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I don't know about you, but this heat and humidity is getting the best of me. I don't mind some hot days and a little moisture, but day after day of heat and humidity is a bit much. I find myself wishing for some nice fall weather at this point. Maybe some snow. Well.....

This month, we have a bevy of new photographs from our good friend Mike Furman and **Corvette Corner**. As always, some great Corvette history.

We also have updates from Keith Cornett and **Corvetteblogger**. Keith stays right on top of what's going on in the world of Corvette, and we pick some great highlights from his blog.

Last month, we celebrated Gary and Patty **Wagner's 60th anniversary**, and we also celebrated **Gary's 80th birthday**. You can catch the highlights starting on page 28.

We also have an article from **Corvette Central** on the **Evolution of Corvette Tires**. This is a continuing series that Corvette Central has been putting out this year.

One of the only car show events we were able to cover this month was the **Firecracker Cruise-In** up in St. Henry. We had a great time as usual and we've got some pics from the show. They had about 120 vehicles show up.

Quite a few events taking place during the month of August. Pick and choose those that look interesting to you. If you go, just make sure that you have fun while you are there. And, if you do go, please make sure to send me some pictures if I'm not there. We'll make sure they are included in the next issue of Flags.

'Till next month.

Rick

Hi, all:

It is **Prime Time** car show time right now. Please plan to take in one or more events that are going on in the Miami Valley and put some miles on that Vette.

Our **Dayton Dragon's** baseball game outing is coming up soon. We have 30 tickets for the game. If you are interested in attending and showing off your Vette at the park, let us know. Should be a good time.

Six of us are heading down to **Bowling Green** to do the Assembly Plant Tour on August 11th. It's one of the first times the assembly plant has been open for public tours for quite some time. We'll have a full report when we return.

Remember to put "**our Club**" on your personal calendars and stay abreast of current events.

Enjoy the weather, attend one of the upcoming events and, most of all, **Save the Wave** and we'll see you soon!

Prez Gary

BCC CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting will be August 14th at Golden Gate Park at 7:00 p.m. You should plan on coming out to attend the meeting. You just never know who you'll see, what you'll hear or what you'll win. Uh-oh, might have to go shopping.



GREATER DAYTON CORVETTE CLUB'S ALL-CORVETTE CRUISE-IN

On August 23rd, GDDC will have the last of four scheduled All Corvette Cruise Ins. It will, once again, be held at the Museum of the United States Air Force from 9:00 a.m. to noon. It's a cars & coffee event, so you can keep yourself caffeinated or de-caffeinated as you



RE-SCHEDULED CAR SHOW AT BROOKHAVEN RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

The car show at Brookhaven was re-scheduled from July 20th to August 24th. It takes place from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Keep an eye out for an email indicating when and where we will gather to drive over together. We'd like to have a nice turnout from the Club in honor of our good friend and resident of Brookhaven Mike Palumbo. If you can, please plan on attending and saying hi to Mike!

DOWNTOWN EATON SATURDAY NITE EVENT & CAR SHOW

On Saturday, August 23rd, Eaton will once again hold their annual Downtown Saturday Night community event and car show. As we do each year, we'll rendezvous at the Wagner's and park our cars just up the street from their house. Bring a covered dish, yourself, your Vette and enjoy the show. Keep an eye out for an email on the meet-up time and location.



CORVETTE CORNER

WITH

Mike Furman

National Corvette Specialist



NOTE: All photographs and content in **Corvette Corner** is used with permission from Mike Furman

The following pictures come from Mike's personal collection of over 70,000+ photographs that he has collected over the last 47 years. There are photos of famous people connected to Corvette, classic dealer photographs and other stunning Corvette pictures. Enjoy this month's collection!

Last month, I had posted a couple pictures that need a little "more" information. In the picture to the right, I noted the gentleman in the left of the picture is **Bryce Burklow**, the new President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. **Mike** is in the center. I failed to identify the gentleman in the white shirt. That is **Neil Watanabe**, who sits on the Board of Directors of the NCM. Additionally, Neil is the cousin of **Larry Shinoda**, the famous design engineer for GM (1956 – 1978). Mike sent me a note letting me know all that. I didn't know that Neil and Larry were related. Also, Neil is also one of Mike's ZR1 customers. Yep.



Also last month, in the picture to the left, I asked if anyone might know who owned this Metallic Silver 1979 Corvette. I should have put the answer somewhere in the Newsletter. The answer is: **Jimi Hendrix**. There, you can finally get some sleep.



JUST A LITTLE BIT'O TORQUE





WOULDN'T THIS MAKE A GREAT CANVAS WALL HANGING?

