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## NCM 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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## DAYTON CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

We drive over to Carillon Park to check out over 175 classic cars. What a show.

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## THE COVER

*On the cover this month is what is now being recognized as Corvette VIN # 001. Documented as the very first of the 300 Corvettes built in 1953. More to come!*



*The Brookville Corvette Club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Leiber Center – Golden Gate Park in Brookville, Ohio at 7:00. Everyone is invited to attend.*



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A brief overview of Corvette VIN #001 that was revealed during the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at the NCM.

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**"Don't burn bridges.... just loosen the bolts a little every day"**



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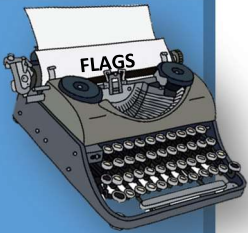
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**September is one** of the season's busiest when it comes to car shows. This year was no exception.

We start at the National Corvette Museum's 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. Not a car show per se, but a celebration of America's Sports Car. A great start to the month.

We then hop down to Lancaster, OH to attend the annual All Corvette Car Show put on the Ohio Corvette Club Alliance. This is always a great show. They had over 420 Corvettes show up. And, the weather was great!

Dayton Cars & Coffee started the big weekend off for Carillon Park with over 800 vehicles and a strong showing of all types of exotics, Corvettes and muscle cars.

The next day, the perennial classic Dayton's Concours d'Elegance took place with over 175 classic cars on display. And, they had absolutely perfect weather for it.

West Milton had what appeared to be a record-breaking attendance for their show this year. They actually ran out of room for cars.

There were a few other shows that various BCC Club members attended in addition to the ones that we report on here in this issue.

There are several great shows coming up in October. So, get out, enjoy your Vette, enjoy the ride and, most of all, have fun whatever you decide to do.

*Rick*

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Hi, all!

I hope that everyone has been enjoying the good weather that we've been having recently.

Last month at our monthly meeting, the members in attendance approved about \$2,000 to donate to local organizations and support people in need in our area. Thanks so much for stepping up to help us make a difference.

There are still several great car shows coming up in October that we can attend. Keep an eye on your email for a listing of those shows, meet up locations and times.

We have several members that are recuperating from various health issues that could really use your support. Don Thokey, Bud Statzer and Mike Palumbo. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers and reach out to them if you can.

We'll be working on the election of officers for the BCC soon. Reach out if you have any questions or wish to run for an office.

Hope to see most of you at some of the October events. In the meantime, don't forget to **SAVE THE WAVE!**

*Pres Gary*



## BCC CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 12th. October begins the discussions about electing our officers for next year. If anyone would like to put their name in the hat to hold an office, please let us know. I know that our Secretary (Paula) and our Treasurer (Patty) would like to move on if the time is right. Speak up! Make a difference.



## VICTORY CHURCH

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, we'll plan to attend the popular Victory Church Victory Weekend car & bike show. Keep an eye on your email for meet-up time and location. This is a great show and we usually take the award for largest attendance by a car Club. Let's continue the tradition!



## CAMDEN BLACK WALNUT

Here's another great show – Camden's Black Walnut Festival. Once again, stay tuned to your email for meet-up location and time. The car show is usually very well attended.



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# THE COVER PAGE PHOTO

During the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at the National Corvette Museum, we were introduced to the new “**Wonder Wall**” that now surrounds the inside perimeter of the Museum’s spire. It covers about 270° around the perimeter. The individual panels that make up the wall are 7 – 8 feet tall and each panel is about 12 feet long. Interconnected, they can show a continuous video that surrounds you or each panel can be individually programmed to show something different.

After a 30 minute presentation about the wall, there was an empty space where one panel had been removed. In that space there was a covered car. No one had any idea what was beneath the cover.

When the cover was removed, they unveiled what is now believed to be the world’s very first Corvette – or VIN #001.



The car is owned by a private individual who spoke at the unveiling and provided some background on how he acquired the car and how he did the research to conclude that this is, indeed, VIN #001. I'll do a complete story on this in an upcoming issue of Flags.

Below, a couple pictures of the car and a picture of an original 1953 Corvette that sits at the entrance to the Museum tour.







## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM'S 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT

**As most of you know, I travelled** down to Bowling Green, KY to attend the annual Anniversary Event at the National Corvette Museum. Instead of doing any of the organized drives, I bit the bullet and sat through all of the speaker presentations (Chevrolet engineering updates, the Assembly Plant presentation, the Board of Directors event, Mobil 1 talk, the Ambassador's meeting, Corvette Racing presentation and the Spire Society recognition event). I also attended a two-hour classroom session with Paul Koerner, Chevrolet's crack regional service advisor/tech.

When I wasn't in meetings, I walked around the facility, took a bunch of pictures and spoke with quite a few people I've come to know over the years.

### C8 CLASSROOM WITH PAUL KOERNER

**ATTENTION C8 OWNERS!**

When I signed up for this class, I was not aware that the class was for C8 owners. I guess I don't read well. At any rate, it turned out great as we had actually purchased a C8 less than 5 days before I left for the event. Prophetic.

For years, Paul was a service technician at a Chevrolet dealership out on the east coast. He specialized in Corvettes. He became well known in the Corvette community over the years. For some time, he has been giving classroom instructions and presentations at the National Corvette Museum. If you have ever attended one of his presentations, you walk away amazed at his knowledge of Corvette – all years.



Last year, Chevrolet approached him about working directly for them as a field service rep for 34 dealers on the east coast. He hired on with Chevy last fall and is busier than ever.

The two-hour class that I attended was \$80.00 and there was a limit of 10 for the class. It was two of the best hours that I have spent in quite some time. I ended up having a lot of questions for him and was both taken back by his knowledge and surprised at some of his comments.

Check out the banter on the next page. For those of you that own a C8, I think I captured some good tips and helpful information.

## The Banter

- **Question.** What is Chevrolet's bottom line on the transmission filter change? Can it be changed earlier than 7,500 miles? First, Chevrolet recommends that the transmission filter be changed at or slightly before 7,500 miles – not before. For new owners of C8, that first filter change is on Chevrolet within the first year. Check with your particular dealer on whether or not that time period can be extended. Paul indicated that anywhere between 7,000 and 7,499 miles is suggested.

I found out that the filter on my '21 was actually changed at 3,400 miles. Paul's response was pretty blunt; *that's unacceptable*, especially for a dealer than handles lots of Corvettes. He strongly suggested that I make arrangements to have it changed again prior to 7,500 miles.

- Remember, when checking the engine oil on a C8, **ALWAYS** check it after the engine has warmed up and the car is running. All C8 oil systems are dry sump.
- When changing oil, always inspect the cabin air filter.
- You should also sign up for the My Chevrolet app. It is chock-full of useful stuff (maintenance reminders, tips & tricks, etc.).
- **Tire rotation.** At every oil change, rotate the tires whether you are running all weather (non-Z51) or Pilot Sport 4s. All new(er) Michelin tires can be rotated left-to-right – no problem. Helps even out tire wear.
- **Wheel alignment.** If, for whatever reason, you need a wheel alignment, **have it done with a full tank of gas.**
- **Ceramic brake pads.** Good thing I asked. I told Paul that I was planning on installing ceramic pads on my C8 just like I did on the C7. His answer: **do not put ceramic pads on a C8!** Unlike the C7's anti-lock brake system, the C8's system is electronically controlled by a computer module. The coefficient of friction of the pads is constantly monitored and adjusted as you drive and brake. Ceramic pads change the coefficient of friction and will more than likely toss a check engine light at you. He suggested that you ceramic coat your wheels to help with brake dust. I further went on line and discovered that Hawk Performance has brake pads that are non-ceramic, high performance pads that work on the C8 and won't upset the anti-lock system. I'll probably go with those pads over the winter (if not before).
- **Front lift system.** Someone reported an issue with their front lift system. Paul reminded everyone that the lift system (hydraulic) is actually filled with DOT brake fluid. If there are issues with the front lift, take it to your dealer. If all is well, then it is recommended to have the fluid changed every five years.



