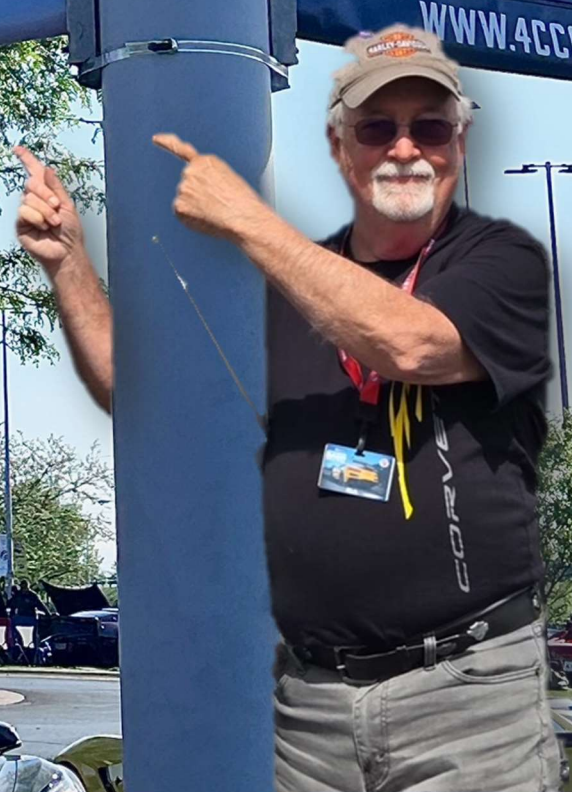




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This month, I'm excited to announce a new feature in Flags. We are introducing **Corvette Corner** with Mike Furman. Each month, we will highlight pictures from Mike's weekly Blog from his website. Mike has been selling Corvettes and Chevrolets for 47 years and has sold more Corvettes than any other sales executive. To date, that number totals 6,650+ Corvettes and that total continues to increase.

We've spent time with Mike when attending the Bash each year. We stay at the same hotel and always have a chance to sit down with Mike when he's holding court in the lobby.

Mike was kind enough to give me permission to use photographs and content from his Blog. Be advised that you will see pictures of Corvettes, important people and events that you won't see anywhere else.

With the addition of Mike's "**Corner**" and updates from Keith Cornett's Corvetteblogger, we should be able to keep our membership right up to speed on what's going on in the world of Corvette, past, present and future.

Coming up on June 7<sup>th</sup> is our annual Cruise Into Summer car show. Plan on arriving by 1:00 so we can get everything set up and ready for a big crowd.

Summer is almost here. Get the Vette out. Make your presence seen at our monthly meeting and/or some of the local car show events. And remember, whatever you decided to do, just make sure you have fun doing it!



Hi, all:

I hope that everyone is enjoying this spring weather.

Just a heads up that we are less than two weeks away from our annual Cruise Into Summer Car Show. It is "all hands on deck", so please plan on being at Reichard's by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, please remember to bring a \$25 door prize to be given away at the show. As you know, proceeds from our show allow us to donate to local charities, communities and those in need.

Please keep Don Thokey, Mike Myers, Dave Ransdell and Neil Romer in your thoughts as they continue to recover from some recent health issues. For sure, they are all doing well, but, man, father time sure makes recovery a long, drawn out process!

Look forward to seeing everyone on June 7<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, get out and enjoy the cars, enjoy the weather and, as always, **Save the Wave** and we'll see you soon!



## BCC CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting will be June 12<sup>th</sup> at Golden Gate Park at 7:00 p.m. You should plan on coming out to attend the meeting. We'll have the results of our Cruise Into Summer Car Show. As an added bonus, you get to meet some of our newer members and, if you're lucky, get to meet some long-time members that make it there.



## BCC CRUISE INTO SUMMER

Yep, the time has come for our annual Cruise Into Summer car show. Make plans to be there, sign up for work duty and cross your fingers for great weather.

See you there!





## POOL PARTY @ SNIDER'S

Mark your calendar for June 14<sup>th</sup> to attend Rick Snider's pool party! According to Rick, there will be plenty of parking, guaranteed great weather and even a bathing suit optional section. That does sound scary and I'm sure most everyone will pass (except our Vice President).

Should be lots of fun. Watch your email for timing and more details.

## FAIRVIEW CHURCH CAR SHOW

Here's another great local car show to attend. The annual Father's Day Car and Truck Show at the Fairview Church in Englewood. Always well attended and very well organized. Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from noon until 3:00 p.m. And it's only \$10.00.



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# CORVETTE CORNER

WITH  
*Mike Furman*  
National Corvette Specialist

**This month, we introduce** a brand new segment to Flags. I reached out to Mike Furman from Criswell Chevrolet in Gaithersburg, MD and asked for his permission to use content from his weekly vlogs/blog. When attending the Michelin Bash at the Corvette Museum each April, Mike just happens to stay at the same hotel that we do (Marriott Courtyard). For the last several years, I have run into Mike sitting in the lobby of the hotel. We've had several great conversations, and Mike always shares some of his Corvette-related experiences from the last 47 years. This year, we talked about his weekly blog and I thought it would be a great addition to Flags if we could use some of the content that he sends out. He didn't hesitate to say yes.

