

National Corvette Museum Report for April 2019

I'm going to be travelling in Germany & Belgium for the last half of March, so this month's column will be brief. I'll keep my eyes peeled for any Corvettes (Note after returning: I didn't see any Corvettes, saw lots of Porches, including one painted like a rainbow, and a Ferrari. There were a few Mustangs as well.).

2019 National Corvette Museum Events: 2019 is a great 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 open)
- MiM: 'Branson Experience' June 4 – 8, 2019 (MO) (**SOLD OUT**: wait list)
- 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 open)
- National Corvette Caravan at NCM August 28-31, 2019 (see article in Newsletter for more info)
- 2019 MiM 'National Parks Tour' (Grand Canyon South Rim, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Arches, Glen Canyon Dam, Monument Valley, and Canyonlands), September 22 – 28, 2019 (**SOLD OUT**: wait list)
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky 2019 Tour (1); Sep 30 – Oct 5 (Registration late spring 2019)
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky 2019 Tour (2); Oct 14 – Oct 19 (Registration late spring 2019)
- 2019 Corvette Racing – Presented by Michelin @ AACA Museum Hershey, PA; Oct 25 & 26
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky 2019 Tour (4); October 28 – Nov 2 (Registration late spring 2019)

NCM Corvette Raffles for now only available in Kentucky, Kansas & Montana: As many of you know the NCM 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". Over the years many of you have purchased tickets from me for these raffles, or on line at the NCM website. As of right now because of a recent interpretation of the NCM gaming license the NCM is only selling raffle tickets to visitors at the Museum, by phone to residents of Kentucky, or online to purchasers located in Kentucky. Note that Kansas & Montana were just added as other states from where the raffle tickets can be purchased, so if you are going to a Corvette Show in Montana, you can go online to the NCM website and buy a ticket while you are there.

Wendell Strode, NCM Executive Director in a communication to Club Ambassadors stated: "The best way I know how to explain our situation with raffles is (1) our gaming license is from the State of Kentucky, (2) we are investigating how many other states recognize our Kentucky Gaming License and how many do not. (3) For those that do it should be a simple and timely process. (4) For those that don't, we will investigate the process and cost involved to obtain needed approval. (5) This includes (a) online sales in other states, (b) telephone calls/sales from residents of other states and (c) sales by volunteers and Ambassadors in their respective states. It's going to take some time but we are on it. We will let you know as we know more. Thanks for your understanding". This will no doubt change in the future so stay tuned. The raffles were a great fundraiser for the Museum.

Did you know? Zora Arkus-Duntov, started at Chevrolet in 1953 as an assistant staff engineer. His influence on Corvettes was first felt in 1956 when a 265 Cubic Inch V-8 was introduced, with the highest horse power engine bearing the famous Duntov high rise cam. He became the first Chief Engineer for Corvette in 1968, retired from GM in 1975, died in Detroit on April 21, 1996, and his ashes are entombed at the National Corvette Museum.

That's all for now – Save the Wave!