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Hello Members,

I just landed last night after a week in Italy. This was a business trip with little free time in between. I'm writing this with no sleep while trying to adjust to the time change!

The highlight of the trip was dinner at Ruote Da Sogno in Reggio Emilia, Italy with three hundred of my closest friends from around the world. It is like a museum but with preowned cars for sale. Guess what, they had a 1975 Corvette that had already sold. Others brands were Ferrari, Porsche, Lamborghini, Mercedes, and even a Mustang convertible. You can imagine a car enthusiast like me in a place like this... and the food was a bonus!

While I was away you all had a return to winter. That warm weather was just a tease to get your cars out. I wasn't fooled one bit; my car is still covered in the garage waiting for the snow to disappear.

One thing is for sure; our 42nd Annual Spring Fling Corvette Show & Shine is just around the corner. As I always say, this is our biggest event of the season and everyone's involvement is appreciated. There is no denying that preparing for a large point-judged show takes a lot of effort, but it is also fun to plan, and especially gratifying to see participants and visitors enjoying the day. Our event also offers an alternative experience for those who do not wish to have their Corvette judged. There is plenty of shady grassy area to just listen to music, enjoy a picnic, and socialize with old and new friends. We look forward to another beautiful day of wonderful people and Corvettes!



On St. Patrick's Day, club members enjoyed a fantastic Sunday Brunch at Bistro 603. Thank you to Kevin and Georgia for planning this fun get-together. The food was extraordinary! I love these casual gatherings that provide an opportunity to get to know one another better.

Thank you all for your support of our club...the longest running Corvette Club in New Hampshire! See you at our next meeting on Friday, April 12th.

Best,
David Osgood

The purpose of Gate City Corvette Club is to make being a Corvette owner more fun. Our club meets at 6:45 pm the second Friday of the month at MacMulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua, New Hampshire. If you own a Corvette, please come and join us!

DAVID'S ITALIAN ADVENTURE



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GCCC ACTIVITIES, CRUISES AND DESTINATIONS

Happy April everyone! Have you had the chance to drive your cars yet? With a few mild days and rain that has washed away most the sand and salt from the roads, some of us have had the pleasure of getting behind the wheel of our cars already.

There was another great turnout for our March social at Bistro 603. I believe we had 24 in attendance on St. Paddy's Day for some good food, a few mimosas and great conversation. We had 1 Corvette in attendance all the way from the Boston area – Peter! Looking forward to our next club activity where all of us can hopefully have our Vettes.

In April we start ramping up our club activities, kicking off our 2024 season. We have our club meeting on April 12th and then on April 14th our first cruise, appropriately named the “Mice Out” cruise. It will take us to the coast starting in Salisbury, traveling north for lunch at Ray's seafood and an ice cream stop on the ride home. So polish up those cars, evict any and all mice, bring your appetite and get ready for a fun day!

The third week of April sees Georgia and me off to Bowling Green for our third and final dry run for the upcoming NCM Caravan the end of August. FYI, there are spots still open for this once in a life time trip for the museum's 30th anniversary celebration. It's an excellent opportunity to travel some wonderful backroads “seeing the USA in your Chevrolet” as we wind our way to Kentucky over the course of 4 easy travel days. You can reach out to us and Larry G for more information and questions.

That's it for this month, looking forward to seeing everyone on the 12th & 14th.

Reminder - Our club social and meeting start time has changed. **6:15pm** social **6:45pm** meeting start time.

Cheers,
Kevin LeBlond

Life is short, enjoy the ride!



SPRING FLING 2024

Gate City Corvette Club

Presents our **42nd Annual Corvette Show**



Sunday May 26, 2024

Registration 8:00 – 11:30 AM

(Rain Date Sunday June 9, 2024)



Music, Food,
Raffles & More!
Goodie Bags
Dash Plaques

Point Judged Show
25 Classes ~ Trophies for
Show ~ Super Street ~ Street
Best of Categories

Corvette
Registration Fee:
Judged \$30.00
Non-judged \$15.00

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

Corral Parking for other Classic Vehicles \$15.00

Gate City Corvette Club Supports

The American Cancer Society, Nashua Soup Kitchen, & Front Door Agency



For more information:

www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com

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Dean Gagne at 1-603-472-3524



President: Kevin LeBlond (in David's absence) began the March 8th meeting at 6:45 pm. He took a count for the after-meeting dinner at Shorty's.

Membership Director: Tom introduced potential new member Steve Tesla. (I hope I spelled Steve's name correctly. Apologies if I didn't!) Tom mentioned he has changed the member application at Larry G.'s request to include, "Do you want to become a member of the National Corvette Museum?"

Treasurer: Dean was unable to attend the meeting.

Secretary: Allie thanked everyone for their contributions to the March newsletter. Please send member news and anything else you would like to share for inclusion in the newsletter.

NCM Ambassador: Larry G. provided an update on the National Corvette Museum and 2024 New England Caravan. He reminded everyone that the National Corvette Museum offers a good price for Corvette insurance. Details are posted on the NCM website. Kevin mentioned he got a quote that was half of what he would have paid with the insurance company he uses for his other vehicles. It's worth getting a quote! Please inform Larry if you get insurance through NCM. Also, please inform him if you join or renew a membership with the Museum.

The final Meet & Greet prior to the New England Caravan will be held in North Conway at the Fox Ridge Resort from May 16 – 18. Larry reminded Caravan participants to consider sending a picture of their license plate for publication in the Caravan Route Book. Ads are also being accepted. Larry reminded participants that, in addition to signing up for the NE Caravan, they also need to register with the Museum. There are currently slots available for those who have not yet signed up. (Larry's Report with additional details about the Museum and 2024 New England Caravan begins on page 22.)

