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*Get your reservation in now to enjoy a great cruise on October 17-18*



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow CCR Members,

Wow, summer is roaring by! It is August already and many of us are vacationing, including Marcie and me! We will not be with you for the August General Membership meeting, nor will your Vice President, Bruce Griggs. Soooooo....our webmaster and Executive Board Member, and past President, Rob Bickert has kindly agreed to preside at the August meeting. Thanks Rob!



We have had many events already this year and we are well beyond the midway point. It is not too early to begin election planning for CCR officers for 2015 (what already?). I am pleased to say that I will plan to run for President in 2015, and if elected, will be happy to serve. I have asked the nominating committee that served last year to again serve in this role, and they have kindly agreed. This nominating committee will be chaired by Steve Dubosky and will include Duane Maloy and Dean Maddern. The committee will begin its work and soon inform the membership of all officer positions to be filled and nominate candidates. The officer positions for CCR are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Webmaster, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Historian and Sergeant At Arms. Should you have interest in serving please contact a member of our Nominating Committee.

Thanks to everyone that completed the CCR Roundup survey that was in last month's newsletter, and which also was distributed at the July membership meeting. The results of the survey were shared with the executive board at our July board meeting, and I will share those results with the membership when I return at the September membership meeting. If you did not complete a survey, there is still time to do so. You can mail it to the CCR PO Box address listed in this newsletter. Speaking of the Roundup, we published a list of people and firms that donated silent auction items or prizes in last month's newsletter. I missed one! Bubba Carr's firm, Capital Tristate, donated a very nice auction item as well. Thanks Bubba and Capital Tristate!

Besides our August membership meeting, August brings the Corvettes at Carlisle event with OD's Dave and Lori Dolan, and the National Corvette Museum Caravan and visit with OD's Pat and Barry Roper. Thank you for organizing these events. Have a great time! Also please make your plans to attend the Corvette Club of Richmond Dinner Dance at the Meadowbrook Country Club on Saturday evening, December 6. We will have a fabulous band, The English Channel, who will take us back to the British music invasion of the '60's and 70's. I can't wait!

Continue enjoying your summer, and save the wave!

Your CCR buddy,  
Kirby



# 2014 Events Calendar

Friday, August 8	Membership Meeting (West End)- 7:30 PM	Party @ Todds
August 22-24	Corvettes at Carlisle	Dolans
August 23-31	National Corvette Museum Caravan	Ropers
Saturday, Sept 6	RIR Corral for NASCAR Race	Bubba Carr
Friday, Sept 12	Membership Meeting (Southside)- 7:30 PM	
Saturday, Sept 20	Cruise to Dulles Air and Space Museum	Rick Franklin
Sunday, Sept. 21	RIR Track Laps	Bubba Carr
Saturday, Sept. 27	Cruise to King's Arms	Larry Williams
Friday, Oct 10	Membership Meeting (Southside)- 7:30 PM	
Saturday, Oct 11	Heritage Corvette Show	Bubba Carr
Friday, Oct 17	Smith Mountain Lake Dinner	Karen Dubosky
Saturday, Oct 18	Sink Chevy Collection Tour	Bob Brody
Saturday, Nov. 8	VFW Corvette Show	Bob Brody
Friday, Nov 14	Membership Meeting (West End)- 7:30 PM	
Saturday, Nov 15	Trivial Challenge	Paul Murman
Saturday, Dec 6	Christmas Dinner-Dance	Montgomerys
Saturday, Dec. 13	VA Beach Lights	Danny Terry



# AUGUST MEETING

Friday, August 8th at our West End Location

Our next General Membership Meeting will take place on Friday, August 8th at 7:30 PM at the Markel Corporation Building in Innsbrook. The address is 4521 Highwoods Parkway, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. There is plenty of parking available. So come early to visit in the parking lot with other members!



## Directions:

- From I-295, take exit 51B for Nuckols Road South.
- From Nuckols Road, turn right at the first traffic light onto Sadler Road.
- Take the next left turn onto Sadler Place.
- Take an immediate right onto Highwoods Parkway.
- Take the first left into the parking lot at the "Markel" sign. The Markel Building will be directly in front of you. Enter under the carport on the right side of the building.

## After Meeting Party

The After Meeting Party will be held at Mike and Peggy Todd's home. Directions at the meeting.

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## 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](http://www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com)



# JULY MEETING'S BIG WINNERS

Congratulations !!



