our ODCC website and want to point out a couple of features that enable our members to communicate with each other and organize Corvette or other related activities. You will now find some new options in the menus but you must be logged in to use them.

- In the *Members* dropdown menu, the fourth entry is "*Email to members.*" Choosing this option will take you to our "*Member to Member Emails*" forum. You can send an email to every ODCC member with an email address by clicking on the "*Start New Thread*" button.

Member to Member Emails



- Next, enter a subject and whatever content you wish to send out, then click "*Post Message*" and a copy of your email will be sent out as a broadcast email.

Post Message

Type your message or reply here.

Subject: Enter your subject here

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Enter your message here

Post Message Cancel

Use this to keep other Club members in the loop about Corvette related activities. Have a Corvette for sale, or looking for hard to find parts for your C4? Reach out to the Club for help. Hear about a cool car-related event you want to let members know about? Now you can!

- Under the *Events* dropdown menu, you'll now see an entry for "*Create Pop Up Event.*" If you're planning a drive in your Corvette, and would like some company, this is for you. It works just like the *Member to Member Emails* forum does, but the email to members will come from "*Pop Up Events.*" This is a great way for you to get more involved, and to involve other Club members. You don't need to do a bunch of planning or organizing, either. Just put out the word that you'll be leaving from the location of your choice, at the time of your choosing, where you're going, and invite people to join you.
- Do you want to reach out to just one other member, or a few, but don't know their email or phone number? The website can help you with that, too. Once again, go to the *Members* dropdown menu, but this time click on *Member Search* (the first item). To ensure only active members can see this information, the website will make you sign-in again. Then you can enter the member's name (last name, first name, or both) and click the *Search* button, or you can download the full member directory or a list of members sorted by the generation of Corvette owned.
- Finally, there are now two-ways to add photos to the Gallery on our website. You can create your own personal photo albums, and upload your images to them, or you can submit photos you've taken at Club events to the Webmaster (Bob) for inclusion in the official photo album for that event. To create and upload to your own personal album(s), use the "*Upload Photos*" option in the *Members* dropdown menu. Click the *Add Photo Album* button to go to this screen (except that it will have your name, not mine):

Photo Album Manager for

This screen shows your individual photo albums. Click 'Add Photo Album' to create a new photo album. In the list of photo albums, click album or update the photos in an album. Click 'Description' to modify preamble text that will be placed at the top of your album.

Add Photo Album

Title	Type	Category	Status	Maintain
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Red Mist C8 Convertible!	Member	Member Photo Albums	Visible	[Eye Icon] [Add Icon] [Edit Icon] [Delete Icon] [Refresh Icon]
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Enter an Album name, leave the default value for *Menu*, and decide whether you want everyone to be able to see the photos or only Cub members, and click *Save*. Then click the pencil icon next to your new album to add photos. To submit photos to the Webmaster, use the "*Submit Event Photos*" option under the *Photos & Videos* menu and follow the instructions there. (Note: you must be logged in for these functions to work.)

I hope these hints are helpful and that we have more members taking advantage of these features to engage with your fellow ODCC members! Please let me know if you have any questions on how to navigate the website.

ODCC Members Head to Bowling Green (and More)

So far, at least 15 ODCC members have signed up for a multi-day cruise to Bowling Green, KY, 23 - 27 May, with some additional stops and side trips. They'll leave on Tuesday, 23 May, and head to Lexington, KY, for the night. Wednesday morning there is a planned visit to the Kentucky Horse Park, home to retired racehorses, horse shows, and other equine related activities. Some of your fellow members went there in June of 2021, and everyone enjoyed it, even those who have no particular interest in horses. Other activities for that day are still being finalized, but will probably include a visit to a distillery before heading on to Bowling Green for the real highlights of the trip.