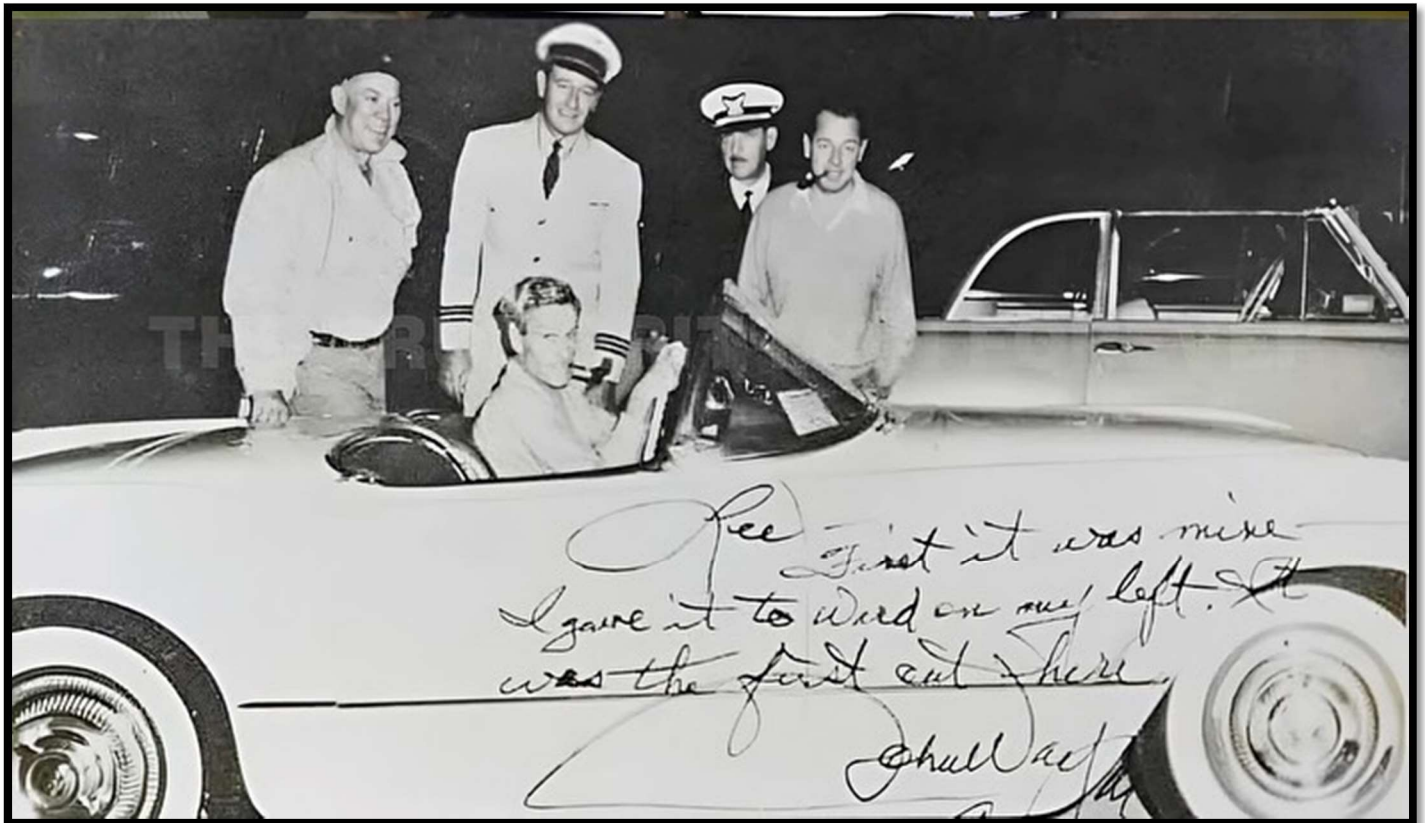


Malcolm Konner Chevrolet

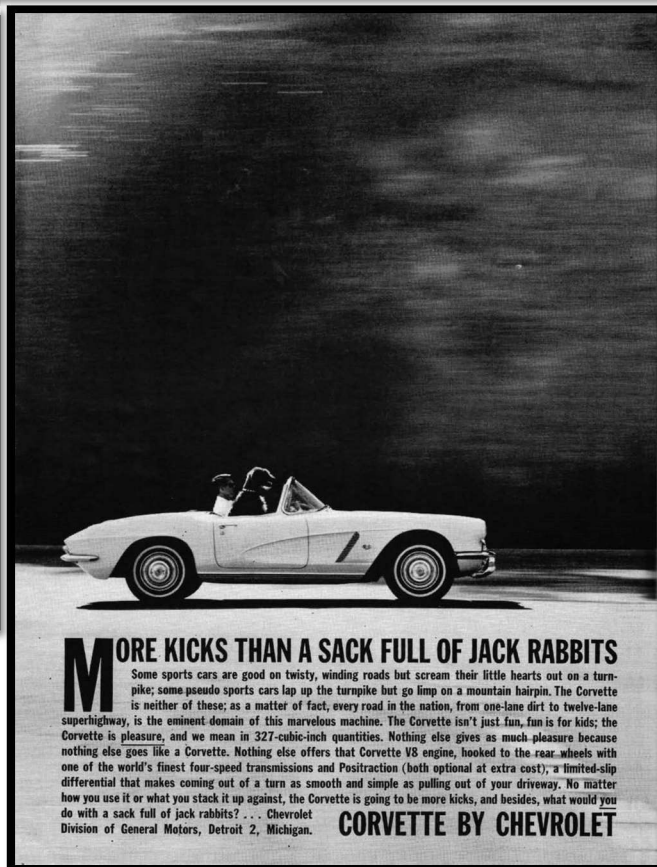


THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE VIN 001

- **The Duke and his '53.** Back in 1953, John Wayne was presented with one of the first 1953 Corvettes (No. 51). Well, Wayne was 6'4" and really just didn't fit in the car. After some promotional pictures and stuff, he gave the Vette to his good friend and fellow actor Ward Bond (far left in the picture standing to Duke's right). Funny thing, Ward really didn't fit in the car either. Today, the Vette resides in the in the National Automobile Museum in Reno, NV.



Chevrolet just presented Criswell Chevrolet with an award for being one of the Top 5 Dealers for R8C deliveries at the National Corvette Museum for 2024. As the cherry on top, Mike Furman was recognized as the Corvette salesman with the most R8C deliveries. Neat!