As most of you know, Mike is the Number 1 Corvette salesman in the world and has held that position for many years. Just a few of his accomplishments:

- In his sales career, Mike has sold over 6,650 Corvettes to date and well over 8,000 other types of vehicles for Chevrolet
- Mike began his career back on July 26, 1978
- He has been a Lifetime Member of the National Corvette Museum since 2002
- He has been a member of the NCRS since 1990
- Mike has personally owned 27 Corvettes and 44 muscle cars in his lifetime
- He has accumulated a host of awards and accolades from Chevrolet and General Motors over the years.
- His current Corvette is a 2025 Riptide Blue E-Ray



**W**ith that introduction, I am pleased to launch **Corvette Corner** with Mike Furman in this month's issue of our Newsletter. I will capture some of his historic pictures and include some stories that he shares each week. If you have never seen Mike's weekly content, I think you will be in for a real treat. To be honest, it amazes me just how large his inventory of photographs is. Mike is an important piece of Corvette history and something that I'm excited to share with our membership.

So, let's get started.

**NOTE: All photographs in Corvette Corner are used with permission from Mike Furman**







Mike joins his Corvette customers a couple times each year out at Spring Mountain.



Goes to a Red Sox's game, gets his name in lights.



I would not recommend that you do this (It's a joke).



An impressive row of ZR1's at the 2025 Bash. Sadly, each will be crushed when testing ends.



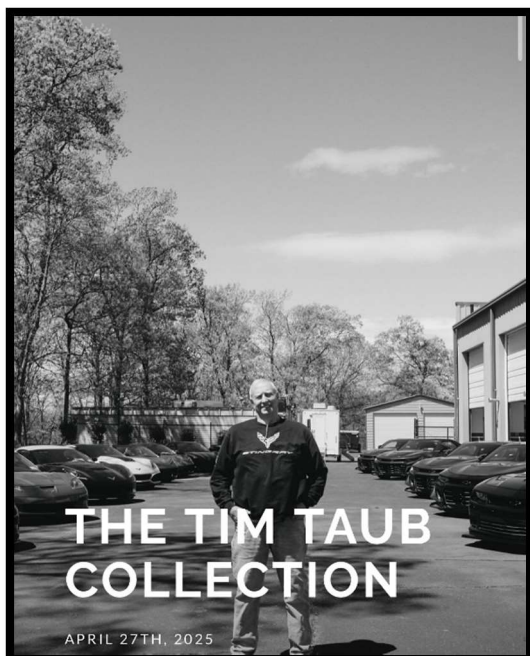
Back in 2009, Mike received a phone call from a person. The person told Mike that the next morning, he'd be receiving a phone call at exactly 10:00 a.m. to discuss purchasing a 2009 Velocity Yellow ZR1. The next morning at exactly 10:00 a.m., his desk phone rang. The gentleman wanted to buy that ZR1 that was sitting about 4 feet from Mike's desk. The deal was done and the car was sold.

Fast forward 16 years later and that guy that bought the ZR1 has purchased over 90 vehicles from Mike including 20+ Corvettes, 20+ Camaros, 20+ family vehicles and the rest company trucks.

The customer's name is Tim Taub.

On April 27<sup>th</sup> this year, Tim had a showing of 43 immaculate vehicles in collection. They are located in a climate-controlled warehouse. Tim had invited Mike to the showing, but Mike had to (sadly) decline since he was going to be in Bowling Green all week at the Bash.

Some pics from Tim's get-together. Nice warehouse, huh?



This was the original crossed-flags emblem used on the Corvette Show Car back in 1953. Chevrolet found out that they could not use the American Flag, so they went to Plan B. This original emblem is now on display at the National Corvette Museum.



Our hard-at-work Cub Reporter Rick Ray and his lovely wife Prema pulling in to the Bash and caught by Mike's camera. They are close friends and just really great people!





The one, the only Zora Arkus-Duntov signing autographs at Malcom Konner Chevrolet



Boy, don't we all wish we had one of these Corvettes today!



Yikes! Would you even fit in it?



Paul Newman

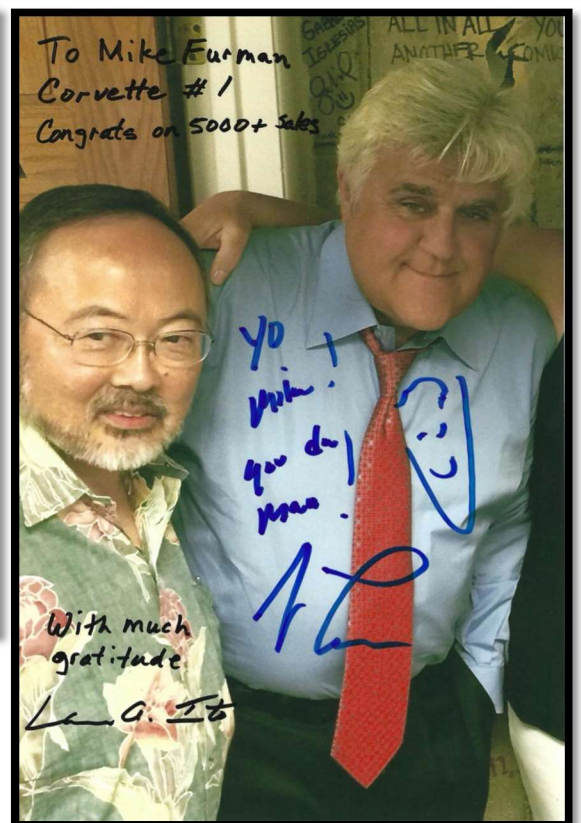


Another picture of Zora (middle) and his lovely wife Elfie behind him



Don't you just hate it when you see a picture of a Vette in this shape? I mean.....





While we sat with Mike in the lobby of our hotel during the Bash, he shared some great stories. One of those stories had to do with how he came to help Judge Lance Ito obtain a Corvette. You remember Judge Ito, the Judge that presided over the O.J. Simpson trial. I can't go into the specifics of how it all came together but Mike and Judge Ito are now good friends and communicate occasionally. Mike did send Judge Ito that picture of the Ford Bronco (above right) with the vanity plate that reads **NOT OJ**. The judge enjoyed it much.

