



APRIL 2023

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF!

The 2023 Annual CCOT Chili Cookoff took place on Saturday, February 25th. Once again, CCOT members met at the Wallenfelsz Warehouse Compound in Havana for great day of cars, conversation and CHILI! Some members cruised over on their own and a group of about 8 cars met in the lot next to the new REI Co-op for a caravan over to Havana. This year's event attracted great participation with over 40 attendees and about 20 cars! There are always fun things to look at in Mike and Greg's shop from projects in progress, collectables and cars. CCOT members cars ranged from C2 all the way through recently delivered C8's. For those, like me, who are considering how they might configure a C8, the day offered a nice opportunity to look over current C8's and talk with owners bout why they chose the options they did, what they considered essential and what aftermarket things they decided to add. But even with all of that to enjoy, there was Chili and other good things to explore.

Members brought out their best recipes as always and there were some interesting options. Some sweet, some with corn chips, some with corn and some with what seemed like double the ground beef. You could not go wrong with any of them. The competition was quietly fast and furious with vote totals looking very close. Once the sauce had settled, there was one winner. This year's Champion was Kay Pozzoouli who modestly accepted the royal apron and seemed quite surprised to come out on top. Congratulations to Kay and all the competitors for sharing their talents this year. But that is not all. There were also some "dangerous" breads and desserts to try. Thanks also to those members who contributed to make this year's event one for the books!





GATOR NATIONALS!

This past weekend a number of CCOT Members attended this years Gator Nationals Drag Race in Gainesville FL. While it is different from years in the past, there was no loss of excitement, plenty of speed and a great time spent with CCOT Members!!!

In the Super Gas Division it seemed that nearly every race had a modified Corvette on one lane or the other or in many cases, BOTH lanes! I have attached a couple of pictures to show you how modified. Of course Big Daddy Don Garlits was in attendance, at 91 years old born and raised in Florida!!! Several CCOT Members were able to meet with Don and had some lively conversation! Big Daddy also ran a Factory Stock Dodge Hemi down the quarter mile to an 11.9 second run only after a huge smoky burnout though!!!

Also Sunday's Finals did not disappoint with nearly every Top Fuel run over 330 MPH!!! Great side by side racing all weekend. Can't wait until 2024!!! – *Chris Keena*





HAVANA CIGAR DAY!

A small group headed up to Havana for the third annual cigar day on April 1st, Saturday in Havana. Terrific outing with live music the history on cigars and bourbon. Free lectures on the history of Havana's museum and the planters exchange history that was given by local residents and the shade to back industry. Master roller Lewis Gonzales was there to roll cigars and demonstrate the full process. Jeff Boryslewicz owner of Corona cigars was there to show us the history and demonstrations of quality cigars and bourbon matching. All this was followed up with a tasting and cigar smoking event. All the events were free except for the bourbon and cigars which had a small fee. – Lou Hyatt



BACKPACKS FOR ONE MORE CHILD

The Summer Backpack Project with One More Child is coming along well. We already have donations from outside sources and are working on more. We will shop at \$ Tree (Apalachee Parkway/Capital Circle) at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18th and we on Saturday, April 22nd, at Sam's Club. If anyone is interested in joining on the shopping trip to \$ Tree, let Angie, Diana or Chrissy know.

We will pack the backpacks and the bags for the single moms on Tuesday, May 16th, at 6:30 p.m. at Terry Thomas' home. We will deliver everything to One More Child on Thursday, May 25th, at 6:45 p.m., meeting about 6:15 p.m. to caravan.

We already have the backpacks, bags, some playdoh, stuffed animals for the younger children, and toothbrushes, toothpaste and hand sanitizer on the way, all of which have been donated or purchased with dollars donated.

If you are interested in donating, you can purchase items or make a donation. Contact Angie Wallenfelsz at (850) 510-6448 if you would like to know what items are needed or if you would like to make a monetary donation. – *Angie Wellenfelsz*

Special thanks to the following:

- Sam's Club
- Terry Thomas and Glori Enzor
- Gina Harris
- Lil Red School House
- The Perkins family
- The Raffensburger family
- The Miley family

FRAME-OFF WEBSITE REBUILD!

