

MMCC NCM Ambassador Report

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



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MMCC Website: www.midmissouricorvetteclub.com

Greetings MMCC Members,

As your National Corvette Museum Ambassadors, we are pleased to bring you another month of Museum news, Corvette activities, and updates from Bowling Green KY. Enjoy!

GRAND SPORT CORVETTE



2027 Corvette Grand Sport Production and Market Position

The **2027 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport** is making its return as part of the model year's start, and early production data suggests it's already gaining traction. Production has started. GSX production starting within the month.

In 2026, Chevrolet built about **25,000 Corvettes** in total, with the Stingray dominating at **62%** and the Z06 at **26%**. The remaining 12% was split among ZR1 (6.2%), E-Ray (4.7%), and ZR1X (1.1%). Analysts note that the Grand Sport is positioned as the "sweet spot" between the Stingray and Z06,

offering Z06-style widebody styling with Stingray-level power. If it reaches **40% of total Corvette production**, that would mean roughly **10,000 units** built in 2027 — a figure considered highly achievable given its appeal to buyers who want more than a Stingray but less than a Z06. Current production as of July 1st shows a stronger position that almost matches Stingray numbers.

Performance

First time a base model manufactured can go 200 mph.

1. Standard Grand Sport (LS6 V8)

- **Engine:** 6.2L small-block LS6 V8 (updated for C8)
- **Horsepower:** 535 hp
- **Torque:** ~520 lb-ft
- **0–60 mph:** ~3.5 seconds
- **Transmission:** 8-speed dual-clutch (DCT)
- **Weight:** ~3,990 lbs (1,810 kg)
- **Notes:** This is a track-focused variant with a mid-engine layout, designed for daily driving with race-car performance.

2. Grand Sport X (Hybrid LS6 + AWD) Replaces E-Ray

- **Engine:** 6.7L LS6 V8 + 186 hp electric motor on front axle
- **Horsepower:** 721 hp
- **Torque:** ~660 lb-ft (estimated from LS6 + electric boost)
- **0–60 mph:** ~2.2–2.4 seconds (estimates from forum testing)
- **1/4 mile:** ~10.2–10.3 seconds (estimates)
- **Transmission:** 8-speed DCT
- **Weight:** ~3,990 lbs (1,810 kg)
- **Notes:** Adds all-wheel drive and hybrid assist for extra torque and acceleration, making it one of the quickest Corvettes ever.

Performance Context

- The LS6-based GS is already faster than the base Stingray, with the GS X pushing it into the realm of exotics in acceleration.
- The GS X's hybrid AWD system is expected to deliver a noticeable improvement over the LS6 alone, though the exact 0–60-and-1/4-mile times are unknown to date.

NCM LIFETIME MEMBER BENEFITS

Our predecessor Raymond “Doc” Plue always encouraged us to mention benefits of membership. As a few of our members recently upgraded their membership to Lifetime we want to express our appreciation for their dedication.



- Lifetime membership to the Museum
- Lifetime Member name badge
- Name engraved on a special lifetime plaque displayed in the Museum
- Lifetime subscription to America's Sports Car Magazine
- Gold metal membership card
- Lifetime Membership Certificate
- Custom designed lapel pin
- Free admission for member and one guest *
- Invitations to VIP functions sponsored by the NCM
- Discount on NCM sponsored events
- 15% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and catalog**
- **Discount on insurance from NCM Insurance Agency**
- Free admission to Automotive Museum Group participating museums
- **Discounts on car rentals and hotels**
- **20% discount on all CARFAX Reports**
- NARM
- Michelin Tire Discount
- AirMedcare