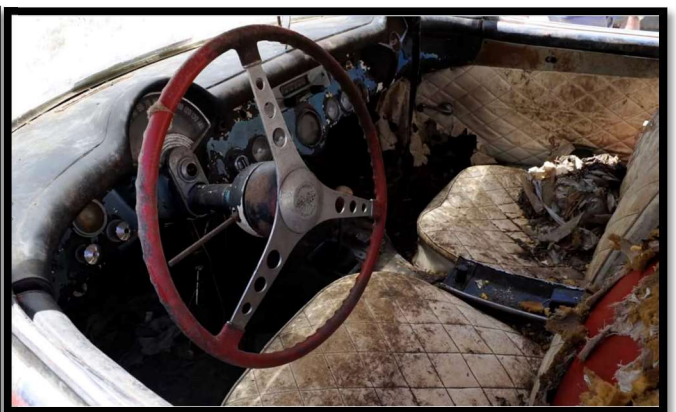




Mike will be headed to **Corvettes at Carlisle** next month. Joining him for the second year in a row will be the man himself – Zora Arkus-Duntov. Well, not actually “the man”, but a life-size replica that will be Mike’s passenger for the trip. Just wondering, what kind of conversation will Mike be having with Zora during the trip? Ah, to be a fly on the wall..er..dashboard.



...AND CARRY A BIG STICK – B. PUSSER



IN NEED OF A LITTLE RESTORATION

FIRECRACKER CRUISE-IN

St. Henry, OH

One Sunday, July 6th, we took 13 Corvettes up to St. Henry to attend their annual Firecracker Cruise-In in Downtown St. Henry. Another hot summer day, but there was a strong breeze which kept the heat at bay if you were sitting in the shade. Walk out into the sun, well that was another story.



Under a nice big tree with plenty of shade



Here, to the right and below – our Vettes



Some random pictures from around the show



A classic Indian motorcycle



This year's Bill Davis Memorial Award Winner



Then, it was over to the Romer's house for a buffet dinner. They have done this for years now, and it is a great way to end a very nice afternoon. Too bad we didn't get any additional pics, though.

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

- **How's your gas mileage?** Your Vette probably gets pretty good gas mileage – especially if it's a C6, C7 or C8. That said, you might want to steer away from the new ZR1 or the ZR1X. The ZR1 has an 18.5 gallon fuel tank. If you run 93 Octane (recommended) and drive at full throttle (where would you do that?), you'll empty your gas tank in 9.25 minutes.

So, if you had a ZR1 and filled the tank (roughly \$70), would you run it to empty @ 233 mph just to enjoy the experience?

I know I would.

- **Table saw 1 – Neil 0.** When you work around power equipment, you need to remember to wear safety gear – just in case. To the right, you can see the photo of Neil after he suffered an eye injury after a piece of wood he was cutting on his table saw came flying back into his face after being kicked back from the saw blade. Neil's only mistake here was not grabbing a pair of safety goggles prior to starting the saw. He was using a push tool to push the wood through the saw. However, the tool apparently nicked the blade and kicked the piece of wood back into Neil's face (at 200 mph). He was wearing his prescription glasses, which prevented more serious damage to his eye.

He's fine and his eye, albeit some temporary blurred vision, will be OK. Just a good safety tip to remember to take care when working around power equipment. Just ask Neil.



- **Sprint cars at Winchester.** Gary sent over a few pictures from his recent trip over to the race track in Winchester, IN. He spent a good chunk of the day enjoying watching Sprint cars race around the track on a fairly decent day.



- **Just in time for the 4th of July.** Neil snapped a picture of his new American flag hood covering. It was a Father's Day gift from his daughter Tammy. Looks like a wrap, but it is actually a silk cover overlay that is held in place using straps underneath. Pretty cool.



- **Coolant flush time.** Dave Ransdell sent me a couple pics he took of his recent coolant flush he did on his Grand Sport. He actually flushed the system 5 times. If you look at those 1-gallon jugs, the first jug on the left is from the first flush, and the last jug on the right is from the final flush. You can see how his 5 flushes progressively got clearer. Goes to show just how much time it really takes to do a complete/thorough flush.

So, how's your coolant?



- **Silver Bullet.** Well, Marty has been looking for a Z06 for quite a while. His requirements were simple: it had to be a C7 and had to have a manual transmission. Well, he found what he was looking for at the beginning of July. Check out this **2015 Z06/Z07 3LZ** package in Blade Silver Metallic with a black interior. Top it off with a 7-speed manual, and Marty ticked off all of his requirements. We met up with Marty and Karen on July 4th and they surprised us when they pulled up with the Z06. He purchased it from a dealer in Columbus that sells, among other things, high end sports cars. The car only has a tad over 11k miles on it (about 1,100 miles per year). A show-stopper for sure!

Congratulations to Marty and Karen! One of the best looking C7's around for sure.



For those of you keeping up with current events in the Corvette world, Blade Silver Metallic returns on Corvette for the 2026 model year.



The Z07 package comes with Carbon Ceramic rotors and pads. Massive stopping power for sure. Loving those chrome wheels.



The pic on the left gives you a great side-by-side comparison of the differences between the C7 and C8 rear end.

- **Who could this be?** We'll call this the mystery photo of the month. It is a picture of a very nice gentleman opening the door to allow a very pretty girl in. That's a nice looking '62 Corvette and he's driving it in the middle of winter.

They are members of the BCC. The picture was taken in 1965 in Brookfield, IL.

The answer is on the next page.



- **Scott hard at work.** So, Scott Mazzulla sent in this picture of him lazily floating in a pool with his dog sitting on his lap enjoying life. Pretty sure the picture is from their time in Florida.

Just a tough road to hoe, that's for sure.



- **Neil wins....again.** Neil attended the Treaty City Motorcycle Club and Car Show and entered his '68. And, as usual, he took home some nice hardware – Top Car.

Neil has a big garage. That said, he's probably going to need to consider an addition just to house all the awards he and Karen have collected with their '68 C3, the '00 C8 and that '57 Belair.



