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The Newsletter of Capital City Corvette Club

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General Membership Meeting

March 6 • Social/Dinner - 5:45 pm • Meeting - 7:00 pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Rd. • Holt

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March 9 • April 13 • May 11 • 11:00 am
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Board Meeting

March 20 • Dinner - 5:30 pm • Meeting - 6:30 pm
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Bowling Challenge – CCCC vs. JCC

April 14 • Bowling - 1:30 pm • Dinner to follow
City Limits Bowling Center & Sports Grill • 801 N. Cedar St. • Mason

Blessing of the Vettes & Rallyes

June 8 • Car show - 9:00 a.m. • Rallyes to follow - 2:00 p.m.
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March Birthdays

Joe Thomas (4) • Rich Bratschi (5) • Pat Cripe (5)
Bob Maynard (13) • Robert Ribar (18) • Janet Iansiti (20)
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Newsletter Article Deadline:

Newsletter articles are due to the editor by the 23rd of each month.
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Would-be carjackers foiled by mysteries of the stick shift

An attempted stickup was confounded by a car's stick shift, when would-be carjackers failed to understand the mechanics behind a manual transmission.

Randolph Bean tells WOFL FOX 35 that two men attempted to steal his 2002 yellow Corvette at gunpoint outside an Orlando hospital, but they ended up running away after they couldn't figure out how to drive his car.

"They apparently couldn't start it," Bean 51, is quoted as saying in a police report. "I had to tell him four different times to push in the clutch, because it's a standard transmission."

After several failed attempts, the thieves eventually fled the scene.

"My first thought was I guess we don't have driver's ed. in school anymore, because no one knows how to drive a stick. And my second thing was, don't shoot me because you can't start the car," Bean said. "I'm trying to help you out here, you know. Thankfully they didn't."

However, the foiled carjackers did not leave entirely empty-handed. "They got away with my phone, they got my keys, they got my wallet," Randolph told the Fox affiliate.

Still, Randolph was pretty forgiving when asked what message he had for the "handsome young men, who did not look like car thieves."

"Guys, turn your life around. You guys have got a lot going for you," he said. "Thank you for not taking my life for something silly as a car."

By Eric Pfeiffer, Yahoo News | The Sideshow 01-29-13

Best Chevrolet Corvette movie appearances

Corvettes have always had a certain amount of glamour that translates well onto the big screen. In time, we have no doubt that the new 2014 seventh-generation Corvette will make its fair share of movie appearances. For now, though, we look back at some of the Corvette's best starring and supporting roles:

1. **"Corvette Summer" (1978):** In his first post-Luke Skywalker role, Mark Hamill plays a high school loner who manages to build a fantastic custom Corvette. Not surprisingly, in real life, the Corvette was not built by a high school shop student. Two cars were built by famous

customizer Dick Korkes and both of the movie cars survive today in the hands of private collectors.

2. **"Animal House" (1978):** "Animal House" was a low-budget sleeper about a raunchy frat house that turned into a mega-hit. Delta house lothario Eric "Otter" Stratton drives a Roman Red with white covers 1959 Corvette convertible with a removable hard top. Since the movie was set in 1962, Stratton was clearly a kid of privilege who no doubt disappointed his parents.
3. **"Body Heat" (1981):** Sleazy lawyer Ned Racine, played by William Hurt, drives a very tired-looking 1964 Corvette roadster in this neo-noir classic. Then just a 17-year-old used car, both the 'Vette and its driver look like they've seen far better days.
4. **"Star Trek" (2009):** While no one knows for sure if cars will still be on the road in the 23rd century, we like J.J. Abrams' assertion that they'll still be around and still be the objects of collectors' attention. Sadly, we find out that young not-yet-captain James T. Kirk was a bit of a juvenile delinquent, and the 1965 Corvette Sting Ray convertible belonging to his stepfather comes to a bad end at the conclusion of a joyride by Jim Kirk.
5. **"Billy Jack" (1971):** "Billy Jack" was the title character in an odd series of four rather preachy movies produced by Tom Laughlin, who coincidentally starred as Billy Jack in all of them. The wooden Laughlin made Al Gore look like a natural in front of the camera. And, strangely, while Billy Jack professed to abhor violence, it seems like 100 minutes of the movie's 114-minute running time consist of Billy Jack beating the daylights out of someone. One such beating culminates in Billy Jack forcing a baddie to drive his Riverside Gold 1969 big block Corvette convertible into a lake. Another unfortunate end to a great-looking Corvette.
6. **"Apollo 13" (1995):** Going back to Project Mercury, there's always been a strong connection between astronauts and Corvettes. In this Ron Howard classic, at least several Apollo astronauts are seen driving early '70s Corvettes. We like the scene with Tom Hanks as Commander Jim Lovell pulling up next to a Shelby GT350 Mustang at a stoplight in a Monza Red 1970 Corvette coupe.

By Rob Sass, FoxNews.com | 02-03-13

From Our President...

It's been cold, snowy, with ice on the roads and some challenges to driving any car, much less a corvette. I try to make an attempt! I pull out the 'vette and drive it once and awhile, only to convince myself that there will be better days ahead. Days filled with sunshine, warm breezes and the promise of long open roads through forests, along rivers, and lakes, through little town and big cities.