- **AFM/DFM (active fuel management).** All C8's are equipped with AFM. The main reason for AFM is to help Chevrolet meet ever more stringent mileage requirements set by the government. This means that as you get up to speed (say, you're on a highway and set the cruise to 70 mph), you'll notice that the engine drops from 8 cylinders to 4. If you go to pass another vehicle or don't maintain a constant speed, you will move back to 8 cylinders. It is normal, it happens seamlessly, you won't feel it and you won't notice the engine switching back and forth. The new AFM system on Corvette is state-of-the-art.

I noticed on my drive down to Bowling Green that I was usually running on 4 cylinders. I have to tell you, I could never tell whether it was running on 4 or 8. However, my fuel mileage did surprise me. From Dayton to Bowling Green (roughly 280 miles), I averaged 34.3 MPG! For the total trip down and back including in-town driving, I averaged 31.1 MPG. Not too shabby.

- **Key fobs.** The C8 comes with two fobs. If, for whatever reason, you need additional fobs, you can program four fobs and the car will remember each fob. Of course, the fobs are around \$600 each and Chevrolet has to program them.
- **Electronic (computer) modules.** The C8 is loaded. The coupe has **60** different computer modules while the hardtop convertible has **70** modules. Yikes!
- **Winter storage.** Everyone has their own idea on how to store a Corvette for the winter (or prolonged storage). Paul recommends that you change your oil just prior to putting the car up for the winter. Also, more critical, is gas. Always store the C8 (or any Corvette) with only ¼ tank of fuel and add the appropriate amount of fuel stabilizer. Run the engine for 5 minutes to make sure the entire fuel system has fuel-stabilized gas in it. In the spring, start the car and drive to the nearest gas station and fill the tank. That gets fresh fuel flowing and flushes out what remains of the stabilizer. Also, as long as your Vette is on a tender, there really is no need to periodically start the car during the winter.
- **Top tier fuels.** The C8 is designed to run on 91 octane gasoline. If you can move to 93 (if it's in your area), use that. The top three top-tier fuel suppliers are **Shell, Valero** and, believe it or not, **Costco**. Their fuel blends meet stringent octane and additive requirements. Other fuel things to keep in mind:
  - The C8 is engineered to run on E10 (ethanol) blend if that's all you can get. If you try E15, it will probably throw you a check engine light.
  - Do **NOT** use gasoline labelled E85 or any flex fuel. You will get a check engine light.
  - The maximum octane for Corvette is 100 and is for track use only.
  - Octane rating means resistance to fuel detonation in the engine. The higher the octane rating, the more resistance the engine has to cylinder/fuel detonation. This means that the higher compression allows for better fuel burn and better gas detonation. In the long run, it keeps the engine components cleaner and means less carbon build-up in the cylinders.

- **Maximum cargo limitations.** Boy, this question stumped Paul (first time he had heard it) and created a lot of interesting conversation. One couple brought up the fact that on the label on the driver's side door jamb, it states maximum weight capacity of occupants AND cargo is not to exceed **423 lbs**. Not bad if each occupant weighs around 160 lbs. That would give you a cargo capacity of 103 lbs. However, if (as was the case of another couple behind me) the two occupants weight a total of 400+ lbs., then they have a cargo capacity of less than 23 lbs.

No one had ever asked this question to Paul in the past. Indeed, those numbers are correct as Paul went on-line and searched the GM site.

Bottom line, Paul is going to speak to Josh Holder, Chief Engineer for Corvette and get his take on those numbers. Whenever Paul is stumped or needs clarification, he defaults to Josh. More on this down the road (Paul is going to get back to us). When I hear, I'll let you know.

- **Towing.** Should your C8 not start while on the road and you end up needing a tow, Paul suggests that you find a tow company that can put the Vette on wheel dollies and use a flat-bed truck. A lot of tow companies are so-equipped. You want to make sure that the front end is boosted high enough that it doesn't scrape as it is pulled up onto the lowered bed. Be clear when calling a tow company that you have a Corvette especially if it has ground effects.

Paul is the real deal when it comes to Corvette knowledge. If you have any question about any Corvette model (any year), you can contact Paul and he'll get back to you with an answer. He's a busy guy, so he may not get back to you immediately. Rest assured he'll get you an answer. His email is:

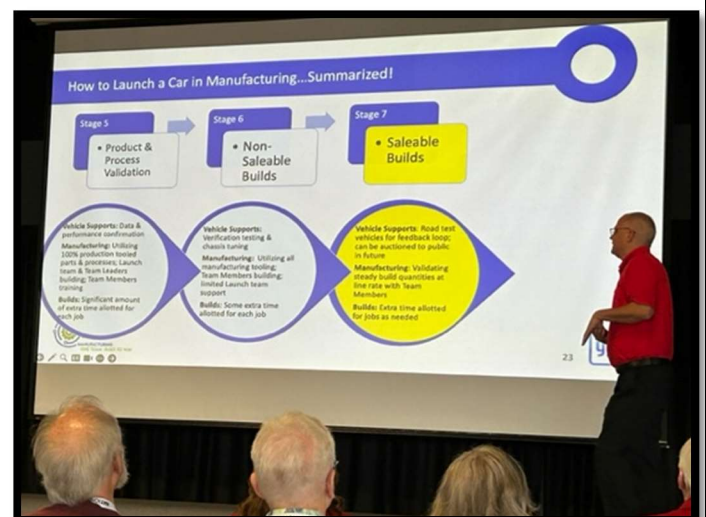
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### **Plant updates with Ray Theriault (pronounced Ter'-e-o)**

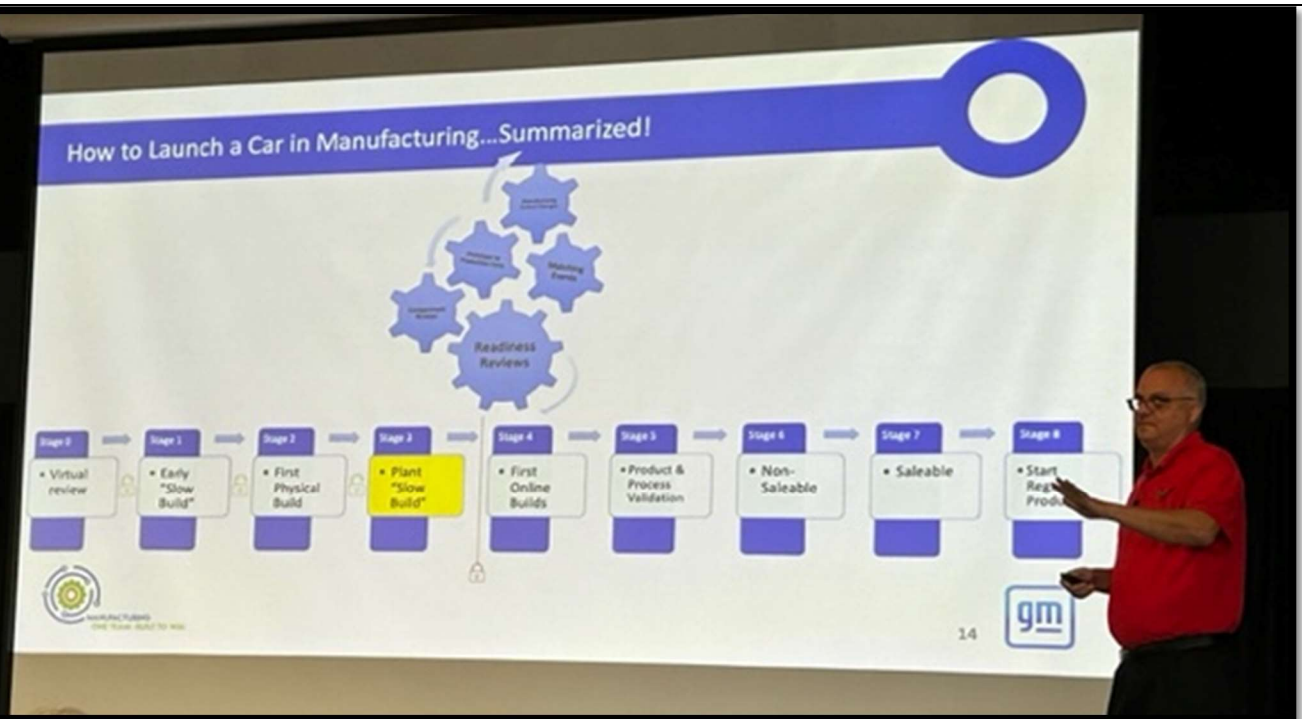
I was a tad late to Ray's presentation. In July of this year, Ray took over for out-going Plant Director Kai Spande. Kai had been in charge of the assembly plant for the last nine years. He decided to take a buy-out from GM and retired early (mid-50's).