Officer at Large: Linda gave an overview of **LAPS FOR CHARITY** at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon. If interested in participating or have questions please contact Linda. She will need to have a count for a meeting place and arranging dinner afterwards. At the Speedway, you can purchase a picture with your car afterwards. You may register, sign waiver, and make payment with a credit card at www.speedwaycharities.org Stay tuned for something extra special related to the Speedway. (Please see flyer on page 15.)

Vice President/Activities Director: Kevin reviewed the club's Calendar of Events for the upcoming season. His goal is to offer something of interest for everyone - socials, cruises, car shows. For March he has planned a **BRUNCH** at Bistro 603. April 14th will be a **"MICE OUT"** cruise to Ray's Seafood Restaurant in Rye and then on to Salisbury for ice cream. The month of May promises to be a busy month. Kevin is planning our annual overnight trip for September. He has locations in mind, but would appreciate hearing your ideas of where you would like to go. Please contact Kevin with your suggestions.

SPRING FLING will be Sunday, May 26th with a rain date of June 9th. Charities to benefit are American Cancer Society, Nashua Soup Kitchen, and Front Door Agency through which we provide children with clothing and toys during the holidays. We are looking for businesses or individuals to sponsor trophies. Also if you know of a vendor who would like to set up at Spring Fling let Dean Gagne or any board member know. If you plan to provide a gift basket or other items for the raffle or silent auction, please contact Sue Wood.

Mike DeCampo was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. The winner of the member raffle was not in attendance.

Kevin adjourned the meeting shortly after 7:30.



MICE OUT CRUISE!

Gate City Corvette Club

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Ray's Seafood Restaurant

1677 Ocean Blvd

Rye, New Hampshire

Meeting time: 9:00 AM

Bonsai Restaurant

2264 Candia Rd, Manchester, NH

Driver's Meeting: 9:25

Departure time: 9:30

Rest stop: Salisbury, MA

Lunch around 11:30

Bring 2 - Way Radios

~ RSVP by April 10th Kevin LeBlond kgvert1@outlook.com ~

Restaurant parking: Parallel parking across the street (along seawall) or very small parking area at restaurant. Ride home: As a group or on your own. Most likely via Rt. 101 to Haywards in Milford for ice cream.

What's more fun than friends and food?

Be there with metal or plastic!!!

Become a member of Gate City Corvette Club!

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

and click on the Membership Info Link

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Join us in celebrating April birthdays!



<i>Brad Davis</i>	<i>04/05</i>
<i>Linda Davis</i>	<i>04/10</i>
<i>Carol Whittier</i>	<i>04/13</i>
<i>Mike Dupont</i>	<i>04/19</i>
<i>Larry Shields</i>	<i>04/24</i>
<i>Sue Wood</i>	<i>04/26</i>

If you do not see your birthday on the list 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.



CORVETTE LOVER'S LAMP

Light up your life with a one-of-a-kind Corvette themed lamp created by Sue Wood for the Silent Auction at Gate City Corvette Club's Spring Fling Show on Sunday, May 26th. The glass lamp is filled with Corvettes of various years with a fun shade displaying generational logos. This lamp would be a nice addition to any Corvette lover's home!!

Corvette Trivia Question

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

Answer page 27

Submitted by Mitch Bagdikian



That Poor Vette

Once again, it appears someone has forgotten that as amazing as our Corvettes are... they aren't rated for underwater use. This Torch Red C7 Z06 (with the ZR-1 high wing) was apparently going a bit too fast for the driver when going around a curve, causing it to go off the road and land sideways in a canal. Thankfully both people in the car were wearing their seatbelts and were not injured.



Source: <https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2024/02/14/accident-speeding-c7-corvette-z06-ends-up-partially-submerged-in-a-california-canal/>

TPV Contributed by Larry Shields

OUR JOURNEY TO A CORVETTE C8 STINGRAY

AND OVERCOMING MY ATTACHMENT TO OUR C7

By Larry Goelz

It all really started with the press coverage of the then upcoming mid-engine configuration C8 and the hype regarding either it was about time, or it's not a genuine Corvette. In late spring of 2019, we received a call from the National Corvette Museum (we are high on the museum's donor list) saying we could get 2 tickets to the July C8 Reveal being held in Los Angeles CA for a donation of \$500.00 and asked if we were interested. Without hesitation I said yes. In July we flew to Los Angeles and attended the Reveal held in one of the dirigible hangers from WW2 which has since burned down. Seeing the C8 on display, I found the new generation to be impressive, very well engineered, and offered a large range of options. Most in the audience were excited with the new mid-engine C8.

Back home, club members as well as other Corvette friends asked me if I was going to get a C8. My response then and for the next 3 years was I thought the C8 was a great next-generation vehicle, but at my age and the fact that I really loved our 2016 Z06 (we built the engine for it and took Museum Delivery) I would not be ordering one. I also was disappointed that I would have to get on a 'list' and wait a *long time* to get one.

Being the co-captain for the 2024 NE Caravan, I started to think in early 2023 about having a C8 for the Caravan. It wasn't until June or July that I learned from MacMulkin that if I went on the list I would have my order placed within 3-4 months and delivery in early 2024. Thinking about everything, my age, less cargo capacity versus the C7, the fact I was quite happy with the C7, finding all the additional accessories we would need (ceramic brake pads, seat covers, jack pads, strut covers, splash guards, sill protectors, car cover) and dealing with selling the C7, kept me from taking the plunge.

After several months of discussions, Ingrid and I finally decided to put our name onto the C8 Stingray list. Ingrid was still not sure the C8 cargo capacity would meet our travel needs, but we will find out when we do the NCM Bash in April '24. On 28 July we went to MacMulkin, wrote a check for a deposit of \$3,000.00, and became #733 on the *list*. By 11 December we were at #168.