Thursday, the group will start the day at the NCM Motorsport Park race track for "above highway-speed touring laps." A number of Club members have done this in the past, and all report it's a ton of fun – fast enough to be entertaining, but not so fast as to put you or

your car at risk. It's a great track, with corners copied from some of the most famous race tracks in the world. Drivers will follow an instructor driving a 650 HP(!) Camaro. These instructors know the best lines, so to have a great time, all drivers need to do is follow the car in front of them. Photos of your time on the track are available, too. In the afternoon, ODCC participants will tour the Corvette Museum, (and try not to spend too much money in the gift shop) and visit the ODCC brick for a photo op.



Friday morning everyone will gather at the Assembly Plant for a tour (see the article in the last newsletter for a glimpse into this great opportunity). It just reopened for tours in November 2022 after being shut down since 2019 for retooling for the C8, and the COVID pandemic. Since the plant was last open, the assembly plant has been totally revamped, with all new ways of doing the job, and the tour has been updated to reflect that. Even the paint shop is now part of the tour. If you've never seen a modern auto assembly plant, it is very cool.

Friday afternoon is open. Some will hang out in Bowling Green and take advantage of the attractions there, such as Mammoth Cave or the underground river. A few plan to head south to the Tail of the Dragon for some more fun with their Corvettes. No matter what they do, everyone is going to have a great time on this trip!

1953 VIN 001 Possibly Found!

For years, it was thought that the first two Corvette production cars were destroyed, but new evidence appears to support that the first car has been found, and is now owned by Corey Robertson. Car number one had an internal engineering number of 3950, and VIN 002 was 3951. VIN 001 was turned over to a group of engineers after it came off the assembly line, and the engineers were invited to provide ideas on how to improve the car. Based on the evidence that Corey Robertson has been able to verify, it appears that VIN 001 was used as a test bed for some of those recommended improvements, the most notable of which was lowering of the floorboard

by about three quarters of an inch to provide more knee and head room (testers said they hit their knees on the steering wheel getting into the car). Corey had heard about a car that had been abandoned for many years at a restorer's shop and followed up on it, then contacted the owner and was able to convince him to sell the car. What an incredible find!

You can see the video with Corey Robertson about his efforts to verify this car at:
[CORVETTE -1953 - VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS \(VIN\) DECODING - PART 2 - YouTube \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiOqnqrRjSw\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiOqnqrRjSw)

Corvette Ranks at the Top with Consumer Reports (Again)

In the February Consumer Reports, Corvette once again ranked at the top of both the American Sports Car and the overall Sports Car categories! The Corvette scores were once again some of the highest ever for an American car. It's clear that the Corvette is not only popular for its looks and performance, but for a lot of other good reasons as well.

Top American Cars

WHAT MAKES AN auto "American"? It can get confusing. Many international brands have factories in the U.S., and some American brands build cars abroad. For this list, CR focused on models from traditional American car companies—automakers with deep roots in the U.S., including Ford, GM, Stellantis, and Tesla. All of the cars are CR Recommended, but not all are built in the U.S.

LUXURY COMPACT CAR

✓ **Tesla Model 3** ⚡

LARGE CAR

✓ **Chrysler 300**

SPORTS CAR

✓ **Chevrolet Corvette**

SUBCOMPACT SUV

✓ **Chevrolet Trailblazer**

COMPACT SUV

✓ **Ford Escape Hybrid** ⚡

MIDSIZE 2-ROW SUV

✓ **Ford Edge**

MIDSIZE 3-ROW SUV

✓ **Chevrolet Traverse**

LUXURY COMPACT SUV

✓ **Lincoln Corsair**

LUXURY MIDSIZE 2-ROW SUV

✓ **Lincoln Nautilus**

LUXURY MIDSIZE 3-ROW SUV

✓ **Buick Enclave**

SMALL PICKUP

✓ **Ford Maverick Hybrid** ⚡

FULL-SIZED PICKUP

✓ **Ram 1500**

SPORTS CARS

✓ Chevrolet Corvette 6.2L	87	⬆
✓ Toyota Supra 3.0T	82	⬆
✓ Porsche 718 Boxster 2.0T	78	⬆
✓ BMW Z4 2.0T	76	⬆
✓ Audi TT 2.0T	74	⬆

