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Corvettes on the Bay 2012



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Saturday, June 16



CORVETTE ANNAPOLIS

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings Fellow Corvette Enthusiasts!

Let me start by saying thank you again to Susan and Joe Bearns for the terrific Covered Bridge



Tour cruise, and to Bridgett Moreland for the Shady Maple dinner arrangements. What a great day filled with lots of scenic driving and plenty of great food. It was a lot of fun.

Our May club meeting at the Annapolis Library was sort of like a homecoming, since we had not been there in a while. We'll keep that theme going with our next meeting also at the library on Tuesday, June 12th, at 7PM. Hope to see you there. Check the calendar on the club web site for future meeting dates and locations.

Final preparations for our first Fun Show of the year are nearly complete. The pre-registration response has been incredible. As I write this we are 95% sold out. As you have heard there are 13 cars coming for the weekend from Steel Town Corvettes in Pittsburg, PA. This is a very historic club co-founded by Don Yenke and Donna Mae Mimms, both very famous in the early days of Corvettes and Corvette racing. Corvette Annapolis is hosting a potluck dinner for our Pittsburg friends Friday night before the show at

the Watts' home in Davidsonville. For more information check out the e-mail you should have received from Nancy Klein, and there will be a sign-up list at the June 12th meeting for helping out.

There are plenty of events taking place in the East Region for Corvette lovers. Between Corvette Annapolis and our sister clubs there is a show, rallye, autocross, or something else nearly every weekend. I hope you can take the time to get out and enjoy these activities. Your Corvette will love you for it!

Nancy and I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Save the Wave!
Pete



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EDITOR'S DESK

Our cover this month is a flashback to August 20 last year...

These pictures are just a sample of our successful fundraiser show and the glory of this event. We were blessed with sunshine and good crowds. As club members, we applaud the **Show Committee, Pete and Nancy Klein and Carroll Hynson** who worked so diligently to bring this event to the table and make it happen. This year's show promises to be bigger and better than ever. We hope you'll join in our excitement down at the Annapolis City Dock on June 16.

Inside these pages is some insight to club life as a Corvette owner.. Everything from caravans, high-speed racing at Pocono Speedway, and a personal life story by **Tom Watts** you won't want to miss. These are just a few of the adventures we've experienced so far this year. For more pictures and stories, check the past issues of **Fiberglass Flyer** from earlier this year. To sum it all up, Club life is about enjoying your car in all ways possible and sometimes hanging out with people who own other sports cars. Check out the pictures on page 17; **Cars & Coffee** with the Ferrari Club. Yes, **everyone** loves their cars.

And speaking of caravans, the following pages include pictures during our **Covered Bridge Tour**. For some of us, this turned into a two-day event attending the American Music Theater that evening, staying the night in Lancaster and driving home on Sunday. Our thanks to **Joe and Susan Bearns** who coordinated a beautiful itinerary through Amish country that included eleven covered bridges. And,

to **Bridgett Moreland**, who capped off the tour with what we do most often - enjoying a tasty meal and this day, at the **Shady Maple Restaurant & Emporium**. I also wish to thank all the photographers who sent me their film (albeit digital) with some terrific shots; they are: Barry Hagedorn, Jeff Tomitz, Marianne Emond and Joe Bearns. It was quite a job for me to navigate this much photography.

Leading into the June 16 Annapolis Fun Show the Club is putting on a Potluck Dinner to host the Steel Town CC at the Watts' home in Davidsonville. All details and sign-up sheets will be provided at the June 12 meeting.

Coming up July 7 will be our annual Club picnic being held at the Patuxent River Park in Croom Maryland. Again discussions and details for picnic agenda will be discussed at the June meeting.