*50/50 Drawing: John Marshall*



*Dinner Ticket: Mel Belcher*



*\$5 Handshake: Mary Wells*



*Corvette Racing Hat: Tony Posey*



# AUGUST MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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

**Barker, Larry 08/30**

**Belcher, Mary 08/17**

**Bonner, Norma 08/19**

**Brady, Brad 08/04**

**Cheek, Mary Kelly 08/21**

**Dolan, Shawn 08/23**

**Garland, Oliva 08/08**

**Grayson, Tanya 08/28**

**Hansard, Richard 08/21**

**Harris, Morgan 08/04**

**Kyriakides, Al 08/28**

**LaBarge, Sylvia (Acors) 08/18**

**Lewter, Diane 08/08**

**Maloy, Peggy 08/25**

**Minneci, M.D., Peter 08/30**

**Minson, George 08/10**

**Montgomery, Kirby 08/20**

**Moore, Gary 08/13**

**Tyler, Fred 08/29**

**Van Eckoute, James 08/16**

**Wallen, Anita (Prasad) 08/01**

**Wells, Mary 08/18**

**Williams, Cindy 08/28**

**Williams, Robin 08/01**



# WELCOME NEW CCR MEMBERS



**PETER & LINDA DUNN**



**CINDY & GARY BUTLER**



**KIMBERLY & TONY HOSEY**



**GREG SPENCER**



**BETH & DOUG WOODS**





# REVS & RUMBLES @ THE NCM

By Barry Roper, NCM Ambassador/Lifetime



As this August issue of CCRuisin' goes to press, excitement and anticipation are building toward peaks while the National Corvette Museum staff work feverishly to complete the myriad of final preparations required for the 20th Anniversary Celebration to kick off on Wednesday, August 27th, and run for four days, through Saturday, August 30th. Literally thousands of Corvettes will be converging on Bowling Green earlier in the week via the National Corvette Caravan contingents arriving at their assigned times. However hundreds more lovers of the fiberglass icon will be attending the festivities as either day trippers, Corvette Club groups, individual Corvette owners, and even the simply curious visitors who will further swell the multitudes.

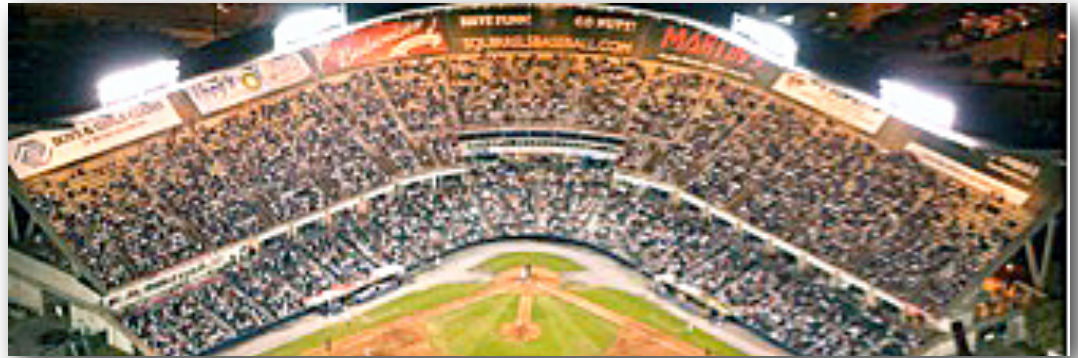
Seventeen Corvettes will represent CCR as participants in the Carolinas and Virginia contingent of the National Corvette Caravan departing Concord, NC, on Tuesday morning, August 26th. Ours will be among at least 470 cars starting the trip there. The 34 Club members making the pilgrimage include Butch & Joyce Bateman, Mel & Mary Belcher, Bill & Lisa Butler, Kraig & Fran Cummings, Steve & Karen Dubosky, Gary Green & Gay Wilson, Wayne & Karin Gregor, Walter & Penny Johnson, Richard & Patricia Kropak, Duane & Peggy Maloy, Tim & Lorna Maloy, John & Susie Rhodes, Barry & Pat Roper, Danny Terry & Norma Bonner, Mike & Peggy Todd, Dennis (DT) & David Tucker, and Larry & Robin Williams. Fourteen of these cars will leave from Heritage Chevrolet Saturday morning, the 23rd, en route to Concord, while the remaining three vehicles will meet up with the group on Monday, the 25th. As previously mentioned in the newsletter, other Corvettes traveling together, including the Mid-Atlantic Region group leaving from the Bethesda area, other Virginia attendees departing from Fredericksburg, and a Tidewater conglomerate tentatively plan to pause in their journey at Heritage Saturday morning also. If you're out and available that morning, our sponsor would appreciate your dropping by the dealership to share the frenetic activities.

Planned for the September newsletter will be an after action report on what we hope will be a safe and enjoyable landmark event for everyone who can spend even a day at the NCM during this celebratory week. At least 2-3 CCR members unable to share the 20th Anniversary hoopla in person have already circled the last week in August 2014 when the 25th NCM Anniversary and its associated Caravan will once again transform into the place to be for the world's Corvette faithful. So, treat yourself to a last minute NCM trip this time around if at all possible, but if it's beyond reality for your current schedule, start thinking 2014 now!



