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### **FSU HOMECOMING AND VETERAN'S DAY PARADES !**

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With the Fall comes parade season and this year was no exception. The Club often gets requests to participate in parades and homecoming events and if there is time and availability, members are happy to participate. This fall, Cruisin Corvettes members participated in both the FSU Homecoming Parade and the Veterans Day Parade. Even Jerry Culbreth drove his orange C2 convertible in the FSU parade. (Those Gators get into everything.) Below are a few shots of club members cars in the parades and there is a video of the cars in the Veterans Day Parade on the club website and Facebook page. Thanks to all who gave their time and cars in support of these great community events. And special thanks to Rick Raffensperger for coordinating with the Veterans group.



### **2024 CARAVAN UPDATE!**

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As many of you know, we have mentioned the National Corvette Caravan in previous newsletters and at club meetings. Well, some of the plans have begun to emerge for the Florida group. The Florida Caravan will gather in Tallahassee with cars arriving in advance of Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The itinerary, so far, is listed below. The route may change slightly depending

upon if the Florida Caravan goes to Flatrock Speedway or perhaps Talladega. So far hotels have been a challenge with the Florida Caravan and others experiencing cancellations of room blocks they had set up so that hotels could raise their rates once the Caravan became more visible. The Florida Captains are working on hotel block options now. They have put out one option in Henderson Tennessee which is 40 minutes from the NCM. Chris Keena and John Opper are also looking for options in Bowling Green and in and around Franklin, Ky. Should you become aware of any options with a block of rooms, please let us know. It is never too early to grab a room in Bowling Green but since travel plans are still tentative on the route up, you might flag some options; but nothing you cannot cancel once we know the route and plans are final. We will continue to look for better options.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> STOP: TALLAHASSEE AUTO MUSEUM**

6800 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL

Admission cost: \$12.50 per person based on group rate – one purchase

Or \$17.50 individual purchase

**TUESDAY AUGUST 27, 2024 - DEPART TALLAHASSEE – DRIVE TO CHATTANOOGA, TN**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024 - DRIVE PARADE LAPS ON FLATROCK SPEEDWAY**

**Address:** 1499 Westel Rd, Rockwood, TN 37854

**Phone:** (865) 249-9040

1200 Ladd Landing Blvd.

Kingston, TN 37763

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28, 2024 - DEPART FOR BOWLING GREEN, KY**

**ARRIVE INN BOWLING GREEN NO LATER THAN THURSDAY NOON**

Some additional information from the Florida Caravan Captains:

Florida caravan registration link will be set up very soon - we anticipate the cost to be \$150.00 to cover: program book, admission to the Auto Museum in Tallahassee, parade laps, and one t-shirt and can add a second t-shirt for \$10.00. The logo for the Florida caravan is attached and will be printed on the t-shirts and program books. **BE ADVISED THIS MAY CHANGE IF FLATROCK OR TALLADEGA CHARGE MORE**

Registration link for the Corvette Museum is now open for the caravan

This is the hotel booking link we have for near Nashville and still has rooms available and it is only a 40 minute drive to the museum.

<https://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=70470>

### **TURKEY DROP!**

On November 16th, nearly 20 cars participated in the annual Turkey Drop Off to benefit families in the Big Bend area. Club members met at Bannerman Crossing with frozen Turkeys in hand and took the short cruise through the parking lot to drop off turkeys to the Girl Scouts, representatives of WTXL and Second Harvest. It was a quick and fun showing for the Club and cars as we lined up and delivered the turkeys. There was a lot of interest in the Corvettes on behalf of the scouts and onlookers. Club members quickly proceeded to the nearby Dairy Queen to gather up for the mystery dinner cruise to Monticello and some good Mexican cuisine.



### **THE CUSP OF GOLF GREATNESS?**

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For the last couple of years, members of the club have participated in the Refuge House Charity Golf Tournament. This year, a team of four highly motivated players represented the club. Although one member of the team appears to be directionally challenged and the others might be considered more experienced than highly-skilled, the Cruisin Corvette Baggers made a respectable showing. A report on the actual events from our correspondent on the field – John Harris.

On Monday, October 16, at approximately 8 ish AM, 3 members from CCOT met at the Southwood CC for the annual REFUGE HOUSE GOLF TOURNAMENT fundraiser for battered women. The four somewhat famous players noted were: Greg Tiger the Wood Wallinfelsz, Chris the Golden Bear Keena, Lou the Lee Trevino Hyatt, John the Shark Norman Harris. As time was getting close to tee time, I called our missing team player and redirected him from Capital City Country Club to Southwood. At 9 am the shotgun start began and players headed out in their carts and CCOT was down one lost player. I then issued a BOLO to the Tallahassee Police Dept and the Leon County Sheriffs office. The Sheriff's Office helicopter was already in the air for the BALL DROP after dropping the bag of balls on Hole One. The player closest to the pin would win \$1400! Moments later, I received a 10.33 emergency traffic call from Sheriffs Office Helicopter who confirmed his location by a GPS tracking device on his truck! Sheriffs Office dispatch then advised me our number #3 teammate was now leaving Golden Eagle southbound on Thomasville Road at a high rate of speed. I advised Sheriffs Office Dispatcher he was running 10.18 EMERGENCY! Our missing teammate arrived and was ferried by golf cart by the Southwood Golf Pro to our green just in time! These four Unprofessional PGA Non-Cardholders battled to 12th place behind a field of 18 Teams. We had great weather and a great time! By the way, our lost player won the \$1400 from the Ball Drop and donated some of his winnings to the RUFUGE HOUSE! ~ *John, the Shark-Norman, Harris.*