- **Rides for the kids.** The last two years, we have participated with **Independence Camp** organized by Jeff and Sue Hey. The last day of the 4-day event, the kids come over to Brookville and meet up with members of the Brookville Corvette Club. Each kid gets a chance to take a ride in one of the Corvettes. Some of the kids get more than one ride in more than one Vette. It is the highlight of their week to ride in the Vettes and they talk about it for the next 12 months. It's a great program for the kids and a big tip-o-the-hat to the Heys for organizing the entire thing (along with help from many others).



- **So, who are those kids in the picture?**

Why, none other than Marty and Karen Skirha! And, to top it off, at the end of August they will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary!

According to Marty, of all the Corvettes that they have owned over the years, this '62 was and continues to be his favorite.



JULY HIGHLIGHTS FROM



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Here are this month's highlights from Corvetteblogger.

- **Harlan Charles returns to the NCM as a "Temporary" Delivery Specialist**

Former Corvette Product Marketing Manager Harlan Charles made a surprise visit to the NCM for a friend's ZR1 delivery.

Harlan was in Bowling Green the week of June 23rd to witness the delivery of a Black '25 Corvette ZR1 coupe to his friend Michelle Sadler. He was initially there just to watch, but was pressed into service as the delivery specialist for the R8C delivery at the last moment, even wearing a NCM Staff shirt and a doctored name tag thanks to Betty in the NCM library.

The owner, Michelle, ordered her ZR1 through Ciocca Corvette of Atlantic City from Jeff "Zippity" Duda who also came down for the delivery festivities as well. Michelle and her husband now own 3 VIN 0025 C8 Corvettes: a '23 70th Anniversary Z06 with aero, a '24 ERay and now a '25 ZR1.

Her ZR1 was ordered nearly identical to the GM Show Car which was shown at the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale auction back in January. Michelle saw that car and decided then and there that it was the spec for her. The Black ZR1 features the blue 20-spoke wheels and Edge blue racing stripe while inside is the jet Black interior with Blue stitching, Blue seat belts and the Level 2 Carbon Fiber Interior package. The total MSRP was \$219,265.

The waterfall delivery plaque behind the seats reads: National Corvette Museum Delivery: **THANKS HARLAN**



• Chevrolet Releases 2026 Model Year Pricing for Corvette

The 2026 model year for Corvette brings some exciting changes to America's Favorite Sports Car, most notably the interior refresh which adds three screens to the driving experience plus a new center console that eliminates the Great Wall of Buttons. We think Chevrolet did a fantastic job on the refresh, and the only question we had is what was this going to cost. Now that the 2026 Corvette pricing is out, we now have the answer.



Chevrolet now offers 22 different configurable trim levels for its four Corvettes: Stingray, ERay, Z06 and ZR1 and it looks like each level is getting a price increase. The base 1LT Stingray coupe was \$68,300 + \$1,895 shipping for a total of \$70,195. The new price will be \$71,995 (with shipping) – an increase of \$1,800. We see that same amount on the 1LZ ERay coupe. For the Z06, the MSRP prices across the board are now \$5,600 higher and the new ZR1 is also getting an increase of \$7,100 with the starting 3LZ convertible MSRP now at \$201,400. In addition to the MSRP of the model trim levels, we are also tracking changes to the delivery fee which went up another \$100.00 to \$1,995, and we've got the pricing for the various options as well.

2026 Corvette Stingray	
Coupe 1LT	\$70,000
Coupe 2LT	\$77,100
Coupe 3 LT	\$81,750

2026 Corvette Stingray	
Convertible 1LT	\$77,000
Convertible 2LT	\$84,100
Convertible 3 LT	\$88,750

2026 Corvette ERay	
Coupe 1LZ	\$108,600
Coupe 2LZ	\$114,100
Coupe 3 LT	\$119,550

2026 Corvette ERay	
Convertible 1LZ	\$115,600
Convertible 2LZ	\$121,100
Convertible 3 LZ	\$126,550

2026 Corvette Z06	
Coupe 1LZ	\$117,700
Coupe 2LZ	\$126,600
Coupe 3 LZ	\$131,250

2026 Corvette Z06	
Convertible 1LZ	\$124,700
Convertible 2LZ	\$133,600
Convertible 3 LZ	\$138,250

2026 Corvette ZR1	
Coupe 1LZ	\$180,400
No 2LZ	
Coupe 3 LZ	\$191,400

2026 Corvette ZR1	
Convertible 1LZ	\$190,400
No 2LZ	
Convertible 3LZ	\$201,400

Some Random Highlights for 2026

- Stingray prices go up by \$1,700 on most trims. The 1LT and 2LT convertibles only go up by \$705
- ERay prices increased by \$1,700 across the board
- Z06 prices increased by \$5,600 across the board
- ZR1 prices increased by \$7,100 across the board
- We are also seeing some price increases on the Performance packages
- Carbon fiber aero for the Z06 remains the same as 2025, but we do see the carbon ceramic J57 brakes are going from \$8,495 to \$9,000
- The new Roswell Green Metallic will cost an extra \$500
- That electrochromatic roof panel (CF8) will cost you \$3,000 and is not available on 1LT/1LZ trims
- The gas guzzler tax on the Z06 and ZR1 is listed as "TBD upon completion of testing"
- There is no pricing yet listed for the upcoming 2026 ZR1X

• General Motors delivers 5,801 new Corvettes during the 2nd Qtr. 2025

With the official ending of the 2nd quarter 2025, we now have the latest sales figures for that time period. During Q2, Chevrolet delivered only 5,801 new Corvettes, which is a whopping 37.9% decline in sales from the same period last year. For the YTD sales, a total of 12,595 Corvettes have been delivered from January 1st through June 30th for a decline of 29.7% compared to 2024's sales figures.

