

The Heartbeat of Indy



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Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's, March 7, 2016

Don't you love Terri's grandkids' Care Bear collection?

The meeting was called to order by Wylie Etscheid at 7:25. Wylie asked for additions or corrections to the meeting minutes from the February 15th meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written by Butch DeWitt and was seconded by Bill Lapham and then passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President: Wylie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Vice President: Greg Bowron had no report.

Membership Director: Tammy DeWitt reported that we have 6 new members, Brian and Deb Morgan, Bryan and Margaret Yeisley and Tim and Lori McCord. We have 243 NCCC members and 11 Corvette Indy members only. It is very important for NCCC to have at least one email address per couple. Tammy is going to put email addresses on the directory. Tammy found that there are 2 buttons on the NCCC website that do not work and they are the 'deceased' button and the 'Families Helping Families' button. If you would like to enroll someone in the Future Corvette Owners of America please see Tammy for an application. Tammy reported that the NCCC is changing the charities that they support to the Lions Club, St Jude's Children's Hospital and Shriners. They chose these charities because they are national charities. Greg Bowron is going to try and get a new club picture to submit and we may be in the Ecklers's calendar. NCCC does not choose the pictures so we may or may not have our picture included in the calendar. Tammy reported that there were several name badges ordered for new members that were never picked up and she decided to mail them. She found that the cost of postage was too high to mail the badges so if you ordered a badge you can pick it up at any meeting.

Secretary: Terri Forey reported that there were 79 names on the waivers and if anyone needed to sign please do so before you leave.

Treasurer: Jim Noelle reported income, expenses and balances and provided a hard copy for file.

Governor:

Butch DeWitt reported that the next regional meeting will be April 22nd – 23rd in St Louis Missouri. The regional banquet will be April 26th in Anderson Indiana and there is more information on the web page. Main Event planning is off to a good start with the first meeting being held prior to tonight's meeting. Butch said the parking lot is larger and we will need more corner workers during the event. Butch has no new information about Bloomington Gold but he expects to have more after the April Governor's Meeting. Butch did say that if we are working during Bloomington Gold we need to order tickets and you will be reimbursed later.

Competition Director: Frank Coolidge filling in for Cathy reminded everyone to turn in their point sheets.

Sergeant of Arms: Shelley Noelle says thanks for buying tickets. She collected \$154.

Parliamentarian: No issues.

Newsletter Editor: Erika Lapham reported that she is bringing back the 'Meet the Member' column in the newsletter. If you have not been interviewed for this column Erika would love to feature you in an issue of our newsletter.

Merchandise Director: Ross Gullett reported that he ordered 50 Corvette Indy pins for 2016 and those are all sold. He said that he would not be ordering additional pins this year because the minimum order is 50. For 2017 you will be asked if you want a pin when you renew your membership.

Facebook: Jim Alvis had no report.

Penske Rep: Bob Young said that Penske gave him Corvette brochures for 2014 and 2015 cars. If you bought a new Corvette for either of those years and need a brochure please see Bob. Bob also said that Penske has 1 C7R in their showroom.

NCM Rep: Elaine Croy reported that we may see Jerry at the next meeting in two weeks.

Social Director: Greg Bowron awarded beads to Bill Reynolds for hosting the Ale Emporium outing, Bill and Erika Lapham for hosting the Winter Party and hosting a dine at Max and Erma's, Jim and Judy Alvis for the dine at Daddy Jack's and Greg and Donna Bowron for dines at Jason's Deli. If you are not receiving emails from Greg outlining upcoming events please check with him to be sure he has a correct email address for you. Our club is doing a cookout for Penske on March 26th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Greg asked that members bring desserts like cookies or brownies for the event. The Discount Tire Car Show date will be changed because it conflicts with our club picnic. The Penske Car Show date has been changed to August 20th with the hope that we will have better weather for the event. For a complete list of upcoming events please check the website or the calendar in the newsletter.

WEB MASTER: Bill Lapham had no report.

OLD BUSINESS: Bill Lapham is looking for volunteers to help with timing for Auto Cross events. If you would like to help out with this please let Bill know. Wylie talked about parking in the rear parking lot at Champps and the problems we have experienced in the past. There has been construction behind the building which took space out of the lot. Last year several cars that parked in that lot had a nice coat of grease deposited on them. Champps has said that the filters for the exhaust fans have been cleaned to alleviate that problem. However with that being said some members may feel better about parking in the front lot this year.

NEW BUSINESS: Linda White is hosting a 'painting party' on April 10th. Linda would like to have everyone who plans to attend sign up by March 28th. This is meant to be fun event with Bill Reynolds assisting those of us who are not 'artsy'. It was originally slated as a ladies event however if any men are interested in getting in touch with your 'art' side you are welcome to join us. Gregg Ernst awarded Jim Shaver the 'Dead Battery' award. Since Jim's dead battery occurred in his garage he was given the 'half' battery. Bob Young had a heat shield designed to keep your car interior cooler. These heat shields were added to Corvettes made after 2014 and are now available for purchase for 2014 Corvettes. If you have any questions contact Bob and he will be glad to assist you.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 by Pat Hogan and seconded by Allen Forey.

Meeting Attendance Award Winner: Gregg Ernst.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Forey



A Message From Our President

Well this week we had our biggest crowd of the year for our meeting. Announced attendance at 79 so I am sure it was 80+. That is a good sign that the season is near. We had our first Main Event planning meeting and I want to remind all that that event is less than 3 months away. For many of our newer members the Main Event is our clubs NCCC sanctioned

autocross. This year's event is the 27th annual. It is a good time to get to know new members while spending time flagging at a corner. Or if you are so inclined drive your car one or both days. (Rita is threatening to drive this year.) In addition to help on the race days we also hope everyone can get prize donations for the charity raffle.

We have 3 big trips planned for this summer (so far) so get ready for some great Corvette driving. And sign up soon as one of them has already reached it's capacity. Plus all the other usual things from Car Shows to parades. So spend some time with the calendar and start your planning.

I recently received a request to pass on a survey from a Corvette person from Virginia. If you are so inclined and want to help her I have attached a link to the survey below. I took it and it is quite harmless.

My name is Virginia D'Antonio and I am a member of the Northern Virginia Corvette club. I am also a graduate student at George Mason University and I am researching Corvette car culture. I am contacting you to see if your club members will be willing to fill out a short survey I am using for my research. The survey takes about four minutes and is anonymous. The objective of the survey is to gain insight into the meaning that Corvettes have in the lives of the owners. So far, multiple Corvette clubs have participated nationwide and your club's participation would greatly add to the data for the project. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about my project.

Thank you,

Virginia D'Antonio

Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/leisureinyourlife>

EDITOR'S NOTE:

It is important to read Greg's expanded version of the club calendar on the website and follow his emails for full details on all Corvette events coming up. Below you will find a more abbreviated version; find activities that you are interested in and then get 'the rest of the story' from the website or Greg's emails.

A reminder that at the first meeting in April we will be discussing and deciding on the proposal to move the meeting start time up to 7PM. It is **CRITICAL** that if you have an opinion – either in favor of or against the change – you express it. Please don't wait until the vote doesn't go the way you want it to and then be unhappy. CI is a very open club that welcomes and listens to everyone's opinion. Don't remain silent if you have an opinion on this time change.

In the next issue of the newsletter I will be bringing back the For Sale section. If you have a car, parts, tires, manuals etc. that you would like to offer for sale to the members, please send me the information and pictures, if you have them. I will include your 'for sale' item in this section.

As you are aware, there are several overnight trips already scheduled for this summer with many more to come. If you find some that you want to participate in, sign up quickly. Out of necessity (size of hotel room blocks, need to limit the number of cars caravanning, restaurant limitations etc.) events get "Sold Out" and closed soon after opening. One of this summer's events is already closed and taking stand-bys. Don't get left out of fun trips that you would have liked to participate in because you didn't act quickly enough.

Driving has begun. It's time to take the cover off and get ready for Corvette Indy's busiest driving season ever!