Of this grouping of photos, the one with Judge Ito and Jay Leno is probably the most impressive. The picture contains a personal message from both the Judge and Jay. It's about as cool of a picture that anyone could have in their collection.



So, speaking of Mike and his many accomplishments and accolades over the years, Chevrolet just met with Mike at his office at **Criswell Chevrolet** in Gaithersburg, MD. The purpose of the visit was to present Mike with Chevrolet's Number 1 Corvette Salesman Award for 2024.



Speaking on behalf of the entire membership of the Brookville Corvette Club, we send Mike our congratulations on, once again, being recognized as the Top Corvette Salesman from Chevrolet.





Here are some tidbits from the Club and Corvette nation for June 2025.

- **End of competition?** Recently, I contacted Andrea Bateman at the NCM and asked a few questions about the Ambassador's program. I inquired if the Newsletter competition would continue, as it has been a couple years since it was last held.

Unfortunately, it appears that the NCM is placing this competition on hold for the foreseeable future. No specific reason was given.

So, with four awards under our belt since 2020, that may be it. Not that winning is ever guaranteed, but I know that when we won, each successive year made our Newsletter even better.

If I hear of any changes in the future, I'll keep everyone posted.



- **Words of wisdom.** As we grow older, we sometimes think about the future and what it holds for us. Don't worry about that. Just enjoy the moment, your time with family and friends and life right now. Make every moment count. Remember, when your time is up, it's up.

Enjoy life now.

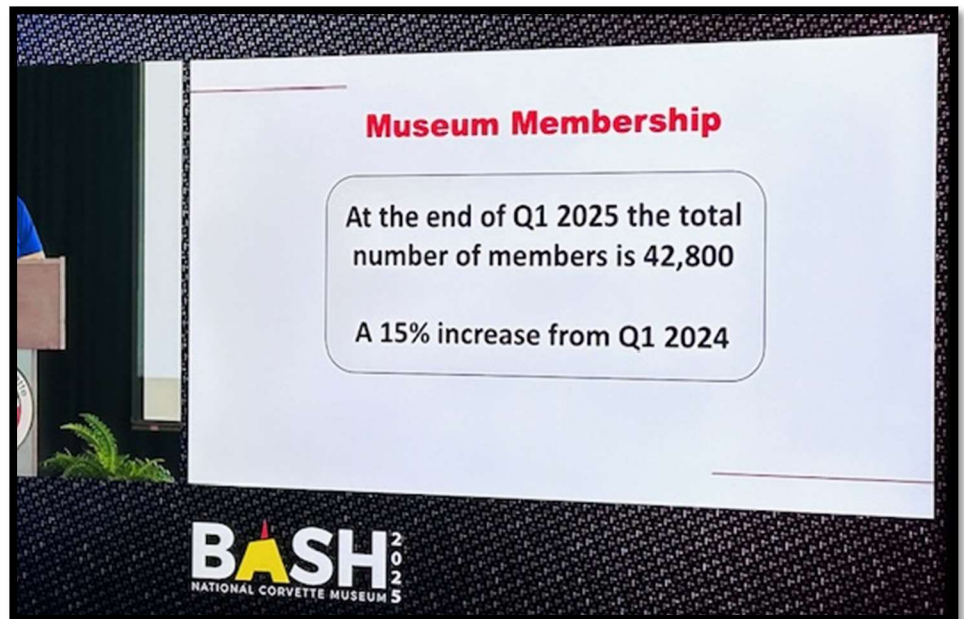
**There is a version of yourself 10 years from now that is begging this version of yourself to enjoy where you currently are *just a little bit more.***

**Anonymous**



- **NCM Membership.** Just in case anyone was wondering, I pulled this screen shot from the presentation that was given by Kaye Wagner, NCM Board of Director's President. The Museum has seen a 15% increase in total membership in the last 12 months.

Good news!



- **I'm a sucker for a great sign.** I was recently at a local eatery with two of our grandsons celebrating one of their birthdays. As we were waiting for our table, one of my grandsons pointed to this sign that was posted at the front of the restaurant.

I had to read it twice. Once it hit me, I laughed out loud. I said that I had to take a picture just for my files.

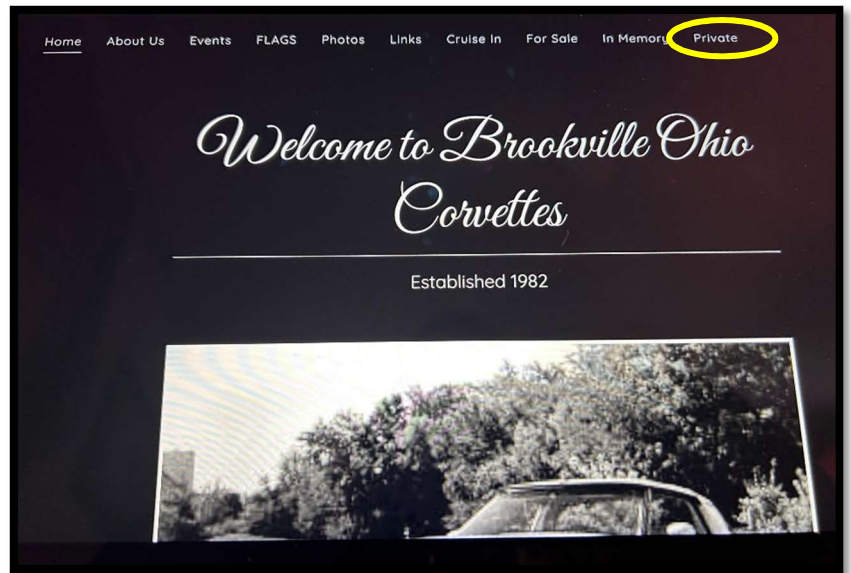
I love people with a great sense of humor.



