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Courtesy of the tickets won at the January General Business meeting a number of members attended the show. John above is caught dreaming in a 2008 JetStream Blue Z06. Somehow the pics from the show don't include any members trying the new Chevy Volt on for size.

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Membership Corner

**We currently have
125 active members and 12
prospective members.**

Prospective Members:

William Miller – 2000 Red Coupe

Brandon Campbell – 2002 Z06 Black

Dan Carrier – 2006 Conv Silver

Karen Spence – 2003/2008 LeMans Blue/Red

Mary Wilds – 1972 Coupe White

Rod Cannon - 1992/1996/2006 Grand Sport/Conv Blue/Orange

Karl Wilhelm – 1969/1976 Coupes Silver/Brown

Stephen Smith – 1995 Conv Green

Gary DesCombes – 1993 Conv Green

Talal Muhtadi – 2001 Coupe Yellow

Joseph Penca – 1972 Coupe White

Iris Ferguson – 2003 Conv Torch Red

You remain a "prospective" member until you pay your membership dues and return your NCCC form.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello All,

This has to be the slowest winter on record. I'm tired of being cold and caught in ice storms. Football is over, Nascar has begun and next month our NVCC events will begin. A big thanks to Sheik for getting Cone Killers rolling and to Carol Fox and Patty Williams who have stepped up to the plate to plan the Concours. Also, thanks to Erica and George Kerns for chairing the banquet to be held on Saturday, March 8th. We still need more members to attend the banquet, so please sign up soon for great food and lots of prizes. I am very proud of all the club members for pitching in and hope we can keep it going. Take a break, get your Vette out and drive it like you stole it, what are you saving it for?

Thanks,
Rich Mars



NVCC Event Calendar Maintained by Laurie Kistner



NVCC Social Calendar March 2008

Hey everybody! The Corvette season is heating up with all sorts of fun things to do! Check out the wide variety of events:

Saturday, March 8th: Our Annual Banquet, held at 7 PM at Maggiano's in Tysons Galleria Mall. Cost is \$30 per person (Children 5-12 are \$15). Checks must be made Payable to NVCC and mailed to:
NVCC, c/o Erica Kerns, 13544 Wycrosse Court, Bristow, VA 20136

RSVP DEADLINE: Checks & reservations must be received by February 29th. Send your checks in early to guarantee your seat!!
DRESS: Business Casual.

WHO: The Banquet is open to all NVCC members, their spouses, children, guests, and those who have applied for Membership.

MENU:

Appetizers: Bruschetta & Mushroom Ravioli Al Forno
Salads: Caesar & Spinach
Second course: Rigatoni, Fettuccini Alfredo with Broccoli
Entrees: Roast Beef Tenderloin and Stuffed Chicken Fontina
Desserts: Cheesecake and Chocolate Zuccotto Cake
All served with regular and decaffeinated Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea.

CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE!! (Please keep in mind gratuity is already included in the price of the drink).

Directions: From 495, merge onto VA-123 S/Chain Bridge Road via Exit 46A toward Tysons Corner. Turn slight right onto International Drive. Maggiano's is in the Tysons Galleria Mall. Address is 2001 International Drive, McLean, VA 22102.

Any questions should be sent to whiskeytahoe@comcast.net.

Saturday, March 15th: Dyno Day at Tony's Corvette Shop

7500 Rickenbacker Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland, www.tonyscorvetteshop.com
POC: Keith (keith@tonyscorvettes.com), Dynamometer Laboratory at 301-987-0960

Limit: 8 Corvettes (They will run by vehicle groups, ie, C4s, C5s & C6 etc. for ease and timely tie down.)
\$80 per car, minimum (\$500 regardless of how many run). This rate is good for club members ONLY....Corvettes only unless approved prior to dyno day.

Wideband O2 included if bung is already installed (pre-catalytic converter) and using unleaded fuel...no racing fuel unless it's unleaded. Please check your oil prior to coming....they said they always have cars low on oil when they show up!

Plasma Wide Screen TV for results will be provided. Participants will receive their results on a CD. Keith can overlay results from two sessions so you can see how cars compare, etc. Please provide the following information for each car at least by March 10th. You can email Keith your information direct and CC me (higginsm@mitre.org) so I can track the Dyno Day Participant List.

Name
VIN #
Year
Transmission (manual or auto)
Differential ratio (if known)
Any unusual modifications that might complicate testing (i.e., tubbed rear for larger tires, supercharged, etc).