At some point in time I wake up, look out the window and see a snow plow or more flakes falling from the sky. Then I realize that we're close to spring, but just not there yet!

I walk out to the garage and stare at the 'vette just sitting there, I'm ready, the car looks ready, it's just that Mother Nature isn't in sync with me yet.

So, what are we to do? Well, it's always a good time now to start taking a long hard look at your summer ride. Maintenance can be identified, and perhaps attended to now, rather than waiting until the day before that Drive and Dine, or car show, or even that first nice day of spring!

On that note, my heart was filled with joy, as our local quarter (a lot of quarters) car wash opened up for spring this week. Now all I need is a dry, sunny day and I'm Sooo there!

My message for this month should be taken on a positive note. Soon, the cars will roar to life, the top down or t-tops off and we again head out into another spring and summer of new adventures, with old and new friends alike. Editorial comment... re...old friends, Not the age thing! After all, when we're in the vettes, we're all young again! Right?



Reminder of the Proper Caravan Procedure

This is for our new members and a reminder for members that have been in the club for a while.

Leader: The leaders' job is to make sure the caravan stays together. This usually means driving the speed limit and sometimes slowing to less than the speed limit to allow members to keep up. When pulling out onto busy roads you will often have to drive slow until everyone gets out. Those not in the caravan will most likely choose to pass the group.

Caravan Members: It is your job to try a keep up to maintain the caravan. If you are following someone who chooses to drive slower it is not bad form to pass when it is safe. That member should not be offended, as you have taken the pressure off them to drive faster than they want to.



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Social Time and dining: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

President: Terry Burke called the meeting to order at 7:02.

Terry advised that there is an upcoming Cruise in and dine on February 16 at the R-Club on Creyts Road and Centurion Drive in Lansing. A sign-up sheet was available as well as a cell phone number for prospective attendees.

It was announced that the award ceremony for the 2012 year would be postponed until the May General Membership meeting. This would allow all presenters and recipients to be present. The recommendation was approved.

A brief discussion of the new C-7 was held, and Terry provided his impressions of the new car following his and Chris's attendance at the NAIAS on February 5. A big "two-thumbs up" was given for Chevy's redesign.

A request was made for nominations or volunteer for the open position of Editor. Gloria Reiffer stepped forward and volunteered to accept the position, after being nominated by Colleen Bratschi; seconded by Rich Bratschi. A vote was conducted and Gloria was approved for the position.

Secretary: Katherine Twining was not present. Ted Lasher moved to approve the January 2 General Membership Minutes; seconded by Dave Pursel. A show of hands confirmed acceptance by membership.

Treasurer: Mike Britz was not present. He provided an accounting that indicates that the finances are in order and are up to date.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer discussed topics involving the NCCC. Upcoming events include the Regional meeting of February 19, which he and Howard Parks will attend. Simon also touched on Blooming Gold being held June 28 - 30 in Champagne, IL. Added this year is an Auto Cross event for attendees.

Simon spoke about the upcoming National Convention to be held in Bowling Green, KY from June 24 - 28. Registration opened February 1.

Points: Howard Hein reported that the points for club members are up-to-date. He also advised that

the new points list will be updated, with the much appreciated help from Gloria Reiffer.

Membership: David Pursel shared that our FCOA count dropped by one, to a new total of 54. David also advised that the membership now stands at 101. He acknowledged the attendance of guest Ron Whitaker, who is interested in joining the Club.

Editor: Newly elected to this position, Gloria Reiffer advised that the newsletter has been posted to the website. She will be tweaking the format to help conserve ink for those printing their newsletters.

Competition: Howard Parks spoke of the upcoming low speed event on July 27 - 28. It will again be shared with the Jackson Club. The venue remains at the Spartan Speedway. However, other sites may be sought out for future low speed events.

Howard also spoke of the Miracle League of Mid-Michigan, as mentioned in the February newsletter. This is a charity that benefits handicapped children. He hopes others in the club will join him in contributing to this worthy cause. For more information, please contact Howard.

Howard updated information on Blessing of the Vettes being held on June 8, 2013. Bob Maynard is working with Howard and will try to use the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, MI as the venue. More will be forthcoming on this event.

Public Relations: Bob is chairing the Blessing of the Vettes event and is looking for volunteers to help. Contact Bob if you wish to help. As always, the more the merrier!

Bob also advises that, as in past years, the upcoming Bowling Challenge will again pit the Capital City club against the Jackson club, at his Bowling Lanes in Mason. The date for this event has been set for April 14.

Social: Janet advises, that on May 18, an awesome drive and dine will be sponsored by Jerry and Dominique Palacios along with Craig and Janet Iansiti. An event flyer is forthcoming.

