

## **National Corvette Museum Report for July 2021**

Here we are in July and ready to celebrate our nations independence, if you haven't already. Hopefully by now you've been enjoying lots of time in your Corvette living the dream, participating in some of the many Club activities, and enjoying our summer months. There is much more to come, just check out the many events listed in our newsletter. In checking in with our friends at the National Corvette Museum they've got plenty going on too. Here is just a brief sampling of some of what's underway.

**New "Corvette Powered" Exhibit opens:** Beginning Memorial Day weekend an exciting new exhibit opened at the NCM. "Corvette Powered" will showcase vehicles, specifically mid-century non-General Motors/non-Corvette vehicles that utilized Corvette engines and drivelines. At a time when America's automotive industry was lacking, the small-block Chevy V8 engine changed everything. It was quickly discovered that other engines could not compete with Chevrolet's engineering of the Corvette engine. As a result, some manufacturers, rather than developing their own engine, approached Chevrolet and purchased Corvette engines or drivelines for their cars.

The use of Chevy's small-block engine within both American and European sports cars and GT cars was seemingly the answer to the problem. To honor their use of Corvette engines, the exhibit will feature a 1977 Avanti II and a 1966 Excalibur. The 1977 Avanti II is a continuation car of the original Studebaker Avanti built in 1963-64. This 1977 Avanti II features a Corvette 350ci engine. Corvette enthusiast and Avanti fan, Bernard "Mike" Hammer, purchased the car in 2017. After buying it, Mike "trailed it home, fixed it up, and the only show (he) ever put it in got first place." Out of seventeen Avanti's entered in the show, Mike's took the top prize. The 1977 Avanti II car was graciously donated to the NCM by Mike to help tell the story of vehicles with Corvette components.



Another notable vehicle that will be on display is a 1966 Excalibur. This car is #74 of the 97 Series One Excalibur Roadsters and was also the cover car for the 1966 Excalibur sales brochure. Prior to being acquired by current owner, Myron Vernis, the car was purchased new by a Hollywood producer and theater owner. Since its initial purchase, the all-original car has only been driven 16,000 miles. This Excalibur contains full performance specifications with a 327/350 Corvette engine and a four-speed manual transmission.

From European and American sports cars to boats and motorcycles, the Corvette engine has powered more than just Corvettes over time. As explained by Director of Collections/Curator, Derek E. Moore, "this exhibit shares a piece of Corvette history and explores the stories of unique vehicles and their use of Corvette engines." Corvette Powered replaces Cartoon Creatures, Kustom Kars and Corvettes: The Art and Influence of Ed 'Big Daddy' Roth in the Exhibit Hall. Other vehicles to see in the exhibit include a 1958 Scarab, 1967 Bizzarrini Strada, 1965 Impala built by Chip Foose, 1969 Mangusta, and more. Visitors will be able to enjoy the Corvette Powered exhibit through Bash of 2022.

**2022 Corvette Stingray Visualizer Now Live:** The 2022 Corvette Stingray visualizer is now live on Chevrolet.com. An all-new IMSA GTLM Championship Edition, three new exterior colors: Hypersonic Gray, Caffeine and Amplify Orange Tintcoat 1, and a new low-profile rear spoiler and the Z51 design front splitter

will be offered on non-Z51 models. You can find the visualizer here:

<https://visualizer.chevrolet.com/ui/2022corvette/8e7370be>

**2022 Corvette Stingray IMSA GTLM Championship Edition Announced:** The 2022 Corvette Stingray IMSA GTLM Championship Edition is based on the 3LT trim with Z51 Performance Package. Each car includes Corvette Racing-themed graphics packages. Accelerate Yellow No. 3 editions feature gray graphics and Hypersonic Gray No. 4 editions feature yellow accents.

In left-hand drive markets, Chevrolet will release just 1,000 of these distinctively styled Corvettes, which resemble the No. 3 and No. 4 Corvette C8.R race cars. These special edition supercars were designed to commemorate the mid-engine Corvette C8.R's inaugural season. In 2020, Corvette Racing swept IMSA's sports car championship series, taking the Manufacturers, Drivers and Team titles.



Inside, the Special Edition features a Strike Yellow and Sky Cool Gray cabin that mimics the exterior yellow and gray racing theme, with standard GT2 seats (Competition Sport seats are available), along with yellow seat belts and a C8.R Special Edition numbered plaque.

