

## National Corvette Museum Report for June 2021

We're in the middle of it now – Corvette season in the Pacific Northwest is in full swing! There are plenty of activities within our club to keep we Corvette enthusiasts busy. In checking in with our friends at the National Corvette Museum they've got plenty going on as well. Here is just a brief sampling of some of what's underway, after all who wants to spend time reading about Corvettes when we can be out driving them?

**NCM Named Must-See Car Museum In The U.S.:** Travel Awaits has listed the National Corvette Museum as one of the "9 Must-See Car Museums." (NCM came in at #6). Their article highlights the Museum's exciting *Corvette Cave-in* exhibit, where visitors can see the damage from the 2014 sinkhole, and the *Skydome Generations* exhibit. Visitors can see all Corvettes, old and new when they visit the Museum. It's worth noting that our very own LeMay – America's Car Museum made the list at #9.



**2003 Anniversary Corvette Donated to TSEF Program:** National Corvette Museum member, Betsy Slauson, spotted an article in NCM's America's Sports Car Magazine mentioning the Museum and Traffic Safety Education Foundation were in search of C5 and C6 Corvettes for its Driver's Training Program. The Slauson family felt their car would be a good fit for the program and decided to donate their 2003 Corvette in memory of Donald, with the hope that this donation would "plant the Corvette bug" in a young driver.

National Corvette Museum member Betsy Slauson has considerably donated her family's 2003 Corvette to the National Corvette Museum in partnership with the Traffic Safety Education Foundation (TSEF) Driver's Training Program in memory of her late husband, Donald Slauson. The Slauson family had been in Bowling Green, KY back in 2002 for the introduction of the 50th Anniversary Corvette. As they were headed home from that trip, Betsy's husband said, "Let's buy a new one." She agreed, which led them to purchase the 2003 Corvette Convertible that Betsy has now donated. The Museum's Director of Collections/Curator, Derek Moore, shared that "any nonprofit cannot survive without grants or donations. To have vehicles like this donated to both the Museum and this program are what make this entire institution run the way it does."



Not long after the Slauson's got their new 2003 Corvette, Disney did a feature of "50 Years of Corvettes" in Downtown Disney. Donald was on the committee for this event and worked with Disney to get the Corvettes

for the feature. The Slauson's new 2003 Corvette was on display front and center. Betsy shared that the show was a "top-notch" experience. At the show, there was signage for each Corvette that had the owner's name, a description, the year of the car, the price of gas that year, and even the base price of the car. There they met the editor of Vette Magazine who asked them if they wanted their 2003 50th Anniversary Corvette to be on the cover. They said yes and their son, Dennis Slauson, had the opportunity to take the car to the photo shoot.

Dennis was once asked by his father if he would like to drive the '03 around the speedway in Fontana, California with a NASCAR driver. Dennis said yes but "had no idea who was going to hop in the car" and it ended up being John Andretti. This was a parade lap for the NASCAR drivers and each vehicle carrying the drivers was a Corvette Convertible. Dennis said that was "a pretty cool moment" in their 2003 Corvette.

**Corvette Paces Indy 500:** On May 30, 2021, at the 105th Indianapolis 500, a 2021 mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Hardtop Convertible lead the 33-car field to the green flag. This 2021 Corvette was the first convertible to pace the Indy 500 since 2008. This is not the first time Chevrolet or Corvette has led the field. The 2021 Indy 500 will be the 32nd time for Chevrolet to lead the field and the 18th time for Corvette. In fact, this is the second year in a row for a mid-engine Corvette Stingray to serve as the pace car. This 2021 Corvette Stingray Convertible has an Arctic White exterior and a complementary interior with Sky Cool Gray and Strike Yellow upholstery. The exterior of the Corvette has been festively adorned with decals for the race. These additions include Indy 500 logos, yellow and gray stripes, special Stingray decals, and more.