While we are expecting to see some headlines addressing the sales decline, the real story is that it was planned. During both the 1st and 2nd quarters, the Corvette Assembly Plant had several weeks of closures for reworking the assembly line to better accommodate the widebody models over the long-standing Stingrays which became stagnant on most dealer's lots. Since that work was done, GM is now prioritizing the higher priced Z06's and, in fact, it usually builds more Z06 models than Stingrays daily as the online C8 trackers have shown.

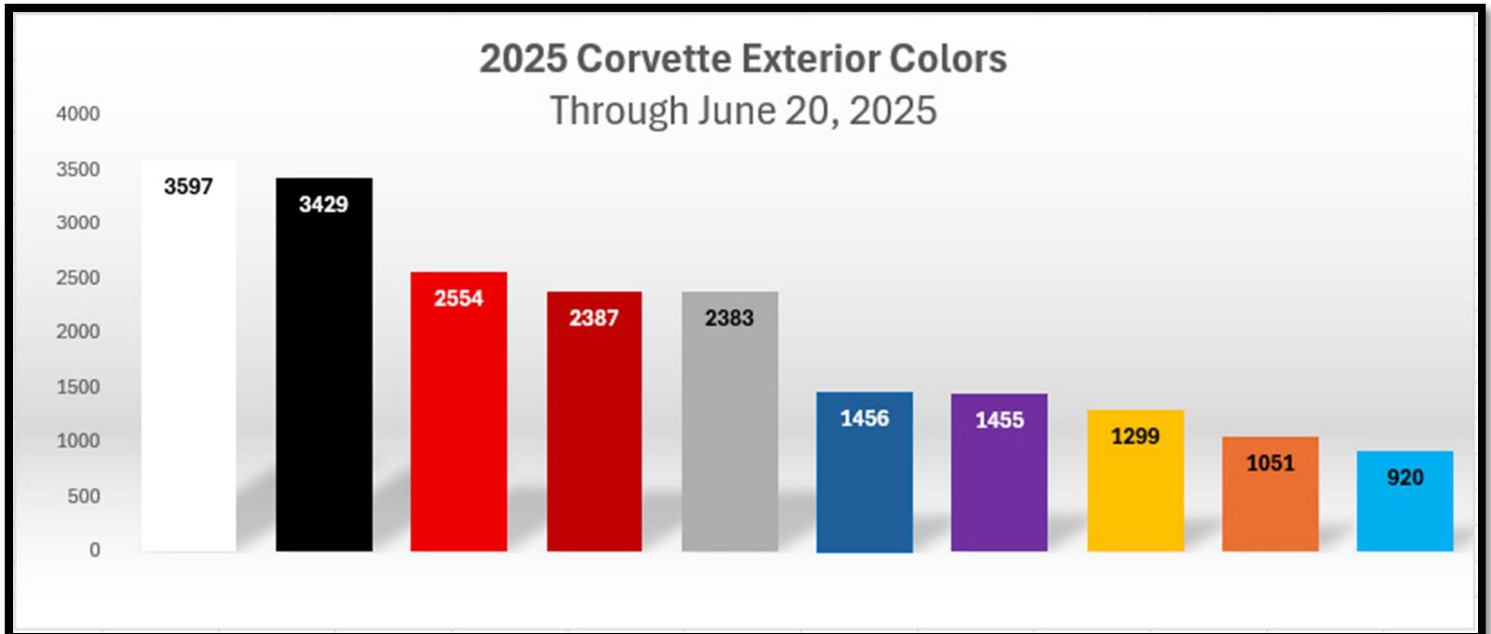
Another factor in the sales decline is that Chevrolet took no additional C8 Stingray orders after February, which has helped to tighten up inventory levels on the ground.

As for the future, GM is also taking steps to revive the C8's excitement with a redesigned interior coming up on the 2026 models. The last two product reveals featuring the 2025 ZR1 and the 2026 ZR1X offer extreme levels of performance and MSRP's that are now north of \$200,000.



- **2025 Corvette Exterior Colors Ranked through June 20th**

Curious as to which colors are selling the most or how the new colors are doing? We have the ranking of each of the 10 exterior colors ranked for the 2025 Corvette. After the 2024 model year ended with 14 exterior color choices available, GM did a hard reset on its exterior color selection for 2025 by canceling seven colors at the end of 2024 and introducing three new ones for a new total of 10 available colors.



Here's the ranking of colors from most popular to least popular during the 2025 model year:

- (1) Arctic White @ 3,597; (2) Black @ 3,429; (3) Torch Red @ 2,554; (4) Red Mist @ 2,387; (5) Sea Wolf Gray @ 2,383; (6) Rip Tide Blue @ 1,456; (7) Hysteria Purple @ 1,455; (8) Competition Yellow @ 1,299; (9) Sebring Orange @ 1,051; and (10) Rapid Blue @ 920.

For the 2026 model year, Sea Wolf Gray is replaced by Blade Silver and Rapid Blue is replaced by Roswell Green.

- **These quotes from Corvette Boss Tony Roma pushing back on an all-electric Corvette are amazing**

It was almost a week ago that we got some encouraging news from the Corvette Team about the direction of its full EV program with Corvette. Executive Corvette Chief Engineer Tony Roma had told **Motor 1** that it's going to be a while before you see an all-electric Corvette as the technology isn't there and neither is the market. We were supposed to see a fully electric Corvette model sometime as soon as 2025-2026, and now even **Automotive Forecasting Solutions** has pushed back their timeline for an EV Corvette to around 2029-2030.



