

MARCH 2022

### **ANOTHER WONDERFUL XMAS PARTY!**

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The annual CCOT Christmas Party was held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the FSU University Club. The setting was very nice and it almost seemed like we had the entire club to ourselves. Décor was great and food was excellent as always. This year, our event was held in the main area with a nice view of Bobby Bowden Field. The lights were not on, but the experience was still inspiring and we were able to take some nice pictures after dinner. As has been our tradition, we had the annual gift exchange complete with the reading of the Night Before Xmas Story – Right/Left Edition. This is always a fun activity and no one seriously dropped any of the more breakable gifts in the somewhat organized chaos that usually takes place. I am not sure who made out best this year but there were some very nice gifts including several of a liquid variety which would not have met the GM Dexos standard. Another wonderful party with good friends and good food. Special thanks to John Harris for his effort to set things up and in chasing down a refund owed to the club. Capt. Morgan for everyone!



### **LAST LUNCH AT A TALLAHASSEE ICON**

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Seems like Tallahassee has lost a lot of businesses with the pandemic. Certainly things have been tough on restaurants. I will miss Cabos. Still miss Chuys. And most of all, I will miss Jim and Milts! When the closure was announced, several club members met for a last lunch during the final week. Business was insane! They could have made a mint if they had sold some t-shirts – not that I didn't ask to buy one. Our group had a good final lunch and soaked in all of the local atmosphere that was Jim and Milts. The wooden benches, the signs and local décor, the football memorabilia and of course the memories of many pre-game or early morning

breakfast trips. This one will be missed and I am glad Cruisin Corvettes made one final visit. We wish the owners of 40 years a well -deserved retirement and offer our thanks for the great times.



### **CHILDREN'S LIGHTHOUSE XMAS VISIT!**

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I am sure many of you have participated in our annual Christmas visit to the Children's Lighthouse. We brought pizza, desserts and a donation as usual this year. About xx cars met over in the Publix parking lot on Mahan for the short drive over. This year, because the number of girls was smaller than usual with COVID, they could not perform their usual carols for us. I know that Chris was glad to escape his usual participatory performance of the 12 Days of Christmas. For those of you that don't know what this is, just ask some of the members – there are videos out there. After some good Costco Pizza and desserts, everyone headed out to look at the Corvettes. The girls loved sitting in them, gently revving the engines and learning all about the cars from the members. Afterward there may or may not have been some spirited acceleration upon leaving. Chris may have left a good portion of his rear tires there on the pavement but that is only a rumor.....





## **CRAVE!!**

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I spend a lot of time in my garage at my workbench working on things that are Corvette related, house project related and even work from home. With the pandemic, I found I spent even more time at the workbench and as a result, the need for a decent chair or stool became PAINFULLY apparent. My first thought was to look for a workbench stool with a backrest and Corvette logo. Didn't find much that I thought would hold up for long. Then I searched the internet looking at various options. Wanted one with casters, a backrest and even some adjustability in terms of height. Finally after a couple of weeks, I found a American company that was making some of the best looking, well-engineered, shop stools I have ever seen. Yes, they are not cheap but you do get what you pay for sometimes and luckily they had a Xmas sale. They engineer and build their stools. They come in several configurations and with some accessories if you like. You can also pay a little extra and have a logo embroidered into the seat. You can also pick some color combinations on the parts to make your stool look like you want. The parts are powder coated and billet aluminum or steel where it counts. I was a little concerned that assembly would be challenging since that has been my experience. Most parts rarely fit together like they are supposed to. In this case, I can report that the stool went together beautifully. The parts fit perfectly with nice tolerances and the result was a shop stool built like a tank. I went with some red powder coated leg braces and basic black cushions. I also ordered the locking casters later because I found that the stool rolls so well that my sloped garage floor caused it to sometimes roll freely away from where I wanted it to stay. Imagine, something rolls so easily its a minor issue. Well, I now have what I think is the perfect shop stool. You can get parts for your stool if you need them and you can upgrade some of the components if you like. They also followed up with me to make sure I had no issues and have been very responsive for questions. I also sent them a few ideas for future enhancements. If you are in the market, check them out. Vyper Industrial - <https://www.vyperindustrial.com>.



