



JANUARY 2023

BROOKDALE BLANKET BLITZ!

On Sunday, November 6th, the Cruisin Corvettes gathered in the Glory Days parking lot for a short ride around the corner to the Brookdale Memory Care Facility. We had a great turnout for the event and the caravan was led by the suitably decorated Napoli's C8 Corvette. Once we arrived, we filled up the front turnaround with Corvettes and the residents and staff were all sitting out front waiting for our arrival. The blankets were presented along with some refreshments and donuts for the staff. After some quiet conversations among the club members, staff and residents, the caravan left for a cruise down to the coast for some seafood. A GREAT BIG Cruisin' Corvettes of Tallahassee THANK YOU goes out to Angie Wallenfelsz, Christine Walsh, Diana Napoli and Bonnie Nielsen for all of their time, efforts and coordination to bring this successful and most important event for the individuals at the Memory Care Facility!





VETERANS DAY – VETS IN VETTES!

There has long been a connection between Americas Sportscar and our military veterans. Some of our club members have participated in various events to pay much deserved honor to our current and past service members through Vets in Vettes events or local Honor Flight car shows or events. For Veterans Day 2022, the Club reached out to the local parade organizing group to offer to participate and provide rides for veterans. With the help of Board Members Rick Raffensburger, the details were worked out with the Tallahassee Veterans organization. The day started off with a bit of rain but the festivities would not be ruined by a little poor weather. Cruisin Corvettes came out in force to participate in the parade and honor our veterans and service members. The line-up took place on North Monroe and once the parade kicked off a large contingent of Corvettes really made for a great showing and they provided an automotive honor guard for not only the Veterans riding in them but also those along the parade route watching and sharing the moment. Some pictures from the event are below and there is good video of the procession posted on our Facebook page. Thanks to all those that participated and to Rick for doing the heavy lifting on this very worthy event.





CHILDREN'S LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTMAS VISIT!

Once again, the Cruisin Corvette made their annual visit to the Children's Lighthouse on December 10th. Approximately 12 Cars made the trip with warm pizzas and desserts for the event. The day was nice and the Club presented a check to the foundation to fund a trip or experience for the girls. As usual there was a lot of nice conversation with the girls and lots of questions and observations about the cars. The girls enjoyed sitting in Americas Sports Car and learning about some of the different model years and capabilities. This is always a great event for the club and the girls in residence. Often we will hear one or more of the girls say that they will have a Corvette one day.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

During the month of December, Club has sponsored an annual Christmas party for quite a few years. This year, after about 5 years of enjoyable parties at the FSU University Club location, the Club decided to move to a new venue. The management of the former University Club has been assumed by a new organization and along with that change came steep price increases which the Board determined were just too much to justify continued use of the facility for our event. For our annual Christmas gather, the Club went to Big Papa's Chop House on the square in Quincy Florida. The restaurant is a short 30 minute drive to Quincy and

right on the main square. The square was nicely decorated for the holidays and the weather was not too bad with a little light rain. The owners opened the restaurant specifically for our event and we filled the place nicely. While the service was great, with an attentive and friendly staff, the real main event was the food. The menu included some very nice choices regardless of your interests and when the plates were delivered I think it is safe to say that we were all very pleasantly surprised and not only the size of the portions but also the quality of the meal. While members were diving in, Santa showed up and handed out some interesting and perhaps questionable gifts. And right as he turned his back to the front door, in what has now become a tradition, his pants fell down. This of course just as some folks were entering the restaurant. Ah the Christmas memories! Santa might need a new belt for next year.... As you might imagine there was a great deal of laughter, fun and fantastic food. The evening concluded with the legendary right-left Christmas gift exchange and a leisurely drive back to Tallahassee. Big Papa's Chop House is now on our list of favorite places.





APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS



FSU WINS – SHE'S OVER THE WALL!



