

DECEMBER 2021

ANNUAL XMAS PARTY AND EVENTS

The annual CCOT Christmas Party will be held on December 4th at the FSU University Club. We anticipate another great time, good food and perhaps a visit from that jolly old elf. Perhaps this year, his pants will not keep falling off..... You had to be there. I trust that Mrs. Claus is feeding him well. The annual gift exchange is a highlight so bring a wrapped Corvette related gift worth from \$15-\$25.

That morning we will also cruise over for our usual visit to the Children's Lighthouse. If you have not participated in this event – this is a MUST DO for the Christmas season. The girls love to see the cars and sit in them. The Club provides the pizza and desserts so come hungry.

2021 ALL-AMERICAN CAR SHOW

The weather could not have been any clearer! Things were set up and ready to go. Members were there to direct traffic and organize the activities and the judges were prepared. In short – the 2021 All-American Car Show happened! We had great cars and some fun auction items to help raise money for local charities this year! Also, the 50/50 drawing got up to a new high of \$795 with proceeds from that going to the National Corvette Museum. Thanks to all who worked the event, brought their cars out and entered or participated in one or more of the auctions of drawings. Special thanks to Chip Perkins who organized the show this year. For a great overview of the show, check out the video through this link.

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ANOTHER GREAT BEACH CARAVAN- CIRCLE CITY SHOW!

Some of our members have participated in the Dothan Circle City Corvette Club Beach Caravan and Car Show for several years. This is a pretty unique event in that it starts in Dothan, makes a run to Panama City Beach and ends with a great little car show and auction. For those who have not been, put this one on your list. The event begins in Dothan on a Thursday with a meet and greet at the local Chevrolet dealer in Dothan to pick up goody bags, shirts, and entry documents. Later that evening is a dinner that usually involves a speaker from the National Corvette Museum. This year the new CEO of the NCM attended the event. Friday morning begins with a meet up at the National Peanut Festival fairgrounds and then staged departure for Panama City at semi-legal speeds. Once everyone arrives at Pier Park for lunch and shopping, everyone checks into their rooms and then meets for a meet and greet at a local spot. This year everyone had a great evening of conversation and good food and drink. Saturday is the car show

with seminars presented by NCM and GM representatives. This year Kurt Bennion provided an in-depth presentation on the new Z06. Later that evening there is a fun banquet, presentation of awards and auction of very interesting Corvette items. The Dothan club has a solid relationship with both Corvette Racing and the NCM so not only are there one-of-a-kind items in the auction, but the NCM also attends the show and sets up a mobile store. Since the show was just before Halloween, they added a costume contest this year and as you can see from the picture below our club members were well represented and properly attired. I am happy to report that this year our members in attendance placed well in the judging. Russ Sobczak won second place in the C4 class. Mike Wallenfels won 1st place in the C5 class. Brian and Christy Walsh won 3rd place in the C6 category. Andre Pozzuoli won 1st in the C2 class as well as Best of Show! Also, in an unusual announcement Pat McElveen was announced as a winner in the C6 class for his C7. We haven't quite figured out exactly what that means or what he might have won but, in any case, he seems to have made a positive impression. Congratulations to all.



LET'S GO!!

Thinking forward to 2022, we have a few events in the planning stages that should be penciled in on your calendars. First, the trip to Providence Canyon will likely be scheduled for late January with an overnight stay. Second, there will be a potential short cruise up to Cairo to visit the car museum there with lunch at the Crispy Chick. If you have not been to this little hidden gem of a museum, you will want to see some of the unique cars and auto memorabilia right down the road. Look for this cruise in March. And finally, you may have heard several members talk about the trip to St Armand's for the Corvettes on the Circle Show. This show is in Sarasota and many of us have been several times. This is always a fabulous trip, in a beautiful

location with wonderful shopping and food. The Corvette show is top notch with over 160 cars and some great one-off entries. This is personally one of my favorite trips that I try to make every year. Put this one on your calendar for sure. We will have a large group going this year the weekend of May 7th. So, start planning now. We will provide additional details as they become known.

PAUL KOERNER MAKES A TRANSITION!

Many of you have heard me talk about Paul Koerner who is a Corvette Master Technician who works at Key Chevrolet in Connecticut. In recent years, Paul has made the rounds at Bloomington Gold, the NCM Anniversary Celebration, Corvettes at Carlisle, and other large shows with his very informative seminars. Paul is the finest Corvette technician in the country in my opinion. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of Corvette; their service needs and ways to quickly troubleshoot most any issues. I have seen him regularly recite long part numbers from memory and readily volunteer to diagnose, crawl underneath or repair Corvettes at no charge during these events. He is very generous with his time when helping Corvette owners and has offered evening Zoom sessions for owners on various topics of interest. Given his knowledge and reputation, perhaps it was only a matter of time, but I was surprised to hear he was leaving his position at Key Chevrolet. Obviously, I wondered where he might be going. Well, I did not have far to look. Paul is going to work at GM. Great hire for them and an opportunity for him to continue to advance in his knowledge and skill. Hopefully we will still see Paul at the various events in the future. Congratulations to Paul for a job well done and for the recognition and new opportunity!

THERE IS A NEW MAGAZINE IN TOWN!