Ray has a different presentation skill than Kai. He tends to speak faster, which makes you expend a little more effort listening. He still did a great job bringing everyone up to speed on what's going on over at the assembly plant.

The crux of his presentation focused on how long it takes to bring a new Corvette to market from a plant perspective. From start to finish, it is a nine-step process, from a virtual review to slow build to first production build to saleable production.

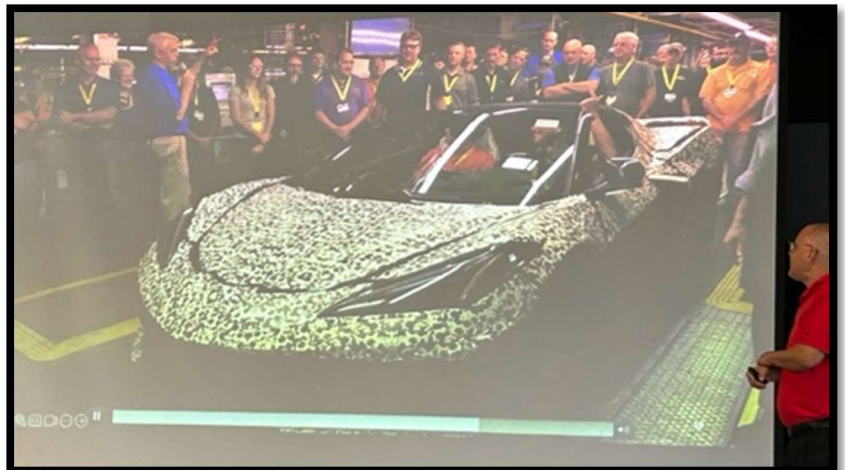






Step #4 in the process is the First Slow Build. How long does that first slow build take? In the case of C8, that first build took **three weeks**.

In the picture to the right, that is the very first C8 prototype to roll off the production line. Driving it off the line is Tadge Juechter, the Executive Chief Engineer for Corvette. In the passenger seat is former Plant Director Kai Spande. And, yes, the car was camouflaged during the assembly process.



As for Bowling Green assembly, right now they are building 180 Corvettes per day on a two-shift operation. It remains to be seen if 2023 will set the record for most Corvettes ever built in a model year. I think it was 1979 that holds the record (St. Louis Assembly). At worst, production will set a record for the most Corvettes ever built at Bowling Green Assembly.

There was a question from the audience about semi-conductors and the supply chain. Ray was able to say that the semi-conductor supply has greatly improved throughout the model year. Corvette does get priority over the other GM assembly plants, which tells you a lot about the plant and profitability of Corvette for GM.

# Mobil 1 Presentation

I don't remember ever sitting in on a Mobil 1 presentation in the past. This time, I did make sure that I would attend their presentation.

It was put on by Tony Esposito (live with the audience) and Cliff Salvesen (via Zoom). Cliff is the Mobil 1 field representative and travels extensively around the world supporting Mobil 1's activities.

Cliff was live from Sebring, FL. It was probably the best Zoom call that I've ever been part of. No delays, great picture and great sound. Well done.

## Stingray / Z06

The Corvette C8 Stingray/LT2, 6.2L, 495 HP, 470 lb/ft of torque uses Mobil 1 Supercar 0W-40

The Corvette C8 Z06/LT6, 5.5 L, 680 HP, 460 lb/ft of torque uses Mobil 1 Supercar 5W-50

When it comes to oil change frequency, GM recommends changing your oil at least once per year or 5,000/7,500 miles typically. If you don't hit 5,000 miles, you should default to once per year. The main reason for changing you oil is the possibility of moisture contamination and/or other contaminants.

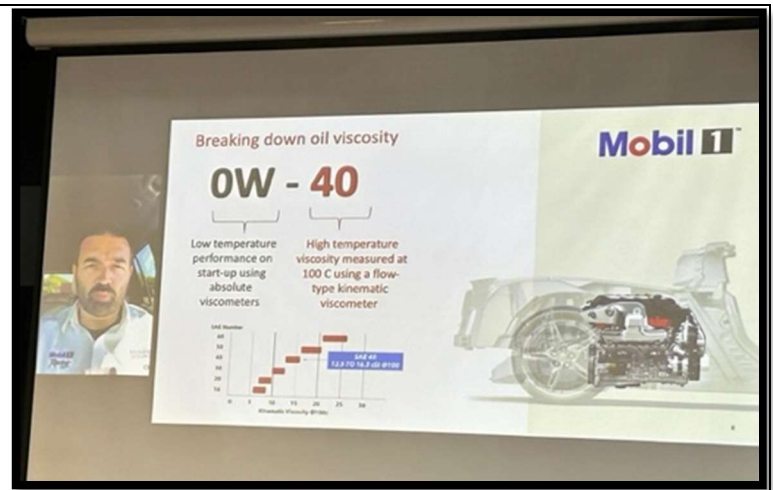
You notice, especially on C7 and C8, that your oil life will decrease even when the car sits for extended periods of time. That's because the oil life is calculated by both age and miles using algorithms. Again, it all has to do with the possibility of contamination as the car sits.

Mobil 1 is celebrating 30 years of being the sole supplier of engine oil for Corvette.

## Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pratt Miller announced the creation of Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports. Effectively, Pratt Miller takes over the responsibility of handling all aspects of Corvette racing. Their first official race will take place starting with the 2024 Rolex 24 at Daytona. They will campaign a pair of the new 2024 GT3.R-spec Corvettes.

Eventually, they will build 20 Z06 GT3.R's. The base GT3's will be manufactured at the Bowling Green assembly plant. The cars will be shipped to the Pratt Miller facility in Michigan and be finished.





- 70% of the engine in the racing version of the GT3.R car is the stock factory Z06. The remaining 30% are components added by Pratt Miller. The difference is price. A stock 5.5L Z06 engine will set you back about \$30k. Once Pratt Miller adds their goodies to it, the price soars to \$260k.
- All wind tunnel testing of the GT3.R was performed in a static wind tunnel at Pratt Miller. The car is mounted in the wind tunnel that has a moving road surface that the car sits on. The car can be driven to maximum speed while not moving in the tunnel. They showed a few pictures of a GT3.R in the tunnel. Very different way of wind tunnel testing a vehicle.
- The one person that Corvette Racing has had for years that is not yet with the new Corvette Racing team is Doug Fehan. He has been a staple for the Corvette team for 25 years. So far, no word on whether or not Doug will join the team.

