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# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

# Mike White

**APRIL 2022** 

The Tri-City Corvette Club April 5, 2022 meeting was held at Sombreros Mexican Restaurant in Nederland. Our May 3<sup>rd</sup> Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting will be at Fish Tales, 125 SH-326 in Sour Lake, Texas.

Another great turnout with 53 members and 6 guests. Welcome, Debra Bridgers who attended the meeting and is a guest of David Watson. Larry Feidler had his daughter Andrea (Andy) with him at the meeting as well.

Duncan McDowell attended his first meeting. Duncan and his wife, Janie live in Beaumont and have a 2021 red C8. Welcome.



Welcome to Ernesto Guantes Vega, from Beaumont, who owns a red 1980 C-3. This was Ernesto's first meeting. He attended the Spindletop Car Show and met Roger who invited him to come join us for our meeting. Welcome also to Richard & Jan Donley from Beaumont, who also attended the Spindletop Car Show and Roger invited to attend our meeting. Richard & Jan own a white/red 2018 Grand Sport C-7.

Please keep Lynn and Judy Snowden's daughter in your prayers as she battles breast cancer.

The Tri-City Corvette Club banquet will be Friday, June 3. Please RSVP to Kim Merideth at 409-656-4901 by May 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Andrea Johnson and Kim Merideth for organizing the banquet.

Again, I would like to thank all for attending the meeting and signing in every meeting. This will help us keep track of the perfect attendance awards to be given out at the Annual Banquet June 3, 2022.

We activated the renewal for membership on the website a little earlier this year so everyone would have a chance to pay their dues before June 1. If you have a credit card set up for automatic renewal, no action is required unless the credit card you set up is no longer valid. You can stop automatic renewal at any time and manually renew. Please update your information on the website.

Rod Johnstone and Shawn Bruno are working on this year's poker run, which will be April 30. Thanks to these guys for their hard work on this event. See details in the VP report in this newsletter.

### Upcoming Elections for Tri-City Corvette Club Officers and Board Members.

If you are interested in becoming an officer or board member, please let us know. If you are an officer or board member and do not wish to run, please ask someone you think would like the job and nominate them. Nominees for officers will be at the May meeting. Elections for Officers and Board Members will be at the June meeting.

Please read Roger Rosses VP report in this newsletter. We have had a lot of past events in the last few weeks and a lot of good events coming up.

For details of the April 5, Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting, please read the meeting minutes in this newsletter by Secretary, Glinda Pareso. This helps the members learn the events of the monthly meetings if they are unable to attend.

Saturday May 14, 2022 will be our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-City Corvette Club Show. <u>Please let me know if you would like to</u> be on one of the committees.

## 2022 Tri-City Corvette Club Car Show Committees

Chair: Mike White

Show Treasurer: Willa White

Show Director Committee. Coach Burgess, Harry Nichols, Pat McCullor, Charles LaRocca, Joey Catalano

Goodie Bags/Hospitality Committee: Brenda Nichols, Judy Snowden

Photo Committee: Darrin Nepinsky

Parking Committee: Rod Johnstone, Lynn Snowden, David Watson, Craig Horn

Registration Committee: Jane Barron, Mona Berry

**Door Prize Ticket Committee:** Kim Merideth, Sherry Ross

Silent Auction Committee: Pat McCulley, Phyllis Burgess, Brenda Nichols, Judy Snowden

Valve Cover Racing Committee: Bobbie Johnstone, Rod Johnstone

Equipment Setup/Trash Committee: Coach Burgess, Mike White

Registration for chance to win Corvette:

Vendor Committee: Brad Metz, Lynn Metz

P.A. System Music: Chad White

MC: Shawn Bruno

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See you at our next monthly meeting May 3, 2022 at Fish Tales, 125 SH-32 in Sour Lake.

Thank You,

Mike White

TCCC President

# VICE-PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

# Roger Ross

My fellow Corvette lovers:

For the second meeting in a row, Sombrero's was packed! It was good to see so many there, especially so many guests! Ernesto Guantes Vega, Duncan McDowell and Rick & Jan Donley are all potential new members and all already have participated in TCCC events. David Watson and Larry Feidler also had personal guests and they were Debra Bridgers and Andrea Feidler. Attending the meetings, following the Facebook page & club website, and reading the newsletter are the best ways to keep up with club activities and news. So stay involved!

March was a monster month for events! In case you missed them, here are some highlights.

