



50 Years

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June 2022

The official Newsletter of the Award Winning

Northern Illinois Corvette Club

*Hello fellow members:*

We had another very busy month. The main activity for most of us was the spring run in which many of the members traveled to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky. for a few days and then some of the group drove on to the Tail of the Dragon Run. This was a great trip for all.

There was a good turnout of club members for the Pecatonica Memorial Day Parade. There were 17 cars and they all looked great. After the parade we met at Old Chicago for a late lunch. The club's annual car show was scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> and was held at our sponsor Lou Bachrodt's. Ken & Cindy Starzyk headed up this event again. The weather did not cooperate, which did affect the turn out. But we all had a good time and went to the Back Yard Grill restaurant for lunch.

We also have other programs going on in June:

1. Bloomington Gold is going to be June 10, 11<sup>th</sup>, in Bloomington, IL.
2. NCCC Convention Week, is June 12 thru 17 in Atlantic City, NJ.
3. Old Settlers Day Parade is on June 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 11:00 am and the parade will start at 12:00 pm.
4. Smokin' Coops Cruz Night is June 20<sup>th</sup> in Belvidere, IL. at 5:30 pm.
5. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hills Country Club at 5:30 pm.

**Remember, there is no June meeting, because of the Anniversary Celebration!**



President's  
Corner

This is your club so get involved and enjoy your time with club members.

Our club meetings are held at Sam's Ristorante, 6075 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford on the last Sunday of the month. The newsletter and website publish the schedule for meetings. I would love to see more members attend the membership meetings to add your voice to our decision making and to bring forth new ideas. Members are also welcomed to attend the Board meeting. Guests are welcome to attend the social hour and membership meetings. Bring a Corvette enthusiast friend and have a good time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns for the club.

*John M. Stupec*  
NICC President



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*Love 'Vettes. Have Fun. Give Back!*

June 2022

| 2022 - Membership and Board Meetings |    |  |                   |
|--------------------------------------|----|--|-------------------|
| Jun                                  | 26 | <b>No Meeting—50th Anniversary Banquet</b> |                   |
| Jul                                  | 31 | 6:00 PM - Social Hour                      | 7:00 PM - Meeting |
| Aug                                  | 28 | 6:00 PM - Social Hour                      | 7:00 PM - Meeting |
| Sep                                  | 25 | 6:00 PM - Social Hour                      | 7:00 PM - Meeting |
| Oct                                  | 23 | 5:00 PM - Board Meeting                    |                   |
|                                      |    | 6:00 PM - Social Hour                      | 7:00 PM - Meeting |
| Nov                                  | 27 | 5:00 PM - Social Hour                      | 6:00 PM - Meeting |
| Dec                                  | 18 | 3:30 PM - Board Meeting                    |                   |
|                                      |    | 5:00 PM - Social Hour                      | 6:00 PM - Meeting |
| 2023 - Membership and Board Meetings |    |  |                   |
| Jan                                  | 29 | 4:00 PM - Board Meeting                    |                   |
|                                      |    | 5:00 PM - Social Hour                      | 6:00 PM - Meeting |

*Unless otherwise posted, all Membership and Board meetings are held on Sundays at:*

**Sam's Ristorante**  
**6075 E. Riverside Blvd.**  
**Rockford, IL 61114**

*Members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.  
Guests are welcome to attend the Social Hour and Membership Meetings.*

If you have other appropriate events of interest that you'd like to see publicized please send the details to the email address below. They will be included as space allows.  
[editor@nicccorvette.com](mailto:editor@nicccorvette.com)

| 2022 - NICC Events - <a href="#">See website for updates &amp; flyers</a> |        |       |          |                               |                           |
|---|--------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jun   | Sat    | 18    | 11:00 AM | Old Settlers Parade           | Rockton, IL               |
|   | Mon    | 20    | 5:30 PM  | Smokin Coop BBQ Pit Night     | Belvidere, IL             |
|   | Sun    | 26    | 9:00 AM  | NCCC Corvette Show            | Tinley Park, IL           |
| Jul   | Sat    | 2     | 9:00 AM  | Cars & Coffee                 | Rockford, IL              |
|   | Sa-Mon | 2-4   | 8:00 AM  | MWR Autocross                 | Madison, WI               |
|   | Mon    | 4     | TBD      | Cherry Valley Parade          | Cherry Valley, IL         |
|   | Sa-Su  | 9-10  | TBD      | MWR Autocross NICC Fundraiser | Location to be determined |
|   | Sa-Su  | 16-17 | 7:30 AM  | MWR Autocross                 | Columbus, WI              |
|   | Sat    | 23    | 4:30 PM  | Progressive Dinner            | Multiple Hosts            |
| Aug   | Sa-Su  | 6-7   | 8:00 AM  | MWR Autocross NICC Fundraiser | Crystal Lake, IL          |
|   | Sa-Su  | 6-7   | TBD      | Road America                  | Plymouth, WI              |

| 2022 - Other Events of Interest |  |                         |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| June 9-11                       | Corvette Adventures, Wisconsin Dells, WI             | <a href="#">website</a> |
| June 10-11                      | Bloomington Gold 2022, Bloomington, IL               | <a href="#">website</a> |
| June 12-17                      | National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) Convention | <a href="#">website</a> |
| July 13-16                      | Black Hills Corvette Classic, South Dakota           | <a href="#">website</a> |
| August 27                       | Vettes on the River, Le Claire, IA                   | <a href="#">website</a> |
| August 25-27                    | Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA                  | <a href="#">website</a> |

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<http://nicccorvette.com>



## Important Club Member Dates

### **Birthdays**

**Birthdays are good for your health; the more you have, the longer you live.**

A FarmersAlmanac.com PhilosoFact

#### **June**

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Lynn Foecking    | Barb Johnson   |
| Cynthia Welte    | Chuck Kruse    |
| Terri Zawiski    | Micki Stern    |
| Richard Woessner | Dale Samuelson |

|                   |
|-------------------|
| Maxine Byrne      |
| Gene Stimart      |
| Lee Vik           |
| Rod Bennett       |
| Susan Chamberlain |
| Paul Zeien        |

#### **July**

### **VETTE QUOTES**

"There is no advertisement as powerful as a positive reputation traveling fast."

*Brian Koslow*

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."

*Vivian Greene*

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."

*Confucious*

"The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes."

*Frank Lloyd Wright*

"There is a magnet in your heart that will attract true friends. That magnet is unselfishness, thinking of others first; when you learn to live for others first; when you learn to live for others, they will live for you."

*Paramahansa Yogananda*

What do you call an iPhone's battery?  
Apple juice.

### **Wedding Anniversaries**



#### **June**

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Russ & Julie   | Moore       |
| Lee & Lynn     | Foecking    |
| George & Susan | Chamberlain |
| Don & Barb     | Johnson     |
| Rod & Wendy    | Bennett     |
| Joe & Jeanette | Hansen      |
| Ken & Cindy    | Starzyk     |

#### **July**

Dale & Carolyn Samuelson



**NICC APPRECIATES  
ALL MEMBERS!**

**SUPPORT THE NICC BY BECOMING AN  
ACTIVE MEMBER!**

Is your Birthday or  
Anniversary incorrect or  
missing? Please let us know!  
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### **NICC Sunshine Club**

#### **Club Members:**

If you know of someone who needs to be  
remembered by our club, via a card or a  
note, please notify:

**Doris Hicks, Sunshine Club Chair, at**  
[dorishicks78@gmail.com](mailto:dorishicks78@gmail.com)  
**815-885-2426**

## NICC Minutes

May 2022 Meeting Minutes - Unapproved

### **1. Opening and Call to Order:**

The NICC Monthly Membership meeting was called to order by John Stupiec at 7:04 p.m. with 32 members present in the meeting room and two on Zoom for a total of 34.

### **2. List of Officers, Directors, & Committee Chairs:**

|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| President: John Stupiec                     | Sergeant-at-Arms: Gene Stimart   |
| Governor: Dale Samuelson                    | Editor: Preston Morgan           |
| Secretary: Cindy Starzyk                    | Social Director: Debbie Schaefer |
| Treasurer: Susan Chamberlain                | Quartermaster: Barb Johnson      |
| Membership: Leon Gorsch                     | Advertising: Ken Starzyk         |
| Parliamentarian: Doris Hicks                | Public Relations: Ken Starzyk    |
| Historian: Nancy Bailey & Carolyn Samuelson | Webmaster: Linda Stimart         |
| NCM Ambassador: Louise Gorsch               | Parade Director: Bill Morr       |
| Sunshine Chair: Doris Hicks                 | Media Director: Open             |

### **3. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests or new members in attendance.

**4. Minutes:** A motion was made by Ken Starzyk to approve the April, 2022 minutes and was seconded by Cindy Starzyk. The motion was approved.