Next step was to configure the C8. It took me 3 months to configure the C7, so I was prepared for this one to take some time as well. On 4 September, I sent in our C8 build information and received order #CXVMZP. This was modified on 1 November and a final change on 15 December. The new one would look similar to our C7.



Figure 1 Our C8 Should Look Like This

During this time, I needed to decide when and how to sell the C7. I figured if I waited until the spring its value would decrease so now was the time. I decided to approach MacMulkin, Corvette Mike, and, based on Randy Flock selling his C6 to Carvana, I decided to also look at Carvana and I sold it to them. I was very wary of their total online process, and at every step I wondered if I was doing the right thing. The process, however, worked quite well and I was pleased with the outcome.

Another journey to take was choosing aftermarket options... what would we want to add to the car? I quickly found out there are many sites offering a myriad of add-ons to the C8. I visited many of the sites and reviewed what was being offered and I also asked Norm about what he had found. I planned on adding ground effects (rockers and air splitter), jacking pucks, front strut covers, seat covers, Paint Protection Film, a removable front license plate holder, splash guards, sill plate covers, lower inside door panel protection covers, tow hook, car cover, cargo and floor mats, center console storage box, Nova Stretch for the front end and mirrors, and side vent inserts. I expect there will be a few more items before we are done outfitting the car.

On 30 November I received an email stating our order could be processed that day if I was willing to change the wheels (Q91 was on constraint) and delete the contoured liner package (also on constraint). I declined as we really wanted the Q91 wheels. Then on 14 December I again received an email that stated our order could be placed that day as the Q91 wheels were available. I was asked to review the order, confirm that it is accurate, and agree to have the RIA option removed as it was still on constraint. After several emails back and forth making sure we were in sync, on 15 December I sent an email stating that the order was correct. On December 18, 2023, we received an email from MacMulkin stating "Congratulations, we received your final confirmation, and your order is at status 2000!!!" Now the process of watching the progression through the Status stages begins:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Date for Us</u>
2000 - Order accepted by Chevrolet	12/18/2023
3000 - Accepted by Production Control	12/19/2023
3300 - Order scheduled for Production	01/15/2024
3400 - Order broadcast	01/29/2024
3800 - Vehicle produced	01/31/2024
4000 - Available to ship	?
4150 - Vehicle Invoiced	?
4200 - Vehicle shipped	?
5000 - Vehicle at Dealer	02/09/2024

The screenshot shows a detailed production schedule for 2024 Corvette models. The columns are organized by model: Stingray (red), ZO6 (orange), and E-Ray (blue). Each model's data is further divided into 'Total' and 'Week' columns. The rows represent daily production from January 8th to February 26th, 2024. The 'VIN #' column contains individual vehicle identification numbers, and the 'Total' and 'Week' columns show cumulative production counts.

Figure 2 Corvette Production Information

When we went to 3400, we got our VIN# and the target production week was listed as 01/29/2024. Norm Wood sent me the production information which showed that our car was produced on 31 January 2024. He said he had received an email from GM stating his car was shipped. So, I started to look for the same email and maybe try to get a picture of the unloading of the car.

MacMulkin contacted me on 2 February regarding the final price, asked how I was going to pay, and what names were to be on the title. It said that they will contact me when they have information as to when the car should arrive at MacMulkin. On Monday 5 February I picked up the title papers from MacMulkin and proceeded to register the car in New Boston. I also contacted the NCM Insurance group and discussed their insuring the car. As it turns out, the cost to insure the car for one year was about half that of using my current insurance company. Pays to shop around!

On 9 February we went to the Gate City Corvette Club meeting. As we were walking through the field of Corvettes someone said they saw a car with our name on it, to which I replied that our car was still in Bowling Green. I then went over to the desk area on the 2nd floor and asked the person sitting there – “where is our car?” He asked for the order number and after looking at his computer screen said that it was on its way. So much for our car being on the floor. I went to the meeting room, dropped off my notebook then went back out to socialize. Again, someone said a car had our name on it and showed us where it was. *To my surprise (and delight!) there was a Torch Red 2024 Stingray with a sold sign on the dashboard with our name on it!* So much for GM sending an email to tell us the car was on a truck headed for NH!



Figure 3 This Is It! Without the Decal

I then went over to Tom and Mark and asked if they could have the car ready for delivery on Monday 12 February as on Tuesday we were expecting a possible nor'easter and I wanted the car home before the snow arrived. They said they would try. On Monday morning I received a call from MacMulkin that we could pick up the car after 3 PM. So, at 3 PM on 12 February we were at MacMulkin to pick up the car. First was doing the paperwork along with writing the largest personal check I have ever written. Then on to the vehicle checkout and heading home. Arriving home the car went into the garage. The storm went south but I was pleased we finally had our new C8 home.



Figure 5 The Sold Sign Says It Is Ours!



Figure 4 Ready to Take It Home

Now the work begins. With a pile of aftermarket items on the workbench needing to be affixed to the car, I think I will need an extra pair of hands (Norm) to get the work completed because we will be heading to Bowling Green for the NCM Bash in April! Also, we need to schedule the Spring Mountain Motorsports Park driving school.

Oh, by the way, what fits in a C7 may not fit in the C8. Shortly after we got the car, we headed out to our favorite pizza place and planned on taking a large 15 inch pizza home. Guess what – that box did not fit unless you placed it vertical, which would not be good for the pizza. Plan ahead!



Figure 6 It Is Home!