- **Ambassador's Picture.** On the last day of the Bash at the Museum, we had the Ambassador's meeting. I thought the presentation was well done and very well organized. At the end of the meeting, they lined everyone up on stage for a group photo. Unfortunately, I was in the middle of talking to Kai Spande in the back of the room and missed the photo op. I guess you can tell where my priorities lie.



- **Private section on our website.** As announced a few months back, we now have a “private” section on our website. When you open the webpage, all you need to do is scroll across the top menu (Home, About Us, Events.....Private). If you click on private, the page will open and you’ll see a box in the middle that says Sign In, Reset Password or Not A Member? Create Account. To obtain access, you’ll click on Not A Member? Create Account. You will be contacted by our Webmaster and provided a link that will be sent to your email account. Once you open the link and provide the information, you will be given access to the Private section. That section will contain information that only our membership will have access to. The content of that section will continue to grow as information is added. Check it out when you get a chance.



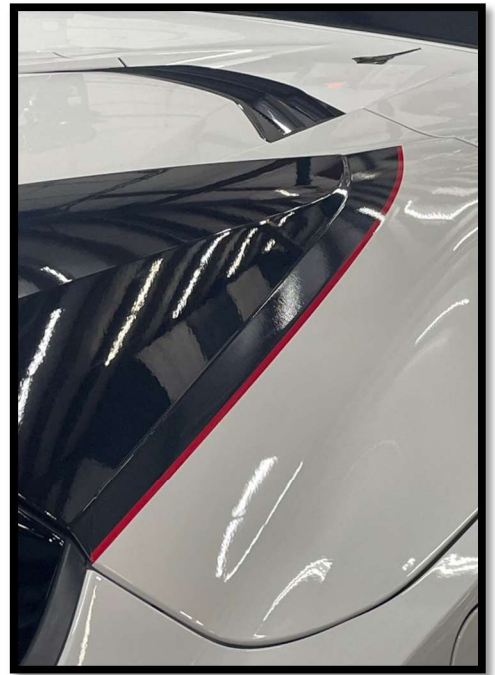
- **Neil's new Kubota tractor.** Neil recently purchased a new lawn tractor. To my surprise, he bought the new **Kubota GR202 Z51** high performance model. You can see the custom badging on the hood. I asked Neil how the tractor is performing. The bad news is that every time he steps on the gas, the rear wheels lose traction and tear up his yard.
- The good news, though, is that Z51 package cuts 30 minutes off his mowing time!

Now that's performance! And wait until he gets the highly anticipated **GR2050 ZR1** model with the high wing in the back. Looking forward to seeing some video on that one.





- **Modifications on Shawn's HTC.** Shawn Vancleve has spent a lot of time doing various mods on his '23 Z51 HTC. Recently, he took the car over to **Yipes Stripes** and had Todd do some magic on adding a modified front stinger using matching carbon flash graphics then pin-striped in red. He also has the nacels done in the back and also had them pin-striped. Pictures really don't do the work justice. Next time you see Shawn at our meeting or a show, take a look at the graphic work. Todd can work his magic when it comes to graphics. His famous line: "trust me". And you truly can.



## APRIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM



**Introduced in the March 2025** issue of Flags, we continue to bring you monthly highlights from Keith Cornett's daily issues of Corvetteblogger. We pick the (arguably) best of his daily posts and bring them to you right here. If you want, you can also follow Keith on his website by logging on to [www.corvetteblogger.com](http://www.corvetteblogger.com) and signing up to receive his daily posts. That way, you won't miss a single article. I encourage to do that.

### • **Corvette Assembly Plant Undergoes Staffing Reductions**

Since the beginning of the year we've been following the "project improvements" that were scheduled for the Corvette assembly plant in the first half of 2025. The plant has already closed for three of the four weeks planned for downtime with the final closure happening the week of May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our friends over at MidEngineCorvetteForum.com tell us that 31 BGA employees were laid off while another 43 senior employees with 25 years or more experience selected an early retirement buyout with their employment ending on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The buyout off reportedly includes a \$50k bonus as well.



Thanks to Roger Kiel's Production Tracker on Facebook, we can see that production levels are extremely lower than they were before the assembly plant did its two-week closure at the end of March. Whereas the assembly plant was previously producing between 140 – 180 Corvettes per day, the daily production over the last three weeks (April) has ranged from 29 to 94 cars total.

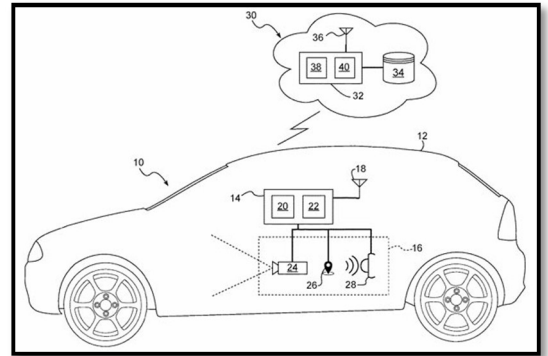
No comments from Ray Theriault, current Plant Director.



- **GM's Latest Patent Detects Potholes and Warns Authorities About Road Conditions**

The C7 Corvette has been plagued for years with the issue of cracked wheels sometimes caused by potholes, or at least that's where General Motors has tried to shift the blame in some cases.