Additional events coming up are:

- Marshall Memorial Day Parade - May 27
- Sparrow Hospital Car Show - May 26
- Summer getaway - August 22-25

Appointee Reports:

Hearts and Flowers: Julie advised the following:

- Gary Wyma is still not doing well and needs a skin graft. She sent him a get well card from the club.
- A get well card was also sent to Kathy Stump.
- Simon Reiffer mentioned the death of Jim Thomas, spouse of the NCCC Webmaster. Jim and Joan often took part in our races at Spartan Speedway.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon has made a request of his fellow club members that he would appreciate sharing the duty of pulling the club trailer to various club events. He has graciously been bringing the trailer to all club events requiring it. He would like to share this duty so at some events he and Carol can drive in their Vette, or bring both of their cars. A straw poll indicate a willingness on some members to help. Those interested will advise Randy so he can develop a list of alternates.

Horsepower at the Zoo chairman Sandy Bechtel provided members with copies of the flyer for this event. She also advised that a planning meeting was being set for Wednesday, February 27 at 6:00 pm. Also, a request was made to all club members to help with the event by providing prizes to be raffles

off. Contact Sandy directly if you have items to donate.

Photographer: Ted Lasher asked members to review the Members Corvettes photos on the Website and provide pictures of any new or missing Corvettes. He will have a camera available at events to take missing photos if you don't have a digital photo to provide. [Editor's note: If you no longer own the Corvette shown on the Members Corvettes page, Ted can move the photo to Past Luvs.]

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer reported that the Website contract has been renewed for 2013.

Chaplin: Gary Wyma was not in attendance.

Historian: Sue Keith was not in attendance.

Sergeant at Arms: Robert Ribar was not in attendance.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas was not in attendance.

Member Comments:

The floor was opened to member input at 7:50, with the drawing for the 50/50 raffle closing out the business part of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Lansing



Board Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2013

President: Terry Burke called the Capital City Corvette Club Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Terry has been researching printers for purchase and shared the information with those in attendance. Following discussion, a Lexmark laser printer with a cost of approximately \$360.00 was agreed upon as having the best quality and price range. Motion was made by Simon and seconded by Gloria to bring this information to the full membership for approval. Motion approved. Twining offered to email Mike Britz to update him on this future purchase and cost.

Terry had the waiver sheets from the February 16 Drive and Dine event. Gloria offered to scan and email the information to Howard Hein so he could update the point records.

Terry received an application for the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival. Putmon's have handled this event in the past, and Terry will forward the form to Randy. The deadline for registering for the event is March 31. The date for the festival is April 27, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

He received a thank you letter from the Greater Lansing Food Bank for the Club's \$500 donation.

Secretary: Katherine Twining reported that, in her absence, Sheila Lansing recorded the minutes of the February 6, 2013 membership meeting, and she forwarded them to the board for review. They will be reviewed and approved at the next membership meeting.

Treasurer: Mike Britz was not in attendance.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer shared that he had recently attended the Regional meeting. The Blessing of the Vettes and two rallies are scheduled for June 8. A low speed event is planned for Lansing on July 27, with Jackson's event being held on July 28. A low speed driving school will be held on September 18. National is looking to reduce the number of car classes, which will be voted on soon. The Michigan Region has 1,036 members. Florida and Michigan are the only one state regions. The Kalamazoo Corvette Club is looking to host the National Convention in 2015 or 2016.

Points: Howard Hein was not in attendance.

Membership: Dave Pursel was not in attendance.

Editor: Gloria Reiffer reminded everyone of the upcoming February 23 deadline for newsletter submissions.

Competition: Howard Parks requested feedback from the board regarding the competition events. Should he build on current events, stay as, is or should new ones be pursued? He is also looking at Spartan for a low speed event. Sponsorships will be needed for such events.

Public Relations: Bob Maynard reports that the Blessing of the Vettes will not be held at the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids due to graduation scheduled for that weekend at the Home. The June 8 Blessing of the Vettes will be held at Culver's in Okemos, as has been done in the past. Tentative time schedule is from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

He plans to work on advertising in newspapers, radio, etc. for the event.

Social Director: Janet Litrenta shared the flyer that has been prepared for the Bowling Challenge scheduled for April 14 at 1:30 p.m. Janet will need additional assistance with the Blessing and rallies. It was mentioned that Chuck Miller had offered to assist with the Blessing of the Vettes. Items for door prizes and Silent Auction Items are needed for the event. The Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival will be addressed at the membership meeting.

Appointee Reports:

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher was not in attendance.

Historian: Sue Keith was not in attendance.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas was not in attendance.

Photographer: Ted Lasher was not in attendance.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon was not in attendance.

Sergeant At Arms: Robert Ribar was not in attendance.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer reports that AT&T is in the process of reconfiguring the Web and email services. Until the process is completed, Gloria will be unable to make changes to the site. She anticipates that AT&T's updates will be completed soon.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Twining, Secretary

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**Saturday
March 9th, 11:00a.m.**

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Bowling Challenge!

**Capital City Corvette Club vs.
Jackson Corvette Club**



Sunday, April 14, 2013 • 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 per hour/per lane

(4 people per lane, shoes included)

Location: City Limits

801 N. Cedar St., Mason, MI

**We will be staying after bowling
for a bite to eat!**

GM Performance Build Center Relocating to Bowling Green

The Performance Build Center, currently located in Wixom, MI, will move to the GM Chevrolet Corvette Assembly Plant by the first quarter of 2014. The PBC employs 29 and builds engines for the Grand Sport Coupe manual, Z06, 427 Convertible and ZR1.

