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Hello Members,

Welcome to 2023! What a great turnout at our Holiday Party in January. I love the dedication of members when they are willing to travel from as far away as Alton, Alton Bay, Barnstead, Jaffrey and even Everett, Mass to attend our events. It says a lot for the Club and the close friendships we have developed over the years. We had such a fun night with excellent food, conversation, and of course the famous Yankee Swap. I am always amazed to see which gift is most in demand. Who knew a C7 model would change hands so many times?

We are gearing up for a number of events this year. First and foremost we look forward to hosting our Spring Fling Corvette Show. Save the date for May 28<sup>th</sup>! Please let the board know if you wish to become a part of the planning team. We welcome your help and are always looking for new ideas.

Some of you may be spending the winter in warmer places such as Arizona and Florida, however, please don't forget to put us on your calendar when you return home. We look forward to seeing you!

Tom has been busy contacting people interested in joining our Club. Let's be sure to welcome all new members with open arms when they attend a meeting or event.

My wish for everyone is to stay healthy and enjoy your family... and enjoy your extended Corvette family!

Best,  
David



Gate City Corvette Club is one of the hundreds of Corvette clubs throughout the United States and Canada. The purpose of GCCC is to make being a Corvette owner more fun. GCCC meets at 7:00 pm the second Friday of the month at MacMulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua, New Hampshire.

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## Activities Corner

Hi Members,

The holidays are behind us and wintry weather has finally arrived as I write this column. Our latest event was on January 14th, the GCCC Holiday Party. It was a successful party with 40+ members attending. The food was good, lots of time to socialize, and, as always, a very unique "Yankee Swap" thanks to Mike Dupont who infused the rules with his very own creative version.

We will soon be forming committees to plan events for the upcoming season. Our first big event will be our Spring Fling Corvette Show taking place on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The location is again Anheuser-Busch in Merrimack, NH. As part of the planning process we will be evaluating our judging platform, raffles, food vendors, field set up, etc. Also, please be on the lookout for possible trophy sponsors. As a side note, Lynne LaForce and Ellen Osgood are collecting recipes to compile a cookbook for sale at Spring Fling. Please send those wonderful family or "secret" recipes (and photos) by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

We would love your input in planning cruises and destinations. In addition, let me know your thoughts about clinics featuring Corvette issues, maintenance and detailing. Please contact me if you are interested in getting involved with the various planning committees...the more help the better!

A recent headline was GM introducing the 2024 E Ray Corvette which I am sure by now everyone has seen and heard about. What I am wondering is...GM is having all kinds of problems trying to manufacture the new Z06 alongside of the Sting Ray. How are they going to fit this new E Ray into the production schedule? A whole new story for another time!!!

This past December was a sad time for many of our members. Dan Zelonis, a 40+ year "honored" member of our club passed away on December 13<sup>th</sup>. He was a board member and treasurer for many decades and also helped by filing our taxes each year. Also, Brent & Paula AuCoin lost their oldest son, Chris, on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to Gayle Zelonis and Brent and Paula AuCoin for the loss of their loved ones.

Our next Club meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10th at MacMulkin Chevrolet. Social time is 6:30 - 7:00 pm and meeting is 7:00 - 8:00 pm with dinner to follow at a place to be announced. Hope to see everyone there!

Norm & Sue Wood  
Brent & Paula AuCoin



The 2024 Corvette E Ray for 2024

# Spring Fling 2023

## Gate City Corvette Club



Presents our 41<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Show

**Sunday May 28, 2023**

Registration begins at 8:00 AM

(Rain Date June 11, 2023)

Located on the beautiful grounds of Anheuser-Busch  
221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH

*Please Save the Date*

*More show details to follow!*

Designated Parking for other Classic Vehicles



For more information:

[www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com](http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com)

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## Dan Zelonis

Daniel Martin Zelonis passed away at home on December 13th of complications from his childhood case of polio. He was born on October 28, 1946, in Nashua, and lived most of his life as a resident of Hudson. Dan and Gayle Zelonis were together for 34 years, 20 of which were in marriage.

Dan was a brilliant student, graduating as Salutatorian from Alvirne High School in 1964. Voted Most Dependable, Most Studious, and Most Ambitious, he was active in Student Council and Advanced Math Club, receiving the Proficiency in Math Award. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Honors from Northeastern University in 1971 before joining the Peace Corps as a volunteer.

Dan's career was as a Certified Public Accountant. He worked for several accounting firms in Boston and Lowell, as well as Smith, Batchelder, Smith, Rugg, and Darling in Hanover. He became a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in 1974 and went on to establish his own firm - Daniel M. Zelonis - CPA, servicing private clients and several not-for-profit organizations for over 40 years. He served as interim Town Treasurer for Hudson in the 1970's, as well as treasurer for many local organizations such as Gate City Corvette Club, Hudson Senior Center, Hudson Fish and Game Club, BALF (The United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America), LABAS (Lithuanian American Brothers and Sisters), and Lexington Place Condominium Association. Dan performed treasurer duties for Kiwanis of Hudson for most of his 45 year membership, and acted as manager of the Kiwanis Bingo Hall for 30 years.

Dan and Gayle loved to travel. They visited much of the United States (except sadly Boise and Alpena) and Canada, as well as London, Paris, Lithuania, New Zealand, and the Caribbean. He also enjoyed owning two Corvettes and participating in the Corvette Club's social activities and trivia contests. Dan was extremely proud of his Lithuanian heritage, and felt blessed to have made other family members become interested in their shared heritage and to visit the 'Homeland'.

There will be a celebration of life at a future date. Gifts in his memory may be made to Rodgers Memorial Library of Hudson - to support Lithuanian programs, New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton - for their patient activities fund, and the March of Dimes.