### Corvette Team Update – Harlan Charles and Josh Holder

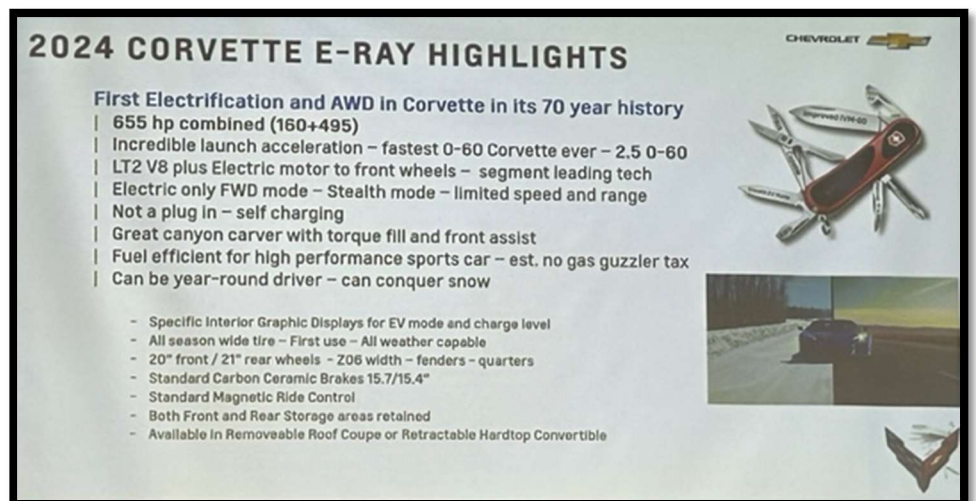
The primary focus here was speaking to end-of-year statistics for the 2023 model year, discussing the upcoming E-Ray and Corvette competition. As most of you know, Harlan is the Marketing Mgr. for Corvette and Josh is the Chief Engineer for Corvette. With the rumor mill buzzing that Tadge will be retiring soon (he won't talk about it), I think Josh is the Executive Chief Engineer in waiting.

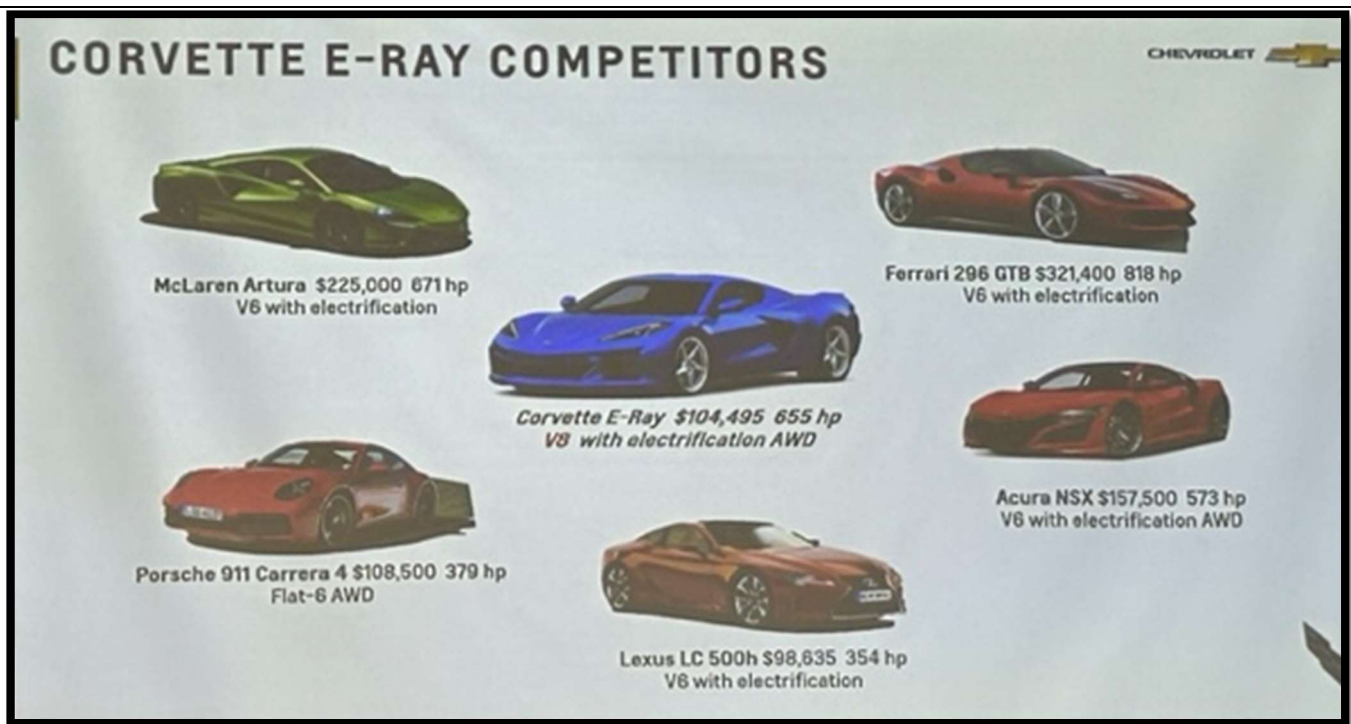
I can tell you that they are excited about the E-Ray. If you look at the highlight slide to the right, it really is the very first year-round capable Corvette. And, at a combined 655 HP, it truly is a powerful performance car.

One word about the hybrid badge. This really is an I.C.E. sports car with an electric motor assist when called on. It is not really a hybrid. The electric

motor will only allow you to go about 5 miles. Enough to get you quietly out of the neighborhood in the morning. After that, it's all about the 6.2 L LT-2 engine. You cannot plug the E-Ray in. The electric motor is re-charged using the batteries and/or regenerative braking. That said, call on that motor when needed for performance and LOOK OUT! Zero to 60 MPH in 2.5 seconds. When launched from the line, the E-Ray simply out performs the competition in the quarter mile.

Competition? On the next page, we have a slide that shows you exactly which cars Chevrolet says are the direct competitors to the Corvette E-Ray. Note the differences in both performance, engine output and, most importantly, price (MSRP).





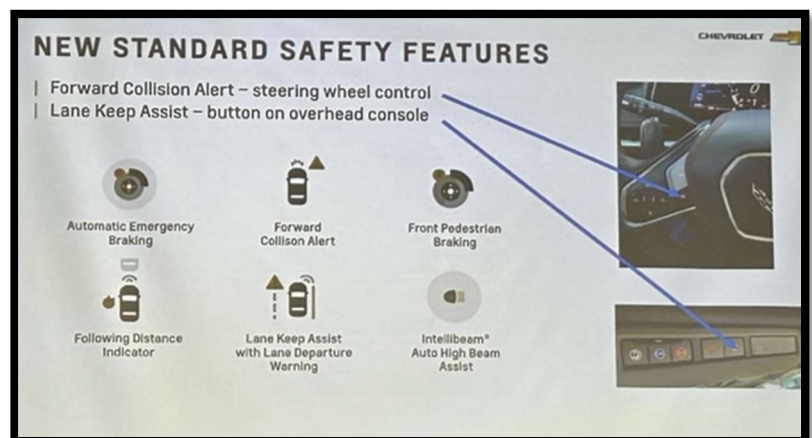
Of course, you have McLaren, Ferrari and Porsche right there which is not a surprise. Then you have Lexus and Acura because they are also electrified.

A couple weeks ago, I watched a Haggerty video where the E-Ray went up against a Lamborghini and a Ferrari. In the quarter mile race out of the hole, the E-Ray simply walked away from both for about a ¼ mile. While it did finish first by a few car lengths, the Ferrari was catching up quickly. At the end of the day, that massive HP in the Ferrari would have eventually passed the E-Ray with no problem.

A few years ago at either the Bash or the Anniversary event, I listened to Tadge Juechter explain to the audience that adding features to the Corvette adds weight, so they contemplate those features versus the effect on performance.

Well, apparently, features trump performance, especially when it comes to safety.

You can see that, for the upcoming 2024 model year, Chevrolet has added automatic emergency braking, forward collision alert, front pedestrian braking (that's probably a EU requirement), a following distance indicator, lane keep assist/departure warning and intelligent auto high-beam assist. With the exception of the front pedestrian braking, we have all of the other features on our F-150. I can tell you that all of them have been used frequently and truly help to make your vehicle safer on the road. I'm glad to see Chevrolet has added those features on the upcoming models.



### Where's Waldo? (OK, really, where's Rick?)

Right after the raffle for the 2024 Red Mist Corvette, we gathered for the official group photo for those who were in the Museum. I stuck around for the picture. Can you find me?



Well, those are the primary highlights from the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event at the Museum. I have a bunch of pictures that I took while I was there. I may insert some of them in future editions of Flags.

