



Corvette Club of Richmond

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Kudos!

Earl Smithson, President

As I sit here this morning with the rain gently falling I am so thankful for the great weather on June 4. The good Lord graced us with not only the weather but, a wonderful turnout for our annual Roundup. It is written that those who get the most help are those who help themselves.

It is hard for me to believe that the Roundup is over but yes it is now history. We can now set back and take a well deserved breath. To say the show was a success is an understatement to be sure. Each and every one of you who participated used your talents and abilities to bring us to this place.

I don't know if it was the most successful financially but, I can say without hesitation it was the most fun ever. I did not hear a single person say anything negative or voice any displeasure whatsoever. Why was that so? It's because of you, my friends, and the good work and planning that came in the weeks and months prior to the actual event. In conclusion, let me say kudos and thanks so very much from the bottom of my heart.



Some of the 120+ Corvettes registered in the 2011 Roundup.

Roundup One of Best Ever

With perfect weather, an ideal new venue and record attendance, CCR's 2011 Roundup was one for the ages. Over 120 registered Corvettes showed in Saturday's (June 4) event, representing several clubs and cities with both couples and individual drivers. At times there were up to 20 additional Vettes in the spectator area. The Colonial Corvette Club of Williamsburg and the Sweet Dreams Corvette Club of Virginia Beach were present in force as were many individual visitors as well as CCR with over 60 cars.

The various components of a large show came together as a well-oiled machine. The parking committee, judging, ladies' activities, silent auction, registration and other committees worked like clockwork. The silent auction alone earned over \$2,000 for upcoming Club activities.

This year's revamped Roundup was held at Richmond International Raceway for the first time, and the location proved itself almost instantly. The site features a large, well-paved area sufficient for 100-plus cars and an air-conditioned, indoor arena for prize cars, activities and refreshments. The indoor space proved its value for gatherings, breaks, lunch and the awards ceremony.

Vendors present this year included Zip Products, Heritage Chevrolet, Jax Wax of Virginia and Calloway Cars. Zip brought several modified test Corvettes and Callaway Cars brought a 2010 Grand Sport and an '89 twin turbo coupe. Callaway engineer Chris Chessnoe was on hand to answer questions and describe his 84,700 mile show and reliability tour with the 2010.

CCR's Wes Wolf won the show's top trophy and \$500 cash prize. His entry consisted of his blue and white 1959 convertible with matching trailer...and matching child-sized '59 Corvette.

Complete List of Show Winners at Roundup

Joy Bowman, Vice President

I'm happy to provide the Club membership with the following list of show and class winners from the 2011 CCR Roundup held June 4 at RIR. Special thanks to Ray Wells, Chairman of the Judging Committee and his assistants, Mike Berg, Don Miser, Kirby Montgomery and Earl Smithson. Obviously, there were many other gorgeous cars at the show, and we thank all for their participation in the Roundup.

Cash Prize Show

1st — Wes Wolf, 2nd— Roger Rowe, 3rd — Neal Davis

Show and Shine

C-1 1st – Robert Clable, 2nd – Greg Lucyk, 3rd – Bobby Bowman

C-2 1st – Garland Dodd, 2nd – Mike Todd, 3rd – Dave Hitchens

C-3 1968-73 1st – Ray Kenan, 2nd – Bryan Witcher, 3rd – Tony Nardone

C-3 1974-82 1st – Clinton Withrow, 2nd – Graig Dahineer, 3rd – Wayne Robinson

C-4 1st – Bruce Griggs, 2nd – John Hayden, 3rd – Wiley Dubose

C-5 1st – Bruce Lippman, 2nd – Bobbi Vayo, 3rd – Kris Lawrence

C-6 1st – Kirk Dobbs, 2nd – John Davis, 3rd – Butch Bateman

Interior – Bruce Lippman

Paint – Kirk Dobbs

Engine - Bob Jeniaro

Long Distance – Kirk Dobbs (Canada)

Club Participation –Colonial Corvette Club of Williamsburg

Silent Auction Earns Windfall at Roundup

CCR sold 85 items at the silent auction held in conjunction with this year's Roundup. Donations exceeded all expectations of the Roundup Planning Committee, according to Joanne and Bruce Griggs, who headed the auction. Roundup participants followed through with generous bids, resulting in over \$2,000 in sales.