Scenes from  
the  
Holiday Party



## Gate City Corvette Club Membership

To Join Gate City Corvette Club visit our website

<http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com/>

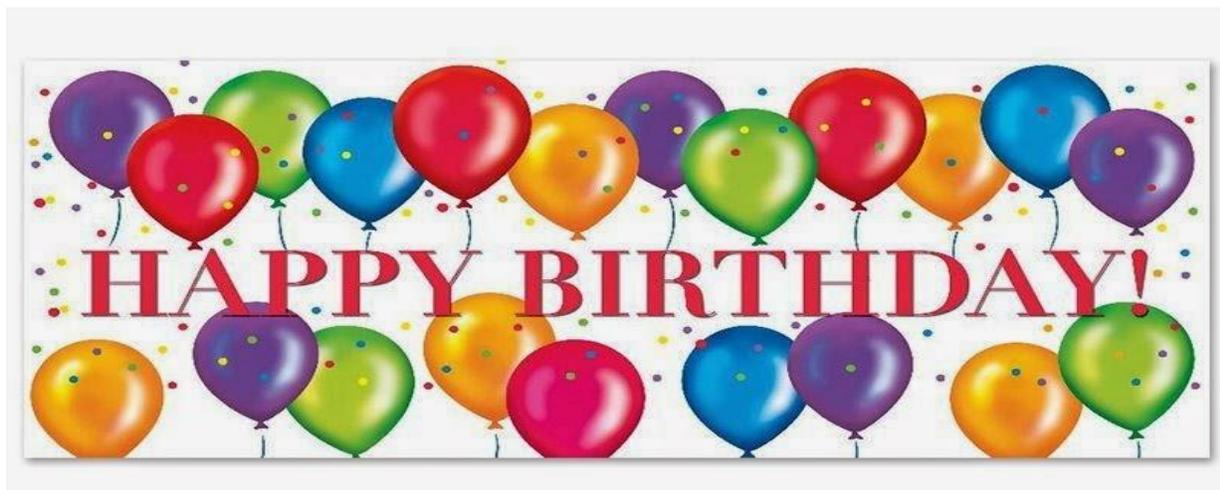
and click on the Membership Info Link

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**Join us in celebrating February birthdays!**



<i>Ellen Osgood</i>	<i>02/01</i>	<i>John Bosco</i>	<i>02/21</i>
<i>Tony Centrella</i>	<i>02/03</i>	<i>Roger Allain</i>	<i>02/22</i>
<i>Dean Gagne</i>	<i>02/04</i>	<i>Deb Hill</i>	<i>02/25</i>
<i>Joe Michalik</i>	<i>02/20</i>		

If you do not see your birthday listed and wish to be included, please send your date of birth (month and day) to Tom Stewart at the phone number or email address above.

## Member Hints and Tips

- If you are an Amazon shopper, use the <https://smile.amazon.com> URL to have Amazon donate a portion of your purchase price to your favorite charity, and we hope that you will select the National Corvette Museum! Every little bit helps to preserve the Corvette treasures at the museum.
- Embroidered Clothing: Maverick's Stitch and Screen, 522 Amherst Street, Unit 28, Nashua, NH Contact Norma or Nathan 603-521-8358
- Remember to Save the Wave

## Corvette Trivia Question



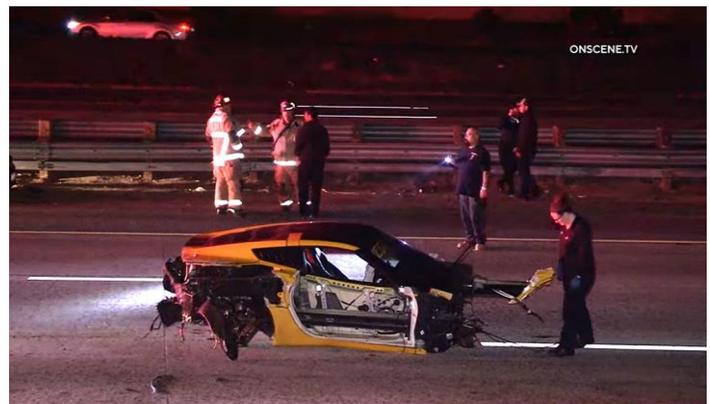
What year did the Corvette introduce the transaxle?

Answer on page 26.

Submitted by Mitch Bagdigian

## That Poor Vette

This poor yellow C7 Vette is a shadow of its former self. As you can see... there isn't too much left to the frame at this point. The engine chose to eject itself during the accident and lay several hundred feet away in the road. It is suspected that the accident occurred during a race with another Vette on the streets. Quite amazingly no one was seriously injured – including the driver of the Vette, who walked away with only minor injuries. I don't think you can make a better testament to the safety of these cars.



TPV Submitted by Larry Shields

# GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Making the Holidays Brighter

*“Thank you Gate City Corvette Club for recently filling our pantry at the Norwell Home. The families appreciate your kindness and generosity!”*



The Norwell House is a transformational housing site, and home to 8 young mothers and their children at any given time. It is often the first permanent home the children experience, and is the starting point on each family's journey toward self-sufficiency.