Gate City Corvette Club



Laps for Charity

New Hampshire Motor Speedway



Friday, May 3rd 4:30-7:00 pm

Road Course (1.6 mile road course)

Choose either

3 "group" laps in your own vehicle

\$50 per vehicle

Includes your photo in the victory lane

OR

5 VIP laps in your own vehicle with

just you and the pace car \$150

Includes your photo in the victory lane

Thursday, June 20th 6-8:00 pm

Oval Course (the magic mile)

Choose either

3 "group" laps in your own vehicle

\$40 per vehicle

Includes your photo in the victory lane

OR

5 VIP laps in your own vehicle with

just you and the pace car \$100

Includes your photo in the victory lane

If you wish to participate or have questions email Linda Sutherland

lindasutherland673@gmail.com

State which date(s) you are interested in. As the date gets closer we will plan a location to meet for dinner after the event. Registration form, waiver and payment are completed by you online www.speedwaycharities.org

Speedway Children's Charities



SCC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and provides funding for hundreds of non-profit organizations throughout the nation that meet the direct needs of children. Our vision is that every child has the same opportunities no matter what obstacle they are facing. Because of the unique conditions in every community, the issues Speedway Children's Charities address are determined locally. Challenges ranging from learning disabilities, broken homes, and childhood cancer are on the agenda for the local chapters of SCC and the numerous non-profit organizations they support. Thank you for your support!



GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

2024 Calendar of Events

(Rev. 3/24/2024)

-  GCCC Event
-  NCM Event
-  Other Event

April

- 12 Club Meeting – 6:15pm Social – 6:45pm Meeting – Dinner afterwards TBD
- 14 Cruise – “Mice Out” coast cruise to Ray’s Seafood in Rye for lunch
- 25-27 **National Corvette Museum (NCM) Michelin Bash**

May

- 3 Laps for Charity @ NHMS Road Course
- 4 **Blessing of the Vettes @ Corvette Mike’s 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**
- 5 Cruise – Backroads to T-Bones or Fratello’s in Laconia, ice cream on way home
- 10 Club Meeting – 6:15pm Social – 6:45pm Meeting – Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 12 Mother’s Day
- TBD **Attend Car Show**
- 15 Ice Cream Cruise (various locations mid-week - member choice.)
- 16-18 **NCM Caravan Meet & Greet N. Conway, NH**
- 19 Spring Fling Judging Clinic
- 26 Spring Fling 2024

June

- 1 & 2 **VOCM Bar Harbor Maine Weekend**
- 9 Spring Fling Rain Date
- 14 Club Meeting – 6:15pm Social – 6:45pm Meeting – Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 16 Father’s Day
- TBD **Attend Car Show**
- 19 Ice Cream Cruise (various locations mid-week - member choice)
- 20 Laps for Charity @ NHMS Oval Course
- 23 Cruise – Quechee Gorge with lunch in Woodstock, VT

July

- 12 Club Meeting – 6:15pm Social – 6:45pm Meeting – Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 14 Club Cruise – Backroad ride to Ludlow, VT with lunch at Calcutta’s
- 21 Annual Club Picnic Pembroke Pavilion 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- 24 Ice Cream Cruise (various locations mid-week - member choice)

August

- 4 Club Cruise Member Choice/Member Lead
- 9 Club Meeting – 6:15pm Social – 6:45pm Meeting – Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 11 **CCRI Corvettes by the Sea**
- 14 Ice Cream Cruise (various locations mid-week - member choice)
- 22-24 **Corvettes at Carlisle 2024**
- 21-31 **NCM New England Caravan**
- 31 **Cruising Downtown Manchester, NH**

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September

- TBD **Attend Car Show, last of the season**
- 13 Club Meeting – 6:15pm Social – 6:45pm Meeting – Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 15-17 Overnight & Cruise – Destination TBD
- 29 Castle in the Clouds Cruise & Picnic, Moultonborough, NH

October

- 11 Club Meeting – 6:15 PM Social – 6:45 Meeting – Dinner afterwards TBD
- 13 Fall End of Season Club Cruise – Coastal Cruise to Ogunquit/Wells w/lunch

November

- 8 End-of-Season Pizza Party – Club Meeting & BOD Election

Weekly Cruise Nights**

Monday: Manchester Firing Line 5 – 8 PM - Brown Ave, Manchester, NH

Tuesday: North Shore Corvettes 4–7 PM Teresa’s Grille 19, 20 Elm St, North Reading, MA

Wed: North Side Grill 5 – 9 PM - 323 Derry Road, Hudson, NH

Thurs.: Candia First Stoppe Country Store 5 – 8 PM - 285 Old Candia Road, Candia, NH

Thurs.: Marty’s Cruise Night Mason, NH

Friday: Target Parking 4:30 – till? - Starting April 12, 600 Amherst Street, Nashua, NH

** These events are based on their 2023 schedule and have not been confirmed for 2024.

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Gate City Corvette Club’s Spring Fling Corvette Show



Pictures provided by Larry Shields

ADDITIONAL EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND

May 13-16 Saturday, May 18 Saturday, May 18	Back 2 the Beach 20 th Annual - http://back2thebeach.net New Hampshire Muscle Cars Season Opener – Deerfield, NH Corvette Club of Western MA, 8th Annual 'All Corvette Show' Balise Chevrolet, 440 Hall of Fame Avenue, Springfield, MA 10:00 am https://www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com/event-flyers NCRS Regional Corvette Event Royal Plaza Trade Center Marlboro, MA
Friday May 31 & Sat. June 1 Sunday, June 9 Sunday, June 30	Larz Anderson Museum NCRS All Corvette Show Brookline, MA National Corvette Day (Drive 'Em Anywhere) All day event https://nationaltoday.com/national-corvette-day/
Friday, July 12 Friday, August 9 Sunday, Sept 15	Laps for Charity @ NHMS Road Course Laps for Charity @ NHMS Oval Course For Corvettes Only 17th Annual 'Vettes at Ocean Beach Park 98 Neptune Avenue, New London, CT http://forcorvettesonly.com/
Saturday, Sept 28	Corvettes of Berkshire Corvette Show Dalton, MA https://www.corvettesofberkshire.org/
Saturday Oct 5 Saturday Oct 5	Cape Cod Corvette Club Poker Run 9:30 am Corvettes of Western MA Charity Car Show Chicopee, MA

Please confirm dates and times of any of the above non-club events before planning to attend.