### **5. Monthly Reports:**

**President** – John Stupiec: No report at this time.

**Governor** – Dale Samuelson: See Dale's report in the newsletter. Please check the NICC or NCCC website for the MWR schedule. Volunteers from NICC are needed to work the Autocross NICC Fundraisers on July 9-10 and August 6-7. The July Autocross will not, however, be at Wilmot. The location will be determined at a later date.

**Secretary** – Cindy Starzyk: Cindy reported that there are a few slight updates in the calendar on the NICC website.

**Treasurer** – Susan Chamberlain: Cindy Starzyk distributed copies of the financial report.

**Membership** – Leon Gorsch: We have 73 members.

**Parliamentarian** – Doris Hicks: No report.

**Historian** - Nancy Bailey & Carolyn Samuelson: The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee continues to work on the June 26<sup>th</sup> event.

**NCM Ambassador** - Louise Gorsch: No report at this time.

**Sunshine Club Chair** - Doris Hicks: No report.

**Sergeant-at-arms** - Gene Stimart: \$3 was collected.

**Editor** - Preston Morgan: On Zoom. Preston thanked all the members for going on the Tail of the Dragon trip. He was able to meet some new members and greatly appreciates all the work Leon & Louise did on the organization and execution of the trip. Due to the May meeting being early this month, articles for the June newsletter are due the usual last week which makes the due date by June 1<sup>st</sup> or at the latest, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Social Director** – Debbie Schaefer: Thanks goes to Jeanette Hansen for acquiring many gifts at the National Corvette Museum to offer members during our raffles at each meeting.

**Quartermaster** - Barb Johnson: Men's club shirts are blue and ladies' are black. They are \$45.

**Advertising** – Ken Starzyk: Ken will update our advertisers' list to indicate those who have paid.

**Public Relations** - Ken Starzyk: Thanks to everyone who turned out for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Shoot at Bachrodt Auto Mall. We had 23 Corvettes for the shoot. The drone pilot will send the photos to our website.

The car show is June 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who signed up to volunteer for the show! The Road America Run is August 6-7. Remember that our Autocross Fundraiser is also taking place on those dates. There is one slot left for the Road America trip.

**Webmaster** - Linda Stimart: If you ever have a change to your email address, please let Linda know.

**Parade Director** – Bill Morr: Our first parade will be in Pecatonica on May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 1:00 at Diamond Motors on the northeast corner of U.S. Highway 20 and South Conger Road. Rod Bennett will lead us to the location for lining up and the parade will begin at 2:00. The Old Settlers' Day Parade in Rockton will be on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 11:00 and start at 12:00. The Cherry Valley Parade will be on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 12:30 and start at 1:00. Please also check the website's calendars and flyers for updated information.

## **6. Old Business:**

Club 50-Year Anniversary – The committee's work continues.

Tail of the Dragon Trip 2022 – Louise offered her paperwork from the planning of the trip to anyone who would like to have it. The weather on the trip was excellent. She thanked Ken & Cindy and Barb & Don for their help in leading groups during the first part of the journey. It was a six-day trip with no tickets or accidents.

Progressive Dinner – Will be on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and begins at 4:30.

Spring Run Volo – Leon thanked Russ & Debbie for this very enjoyable event.

## **7. New Business:**

Pecatonica Parade – May 30<sup>th</sup> – See above information under Parade Director. There are no sign-ups for the attending the parades. Just show up.

Car Show at Lou Bachrodt (June 4<sup>th</sup>) – The pre-registration deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Bloomington Gold - June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. NICC will not be sanctioning this event. Individuals are on their own.

Autocross MWR (July 9th & 10<sup>th</sup>) – See above information under Governor.

Cruise Night at Smokin' Coops (June 20<sup>th</sup>) – More details are on the website. You do not have to sign up for this ahead of time.

Autocross MWR (July 9-10) - This is an NICC Fundraiser. Please consider volunteering.

Route 66 Possible Trip (Rally) – John Stupec has sent out information to the membership from Austin Coop of Tulane America who sets up these trips for a fee. NICC will hold off on this for 2022 due to our full club calendar and revisit it next year.

New Cars: Roger & Donna DeVries have acquired a Long Beach Red Metallic 2017 Grand Sport 2LT Coupe. Congratulations!!

## **8. Collection of Fines: \$3**

**9. Raffles:** 1<sup>st</sup> winner – Bob Rogers. 2<sup>nd</sup> winner – Jeanette Hansen.

**10. Attendance Drawing:** \$10.00 William Crull, absent. Next month - \$20.00.

**11. Adjournment:** - 7:39 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Sherry Putnam and seconded by Cindy Starzyk. The motion was approved.

## **Next Club Monthly Meeting:**

**There will be no meeting on June 26, 2022 due to the NICC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Cindy Starzyk



## NICC Governor's Report

Submitted by Dale Samuelson



The competition season in the Midwest Region is underway with a weekend of rallies and a weekend of speed events complete. If you have any interest in participating in any kind of event (cars shows, rallies, or speed events), see the Midwest Region web site at: <https://www.mwregion.com> or feel free to give me a call.

Two NICC fund raisers will be here shortly and we need your help to make these events a success. The first weekend is July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The original location was Wilmot, Wisconsin, but this site is not available. Other options are being explored. The next weekend is Aug 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at McHenry County Community College. This is less than an hour east of Rockford. Mark your calendar and we'll see you there.

NCCC Governors' meetings, as well as Midwest Regional Governors meetings were held in St Louis on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Several Bylaw and Standing Rule changes were proposed and I will have more information at a later date.

The 2022 NCCC annual Convention will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey on June 12<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>. While it is probably too late to make plans to attend this year, now is the time to start planning for 2023. The 2023 convention will be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Details to follow.

That's all for now,

***Dale Samuelson***, NICC Governor



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### NICC MEMBER CORVETTES BY GENERATION

| C1         | C2 | C3 | C4 | C5 | C6 | C7 | C8 |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1          | 2  | 5  | 5  | 8  | 12 | 20 | 5  |
| TOTAL — 58 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

NOTE: UPDATED 1/18/2022

Source: NICC Membership Roster



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## Spring Run to Volo

Report and photos by Cindy Starzyk

On Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> eight NICC Corvettes departed from the Marathon service station in Poplar Grove off Rt. 76 at 10 am driving toward Volo, Illinois. The Spring Run participants were Leon Gorsch & Gene Stimart, Ken & Cindy Starzyk, Russ & Debbie Schafer, Joe & Jeanette Hansen, John Stupac & Sherry Putnam, Craig Gleason, Greg & Christine Osen, and Bill & Kathleen Morr.



The Schafers, who were leading, deserve many, many kudos for all the preparation, time and effort they put in prior to and during the run. The drive to Volo took about one hour and the weather cooperated nicely.

