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Your New Corvette

Earl Smithson, President

Relocation, retirement, health changes, new interests—it's hard to tell where we'll all be in a few years. One thing we're sure of is that our Corvettes will continue to evolve. In fact, the next generation generation—the C-7—is on its way and will appear as early as fall 2012 as a 2013 model.

The automotive press recently reported that GM is developing a 3.0 liter, overhead cam V-8, yielding around 400 base horsepower, to power the new Vette and other models. Turbo- and supercharged variations are in the works. Mated to a lighter, slightly smaller body and chassis, the C-7 should easily satisfy the new 35 mpg CAFÉ standards.

We can expect some exciting new color schemes and styling motifs. Though a mid-engine configuration is believed to be out, the split rear window and lambo-style air inlets are still on the table. A much better quality, more luxurious interior is sure to find its way into the C-7. Unfortunately, no one has spotted a test mule yet.

Speaking of the future Corvette, former GM vice chairman and current Lotus consultant Bob Lutz said, "I think the (V-8) is definitely moribund. Everything is moving to smaller engines and (less) cylinders...The car that I would do would probably be mid-engine, a little smaller...and the prime mover...would probably be a twin-turbo V-6 of around 450 horsepower. And the body out of carbon fiber." (*Motor Trend*, Aug. 2011)

"I saved my pennies and I saved my dimes, for I knew there would be a time, when I would buy a brand new 409," sang the Beach Boys long ago. (*Surfin' Safari*, 1962) Things have changed, and it takes more than pennies to buy and maintain our cars. With the base price of a new C-7 projected to be \$70,000, now may be the time to plan how you will cover your new ride financially!

Interim Board Members Appointed

Earl Smithson, President

Carol Mathis has accepted my appointment of her as acting club Vice President. She has agreed to perform the many duties of the position until the end of this year. Carol replaces Joy Bowman, who resigned from the Board in late July. Let's all support Carol as she takes over this big job.

As CEO of a local credit union, Carol brings professional management and people skills to our organization. She has been a long time member and a prior Board member, so is familiar with the intricacies of CCR. The Board will assist Carol as needed during the transition.

Also, Jody Barbour will succeed Paul Williams as acting club Webmaster. She has agreed to manage the CCR website in addition to her duties as Events Coordinator. This will lessen Paul's load on the Board as he adjusts to recent changes in his circumstances, and give Jody a vote after serving faithfully all year in Events—an appointed, non-voting position.

As an educator and businesswoman, Jody brings professional skills and judgment to our organization. She also holds a degree in information technology, which will help her to further maintain and develop the CCR website. Mann Duff, former Webmaster, has been gracious in continuing to give us support.

September, October Calendar Highlights

View detailed calendar in the Events section of the CCR website. For more info, contact Jody Barbour, Events Coordinator. Questions may also be directed to the Officer of the Day (OD) or any club officer.

Sep 14 [6:00 PM - The Quest](#)

Sep 17 [9:00 AM - Horsepower Challenge](#)

Sep 22 [6:00 PM - E-Board meeting](#)

Sep 23 [6:00 PM - Goochland Drive In Cruise](#)

Oct 01 [9:00 AM - Vettes on the Point](#)

Oct 08 [All Day - Heritage Fall Event](#)

Oct 14 [11:00 AM - Corvette Weekend; 7:30 PM - Membership Meeting, 8:30 PM - After Meeting Party](#)

Oct 27 [6:00 PM - E-Board meeting](#)

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

- 01 Nancy Ferrell
- 02 Phyllis Robinson, Phil Orcutt
- 03 Rickey Drennen
- 04 Jesse Lockhart
- 05 Gayle Murman, Tony Nardone
- 07 Jill Nalbach, Benny, Carol Lenzi
- 09 Adam Wallen
- 10 Carolyn Burkhardt, Sharon Clark, Joan Haraway, Buck Maddra
- 11 Ray Lewter
- 13 Tom Bolden, Bob Carroll
- 14 Laurie Grodi
- 16 Charlie Erhart, Joe Redford, Douglas Yeatts
- 18 Randy Beeson
- 19 Rose Ann Fitch
- 20 Dennis Harrison, Sally Temple, Graham Wilson, Clint Withrow
- 21 Tyler Garrett, Bill Owen, Jon Webster Scheid, Marie Tiedemann
- 22 Doris Brody, Paul Kouroyen, Wayne Mahan
- 23 Peggy Todd
- 24 Zoltan Gaal
- 25 Susan Jaworski
- 27 John Kraemer
- 28 William Hardy
- 29 Carol Gladysz
- 30 Diana Best

Spots Still Available at RIR

Rick Franklin, O.D.