Recently, GM filed a patent for a new system that automatically identifies road hazards like potholes, flooding and damaged road signs through the use of sensors and cameras already in place on many of its newer vehicles and then compiles a report from this information and forward it to governmental authorities in charge of fixing them. In theory, this could speed up repairs.



GM's new system would apparently make identification of such road issues automatic through the use of GPS hardware to determine the location of the issue, with cameras, infrared detectors and LIDAR sensors taking photos and collecting more information about the problem. Then, it would just become a matter of getting the proper governmental parties to pay attention and assign crews to repair them.

- **EPA Officially Rates the Fuel Economy of the 1,064 HP Corvette ZR1**

We know, we know....you're not buying the new Corvette ZR1 for its fuel economy. After all, this is the car that can drain a full tank of gas in just under 11 minutes while driving at wide-open throttle.



Unfortunately, the Corvette ZR1's fuel economy numbers aren't the greatest and it's one of the reasons why it has a \$3,000 gas guzzler tax added to each and every one. So, how bad is the ZR1 at sipping fuel? The governments Fuel Economy.gov website has America's newest supercar listed at 12 MPG city and 18 MPG highway for a combined 14 MPG.

Unlike the 2023 Corvette Z06 which initially received two different ratings based on whether or not the car had an aero package, there is no distinction for the ZR1 which has just the one rating on the FuelEconomy.gov website.

- **Andy Pilgrim Joins the National Corvette Museum Board of Directors**

Growing up in Nottingham, England, he probably wondered if he could have dreamed of being inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame one day. But, that's exactly what happened to this storied Corvette Racing driver back in 2012, and now he's just been appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Corvette Museum.

*"To be welcomed into the National Corvette Museum is an incredible honor", the 68-year-old Pilgrim says. "The Museum represents the heart and soul of the Corvette community, and I look forward to supporting its mission, engaging with fellow enthusiasts and giving back to the people who've given me so much over the years".*

*"Pilgrim brings a rare combination of professional racing experience, Corvette passion and a strong commitment to public service", said Bryce Burklow, NCM President and CEO. "His legacy is deeply woven into the fabric of Corvette Racing, and we're excited about the insight and energy he will bring to the Board as we look to the future".*



- **National Corvette Museum Places 2<sup>nd</sup> in USA Today's Best Car Attraction Poll**

The National Corvette Museum has finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in USA Today's **10BEST Reader's Choice Awards for 2025** in the "10 Best Attractions for Car Lovers".

The annual contest asked readers to rank their 10 best across several travel and lifestyle categories after a panel of experts had made nominations in awards covering food & drink, shopping, sports and outdoors, travel destinations, lodging, attractions and more.

"Automobile enthusiasts will find a collection of more than 70 Corvettes in period settings alongside numerous interactive exhibits," USA Today said about the NCM.



The Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville, GA topped the list of **10BEST**.

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# NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



**On April 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>, Gary, Joe and I** travelled down to Bowling Green, KY to attend the annual first event of the season at the Museum – the Michelin Bash. We've been attending the Bash for a number of years, now. Always a great event to attend.

Of course, our trip down to the Museum was not without incident

About a third of the way down I-71 as we headed towards Louisville, traffic had stopped due to some repair work being done on the road. No big deal – at least for two of us.

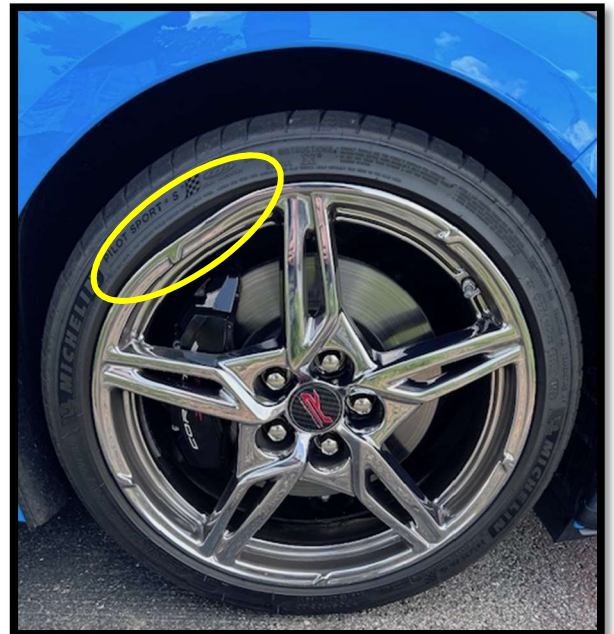
Several miles after the repair work was finished, we pulled off an exit to grab a bite. When we pulled in to the parking lot, Joe got out of his car and told Gary and me to have a look at the front of his car. When we went around the passenger side, we saw this:

Joe had hit a rather large pot-hole and dented his wheel pretty bad. Not sure how Gary and I avoided it (we were ahead of Joe). As soon as he hit it, the front began to shudder.

After taking all of the obligatory pictures we could, Joe decided to drive directly to the Museum ahead of us. Gary and I had a bite to eat, and told Joe that we would catch up to him.

We never did.

Joe got to the Museum and headed over to the **WheelCraft** booth to see if he could talk to someone there about the possibility of getting a replacement wheel installed so he could at least drive around and head home safely on Saturday.