Bruce and Joanne collected the items for weeks preceding the event and had to store them in their home's den. They administered the auction in the indoor area throughout the day during the Roundup. Items were displayed on a series of tables, and write ups for services for bid were also displayed. Bid sheets were positioned near each.

Proceeds from the auction will be used for future Club events, including the Christmas party. It will also help fund CCR's commitment to charity, starting with a substantial donation to the Richmond Food Bank. Some of the items and services sold included:

- Tire Flat Stoppers by Race Ramps (prevent flat spots in tires when car is stored (retail value \$270)
- Fleece lined jacket (GM Performance) from Dominion Chevrolet (value \$75)
- Pampered Chef basket of goodies (value \$110)
- 50% off Borla Exhaust systems (value \$3,150) three certificates
- Clarin Fragrance gift baskets for men and women (value \$135)
- BBQ dinner for 25 (value \$275)
- Corvette Poster prints (value \$55)
- 50th Anniversary corvette car emblem and official 50th Anniversary Corvette book (value \$80)
- The Skin Rejuvenation Center at Stony Point for Facial Chemical Peel (value \$85)
- Aroma Spa in Southpark Mall - Shampoo, cut and style (value \$30)

CCR Netted Eight "Best Corvette" Awards at VMP

Corvettes owned by CCR members won 19 of 43 trophies in Corvette judging classes at Super Chevy 2011 on May 22. The awards ceremony culminated three days of Super Chevy, attended by over 100 Corvette Club of Richmond members. Nearly 100 Corvettes vied for trophies in several classes. Top winners included:

- 1953-62 Street, Earl Smithson
- 1968-72 Street, Tony Nardone
- 1973-82 Street, Wayne Robinson
- 1984-96 Street, Duane Maloy
- 1997-04 Stock, Buck Maddra
- 1997-04 Street, Charles Barbour

Corvette Corral at Super Chevy winners, continued...

- 2008-11 Street, Butch Bateman
- 1955-56 Best Other, Kirby Montgomery (1955 Nomad)

Corvette owners stayed busy detailing their rides throughout the weekend—to good effect. Our thanks to VMP for providing beautiful trophy plaques for all the winners. The following CR members won “outstanding” awards:

- 1953-62 Modified, Bobby Bowman
- 1968-72 Stock, Rich Mathis
- 1968-72 Modified, Norman Hayes
- 1997-04 Stock, Ermon Tomcany
- 1997-04 Stock, Peggy Maloy
- 1997-04 Street, Linda Walker
- 1997-04 Modified, Ray Wells
- 1997-04 Modified, Jeremy Wellborn
- 2005-08 Stock, Danny Terry
- 2005-08 Street, Bruce Griggs
- 2005-08 Stock, Barry Roper
- 2005-11 Stock, Carol Mathis
- 2008-11, Modified, Janie Hughes



July, August Calendar Highlights

July 3 Vettes for Vets at Williamsburg Winery

July 8 7:30 p.m. - General Membership Meeting 8:30 p.m. after meeting party

July 9 All Day - Progressive Party; **also** - 9:00 am - Dominion Chevrolet Event

July 16 All Day - Tubing on the James

July 23 9 a.m. – Heritage Chevrolet Show ‘n Shine

August 6 4 p.m. – Corvette progressive dinner, Providence Forge

August 12 - 7:30 p.m. - General Membership Meeting 8:30 p.m. after meeting party

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.

July Birthdays

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

- 2 Ruby Plourde
- 3 Dennis Moravec
- 4 John Jesse, Jacqueline Smith
- 5 Liz Jones
- 7 Gina Wellborn
- 8 Kathy Franklin, Richard Swisher
- 9 Paul Williams
- 11 Ricky Williams
- 16 Wayne Gregor, Steve Linardos
- 17 Terri Baker, Ray Wells
- 18 Norman Hayes, Mike Todd
- 19 Melanie Karpat, Butch Jones
- 20 Carole Tyree
- 21 Joyce Kraemer, John Vayo
- 24 Jody Barbour
- 28 Carolyn Duff
- 29 Mike Berg
- 30 Millie Riley, David Simmons
- 31 John Goldhamer

Williamsburg Winery to Host Corvettes July 3

The Colonial Corvette Club responded to CCR's invitation and attended the Roundup *en masse* on June 4. The Williamsburg group has now invited CCR to their own show 'n shine, with food and drink, at the Williamsburg Winery on Sunday, July 3. The event will benefit Birdies for the Brave, a golf-oriented, PGA-supported charity that benefits wounded warriors.