The Richmond International Raceway Car Corral on Sept 10 still has 10 spots available for signup by CCR members on Eventbrite, as of this morning. These will be available through Sept 5. The link is:

<http://rircarcorral2011.eventbrite.com/>

Richmond International Raceway (RIR) invited current members of CCR to participate in a "Corvette Car Corral" on September 10. This is the date for the fall NASCAR Sprint Cup event held there. During the most recent four NASCAR Sprint Cup events, CCR has provided driver parade lap vehicles with personal Corvette convertibles. This time, Chevrolet will provide Silverado pickups for the parade lap.

For CCR, (for the first 50 member/registrants to sign up via Eventbrite, RIR will provide a premier display area along the spectator midway for our car corral, use of air conditioned space in their event building, and two grandstand reserved seat tickets per car for the NASCAR Sprint Cup race. This event is open to all Corvette body styles and not limited to convertibles. There is a limit of one car per member/family unit.

RIR is offering this opportunity to further enhance the relationship between CCR and them. We have come through for them in their time of need, and they appreciate our support. Fan feedback was also been positive with regard to the Corvettes we displayed and ran in the parade lap. As expected, with emergence from bankruptcy, General Motors is getting back into sponsorships.



Recently restored "Cunningham Corvette" from the 1960 LeMans race is featured in *The Quest*, to be aired in Richmond Sept. 14. See story.

"The Quest" Screening at Byrd Theater Sept. 14

Greg Lucyk

Mark your calendars and get your tickets now for "The Quest" screening at the Byrd Theatre in Richmond on Wednesday, September 14. Don't miss this acclaimed documentary film about four Corvettes that raced at the 24 Hours of LeMans Endurance Race for the first time in 1960. Relive the drama and excitement of the first American class victor at LeMans—the #3 Briggs Cunningham Corvette, and the intensive search decades later for these history making vehicles.

After a seven year search, Chip Miller, renowned collector and co-founder of Carlisle Events, eventually found and restored the #3 Cunningham Corvette. He was about to realize his dream of returning the car to LeMans in 2010, on the 50th Anniversary of its historic victory, when he lost his life to a rare disease called amyloidosis, a fatal affliction with no known cause or cure.

The film chronicles how Chip's son, Lance Miller, picked up where his father left off, and accomplished his father's dream of taking the car back to France in June, 2010 and leading a parade of Corvettes around the track, marking 50 years of Corvette racing at LeMans. Never before seen race footage, photos and interviews bring this story to life. Whether you are a hard core car buff, or just like a great story, this is a wonderful movie for all ages and interests.

The Quest is being shown one time only at the historic Byrd Theatre, 2908 West Cary Street on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:15 p.m. The evening starts at 6 p.m. with a VIP cocktail reception on the Byrd Mezzanine. Lance Miller and film producer Michael Brown will be there to answer questions, and the beautifully restored #3 1960 Lemans Corvette will be on display outside the theatre. Hosted by Classic Automotive Events of Virginia, Inc., a non-profit corporation, net proceeds from the event will be donated to the Chip Miller Foundation, dedicated to aiding research and awareness of amyloidosis. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Byrd Theatre Foundation for the restoration and preservation of this historic Richmond landmark.

Advance sale Early Bird general admission tickets are on sale now—for only \$10 until September 1st. After that date, advance sale general admission tickets will be \$15 online, and will increase to \$20 at the box office.

The Quest, continued

If you wish to attend the VIP Cocktail Reception, keep in mind that only 60 of these tickets are available, for \$50.00 each, so order your VIP Cocktail Reception tickets now. Your VIP ticket covers your admission to the Cocktail reception,

and also includes reserved front row seating in the Grand Balcony. For more information, or to purchase advance sale tickets, go to "The Quest" website at <http://questrva.eventbrite.com/> We hope to see you at this unique and historically significant special presentation.

