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NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – CHANGES AT THE TOP!

Recently, the NCM Board of Directors put out a press release to all members that CEO Sharon Brawner had resigned effective immediately and that Bryce Burklow would be serving as interim Chief Operating Officer while the Board conducted a national search. Also, I have recently heard for the NCM, that the Board has kicked off a national search for a new CEO. To many of us this was a shocking development that came with no warning a no comment in the announcement as to why Brawner left so suddenly. Sharon Brawner was hired with much fanfare after the abbreviated run of the previous CEO who left under similar rather immediate circumstances. Given that no one is commenting on the changes other than the official notice that was distributed so there is no evidence of any problems. Perhaps that is just the manner that the Board has been advised to handle such things. Several websites in the Corvette community have commented on the circumstances seeming a bit odd and one well known site suggested that there was hope that the Board would “get it right this next time”. I can only say that I hope our next CEO is an outstanding choice and that they stay awhile.

CARAVAN CHAOS!

Earlier this month I received a note for the Florida Caravan Captains that for personal reasons, they were going to have to step down from their role. This announcement came right on the heels of the changes at the NCM so I got a few emails wondering if there were any connections between the two events. Thus far, I don't know of any. The former Caravan Captains offered the leadership and planning resources to anyone who wanted to step up and take over for them and as a back-up plan the National Caravan Chair would seek a replacement. Thus far, I have not heard of any new leaders for the Florida Caravan. In the meantime, I have reached out to our friends in the Dothan club to see what they are doing and they have not yet decided. We were able to determine that there is a caravan group coming through North Florida named the Southeastern Caravan that includes LA, MS and North Florida. They have plans to do some track days at Talladega and the Nashville Superspeedway. I have reached out to them to determine their route plan. For now, I would urge you to nail down your Bowling Green rooms and we will see what the routing plans are once things become more clear. If all else fails, we can join in on the Southeastern Caravan activities or plan our own modified route up to Bowling Green. Stay tuned. By the way, The NCM has just announced that the factory tours will be going on during the Caravan celebration. Set your calendars! Registration for the tours opens on May 15th.

PINEWOOD DERBY!

Several of our club members met over at Killlearn Methodist Church on Saturday February 10th for the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby. Club members joined others from the car community to bring out their cars for the cub scouts to see while attending the Pinewood races.

I remember working with my dad to construct my Pinewood race car. It was a lot of fun to do and we made a few mistakes along the way that had to be corrected which is part of the experience. My car ended up being a version of an early indy race car complete with a logo painted on the side. As it turned out, my racer looked better than it performed. Making these cars fast back in the day was pretty difficult as the axles were comprised of tack sized nails holding each of the four plastic wheels on. As you might imagine alignment was almost impossible and the wobble from what were wooden excuses for control arms was ever present. But, hey I looked fast. From what I could tell the wooden kits of today are better designed a probably much more competitive. It was a lot of fun to see some of the racing and to see members answering questions about the real cars on display. I just might have to build a 2024 Pinewood racer.... Is there a configurator for that on the Chevrolet site?



MEETING MANIA !

Well I have to say our meetings are a lot of fun! As our club grows, we continue to have new and old members attending with very diverse interests and some really great cars. In the last two years we have seen more very nice C4 models present as well as some great new C8s. Come on out a join the conversation on the first Thursday of the month at Casa Grande! Meetings begin at 7 with cars showing up about 6 to park and grab some dinner. You will always find some interesting people and things talk about. See you there!



APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!

The 2024 NCM BASH is Coming! – Registration has opened for the BASH which is slated for April 25-27. Activities include seminars by Team Corvette, Bowling Green Assembly Plant, Michelin, Mobil 1, and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Enjoy guided road tours, NCM Choice car show, a live auction, vendors, and the announcement of the 2024 Corvette Hall of Fame Class, along with wine tastings and Stingray Grill Happy Hour! [REGISTER NOW](#)

Upcoming Museum in Motion Events



MiM Dragon Run

April 28 - May 1, 2024

REGISTER NOW



MiM Le Mans Tour

June 8 - 18, 2024

REGISTER NOW



2024 Corvette Caravan

August 29-31, 2024

REGISTER NOW OR FIND YOUR LOCAL LEADER

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>



2024 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 3/7/2024
Price: \$200.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 788
Drawing: March 7, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time
2024 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 3/7/2024



2024 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe 3/28/2024
Price: \$100.00 Tickets: 2000 Available: 1349
Drawing: March 28, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time
2024 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe 3/28/2024



2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 4/18/2024
Price: \$150.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 1262
Drawing: April 18, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time
2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 4/18/2024



2024 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$85,000 4/26/2024
Price: \$250.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 1379
Drawing: April 26, 2024 3:00 PM Central Time
2024 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$85,000 4/26/2024



2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 4/27/2024
Price: \$20.00 Unlimited Raffle
Drawing: April 27, 2024 3:00 PM Central Time
2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 4/27/2024

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

Join us for our next meeting on March 7th at Glory Days!

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