Chevrolet Corvette ✓

87

OVERALL SCORE

The eighth-generation Corvette uses a mid-engine design, with its 495-hp, 6.2-liter V8 visible under the rear glass hatchback. It's coupled to a rapid-shifting eight-speed, dual-clutch automatic that contributed to its 3.4-second sprint from 0 to 60 mph. Handling agility is superlative, with immediate turn-in response and almost zero body roll, which will make drivers constantly grin from ear-to-ear. Yet the ride isn't punishing, thanks in part to the optional adaptive suspension. Rear and side visibility, as well as cabin access, is severely hampered. The front trunk is small, but the cargo area aft of the engine can hold the removable targa top and a soft-sided bag or two. BSW and RCTW are optional, but AEB isn't available. The high-performance Z06 model returns with a new 670-hp, 5.5-liter V8.

\$64,500-\$128,150

RELIABILITY ⬆ SATISFACTION ⬆

ROAD-TEST SCORE **97** MPG **19**

ODCC 34th Annual Corvette Cruise-In

Planning is now in full swing for our annual Corvette Cruise-In on Sunday, 13 August from noon to 4 P.M. at Bomnin Chevrolet in Manassas. Be sure to mark your calendar! It may sound like a long way off now, but it will be here before you know it, and there is a lot to do to get ready. Bill has graciously agreed to stay on as our Cruise-In Chairperson for one more year, but he needs a lot of volunteers to help. This is our biggest event of the year, and our major fundraiser for our three designated charities (LAWS Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services organization; the Prince William County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children, and the National Corvette Museum). We had a great turnout last year with over 150 Corvettes of all generations, body styles, and colors.

If you are willing to help, please contact Gary who is coordinating logistics and volunteers, or Bill and let one of them know. In particular, the Club is looking for an Assistant Cruise-In Chairperson to help with organizing all the activities; help with the silent auction, door prizes, and raffle; and a variety of other assistance, including some that only requires participation on the day of the event. If you can spare time to send emails, visit potential vendors, or approach your favorite restaurant or winery for a door prize or donation for the auction, please let Gary or Bill know.



National Corvette Museum

<https://www.CorvetteMuseum.org/>

Submitted by ODCC's National Corvette Museum Ambassador

Everyone knows what the window sticker is, but do you have one for your Corvette? In 1958, Congress passed the Monroney Act (named after Senator John Monroney who sponsored the legislation), which required all new vehicles sold in the United States to have a window sticker (also called a Monroney Label) affixed to a new car when it is delivered to the consumer. All automobile manufacturers now affix a price label to each new automobile showing the Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the vehicle and all factory installed options. This is a piece of your Corvette's provenance. An interesting trivia fact - the Dealer cannot remove the window sticker from a new car without the buyer's authorization!

If you bought your Corvette new, you were probably given your window sticker as part of your purchase process and you still have it, but what if you bought your Corvette used? Do you want to know what the MSRP for your Corvette was? Do you

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want to know what options were on the Corvette when it was built? The National Corvette Museum, as part of its archives program, can provide a reproduction window sticker for any Corvette manufactured since 1981 at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant!

There's a lot of other nifty paperwork associated with cars. Most people throw the stuff out shortly after buying their car, but in some cases the original paperwork is still available with the car. The *build sheet*, often considered "the holy grail" to many folks, is a cool item to find. It is often the only means of verifying exactly what options came with your particular car, and helps you determine how many Corvettes were produced exactly like yours. The build sheet is what goes down the line with the car when it is being assembled. It indicates to the line worker exactly what goes on that specific car.

The build sheet may still be with your Corvette, although it is probably difficult to find. For C2, or C3 Corvettes, your build sheet is pasted to the top of the fuel tank and is commonly referred to as the "tank sticker". Yes, you need to take the fuel

tank out of the car to find what might be left of the tank sticker. If you have a C4, it was rolled up and placed in the right front frame rail and you cannot get to it without taking the front bumper cover off! If your Corvette has been restored, the build sheet has probably already been removed and was part of the documents the seller provided you.

If you need a testimonial, our President Scott has mentioned several times during Club meetings how obtaining his window sticker and build sheet have helped him restore his C4 Coupe to factory specs!

