

MARCH 2020

REMEMBERING DWIGHT CHASTAIN...

On February 12th, our close Corvette community lost one of our own. Dwight Chastain, a member of our Board and regular stalwart of the group, passed away. His loss was quite sudden and was deeply felt by all who knew him. We will certainly miss his presence and the joy of seeing Dwight and Juanita in their silver C5 at all of our events. Dwight enjoyed his motorcycles, his Corvette, kayaking, freshwater fishing, the musical group the Eagles and mostly spending time with Juanita, family and friends. Many of us had a chance to meet with the family at Bevis Funeral Home on the 16th and share some good memories. Our sympathy and support go out to Juanita and the family at this time.



BTW, you may see that familiar silver C5 at future events or cruising around town as Moe Endara purchased Dwight and Juanta's car and he has really done a great job honoring Dwight's memory by freshening it up and adding some new Grand Sport wheels.



CAR-ONA VIRUS STRIKES!

Without going into the gloom of the current medical and economic issues, I wanted to update everyone on the fate of several car events normally scheduled for the spring. Here are a few notes on the impact of the current situation.

- The 24 hours of LeMans has been postponed until the fall.
- The Circle City Panama City Beach Caravan has been rescheduled for October 29th-31st
- St Armand's Corvettes on the Circle has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 19th
- The 12 hours at Sebring was postponed
- NASCAR has postponed several races over the last two weeks with no firm resumption scheduled. In the meantime, we have NASCAR iRacing.
- The Wakulla Springs Car Show has been postponed until the fall
- Cars and Coffee has also been placed on hiatus for the next few weeks
- The Michelin/NCM Bash has been rescheduled
- Celebration Father's Day Car Show is moving to October
- Currently the National Corvette Museum is closed until further notice.
- There has been no change yet on Bloomington Gold at Indianapolis for June

C8'S ARE HERE!

From all reports on the Interweb, owners are reporting that they are beginning to receive their C8s, and the National Corvette Museum has received its first shipment for Museum Delivery. Some of the earliest cars looked pretty standard in terms of looks. Before too long however, we started to see pictures of higher wings at the rear, more striping and some of the additional interior and wheel choices. Bottom-line, there are some very nice looking C8's that are beginning to share the road.

The other interesting things has been the videos or picture of the C8 gauge cluster pre and post 500 miles. Before the 500-mile barrier, the tach shows a limit of about 4500 RPM. Once you break the magic 500-mile barrier, the tach changes to show a redline closer to 7000. Automated break-in period limiter....

In another curious effect of the current virus and economic crisis, there seem to be a number of available C8's at dealers. Looks like the current scenario may have resulted in some buyers backing away for a purchase. Given the economic outlook, I suspect the car business may find the times challenging. So, there are some nice incentives from GM right now and some C8s on the lot. Hmmmmm.

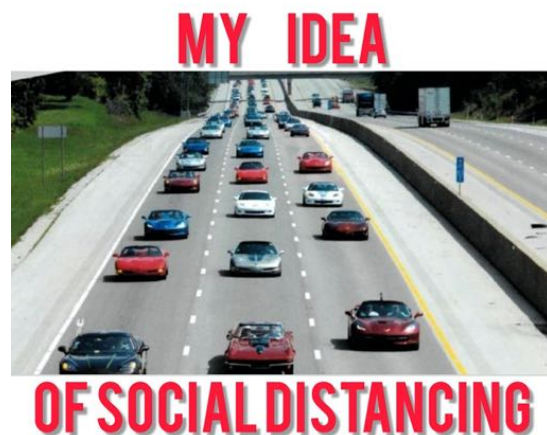


SOCIAL DISTANCING AND CRUISIN CORVETTES!

Once again, given our current environment through April, the club will not be having regular business meetings. In addition, as many of you know, Chuy's has permanently closed so we will be searching for a suitable new meeting location during this short break. However, where there is a will there is a way! We have seen some of our members get together, "distantly", for a cruise around town. The concept is, stay in your car, meet up and drive. Driving your Corvette is one thing you can do and adhere to the national guidelines for social distancing.