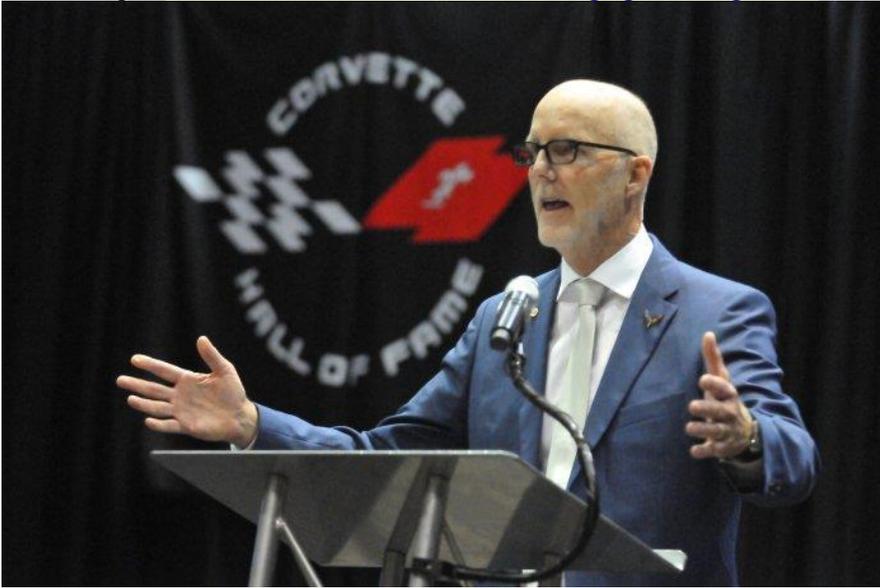
Additional exterior content (varies by market):

- High-wing spoiler in Carbon Flash
- Yellow brake calipers
- Black Trident design wheels, with the “Jake” logo on the center caps, and black lug nuts
- Exterior mirrors in Carbon Flash
- Black side rockers
- Splash guards

Each car comes with a custom-fitted indoor car cover rendered to the appearance of the No. 3 or No. 4 Corvette C8.R race car, per each Special Edition's color and graphic scheme. The IMSA GTLM Championship Edition package starts at \$6,595. The Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price excludes tax.

**Tom Peters to Appear on the Classic Car Corner Podcast:** The Classic Car Corner Podcast is thrilled to welcome Mr. Tom Peters! This fun and engaging show with the former Chief of Design for GM, designer of the C6, C7 and the latest C8 Corvette, and as of last January the consulting curator of exhibits at the NCM, goes

live on Saturday, June 5 on all your favorite podcast platforms. Tune in, and with the hosts Jason, John and Eric learn how Tom was inspired by the Corvette in his youth, how the evolution of the C6, C7 and C8 Corvette creations unfolded, and much more. Join them for a fascinating conversation with a national treasure of classic auto design! [Classic Car Corner - G.D. Herring \(gdherring.com\)](http://gdherring.com)



**Museum Welcomes Preservation Intern from the PNW:** Zach Bredfield of Heppner, Oregon is the Preservation Intern for the summer at the National Corvette Museum. A student at McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas, Zach is studying for a Bachelor's degree in Automotive Restoration History. Zach will be with the Museum for the summer. Zach got into the Corvette hobby because his grandfather has a 1969 Corvette, while Zach does not have a Corvette but he does have a Rat Rod. Welcome, Zach to the team!

**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.



**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:

	<p><b>2021 Silver Flare Corvette Coupe</b>                  2000 Tickets to be sold  <b>Price: \$100</b>                  Drawing: July 22, 2021 2:00 PM</p>
	<p><b>2022 Build your own Stingray or \$65,000</b>                  1500 Tickets to be sold  <b>Price: \$250</b>                  Drawing: August 19, 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  <b>Last of the 2021's being raffled!</b></p>

**There was only 1 Corvette Raffled off in June, here are the details:**

The **2021 Torch Red Corvette Convertible** was won by Daniel Sweda of West Bloomfield, MI with ticket #1376 Drawn 6/10/2021. 1402 of 1500 Tickets sold at \$200

**Current National Corvette Museum Events:** 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 Colorado Springs | July 11-15, 2021 (**Sold Out – waitlist**)
- NCM Supercar Reunion | July 22–24, 2021
- MiM Northeast Ohio | August 1-6, 2021 (**Cancelled**)
- NCM Corvette Car Show @ National Corvette Museum | 8/7/2021 (see Web page)
- NCM Le Mans Race Weekend Viewing Party | August 21-22, 2021 (Registration Open)
- NCM 27th Anniversary Celebration | September 2 - 4, 2021(Registration Open)
- 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)
- MiM NCM Corvette Racing Weekend 10/15-16/2021 @ AACA Museum (Hershey PA) (Registration Open)
- NCM Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 | November 4-6, 2021(Registration Opens Late Summer)
- MiM 2022 9-Day Caribbean Cruise | April 15-24 2022 (Registration is OPEN)
- NCM Michelin NCM Bash | April 28 - 30, 2022 (Registration Opens early 2022)

**Did you know:** Vettecdamy season 2 episode 22 features even more pace cars? It's part 2 of the Pace Car videos and features several, including the 1984 PPG car, which fell victim to the infamous NCM Sinkhole. You can find this video here: [Vettecademy S2 Episode 22: Pace Cars - Part 2 - YouTube](#)



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