In addition to window stickers, the NCM Archives also have build sheets for almost every Corvette produced since 1981 at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. You can obtain both the window sticker and the build sheet from the Museum Store (<https://corvettestore.com/catalogsearch/result/?cat=389&q=window+sticker>). A Window Sticker / Build Sheet Combo pack is \$85 if you are a NCM member, or \$100 if you are not a member. For an additional \$5.00 they will laminate both documents. If you have your window sticker, you can purchase the build sheet separately for \$40 if you are a NCM Member (\$50 if you aren't a member). If you really want to be special, aluminum window stickers and build sheets are also available from the Corvette Store.

If you are not comfortable ordering on line, or for members, if your member discount does not show up when you go to check out, you can call the Corvette Store at 270-777-4555 and order with a real person. Any problems, contact Bill Kolster. For those ODCC members taking the NCM Cruise in May, you can obtain these documents "while you wait" during our time at the Museum. Anyone planning a Museum delivery can get theirs at the delivery.

As you can see, there are a lot of benefits to being an NCM Member! As a Museum Member, you save more than the cost of a single one-year membership if you buy a brick and order your build sheet and window sticker (\$65 total in savings), and you will get free admission to the Museum, so it's really a great deal! The current cost for an Individual Membership for one adult is \$50.00 per year and a Family Membership for two adults plus immediate family members is \$100.00 per year. If you want to avoid the annual fees, you can become an Individual Lifetime Member for \$2,000.00 or, Corvette club members 65 and older can become Senior Individual Members for 20 years for \$750.00. Payment plans can be arranged for both Lifetime and 65+ memberships. Besides providing free admissions and funding museum operations and maintenance, all memberships are tax deductible. What are you waiting for?!

Have a wonderful Corvette Spring! Next newsletter – What is “*Save The Wave!*”?

Upcoming NCM Events:

For additional details, see the NCM website at [Events - National Corvette Museum](https://www.CorvetteMuseum.org/explore/events/) or <https://www.CorvetteMuseum.org/explore/events/>.

- **26 – 30 April: National Corvette Museum Michelin Corvette Bash.** This is the annual NCM event season kick-off and will include an expanded car show, guided road tours, a live auction, vendors, seminars, classroom sessions, and the announcement of the 2023 Corvette Hall of Fame Class. Register now!
- **29 April – 04 May: NCM Dragon Run.** This is a Tail of the Dragon and Biltmore Estates tour beginning in Bowling Green and heading through the famous Tail of the Dragon (TN-129), and on to the beautiful Biltmore Estates in Asheville, NC. Participants will stay at the Biltmore Inn on the Estate grounds. The trip includes a great early morning photo op of the cars in front of the manor house, followed by breakfast in the Biltmore Stable Café. Advance registration closes 24 March 2023 (or when sold out).
- **11 - 13 May: Vets ‘n Vettes, National Corvette Museum.** The NCM is moving this annual event from November to May this year. This longstanding tradition of honoring veterans began in 2008. It will begin with a complimentary lunch at the NCM Motorsports Park, and include road tours and a luncheon.
- **03 – 13 June: NCM Le Mans Tour.** This is a chance to see Corvette racing against the world's best GT cars in the most famous race of all – 24 hours of grueling track time at Le Circuit de la Sarthe (Le Mans Track). This NCM event includes professional guides during the entire trip, which begins with four nights in Paris, two nights in Normandy, and the remainder of the time in Angers for the race, followed by one final day in Paris before heading home. Registration closes on 14 April.
- **04 – 08 June: NCM Charlotte Experience.** This NCM trip will include visits to the NASCAR Hall of Fame, Hendrick Motorsports, and Charlotte Motor Speedway. Register now!
- **09 – 13 July: Explore Detroit.** Visit the Detroit, Michigan area in July 2023 to visit some great attractions including the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, along with other very unique exclusive opportunities! Registration opens in Spring 2023.
- **11 – 22 July: NCM Alaska Cruise on the Majestic Princess.** This NCM adventure begins with an overnight at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge, two nights at the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, then a train ride to Anchorage for embarkation. The cruise goes past Hubbard Glacier and through Glacier Bay National Park to Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and on to the final destination of Vancouver, B.C. (Unfortunately, this event is already sold out, but watch for future options!)
- **31 August – 02 September: 2023 NCM 29th Anniversary Celebration.** The NCM opened in 1994, and this year they will be celebrating 29 years. Participants enjoy three days of activities in and around the Museum, including road tours, special video presentations, raffles, and more. Event registration opens in May.