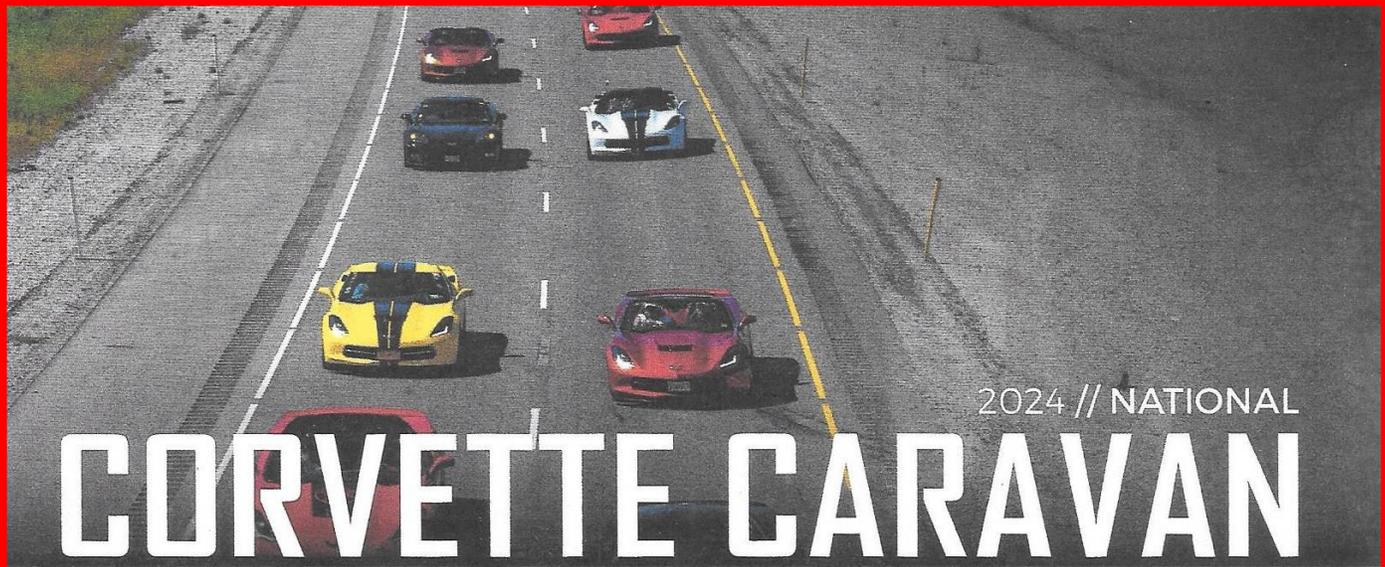
GCCC also made donations to the Nashua Soup Kitchen which provides food and shelter to vulnerable individuals and families in the greater Nashua area.

Proceeds from last year's Spring Fling Corvette Show along with the generosity of our members made these and other charitable donations possible.

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“We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.”

Ronald Reagan



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# CORVETTE CARAVAN

WORDS MICHAELA HATHAWAY // PHOTOS AARON DREXLER & SUBMITTED

**T**here is well over a year before the summer of 2024 is on the radar, but for NCM Caravanners, this is the homestretch after years of anticipation for the National Corvette Caravan. An event of this caliber relies heavily on the dedication put forward by Caravan Captains. The features below spotlight the journey captains take to provide top-notch caravan experiences, packed with memories in the making and connections that will last a lifetime. We hope you will consider joining in on the fun with the Caravan of your choice, and we will meet in BG at the 2024 Caravan!

## RANDY FLOCK AND LARRY GOELZ // NEW ENGLAND

**R**andy Flock and Larry Goelz, Co-Captains for the New England 2024 Corvette Caravan, both have plenty of experience when it comes to crafting an exciting journey to Bowling Green, KY. It is safe to assume that after 15 years of Caravans, both Flock and Goelz, are comfortable taking on this responsibility.

Says Flock, "Reputation helps, and it helps to know you can put on a good Caravan for them." Goelz also shares, "Randy has built quite the reputation in the New England area over the years."

This year, Flock will be taking in the view from the Adrenaline Red interior of his 2023 Artic White Corvette. Goelz will be behind the wheel of his 2016 Z06 Torch Red Corvette. "Larry's got all the horsepower," Flock said. From historical sights & wineries to some of the top motorsport attractions along the route, those following the lead of this co-captain duo can look forward to a variety of exciting events.

Both captains recognize efforts by various state leaders and club representatives to develop a successful Caravan spanning such a vast area. The New England Corvette Caravan has already registered 180 participants for the journey totaling over 1000 miles. Flock mentions, "It's a team effort. We have leaders in every New England state, along with a New York leader and a Canadian leader. With the media and all leaders pitching in and carrying this load, it works out very well. It's not too much work on one specific person."



# TEST YOUR CORVETTE CQ

## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quiz



1. How many Corvettes were built in the 1953 model year?  
175  
300  
700  
2,150
2. How many different places has the Corvette been manufactured?  
One  
Two  
Three  
Four
3. Who led the design team on the first Corvette in 1953?  
Zora Arkus-Duntov  
Harley Earl  
Bill Mitchell  
Chuck Jordan
4. True or False: The "Z" in the nameplate Z06 stands for Zora Arkus-Duntov, the famous Corvette engineer.  
True  
False
5. What was the first Corvette model year to offer a big-block engine?  
1964  
1965
6. What is the most popular Corvette color of all time?  
Red  
Blue  
White  
Black
7. True or False: The original Corvette was offered in only three colors.  
True  
False
8. What year did Corvette first offer a T-top?  
1958  
1968  
1972  
1974
9. How many years was the split-window Sting Ray offered?  
One  
Two  
Three  
Four
10. True or False: The code name Project Gemini was used for development of the first Corvette.  
True  
False

*Quiz continued on the next page...*

11. True or False: At one time, Chevrolet considered building a 4-passenger Corvette.

True  
False

12. True or False: Corvette is the longest continuously produced passenger car nameplate in the world.

True  
False

13. What year did a Corvette first race at the 24 Hours of Le Mans?

1956  
1957  
1960  
1967

14. Who was the very first of the original seven astronauts to drive a Corvette?

Wally Schirra  
Scott Carpenter  
John Glenn  
Alan Shepard

15. What was the first year Chevrolet conducted a factory racing program for the Corvette?

1956  
1957  
1972  
1999

16. True or False: Corvette has paced the Indy 500 more than any other single nameplate.

True  
False

17. What is the Corvette Year That Never Was – the only model year missing from Corvette production?

1957  
1973  
1983  
1992

18. What year did Betty Skelton set a women's land speed record in a Corvette?

1954  
1956  
1960  
1963

19. What year did Chevrolet introduce a concept mid-engine street car?

1970  
1979  
1983  
1987

20. True or False: General Chuck Yeager piloted a Corvette Pace Car at the Indy 500 in both 1986 and 1988.

True  
False

*Answers on the following page...*

- Zero correct – you just arrived on earth from outer space.
- One to six correct – you probably live with a Corvette fanatic.
- Seven to twelve correct – you're on your way to becoming a Corvette fanatic.
- Thirteen to eighteen correct – you ARE a Corvette fanatic.
- Nineteen to twenty correct – you keep a mile-high stack of Corvette magazines in your basement and a truck load of car cleaning products in your garage!