## EVENT REVIEW

# TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME !



Saturday, July 19th  
OD: Wayne Gregor



The Corvette Club of Richmond was represented at The Diamond for the Richmond Squirrels vs. Harrisburg Senators game on Saturday, July 19th.

About 20 members brought their cars and parked them out of foul ball territory, behind the stadium. We all enjoyed an all-you-can-eat buffet before the game and had excellent seats about 6 rows up on the 3rd base side. Even though we didn't catch any foul balls, we cheered the team on to a 7-3 victory!

We were acknowledged in a public address announcement during the game and witnessed a great fireworks display following the game.

Great weather, great baseball, and great friendship!



## EVENT REVIEW

# TUBING IN SCOTTSVILLE

Saturday, June 28, 2014

OD: Lori Dolan



I'm always nervous before our tubing trip. Would the weather

be good? How about the river? Too high? Too low? What would we get? So, like always before our tubing event, I spent the week beforehand monitoring the weather and the river conditions. If the forecast called for rain, our trip wouldn't be cancelled, but it wouldn't be very much fun. And if our recent rains raised the river level to 6 feet, James River Runners (JRR) would cancel our trip. If the river was too shallow, you'd hear shouts of "butt up" and we'd scramble to lift our bottoms high in our tubes so we wouldn't bang our butts on river rocks for 3 hours.

Luck was with us because the river level stayed at "average" (3.2 to 4.8 feet) all week which would give us a perfect float—not too fast and no "butt ups." The weather was perfect, too. No rain and temps in the 80s. Just right! You know, those black tubes get mighty hot and burn your arms when temps are in the 90s!

So, that morning 15 of us met at the I-64 rest area staging site and at 9:15 a.m. our caravan of 6 Vettes and 2 OTCs (Other Than Corvette) headed up the road to Scottsville for a day on the James River. This year we had 5 tubing virgins: Wayne & Karen Gregor, Jessie Wood and new members Lisa & Bill Butler. Regulars included Terry & Brandi Corbin and Amanda, Danny Terry & Norma Bonner, Dean & Cheryl Maddern, and Dave & Jesse Dolan and me. Traffic was good and our ride up I-64 was easy. We made our short pitstop near Charlottesville and 30 minutes later we pulled into the JRR parking lot.

Next we checked in at the JRR office and posed for a group picture before boarding a bus that took us 3 miles up river. There, we were given our tubes and twine so we could tie up to our float partners. The river was warm so



getting started wasn't a big challenge--the big challenge was trying to keep our group together! We floated in small groups for about 90 minutes before pulling off on a narrow strip of beach for lunch.



Our float was half over! When the float is good, you don't want it to end too quickly. This was one of those days. As we approached Hatton Ferry and the end of the trip, I wished we had more river time.

Oh well. It was over but half of our group was still out on the river. We walked back to our cars and changed into dry clothes. There we said our goodbyes and Dave & I walked back to see where the rest of our group was. We could see them anchored up river and knew they were not ready to end their trip. Seeing that, we walked back to our Vette and headed home.

The only thing that could have made this event better would have been a better CCR turnout. Some folks said they'd like to do this event but didn't want to have to get in bathing suits. NO PROBLEM! Wear shorts and a t-shirt. Lots of us do. Hope you'll consider joining us next year...no matter what you wear!



## UPCOMING EVENT

# NASCAR RACE & CORVETTE CORRAL

Saturday, September 6th

OD: Bubba Carr

**Call Scott Byer at RIR for tickets: 804-228-7649  
Don't wait- these go fast!**



### RACE DAY CAR CORRAL

#### SHOW OFF YOUR CLASSIC, CUSTOM, ANTIQUE & EXOTIC RIDES

Come join us at RIR's Race Day Car Corral, where you can show off your custom ride prior to the Federated Auto Parts 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on Saturday, September 6th. No Tents/E-Z Ups Allowed in paved parking lot. 10x10 tents are permitted only within the treeline footprint within the lot on a first come first serve basis.



### WHAT YOU GET

For only **\$75**, your Car Corral package includes:

- Two (2) Federated Auto Parts 400 Tickets in the Dogwood Grandstands (\$90 value)
- Two (2) Pre-Race Pit Passes
- Dedicated, on-site, and paved Car Corral Lot with easy entry and exit points
- Commemorative Dash Plaque
- Post-Race Weekend Track Laps Day on September 21.

### CAR CORRAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- We accept all cars manufactured prior to 1980.
- We accept all Camaros, Chargers, Challengers, Corvettes, Foreign Exotics, Mustangs, Prowlers, Rat Rods, Vipers, British sports and luxury vehicles, regardless of year of manufacture.
- In addition to cars listed above we allow some customized vehicles made after 1980. Photos of custom vehicles should be submitted along with your application. Please follow submission instructions on the following page.
- If you have any questions concerning the eligibility of your vehicle, please contact RIR via email at [carcorral@rir.com](mailto:carcorral@rir.com).



