

## National Corvette Museum Report for November 2021

We are definitely in the brrr months now – I've put away my shorts and am back in long pants either until I go on vacation somewhere warm, or the temperature remains consistently above 60 degrees, which will be about next April or May. With the hours of darkness ever increasing and with colder temperatures, I find I'm spending more time indoors, which is a great time to catch up on all the news surrounding our favorite sports car – the Corvette! There are plenty of places available on the Internet to explore, including our very own CMCS Web page, and Facebook page, and of course there is always news coming out of both the National Corvette Museum (NCM) through their web page, and on their Facebook page as well. Here is a look at some of the latest happenings from our friends at the National Corvette Museum NCM

**2024 NCM Corvette Caravan Captain named:** As many of you know the NCM and our local clubs have been searching for someone to lead the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Caravan to Bowling Green and the NCM in 2024. Behind the scenes, Ken Thomas who led the PNW caravan in 2019, John Elegant out of Oregon who already volunteered to Co-Lead, and Frank Sancineto, the 2024 National Chair have been working together and are pleased to announce John Warren as your 2024 PNW Captain. John resides in Grants Pass, OR and is a veteran of caravans attending in 2014 and 2019. He has extensive experience as a leader, and we are fortunate to have him take on this position. John Warrens email is 2024PNWCaptain@gmail.com. Welcome John W!



Here is a note from John about this position: Thank you for your congratulations on the PNW Captain announcement! It's very much appreciated, and I'm honored and humbled to take on this opportunity! I'd like to start off by introducing myself and Patty Haas as the 2024 Pacific Northwest Captains and John and Ann Elegant as 2024 Pacific Northwest Co-Captains. We also plan to have Local Leaders to be announced at a later date. (Note dear readers from CMCS – Who would like to represent our club on this effort?) We are fortunate to have experienced people that can give us support in all areas. Even though we are very early in the process, there are many action items to be considered over the next several months and hope to have our new Pacific Northwest Caravan website up and running by the end of this quarter. I'm sure we will build and update the website as time goes by and more information is obtained, so please be patient. You are also welcomed to contact me directly.

Our goal is to make this caravan extremely fun for all and at the same time have a relaxed atmosphere about it. THIS IS YOUR CARAVAN! Having fun, meeting up with old friends, making new friends, driving your beautiful Corvette through different parts of the country and making memories for a lifetime is what we want to accomplish. However, Corvette owners from other areas of the country may want to join us once they see our route and may want to adventure it as well. For example, I met a very nice couple and became friends in 2014 in Bowling Green and they drove all the way from their home in Houston to be part of the 2019 PNW caravan because they wanted to experience our route.

In both 2014 and 2019, my very first question was, “what is our route and what are we going to do along the way?” I want you to know that a very qualified team is already working on our PNW route and hope to advise you in early 2022 of the details.

So, we have lots of time because we are getting an early start. In my opinion, much of the enjoyment of making a trip like this is the personal planning and dreaming about it in advance. I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming years at your Corvette meetings or car shows. We’re very excited about this, so please consider joining the 2024 Pacific Northwest Caravan. Feel free to contact me at 2024PNWCaptain@gmail.com. Patty and I welcome you with open arms!

**Museum purchases and demolishes Country Hearth Inn after fire department training:**

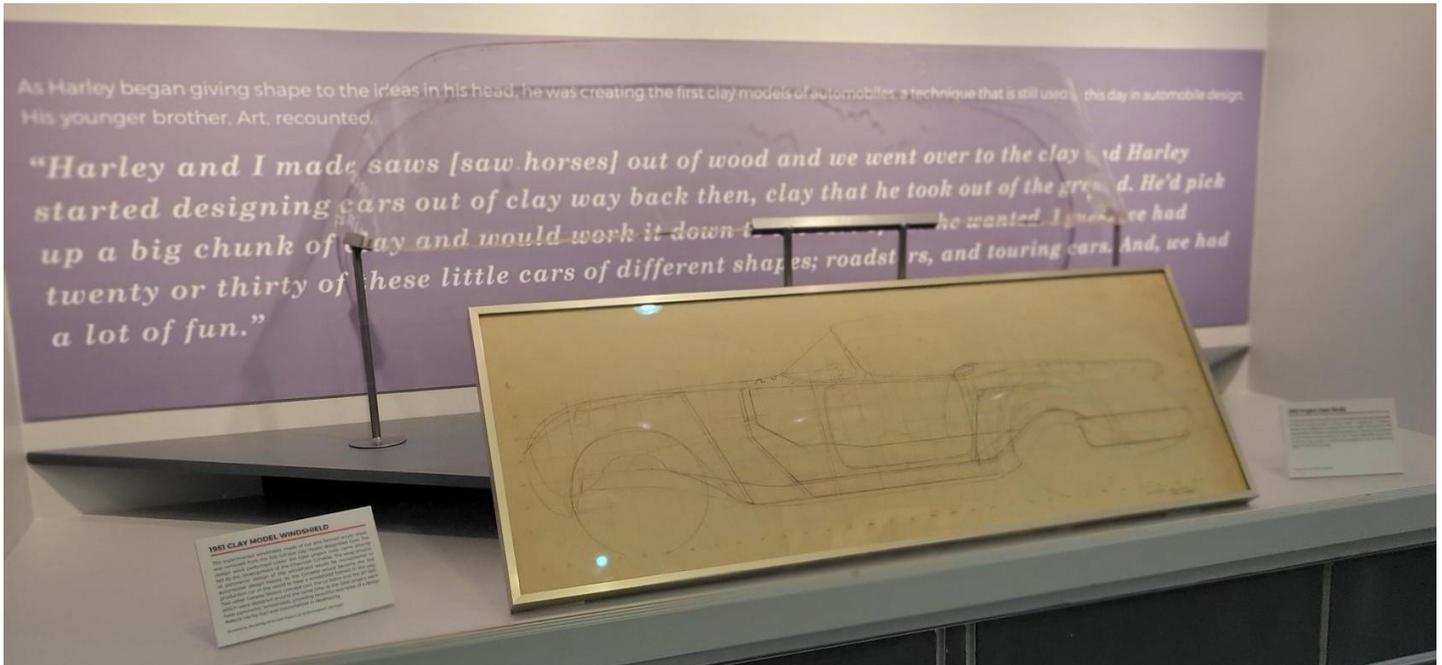
The National Corvette Museum Foundation’s acquirement of the structure at 395 Corvette Drive, formerly known as the Country Hearth Inn, allows the National Corvette Museum to create a more beautiful campus. There are no immediate plans to develop the property, however exciting developments are sure to follow.

