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A Message from the President

By Paul Murman, C.C.R. President



It has been an interesting summer so far. We have had more rain than I can remember and that has limited my opportunities to drive the Vettes. I can't remember the last time I had the top down on the convertible. The good news is that the weather has been cooler and with Corvettes at Carlisle at the end of the month, cooler weather, minus the rain, would be a blessing.

With the end of summer approaching, the CCR calendar of events is becoming more active. This month, we have the Richmond Flying Squirrels baseball game, Casino Night, and Corvettes at Carlisle. In September, we have the Car Corral at Richmond International Raceway, a "Vittles and Vettes" trip to Kings Arms in Williamsburg, and driving laps at the RIR track. For October, CCR members can attend Vettes at the Point at Smith Mountain Lake, the Heritage Fall Vette Show, and another "Vittles and Vettes" at Smithfield. Later in the fall, we will be going to the Swift Creek Dinner Theater and the ever popular Trivial Challenge will be back. Even with all the variety of things to do with CCR, there are still some open weekends. If you have an idea for an event, please contact Bob Brody, our events coordinator. Many of the events we have had in the past were the result of someone saying, "Why don't we..."

While summer is still here, and fall is a few months away, it is time to begin thinking about who you want on your 2014 CCR Board of Directors. In the next few weeks, the nominating committee will be organized and charged with the task of presenting to the membership those persons willing to serve. Some of the current board members have indicated that they are willing to run for office again and others have indicated that they will not. If you are interested in serving or you know of a member that you would be proud to have as a board member, let the committee know. Please give this decision very careful consideration. The success of CCR depends on it.

The after meeting social is a great opportunity for new and the seasoned members to meet and become acquainted with one another. Often, discussions lead to new Club events, suggestions about Vette products, new friendships, or just an opportunity to share old stories. This interaction happens best when the after meeting social is hosted by a member. When we do not have a member host, we try and find a restaurant willing to accommodate us and that usually requires us purchasing food and beverage from them and limits interaction among the members. It also requires that members who attend share in the cost. Currently, we have openings for September and November. If you are interested, please let Bob Brody, our Events Coordinator know. The Club offers financial assistance and many of the members also contribute time and food.

It is said that life is a journey. For me, I'd prefer to make the trip in a Corvette with my special gal by my side.

Paul Murman, 2013 CCR President

August 9 Membership Meeting & After Party

Our next General Membership Meeting will take place on Friday, August 9, at 7:30 p.m. Many members arrive as early as 7:00 p.m. to visit in the parking lot. Feel free to come early if you aren't in the habit of doing so. This month's meeting will be held at the Markel Corporation Building in Innsbrook. The address is 4521 Highwoods Parkway, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. There is plenty of parking available.



