

National Corvette Museum Report for January 2019 (12/13/2018)

Happy New Year!

Many of our Corvettes are tucked away for the Winter Season, so since some of us have a little more time now to read and spend some time on our electronic devices, I thought I'd give a little review. Over the next three issues of "On Your Marque" I will feature the three co-located Corvette centered venues in Bowling Green Kentucky. First up is National Corvette Museum (NCM), next month is the NCM Motorsports Park, and finally in March the Corvette Assembly Plant. The NCM is a straight shot 67 miles North of Nashville up I-65. The drive from Nashville takes just a little more than an hour and it's less than two hours south of Louisville. So if you are thinking about a trip to the Nashville or Louisville areas, add the NCM to your list. I know a good number of you will be visiting there in August for the 2019 Caravan & the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

The National Corvette Museum: Since 1953 the Corvette has been America's Sports Car. The National Corvette Museum (NCM) was established as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit foundation with a mission of celebrating the invention of the Corvette; preserving its past, present and future; and educating the public about Corvette. The Museum opened in 1994 and is a 115,000 square foot facility located on a 55 acre campus. The building houses more than 80 Corvette models and one-of-a-kind concept cars spanning the history of Corvette. Also on hand are thousands of Corvette related photos (Including a display from our very own CMCS), movies and videos, advertisements, scale models and rare memorabilia. Spotlighted are the people who have made the Corvette an American icon.

Speaking of people who make Corvette an icon; if you order a new Corvette from a Chevrolet dealer you can also arrange to pick it up at the Museum through the "R8C option" where you can get it delivered to the Museum and you will be treated as a VIP for the day. You can also have your current Corvette detailed and put on display at the museum. For more details go to this URL:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/visit/delivery-programs/>



Inside, striking full-scale dioramas show classic Corvette models and famous performance Corvette models in period settings. You'll also find the historic one-millionth Corvette, donated to the museum by Chevrolet, as well as both on-going and limited duration displays. Current displays are:

Corvette Cave-In: The Skydome Sinkhole Experience which is a semi-permanent exhibit to tell the story of the February 12, 2014 sinkhole in the Museum's Skydome which swallowed eight Corvettes.

Generations Exhibit Visit the Skydome to see a display featuring one Corvette of each generation, displayed together to illustrate comparisons and contrast of the changes in the car from year to year.

KidZone: Young visitors age eight and under will enjoy the Corvette KidZone with hands-on activities.

Rare Colors: The Skydome also plays host to a mini display featuring rare production colors of Corvettes.

There is also a rotational exhibit called Corvette Profiles where special Corvettes are featured and on display. Currently Corvettes on profile are:

2005 MVB Corvette "Number 61": While some Corvette owners treat their cars like royalty, driving them easy, and only in dry conditions, this cannot be said about all Corvette owners. Other Corvette owners daily drive their Corvettes, taking their Vettes through monsoons and snowstorms – like nothing can stop their Corvette driving experience.

The Last of the C3s: The 3rd generation of the Corvette is the longest running generation to date, spanning 15 full years of production. The first production year of the 3rd generation, or C3 Corvette introduced many new features along with its new body style. The C3 came in both a convertible and a coupe for its first year. See this fine example of the last year of the C3 in its original color on display at the National Corvette Museum, on loan from Paula and Jerry Roy of Russell Springs, Kentucky.

1986 Corvette Indy: Back in the mid-1980s, General Motors released one of the most technologically advanced cars ever created for its time; the Corvette C4. Upon release of the C4, the world was incredibly excited for what the car was capable of. In the 1980s, car design was like music of time. It was out with the old, and in with the new.

1957 Corvette Production Racer: In the performance section of the National Corvette Museum, hundreds of thousands of visitors every year see examples of Corvette racing throughout the years. One of the earliest examples of Corvette racing, and one that is often overlooked due to how stock the racer looks cosmetically, is the 1957 #4 fuel injected Corvette.



When planning your trip, most visitors allow 1-2 hours for their visit to the Museum. Of course, if you are a Corvette or classic car buff (which we all are!), you may want to allow more than that.

Admission for NCM Members, Active Military, and 4 and under is free. Otherwise \$10 Adults (13-61), \$8 Seniors (62 +), \$5 Youth (5-12)

There is a Corvette Simulator at the Museum where guests of all ages can get behind the wheel of a C6 Corvette and pilot it around a virtual racetrack. Sessions are \$10 each, and passengers are welcome. There are Guided tours which are offered weekdays, Monday-Friday, three times a day (10am, 12pm,

& 2pm). Guided Tours are available to general admission guests at no additional charge and are limited to maximum of 25, first come, first serve. There are Corvette Rides where you can ride in a vintage Museum Corvette. These are offered seasonally. \$20/ride for a 3-mile loop (10-15 minutes). Call ahead to check schedule/availability. The Corvette Café and The Corvette Store (for shopping) are also at the museum.

The Museum also offers educational programs for Educational Program options for families who would like a fun, educational trip that the entire family will enjoy, like Planes, Trains and Automobiles Camp and a Driver's Education program. A whole lot to see!

2019 National Corvette Museum Events: 2019 is shaping up to be a spectacular year for NCM related Corvette Events! In addition to the August Caravan, here are some other NCM Corvette related events to consider for your vacation planning purposes. There will be more events scheduled, so keep an eye on this space. 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). There are both Museum in Motion (MiM) events and events at the NCM. You can find more details about these events and sign up for them here:

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

- MiM: Jan 23 – 28, 2019; Daytona Rolex 24, Daytona FL (Registration opens JAN)
- 2019 Bash Presented By Michelin @ National Corvette Museum: April 25 – 27, 2019 (opens JAN 2)
- MiM: Tail of the Dragon Run & Biltmore (KY & NC): April 28 – May 1, 2019 (Reg. opens NOV)
- C4 Gathering at NCM May 16-18, 2019 (Registration opens early 2019)
- MiM: 'Branson Experience' June 4 – 8, 2019 (MO) (Registration opens JAN)
- MiM: 2019 NCM Le Mans Tour (London, Paris & Le Mans) June 6, 2019 – June 17, 2019 (limited)
- 2019 NCM Le Mans Race Weekend at NCM June 15 – 16, 2019 (Registration opens JAN)
- National Corvette Caravan at NCM August 28-31, 2019 (see article in Newsletter for more info)
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky 2019 Tour (1); Sep 30 – Oct 5 (Registration late Spring 2019)
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky 2019 Tour (2); October 14 – October 19 (Registration late Spring 2019)

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://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/>. Just let me know if you enter at (NCM@CorvetteMarqueClub.com) so we can receive credit for our Club supporting the NCM. The upcoming Corvette Raffles are:

2019 BLACK CORVETTE Z06 COUPE 1/10/19 \$250.00 Tickets – limited to 1000



2019 LONG ARCTIC WHITE CORVETTE COUPE RAFFLE 2/7/2019 \$10 Unlimited Tickets

If you are looking for a chance on a fun Corvette at a low price, I'm selling \$10 raffle tickets for this 2019 Arctic White Corvette Coupe. Just drop me a line (NCM@CorvetteMarqueClub.com) or see me at the January Meeting for tickets. These tickets have much better odds than the lottery and all funds raised go to support the National Corvette Museum.



If you wonder who actually wins these Corvettes you can find out here:
<https://corvettestore.com/corvette-raffle>

Did you know?

The NCM has 24 Web Cams that you can access any time to see what's going on at the Museum. Web Cams can be accessed here: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/web-cams/>

That's all for now – Save the Wave!