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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# It's PICNIC time!

I forgot about me being in Pittsburgh the 20th this month for a show with the Vintage Grand Prix, this is a two part show, first at PPG Place then later at the South Works. We will do a little meeting at our Picnic. Hope to see everyone there with a good appetite, there will be plenty of great food. We will need a count of how many members and guests will be attending by the 15th of July, Trisch will need to know this as to how much food to order.

See you soon

Paul





WHAT WERE PEOPLE THINKING



That's OK right



Oh my!



No, no way



## CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

The National Corvette Museum has announced plans to invest \$2.4 million in the NCM Motorsports Park after it was heavily damaged in the tornado that touched down in Bowling Green, Kentucky last December.

The investment will go towards new garage areas at the circuit, which sits on a 185-acre property next to the museum itself on the other side of I-65, along with new indoor and outdoor event spaces, bar and restaurant offerings and upgraded track observation areas. The track will remain open during construction, with work on the project slated for completion in early 2024.

NCM President and CEO Sharon Brawner said the museum's board of directors decided to leverage the unfortunate circumstances of the tornado to create a new opportunity and improve the track's facilities, instead of simply restoring it to pre-tornado conditions.

"The National Corvette Museum, along with our board of directors, looked at the extent of the damage to the Motorsports Park and decided to find the silver lining in a really difficult circumstance," Brawner said.

The NCM Motorsports Park is a club circuit designed by Steve Crawford, the designer of Thunderhill Raceway Park in California, that was first opened for track days and private events in 2014. The facility includes a 3.15-mile full course that can be split into several different layouts, as well as an arrive-and-drive karting circuit. Driving coaching from ex-Corvette Racing driver Andy Pilgrim, as well as C8 Corvette Stingray driving experiences, are also available through the track.

Greg Waldron, Executive Director of the NCM Motorsports Park, said he hopes the renovations will draw more enthusiasts to the circuit and kart track.



## CORVETTE OUTSELLS CAMARO



The C8 Corvette Stingray offers hugely impressive performance at a base price that significantly undercuts its direct rivals. That's an undeniable recipe for success in today's hugely competitive performance car market – so much so that the Corvette now outsells the much more affordable and accessible Chevy Camaro.

GM sold an impressive 8,811 examples of the C8 Corvette Stingray in the first quarter of this year, which it followed up with a similarly strong performance in the second quarter, recording sales of 8,630 units. It sold 6,710 units of the Chevy Camaro in Q1, by comparison, and 4,545 units in Q2. That means that in the first six months of the year, the Corvette outsold the Camaro by 6,186 units.

The Corvette also outsold the Camaro in 2021, although that was mainly due to the rather strange circumstances the auto industry faced last year. GM was forced to idle production of the Chevy Camaro for the majority of 2021 due to the chip shortage, causing sales to plummet, while it placed emphasis on C8 Corvette Stingray production to help fulfill a backlog of orders and meet the increasingly high demand for the mid-engine sports car.

With the worst of the semiconductor chip shortage now in the past, the Corvette is no longer outselling the Camaro due to a lack of inventory. Demand for the Corvette appears to be stronger than for the Camaro, which is currently also trailing its two key rivals in the pony car sales race, the Dodge Challenger and Ford Mustang.

*GM Authority* intel suggests the Chevy Camaro nameplate will remain in production until the end of the 2024 model year, at which point GM will put the sports coupe to pasture to focus on new electric Chevy performance models instead. A farewell special edition package is expected to be introduced for the 2024 model as a send-off for the nameplate.

## NOW THAT'S A POLICE CAR



The Escambia County Sheriff's office in Pensacola, Florida just added a 2017 C7 Corvette Z06 to their fleet. The high-performance sports car was seized from a felony suspect. The C7 Corvette Z06 was upgraded to look like a police cruiser and will now be used for community engagement purposes.

In a recent social media post, the Escambia County Sheriff's office states that the C7 Corvette Z06 was wrapped with an elaborate law enforcement exterior treatment using funds pulled from the Escambia County Sheriff Foundation. The law enforcement office states that no tax payer dollars were used to fund the upgrades for the vehicle.