*Happy Driving,
Erika*

Calendar of Events

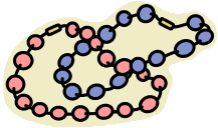
Calendar of Events –2016 updated 03/08/2016	
Red = Meetings & Planned Club Events – Black NCCC Events or Other Events of Interest	
Every Saturday Morning	Drive N Dunk, 9am at Paradise Bakery & Cafe at 96th & N. Meridian
Every Tuesday Evening	Ale Emporium \$6.99 Steak Special 5:30 pm 8617 Allisonville Rd, Indianapolis
Monthly 1st Friday	(May – October) Danville Cruise-in 4:30 at the courthouse – parking limited
Every Friday	Washington Square Cruise-in – plenty of parking
Every Tuesday	(May – October) Cruise-Day Tuesdays – Downtown Monticello IN
Every Saturday	Cruise-in around the square in downtown Noblesville, 5pm-9pm, starts May 7
March 21	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
March 26	PENSKE CHEVROLET Cook out for customers, 11am-4pm, volunteers needed, if you can't work stop by for a burger or hot dog anyway
April 2	New Castle Broad Street Cruise-In 6PM New Castle, IN
April 4	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
April 9-10	MVP Tracktime at Bowling Green, KY, 8 th Annual Tax Freedom Weekend
April 10	Painting with a Twist outing with Bill Reynolds 1 to 3PM
April 16-17	14 event NCCC autocross weekend at Tire Rack, South Bend, IN
April 16	Indiana Region NCCC Awards Banquet – Madison Co Shrine Club Anderson, IN
April 22-23	National Governors Meeting, St. Louis MO
April 28-30	NCM Bash, Bowling Green, KY
April 30	Cruisin' for a Cure 5th Annual Car, Truck and Bike Show Plainfield's Hummel Park at the Charleston Pavilion
April 30	Speedway Cruise In to benefit the American Cancer Society 3009 N. High School Road at McGilvery's Pub & Eatery. Reg@ 1:30
May 1	Spring Fling – Hoosier Corvette , Indianapolis IN
May 1-4	Michelin Tail of the Dragon; NCM
May 2	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
May 6	Pioneer Auto Club -First Friday Cruise-in 6pm-9pm Buckeye Street, Downtown Kokomo
May 7	Vettes for Vets – Lafayette & Star City , Lafayette IN
May 7	Pioneer Auto Club 52nd Annual Spring Car show at Foster Park Kokomo Indiana
May 12-14	C4 Gathering NCM Bowling Green, KY
May 20-21	Hoosier Vintage Wheels Show – Huge Swap Meet – Over 450 spaces sold at Sept. 2015 show. Pre 1980 Vehicle show Franklin IN
May 27	IMS Carb Day
May 29	INDY 500 Race
May 30	Memorial Day 6th Annual Anything on Wheels car show. Downtown on the Square, 10 E Washington St.Martinsville
June 3	Pioneer Auto Club - First Friday Cruise-in 6pm-9pm Central Railroad depot on Buckeye Street, Kokomo, IN

June 4-5	Pioneer Auto Hosting a Bus trip to Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, MI Leave Kokomo Auto Museum at 6:00AM
June 4	Rain date June 5. Hoosier Street Rods and Classics hosts: The 4th Open Car 2759 West 38th Street, Anderson, IN 46011.
June 4-5	Main Event – 14 LS – Corvette Indy
June 6	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
June 9-11	Corvette Adventures http://www.corvetteadventures.com/
June 11	STRAWBERRY FEST CORVETTE SHOW; Crawfordsville
June 11	Pioneer Auto Club and the City of Kokomo 3rd Annual Elwood Haynes Museum Car Show 1815 South Webster St
June 11	Buffalo Indiana BUFFALO COMMUNITY DAZE CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW/ FESTIVAL
June 11	Father's Day Car Show. Kindred Healthcare their first Father's Day Car show this year. 200 Green Meadows DR, Greenfield, In
June 11-12	13th Annual Slamology Custom Car, Truck & Bike Show Held at Lucas Oil Raceway, 10267 E. Highway 136, Indianapolis, IN
June 16-19	Sportscar Vintage Racing at IMS
June 18	Shine & Show Car Show at Indianapolis Motor Speedway Be a part of the SVRA "2016 Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational
June 18	14th Annual Delta Faucet Car Show. This show is held at 111th and North Meridian on the northside of Indianapolis
June 18	Join the "IDERS" for their Last Show, the Hog Jog Cruise In & Car Show, Flora Town Park.
June 18	2016 Harmony Baptist Car Show Avon IN
June 19	<u>Noblesville, Indiana 46060</u>). Father's Day Car Show Forest Park 701 Cicero Road (St Rd 19)
June 23-25	Bloomington Gold - Gold Autocross, IMS
June 23-25	Bloomington Gold at IMS
June 26	Fishers Freedom Festival Parade
June 29-July 3	<u>Fort Wayne, IN 46825</u> Chevy Classics State Reps Car Show.
June 30	Pioneer Auto Club hosting the Haynes Apperson Memorial Run and Cruise-in 5-9
July 1-2	<u>Kokomo, IN 46901</u> Pioneer Auto Club. Haynes Apperson Festival Car Show. Excel Lot on West Superior Street
July 4	Carmel 4th of July Parade
July 4	Westfield Rocks the 4th Car Show
July 5 (Tuesday)	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
July 9	14 th Annual Hot Summer Days Car Show by Columbus Corvette Club; Chevrolet of Columbus, reg opens at 8am, trophies at 2pm
July 9-10	Anderson Corvette Association Rallies & LS, Anderson IN
July 9-10	Herder's trip to Stream Cliff Farms and Madison IN
July 13-17	MiM Milford Proving Grounds
July 16	<u>Coatesville, IN, 46121</u>) 4th Annual "Cruisin' in Coatesville Car Show and Street Fair"
July 18	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
July 17-22	NCCC National Convention, Omaha NE
July 22-23	Somernites Cruise; Somerset, KY; CORVETTES
July 23	<u>Kokomo, IN 46901</u>) Pioneer Auto Club Cruise-in at Choo choo Magoo's 6-9 816 E. Markland Avenue Kokomo, Indiana
July 23	IMS NASCAR Lilly Diabetes 250 Race
July 24	IMS NASCAR Brickyard 400 Race
July 30	CLASSICAL GLASS CORVETTE CLUB CAR SHOW 106th & Michigan Rd
July 30	CCCC Corvette Show at HTC
August 1	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
August 6-7	ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO BE A GUEST AT INDIANA'S ONLY RESTORED ANTEBELLUM PLANTATION HOME, PRIVATELY OWNED BY MRS. BILL COOK, ON THE BANKS OF THE OHIO RIVER IN SOUTHERN INDIANA. Hosted by John & Marg Herder and Steve Head & Mary McConnell
August 6-7	Michiana CC Low Speed, Tire Rack, South Bend, IN
August 13	SCICC Car Show at Hubler
August 13	Seymour, In. 47274 8:00 am - 3:30 pm 8th Annual Cruizin & Showin car show at Shields Park
August 13	<u>Kokomo, IN 46901</u> Pioneer Auto Club Cruise-in at Choo choo Magoo's 6-9 816 E. Markland Avenue Kokomo, Indiana
August 15	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
August 20	Penske Car Show, Carmel American Legion
August 20	Woodward Dream Cruise
August 27-28	Corvette Indy Weekend Trip to NCM Bowling Green, KY
August 27	Carmel Artmobilia Car Show

August 25-28	Corvettes at Carlisle
August 27-28	Fort Wayne & Corvette Club of Indiana LS – Grissom AFB, Peru IN
September 1-3	NCM 22ND Anniversary
September 2	Pioneer Auto Club - First Friday Cruise-in 6pm-9pm Central Railroad depot on Buckeye Street, Kokomo, IN
September 3-5	Elkhart Vette Set (21 LS) Tire Rack, South Bend IN
September 3	Home Depot Extravaganza Car Show, Greenwood Home Depot
September 6 (Tuesday)	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
September 9-10	National Governors Meeting, St Louis MO
September 10	Nevada at Notre Dame
September 11	Discount Tire Corvette Indy Corvette Show, Plainfield, 9/11 show theme
September 15-17	Pigeon Force Rod Run, TN
September 15-18	FUNFEST Mid-America Effingham, IL
September 17	Michigan State at Notre Dame
September 17-18	Super September (14 LS) – Grissom AFB, Peru IN
September 19	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
September 23-24	Somernites Cruise; Somerset, KY; 11 th Annual Power Cruise
September 23-25	Fall Corvette Adventures; http://www.fallcorvetteadventures.com/
September 24	Duke at Notre Dame
September 30-October 2	Overnight trip to Tecumseh, MI for Ididit open house and car show; Jerry Croy host, details tba
October 2	IMS RED BULL Air Race
October 2	Indian Region All Corvette Day – Brown County, Nashville IN
October 3	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
October 7	First Friday Cruise-in, Downtown Danville, 5-9pm, free (Club Event for the End of Season)
October 8	Pioneer Auto Club Cruise-in at Choo choo Magoo's 6-9 816 E. Markland Avenue Kokomo, Indiana
October 8	Butler Homecoming Parade
October 9	Lafayette Corvette Club Rallies – Lafayette IN
October 11-15	NCM MiM Lap of Kentucky
October 15	Stanford at Notre Dame
October 16	Restoration Station Fall Color Road Tour – Springboro, Ohio – Annual Event hosted by Jerry Croy
October 17	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
October 22-23	Great Pumpkin GMCC/HCC 12 LS – 2 Rallies – Grissom AFB, Peru IN
October 22-23	Somernites Cruise; Somerset, KY; Chevy Showcase
October 25-29	NCM MiM Lap of Kentucky
October 29	Miami at Notre Dame
November 3-5	Vets n Vettes – National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green KY
November 7	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
November 11	Indianapolis Veterans Day Parade
November 11-13	National Governors Meeting, St Louis MO
November 14	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
November 19	Virginia Tech at Notre Dame
November 19-20	MVP TRacktime, Road Atlanta
December 5	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champps; (8711 N. River Crossing). The meeting 7:30PM 6PM for dinner and conversation.
December 10	Corvette Indy Christmas Dinner at Carmel American Legion