1. The Corvette debuted as a concept vehicle at GM Motorama in NYC in January 1953, and it was so successful that a limited production run of 300 Corvettes began in June.
2. It's been built in three places: Flint, Michigan; St. Louis, Missouri; and Bowling Green, Kentucky, although Corvettes were only built in Flint during the first production year.
3. After WWII, Harley Earl thought the U.S. needed its own sports car and convinced GM to develop one.
4. The Z06 nameplate was originally an alpha-numeric order option code. The Z signified special packages and performance packages.
5. The 1965 Corvette offered the mighty 396-cubic-inch Turbo Jet V8.
6. Red is by far the most popular color in Corvette history, with totals approaching a quarter-million.
7. The first Corvette was offered in just a single color, in fact: Polo White with a red interior.
8. The 1968 model year saw a complete body redesign, and the removable T-tops and removable back window were key to that.
9. It was offered only in 1963 and was scrapped for subsequent years after Zora Arkus-Duntov argued that the split interfered with the driver's rear visibility.
10. It was called Project Opel. Project Gemini was used much later — by the team that developed the groundbreaking LT6 engine for the 2023 Corvette Z06.
11. In 1962, a 4-passenger prototype was built in response to Ford's 4-passenger Thunderbird, but it was never produced.
12. The longest-running vehicle of any type is the Chevrolet Suburban.)
13. Bob Grossman and John Fitch raced the #3 C1 Corvette for the first time at Le Mans in 1960, winning the GT 5.0-liter class and coming in 8th overall.
14. Alan Shepard arrived at space training in 1959 in the 1957 Corvette he owned at the time. All of the Mercury 7 astronauts later received Corvettes through a local Florida dealer.
15. Five Corvettes made up the factory racing program that debuted at the 12 Hours of Sebring in 1956.
16. Corvette has paced the Indy 500 a record 19 times, most recently in 2022.
17. The C3 generation ended with the model year 1982, and C4 started with model year 1984, skipping 1983.
18. Ms. Skelton held several land speed records, but in 1956, she hit a record 145.044 mph in her Corvette on the Daytona Beach sand flats.
19. Called the XP-882, the concept was shown at the 1970 New York Auto Show. It was powered by a transverse-mounted V8 engine located behind the cockpit.
20. He drove the pace car twice, but in 1986, he was in a C4 Convertible, and in 1988, he was in an Olds Cutlass Supreme

<https://lemonly.com/work/corvette-70th-anniversary-quiz>

# Everything Corvette

If you spend time talking with GCCC member Roger Allain, you soon discover he has a long-standing passion for Corvettes and lots of interesting stories to share.

Roger bought his first Corvette, a 1962 red/red 4-speed 327, in Daytona, Florida. He had gone to Daytona on vacation and ended up staying and working 2 jobs to save up for the car. As you may know, Daytona was where Corvette racing began with a '62 C1, an exciting place to be for a young man with an interest in Corvettes.



In the fall of 1980, Roger ordered a new 1981 Corvette and waited 6 months to take delivery of one with a standard transmission. At that time, Roger worked at a Connecticut Chevrolet dealership where he displayed a talent for sales and eventually became manager. He stayed there for 10 years and states he could write a book about his experiences in the business.

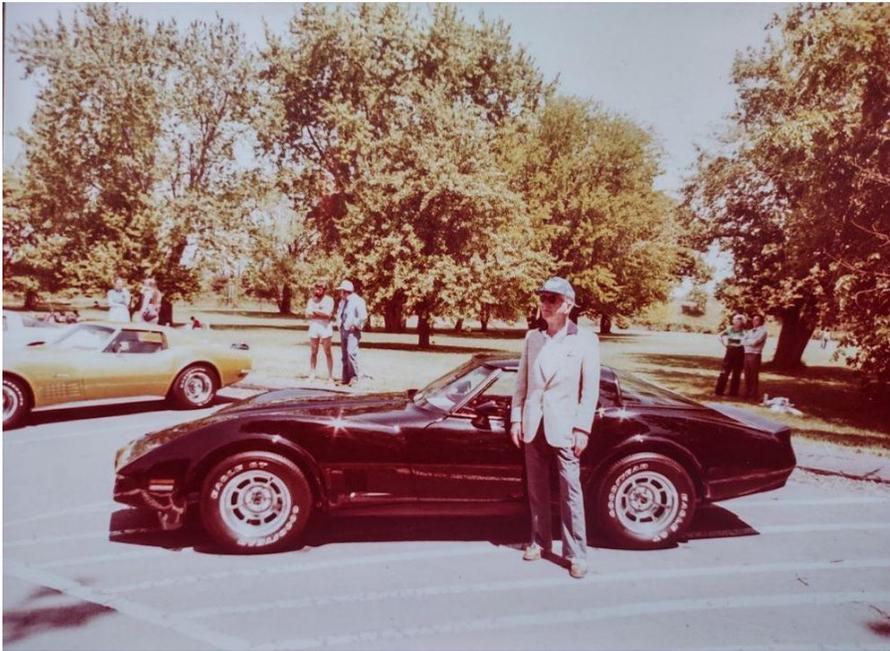


Many famous people purchased cars at the dealership. Paul Newman, actor and race car driver, was a frequent visitor and would come in with hat and sunglasses, unnoticed by the public.

One of Roger's greatest experiences was meeting the man himself - Zora Arkus-Duntov, otherwise known as the Father of the Corvette. Roger joined a Corvette caravan for a weekend in Hyannis, Massachusetts. Zora Arkus-Duntov was invited to go along. He was very gracious and signed Roger's window sticker for his '81.