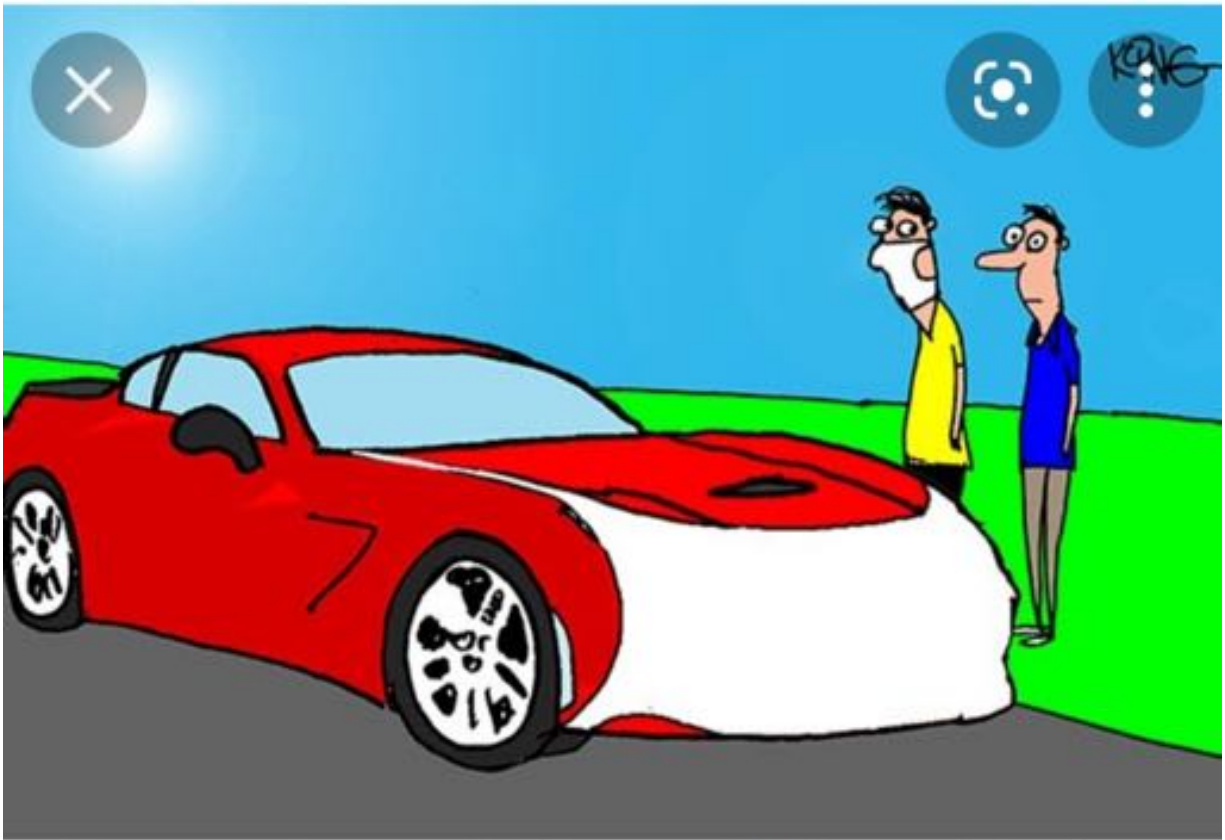
## A SUNDAY HISTORY RUN!

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CCOT Members started out having lunch at Lofty Pursuits, where no one was disappointed. Everyone enjoyed the food and most were shocked that they did more than ice cream and candy!!! A short ride to Thomasville Georgia and then since the Main house at Pebble Hill Plantation was not open for tours on Sundays, only the grounds tour was available, the club started out the tour at the Lapham-Patterson home. A 6,000 square foot historic residence constructed in 1884/1885 located at 626 Dawson Street, in Thomasville, Georgia as a winter cottage. CCOT Members got to enjoy this additional bonus tour, which was free on Sunday from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm. This Beautifully restored Queen Ann cottage was home of former Chicago Shoe Baron. Since Pebble Hill Plantation was open till 5:00 pm, we did the Lapham-Patterson home first. – *Lou Hyatt*

## APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS

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“It wasn’t easy finding a mask that big, but safety is a priority.”



*EPCOT – Test Track*

## **ROAD TRIP!**

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Two great road trip opportunities are coming up in May. These two are the ones you should put on your calendar!