The first event in March (5th) was the Foster Kids Prom. This is one of our most rewarding events each year. I mean doing events for kids is awesome, but when you can do something for foster kids, that's truly amazing. The club pulled out all the stops to roll out more Corvettes than we even needed to transport a group of young men to the Foster Kids Annual Prom. Michael Merideth led our Chevrolet caravan through Jefferson County after we picked up our passengers at Sports Clips in Beaumont. We made a stop at Sugar Momma's and Ortiz Formal Wear in Nederland, where the boys were treated to drinks, cookies, and some sharp looking clothes to impress the awaiting ladies. We then loaded back up and finished our run in Groves at The Courtyard. The young ladies even came out to greet the caravan and pose with the cars for the dance photographer. All in all, it was another amazing showing for the Tri-City Corvette Club, but most importantly it was a huge smile producer for a very deserving group of young people. Thank you to all who participated and special thanks to Michael Merideth and Andrea Johnson for making this event happen.



On the 12th, we had the Fundraiser for Bella Resweber. Bella is the 10 year old girl with brain cancer, who lost her sight during her last operation. Several club members participated in the Link Sale Fundraiser, which had an excellent turnout and the links and boudain were very tasty. Also, the Life Share Blood Centers was on hand and many folks donated blood for Bella. It was our pleasure to support this wonderful cause. It was a Vette day for Bella for sure. The fundraiser was held to help support Bella's medical costs. Please keep Bella and her family in your prayers.

That very night the club showed up in force at Fuzzy's Taco Shop to support one of our sponsors for their monthly trivia night. Twenty plus members turned out to put our minds to the test on Disney Trivia. Needless to say, it wasn't pretty, but it was fun to hang out, eat, laugh, and support our sponsor.

On the 19th, a group of club members caravanned to the Galveston Convention Center for the 44th Annual Corvette Chevy Expo. We enjoyed the day looking at a lot of beautiful Corvettes and other Chevrolet cars that were on display. After spending a few hours picking out our favorites, the group ventured down Seawall Boulevard to Salsa's Mexican Restaurant for a late lunch. Beautiful cars, good food, and good friends. It doesn't get any better than that.

After making the drive back, several members stayed on the move and went to the Journey Community Church Monthly Show & Shine. John Decker and the Journey folks put on another very nice gathering and our own Patricia McCullor's beautiful Warbonnet gold 1971 Corvette was chosen as the Spotlight Car of the Month. Congratulations Pat! There were free homemade tacos that were excellent and all donations received were given to the Children's Foster Closet. Good folks doing good works.

The 26th of the month brought us the 37th Annual Spindletop Rod & Classic Car Show. There were 160ish beautiful cars on hand to choose from, with the TCCC well represented with around a dozen members making appearances. We even had three guests and potential new members on hand Jan & Richard Donley, Ernesto Guantes Vega, with his wife & mother-in-law and Ron Barger. Club members Patricia McCullor, Glinda & Dan Pareso and myself all picked up awards for our respective classes. The event was a huge success all the way around!

Then if showing cars all day wasn't enough club activity, that night several of us ventured out to the Nederland Drag. We spent a couple hours fellowshiping with each other, as well as other car enthusiasts. The weather was perfect and it was a relaxing way to finish a busy day.

On the 31st, John Berry and I led a caravan of six club members and three guests to the NRG Center in Houston for the 2022 Mecum Auction. We saw a smorgasbord of beautiful cars up for auction, including some amazing Corvettes. The auction was exciting and everyone had a great time. After drooling over the cars, we decided to wet our appetites with some food from Pappasito's before heading home. Needless to say, we left full.

April 1st - 3rd found Lynn Snowden (our Hill Country Connection), John Berry and myself at the Texas Corvette Association's 2022 Open Car Show in Boerne and what a weekend it was! Friday night started with a meet and greet at the Cibolo Nature Center & Farm. We met all kinds of car folks from all over and gorged ourselves on some delicious catered food. Saturday morning we drove down to the town's main plaza for a huge car show, consisting of 480 cars, with the majority (350ish) being Corvettes. Every generation was well represented and even though we didn't bring home any awards, we represented the TCCC very well. We even brought along a TCCC trophy that we presented to Courtney and Randall Lara for their beautiful C6, which had been dedicated to all of the fallen police officers in the state. It was very impressive and quite moving. The same car received the Mayor's award and was the C6 Best in Class. I guess we know a winner when we see one. Special thanks to Coach Burgess for ordering the club trophy for us to take. Sunday morning we participated in a beautiful cruise through the Hill Country, with a stop for lunch at Knolls Crossing before returning home.