Looking ahead to August, plans are still formulating for a **Lighthouse Tour**; another ice cream cruise-in, and Brunch at Carroll's Creek (those dates to be determined). And what happens every August without fail? **Corvettes at Carlisle** - three days of everything **Corvette** - not to be missed. (yes, I'm being redundant!). I hope we're able to include all those events. If you have interest in being part of these outings, don't miss the June and July meetings for more information. And remember when you're out there on the road: **Save the Wave!**

Thank you,

Elaine Phillips

Editor, Fiberglass Flyer

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Covered Bridge Tour, May 5. Corvette Annapolis caravan through Lancaster County PA



Corvette Annapolis caravan through Caravan through Strasburg PA



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REMINDER

**Second Annual - Exclusive Corvette Show Annapolis City Dock,
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Next Club Meeting June 12, 7 PM, West Street Library

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Member's Corner



One is a Promise - *Lost* and One became a Dream - *Found*

True events of Two Corvettes which will
always be *Unforgettable* to me

By Tom Watts

I still remember my first close-up encounter with a Corvette: I was 13 at the time and one of my Dad's co-workers, Dan, stopped by the house in his '63 split-window coupe, silver in color. I went up to the car and jokingly asked him if he wanted to sell it. He responded back: "When you get your driver's license." I didn't know if he was serious or not, so I asked "how much will you sell it to me for?" he stood there for a minute asked how old I was, then replied "well in three years you'll be 16, I'll sell it to you for \$2,500." I thought, well maybe he is serious. I looked at him, extended my hand to shake his and responded with "promise?" He shook my hand and replied "I promise." I'm thinking to myself, did he just promise to sell his Corvette to me? This was a done deal. He then let me check the car over inside and out. I kicked the tires, checked under the hood and to my surprise it had fuel injection. Over the next several years Dan came over the house many times in that Stingray and would always ask me if I

was still interested in buying it and was I saving up my money... And I'd always remind him that as far as I was concerned, it was a done deal. When I turned 16 I'd have \$2,500. During that time I was Stingray crazy. Every day I dreamed about that Corvette. I'd buy car magazines and posters with pictures of a Stingray. I even turned my bike into a Stingray. I believe it was the fad back then with the ape handlebars, banana seat, sissy bar, big tire on back, etc., even painted it silver. If I could have put fuel injection on it I would have. I was delivering newspapers for the Washington Post, working at Greenbelt Road Shell service station close to home, (which I now own) and doing odd jobs just to save money to buy that Stingray. On my 16th birthday I passed my driver's test, received my license and had the \$2,500 saved up for the Corvette. However there was just one problem, I hadn't seen Dan or the Stingray for several months. I asked my Dad for his phone number so I could call him to tell him

I was ready to make the deal. Dad then informed me that Dan had moved out of the state and hadn't received any information on his new address or a current phone number. I was shocked; the promise and my dream of owning that Corvette was lost.

I joined the Navy right after graduating High School, ending up at NAS Miramar, CA. (Fightertown USA, where the movie Top Gun was filmed starring Tom Cruise) north of San Diego with fighter air squadron VF-143 (Pukin dogs) working on F-4 Phantom's. During the years I would still dream about that '63 Corvette and hoping, maybe one day I would see that car again. Then one day I saw a '62 Corvette for sale by a guy from another squadron that was getting ready to go overseas, he wanted \$950 for it. He had just painted the exterior using aircraft white and the interior was painted navy gray (door panels, dash, etc.). The car had over 100,000 miles on it (probably over 200,000 miles) and it only had the hardtop. It wasn't a Stingray but it was a Corvette, I figured older was better and anyway it might take my mind off that Stingray. The '62 Corvette smoked quite a bit so I took it down to the hobby shop on base to work on it replacing bearings and piston rings in the engine and also doing a valve job. A month later it was done and I was out cruising up and down the Pacific Coast to places like La Jolla Beach, La Jolla Cove, Pacific Beach, etc. My buddy Chad and I decided to go on a long drive to his parents house up in Monterey, just south of San Francisco. This would be a good test for my Corvette just to see if it was road worthy. An hour into the trip it started raining like crazy (sure glad I had my hardtop on), the driver's wiper stopped working, (cable broke). I pulled up under a

bridge, got some string out of the trunk, wrapped it around the driver's wiper arm and through both door windows and then I put Chad to work, moving the wiper arm back and forth for the next hour, the faster I drove the faster he moved it back and forth. On the way back from Monterey to Miramar I noticed the gauge for the generator was discharging. The generator adjustment bracket had broke, I checked in my trunk and found some safety wire (borrowed from squadron shop) then repaired it temporarily by tying the broken pieces together. I was excited that the Corvette did pretty well and figured that nothing could stop me from driving it back to Maryland - note to self: Just make sure I bring plenty of string and safety wire (can't remember if there was such a thing as duct tape back then). After that I used every spare moment I had mapping out a route on Rte. 66 and all the stops I was going to make.