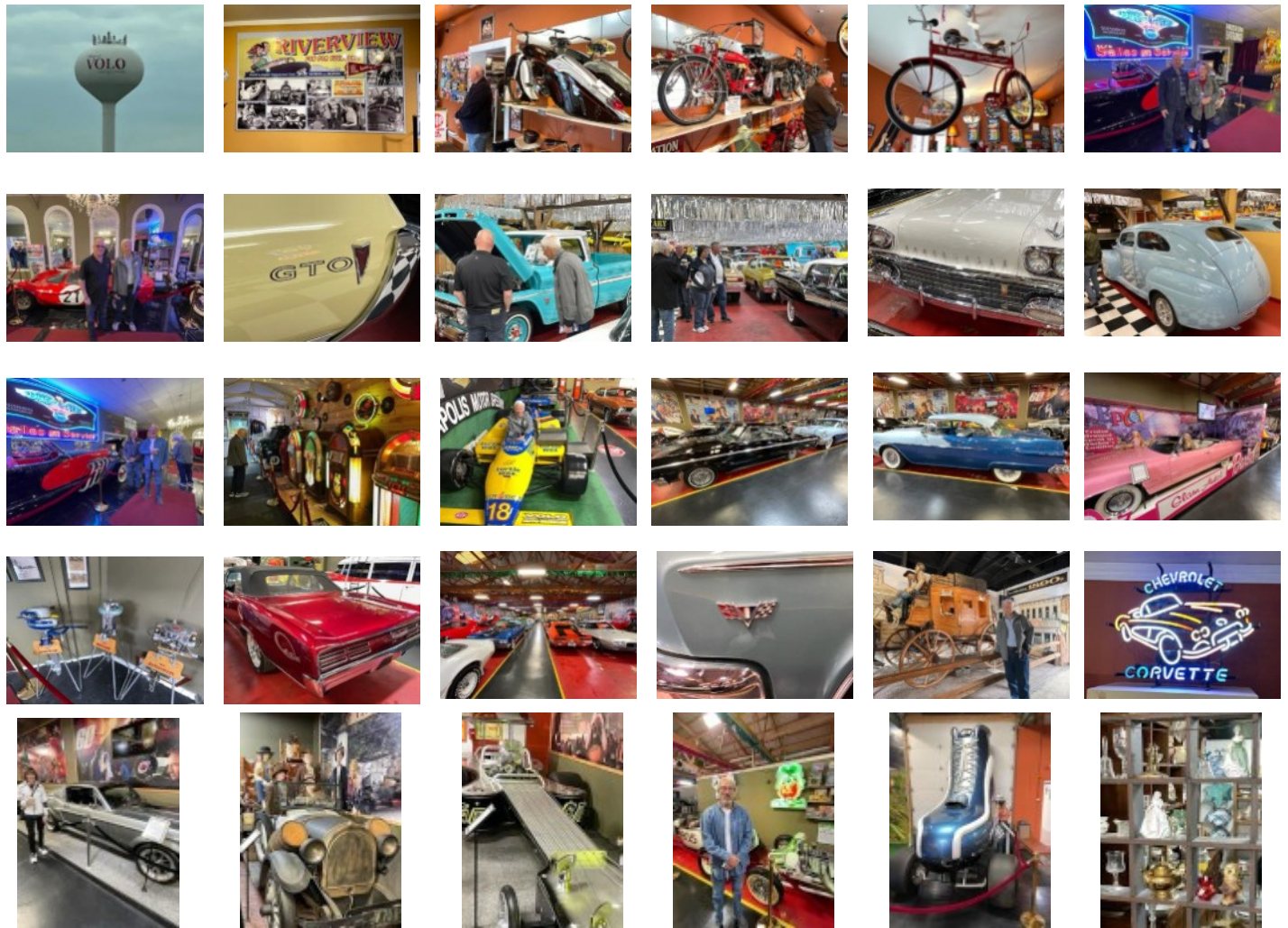


There were lots of buildings and exhibits to walk through at the Volo Museum. We arrived at 11:00 and didn't leave until 3:15. Motorcycles, bicycles, vintage boat motors, beautifully restored Thunderbirds, Corvettes, Mustangs, GTO's, Super Sports, trucks, race cars, juke boxes, vintage campers, trains and stagecoaches were only some of the exhibits we saw. The vehicles were spectacular, the antiques were plentiful and the entertaining displays of nostalgic movies, television series and places like Disney and Jurassic Park were remarkable!



Then the caravan drove to Harvard. This was about an hour drive. Fourteen of us dined at Angelo's Italian Restaurant where we received outstanding service and excellent food.

Thank you to Russ and Debbie for another fun, exciting and memorable run!!





By the Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica at <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Flag-Day> updated by Adam Augustyn

HAPPY FLAG DAY

The idea to set aside a day to honour the national flag came from several sources. Bernard J. Cigrand, a Wisconsin schoolteacher, in 1885 urged his students to observe June 14 as “Flag Birthday.” He later wrote an essay published in a Chicago newspaper that urged Americans to proclaim this date as the day to celebrate the flag. In 1888 William T. Kerr of Pennsylvania founded the American Flag Day Association of Western Pennsylvania, an organization to which he dedicated his life. A lesser-known claim is that of George Morris of Connecticut, who is said to have organized the first formal celebration of the day in Hartford in 1861.

In 1916 Pres. Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14 as the official date for Flag Day, and in 1949 the U.S. Congress permanently established the date as National Flag Day. Although Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, Pennsylvania celebrates the day as a state holiday. Each year the U.S. president delivers an address that proclaims the week of June 14 as National Flag Week, and all Americans are encouraged to fly U.S. flags during that week.

*"When we honor our flag, we honor what we stand for as a Nation—freedom, equality, justice, and hope."  
—Ronald Reagan*

## **Bowling Green, Biltmore, Dragon Trip.**

Reported by Louis Gorsch with Cindy Starzyk Photos by Cindy Starzyk and Preston & Nina Morgan

The group left on May 15<sup>th</sup> from Baxter Road for some of us a 6-day run. Kudos to the Indiana police! Some of the Vette drivers were having a tough time pulling out of a gas stop due to cross traffic. Unexpectedly, we acquired a "Police Escort"! A patrol car happened along, and the officer turned on his flashing lights. He stopped the traffic coming from both directions to help us all proceed onto the road so we could stay together in our Corvette Caravan. What great timing, and what a guy!



With a long day of driving, we pulled into Bowling Green, staying a couple of nights very close to the Corvette Museum. On Monday morning, we began our day with a quick drive around the Corvette Assembly Plant and then on to the Museum. We were permitted to park on a circle drive around a lovely grassy area on the side of the museum, which actually looked like the front of the museum. Our host, Debbie was extremely accommodating and took some photos of all of us under the National Corvette Museum sign. We did a little shopping and had lunch. We then took our 15 cars over to the Motorsports parkway and 9 cars got on the track for a 4-lap driving experience. The weather was perfect 85 and sunny.



Once we were done at the track, we drove back to the Museum for a behind the scenes tour. The curator gave us some very interesting facts about the design work from the past on how the Corvette has changed. Drawings that influenced the Corvette body style changes from the very beginning and who the people were that did the work. The history that is being kept there was amazing. They told us there was only going to be a couple of more behind the scenes tours offered to people. We felt fortunate to be able to see all if it. Many of us then toured the Museum and had a better appreciation of what we were looking at from the information given to us earlier. Rafferty's was our next stop for dinner that evening, with everyone attending. It was the perfect ending to a great

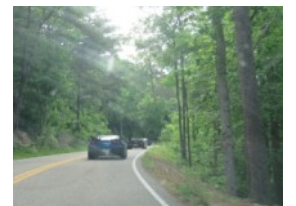
day in Bowling Green.

Tuesday morning started out with sunshine and perfect temperatures. Some were heading back home but 9 of the cars started out for Ashville, NC. We did a little country road driving enjoying the scenery. We arrived in the late afternoon to our hotel, just a short drive to the Biltmore Mansion. Preston and Nina joined us so now we are a group of 10 cars to spend the next 2 days together.



Wednesday morning, we left for the Biltmore Mansion. The history of the home is very interesting. Mr. Vanderbilt purchased 125,000 acres in 1888 and began building his home 175,000 sq ft., 250 rooms, with 35 Bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, and 65 fireplaces. The home, garden and grounds are now only 8,000 acres.

After spending most of the morning there, we started our drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway. With another sunny day of driving, we went through tunnels and curving roads. The scenery was outstanding going up about 6,000 ft. We then drove through the Smokey Mountains wandering along a beautiful river and waterfall area. We crossed over a bridge onto a very narrow road and got into gridlock of cars (bear encounter). Cars were parked on the road and traffic trying to go around and stopping. Leon got out to talk to people encouraging them to keep moving. With convertibles and tops down, we didn't want this bear coming up and checking out our cars at close range. We finally got moving again to everyone's relief. That night we stayed in Maryville.



Thursday was another beautiful day of 85-degree sunny weather. "The Tail of The Dragon" was the next item on our bucket list. This is a 11-mile section of Route 129 with 318 curves, in the mountains heading toward Robbinsville, NC. I don't think there is a straight stretch of road any place on those 11 miles.

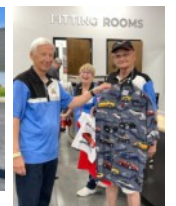


We stopped at Deals Gap to get photos of us by the big metal dragon and do a little shopping for dragon shirts, jewelry, and signs. We were lucky to be driving early enough in the morning to not have motorcycles to contend with. Many of the group said they want to drive it again, and maybe do it in the fall with the fall color to enjoy. The Killboy.com Facebook sight has pictures of all of us that really turned out pretty good.

We stopped to view the Cheoah Dam, a hydro electric power plant in North Carolina. This dam was used in the movie "The Fugitive" starring Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones. We stopped in Robbinsville for gas and then started heading west on the Cherohala (name combination of Cherokee and Nantahala national forests) Skyway going up about 5,000 ft. ending in Tellico Plains for lunch. Preston and Nina made plans to stay in the area for a couple of days and Dan and Kris were heading for Virginia. We were then down to 8 cars. From there, our destination was Cave City, KY. We passed an Amish family traveling down the road. What a contrast of transportation from 2 horsepower to our varying amounts of horse powers running down the road.