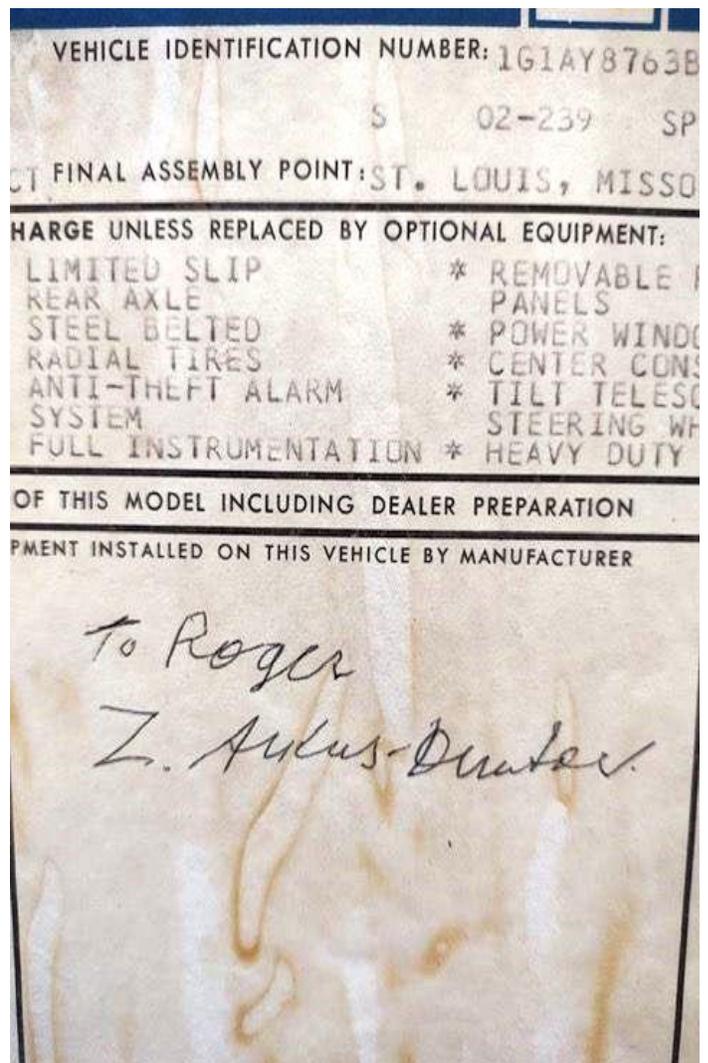
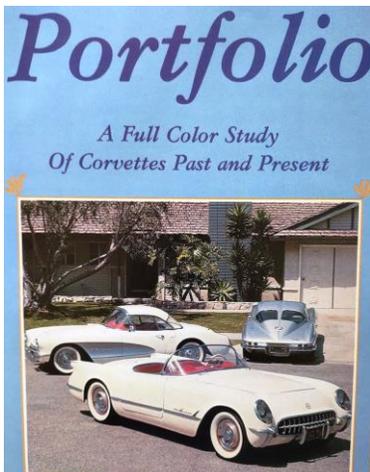


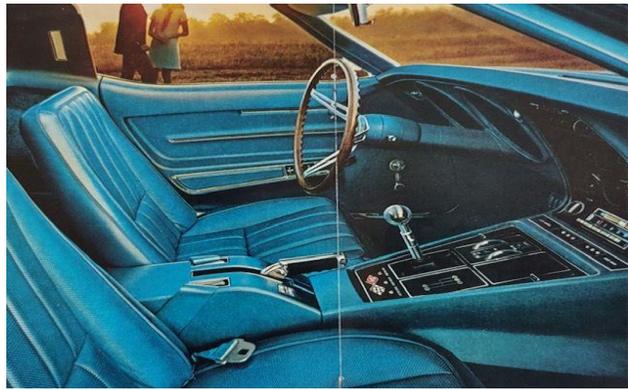
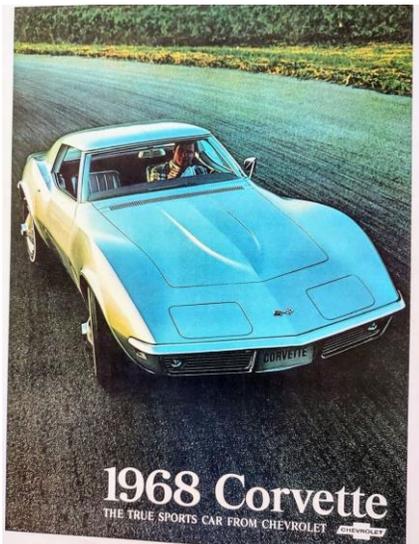
Of course, Zora knew everything about the Corvette and was happy to take the time to talk.



Over the years, Roger has collected many pieces of Corvette memorabilia. He has owner's manuals from 1953 - 1981, the last year the Corvette was produced at the St. Louis assembly plant. When 1983 rolled around, Chevrolet engineers and designers were not prepared to launch the fourth generation. Since brochures for the '83 Corvette had already been sent out, the dealerships were asked to return them. Roger response was, "I don't think so." If you are fortunate enough to visit the National Corvette Museum you will see the only 1983 Corvette that remains to this day.

Below is more memorabilia from his collection.





Above is the 1968 Corvette brochure presenting premium power windows; however, the photo shows a window hand crank. This mistake was corrected in a revised addition.

1953 - General Motors displayed the first full-scale Corvette concept car as a “dream car” at the GM Motorama in New York in January. The text below the yellow Corvette reads: “The sports car gains new all-weather utility in this new experimental model. The removable top – of the same glass fiber plastic construction as the body itself – may be left behind in the garage on warm and sunny days.”



Roger currently enjoys driving his Torch Red C8 and participating in GCCC activities. Thank you to Roger for sharing historical treasures as Corvette celebrates 70 years as America’s Greatest Sports Car!



## Ambassador's NCM Update

**November 2022**

*As the GCCC Ambassador, I have goals to meet for the NCM. For me to meet the goals I need each of you to **let me know** if you attend a museum event, purchase memberships, purchase raffle tickets, purchase bricks/tiles/bench, or make donations to the museum.*

*This month on January 17<sup>th</sup>, Corvette celebrated a milestone. It was 70 years ago, in 1953, that the 1953 Corvette was introduced at the 1953 GM Motorama in New York City. The car's introduction was highly anticipated and drew a lot of attention. At the show was Zora Arkos-Duntov, who, after being amazed at the car, promptly wrote a letter to Ed Cole, then Chief Engineer of Chevrolet, that would get him hired as an engineer.*

**Artifact of the Month:** Each month the NCM Curatorial staff selects an artifact from their collection that is connected to a significant moment in Corvette history and share its story with you.

