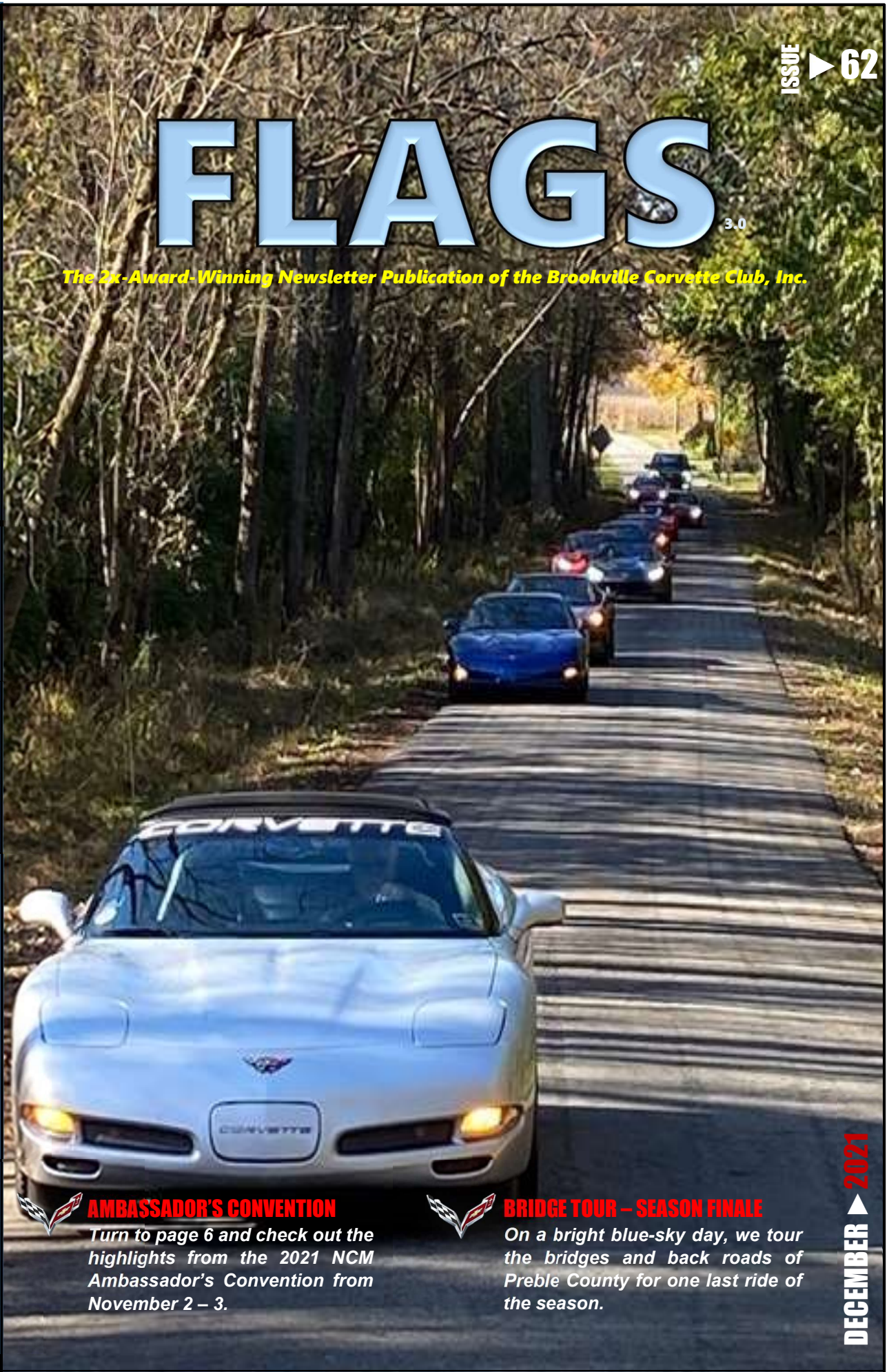





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On a bright blue-sky day, we tour the bridges and back roads of Preble County for one last ride of the season.

## On The Cover

This month, we capture 11 of our cars as we traverse the backroads of Preble County searching for a few covered bridges, great roads and something to eat. Picture credit: Kathy Chesnut.



The Brookville Corvette Club meets on the second 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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First things first, you'll notice a few changes to the look of Flags this month. Over the next several months, I'll be experimenting on updating some of the features in Flags. Not change just for the sake of change. I want to make the Newsletter easier to read and make some of the features "pop". This will also be an effort to re-claim first place in the Newsletter competition next year. See. There is a method to my madness.

We've reached the end of car show season and most of you have already put your Vette up for the winter. Mine is tucked away.

This month, I provide a review of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Ambassador's Meeting that was held at the Museum back on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Plenty to talk about, and I'll probably put together a PowerPoint presentation going in to more detail in the near future.

For a Club event, we drove the back roads of Preble County checking out 3 covered bridges. It was a gorgeous autumn day, and the back roads provided a great view of what was left of the color in the trees.

We had a great time at our annual Pizza Party which was held once again at Marion's Piazza in Englewood. Nothing better than free food shared with good friends.

