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CHILI COOK-OFF 2024 !

As has been our tradition, members gathered for the annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, March 16th. Mike and Greg Wallenfelsz were kind enough to once again host the event at their warehouse in Havana. Some joined the caravan over while others found their way over individually on what turned out to be a wonderful day for a drive. Except for the considerable pollen, the day was very nice the we had approximately 53 in attendance and 21 Corvettes for this hotly contested event. In talking with folks it seems there has been a lot of advanced kitchen chemistry at work perfecting this year's recipes. The chili pots were laid out with some excellent sides and desserts so the tasting could begin. As many of you know, the process involves tasting each of the various entries and then voting by placing a token in a cup placed in front of each pot. The winner is decided based upon the highest number of votes or tokens in their cup. The winner this year is a member who has competed for several years and who has devoted considerable effort in perfecting just the right ingredients. Congratulations to John Harris who took home the coveted championship apron with his 2024 Wiretap Chili! As one who tasted the entries, I can say that the competition was very strong this year and I don't think there was one that I did not enjoy. In addition, the desserts and the cornbread contributions were also quite good. Thanks again to all who participated and once again, all hail this years champion – John Harris!



WHAT A DRAG!

On Saturday, April 20th, a small caravan of our members went over to Gainesville for Cars and Coffee. This event was sponsored by K&N and the "need for speed" drew several of

our members to put their cars on the track for a little drag racing in the quarter mile. We understand that each member made about 3 runs and times were recorded which added to the fun and good-natured competition. The drag racing opportunity was offered to all comers and after a safety check, anyone could make a run. Near the end of the day, there was a match between Nitro Mike Napoli and Chris SLICK Keena. Seems there may have been a little controversy about the staging lights but in the end each made a solid run. You will have to talk the contestants about the winner. No secrets will be spilled here. Many of us hope to go the next time this opportunity happens!



MARCH MYSTERY DINNER!

As many of you know, the club organizes a mystery dinner cruise on the third Thursday of each month. Members meet at a designated location and promptly at 7PM the group leaves for a previously unannounced location for dinner. A volunteer coordinates each dinner and leads the group to the selected destination. These events have been growing in attendance and if you have not attended one; you should think about it. The March dinner was a cruise up to SAS in Thomasville. SAS has been a destination on several occasions and rarely, if ever, disappoints. We had 38 attendees on this cruise with a lot of good conversation and a nice evening run up to Thomasville. Check the events calendar on the website and try one out if you haven't done one in a while.

NEWS FROM THE BASH !

Every year at the Michelin BASH, the Corvette Team provides an overview of what is happening with the Corvette, sales figures and statistics. While that is interesting, everyone really waits to see if there are any new announcements about new models or features for the coming year. This year there were several new things covered. First, there will be three new colors for 2025. Hysteria which is a purple color with a blue tint to it. Competition yellow which several folks have already called a true yellow. And the rare return of a favorite color; Sebring orange. No word on what colors may go away but it is a good guess that current orange and yellow colors will ride off into the sunset. In addition to new colors, the team announced a new spoiler that will come standard with the Z51 package. The new wing is a middle ground between the height of the current standard spoiler and the high wing. And finally, some new wheel options were spied on the Z06's. No word on variants of what was reported but I am sure more information will be forthcoming. See pictures below from the BASH.



PICKIN AND GRINNIN!

On Saturday, April 27th, a group of 10 Corvettes made the short trip to Jubilee Orchards to pick some blueberries. The day was a beautiful one for a cruise and it seems that the group got a good haul for just eating or muffin and pie making. Afterwards there was a run up to Bradley's Country Store for some sausage dogs for lunch. Not a bad way to spend a Saturday morning!



CORVETTE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED!

For nearly three decades, the Corvette Hall of Fame has recognized personalities who have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments alongside their high standards of integrity and character, reflecting the reputation of Corvette and the National Corvette Museum.

The 2024 members elect are:

Enthusiast: Richard Prince, Automobile Photographer

Racing: Oliver Gavin & Jan Magnussen, Corvette Racing Drivers

GM-Chevrolet: Tadge Juechter, Corvette Chief Engineer

Read more: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/corvette-hall-of-fame-announces-2024-members-elect/>

APPRECIATING THE FINER THINGS



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM UPDATE!

The 2024 Caravan is Shaping Up! - The National Corvette Caravan is coming together! The Florida Caravan page has additional information about the planned itinerary from Tallahassee. Those who want to leave on Monday with the overall Florida Caravan to run Talladega can do so using the published plans. Some of us may leave on Wednesday and make our way up toward Bowling Green, with one overnight stop along the way, planning to arrive on Thursday afternoon. A group dinner has been planned for Thursday night at 6:30 at the Brickyard Café in Franklin, KY. The restaurant is about 15 miles south of the NCM off I-65.

I will keep everyone updated so you can make a call as to which route you might want to join. As I have said before, it is extremely important to make hotel reservations in Bowling Green. This is a major event and rooms fill very quickly. Some groups will reserve entire floors of hotels and some rooms will normally be released as we get closer to the date. Keep checking for options. Register with the NCM as soon as possible as a participant. Additional activities are in the works for Tallahassee on August 24th and 25th for an additional cost. If you have specific questions, just shoot me an email. Stay tuned!

Upcoming Museum in Motion Events



2024 Corvette Caravan

August 29-31, 2024

REGISTER NOW OR FIND YOUR LOCAL LEADER



MiM 1 Lap of Kentucky Tour

September 24-28, 2024
October 1 -5, 2024
October 15 - 19, 2024
October 22 - 26, 2023

JOIN THE SHORT LIST



Corvette Racing Weekend

October 24- 26, 2024

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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>



2024 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Convertible 5/16/2024

Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1140

Drawing: May 16, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time

2024 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Convertible 5/16/2024



2024 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 6/13/2024
Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1737
Drawing: June 13, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time
2024 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 6/13/2024

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

Join us for our next meeting is 7PM on May 2nd at Casa Grande!

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

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Thank You to Our Sponsors!

A celebratory graphic for a 20th anniversary. It features a large gold '20th' with 'ANNIVERSARY' on a blue ribbon below it. A woman, Christie Perkins, stands with her arms crossed. A signpost displays her name, Coldwell Banker Hartung logo, phone number (904) 321-2383, and website tallhasseerealestate.com. A '2022 BEST' award seal is visible. The bottom text reads 'Celebrating my 20th year in Real Estate in Tallahassee'.