Look for Greg's emails during the year for more information

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR RETIREE AND HOOKY PLAYERS' DRIVE N DINES AND OTHERS EVENTS TOO!



Earning Your Beads 2016

We have our first bead pictures. Beads are awarded for planning and hosting a club event. Several members received beads at Monday's meeting for hosting events early this year. While these were "Dine only" or party events, we are now getting into actual Drive and Dine season. These are often retiree and hooky player events in the afternoon during the week. BUT, many members prefer week-end events due to work and other commitments. So, how about YOU plan something for a week-end SOON?!? If you would like some help, we have lots of experienced members who would love to advise you for your 'first time'. Talk to President Wylie, Vice President Greg, and Web master Bill, Al Forey or many others. Our first Bead Winners are Bill Reynolds for hosting the weekly Steak Night Tuesday at Ale Emporium, Greg and Donna Bowron for a 'Dine' at Jason's Deli in Carmel, Jim (and Judi) Alvis for a 'Dine' at Daddy Jack's at 96th Street and Bill and Erika Lapham for their Annual Winter Party in January and a 'Dine' at Max & Erma's in Carmel.



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Main Event T-Shirts

With spring fast approaching, activities start to pick up with club events, and Corvette Indy is proud to have our club members' support and proudly promote the club by wearing customized apparel items. We are currently taking orders for "Main Event" T-Shirts to the "Corvette Indy

Main Event" autocross planned for Saturday June 4th and Sunday June 5th. We are encouraging all club members to help support this event along with our club sponsor "Penske Chevrolet" and this year's special Charity "Special Olympics Indiana". Please help support the club and our sponsors with the purchase of a "Main Event" T-Shirt. Remember... you don't need to work the event to be able to purchase a T-Shirt. We are still estimating the cost for the T-Shirt to be \$10.00 for standard sizes, slightly more for the larger sizes. Please place your order before March 28th. Just go to "Corvette Indy" website. Go to the "For Sale" header and click on "Merchandise". Just look for the ****Main Event T-Shirts Order Here**** and click on it!!! There is even a direct link on the Main Page of the "Corvette Indy" website.

Corvette Indy 2016 Annual Club Pin

Our Inaugural sale of "2016 Annual Club Pins" has sold out. Our club members have shown great support for this project and we look forward to continuing the new tradition for 2017 and beyond. We have officially pre-sold 29 pins to date, and we have sold the remaining 21 pins during adhoc sales at Paradise Cafe on Saturday 2/27. Orders for the remaining pins are to be picked up and paid for during the next 2 club meetings (snowbirds... when you come back home). The Club merchandiser will continue to take orders for these pins, but the orders and supplies will be contingent upon unclaimed pins becoming available.

Based on the success of the Inaugural Annual Club Pin sales, the Membership Director and Merchandising Director will incorporate the ordering of the 2017 Annual Club Pins. That means, next year, for those members that wish to have a 2017 Annual Club pin, you will have the option to actually reserve and prepay for your 2017 pins when you renew your Corvette Indy membership at the end of the year. This will ensure that we order an ample supply to meet club demand!

"Member Since" pins

Our club has also experienced a demand for "Member Since" club pins. These pins recognize the year you initially joined "Corvette Indy". I have personally talked with several long time club members that have expressed an interest in obtaining these pins. I will do some more research on what the costs might be and see if this is a viable product for our club members. If you might have an interest in this product. Please feel free to email me with your potential interest. The more members that participate... lowers the expense per pin. Based on our sample pins we had made, we would be looking at approximately \$6-\$7 per pin. More on this later.

Contact: Ross Gullett email: CorvetteIndyMerchandise@yahoo.com

Exhaust Notes

Making sense of your automotive world

PROJECT UPDATES: If you have a project you are working on that you would like to share with club members, please send pictures to Erika at corvetteindynews@gmail.com. Boys and their toys.

If you have begun working on your Vette for the 2016 season, I need your pictures and article describing what you did. Please send them to corvetteindynews@gmail.com. Members always enjoy seeing other members' Corvette projects.



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Understanding Your Corvette's Assembly Manual

If you're new to the Corvette hobby or to the various online Corvette forums, you've probably heard or seen the term "A.I.M." tossed around in discussions about what parts are required or how things are supposed to be assembled. Although it may seem like just another one of many mysterious acronyms, it's not; it's one of the most important technical references you can have in your classic Corvette technical library.

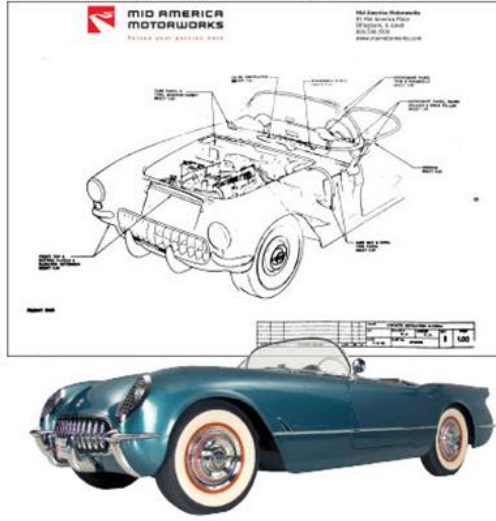
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WHAT IS THE A.I.M.?

"A.I.M." is the abbreviation for "Assembly Instruction Manual," which was the document supplied to the assembly plant by Chevrolet Engineering as an assembly aid. It contains graphic illustrations of how all the parts are to be assembled, all the fasteners and torques, part numbers, special or mandatory assembly sequences, adhesives, sealers, lubricants, and functional test requirements and processes.

The Assembly Manual was compiled, published, and distributed by the Chevrolet Engineering Graphics Department. An "initial issue" complete manual was produced for the beginning of each new model year, several copies of which were supplied to each assembly plant.

The A.I.M. is a terrific source of graphics and specific Engineering information, but we need to understand that it was a living document, frequently revised, and that no particular reprinted A.I.M. represents any car built at a given point in time. Individual sheets were revised regularly when new parts replaced existing parts, when parts were cancelled or removed, when a system was redesigned as a running change, or when illustrations were revised or updated.



Having spent most of his working career in assembly plants, beginning as a production foreman and working his way through the ranks as a general foreman, superintendent, production manager, and plant manager in numerous Chevrolet (and later, GM Assembly Division, and even later, Chrysler) assembly plants, Hinckley knows the Assembly Manual system pretty well, and provides a helpful review to those not familiar with how to take advantage of this excellent reference source.

This article will explain how the A.I.M. is organized into logical part groupings, how to recognize changes and dates, and how the A.I.M. was used day to day in the plant. We'll cover the process that was used for implementing running changes during the production year and how the Assembly Manual was involved in that system.

HOW IS THE MANUAL ORGANIZED?

To those who have never worked with the Assembly Manual, it may seem confusing, which explains the occasional online comments like, "I can't find anything in that Assembly Manual." GM had an elegantly simple system for organizing the manual so it aligned with the Engineering releasing procedure, which grouped like parts together. Without getting into the gory details, the Assembly Manual is separated into two major sections - the "base car" parts section, and the "option parts" section.