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CCRI's Corvettes by the Sea

GUIDELINES FOR CORVETTE CARAVANS

Prior to departure:

- Every Caravan needs a leader. The leader is responsible for various details involved in having a successful and safe caravan.
- A starting/departure point must be established prior to the event, whether it is for each day of a road trip, or just a social day trip. This should include the date, time, and location. The start point should be sent out in an email and on the event flyer.
- Arrive with enough fuel in your tank for the trip.
- Begin with a “drivers meeting” at least 10 minutes before departure. At this time the route and destination will be explained.
- If possible, hand out written driving directions to each car. No variations to the route should be made once on the road, as it can be confusing to caravan members further back in the group. (Exceptions would be detours or other unforeseen travel conditions.)
- A method of communicating between caravan members needs to be established. Select a channel on a hand held walkie-talkie. A cell phone list of all caravan members is another good method for communicating, especially on an extended trip.
- One Corvette driver should be selected to be the caravan’s designated last car or “caboose”. That person is responsible for keeping the leader informed on how well the group is staying together. The caboose must have good communications with the leader, as that is how the caravan will stay together by adjusting speed and/or allowing for heavy traffic.
- Any planned fuel, rest, or food stops should be communicated before departure. Any unplanned stops will be worked out by the leader and back caboose, and hopefully can be arranged far enough ahead that all cars without communications will be able to stay with the group.
- It can be very difficult to safely keep a caravan together in heavy traffic, congested areas, and on major highways. If the group becomes separated, plan to regroup when that part of the trip is over.
- With a large caravan of 15 – 20 or more cars, consider breaking up into smaller caravans of 8 – 10 cars with a leader and caboose for each.



- For long trips choose a caravan buddy - in case of breakdowns your buddy will stay with you. Plan on catching up with the group when the problem is resolved.

Once on the road:

- Be courteous to other drivers. THIS IS NOT A RACE OR A CANNONBALL RUN. Obey the laws.
- The leader must do everything possible to insure that the caravan stays together. Try to maintain an even speed to keep the caravan in sight, even in heavy traffic.
- Slower cars belong up front. All Corvettes are fast, but if you have a 4 speed with 4:11 rear, highway speeds aren't your specialty. The cars that need to travel at the speed limit need to be at the front of the Caravan. The speeds in a caravan increase quickly the further away you are from the leader.
- Resist passing other cars in the Caravan.
- If the leader sees, or is notified by the caboose that the caravan has become split up, the leader may pull over at the first SAFE PLACE to do so, and wait for the rest to catch up. As you come to a stop turn your wheels toward the road. The caboose will let the leader know when the group is all together. When the lead and caboose determine the road is clear to pull out, the group will pull out onto the road at the same time.
- Always drive within your personal limitations. You will be provided with directions, lunch stops and destinations should you be separated or have to leave the group. If you get there a little later it won't matter that much.
- Watch out for what is known as the Rubber Band Effect, in which the group gets stretched out and then rebounds quickly. Rebounding quickly is NOT good and causes collision.
- Stay alert. The most common accident is the rear-end collision. Please give the cars around you plenty of room to maneuver. No tailgating and always be prepared to stop quickly.
- For manual transmission (and the wanna-be-manual paddle shifter) cars, don't depend on down shifting to slow the car down while in traffic. By down shifting you do not give the driver behind you any warning that you are slowing down. They might be trying to catch up to the group by speeding up, which is not a good combination. So use your brake lights to warn folks as you down shift.
- In general the rule is to drive right and pass left.
- If you are on an Interstate with two, three or four lanes of traffic, try to change lanes only when it's clear for the group.

- Don't block general traffic. If you are in the left lane and another motorist pulls up behind you wanting to overtake, momentarily move right allowing them to pass. (We certainly don't want to encourage road ragers who are easily angered by a bunch of Corvette owners!)
- Remember that truckers are out there on the highway to earn a living - so make sure to leave one lane open at all times. Or in other words...get out of the way fast for your own safety.

Stops along the way:

- Patience is appreciated as the whole group gets in, gets parked, uses the facilities and is ready to hit the road again. With a group of people all things take longer.
- When you enter into a business or a parking lot, the biggest concern is slowing down traffic behind you, so get off the road as quickly as you can. Drive into the farthest spot so the cars behind you can enter as well.
- Most members will prefer to back into their parking spaces because of the risk of damaging the spoiler when pulling in head first and because of the convenience of reforming the caravan upon departure. If there is a concern about getting the caravan safely off the highway, pull to the FARTHEST open spot and park HEAD IN. With double parking rows, pull through if possible so you are in the spot where you can drive straight out.
- DO NOT SWING YOUR DOOR OPEN! Please be cautious of the Corvette parked next to you.

Last but not least:

- Leader: Do not "run off" and leave the group behind – this is your caravan, so take ownership of it, and arrive at your destination as an organized and orderly group. The caravan members expect it of you, and not everyone has the same level of experience or comfort traveling as a group. It is your job to insure that all have a good time and will want to do it again!

HAPPY & SAFE CARAVANING!





Ambassador's NCM Update

April 2024

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.

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 shares its story with you. For this month's "Avanti II" go to: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/avanti-ii/>.