Coming up on December 11<sup>th</sup> is our annual Christmas Party which should be great. Romer's are doing the catering again this year so you know the food will be tasty. We'll have our gift exchange which is always a hoot.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and here's hoping that you all get gas cards for Christmas!

*Rick*

Hi, all!

We had a GREAT pizza party crowd at Marion's in Englewood a couple weeks ago. There were 31 members and guests.

Evidently, the cold weather is upon us, so it is time to cover up our toys, plug them into tenders and ride out the winter. Here's my Vette tip-o-the-day: check your tire pressure and don't forget to add Sta-bil to your gas tank to protect your fuel.

Don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to our annual Christmas Party at Tiernan's. By all accounts, his will be a record-breaker for us. If you have not yet RSVP'd to me, please do so in the next several days so we can get a final head count for Romers.

**SAVE THE WAVE.** I mean, save your waves until you are back behind the wheel of your Vette. If you wave at people from your daily driver, well...they'll wonder what you're doing.

*Pres Gary*

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## BCC CLUB MEETING

Our December meeting has been cancelled in lieu of our Christmas party which will be held on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. If we have anything to discuss as a Club, we'll do that quickly at the Party.



## BCC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas Party will take place at Tiernan's Party Barn on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. It's a catered affair (Romers) so there will be plenty to chow down on. Bring a wrapped gift (\$20 bucks or so) and plan on our usual gift exchange (always entertaining). If you have not been to our Christmas Party, don't miss it this year.



## SAYING GOODNIGHT

By now, many if not all of you have prepped your Vette for winter storage. With it comes the realization that the driving season is over for at least another 4 months or so. But don't fret. Time will fly by and before you know it you'll be back on the road and enjoying some spirited driving. Here's to a quick winter!



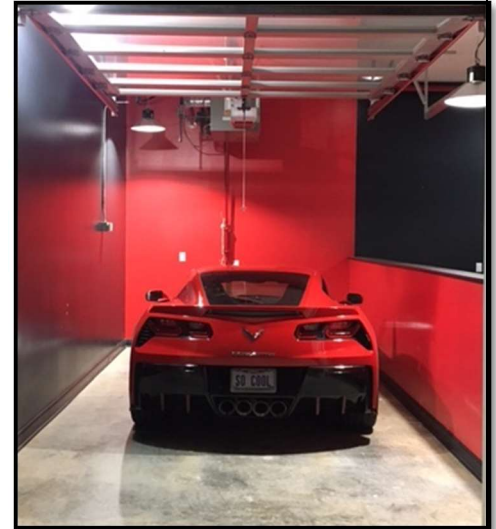
# NCM **AMBASSADOR'S** CONVENTION

Each November now for the last 4 years, the National Corvette Museum has invited all of the Ambassadors to the Museum for the annual **Ambassador's Convention**. It's a two-day event designed to bring the Ambassadors up to speed with what is going on at the Museum.

The Convention is designed to support the goals of what an Ambassador is supposed to do for the Museum. That is, the Ambassador's program is to provide Corvette clubs/organizations a two-way communication link to the NCM. The Ambassador is the conduit for that link. He/she represents the NCM to each Corvette Club and, in turn, is the voice of each Corvette Club to the Museum.

I headed down to Bowling Green on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup>. Just your normal, leisurely 80 mph jaunt down I-75 to I-71 and then pick up I-65 for the ride into BG. I ended up staying at **The Synch Hotel** which sits on Corvette Drive and is only two minutes from the Museum.

One reason for choosing The Synch was that they have 4 garages available to guests. I figured that because the weather was supposed to be cooler than expected, I could just get up in the morning, head to the garage, back out and head over to the Museum. Ended up being a good idea. With frost each morning and a light rain on Monday overnight, the car stayed dry and I didn't have to wipe down the windows or – worse yet – scrape off the frost. It's a tight fit side-to-side, but room enough to squeeze out of the car. On the final night of my stay, I was joined in the next bay over by a Rapid Blue C8 that had just gone through the R8C Museum delivery. Smart guy.



## **THE CONVENTION**

As I mentioned, this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Ambassador's meeting that has been held at the Museum. When Stephanie Morrill opened the meeting, she announced that this was the largest convention to date. We had 70 Ambassador's in attendance and they came from all over: California, Texas, Florida, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Washington and many more states.



The agenda was full of speakers from within the Museum and the Assembly Plant. I'll break this report down by speaker and provide a brief outline of what was shared. I tried to take pictures during the event and I'll intersperse them throughout the following pages.