THE "BASE CAR" SECTION

The first half of the manual contains only those parts required to build a "base car" (a car ordered with no extra-cost options - only the standard equipment). These parts are broken down into systems called "UPC Groups." UPC is short for "Uniform Parts Classification," which is the system GM used to classify parts, as follows:

- UPC 0 General Information, Vehicle Shipping List, and lubricants, sealers and adhesives.
- UPC 1 Bolt & Weld: Birdcage Welding and Body Construction
- UPC 1 Asm: Body Trim & Hardware
- UPC 2 Frame
- UPC 3 Front Suspension
- UPC 4 Rear Suspension & Driveshaft
- UPC 5 Brakes
- UPC 6 Engine
- UPC 7 Clutch & Transmission
- UPC 8 Fuel & Exhaust
- UPC 9 Steering
- UPC 10 Tires & Wheels
- UPC 11/13 Radiator, Grille & Front End
- UPC 12 Electrical
- UPC 14 Bumpers & Miscellaneous



The UPC Group number is shown in the center of the title block at the bottom of each sheet, with that group's sheet number directly below it. When referring to a given sheet while talking or posting to someone else who also has an Assembly Manual, use the UPC number and Sheet number (i.e., UPC 6, Sheet A3), not the page number printed at the top or bottom of the sheet. The various suppliers who have photocopied various generations of Assembly Manuals have each "numbered" their versions, and the page numbers from one supplier's manual won't be the same as that page in another supplier's manual. The UPC Group number and sheet number, however, will almost always match.

THE "OPTIONS" SECTION

The second half of the Assembly Manual contains all the parts for the extra-cost options, and is organized by the RPO (Regular Production Option) sales code assigned to each option. The RPO codes are a letter and two numbers, like C60 air conditioning, M20 4-speed transmission, etc.

GM also broke option codes down into like categories as well, by letter, as follows:

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|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A: Body Interior | M: Transmissions |
| B: Body Exterior | N: Steering |
| C: Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning | P: Wheels & Tires |
| D: Exterior Ornamentation | T: Electrical |
| F: Suspension | U: Electrical |
| G: Rear Axle | V: Electrical |
| J: Brakes | Y: Seat Belts |
| K: Ignition | Z: Special Equipment Packages |
| L: Engines | |

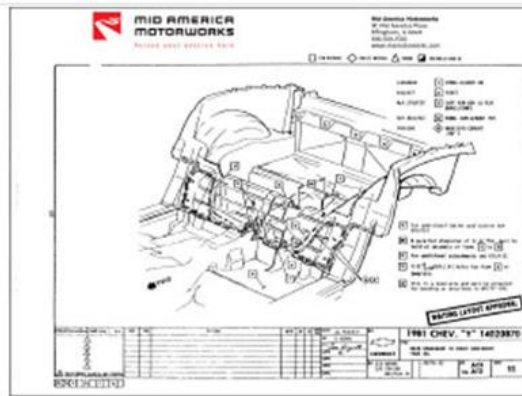
The options section of the manual is arranged alphabetically by RPO codes: A31 Power Windows is at the front, U69 Radio at the rear, etc. The alpha-numeric option codes didn't start until 1963; prior to that, the option codes were three-digit numbers, and the options section in those manuals is arranged numerically.

HOW DO I FIND SOMETHING?

Some UPC and Option sections have many pages; instead of paging through all the sheets in one section to find a part or assembly, use the "Index Sheet" at the beginning of each section. This sheet has an illustration and a listing of which parts are on which sheet in that section (Sheet A2, Sheet B6, etc.).

WHY AREN'T ALL THE INDIVIDUAL PARTS SHOWN?

Only the parts that were received ready to install at the assembly plant are shown in the Assembly Manual. Individual parts of assemblies (like wheel bearings and races that were part of front knuckle and rear trailing arm assemblies, etc.) aren't shown, as the assembly plant didn't deal with them. The best sources of information for items that were part of a complete assembly are the Chassis Service Manual, the Chassis Overhaul Manual, and the P&A30 Corvette Parts Book, which show the detail breakdown and cutaway drawings of such assemblies.

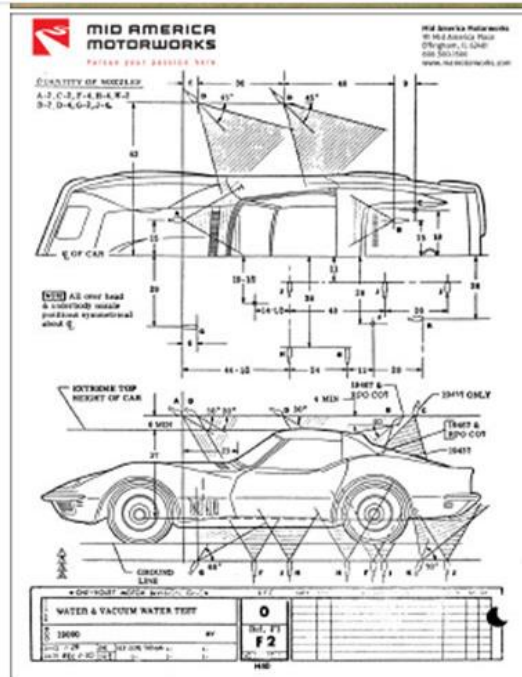


WHY AREN'T ALL THE OPTION PART NUMBERS SHOWN?

In many cases, the sheets for option parts won't show all the specific optional part numbers, especially if they actually install the same as the similar "base car" part, using the same fasteners. These are called out with the words "assembles same as production," or with a half-filled circle symbol on the index sheet at the beginning of the section in the case where assembly is the same, but there is a long list of part numbers distinguished only by colors or other characteristics that don't affect the assembly process.

Occasionally you'll find the half-filled circle symbol with a note that says "Assembles same as production, see Bill of Material for part numbers." The "Bill of Material" is the master Engineering parts list, with every part number required to build any and all combinations of cars and options, and has never been available outside of GM.

Similarly, you'll find some parts identified on the sheet not with a part number, but with a "chart number" instead. This is particularly true of interior trim parts that are physically identical, but differ only in color or minor configurations. The "chart" was released by Engineering, and listed the individual part numbers for different configurations of the same part, depending on the trim combination number or other options. For instance, there were 32 different part numbers of consoles (eight for 4-speeds with manual windows, eight for 4-speeds with power windows, eight for Powerglides with manual windows, and eight for Powerglides with power windows). Rather than list all 32 console part numbers on the A.I.M. sheet, it just refers to the chart part number. The chart



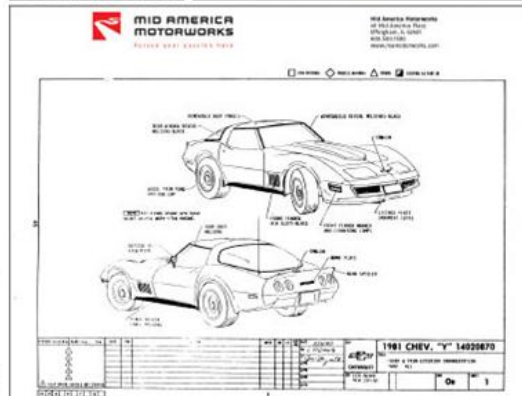
information was used on the line to select the correct part depending on that car's trim color and options.



WHAT'S ALL THAT STUFF AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SHEET?

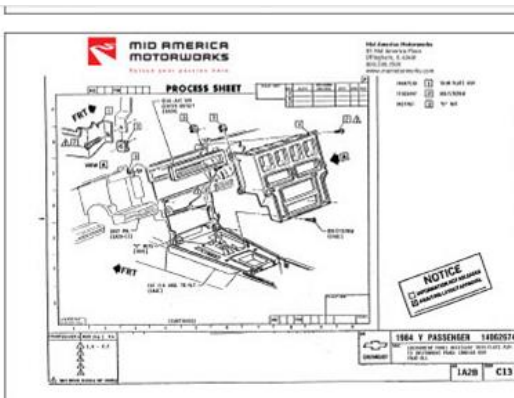
The top of the sheet is pretty straightforward - each part number is shown with an item number reference to the illustration, and if it's a fastener, the little triangle next to the part number refers to the torque spec at the extreme lower left of the illustration.