Half the squadron, including me, flew to Norfolk, VA, where we were assigned on the aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise (CVAN-65). It had been in dry dock for repairs and upgrade. We were leaving Norfolk, stopping in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, going around South America and up to the Port of San Francisco. During that 30-day cruise we would be putting in 18-hour days on the flight deck, training to get ready for a West Pac cruise to Vietnam. I had left my Corvette at my buddy's house, Evan (who lived off base with his wife and baby). When I returned back from the 30 day training cruise, Evan informed me that my Corvette had been stolen just a couple days prior, and to go to the police station to get the report. I talked to the detective handling the case and he informed me that most of the cars stolen in the area are taken to

Tijuana, Mexico where they are stripped for parts and then sold. He also added that's probably what happened to your car and you'll never see it again. I couldn't believe it another Corvette lost, my trip back across the states gone...just a couple more lost dreams. A month later I was on my way to the Gulf of Tonkin in Vietnam for nine months, with stops at Hawaii, Singapore, Okinawa, and Subic Bay. While out at sea, there wasn't a day go by that I didn't think about one of those Corvette's.

My cruise was cut short by two months after receiving an early out to go to school. There still was no word on my '62 Vette, my dreams of driving it back across Rte. 66 was just that - a dream and my Dad never heard from Dan again, the man that promised to sell me his '63 Corvette. After returning home I began school full time and started working part-time again at Greenbelt Road Shell. Three months later I received a full-time job as a mechanic working for Lustine Chevrolet, a dealership in Hyattsville, MD. While working there I was able to test drive a lot of different Corvettes and best of all, get paid for it. I still went to school part time in the evenings and continued to work at Greenbelt Road Shell on the weekends, in hopes for a future position as a full time mechanic. As the months went by I began thinking less about both Corvette's; then I received a phone call from Evan, the guy that reported my Corvette stolen over a year and a half ago. He had found my Corvette in his neighborhood just three blocks away from where he was living and the Police had it in their possession. I couldn't believe it, I was ecstatic; could this be true? I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming. I then gave Evan power of attorney to retrieve my car. With my Corvette back at his house he called to tell

me what kind of condition it was in. Turns out the Corvette had been bought and sold three different times (don't know how that was done without a title), car still ran but had body damage on right front fender, which had been repaired but not painted (probably couldn't match the paint). Not knowing if it would make that drive back across the states. I asked Evan to put it on a train back to Maryland.



I was dreaming about my Corvette every day. Again, wondering what it looked like and what I had to do to it when I got it back home. From California to Union Station, Washington DC was supposed to take only 30 days for my Corvette to arrive. After 45 days I called to check on the status of the car. They told me to check back in a couple more weeks. If it came in sooner they would call me. Another 30, 60, 90 days would pass. I would call Union Station a couple of times a week just to check on the whereabouts. They told me they were calling all the train stops along the way from California to Union Station, trying to track it down or to find out what happened to it. After six months and numerous calls, Union Station informed me they couldn't find my Corvette, they advised me to come down and put a claim in for it. I couldn't believe

it. Was the Corvette sitting at one of the train station's across the U. S. or was it stolen again? I thought to myself that I should have gone to California and taken the chance of driving it back to Maryland, that way I could have kept an eye on it. I was losing hope of seeing my Corvette again, could this be another lost dream.

The next day I went to the office at Union Station and talked to the Supervisor to make a claim on my missing Corvette. He looked up at me and asked "is it a white Corvette that had some damage to the right front fender?" I looked up at him and thought to myself...now how does he know it had damage to a front fender... then I began to smile; he had to have seen it. He explained to me that my Corvette had been sitting on the dock in the back of his office window for over four months. He couldn't find any paper work on it or who to contact. I told him I'd been calling a couple of times a week about it but no one here had seen it, apparently they didn't know what a '62 white Corvette looked like. I was excited again, and asked him, "where's it at?" so he took me out the back door and sitting right there was my Corvette with what looked like over an inch of dirt on it. I felt like hopping on the hood and hugging it, but refrained from doing that in fear of cracking the fiberglass. I called Greenbelt Road Shell to send a tow truck to Union Station to tow it. I wasn't going to leave my Corvette out of my sight again till it got back to my

house in a secured place.