Despite its unique styling, the Studebaker Avanti was short-lived. It was later revived as a custom car called the Avanti II, which used a Corvette engine. It also included a special glove box created by Peg Sauer, one of the "Damsels of Design."



NCM Special Exhibits:

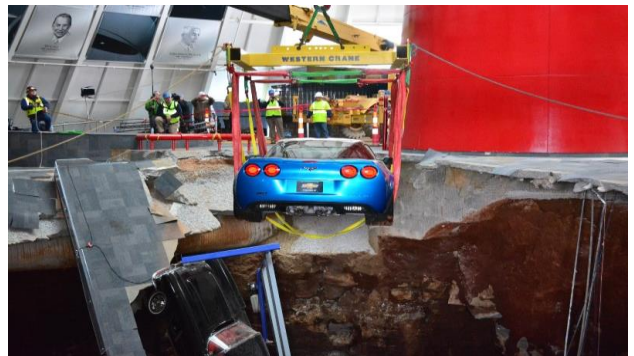


LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting

Undergoing a major renovation to transform the space into an art gallery, Luster will take residency in the Museum's limited engagement gallery through the end of 2024. Art will be juxtaposed against Corvettes, motorcycles and other automotive icons that served as the inspiration for the work, including a 1937 Cord 812 on loan from the Auburn Cord Dusenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn, IN. Opening March 16, 2024

Ground to Sky: The Sinkhole Reimagined

This limited engagement exhibit features select Corvettes that were recovered from the sinkhole, along with timelines and multimedia that illustrate where the Corvette Museum has been, and where it is headed in the future. Opening June 24, 2024



Museum Transitions to Summer Hours

Open Sunday - Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

NCM Events Update 2024

- 27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash – April 25 – 27
- MiM Dragon Run presented by Michelin at Biltmore Estate - April 28 – May 1
- MiM Le Mans Tour Jun 8 at 10:00 am – Jun 18 at 10:00 am
- 30th Anniversary Celebration and Corvette Caravan at National Corvette Museum Aug 29 – 31
- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (1) Sept 24 – 28
- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (2) Oct 1 – 5
- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (3) Oct 15 – 19
- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (4) Oct 22 – 26



**An American Love Affair:
70 Years of Corvette is NOW OPEN**

Motorsports Park News:

E-Rays are here! We're excited to announce that the NCM Motorsports Park is the first track in the nation to offer E-Ray driving experiences! The two newest additions to our fleet include a Rip Tide Blue E-Ray as well as a Sea Wolf Gray E-Ray, and both cars are truly electrifying!

You can experience the excitement for yourself with one of our new driving experiences. E-Ray Touring Laps put you behind the wheel of this impressive car for four (4) lead/follow laps on track. If you want to see what the E-Ray can really do, take advantage of our Lightning Round experience that allows you to drive four (4) lead/follow laps on track before riding passenger as our professional driver launches the car into a Hot Lap!



DRIVE A NEW Z06 and 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 signing up for the Drive a Z06 offering 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 Motor Sports Park pro drive. For the "Z06 Fast Pack" you will be 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 the 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>. There are many other track experience packages offered. Go to <https://www.motorsportspark.org/> for complete information on track offerings.

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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
GM Sports Car Racing Program Manager

SATURDAY
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Register for the Women's HPDI Event at the NCM Motorsports Park

Laura Klauser, Sports Car Racing Program Manager at General Motors, is joining us as the guest speaker for our Women's High Performance Driving Introduction event on October 21st.

Don't miss your chance to meet and learn from this pioneer in women's motorsports. No experience is needed. Grab your squad, rev up your car, and race to the NCM Motorsports track for an unforgettable day of fun and learning.

NCM Raffle Purchase online or print order form and mail in. Current Corvettes being raffled:



2024 Riptide Blue Coupe
Price: \$150 Tickets: 1500
Drawing: April 18, 2024



2024 Build Your Own Stingray
Price: \$250 Tickets: 1500
Drawing: April 26, 2024 3:00 pm



2024 Red Mist Convertible
Price: \$20 Unlimited Raffle
Drawing: April 27, 2024



2024 Hypersonic Gray Convertible
Price: \$200 Tickets: 1500
Drawing: May 16, 2024

To learn more visit: <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/index.cfm>

"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."

Become a member of the National Corvette Museum. To celebrate America's love affair with Corvette and the icon's 70th Anniversary, the museum is rolling back lifetime membership prices to \$1,953 for

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For questions about the Digital Membership Card, contact Member Relations Specialist, [Bobbie Jo Lee](#), or by calling 270-467-8833. Your member pin and decal can be picked up on your next visit! <https://museum.inficaresoft.com/wallet/link/TmF0aW9uYWwgQ29yd mV0dGUgTXVzZXVt>

NCM Membership:

The museum exists to support the Corvette Enthusiasts worldwide and memberships are a large part of its sources of revenue. If you are a member, remember to renew it, if you are not a member, please consider purchasing one of the membership levels. <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/support/membership/>

An individual membership is \$65.00 annually and provides you with the following NCM benefits:

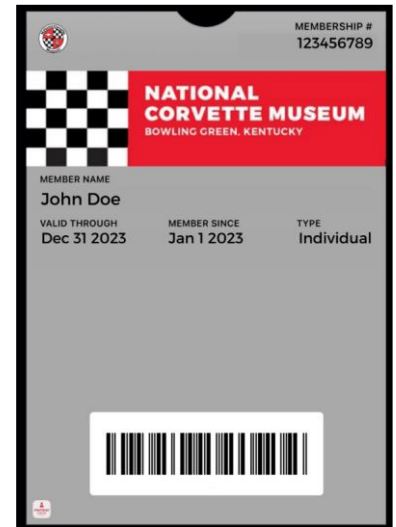
- Membership card
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- 10% off NCM Motorsports Park Driving Club initiation fee
- Discount on insurance from NCM Insurance Agency
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- \$10 off membership to Air Evac/AirMedCare Network
- Access to Members Only section of website, including Monthly Corvette Calendar Wallpaper and Special Videos

Other membership levels include:

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NEW ENGLAND CORVETTE CARAVAN 2024 UPDATE

APRIL 2024

If you or a Corvette friend were thinking about joining the Caravan but have not made the decision, there is still time to get on the Caravan bandwagon!