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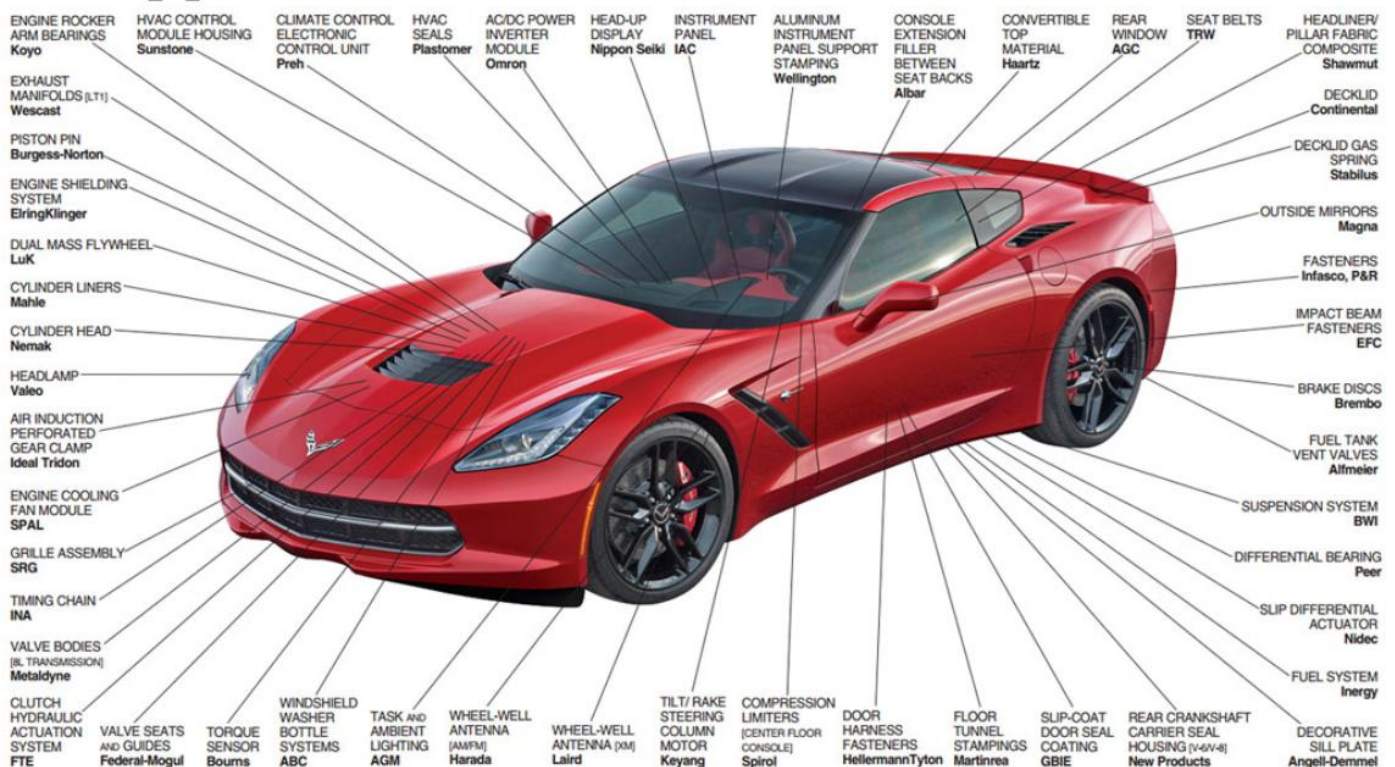
Meeting Directions:

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. Then take an immediate right onto Highwoods Parkway. Take the first left into the parking lot (you will see the "Markel" sign). The Markel Building will be directly in front of you. Enter under the carport on the right side of the building as you face it.

After Party:

This month's after party will take place at Tripps, located at 9318 West Broad Street, Richmond, 23294. This is only a few minutes from our West End meeting location.

Suppliers to the 2014 Chevrolet Corvette



Revs & Rumbles @ the National Corvette Museum

By Barry Roper, NCM Ambassador/Lifetime Member, (804) 794-0548


Where do you shop most often for Corvette themed merchandise? Online or in a store? ZIP? Mid America Motorworks? West Coast Corvette? Have you tried the Corvette Store housed in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky? Certainly, an onsite visit might be best and is to be encouraged whenever possible. However, an online experience is a great option and often seems to be the experience of choice.

Since our recurring push is for Corvette Club of Richmond member support of the NCM, utilizing the Corvette Store as one important source of your Corvette items regularly benefits the Museum and can frequently save you money on your purchases. That's not simply a general sales statement but rather a reference to the recurring discount on goods given to NCM members. One of CCR's annual goals is to boost membership in the NCM by encouraging our club members to join and then renew annually. Recall that the Museum is a not-for-profit organization that relies solely on sales, gifts, raffles, contributions, and donations for its continued existence. Purchases made from the store lend ongoing support while members enjoy discounts of 15%, 10%, or 5%, depending on membership type.

