



Ambassador Report

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**Cape Fear Corvettes, Wilmington, NC is a One Acre Club
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The National Corvette Museum throttles into 2024 with an unmatched exhibit and event line-up for the Museum's 30th Anniversary.

March 15 – *LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting*

Throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, cars and motorcycles have not only been ubiquitous on the nation's streets and highways, but also in film, top forty hits, and in painting. With the emergence of photo-realism in the 1960's, motor vehicles assumed a special place of distinction as subject matter in the iconography of American art. *LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting*, is a traveling museum exhibition comprised of over 55 paintings by nearly 15 of today's realists and hyperrealists who specialize in automobiles and motorcycles as their primary subject of choice.

Undergoing a major renovation to transform the space into an art gallery, Luster will take residency in the Museum's limited engagement gallery through the end of 2024. Art will be juxtaposed against Corvettes, motorcycles and other automotive icons that served as the inspiration for the work, including a 1937 Cord 812 on loan from the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn, IN.

April – The Vintage Shop Opens on [CorvetteStore.com](https://www.corvettestore.com)

The Corvette Store's Vintage Shop gives the Museum another opportunity to showcase the car's incredible history and the fashions that have accompanied it, while the interest in vintage apparel has skyrocketed with younger generations craving a unique look. The Vintage Shop will be available in limited "product drops" in 2024 on the recently renovated [CorvetteStore.com](https://www.corvettestore.com). We are seeking all types of Corvette merchandise, including T-

shirts, totes, lapel pins, and more and all donations must be clean, odorless, and in good condition. To learn more, visit us online at [CorvetteStore.com](https://www.corvettestore.com).

April 25 – 27, 27th Annual Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash

Every year, the National Corvette Museum starts off its event season with the Michelin NCM Bash, an event where Corvette fans get to have an in-depth experience learning about the latest and greatest with the Corvette. Returning activities include a seminar and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner, with additional seminars presented by Michelin, Mobil 1, and GM. Guests will enjoy guided road tours, a Museum's Choice car show, a live auction featuring exclusive Corvette memorabilia, and more.

May 1 -31 – Military Appreciation Month Including the Vets 'n Vettes Event

The National Corvette Museum has a long history of celebrating our military veterans, and the month of May is National Military Appreciation Month in the United States. All active and retired duty military will receive free admission to the museum with military ID. Vets 'n Vettes, presented by Mobil 1, will take place in May. Since 2008, the NCM has been hosting this event, offering veterans, servicemen and women, and those who support them, a comfortable place to meet and share stories and experiences while enjoying road tours and other Corvette-related activities.

June – *Ground to Sky: The Sinkhole Reimagined*

When the National Corvette Museum's iconic Skydome suffered a cave-in on February 12, 2014, due to an undiscovered underground cavern, the world quickly tuned in and watched. The decade since has witnessed incredible change and growth at the National Corvette Museum, and this exhibit documents the moments, memories, and machines that made history that fateful day, while recognizing the accomplishments of countless Museum staff and supporters who built back and reimaged a National Corvette Museum that continues to prosper.

This limited engagement exhibit features select Corvettes that were recovered from the sinkhole, along with timelines and multimedia that illustrate where the Corvette Museum has been, and where it is headed in the future.

August 29 – 31 – 2024 National Corvette Caravan

With more than 8,000 Corvettes descending on the National Corvette Museum from all points around the world, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the Museum. Hosted once every five years, Caravan is scheduled for Labor Day Weekend 2024 and will

mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary. Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum.

August 31 – 26th Annual Corvette Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

On August 31st, the National Corvette Museum will celebrate the 2024 Members-Elect of the Corvette Hall of Fame with an official, formal induction. The Corvette Hall of Fame was established by the NCM in 1998 to confer official recognition upon the most influential individuals in the history of the Corvette and honor their achievements. Each year, a leader is inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame from one of three categories: GM-Chevrolet, Racing and Enthusiast.

October 2024 – An American Love Affair: Pop Culture and the Corvette

The widely popular exhibit documenting the love affair between America and the Corvette will be refreshed with new Corvettes and Corvette artifacts on display. With a greater focus on the connection Corvette has to pop culture, the exhibit will include a new multimedia performance in the museum's Skydome.

"The Corvette means so much to so many people, and our 2024 Exhibits and Events plans include something for everyone," explained Sharon Brawner, National Corvette Museum President and CEO. "From 8,000 Corvette enthusiasts traveling from all points across the country with the Corvette Caravan, to art aficionados captivated by the beauty and color so unique to cars and motorcycles, 2024 will deliver the sights, sounds, and experiences worthy of the Museum's 30th Anniversary." To schedule a visit to the National Corvette Museum, visit www.corvettemuseum.org.