One last note. Next year is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Museum. There will be caravans of Corvettes driving in to Bowling Green from across the nation. I'll try to keep everyone posted on the Ohio caravan as I get updates. There have not been many updates to date. Should be hearing something shortly.



# 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CORVETTE GATHERING LANCASTER, OHIO



**We had six Club members** and spouses head over to Lancaster on September 10<sup>th</sup> to take part in the annual Corvette Gathering put on by the **Ohio Corvette Club Alliance**. Always a great show and this year was no exception. At the end of the day, a total of 420+ Corvettes showed up from around the country.

Here are a few pictures from around the show plus a neat conversation I had with a gentleman that had his high-mileage 1963 Sting Ray he ordered back in 1963. Let's just say that it has been well travelled.

Here are a couple pics of our cars. Parked in almost the same exact spot as we were two years ago.



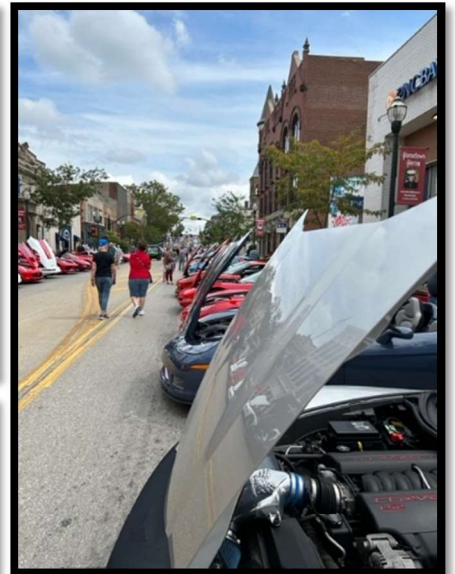
Too the right, a picture taken from near where our cars were parked (behind us on the right) looking back towards the center of town and up the hill. There were plenty of vendors and a lot of the businesses were open including most of the restaurants.

Hard to get a good picture without people. Everyone walks down the center of the street.

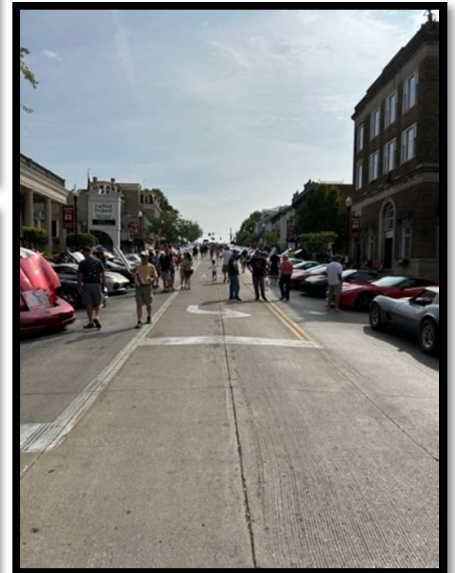




Here are some random pics taken during the afternoon.



**A Batmobile Corvette**



### **Chromed – what not to do to a Corvette!**

So, I'm standing in the middle of the road minding my own business just trying to get a good picture up the street and *someone* just steps right in front of me as I snap the photo!

If anyone recognizes that guy, please let me know. I do remember that he was bragging to someone about his nickname – Prez. Wow! The audacity....





Earlier this year, I logged on to Rick Conti's YouTube channel to check out his weekly vlog. I just happened to catch a video of a gentleman that stopped by Coughlin Chevrolet to say hello to Rick while on his trip home. He was driving a 1963 Corvette convertible. It was a great video that highlighted lots of features of the '63.

Fast forward to Lancaster. I was walking around the center of town and happened across a 10'x10' tent with an older couple sitting in it. Lo and behold, it was the gentleman from the Rick Conti video.

Not bashful, I introduced myself to him (and his wife) and told him that I had seen the video. At that point, he just started talking to me about his '63, the history and where the car has been. Ended up to be a 30 minute conversation that I'll not forget.

His name is Steve Stone. Steve is in his mid-80's. He lives in Madison, WI with his wife of 60-some years. He is a Vietnam-era veteran. The car, again, is a 1963 Corvette convertible that he ordered new back in late 1962. It has been in his possession since that time. As it sat in Lancaster, the car had 622,000 miles on it!!! It has been driven in all lower 48 states, Washington, DC and all of the Canadian provinces.

Steve does his own engine rebuilds (he has two engines that he can swap out – one of which is the original that came with the car). It is a radio-delete car, so he pipes in his music through 2 interchangeable I-pods. Portions of the car have been re-painted over the years (the paint on the doors has roughly 250,000 miles on it). He has a top-notch paint guy that can blend that gloss black paint perfectly, so you can't see any differences between panels. At the moment, he's running oversize Michelin tires all around which has really improved the ride and handling on the road.



For more information about Steve and his Vette, you can go to [www.oldcarsweekly.com/car-of-the-week/car-of-the-week-1963-Chevrolet-Corvette](http://www.oldcarsweekly.com/car-of-the-week/car-of-the-week-1963-Chevrolet-Corvette). More articles and photos are on the web at Steve Stone1963 Corvette. You can go to YouTube and type in Steve Stone 2017 Bloomington Gold.



# DAYTON CARS AND COFFEE



**A couple of our members** headed over to Carillon Park really early on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> to take part in the Dayton Cars and Coffee show. Normally, DC&C holds their event at Austin Landing. However, for the past few years, they move their show over to Carillon Park to help launch the annual **Dayton Concours 'de Elegance Show** that takes place on Sunday.

As usual, this turned out to be a huge event. According to Rick Snider, they had in excess of 800 vehicles show up! That's about standard for DC&C when they are at Austin Landing.

Rick took a few pictures and sent them to me.



So, in the picture to the left, somebody had a nice looking Mustang Cobra with a vanity plate that read U K33P UP. Clever, as long as he's aiming at other Mustangs. I've got some other ideas for vanity plates if he's going up against a Corvette. Heck, he'd crash before he even got going.



# WEST MILTON CAR SHOW

**O**n Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, a group of BCC members drove over to West Milton to take part in their annual downtown Car Show. The weather was perfect – a great night for a car show.

Apparently, everyone else and their mother thought the same thing. By the time we arrived with our six cars, the parking was full. We were able to squeeze three of our cars in at the south end. The remaining three cars had to park across the street in an office building parking lot. Everyone else that arrived after us were basically turned away. Frustrating for many people. They are going to have to come up with a better parking plan for this event in the future.

Parking aside, the show was very well attended. It was shoulder-to-shoulder walking up and down the street or the sidewalks. There were several food trucks on hand, and Fox's Pizza was open for business. With McDonalds just down the street, no one went hungry.

Here are a few pics from the show. I missed a lot of great looking vehicles that I should have taken pictures of, but time just scooted by.