Can't imagine all the places my '62 Corvette had been in those two years; even the trip it made on its own across the states - though not on Rte. 66. I'm still dreaming about doing that one day in that same '62 Corvette. That's right, I still have the car, even after 40 years. As for the '63 Corvette, I still think about it from time to time. Maybe one day I'll see Dan and his Stingray at a car show and proudly announce: "I'm over 16, have my driver's license and the deal was \$2,500 as promised..." Think he'll take it? That's another dream to be found on a lost promise and hopefully another story for another day...

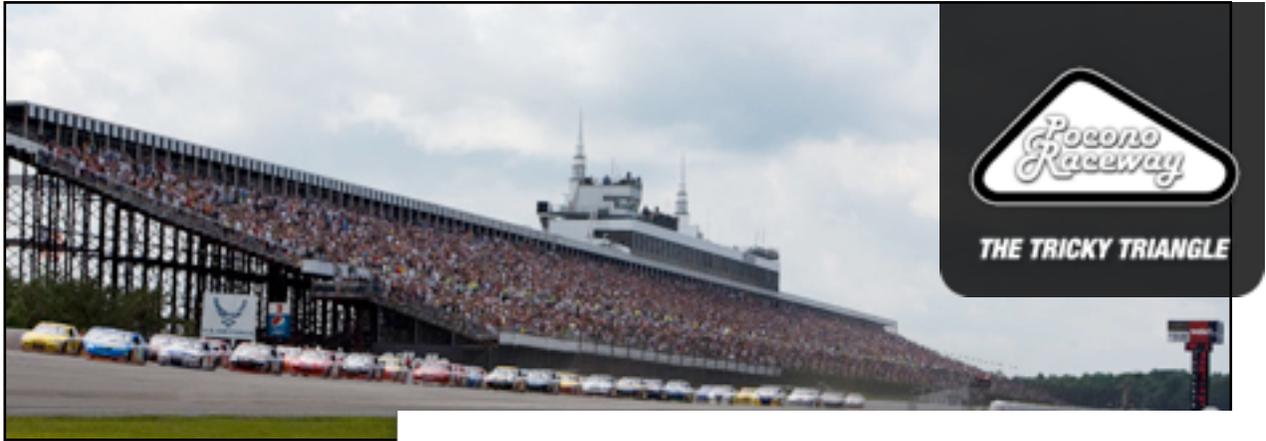


Editor's note: Tom this is a wonderful story, and one great tale of your car. I think you should do a google search on Mr. Dan What's his name...he owes you an explanation.

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#13 - Bentz Puryear...

On May 26, Nancy and Pete Klein, Denny White, Bentz Puryear and Keith Burns took to the track at Pocono Raceway for some high speed driving. These guys (and gal) know there's more to club life, than road trips and meals on the road...



“On the Pocono trip one thing I am always amazed with, I am out on the track having run somewhere around 100 laps, going on average between 120 and 132 at top speed, pulling over .9G in the turns for lap after lap. Then pull into the paddock area, change into shorts jump back in the car turn on the air and drive for four hours to get home. The car never had a problem...handled both the track and the four hour drive. The car was very easy to drive at 120, 130 or at 75 on the road home. Truly an amazing car.”



Competition Corner

The competition season is in full swing with plenty of opportunities to drive, ride, show and enjoy our Corvettes. The ERNCC Competition points standings is being updated so I can't provide results of the autocrosses, rallyes and shows that everyone has entered thus far. I will keep watching for those results and update the club soon.

I have heard from Sonny Brown and about the fun he is having showing his brand new Corvette. He has set a goal for the season to win lots of points and it looks like he is well on his way! At the Bel Air CC show he won 1st place. He was awarded the President's Choice award at the Cornerstone CC show and earned another 1st place in the participant's choice ERNCC fun show. Last weekend he picked up a 3rd place at the Revolution CC show. Congrats to you Sonny!

Several folks attended the CVCC HPDE at Pocono International Raceway last weekend and had a great time. There are some fun

stories to share from that weekend from Keith Burns, Denny White, Bentz Puryear and Pete and I. It was an adrenaline filled weekend and a chance to marvel at the capabilities of the Corvette. It took us about 2 hours to clean ours up after the event, and it still looks great! Just don't look too closely at the mud guard on the left front. Details to follow!