The 2024 Caravan is rapidly approaching (for those of us who are producing it) and we still have several tasks to complete, commitments to get, and reviewing of what has already been put in place. So, again in April 2024 we will follow our route for the 2024 New England Caravan to Bowling Green, KY, checking 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.

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 it. See the Sponsor information below. Also, you can support us by purchasing a window decal of the 2024 NCM Caravan logo. Please consider being a sponsor.

The 2024 NE Caravan registration is **limited to 200 cars** and currently we have openings. The 2024 NE Caravan website has the updated form. 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 New England Caravan Website** is: www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/; and the official 2024 New England Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/groups/httpwww.corvettecaravan.comnewengland

NE Caravan Planning Overview:

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 Hendrick Private Collection and the Heritage Museum and have lunch, then on to the Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord, NC where we will enjoy a banquet. The next day, 27 August, we will be doing laps at the Charlotte Motor Speedway, then departing 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.

- NE Caravan Sponsorship form can be viewed below or accessed at 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 website 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 them available at each club meeting as does your Caravan State Leader. 2024 New England Caravan clothing is available for sale; current items include denim shirts, polo shirts, jackets, and t-shirts. You can find the clothing order form at www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/ .



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

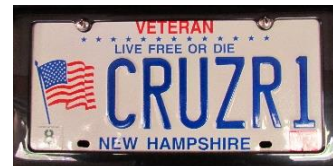
www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/ Please provide your ad in PDF electronic format (high definition) so it can be sized correctly. E-mail: vetteflock@cox.net **Note: Ads can be sent in any time after payment is received up to June 30, 2024.**

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1/2 PAGE	\$200.00				7.3" x 4.5"	
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BACK COVER (OUTSIDE)*	\$500.00				7.3" x 9.6"	SOLD
					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/ 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

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

Mail payment to: **NE Caravan / Randy Flock**
P. O. Box 42
East Greenwich, RI 02818



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Four Meet & Greets have been held and a one more Meet & Greet is planned in North Conway for May 2024. Registration is now open.

2024 NE CORVETTE CARAVAN DUST OFF WEEKEND

Meet & Greet in North Conway
 May 16 – 18, 2024
 Fox Ridge Resort
 Registration is now open

www.corvettemuseum.org/caravan/new-england-caravan/



Trivia Question Answer

Concept Mid-Engine: The year was as early as 1970 and a concept named XP-882 was shown at the 1970 New York Auto Show. It was powered by a transverse-mounted V8 engine located behind the cockpit. Corvette lead engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov's team started working on the XP-882 in 1968. Two prototypes were built around small-block Chevy engines, with plans for big-block power and eventually all-wheel drive. The styling group designed a new look that was crisp, edgy, and low slung, yet it looked like a Corvette.

Despite fierce resistance from sales, styling, and engineering, Chevrolet general manager John Z. DeLorean canceled the XP-882 project in August 1969 to pursue making Corvettes more profitable.

Then Duntov learned that Ford was buying Italian carmaker De Tomaso so that it could market the new mid-engine Pantera as a "Ford." Duntov showed Bill Mitchell and Chevy's Chief of Engineering Alex Miar his mothballed XP-882. The decision was immediate: "Get the car into the New York show!" The XP-882 was quickly painted silver and dressed as a show car,



After the overwhelmingly positive reception, DeLorean approved the funds to develop a big-block, four-speed version of the car.

Mid-engine sports cars were the stuff of small, exotic European carmakers. But between the first Arab oil embargo, a recession, the rotary-engine tangent, and the sales success of the production Corvette, the XP-882—or any other mid-engine Corvette, for that matter—didn't stand a chance. Forward thinking just couldn't overcome bad timing until decades later, with the debut of the production C8 mid-engine Corvette.

Source: <https://www.motortrend.com/news/1970-xp-882-concept-mid-engine-chevrolet-corvette-history/>



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The next article/ad submission date is **April 20, 2024**