We arrived in Cave City in the early evening. Several of us went out for dinner at a great BBQ place. We talked about the road experiences we had and the fantastic weather we had for 6 days of traveling together. Nothing is better than driving Vettes, being with friends, making new memories, and sharing good times as a club. What more could you ask for!! Throughout the whole trip it was observed that each person mingled with people they hadn't become acquainted with previously, so new and stronger friendships & connections grew. No one was left out, bored or disappointed. Laughter was absolutely the mainstay on this great NICC six-day run! WHERE DO WE GO NEXT???



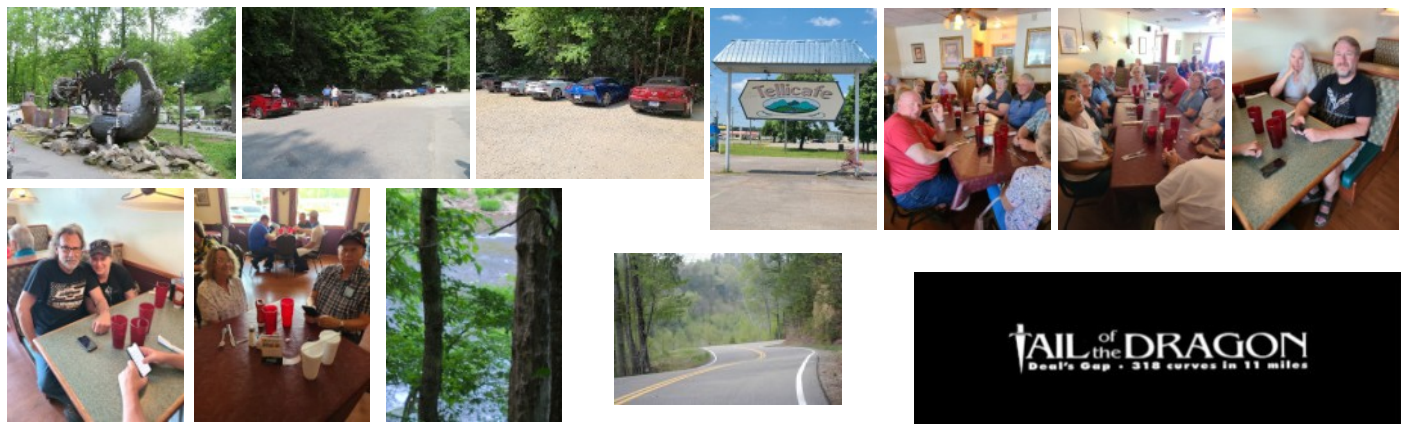












## 50th Anniversary Photo Shoot May 22, 2022

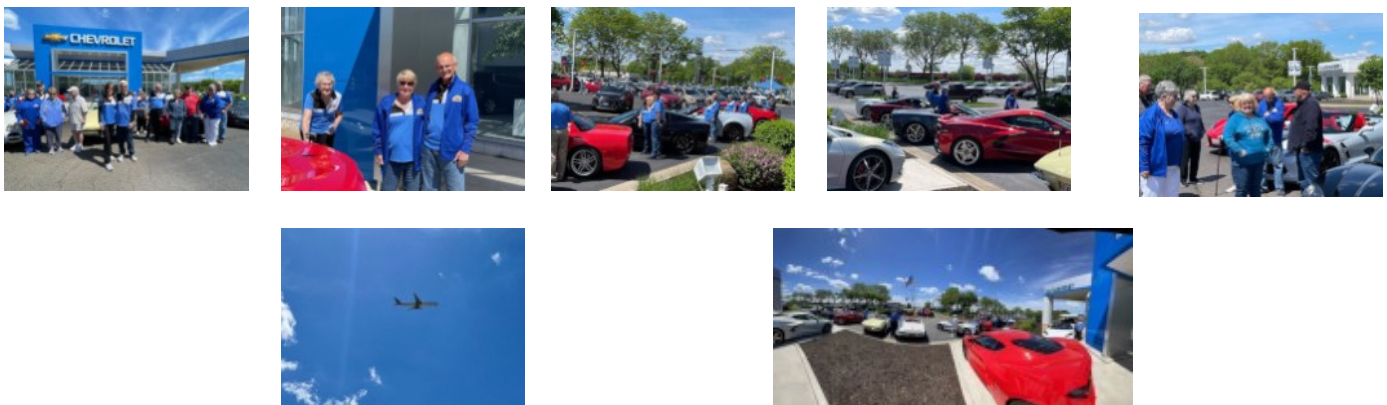
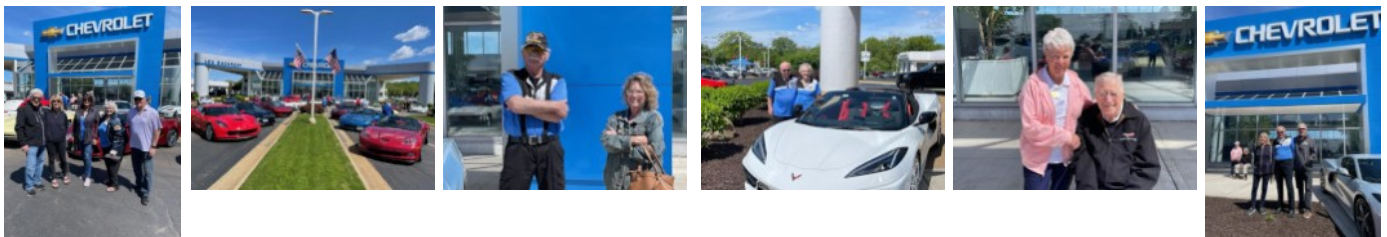
Photos by Cindy Starzyk



Image by Christine Albertson



Image by Christine Albertson





NICC's first Annual Smokin Coop Night!!  
Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm

Drive your Corvette to Smokin Coop BBQ Pit and enjoy camaraderie and great food.

**SMOKIN COOP BBQ PIT**  
**2022 US-20 BUS**  
**Belvidere, IL**





# Apple Chevrolet & Windy City Corvettes

## June 26, 2022 NCCC Corvette Show

**Public  
Invited!**



**Split  
The Pot  
Proceeds will  
go to USO**

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Dealer's Choice  | MW-004-003 |
| Entrant's Choice | MW-004-004 |
| People's Choice  | MW-004-005 |

### Entry Fees:

Pre-registration (prior to 6/14/2022) \$20

From 6/15 including day of show registration is \$25

**All entry fees will go to support the Illinois Spina Bifida Charity**

**Registration: 9:00-10:00 am CT**

**Drivers Meeting 10:00 am CT**

**Award Ceremony 1:00 pm CT**

*Awards will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each category; Water, soda and lunch will be available to entrants for nominal fee. No alcohol or pets allowed on show premises*

**LOCATION: APPLE CHEVROLET**  
8585 West 159<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tinley Park, IL 60477  
(708) 429-3000

## THIS WILL BE AN OUTSIDE SHOW

### Event Coordinators

**Bob and Nancy Burns**

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## Firecracker 21 in Madison, WI

Midwest Region Fundraiser Autocross

**21 Low Speed Events**



**Saturday, July 2, 2022** 7 Low Speeds MW-522-005, 006 ~ MW-278-005, -006, -007, -008, -009  
**Sunday, July 3, 2022** 7 Low Speeds MW-522-007 ~ 278-010 ~ MW-464-001, -002, -003, -004, -005  
**Monday, July 4, 2022** 7 Low Speeds MW-522-008 ~ MW-464-006, -007, -008, -009, -010 ~ MW-315-008

**Location:** Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI 53713  
**NCCC & Non-NCCC Pre-Registered Entry Fees:** \$60/day ~ \$165 for all 3 days  
**MAIL IN Pre-Registration Form attached. [Click here for ON LINE Registration](#)**

**Payment must be received by June 27, 2022 to receive discounted fees**

**NCCC Day of Event Entry Fees:** \$70 per day or \$190 for all 3 days.

**Non-NCCC Day of Event Entry Fees:** \$80 per day or \$200 for all 3 days.

**Passengers OK:** Will be announced at the Drivers' Meeting.

**Overall Chairpersons:** Jeff Craig, Midwest Region RCD

Cell: 314-941-0974

**Schedule (All Times are Central Daylight Saving Time):**

|                         | <u>Saturday</u>       | <u>Sunday</u>         | <u>Monday</u>         |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Registration:</b>    | 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM    | 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM    | 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM    |
| <b>Tech:</b>            | 7:45 AM to 8:45 AM    | 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM    | 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM    |
| <b>Drivers Meeting:</b> | 9:15 AM               | 9:00 AM               | 9:00 AM               |
| <b>First Car Out:</b>   | After drivers meeting | After drivers meeting | After drivers meeting |

**All Drivers must attend the Drivers' Meeting**

**Event Info:** This event is voluntary. All participants come at their own risk. All current COVID 19 guidelines must be followed.

