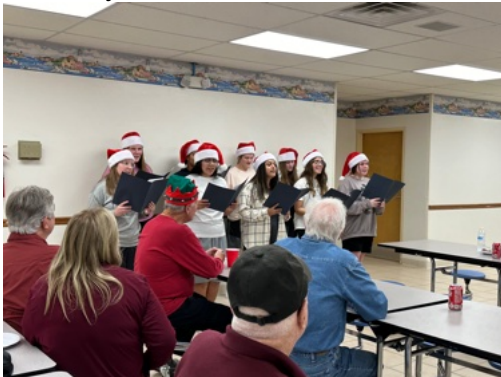


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LIGHTHOUSE CHILDRENS HOME VISIT!

Our annual visit to the Children's Lighthouse Home was held on December 9th. The day was nice with a short cruise over to the campus from the Publix parking lot near I-10. As in years past, the Club sprung for pizzas and desserts with the Lighthouse providing drinks and some wonderful holiday entertainment. The girls loved seeing and sitting in the cars. I think each year we effectively create some new Corvette fans with our visit. This year, Cruisin Corvettes was able to present the organization with the check that will cover a trip for the current girls in residence. This is one of our regular charity activities and it always pays back in terms of seeing those happy smiling faces right at Christmas. Thanks to everyone who could participate this year!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

This year's Christmas Party was held on a rainy Saturday, December 2nd. Although the weather outside was frightful, that did not dampen our spirits. We had a large turnout for the festive occasion at the Capital City Country Club. And this year there was epic entertainment

provided by the Board Members performance in a classic Christmas soldier number compete with props and some smooth, and perhaps improvised, moves along the way. Special thanks go out to Diana for choreographing the special number and corralling the Board. Although we had never utilized the Capital City Country Club venue before, I think most would agree that the service was great and the food was very good! It was good to see and catch up with some of our club members from far away and generally relax with everyone. As the evening came to a close, the legendary gift exchange took place. This year there were a lot of improvisations during the reading of the poem and lots of suggestions for next year. We will see what develops. All in all, a wonderful evening with friends!



CORVETTE RACING EVOLVES!

As many of you know, this year was the end of the factory sponsored Corvette Racing Team as we have come to know it. But don't despair! Just like the evolution of Corvette, so too has there been a change in Corvette racing. GM in partnership with Pratt Miller is now building the new GT3R car for the race track. Under this new model, Pratt Miller will take C8 chassis and body parts and develop 20 of the new cars. The cars will be sold to race teams for their use just as is now done with many of the other famous marques. In an effort to more fully engage with Corvette community, Pratt Miller Motorsports has created a new program that is now open for membership. The Pratt Miller Motorsports Collective will offer Corvette racing fans options to be further engaged with the team. There are three levels of participation as outlined as follows.

Exclusive Membership Packages

Silver Package:

Join our esteemed Silver tier and enjoy a range of exclusive benefits: Limited-edition merchandise comprising of a T-shirt, hat, lanyard, member credential, and decal. A hand-numbered certificate adorned with the Pratt Miller Motorsports marks, signed by our team executives. Please note: This membership is limited to **3,000** members.

Gold Package:

Elevate your experience with the Gold membership: Enjoy all the benefits of the Silver Package including access to private 2-way live messaging during IMSA race weekends. Invitation to team meetings via a secure web conference link. Exclusive access to the Pratt Miller Motorsports race broadcast stream. Receive an additional polo with program-specific marks. Membership is exclusive to **2,000** members.

Platinum Package:

For the most dedicated enthusiasts, our Platinum tier offers unparalleled access and perks: Inclusive of all benefits from the Silver and Gold Packages as well as an opportunity to attend an IMSA race as a guest of Pratt Miller Motorsports with access to our suite. Join in on a paddock tour and have personal interactions with the drivers. Option to select from renowned races: Sebring, Laguna Seca, Watkins Glen, or Petit Lemans. An additional pass can be secured for one guest for one of these race weekends. An exclusive limited-edition ¼ zip jacket is also part of this package. This exclusive experience is available to **300** members only.

This is really a first of its kind offering and it has gained considerable interest among the Corvette community. The new program's progress is being closely watched by other race teams as well. As you all know, racing is an expensive business. The proceeds generated from this program will be used as supplemental funding for the Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports IMSA team to keep the team competitive on the track. Pratt Miller will race 2 cars in the coming year and although they will not be competing in LeMans, several other teams that are purchasing the new cars plan to be there. So while there will not be a factory sponsored Corvette Racing team, there will be several teams racing the new Corvette cars with Pratt Miller leading the effort. What do you think about this new effort? I think the Gold Level is where there is some real value if you are a true race fan....

AMBASSADOR END OF YEAR REPORT!

Each year, I must file a report with the National Corvette Museum outlining my activities as your ambassador. Each type of activity is awarded a certain number of points. A club ambassador must maintain a minimum number of points to keep active. Thus far I have managed to make the cut each year and in many years I have earned Master Ambassador status by achieving more than 200 points. Points are awarded for various things such as the number of raffle tickets purchased by the club members, the number of members who joined the NCM,

writing articles for the newsletter and other related things. As we head to the end of the year, please let me know if you have purchased any raffle tickets this year and what level they were, renewed your NCM membership or joined and if you visited the museum, let me know that as well. Thanks for your support!

APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM 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 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$85,000 1/18/2024
Price: \$250.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 1013
Drawing: January 18, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time
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2024 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 2/8/2024
Price: \$150.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 1185
Drawing: February 8, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time
2024 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 2/8/2024



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 January 4th at Casa Grande!

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