


# *Cruisin' Corvettes*



## *Tallahassee, Florida*

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### **CHRISTMAS 2019!**

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As I write this, the holidays are over but there is a lot to talk about. First, as most of you know, we annually provide support to the Children's Lighthouse in the form of a gift bag for each girl that is distributed during a December pizza party. This year, the club decided to do something a little different. The Lighthouse wanted to take the girls on a trip to visit Wild Adventures. As a result, the club decided to contribute funds toward this trip instead of gift bags for each girl. This action was welcomed by the staff and the girls and it required much less effort on our part. During our usual pizza party at the Lighthouse for the girls and staff on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, the club presented a check to fund the trip. Our visit was filled with carols performed by the girls, pizza and desserts and the usual fun exploration of the club members Corvettes. As you can see from the pictures below, everyone had a great time.



The annual Cruisin Corvettes Christmas Party was also held on the evening of December 7<sup>th</sup> at the University Club. Our annual Christmas Party is always full of great food and fun times. Santa made his appearance complete with a bag of fun gifts. This year he managed to bring along a belt, so his pants did not fall down – perhaps he needs more hot chocolate? In addition, we had the hotly anticipated “night before Christmas” Gift Swap. Always a lot of fun and you never know what you might get. If you missed it this year, make sure and attend in 2020.



## **REFUGE HOUSE GOLF TOURNEY!**

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Several of our club members were able to participate in the Refuge House Golf Tournament this year as a result of our charitable donation in support of their programs. Cruisin Corvettes was prominently featured in the event and several of our member “pretended to play golf”. I was not there so I cannot vouch for any reported scores or amazing tales that might have been relayed over a few drinks, however from all reports it was a great event and our participation and donation was greatly appreciated.



## C8's ARE EMERGING?

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From all reports on the Interweb, owners are reporting that they are beginning to receive build dates for their C8s, and the National Corvette Museum is offering to photographically document in an album your C8 build as it comes down the plant production line. ITS FINALLY REAL! Also, if you have been on any of Corvette websites, there has been a lot of reporting of the C8R test runs at Daytona in preparation for the 24 Hours at Daytona later in the month. I have to say that C8R looks pretty wicked in either the yellow or silver color scheme. I am really looking forward to seeing how it performs under actual race conditions. And then there is that Hennessey 1200HP version. Can you say, "roof scoop!" Here we go!



## APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS!

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"No, he's not a burglar. I do the maintenance on his Corvette, and he gets a little impatient." [CC.com](#)

## 2020 ANNUAL CAR SHOW!

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Our annual car show is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>! Right around the corner and the planning committee can use some help. A little earlier this year but that is probably a good thing. The weather will be cooler, the event won't fight with Springtime Tallahassee or the spring FSU game and we will be early out of the gate before the major spring car show season begins. The car show team can use some help in gathering items for auction. The items typically are Corvette related and worth in the 50-60-dollar range. If you would like to assist in the car preparations, please let Chip Perkins know.

## CARS AND COFFEE!

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The Southwood Cars and Coffee will be this weekend. This has turned into a nice event and with breakfast available at Canopy Roads Restaurant nearby it's almost a must do. If you have not been out for this one, drop in this Saturday for breakfast and CARS!

## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!

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**Upcoming Events for 2020!** – The NCM has a great series of events coming up this year. By all accounts these trips are quite memorable so take a look.

### Upcoming Museum Events

- Museum in Motion: Rolex 24 at Daytona presented by Michelin | January 22-27, 2020
- Museum in Motion 'Plantation Tour' | March 31 – April 4, 2020
- Michelin NCM Bash | April 23 – April 25, 2020
- Museum in Motion 'Dragon Run' Presented by Michelin | April 26 – April 29, 2020
- C4 Gathering | May 14 – May 16, 2020
- Museum in Motion Le Mans | June 4-16, 2020 (Registration Opening Monday!)

26th Anniversary Celebration | September 3 – 5, 2020

View a complete list of events with more information and links to register on our [website here](#).

**Last C7 Stingray!** – It's the end of an era – Thursday, November 14 was the last day of production for the C7 Corvette. The final car, a Z06, rolled off the end of the assembly line at approximately 3:10pm. The car was purchased at Barrett Jackson for

\$2.7 million by Dan Snyder. But the 2nd to last car? That Corvette will call the National Corvette Museum home. The car is the last Stingray to be built and was purchased by Museum Lifetime Member and supporter Ivan Schrodt. Ivan took delivery of the Corvette on November 20 at 2pm CT, and then handed the keys over to the Museum in a ceremony on Corvette Boulevard.

**Corvette Plant Facelift!** - If you've been to General Motors Bowling Green Assembly, chances are you've made a stop in front of the building for a photo op by their sign, where two Corvettes often sit on either side. Currently that area is under construction, receiving a facelift that has a much more important purpose. "We found that visitors were stopping in the middle of the road in front of the sign, and even standing in the road to take photos," said Kai Spande, Plant Manager. "Safety is a top concern for visitors so we looked into how that area could be updated to better accommodate photo ops." The plan for the refreshed area includes space to display two Corvettes that is both backed up towards the sign and incorporates drive-up concrete pedestals for the cars. "The area includes plenty of space for guests to stand safely out of the path of traffic with multiple recommended vantage points for the perfect picture," added Kai. Construction on the area began on **November 1**. Plant tours are expected to resume by **Spring** of 2020, and the refreshed face of the Plant will be a welcomed addition to the home of Corvette, also providing a classy look to those passing by on Interstate 65.

**Raffle Tickets are available!** Currently raffle tickets are only available through the mail, by filling out an order form, or through purchase at the museum or in the State of Kentucky. There are a range of vehicles and raffle types underway, so I encourage you to take a look at the website for a complete listing. I have not won yet, but I remain hopeful. You can't win if you don't play as they say. Here are some of the upcoming raffles.

**2019 Black Corvette Z06 Coupe 1/23/20**

Price: **\$250.00** Tickets: 1000 Available: 491

Drawing: January 23, 2020 2:00 PM

**2019 Blade Silver Corvette Grand Sport Convertible 2/20/20**

Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1263

Drawing: February 20, 2020 2:00 PM

**2020 Black Corvette Coupe 4/25/20**

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: April 25, 2020 3:00 PM

**UPCOMING AND NOTABLE!**

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As the spring arrives and it gets easier to go out and work on or clean up the car, there are some great events upcoming.

- February 7 – Moultrie Swap Meet
- February 15 – Cruisin Corvettes Chili Cook-Off
- February 20 – Tentative 2020 Corvette Reveal – Dale Earnhardt Jr. Chevrolet
- **March 7, 2020 Cruisin' Corvettes of Tallahassee and Dale Earnhardt Jr. Chevrolet Annual Car Show!!!**
- March 28 - Vettes at the Village – Destin
- May 2 – Corvettes on the Circle - Sarasota

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*Check the Events Calendar on the **UPDATED** website for more upcoming activities!*

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