Fast forward to Friday. Joe got with **Ed Hollinshead, President of Wheel Craft, Mentor, OH**. Ed was at the Bash with his booth. After talking to Joe, Ed arranged to have a temporary wheel installed on Joe's car that would be able to get him home safely. Ed also made arrangements to provide Joe with a new chrome wheel to replace the dented one. When it is ready, Ed will ship it to Bud's Chevrolet so Joe can make arrangements to have the new wheel installed.

Hats off to Ed and Wheel Craft for first class customer service. No questions. No muss. No fuss. It was all handled quickly and efficiently. Joe was one happy camper.

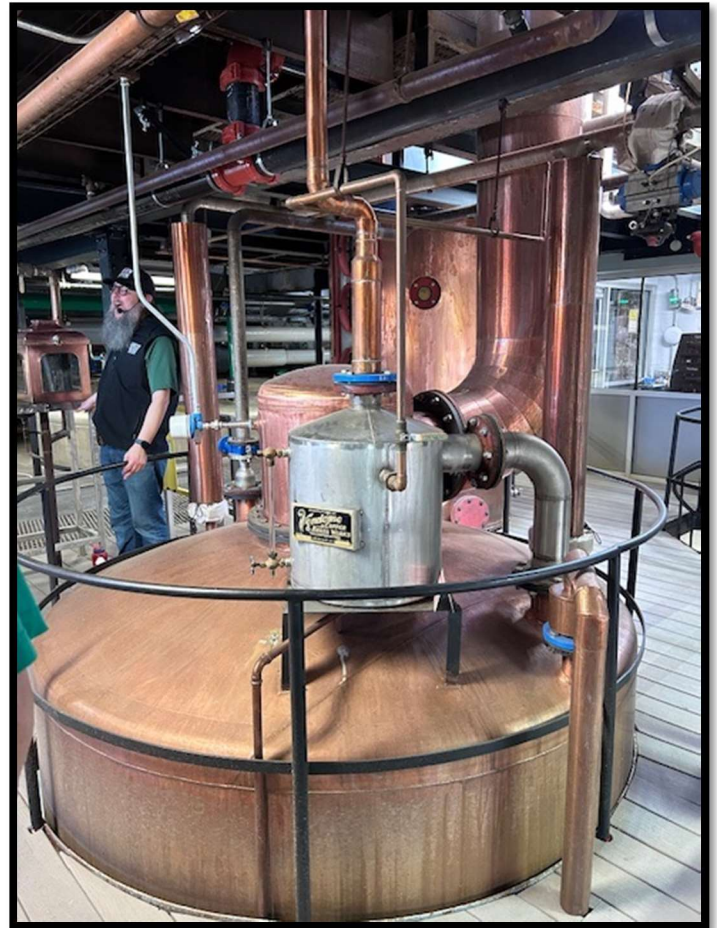
**(Insert ad here)**. If anyone out there is looking to have your wheels chromed (any wheel – any color), do not hesitate to contact Wheel Craft. Their customer service is the best, and their finished product is perfect. You can call Ed's mobile phone at (440) 840-7571, or call their office at (833) 639-4231 or contact Ed at [ehollinshead@wheelcraft.com](mailto:ehollinshead@wheelcraft.com).

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On Thursday, a group of about 35 Corvettes participated in a group drive up to the Green River Distillery in Owensboro, KY. Considered to be one of the oldest (but not in continuous operation) distillery in the U.S. It operated from 1901 until 1955 and then was closed from 1956 until 1993. The business was in limbo from '93 until it finally opened its doors for good in 2014. Today, it occupies the original buildings.







A barrel of Bourbon that was mfg'd on Feb. 01, 2015 and signed by all of the employees. It will be tapped at some point in the near future.

This is the banquet room that will seat quite a few people for lunches, dinners and special events. Our group had a bourbon tasting here that consisted of four different bourbons. We also had a boxed lunch.



While we were walking around on Corvette Blvd., we ran into the new Executive Chief Engineer for Corvette – Tony Roma. Tony was appointed to his new role back in late summer of 2024 and replaced Tadge Juechter. Tony stopped and spent the better part of 10 minutes talking to us and explained how excited he was to be the new Chief Engineer. In his words – it is his dream job. If he has his way, this will be his swan song with General Motors. His most recent role was Executive Chief Engineer for Cadillac. While he really liked that job, it was Corvette that he wanted to return to.







We headed over to the Art Gallery just before the exit into the Corvette Store to see the newest exhibit ***"Speed Captured – The Photographic Works of Richard Prince"***

Richard Prince is a Corvette Hall of Fame inductee and one of motorsports most celebrated photographers. He has dedicated his career to capturing the soul of speed. His work brings to life the beauty, ferocity and engineering excellence of Corvette Racing.

This exhibit is a limited-time engagement.