## UPCOMING EVENT

# CORVETTES AT CARLISLE

August 22 - 24, 2014

ODs: Lori Dolan

**CORVETTES** at  
**CARLISLE**



2014 Corvettes at Carlisle will run August 22 – 24, 2014. Not familiar with this event? Well then, their website will give you ALL the info you could possibly want. Check it out! Register online (<http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/corvettes-at-carlisle/>) or call 717-243-7855 today! If you're not going to the National Corvette Museum, you ought to consider Carlisle.

Dave and I are driving up Friday morning August 22 and if you would like to join our caravan, meet us in the River

City Diner parking lot at Parham Road and Route 1, just off I-95. We will meet at 8:00 and depart at 8:15 a.m. If you need to reach this caravan en route, call Dave at (804) 640-9338.

One of the highlights of Corvettes at Carlisle is the Saturday evening parade where hundreds of Corvettes make their way from the fairgrounds to downtown Carlisle. When the Corvettes get to downtown, they are parked in the middle of the street and the crowds come off the sidewalks to check out all the Corvettes. We've been to Carlisle many times, but this is the first year that Dave and I have registered for the Saturday night parade through the downtown historic area. We're really looking for to that!



This year we're staying closer to Carlisle—at the Rodeway Inn where we stayed years ago with Aquia Creek Corvette Club. If you want to stay at the Rodeway (1239 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013 -- 717/249-2800), be sure you say you're with CCR and try to get your room near us (we're in room #207).

If you are new to the Carlisle experience, note that Pennsylvania 7-11s and grocery stores do not sell beer, so plan to bring what you'll want for the weekend or else you have to get it from a distributor. Don't forget your name tags, Club apparel and Club radios.



## UPCOMING EVENT

# CRUISE TO THE STEPHEN F. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER IN CHANTILLY, VA

Saturday, September 20th

OD: Rick Franklin

On Saturday, September 20, 2014, the Corvette Club of Richmond will caravan to the National Air and Space Museum @ Dulles Airport. The Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia is the companion facility to the Museum on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Opened in 2003, its two huge hangars — the Boeing Aviation Hangar and the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar — display thousands of aviation and space artifacts, including a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, a Concorde, and the space shuttle Discovery. The Center also offers the Airbus IMAX Theater and the Donald D. Engen Observation Tower, which gives you a 360-degree bird's-eye view of Washington Dulles International Airport and the surrounding area.



Regular Hours: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Parking is available for \$15. No food or drink may be brought into the Center. All bags will be searched for unauthorized items, so leave your pocketbooks and backpacks in your vehicles. Food and drinks are available in the Center. Please review the Center's website <http://airandspace.si.edu/about/> for a description of details and restrictions.

We will meet at the WaWa station located at W. Broad St. and Rt. 288 for 8:00 am departure. We will travel up I 64W to Rt. 522N for the trip to the Washington area. We will stop at Rt. 17 and Rts. 29/15 at the Sheetz for a rest. (10101 James Madison Hwy, Bealeton, VA 22712. Bring your club radios for the caravan to Dulles. The total trip time is approximately 3 hours with this stop. This tour is at your own pace, so stay as long as you like. The Center closes at 5:00pm.

Sign up at the club meeting for this trip through history.

Questions? Home # 804.744.7023 or cell # 804.874.2111



## UPCOMING EVENT

# SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE & BEYOND

October 17-18, 2014

ODs: Karen DuBosky & Bob Brody

Please join CCR on a cruise to scenic Smith Mountain Lake for a weekend of fun and fellowship. We hope to view beautiful fall foliage on this excursion. We encourage you to participate in everything we are planning, but you are welcome to choose any of activities that appeal to you.



*Smith Mountain Lake with Fall Foliage*

We will meet Friday afternoon at 1:00 – 1:15 PM at the WAWA on Hull St. Rd., 2 miles west of Rt. 288 at 12001 Southshore Point Drive, Midlothian, VA 23112

At 1:30 PM we will depart on our cruise to Smith Mountain Lake where we will check into Mariners Landing.