As you can see, we had a lot of fun in March! Now if you missed those events, be sure to check out the club's Facebook and Events pages (https://tricitycorvetteclub.com/events), because there are several opportunities in the near future for you to join in. Now......here's a few upcoming events for your calendars.......

April 8th - Neches River Festival Parade

- Line up on Forsythe Street in front of the Julie Rogers Theater in Beaumont before 5PM
- Club contact: Mike White

April 9th - Drive & Dine to the Pickett House

- Meet at Fuzzy's Taco Shop in Beaumont between 8:30AM 9:30AM
- Cruise to and from the Pickett House in Woodville for lunch
- Club contact: John Berry

April 9th - Fuzzy's Taco Trivia Night

- 7PM 10PM—Trivia Topic: Pop Culture
- Club Contact: Rod Johnstone

April 16th - Journey Church Monthly Show & Shine

- 4PM 6PM
- No cost / Food & drink included / Donations welcome
- Club contact: John Decker

April 16th - The Nederland Drag

- 7PM 11PM
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/TheNederlandDRAG
- Club contact: John Berry

April 30th - TCCC Annual Poker Run

- Meet at Fuzzy's Taco Shop in Beaumont between 8:00AM 8:30AM, departure will be at 9:45AM
- 5 stops on the run with \$250 going to the highest poker hand
- A buy in for the lowest poker hand will also be available, the last stop will include a FREE club provided dinner!
- Club contact: Rod "Rodzilla" Johnstone

Also, don't forget to get registered for the 28th Annual TCCC Corvette Show on May 14th, the TCCC Annual Banquet on June 3rd, the 32nd Annual Lone Star Corvette Classic on June 10th - 12th and the 2022 Corvette Invasion on July 15th - 17th. They will all be here before we know it!

If you plan on attending the TCCC Annual Banquet on Friday, June 3rd, please notify Andrea Johnson or Kim Merideth as soon as possible so they can get a headcount.

REMINDER: Our next (May 3rd) club meeting will be held at Fish Tales, located at the intersection of Highway 105 and Highway 326 in Sour Lake. You can check them out on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/sourlakefishtales/ or on their website at https://www.fishtalesusa.com/.

I believe that doing things with our cars is why we all joined the club, so I have made it my personal mission to keep the Club Facebook page updated with any car related events in our area that I come upon and Bryan Serafino keeps adding to the website event page. If you run across an event, feel free to add it to the page or send it to me and I will. If you're ever looking for an event, feel free to drop me a text or call and I will gladly let you know what I know. Involvement is the key to enjoying your membership in the Tri City Corvette Club.

Be sure to wish all the folks listed below a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary when you see them out and about this month.

Respectfully Submitted,

# Roger M. Ross

Vice President

Tri City Corvette Club

## **April Birthdays**

Randy Bland

Jane Barron

Celia Dominguez

Willa White

Carter Bidwell

Kerri Serafino

Michelle Dollinger

Juanita Judkins

Darrin Nepinsky

## **April Anniversaries**

Kim & Mike Merideth

Gracie & Mark Mott

Linda & Charlie Buteaud

Lynn & Brad Metz

Joanie & Charlie Grado















## Tri-City Corvette Club 28th Annual Corvette Show

Registration \$30 pre-register or online tricitycorvetteclub.com \$35.00 day of the show May 14, 2022. \$10.00 for any additional vehicles. To qualify for this discount, the vehicles must be owned by the same person. This form is to register for the show only.

# Please register online at <a href="https://tricitycorvetteclub.com/event-4547347">https://tricitycorvetteclub.com/event-4547347</a> Registration Form

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10. Stock C7	2014 - 2019	24. Custom C7	2014 - 2019
11. Stock C7 Grandsport	2014-2019	25. Custom C7 Grandsport	2014-2019
12. Stock C7 Z06 & ZR1	2014-2019	26. Custom C7 Z06 & ZR1	2014-2019
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# NEDERLAND HERITAGE PARADE MARCH 19





# BELLA RESWEBER FUNDRAISER MARCH 12



## **Tri-City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 5, 2022 Held at Sombrero Mexican Grill

#### President: Mike White

President, Mike White opened the meeting for the Tri-City Corvette Club (TCCC) at 7:00pm. He began the meeting with a moment of silence for our fallen officers, service personnel and all who serve us in uniform. He asked that we keep them in our prayers. He then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Welcome members:

Mike White said he was glad to see everyone. We had 53 members in attendance at the meeting.