Tony tells the U.K.-based magazine that, while electric cars are the future, plans to actually develop a Corvette EV have yet to be officially drawn up.

Here are some direct quotes from Tony concerning a Corvette EV for the future.

- “We talk about what it would take to make a capable enough car, but right now it is still science fiction”
- “I don’t think plug-in is worth it – the mass, the cost and the complexity”
- “Concerning the ERay: When you drive an ERay, you just fire it up and drive it. It’s just a hybrid. It charges the battery for you. It does everything. If you want to override and make it charge the battery faster, there’s a button for that. But other than that, that’s pretty much it, and keep it simple, keep it usable”.
- “If manufacturers were given some kind of credit from the regulators in order to hit a certain electric-only range, then I would consider [PHEV] for this version of the car”.
- “When you’re buying a car like Corvette, why are you buying it? You’re buying it because you want something special. You want to be engaged in the art of driving”.
- “And, so, when we can figure out how to do that, and as we put more electrification in the car, we will, but we’re not going to do an electric version of this car just to do that. That would defeat the entire purpose”.
- “Everybody should just take a deep breath and relax, and we’ll get there when it’s time”.

Both the European Union and the United Kingdom have said that by 2035, all new cars sold in those countries must be EV’s that emit zero emissions, and if Corvette wants to be sold in those markets, it needs to be fully electric.

- Tony’s response: ***“We will not make a car just to meet that regulation. I’m not gonna make an EV and put a Corvette badge on it if it is not worthy of the brand’s 70-plus year history. Nobody wants that. Sorry, I will stand firm on that. The badge means something to people”.***

- **Nearly 45% of Chevrolet's Nation-wide Inventory are Z06's**



C8 Corvette owners are experts in the laws of supply and demand. After all, it seems like we have to deal with it every time a new Corvette model is released. When they first hit the market, both the Stingray and Z06 models were highly sought after with buyers will to pay thousands over just to be among the first to experience it. Then, a few years go by, and dealers are offering those same Corvette models discounted by thousands.

Today, we found a total of 3,459 Corvettes on Chevrolet's Live Inventory Tracker. Not all are available, but a great majority are. The Z06 Corvette stands with 1,592 units on the tracker, and that makes up 44.8% of the total. There are 1,115 Stingrays for 31.4% and there are 842 ERays for 23.7%.

We checked in with the Top 10 Dealers and found a massive supply of 2025 Corvette Z06s available at most. Here's the list:

• MacMulkin Corvette:	91
• Ciocca Corvette:	37
• Criswell Chevrolet:	14
• Bomnin Dadeland:	34
• Les Stanford Chevy:	16
• Classic Chevy Grapevine:	21
• Stonebriar Chevrolet:	13
• Don Mealy Chevrolet:	19
• Bomnin West Kendal:	40

For Dealers, their biggest issue is probably the cost of these Z06s against their floorplan as they have to finance these cars until they are purchased. And these aren't \$60k, \$75k Stingrays, as the cost of some of these Z06s is upwards of \$160,000. Looking again at MacMulkin's inventory, there isn't one 1LZ trim model available. They ordered 2LZ and 3LZ models for their dealer stock cars.

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WAGNER'S 60th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

and

Gary's 80th Birthday

On June 28th, Gary and Patty Wagner's family held a surprise party for both of them. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and, at the same time, Gary's 80th birthday. In addition to many family members and close friends, the Corvette Club was invited to attend. There were close to 50 people in attendance.





CORVETTE PARKING ONLY!



GARY & PATTY ARRIVE







THE EVOLUTION OF CORVETTE TIRES

Keeping up with the Corvette's incarnations through the years has meant changes in the tires, from simple bias-ply to radial styles, with each generation increasing in size, traction and performance to match the evolving Corvette performance requirements. Follow the story of how the tires have changed and adapted for each generation.

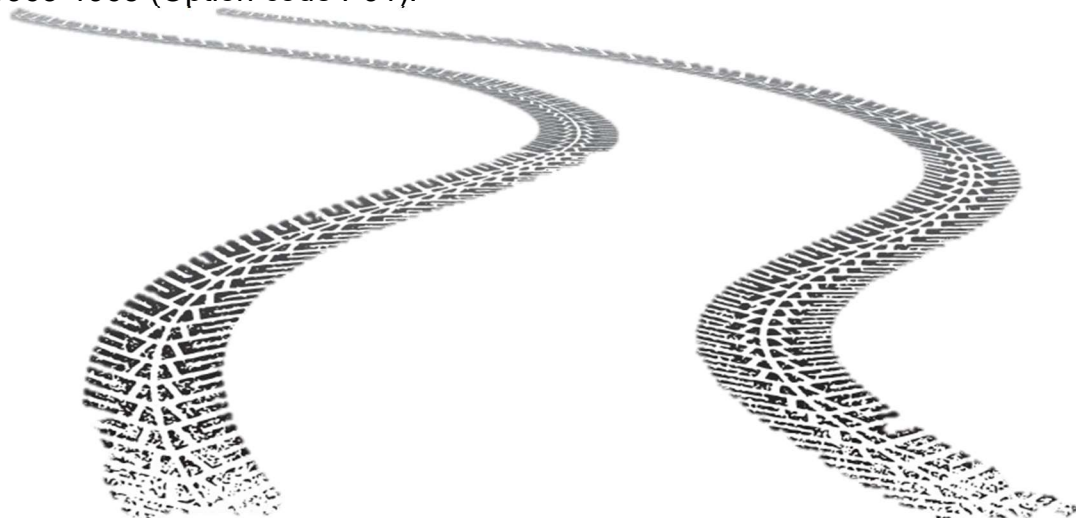
C1 – 1953-1962

America's Sports Car has evolved in many ways through the years, and a special part of the high-performance formula is traction. Every legend stats somewhere, and the Corvette began with bias-ply tires with a contact patch of less than 5 inches. The 6.70-15 bias-ply size remained the same for the entire first generation of Corvette production from various brands during that first decade. Goodyear, BFGoodrich, Firestone and others were available, and the only other variances came with the width of the whitewalls. Early C1 Corvettes used the widest whitewalls, sometimes as wide as three inches, but these whitewalls got incrementally smaller year by year. Finally, in 1962, a significant change occurred across all American auto manufacturers, resulting in a transition to one-inch whitewalls. Black wall tires were also an option in 1959 – 1962.