"I'm very happy to announce today that GM will move its Performance Build Center, which allows engine enthusiasts to build their own specialty engines, from Michigan, and we're going to bring it right here to Bowling Green," said Arvin Jones, Manufacturing Manager for GM North America at the January 30 press conference.

In 2010 GM announced the launch of the Corvette Engine Build Experience, where buyers can assist in the building of their engine. The owner's name is then affixed on a special plate on their engine, next to the one bearing the name of the master builder.

"We've got lots of excitement headed our way," said GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant Manager Dave Tatman. "We intend to make the full transition to the Performance Build Center by the first quarter of 2014. Lots of details have got to be worked out yet, but obviously we wanted to share that great news with you. As you think about this, I know Wendell, that you and your team are jumping up and down thinking about how we can continue to combine our efforts between the National Corvette Museum and the Bowling Green Assembly Plant and this new opportunity, and we look forward to those discussions as well."

Read the complete story online [here](#).

New Dedicate-A-Tree Program Offered

The Museum now offers another way for our supporters to recognize individuals. This program allows you to have a plaque placed by the trees on our campus.



Existing Tree Dedication - \$500 Donation

Includes a donor recognition plaque at the base of the tree with up to three lines of text (maximum of 13 characters per line). The donation period is 10 years, after which time the tree can be renewed. A total of 81 trees are available.

New Tree Dedication - \$750 Donation

Similar to the existing tree dedication, this program is for new trees, which will be planted in the Spring and Fall. Donors will have the choice of three trees based on location: Shade Master Locust, Prairie Fire Crabapple or Red Bud, and the trees are planted at NCM discretion. Nine new tree locations are currently available.

Learn more about this program online [here](#)

Mid-Ohio HDPE Registration Now Open

The NCM expands its High Performance Driving Events with the addition of a one-day event at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course on Monday, May 6. The event will be jointly run by NCM and Hooked on Driving Great Lakes Region and will feature the presence of Corvette engineers and designers as guests and instructors.

There will be three student groups and an instructor/coach group experiencing nearly two hours of track time, plus classroom instruction.

The event is \$285 per person and includes lunch. Guests may purchase additional lunch tickets for \$15.

Learn more and register online [here](#).

Corvette Stingray Convertible to Debut at Geneva

The 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray convertible will make its world debut on March 5 at the Geneva Motor Show.



"It's fitting to introduce the new Stingray convertible on the global stage at Geneva because Corvette is the face of Chevrolet the world over," said Susan Docherty, president and managing director of Chevrolet and Cadillac Europe. "It is an icon that has long been recognized and admired even in countries where it's never officially been offered."

Attendees at the Museum's Bash April 25-27 will have the opportunity to see both the coupe and convertible 2014 Stingray up close, and hear from members of the Chevrolet team responsible for the new design. Registration is now open and the complete event agenda is available [online here](#).

MiM Mid-Ohio Grand Am Tour

The Museum has added a "Museum in Motion" trip to the calendar, set for June 10-15 covering parts of Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

The MiM Mid-Ohio Grand Am Tour will combine the fun of touring with the excitement of racing. Participants embark on a road tour through Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, ending with two days at the Grand Am and Continental races at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Planned activities include private tours of various team garages, a sunset dinner boat ride, back road trips, visiting an engine and transmission plant, sightseeing, touring the US Air Force's Museum and a night out at a casino.

The inclusive tour member price is \$1,899 per car (two people) with six nights' lodging, the dinner cruise, lunch on Monday, corral tickets and a pizza party Saturday night. Non-member price is \$1,979 per car (two people) and includes a family membership.

Learn more and register [here](#). Space is limited!

Motorsports Park Project Moving Along

Exciting progress is being made this month with the NCM Motorsports Park as the geotechnical engineering work is underway, land is being cleared and surveyed, possible sound abatement accommodations are being explored and small modifications are being made to the track layout.

Several driving schools have expressed interest in having some level of involvement with the National Corvette Museum and the NCM Motorsports Park, including having a satellite school to completely manage the park. We will be discussing these options in the near future.

Want more of the latest news on the Park? Make sure you are subscribed to the "Motorsports Park" email list! Click the "Profile Center" link at the top of this email to manage your preferences. We will be sending an update next Tuesday!

Museum in Motion Dragon Run

Spring in the Smokies, Tail of the Dragon and Biltmore all combined into one great MiM tour. Once again we hit the road, leaving Bowling Green and heading east to run the famous TN-129, aka Tail of the Dragon, and spend a day at the Biltmore Estate. The Monday Biltmore visit includes a specially arranged early morning photo op of the cars in front of the manor house followed by breakfast in the Biltmore Stable Café. Included in our Biltmore plans are your choice of one specialty tour: The Butler's Tour, Architect's Tour or the Vanderbilt Friends & Family Tour. Lunch will be at the Deer Park Restaurant on the grounds. After hours – enjoy a special guided tour of the Mansion.

The trip is a great way to wrap up your visit to Bowling Green for our Bash event, departing on Sunday, April 28 and ending Tuesday, April 30. Learn more and register [online here](#).