All participants will be required to sign in and sign our standard Limitation of Liability form for dyno testing. Payment in cash would be appreciated! We look forward to a fun day!

Directions: Take the Beltway I-495 North toward Silver Spring and Baltimore. Exit North onto I-270. Exit at Shady Grove Road (East) Exit #8. Continue East on Shady Grove, crossing Rt. 355, then Muncaster Mill, and then you will intersect Woodfield Rd. (Rt. 124). Turn Right (North) onto Woodfield Rd. and get into the left lane immediately. Turn Left at the first red light, notice the BP/McDonalds on the left, onto Rickenbacker Dr. Tony's is the brown building behind the BP/McDonalds station. Turn Left after the McDonalds entrance.

Please direct questions regarding this event to higginsm@mitre.org.

Saturday, March 29th: Cone Killers Car Control Clinic, from 7:00 AM TO 5:30 PM, at the Jefferson Circuit, Summit Point, WV. This is a RAIN OR SHINE event.

If you HATE driving, come on out anyway to develop your confidence and skill.

If you LOVE driving, come on out and love it more.

Either way, we promise great fun, a great day, great learning and great camaraderie in a safe environment, a mere hour and a half drive for most of you.

ABSOLUTELY NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED for this event. There will be a Plethora of Patient Instructors to help and guide you through all the fun.

HEAR what High School Drivers' Ed teachers were forbidden to tell you!

AMAZE your friends with your Driving Knowledge!

FEEL your car do things it has Never Done Before!

LEARN Astounding Facts about driving!

SPEED legally!

NO hyperbole is too extravagant to describe the Thrills That Await!

For your morning pleasures, we have devised a series of Devilish, Demonic and Diabolical exercises to stretch your thinking as well as your driving skills; in the afternoon we will put it all together on this most excellent track, just goin' a little bit faster. Aaaaaand for an Extra Treat, you can all go for a ride with our Fabled, Fabulous, and Facile Instructors. All this and much more will be imparted to those 39 Lucky Drivers who register early for this rare but spectacular event...

Bring a tarp to put your junk on, dress for who-knows-what-kind-of-weather, wear lace up shoes, cotton long pants and long sleeve shirt and helmet...mandatory! Brain Buckets (helmets that is) can be rented from OG Racing for a mere pittance. They are located in Sterling, Virginia, and their number is 703-430-3303. Helmets must be SA rated, 2000 or later; no motorcycle helmets! To make sure all four wheels are attached to your car, all cars will be "teched" in the morning, so make sure your car is in good condition and safe before you show up. It's a good idea to have it inspected by a qualified technician before the Grand Event.

The fee for this SUBLIME ECSTACY is \$175. This includes a health packed breakfast of greasy grungy Krispy Kreme Donuts, (or a substitute), and coffee burned to perfection right here in West Virginia. (Sorry, no refunds after March 20).

Lunch will be available at the track.

By the way, NO WALK-INS, NO CAR SHARING! NO TRUCKS, NO VANS, NO SUVs!

By the way, by the way, each cone killed will cost ya 2 bits for the funeral, so bring plenty of quarters. All proceeds will be donated to the charity of the group's choice. More information will be made available to those 39 With-It, and astute drivers who register early.

Please print and fill out form below:

Participant Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Car Make _____

Model _____

Year _____

Cost: \$175. Registrations after March 15th, \$200. Instructors are free but must register. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and will close on March 22. There will only be 39 slots for this event so register early! NO refunds after March 20. Please make checks payable to NVCC and mail registration forms and checks to:

Ahsan Sheikh
8567 Yoder Street
Manassas, VA 20110

This event will NOT require a roll bar or fire extinguisher.

Gates will open at 7 AM SHARP!

Directions: Take Route 7 west past Leesburg toward Winchester, VA. Continue on Route 7 west past Berryville exits and turn right onto Route 632 (Crums Church Road). Follow 632 until you reach the T intersection. Turn right onto Route 761 (Old Charles Town Road). Continue on Route 761 until you reach the next T intersection. Make a right turn and follow the road 300 yards. The entrance will be on the right.

If you have any questions, please email asheikh74@hotmail.com.

Coming soon...

Sun. 4/06/08 - Rallye 101 & Brunch @ Hopsfrog Tavern
Sat. 4/19/08 - Drag Racing/Test & Tune Session
Sun. 4/20/08 - 2nd Annual Tax Day Cruise to Ocean City (rain date April 27th)
Sun. 5/04/08 - Boar's Head Brunch/Monticello Cruise
Sat. 5/10/08 - Spring Skyline Drive Cruise
Sun. 5/11/08 - Mother's Day Rod Run & Breakfast @ IHOP

See our website at www.nvccorvetteclub.com and click on "EVENTS" to see a month-to-month view of upcoming event details.