## **KAI SPANDE – DIRECTOR OF BOWLING GREEN ASSEMBLY**

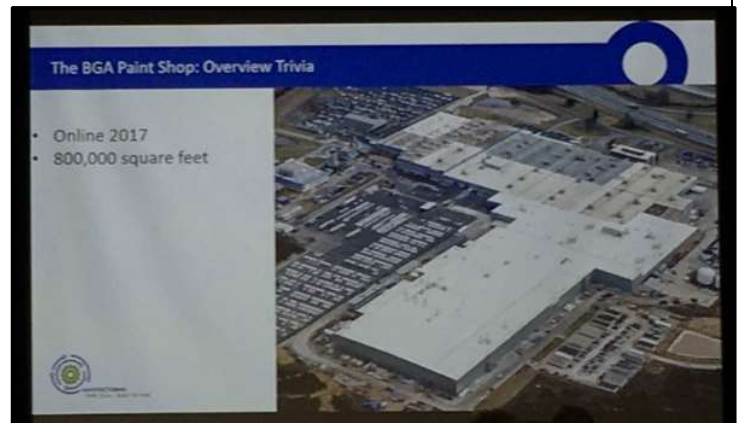
Everyone always looks forward to hearing from Kai. While his presentation was a re-hash of his speech from the Anniversary Event in September, he did provide some updates on production and where the plant stands on resuming public tours.

Most of Kai's talk centered around the 2017 addition of the new paint shop. Well, if you call 800,000 square feet a shop, then I guess it's a shop.

The paint shop came on-line in mid-to-late 2017, so most of the 2018's and all of the 2019's were painted in the new building. In the picture below, the bottom "half" of the facility (everything under the white roof) is the paint shop. It is 3 stories high and actually also has a basement. Here are some details that he shared:



- The paint shop is manned by 240 employees
- There is a strict protocol in place that employees must follow. They are provided lint-free outer garments, enter the plant through a series of air blow-off tunnels and walk on sticky floors when they enter to remove any contamination from the bottom of their shoes.
- All employees must adhere to a strict personal hygiene guide. The guide states what you can and cannot wear into the plant when it comes to deodorant, soaps, hair spray, cologne, etc. Each employee is tested each time they enter the plant by touching a paint panel that measures paint "cratering". Fail the test and the issue is either remedied on the spot or the employee is sent home.
- There are 51 robots in the plant the majority of which are in the paint shop.
- There are 3 panel suppliers to the plant that supply the fenders, doors, deck lids and roof systems.
- There is one paint supplier – Axalta (the old DuPont paint business).
- Bowling Green is considered the center of expertise within General Motors when it comes to painting composite panels. They are even consulted by other GM facilities that paint metal panels.
- Two parts are not painted at Bowling Green. Rear view mirrors are painted by the supplier and the Nacelles for the convertible are also painted by that supplier.
- Here's a tid-bit I wasn't aware of. If you order stripes on your C8, those are applied after the car is painted. It is accomplished by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party supplier that is located at the Bowling Green assembly plant compound. A great trivia question.



As for public tours starting back up at Bowling Green Assembly, it is not going to happen for a while. Paramount at BGA is employee safety – especially during the pandemic. Letting outsiders back into the plant not knowing their vaccination status presents a challenge to BGA that they are not willing to take on at this point. They very much want to resume plant tours and it is being discussed at BGA and Chevrolet. There will be more on this subject probably at Bash time next April.

Bummer.

## **DEREK MOORE – CHIEF CURATOR FOR NCM**

Next up on the docket was Derek Moore. He provided an update on the site, the status of the archives, collection updates and Museum accreditation.



### **Exhibits and Visitor Experience**

Coming summer of 2022 is the Hot Wheels – Race to Win exhibit. This behind-the-scenes look at the thrilling world of racing investigates the scientific process for designing super-fast cars. Hands-on experiences, authentic race gear and captivating memorabilia will engage families in the process. Oh, and there may even be one or two Hot Wheel cars in the exhibit.

### **Collections**

They continue work to move, reorganize and reconcile the collections. There are two collection buildings (old FOP and Collection Building #2). They are moving and rearranging vehicles on new Titan lifts so they can double stack vehicles in the collection.

The Library and Archives continue to collect documents related to the history of Corvette. They are culling the collection for items that should not be housed in the L&A. Since the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration they have been selling books and manuals that do not fit the collection. Check out EBay under National Corvette Museum.

### **Deaccession Process**

In 2019, the Collections and Exhibits Department began the process of deaccessioning artifacts from the NCM collections. To date, this has included two Corvettes. This is not a process that any Museum takes lightly. It helps to keep the collection relevant to Corvette and culls the collection of items that are no longer either relevant or important to keep.

### **American Accreditation Museum (AAM)**

Derek and his staff have begun the process of becoming accredited by the AAM. Many museums have attained AAM accreditation, but only two automotive museums have earned AAM accreditation: The Studebaker Museum and the Auburn/Cord/Duesenberg Museum – both in Indiana. It is a long, arduous process that takes a couple years (at least) to accomplish. The AAM process goes through every operation of the museum to make sure best practices are being followed and everything is documented. Their first review is coming up in the next couple months. Stay tuned.



## **CHRIS SWEENEY - MEMBERSHIP**

Chris provided an overview of membership, Museum brick lead-times and Ambassador Information. He will be stepping in to take over some of the membership and Ambassador responsibilities that were previously handled by Stephanie Morrill. Stephanie is now going to focus more on her position as Operations Manager at the Museum.