Double Your Dollar to NCM

Did you know that some companies will make matching gifts to charitable organizations? Your employer may be one of them and may match your gift to the National Corvette Museum. Participating employers will match cash, and many will match donations made for bricks and membership dues. AND your employer's match gift counts toward Winner's Circle recognition for you!

Ask your employer if they support matching gifts and be sure to turn in a matching gift form the next time you make a charitable donation to the National Corvette Museum.



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If your company matches gifts and is not listed above, we would love to let other Museum supporters know about their generosity. Please submit your company's name to [Connie Russell](#) in our Development Department and we'll help spread the word!



*Michigan Region
National Council of Corvette Clubs
2012 Awards Banquet
Sunday May 5th, 2013*



2012 Michigan Region Award Banquet

Hosted by the Corvette Club of Battle Creek



Sunday May 5th, 2013
9 am – 6 pm
Gilmore Car Museum
Hickory Corners, Michigan

Cost:

- \$33.00 Per Person, (\$40.00 Per Person After April 5th).
- Price Includes:
 - Admission to Gilmore Car Museum & All Car Barns
 - Picnic Style Meal
 - A Door Prize for Everyone

Banquet Agenda:

- 9:00am – 1:30pm: Tour the Grounds & Car Barns at your Leisure
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm: Picnic Style Meal (Banquet Hall)
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm: Guest Speaker
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm: 2012 Michigan Region Awards & Door Prizes
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm: Continue to Tour the Car Barns for those interested

Menu: (Picnic Style Lunch served in the Banquet Hall)

- Cracker/Cheese Tray and Vegetable Tray with Dip
- Two Entrée(s), Burgers and Hot Dogs
- Potato Salad, Coleslaw, & Chips
- Assorted Bottled Drinks
- Desserts available at extra cost (They have a Yogurt/ Custard Vendor)
- Gilmore's does not have a liquor license, but will allow persons to bring their own. The "strict" rule is to only consume alcohol in the Banquet Room.

