

OCTOBER 2022

VISITING SOUTH GEORGIA CORVETTE AND THE VIPER PIT!

On Saturday, August 20th, about 15 cars met for a run up to Thomasville to visit Aaron Scott and his South Georgia Corvette Shop. The weather was nice and we had an enjoyable easy cruise up to South Georgia Corvette. We were met by Aaron and he graciously provided us a tour of his shop, some of the great cars and described an interesting C3 Corvette frame-off restoration project. It was fun to see such a project underway and for anyone who has worked on their car, the easy access to certain parts and areas of the car when you can remove the body is eye opening. Aaron had some very nice cars in the shop including several Vipers, a C3, a Shelby Cobra and lots of engine parts I recognized. He has a great shop with all the right tools; not the least of which is air conditioning! Once we finished at the shop and ate most of the provided cookies, we headed across the front lawn to another fascinating building. To anyone who ever owned and raced slot cars as a child, Aaron's Viper Pit Slot Car tracks bring back all those memories. The Viper Pit is a moderately sized building that contains two slot car tracks that are impressive to see. Folks can come there and race their cars and there are also competitions held there that attract competitors from far and wide. The cars I saw running are incredibly fast such that they are hard to follow. Clearly the cars and the technology have changed over the many years since I participated in this. Like most competitive endeavors there are rules and restrictions for serious competition and you can also find a wide range of the necessary equipment and other supplies available for purchase. Quite an interesting visit and learning opportunity for many of us who grew up with slot cars. After watching some of the cars run and getting an overview from Aaron, we all saddled up and cruised over to one of our favorite Mexican restaurants for a relaxing lunch. Definitely a fun way to spend a Saturday morning! Thanks to Aaron for being such a wonderful and informative host! I may have to break my old slot car out of mothballs soon.....





FISCAL MATTERS?

As we head into the busy holiday season, you might want to go ahead and cross some of the club fiscal matters off of your list. Typically there are three things that come up every year for members involving payments to the club. For many of us it works out well to go ahead and plan for these or take care of them before the rush of November and December happens. First, club membership is \$30 for individuals or \$40 for a couple. Second, each year we sponsor the Children's Lighthouse girls with a donation of \$50 per girl. This year we are planning to support 23 girls so we encourage you to contribute to this very worthy cause. Typically the girls will be able to visit Wild Adventures or some similar place and we present them with a check during our normal Pizza Party/Christmas visit. If you have never participated in this event, don't miss it this year! Finally, the club holds its annual Christmas party in early December. If you would like to attend, the cost this year is projected to be \$60 a person. The party is normally held at the FSU University Club with great food, desserts and our legendary gift exchange. So, take care of things early. I understand that our noble treasurer Pat will take cash or check but no livestock.

RAFFLE TICKET ROUND UP!

Several years ago, the National Corvette Museum was forced to cease selling raffle tickets by mail and also sending them to ambassadors, like me, to sell to club members at meetings and car shows. This had something to do with the conditions of their gaming license to conduct raffles and probably the restriction on such games in other states. As a result, the new process allows for you to purchase your ticket online through their site and the mail in a form with a bar code on it to the museum where the actual ticket is then placed in the appropriate drawing. While not a bad solution, the new process makes it very hard for ambassadors to track how many tickets are actually purchased by club members since this is largely an individual activity. This is a minor problem when it comes to the end of the year report required of all club ambassadors. To maintain active standing as an NCM ambassador, you must achieve a certain level of points each year. Points are awarded for things like how many club members are NCM members, how many reports or newsletter items you provide to the club on NCM activities, if your club purchases a parking lot banner or makes a coordinated visit etc. For a smaller club like ours, one of the major ways I can gain the points required is to sell raffle tickets. With the new process, I rely on members to tell me if they have purchased tickets and what type they purchased. So far it is working out okay but I think we can do something to improve both sales and some record keeping. For each meeting beginning in November, I propose that we have a **Raffle Ticket Roundup**. Here is how it will work.

- Prior to the meeting, go online to the museum site and purchase whatever raffle ticket(s) you like and print the forms.
- Bring the forms to the meeting.

- I will collect them all and put them in a priority mail envelope and send the group to the NCM the next day.