All Attendees must sign the Insurance Waiver. No alcohol on premises. Pets must be on leash.

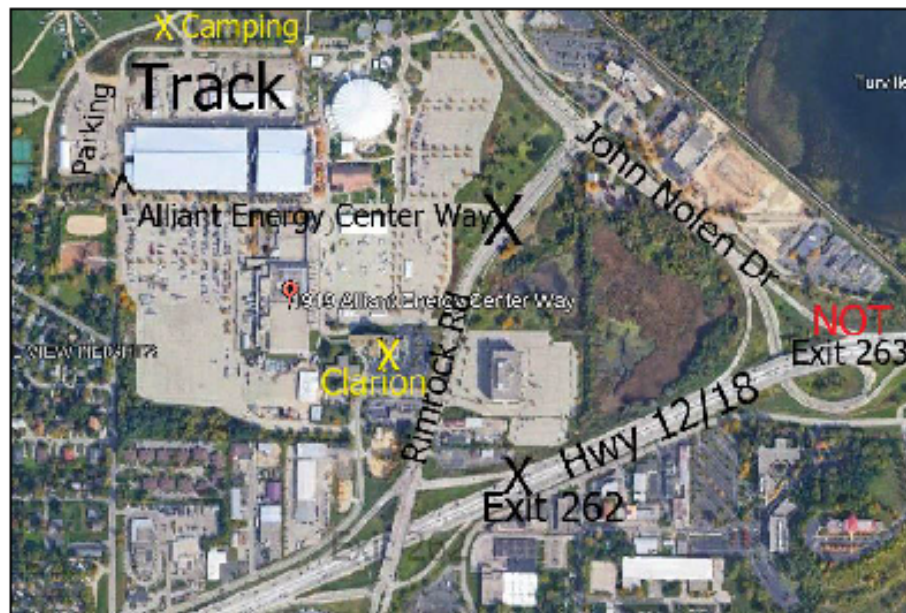
All Drivers must show a valid Driver's License. NCCC Drivers must also show their NCCC Card.

Car Numbers will be assigned by Registration. MWR Drivers requesting numbers will be charged per MWR Rules.

Overnight Vette and Trailer Parking is permitted. People staying in an RV/Camper will be required to pay \$35.00 Camping Fee.

MWR Members will be asked to work. Non-NCCC Drivers will run in the Guest Class. **Closed Exhaust:** 103db limit

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**Alliant Energy Center of Dane County (used to be the Dane County Coliseum)**

**Exit 142A off I-90/I-94/I-39 onto the Beltline Highway (Hwys 12/18) West**

**Take Exit 262 (not Exit 263) at Rimrock Road North and then turn left at the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of lights onto Alliant Energy Center Way**

**Turn Right onto Coliseum North Road to the Event Parking Lot**

**Room Block at Clarion Suites Mad City Vettes ~ \$109**

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/XX89KQ>

**2110 Rimrock Road**

**Willow Island Camping across the road from track ~ \$35**



# Autocross MADness Weekend 2022



**MADISON COLLEGE**  
**Public Safety Training Facility**  
 W2140 Krause Rd  
 Columbus, WI 53925  
**July 16-17, 2022**  
**14 Sanctioned**  
**Low Speed Events**  
**Autocross Weekend**



**Closed Exhaust ~ Quiet Time** til 8:00 am each day. Equipment & vehicle (no people or animals) may stay at the track overnight. Early drop off at the track Friday from 5 to 7 PM. Neither Madison College nor the PSTF are responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property.

## Mad City Vettes

Saturday MW-465-001

Sunday MW-465-002

Joan Thomas, Governor ~ Overall Chairman

815-494-5985 (Cell)

[teamthomas525@gmail.com](mailto:teamthomas525@gmail.com)

## Northern Rays, Ltd

Saturday MW-135-001

Sunday MW-135-002

Dan Wagner, Governor

## Kettle Moraine Corvette Club

Saturday MW-084-001, -002, -003, -004, -005

Sunday MW-084-006, -007, -008, -009, -010

Dick Huibregtse, Governor



Track is off US Hwy 151 about 13 miles NE of Madison, WI

From I-90/94/39 take Exit 135 to Sun Prairie

For all take Exit 111 (County V) West

Krause Rd is the VERY 1<sup>st</sup> right off V west of the 151/V Interchange

**Saturday – July 16, 2022**

Registration & Tech: 7:30AM to 9:00AM CDT

Drivers Meeting: 9:15AM CDT

First Car Out: 10 Minutes after Drivers Meeting Ends

**Sunday – July 17, 2022**

Registration & Tech: 7:30AM to 8:00AM CDT

Drivers Meeting: 8:15AM CDT

First Car Out: 10 Minutes after Drivers Meeting Ends

**Entry Fees per Driver: (Fees have been reduced in lieu of Awards)**

**NCCC & Non-NCCC Drivers**

All 14 Events - \$120.00 Pre-Registered

Saturday or Sunday Only - \$65.00 Pre-Registered

Mail in Pre-Registration Form is attached

**Pre Registration Payment must be received by July 11, 2022**

**NCCC & Non-NCCC Drivers Day of Event**

All 14 Events - \$140.00 ~ Saturday or Sunday Only - \$75.00

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No Alcohol, Smoking or Vaping on premises at any time.  
 Participation is at one's own risk.  
 All Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed.  
 All Attendees must sign the Insurance waiver.  
 All Drivers must show their Drivers License.  
 NCCC Members must show their NCCC Membership Card  
 Car Numbers will be assigned by Registration. MWR Members requesting numbers will be charged per MWR Rules.

Non-NCCC Drivers will run in the Guest Class  
 Passengers OK? Will be announced at the Drivers Meetings  
 No parking on non-paved areas  
 All non-competing vehicles park at Building "A" (see map)  
 Overnight Vehicle & Trailer Parking is allowed  
 Overnight People & Pets ARE NOT allowed  
 Gate is locked overnight  
 Pets must be on leash and cleaned up after.



## 14 LOW SPEED EVENTS

July 23 & 24, 2022

Great River Corvette Club  
Quincy, IL

**Location:** John Wood Community College, 1301 S 48<sup>th</sup> St., Quincy, IL 62305

**Event Fee:** NCCC MEMBERS: Pre-registration – All 14 events \$100.00  
(Payment must be received by 7/18/22)

Day of the Event: NCCC Members \$60 per day – All 14 events \$120  
Non-NCCC Members \$10.00 per event.

Must comply with NCCC Rules-Open Exhaust Allowed  
Non-NCCC member participants are not eligible for awards

Friday Night-Tech & Registration at the Host Hotel from 5pm-7pm

**Saturday-Registration & Tech:** Opens at 7:00 until 8:30 AM

**Drivers Meeting:** Saturday / 8:45 AM  
(Chairpersons will be Announced at Drivers Meeting)

7 Low Speed Events – MW-155-001 thru MW-155-005 – Start time: 9:00 AM  
MW-278-001 & MW380-002 (Central Illinois Corvettes, Inc.)

**Sunday-Registration & Tech:** Opens at 7:30 until 8:00 AM

**Drivers Meeting:** Sunday / 8:15 AM  
(Chairpersons will be Announced at Drivers Meeting)

7 Low Speed Events – MW-155-006 thru MW-155-010 – Start time: 8:30 AM  
MW-278-003 & MW-278-004 (Central Illinois Corvettes, Inc.)  
Entrants may be asked to work

**NO FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS**  
Bottled Water will be available - No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed

All current COVID 19 Guidelines must be followed. (Phase 5 – Restore Illinois Plan) Masks are required while indoors. Failure to Comply with Covid 19 Guidelines could result in disqualification and ejection.

**Host Hotel** Town & Country Inn and Suites, 110 N. 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Quincy, IL (217) 214-0400  
Rate is \$119 per night/King - \$124 per night/two Queens (Cut off date: 7/1/21)  
Mention "Great River Corvette Club"  
MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY-Ample parking for trailers at Host Hotel

**Note:** Numbers will be assigned by Registration per assigned number list and available numbers. MWR members requesting numbers other than those assigned by registration will be charged per MWR rules

**Day of Event Phone Number** Bill Esicar 573-248-4464

**Governor**  
Great River Corvette Club Bill Esicar 573-248-4464 strmy1947@gmail.com



# 39<sup>th</sup> Annual All Corvette Show Sunday - August 14, 2022

Host Club: Badger State Vettes  
Location: Heiser Chevrolet  
10200 West Arthur Ave - West Allis WI 53227  
MW-246-007 People's Choice MW-246-008 Judged Concours  
MW-246-009 Entrants' Choice Show  
NCCC REGION: MIDWEST

**PRE-REGISTRATION: NOW THRU August 7, 2022**

REGISTRATION/TECH: 8:00 to 9:30 A.M. (CDT)

ENTRANTS MEETING: 10:15 A.M. (CDT)

JUDGING: 10:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. (CDT)

PEOPLE'S CHOICE & ENTRANTS' CHOICE VOTING: 10:30 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. (CDT)

DOOR PRIZES & AWARDS: APPROXIMATELY 2:15 P.M. (CDT)

Questions on day of Craig Wiendl: 414-530-4819

Each entrant must comply with local and Heiser face mask and safety requirements.