To maintain visible safety lighting on the pace car, Corvette engineers integrated four tail lights into the tonneau cover nacelles. Strobe lighting has also been placed in the headlights, front louvers, and taillights. The Stingray convertible's design was inspired by fighter jets. The aerodynamically shaped nacelles work to decrease air circulation within the cabin and deliver a unique profile. Powered by a new 6.2L Small Block V-8 LT2 engine, the Corvette convertible produces 495 horsepower and 470 lb-of torque. Along with racing harnesses and emergency lights, the 2021 Corvette Stingray Convertible also is equipped with the Z51 package. This allows

the Corvette a top speed over 180 mph, but the pace car only needs to reach 130 mph at the race. At this year's Indianapolis 500, Chevrolet is putting their best on display for the fans.

**Current Corvette Raffles:** The Corvette raffles at the NCM are a major fundraiser that helps to keep the museum operating. 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" (near the bottom of the page) 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! Also please note, there also an "Enter Interactive Mode" button (midway down the page) you can use on the same page to print out a form that has your Credit Card number scrambled, if you are queasy about mailing your full credit card information. To use the Interactive mode, you must have a user ID and Log in to the NCM site. Either way, please jot down on the bottom of the form "Ticket sold by Kevin Wilson NCM Ambassador" so our club gets credit for the order. Also, please let me know if you send in an order ([kevinwilson@q.com](mailto:kevinwilson@q.com)). Here is the current Raffle line-up (AND THEY ARE ALL RED ONES!):

	<p><b>2021 Torch Red Corvette Convertible</b> 1500 Tickets to be sold <b>Price: \$200</b> Drawing: June 10, 2021 2:00 PM</p>
	<p><b>2021 Arctic White Corvette Coupe</b> 1500 Tickets to be sold <b>Price: \$150</b> Drawing: July 1, 2021 2:00 PM</p>
	<p><b>2021 Torch Red Corvette Coupe</b> Unlimited Tickets to be sold <b>Price: \$20</b> <b>These are the least expensive tickets!</b> Drawing: September 4, 2021 3:00 PM</p>

**There was only 1 Corvette Ruffled off in May, here are the details:**

The **2021 Red Mist Corvette Coupe** was won by Terry Medlar of Chagrin Falls, OH with ticket #69 Drawn 5/20/2021. All 2000 Tickets sold at \$100

**Current National Corvette Museum Events:** As the potential impacts of Covid 19 are winding down the NCM continues to balance the desire of Corvette Enthusiasts to safely get together to drive their vehicles and to celebrate the Marque in meaningful ways. Here is the current schedule of events and adventures, both on the road (Museum in Motion events - MiM) and at the museum (NCM). Be sure to keep an eye on this space for upcoming trips to consider for your future vacation planning purposes. These events are popular and can fill up fast. You can check the NCM website for more details about them and sign up for them here:

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

- MiM Branson MO Experience | June 1-5 2021 (**Sold Out – waitlist**)
- NCM Performance Track Day at NCM 6/19/2021
- MiM Colorado Springs | July 11-15, 2021 (Registration Open)
- NCM Supercar Reunion | July 22–24, 2021
- MiM Northeast Ohio | August 1-6, 2021 (Planning stage)
- NCM Corvette Car Show @ National Corvette Museum | 8/7/2021
- NCM Le Mans Race Weekend Viewing Party | August 21-22, 2021 (Planning stage)
- NCM 27th Anniversary Celebration | September 2 - 4, 2021(Planning stage)
- MiM National Parks Tour (AZ & UT) | September 19 - 25, 2021 (**Sold Out – waitlist**)
- MiM One Lap of Kentucky (1)| Sept 22 – Oct 2, 2021 (Registration Opens Summer)
- MiM One Lap of Kentucky (2)| Oct 4 – Oct 9, 2021 (Registration Opens Summer)
- MiM One Lap of Kentucky (3)| Oct 11 – Oct 16, 2021 (Registration Opens Summer)
- MiM One Lap of Kentucky (4)| Oct 18 – Oct 23, 2021 (Registration Opens Summer)
- NCM Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 | November 4-6, 2021
- MiM 2022 9-Day Caribbean Cruise April | 15-24 2022 (Registration is OPEN)

**Did you know:** The NCM has a video detailing the history of license plates? In the latest episode of Vettecademy (Season 2 Episode 21), take a look into the history of license plates and the tradition of vanity plates. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGUiOUNaTz0>

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