- The Museum currently has 36,207 members (all categories). Of the 36,000 members, 54% have the basic membership. Lifetime members account for 13.1% of all membership. The remaining 32.9% are family memberships. In 2020, all memberships generated over \$1 million in revenue for the Museum.
- There are 305 Ambassadors to the Museum. Not all Corvette Clubs are represented by an Ambassador. So, for this 4<sup>th</sup> annual convention, 23% of the Ambassadors were present.
- If you are looking to purchase a brick for display at the Museum (hexagonal, standard 4"x8" or larger), the lead time is now 12 to 16 weeks. In some cases, it will be longer.

## **DAVE SMITH - R8C DELIVERIES AND PDI**

While Shane Webb supervises the R8C delivery program, Dave is responsible for performing the PDI on each vehicle, prepping and inspecting each new Vette before it heads out to Corvette Boulevard for delivery.



- There are 7 people in the PDI department that handle the day-to-day prep work on each new Corvette.
- Right now, the Museum can deliver between 8 and 9 new Corvettes each day. It takes anywhere from 3 to 5 hours to "deliver" a new Corvette for each customer.
- They currently have a back-log of 180 Corvettes for delivery. They can only hold around 10 Corvettes in the PDI bay. The rest are being stored over at the Motorsports Park and are put into a queue for delivery based on the order the car was manufactured.
- In addition to the R8C deliveries, the Museum is still doing Museum Experience deliveries. The NCM Experience offers a day in the spotlight with your Corvette. Your Vette receives an exterior detail and is then placed out on Corvette Blvd. Customers are then provided a tour of the Museum, membership to the Museum, a commemorative plaque and silver door jamb decal as well as the opportunity to purchase exclusive Experience apparel. The Experience can also be viewed via the live webcams. The cost is \$500 and worth every penny.
- I took advantage of the Museum Experience program back in 2016 and highly recommend it to any Corvette owner. If you're interested, talk to me.

## **DEB HOWARD - EDUCATION**

Deb currently handles all educational activities at the National Corvette Museum. Everything from Vettecademy, school field trips and classroom sessions at the Museum.

- Vettecademy, originally a video series geared towards children and young adults as a way to promote the Museum, has reached a much broader audience. Deb is looking for sponsors for the series. A sponsorship is \$200 per episode.
- The Museum also offers field trips for local schools. It's usually just one classroom per trip and includes Museum tour and educational information. A Club can also fund a Field Trip for \$300 per classroom.
- The National Corvette Museum is a Sensory Accredited Museum.



## **MARIAH – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES**

Mariah touched on a few points when talking about Social Media (she's a huge Facebook fan), Newsletter judging and Website planning.

- Newsletter judging. Found out that the Newsletter competition is not judged internally or by anyone at the NCM. They actually use an independent, outside individual (a Corvette enthusiast) who judges all club entries based on certain criteria. He/she reviews each submission, scores each one and then ranks them 1, 2 or 3.
- As for newsletter submission, previous year winners can submit for the next year competition as long as there have been noticeable changes in formatting. If you submit a newsletter for competition and it is the same exact format as last year, it will not be judged.
- Parking lot banners for Clubs opens in January. They have around 25 spaces for banners. Cost is \$500. Banners usually fill up fast (Greater Dayton usually has a banner). At the end of the season, the banner is returned to the submitting club and are usually used as fund raisers.
- She touched on QR codes, website creation and newsletter templates. She recommended checking out WIX when it comes to creating or updating a website. She also highly recommend using QR codes in newsletters or club communications. Finally, a clever website for templates is CANVA.com. That's who the NCM uses. She showed examples in her presentation. Very impressive site. It's free for the basic stuff (which is a lot) or \$39/year for unlimited access.
- She reminded everyone that the Corvette Museum Store will have free shipping on all orders at or above \$50.00 through the Holidays.

## **ADAM BOCCA – NCM INSURANCE**

Adam provided an overview of the NCM Insurance program. Adam heads up the insurance department and has 3 other people working for him in the office.



- NCM insurance has been offering collector vehicle insurance since April of 2009 and is one of the fastest growing collector car agencies in North America.
- All policies issued by NCM are Agreed Value which means that you won't be penalized for depreciation. The value is established prior to the policy being written. If you total your vehicle, the agreed value is what you will receive.
- Mileage limits are set at 1,000, 3,000 or 6,000 miles. Any unused mileage from one year automatically rolls over into the following year.
- NCM currently has over 9,000 policies in force. Those policies cover about \$1.2 billion in owner assets.
- About 60% of all policies are written for Corvettes. The remaining 40% are mostly classics and other high-end vehicles. The most expensive car insured right now is a \$3.2 million Koenigsegg Regera. Google it. A very impressive car.

## **SHARON BRAWNER – PRESIDENT & CEO**

Sharon has been with the National Corvette Museum now for about 60 days. She has been reviewing all Museum functions and developing a plan for continuous improvement. Some items that she touched on.



- The recently announced 35,000 square foot expansion has been put on hold for the time being. While the Museum continues to study the idea, shovels in the dirt won't happen for probably at least 3 years – maybe more.
- The Museum needs to grow its audience – focusing more on the younger crowd and families. The core audience remains strong, but growth will only happen by getting the youth excited about Corvette.
- The old Country Hearth hotel is now demolished and gone. While ideas for the property are being discussed, there is nothing concrete in the planning stages at this point.
- One of Sharon's main goals is making Bowling Green more convention friendly. There is a lot to do to entice organizations to come to Bowling Green. It sounds like this will be one of her key drivers going into the future.

