

MMCC NCM Ambassador Report

MMCC April 2026 – Report Bob and Vickie Mallory NCM Master Ambassadors



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Greetings MMCC Members,



ZRX1 MMCC GIVEAWAY!

April Fools

This 2026 Corvette ZR1X was delivered through the National Corvette Museum's R8C Delivery Program, marking a milestone moment. The ZR1X represents a defining step forward in the Corvette legacy. Built on a hybrid architecture that combines a 5.5L twin-turbo LT7 V8 with an electric motor, it produces an astonishing 1,250 horsepower delivered through an advanced all-wheel-drive system. The result is capability that places Corvette firmly in hypercar territory, with acceleration to 60 mph in under 2 seconds, a top speed exceeding 230 mph, and quarter-mile times in the 8-second range.

Every element of the ZR1X is engineered with purpose. Extensive carbon fiber integration enhances strength while reducing weight, and the largest braking system ever fitted to a Corvette ensures confidence at every speed. This is a machine designed not only to push boundaries, but to redefine them. Expectations are to make a limited 250 units.

Note: Spring Mountain/Ron Fellows school will not hold ZR1X Classes.



2027 Grand Sport Comeback has been formally announced “Its Back”.

The official announcement of the 2027 Corvette Grand Sport and Grand Sport X was made by Chevrolet, marking the return of the Grand Sport nameplate to the Corvette lineup. The new models feature a widebody configuration and are powered by the next-generation LS6 6.7L V8 engine, which delivers 535 horsepower and 520 lb.-ft. of torque. The Grand Sport X variant adds an electrified all-wheel drive front axle for enhanced performance and control. The Grand Sport and Grand Sport X are expected to be volume players, accounting for a significant portion of Corvette sales. The new engine will also be manufactured in Flint, Michigan, the same city where the Corvette's first V8s were made back in 1955.

The E-Ray will be phased out as everyone feels it will be better accepted as using the X designation to avoid being mislabeled as an electric car, but the technology will still be used in future models.

Some say with all the new models now available we are matching the multiple variations just like Porsche but at a much more reasonable price.

It also makes us wonder how many years these models will be offered. We have now had the Mid-Engine Corvette C8 since 2020. Is this the beginning of the end of the C8?

Are you ready for a C9?

Please note the new LS6 6.7L engine is expected to be base engine in 2027.



2026 Club Trip to National Corvette Museum 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 Vickie vmallory1960@gmail.com and I will get you on the list and forward all the information. Several MMCC members are doing the NCM Experience, we have filled the Corvette Blvd. If you have not been to NCM in a while or are just ready for a road trip please join us. If you are not able to join you can view the live web cams to see the activity on the Blvd.



Beyond the Chrome: Inside Driven to Preserve at the National Corvette

Museum, Covered in USA Today Article

From racing suits to pedal cars, each object tells a story that connects the engineering excellence of Corvette to the human experience behind it. “Preservation is about more than vehicles,” said Robert Maxhimer, Director of Curatorial Affairs and Education.

“The artifacts in this exhibition carry the human side of the story of the owners, builders, racers, and moments that shaped what Corvette means. Keeping those objects accessible, stable, and historically accurate is just as much a part of our mission.



USA TODAY

The National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, has been recognized as the **second best attraction for car lovers** in the USA Today 10BEST Readers' Choice Awards for 2025. This award highlights the museum's outstanding exhibits, period displays, and interactive experiences, including the Corvette Racing simulator. The museum's collection of more than 70 Corvettes in period settings and numerous interactive exhibits makes it a must-visit destination for Corvette fans and automotive enthusiasts.



THE BASH April 23rd through 25th

[2026 Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash](#)! The 29th annual Bash, scheduled April 23-25, is one of our favorite Corvette events of the year! It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with other enthusiasts, learn the latest Corvette news, and celebrate America's favorite sports car.



New Metallic Silver Quail Edition Matte Finish

Chevy's decision to bring back matte paint is a deliberate nod to collectors who remember when Corvettes weren't afraid to be different. The Blade Silver Matte finish on this Quail Silver Limited Edition marks the first time since the 1960s that you could order a 'Vette with factory matte paint. It's inspired by the Inca Silver offered on the C1 produced from 1957 to 1959, though this modern interpretation carries significantly more visual aggression.

Unlike the glossy finishes dominating today's [hypercar landscape](#), this matte treatment gives the ZR1X an almost industrial presence that plays well against the car's technical prowess. Orange brake calipers peek through the wheels, while Carbon Flash mirrors and black exhaust tips complete the aesthetic without overdoing it. The interior continues the theme with Sky Cool and Medium Ash Gray upholstery accented by Habanero details — a color combination that'll be available across the 2026 Corvette lineup.

Sidenote: Delivery must be R8C at NCM or delivered in closed trailer none will be delivered on normal transport. Also, Buyers will be presented special paint instructions 8 page pdf file. No ceramic coatings, no ppf coatings, no wax, special cleaning required.

Please join us.

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.

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.ncminsurace.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 b 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**
- **MMCC trip to National Corvette Museum June 3rd to June 7th 2026**
- **2026 R8C Museum Delivery Reunion June 25th-27th**
- **Summer 2026 Member Appreciation Day June 27th ,2026**
- **NCM Anniversary Sept.3rd -5th, 2026**

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