- **24 – 30 September: National Parks Tour.** Enjoy some of the crown jewels of the National Park system with visits to the Grand Canyon's South Rim, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, Arches National Park, Glen Canyon Dam, Monument Valley, and Canyonlands National Park. Registration opens Summer 2023.
- **September / October: 2023 Kentucky 1 Lap.** This event is a partnership between the National Corvette Museum and the Kentucky State Police. The two organizations join to raise money for both the Museum and Trooper Island, a KSP non-profit camp for underprivileged children. Each year the Tour explores a different section of Kentucky. This year, there will be four separate offerings. Registration opens Summer 2023.

Update from the Vice President

As the month of March is wrapping up, Spring is in sight! We were blessed with a mild winter this year, resulting in little impact on the ability to get our Corvettes out of the garage and on the road more often during those cold weather days, except for the uncooperative weather for the Highland County Maple Festival when winter decided to hang on a little longer (but we will try again next year!). In any case, turn out for the events so far indicate that Corvette winter hibernation in Virginia may be exaggerated. A popular new addition has been the "Week Day Wanderers" events which include an informal gathering in the morning, a short, fun road trip (generally to the west), and lunch at the end of the drive. A small investment in time and coordination, with a great get together for those able to participate.

Our total membership is nearing 160, and our monthly Lakehouse Member meetings average around 30 members. We have a number of new (and returning members) this quarter and I appreciate the warm welcome they have received. We look forward to having them join us for events!

I was delighted to see everyone who attended our annual ODCC Banquet. The room provided by Tuscarora Mills was ideal, the bar tenders enthusiastic, and the food was wonderful. Thanks also to Joe for the addition of the corn chowder! The overwhelmingly positive feedback both in conversation and directly to Scott during the dinner from attendees has us planning to lock in the same venue for next year. Ample parking and a free parking garage across the street were convenient for those who decided to venture out in their Vettes!

We are up for a great year of upcoming events, and kudos to Bob for filling the event calendar with a variety of Club events. Bill is well along in the planning for a May multi-day trip to Bowling Green to see the NCM, Motor Sports Park, and Corvette Assembly Plant. A stop in Lexington, KY, to visit the Kentucky Horse Park and a whiskey distillery adds an additional aspect to the Corvette-focused trip. As Bob mentioned at the March member meeting, the calendar is always open to new ideas from the membership for places to visit and great driving experiences getting there!

Dennis

ODCC Vice President

Treasurer's Report

The Old Dominion Corvette Club treasury has a balance of \$2,482.75 in our two accounts (Wells Fargo and PayPal) as of 28 February 2023. We closed out the old PayPal account and opened a new one, relieving former Board members of any responsibility. The new account is now functioning with the Club Express website. One task remains – we need to identify the Board members who will have secondary access to the new PayPal account. A special thanks to our intrepid webmaster for getting the Club Express website working with the new account!

The December Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS) Corvettes for Kids event had a surplus of \$170.00. A check for the remainder of the was presented to LAWS in January. We received a nice thank-you from the organization. A special thanks was given to our Club member who organized it and to ODCC for holding the much-appreciated event.

The Club's Zoom account is now functioning again. Zoom didn't like the Club's old Zoom email address, so we established a new Zoom email account, which solved the problem. The problem was exacerbated by the fact that the only way to submit a trouble report to Zoom was to have a functioning email address that Zoom recognized. An intervention by Zoom sales finally got a ticket entered.