Attendance is voluntary and at your own risk. **For lodging, map and show flyer see [badgerstatevettes.com](http://badgerstatevettes.com)**



Jim Heiser 1944 - 2022

*Judged Concours, People's Choice & Entrants' Choice Show ~ \$35 if pre-registered by August 7th or \$40 Day of Show. One entry fee covers all 3 events and includes one (1) show T shirt (while supply lasts) & class award. Judged cars are also eligible for the Dealer's Choice Award or Best of Show Award.*

*People's Choice & Entrants' Choice Show ~ \$25 if pre-registered by August 7th or \$30 Day of Show. One entry fee covers both events. These entrants are eligible for People's Choice class awards, an Entrants' Choice award & receive a FREE (1) show T shirt (while supply lasts). These cars may be outdoors.*

Partial proceeds donated to Wisconsin Hero Outdoors spirit began in 2016 with Veterans, and First Responders gathered together using camaraderie of outdoor activities to address both the physical and mental health challenges brought on by the stresses of service and ultimately aide in the prevention of suicide. Wisconsin Hero Outdoors offers a variety of outdoor complementary therapies to our participants and their families. Our core values are "Honor. Courage. Conservation."



**Trophies 🏆 Dash plaques 🏆 Goodie bags 🏆 Door prizes 🏆 Food & non-alcohol drinks may be available for sale all day 🏆 Silent Auctions 🏆 50/50 drawings**  
**And all the extras that make it a fun day!**

**Questions? E-mail Cat Riordan at [cat\\_in\\_milw@yahoo.com](mailto:cat_in_milw@yahoo.com) or call 262-385-0144**

MW246-007 Event Chairperson: Joan Beck  
MW246-007 Co-Chairperson: TJ Tang  
MW246-008 Chairpersons: Cat Riordan & Don Morris  
MW246-009 Chairpersons: TJ Tang & Joan Beck  
GOVERNOR: Craig Wiendl: 414-530-4819  
P O Box 61, Muskego WI 53150-0061



**COVID-19**

Mask & Social Distancing May be Required





# Crazy Daze Autocross MADness 2022



**August 20-21 2022**  
**14 Sanctioned**  
**Autocross Events**  
**Closed Exhaust: 103db**



This event is voluntary. Participants come at their own risk. All current COVID 19 guidelines will be followed.

**Alliant Energy Center of Dane County**  
**1919 Alliant Energy Center Way**  
**Madison, WI 53713**

## Mad City Vettes

**Saturday: MW-465-007, -008**  
**Sunday: MW-465-009, -010**  
**Joan Thomas, Governor**  
**Overall Chairman**  
[teamthomas525@gmail.com](mailto:teamthomas525@gmail.com)  
**815-494-5985 (Cell)**

## Wisconsin Corvette Club

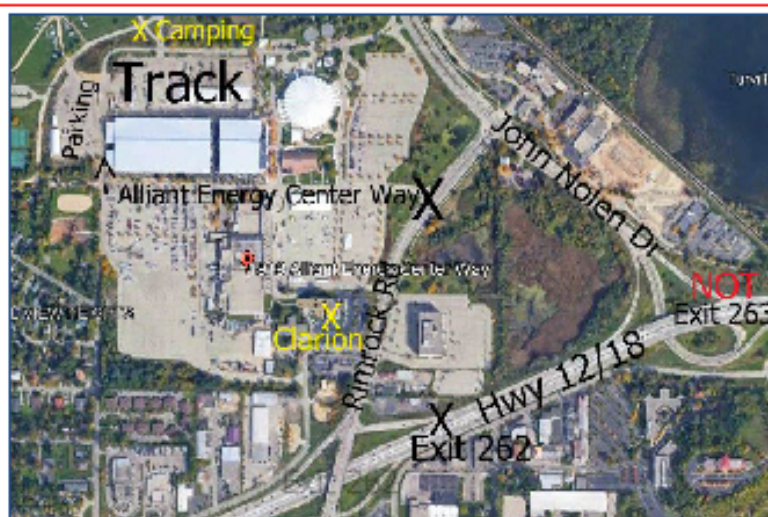
**Saturday MW-075-001, -002**  
**Sunday MW-075-003, -004, -005**  
**Ed Cassel, Governor**

## River City Corvettes

**Saturday: MW-122-008, -009, -010**  
**Tom Stibbe, Governor**

## Glass Favorites

**Sunday: MW-077-009, -010**  
**Mike Link, Governor**



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**Room Block at Clarion Suites ~ Group Name: Mad City Vettes**  
<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/TY3122>  
**2110 Rimrock Road ~ \$109**

**Willow Island Camping across the road from the Track ~ \$35**

**Registration Fees per Driver: (Fees have been reduced in lieu of Awards)**

**NCCC & Non-NCCC Drivers ~ All 14 Events - \$120.00 Pre-Registered**

**Saturday or Sunday Only - \$65.00 Pre-Registered**

**Mail in Pre-Registration Form is attached. [CLICK HERE for On-Line Pre-Registration](#)**

**Pre Registration Payment must be received by August 15, 2022**

**NCCC & Non-NCCC Day of Event ~ All 14 Events - \$140.00 ~ Saturday or Sunday Only - \$75.00**

**All times are CDT**

**Saturday - August 20, 2022**

**Registration & Tech: 7:30AM to 9:00AM**

**Drivers Meeting: 9:15AM**

**First Car Out: 10 Minutes after Drivers Meeting**

**Sunday - August 21, 2022**

**Registration & Tech: 7:30AM to 8:00AM**

**Drivers Meeting: 8:15AM**

**First Car Out: 10 Minutes after Drivers Meeting**

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 Pets must be on leash.

**CORVETTES FOR CHARITY**  
**NCCC Veterans Choice Corvette Concours**  
**Date: Sunday, August 21, 2022**



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**WINDY CITY CORVETTES**

NCCC Sanction # MW-351-006



**LOCATION**



**Thomas E. Hartung  
American Legion  
Post 1977**

14414 W Ford Drive

New Lenox, IL 60451

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

**Veterans from the American Legion will be Judging**  
**There is no food available, but soft drinks/water can be purchased at the facility. No alcohol during the show.**

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN  
ILLINOIS SPINA BIFIDA ASSOC. (ISBA) AND  
THOMAS E HARTUNG AMERICAN LEGION POST 1977**

Money collected from Split the Pot, raffles and swap tables will also go to charity

See reverse side of flyer for items that will be collected for the Manteno Veterans Home

Event Fees: Pre-registration (prior to 8/15/2022) - \$20  
From 8/15/2022 until Day-of-show registration - \$30

Registration: 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. CT  
Driver's Meeting 10:00 a.m. CT  
Awards at 2:00 p.m. CT

NCCC Members must present current Membership Cards the day of the event  
(All entrants must sign the insurance waiver form) Each entrant must comply with Illinois health and safety requirements in place on the date of the event. Attendance is voluntary and at your own risk. No alcohol during the show.