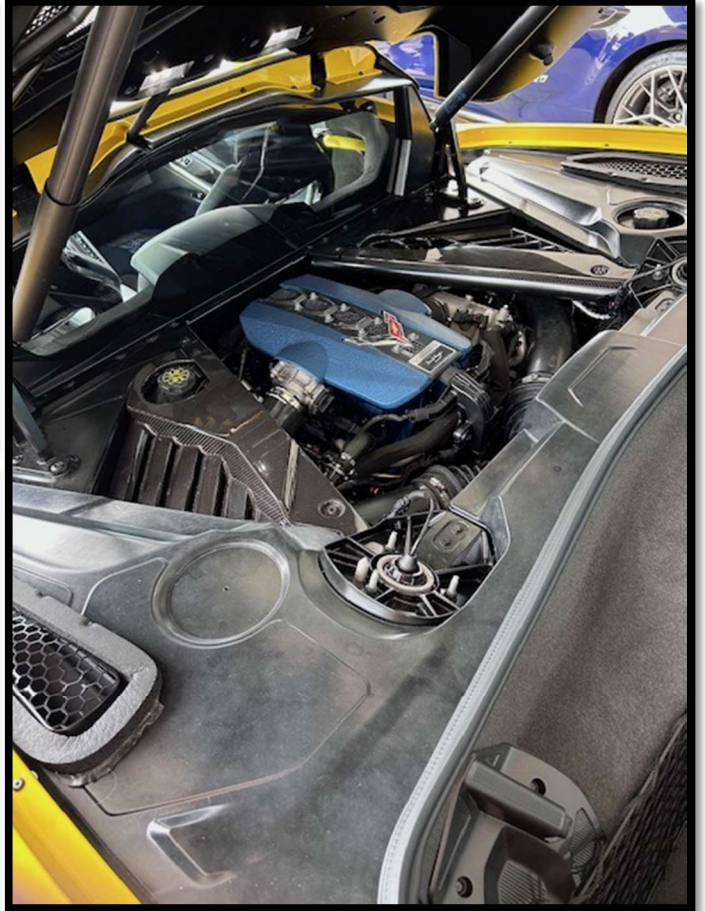






# RANdOM PICS AROUND THE BASH

I didn't take as many pictures this year as I've done in the past. Focused on a few specific things, especially the ZR1. There were at least 12 Engineering ZR1's at the Museum. Really hard to realize that all of those cars will soon be crushed once their engineering job is done.



Above, the **Competition Yellow** ZR1 has the ZTK package, which means all carbon fiber ground effects including that monstrous big wing in the back. That wing is larger than the wing that was on the 2019 ZR1.

The **Hysteria Purple** ZR1 is the low-wing version. This version is the fastest ZR1 produced, meaning it will reach a top speed of 233 mph. The ZTK package, because of the immense downforce produced by the big wing, is slower than the low-wing version.

On the right, that is the 5.5-liter, twin turbocharged **LT7 V8** that produces 1,064 HP @ 7,000 rpm and 828 lb-ft of torque at 6,000 rpm. It will push the ZR1 to 60 mph in 2.3 seconds and do the standing quarter mile in 9.6 seconds.

In the immortal words of the great actor Leslie Nielsen – *“Let ‘er rip!”*



For the second time in three years, someone has placed a Michelin Man sticker on my driver's side window. Only on my car. No one else's. Inquired at the Michelin booth. Not them. Is this an inside job? Probably, but it is cute. I wonder who.....?



Two new colors for 2026. They are bringing back Blade Silver Metallic and also adding Roswell Green Metallic. The two existing colors being discontinued in 2026 are Rapid Blue and Sea Wolf Gray. This was the only sneak peek that Chevrolet provided during the Bash.

On Saturday, after the Ambassador's Meeting, I had the pleasure to spend about 45 minutes with non-other than **Kai Spande**, recently retired Plant Director of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. Towards the end of the Ambassador's meeting, I happened to say hello to Kai standing in the back of the Corvette Theater. He had just grabbed a donut when I interrupted him.

After he laughed about the perfect timing during his first bite, we just started to talk. At that moment, my focus was on paying attention to Kai and trying to ask him the right questions. He actually became quite engaged and began telling me stories of his time at Corvette, how he managed the business and stayed engaged with the plant employees and his staff. As he said, being the director of the assembly plant was the job of a lifetime. It was the perfect way for him to wrap up his long and storied career with General Motors.

When Kai decided to retire, he was careful when it came to announcing the timing, especially with the plant employees that he had come to know. It was no secret to anyone how much Kai was liked, and his departure would be a shock to many.

Kai decided that he would purchase a new Z06 just before he retired. He filled out the order, checked off all the boxes, and ended up with a \$170k, Red Mist Metallic HTC. A pretty nice package.



Below, that is Kai's finger pointing at the Engine Build Badge displayed right in front of the engine. Here's the story on how that tag came to be.



So, Kai decided that he wanted to participate in building his own Z06 motor. To do that, he needed one of the designated builders of said engine. He actually requested that Todd Browning be his builder. Kai knew Todd very well and thought highly of him and his skills. When Todd found out that Kai was going to be helping to build an engine, he was surprised. That never happens – ever. And to have the Plant Director make the request was a big surprise. However, one thing was not told to Todd.

The day came to build the engine. Kai met up with Todd and they began the build. It takes roughly one-half day to build an engine from scratch. So Todd and Kai had plenty of time to talk and enjoy the build.

With the build complete, Kai thanked Todd. He then told Todd that the engine was going to be for Kai's new Z06. Todd was taken back and slightly confused. At that point, Kai then broke the news to Todd that he was going to retire, and this build was really his swan song as Plant Director.

Todd was stunned. He actually teared up and had to walk away from Kai. Todd was one of the first plant employees to find out that Kai was retiring. After collecting his composure, he and Kai “had their moment” and went about their business.

And here was Kai's last request. He made sure that the Engine Build Badge had both his name and Todd's name etched side-by-side. It makes Kai's Z06 a 1 of 1, with no other Engine Build Badge having two names.

Todd will remember that build for years to come.

I suggested to Kai that the next time I'm in Bowling Green, I would like to get a picture of the Badge. Kai's response: let's go out to the parking lot right now to see the tag and the Z06. And we did.

Kai and I traded contact information which included Kai's personal cell phone. Next time I'm in town, Kai agreed that we should get together just to catch up.

I'm there, man. I'm there! A great Corvette moment!



Here is the crowd on Corvette Blvd. watching one of the R8C customer deliveries taking place. Deliveries continued on through the Bash.



It was standing room only in the Conference Center as presentations were made by Chevrolet, Michelin, Mobil 1 and others during the week.