The Escambia County Sheriff's new C7 Corvette Z06 was unveiled last Friday during a Dining For Deputies event at a local Beef O'Brady's restaurant. During the event, 10 percent of all purchases at the restaurant were allocated to fund the Escambia County Sheriff Foundation.

In addition to a new green-and-white wrap that covers the entire car with the Escambia County Sheriff logo and badge, making it look similar to a police cruiser, the C7 Corvette Z06 was also upgraded with a siren, as well as flashing red and blue lights around the perimeter of the vehicle. Details in the wrap include Pensacola Beach heritage throwbacks and various local attractions.

"There are police cars that we have that are designed to put bad guys in. This police car is designed to put the good guys in. We're going to use it for public engagement, and again, it cost zero tax payer dollars," says Sheriff Chip W. Simmons, whose name can be seen on the badge on the hood of the C7 Corvette Z06, during a social media video cast for the Dining For Deputies event.

Under the hood, the C7 Corvette Z06 is motivated by the supercharged 6.2L V8 LT4 gasoline engine, which is rated at 650 horsepower and 650 pound-feet of torque from the factory. The Z06 also includes a removable carbon fiber roof panel, an aggressive front splitter, a unique hood, and rear aero blades, as well as 19-inch wheels in front and 20-inch wheels in the rear.



## KEEPING IT LOCKED



The 2023 Corvette will not feature a rear trunk key lock cylinder, *GM Authority* has learned.

On the 2020 to 2022 model-year Corvette, there were two physical key lock cylinders that owners could use to access the cabin of the vehicle or the trunk if the keyfob stopped working, or the power release doors/trunk stopped working. The cabin access lock cylinder was located on the driver-side door, while the trunk lock cylinder was located on the rear of the vehicle behind the license plate.

For the 2023 model year, the Corvette has ditched the rear trunk key lock cylinder and will only have a physical lock on the driver's side door. This means that if the rear trunk hatch becomes seized, a hole will have to be drilled in the back of the vehicle to open it. According to a GM document, a body shop will have to drill a three-inch hole in the rear of the car, which will allow the technician to lift the rear panel up and access the fasteners that hold the trunk latch to the vehicle. GM of course suggests trying the interior trunk release switch, exterior touch pad trunk release and keyfob trunk release before resorting to cutting into the vehicle to access the seized trunk.

Production of the 2023 Corvette Stingray is underway now at the GM Bowling Green plant in Kentucky. As *GM Authority* covered prior, production officially began on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, after being pushed back from the previously scheduled start date of May 16<sup>th</sup>. Order books for the 2023 Corvette Stingray opened on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The start of production for the 2023 Corvette Stingray 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition is currently set for mid-summer, while the start of production for the 2023 Corvette Z06 is still yet to be determined.

As a reminder, the C8 Corvette rides on the Y2 platform, with the C8 Corvette Stingray featuring the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine, rated at 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque. The new-for-2023 C8 Corvette Z06 boasts the new naturally aspirated 5.5L V8 LT6 engine, rated at 670 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque. Both of these eight-cylinder engines connect to a Tremec-designed and GM-built eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission.



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CRUISES AND CAR SHOWS



JULY 20TH, 2022



JULY 23TH-24TH, 2022



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**Steel Town Corvette Club 41<sup>st</sup> Annual  
All-Chevy Show - Sunday, July 31, 2022**

*Established in 1972,  
Steel Town is celebrating  
50 years as one of Pittsburgh's  
finest Corvette clubs!*



*This year's event will be held outdoors at the*

**Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department**

370 Commercial Drive, Bridgeville, PA 15017

One mile off I-79 at the Bridgeville Exit 54 or Heidelberg/Collier Exit 55

**Sponsored by Colussy Chevrolet**

*Celebrating 104 years as the oldest family-owned Chevrolet Dealer in the country!*

**Schedule of Events: (no cars before 8:00 a.m.)**

9:00-11:00	Registration	50-50 drawings
9:00-11:00	Arrival/ clean-up	Tee Shirts to the first 100 entrants
11:00	Participants Judging begins	Dash Plaques
2:00	Participants Judging ends	Door Prizes
3:00	Trophy Presentation	Chinese Auction
	Includes Best of Show & People's Choice trophies & a DJ!	
	Food & Refreshments available too.	

