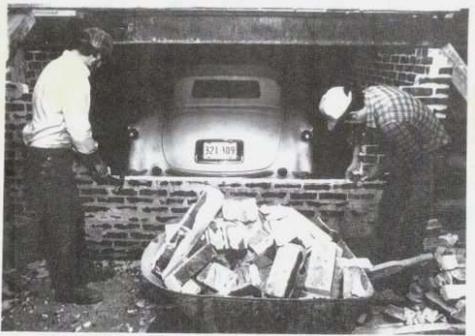


National Corvette Museum Report for December 2019

1954 'Entombed' Corvette Joins Museum Collection: A 1954 Corvette that was entombed inside a sealed room in a builder's store for 27 years was just donated to the NCM for display, here's the story: Successful business man, Richard Sampson of Brunswick, Maine had just purchased a brand-new 1954 Corvette. After driving it for four years, he wanted to park it somewhere safe. Sampson was constructing new stores for his grocery chain and decided one of them would be the perfect structure to keep his car secure. A tomb was built inside the store – literally around his Corvette. Sampson specified in his will that the car was not to be taken out of the man-made 'time-capsule' until the year 2000. Although Sampson changed his wishes before he passed away in 1969, the car remained entombed for 27 years.



(AP) BRUNSWICK, Maine, Sept. 29 - SYNOPSIS CORVETTE - Wesley Irving, left, and Will Irving remove a brick wall to reveal a 1954 Corvette convertible that was entombed for 27 years. The late Richard Sampson Sr. sealed the car behind brick walls in 1929, but no one seems to know why. (AP LaserPhoto) jh00000000-1000 Record Blog: Corvette Tomb



The story of the Corvette was not widely known until the early 1980s when a magazine article was published. In 1986, the building's new owner (who purchased the store in 1982) released the Corvette into the hands of Sampson's daughter Cynthia. Workers disassembled the tomb, brick-by-brick, for a spectacular reveal. Cynthia then took the car to her home in Daytona Beach, Florida where it remained in the middle of her living room (imagine that!) for the next ten years. The car has changed hands a few times since then, but still has accumulated only 2,344 miles and remains in unrestored and original condition.

"The donors reached out to see if we would have an interest in the car," said Derek E. Moore, Director of Collections / Curator. "We talked a little about the significance of it, as well as keeping it in original condition. We know we want to recreate the tomb in some fashion, a diorama or vignette setting. We're excited to share this unique piece of history!"

C7 Production Ends, Last 2019 Stingray to be Delivered to NCM as donation: The last C-7 Corvette rolled off the assembly line at 3:10 pm on Thursday November 14th. It was a black Z-06 and as you might recall from the August OYM newsletter it was auctioned off for charity at a Barrett-Jackson auction over the summer for \$2.7 million which benefitted The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. So, guess what is happening with the 2nd to last car? That Corvette will call the National Corvette Museum home. The car is the last Stingray to be built and was purchased by Museum Lifetime Member and supporter Ivan Schrod. Ivan took delivery of the Corvette on Wednesday, November 20 at 2pm CT, and will then handed the keys over to the Museum in a ceremony on Corvette Boulevard.



2019 Corvette model year production stats: There were 34,822 Corvettes produced for the 2019 model year. The breakdown of them is as follows: 11499 Stingray Coupes (33%); 2192 Stingray Convertibles (6.3%); 9496 Grand Sport Coupes (27.3%); 1745 Grand Sport Convertibles (5%); 5965 Z06 Coupes (17.1%); 972 Z06 Convertibles (2.8%); 2441 ZR1 Coupes (7%); 512 ZR1 Convertibles (1.5%). Of the Corvettes produced for 2019 77.6% were automatic transmissions and 22.4% were manual.