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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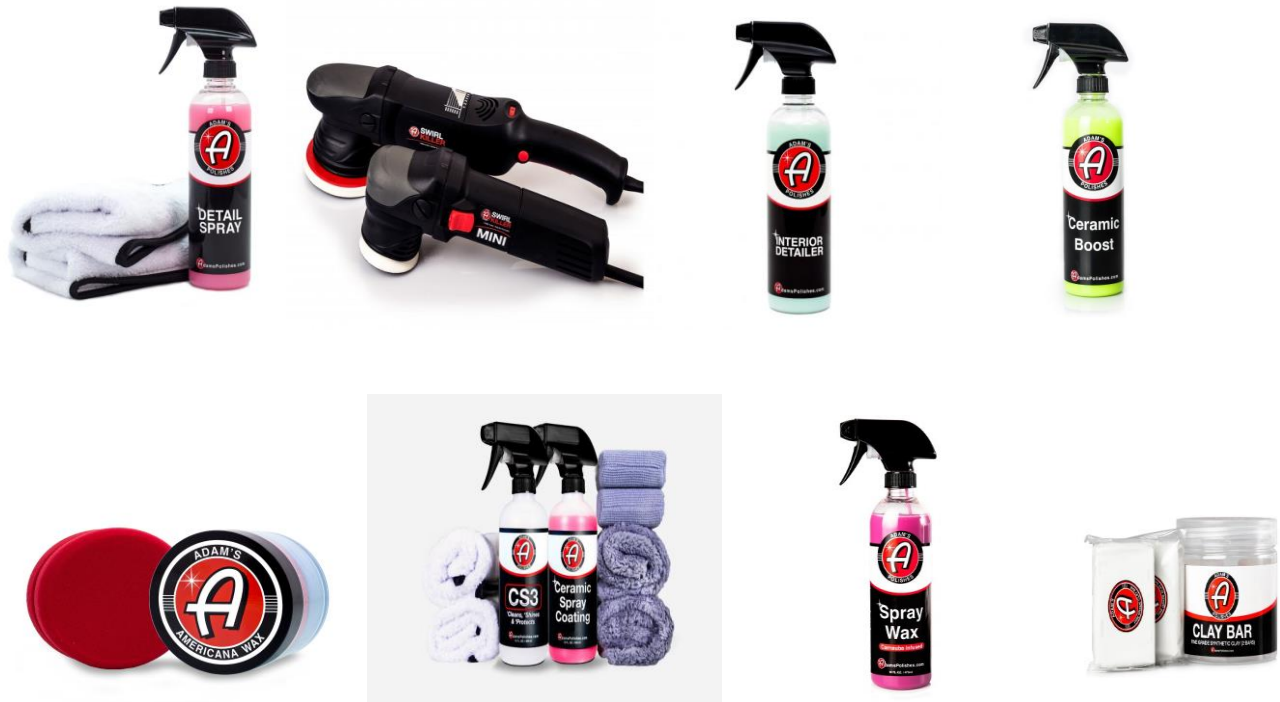
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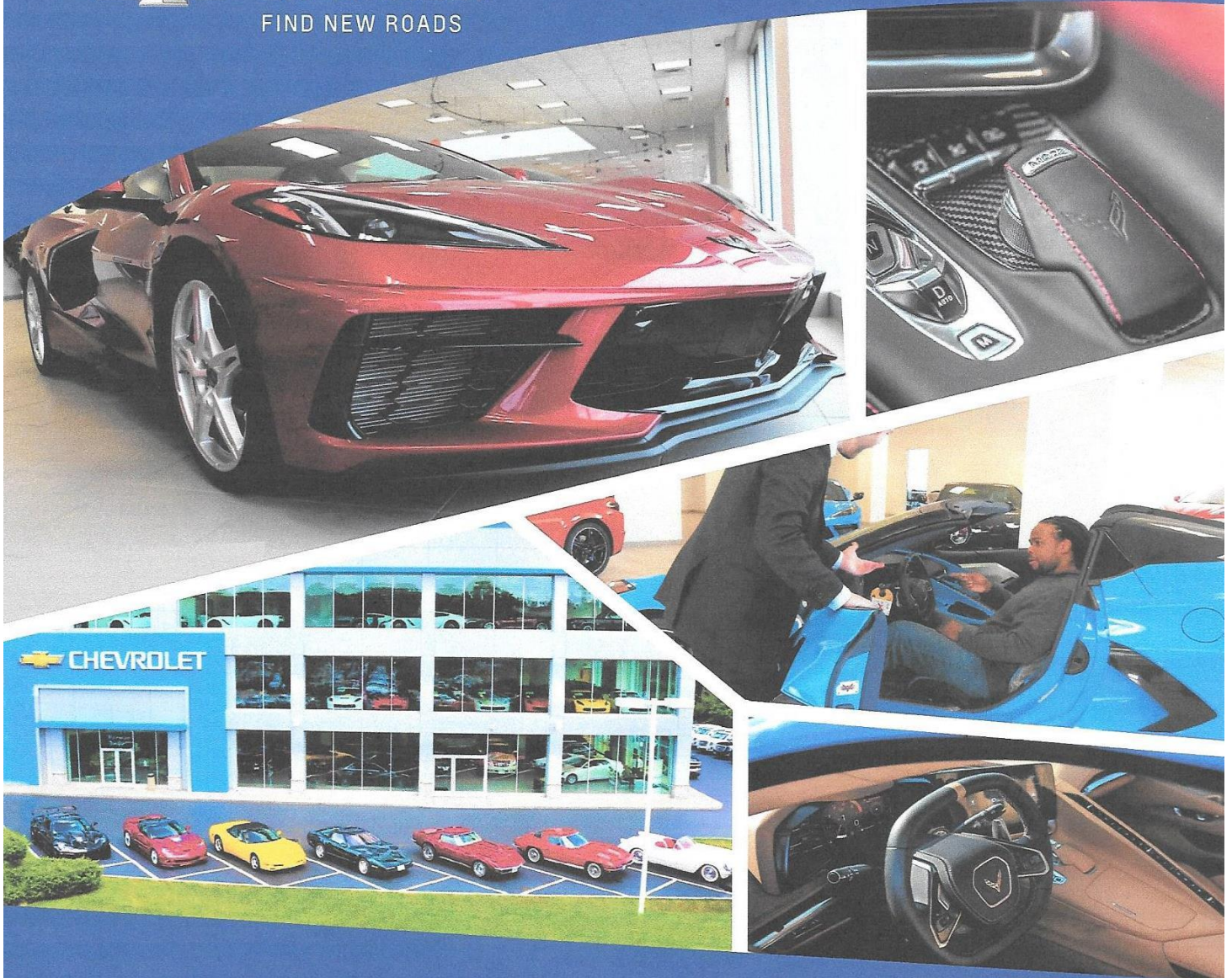
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