The Board will continue to meet "virtually" and oversee the Clubs business. Several other groups have tried some virtual meetings and it has worked well. As many of you know, virtual education is the main business of your editor and I can say two things. First, its working very well and second, there are several stocks I should have bought! This past weekend I participated in a virtual meet up with the Car Guys here in Tallahassee. The virtual event lasted 40 minutes and it was a lot of fun to see many of the participants garages and cars. I think it will work well for our Board meetings.

APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS!



2020 ANNUAL CAR SHOW!

Our annual car show is scheduled for October 3rd at the Southwood shopping area off Merchants Row. Chip and the Board are beginning to put together the sponsor package, flyers and additional details now. If you have any ideas or want to assist with this year's show, please let Chip or any of the Board members know.

RUN TO THE REV!

Since the Cruisin Corvettes Car Show had to be postponed, why let. Perfectly good Saturday go to waste. So, with that in mind, an intrepid group of members got together for a run over the canopy roads for a little exploration shopping in Monticello and lunch at the Rev Café. The weather was great, and it was an easy cruise up for a nice lunch. Judging by the pictures alone, it looks like a good option for a repeat performance!



ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF!

The club has held an annual chili cookoff for many years. This year, we met out at Mike Wallenfelz's warehouse in Havana. The weather was gorgeous, the warehouse was great to explore with all the memorabilia and of course Mikes cars. We tasted about 7 pots of various types of chili and they were all good. HOWEVER, the rum cake baked by David Clay was exceptional. More than one slice would likely have resulted in a traffic citation for DUI! After the spoons were put down and the washers (used to vote) were counted, David Clay won this year's title of best Chili Cook along with the coveted ceremonial apron. In addition, a new award was also presented to the last place chili chef. That award went to Chris Keena who was presented with a collector cookbook title, "You Suck at Cooking (*Chili*)!" A fun event, wonderful location, good chili and then there was that rum cake!



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!

Vette Academy: New Web-based Video Series! – The NCM has a great new series of webcasts that cover all types of subjects related to our favorite car. The new educational video series, geared towards kids, offering some fun content on Corvette and automotive-related topics. The series has completed 6 episodes so far.

Topics include:

Corvette Generations
Museum Sinkhole and How it Was Fixed
How to Change a Tire
Corvette Designers and If I Built a Car
Corvette's Early History
Corvette Toys

New episodes are uploaded each weekday to YouTube, our website and Facebook! So, if you have some kids needing something to do, what better thing to do during this isolated time?

[Tune in to all the episodes](#)

Fully Vetted Video Series Now Free on Museum Website - Announcing the debut of yet another video series, Fully Vetted. The first and second episodes have dropped featuring backstories on the 1953 Corvette, including how the car came to be and an episode on the 1983 Corvette, and why only one (and a half) still exist! They have made these episodes free as a 'thank you' to supporters but hope you will consider making a tax-deductible donation, which will allow them to continue providing digital content.

New DRIVEN Series - This week a new series geared towards petrol heads will debut on the Discovery Channel. Monday, March 30 DRIVEN is slated to air, featuring Galpin Auto Sports' President Beau Boeckmann, custom car builder Dave Shuten and customization specialist "Mad Mike" Martin (best known for his appearance on MTV's Pimp My Ride"). The series will focus on saving automotive history and rescuing 'car culture from oblivion.' The trio will uncover historic and one-of-a-kind cars to rebuild and reintroduce back into the automotive history books. The National Corvette Museum will be featured on the Wishbone episode, set to air on May 11 at 8pm CT (check local listings).

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.