**\$15 advance registration - \$20 day of show**

All Cars are encouraged to be Pre-Registered by July 25 @ \$15.00 per car

for Express Check-in and a Special Drawing

Participant Judging / STCC members' cars not eligible for judging.

\$5 Fun Show cars will receive dash plaques but will not be judged.

**Free Spectator Admission**

***Proceeds benefit numerous local charities!***



**CRUISES AND CAR SHOWS**

**Steel Town Corvette Club 2022 All-Chevy Show Registration Form**

Sunday, July 31, 2022 – Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Car Make (Chevrolet)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Car Model \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Car Year \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Car Class (see below) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ SHOW SHIRT SIZE: (circle) SM M LG XL XXL

How did you hear about the All-Chevy Show? (circle) Email Flyer Internet Word of Mouth

Event Contact: Bill Englert ([contact@steeltowncorvetteclub.com](mailto:contact@steeltowncorvetteclub.com))  
 Complete Registration Form and mail along with check payable to:  
**Steel Town Corvette Club**  
 317 Pine Valley Drive  
 Bridgeville, PA 15017

**Any three changes / alterations from stock are considered Modified Class.**  
**No change in Class once registered.**

Class #1	Stock Corvette	1953-1962
Class #2	Stock Corvette	1963-1967
Class #3	Stock Corvette	1968-1982
Class #4	Stock Corvette	1984-1996
Class #5	Stock Corvette	1997-2004
Class #6	Stock Corvette	2005-2013
Class #7	Stock Corvette	2014-2019
Class #8	All 2020 - 2022 Chevrolet Corvettes Stock and Modified	2020-2022
Class #9	Modified Corvette	1953-2019
Class #10	Stock Chevrolet	1911-1954
Class #11	Stock Chevrolet	1955-2006
Class #12	Modified Chevrolet	1911-2022
Class #13	Stock Camaro	1967-1992
Class #14	Stock Camaro	1993-2022
Class #15	Modified Camaro	1967-2022
Class #16	Stock & Modified Chevy II Nova and Corvair	All Years
Class #17	Stock & Modified Chevelle and Monte Carlo	All Years
Class #18	Stock & Modified Chevy Trucks (all years thru 2022) All Chevrolet Models 2007-2022 & Trailered Vehicles	All Years thru 2022



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901 Frankstown Ave 3:00 pm until 6:00pm

**May 15, 2022 Spring Breakout**

**June 19, 2022 Father's Day**

**July 24, 2022 Hot Summer Fun**

**August 21, 2022 Back to School**

**September 18, 2022 Black and Yellow**

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# North Pittsburgh Corvette Club

## 2022 Membership Application

Please complete all areas and print clearly     New Membership     Renewal     Over 70

Member (1) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Member (2) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary Date if Applicable \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER will be distributed by email:     US Mail (Black / White) add \$11.00

CORVETTE INFORMATION		
Year	Model <small>(Coupe Or Convertible)</small>	Other Information

MEMBERSHIP TERM		
January 1—December 31, 2022		
Annual Dues	Single Member	Dual Members
New Membership	\$30.00	\$35.00
Renewal *	\$20.00	\$25.00
<b>Dues Are Non-Refundable</b> Checks will not be cashed until Board approves And accepts membership. *Renewal must be paid by Jan31, 2021		

I hereby release the NORTH PITTSBURGH CORVETTE CLUB, INC, its membership and representatives, from any and all liabilities and claims occasioned by or resulting from and during our membership and any activities therewith. I hereby state that the license and insurance on my Corvette(s) is in force. I agree that, if accepted, I will abide by the By-Laws of

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form with your check payable to: \_\_\_\_\_ WEB SITE: [www.np-cc.com](http://www.np-cc.com)

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