Please state that you are with the Corvette Club of Richmond when you call Mariner's Landing to reserve your Condo: 540-892-6391

A two night stay is required for the CCR Rates listed below:

- One Bedroom, One Bath Studio Suite, (parking lot view), with One Queen Bed, Sleeps 2, \$109 per night
- One Bedroom, One Bath Waterfront Condo, with One Queen Bed, Sleeps 2, \$159 per night
- Two Bedroom, Two Bath Waterfront Condo, with Two Queen Beds, Sleeps 5, \$209 per night
- Three Bedroom, Two-1/2 Bath Waterfront Condo, w/3 Queen Beds, Sleeps 6-8 depending on layout, \$249 per night

Friday evening we will get together for a Pot-Luck Dinner which is being organized by Karen DuBosky. Please contact Karen to coordinate your contribution: Home phone, (804) 557-3548, email, [inthewoods08@hotmail.com](mailto:inthewoods08@hotmail.com)







*Mariners Landing*

We are working out the timing and logistics for Saturday, but this is what we have so far:

- Breakfast on your own
- Lunch TBD
- Cruise country roads to Roanoke
- Tour Rocky Sink's Chevy Collection of vehicles and

memorabilia. (This is NOT a collection of sinks; the owner's last name is Sink.)

- Return to Mariner's Landing.
- Group Dinner at Heath's Waterfront Grill, (on the lower level of Mariner's Landing) at 6:30 PM. Details will be in the sign-up books and the next issue of CCRuisin' News.

Contact Bob Brody to join the Heath's Dinner: 804 744 3903 or [rbrody@leviton.com](mailto:rbrody@leviton.com)

Your selections from the limited menu must be tabulated to insure adequate supplies.



*CCR Members discovering just a few of the many items at Rocky Sink's Chevy Collection*





## **UPCOMING EVENT**

# 'VETTES FOR VETS

**November 8, 2014**

OD: Bob Brody

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #637 at 335 S 15th Ave, Hopewell, VA 23860, is proud to partner with the Corvette Club of Richmond in hosting our 1st Annual "VETTES FOR VETS" event. The show

will be held on the 8th of November, 2014 from 1000 HRS until 1400 HRS, just days before Veterans Day on the 11th of November. There is no cost to the Corvette Club or its members to participate in the event. All participants in the event will receive a dash plaque. In addition, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be awarded. We will also have a ballot box for a Public's Choice Award as well as the Post Commander Award. This event is being held as a fund raiser for the Veterans of Foreign Wars so the VFW will be selling and serving hamburgers and hot dogs to the general public, the Ladies Auxiliary will also host a Bake Sale during the event. The event will be widely publicized within the Hopewell, Petersburg and Colonial Heights areas as well as on Fort Lee. We are still working on other fund raising ideas to help with our effort to raise funds for our veterans. The Hopewell VFW is a vibrant post that supports several veterans' programs, the local community and the VA hospital. Events like this allow us to continue our support of our nation's veterans. The post also has a clubroom (bar) and all participants are welcome to enjoy an adult beverage if so desired. Water will be provided free to all participants. We hope to see you at our event!!



## UPCOMING EVENT

# CHRYSLER HALL SHOWS

(BROADWAY IN NORFOLK)

### *Phantom of the Opera*

**ODs: Steve DuBosky**

Once again lovers of both theater and corvettes will be traveling to Chrysler Hall in Norfolk, VA. This year the chosen show is *Phantom of the Opera*, winner of seven Tony Awards in 1988, including Best Musical. It is the longest-running Broadway show in history. This is a very popular show with a limited 9 day run in January 2015 and subscriber tickets are already selling quickly. Tickets are \$88.00 a person (this is a discounted group price). We have secured 70 excellent seats for the 2pm Saturday matinee on January 17, with an option of getting more if demand is high enough. But we need to act fast. Because of its popularity we need a firm commitment (“the point of no return”) by mid-August, 2014 when we have to release uncommitted seats. Once again, we will try to park around the fountain if weather and other venue events permit. Please send checks made out to Steve DuBosky, 11450



Brickshire Park, Providence Forge, VA  
23140 804-824-4456 (c) 804-557-3548 (h)

In addition, we will again be securing a block of rooms at the Airport Hilton in Norfolk (which is now a Doubletree—gotta love those cookies) for Saturday evening for those who opt to spend the night after the show to party. Again, that is optional and there is plenty of time to make a decision about that. Details will follow.



# CORVETTE IN THE NEWS



## **Fate of damaged Corvettes uncertain as National Corvette Museum decides to preserve sinkhole**

by Kurt Ernst Jun 26th, 2014

Source: Hemmings Daily

The sinkhole that opened up beneath the Skydome of the National Corvette Museum on February 12 had one unforeseen consequence: It has driven museum attendance (and revenue) significantly upward. So when the museum's board of directors met on Wednesday to discuss the fate of the Skydome display, they decided to preserve the sinkhole as a semi-permanent display.

The plan that the board approved involves keeping a roughly 25-foot-by-45-foot and 30-foot-deep portion of the sinkhole open. That would give sufficient space for display of two damaged Corvettes, though it's unclear which of the eight cars museum staff will choose for this starring role. The display would be lit both from above (to highlight the cars exhibited) and below (to show the falloff to the cave below), and visitors would have the option of viewing the sinkhole from its edge or traversing a transparent-floored walkway (supported by galvanized steel beams) spanning the chasm.