SQUIRREL! *%\$#@%\$#@

Two days after crawling under my Corvette to do some minor maintenance, I walked out of the house to get in my grocery getter and happened to look down as I was walking to see a

piece of plastic that looked like it had been chewed on. As I bent to pick it up, I looked over at my Corvette to see several wires hanging down where they should not be.... Yep, a squirrel had decided that the inside of my Corvette body would be a lovely place to make a new home. Upon investigation, I found that the wires hanging down were actually to a charging connector located in the rear of the car that I used to plug in my battery tender so no big deal. As I was investigating the plastic piece I had found and its potential location, that's when the real fun became obvious. The plastic piece is a cover for a major wiring harness connector that plugs into the ECM behind just to the rear of the front passenger side wheel inside the fender area. Not only is there one major connector; but three. All had been chewed on but only one had been removed and wires actually damaged. Just lovely. So after cleaning out the area, making sure no exposed wires were touching anything they should not, disconnecting the battery and repairing the charge connector, I went to the web to source three new wiring harness connectors, covers and clamps. Not about to start the car until the damage is reviewed and repaired. I have visions of the engine or ECM just going boom. Ill be down for awhile. Stay tuned for the next installment.



NEW LIMITED COLLECTOR EDITION!

This is a one of one edition. Special thank you to all of the Club Members who sent their well wishes to Alex and Casey Moore. Caiden John Moore was born on December 7th after a lengthy build process. We are happy to report that this edition has all of the preferred high performance equipment including extra loud horn and performance exhaust. Currently under a special break in period but soon to be out in the wild before long. Thanks again everyone!



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!

Z06's Have Arrived! – Santa came early to the NCM Motorsports Park! The new Z06s have arrived, and guests can now book their driving experiences!

<https://www.motorsportspark.org/drive-a-z06/>

Museum Artifact of the Month - This month we present The Biederman Collection. This extensive, carefully curated collection of newspaper ads, sales materials, magazines, and toys, spanning the history of Corvette going back to the 1950s, was built and donated by founding Museum member, George Biederman. <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/the-biederman-collection/>

The 2024 Caravan is Coming! (Reminder) - The National Corvette Caravan is coming! As many of you know, every 5 years coinciding with the annual Labor Day celebration of the NCM Anniversary, there is a National Corvette Caravan. This event is years in the making. Clubs join regional caravan groups which usually choose a beginning rendezvous point and then proceed to Bowling Green over several days. On the way there are usually a lot of activities and stop overs at scenic places. I participated in the 2014 and 2019 Caravans and I enjoyed them both immensely. In 2014 I got a chance to run my car at Talladega and in 2019 I was able to do the same at Daytona. These experiences were two of many that I greatly enjoyed. In 2019 we had a solid club cohort that participated in the event and I am sure that there will be interest in the 2024 event based upon my informal conversations thus far. Perhaps the most important thing we will need to do as soon as things become clearer will be to reserve hotel rooms. Like last time, we will build out a detailed itinerary for everyone participating. More details to come as soon as they are released.

eBay Items for Auction! - Have you ever wanted to own a piece of National Corvette Museum history? Your chance to own the "Living the Dream" banner is happening NOW! Place your bids on this item today! Auction ends Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 1 PM CT. Place your bid! <https://www.ebay.com/usr/nationalcorvette>

Upcoming Museum Events

- MiM Daytona Rolex 24 | January 25 - 30, 2023 ([WAIT LIST AVAILABLE](#))
- 2023 Michelin NCM Bash | April 27 - 29, 2023 ([REGISTRATION OPENING EARLY 2023](#))
- MiM Dragon Run Presented By Michelin | April 30 - May 3, 2023 ([REGISTRATION OPEN](#))
- MiM Le Mans Tour | June 3 - June 13, 2023 ([REGISTRATION OPEN](#))
- MiM Alaska Cruise | July 11 - 22, 2023 ([REGISTRATION OPEN](#))

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

Corvette Raffles! - 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>



2023 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$80,000 1/19/2023

Price: **\$250.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1119

Drawing: January 19, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time

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2023 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe 2/9/2023

Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1231

Drawing: February 9, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time

2023 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe 2/9/2023



2023 Torch Red Corvette Convertible 4/29/2023

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: April 29, 2023 3:00 PM Central Time

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

Join us for our next meeting on January 5th at Glory Days!

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