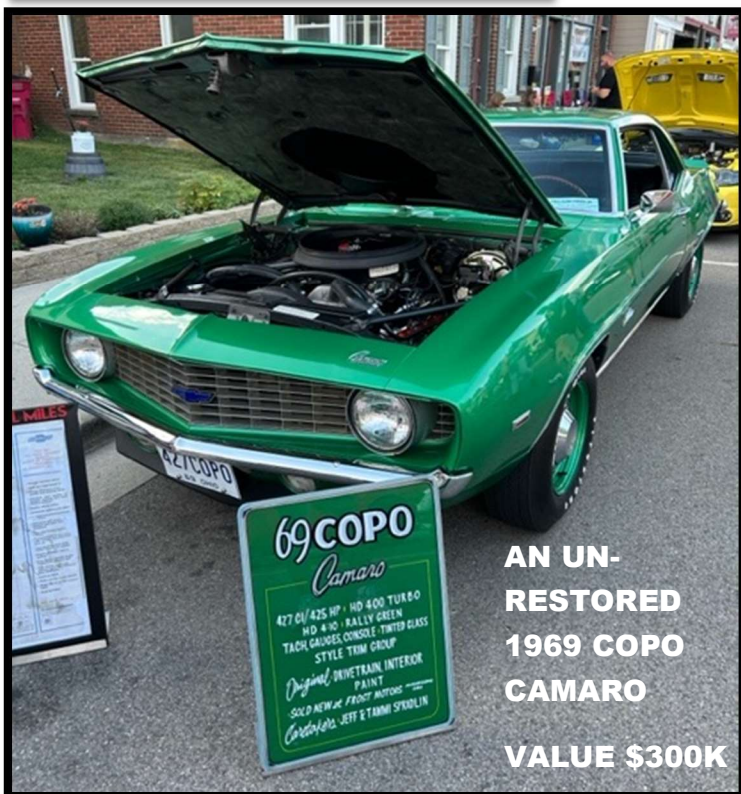




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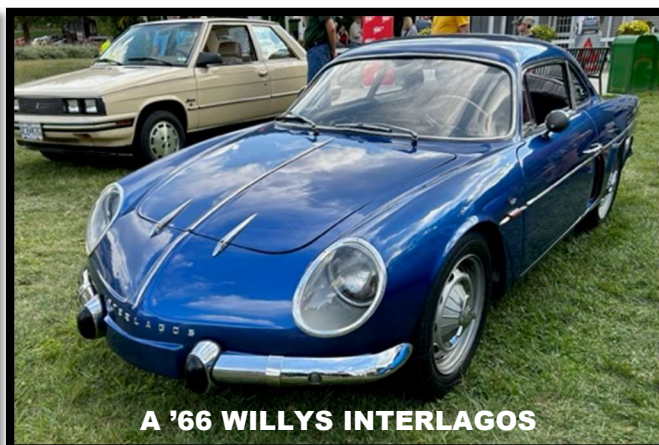




**On the third Sunday in September** each year, Carillon Park hosts the **Dayton Concours d'Elegance** car show. It is the 17<sup>th</sup> year that Carillon Park has hosted this event. This is the premier classic car show in the area every year. They typically have at least 175 cars of all makes and models. This year, the event honors the 100<sup>th</sup> year of MG or, the British Invasion.

Marty Skirha and I roamed over late Sunday morning and the place was packed. Once again, just a perfect day for a car show – maybe the best weather we've seen for the Concours in a number of years.

On the following pages are various pictures taken during the afternoon. Given the crowds, it can be a challenge to get a good picture of any car without people in the shot. Enjoy the shots.





As Marty and I make our way to the British cars, we both saw this, uh, "Rapid Blue" MG coupe. We both said it at the same time! Too funny. After talking to the lady that owned the car, she asked me if I would like to sit in it. Well, that was easier said than done. After about 30 minutes of contortion, I finally got behind the wheel. As you can see in the picture to the right, I barely fit. It is tougher to climb into this MG than it is to get behind the wheel of a '62 Corvette with the top on. My opinion.



Here are some of the cars that won an award during the show. Some really nice cars for sure.







**A '72 CUTLASS (MARTY'S FRIEND)**

Here are three of the most notable award winners from the show.



An **Award winner**, this is a 1934 MG NA Special owned by Brenda Benza from Cincinnati. An absolutely stunning car, she has raced this car for years. You could tell when she drove up to receive her award that she knows how to use a clutch and has no problem with the lack of power steering. Lots of fun.



This **Award winner** has been shown at the Dayton Concours for many years. Owned by Bob Anderson of Troy, it is a 1918 Buick E-49 that is completely original and unrestored. Sadly, it was announced at the show that this will be the last time that Bob takes this car to **any** car show. We were privileged to be some of the last people that will ever see this car in person. (L.O.L, it showed up at the Tipp City Mum Festival car show 5 days later).



Voted **Best of Show**, this is a stunning 1935 Auburn Boattail Speedster owned by Greg Ornazian of Rochester Hills, MI. On the placard in front of the car during the show, it said that this Speedster has won an award *every time that it has been shown over the years*. It doesn't get any better than Best of Show.



**BEST OF SHOW TROPHY**





# Tipp City Mum Festival

**W**e had about 10 cars attend this year's Tipp City Mum Festival Car Show. It was another spectacular day for a car show. I heard estimates of 800 cars that drove in, but no confirmation yet. Only took a few pictures – mostly of our cars.



**A Primed '63**



**A 1/4 Scale Camaro (exaggerated)**



**A 1/4 Scale Grave Digger**



**Corvette Row**





**Jody's great looking Blazer.**



**Dan Hunt's new C5 convertible!**



**Hineman's Green....no Black.....no Green C5.**

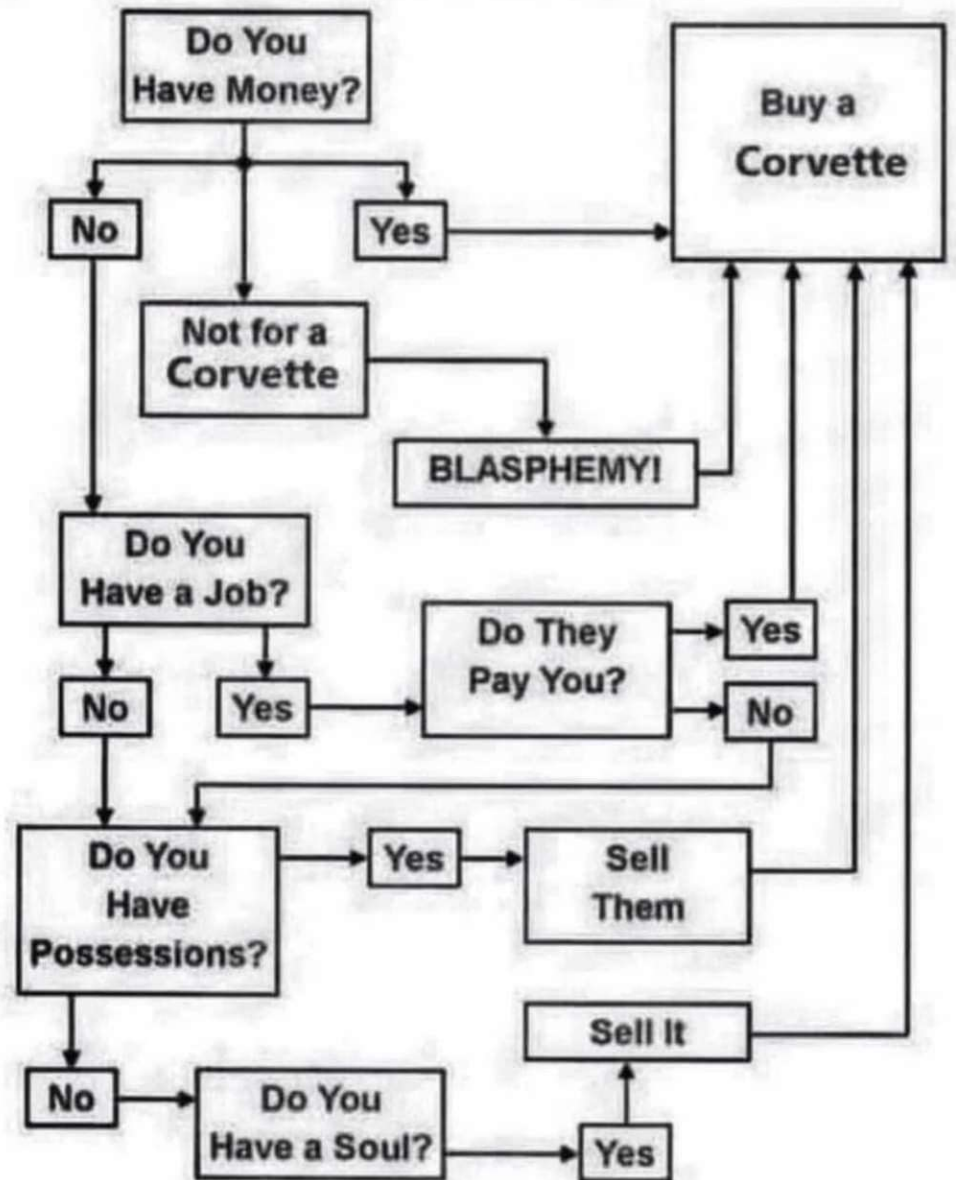
Here are some tidbits from the Club and Corvette nation for October 2023.