The first one will be over the weekend of May 7-9 to the Corvettes on the Circle Car Show in St Armand's – Sarasota. This show is well run, attracts about 180 Corvettes and is located in a wonderful shopping and eating area. The trophies are highly sought after and its just a lot of fun. We will have a sizable group headed down for this one with our usual stop for lunch on the way. If you are new to the club, this would be one you will want to join. <https://starmandscircleassoc.com/event/classic-corvette-car-show-3/>

The second event is the Panama City Beach Caravan sponsored by the Dothan Corvette Club – May 19-22. This is a unique event that begins with a gathering in Dothan followed by a run to Panama City Beach where the actual show is held. The Dothan Club is a major contributor to the National Corvette Museum and they usually have the museum and representatives from the Corvette Factory and Engineering Team visiting for the event. They have update seminars on the status of all things Corvette during the show. After the show, they host a dinner for all that is followed by an auction with proceeds going to the museum. The auction is a lot of fun and the many of the items are one of a kind things from the museum, Corvette racing and



autographed collectibles. This is a really fun one that just down the road so think about joining in. <https://www.circlecitycorvettes.com>

## **NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!**

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**Check Out NCM Insurance!** – You may know that the NCM offers collector car insurance. Many members are part of the program which can save you anywhere from 30-40 percent off regular insurance rates on your Corvette. Quotes are free and definitely worth your time to check out. For more information, visit the NCM website here - <https://www.ncminsurance.com>.

**Join the Lifetime Legacy Program!** - Lifetime members of the NCM can carry on their membership through their children/grandchildren by providing them with the Lifetime Legacy. This allows their loved ones the opportunity to continue with their Lifetime membership and all benefits after their passing, carrying on the passion for Corvette and the Museum. For a one-time, tax-deductible donation of \$1,000, your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews will receive the same benefits as the Family membership level until the sponsoring Lifetime membership is passed down.

**BASH Registration is Now Open!** - Get excited! The registration for the 2022 Michelin NCM Bash is now open! From April 28 to 30, 2022, come kickoff the NCM on-site event season with us! Look forward to a seminar and classroom sessions by GM-certified Corvette Technician, Paul Koerner. Attendants will also be able to enjoy guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, auctions, book signings, and a banquet dinner. More details, like the full agenda, are coming soon! Online registration closes at 9:00 a.m. CT on Friday, April 1. All the awesome Bash activities are open to event registrants only! Those who register online will receive a hard-card credential, lanyard, event pin, and dash plaque. Lifetime member registration is \$25 per person, member registration is \$30 per person, and non-member registration is \$40 per person. There will also be on-site registration available, but it will be at increased rates!

### **Upcoming Museum Events**

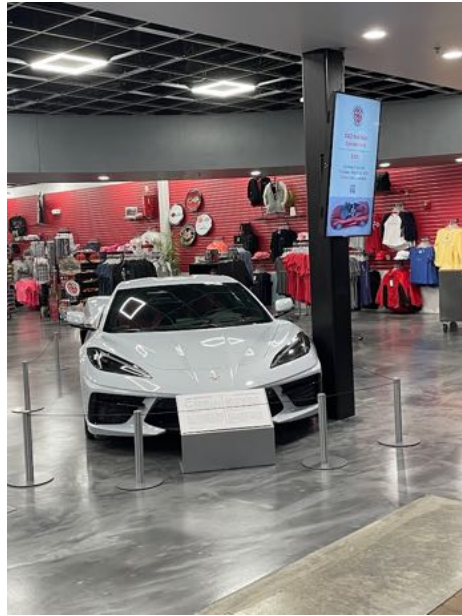
- MiM Sights and Sounds of New Orleans | March 29 - April 2, 2022 ([REGISTRATION OPEN](#))
- 2022 9-Day Caribbean Cruise | April 15 - April 24, 2022 (REGISTRATION CLOSED)
- Michelin NCM Bash | April 28 - April 30, 2022 ([REGISTRATION OPEN](#))
- MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin at Biltmore Estate | May 1 - May 4, 2022 (REGISTRATION CLOSED)
- MiM Branson Experience | May 31 - June 4, 2022 ([REGISTRATION OPEN](#))
- MiM Le Mans Tour | June 3 - June 14, 2022 ([REGISTRATION OPEN](#))

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

**Corvette Raffles!** - On your next visit to the National Corvette Museum you will be able to enjoy an all-new shopping experience in the Corvette Store. While we are only in Phase 1 of the renovation, you can already notice a few changes in this sneak peek photo! Corvettes that are currently a part of the raffle program can now be found in the Corvette Store. You can purchase tickets for all raffles at the admissions counter and the Corvette Store!

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. You can find the latest raffles here - <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org>



*Proceeds from raffles support the operations of the National Corvette Museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation.*

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



**Join us for our next meeting at Glory Days!**

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