**Mail Pre-Registration payment to Windy City Corvettes, P.O. Box 353, Orland Park, IL 60462-0353**

| Governor         | Chairperson         | Chairperson          |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Dave Heinemann   | Bill Kocanda        | Teresa Kocanda       |
| 708-638-0199     | 708-927-9736        | 708-269-3273         |
| WindyZ06@aol.com | wlk6811.2@gmail.com | t.kocanda3@gmail.com |

*Pre-Show Registration Form is attached*



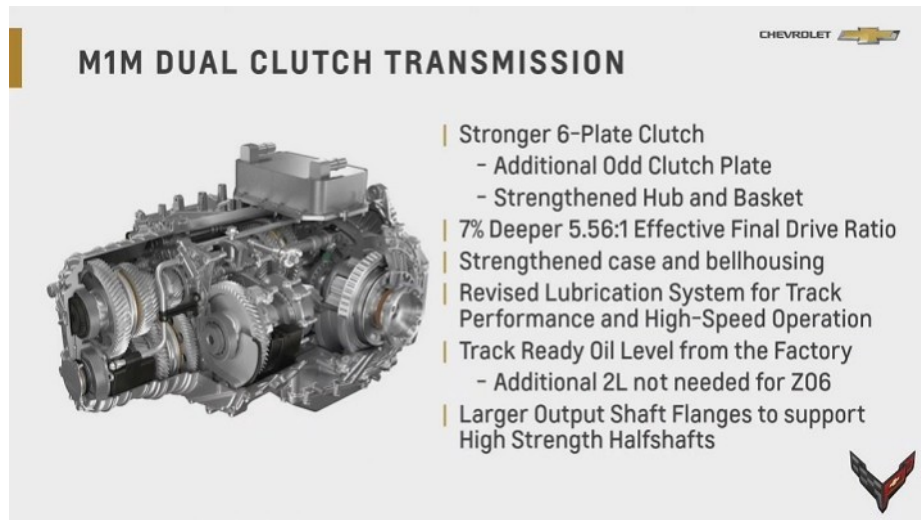
## 2023 Corvette Z06 Gets Revised Eight-Speed Dual-Clutch Transmission

By Sam McEachern for GM Authority at <https://gmauthority.com/blog/2022/05/2023-corvette-z06-gets-revised-eight-speed-dual-clutch-transmission/>

The 2023 Corvette Z06 will feature a slightly revised version of the C8 Corvette Stingray's Tremec TR9080 eight-speed dual-clutch transmission.

Corvette chief engineer Jason Holder confirmed the improved transmission for the 2023 Corvette Z06 during a presentation at the recent National Corvette Museum Bash in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

According to Holder, this version of the transmission will feature an upgraded clutch pack for increased torque capacity, along with a strengthened casing to handle larger lateral loads. The bell housing was also redesigned to accommodate a larger oil sump, allowing Chevy to ship the Z06 with track-ready transmission fluid levels.



The Corvette Z06's eight-speed transmission will also feature larger diameter output shaft flanges to support the model's high-strength half shafts, along with a 5.56:1 final drive ratio, which is about seven percent shorter than the C8 Corvette Stingray's factory gearing. The Tremec TR9080 eight-speed dual-clutch transmission on the C8 Corvette Stingray is ragged with RPO code M1L, however this improved version for the Z06 has a different RPO code of M1M.

Paired with the upgraded eight-speed transmission in the 2023 Corvette Z06 will be the race-bred 5.5L V8 LT6 gasoline engine, rated at 670 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque. The Z06 will pull higher Gs in the corner thanks to its wider front and rear tracks, ultra-sticky Michelin rubber and optional Z07 Performance Package, which adds a full carbon fiber aero kit capable of producing 734 pounds of downforce at 186 mph.

The 2023 Corvette Z06 will enter production at the GM Bowling Green plant in Kentucky later this year.

Pricing has yet to be announced.



## 6 Most Common C7 Chevrolet Corvette Problems After 100,000 Miles

By Matthew Skwarcze for MotorBiscuit at <https://www.motorbiscuit.com/6-common-c7-chevrolet-corvette-problems-100000-miles/>

### Common high-mileage Chevrolet C7 Corvette problems guide highlights:

- Used C7 Corvette Z06s and Grand Sports are known for cracked and warped wheels, while Z06s also have overheating problems
- C7s can also develop touchscreen and automatic transmission problems, but both have relatively simple fixes
- While some interior creaks and rattles are inevitable, you can avoid early C7 LT1 issues by getting a later model that was properly broken in

Time and exposure might dull the sheen of novelty, but the C8 Corvette's mid-engine status remains special. But that also means, as the last front-engine model, the C7 Corvette is memorable in its own way. And it doesn't hurt that the C7 isn't exactly a sports car slouch compared to the C8. Plus, as it's now a used sports car, cash-strapped enthusiasts are starting to seek it out. Before you do, though, you should know some of the common C7 Corvette problems.

Keep in mind that a secondhand C7 is still a used car when all is said and done. As such, this guide won't discuss common age-related issues like worn suspension bushings or old gaskets. In addition, unlike the C6 Corvette, the C7 is still new enough that it shouldn't require new magnetorheological shocks. And though GM issued a software update to improve the ride quality and handling, the shocks aren't flawed.

### Cracked and warped wheels are the most common high-mileage C7 Corvette problems

**PIC** 2017 Chevrolet C7 Corvette Grand Sport wheel closeup | General Motors  
Now, it's not unusual for car wheels to suffer curb rash and stains as they roll through life. But C7 Corvettes, especially Z06s and Grand Sports, often have more severe wheel problems.

Specifically, that their wheels crack and/or warp, so severely that the cars weren't safe to drive. The problem was so prevalent that Corvette owners filed two class-action lawsuits over it.



Image Credit: General Motors

The C7 Corvette's chief engineer did admit that the Z06's and Grand Sport's cast-aluminum wheels could develop fatigue cracks over repeated pothole strikes. But then, that's also true of virtually any car wheel. And it's worth noting that the standard C7 Corvette doesn't suffer from these wheel problems. For example, although Car and Driver's long-term 2014 C7 was less reliable than its later Grand Sport, it didn't require three new wheels by the test's end. Nor did it need seven separate wheel repairs.

Fortunately for used buyers, there are ways of avoiding these C7 Corvette wheel problems. Firstly, don't buy a Z06 or a Grand Sport. Alternatively, you could install forged aftermarket wheels—they're more expensive, but they're typically stronger.

### The C7 Corvette Z06 has overheating problems

C7 Corvette Z06s have other problems besides their wheel woes, though. Prolong spirited driving sessions—aka, driving a Z06 as one should—the sports car tends to overheat and go into limp mode. And C7 Z06 owners weren't the only ones with cars getting hot under their hoods. MotorTrend had multiple Z06 testers overheat under its care. Eventually, the problems led to four class-action lawsuits.



Image Credit: David Cooper/Toronto Star Via Getty Images

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To GM's credit, it tried addressing these C7 Corvette Z06 overheating problems in several ways. Chevrolet first redesigned the hood and installed a different supercharger cover. When that didn't quite work, it upgraded the radiators, tweaked the eight-speed automatic transmission, and offered longer warranties. And these changes seemed to work, as 2019 Z06s weren't included in the warranty-extension program, just 2015-2018 ones.

So, if you want to buy an early-build C7 Z06, make sure it received all the necessary cooling system upgrades. And if you genuinely want to track it, consider investing in supplemental oil and transmission coolers.

#### **A fluid update usually solves C7 Corvette automatic transmission problems**

Reports of overheating weren't the only motivating factors for Chevrolet to update the C7 Corvette's automatic transmission, though. Although they didn't overheat, non-Z06 models often suffered from hard and jerky shifts, Corvette Blogger says. Some said their cars would buck and surge in traffic or vibrate severely. And a few were damaged so severely that they needed new transmissions.

But it wasn't just C7 Corvette owners who had problems. Multiple GM cars, trucks, and SUVs built in the 2015-2019 period with eight-speed automatics have suffered similar issues. And, once more, the owners filed a class-action lawsuit.

Since it became aware of the problems, GM has issued over 60 technical service bulletins related to this transmission. But the most relevant one for C7 Corvette owners is #18NA355.

According to the TSB, the original automatic transmission fluid had moisture content problems. So, mechanics flushed the original fluid, replaced damaged torque converters, and topped the transmissions up with new Mobil 1 synthetic high-performance fluid. Various owner forums claim this solves the shuddering and improves shift quality to boot.

#### **Black infotainment screens might have simple fixes**

The C7 Corvette improved on the C6 not just in performance, but in overall refinement, too. Although it's still not quite on the Porsche 911's level, the C7's interior is several steps ahead of the C6's cabin. Even the standard seats are rather comfortable, Car and Driver notes, and you can dim the gauge cluster and center touchscreen for better night vision.

But while that's helpful in some circumstances, a completely black touchscreen isn't helpful at all. Yet that's what can happen to high-mileage C7s—or even low-mileage ones. MotorTrend's long-term 2015 Corvette's center display simply stopped working one day. And even if the screen doesn't totally fail, flickering displays aren't uncommon.

MT's C7 Corvette needed a new display to solve its screen problems. However, in many cases, the culprit isn't the screen, but the wiring. The infotainment system is linked to an HMI module mounted behind the driver's side kick panel. Over time, some of its cables can work themselves loose, disabling the audio and infotainment. Just plug the wires back in and the screen should be fixed.

Furthermore, GM issued a TSB, #PI1149A, that describes other possible culprits for C7 Corvette screen problems. If it's not the HMI module wiring, it could be a broken ECU connector. So, if your C7's screen is a bit wonky, you might not need a new one.

Also, Chevrolet updated the HMI module after the 2015 model year. 2016-2019 cars reportedly have better-connected cables. That doesn't mean they still can't have infotainment problems, but it seems to eliminate a possible culprit.

