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Presidents Corner by Gerry Gismondi



[Gerry](#)

My column is being written shortly before the Car Show so I'll hold off on my remarks till next month. But, it is shaping up to be one of the best ever.

I would like to thank and recognize several members for stepping up as chairs of several activities. Pam Baker for a pop-up that filled four boats for an intercoastal cruise and lunch at Taco Mundo. Tim Wuenneman for the golf outing at Glen Dornoch. Mel Baker for having a great dinner and meeting at our charity, Shepherd's Table. Jim Spore for his Mystery Cruise to Cape Fear Winery in Elizabethtown. And Jeff

Estes for the Advance Auto Cruise fundraiser for their employee. Lastly, thanks to Linda Ferrero for the Memorial Parade with 18 Vettes. Thanks also to Richard Miller, Dave Sandifer, and David Lacey for driving WWII and Korean combat veterans. Our honoree, Lt. Colonel Jack Heslin, US Army Retired, wrote me how thankful and honored he was to be part of the memorial activities. We had a very successful first cruise-in at Doesn't Matter with 39 in attendance for great food and camaraderie.

See y'all at Maggie D's and remember to SAVE THE WAVE....

**Regards,  
Gerry**

Find us on 

Melvin Baker - VP



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# MEETING & DINNER

<b>July 14</b>	<b>Maggi D's</b>
<b>Aug 11</b>	<b>Blueberry Grill</b>
<b>September Picnic</b>	
<b>Oct</b>	<b>Sunny Side Up</b>
<b>Nov 10</b>	<b>Key West Grill</b>
<b>Dec 8</b>	<b>Barefoot Country Club</b>

# TIME!!

## ROUNDING OUT 2019

## Bob Carey - Editor

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[Bob Carey](#)

Greetings members: As I have been scouring the internet to find articles for our news letter, I came across some interesting information regarding Auto Shows.

“With one in four new-car buyers attending an auto show before they purchase, many automakers are figuring out new ways to attract visitors to their displays.”

There has been a decline in manufacturers attendance to some of the annual auto shows around the world. Twelve brands that had been long-time Detroit participants have departed since 2015.

*The digital era is transforming the way automakers introduce vehicles.*

The shift has left many of the big international auto shows grasping for answers as brands increasingly connect with consumers through Instagram and YouTube instead. Last year, BMW went a very different route to generate buzz for the sixth-generation M5 without having to share the spotlight. It revealed the car in a video game.

We have seen a similar trend with the C8 Corvette, which gets its official reveal on 7-18-19. Rumors and spy photos were rampant on the Internet since the introduction of the C7. Sightings, which started overseas and now most recently in the US, are being reported more frequently. I look forward to seeing the C8 up close as Zora's dream has finally come to fruition. That's all I have to say this month - hoping the weather is good for our 24th Annual Car Show.

See you there.

**SAVE THE WAVE**

Bob



It's Coming !! 7-18-19

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**C8 Logo**



**C7 Logo**

**[C8 Corvette teaser video](#)**

## Patricia Miller - Memberships



[Patricia Miller](#)

Happy June to all Members!

We currently have 238 active members: 106 family and 26 single. May brought us John & Janet Wackerly, Kevin & Teresa LaGravenis, Tony & Eileen Zappia and Vincent & Terri Contreras.

John & Janet were introduced to the club at the May meeting (which was superb BTW) - they have an '08 convertible and moved to Surfside Beach 20 years ago from Ohio.

Plus! A great Welcome Back to Fritz & Pat Gibson!!

Congratulations to Craig & Kari Steinbock for 5 years of MBCC membership and HUGE CONGRATS to Mike & Sue Woldanski for 10 years of MBCC membership!!!!!!!

AND AS USUAL-

If you lose your name badge, I can order you another - the cost is \$10. If you'd like your car model and year added to your name badge, the cost is \$8. I have MBCC cling-ons for your car. They are static plastic - will not inflict any damage! The cost is \$22 for 2. If you are interested in purchasing a set, let me know at penny121@icloud.com. I always have some with me at club meetings, as well as the car stickers (\$3.00).

If you attend club events where everyone will meet and caravan to the particular event, please come with a two-way radio so that you can communicate with others in the caravan, especially the leader. All two-way radios should be tuned to Channel 8. In addition, we now have club shirts that can be worn to group events. You are not required to purchase a shirt, but if you want to, the information will be at the end of the Vette Gazette.

Should there be any changes/corrections to your address, phone number, email, etc, please let me know at penny121@icloud.com so we can keep our roster up-to-date and you don't miss out on any of the fun.

## Activities - Update

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### JUNE

CORVETTES AT MYRTLE BEACH (6/1) - RICHARD AND PATRICIA MILLER ..... ANYTHING ELSE .....