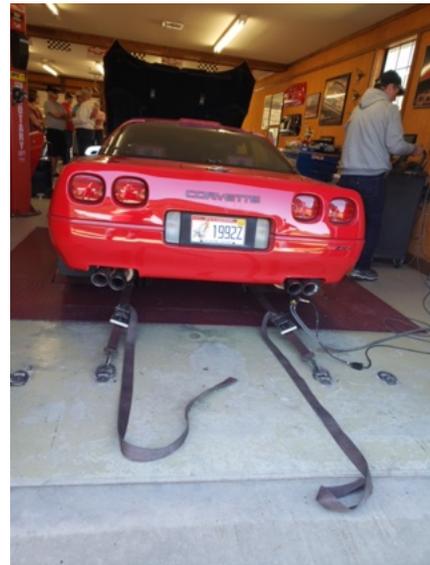
## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES ARE APPROACHING !**

It's almost December! This month, the Club will hold two of its major events for the holidays. The first event will be our annual Christmas Party for the girls at the Lighthouse Children's Home. This is a great holiday event with pizzas and desserts provided by the club in a cruise over to the Lighthouse facility. Typically the girls will sing some holiday songs and admire the cars. The Club provides financial support for a trip to Wild Adventures which is very much appreciated. If you have not been, this is an event that you won't want to miss. The event at the Lighthouse Children's Home - Pizza Party and Gift Presentation **has been rescheduled to Saturday, December 09, 2023 @ 11:45 AM** due to the weather forecast. CCOT Members will gather at 11:20 AM in the East side Parking lot of the Vineyard's Publix located at 6615 Mahan Drive, 32308. We will promptly depart at 11:45 AM for the Lighthouse Children's Home. CCOT Members please bring a dessert!!!

The second event is our annual Club Christmas Party which will be held at the Capital City Country Club on the evening of **December 2nd**. Expect good food, Christmas themes, a lot of fun discussion, appetizers and drinks and the legendary gift exchange. Gifts should be in the \$20 range and usually have a car or Corvette connection. Santa has been known to make an appearance in the past? See you there!

## **CRUISE TO SOUTH GEORGIA CORVETTE!**

On November 4th, a large group of Cruisin Corvettes made the run up to Thomasville to visit South Georgia Corvette. The drive up was great with very nice weather and light traffic. Aaron Scott and his wife hosted Cruisin Corvettes for lunch at their home and shop. Aaron had some great cars in the shop including a couple of nice Dodge Vipers, some C3 Corvettes and Andre Pozzuoli's C2 that is undergoing some repairs. The club had a great turnout and enjoyed some fantastic burgers, dogs and fixins. There were also some absolutely killer brownies that Aaron kept handing out to anyone that wasn't already stuffed. The fun included a couple of members doing dyno pulls. Russ' ZR1 showed 384 hp and Andy's C8 came in at 417 rw hp. As some of you know, Aaron also has a fantastic slot car operation with three tracks and a nice equipment shop for those needing parts, cars or controllers. The cars they run today are so much faster than anything I grew up running. The Viper Pit Slot Car Track on the property entertained several members. Thanks to the Scotts for a great time. ~ Tracy Canter.



## APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS

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*"I realize you don't want cars parking too close to your precious Corvette, but I'm not walking the 10 miles back to the store."*





## **NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!**

**The 2024 Caravan is Coming!** – Registration for the 2024 Caravan is now open on the NCM website. There are typically two registrations. The first is for the overall event at the museum and the second is for the state caravan you join which covers all of the activities from start to arrival in Bowling Green. Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2024 and will mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary. <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/caravan/>

**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>



**2024 Silver Flare Corvette Coupe 12/7/2023**  
Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1174  
Drawing: December 7, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time



**2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Convertible 12/14/2023**  
Price: **\$175.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1566  
Drawing: December 14, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time



**2024 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$85,000 1/18/2024**  
Price: **\$250.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1367  
Drawing: January 18, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time



**2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 4/27/2024**

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: April 27, 2024 3:00 PM Central Time

**Upcoming Museum in Motion Events**



**MiM Dragon Run**

April 28 - May 1, 2024

**REGISTER NOW**



**MiM Le Mans Tour**

June 8 - 18, 2024

**REGISTER NOW**



**2024 Corvette Caravan**

August 29-31, 2024

**REGISTER NOW OR FIND YOUR LOCAL LEADER**

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

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

**Join us for our next meeting on December 7th at Casa Grande!**

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

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