- **How do you know that you need to buy a Corvette?**

Well, this easy-to-follow chart will be very helpful in making that very important decision. This was submitted by our great V.P. Rick Snider.

After looking at the chart in detail, I think that you'll come to the same conclusion as I did. There really is no excuse **NOT** to buy a Corvette. Whether you have a job, have any possessions, have enough cash or even have a soul, it all boils down to the same conclusion.

We can't thank Rick enough for providing this very clear answer to an age-old question.





- **Geez, what's the status of that Corvette SUV, guys?**

During Harlan Charles and Josh Holder's presentation at the 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, someone asked what the status is of the long-rumored Corvette SUV. I wish you could have seen Harlan's and Josh's faces when the guy was asking the question.

As politely and, as succinctly as possible, Harlan gave us the update. There is no Corvette SUV planned for Corvette or by Chevrolet. In his answer, he pretty much attributes that rumor to various YouTubers that are using that as click-bait for other things.

We'll have to wait and see.



- **Corvettes at Carlisle.** Every year in mid-August, the largest contingent of Corvettes converges on Carlisle, PA to attend Corvettes at Carlisle. They usually get over 5,000 Corvettes from all over the country and Canada.

In addition to the annual parade, supplier tents and dealers, they gather about 160 Corvettes on the field and form an American flag. You can see by the picture to the right that they take a lot of time and effort to get everyone parked exactly (square and in straight lines).

Pretty impressive!



- **You've got to be kidding!** Our great Flags cub reporter Rick Ray was roaming the isles of their local Kroger down in Hurricane, WVA. Walking down the chip aisle, he came across bags of what is apparently a new product – Cracker Jill. It looks like it honors the FIFA Women's World Cup (the USA was booted quickly) and celebrates women in sports.

This may be worse than the Bud Light debacle. Please, *give me a break*.



- **LED's for C5.** While we were roaming around the Lancaster show, we came across at least two C5's that had aftermarket LED headlights installed. If you look at the picture closely, you can see that after the LED's are installed, the headlight housing only flips up about half way. The LED kit limits how high the lights flip up. That's all you need.

I guess, from what I've heard, those LED's are super bright. I know that the C5's lighting leaves something to be desired from a brightness standpoint.

For you C5 owners in the Club, it might be something to look in to.





- **A famous (eventually) photo.**

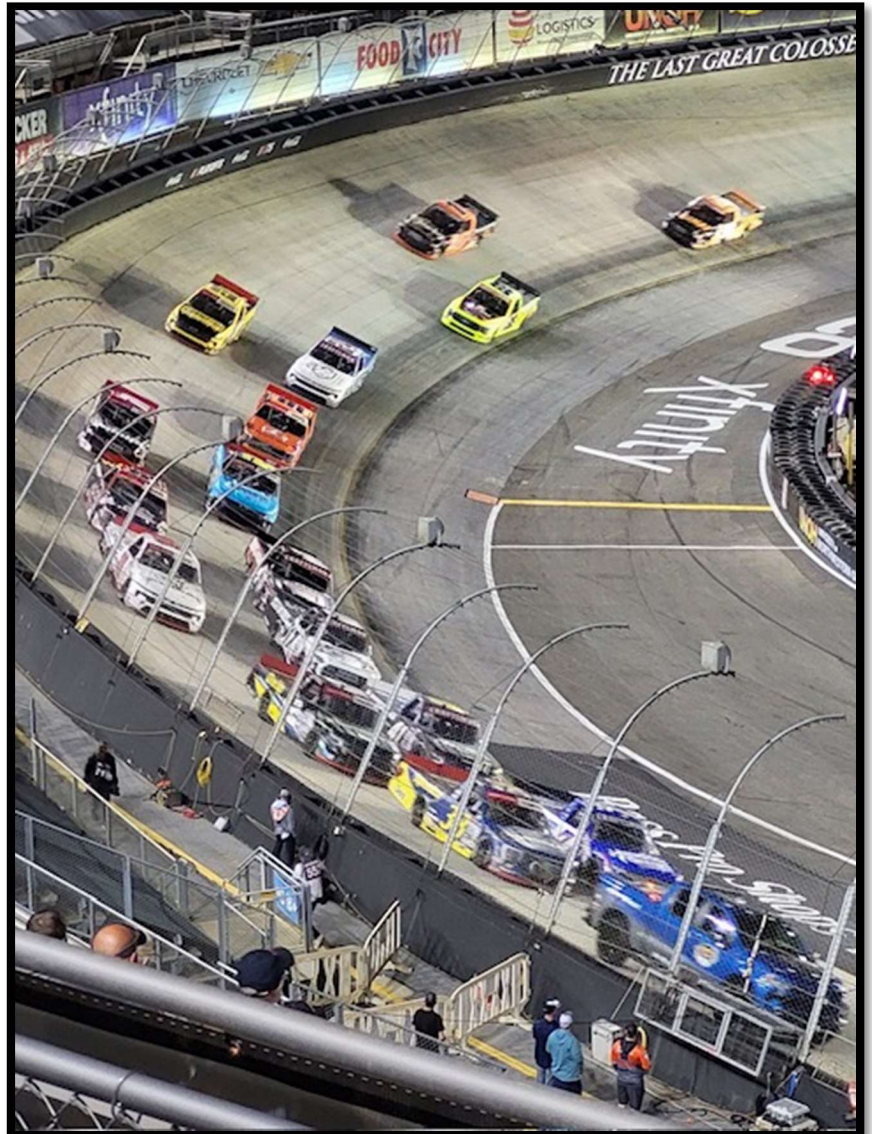
This picture was sent in to me by our faithful Flags cub reporter Rick Ray. During our tour of the Spire building and the new Wonder Wall exhibit, one of the Museum photographers was taking pictures. He just happened to snap a picture of our group which is now posted on the NCM website.

Autographed copies of the picture are available for a modest fee (from an equally modest guy).



- **Bristol time again.** Our fearless leader once again headed down to Bristol to attend another Infinity truck race – this time no dirt. This is a pic from qualifying (I think the pace truck is right there in the lower left of the picture). Gary plans a trip down there every year and really enjoys himself.

Hey, Prez, if I came down could I enter the race in our F150? Might make things exciting just by holding up traffic.





- **Quick Jack for sale.** Now that I've moved on to the C8, I can no longer use my Quick Jack lift. This unit will work on any C1 – C7 Corvette. I have used it probably a ½ dozen times since new (originally purchased by Larry Atchinson but never used). Comes with the Left and Right lifting jacks, the hydraulic compressor, all hydraulic hoses, lifting pads, instructions and extra fittings. The jack has two lift positions – about 8" off the ground or 12". Great for working on your tires/wheels and lower portions of your car. If you put jack stands under the car, it is also safe to work underneath your car. The two lifting units will actually fit underneath your car (at least on the C7 and C8) for convenient storage.

Asking \$450 for the unit. The cart in the picture is NOT included. If you are interested, reach out to me. If needed, I'll deliver it to you (the lifting jacks are heavy). (937) 416-6529 if interested. If no answer, please leave me a message.

- **To be clear, this is NOT a selfie.** So, as Marty and I were exiting Carillon Park after attending the Concours d'Elegance car show, he insisted that we stop so he could take a picture of me. My preference would have been standing next to that Auburn Boattail Speedster or the MG racer. However, I ended up posing next to the NCR cash register at the entrance to the Carillon Historical Park museum.

I guess the message here would be "SHOW ME THE MONEY!"





- **So, anyone in the market for a simple restoration project?** This was sent to me by Russ Powell. Apparently, what you see in the picture to the right is a slightly damaged C6. Appears that the engine is in pretty good shape, and the right-side headlight looks intact.