For the January Artifact of the Month, we'd like to introduce you to the Biederman Collection. This collection is made up of many artifacts, including an exhaustive selection of Corvette-related print ads, postcards, magazines, and toys, curated over the span of decades by George Biederman. It all started in 1977 when George bought his first Corvette. As a founding member of the Museum, he considers this to be the perfect home for what amounts to so much of his life's work sharing, "I've seen how the Museum protects and presents Corvette history. They do that so well. I know that as they put parts of this collection on exhibit, people are going to say, 'Hey, I remember when I had that toy.'" For the current story, "The Biederman Collection" go to <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/the-biederman-collection/>



### **New Appointments:**

Deborah Howard has been named as Corvette Club Relations Coordinator. Her prior position at the museum was as Museum Education Coordinator. In her new role she will be responsible for organizing events and content for and content for and coordinating communication with the Museum's Corvette Club Ambassadors and the hundreds of Corvette Clubs around the world. She will assume her duties on 1 February 2023. Mitchell Rabold-Pearson has been named Senior Tourism Manager. He began his role on 9 January 2023.

## NCM Special Exhibits

### March 10 – Custom CARisma: The Legendary Creations of Carl Casper.

Carl Casper is a car designer and engineer, a racer, a movie car builder, an antique carriage collector and restorer, author, artist, sculptor, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. As a car show producer, his record is peerless. For 55 years, from 1963 to 2017, Carl Casper produced, co-produced, or teamed up to produce over 1000 car shows all over the country. Carl's spectacular career and some of his most famous cars will be on display in the *Custom CARisma: The Legendary Creations of Carl Casper* exhibit at the National Corvette Museum beginning on March 10, 2023. Cars on exhibit will include The Batman Returns Batmobile, Turbo Shark Corvette, Popcorn Wagon, Young American Dragster, 51 Merc "Knight Cruiser", Paddy Wagon, 32 Renegade Deuce and the Cosmic Invader.



Open now is a new exhibit that features Corvette's Vice Presidents of Design beginning with Harley Earl in the 1950s through Mike Simcoe today. The exhibit also reveals the lesser-known stories of those who worked out of the spotlight but were no less influential in creating the lines that would shape the auto industry. Additionally, this exhibit shines a light on the diversity of the individuals responsible for Corvette's iconic design. This exhibit also provides a full overview of the intricate and exciting process of designing a car, from sketches and renderings to clay and prove-out models.

**Callaway Corvettes:** 35 Years of Making Fast *Faster*. Known for their engineering and fine attention to detail in the craftsmanship of their products, Callaway has been on the top of the high-performance field for over four decades. To read go to <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/35-years-of-callaway/>.

## NCM Events 2023

- Michelin NCM Bash - April 27 – 29
- MiM Dragon Run - April 30 – May 3
- MiM Alaska Cruise - July 11 – 23
- MiM Le Mans Tour - Jun 3– Jun 13
- 28th Anniversary Celebration - Aug 31 – Sep 2

### April 28 – The McMichael Family Education Gallery Opening

The National Corvette Museum will be opening its fully reimagined, 2,500-square-foot dedicated education gallery on April 28. This new space will allow the NCM to provide a state-of-the-art educational experience geared directly to the next generation of Corvette enthusiasts, engineers, designers, and more.



### Motorsports Park News: Z06 Fast Pack

The Motorsports Park is the only commercialized track in the nation to offer consumer facing-driving experiences in the much anticipated new Z06 Corvette. Test the power and performance of this amazing vehicle by driving 4 laps (above highway speeds) in a lead/follow format around the 3.2 mile 23 turn road course plus “Zero to Sixty” launch and a Hot Lap driven by an MSP professional. For more information please visit: <https://www.motorsportspark.org/drive-a-z06/>

The NCM Motorsports Park has introduced a new driving experience...the Corvette Bundle! This product showcases the performance capabilities of both the C7 and C8 Corvettes. Guests have the opportunity to get behind the wheel of both cars for four laps each on the 3.2-mile, 23 turn track. This lead/follow experience is packed with exciting speeds, high adrenaline, and lots of fun. Want even more time in the seat?!? Take advantage of our Camaro & Corvette Package!! This experience showcases the performance capabilities of all three GM sports cars, the C7 and C8 Corvettes along with the Camaro SS 1LE. You'll get 4 laps around the track in each car for a total of 12 laps! To register for these and other track experiences:

<https://book.peek.com/s/bdf5867b-553c-4f63-af19-cdc4abedc880/zg2mw>



**Motorsport Park Kartplex – ongoing event.** There are many other track experience packages offered. Go to <https://www.motorsportspark.org/> for complete information on track offerings.

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<https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/index.cfm>

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A single membership is \$65.00 annually and provides you with the following NCM benefits:

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*"The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to celebrate the Corvette's invention and preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future. The museum will serve as an educational and research model for all to enjoy."*

# NEW ENGLAND CORVETTE CARAVAN UPDATE

January 2023

As we enter 2023, the 2024 Caravan is rapidly approaching. All of us Caravan leaders who are making the arrangements still have a number of tasks to complete, commitments to get, and reviewing of what has already been put in place. So, come this April we will again follow our route for the 2024 New England Caravan to Bowling Green, KY to check on the roads we have selected to travel (looking for construction work, etc.) checking that the rest stops are still open, making sure the commitments we have with the hotels, restaurants and attractions are still in place, and working to finalize other items. Ingrid and I will be heading out on 21 April to meet up with others in the group at Gettysburg and then heading to Bowling Green. I will report on the trip in the May newsletter.

If you have forgotten to help support the 2024 Caravan effort by having your license plate included on the Caravan website and in the 2024 NE Caravan Route Book, there is still time for you to do so. Also, you can support us by purchasing a window decal of the 2024 NCM Caravan logo (see below). Please consider being a sponsor.