2020 "Build Your Own" Corvette

Or \$60,000 Cash Option

Raffle Drawing 04/24/2020

Tickets \$250 / Limited to 1,500 Tickets

Only 350 Tickets SOLD as of 03/26/2020

2020 Black Corvette Coupe

Raffle Drawing 4/25/2020

Tickets \$20 / Unlimited Tickets

2020 Torch Red Corvette Coupe

Raffle Drawing 04/30/2020

Tickets \$150 / Limited to 1,500 Tickets

Only 274 Tickets SOLD as of 03/26/2020

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

Upcoming Museum Events

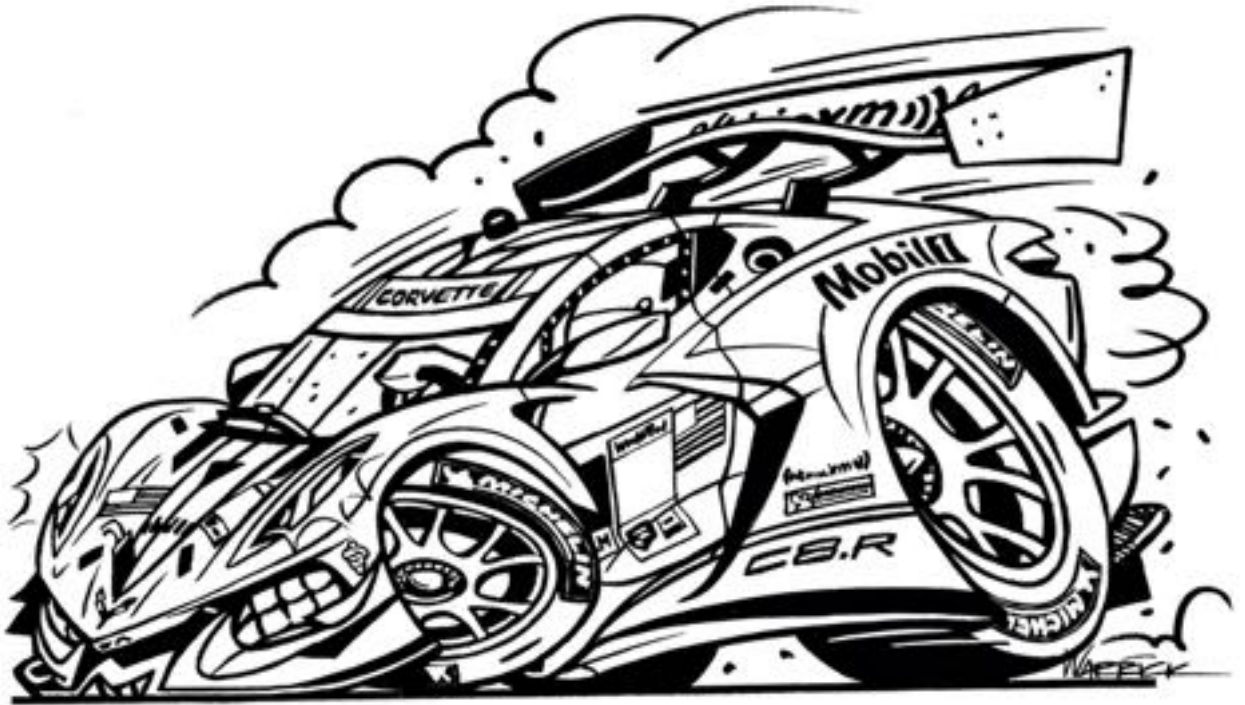
- [Museum in Motion 'Plantation Tour'](#) | March 31 – April 4, 2020 (POSTPONED TO 2021)
- [Michelin NCM Bash](#) | May 28-30, 2020 (NEW DATES)
- Space has opened for road tours. Check out the event page to add a tour to your agenda!
- [Museum in Motion 'Dragon Run' Presented by Michelin](#) | May 31-June 3, 2020 (TWO SPOTS LEFT!)
- [The Gathering](#) | May 14 – May 16, 2020 (CANCELLED)
- [Museum in Motion Branson](#) | May 26-30, 2020 (SOLD OUT)
- [Museum in Motion Le Mans](#) | September TBD, 2020 (NEW DATES)
- [Le Mans Race Weekend at NCM](#) | September 19-20, 2020 (NEW DATES)
- [Museum in Motion Colorado Springs](#) | July 12 - 17, 2020 (SOLD OUT)
- [26th Anniversary Celebration](#) | September 3 – 5, 2020
- [Museum in Motion National Parks Tour](#) | September 20-26, 2020

Additional Museum in Motion and On-Site Events to be added.

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

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

Got some little ones at home and need a good project? How about some coloring?



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