

MMCC NCM Ambassador Report

MMCC DECEMBER 2025 – Report Bob and Vickie Mallory NCM Master Ambassadors



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Greetings MMCC Members,

Vickie and I are excited to bring you our latest update of what's happening at NCM and Corvetteland. Freshly back from our road trip to the Museum for the 2025 Annual Ambassador Academy and Vets N Vettes where we sharpened our skills not only as Ambassadors, but when the cold front hit our journey sharpened our driving skills in the snow and cold. In this issue we will cover Our walk with Wayne, Restoration/ Construction site club opportunities, R8C JR, and of course the big beautiful upcoming MMCC Club trip to NCM where we will own the Corvette Boulevard. Let's rev up those engines and get rolling.

1. Vets N Vettes



The 2025 Vets 'n Vettes event was held November 6–8, 2025 at NCM.

The kickoff day Thursday included touring laps at the NCM Motorsports Park, with touring laps and lunch was provided. Evening included a banquet in the museum's "Skydome," with the guest speaker retired U.S. Army Colonel Gregory A. Lowe. Friday, attendees choose between two guided road-tour + lunch options, driving their own Corvette, with limited spots (38 people each). On Saturday, Nov 8, the event included a group photo, a driver meeting, and then a caravan to the local Veterans Day Parade in Bowling Green KY, followed by an American Legion Luncheon.

Below is a photo of the Vets N Vettes Parade lineup in the Corvette circle at NCM:



Vets 'n Vettes continues to provide a meaningful way for veterans, active service members, and supporters to connect and celebrate Corvette culture. The mix of track touring laps, driving tours, a parade, and social events (banquet, luncheon) gives a varied experience that appeals to both driving enthusiasts and those looking for camaraderie and community.

This year's event — under the NCM banner — underscores the museum's ongoing commitment to honoring those who served. Attendance was up from last year almost double.

2. Ambassador Academy



Ambassador Academy 2025 was attended by 120 individuals. During this two-day program, we experienced the museum's mission in action. We were introduced to the initiatives, received updates from all areas. It started Sunday Nov. 9th with New Ambassador Orientation Then Opening and welcoming remarks and introductions. The Idea Garage (Impact and Influence) was next with breakout tables covering Recruiting New Members, Points Program, Museum Tributes, Club Events and Car Shows, Newsletter Design and Content, Membership, Tech Tips etc.

Next was a Guided Museum Tour and Simulator driving, with dinner and open mic night to allow additional communication to be exchanged.



Above photo shows our Leadership Team for the NCM.

Monday, Day two was a real endurance run starting at 7:30 AM until 5:05 PM It kicked off with Amy Hardin gave an in-depth review of her travels to Florida, South Carolina, Canada bringing NCM to Major Events with even more travels scheduled for next year. As the Corvette evolves into other countries (reported International Sales last month's report) so does the Ambassador Program and NCM support.

CLUB DONATIONS: Several Clubs made formal presentations of donations to NCM during our visit handing out large checks and explaining their activities that led up to their decision to keep the Legacy and Future alive for generations to come though NCM.



Ray Battaglini shared our table during our Academy we shared notes ideas and thoughts. And in turn still very active hands on still a strong voice helping to preserve the legacy of the Corvette.

Ray was one who wrote to the founder NCRS Library, Terry McMannon Chairman in 1987 to spark the activity volunteering his services to help develop plans and strategies for NCM that was reality seven years later.

Next was “Inside Museum Delivery with Rod Keller and Mac. (pic below) details on R8C and NCM Experience.



Pit Stop Conversations next then Fueling Young minds with Amy Hardin and Robert Maxhimer 3,353 field trip guests, Educators Open house, 797 Fund a field trips, now expanding our High School group program and a great appreciation given as the Elfi Sisterhood donating all of this year’s funding to the New Stem Robotics Program.

NCM Insurance

During lunch and learn one of my favorites the famous Adam Boca with NCM Insurance. Announcing the Insurance Group again has almost doubled in size in the past year and are excited with the opportunity to gather under one roof on the NCM Campus. Over 60 % of their business is Corvettes in their Collectors Insurance market. Representing and writing policies under **American Modern, Haggerty and Open Road**. 11.3 million Paid out in claims last year. They also have a new NCM Motorsports Park Track Car Red Black C8 which was our next stop for the Academy. Of course, a cold front moved through with rain then snow to make our next adventure even more educating.



Drivers meeting for MSP. Immediately after the meeting Vickie rushes to MSP store to buy a sporty warm stocking hat. ERay sticks to track just fine even in the snow.



Next is Corvette Plant Tours with a brief visit inside the engine build area. Sorry no photos Allowed.

3. R8C JR. Delivery Program



4. NCM New Construction Site Collections Facility



Pic taken at Gate G, R8C Storage facility looking towards the NCM Spire look closely you will see the KY red clay. Lots of boring and X-Rays in search of sink holes have confirmed building site.

The National Corvette Museum announcement made Mid-October that it will build a new **66,000-square-foot Collections facility** to preserve historic Corvettes and artifacts. Opening is slated for Fall 2026. The expansion is underway and will include vehicle preservation labs, small-artifact conservation space, long-term storage, and importantly **behind-the-scenes tours** for enthusiasts and historians. Get ready, up front there will be opportunities for our Club to contribute and be recognized as planning details roll out.