### JULY

MYSTERY CRUISE - DEBORAH KELLY

### AUGUST

BILTMORE - JIM SPORE ..... CORVETTES AT CARLISLE (8/22) ..... PELICANS - LINDA FERRERO

### SEPTEMBER

CAPE FEAR CAR SHOW ..... SUNSET CRUISE MURRELLS INLET - BILL CLARK ..... PICNIC - BETTY FREEDMAN AND LINDA MEADERS

### OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN - DONNA MAISANO ..... MYSTERY CRUISE - DAVE SANDIFER AND NORMA HADLEY

### NOVEMBER

HILTON HEAD - JIM SPORE ..... DRAG RACING - RICK SERFASS

### DECEMBER

MYSTERY CRUISE (MIKES) - JIM SPORE ..... TOYS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY - LINDA FERRERO AND REESE HELMS

## Betty Freedman -September Picnic 2019



[Betty Freedman](#)

### ANNUAL PICNIC

The MBCC Annual Picnic hosted by Betty Freedman and Linda Meaders

#### [Myrtle Beach State Park](#)

Sunday, September 15, 2019 11:00AM – Until

\$5.00 per person

Admission to park is \$3.25 (senior rate) per car. Pay when entering park.

We will be asking all attending to bring a dish to be shared. A sign-up list will go out to ensure we have a nice variety of foods.

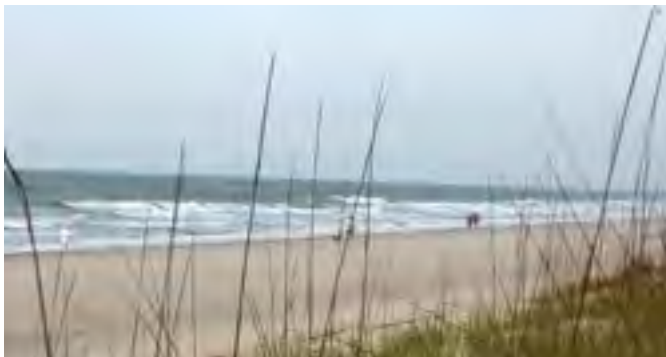
Bring or wear your bathing suits as we will be a short walk to the beach and YES there will be games for all to enjoy.

Please mail checks for picnic

to: MBCC

PO Box 4836

N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29597





## Mike Woldanski - NCM Ambassador



[Mike Woldanski](#)

### Greetings Members

Please note, as we discussed at the last meeting, that new rules apply for purchasing NCM raffle tickets. They can be ordered through the Museum with the order form and credit card. This is a change, especially for the \$10 raffles, where in the past they were sold directly through the Ambassador.

### **CORVETTE RAFFLE**

### **C7 and C8 Upcoming Raffles... Order Your Tickets Today!**

We currently have **THREE** Raffles available!