Colonial expects 70-100 Corvettes at the gathering. Lunch will include BBQ with sides and choice of two glasses of Williamsburg Winery wine. A D.J. will provide music, and a raffle with drawings for prizes throughout the day will be held. Hours are 11 a.m. through 4 p.m. at Williamsburg Winery, 5800 Wessex Hundred, Williamsburg.

Club members wishing to fill their Fourth of July weekend may call the winery at (757) 229-0999 to pre-register. More info is also available on the event website at www.corvettesforthevettes.com

Dominion to Host Customer Appreciation Day July 9

By *Rich Mathis, O.D.*

This is a show and shine event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are going back to our roots! Back in the early 1960s, Boo Talley worked for Dominion Chevrolet. It was during this time that Boo Talley and Larry Halley started the Corvette Club of Richmond. Boo was President and Larry was V.P.; they held the first club meetings at Dominion.

Dominion is celebrating their 55th anniversary and asked if we would like to participate. We accepted the invite at our May meeting. They also support the Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, so the entrance fee will be dog food or a monetary donation to the SPCA.

Awards will given for 1st and 2nd in classes C-1 to C-6. Also Best Interior, Best Engine, and Best in Show. Door prizes, food and drinks will also be given away. Judges will be Gus Eanes and Cliff Eanes of Hornes and Eanes Racing and Engine Builders of NASCAR fame. They both now work at Dominion.

Larry Halley hopes to have the restoration of his 1953 done by then, so if you want to see one of only 300 Corvettes made in 1953, come on out. This is a rare chance! Dominion Chevrolet is located at 1250 West Broad Street, Richmond 23233, next to Short Pump Town Center.



CCR to Tube on James River July 16

By *Lori Dolan, O.D.*

Our annual tubing trip down the James River in Scottsville, VA is set for **Saturday, July 16**. Like past years, we **meet at 9 am** at the Goochland rest area on I-64 West at mile marker 168 and **depart at 9:15**. Put on your bathing suit, pack a lunch and your favorite beverages (*no glass containers*) and don't forget to bring your boat shoes or old tennis shoes. **Shoes are required** (*no sandals or flip flops*) for this float. This is a family friendly event that children six or older will enjoy. Feel free to invite friends or neighbors and drive your OTC (*other than Corvette*) to accommodate them if necessary.

When we arrive, we check in and then board a bus that takes us three miles upriver. Life vests are provided for those who want them but the river is calm and shallow in most places—very relaxing. You'll be given twine to tie your cooler tubes to your tube and to tie your tube to your spouse or friends' tubes. About midway down river, we'll pull off and have lunch on a sandy strip of shore. Our float down river will take between two and three hours, depending on river conditions.

After the float, you can change into dry clothes (Two small changing rooms are available) and drive home by yourself or group up with others (I'll have directions you can follow).

This is a RAIN OR SHINE event. No refunds. Remember, it can look like a chance of rain in Richmond when you wake up and it end up being sunny and beautiful in Scottsville. I need your money in advance as I have to send them the money when I make reservations. This place sells out—so reservations are a must. Price is the same as last year: \$22 per person plus \$8 per cooler tube, if desired. Pay me with cash or by check made out to Lori Dolan so I can then send in one check with our reservation. You can mail your money to me, pay me at the Roundup or at the July meeting. (Dave and I will not be at the June 10 meeting.) I need your payment by the July meeting.

This really is too much fun for you to miss!

Don't Forget Heritage! Brent Tyree, sponsor coordinator

Summer is here, the days are warm, and the chance of rain is (mostly) past. It's finally time to go back to Heritage Chevrolet to visit, relax and show off our cars! The day will come on Saturday, July 23 from 9 a.m. (or earlier) until trophy time at 3 p.m. One of our great sponsors, Heritage has invited us with outstretched arms to grace the corner of Rt. 1 and Rt. 10 in beautiful Chester for a full day of fun, fellowship, surprises, food, door prizes, vendors and trophies.

The cost may be the most rewarding part of the day: Bring a donation for the VIRGINIA FOOD BANK either as canned goods or monetary donation, for which you will get the best feeling. That will be the feeling that comes from supporting the needs of fellow Virginians along with a chance to show off your pride and joy with all your CCR friends.

