

## **National Corvette Museum Report for September 2018 (8/11/2018)**

***National Corvette Museum to Celebrate 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:*** In the 2 plus decades since the Museum opened, the scope of the vision has broadened to include changes such as the dedicated special exhibit hall, dedicated PDI delivery area, restoration area, full service store, interactive exhibits and a full motorsports park. Annually, near Labor Day weekend, the museum celebrates the 1994 Grand Opening of the Museum with a participant focused event. This year's 24th Anniversary milestone focuses on the diversity of the people that Corvettes attract, together with a look back at the Museum's history and forward to the future! The event runs from August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>. Since next year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary you know what this means – A Nationwide Caravan of Corvettes heading to Bowling Green, Kentucky. You can find out more about this Caravan elsewhere in this newsletter.



***CMCS selected as one of two clubs to be featured in NCM “Enthusiast Exhibit”:*** I recently was notified that our very own Corvette Marque Club of Seattle has been chosen as one of two Corvette Clubs (along with Indy Corvettes out of Indianapolis) to be featured in the “Enthusiast Exhibit” at the National Corvette Museum. Here is the notification I received from Stephanie Morrill, the Membership/Guest Services Manager at the NCM:

“We are so pleased to let you know that Corvette Marque Club of Seattle has been selected as one of our two Corvette Clubs featured in the enthusiast exhibit. I have copied Katie Ellison, Marketing and Communications Manager and Derek Moore, NCM Curator on this message. Katie will work with you on the wording and design of the display panels and Derek will work with you on the items to be displayed in the cases. As a reminder, I have included the dimensions and details below:

The chosen clubs will have the opportunity to be featured on a graphic board measuring 53" tall by 37" wide. This graphic will include printed information about the club, their location, history, memberships, pictures, activities, contact information, etc. All information must be approved by the NCM. In addition to the graphic board, the featured clubs will have a display case measuring 55" tall by 21" wide by 13" deep. Each case will have the capacity for three adjustable shelves. Club memorabilia will be approved by the NCM. Congratulations! Stephanie Morrill – NCM”

Since receiving this communication, I've worked with a number of CMCS members who have provided information and helped gather materials for the display. Thanks to Ben Benninghoff, Kevin Jewell, Ken Jones, Gary Main, John Paul Nelson III, Oran Petersen, Lyal Schlotterbeck, Robert Stone, and Steve Yabroff. The display will go up at the end of August and will be in place for 1 year.

***Corvette named the ‘Most American’ Car You Can Buy:*** Corvette has long had the nickname ‘America’s Sports Car’ and according to the annual Kogod Made in America Auto Index, it is also the ‘Most American’ made vehicle. With a top score of 83.5 points, Corvette earned bragging rights by racking up the points within seven criteria including profit margin; labor; research and development;

inventory, capital and other expenses; engine; transmission; and body, chassis and electrical components. The research is conducted by the Center for Automotive Research to determine total domestic content. The index ranked 544 Vehicles and a total of 24 vehicles finished in the top 10 due to several tie scores, and several vehicle variants. Of those, General Motors had a total of seven vehicles in the top 10 including the Chevrolet Volt, Cadillac ATS, Chevrolet Camaro and GMC Acadia.



**Corvette Assembly Line – Bowling Green, Kentucky**

***Corvette Museum Seeking to Expand Collection:*** The National Corvette Museum exhibits the history of Corvette from its inception to the current year models that leave the GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant daily. To tell the Corvette’s story, the Museum utilizes their artifact and archive collections in the galleries through various model years, significant milestones, technological upgrades and its impact on the automotive world. These goals are accomplished with the help and support of enthusiasts.

One of the many great ways enthusiasts can support the National Corvette Museum’s mission is by donating a vehicle to the collection. Although one might think that the Museum only accepts Corvettes, this is not true! Currently the Museum is looking for several Corvettes for their collection, as well as other vehicles that have a significant tie to the Corvette story.

Below is a ‘wish list’ of vehicles that the National Corvette Museum would like to add to its collection. If you have one of these vehicles and would consider donating it to the Museum, please contact our Curator Derek E. Moore at 270-777-4516 or derek@corvettemuseum.org.

**Corvettes Wanted:** Help complete the collection of one factory produced Corvette of every year: 1955, 60, 61, 64, 65, 70, 72, 73, 75, 76, 77, 82, 91, 97, 98, 99, 2001, 05, 06, 09, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19...

**Experimental Corvettes Wanted:** any prototype or experimental Corvette

**Other Vehicles Wanted:** 2004-2009 Cadillac XLR, the only car produced in tandem with Corvette and the story of the Corvette platform turned Cadillac sports car.

**Other GM built vehicles with Corvette engines Wanted:** e.g., 2006-2009 Chevrolet TrailBlazer SS, 2004-2006 Pontiac GTO, 2004-present Cadillac CTS-V, etc. 1964 Cheetah, Corvette powered Iso Grifo or Iso Rivolta, Corvette powered Bizzarrini

**Pioneers and Inspirations wanted:** Pre-Corvette fiberglass sports car, e.g., Glaspar G2, Lancer, Woodill Wildfire, Kaiser-Darrin, etc.

**Pre-Corvette American sports cars wanted:** e.g., Mercer Raceabout, Stutz Bearcat, Nash-Healey, Crosley HotShot, etc, MGTA, MGTB, or MGTC., Jaguar XJ120

**Competitors Wanted:** Any Dodge Viper, 1955, 56, or 57 Ford Thunderbird

The National Corvette Museum is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit foundation dedicated to preserving Corvette’s past, present and future heritage. As a member-driven organization, the Museum relies heavily on donations. Learn more about donating your automobile online at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/support/donate-your-automobile/>.

**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 remaining 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/>

- Monterey Racing Banquet Monterey, CA September 8, 2018 (Registration open)
- Museum in Motion: ‘Pacific Coast Highway’ Monterey, CA September 10 – 16, 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
  - Tour 1 = Oct 9 – Oct 13 (**SOLD OUT**) Can wait list for vacancy
  - Tour 2 = Oct 16 – Oct 20 (**SOLD OUT**) Can wait list for vacancy
  - Tour 3 = Oct 23 – Oct 27 (**SOLD OUT**) Can wait list for vacancy
- Vette City Motorcycle Music Fest @ National Corvette Museum; Oct 12-13 (Registration open!)
- Vets ‘n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 @ National Corvette Museum; Nov 8-10 (Registration open!)
- 2018 Corvette Racing: by Michelin @ AACA Museum, Hershey, PA; Nov 9-10 (Reg. Open)

**The Museum has just announced the first Museum in Motion Event for 2019:**

- Museum in Motion: Jan 23 – 28, 2019; Daytona Rolex 24, Daytona FL (Reg. opens soon)

**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, please consider buying a raffle ticket. 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 at ([NCM@CorvetteMarqueClub.com](mailto:NCM@CorvetteMarqueClub.com)) so we can receive credit for our Club supporting the NCM. The upcoming Corvette Raffle is:

**2019 TORCH RED CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE RAFFLE 9/1/2018**  
**\$10 Unlimited Tickets**



**Did you know?** Race car driver and Corvette Hall of Fame inductee Andy Pilgrim has joined the NCM Motorsports Park team? Andy offers two programs for Corvette Enthusiasts at the NCM: “THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPEED”, a half day clinic to help drivers get into the right performance mindset and getting up to pro pace. And “COACHING WITH ANDY PILGRIM” which is 1 or 2 days of personal (or group) coaching in your own Corvette, or in a Corvette provided by the museum.

**That’s all for now – Save the Wave!**