Regards,
Laurie Kistner
NVCC Social Director lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com



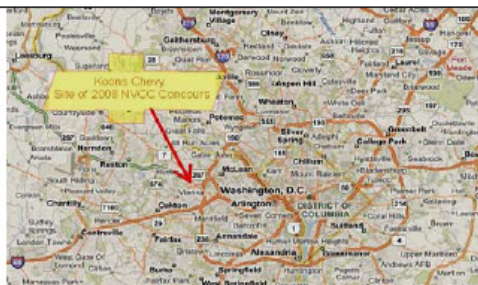
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For More Information, Please Visit the NVCC website at: www.nvcorvetteclub.com



**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NVCC.
PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHECKS TO:**

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MAIL_IN REGISTRATION FORM for 2008 NVCC CONCOURS

NAME _____ **NCCC #** _____ **CLUB** _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

TELEPHONE (H) _____ **Other (O)** _____ **EMAIL** _____

YEAR OF CORVETTE _____ (check one) _____ **COUPE** _____ **CONVERTIBLE** _____ **HARDTOP** _____

Classification (Check only one): Refer to NCCC rulebook for full definitions and explanations

- _____ **CONCOURS**.....Showroom condition, stock equipment.....Interior / Exterior / Engine Judged
- _____ **MODIFIED**.....Some modifications permitted.....Interior / Exterior / Engine Judged
- _____ **CUSTOM**.....Many mods permitted, including custom paint.....Interior / Exterior / Engine Judged
- _____ **RACE-PREPARED**.....Meets RP requirements for speed events.....Interior / Exterior / Engine Judged
- _____ **STREET & SHOW**.....Street driven.....Interior / Exterior / Engine Judged
- _____ **WASH & SHOW**.....Street driven.....Interior / Exterior Judged
- _____ **FUN SHOW**.....Exhibition only.....Not Judged

Describe your Corvette (color, engine, trans, modifications, unusual history, etc) _____



Chevrolet General Manager Ed Peper has announced that the championship-winning Corvette Racing team will use E85 ethanol fuel in the upcoming American Le Mans Series.

Racing series to go green

By Herb Shuldiner
MOTOR MATTERS

Racing suffers from an image as a fuel-wasting, environmentally unfriendly sport, despite enormous popularity with its fans. But at least one auto racing series has determined to present a "green" image to the public at large.

That's why the American Le Mans Series is teaming with the EPA, Department of Energy and the Society of Automotive Engineers to create an all-green racing series in 2008.

"The ALMS stands alone in providing a platform of solutions for our nation's automotive, transportation and energy needs," claims Scott Atherton, president and CEO of the series.

ALMS is the first racing series to partner with government agencies and the premier automotive engineering society in the country to advance alternate fuel technology that may eventually find its way into cars you can buy in the showroom.

"Auto manufacturers competing in ALMS have made it very clear that this is a direction and an overall initiative that is important to them," Atherton says.

There are eight auto manufacturers who participate in the ALMS. All cars participating in the series run on either E10 (10 percent ethanol/90 percent gasoline) or diesel fuel. Starting this season, ALMS decreed that E85 (85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline) would be allowed.

Chevrolet immediately jumped on the E85 bandwagon and announced its Corvette entry in the series

will burn E85.

For the past two seasons Audi has run its ALMS cars on diesel fuel exclusively, enjoying great success while using less fuel. All other ALMS cars run on E10, the same fuel most of us buy at the pump today.

ALMS says the ethanol in the E85 its cars use must be created from a non-food source. In this case, the ethanol will be fermented from wood chips or sawdust. Most commercial ethanol available at retail pumps today is fermented from corn or soybeans. Using wood waste does not impact the supply or prices of corn and soy, so it should not affect the price of beef, milk and other products that are produced from animals fed on corn or soy.

The diesel fuel used in the ALMS events is a special low-sulfur variety that must be imported from Europe because it's not yet available in the U.S. Eventually ALMS would like to use biodiesel in its events.

"The use of E85 by America's premier production sports car racing team in a high-profile, high-tech racing series like the ALMS shows that Chevy is continuing to lead by example," says Chevrolet general manager Ed Peper.

GM Racing's transition from E10 to E85 will be seamless, promises Steve Wesoloski, GM Road Racing group manager. "The [Corvette] race car's fuel systems were already 100 percent compatible with ethanol so our preparation for the change to E85 in 2008 comes down to recalibrating the engines," he says.