Wouldn't you know it! I'm standing in the back of the room trying to take in one of the technical talks, and who is standing in front of me manning his Go Pro? Non-other than Rick Conti from Coughlin Chevrolet out of Pataskala, OH. "That's OK, Rick, I'll move".





# CALENDAR OF **EVENTS** FOR 2025

<b>January</b> 09	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
<b>February</b> 13	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
10	Sweetheart Dance at Romer's Catering – St. Henry. 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
<b>March</b> 7	BCC Member drive to Crafted & Cured. Troy. 6:30
13	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting –Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
<b>April</b> 10	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
19	Greater Dayton Corvette's All Corvette Cruise-In. Air Force Museum from 9 – 12.
24 - 26	Michelin NCM Bash, Bowling Green, KY (Museum). All day.
<b>May</b> 08	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
10	Bud's All Corvette Cruise-In, St. Marys, OH. From 9:00 to 1:00. Details to follow
17	Greater Dayton Corvette's All Corvette Cruise-In. Air Force Museum from 9-12
10	Spring Fling All Corvette Show – Chosen Few. Quaker Steak - Columbus. 8 – 4.
<b>June</b> 07	BCC Cruise Into Summer Car Show – Reichard Chevrolet. 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.
12	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.</b>
14	Pool Party at Rick Snider's house. Details to follow
15	10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Car & Truck Show, Fairview Church – Englewood. From noon to 3:00
22	<b>Greater Dayton All Corvette Show. Fairborn. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>July</b> 6	St. Henry's annual Firecracker Cruise-In Car Show – St. Henry. 1 – 4. Dinner @ Romer's.
10	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Location to be announced. 7:00 p.m.</b>
18	Voss Hoss Cruise-In. Voss Chevrolet in Centerville. From 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
19	Greater Dayton Corvette's All Corvette Cruise-In. Air Force Museum from 9 – 12.
21	BCC/NASCAR Brickyard party at Ransdells. Arrive by 1:30. Bring a covered dish.
26	National Trails Car Show. Details to follow
29, 30, 31	Gilmore Car Museum/Henry Ford Museum. 3 days. Details to follow

<b>August</b>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.</b>
10	Englewood Art Festival & Car Show, Centennial Park. 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. \$10 per car
18	Antioch Shrine Custom Car, Bike & Truck Show. Dayton. From 1:00 – 4:00
21, 22, 23	Corvettes at Carlisle (PA). Details to follow
23	Greater Dayton Corvette's All Corvette Cruise-In. Air Force Museum from 9 – 12
23	27th Annual Old Fashion Downtown Saturday Night – Eaton. 2:00 – 7:00 PM
28 - 30	31st Anniversary Event @ the National Corvette Museum – Bowling Green, KY
<b>September</b>	
7	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual All Corvette Car Show – Lancaster.
<b>11</b>	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.</b>
14	Dayton Concours d'Elegance @ Carillon Park. 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
17, 18, 19	The Bourbon Trail drive. Details to follow
27	Tipp City Mum Festival Cruise-In. 4:00 pm. Watch for e-mail
<b>October</b>	
4	Heritage of Flight Festival & Car Show. From 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. .
<b>09</b>	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.</b>
?	Progressive Dinner. Details to follow
19?	Camden's Black Walnut Festival. Registration: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trophies @ 3:00
<b>November</b>	
<b>13</b>	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.</b>
15	BCC Pizza Party @ Marion's in Englewood. Watch for details in an e-mail
<b>December</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Brookville Corvette Club Christmas Party. Party Barn at Tiernans</b>

(Note: Events/dates that have been grayed out means that the date for the event has not yet been announced. All events in black/red are confirmed as of this writing.)

- Trips under consideration for 2025:
  - NE Ohio Wine Tour
  - Ohio Triple Nickel
- Trips under consideration for 2026
  - Route 66



# AMBASSADOR'S REPORT

*"The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to educate worldwide audiences on the evolution of the Corvette - America's Sports Car – through collection, preservation and celebration of its legacy"*

## CORVETTE RAFFLES

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, you could win a **Build Your Own Corvette Stingray Coupe**. Tickets are \$250/each with 1,500 available. Drawing is at 2:00 P.M CST. There is also a cash option of \$85,000.

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, the drawing is for one of the last **Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupes**. Tickets are \$100/each with 2,000 available. Drawing is at 2:00 P.M CST.

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, you could win a **2025 Red Mist Coupe**. Tickets are \$20/each with unlimited tickets. Drawing will be held at 2:00 P.M. CST.

To purchase tickets, just go to the National Corvette Museum's website link right here: ([www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)), click on *Win a Corvette*, and then click on *Enter to Win*. It's as easy as that!

Good luck!

## AMBASSADOR PROGRAM UPDATES

During the Michelin Bash at the NCM, there was an Ambassador's meeting where updates were provided concerning the overall program. A new Ambassador Handbook was handed out to each Ambassador along with new name tags, membership level patches, updated window clings, etc. The Ambassador Points Program has been updated, which now has five levels – each with its own point value and benefits. I will have a presentation on the Ambassador Program at an upcoming meeting which will show how each BCC member can play a roll in how successful I can be as the Ambassador for our Club. Stay tuned.



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Between March 1<sup>st</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>, The National Corvette Museum is open between 9am and 5pm, CST, Sunday thru Saturday. Last tickets are sold at 4:30 each day. Tickets can be purchased on-site or on-line. The Museum is located just off of I-65 at exit 28 (about 90 minutes south of Louisville).

The Museum, located on I-65 at exit 28, is closed New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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