C2 – 1963-1967

Although the C2 had an outstanding chassis update, it retained the 6.70-15 bias-ply tires from the previous generation. As horsepower increased, a lack of traction became a real problem. The initial solution involved a new tire size which provided a slightly shorter sidewall and a wider contact patch. Introduced in the 1965 model year, the 7.75-15 size became the standard tire size for the Corvette. In terms of sidewall styling, the one-inch whitewall remained in the lineup from 1963 to 1965, then reduced to 5/8-inch for 1966-1967. The 1965 and 1966 models offered special gold stripe tires. By 1967, the gold stripes had become red, and the 7.75-15 sizing remained in place for the final year of C2 production. Black wall tires were also an option in 1963-1965 (Option code P91).



C3 – 1968-1982

When the major body redesign took place for the 1968 production run, a significant improvement from the physically wider body, allowing the car to accommodate a wider tire and wheel combination. At this point, there was also a nationwide transition from standard bias-ply sizing nomenclature to alphanumeric sizing. The 1968 Corvette rolled off the assembly line with F70-15 tires, and this size remained in place until the transition to radial tires in 1973. GR70-15 became the standard size for Corvette until 1977, when P-metric sizing nomenclature gained popularity in the American market. 1978 through 1982 Corvettes featured P225/70R15 tires, while an optional P255/60R15 increased the contact patch significantly. Sidewall styling during the C3 era changed drastically, with pinstripe whitewalls and red stripes being popular early on and raised white letters coming in strong for many years.



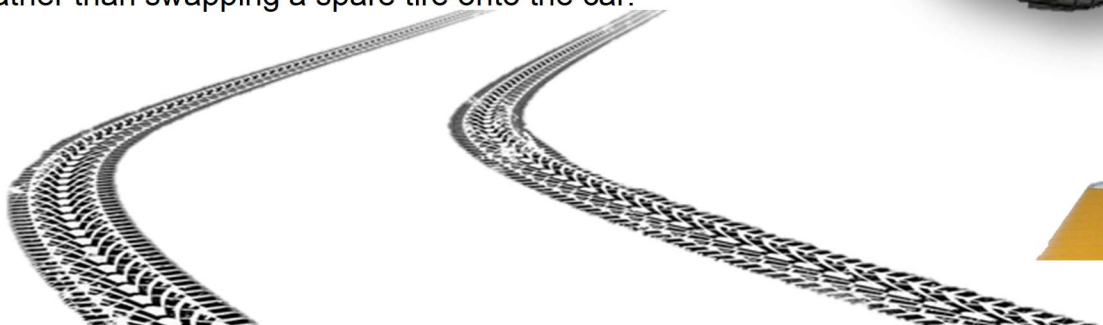
C4 – 1984-1996

One of the most significant changes in Corvette tire technology occurred with the introduction of the high-tech C4 in 1984. This all-new chassis required a positive offset wheel and a revolutionary tire size that mimicked supercars of the era. The P255/50VR16 was the first high-speed-rated tire for the Corvette, marking the first deviation from the standard 15-inch wheel diameter. These tires remained standard equipment until 17-inch wheels came along as a Z51 and Z52 option in 1988. The 17's would become standard the following year, utilizing P275/40R17 sizing until 1992, when most Corvettes left the factory with a staggered P255/45ZR17 and P285/40ZR17 tires. From 1990 to 1995, the famous ZR1 featured giant P315/35ZR17 rear tires in combination with the 275 fronts for an unforgettable stance.



C5 – 1997-2004

Staggered tire fitment continued into the C5 generation, which featured a 17-inch front wheel and an 18-inch rear wheel. Standard sizing came in a P245/45ZR17 up front and P275/40ZR18 out back for the entire C5 run, except for the Z06 models, which featured a P265/40ZR17 front tire and P295/35ZR18 rear tire. The most significant revolution of the C5 era was the standardization of the run-flat tire, which had been optional a few years prior but became standard in 1997 with the introduction of the new C5 platform. These tires have mixed reviews and often get replaced with standard high-performance radial tires. Despite the conflicting views on the tire, the technology allowed Corvette owners to safely drive to a service center for repair rather than swapping a spare tire onto the car.



C6 – 2005-2013

Like the C5 generation, the staggered tire and wheel size continued into the C6 generation, this time utilizing an 18-inch wheel up front and a 19-inch wheel on the back. Standard tire sizes from 2005 to 2013 included P245/40ZR18 on the front and P285/35ZR19 on the rear. The Z06 used the larger P275/35ZR18 and P235/30ZR19 tires, and the 2010-2013 Grand Sport editions used the Z06 fitments. The largest fitment in the C6 generation was available with the ZR1 package, which increased tire size to P285/30ZR19 front and P335/25ZR20 in the rear.



C7 – 2014-2019

Starting with the 2014 model year, all Corvettes came equipped with Michelin tires straight from the factory. While many aspects of the C7 generation changed, the tire and wheel sizes remained the same, with standard tires being P245/40ZR18 at the front and P285/35ZR19 at the rear from 2014 through 2019. The Z51 package featured slightly shorter sidewalls, stepping down to P245/35ZR19 at the front and P285/40ZR20 tires at the rear. The Grand Sport, Z06 and ZR1 packages all had the same tire sizes, with the P285/30ZR19 tires up front and P335/25ZR20 tires at the rear.