In addition to Chevrolet, car-makers Audi, Acura, Aston Martin, Dodge, Ferrari, Ford,

Mazda, Panoz, Porsche and Saleen have also entered vehicles in the ALMS.

One of the chief technical difficulties ALMS faces in allowing cars in the series to select their own fuel choice is the difference in the energy content of each option. Diesel contains 135,000 Btu compared to 115,000 Btu in gasoline. This allows a car to travel about 30 percent further on a gallon of diesel.

Ethanol has about 34 percent less energy per gallon than gasoline, only about 76,000 Btu per gallon. But ethanol also allows engines to run at higher compression ratios and thus potentially generate higher horsepower output. Best of all emissions from cellulosic ethanol are 94 percent less than from gasoline.

Atherton says that ALMS devised a protocol that mandates different size fuel cells for E85, E10 and diesel. This is designed to prevent any manufacturer seizing an advantage simply by the selection of fuel its cars will run on.

Because the energy content of the three fuels differs so much, specified fuel cells will equalize the amount of energy each can burn. Theoretically this means every car should have to make the same number of pit stops to refuel during the course of a race, regardless of the fuel its engine burns.

The ALMS 2008 season begins March 15 with the 56th running of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring race at Sebring International Raceway in Florida.

You can access the rest of the ALMS schedule from <http://www.americanlemans.com/>.

So you want to do High Performance driving

Provided by: Michael Woods

So you want to do High Performance driving or maybe go wheel-to-wheel one day. Everyone says you have to have seat time, seat time and more seat time. This is true, but going to tracks and just going around in circles does not make you a better driver or any faster. You have to be prepared mentally and physically to actually learn. You cannot blame going off course on your tires, brakes, track conditions etc. You are the one in control, drive within your ability, not the person who is slower or faster than you are. You have to drive with the feedback the car is giving. Tires too cold, too slick, slow down, brakes too hot, be easier on them, let them cool down, track condition wet, change your line.

Only you can accelerate your potential:

If I were to ask most drivers what they need to focus on this year to improve their lap times, most would not know. Therefore, they continue to do what they have always done and get the same results.

In order to go faster you have to be open to change. You may have been soloed off and while you were on the track an instructor observes you driving erratically. (It has happened to me) So you are dropped down to run with an instructor. You're upset that you have to have an instructor ride with you. Don't be and drop the ego What do you do? Bring a pen and paper and ask why, what do I need to work on. If they say, you're too slow to react to conditions and oversteer. Is it the car? What are your alignment settings, do you know? (Hint: mark your settings with yellow paint on the camber bolts; count your shims on each control arm. That way you can tell if something has changed)

Is it you, you may not think so. How are your traction sensing skills? How about speed sensing skills? What slip angle were you at (in degrees) do you know? When entering a corner too fast you may not be able to apply the same amount of gas as you did a lap before in the same turn. Why? Your corner speed is greater than it was on the previous lap. If you applied the same amount of gas, you would oversteer or understeer and drive erratically. If an instructor saw you doing this lap after lap, it would tell them that you lack an understanding of traction, speed sensing skills or slip angle or all three. Build your awareness through understanding what is actually happening. Understand what is happening at all times in order to become a better driver. Become more aware of the fine movements of weight distribution even on your commute to work. I practice every day in our Prius, yes our Prius. You do not have to drive fast to learn. Our Prius has the same 3 contact points as any other car. Do you know what the 3 contact points are? 1. Steering 2. Pedals 3. Seat

Set objectives:

What do I need to work on today, 6 months, a year from now? Do not just drive around the track as fast as you can. What are you going to learn by doing that? *"Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results"* Albert Einstein. Watch a Pro golfer at a driving range. They do not hit the driver every time. They grab a 9 iron and practice shots from that distance because they may be weak on that portion of their game. So dissect your driving, look at what is lacking in your driving skills. Braking, Turn in, apexing, exit speed, oversteer, understeer, Mental awareness, physical conditioning (*I need to work on this*), balance (*I ride a skateboard in my driveway*), Hand eye coordination (video games, sports).

Safety:

I should have put this first. Driving any car is dangerous and more so the track (sometimes). Given the higher rate of speeds and lack of proper safety equipment is just plain dumb. If I here another person tell me they borrowed the neighbors motorcycle helmet and "it's the same"!!!! Most tracks will rent you an SA helmet for cheap. Snell "SA" (Sports Application) rated professional helmets are designed for auto racing and provide extreme impact resistance and higher fire protection.