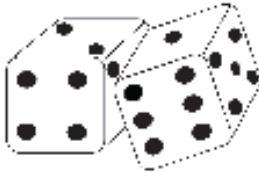


Current membership categories include LIFETIME, which is a pretty stiff \$1500, but this is a one time cost which affords two members a 15% shopping discount and is available by payment plan with withdrawals being taken monthly from a designated credit card or bank account. Another category is FAMILY costing \$100 initially but with annual renewals of \$50 and a purchasing discount of 10% on all store or online items. An INDIVIDUAL membership is \$50 annually while also qualifying for 10% off on all purchases. An infrequently chosen but available option is an EMEMBERSHIP costing \$25 annually and qualifying for a 5% purchase savings. All less costly memberships can be upgraded to a higher level category at any time by contacting the NCM at corvettemuseum.org.

Remember, that in August of 2014, now only twelve months away, the National Corvette Caravan will be assembling the week prior to Labor Day Weekend to journey to the Museum for participation in the NCM's 20th Anniversary Celebration. Non-National Caravan club members will also be making the trip singularly and in groups. However, there is no cost to register for the Caravan and we hope you will. Being involved begins with your checking out the Museum's web site for registration information and sign-up. DO IT TODAY...help the museum by becoming a member, making regular store purchases, and then going there with us next August. We can guarantee you'll be in awe of what you and your fellow Corvette lovers have created.



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Corvettes at Carlisle

Friday-Sunday, August 23-25, OD: Wylie DuBose



It's almost here! Here are the final caravan details:

THURSDAY CARAVAN: Wylie DuBose is leading the Thursday caravan. This group will meet at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, August 22, at the I-64 West rest area at mile marker 158. A drivers' meeting will take place followed by a prompt departure at 10:30 a.m. The route will include Highway 522 to Winchester with a stop for lunch at Dickey's BBQ. From there, the group will proceed to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, up to I-81 North. Contact Wylie if you have any questions.

FRIDAY CARAVAN: Dave and Lori Dolan are leading the Friday caravan. This group will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking lot of River City Diner at Parham Road and Route 1, just off I-95. Departure is set for 8:15 a.m. The group will stop for breakfast at McDonalds near Fredericksburg. If you need to reach this caravan en route, call Dave at (804) 640-9338.

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 nametags, Club apparel and Club radios.

Car Corral at Richmond International Raceway

Saturday, September 7, OD: Bubba Carr

With the success of the Inaugural RIR Car Corral last April, our sights are set on the September 7, Federated Auto Parts 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race. All of the Car Corral package favorites are returning: two tickets to the race, two Pre-Race Pit Passes, designated parking area, dash plaque and post-race track laps. This package, with only 100 available, remains \$75. A flyer with all the information you can share with your fellow car enthusiasts is on the following page.

CCR participants will meet in the White Oak Shopping Center parking lot on South Laburnum 9:00 a.m. to caravan over to the race track.

You can reserve your Car Corral package by calling Scott Byer, RIR Corporate Sales Manager at (804) 228-7649 or via e-mail at sbyer@rir.com.

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Lunch Cruise to the King's Arms Tavern

Saturday, September 14, ODs: Larry & Robin Williams

Make plans to join our merry band for lunch at the King's Arms Tavern in Williamsburg, Virginia, on Saturday, September 14. The cost is \$24.00 per person, or \$48.00 per couple, and includes soup or salad, entree, dessert, choice of non-alcoholic beverage, tax, and gratuity. Spirited drinks will be available for individual purchase.

Payment is due by September 6. Please mail your payment to Larry Williams at 1409 Southbury Avenue, Henrico, Virginia, 23231.



We will meet on Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Lowe's at 6425 Mechanicsville Turnpike and travel Route 360 to Route 30 and then Route 33 to Williamsburg for our 1:00 p.m. lunch reservation. King's Arms Tavern is located at 416 E Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg, Virginia, 23185. Parking will be available in a paved lot near the tavern. This will be a fun event and will take place rain or shine. We look forward to seeing you!

Tour the Collection of Lewis Little

Saturday, October 19, OD: Bob Brody



Please join us for a Tour of the Lewis Little Auto Collection, followed by lunch at Smithfield Station.

Lewis Little has a wonderful collection of Autos and Automobile Memorabilia that has been featured in Boomer Magazine and elsewhere.