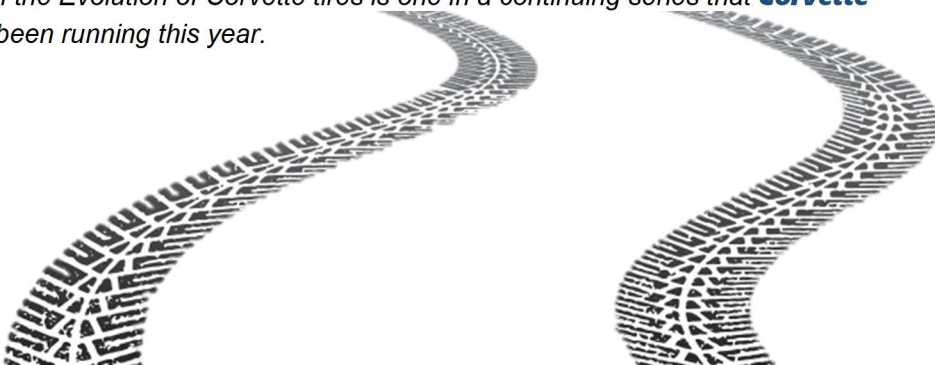


C8 – 2020-Present

The mid-engine C8 Corvette features the most extensive list of chassis changes of any car in Corvette's legacy and, once again, tire sizes changed to accommodate the new platform. Now, a standard Corvette rolls on P245/35ZR19 front tires and P305/30ZR20 in the back, providing maximum grip for the potent package. The ERay, Z06 and ZR1 share a tire size combination using a P275/30ZR20 up front and a massive P235/24ZR21 out back.



*This article on the Evolution of Corvette tires is one in a continuing series that **Corvette Central** has been running this year.*



CALENDAR OF **EVENTS** FOR 2025

January 09	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
February	
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.
March	
7	BCC Member drive to Crafted & Cured. Troy. 6:30
13	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting –Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
April	
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.
May	
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.
June	
07	BCC Cruise Into Summer Car Show – Reichard Chevrolet. 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.
12	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
14	Pool Party at Rick Snider's house. Details to follow
15	10 th Annual Car & Truck Show, Fairview Church – Englewood. From noon to 3:00
22	Greater Dayton All Corvette Show. Fairborn. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
28	Downtown Saturday Night – Arcanum. 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$10 entry fee
July	
6	St. Henry's annual Firecracker Cruise-In Car Show – St. Henry. 1 – 4. Dinner @ Romer's.
10	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Location to be announced. 7:00 p.m.
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.
20	Brookhaven Retirement Community Car Show. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Registration is a donation.
TBD	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

August	
14	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
10	Englewood Art Festival & Car Show, Centennial Park. 9:00 to 12:00 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
September	
7	19 th Annual All Corvette Car Show – Lancaster.
11	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
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
October	
4	Heritage of Flight Festival & Car Show. From 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. .
09	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
?	Progressive Dinner. Details to follow
19?	Camden's Black Walnut Festival. Registration: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Trophies @ 3:00
November	
13	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
15	BCC Pizza Party @ Marion's in Englewood. Watch for details in an e-mail
December	
11	Brookville Corvette Club Meeting – Golden Gate Park, Brookville. 7:00 p.m.
13	Brookville Corvette Club Christmas Party. Party Barn at Tiernans

(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

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CORVETTE RAFFLES

On August 14th, you have a chance to win a **2026 Blade Silver Coupe**. Tickets are \$150/each with 1,500 available. Drawing is at 2:00 P.M. CST.

On August 29th, purchase a chance to win a **2026 Arctic White Z06 HTC**. Tickets are \$300/each with 1,500 available. Drawing is at 2:00 P.M. CST.

On August 30th, 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.

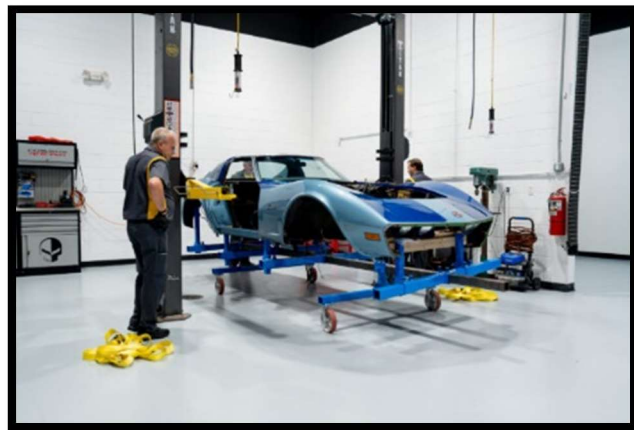
Finally, on September 18th, you could win a **2026 Competition Yellow Coupe**. Tickets are \$100/each with 2,000 available. Drawing will be at 2:00 P.M. CST.

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



ZORA'S PERSONAL CORVETTE TO DEBUT AT THE ANNIVERSARY EVENT

After a lengthy restoration process performed by the Museum's Collection and Preservation team, Zora's personal 1974 Corvette will debut at the Museum's upcoming 31st annual Anniversary Event. This '74 coupe was the only Corvette that Zora ever owned and has been on display at the Museum for some time. The preservation was meticulous. They even left the Zora-worn and creased leather arm rest unrestored as a tribute to the man. Zora's Corvette will be the centerpiece of the reimagined Corvette Hall of Fame



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Between March 1st and October 31st, 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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