- The 2024 NE Caravan registration is **limited to 180 cars** and at this time is **FULL**. There is now a wait list for those who now send in their Registration Form (do not send in a deposit). The registration form on the 2024 NE Caravan website has the updated form. When there is a cancellation, the first person on the wait list will be contacted. If they still want to go on the Caravan, they will be requested to send in the deposit and they will be placed on the attendees list when their check is received. The New England Caravan Registration Refund Policy: A full refund (less \$15.00) up to 7/15/2024. A 50% refund on your registration fee (less \$15.00) from 7/16/2024 to 8/12/2024. Sorry, NO refunds for any reason after 8/12/2024.
- The official 2024 NE Caravan Web site is [www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/) ; and the official 2024 New England Face Book page is: [www.facebook.com/groups/httpwww.corvettecaravan.comnewengland](https://www.facebook.com/groups/httpwww.corvettecaravan.comnewengland)
- NE Caravan Planning Update: The 2024 NE Caravan will begin in Gettysburg, PA, at the Wyndham Hotel (starting on Thursday 22 August; 2-day minimum stay), departing on Sunday 25 August for Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA (driving on part of the Blue Ridge Parkway), departing on Monday 26 August, the plan is to go to the Virginia International Speedway for laps on the south course and lunch, then on to the Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord, NC, touring Hendrick Performance Center and the Hendrick Museum, departing on 27 August for the Meadowview Resort in Kingsport, TN, departing on 28 August for the Holiday Inn (4 day minimum stay) in Bowling Green, KY, departing on 1 September for Home. Other activities along the route will be identified over as we put them together.
- The first and second Meet and Greets have been held and the third and fourth Meet and Greets are in the planning stages:
- The third Meet and Greet is currently being planned for Ogunquit, ME on 19 – 21 May 2023. **Registration is open.** The fourth Meet and Greet will be in the Finger Lakes Region in the fall of 2023 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Horsehead, NY. **Registration will open in January 2023.**

NE Caravan Sponsorship form can be viewed below or accessed at [www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/)  
Please consider supporting the Caravan by placing your Vanity License Plate into the 2024 NE Caravan Route Book and it will also appear on the 2024 NE Caravan web site until the 2024 Caravan concludes.

Available now is the 2024 NCM Caravan window sticker. It is priced at \$10.00 and can be used inside and outside of a window. I have stickers available at each club meeting.

2024 New England Caravan clothing is available for sale; current items include denim shirts, polo shirts, jackets, and t-shirts. Clothing order form: [www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/)



Please contact me for more information about the National Corvette Museum or the New England Corvette Caravan 2024. [lstarrg@comcast.net](mailto:lstarrg@comcast.net)

If you would like to be a sponsor of the 2024 New England Corvette Caravan you can do so in the following ways.

Option 1: New England Route Book Business Ad/Club Ad, Personal Ad Website Posting

[www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/) Please provide your ad in PDF electronic format (high definition) so it can be sized correctly. E-mail: [vetteflock@cox.net](mailto:vetteflock@cox.net) Note: Ads can be sent in any time after payment is received up to June 30, 2024.

AD SIZE	COLOR AD	YES			DIMENSIONS	\$ AMOUNT
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TOTAL						\$

Option 2: Vanity Plate – Please provide a photo of your personal license plate to be included in the New England Route Book at a cost of \$30.00 each. Dimensions are 3/4" x 1 1/2". Your vanity plate will also be posted on our New England website: [www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/) Take a photo of your license plate with your phone camera (just a photo of your plate and not the whole rear end of the car – we can crop a few inches off plate surroundings) and E-mail your photo to [vetteflock@cox.net](mailto:vetteflock@cox.net)

Please make checks payable to: **NE 2024 NCM Caravan**

Mail payment to: **NE Caravan / Randy Flock**  
**P. O. Box 42**  
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# 2024 New England Corvette Caravan – Dust off Weekend

Ogunquit, Maine - Mariner Resort - May 19, 20, 21 2023



Registration Opening - November 2022

**2024 New England Corvette Caravan "Meet and Greet"**

**Hilton Garden Inn - Horseheads, New York - October 5, 6, 7, 2023**



**Registration opening January 2023**



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## Corvette Trivia Answer



The transaxle was introduced with the C5 1997 Corvettes.

Of the many innovations of the C5, the rear transaxle was at the top of the list. With a transaxle design, the transmission and the differential are located in a combined case at the rear axle. This was the same layout used in the Porsche 944 and Ferrari Daytona. The goal was improved balance; with the weight shifted more to the rear a better front / rear weight distribution was possible.

In the case of the C5, weight distribution was 51% front / 49% rear which is close to ideal and an excellent statistic for a front engine car. Another advantage of the rear transaxle was more space in the cockpit area, which resolved a complaint from C4 owners who felt that the footwell area was too small.

Mitch Bagdikian



# PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING

The next article/ad submission date is **February 20, 2023**

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Please help by sharing news about trips you've taken, shows you've attended, and suggestions for club activities, as well as technical advice, cleaning tips, or anything else that you feel would be of interest to our members. The club needs your input.