The cost of this event is \$5 per person, which must be paid in advance to Bob Brody, 3918 McTyres

Cove Court, Midlothian, Virginia 23112. Tour attendance is limited to the first 50 members who pay. Sorry, but no children under 12 will be admitted to Mr. Lewis' Collection.

We will meet at 8:45 a.m. at the Sheetz located at 231 East Hundred Road, Chester, Virginia, for a 9:00 a.m. driver's meeting. We will depart at 9:15 a.m. and travel Route 10 to Smithfield. A stop at McDonald's, 1811 South Church Street, Smithfield, Virginia, will allow a break prior to the tour. The tour of the collection will start at 11:15 a.m. Following the tour, at 12:45 p.m., we will travel to Smithfield Station for lunch. The full menu will be available and they will tabulate individual checks.

Get your payment in soon to be one of the first 50.

CCR River Rats Cruise the James

By Lori Dolan



I've always told people that our tubing trip was going to be one of the best CCR events they could attend. Fun, sun, laughs, and relaxation on the water. Well, last year, thanks to a cold front, it was only 71 degrees when we put into the river. Brrrrrr! If that wasn't bad enough, it rained hard and long and the sun never came out. I seriously considered not hosting this event again.

Well, what are the chances we'd get TWO bad years in a row? I scheduled our 2013 trip.

We didn't get much of a spring this year and then June and July had too many rainy days. James River Runners' (JRR) updates the river conditions on their website each morning, so I checked the site daily. For over a week, the water level of the James River in Scottsville was too high for tubing, rafting, and kayaking. JRR has a no refunds policy so we couldn't cancel, but if they cancelled our trip due to bad conditions, we would get our money back. We would just have to "wait and see."

A few days before our event, water levels started to drop--a *good* sign. The rains had finally let up, the river was dropping, and the weekend was going to be a scorcher. But Friday morning--a *bad* sign--JRR cancelled all the day's reservations because a train derailed Thursday spilling over 1300 tons of coal. The accident blocked the road where we usually put in and CSX wasn't sure how long it would be before the road would reopen. Uh-oh! Maybe this event really wasn't meant to be after all! On Friday afternoon, I talked to JRR. By then, the road had been cleared and the river was still dropping. Our trip was on. YAY! I wanted this trip!



We met at 9:00 a.m. at the I-64 rest area at mile marker 168 in Goochland and departed a little later than planned as one of our OTCs (other-than-Corvette) wouldn't start. It took a team effort to get it going, but thanks to Bubba, Dave, Jesse and Nancy and their tools and know-how, our caravan of four red Vettes and five OTCs hit the road. Traffic was good and the 45 minute drive on I-64 was easy. We had our usual short pit stop about 30 minutes from JRR where the team again had to get that finicky OTC started. It was a quick fix and we were on the road again.

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CCR River Rats Cruise the James (cont'd)

Due to the train derailment, JRR couldn't take us UP RIVER to put in as usual. Instead, we would put in at Hatton Ferry and travel four miles downstream to Scottsville. I asked JRR if there was a sandy shore where we could stop for our lunch break and was told there was a small island midway down river that we could use. I quickly asked what side of the river the island was on...EVERYone laughed and I was told the island was in the middle of the river. Ooops.



We walked the short distance to the ferry and were given twine to tie our tubes and cooler tubes together. Time to hit the water. Anxious about the higher water, a few of us wore life vests that Donna and Bubba brought (*JRR also has vests available for free*). This was new scenery for us and, with the river not being as low as past years, we floated quickly and effortlessly downstream without having to shout "butt up" to dodge rocks. I don't know if this portion of the river is less rocky or if rocks were submerged due to the higher water, but the trip was WONDERFUL and the river was a dream! It was deeper than normal--a little over four feet--and felt very safe. Because we didn't have to navigate around rocks, our group was able to stay pretty much together--close enough for Jesse to toss shots to eager takers. Thanks, Jesse! Midway down river, we stopped at the island (*in the middle of the river*) for our lunch break.