### **If you have an early-build C7, make sure the first owner broke the LT1 in properly**

For those going C7 Corvette shopping, avoid the first few model years. The 2015 and 2016 Corvette are particularly troublesome, especially when it comes to engine and powertrain problems. Some of these issues, such as overheating, are Z06-specific. And we've already covered the automatic transmission flaws. However, there's one more worth noting: blown engines.

Although Car and Driver's long-term C7 didn't suffer broken wheels, its 6.2-liter LT1 V8 blew 6000 miles into the 40,000-mile test due to a connecting-rod bearing failure. And this wasn't an isolated incident. Several other early-build C7 owners had their LT1 V8s blow before their warranties expired. But these problems weren't necessarily GM's fault—nor are they inescapable.

True, Car and Driver says GM had some problems removing inner machining burrs from early-build LT1s. However, its oil filter supplier had similar quality-control issues, too. Due to machining errors, the filters could fragment and shred the V8's internal components.

Furthermore, not every owner followed the recommended break-in schedule. Although the C7 Corvette has a 7500-mile oil change interval, the dry-sump V8 requires an oil change after the first 500 miles of driving. It's because the gaskets' silicone sealants can make the oil foam up, causing leaks and preventing proper lubrication and cleaning.

The good news is later C7 Corvettes' LT1 V8s don't have these machining problems. But whenever possible, make sure the car you're eyeing was broken in properly.

### **After 100,000 miles, your C7 Corvette will likely have some interior problems**

Finally, one of the most common high-mileage C7 problems is interior rattles. Admittedly, many worn used cars have some scattered squeaks and rattles. However, the C7 was prone to these problems even when it was new. MT and Car and Driver both experienced creaking interiors and rattly Targa tops on their early-model long-term test cars. And while the late-model C7s seem to have better-built interiors, they're not immune to the creaks and squeaks.

Still, some interior clatter isn't the end of the world. And unlike the other problems described here, panel creaks rarely if ever cause mechanical issues.



Image Credit: General Motors



Image Credit: Scott Legato/  
WireImage via Getty Images



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*The 1950s spawned some of the greatest American-made concept cars. Called "dream cars," they arrived at a time when American carmakers were busy transitioning from dated post-WWII designs to styling cues inspired by the Space Age. That's when the Oldsmobile F-88 was born.*

## **That Time Oldsmobile Made a V8-Powered Corvette Before Chevrolet Did**

By Ciprian Florea for autoevolution at <https://www.autoevolution.com/news/that-time-oldsmobile-made-a-v8-powered-corvette-before-chevrolet-did-180348.html>

The F-88 appeared on Oldsmobile's drawing table sometime in 1952, when it was dubbed XP-20. At the time, Oldsmobile had been offering the 88 for three years. Powered by the iconic Rocket V8 engine, the 88 was the car to beat in NASCAR from 1949 to 1952 and became a big hit in dealerships. Not surprisingly, Oldsmobile adopted the popular "88" badge for the concept.



Envisioned by Harley Earl, the F-88 was developed alongside his other sports car idea, the first-generation Chevrolet Corvette. The latter debuted in prototype form at the 1953 GM Motorama in January before it went into production in June the same year.

As a result, the F-88 shared the same chassis and even the same 102-inch (2,600-mm) wheelbase with the 'Vette.



The sharing didn't stop there, though. The F-88 also gained a fiberglass body, while its taillights and rear fins looked very similar to the 1953 Corvette. And it wasn't the only "dream car" derived from Chevrolet's brand-new sports car either. Pontiac developed its own take on the Corvette, the Bonneville Special.

Sharing the same bones and sporting similar lines, the Special also debuted in 1954. It had a transparent bubble top, gullwing doors, and a rocket-style rear end. And unlike the Corvette, which was available with an inline-six engine only at the time, the Bonneville Special came with a bigger, inline-eight mill under the hood.

Oldsmobile also ditched the Blue Flame that the Corvette was using at the time. Not surprisingly, it went with its very own Rocket V8 engine. Introduced in 1949 as a 303-cubic-inch (5.0-liter) mill in the iconic 88, the Rocket was upgraded and enlarged for the 1954 model year.

Now displacing 324 cubic inches (5.3 liters), it pumped up to 185 horsepower and 300 pound-feet (407 Nm) of torque in the company's production cars.

But Olds took things up a notch in the oomph department, and the Rocket V8 was massaged to deliver a more impressive 250 horsepower. Not only notably more powerful than the Corvette, which came with 150 horses on tap, the F-88 also packed more punch than its Pontiac sibling, rated at 230 horsepower.

Finished in gold and fitted with a futuristic interior with all gauges mounted in the aviation-inspired center console, the F-88 made a big splash when it hit the 1954 GM Motorama stage, which had about two million attendees.





Sadly, like most GM concepts from the era, the F-88 didn't go into production. But the Olds also had a more fortunate fate than other "dream cars."

While many concepts were scrapped post Motorama, the F-88 survived thanks to Harley Earl, who was especially fond of the golden convertible. The story goes that the car was crated and shipped to E.L. Cord, the former head honcho of Cord-Auburn-Duesenberg, but no one knows for sure.



What we do know is that the concept remained crated for many years while being passed from one owner to another. The car was eventually put back together, restored, and auctioned off for a whopping \$3.24 million in 2005. Almost as much as one of the two Pontiac Bonneville Special concepts, which changed hands for \$3.3 million in 2015.

But even though it survived with hundreds of internal GM documents and original blueprints, the Oldsmobile F-88 is still shrouded in mystery. Mostly due to the legend that Oldsmobile built four of them, including a red example for Earl. At least one of them made Parade of Progress appearances through 1956, but their fate is unknown.



But the fact remains that Oldsmobile built a V8-powered Corvette before Chevrolet did, as the production sports car didn't get a small-block V8 until 1955.

And if you ask me, the F-88 looks far more spectacular than the first-gen Corvette. Perhaps even better than the stunning Pontiac Bonneville Special too. Needless to say, the F-88 should have made it into production. What do you think?

## VETTE GRINS FATHER'S DAY EDITION

"If the world had S'MORE dads like you it would be sweet."

"You did a grape job raisin me."

"Why do fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing?" "In case they get a hole in one!"

"I thought the dryer was shrinking my clothes. Turns out it was the refrigerator all along."

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"My dad told me a joke about boxing. I guess I missed the punch line."

"When does a joke become a dad joke? When it becomes apparent."

"What did the fish say when he hit the wall? Dam."

## From the Editor

NICC Editor: Preston Morgan

Father's Day is a time for people to celebrate the men in their lives. For children, it is a day to show appreciation for their fathers and father-figures. For adults, it is a day to show much they love and appreciate the hard work of the fathers and husbands in their lives. Although many of us celebrate Father's Day, we may not know the history behind this tradition. Surprisingly, this holiday was not completely accepted at first. But over time, people embraced the idea of the influence fathers had on their families, especially in their children's lives.



## Origin of Father's Day

By History.com Editors at <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/fathers-day>

The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father's Day 2022 will occur on Sunday, June 19.

### **Mother's Day: Inspiration for Father's Day**

The "Mother's Day" we celebrate today has its origins in the peace-and-reconciliation campaigns of the post-Civil War era. During the 1860s, at the urging of activist Ann Reeves Jarvis, one divided West Virginia town celebrated "Mother's Work Days" that brought together the mothers of Confederate and Union soldiers.

However, Mother's Day did not become a commercial holiday until 1908, when—inspired by Jarvis's daughter, Anna Jarvis, who wanted to honor her own mother by making Mother's Day a national holiday—the John Wanamaker department store in Philadelphia sponsored a service dedicated to mothers in its auditorium.

Thanks in large part to this association with retailers, who saw great potential for profit in the holiday, Mother's Day caught on right away. In 1909, 45 states observed the day, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson approved a resolution that made the second Sunday in May a holiday in honor of "that tender, gentle army, the mothers of America."

### **Origins of Father's Day**

The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm—perhaps because, as one florist explained, "fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have."

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.



Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June: Father's Day 2022 occurs on June 19.

In other countries—especially in Europe and Latin America—fathers are honored on St. Joseph's Day, a traditional Catholic holiday that falls on March 19.

### **Father's Day: Controversy and Commercialism**

Many men, however, continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they “scoffed at the holiday’s sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself.”

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents' Day. Every year on Mother's Day, pro-Parents' Day groups rallied in New York City's Central Park—a public reminder, said Parents' Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, “that both parents should be loved and respected together.”

Paradoxically, however, the Great Depression derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays. Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a “second Christmas” for men, promoting goods such as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards.

When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts.

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