* Does not include admission to special gated events

** Does not include discount on sale merchandise

Collections Facility Update



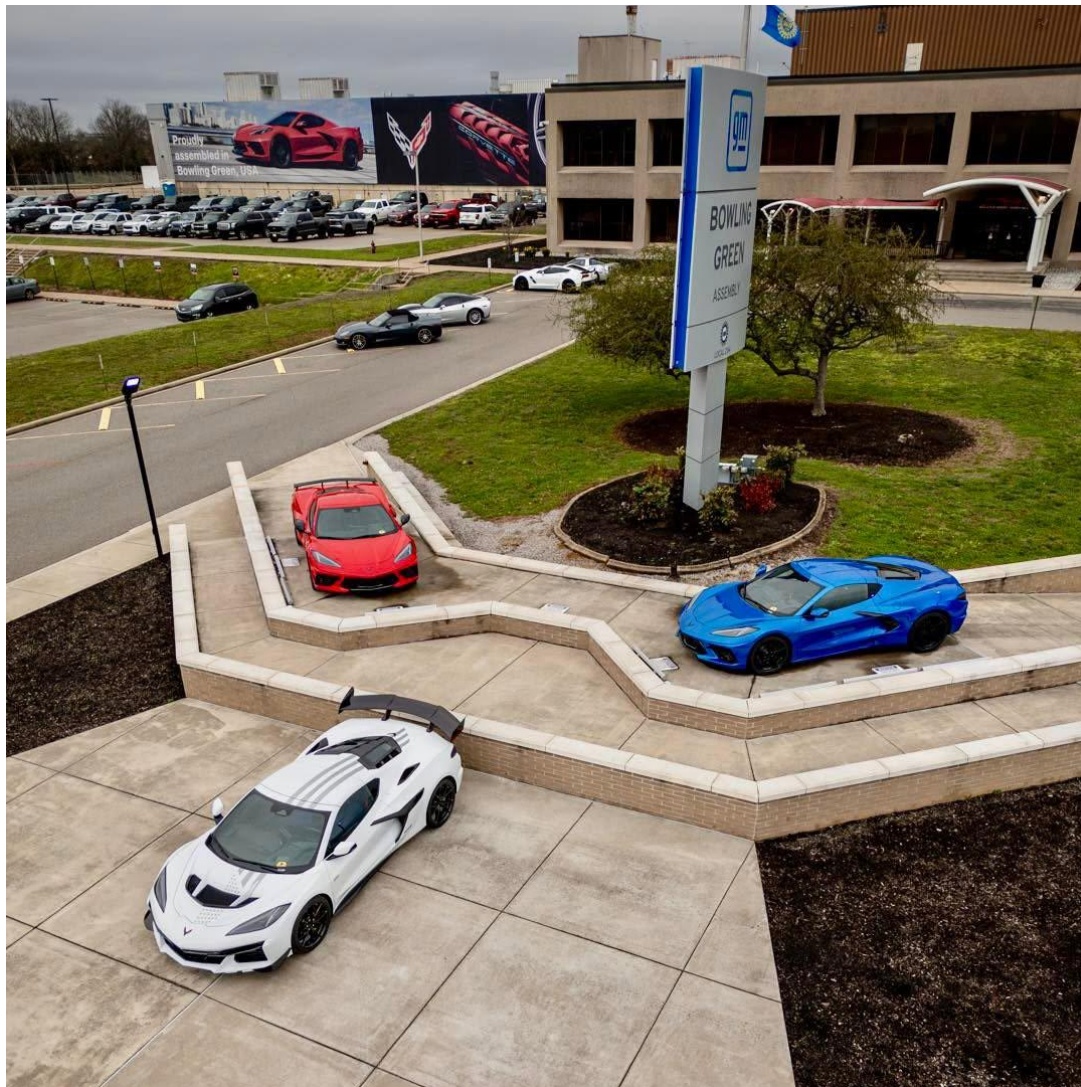
In June 2026, the NCM Collections Facility is in the final stages of construction, with completion and public opening expected in the summer, marking a major upgrade to the museum's preservation and exhibition capabilities. And yes, the Mid Missouri Corvette Club name will be on the atrium wall. Thanks to all for the support.

NCM R8C Reunion



Thank you to everyone who joined for R8C Reunion & Member Appreciation Day!

Plant Tours Resume



NCM is looking for more volunteers to follow Bowling Green Assembly Plant tours! If you know someone in our club who would be a great fit, please advise them.

Tours during the following dates:

14 July 20–24

14 July 27–31

14 August 3–7

14 August 10–14

14 August 17–21

14 August 31 – September 4

Volunteers will walk alongside a museum guide through the GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant, helping keep tour groups together.

👤 Volunteer Requirements:

✓ Must be 16 years of age or older

✓ One volunteer per tour time

✓ Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes are required

✓ Be prepared for extended walking and standing

If you're interested in volunteering, visit the National Corvette Museum's volunteer page to sign up for an available shift:

2027 NCM TRIP coming Soon!



Plans are already started for a trip in 2027 please communicate to Vickie Mallory if you are interested in the club 2027 NCM visit.



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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 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**
- **NCM 32nd Anniversary Sept.3rd -5th, 2026**
- **Vets 'n Vettes Nov 5th – 7th 2026**
- **Michelin Bash April 22nd – 24th, 2027**