The display would be semi-permanent, as engineering plans call for the construction of a concrete retaining wall behind and below the exhibit. While the face of the sinkhole would be exposed opposite this, the



ground beneath that portion of the Skydome would be reinforced with micropiles to add stability.



Should the appeal of the sinkhole wane over time, this option would give the museum the ability



to return the Skydome to its pre-sinkhole state, albeit at an added expense.

Other options that the museum directors considered included filling the floor and returning the Skydome to its original state, or keeping the entire sinkhole as is. The first

option would eliminate what has proven to be a significant attraction for the museum, while the second option would significantly reduce the museum's total floor space for display, and board members agreed that neither option was optimal.

According to a press release from the National Corvette Museum, the museum has seen a 59-percent increase in the number of visitors compared to the same time period last year, along with a 72-percent increase in memberships and a 65-percent increase in revenue overall.

The board has requested additional data on climate control issues and costs that would potentially be associated with leaving a portion of the sinkhole uncovered. Assuming that temperature and humidity levels can be controlled (ensuring optimal conditions for the cars on display) at a reasonable utility cost, the museum will proceed with its plan to maintain the sinkhole as part of the Skydome display.

Yet to be resolved is the fate of the eight Corvettes damaged in the collapse, which will remain on display in their current condition through the month of August. The museum continues to negotiate with its insurance carrier to resolve the matter, and GM has sent personnel to examine the cars in detail. While GM agreed to oversee the restoration of the Corvettes in the days following the collapse, the automaker stopped short of agreeing to fund the restoration of the Corvettes. That essentially obligates the museum to pick up the tab for anything not covered by insurance, and given the level of damage to the restorable Corvettes, that bill is likely to be a large one.

One thing has become clear in the months since the sinkhole opened up: Not all of the Corvettes will (or can be) restored, but that may turn out to be a good thing for the museum's attendance for years to come.

For more information, visit [CorvetteMuseum.org](http://CorvetteMuseum.org).





## **CORVETTE RACING AT WATKINS GLEN: Third Straight Victory For Garcia, Magnussen**

**WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. 6/29/14** – In its 15 years of existence, Sunday marked Corvette Racing's first event at Watkins Glen International. The team made its debut one to remember with a dominating GT Le Mans (GTLM) victory in the Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen for Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen in the No. 3 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R.

The duo led most of the day to earn their third straight class victory in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship. In the process, Garcia and Magnussen moved into the lead of the GTLM driver's championship, as did Chevrolet in the manufacturer standings and the No. 3 Corvette C7.R in team points.

"The Corvette C7.R team's first race at Watkins Glen was exciting given the challenging track and intense competition that kept the pressure on all race," said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President, Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. "Antonio and Jan drove a great race and the crew executed quick pit stops. We are thankful to come out of The Glen with a GTLM class win and the class championship lead."

Garcia and Magnussen also won the third round of the Tequila Patrón North American Endurance Cup - a four-race championship made of the TUDOR series' four endurance events.

The Garcia/Magnussen combination led 154 of the 185 GTLM laps. Magnussen drove the opening stint and took the lead from the pole-sitting BMW on the first lap. Despite holding as much as a 30-second lead at various points, the final minutes were tense ones. A full-course caution with 25 minutes left brought the Corvette inside its fuel window for the rest of the race. A final yellow period just after the restart meant a final-lap dash that saw Garcia hold off the second-place Viper by 0.185 seconds.

Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner finished fourth in their No. 4 Corvette C7.R after running second to their teammates for most of the day. A stop-and-go penalty inside the last hour for what race officials judged to be avoidable contact halted their podium charge.

The day wasn't a complete loss. Gavin and Milner moved into the lead of the Patrón Endurance Challenge with just the 1,000-mile Petit Le Mans remaining at the end of the season.

## **CORVETTE RACING IN CANADA: Garcia, Magnussen Earn Hard-Fought GTLM Win**

**BOWMANVILLE, Ontario, Canada 7/13/14** - Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen kept the momentum going for Corvette Racing and the Chevrolet Corvette C7.R with a victory Sunday in the Mobil 1 Sports Car Grand Prix presented by Hawk Performance at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.

Garcia, Magnussen and the No. 3 Corvette C7.R won their fourth consecutive race in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship's GT Le Mans class. Garcia finished 11 seconds clear of the second-place Viper as he and Magnussen extended their lead in the GTLM driver's championship, along with Chevrolet's and Corvette Racing's advantage in class manufacturer and team points, respectively.

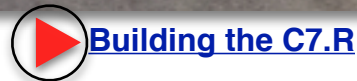


"Today was an exciting day for Corvette Racing at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park," said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President, Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. "The win in the GTLM class did not come easily. Strategy, teamwork and persistence of Antonio Garcia, Jan Magnussen and the Corvette Racing crew were key to the win. The No. 3 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R also showed improved performance each time it was on the track throughout the weekend."