As you can see from the picture, it wasn't much of an island—just a tiny piece of ground barely above the water line with a few trees. It was packed with people, so we had our lunch break in the water at the island's edge. A couple of college kids approached us begging for beer for their homemade beer bong and Nancy helped them out.



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CCR River Rats Cruise the James (cont'd)



After our short lunch break it was back to the float and, in about 45 minutes, our trip was over. We got out in Scottsville and a JRR bus was waiting to take us back. As always, the bus ride was also fun. The roads are narrow and curvy and, as passengers, we laugh and have a bunch of fun. Back at JRR, we changed into dry clothes and headed back to Richmond. About five miles out, we ran into a big storm. Yay! This year the rains waited for us to leave the river.

We had five river float virgins in our group of eighteen and two of them (Kirby and Marci) want to go back and take their families. I'm telling you, if you've never done this trip with us, you are missing out. Next year, plan to join us!





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01 - Anita Prasad
 01 - Robin Williams
 03 - Kristin Yianni
 04 - Brad Brady
 04 - Morgan Harris
 08 - Oliva Garland
 08 - Diane Lewter
 08 - Susan Mayhew
 10 - George Minson
 13 - Graham Moore
 16 - James Van Eckoute
 17 - Mary Belcher
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 28 - Cindy Williams
 29 - Fred Tyler
 30 - Larry Barker
 30 - Peter Minneci

2013 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

January 11 th	Southside
February 8 th	Southside
March 8 th	West End
April 12 th	West End
May 10 th	Southside
June 14 th	Southside
July 12 th	West End
August 9 th	West End
September 13 th	Southside
October 11 th	Southside
November 8 th	West end

2013 AFTER-PARTIES

January 11th – Brock's Bar-B-Que
 February 8th – Antonio's
 March 8th – The Greek Islands Restaurant
 April 12th – Tripps Restaurant
 May 10th – Rick & Kathy Franklin
 June 14th – Mike & Peggy Todd
 July 12th – Kirby & Marcie Montgomery
 August 9th – Tripps Restaurant
 September 13th – OPEN
 October 11th – Barry & Pat Roper
 November 8th – OPEN

August 25 is the deadline for submissions to the September newsletter.

Email your articles, announcements, memorable moments, and classified ads to Jeremy Welborn at newsletter@corvetteclubofrichmond.com

2013 CCR Calendar Highlights

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17 - *Betting on Life & Letting it Ride, The Place at Innsbrook*

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 23-25 - *Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - *Car Corral at Richmond International Raceway*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - *Cruise to King's Arms Tavern, Williamsburg*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - *Driving Laps at Richmond International Raceway*

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4-6 - *Vettes on the Point, Smith Mountain Lake*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 - *Corvette Show, Heritage Chevrolet*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 - *Lewis Little Auto Collection, Smithfield*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 - *Christmas Dinner Dance*

Get Your CCR Sweatshirts and Hoodies



At our last meeting, I told you it was time for me to place another screen print order for T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. I won't be placing multiple orders as I need to order items in quantities of 12. If you think you're going to want a hooded sweatshirt or a zipper hooded sweatshirt, now is the time to place your order--not when the weather turns cold! Remember, these are men's sizes and sweatshirts (\$25), hooded sweatshirts (\$30), and ZIPPERED hooded sweatshirts (\$32) come in red, white, grey and black. Call me at (804) 346-5266, order through our web store, or place your order at the August meeting. I'll place orders after the meeting and we'll have our items in time for Vettes on the Point. Payment is not due until you receive your item.



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C6 Tech Tips: Trapped in Your C6? We're Here to Help!