Cruise to the Goochland Drive-in Sept. 23

by Jeremy Wellborn

Remember the fun and excitement of going to a drive-in theater to watch a movie under the stars, in your car? We had a great time on our cruise to the Goochland Drive-in Theater last September and that's why we're organizing another Corvette Night there on Friday, September 23. Let's show the Goochland Drive-in what it looks like when a caravan of Corvettes shows up!

Here's the plan: We will meet at the rest stop on I-64 West at mile 168 at 6 p.m. and depart at 6:15. The drive-in is about 15 miles down I-64 just off Exit 152. General admission is \$7 for everyone age 12 and up. This covers a double feature of two newly released movies! The concession stand serves everything from BBQ to hamburgers to nachos to popcorn to snow cones and nothing costs more than \$3.50. A free large bag of popcorn will also be provided for each Corvette that night!

The drive-in will have a special section reserved for us to park in. We'll enjoy food and fellowship until the movies begin at sunset, around 7:30 p.m. Feel free to stay for one or both movies; titles will be known 1-2 weeks prior to the event. Please sign up by September 19 with your mobile phone number so we'll know how many spaces to reserve. If rain becomes likely, we will call you regarding any change of plans. If weather causes us to reschedule, we will try the following day, Saturday, September 24.



Vettes on the Point

By Lori Dolan

Registration forms for this event are on our website and you'll save \$5 if postmarked by September 16.

As mentioned at the meeting, we'll have two caravans leaving Richmond on October 1:

- Southside Caravan (ODs: Bob and Doris Brody) Meet at 8:30 a.m. for a 9 a.m. departure from the WAWA on Hull Street Road, two miles west of Route 288 at 12001 Southshore Point Drive, Midlothian, VA 23112.
- West End Caravan (ODs: David and Lori Dolan) Meet at 8:15 a.m. for an 8:30 departure from the Goochland Safety Rest Area West on I-64 West, mile marker 168.

Our two caravans will join together at the Sheetz in Lynchburg around 11:30 a.m. After a 15 minute break, we will go directly to the car show, since it will be too early to check into the hotel.

Call Mariners Landing at (800) 851-4988 to make your own hotel reservations. It is the same hotel as past years. Be sure to ask for the special room rate for the Vettes on the Point car show.

VOP, continued...

Like last year, we'll do a group dinner Saturday night at Jonathan's Restaurant. Bob Brody will need to make a reservation, so please let him know if you'd like to attend.

Don't forget your CCR nametags, lawn chairs and club radios. For more information, refer to last month's article or call me (home, 346-5266; cell, 640-9338).

First Progressive Dinner Was Big Hit...



Providence Forge was the destination for a progressive dinner hosted by the Driggs, Duboskys and Buyers in their Brickshire neighborhood. Left, Corvettes and drivers pause for lakeside photo op. Right, Joanne, Steve and Bruce serve punch to guests.

New Member

Joan Deena Harmon, Glen Allen. Deena works for Modern Consulting and heard about CCR on the internet and owns a 2004 Z06

Hot Time in Chester

by Brent Tyree, O.D.

A warm and sincere thank you goes out to the adventurous Corvette lovers who braved the extreme temperatures on Saturday, July 23 on the pageant runway of Heritage Chevrolet in Chester. Thanks to the staff at Heritage and all my co-od's, Danny Terry, Mike and Peggy Todd and Greg Wyenandt. Many participants without hesitation helped us all day long making the event successful, especially with high heat and humidity all day long.

56 Corvette lovers brought 42 of America's most wonderful sports car for us to share with many guests from infants to seniors. Jay Burchell and Andy Pratt made every concession to make the event a great one, including special CCR 2011 hats in the goody bags provided by Heritage. Speaking of concessions, the hot dogs, chips and cold beverages flowed freely and I didn't hear anyone say they didn't get all they wanted, from the two-year-olds that came all the way to older folks. Thanks to the Heritage staff and to the participants for making things go smoothly. The detailing classes by Tom Bolden and Dieter Backhause were definitely impressive.