Key differences between SA and M Rated Helmets (from Snell website):

- SA standard requires flammability test while the M standard does not.
- SA standard has rollbar impact test while M standard does not.
- SA standard allows narrower visual field than M standard

Instructors and Corner workers are there for your safety. **Look and listen** it may save your life someday.

Look way, way in front of you. Look through or around the car in front of you, don't assume they will see something first. Look behind you, you may think you're fast. There is **always** someone faster.

If the car does not feel/sound right or steer correctly, slow down and Pit. Look the car over, so what you lost 15 minutes of track time. You could have lost more than that. In July 2006, I was running with a friend and we got into a heated session on track. Upon passing him my engine began to vibrate and knock. I immediately pointed him by, got in the right hand

lane and went to 50% on my driving ability. Knowing that there were a lot of cars faster coming up, I watched my rearview mirror and pointed cars by until pit in. Gave the pit in signal and parked the car. My car made it back to the pits. Had I stayed at 100% and stayed in front, I would have blown the motor up putting oil on my rear wheels and oil on the track. More than likely my friend would have collected me at over 150mph. At that speed we are looking at death or serious injury.

Roll bars or roll cages: All I have to say is when people say you cannot roll a Corvette. I just laugh and say given the proper conditions anything is possible. You really should have a cage. The A – pillar on any car is weak, side impact on a road course happens.

Harnesses: if you don't have them, you're not safe.

Fire suppression: Get a hand held for the car B/C extinguisher. Heck, get one for the garage and house. They are like \$13.00... super cheap safety. I have a 5lbs SPA remote in my car, its activated by pulling a handle inside the car. Suppression goes to the gas tanks, engine, driver and passenger.

TRACK CHECK LIST (not the be all end all, add whatever you need): Helmet (no Motorcycle helmets) Need an SA 200? Helmet, Gloves, Hans device (expensive yes, basal skull fracture=dead), Shoes, Driving Suit, Sunglasses, Clothes Bag, Cell Phone, Small Ice Chest, Water, Water, More Water

TOOLS : Tool Box w/tools, Socket Set, Torque Wrench, Brake Bleeder, Jack, Jack stands, Air Tank, Tire Gauge, Pyrometer (nice to have)

MAINTENANCE: Belt, Brake Pads, Brake Fluid, Rotors, Oil, Duct Tape, Towels, Paper Towels

MISCELLANEOUS : Cameras, Radios, Chair, Extra Helmet, Tarp, Trash Bags

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador Corner

By Donald Patrick

February 2008

CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

ZR1 Wins Detroit News Readers "Best of Show"

The Corvette ZR1 took top honors as “Best of Show” in the annual Detroit News Readers' Choice Awards, the results of which were announced at the Detroit Economic Club's North American International Auto Show 2008 luncheon at Cobo Center.

While most of the awards handed out at the auto show are voted on by journalists or industry professionals, the Readers' Choice Awards are intended to gauge the sentiments of consumers. "We recruited a panel of 100 readers to inspect the power trains, kick the tires and check the many shades of green in a contest to identify the best of show," said Jon Wolman, editor and publisher of The Detroit News. "They were dazzled by much of what they saw and we're glad to present these awards in honor of the vehicles that stood out for their excellence."



Corvette Racing Confirms 2008 Driver Lineup

Corvette Racing's roster of championship-winning drivers will return in 2008 to race the Chevrolet factory team's twin Compuware Corvette C6.R race cars in the 12-race American Le Mans Series and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Johnny O'Connell and Jan Magnussen will drive the No. 3 Corvette C6.R, joined by Ron Fellows for three endurance races (Sebring, Le Mans and Petit Le Mans). Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta will drive the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R, teamed with Max Papis in long-distance events.



"Continuity and consistency are two of the cornerstones of Corvette Racing's success, and that is reflected in our longstanding relationships with these championship-winning drivers," said Steve Wesoloski, GM Road Racing Group manager. "They thoroughly understand the team's overall objectives, and they are total professionals both on and off the race track. We're very proud to have these six drivers as part of the Corvette Racing family." Corvette Racing's six drivers have a combined total of 135 ALMS victories, 13 ALMS championships, and 17 class victories in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Corvette Racing will make its season debut in the opening round of the 12-race ALMS series, the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, on March 15, 2008.

Registration Opens for the R8C/Xperience Programs Reunion

Thousands of Corvette enthusiasts have taken delivery of their new Corvettes at the Museum through the R8C Program and others have come to share in the Xperience Program! September 25-28 the NCM will have an unforgettable reunion planned exclusively for these program participants!