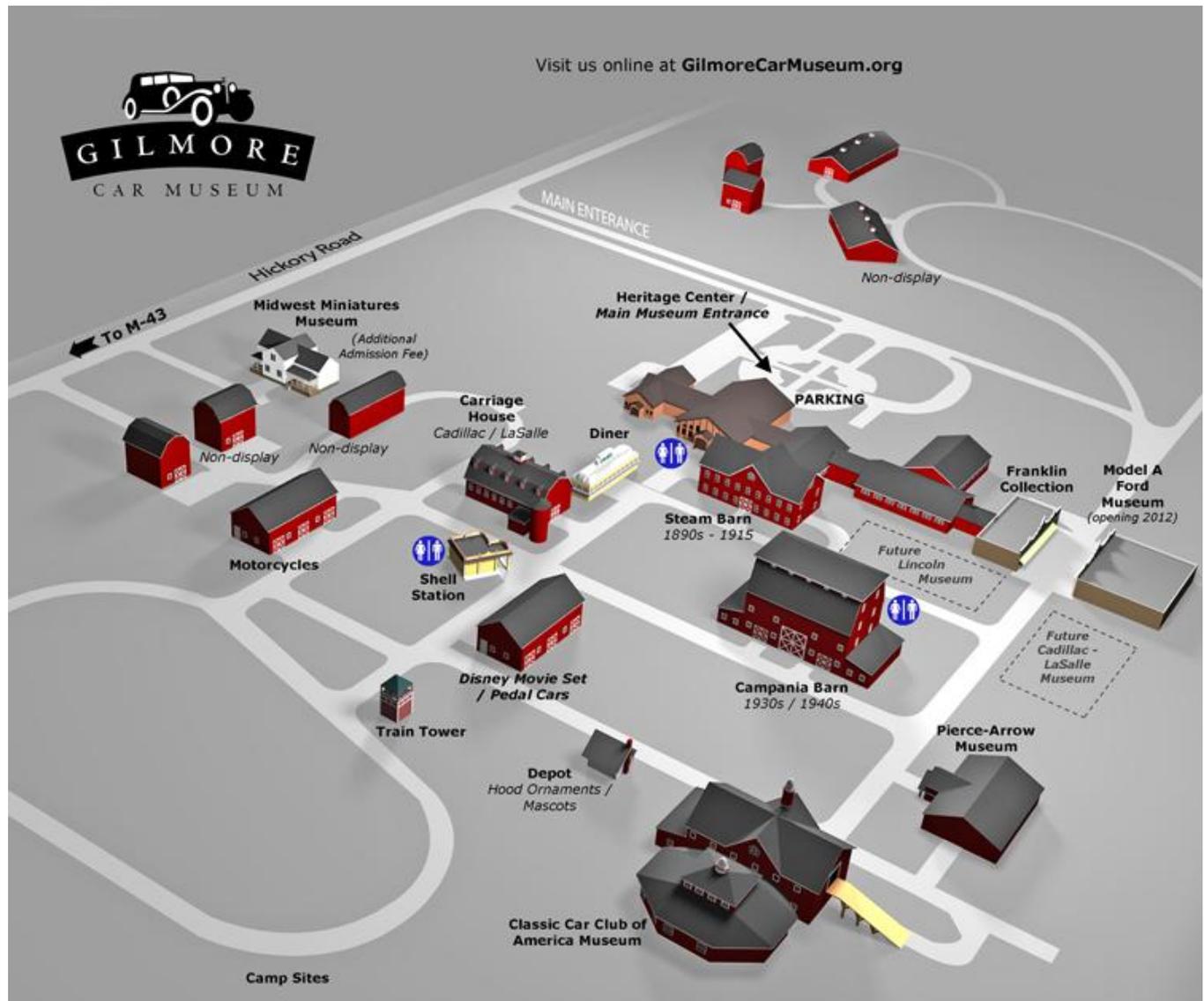


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Gilmore's Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Mi.

The Gilmore Car Museum is hailed as one of the Top Five car museums in the nation, featuring over 250 extraordinary cars and motorcycles from all eras. Open daily year-round, exhibits range from cars of the 1890s to the classic Duesenberg, the elusive 1948 Tucker, to the muscle cars of the '60s and '70s. Visit a restored 1941 Silk City Diner, George & Sally's Blue Moon Diner for something to eat. During the summer months guests can also explore the Museum's 90-acre park-like campus of historic buildings and take part in one of its many popular car shows. Located just off M-43 at Hickory Road near Hickory Corners (20 minutes northeast of Kalamazoo, MI)



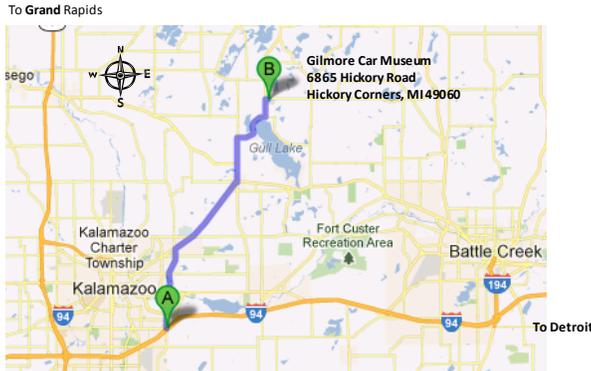


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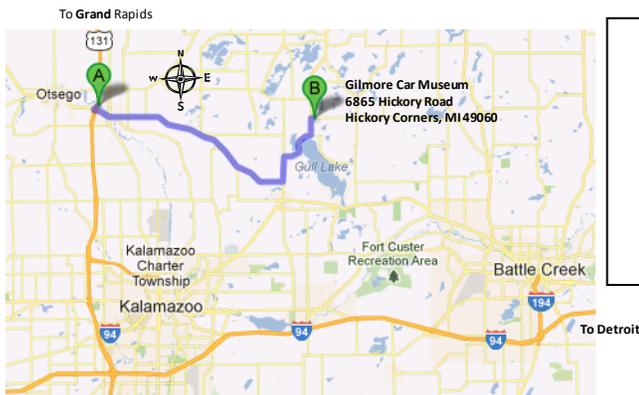
Directions: Gilmore's Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Mi.

From I94: (Total Driving Time: 19.3 Miles, 32 Minutes)



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2. **Head north on S Sprinkle Rd toward East Cork Street, go 4.5 Miles, 9 Minutes**
3. **Turn right onto M-43 E/Gull Rd, go 5 Miles, 7 Minutes**
4. **Slight right onto D Ave E, go 374 Feet**
5. **Turn left onto M-43 E/N 32nd St**
6. **Continue to follow M-43 E, go 5.7 Miles, 9 Minutes**
7. **Turn right onto W Hickory Rd**
8. **Gilmore Car Museum is on your right, 0.1 Miles**

From US-131: (Total Driving Time: 17 Miles, 23 Minutes)



1. **US131 Take exit 49A to merge onto M-89 E/Allegan St toward Plainwell**
2. **Continue to follow M-89 E 12 Miles, About 16 minutes**
3. **Turn left onto M-43 E/N 32nd St**
4. **Continue to follow M-43 E 4.7 Miles, About 7 minutes**
5. **Turn right onto W Hickory Rd**
6. **Gilmore Car Museum is on your right, 0.1 Miles**

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Cost: \$33.00 Per Person, (\$40.00 Per Person After April 5th)