“The demolition of the structure adds to the beautification of the National Corvette Museum’s campus and also allows us to support our community by providing a training space for our local fire department and ensuring the proper recycling of the building’s materials to help protect our environment. The Museum is proud to be collaborating on this project with the Bowling Green Fire Department, International Center, and Scott and Ritter,” said Sharon A. Brawner, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum.



Before demolition of the existing structure, the Bowling Green Fire Department used the vacant building for varying forms of training in multi-level structures. Training began on Wednesday, September 29th, and continued for several days. “The Bowling Green Fire Department is grateful for the opportunity to use the acquired structure, Country Hearth Inn, from the National Corvette Museum. Acquired structures provide great value to the BGF. We intend on using this opportunity to improve our service to the community through multiple personnel training scenarios throughout the next three days,” said Katie McKee, Bowling Green Fire Department Public Information Officer.

**1952 Project Opel Study On Display in Museum's Gateway:** On June 13th, 1952, this study (see photo) was completed of the full-size clay model of the car simply known as Project Opel. A draftsman for General Motors was assigned to measure the clay model and produce this measurement study for engineering purposes. This document served as one of the primary sources for the Project Opel team to go from a full-size clay model to a full-size prototype of the car that would become the 1953 Corvette. This is part of how it all got started.



This artifact is on loan from the NCRS Foundation.

**Reveal for the new 2023 Z06:** As I discussed in last month's column, the date for the reveal of the new Z06 was set as October 26<sup>th</sup>. By the time you read this, the OFFICIAL reveal date will be past. Hopefully you will have had an opportunity to see some photographs or videos of the new top of the line Corvette – at least the top for now. In a press release from GM Detroit, the Corvette Z06 is described as “designed to amplify the thrill of driving.” To date this is the only official photograph of the new Z06 that GM has released.



**New NCM President and CEO Sharon Brawner flogs a C8 around the Motorsports Park:** Last month I provided details about the selection of Sharon Brawner as the new President and CEO of the NCM. Sharon

owns a 2019 Arctic White Grand Sport. She wasted no time however in trying out the new C8 on the track at NCM. Sharon had fun at the track and so can you! Either bring your own car or use one of the NCM Motorsports Park's Corvettes to get on track throughout the year. Visit [motorsportspark.org](http://motorsportspark.org) to learn more about all of the on-track opportunities!



***Corvette Racing Wins at VIR – 3rd winning race in a row!***



Speaking of flogging C8 Corvettes around the track – On Saturday October 9th, Nick Tandy and Tommy Milner took their third straight victory in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship by winning the Michelin GT Challenge at VIR in the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R. With 50 minutes left to go in the two-hour and 40-minute race, Tandy moved from third to first place in just the time span of a half-lap. This win follows the victories at both Laguna Seca and Long Beach for the No. 4 Corvette C8.R. Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor, who are the current leaders of the GT Le Mans Drivers Championship, finished in second place in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette C8.R. Congratulations to Corvette Racing for getting 1st and 2nd place in yet another race!

**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 is 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:



**2022 Build Your Own Corvette or \$70,000**

1500 Tickets to be sold

**Price: \$250**

Drawing: November 11, 2021 2:00 PM



**2022 Silver Flare Corvette Convertible**

1500 Tickets to be sold

**Price: \$200.00**

Drawing: December 2, 2021 2:00 PM Time



**2022 Arctic White Corvette Convertible**

**Unlimited Raffle Tickets**

**Price: Just \$20.00**

**Drawing: April 30, 2022 3:00 PM**

**These are the least expensive tickets – Great for gifts!!**

**Here is the winner of the last Corvette Raffle:**

The **2022 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe** was won by John Koutsantanou of McDonough, GA with ticket #1300 Drawn 10/21/2021. All of the 2000 tickets sold at \$100

**Current National Corvette Museum Events:** With the year winding down the NCM is now busy planning events for next year, however there are a few events remaining and a few already identified for next year. Keep your eyes on this space for future happenings. I've been on 2 different Museum in Motion tours with the NCM, and they've been fabulous.. 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). 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/>.

- NCM Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 | November 4-6, 2021(Registration is OPEN)
- 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)
- MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin @ Biltmore Estate | May 1-4, 2022 (Registration Opens Soon)

***Did you know:*** The Corvette Store at the NCM has Featured Items every month, as well as clearance items? You can shop at their online store for Corvette Related items for yourself or gifts for others here:  
<https://corvettestore.com/>

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