We will set the stage on Thursday with a road trip from the Museum for an adventure in, around and through the Smokey Mountains area! Plans include a day at the Biltmore in Asheville, North Carolina, a twisted trip on the "Tail of the Dragon", a day of Native American culture on the Cherokee Indian Reservation and some relaxation time in colorful Maggie Valley. This is a reunion to be remembered and one planned only for our R8C/Xperience Program participants! Registration includes three night hotel accommodations, one of the evening dinners and admission into the Biltmore. Find out more and register online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/r8c/info.shtml>

Two Spots for Corvette in the 2008 IntelliChoice.com Awards

IntelliChoice.com, the online source for automotive ownership cost and value analysis and part of SOURCE INTERLINK MEDIA, recently announced the winners of its annual "Best Overall Value of the Year" awards for 2008 cars, trucks and SUVs.

The BOVY Awards, which evaluate every facet of what it costs to own and operate a vehicle over time, identify best-in-class vehicles that deliver outstanding value and lower than expected costs. In a year that saw several new nameplates join the list, only five brands won multiple awards – Corvette was one of them! Read the entire article at:

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/value/class/prweb681384.htm>



Corvette 427 Limited Edition Z06 News

Edmunds.com/Inside Line

The 427 Limited Edition Z06 appears destined to be a true Corvette collectible — and the price tag is not likely to deter aficionados. "It is aimed, as always with our special editions, at Corvette enthusiasts who like to have something different," said Bob Tripolsky, Chevrolet spokesman.

The 427 Limited Edition Z06 stands out from the Corvette pack in a number of ways, starting with the paint job. It features a Crystal Red tint coat exterior, which Chevy says makes it the first Z06 ever offered with a red metallic tint coat paint. Cosmetic touches include hood and fascia graphics that hark back to the style of the "stinger" hood design and graphics that were offered with 1967 models equipped with the 427 engine. Each car is numbered and signed by Wil Cooksey, the Corvette assembly plant manager. Read more at: <http://www.edmunds.com/insideline/do/News/articleId=124791>



You Could Win a 427 Limited Edition Z06!

The NCM is thrilled to have the privilege of raffling a 2008 Corvette 427 Limited Edition Z06 – number 2 of the 427 to be built for sale in the United States!

This exciting raffle offers only 500 tickets at \$500 each and our winner will be drawn at 2:00 p.m. CT on June 24, 2008. Tickets are available online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/raffle/index.shtml> or by calling (800) 53-VETTE. The exciting news of this new Corvette is the perfect time to take a chance on this limited production Corvette!



World's only Corvette "Threes" Exhibit on Display

Guests visiting the Museum have a chance to see a new display featuring the World's only showcasing of the collectible "threes"!

This historic display features one "Three" Corvette from each decade 1953-2003. On display through the end of 2008, this rare collection features the first Corvette, a 1953 Roadster; a 1963 Split Window Coupe; a 1973 Coupe; the only 1983 Corvette in existence; a 40th anniversary 1993 ZR-1 and a 2003 Corvette Z06. Other new exhibits recently added include a collection of Corvette Police Cars. The NCM is a "living" Museum and displays are constantly changing. Photography is welcome inside the NCM, open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT. Check out our "new to the floor" section via our website at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/new/index.shtml> to stay on top of the latest exhibits taking the floor at the NCM



E-Membership Level Now Available

Many enthusiasts who live far away will now have a way to take part in our membership benefits and support the Museum as we continue building our Corvette family!



If you are not already a member of the Museum, please consider joining at our new e-member level. E-members will receive a 5% discount in the Corvette Store, email membership card, discounts on bricks and flint bricks, along with the ability to list your Corvette photo online. We hope the benefits of this new membership will be a rewarding way for others to join as a member of the Museum. The E-membership is now available for a \$25 annual fee and can be purchased online at: <http://services.corvettemuseum.com/PortalTools/NCMF/membership.cfm> or by calling (800) 53-VETTE.

More Road Tour Excursions Added to the Bash Event Lineup

The Bash continues to be one of the most popular NCM events each year and our scenic road tour excursions fill quickly – so we have added two additional road tours to the event lineup!

Saturday's agenda now features your choice of a road tour to Maker's Mark Distillery along with lunch at the Whistle Stop Café or a wine and cheese tour for samplings of the finest wines and cheeses around and lunch at Tennessee's "5 Chefs". Fewer than 50 total spots are left on these excursions. If you have already pre-registered for the Bash and want to add one of these tours to your event activities, just log in and add the additional road tour. Still deciding if you want to join us?