The lower portion of the sheet is the "title block," which shows the history of the sheet, the references from which it was created, and the sheet's revision history. The left side of the title block shows the title, the model number (19000 series for Corvette), the date the sheet was completed, the date it was released for publication, the initials of the illustrator and the checker, and references to other sheets in the same group or to Engineering layouts from which the information was taken to create the sheet. The center of the title block shows the UPC Group and the sheet number within that group. The right side of the title block is the



revision record for the sheet, showing the date, illustration symbol reference, what was revised, the ECR (Engineering Change Request) number that authorized the change, and the illustrator and checker who revised the sheet.

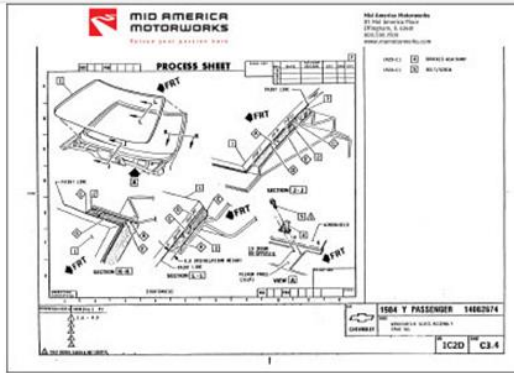
The revision record tells the history of that sheet since its initial release (the date in the far lower left of the title block). Each change is numbered sequentially, and when the revision block is filled, the next change starts again at the top, with the previous revision notes eliminated. Occasionally you'll see "Redrawn and Redesigned," which wipes out all previous sheet history and starts the revision record all over again at that point. The date of a revision almost never indicates the date the change actually took place on the line; it just shows when the sheet was revised, which could have been well ahead of or well after the part change occurred in production at the assembly plant. We'll talk more about how running changes were actually implemented on the line and the process that supported them in a later article.



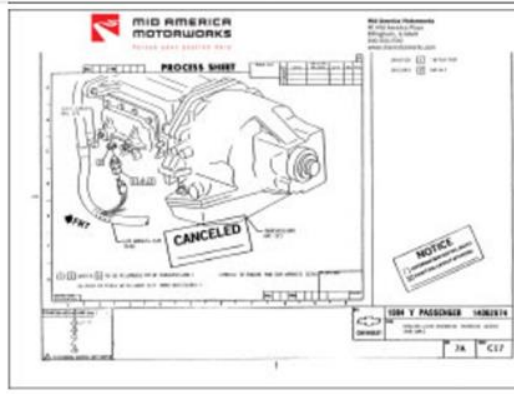
WHO USED THE MANUAL IN THE PLANT?

The master copy of the Assembly Manual was kept in the Reliability Supervisor's office, and was maintained by his specifications engineers, who worked directly with plant floor production supervision and inspectors on quality and specifications issues. Each production foreman had an A.I.M. binder at his desk with only the A.I.M. sheets that affected the operations performed in his area, and it was kept up to date by the specifications engineer assigned to his area. Other complete copies were used by the Material and Industrial Engineering departments for part tracking and changes in on-line assembly operations.

When a sheet was revised, the specs engineer inserted the new sheet in the production foreman's binder, and threw away the previous sheet; all Production cared about was how to build the car today, not how it was supposed to be built last month. The master copy in the Reliability Office was the only one that was complete, with all sections, and was kept up to date as revisions occurred.



As Corvette hobbyists, we're extremely fortunate to have the Assembly Instruction Manual documentation, even though they were, at the time, "living documents," and the copies we have don't necessarily represent any particular Corvette as built at a specific point during a model year. At least we have them as formal documents for every model year from 1956-up; our fellow Ford and Mopar enthusiasts have literally zero factory documentation to work with, and they'd love to have something like our Assembly Manuals.



[Our Sponsor](#) -

An unseasonably warm March means that Driving Season has arrived early -YEAH! That means you should go check out [Penske's](#) inventory of [lovely new](#) and [pre-loved Corvettes](#). They have lots in stock, ready to go home with you today. And if winter has taken its toll on your daily driver, perhaps now is the time to replace it. Always check with [our sponsor](#) first when you are in the market for a new or gently used vehicle - [Corvette](#) or [otherwise](#).



Chevrolet has introduced the 2017 Corvette Grand Sport at the Geneva Motor Show. Part Corvette Stingray, part Corvette Z06, it may be more appealing than both.

The middle child of the 'Vette lineup combines the Stingray's 460 hp naturally-aspirated 6.2-liter V8 powertrain with body and chassis refinements cribbed from the top-of-the-line, somewhat over-the-top 650 hp supercharged Z06. These include its grille, wide rear fenders, high performance Brembo brakes, standard magnetic ride control suspension and computer-controlled limited slip differential.

The Z06's track-ready Z07 package is also available, which adds carbon ceramic brakes, sticker tires, and carbon ceramic spoilers and splitters for improved downforce. The extras give the Grand Sport enough grip to take turns at an astonishing 1.2g, allowing it to lap Chevy's test track nearly as fast as the last \$120,000 Corvette ZR1.

The Grand Sport will offer a choice of seven-speed manual and eight-speed automatic transmissions, and there will also be a convertible version when it goes on sale this summer. Pricing has not been announced, but with the Stingray and Z06 starting at \$56,395 and \$80,395, respectively, figure something around \$68,395.

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Welcome To New Members

A new feature for the 2016 Newsletter is recognition of our newest members. So, WELCOME! We are so glad that you joined us. Corvette Indy is a vibrant, friendly and extremely busy club. We encourage you to participate in as many activities as you can. That is how you will get to know us and we will get to know you. Come to the somewhat crazy meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month at Champps. They are noisy and well attended (we average 60-80 members even in the winter) but they are fun. Be at Paradise Café every Saturday morning and Ale Emporium every Tuesday evening. Then come to as many other events as you can. The number is already picking up as driving season arrives. And when you feel ready, jump in and become a planner/leader of an event. Many members will be happy to help you, if you want, for your first try. That is what makes this club work, lots of members being involved in leading and participating in events. All that all being said --- We Are Thrilled To Welcome -----

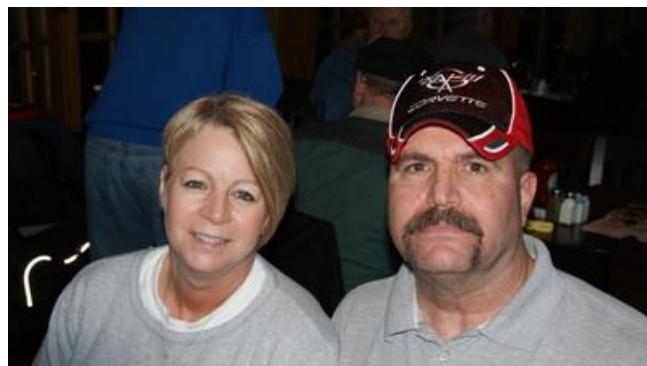
Brian and Deb Morgan



Bryan and Margaret Yeisley



And although we welcomed Tim and Lori in the last newsletter, I did not have their picture to include. So welcome ---- again ---- to **Tim and Lori McCord**



Recent Events:

Ale Emporium - 02/16/2016

Bill's report: 10 people showing up and everybody had steak. Also, as you can see, Tori is back (good thing Cheryl was there to keep an eye on Bill). Most everybody was talking about the warm weather that's coming this weekend. The group also sent a couple pictures to Gary at Marion as they are in Vegas (check out "I Was There" to see what they did). So until next week thanks for good times good friends and good food for a good price.



Daddy Jack's 02/18

With the driving season not quite here Jim and Judi Alvis planned the mid February dine only at Daddy Jack's to have a late week get together for club members. 11 members were able to make it on the somewhat sunny and warming day, but no Corvettes ventured out. That may change over the weekend as the forecast is for temperatures in the 60's. Discussions covered Bill Reynold's new job of artistic instructor or bartender at Painting with a Twist, where we may have a new DnD category of Draw N Drink for a new club event. See the 02/15 newsletter for more information about his new gig. There was also a lot of Car Show talk as a number of those assembled were showing definite signs of show withdrawal. That discussion also included talk of shows that won't be attended due to little chance of Corvettes scoring well, this especially included the GTO show and one in Columbus. Not to worry, many shows will be attended by the assembled group and many others in the club. The group headed for home mid afternoon with many of them planning on heading to Paradise Bakery right across the street on Saturday.

Again thanks to Jim and Judi for planning the afternoon at Daddy Jack's.



Drive n Dunk - 02/20/2016

A report from both Jim's and a number of pictures today from them and a picture from Bill Reynolds.