Magnussen started and ran second for the majority of his stint before the class leader went off track just before the first round of pit stops. Magnussen pitted a lap later and handed off to Garcia, who had to fend off several challenges from the Viper before race traffic stabilized the Corvette's advantage.

"Congratulations to Antonio, Jan and the Corvette Racing team on a hard-fought and well-earned victory today," said Mark Kent, Director of Chevrolet Racing.

"It took strategy, skill and even just a little luck. Today's result is a tremendous achievement and continues to grow the championship lead in the GT Le Mans class."



The story was not as bright for the No. 4 Corvette of Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner. Running third 30 laps into the race, Milner was hit and spun by a slower GT Daytona car in heavy traffic at the exit of Turn 3. Milner had light contact with the tire barrier but was able to continue albeit in sixth position. Gavin and Milner, last year's winners at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, finished seventh in class.

## **CORVETTE RACING AT INDIANAPOLIS: Action Express Kisses The Bricks**

### **Barbosa, Fittipaldi give Corvette first Indy win; Corvette C7.Rs place fourth and fifth in GTLM**

- Fuel strategy makes the difference for No. 5 Action Express Corvette DP
- Podium streak continues for Westbrook, Valiante
- Garcia, Magnussen maintain GTLM championship lead

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN 7/25/14** - Joao Barbosa and Christian Fittipaldi made history Friday by taking the Corvette brand to Victory Lane at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the first time. The duo drove their No. 5 Action Express Racing Corvette Daytona Prototype to a win in the Brickyard Grand Prix for the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship. The Action Express team chose to gamble on fuel at the end of the race and went the last 52-plus minutes on the same tank of fuel as Barbosa took the win by 48.964 seconds. It was the first win at The Brickyard for the Corvette DP program.

In GT Le Mans, Corvette Racing's two Chevrolet Corvette C7.Rs finished fourth and fifth in their first race at Indianapolis. "Today's win by Joao Barbosa and Christian Fittipaldi in the No. 5 Action Express Corvette DP was a great example of teamwork," said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President, Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. "Joao and Christian optimized their performance while also managing fuel efficiency each lap. Smart driving, fuel management and crisp pit stops resulted with their first win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It was great to watch the team kiss the bricks after the win.

"Also congratulations to Richard Westbrook and Michael Valiante on their streak of four straight podiums including one win in the No. 90 Spirit of Daytona Corvette DP.



"The No. 3 and No. 4 Corvette C7.R drivers and crews again demonstrated their 'never-give-up attitude with strong runs that netted them fourth and fifth finishing positions despite numerous challenges during the race," Campbell added. "It was a total team effort focusing on maximizing their opportunity for good finishes and championship points."

### **Corvette DP: Fuel Strategy Wins Out for Action Express Racing**

The race both started well and ended well for Action Express Racing. Fittipaldi in the No. 5 Corvette DP led from the outset, going from fourth at the start to first after the first two corners. At the end, Fittipaldi and Barbosa added an Indianapolis victory to go with their season-opening triumph in the Rolex 24 At Daytona.

Michael Valiante and Richard Westbrook made it two Corvette DPs on the podium. They were third in the No. 90 Spirit of Daytona Racing entry. Through eight races, Corvette DPs have been on the class podium 14 times.

The result increased Chevrolet's lead in the Prototype engine manufacturer championship. Fittipaldi and Barbosa also moved back into the lead of the driver's standings ahead of Wayne Taylor Racing's Jordan Taylor and Ricky Taylor, who teamed to finish fourth.

### **GTLM: Fourth and Fifth in First Visit**

Antonio Garcia and fellow class championship leader Jan Magnussen saw their four-race winning streak in the TUDOR Championship's GT Le Mans (GTLM) class come to an end with a fourth-place finish. Magnussen in the No. 3 Corvette C7.R was running in the top-five early before he was hit by a slower car and spun just past the 20-minute mark.

After dropping back to 10th after the collision, Magnussen worked his back up to third before handing off to Garcia with 53 minutes left. The Spaniard was able to maneuver around Oliver Gavin in the No. 4 Corvette for fourth in the closing minutes.

Gavin and Tommy Milner went from 10th in class at the start to finish fifth. It was the best result for the duo in the No. 4 Corvette C7.R since a third-place showing at Long Beach in April. Milner gained four spots in the first 10 laps and held a steady pace throughout.







# TECH TIPS

By Butch Jones, CCR Member

## ***A Look at GM Technical Service Bulletins***

This month we will look at several GM Technical Service Bulletins (TSB) that affect Corvettes and other GM vehicles.

I don't know if many Corvette owners utilize touch-less car washes, but here is an interesting Chevrolet TSB. The bulletin is number 0008-48-005D and addresses 'Distortion in Outer Surface of Vehicle Glass'. This bulletin is for GM passenger cars. It was issued in September 2010 and was for 2011 and prior GM passenger cars. So check your OTCs as well.