Our club website has been through a few iterations over the years and recently Jerry Culbreth, who has a technology background and who is no stranger to building websites, offered to take things in hand and see what he could do. I think it is safe to say that this was a real

“frame-off” rebuild. Many thanks to Jerry and all the time and effort put into really improving the site, its content and functionality. You will find updated pages, expanded events calendar, resource links to other Corvette information sites, old newsletters and pictures collected from various events the club has attended or put together. One area of the site includes pictures of members cars so please send a couple of your best pictures with basic information to Jerry and he will get them posted. Stop by and take a look at this new sportier model – www.cruisincorvettes.com



APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS



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"WE TESTED AN ELECTRIC VERSION. BUT RECHARGING IT CAUSED POWER GRID BLACKOUTS."

ON THE LIST!

Well, I have jumped on a list to purchase a new Corvette. With delivery times running 2 years or more, I decided that it was time. Of course I really do like my 2005, 6 Speed manual, C6 and it will be a struggle to find it a new home when the time comes. I have put a lot of effort and time into adding little enhancements here and there to get it like I want it. No engine modifications as I value reliability over a few more horsepower. And I really do like to shift my gears,,,, but it seemed like a good time to jump in the deep end. Originally the plan was to purchase a new Z06 like I wanted it, doing the museum delivery along with the engine build experience. Why not go all in? But, there really aren't any options to buy a new Z06 these days. Z06 lists are all closed. Why Chevrolet keeps marketing a car you cant really get is somewhat of a mystery to me. Upon long consideration I decided to get a C8 Stingray like I wanted it even though I cant do the engine build experience. Museum delivery is still on the list however. So when the time comes to decide on the final specifications we will see what is possible. Until then, I will be happily rowing my gears in my C6 and working on our OSKER our grouchy 1979 C3. Stay tuned for more updates as things progress. Some who have already been through the process might like to send me a few notes on their experience? What went well, what did not and what things did you order or pass up on your car and why. By the way, I may get on more than one list and see who can get me the car I want sooner rather than later. Advice accepted in this regard as well. Inquiring minds want to know. – John Opper

UPCOMING EVENTS!

In addition to our usual monthly meetings, dinners and other excursions, spring is a time of some significant events that a lot of the members participate in. Here are a few to put on your calendar.

Thomasville Rose City Parade and Car Show – Thomasville GA. - April 28-29th

Corvettes on the Circle – St Armands/Sarasota – May 5-7

Panama City Beach Caravan and Car Show – Dothan AL and Panama City Beach, FL. – May 18-20.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!

NCM Annual Report! – The National Corvette Museum has mailed out its annual report to members. The report is a nicely done publication with some good information. Here are a few highlights:

- 221,165 visitors in 2022
- 4,287 new members in 2022
- 1,632 Corvettes participated in the Museum Delivery Program
- Revenues from the NCM increased from 19,448,677 to 23,575,826
- NCM Insurance had a 25.6% growth in new business



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.

The BASH is here! – The NCM-Michelin BASH will be held at the end of the month. Look for news about new colors or model specification for new model year as well as updates on the E-Ray. More to come after the event.

Upcoming Museum in Motion Events



MiM Le Mans Tour

June 3 - June 13, 2023

LIMITED AVAILABILITY



MiM Charlotte

June 4 - June 8, 2023

WAIT LIST AVAILABLE



MiM Alaska Cruise

July 11 - July 22, 2023

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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 70th Anniversary Convertible VIN 00002

Price: **\$250.00** Tickets: 1953 Available: 1551

Drawing: April 28, 2023 3:00 PM Central Time



2023 Torch Red Corvette Convertible 4/29/2023

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

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

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

Join us for our next meeting on May 4th at Glory Days!

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