## TUNNELS TO TOWERS ROLLING 9/11 EXHIBIT



As a tie-in to the National Corvette Museums annual Vets & Vettes event, The **Tunnels to Towers Foundation** rolling exhibit was at the National Corvette Museum while the Ambassador's convention was taking place. We actually stood outside the Museum and greeted the semi and police escort as it rolled onto the Museum grounds. Kinda neat.

The Tunnels to Towers Foundation was started to honor the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller, who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. When he heard that the towers had been hit, he loaded up his gear (60 lbs on his back), and ran through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the towers and headed up. He perished in the tower collapse and his remains were never found.

The Foundation was started by Stephen's older brother Frank to honor his ultimate sacrifice and to help wounded veterans and first responders recover when they return home. Since the Foundation was started, it has raised over \$250 million in support of our nation's greatest heroes and their families. The Foundation builds "smart homes", one floor homes that are outfitted with everything needed for wounded/handicapped veterans/first responders. The homes usually cost around \$1 million and are provided to the recipients mortgage free! In addition to the homes, the Foundation will pay off mortgages of veterans/first responders that have died in the line of duty. Over 95% of every dollar the Foundation takes in goes directly to their programs and services. Frank, Stephen's brother, CEO and founder of the Foundation, is an **uncompensated volunteer** of the Foundation, as are many of the other members.

Below is a picture of the Ambassadors standing in front of the 1,000 square foot exhibit. I'm in the front row, kneeling, second from the right.



A truly humbling experience.

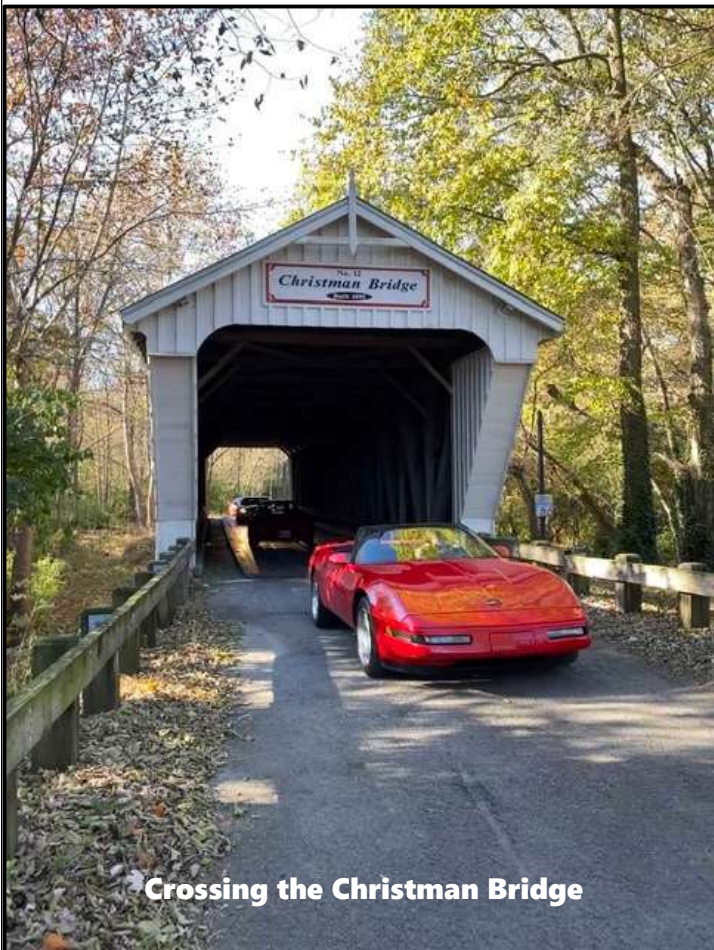
# A BACK ROADS TOUR OF PREBLE COUNTY

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, about 20 of us met in Lewisburg and spent the afternoon driving around Preble County checking out a few covered bridges, doing a little shopping at the antique shops and enjoying a beautiful blue-sky day.

Oh, and we eventually found a place to eat!



The group posing near the first covered bridge in Lewisburg



Crossing the Christman Bridge



To the right, a group of us standing outside one of the antique shops in Lewisburg. Below, a picture of the chase vehicle as we cross the bridge.



After driving around Preble County, we headed over to Richmond and accomplished the main goal of the day – eating at the Red Front Bar & Grill. Note: not a staged photo.