Corvette Plant Frontage Getting a Facelift: If you've been to General Motors Bowling Green Assembly, chances are you've made a stop in front of the building for a photo op by their sign, where two Corvettes often sit on either side. Currently that area is under construction, receiving a facelift that has a much more important purpose. "We found that visitors were stopping in the middle of the road in front of the sign, and even standing in the road to take photos," said Kai Spande, Plant Manager. "Safety is a top concern for visitors so we looked into how that area could be updated to better accommodate photo ops." The plan for the refreshed area includes space to display two Corvettes that is both backed up towards the sign and incorporates drive-up concrete pedestals for the cars. "The area includes plenty of space for guests to stand safely out of the path of traffic with multiple recommended vantage points for the perfect picture," added Kai. Construction on the area began on November 1.

Plant tours are expected to resume by Spring of 2020: Most of you are aware that tours of the Corvette Plant which is directly across the street from the museum have been suspended since June 16th 2017 as re-tooling of the plant for the C-8 was to begin in August of the same year. The tour closure was to last about 18 months until spring of 2019. As we all know at this point the C-8 was a trickier and longer launch than anticipated so the timeframe got extended, but right now it looks as if tours will be re-started by the Spring of 2020. The refreshed face of the Plant will be a welcomed addition to the home of Corvette, also providing a classy look for the tours and to those passing by on Interstate 65.

Current Corvette Raffles: The Corvette raffles at the NCM are a major fundraiser that helps to keep the museum operating. I typically mention these at our monthly meetings and in the Newsletter. All you need to do to enter a raffle for a chance to win one of these fabulous Corvettes is go to the NCM Raffle web page: <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/>, click on **download an Order Form** which will enable you to open or download and print the latest form. Just fill it out & send it in to the NCM with a Credit Card number, and they will purchase the tickets for you and enter it into the raffle drawing right there in Kentucky! Please jot down on the bottom of the form "Ticket sold by Kevin Wilson - CMCS" so our club gets credit for the order. Also, please let me know if you send in an order (kevinwilson@q.com). If you would prefer to purchase tickets with cash or a check you will need to bring your form to a CMCS meeting, and I can get it processed. Here is the current Raffle line-up:



2019 Torch Red Corvette Coupe Limited to 1500 tickets -

Price: \$100

Drawing: December 19, 2019 - 2:00 PM.

This is a Red "Merry Christmas" Model



2019 Black Corvette Z06 Coupe Limited to 1000 tickets -

Price: \$250

Drawing: January 23, 2020 - 2:00 PM.



2020 Black Corvette Coupe Unlimited tickets - Price: \$20

Drawing: April 25, 2020 - 2:00 PM.

Here are the lowest priced Raffle Tickets by far!

These are the least expensive tickets and for just \$20 and it's a new C-8! These tickets make a great Christmas present.

Give the top part of your form to your gift recipient.

The 2019 Arctic White Corvette Coupe Raffle on 10/24/2019 was won by Richard Cupp of Dumfries, VA with Ticket #0248

Current National Corvette Museum Events: With the year winding down the NCM is busy planning some great adventures, both on the road (Museum in Motion events - MiM) and at the museum (NCM) for the next year. So be sure to keep an eye on this space for additional upcoming trips to consider for your future vacation planning purposes. Registration is open on some of these events now and they fill up quickly. You can find more details about these events and sign up for them here: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/> . Here are the events currently posted by the museum:

- MiM Daytona Rolex 24 presented by Michelin: Jan 22–27, 2020 Daytona FL (wait list)
- MiM Plantation Tour: Mar 31–Apr 4, 2020; New Orleans LA (Reg opens in early Dec.)
- Michelin NCM Bash @ NCM Apr 23–Apr 25, 2020 (Registration end of 2019)
- MiM Bash Tail of the Dragon Run & Biltmore: Apr 26–29, 2020, Biltmore Estate NC (Registration Open)
- The C-4 Gathering @ NCM: May 14-16, 2020 (Registration opens early 2020)
- NCM 26th Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction Sep 3–5, 2020 (Reg open late Spring)

Did you know? The genuine Corvette accessory, high wing spoiler kit option can now be included on your R8C Museum Delivery optioned Corvette, even if you've already placed an order for one. In addition to the seemingly popular high wing, the Museum can now also install the ground effects and rocker panel extension options as well. You can see the details here:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/high-wing-now-available-with-museum-delivery/>

That's all for now – Save the Wave!