

National Corvette Museum Report for February 2019 (1/13/2019)

Last month I committed to feature the three co-located Corvette centered venues in Bowling Green Kentucky and started off in the January issue of “On Your Marque” with a detailed article about the National Corvette Museum. This month I’m featuring the NCM Motorsports Park, and then we’ll wrap up in March with the Corvette Assembly Plant.

The National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park: Have a need for SPEED? The NCM Motorsports Park is located less than two miles from the Museum and offers the chance for you to ride in a Corvette, drive your car on the road course for a lap, participate in a high performance driving school and/or be a spectator at one of many motorsports events going on throughout the season. Founded in 2014, the Park has a 3.15-mile road course, an autocross paddock, Holley Control Tower, day and annual lease garages and a karting facility.



This track and venue are so outstanding that the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. (SCCA) in partnership with Tire Rack just selected the NCM Motorsports Park as the host venue of their annual event, the “Tire Rack SCCA Time Trials Nationals” for the next ten years. The event is set to take place at the end of September annually and is expected to draw participants from all over the country.

When asked what this means for SCCA, Director of Marketing and Experiential Programs, Heyward Wagner stated, “Being able to partner with NCM to host TT Nationals for the next decade gives us the foundation needed to build a strong and stable program. Between the first-class facilities, the challenge and versatility of the track and the staff’s dedication to delivering a ‘best of’ experience, NCM is a perfect fit for SCCA’s premier Time Trials event. The fact that this is a 10-year deal shows not only the commitment SCCA and NCM have to one another, but also the shared commitment to the sport.”

Mitch Wright, General Manager of the NCM Motorsports Park, shared, “We are thrilled to be extending this phenomenal event as the host venue of Tire Rack SCCA Time Trials Nationals through

2028. This will be a pillar event for the NCM Motorsports Park and for the city of Bowling Green each year.”

Don't have a performance car with you? No worries! The track offers Hot Laps where one of their professional drivers will take you for a spin in a Corvette or you can drive one of the track's C7 Corvette Stingray Z51s for a few laps in a lead/follow format. Laps are available when the track is not in use for an event. When planning a trip, you are welcome to call ahead to check availability and make an appointment. No appointment? Give them a heads up when you are in town and they will do their best to accommodate you for a ride!

Hot Laps: One session includes pit out, one time by, and pit in (approximately two laps around our Grand Full Course). Minimum age to participate is 15. Average speeds top 100 MPH.

Cost: \$125/session

C7 Corvette Touring Laps: One session includes four laps in the track's C7 Corvette Stingray Z51 in a lead/follow format. Minimum age to drive is 18. Must sign a Vehicle Damage Policy and Indemnity Agreement. Cost: \$220/session

If you have your own car to drive on the track, consider a Touring Lap.

Touring Laps: One session includes four laps in your own car at average highway speeds in a lead/follow format. Passengers 14 years or older are welcome. Cost: \$50/session



Laps are available weekdays when the track is not rented and during select National Corvette Museum sponsored events and activities. Laps are offered on the hour, every hour, starting at 11:00am CT and ending at 2:00pm CT. Please call in advance to give the Motorsports Park staff a heads up that you'd like to participate so that cars and equipment are ready when you arrive. Laps are not available during private events, or while the track is in use by an event. Track availability is dependent on weather. NO REFUNDS.

Please inquire by contacting justin@motorsportspark.org or 270-777-4509.

Being a Spectator: Visitors are welcome to come be a spectator at the track! For a schedule of upcoming events, visit www.motorsportspark.org.

2019 National Corvette Museum Events: 2019 is going 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/>

- 2019 Bash Presented By Michelin @ National Corvette Museum: April 25 – 27, 2019 (Reg. Open)

- MiM: Tail of the Dragon Run & Biltmore (KY & NC): April 28 – May 1, 2019 (Registration Open)
- C4 Gathering at NCM May 16-18, 2019 (Registration opens early 2019)
- MiM: ‘Branson Experience’ June 4 – 8, 2019 (MO) (Registration opens Feb)
- MiM: 2019 NCM Le Mans Tour (London, Paris & Le Mans) June 6, 2019 – June 18, 2019 (limited)
- 2019 NCM Le Mans Race Weekend at NCM June 15 – 16, 2019 (Registration opens Feb)
- 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 (kevinwilson@q.com) so we can receive credit for our Club supporting the NCM. The upcoming Corvette Raffles are:

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’ve been selling \$10 raffle tickets for this 2019 Arctic White Corvette Coupe. Multiple members of CMCS have already purchased tickets for this raffle (Thank You!) If you still want a ticket you will now have to but them online at the raffle link above.



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!