The Club's IRS 990-N tax return for tax year 2022 was submitted in February. This tax form is for non-profits with less than \$50,000 of income. A PDF of the entry is entered on the Google drive with the 2022 entries and a paper copy is with the files. No taxes are due by the Club as it is a non-profit 501(c)(7) social club.

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ODCC Treasurer

2023 Willing Warriors

4th ANNUAL
**VETTES
FOR VETS**
July 15, 2023 @ 10 am - 3 pm
Warrior Retreat at Bull Run
16013 Waterfall Road, Haymarket, VA

**WILLING
WARRIORS**

***Join Us and Support One of Our
Signature Fundraising Events!***

\$20 Pre-Registration \$25 On-Site Registration (From 8 - 9 a.m. on July 15th)

The 2023 Vettes for Vets Corvette Show Will Feature:
Music Open House Tours Food Vendors Awards at 1:30 p.m.

Expected to Draw Over 150 Corvettes!



To Register Scan the QR Code or Visit
<https://app.mobilecause.com/e/cGwU-g?>
Questions? Contact:
Car Registration - Chuck Berge at 703-629-0206
or Corvette_Show@willingwarriors.org
Event Information - Contact Diane Lunsford at 571-248-0008
or diane.lunsford@willingwarriors.org



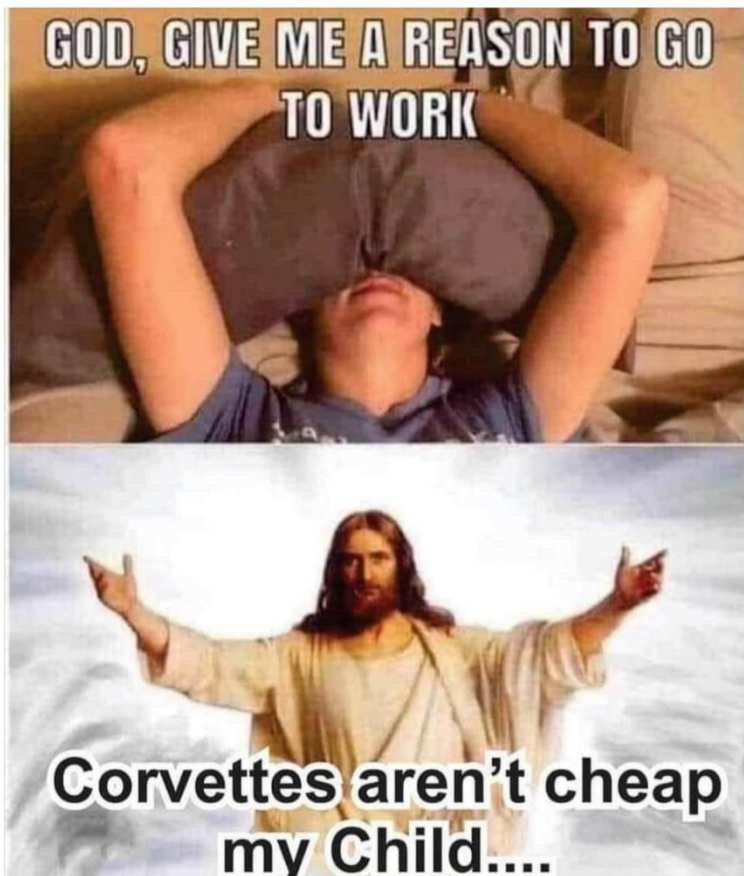
Limited Parking -
Arrive Early!

Corvette Humor Corner



Fun in the Snow!

C8 Corvette Left For Dead In Montana



Harry is 80-years-old and owns a C7 Corvette. It's his only car. It's also his only truck. So he uses it for hauling, camping, and hunting. Harry is our new favorite Corvette owner. #GOAT

Corvette Versatility!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 2023 events!



Thanks so much to all our contributors! This is your newsletter, so any ideas you have on things you would like to see are always appreciated. Everyone is encouraged to submit inputs on any ODCC events you attend or other noteworthy info (like a new addition to your family or another Corvette, a fun thing you've done, or whatever else you think others would like to hear about). We love to include articles and pictures submitted by members, so if you want to see yourself in print, here's your chance!

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