Jim Shaver's: Another beautiful February day brought out a sizable group of Corvettes. We even had a couple of new owners join us. We were all happily surprised to see Greg Toolan drive up in his C6. Greg is recovering nicely from his recent heart attack, naturally there was a good bit of conversation about the attack and then treatment. Steve Head, Mary McConnell, and Marge and John Herder spent much of the morning in a corner pouring over maps planning a future drive n dine.

Jim Alvis's: Today was the first really good weather day of 2016 to get the Corvettes out of hibernation for a drive to Paradise Bakery & Café. Early on the roads were damp with some mist from other vehicles, but it did not deter about 15 Corvettes from showing up. We were very pleased to see Greg Toolan join in following his recent bypass surgery. He looks and feels great, and is happy to join his Corvette friends once again. One main topic of discussion this morning was the new location for *The Main Event* June 4 and 5. The Herders and Steve Head and Mary McConnell were busy planning a special overnighter the first weekend in August. More details later..



Ale Emporium - 02/23/2016

Total of 14 showed up tonight and everyone had steak. Two new people showed up too, they are friends of William and Sharon and old old time members. Yes, Tori is back and she was our server tonight and took very good care of us. Again great time great friends and great food for the best price in town until next week take care.



Drive n Dunk - 02/27/2016

Ten or so Corvettes and nearly twenty Corvette Indy folks showed up this morning at Paradise Bakery & Café. The weather was cool, bright, and clear which made for a nice early morning drive. More and more corvettes are slowly coming out of hibernation. Club Merchandise Director Ross brought a bag of 50 Corvette Indy 2016 pins for distribution. The pins are 1" diameter, and are ideal to be displayed on caps, shirts, jackets, just about anything. The pins are available for order on the club's website under the 'For Sale' tab on the main page, or available at the March 7 meeting. There was also a lot of discussion and anticipation about upcoming events for the new year. Thanks to Jim Alvis for the pictures and report and for Bill Reynolds proving that Jim "was there".



Ale Emporium - 03/01/2016

Here is Bill's first report for this month: Even though the weather was not the best we still had 14 show up for steak night. Everybody had steak and a great time, great food, great friends, and as I always say the best price in town! As you can see Cheryl even showed up tonight so anyway until next week will see you then and have a great week!



Drive n Dunk - 03/05/2016

The first Saturday in March brought out several Corvettes and a lot of members as nearly 30 guys and gals descended on Paradise Café. The weather was still cool, but everyone is talking about getting their insurance put back on (if not already) and being prepared to drive during the next week or so of spring like temperatures. Otherwise there was a lot of general discussions from politics to the newly released Grand Sport, with several planning to order them.



Upcoming Events:



Opportunity To Learn To Time Autocross

MORE MEMBERS OF THE TIMING TEAM ARE NEEDED! We *need* more members to learn how to use CI's timing equipment. Would you like to become a part of this fun, exciting and vital part of Main Event and possibly other Autocross events? Would you like to join the **Timing Team**? Bill will be scheduling some training classes for those who would like to be involved with CI's timing equipment. If you are interested, please contact Bill at corvetteindyweb@gmail.com or talk to him at a meeting or event. Don't miss this opportunity!!!

You are invited to a
C.I. Ladies Afternoon Outing

When: April 10

Time: 1 PM

What: Painting ...this scene



"Springtime Wonder"

Cost: \$35.00

Where: "Painting With a Twist" located in Fishers

Included: Canvas, paint, great instructor—our own Bill Reynolds and guaranteed fun

If you wish to join in on the fun, please contact Linda White at hoochiemadre@earthlink.net by March 28.



NCM Motorsports Park Track Weekend April 9-10, 2016

MVP Track Time's 8th annual "Tax Freedom Track Weekend" is April 9-10, 2016 and the event is filling fast. I hope you can join us in fantastic Bowling Green, Kentucky for the on-track fun at the National Corvette Museum's (NCM Motorsports Park) 3.15 mile Grand Full Course.

As usual, we schedule 2+ hours of track time daily at NCM for only \$425 for the weekend. We have single-day registrations available for NCM for \$265.

NCM Motorsports Park 3.15 Mile Grand Full Course



If you have any questions about any MVP Track Time event, don't hesitate to call me at (314) 249-3770 or e-mail Feffman@MVPTrackTime.com. I hope to see you at Bowling Green.

Mark Pfeffer - MVP Track Time, LLC.

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Lingenfelters' – April 23, 2016

For the early planners you might consider heading to Michigan for fellow club members Ken & Kristen Lingenfelters' spring open house of the Lingenfelter Collection.

**THE LINGENFELTER COLLECTION SPRING OPEN HOUSE
SAVE THE DATE - 4.23.16**



'THE BASH' AT NCM

The NCM needs volunteers to help out with The Bash April 28-30. Help is needed through-out the museum – in the Café, the Store, the Library and with parking. Volunteers need to plan to work a minimum of 4 hours and lunch will be provided on the day you work. If you want further information contact our Ambassador Jerry Croy – jerry.croy@gmail.com

Vettes for Vets at Indiana Veteran's Home

This is an annual event in which many Corvette Indy members always enjoying taking part. Mark your calendar now so that you will be sure to attend this extremely worthwhile and heart-warming event.

Vettes for Vets

May 7, 2016

Indiana Veterans Home, W. Lafayette, IN





Meet at the
Tippecanoe
Amphitheater

Registration
10:00 AM



Free hot dog, chips and small drink
10:30-11:20

11:30 Driver's Meeting

11:45 Line Up

11:55 Leave for IN Veterans Home



Sponsored by Star City Corvettes and Lafayette Corvette Club

Meet Me At Talladega In May



Mark Davis, Chairman



Ladies & Gentlemen, Start Your Engines! We Are Back!

That is right, after taking a pit stop to evaluate our past performance, the Vettes-4-Vets® is pleased to announce we are back in 2016 with a bigger and better event package for our annual, signature Talladega Superspeedway fundraiser.

FRIDAY, MAY 27 AND SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2016

You will discover that our new Sponsor and Partner in helping Veterans, Hendrick Chevrolet-Hoover Corvette Center adds a new dimension and depth to the fundraiser. The Talladega Superspeedway remains a must-go-to event, so please join us Memorial Day weekend to have fun, but more importantly, support our Veterans!

All of us at Vettes-4-Vets® appreciate your loyalty and support, and extends a hardy welcome back.

JUNE 9 - 11, 2016



JOIN US FOR
2016 ROAD TOURS

Corvette Adventures returns to the Taste of Dells !!

We missed the Taste Of Dells in downtown Wisconsin Dells last year because of a scheduling conflict; however, we will be right in the middle of this great event

during and after our parade to the Dells this year.

This is one of the major events planned for the 2016 Corvette Adventures and it is so fun to have the streets lined with excited spectators who have come to wave, watch and greet us.

As we have done in the past, on Saturday at 11:00am, the Police Chief will lead all Corvettes from Chula Vista Resort through downtown Wisconsin Dells on its main street and then we will all park on a street and two large parking lots right in the center of town where you can then experience the Taste Of Dells.

Check out our web site at www.corvetteadventures.com for a complete list of all our amazing tours for 2016.

As a reminder, we have booked a block of rooms at the Town Place Suites by Marriott at a really great price of \$109 a night for the 2016 Corvette Bash at the National Corvette Museum, April 28 - May 1. Call the hotel at 270-782-4714 and reference the block name "Chula Vista Resort" when making your reservation.

Bloomington Gold Update



GOLD REVIEW
March 2016 • 19th Edition

COUNTING DOWN!

The 2016 Bloomington Gold event is only a few months away!
Registration for Tickets, Judging & Driving Events is Open

In this Issue:
Bloomington Gold Chevrolet Buying Program
Driving Events
2016 Event Schedule
More of The Gold Collection: 1966

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

June 23-25, 2016
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

For more details:
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309.888.4477

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Mark Your Calendar For This Upcoming Trip: Space Is Limited – Sign Up Soon!

A message from John and Marg Herder:



STREAMCLIFF HERB FARM 2016

You're invited!

Circle Saturday, July 9 and Sunday July 10 for a terrific Drive n Dine masterminded by John and Marg Herder.

We'll take a scenic back roads' excursion to Streamcliff Herb Farm in Commisky, IN where we'll be featured in a short car show that they are publicizing. Those of you who have traveled with us before will remember the amazing lunch entrees, including blackberry cobbler and homemade bread pudding. Show will be from 1 to 3 p.m.