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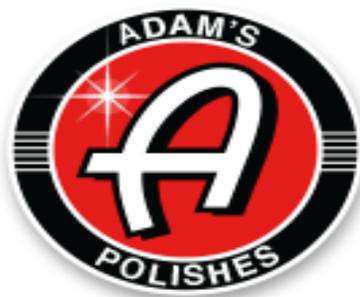
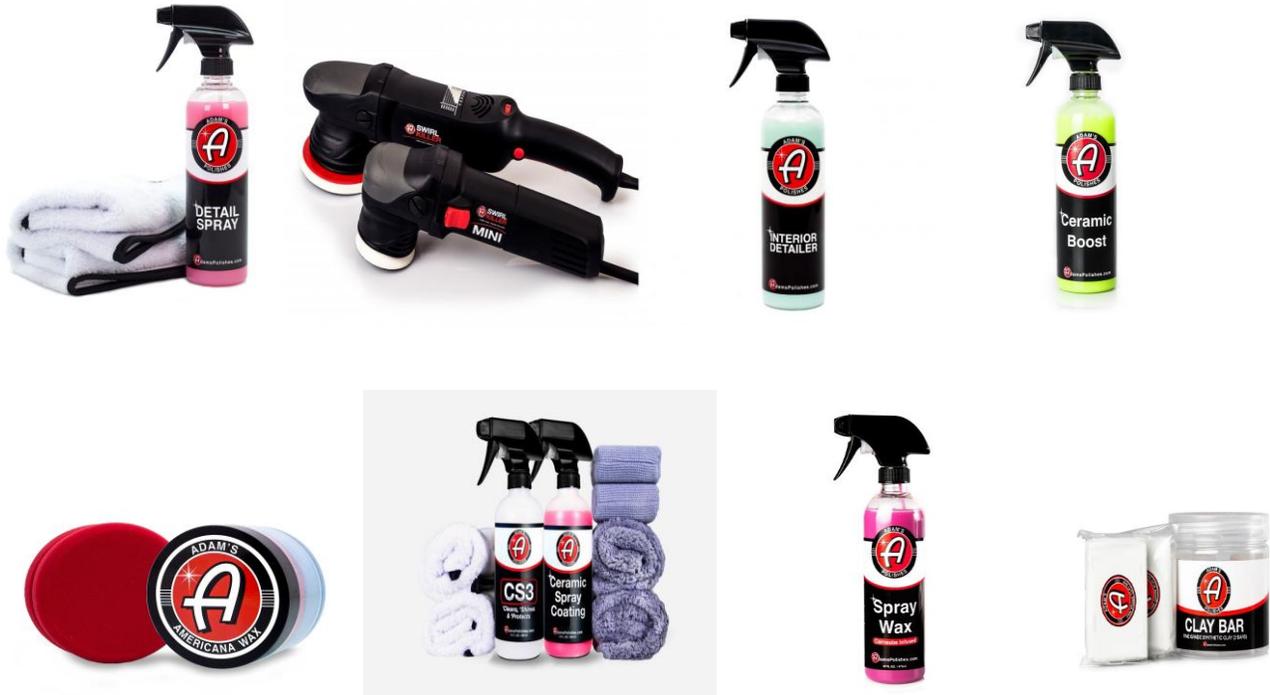
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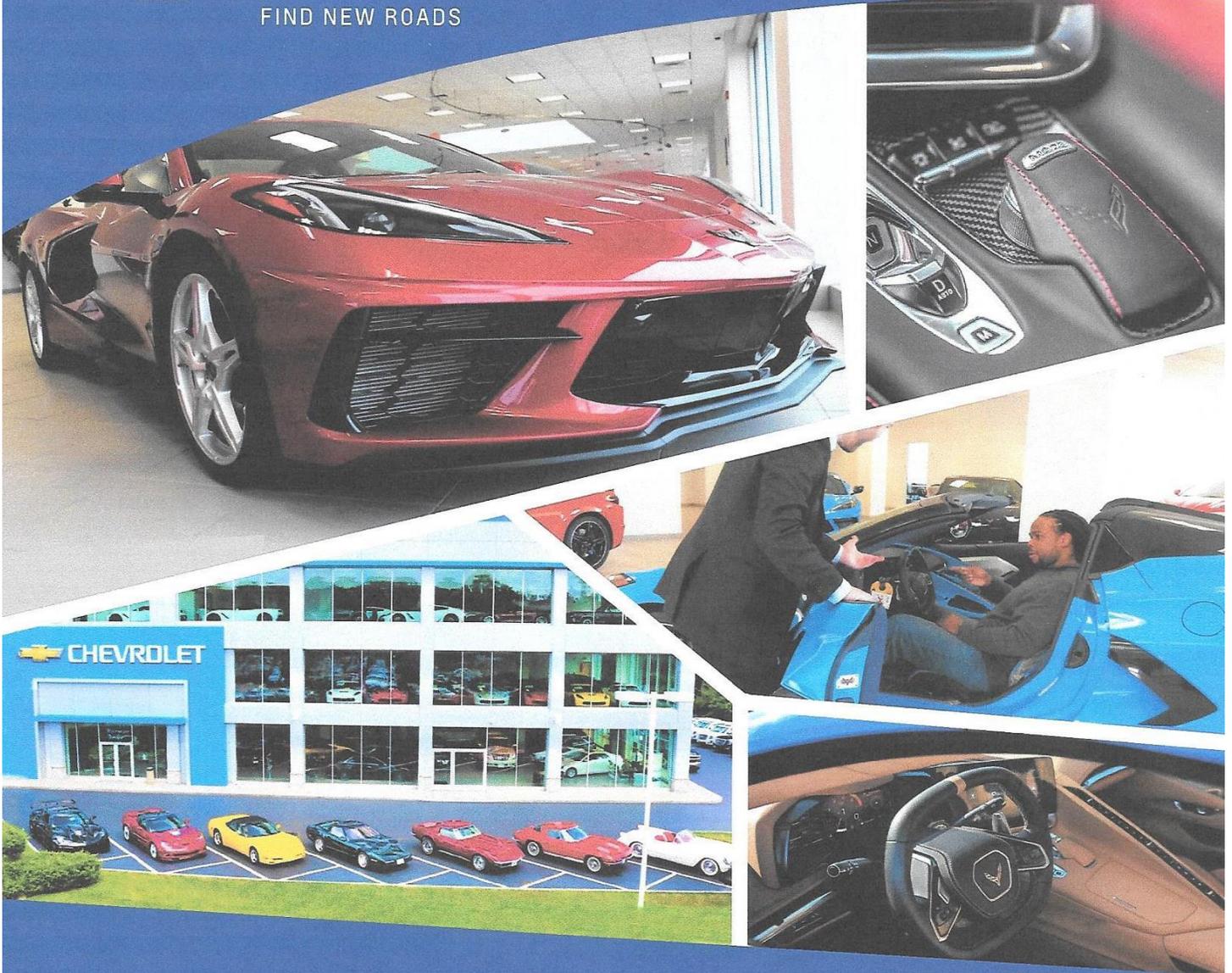
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