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Capital City Corvette Club



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0	Austin Arunasalam	0	Nancy Doty*	0	Lee MacGillivray	0	Richard Shatkosky*
0	Roy Bailey	1	Jennifer Everhart*	7	Bob Maynard	0	Thomas Sipka
0	Jim Balla*	0	Randy Gisse	0	Shalimar Maynard	0	Richard Shatkosky*
	Scott Bauries	0	Vidal Gonzalez	1	Chuck Miller	0	Thomas Sipka
0	Dana Beaman	0	Abhi Gunasaingam	1	Diana Mosher	0	David Sowders
0	Kim Beaman	1	Jeanne Harris	0	Barb Musselman	0	Fran Sowders
2	Sandy Bechtel	1	Ward Harris	0	Steve Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
0	Mary Blackwood	7	Howard Hein	0	George Nelson	0	Steve Spinrad
1	Tim Blackwood	0	Jim Hoppin	0	Dominique Palacio	1	Alex Spitzley
3	James Boettcher	4	Angela Hyde	0	Jerry Palacio	1	Joan Spitzley
1	Mara Boettcher	2	Craig Iansiti	6	Diana Parks	0	Janet Sprague
2	Colleen Bratschi	2	Janet Iansiti	11	Howard Parks	0	Michael Sprague
2	Rich Bratschi	0	Dick Iding	1	Joe Platte	0	Ralph Swan
0	Connie Britz	1	Laura Kazmer	0	Ed Politza	0	Susan Swan
5	Mike Britz	1	Wayne Kazmer	0	Suzanne Politza	2	Connie Taylor
4	NancyLee Buck	1	Kim Keith	7	David Pursel	2	Tom Taylor
4	Randy Buck	4	Sue Keith	0	Kathryn Pursel	4	Joseph Thomas*
2	Chris Burke	0	Laurie Ketcik	4	Carol Putmon	3	Harold Twining
13	Terry Burke	2	Fred Koos	7	Randy Putmon	7	Katherine Twining
1	Dennis Burt	2	Sheila Lansing	14	Gloria Reiffer	1	Sue VanAtta-Wight
0	Sandy Burt	6	Julie Lasher	10	Simon Reiffer	2	Jerry Wardell
2	Dave Cripe*	6	Ted Lasher	6	Robert Ribar	2	Sally Wardell
2	Pat Cripe	2	Ellie Lickfeldt	1	Milton Scales	2	Larry Wight
0	Darwin Day	4	Patrick Lickfeldt	0	Herb Schultz	4	Gary Wyma
0	Sheila Day	4	Carlo Litrenta	0	Kathleen Schultz	1	Kathy Wyma
0	Art Doty*	9	Janet Litrenta	0	Brenda Shatkosky*		

Current 2013 Top Ten

14	Gloria Reiffer	9	Janet Litrenta	7	Randy Putmon	6	Ted Lasher
13	Terry Burke	7	Howard Hein	7	Katherine Twining	6	Diana Parks
11	Howard Parks	7	Bob Maynard	6	Julie Lasher	6	Robert Ribar
10	Simon Reiffer	7	David Pursel				



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2013 NCCC Convention Invitation

So what are your vacation plans for 2013? The National Council of Corvette Clubs has planned for the last week of June, the 25th through the 29th to give you an opportunity to meet with several of your Council friends in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Along with being a scenic section of the country, this area offers a lot of historical places to visit, great places to shop, parties and entertainment along with the chance to compete if you so desire.

This will be the second time that Council has held the National Convention in Bowling Green. Our host hotel is the University Plaza Holiday. It is the only full service hotel in the area so you would never have to leave if you so choose. There is a variety of fine restaurants within walking distance of the

hotel and you are an hour's drive from Nashville's country glamour and scenery. There will be bus tours available to Nashville, one will be a guided tour featuring the highlights of downtown Nashville, admission to the Ryman Auditorium, the Country Music Hall of Fame, The Hermitage and lunch at Two Twenty Two Grill. Other tours will include self-guided tours of downtown Nashville, Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Opry Mills Outlets and the famous "Nash Trash" tour. Bus tours are scheduled for Mammoth Cave which will include a walking visit to one of the world's largest caves, a Bourbon Country tour that will include stops at Makers Mark and the Buffalo Trace distilleries and the National Corvette Museum are just minutes away from the Hotel. Monday night we will have the Competitors Award Dinner, Friday will have the Convention Awards Breakfast and the National Awards Dinners and Corvette Raffle on Friday evening.

There will be the usual competitive events including the cars shows, funkhana, rallies and the drag events at the NHRS sanctioned Beech Bend Drag Strip. The low and high speed events will take place at the Nashville Fairgrounds. There will be a party in Lost River Cave on Tuesday night, a Sock Hop on Wednesday night and Game Night on Thursday which will include the now famous Valve Cover Challenge. We are working with the hotel to see that we have a smooth check in and that there is plenty of parking for all those at the Holiday Inn with golf carts to get your luggage from your trailers to the hotel lobby. The Crosswinds Golf Course will be the site of the Golf Outing; the course is next door to the hotel if you want to get in a round or two during the week. We hope that when you go home you will take memories that will last a life time of the fun and good times you had on this vacation.

As in past the room reservations will be handled by the Convention Treasurer as you register for Convention. When the Holiday Inn fills we have limited commitments from the Marriott and Hilton Garden Inn to honor the room rate of the Holiday. They are located across the street from the Holiday Inn.

See you in Bowling Green in 2013.

