

National Corvette Museum Report for July 2018 (6/21/2018)

It's officially Summer and the peak time for our Corvette activities here in the Great Pacific Northwest. Meanwhile the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green KY is working hard to insure there are year round activities for us Corvette Enthusiasts. For example: The National Corvette Museum's Exhibit Hall was just transformed to feature a special themed exhibit. Titled **"Chevrolet Racing: Louis to Le Mans"**.

The story of Chevrolet racing is told from the early days of Louis Chevrolet as a racing driver for Buick, through the AMA ban on racing, Chevrolet Racing's involvement in NASCAR, and the Le Mans winning Corvettes. Significant stories are told through the display of various cars and artifacts, from engines including one from a C5-R, and a fuel injection cutaway, to race suits, trophies from various races and more.

"The idea of the exhibit started with Corvette's success at Le Mans over the last few years, and with the recent heyday of how well Corvette Racing is doing, I wanted to look at how Chevrolet wound up at this point," said Derek E. Moore, Curator at the National Corvette Museum. "Really, the way to do that was to start all the way back with Louis Chevrolet and his success as a race car driver. Chevrolet is born out of the early days of Buick racing with Louis Chevrolet driving, so, we started with Corvette Racing's success and backed it up to the roots of Buick and what Louis Chevrolet was doing driving for them."



Highlights of the exhibit include a 1909 Buick Model 16 Indy Racecar, 1910 Buick Bug, 1915 Cornelian, 1957 Chevrolet "Black Widow" NASCAR, 1983 Monte Carlo SS 'Pepsi Challenger' NASCAR, 1989 ZR1 24-Hour World Record Corvette, 1997 Chevrolet C5.R Homologation car, 1997 Monte Carlo chrome-wrapped NASCAR, C6.R GT1 Test Car and 2010 Chevrolet Cruze WTCC Race Car.

"With the early Louis Chevrolet driven cars, it was a matter of knowing what cars were still in existence and then asking to borrow those. Especially the pivotal cars from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway even before the famed Indy 500 existed," said Moore. Moore says that while each car played an important role in Chevrolet's racing history, they also each have a side story that makes the exhibit have layers of interesting history.

"I used information from Chevrolet's press releases throughout history and looked at significant stories of people who connected to that. Like the re-introduction of Chevrolet to NASCAR in 1983 with the Monte Carlo. We looked for a really cool story around that time which led us to Darrell Waltrip and the Pepsi Challenger car. Then there's the "Black Widow" – an awesome car, but the story on top of that is that the "Black Widows" were the cars that led to the ban on fuel injection in NASCAR."

The 'Chevrolet Racing: Louis to Le Mans' exhibit runs through January 4, 2019 in the National Corvette Museum's Exhibit Hall. For more information on planning a visit to the Museum and NCM

Motorsports Park, visit corvettemuseum.org and click Visit – Plan a Visit. The Museum is open daily, 8am-5pm CT and can be reached at 800-53-VETTE. It is located at I-65, Exit 28 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Nearest major airport is Nashville, a mere 73 miles away.

Corvette Automotive Paint Jewelry - Just when I think I've seen most of the Corvette related collector items and gifts that are out there along comes the NCM with some new one of a kind jewelry made from Corvette paint! A wonderful and unique by-product of the auto production lines, this "Man-made Agate" is formed layer by layer. Paint over-spray would build up on the metal racks that transported car bodies through the paint shop, and into the ovens where each coat was baked hard. Some of the deep layers of this material have been baked over 100 times. Each stone is one of a kind and cannot be repeated, as irregularities form during each layer of color and primers. Here are a few examples:



This unique jewelry comes in an assortment of Pendants, Earrings and Necklaces and is available on-line at the National Corvette Museum Store:

<https://corvettestore.com/catalogsearch/result/?cat=0&q=Corvette+Paint+Jewelry>

Of course, there are many other Corvette Related items available at the store as well. Take a few minutes to look around and you're sure to find something that's perfect for you or as a gift.