According to the bulletin, GM had been faced with distortion in the outer surface of windshield glass, door glass and backlight glass which appeared after the vehicle had accumulated some mileage and had been frequently washed in automatic car washes, particularly "touch-less" car washes. The distortion may look like a subtle orange peel pattern or may look like a drip or sag etched into the surface of the glass.

The concern is hydrofluoric acid, which is apparently used in some car washes to clean glass. If not used in the proper dilution, this can cause the above described damage. If found, it cannot be removed by scraping or polishing and is not covered by your New Vehicle Warranty. So you are on your own for glass replacement.

While talking about glass, if your car has a Heads Up Display (HUD) and you find yourself with a fuzzy display, it may be the windshield. Vehicles with HUD have a special windshield. If the windshield has been replaced in the car's past it may not have the correct windshield, thus causing the fuzzy display. Also if you have the HUD, make sure that if you need to have the windshield replaced, the glass company knows you need the windshield for the HUD system.

Another TSB which might be of interest is bulletin # 02-08-42-001D which addresses headlamp lens overheating and chemical damage to exterior Polycarbonate headlamp lenses. The damage is described as crazing or cracking of the lens. In this TSB we learn of damage to headlamp lenses caused by chemicals used in rubbing compound, grease, tar and oil removers, tire cleaners, cleaner/waxes and even car wash soaps, which in too high a concentration may also attribute to this condition.



It goes on to caution against placing a cover (such as a fender cover) over the headlight lenses when the headlamps or Daytime Running Lights may become illuminated. The buildup of heat can cause crazing and delamination of the lens. It is apparently accumulative damage as the bulletin goes on to say that it may be unnoticeable at first and eventually may become spider cracks and in extreme cases melt the headlamp lens. Once again this type of damage is not covered by the New Vehicle Warranty.

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The last TST I will address here is one that covers non-GM (aftermarket) engine and transmission calibrations for V8 gas engines using Tech 2® or Global Diagnostic System (GDS). You will note that it says V8 gas engines. My guess is that there are TSBs that cover V6 and diesel engines, as this is a hot button for GM and other manufacturers. It is bulletin number 09-06-04-026B. It affects GM passenger cars and light duty trucks from 2006 -2010. I am sure that an updated bulletin covering 2011-2014 has also been issued.

Basically the bulletin says that if you change or alter anything in the engine or transmission control calibrations the New Vehicle Warranty will not cover any issues during the remaining warranty period. The General's position is that any changes have not been tested and approved by GM (and the federal government) and may also violate emission and safety regulations in place at time of manufacturer. This is a way of keeping them out of an issue that occurs and the appearance that GM condoned the alterations made.

This TSB also outlines the methods of determining if any changes or alterations have been made to the calibrations, even if they have been removed. So this means that you cannot install a custom program in your car's ECM/PCM for a track day and then change it back before you go in for service. They will know! This does not apply to updates that have been approved by GM and installed by the dealer.

The wording is such that it tries to cover any and all calibration changes even if it may not be apparent that it affected the part that failed. Computerized vehicles now have interfacing of parts that years ago had nothing to do with one another, so this makes sense from a "covering your behind" stance.

Make sure that when buying a previously owned Corvette (or any other vehicle for that matter) that has some New Vehicle Warranty still in effect, determine if any changes or reprogramming have been done. If you suspect that there may have been some changes, remember, there may not be any warranty coverage. This could affect your decision, or at least your price offer.

That is all of the good news I have for this month and remember, Save the Wave!



# THE CCR STORE

*It's cruisin' season! So make sure you look good in CCR apparel. Check out all of the items for sale at our next meeting and be ready for your next event!*

My short-sleeved t-shirt inventory is getting low, but not quite low enough to place an order. If I add long-sleeved tees and hoodies, I could place my order. Fall will be here before you know it, so if you want a hoodie (zipper or pullover), let me know. Remember, these are men's sizes and colors are red, black or grey. Your hoodies cost will be between \$30 and \$35. I will place my order after the August meeting and it will be the ONLY order I place this year. So if there is anything you are looking for, please tell me (even if you've told me in the past—please remind me again!) If you're not going to be at the August meeting, call me (346-5266) or email me (LoreleiDolan@gmail.com) and tell me what you want. (Remember, I only sell the screen print shirts—not the embroidered club shirts or jackets.) NOTE: I keep an inventory of t-shirts, but not hoodies. Before I order your hoodie, I will need your money in advance, so please bring your cash or checkbook to the meeting. No \$\$...no hoodie for you. Sorry. -Lori Dolan



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Towel \$10



T-Shirt \$16 (S-XL)  
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\$113  
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Club Logo Window  
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