# HAPPENINGS AROUND THE BCC

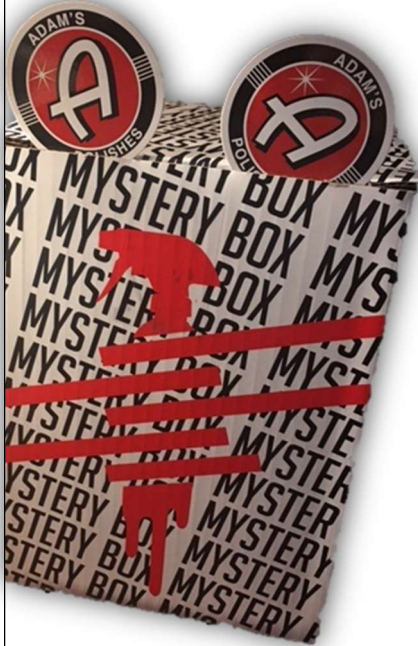
So, Cindy and I were out shopping at Krogers not too long ago and I brought up the fact that we didn't have any chocolate syrup in the house. So, off I go wandering around the store trying to find the syrup isle (you know, Krogers changes their isles around at least twice a month). Bingo! Found it.

If you think this bottle of Hershey's syrup is big, you should check out the carton of ice cream I found.

At the meetings this year, we've been raffling off various car care products – mostly from **Adams Polish**. Various bottles of detail spray in all kinds of scents, along with other Adams products to help you keep your car looking great. In May or June, we actually raffled off a prize package that was worth about \$350. Dan and Cindy Miezio won that one.

At the November meeting, we raffled off one of Adam's mystery boxes. They come in various sizes and prices. The boxes always contain more products than the box cost (at least retail pricing).

Who was our November winner? Why, none other than our good friend Dave Hineman.



There was other stuff in the box, too.



Also at our November meeting we welcomed new members Joe Eldridge and his fiancé Michele. They have already attended three BCC events!

Sometimes, Muhammed **will** come to the mountain! After becoming members of the BCC a couple years ago (maybe longer), Chris and Chris Farkas finally attended their first BCC meeting! They have been great supporters of the Club and have attended many shows and events with the Club since becoming members. However, their work schedule prevented them from being able to attend our Club meetings. Well, that's changed, and it was great to finally see them both at the meeting.

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So, at the end of the day, I'm not a very patient guy (just ask Cindy). I don't spend a lot of time contemplating a purchase. When it comes to the C8, Cindy and I talked about it at length and would really like to order one. The problem is timing. I did not get my name on any dealer's list. The production plant is so far behind, it will take a long time just to catch up on the Stingray orders. And now, add in the Z06 next year with waiting lists at some dealers of 500 – 1,000 people and...well, you get the picture. Good luck.

So, I went with the next best thing.

We traded our 2016 Ultra Classic in on a new 2021 Harley TriGlide. I had been in touch with the dealer (Piqua H-D) and expressed an interest in a Trike. No sooner did we hang up the phone and they called to tell me that they had just received four new Trikes.



We headed up to Piqua, test rode this Vivid Black one, worked up a deal and drove it home. Used bikes are just like used cars right now; H-D dealers are looking for nice, clean used Harleys. It was a no-brainer on our part. They made me an offer that I couldn't refuse. And, yes, we drove it home just in time to put it up in storage for the winter. Our garage is now back to being a storage unit for toys. Both covered, sitting on battery tenders and waiting for spring to come.

We've decided to break the bike in next March by packing it up in the trailer and heading down to Florida – specifically spending 2 to 3 days at Daytona Bike Week. We did that in 2019 and had a great time, so we'll do it all again. Then, we'll spend a couple weeks just riding around and enjoying some warm weather.

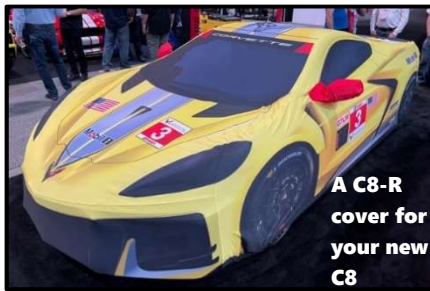
In all likelihood, this will probably be our last Harley (we've had 3). We both enjoy riding, and this will make things more comfortable for both of us and a little safer for cruising down the highway.

For now, a new C8 will just have to wait 2 or 3 years. I can live with that.



Another Club member – Scott Mazzulla – recently had the opportunity to attend the SEMA show out in Las Vegas. Scott is the President and CEO of the **Hobart Institute of Welding Technology** and was actually at SEMA in a working capacity. But, as he texted, one must always have time to play, too.

Scott sent in a bunch of pictures he took from the SEMA floor, mostly Corvette related (why not). Here are **some** pics that he sent to me. Thanks, Scott!



A C8-R cover for your new C8



Someone got hold of Joe's C8 and did this to it! So sorry, Joe.



New Amazon delivery truck. Neat!



Ivan Tampi custom C7. This guy is insane!



C8 Z06 with the Z07 Package

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We've got some new members! Welcome **Joe and Michele Eldridge** of St. Paris, OH. They drive a 2010 Torch Red Grand Sport. Also joining the Club is **Tracy and Tina Kelly** from Englewood. They drive a 1982 Red Coupe. Finally, a belated welcome to **David Williford** from Eaton. He drives a 2016 Orange Coupe.

Great to have all of you in the Club! Reach out to any of us if you have any questions or comments.