Afterwards, we'll cruise to historic Madison IN for dinner, an overnight stay and Sunday at leisure to explore the many restored homes, wineries, antique shops and nearby casinos. He choice is yours.

More specific info to follow. Questions? Email John and Marg at johnandmarg@hotmail.com or call them at 317-253-8991.

NCM at the end of August



Paul Habecker has planned an overnight trip to Bowling Green, KY that should be fun for August 27th & 28th. We will caravan to Bowling Green on Saturday morning. After arriving at the National Corvette Museum and grabbing some lunch we will spend the afternoon helping the NCM by doing volunteer work. Club days like this have become popular at the NCM and having participated in a few they are quite fun. After "work" we will check into the Hilton Garden Inn where Paul has arranged a block of 25 rooms. The hotel will have a designated parking area for our Vettes and will even provide an area to wash your Vette if you want to. Paul has a reservation

made for dinner at the Montana Grill which is next door so we can leave our Vettes in the designated parking area and walk to dinner. Reservation information is below so you can start reserving your rooms now. If you plan to go please let Paul know at paul@print-tek.us

On Sunday you will have the option of heading for home (either the faster way on I-65 or the fun way via some neat back road driving) or taking a Bourbon tour by stopping at a distillery on the way home. Let Paul know if you are interested in the Bourbon tour so he can plan accordingly.

Reservation Instructions for Groups with codes (2) options:

Online

1. Go to: bowlinggreen.stayhgi.com
2. Select your dates in the upper right hand corner
3. Under the box (check availability) select (add special rate code option)
4. Enter: **INDY** into the box next to Group Code
5. Select the (check availability box)
6. Your selection of room types and rate will appear

Phone In:

Please call 270-781-6778

Give dates of your stay

Request rate for: **Corvette Indy**

August 27, 2016

Rate: \$99

Please make reservations on or before: August 12, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn Bowling Green

1020 Wilkinson Trace

Bowling Green, KY 42103

270-781-6778

We Are Family

"We joined for our love of the cars, but we stayed for our love of the people."

In Our Thoughts

Bob Phillips has just been released from the VA Hospital after spending a month in rehab. He had passed out, fallen and broken an ankle. We are so glad that he is recovering

On A Positive Note

On a happier note for Bob Phillips, he was released and got to go home on the day before his 82nd birthday. I'm sure that he would love to hear from all his CI friends.

You can contact Bob at geezertoy34@yahoo.com

PLEASE let me know if I have *missed someone* who should be included in this section. I can only know about those we should be concerned about or celebrating if someone lets me know. Please email me at corvetteindynews@gmail.com

Meet the Member – Nancy Holle

With the return of the Meet the Member segment, it seemed only appropriate to begin with Nancy Holle, wife of Corvette Indy's 4th President (remember, CI is now 27 years old) Steve Holle. Steve passed, way too soon, in 2010. Be sure to read the Tribute page to him on the CI website.

Nancy Holle married Steve in 1986. His untimely passing occurred in 2010. Nancy was raised in St. Henry Ohio which is in Mercer County, 60 miles north of Dayton. She moved to Indy in 1971.

Nancy works as an Administrative Assistant at UAW Local 933. She says that her favorite activities and interests include work as an advocate for workers and she founded the Community, Faith and Labor Coalition and the Indianapolis Worker Justice Center. She has also worked at the polls for 25 years.

When asked how long she had been a member of Corvette Indy, Nancy's response was "Before CI." She called NCCC to get CI's club number. *(So if you ever want to know anything about CI's history – Nancy is THE person to ask.)* Nancy's previous Corvette Club member affiliation was the Indianapolis Corvette Club.

She got interested in Corvettes because she started dating Steve. Then she married him **and** his Corvette Club. Currently, Nancy owns a 1967, a 1986 and a 1999 Corvette and has never owned any others.

The thing that Nancy likes best about Corvette Indy is the friends she has here. And her favorite Corvette activities are rallies and after event parties.

Being such a longtime member, Nancy had lots of great Corvette stories/memories to share.

1. One time, Steve was in a wheelchair so he "rented" Nancy to run a poker rally with Jack Phillipone (CC of Atlanta) and she drew a Royal Flush. Steve had several more rental requests while he recovered.
2. Burning the clutch on the '86 at Corvette Nationals – but her novice trophy was bigger than his!

3. Munchie and Crunchie restaurant reviews from the road.
4. Toga Party at convention with the “sheets”.
5. Mardi Gras Party at New Orleans convention.
6. Dinner with 20+ NCCC members and a waiter who took orders by memory.
7. At convention – dinner cave man style – Hoosiers wore trash bags and packed squirt guns.
8. Caravan with the “5 speed” and rolling into events with 10 or 20 CI cars.
9. Teamwork and road trips.
10. Beating all NCCC for NATIONAL CLUB POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP!!!!

After enjoying all of Nancy’s memories of her years in CI, I think we all need to sit down with her at the next meeting and get the FULL story on some of these. Thank you, Nancy, for all the years you have given to Corvette Indy.

Londa and Paul Habecker wanted to share their beautiful red C7 and terrific grandchildren with the club. The car is a bit hard to see behind all those adorable, smiling faces. (Yes, that includes Londa and Paul)



A Note From Member Brent Williams

Anyone who needs housecleaning – Brent Williams’s sister is starting a new business. Her flyer appears below.



CORVETTE COOKIE CUTTER COLUMN:



Just a few days until St. Patrick's Day. Here is a simple dessert to serve on the 17th

Mint Dip with Brownies

1 pkg fudge brownie mix (8 inch square pan size)
2 T. brown sugar

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sour cream
2 T. green crème de menthe

Prepare and bake brownies according to package directions. Cool on a wire rack.
Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the sour cream, brown sugar and crème de menthe.
Cover and refrigerate until serving.
Cut brownies into 1 inch diamonds
Serve with dip.
Yields one dozen brownies.

Note: Serve mint dip with strawberries in the summer for a refreshing fruit dessert



March Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you would like to see your special dates included, please email them to me at corvetteindynews@gmail.com

Happy Anniversary to.....

Jim and Bonnie Shaver March 21

Happy Birthday to.....

Jim Noelle	March 1
Shelley Noelle	March 2
Donna Schlichter	March 8
Shirley Berry	March 23
Arminta Inbody	March 24
Randy Sprague	March 28



More Fascinating Information

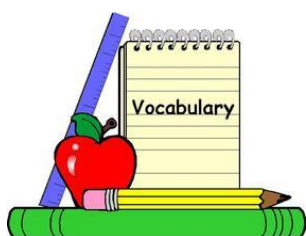
Long Winter's Nap – Long Gone

Since the weather has warmed and we can now get the cars out and drive, I am dropping this segment until next winter. But, when Jack Houtman went to Jim and Pam Kellams' to pick up his C6 from its winter home, he sent back a picture of the Vettes that were still happily napping in the Kellams' heated building. At one time they had about 9 CI cars safely parked out of the cold and snow, including Bill and my C3 "Ruby".



CORVETTE INDY MEMBER PICTURES

Everyone should have received an email from Greg about the updating of the website member pages. With the growth of the club, it has become more difficult for us all to know (recognize) each other. Old members don't know newer members and vice versa. Up to date pictures and names will help solve that problem. If you have a current picture that you would like him to use, please forward it to him at ndirishr1@hotmail.com. If you would like him to take a new picture of you, catch him at a meeting or event. If you missed the email and all the details, let him know and I'm sure he will be glad to send it to you again. It is important that we get everyone's picture so that we can all become more familiar with each other. And look at his newly organized pages.



The *Weird* Word of the Week

At the request of several members, we are beginning a new feature to help build everyone's vocabulary skills. The word for this issue of the newsletter:

bibble

Definition: to eat and/or drink noisily

Did you know what that word meant? One might say that this happens at our twice monthly meetings. Do you have any suggestions for words for the next issue?



Corvette Racing – Jim Alvis

Corvette Racing update - The 64th Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, Saturday, March 19

The 64th Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring takes the green flag at 10:40 am on Saturday, March 19. This is the second event in the trifecta of sports car endurance racing, the other two being the Rolex 24 hour event at Daytona, and the Le Mans 24 Hour event in June. Corvette Racing was fortunate to have won the trifecta in 2015, and is off to a great

start for 2016, having finished the 2016 Rolex 24 Hours with a 1-2 sweep of the GTLM Class. The Sebring 12 Hour endurance race is just that - endurance. The road course is the roughest of the three, placing even greater stress on the race cars and drivers. The track uses the former Hendricks Army Air Field built during WW II for B-17 bomber crew training. The Chevrolet/Ford rivalry will resume after the new Ford GT cars suffered mechanical issues at the Rolex 24 Hour event at Daytona. Rest assured, the new Ford GTs will be well prepared to resume the battle with Porsches, BMWs, Ferraris, and of course, the C7.R Corvettes.