#### **Welcome Guests:**

- \* Debra Bridgers attended the meeting and was a guest of David Watson.
- \* Also, Larry Feidler had his daughter Andrea attend the meeting with him.
- \* Duncan Mc Dowell attended his first meeting, but has already attended several events. Duncan has a red 2021 C8.
- \* Ernesto Guantes Vega, owns a red 1980 C-3. This was Ernestos first meeting, but he attended the Spindletop Car Show and met Roger who invited him to come join us for our meeting.
- \* Richard & Jan Donley also attended the Spindletop Car Show, and Roger invited them to attend our meeting. Richard & Jan own a white/red 2018 Grand Sport C-7.

#### **Good News/Sad News:**

- Please keep Lynn and Judy Snowden's daughter in your prayers as she battles breast cancer.
- Good News: Mike shared that he had ole' blue on the road today since he completed the full restoration.

#### **Sponsors:**

Mike recognized our sponsors and thanked them for their support. Please remember to bring your business to our sponsors because the more business we can bring to our sponsors, the longer they can support us.

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\*Cotton Creek Winery, (Tracy and Artie Tucker) sponsorship on hold since Artie is being treated for Cancer

#### Mike shared the list of charities that we donate to annually:

- \* Buckner Children and Family Services
- \* Humane Society of Southeast Texas
- \* Jefferson County Child Welfare
- \* Outdoor Association for True Heroes, "OATH"
- \* The American Cancer Society
- \* The Blue Santa Program

- \* Southeast Texas Food Bank
- Lamar University Scholarships
- Texas Military Honors Team
- \* 100 Club
- \* The National Corvette Museum
- Mike stated that what makes the Tri-City Corvette Club such a success and moving forward is our members. Thank you members for all you do and your support for our events and charities.
- Mike asked everyone to go on the website and pay their dues early. The dues are to be paid by June 1, 2022.

(Meeting Minutes continued)

## President: Mike White (continued)

♦ Mike will schedule a meeting for the different committees to discuss business for our annual car show.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business**: Open to members to bring up any new items of interest.

Elections of Officers will be held at the May 2 meeting, so please attend to elect the new officers and board members.

Mike shared that they changed up the type of trophies for this year's car show. The trophies will have the Texas Flag on them, and they are really nice looking trophies.

Roger Ross & John Berry mentioned hosting our next meeting in a different location at Fish Tales in Sour Lake, which was agreed to by the membership.

Also, Mike shared that he would host the Car Show Committee Meeting at Fish Tales.

#### Vice-President: Roger Ross

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**: Roger recognized the members who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries for the month of April, 2022.

### Past Events: Roger Ross provided an overview of past events.

Roger has been updating the events on the TCCC Facebook page to let the members know what events or car shows are happening in our area. So, if you have not joined the TCCC's Facebook page, please take the time to join. If you don't know how, let one of the officers know and they will be glad to show you.

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March 12—Fundraiser for Bella Resweber: Several club members participated in the Bella Resweber Link Sale Fundraiser. They had a good turnout. Also, the Life Share Blood Center was on hand, and many folks donated blood for Bella. It was a Vette day for Bella. Juanita shared that Bella was home from her first brain surgery, but she had lost her eyesight in this surgery. The fundraiser was held to help support Bella's medical costs. Please keep Bella in your prayers.

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(Meeting Minutes continued)

#### Vice-President: Roger Ross (continued)

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March 26–37<sup>th</sup> Spindletop Rod & Classic Car Show at Church on the Rock: We had three of our members take awards at this car show, which is very impressive since there were over 480 cars. Roger and John met several new Corvette owners at the car show and invited them to attend our meeting and they did join us for the April meeting.

March 26—Nederland Drag: After spending the day showing the cars, it was time to drive them, so a group of club members made it out to Nederland for the Nederland Drag. Lots of cars, new friends and old friends were on hand for cruising and visiting. The Nederland Drag takes place on the 3rd Saturday of every month. You can keep up with The Nederland Drag at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheNederlandDRAG">https://www.facebook.com/TheNederlandDRAG</a>.

March 31–MECUM Auction Caravan: This was a TCCC event. Roger Ross and John Berry hosted the caravan of 6 club members and 3 guests to the NRG. There was a smorgasbord of beautiful cars up for auction, including some amazing Corvettes. The auction was exciting, and everyone had a great time.