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For those of you that attend the meeting each month, you know that I usually raffle off something. Sometimes it's just a bottle of detail spray. Other times (once so far) I raffled off a box of stuff that was worth over \$400. You just never know unless you attend one of the meetings.

Here's a sneak peek at what I'm planning to raffle off at the January meeting. It is two bottles of Adams detail spray. But, not just any old Adams detail spray.

Periodically, Adams will come out with limited edition bottles of their detail spray. Some of you have seen them (and some of you have won them). Like Cars & Coffee (the stuff smells just like a coffee shop), a Halloween blend and even detail spray that smells like cinnamon. Trouble is, you have to be quick to order because they sell out quickly.

Back in late October, Adams advertised a limited edition bottle of detail spray called **Johnny Cupcakes**. Intrigued, I ordered a few bottles to check it out.

You guessed it, they each smell just like fresh cupcakes right out of the oven. I was half tempted to drink the stuff (**WARNING: DO NOT DRINK THIS STUFF!**).

So, if you want to take part in the raffle and perhaps win a bottle of liquid cupcakes that'll also make your car nice and shiny, plan on attending the January 2022 meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

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# THE ANNUAL BCC PIZZA PARTY!

On Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual BCC Pizza Party at Marion's Piazza in Englewood. Must have caught many on the hungry side, as we had 38 members show up!

Speaking of pizza, Gary noted that we went through either 14 or 15 pizzas. At the end of the night, there were only a few pieces left on the table.



Here's a shot of the group.



I did not get an opportunity to take any other random pictures of the group. No one else sent in any pictures that they took during the evening.

Well, hold on, there was a clandestine shot of one of our members chugging down a beer. The photographer will remain anonymous unless Joe wants to bribe me with cash. Then all bets are off on that anonymous thing!



## C8 Z06 SPOTTED ON THE DRAGON

Keith Cornett from [corvetteblogger.com](http://corvetteblogger.com) was perusing around the internet and came across some pictures of a C8 Z06 with the Z07 package driving the Tail of the Dragon.

The Dragon is a stretch of State Route 129 that runs through Tennessee and North Carolina. Just south of Knoxville, 129 turns into the Dragon for 11 miles and 318 curves. If you drive a sports car and/or especially a motorcycle, the Dragon is a must-do on your bucket list.

According to Keith, this is one of the older mules as the exhaust ports are on the left and right side as opposed to having the 4 trumpets in the center of the rear fascia as shown on the production models.

The Z06 was in the company of an entourage of other vehicles including a couple Stingrays, the ever-present Porsche 911 and even one of the upcoming Hummer electric SUV's.



Photo credit: Killboy.com

Be that as it may, the Dragon is one of the greatest roads to drive anything on (well, except for semi-trucks). It will test your driving skills and teach you a lot about the handling capabilities and characteristics of your vehicle.

Betcha those guys were having a blast.

# I CALL **BULL-\$\$#!T** ON CONSUMER REPORTS!

As reported in the latest *corvetteblogger.com* article, **Consumer Reports** has named the 2022 Corvette one of the 10 least reliable cars in its survey. Really? What. Did Chevrolet not pad the pockets of Consumer Report's editors?



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In their recently released rankings, the new Stingray received a *reliability score of 13 out of 100*. The lower the number, the less reliable the vehicle is. They list the 6.2L LT2 engine, the new Tremec DCT, the drive system, paint and trim as **potential** problem areas.

*“Our surveys take a deep dive into the numerous things that can go wrong with a vehicle”* Consumer Reports explains on their website.

My take: sure, lots of things **can go wrong** with any vehicle. Maybe I'm living in a box, but I have not heard of too many complaints with the C8 Corvette, and I read a lot of articles each month on Corvette. Sure, periodic nits for a few things, but no one is screaming that there are any major problems with the car.

From what I can see, the biggest **MAJOR** issue with the Corvette is drivers not respecting the power of the vehicle. How many times (almost weekly) do you see pictures and articles of people (usually young drivers) crashing their new Corvette almost as soon as they purchase it. That is a people issue – it has nothing to do with the vehicle. I know, I know, Consumer Reports doesn't take driver fault into consideration. Still.

They try to appease readers by saying that on a positive note, Corvette wasn't the lowest rated vehicle on the list. That honor goes to the Mercedes GLE (8), followed by the Ford Explorer (8), the Mustang (9) and then the Chevy Silverado (11). The Lexus GS SUV was the highest rated vehicle on the list with Lexus being rated as the most reliable brand.