5. A Walk with Wayne



After driving all day sometimes, we have the need to walk a few miles to get our exercise, so a Mall walk was initiated where we met this fine upstanding citizen, Wayne. Introductions and niceties exchanged while walking he noticed our Corvette apparel and we kindly presented him a MMCC Club pin and made him our MMCC member for the day. We then discovered he had a little surprise for us.

His brother was instrumental in making the National Corvette Museum a reality. In the late 1980s, when Bowling Green was being considered as a site, his brother — then a banker — joined the local Chamber of Commerce, led a task force to propose incentives (including land donation) and helped assemble the financial package that convinced stakeholders to build the Museum in Bowling Green. The Museum opened in September 1994. His brother became Executive Director of NCM on December 20, 1996 (even though he had “never even driven a Corvette” at the time). Under his leadership, the Museum overcame early financial difficulties, expanded its facilities (including the motorsports park), grew membership from ~1,600 to roughly 36,000, and navigated major challenges — including a dramatic sinkhole that once swallowed several historic Corvettes. His brother was inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in 2020 under the new “Corvette Community Contributor” category. In 2021, the Museum honored him by naming a meeting/gathering space which still adorns his name.

Vickie and I were greeted by his brother in our White C4 on our first visit to NCM around 2000 (25 years ago), parking in front I jumped out of the car and backed up to take a picture, he opens Vickie’s door and said he would be glad to take out photo if we would allow.

Have you guessed Waynes last name yet? Without his brothers vision, community leadership, banking/funding experience, and dedication, the NCM as we know it likely wouldn’t exist. Strode bridged the gap between automotive enthusiasts, the local community, financial stakeholders, and general-interest supporters. His long tenure provided stability and growth, enabling the Museum to evolve from a fledgling idea to a global Corvette landmark.



**Wendell K Strode brother of
Wayne Strode our mall walking
MMCC Member of the day.**

6. 2026 MMCC NCM trip has been scheduled.



We have been discussing this trip the last few meetings and also an email was sent out to all members. There are 14 couples going at this time. Several of them are doing the NCM Experience, track time, dinners together, guided tour through NCM and more. We are departing Missouri on June 3rd and heading back home from Bowling Green on June 7th. If you are interested you still have time to join the fun, just email me and I will get you on the list and forward all the information.

7. Past Reflection as we move Forward into a New Year.



From our very humble beginnings with MMCC without knowledge that our journey to support non – profit MMCC and expanding NCM Club Lifetime Member started with great people like Dr. Raymond Plu. He might have actually been grooming us for the future. Regardless MMCC has made some great strides especially in the past couple of years preserving our past and seeding our future with embracing change and future direction. Excited for the new adventures in 2026 and beyond. Vickie and I want to wish each and every member a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from your MMCC NCM Ambassadors.

FYI NCM will be closed beginning December 19, 2025 until January 5, 2026 to enjoy their time with family for the Christmas Holiday and New Year.

As your NCM Ambassadors, we are always open to ideas and want to hear directly from our members, what do you want in this publication, how can we better serve you as your liaison to NCM your National connection to your Corvette Passion. Call, click or text be an active MMCC member.

Check out the livestream from NCM now featuring two views of the Motorsport Park

Contacts for you to get more involved and support your passion with NCM:

BE A NCM ACTIVE MEMBER, it is time for you to Join today, receive the benefits, support the mission, volunteer to help with an event. <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/membership/>

NCM Insurance, Call or click today. Your savings await your action. 877.678.7626 or <https://www.ncminsurance.com/> .

NCM Raffle, your new C8 may be a ticket away, buy a Raffle ticket from NCM <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/>

R8C, Corvette Delivery program at NCM -Check it out at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/visit/delivery-programs/r8c-museum-delivery/>

NCM EXPERIENCE, provides Corvette owners of **any year** a VIP museum tour, one year membership, commemorative plaque, photo opportunity outside museum, exterior car cleaning and showcased on the Corvette Boulevard for the world to see on web cams and in person.

Motorsport Park has expanded even added on site food and lots of Lots of fun! Please check it out, it is becoming more and more popular. <https://www.motorsportspark.org/>

NCM STORE, NCM members get discounts! The place to get all your new apparel and swag while supporting your passion. Please note a new web site click to check it out. <https://corvettestore.com/>

NCM Brick make your mark at NCM by purchasing a brick with your name on it. As a member of the museum, you get a discount. <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/support/bricks-and-dedication-opportunities/>

Please keep us as your NCM Ambassadors advised when you do any of the above items. There is an Ambassador Program for Clubs that are NCM Members to get credit/recognition for MMCC.

Events to attend:

- **Museum In Motion trips throughout the year, please check out the website**
- **Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash April 23-25, 2026**
- **Summer 2026 Member Appreciation Day July 8th, 2026**
- **NCM Anniversary Sept. 3rd -5th, 2026**

Reminder- Be A Member of the NCM – Click <https://corvettestore.com/search?q=membership> or Call Membership Services

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