

VicVettes



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The Victoria Corvette Club represents Corvette owners and enthusiasts in the capital city of British Columbia. Victoria, located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, is known as the Garden City and is a major international tourist destination. We hold our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. We meet at 6:00PM for dinner, and hold our meetings after we have dined. Guests and new members are always welcome. Please check our website for info on our next meeting place.

Our members own an interesting variety of Corvettes, and we are active year 'round with Corvette-related activities: social events, show and shine, rallies, slaloms, tours, parades and more.

We are non-profit society, and sponsor our Club charity, the Queen Alexandra Foundation for Children.

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Glass on the Grass '09

President's Message

Cam regrets that there is no President's Message this month.

Glass on the Grass, July 26th, 2009

The Grass at the Queen Alexandra Centre played host to a lot of Glass this year. 61 registered Corvettes were impressively arrayed on the green surface, and sparkled in the bright summer sunshine. 24 of these were VCC members' cars.

Finely prepared Corvettes of each generation were displayed, and no doubt everyone found it very hard to decide for which to vote for Best in Class and Best in Show. Volunteer employees of Thrifty Foods cooked up lunches of burgers and smokies for participants and spectators.

As the event moved towards its conclusion, tickets were drawn and a number of lucky participants claimed the generously donated raffle prizes.

More detailed information on the show has appeared in the August meeting minutes, and a complete list of winners, along with more pictures, will soon be posted on the club website.

The club thanks all those who worked to make Glass on the Grass the success it was.



Register here!



Rare beast, 1963 Split Window Coupe

Our Club Sponsors:

Principal Sponsor:

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Canadian Corvette Convention 2009....Edmonton

The 35th anniversary convention of the Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs, Western Region was hosted by the Northern Alberta Corvette Owners Club in Edmonton. NACOC did its usual superb job of organizing , and I am sure that everyone who attended had a marvellous time.

But those roads! We were told that Edmonton had two kinds of roads: those that were under construction, and those that would embarrass any third world country. This proved to be true.

The Victoria Corvette Club was represented by Barry Dunning, Paul Miller and Lucille and Malcolm Baster. Ex-VCC members Larry Eastick (who came with brother Eric) and Rod Bushby also made the journey to Edmonton.

I am compelled to report that despite heroic efforts, no VCC member or other Victorian won anything in any of the events. Larry Eastick did, however, win a raffle prize, a picture taken by NACOC member and well known Edmonton photographer Darwin Mulligan. I thought I might have a good chance of winning something in the Poker Run as I had two pairs (Aces and Kings!), but the organizers were still counting up the hands and had already found two competitors with four of a kind and three with full houses. I wandered off disconsolately to sulk in a corner.

NACOC had lined up recently retired Corvette plant manager Wil Cooksey to speak at the Awards Banquet, but a motorcycle accident prevented him from appearing. Very fortunately Edmonton's Nicholson Chevrolet was able to fly in Reeves Callaway of Callaway Cars Inc to speak in Mr Cooksey's place.



Our genial MC and host, NACOC's ever ebullient Tom Hollinshead, welcomes us to Convention

Coming Events:

A list of tentative dates of our events for the year is published on our website, www.victoriavette.ca
For a complete list of car events on the Island and overseas, follow the link to Don Earnshaw's Car Shows.

- Aug 9 Cowichan Mill Bay Car Picnic. Info: 250 246-3632
Aug 16 Club Brunch and Cruise. 11:00 AM at the Four Mile Pub, 199 Island Highway. Watch for Cam's e-mail with more details.
Aug 16 Blethering Place Collector Car Festival. Info: 250 598-1413
Aug 16 Beverly Corners Show 'n' Shine. Cowichan Valley Sportsplex (Duncan) Info: 250 748-8663
Aug 23 European and Classic Car Picnic, Queen Alexandra Centre. Info: Porsche Club of Vancouver Island at 250 380-1444.
Sep 4-6 CU in September, Calgary. Corvettes Unlimited. Info: Doug Campbell at talongeo@shaw.ca
Sep 12 VCC Season's Wrap-Up BBQ at Malcolm & Lucille's in Cobble Hill. Details to follow.
Sep 20 Toy Run. VI Mustang Assoc and Canadian Classic Chevelles & Beaumonts.
Info: 250 881-1423
Oct 4 Leaf Crusher Cruise. Details to follow.
Oct 3-4 Back to Back Slalom, Vernon BC. Kelowna Corvette Club. Info: Jerry Reiber at jreiber@silk.net



Corvettes at the CCCC Convention



A stop on the Poker Cruise. (Four of a kind and full house beats two pairs!) (Drat!!)

Club Notes

Barry Dunning attended the recent CCCC meeting in Edmonton, and the information he brought back is all in the August meeting minutes.

Cam is hoping to arrange another autocross at Camosun College in September, and members are requested to scout out possible locations for future autocross events.

Interest was expressed in resuming Friday night cruises, so watch for e-mails from Cam with details of upcoming runs.

As we now are forced to borrow sound systems for our events, it was decided to investigate the pros and cons of the club buying our own system. Sean Mossey kindly volunteered to look into this.