Some of you will remember an older magazine called Corvette Fever that ceased publication some years ago. Well Alan Colvin has relaunched the magazine this year. The new magazine is both online and in print. The paper magazine is much higher end than the original Corvette Fever with glossy pages, high end photography and a more artsy look. I jumped in for a 2-year subscription and received the first issue a month back. It's a nice magazine. I also got some Corvette Fever swag. A hat, some stickers, a lanyard, and a pin for my hat. Not a bad deal. The magazine is a quarterly and I have yet to see it on newsstands but who knows. If you want to check it out, you can find more information through the following link. <https://www.corvettefevermag.com>



DECEMBER MYSTERY DINNER!

We will have a mystery dinner this month on December 16th. Russ Sob is in charge of this one. So, if you are ready to get out and escape some of the holiday rush, come on out a join the fun. We meet at 7PM.

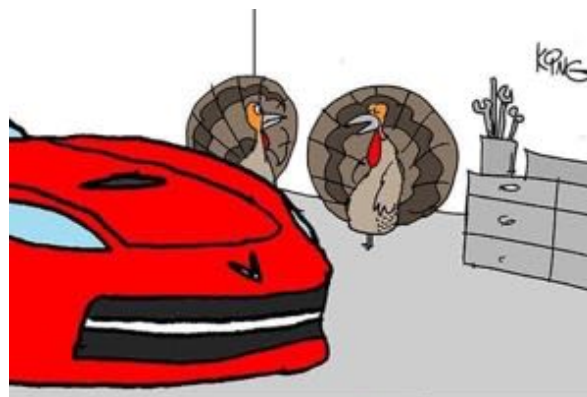
CORVETTE Z06 DEBUTS ON OCTOBER 26TH!

The Corvette Z06 has made its debut to what can only be described as INSANE demand. People are posting on Facebook about how they have waited in line to get on a waitlist, wired deposits in excess of \$5,000 and sadly, some have been taken advantage of. There has really not been any official pricing yet, but unconfirmed rumor has it at about \$27,000 over the base car with desirable add-ons quickly getting you to total over \$100K. Not too surprising. So, what is the real lure here? I am sure many of you have read the specs and watched the video. Several points can be made. First, this is a pretty incredible car from ALL reports. Second, if the sound of that engine does not send chills up your spine, then just turn in your keys now. Third, in an age of nothing but hype over the death of the internal combustion engine, this car may be the last real moonshot of pure naturally aspirated adrenalin we will see. And perhaps finally, the price point for performance is 4 times less from similar exotics. Now is there a negative? Yes, maybe a couple to look at and explore. First, this really is a performance-oriented track beast that you can drive on the street. So, a lot of the cost is aimed at that performance that most people will never use. (I know but we all want it anyway!). Second, this car is technologically speaking a pretty sophisticated machine that we need to know more about as to service requirements. I have heard that some of the tire options are good for about 3000 miles. Prospective owners – be ready here. In any case, if you have put your money down for a solid place on a list – CONGRATULATIONS! I hear that all waitlists for the car are now closed. We will see how this shakes out as people drop off due to price or decide they don't want to wait. Hold on to your seats as the review begin to creep out – this is going to be a fun ride.

APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS!



"I saved all my change for the last 30 years, so now I'm going to the bank to cash it in so I can buy a Corvette. I had to rent this forklift to lift all of it."



"To keep from being the Thanksgiving dinner, I learned to be an awesome Corvette mechanic. Who says self preservation can't be fun."

DUES ARE DUE!

Yes, it's that time of year. Let's all work to help Pat, our hard-working treasurer, avoid stress and get our dues payments in as soon as possible. Club dues are \$30 a year for individuals and \$40 for a couple. Pat will take cash, checks, negotiable securities but no livestock.

CORVETTE RACING CLAIMS FINAL GTLM CHAMPIONSHIP!

Chevrolet and Corvette Racing claimed all three full-season GT Le Mans titles of the IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship. This year, Chevrolet claimed its 14th Manufacturers title in GT racing. Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor went back-to-back as Drivers champions while the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R repeated as Team title-winners. Chevrolet and Corvette Racing won 7 times in the IMSA Championship and claimed a pole position in each GTLM race heading into Petit Le Mans. No. 4 Corvette C8.R teammates Tommy Milner and Nick Tandy finished second in GTLM points with the start of today's race. Milner and Tandy were also contributors in the Manufacturers Championship with three victories and two pole positions. Corvette Racing will return to IMSA in January for the season-opening Rolex 24 At Daytona in the new GTD PRO category. That effort will go along with a single-car entry in the FIA World Endurance Championship. - *NCM*

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!

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.

Upcoming Museum Events

- 2022 9-Day Caribbean Cruise | April 15 - April 24, 2022 (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)
- Michelin NCM Bash | April 28 - April 30, 2022
- MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin at Biltmore Estate | May 1 - May 4, 2022 (WAIT LIST AVAILABLE)

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

Current 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. Here are some of the upcoming raffles.



2022 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 12/16/2021

Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 837

Drawing: December 16, 2021 2:00 PM Central Time

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2022 Black Corvette Coupe 1/13/2022

Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1789

Drawing: January 13, 2022 2:00 PM Central Time

2022 Black Corvette Coupe 1/13/2022

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

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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