Television Broadcast:

10:30 AM ET FOX Sports 1

12:30 PM ET FOX Sports 27:00 PM ET <http://www.imsa.com>

10:00 PM ET FOX Sports 2

Live timing:

<http://www.imsa.com/series/sportscar-championship>



Facebook Coordinator – Jim Alvis:

CI's Facebook page is an excellent source of up to date information about Corvette Indy and continues to grow steadily. Our followers on Facebook are increasing because Jim has been including information about Corvette Indy as well as many interesting Corvette related items. All you FB users be sure to keep checking CI's page for the latest info. You can link to our Facebook page from the top of our website homepage.

[From The Desk Of Our NCM Ambassador – Jerry Croy](#)



NCM Featured on PBS Show



The Museum was featured on the March 4 episode of the Travels with Darley Show being shown on PBS channels nationwide. Check this link to see more information about this interesting show from the NCM.

<http://www.corvettemuseum.org/museum-featured-on-new-pbs-series/>



Help Us Showcase Corvette Preservation

The National Corvette Museum was created as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to preserve the history of America's Sports Car. And now, we're going to be preserving even more of that history. We hope you will be a part of it! We are remodeling an area of the Museum

to be dedicated to the care and maintenance of the Museum's car collection, and visitors will get to watch the work in progress.

Imagine watching the 1962 "sinkhole" Corvette being restored and brought back to life. Or watch while historical icons are tuned and loved.

The new Maintenance and Preservation area will offer opportunities like these as well as a location for seminars and training classes on car care and maintenance or basic mechanics.

Join us in making this project a reality. Check out our video and campaign [online here](#) and help us spread the word!

NCM Motorsports Park Submits New Noise Plan to Bowling Green's Planning Commission



Lawyers are getting ready to rev up their engines again as the noise dispute over the National Corvette Museum's [Motorsports Park](#) in Bowling Green continues later this month.

Neighbors of the park have been complaining for more than a year about the increased noise levels, and in response, the NCM has submitted a revised detailed development plan that is supposed to be considered by the City-County Planning Commission of Warren County on March 17.

Meanwhile, supporters of the Motorsports Park are finally climbing into the driver's seat and making some noise of their own.

Laura Gilbert of Bowling Green told the Bowling Green Daily News on Friday that she is helping with an online petition drive by supporters of the park.

"We feel like the museum and the track are a huge part of this community and its economy," Gilbert said. "The folks at NCM have lent a hand and we started the petition. It's really important people understand what the NCM means for Bowling Green. We have a lot of support here in Bowling Green but, honestly, a lot from the folks all over. These are people who love coming here and spend money here."

You can see the petition at supportncm.com, where people are being asked to attend the meeting on March 17.

"There are citizens and groups who very much support the NCM Motorsports Park," said Charles "Buzz" English Jr., a Bowling Green attorney who represents the NCM. "It is a very important aspect to our community. We want to be a good neighbor."

In the new plan, the NCM offers to build new structures designed to lower the noise level for the nearby Clark Circle residents, according to English. Included is a 12-foot wall on top of the existing 1,620-foot berm which already averages 14 feet in height. Noise abatement walls would also be added in critical areas near the edge of the track.

Under the old plan, the NCM had to make sure the park does not cause a "substantial noise" increase, an elusive number that has yet to be defined.

Bowling Green attorney Chris Davenport, who represents about 50 Clark Circle residents in the civil action, is worried that the new structures won't solve the noise problem.

The NCM says it wants to keep the maximum decibel level at 103 for vehicles at the park. Any vehicle louder than that would be black-flagged and have to leave the track. However, in the revised standards filed last month, the Museum declined to put that number in writing.

Davenport is worried that even with a 103 decibel level, the residents would still be bothered. He claims that noise perceived by a person is twice what the actual level is, therefore making a 10-decibel increase sound like 20 decibels to the residents.

The Museum also faces more legal issues, including its appeal of a fine levied against the park last year by the Warren County Code Enforcement Board that will be heard before Warren District Judge John Brown on March 28.

Then on Nov. 1, a civil trial will begin before Warren Circuit Judge John Grise to decide if the Clark Circle residents should receive monetary damages from the track noise.

<http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2016/03/08/ncm-motorsports-park-submits-new-noise-plan-to-bowling-greens-planning-commission/>

Charley Robertson

DRIVE N DINE HOSTS NEEDED!



Warm weather and showers seem to have arrived. The good news is, the rain washes the salt off the streets. The bad news is, no one wants to go on a Drive n Dine in the rain. But soon the rain will stop. So, now you get to break out that Drive n Dine that you planned and as soon as the weather forecast is for a good day, let Greg know that you want to host a DnD. And if you still haven't planned one but would like to, and would like some help --- let Greg know that too. The more hosts we have, the more fun we will have.



Lighter Side and Corvettes



You Can't Believe Everything You Read In The Papers

Dermot McCann opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly 'phoned his best friend Reilly.

'Did ye see the paper?' asked Dermot. 'They say I died.'

'Yes, I saw it.' replied Reilly. 'Where are ye callin' from?'

Remember last year on
St. Patrick's day?

Me neither...

Peg It Board



It's All in The Name

A pregnant Irish woman from Dublin gets in a car accident and falls into a deep coma. Asleep for nearly 6 months, when she wakes up she sees that she is no longer pregnant and frantically asks the doctor about her baby.

The doctor replies, 'Ma'am you had twins! a boy and a girl. Your brother from Cork came in and named them.'

The woman thinks to herself, 'Oh No, not my brother... he's an idiot!' She asks the doctor, 'Well, what's the girl's name?' Denise.'

'Wow, that's not a bad name, I like it! What's the boy's name?'

'Denephew.'



No Hiding Place

Walking into the bar, Shamus said to O'Heir the bartender, 'Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman.'

'O, bejabbers,' said O'Heir, 'And how did this one end?'

'Hah, when it was over,' Shamus replied, 'she came to me on her hands and knees.'

'Really?' cried O'Heir, 'now that's a switch! What did she say?'

She said, 'Come out from under the bed, Shamus, you little chicken



The Reunion

An Irishman, Kevin, and an American, Clint, are sitting in the bar at Cork Airport supping Guinness.

'I've come to meet my brother,' says Kevin. 'He's due to fly in from Chicago in an hour's time. It's his first trip home in 40 years.'

'Will you be able to recognize him?' asks Clint.

'I'm sure I won't,' responds Kevin, 'after all, he's been away for a long time.'

'I wonder if he'll recognize you?' questions Clint.

'Of course he will,' replies Kevin. 'Sure, an' I haven't been away at all.'

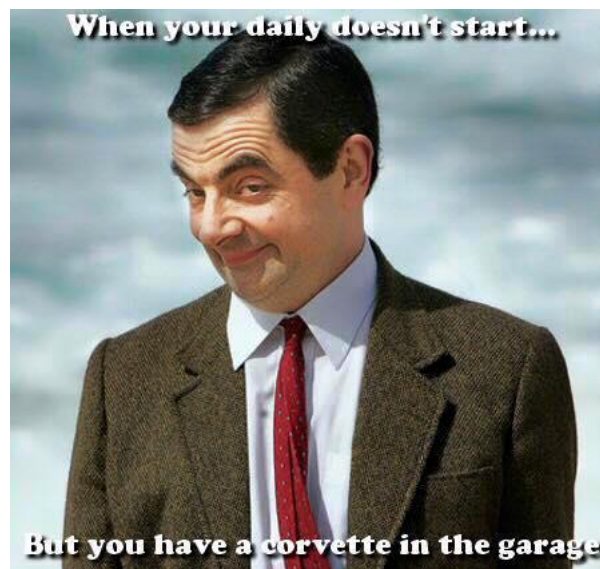


Keep on Winning

Two Irishmen have just won €500,000 in the Irish lottery and they are now having a pint in O'Malley's bar.

Timothy turns to say to Seamus and says, 'What about all them begging letters?'

Seamus replies, 'Oh, we'll just carry on sending them.'





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