Gary Williams reminded us that the Porsche Club's annual European and Classic Car Picnic will take place on August 23rd at the Queen Alexandra Centre. This show can have around 150 cars on display, and may raise some \$100,000 for the QA Centre. The Porsche Club needs a few volunteers to help with parking, so if you would like to help please contact Gary. VCC members attending the show might consider going as a group and parking together. E-mail Cam if you are interested.

Ruth-Ann put forward the following Notice of Motion: "to be able to put the club's 'shirt logo' on any piece of clothing." This will be discussed and voted upon at the September meeting. This is a more complicated matter than it might seem, as the club's logo does require a certain degree of protection. This must be balanced against the desirable freedom of members to show our "colours" as they see fit.

We will have our wrap-up BBQ at Malcolm & Lucille's acreage in Cobble Hill on Saturday, September 12th. The club will buy the food, and members will bring their drinks and lawn chairs. Len Philp will head up the organizing committee.

Rick Specht offered to organize a weekend tour if there is sufficient interest. Watch for an e-mail asking for your ideas.

Remember that our Annual General Meeting is in October. All nominations for executive positions must be in by the September meeting. We will also be voting for the Joseph Szymanski Award. This is given to the member whom the membership considers to have contributed the most to the club's success during the year. Cam will also present the President's Award.



Concours and Show 'n' Shine at Don Wheaton Chevrolet

Big Days:

Birthdays:

Jeannine Scoular

August 22nd

Anniversaries:

Dan & Catherine Hall

August 1st

Random Pics....



Club member Richard Yaremko's winning C2 at Glass on the Grass



Stratotech Park near Edmonton, scene of the slalom



Another form of racing. Almost a photo finish in the Valve Cover Races



The Queen Alexandra Centre's Jennifer Jasechko thanks us for our fund raising efforts



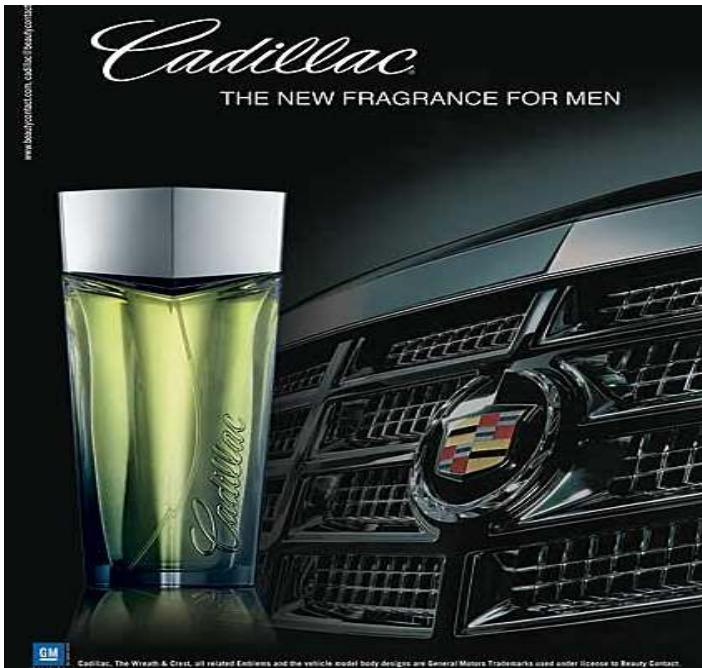
Barry's Concours C4



Some Victorians bring civilization to the wilds of Edmonton



Photographer Darwin Mulligan signs the picture won by ex (and future?) member Larry Eastick



Eau de motor oil, anyone?

Idlings

Guest speaker at the recent CCCC Convention in Edmonton was Reeves Callaway, head of Callaway Cars Inc, headquartered in Old Lyme, CT with branches in Corona, CA and Leingarten, Germany.

The connection between Callaway Cars and Corvettes goes back to 1987, when the company developed twin-turbo kits for C4's. These were dealer options, and 500 were sold over 5 years, despite the fact that the turbo kit doubled the price of the car.

Callaway's first project was a turbo for the BMW 320i, and the firm subsequently breathed its magic onto Volkswagen, Porsche, Audi, Mercedes and Alfa Romeo. Callaway also built the HH Indy Car V8 engine, and was commissioned by Aston Martin to develop and build the 5.3 litre V8 from the company's Virage for its AMR 1 Group C race car. Subsequent projects involved work on the Camaro, Impala SS, Range Rover, Mazda, Holden (Australian GM) and a Corvette ski boat.



Reeves Callaway

Perhaps Callaway's most famous Corvette is the Sledgehammer Corvette, a 1988 C4 with its body redesigned by Paul Deutschman. The engine produced 898 HP, 772 lb/ft of torque, and propelled the car to a top speed of 254.8 MPH.

Today Callaway Cars continues to work with Corvettes, and Reeves brought two examples to the slalom at Stratotech Park. Unfortunately an inconveniently timed thunderstorm prevented our taking full advantage of his generosity.

Reeves impressed us all as a fine gentleman, and has proved to be a first class engineer.



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