Richard Yanko 2013 NCCC Convention Director
Betty Parks 2013 NCCC Convention Director



Convention Registration Information: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2013.html>

NCCC Convention Schedule – June 24 – 28, 2013 – Bowling Green, KY

1/18/13 Schedule – Subject to Revisions

Sunday – June 23

Registration / Tech	10am - 6pm	Hotel
Mall / Hospitality	12pm – 6pm	Hotel
Informal Gathering	7pm – 11pm	Ballroom

Monday – June 24

Registration / Tech	8am - 2pm	Hotel
Concours Wash & Shine	8am – 11:30am	Hotel
Peoples Choice		
Guided Bus Tour , Nashville	Leave Hotel 8 to 9 am	
Golf	8 am	Crosswinds Golf
Mall / Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
National Governors Meeting	5pm – 6pm	Ballroom
2012 Awards Dinner	6pm – 7:30pm	Ballroom
Party – Derby Hats	7:30pm – 11:30pm	Ballroom

Tuesday - June 25

Rallye	7am – 5pm	start place TBD
Mall / Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
Bus Tours, Nash Trash,	11:00 am	depart from Hotel
Bus Tour, Mammoth Cave	11:00 am	depart from Hotel
Funkhana	1pm – 5pm	Hotel
Party	7:00pm – 11:00pm	Lost River Cave

Wednesday – June 26

Drags	8am – 5pm	Beech Bend
Bus Tour, Bourbon Country	8am – 5:30pm	depart from Hotel
Bus Tour, Nashville, (self guided)	9am – 4:30	depart from Hotel
Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
Funkhana	1pm – 5pm	Hotel
Party, 50's/60's Sock Hop	7:30 – 11:30	Ballroom

Thursday – June 27

High & Low Speeds	7:00 am -- ??	Nashville Fairgrounds
Bus Tours, Nashville, (Opryland Hotel & Opry Mills, self guided)	9am –4:30pm	depart from Hotel
Hospitality	12pm – 5pm	Hotel
Party Theme, Game Night	7:30pm – 11:30pm	Ballroom

Friday – June 28

Convention Breakfast	8am – 10am	Ballroom
Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
Banquet – Dinner / Party	6:00pm – 10pm	Ballroom



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Final C6 Rolls off the Assembly Line

This morning [February 28, 2013] at 8:04 a.m., the last 2013 Corvette came off the line at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. The celebration was short lived, as less than 30 minutes after the last car was built, workers began remodeling the plant to prepare for the launch of the all-new 2014 Corvette Stingray.

A total of 215,100 sixth-generation "C6" Corvettes were made at Bowling Green Assembly since production began in 2005, the last of which was the exclusive 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition outfitted with the 60th Anniversary design package.

The last C6 Corvette will join other historic General Motors vehicles at the GM Heritage Center in Warren, Mich. Even as the team celebrated building the last C6, Plant Manager Dave Tatman said there has been a great deal of anticipation and excitement toward building the all-new Stingray.

"The last C6 rolls off the line at 8:04 a.m. and I'll have people in here at 8:30 a.m. to start tearing down and putting in new tools," Tatman said.



The task will require that 120 workers take just four weeks to turn the Bowling Green plant around, completing a job that usually takes months to accomplish. All employees are slated to return to work on March 25, where they will learn the entirely new process required to build the Stingray.

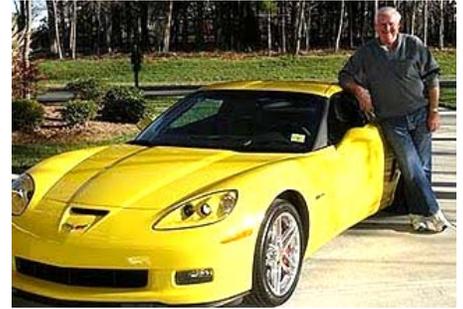
Bowling Green Assembly, which hosts up to 50,000 visitors a year, is currently closed to the public to facilitate the remodeling of the line. Tatman said he plans to reopen the plant to outside tours as soon as possible, knowing that everyone is excited to see this new generation of Corvette built. However, he says this will not likely happen until Fall.

"As I always say, we don't build cars, we build dreams," Tatman said.

The 2014 NCM National Corvette Caravan

Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is Paul Mariano and I am the National Chair for the 2014 NCM Caravan. For those of you not familiar with the caravans, I'll present a little history. If you are familiar and are already awaiting the caravan next year, you may bear with me and maybe hear something you did not know.



I know some of the caravan captains have already posted their introductions which puts me behind the power curve but I am trying to catch up. When the National Corvette Museum had its opening celebration in 1994, a grass movement among Corvette owners around the country sprang up and Corvettes by the thousands descended on Bowling Green to join in on the festivities. Everyone had so much fun that it was held once again in 1999 to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of the museum.

To bring some order to the phenomenon, the NCM and Chevrolet worked together to coordinate a caravan in 2003 to honor the 50th Birthday of the Corvette. Captains were appointed by the Caravan Committee and rules and regulations established to formalize the event and to create a larger and better disciplined program. In 2009, the caravans were back on the five year plan and the 15th Anniversary of the NCM was honored. How time flies. Here we are on the cusp of the 20th Anniversary of the museum and the 5th National Corvette Caravan.

I encourage everyone to visit the caravan website and look up the page that is dedicated to your area. If you haven't already received an e-mail from your captain, you soon will or may contact them at the site on the NCM Caravan site. Thanks for listening and we hope to see all of you in August of 2014, either in one of the caravans or as a drop in at the National Corvette Museum.

My best to all,
Paul Mariano
2014 Caravan National Chair

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