2018 National Corvette Museum Events: For your Corvette vacation planning purposes, here are the remaining NCM events currently scheduled for 2018. As you can see, these are popular events and fill up fast! Some of these are already sold out (but you can typically still get your name on a wait list), but I wanted to keep the complete list here so you can see the types of events the NCM coordinates for us Corvette enthusiasts. You can find more details about these events and sign up for them here:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/>

- Museum in Motion: 'Ford vs. Chevrolet' Detroit, Michigan; July 8 – 12, 2018 (Registration Open)
- Museum in Motion R&R in Roanoke Virginia August 26-28, 2018 (Closes 7/23 or when all sold)
- 24th Anniversary Celebration at NCM: August 30 – September 1, 2018 (Registration open)
- Monterey Racing Banquet Monterey, CA September 8, 2018 (Registration open)
- Museum in Motion: 'Pacific Coast Highway' Monterey, CA September 10 – 15, 2018 (limited!)
- Museum in Motion: 'National Parks Tour' UTAH, AZ: Sep 16 – Sep 22 (Registration now open!)
- Museum in Motion: 'National Parks Tour 2' UTAH, AZ: Sep 23 – Sep 29 (Registration now open!)
- Museum in Motion: Kentucky 1-Lap Tours October, 2018 (Registration opens late Spring)
 - Tour 1 = Oct 9 – Oct 13
 - Tour 2 = Oct 16 – Oct 20
 - Tour 3 = Oct 23 – Oct 27
- Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 @ National Corvette Museum; Nov 8-10 (opens in July)
- 2018 Corvette Racing: by Michelin @ AACA Museum, Hershey, PA; Nov 10-11 (Reg. Open)

NCM Corvette Raffles: The Corvette Raffles help fund the NCM so it can fulfill its mission of "Celebrating the invention of the Corvette; preserving its past, present and future; and educating the public about Corvette". If you are in the mood to support the mission of the NCM through a contribution, consider buying a raffle ticket for one of these upcoming Corvette drawings, you never

know, you might win! Remember, the odds of winning one of these Corvettes are a whole lot better than any Lottery ticket (and the proceeds go to a great cause!). You can buy tickets here:

<https://corvettestore.com/corvette-raffle>

Just let me know if you enter (NCM@CorvetteMarqueClub.com) so we can receive credit for our Club supporting the NCM. The upcoming Corvette Raffles are both for Red ones!

2019 TORCH RED CORVETTE COUPE RAFFLE 7/12/2018

\$150 Tickets limited to 1000 (See Left)



2019 TORCH RED CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE RAFFLE 9/1/2018

\$10 Unlimited Tickets (See Right)

If you are looking for a chance on a fun convertible at a low price, I'm selling \$10 raffle tickets for this 2019 TORCH RED CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE. Just drop me a line or see me at a meeting for tickets.

Did you know? For the 2018 model year, Chevrolet built a total of 9,686 Corvettes. The shortened model year total is the lowest since 1959 which saw 9,670 Corvettes built. The number one selling model was the Corvette Stingray Coupe which accounts for 31.7% of production, followed by the Grand Sport Coupe which saw 25.6% of production, and the Z06 Coupe which had 24.3% of 2017 Corvette production.

Countdown to the 2019 National Corvette Caravan: 14 months

The 6th National Corvette Caravan is slated for August 28-31, 2019. Since we are so far away from Bowling Green the PNW Regional Caravan will be held from August 22 – September 1, 2019. The regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum.

The Captain for the Pacific Northwest Regional Caravan is Ken Thomas from Black Diamond. Our local CMCS Representative for the caravan is Dennis Milliken (NCMCaravan@CorvetteMarqueClub.com). We will be leaving from our Club Sponsor Evergreen Chevrolet in Issaquah on August 22nd. The plan for the trip is already far along with the caravan from the PNW taking 7 days with fabulous planned stops in Lewiston, ID; Bozeman, MT; Rapid City, SD with an option for Sturgis; Sioux Falls, SD with an option for Mt. Rushmore; Wisconsin Dells (at a resort with a racetrack!); Bloomington & Poseyville IN; Then on to Bowling Green & the museum. It will be a fabulous trip! More information can be found by contacting Dennis, or here:

<http://www.corvettecaravan.com/northwest/>

Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2019 and will mark the Museum's 25th Anniversary.



That's all for now – Save the Wave!