**April 2–Texas Corvette Association Car Show:** Roger wanted to thank Lynn Snowden for assisting in hosting the car show in Boerne. We had a few members attend the event, and it was a great time driving through the hill country. We brought a Tri-City Corvette Club Award with us to Boerne and after looking over 480 cars, we presented our award to Courtney and Randall Lara for their beautiful C6 Corvette. It should be noted that this car also won best in the C6 class as well. Special thanks to "Coach" Mike Burgess for getting the trophy.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**April 8—Neches River Festival Parade:** They have designated a spot for the Tri-City Corvette Club to line up on Forsythe in front of the Julie Rogers Theatre. We need many members to attend the parade and represent the TCCC. **Parade Participant Check-in is by 5:00pm.** 

April 9—Fuzzy's Taco Trivia Night: This months trivia topic is Pop Culture. Come out and have a good time.

**April 16—Journey Community Church Show & Shine:** All makes and models are welcome, new or classic cars. FREE food and drinks. FREE drawing for a door prize. Grab your friends and cruise on in. Questions, please call John Decker 409-498-1934; Journey Community Church, 1534 Hwy 96 S., Lumberton.

**April 30—TCCC Annual Poker Run:** Rod Johnstone shared that we would have five stops on this year's poker run. We will meet at Fuzzy's Taco Shop at 8:00am and leave at 9:45am for our first run. So please be on time.

May 14—28<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-City Corvette Club Show: Mark your calendars for our annual TCCC Car Show held at the Holiday Inn, 3950 I-10 South, in Beaumont. Registration is 8:30am -11:30am and awards start at 3:30pm. \$30 Preregistration, \$35 day of show, \$10 each additional Corvette. Please register now online on the TCCC website.

**June 3—TCCC Annual Banquet:** The social is 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm at The Pompano. Andrea Johnson and Kim Merideth are hosting the banquet this year. Yearly awards will be handed out. Dress is business casual.

### • <u>Treasurer – Willa White</u>

Willa provided an overview of our expenses and deposits for the financial report for March 2022. Willa shared that we received a donation from our new sponsor Donalson GM. Willa explained that we will donate \$11,000 to our charities at the car show. Also, the club will be paying for the Poker run and the Annual Banquet. The club is in good standing with the funds they have on hand for the car show and the different upcoming events. Willa shared if you would like to pay your dues in cash see her after the meeting and she will be taking the payments for membership dues.

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## • <u>Secretary—Glinda Pareso</u>

Glinda read a thank you letter from a student, Carolee Ewart, who was the recipient of our scholarship award from Lamar University. She was very appreciative that she was the recipient of our scholarship award.

Glinda shared that at the Spindletop Car Show, they put a list of their sponsors in the goodie bags. That may be a great idea to put a list of our sponsors in the goodie bags to recognize our sponsors.

## Board Member—Rod Johnstone

Rod shared that the Poker Run will be held April 30 beginning at 8:00am. He explained that we have five stops scheduled on this year's poker run. We will have 3 classes of winners for the poker run. We will leave Fuzzy's at 9:45am sharp for our first run. So please be on time.

#### Board Member—Coach Burgess

Coach shared that for March's meeting we collected \$1339. These funds were donated to the Southeast Texas Food Bank, and they were very appreciative of our donation.

#### • Board Member—John Berry

John shared that the run to the MECUM Auction was great, and the fellowship was very enjoyable. John thanked Lynn Snowden for the great car show and hill country run in Boerne. John will be scheduling a Pickett House Run Saturday.

## • Board Member—Michael Merideth

Michael shared that March 5 was the prom night for the Foster Girls and Boys and it turned out great. We had 17 Corvettes that waited for the foster boys to receive haircuts from Sports Clip. Then the boys selected a Corvette and were driven to Ortiz Formal Wear in Nederland to be dressed in suits for the prom. Finally, they were given a ride in the Corvettes to their prom at the Courtyard in Groves. They had a great time, and pictures were taken of the girls & guys around the Corvettes.

## Board Member and Marketing Chair—Brad Metz

Not in attendance but his wife Lynn represented Brad. Lynn shared that Brad verified that everything is arranged for our guest, Ryan from Counts Custom to attend our car show.