#### **2019 Black Stingray Corvette Coupe**

Raffle Drawing 06/20/2019

Tickets \$100 / Limited to 1,500 Tickets

#### **"Build Your Own" Next Generation (C8) Corvette**

Raffle Drawing 08/30/2019

Tickets \$250 / Limited to 1,500 Tickets

#### **VIN 25 Next Generation C8 Corvette**

Raffle Drawing 08/31/2019

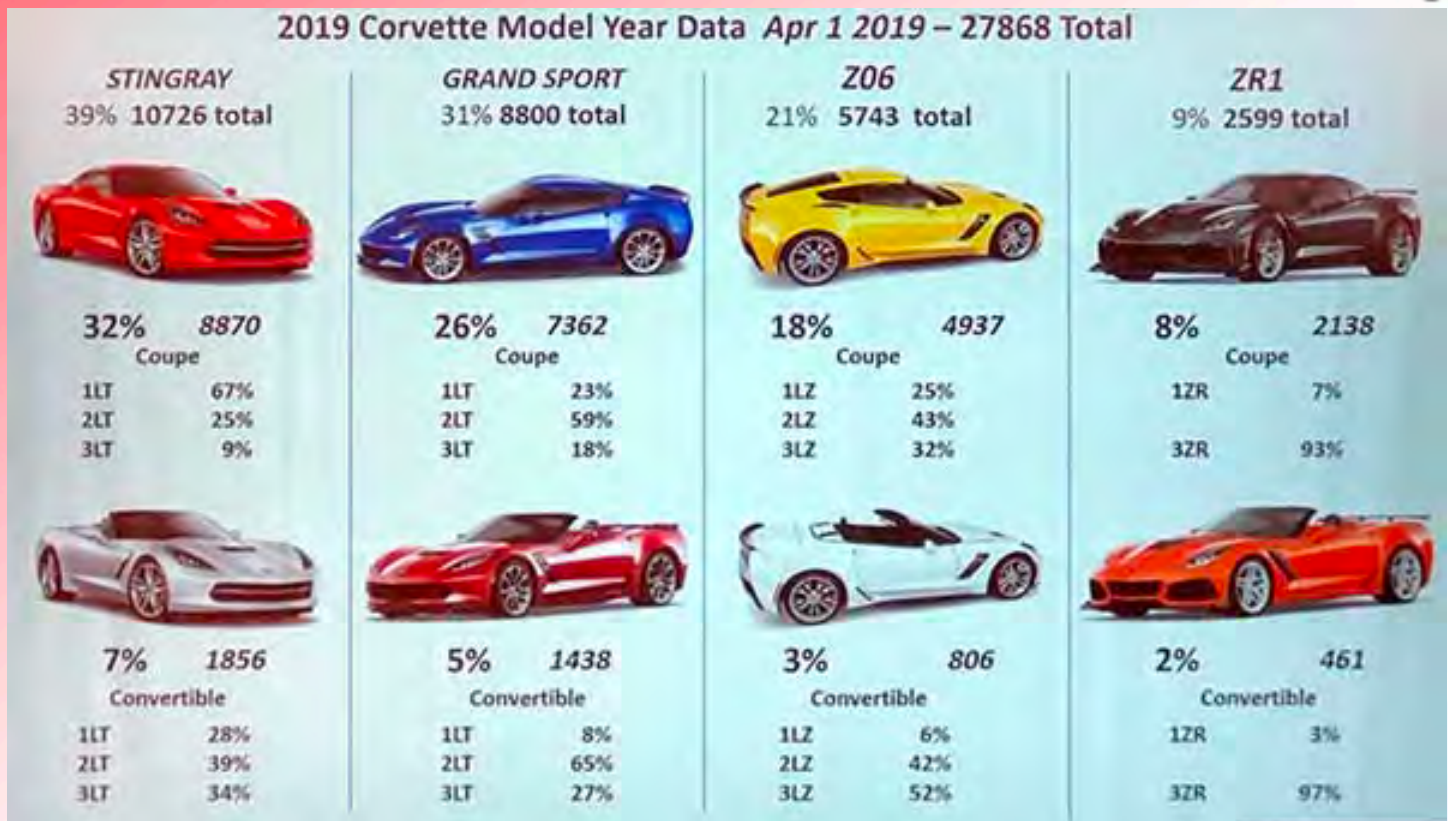
Tickets \$25 / Unlimited Raffle

Don't wait until the last minute! Raffles are once again open to all states via a mail order ticket request form.

[\*\*Download the Raffle Ticket Request Form→\*\*](#)







## GM Shares Corvette's 2019 Model Year Data as of April 1 at the Michelin Bash

As part of the Michelin NCM Bash, Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter, along with Corvette Product Manager Harlan Charles and Exterior Designer Kirk Bennion, lead a seminar, sharing how the current model year numbers are looking in addition to what's coming down the pipeline. This year's event highlighted data for the 2019 model year.

A total of 27,868 Corvettes have been produced for the 2019 model year as of April 1. The model year is longer than usual, with Stingray, Grand Sport and Z06 production starting on January 29, 2018 and ZR1 production starting March 5, 2018. Though GM will be auctioning off the final C7 on June 28 (a black 2019 Z06), as with past models the car will not have been produced in time to make an appearance at the auction. The final date of C7 production has not yet been announced.



## Rich & Patricia Miller - Car Show Co-Chairs



Patricia Miller Rich Miller

MBCC Membership,

We would like to thank all our members for the great support and encouragement.

Because of you, this year's show was another great success. A complete overview of the show will be in the July Gazette. Thank you again and enjoy your summer!!!

Richard & Patricia

### *Corvettes at the Beach 2018*





## Past Events-[Advance Auto Car Show](#)

On Saturday, May 11, several of our members attended the Advance Auto Car show for the benefit of one of their employees, Matt Welborn, who had stage four prostate cancer. Matt is back at work and his cancer is in remission. Over \$1500.00 was collected. - Al Freedman

Thanks to everyone that participated in the benefit Cruise-in at Advance Auto on Saturday. Our club showed support and provided donations for Matt Welborn and his family (Matt is an Advance employee in his 30's who recently underwent surgery for colon cancer.) 17 MBCC member cars were on display. The Cruise-in was also attended by the Coastal Carolina Mustang Club which showed 11 cars (great group of people). I'm not aware of how much was collected for the Wellborn family but I'm sure it is very much appreciated. - Jeff Estes





## Past Events - [Pontoon Boats on the ICW](#)

36 members and a few guests departed Barefoot landing at 11:00 AM sharp. There were four pontoon boats that cruised north for the first leg of our trip up the ICW. After a very nice lunch at Taco Mundo, we continued our cruise south on the ICW. We returned to Barefoot Landing and were invited to socialize aboard "The Beauty and the Beast", a very lovely boat owned by members Steve and Vicki Issak.