Nancy Klein
Competition Director

Please send me a note if you have attended an event and have a result or fun story to share. Here are the events for June.

Competition Calendar East Region - NCCC Events

DATE	CLUB	EVENT/SANCTIONS	PLACE
June 9	YCCC	Fun Show (3)	Shrewsbury PA
June 9	YCCC	Funkhana (1)	Shrewsbury PA
June 10	BACC	Fun Show (2)	Perry Point PA
June 10	CVCC	Double Rallye	Gettysburg, PA
June 16	CA	Fun Show (4)	Annapolis MD
June 17	TCV	Fun Show (3)	Brodshheadville PA
June 23	RVCC	Fun Show (1)	??
June 24	LCCC	AutoCross (2)	Adamstown PA



Did You Know....

There is a "travel assistance" offered TO NCCC members BY NCCC members while you are traveling in the USA. If you are interested in using or providing assistance please read through the email and go to the web site. www.corvettesnccc.org/

Bentz Puryear
Corvette Annapolis Governor

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The links on this page will give you a view of our Convention activities. This year the 53rd NCCC Convention will be held June 23 - 30, 2012 in Topeka, KS. Start making plans for some "Corvette Fun" NCCC style!



Reminder!

***and - coming in 2013
the 54rd NCCC Convention
Bowling Green KY
stay tuned for details***



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How to Teach Kids the Perils of Texting and Driving...

Perhaps the best way is like the link below shows; make them text and drive while on a safe course. Perhaps this is something that could/should be woven into the TDS?

http://www.autoblog.com/2012/04/30/this-is-how-to-teach-teens-the-perils-of-distracted-driving/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+weblogsinc%2Fautoblog+%28Autoblog%29

a message from ...

Laura Carr, the President of The Arc's Board of Directors.

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www.SmokinVette.com (good information exchange)

www.corvetteblogger.com (good racing news)

<http://corvettemechanic.com/forum> (technical questions)

good site for corvette parts and pricing:

<http://www.gmnavdisc.com/default.asp?lang=en>

to update your navigation software disc.

www.corvetteforum.com

<http://ernccc.ning.com> << East Region Vette-work

<http://ernccc.ning.com/?xgi=005HhRuMrv1zb1> << East Region Vette-works invite link

**Copies of the Annapolis Fun Show DVD
produced by Ron Minor,
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http://www.corvetteannapolis.com/merchandise/2011_COB_v_orderform.pdf

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An updated Corvette Annapolis mini catalog of standard logo wear is posted on the club web site. www.corvetteannapolis.com. It includes instructions and pictures regarding the logos on the last page. Contact "Missy" at the Embroidery Store to place an order or to discuss your specific inquiries. Note: Place your order and Nancy or Pete can usually pick up your pre-paid item and bring it to the meeting.

JUNE AND JULY 2012 CALENDARS



JUNE BIRTHDAYS
 6 - Judy Kennedy
 19 - Nancy Klein
 20 - Rich Clune
 23 - Kevin Hodges
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL
 TAURUS, GEMINI, CANCER**

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES
 11 - Ron & Kathy Minor
 14 - Woody & Janine Clagg
 20 - Barry & Robyn Hagedorn
CELEBRATE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10	11	12 CA CLUB MTG. 7 PM LIBRARY	13	14	15	16 ANNAPOLIS CITY DOCK CORVETTE SHOW
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 NCCC NAT'L CONVENTION.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY BIRTHDAYS
 4 Davee Schulman
 5 - Kristi Luddy
 6 - Michael Gauss
 9 - Laura Tomitz
 12 - Paul Stephens
 15 - Robyn Hagedorn
 17 - Kathleen Beres
 26 - Bentz Puryear
 31 - Sharon Brown



JULY ANNIVERSARIES
 2 - Fred & Kristi Luddy
 6 - Mr. & Mrs. Joe Porter
 8 - Mr. & Mrs. Bob Veitch
 22 - Allen & Janice Williams
 25 - John Lewis
CELEBRATE!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	JULY 4TH HOLIDAY	5	6	7 C.A. CLUB PICNIC - Patuxent River State Park, Croom MD
Meeting Treats provided by Janice Williams						
8	9	10 CA CLUB MEETING 7 PM -- TBA	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Gettysburg Segway Tour
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					