Hopefully this will make it more convenient for you and let me have some idea of what type of sales and points we are generating. Please keep in mind that you will want to check out the date of the drawing to make sure you are purchasing tickets within the timeframe needed. Check out the raffles noted at the end of this newsletter that might be of interest. I will have an envelope ready to send off at our next meeting!

A NEW CONFIGURATOR/VISUALIZER....

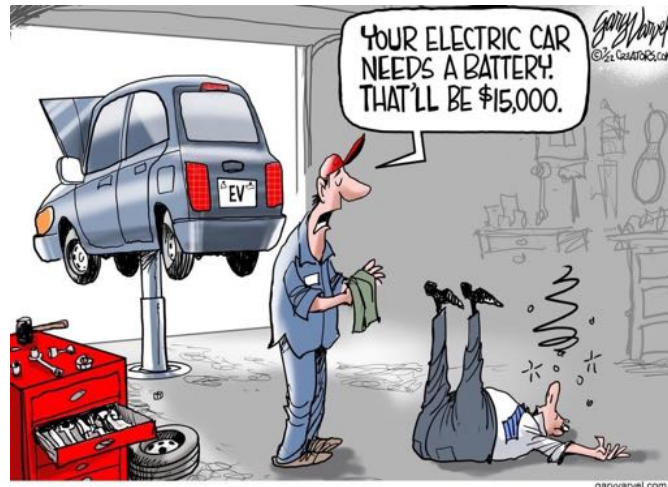
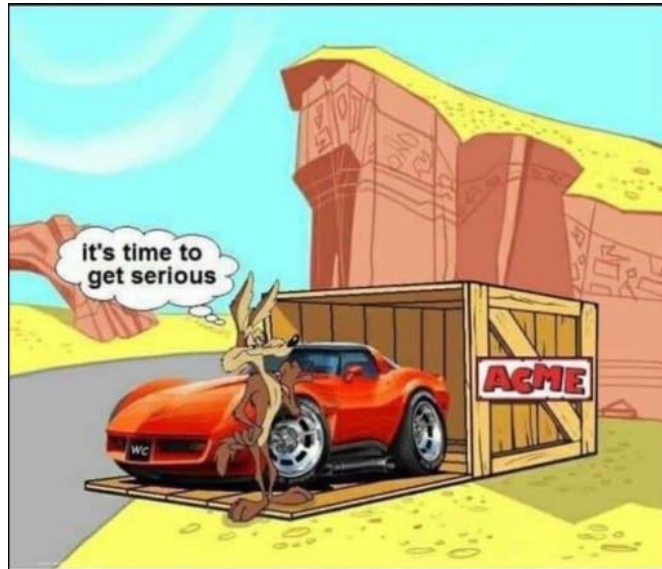
GM has released a new Visualizer for the Z06 for 2023 that is easier to use and from all reports does a better job. Using it won't get you any further up in the line or assure you any MSRP pricing, but you can see what options you can get and how things will actually look on the car. CAUTION, usage might trigger strong desires to spend great amounts of money in pursuit of what, from all reports, is a fantastic car. Check it out at www.chevrolet.com/performance/corvette/z06 .

BLANKETS FOR BROOKDALE!

As many of you know, there is a dedicated group of members led by Christy Walsh and Angie Wallenfelsz that have been working on cutting out and tying blankets for donation to the residents of the Memory Center at Brookdale. This is a very nice way to focus some of our efforts on the community and provide something useful to the residents at the same time. The "Blanket Battalion" met for two workdays at Glory Days with some doing work at home as well. All together the club will be able to deliver 32 finished blankets to Brookdale on November 6th. We will gather in the back parking lot at Glory Days Restaurant, 1926 Capital Circle NE, Tallahassee, FL 32308 on November 06, 2022 @ 1:45 PM and will promptly depart @ 2:00 PM. After the presentation CCOT Members will depart the Memory Care Center and caravan to Angelo's Seafood Restaurant located at 5 Mashas Sands Road, Panacea, FL 32346. CCOT Members attending the dinner will meet at the Circle K Store located at the corner of CCSW and Crawfordville Road, 5012 Crawfordville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32305 so we can gather as a group and caravan to Angelo's together. Please contact Christine Walsh at 772.215.3034 or Angie Wallenfelsz at 850.510.6448 no later than 5:00 PM Friday, November 04, 2022 if you can attend the blanket presentation and/or attend the dinner afterwards. Plan on joining in! We would like to have a strong showing as there may be local media present for the blanket drop off.



APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS



CHRISTMAS PLANNING!

Save December 10th on your calendar now! On that Saturday, the club will convene to enjoy two of our best annual events of the holiday season. First we will meet in the morning to cruise over to the Children's Lighthouse Home and share a pizza party, present a check and have a great time talking with the girls and letting them sit in and check out our cars. This event is both a major highlight for both them and us. As I have said, if you never been before you are really missing something. Second, we will also have our annual Christmas Party that evening. Plans are to hold the event at the University Club with, as I have said, the legendary gift exchange. All of this includes a festive atmosphere, great food, drinks and perhaps a visit by some guy in a red suit. Save the date and start planning now. The date will be here before we know it.

50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITIONS!

Seems like Rick and Donna Raffensburger have reached a significant milestone. Recently they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Who knew? Clearly, they started very young. Congratulations!



BABY ON BOARD!

Can you put a car seat in a 1979 Corvette? Perhaps we will find out. Alex and Casey Moore are expecting their new future Corvette owner to arrive on or about December 15th. Early congratulations! Thanks to all the club members who have been so kind to them as they prepare for their new delivery. Museum delivery was apparently not an option for this limited edition???



HOMECOMING AND PARADE SEASON!

Fall brings with it high school and college football, and following along is the usual homecoming festivities. Seems recently we have been contacted about possibly providing cars for members of the homecoming court to ride in at various events. Members attended both the Aucilla and North Florida Christian Academy homecoming events. In addition, we are also putting together a group to participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade. If you would like to participate in the Veterans Day Parade, please contact Chris or Rick for further details.



CAR SHOW MANIA!

While spring used to bring heavy car show schedules, the fall is also proving to be much more active. Seems like the pandemic has caused a lot of typically spring events to shift to fall. Who can blame them? The cooler temperatures make wandering a car show much more enjoyable. Certainly, here in Florida, we don't have to think much about storing our cars for the winter months. Recently, members have attended "Cruisin the Coast", "Space Coast Corvette

Show” and, perhaps what has become the grandfather of all Fall car shows here, the Celebration Baptist Church Car Show. There have certainly been others and I only made it to a few; including the Celebration show. See below for a few pictures collected and provided by club members.



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!

Plant Tours Are Back! – The long awaited tours of the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green are set to resume in November. While I have been on a tour many years ago during one of the NCM Anniversary Celebrations, there have been many changes in the manufacturing process since that time. More technology and a completely new paint process just to name a few. Tours will go on sale to the public on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. National Corvette Museum members qualify for early booking access, beginning on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Tour scheduling will take place at the time of purchase. At this time, tours can only be booked through the end of January 2023. Quite a few members of the club have discussed taking a trip up for a plant tour during a not too busy period. There may be a cruise up to the museum coming in 2023 so stay tuned.

The 2024 Caravan is Coming! - 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

- 2023 Michelin NCM Bash | April 27 - 29, 2023
- MiM Alaska Cruise | July 11 - 22, 2023

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 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Convertible 11/10/2022

Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 952

Drawing: November 10, 2022 2:00 PM Central Time

2023 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Convertible 11/10/2022



2023 Elkhart Lake Blue Corvette Coupe 12/1/2022

Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1213

Drawing: December 1, 2022 2:00 PM Central Time

2023 Elkhart Lake Blue Corvette Coupe 12/1/2022



2023 Red Mist Corvette Z06 Convertible 12/15/2022

Price: **\$350.00** Tickets: 2500 Available: 2171

Drawing: December 15, 2022 2:00 PM Central Time

2023 Red Mist Corvette Z06 Convertible 12/15/2022



2023 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 12/16/2022

Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1888

Drawing: December 16, 2022 2:00 PM Central Time

2023 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 12/16/2022



2023 Torch Red Corvette Convertible 4/29/2023

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

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

2023 Torch Red Corvette Convertible 4/29/2023

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

Join us for our next meeting on November 3rd at Glory Days!

If you have any questions or suggestions about the newsletter, please contact:

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Mo's New Ride



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