Don't miss out on one of the most exciting events of the season filled with activities found nowhere else – April 24-26! View the online event agenda and register at: http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/c5_bash/agenda.shtml



Hard Work and Dreams

Greg Scott is an employee that goes above and beyond what is expected of him and when his boss and teammates planned a visit to the Museum for the day, he figured it was just another road trip for the gang.

Much to Greg's surprise, his boss Tim Searfoss, owner of Searfoss Developments in West Branch, MI, had something much more in store. "I regularly reward employees for doing a great job and Greg is the perfect example of someone who goes above and beyond – so I wanted to reward him with his dream," Tim shared with us. "Sometimes I reward employees with new homes, or trips. It has been a life-long dream of Greg's to own a new Corvette and he truly deserves it." Greg, sporting his Corvette cap, was overwhelmed, surprised and touched. He was a man of few words – just smiles and tears.



The Birthday of America's Sports Car

EFFINGHAM, IL – Long a supporter of the Corvette hobby and creator of "Drive Your Corvette To Work Day", Mid America Motorworks has petitioned the United States Congress to declare June 30th "National Corvette Day" - in honor of America's First Sports Car. The Corvette first rolled off a Flint, Michigan assembly line on June 30, 1953.

The petition is being presented by United States Congressman John Shimkus (R-Illinois). All Corvette enthusiasts are urged to contact their U.S. Congressional Representatives to pass this resolution.

“As the longest running, most widely respected production sports car in United States history, the Chevrolet Corvette is more than a material possession. It is truly a symbol of American pride. For this reason Mid America Motorworks is launching a grassroots movement to honor America’s True Sports Car with a National Day of Recognition.” said Mike Yager, Chief Cheerleader and founder of Mid America Motorworks, the world’s leading supplier of Corvette parts and accessories.

Mid America Motorworks has a history of creating national movements to honor the Corvette. In June of 2001, Mid America Motorworks created *Drive Your Corvette To Work Day* as an annual event to celebrate Corvette’s Birthday on the Friday closest to June 30. On Friday, June 27th 2008, thousands of Corvette lovers will drive their Corvette to work to participate in the 8th annual event.

In September of 2001, Mid America Motorworks orchestrated a massive grassroots movement, called the Corvette Stampede, to petition the United States Post Office to create a Corvette Stamp. The stamp was to honor of the 50th Anniversary of Corvette. Finally released in 2005, the USPS debuted the stamp at Mid America Motorworks Corvette Funfest.

This year, as GM celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2008, a National Day of Recognition is a fitting tribute to Corvette – GM’s greatest contribution to the automotive industry.

Every Corvette owner is encouraged to petition his or her congressional representative to pass the resolution declaring June 30th "National Corvette Day". For more information go to www.mamotorworks.com/corvette or call 800-500-1500

To find your congressman, go to <http://www.house.gov/>

You can put in your zip code in the upper left corner

The NCM is making plans now for there 2008 ‘66’ CARAVAN. Check out www.electrichighway.org for possible dates and locations in your areas.

This years Caravan will of course include the Corvette’s, motorcycles, other classic cars as well as many other vehicles. Vehicles of all types. But the main body of the Caravan on the trip east will be those from the Electric Vehicle Industry. We will be visiting all the sites from our 2003 Caravan, check out www.cart66pf.org/66caravan/index.htm for more information.

If you would like to be a part of this Caravan please contact the NCM. The dates are filling up so now is the time to get your request in. At each major stop we will be setting up displays, offering test drives, doing seminars and holding media events. Plan on joining us for the entire Caravan or on the days we are in your area.

BACKGROUND

NVCC is one of the founding members of the NCM. Club benefits are:

- Free individual or group admission to the NCM.
- 10% discount on NCM and Catalog merchandise.
- Free subscription to the magazine "America's Sports Car."
- NVCC plaque in the museum.

If any NVCC members are planning a trip in the vicinity of Bowling Green, Kentucky, a visit to the home of the NCM and the Corvette factory should be in your plans. The NCM card can be borrowed from our President.

For additional information log on to: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com> or call the NCM at 800-53-VETTE (800-538-3883) or contact Donald Patrick.

NVCC General Business Meeting 1-22-2008

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 pm at Koons Chevrolet, Tysons Corner.