A 50/50 drawing with cash awards will also be held, and door prizes for Vette enthusiasts presented. Participants will be surprised at the results of the day! Heritage serves the best hot dogs you ever tasted, cold drinks and chips. **SEE YOU THERE!** Any questions, call Brent Tyree at (804) 796-1827, Danny Terry (804) 458-2190, or Heritage, (804) 745-6461.

News from Other Clubs

The **Street Dreams Corvette Club**, also of VA Beach, adopted the following **mission statement**: "The purpose of Street Dreams Corvette Club is to establish camaraderie among Corvette enthusiasts. Our passion, love and devotion for the first, finest, fastest, and only true American sports car inspired us to unite a diverse group of individuals. We will devote time, patience and expertise to a unique automobile club. We will emphasize the importance of teamwork, sportsmanship, trust and respect. Our objective is to bring together those interested in the Corvette and interface with other automobile clubs of all makes and models, bridging gaps while providing an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Our goal is to be totally committed to our members by sharing information, exchanging ideas, and educating members about their cars and the Corvette lifestyle...We will support charitable organizations through fund raising efforts to help the less fortunate... Although we are a social and recreational club, we recognize the importance of family values..."

The **Beachcombers Corvette Club** in Virginia Beach holds their main annual show at the location of its main sponsor, Colonial Chevrolet. The club was founded in 1982 and is affiliated with NCCC. NCCC membership requires that at least 51 percent of club members also be members of NCCC.

The **Tidewater Corvette Club** was formed in 2007 with nine members to serve the needs of the seven-city Hampton Roads area. Its main purpose is to promote goodwill and harmony in the local communities. Their goal is to give back to the community, not only financially but also by motivating young people to focus on positive goals and achievements. They encourage Corvette owners to gather to exchange ideas, general and technical information as it relates to this all-American classic automobile. They hope that their pride of ownership will inspire youth to work hard, be determined, and pursue their dreams.

New Members

Maj. Phil and Angie Marquez, Chesterfield, 1970 red convertible.

Mike and Ann Weeks, Midlothian, 2001 red coupe. The Weeks are prior members.

Barney Taylor, Sutherland, 2008 blue coupe. Barney learned of the Club at Super Chevy.

Bud Murray, Powatan, 2002 silver coupe. Bud had a vision of CCR in a dream.

Lore Williams Obituary

Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News

Loretta Aleamoni Walker Williams (Lore) passed away peacefully on June 22, 2011 following a sudden and severe heart attack while vacationing in Utah. She was surrounded by family members and friends.

Lore was born on May 8, 1940 in Salt Lake City, the daughter of Lebanese immigrants. She attended Salt Lake schools and Westminster College, where she was an actress and cheerleader. She completed masters and doctoral level studies at the University of Utah. She was a beloved and distinguished professor and department head at Salt Lake Community College for 30 years.

She married John Walker and was later divorced. The light of her life was her son Richard, who became a brilliant young physician but died in 1996. She married Col. Paul Williams in 2003 and the couple lived at Ft. Lee, Virginia. Lore delighted in her five grandchildren and many friends in Utah and Virginia. She attended the Chesterfield LDS Ward and was an active member of the Corvette Club of Richmond.

A funeral mass was celebrated on June 27 at St. Jude Catholic Church (Maronite Rite) in Murray, Utah. She was later buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Salt Lake next to her son and mother.



Larry Halley, left, seen with Boo Talley and Dave Dolan, became CCR's second Life Member on May 13. Right picture: Lore Williams with one of her five grandchildren on June 17. Obituary on previous page.

Larry Halley Honored As "Life Member"

One of the founders of the Corvette Club of Richmond was installed as a Life Member at the May 13 meeting. Introduced by CCR Historian Dave Dolan, Lawrence "Larry" Halley was then initiated by Club president Earl Smithson. Mr. Halley is only the second member in Club history to be honored with a life membership. Along with life member Boo Talley, Larry was one of a group of guys that met at Richmond's Bryant Park beginning around 1960 to talk about and show off their Corvettes. That was the beginning of CCR in the early sixties.

Larry served as club vice president in 1962 under president Boo Talley. He became president in 1963 and 1964. He was also a founder of the Aquia Creek Corvette Club near Fredericksburg.