Several of us visited the bar at Barefoot Landing to cap off a very lovely afternoon.

Thank you Pamela Baker. - Al

38 members loaded safely into 4 Pontoon boats at 11AM for a short excursion north on the ICW, docking at Taco Mundo for lunch. Then a one hour ride South on the ICW with a final docking at The Marina Bar and Grill. Lots of happy faces. Al took a group photo that he may, or may not, share.

This shot was taken by the manager at Action Water Sportz.

Mel





## Past Events - [Mystery Cruise](#)

MBCC MYSTERY CRUISE.....

Final destination Cape Fear Vineyard & Winery, Elizabethtown, NC

Myrtle Beach Corvette Club, Myrtle Beach, SC. Over thirty Corvettes enjoyed a gorgeous day from the efforts of Dave Tilley, Dave Lacey, Gordon Bottom, Sharon Spore, Ken Belford and Chairman Jim Spore. If you missed a great Mystery Cruise, use the link above to see some pictures taken by Garry Hood, and Gerry. And it didn't rain!





## Memorial Day Parade - Market Common

### **"THE BIG PARADE" by LTC Jack Heslin ( Retired )**

Over my lifetime I have been in many parades, mostly as a soldier marching in a military formation. This Myrtle Beach Memorial Day parade on Saturday was very different for me.

Several weeks ago the president of our Myrtle Beach Corvette Club, Gerry Gismondi, asked me to ride with him in the lead car of the club's participation in the parade. He said the club wanted to honor me for my service and he hoped I would agree to be in the parade. I told him I was honored and that I would do it as a representative to all those fallen friends of mine who would never be in a parade.

I did not know it, but he had special signs made for his car that announced LTC Jack Heslin (Retired), Vietnam War Veteran, and in each corner of the sign he had one of my medals, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star and Air Medal.

As we gathered in the parade marshaling area early Saturday morning, fourteen corvettes from our club showed up to join in the parade. Other participants who would be marching to include a few floats, assembled there also. There were several Junior ROTC units from local high schools along with other veterans' organizations. There was a great sense of comradery among the folks with a lot of flags and red, white and blue banners everywhere. Gerry, the club president, told me that one of the JROTC units wanted to talk with me so I spent a few minutes with those bright, young people in their uniforms sharing some of my thoughts. They all seemed very interesting standing there in the heat of the morning sun.



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## Memorial Day Parade - Market Common

When we left the assembly area and started down the parade route, there were people standing on both sides of the street. The total route was about 2 miles and it went through the middle of the Market Commons village area.

I cannot tell you what a feeling of patriotism welled up in me as I rode along with Gerry in his 99, black corvette convertible with the signs on each door. From the beginning of the parade route through the full route, people were standing and sitting in lawn chairs to greet us and wave their little American Flags. As we passed, they would clap and say thank you for your service, welcome home and some called out my name. The number of little children was such a delight to see and I saw one mother telling her small son that "that is LTC Heslin in that car and he flew helicopters in Vietnam."

All along the route the folks just kept waving as I / we waved back with many clapping and cheering. For me, it was an incredible display of Norman Rockwell type Americana patriotism. I just loved it.

I wanted to share this experience with you all because not only was it a delight for me, it gave me great hope in the America I served for so many years and love so dearly. **May God Bless America and Her People**



[Click here for all Parade pictures](#)

## Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
					6pm Corvette Pre-S	8am Corvettes at th
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		5pm Cruise In			11:15am After Show	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
No meeting this m						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	5pm Cruise In					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			5pm Cruise In			
30	Jul 1	2	3	4	5	6
7pm Bee Gees Tribu						

[Website Calendar Link](#)

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



### *Happy Birthday to:*

Nancy Bellucci	2	Donna Mendez	15
Patsy Smith	3	Kathy Oliver	16
Pat Slevin	3	Janet Wackerly	16
Robert Jagger	4	Jim Sadar	18
Jean Heslin	7	Reese Helms	19
Diane Sansbury	7	Fred Snell	19
Angela Torregrossa	7	Sandy Beall	20
Maryanne Karpovich	8	Ken Belford	21
Steve Megill	8	Fritz Gibson	21
Howard Ashburn	10	Lynn Daniels	22
Bob Carey	14	Virginia Fogel	25
Pat Hilliard	14	Richard Miller	26
Kathy Clifford	15	Deborah Kelly	28

### *Happy Anniversary to:*

Vincent & Susan Masi	1	Gordon & Joan Bottom	7
David & Martha Tilley	1	Steve & Sandra Musselman	7
Kevin & Sandy Duke	2	Kevin & Della Goettl	9
Andrew & Carol Forenchak	2	Wayne & Janet King	20
Larry & Lee Parks	4	Tom & Carolina Conery	27
Jack & Jean Heslin	5	Robert & Charlotte Graybeal	28



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