There were lots of winners for the 50/50 drawing and door prizes: Jim Chesser, Sonny Powell, Barry Roper, Bob Buren, Tony Nardone, Barney Taylor, Dave Wood, Jeremy Welborne, Norma Bonner, Joanne Maylor, Bruce Griggs, Mike Todd, David Sadowski, Wayne Mahan, Lisa Wood, Butch Jones, Butch Bateman and Barry Roper.

Judging was by peoples' choice and every class was represented except the C-1's, which stayed home where it was cooler; the new cars came instead. The winners were: C2- 3rd- John Ficklin, 2nd Richard Swisher, and 1st- Joe Cifelli. C3- 3rd Tony Nardone, 2nd Norman Hayes, and 1st Bill Tressler C4- 3rd Wylee & Sandy Dubose, 2nd Lisa Wood and 1st Duane Malloy C5- 3rd Ray Wells, 2nd Jeremy Welborne and 1st Bobbie Vayo C6- 3rd Jim Chesser. 2nd Ed and Kathy Paterek, and 1st Brenda Tresler.

When the specialty trophies were presented Ray Wells won the Best Engine and Best Interior trophies and Bill Tressler's 1979 newly-finished, beautiful car won best in show and the Vendors choice from Heritage with an emotional presentation from Jay Burchell. The '79 had originally been owned by a long time Heritage associate, now deceased.

These were the trophy winners for the day but there were NO losers when it comes to the elegant field of dreams that had come to spend this HOT but wonderful day with CCR and Heritage. Along with the immediate results for the participants, we collected 10 bags of food and \$656.50 (\$88 from the 50/50 and \$568.50 entry donations) for the Central Virginia Food Bank plus \$656.50 match from Heritage for a total of 10 bags of food and \$1313.00. What a lucky number, I'm told.

Again, thanks to all who helped, participated and we look forward to seeing you soon. SAVE THE WAVE !

August General Membership Meeting Minutes

Once again, no notes or minutes for the August 12 meeting were received from Peggy Maloy, Recording Secretary, prior to the publication date. As soon as received, the minutes will be posted on the website.

Club Radio Frequency Change Instructions

Rich Mathis

According to the FCC, our club radios are on frequency #3 (154.5700 MHz). They are now considered MURS (Multi Use Radio Service) frequencies and are not available in the new radios. Because of this change, we need to change our radios to Channel One frequency #20 which is 154.4900. Follow the instructions below to change your frequency:

1. Turn radio on.
2. Look to see if the keyboard is locked. The lock symbol is over the "1". If the lock symbol is there, you must unlock the keyboard by pressing **menu button** for three seconds, or until you hear the chirp or the lock disappears.
3. Turn the radio off
4. While pressing the **press to talk button** and the **monitor button** at the same time, turn the radio on and hold for three seconds or until you hear the radio chirp.
5. Press the **menu button** and the # 3 will blink.
6. Press the **plus button** over the **menu button** until you get to #20.
7. Hit the **menu button** and the #3 should show up once more.
8. Hit the **plus button** until you get to #20.
9. Hit **press to talk button**, release and then turn the radio off.
10. Turn the radio back on and you should see the #20 show back up and then it will disappear.
11. At this point, if all shows right, press the **menu button** and hold for three seconds. The radio will chirp and the lock symbol will appear.
12. This completes the frequency change.

If you have any problems, please call Rich Mathis at 804-938-8531.

September Meeting Notice, Directions

Our next meeting will be **Friday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Chesterfield Colonial Heights Department of Social Services, Smith-Wagner Building (in the Chesterfield County Complex), 9501 Lucy Corr Circle, Chester.

Directions: Take I-95 to Route 288. Take 288 to Route 10 East (Ironbridge Road) and exit to Chesterfield. Turn left at first stoplight onto Courthouse Road. Turn right onto Government Center Parkway. Turn left onto Lucy Corr Circle. The Wagner Building will be directly in front of you, and many Corvettes will be in sight!

2011 Meeting Dates and Party Hosts

September 9th—Southside	Restaurant
October 14th—Southside	Open
November 11th—West end	Open

CCR's After Meeting Parties are a great way to meet and socialize with new members, visitors and members we may not have seen for awhile. Any member may volunteer to host. If no member signs up to host for a given month, we will gather at a local restaurant. Location and directions to home or restaurant are provided at all monthly meetings.

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One of Zip Products demo cars gracing the scene at CCR's 2011 Roundup.



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