### • National Corvette Museum (NCM) Report—Glenn Johnson

Glenn shared that the NCM will be forwarding the first annual finance report to all members of the NCM this year. Glenn reminded everyone that the membership dues need to be paid by June 1, 2022. This ensures your annual membership for the NCM will be paid by the TCCC. Glenn shared that the TCCC is the only club that has 100% membership in the NCM. Glenn explained that he is planning a caravan to the NCM in late October. He is hoping to set up the use of the NCM racetrack during our caravan to the NCM. More information to follow. The Corvette Bash will be held April 28-30. The plant tours are on hold till they receive the required supplies to build the Corvettes. The NCM is collecting Hot Wheel Cars to give to the kids who visit the NCM.

**Andrea Johnson:** Andrea shared that our annual banquet will be June 3 at The Pompano. Social Hour is 6:00pm and dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Please let Andrea know if you will be attending to get a head count for reservations. Andrea will be having knee surgery on May 9.

## Newsletter—Jane Barron

Jane encouraged our members to register on our website for our annual car show. Jane explained if our members register early, it easier for her to print out the registrations ahead of time and have them ready for our car show. So please go online early and register for the car show.

#### Scholarship for Lamar University—Cathy Long

We shared the letter of thank you with Cathy from the recipient Carolee Ewart who received our scholarship award.

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## • Bryan Serfino—Website Events Manager

Bryan asked everyone to update their information on the website. Also, Bryan shared that he would like to add the spouses name in each members information section on the website. They will need Terry's assistance to add this.

**Split the Pot:** Thanks to Willa, Kim, and Andrea for selling the tickets. Thanks to Rod for calling out the numbers for the drawing of prizes and split the pot.

The Split the Pot total of \$137.00 was won by Pat McCullor.

Rod Johnstone recommended we close the TCCC meeting and Kim Merideth seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting will be May 3, 2022 at Fish Tales.

6:00pm dinner

7:00pm meeting



## NCM Corner

Glenn Johnson, TCCC NCM Ambassador

## **April 2022**

Stay up to date by signing up for NCM eNews - CLICK HERE!

For NCM information about the NCM visit the NCM website at www.corvettemuseum.org

**2022 NCM Spring BASH** 

Bowling Green, KY April 28 – April 30, 2022

Details will be posted on the NCM website

Online registration is open. www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/

## NCM DELIVERY PROGRAMS

The National Corvette Museum offers several programs to help you truly experience and enjoy your Corvette. Whether you are purchasing a new Corvette or you currently own one, our programs are designed to help you get the most out of the Corvetting hobby!

## **R8C Museum Delivery**

Referred to as OPTION "R8C" and available through any Chevrolet Dealer when specified during ordering, R8C customers are welcomed with signs and a guided V.I.P. tour of the Museum where their car is displayed, followed by an orientation and presentation of their new vehicle.

The customer receives a one-year individual membership to the NCM, a unique gold decal on the inside of the driver's door jamb, and a commemorative wall plaque (with the customer's name, date of delivery and VIN) is ordered. If you are planning to share this experience with a special child or grandchild, please read about our special **Glazer Family Delivery** program here.

## **NCM Experience**

Similar to R8C, the NCM Experience offers a day in the spotlight with your Corvette. It includes a V.I.P. Museum tour, a one-year individual membership to the NCM, commemorative plaque, silver decal and a photograph in front of the Museum. Experience Corvettes also receive an exterior cleaning and are placed on display on Corvette Boulevard.

R8C Deliveries and NCM Experiences are viewable on the Museum's webcam.

## **Corvette Personalized Plate Package**

Includes a personalized plate which fits nicely in the dash of your 7th generation Corvette, and a second plate mounted in a 8.25" x 5.25" frame with black and red matte. The package also comes with your choice of a two year individual Museum membership or one year family membership. Your plate includes either the "C7" emblem or National Corvette Museum (NCM) logo, your VIN and name. This package is only available through the Museum. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

For information about the National Corvette Museum, please contact Glenn Johnson, 409-719-8680 or gjohnson@gt.rr.com.









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The National Corvette Museum, located in Bowling Green, KY, is a world class facility that showcases the world famous sports car called the Corvette. My purpose, as your NCM Ambassador, is to provide our club with a two way communication link to the NCM. My mission will be that of receiving and disseminating the most current and correct information from the NCM and to convey that information to our club. I will be acting as the Museum representative and will be promoting and soliciting support for the NCM through promotional activities and encouraging other club members to join the NCM. Finally, I will serve as the voice of our Corvette club to the NCM Communicating concerns, ideas and suggestions our club may have to the NCM.