Larry resides in Chesterfield and is the owner of two Vettes, a 1982 silver coupe and a rare 1953 white convertible, currently under restoration. We look forward to seeing the completed project along with our new Life Member.



Going Back in Time With CCR

Part 6 of a Series of 10
By Dave Dolan, CCR Historian



The year was 1981...and John Easley takes over the presidency from outgoing president Debbie Swinson. There are 51 paid members including current members Wayne Tilley, Brent Tyree and our longest continued member, Norman Hayes. The club's goal was to strive to bring in eight or nine new members per year to bring in new blood to keep CCR going. Wayne Tilley was Events Chairman and events included autocross, drags, rallies, car shows and hot dog rallies. Meetings were the first Fridays of the month at Forest View Rescue Squad and after meeting parties were held at members' homes.

CCR dues were \$18.20 single/\$30.40 couple and were broken out this way: Single: \$12 CCR, \$4 SCCC, \$2.20 Insurance; Spouse: \$6 CCR, \$4 SCCC, \$2.20 Insurance.

The 1981 Corvette is the first model year to be built at two locations: Bowling Green, KY and St. Louis, MO, with a base price of \$16,258.

Visitors

Paul and Kim Lewis, Chester, heard about the Club from Rob Best

Marasa Masetti, Rome, Italy is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Sheri and John Marshall. Fiat 500.

June General Membership Meeting Minutes (watch for on website)

Sandston Memorial Day Parade Recap *by Ed Custer, O.D.*

On Memorial Day the skies were clear, sunny and warm for the 3rd Annual Memorial Day Parade hosted by the American Legion Sandston, VA Post 242. The parade chairman personally invited CCR back to be one of just 90 units for the parade. Cecile and I were one of the first to arrive at Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad to pre-stage for the parade. It was exciting to watch the arrival of other Corvettes representing three generations of America's Sports Car. With 23 cars we then headed to the official staging area at Seven Pines Elementary School, 23 in all.

The theme of the parade this year was "Salute Our Heritage". Everyone did an amazing job of decorating their cars patriotically. Members were well prepared this year, shared decorations and helped each other ready the cars.

When the parade rolled, CCR was represented in two units of the parade. The first five CCR Corvettes represented the USO and had an active service member riding on their tonneau cover of the red, white and blue convertibles. They were followed by 18 glistening Vettes decked out in American flag themes and CCR windshield banners. There were lots of spectators of all ages along the parade route, including numerous Veterans. The crowd waved flags and cheered enthusiastically as we roared by. Along the parade route, boys and girls of all ages were picking out their favorites and dreaming about which Corvette they would like to own one day.

Thanks to American Legion Post 242 for inviting us back to participate in their salute to America's veterans. Also, thanks to the USO for coordinating with for service members, a special honor. Most importantly, our heartfelt

thanks go to all of the CCR members who gave up a few hours of Memorial Day to represent the Club and the Corvette in this salute of veterans. Photos of the parade are posted on the clubs web site. See you next year!



Scenes from this year's Sandston Memorial Day Parade

July Meeting Notice, Directions

The Club's next monthly general membership meeting will be Friday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the West End location, the United Methodist Center at 10330 Staples Mill Road. Arrive early to visit, buy raffle tickets and get a good seat.

Traveling from the north: From Rt. 95 take Rt. 295 North to exit 49B (Staples Mill Road or Rt. 33). Take Staples Mill Road South about 1.5 miles and at the light at Crossridge, turn right. Make the first right into the parking lot of the United Methodist Building. Door we use is at right of building from the parking lot.

Traveling from the south: From Rt. 64, take Rt. 33 (Exit 185) West towards Rt. 295. Pass Parham Road and turn left at the light at Crossridge between two white brick walls. Intersection is about two miles west of Parham Road.

2011 Meeting Dates and Party Hosts

July 8th—West end	Kirby and Marcie Montgomery
August 12th—West end	Dan and Helen Raidabaugh
September 9th—Southside	Paul and Lore Williams
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.

Club Sponsors

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The Corvette Club of Richmond, Inc. was founded in 1960. We are interested in all Corvette people and subjects. If you have membership or other questions, please contact an officer. The Club meets monthly on the 2nd Friday of each month. Visitors are welcome. Visit us at www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com and on **Facebook**.

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