- **Announcement from Mid America Motorworks.** It was announced at the end of this year's Funfest event that this will be the last year of the three-day format. For years, Funfest has been a popular destination for Corvette lovers around the country. However, crowds have been getting smaller for some time and the three-day format appears to be a little much now. There will be more on the future of Funfest over the next several months, but the gist is that they will move to a one day, Saturday only event. Stay tuned.



- **Salem Church of God Car Show.** The day after the Tipp City Mum Festival Car Show was Salem Church of God Car Show. Another beautiful day. Attending the show was L – R: John Barnett, Erroll, Joe, Floyd, Bob Freshour, Marty & Karen Skirha and Sue Alexander + Dickens. Just a happy crowd.



# CALENDAR OF **EVENTS** FOR 2023

<b>January</b> 12	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
<b>February</b> 09 11	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m. Sweetheart Dance at Romer's Catering – St. Henry. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
<b>March</b> 09 ? TBA	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting –Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m. Club dinner at a yet-to-be-announced location 50's/60's Night at Romer's catering, St. Henry. Opens at 5:30
<b>April</b> 13 22 27 - 29 29	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m. National Trails Car Show (1 <sup>st</sup> of the season). 10:00 to 3:00. Trophies and dash plaques Michelin NCM Bash, Bowling Green, KY (Museum). All day. Dayton Honor Flight. Leaves 6:30 a.m., returns 8:00 p.m.
<b>May</b> 11 13 13 ? ? 20 TBA	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m. Bud's All Corvette Cruise-In, St. Mary, OH. Details to follow Chosen Few All Corvette Show – Columbus, OH. Details coming New Paris Community Park Car Show. Noon to 4:00. \$10 registration fee Arcanum Car Show Dinner at Rick & Brenda Sniders. Dayton. Details to follow Dayton Honor Flight – Dayton International, return approximately 10:30 p.m.
<b>June</b> 03 09 13 - 15 23 25	<b><i>BCC Cruise Into Summer Car Show – Reichard Chevrolet. 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.</i></b> Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m. Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, Pickette Ave. Model T plant tour. Details TBA Annual Voss Chevrolet Cruise-In. Gates open at 4:00. Greater Dayton All-Corvette Show
<b>July</b> 2 8 13 12 - 14 30	St. Henry's annual Firecracker Cruise-In Car Show – St. Henry <b>Rescheduled</b> – National Trails Car Show. Rain date July 9 <sup>th</sup> . 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Location to be announced. 7:00 p.m. Tentative – Bourbon Trail BCC/NASCAR day at Ransdells. More to come.



<b>August</b>	
05	Midwest British Car Show, Eastwood Metro Park. 9 AM to 4 PM. FREE
?	Voss Car Show - Centerville
10	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
13	Englewood Festival Car Show, Centennial Park. 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. \$10 per
26	21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Old Fashion Downtown Saturday Night – Eaton. 2:00 – 8:00 PM
27	Antioch Shrine Custom Car, Bike & Truck Show. Dayton. Time TBD
31 - 2	28 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event @ the National Corvette Museum – Bowling Green, KY
<b>September</b>	
09	Apple Festival
14	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
?	17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Lancaster Car Show
15	Cypress Pointe Health Campus Car Show – Englewood. 5:30 to 7:00 pm.
TBD	Rolling 50's Classics, Inc. Fall Cruise-In. Greenville downtown. 2:00 to 8:00
14 - 16	Mid America Fun Fest. Yes, it's on for 2023
?	Tipp City Mum Festival Cruise-In. 4:00 pm. Watch for e-mail
?	Annual Heritage of Flight Cruise-In. New Carlisle. 4:00 – 10:00 p.m.
23	Crestview Church Cruise-In. Clayton. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trophies @ 3:30
<b>October</b>	
07	Victory Church Victory Weekend and Car/Truck/Bike Show. Reg. 9 – noon. \$15 entry
12	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
14	Kohlbacher's Cruise-In. Rose Music Center Huber Heights. 2PM until dark
21 - 22	Camden's Black Walnut Festival. Registration: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trophies @ 3:00
<b>November</b>	
09	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
11	BCC Pizza Party @ Marion's in Englewood. Watch for details in an e-mail
<b>December</b>	
09	Brookville Corvette Club Christmas Party. Party Barn at Tiernan's
14	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.

(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.)

- **Under consideration:**

- Mershon's Car Dealership – Springfield
- Packard Museum – Dayton
- Oldenburg (IN) day trip
- Lunch/dinner – Celina Grand Lake St. Mary
- Gilmore Car Museum
- Corvettes of Carlisle

Here's what's going on down at the **National Corvette Museum** during the month of September.

## CORVETTE RAFFLES

There are a few raffles going on at the Museum.

On Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, you could win a **Build Your Own '24 Stingray**. Tickets are \$250 each and limited to 1,500 tickets. Drawing will be held at 2:00 PM CST.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, you could drive home in a **'24 Hypersonic Gray** coupe. Tickets are \$150 and limited to 1,500 tickets. Drawing will be a 2:00 CMT.

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, take home a **2024 Red Mist Convertible**. Tickets are only \$20 with unlimited tickets to be sold. Drawing is 3:00 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!



## 2024 NATIONAL CORVETTE CARAVAN

Referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car. Hosted only once every 5 years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend in 2024. That also marks the Museum's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the country to meet in Bowling Green, KY for four days of festivities and the NCM. As you could imagine, an event this big requires years of planning and a lot of coordination. If you want to get involved, you can talk to your Club Ambassador or go to the NCM website, hover over Events and click on 2024 Corvette Caravan. There, you can choose your state and see what's going on with your Caravan coordinator. You can also click on other states and check out what they are doing.

There will be more information coming as the next six months roll by. Stay tuned.



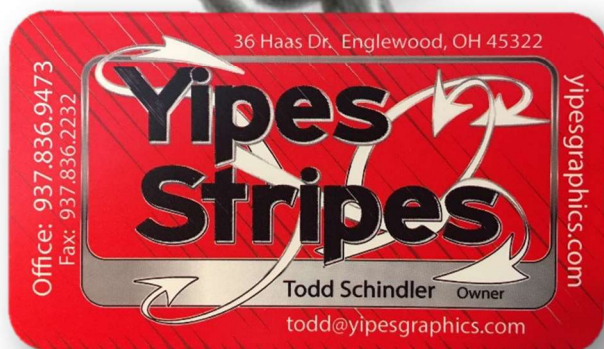


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## ***Hours and Directions***

The National Corvette Museum is open between 8am and 5pm, CST, 7 days a week. Last tickets are sold at 4:30 each day. The Museum is located just off of I-65 at exit 28 (about 90 minutes south of Louisville).

The Museum is closed New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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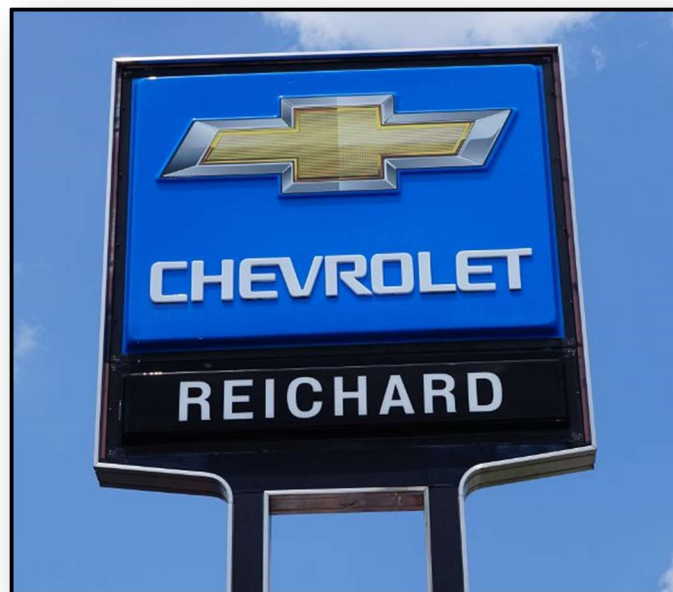
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