By Butch Jones, CCR Member

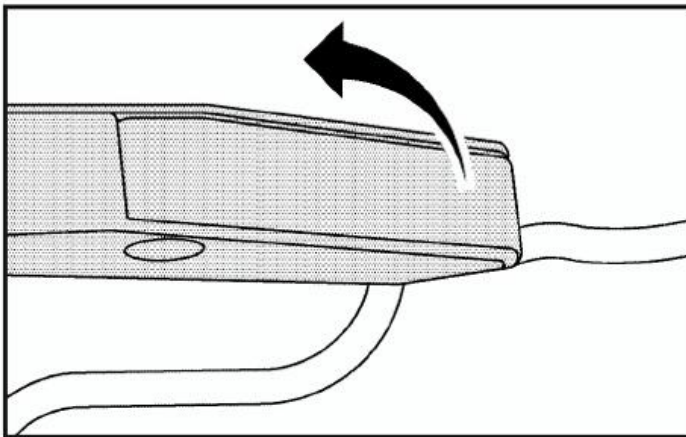


All kidding aside, I've been reading about a few cases of C6 Corvette owners being "trapped" in their cars after the battery has died.

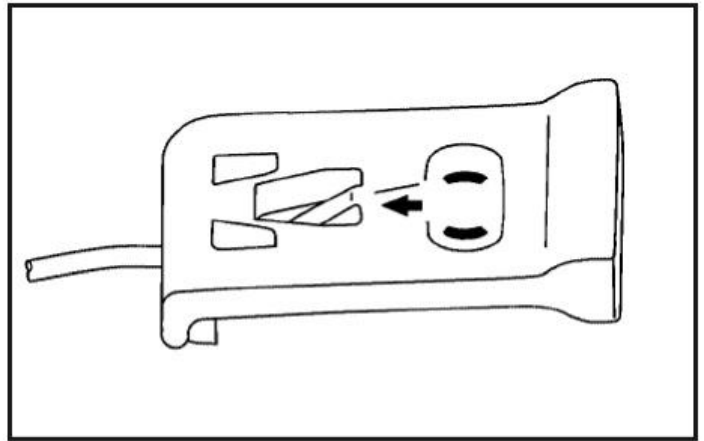
If the battery dies on a C6 Corvette, the door-release buttons are inoperable. However, GM has equipped all C6 Corvettes with levers on the floor that, when pulled, manually open the doors. This is clearly printed in the owner's manual, but we're all probably guilty of not reading an owner's manual from cover to cover. We'd guess that most valets don't have a clue about this either. Don't forget

that removing the targa top is also an option. The steps to open the door are as follows:

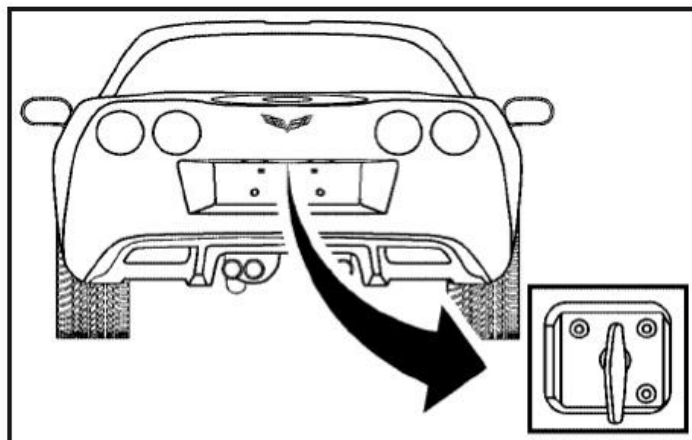
If power to the vehicle or the keyless access transmitter is lost, there are two ways to open the door.



From inside the vehicle, use the door release handle located on the floor next to each seat. Pull the handle up to unlock and unlatch the door.



From outside the vehicle, use the door release tab located on the carpet inside the trunk on the driver's side of the vehicle. Pull the tab to unlock and unlatch the driver's door. See *Hatch/Trunk* on page 2-14 for information on opening the trunk during a loss of power.



If your vehicle has lost battery power, open the hatch/trunk using the vehicle key. The key lock cylinder is located on the rear of the hatch/trunk lid above the license plate. Turn the vehicle key clockwise in the lock.

Becoming a Member of the CCR

In 1960, a small group of Corvette enthusiasts began to gather together 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). A membership application can be found on the CCR website: www.corvetteclubofrichmond.com.

Your membership application must be approved by both the board and the club's membership. Acceptance may take a couple of months. After your application is received, we'll be in touch to fill you in on the process and answer any questions you may have.

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