My headline above still stands.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2021

<b>January</b>	
14	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
<b>February</b>	
11	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
14	Daytona 500 Party at Ransdell's??. Starts @ 1:30 p.m.
<b>March</b>	
7	Bowling (West Milton) and Dinner (TBD). Watch for e-mail on time
11	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting –Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
21	50's/60's Night with "The American Kings". Romer's catering, St. Henry. Opens at 5:30
<b>April</b>	
8	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
17	National Trails Car Show (1 <sup>st</sup> of the season). Time TBD
22 - 24	Michelin NCM Bash, Bowling Green, KY (Museum). All day.
26	Car Show at Hollywood Gaming - Dayton
<b>May</b>	
8	Bud's All Corvette Cruise-In, St. Mary, OH. Details to follow
8	Rolling 50's Classics, Inc. Greenville. Wagner Ave. 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
13	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
17	Arcanum Car Show
23	Progressive BCC Anniversary Dinner.
23	Dayton Honor Flight – Dayton International, return approximately 10:30 p.m.
<b>June</b>	
5	BCC Cruise Into Summer Car Show – Reichard Chevrolet. 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.
10	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Piqua Rock 'N Roll Car Show on Main Street. Noon to 6 p.m.
18 - 19	Bloomington Gold. Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis
20	Rolling 50's Classics Father's Day Spectacular. Greenville (Fairgrounds)
<b>July</b>	
4	St. Henry's annual Firecracker Cruise-In Car Show – St. Henry
8	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Location to be announced. 7:00 p.m.
17	Voss Hoss Cruise-In (Voss Chevrolet). Show starts at 5:00 and runs until 9:00
17	Victory Church Truck, Car & Bike Show – Troy, OH. 9:00 am – 3:00 p.m.
	Wayne Hutching's Car Show – West Alexandria First Baptist Church. Date and time TBD
27 - 29	Trip to NE Ohio Wine Country. Details to follow shortly.
31	Winchester Race Track. More information to follow

<b>August</b>	
7	Midwest British Car Show, Eastwood Metro Park. 9 AM to 4 PM. FREE
8	Drive to Carillon Park & Dinner @ Carillon Brewery. Time TBD
12	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
	Franklin Car Show – Franklin, OH
22	Greater Dayton Corvette Club car show
	Englewood Festival Cruise-In, Centennial Park. 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. \$10 per car
28	21 <sup>st</sup> Annual Old Fashion Downtown Saturday Night – Eaton. 1 – 8:00 PM
29	Antioch Shrine Custom Car, Bike & Truck Show. Dayton. Time TBD
<b>September</b>	
2 - 4	26 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event @ the National Corvette Museum – Bowling Green, KY
5	BCC Poker Run. Details coming
9	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
	Dayton Honor Flight – Dayton International, return approximately 10:30 p.m.
11	Rolling 50's Classics, Inc. Fall Cruise-In. Greenville downtown. 2:00 to 8:00
11 - 12	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Corvette Club Alliance Corvette Gathering – Lancaster. OH.
17 – 18	Mid-America Funfest, Effingham, IL
25	Tipp City Mum Festival Cruise-In. Time TBD
<b>October</b>	
1	Annual Heritage of Flight Cruise-In. New Carlisle. 4:00 – 10:00 p.m.
14	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
16	Cruise-In at the Rose (Music Center) Huber Heights. 2:00 – 6:00 PM
17	<b>CANCELLED</b> Restoration Station Fall Color Tour.
<b>November</b>	
11	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
13	BCC Pizza Party @ Marion's in Englewood. Watch for details in an e-mail
<b>December</b>	
9	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
11	Brookville Corvette Club Christmas Party. Party Barn at Tiernan's

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

# THE NCM **AMBASSADOR'S** REPORT



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

## WIN A NEW CORVETTE

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a drawing for a 2022 Silver Flare Metallic convertible. Tickets are \$200 with a limit of 1,500 tickets to be sold.

Also on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, there's a drawing for a '22 Arctic White Coupe. Tickets are \$150 each with a limit of 1,500 tickets to be sold.

On April 30, 2022, a drawing for a '22 Arctic White Convertible will be held. \$20 per ticket with unlimited tickets available.

To buy raffle tickets, head on over to [NationalCorvetteMuseum.org](http://NationalCorvetteMuseum.org) and click on raffles.



## WENDY'S TWINKLE AT THE TRACK

If your travel plans will be taking you past the National Corvette Museum between November 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>, plan a stop at the Motorsports track and take in the annual **Twinkle at the Track** presented by Wendy's and U.S. Bank. It is a drive-through holiday light experience on the west side of the Motorsports Park. Vehicles can drive through more than 25 scenes, 350 displays totaling more than a million bright lights on a 2-mile stretch of the track.

Admission is \$20 for a carload Monday thru Thursday and \$25 for a carload Friday thru Sunday. Hours are 5PM to 9PM Monday thru Thursday and 5PM to 10PM Friday thru Sunday.

Tickets can be ordered on line by going to the NCM website and clicking on Purchase Tickets.



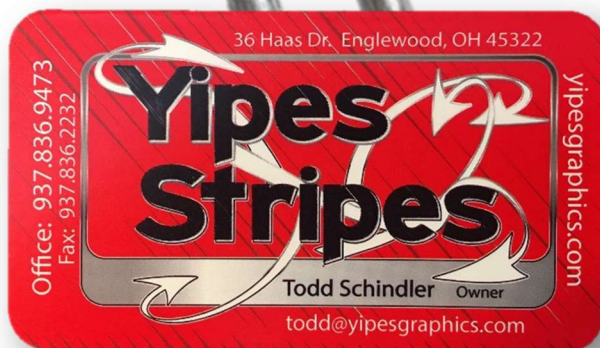


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## **Hours and Directions**

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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