Council Attendees:

Richard Mars – President
Stuart Fox – Vice President
Marsha Batchellor – Treasurer
Chuck Pellerin – Officer at Large
Cassidy Nolen – Rallye
Paul Benish – Historian
Richard Anderson – Newsletter
Pat Somersall – Membership

Rich Mars opened the meeting with the usual introductions of all members present.

Meeting Topics/ General/Open Discussion:

Pat - Membership

- 125 members
- 12 prospective members

Stuart - Vice President

- Challenged the club to increase the club membership to at least 150 over the next year. Stuart will take the lead on the membership drive.
- He will talk to Carl Leckner to solicit more support from Koons. Need to make sure that new Corvette owners are aware of the club.

Rich Anderson - Newsletter

- Will get the January newsletter out by the end of the month.

Andrej - NCCC Governor's Report & Go-Cart Racing

- The go-cart race is scheduled for 23 January at the All Sports Grand Prix.
- NCCC Governor's Report – NVCC won the Mid America Motorworks Dolphin Membership Award for highest percentage increase in 2007 for East Region Clubs over 100 members.

Cassidy - Rallye

- Cassidy will host a session of Feb 2 at Golds Gym to work with members to develop a

customized lifting/exercise routine to help them get into shape for the summer driving season. It not only takes skill to drive your car well...it takes strength and muscle tone.

- 2008 Rallye season is coming together.
 - o Rallye 101 - April 6 from 9:30 to noon at Hopsfrog. Dick Hammaker is Rallye Master and Instructor.
 - o Rallye #1 – May 18. Alice Arielly and Jack Hufnagle are the Rallye Masters. Time and place to be announced.
 - o Rallye #2 – June 22. Chuck and Karen Pellerin are the Rallye Masters. Time and place to be announced.

Ray Turner – Guest Speaker

- Ray is the lead for the Koons' Corvette sales team. Koons is the #7 volume dealer in the country and they intend to do what it takes to move up the list. To start with, they intend to start to participate in our club activities. Look for them at our functions and take the opportunity to get your questions answered.
- Filled in the members on the status of the new ZR1 and the new pace car. Will be only 2000 ZR1s made and 500 of them will go overseas. Koons expects to get 4 to 6 of the pace cars.

Marsha – Treasurer

- Club is doing well. Most of the outgoing funds are for the banquet. But we still have a respectable balance on hand.

Miscellaneous Events

- The Banquet is March 8th. If you have not yet signed up for it, do it soon. Registration closes the end of Feb.
- Don't forget Cone Killers on March 29. We still have some slots available. Registration is \$175.
- There is a High Speed Drivers' Training at Summit Point scheduled for July 11. Check the NVCC web site and newsletters for a registration form and more details.

Paul – Historian

- What is the first year for an alternator on a Corvette and why did they make the change? 1963-64 because they had problems with the lighting and ignition systems. Winner: Mark Grigg – Caribou Coffee Card

- What was the first year for the LS6? 1971
Winner: Mark Grigg – Caribou Coffee Card
- When did they switch to 4 wheel disc brakes?
1965
Winner: George Conlin – Corvette Calendar
- What else was new on the Vette in 1965? The big block and side pipes
Winner Arthur Baer – Oil Change

By Laws

- There was a short discussion of the revisions to the by laws.
- Andrej moved to accept them and Alice Arielly seconded the motion.
- Motion to accept was unanimous.

50/50 Drawings

- Cash – Carol Fox won the 50/50 for \$45.
- Rick Poage – Caribou Coffee Card

- Rich Mars – Oil Change
- George Conlin – Corvette Book
- John Palmgren – 2 Tickets to the Washington Auto Show
- Don Ellenberger – 2 Tickets to the Washington Auto Show
- Rick Poage – Caribou Coffee Card
- Jim Nokes – Corvette Calendar
- Jim Nokes – another Corvette Calendar
- Carol Fox – Corvette Calendar

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Chuck Pellerin, Officer at Large
for Cel Holzer
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Washington Auto Show Parting Shots



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Newsletter News ...

This Newsletter turned out to be a little larger than most, but registration forms and flyers are essential and do take a tad more room. Further, once I break 12 pages I'm in the next ounce for postage anyway.

I sincerely appreciate the input from the membership and hope to continue to offer a diverse newsletter. As always, feel free to send me your pics, stories or musings for inclusion. After the regular items are included each month there is always a few white spaces around the edges that need filling.....since white space is a terrible thing to waste, you just never know what may turn up to fill them up.

Please keep those e-mails coming

Rich Anderson

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Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, Feb 26th

Tuesday, Mar 25th

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