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September 2022

The official Newsletter of the Award Winning

Northern Illinois Corvette Club

Hello fellow members:

WOW !!!!

Summer is quickly coming to an end! Hopefully September and October will stay nice for our road trips, parade, cookouts and much more. There is some activity for everyone to get involved and enjoy your club and its members.

The following months activities are as follows.

- Sept. 9-10 - MWR & NCCC meeting
- Sept. 25 - Stillman Valley Parade
- Sept. 25 - Board Meeting at 5:00pm, Social Hour at 6:00pm, Membership Meeting at 7:00pm
- Sept. 30 - Fall Run-House on the Rock
- Oct. 2 - Rallye
- Oct. 8 - Weiner Roast at Leon & Louise Gorsch
- Oct. 15-16 - NICC Fundraiser at Crystal Lake
- Oct. 22 - Perryville Road Cleanup at 10am (weather day – 10/29)
- Oct. 23 - Membership meeting at 7:00pm, Social Hour at 6:00pm

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

This month's meetings are on September 25th, we are having the Board Meeting this month at 5:00pm and social hour is at 6:00pm and the meeting will start at 7:00pm. Lets have a big turn out of members, so we can plan events for October, November and December.

Our club meetings are held at Sam's Ristorante, 6075 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford on the last



President's
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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 you 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. Stupiec

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September 2022

2022 - Membership and Board Meetings			
Sep	25	5:00 PM - Board Meeting	
		6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 PM - Meeting
Oct		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
Feb	26	5:00 PM - Social Hour	6:00 PM - Meeting
Mar	26	5:00 PM - Board Meeting	
		6:00 PM - Social Hour	7:00 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

2022 - NICC Events - See website for updates & flyers					
Sep	Sun	25	TBD	Stillman Valley Fall Festival Parade	Stillman Valley, IL
	Sun	25	9:15 AM	MWR Rallye Event	New Lenox, IL
	Fri	30	9:00 AM	Fall Run	Hosts: Linda & Gene Stimart
Oct	Sun	2	9:00 AM	MWR Rallye Event	Hosts: Dale & Carolyn Samuelson
	Sat	8	9:00 AM	MWR Rallye Event	Wentzville, MO
	Sat	8	TBD	Weiner Roast	Hosts: Leon & Louise Gorsch
	Sa-Su	15-16	8:00 AM	MWR Low Speed NICC Fundraiser	Need Volunteers
	Sat	22	10:00 AM	Perryville Road Cleanup	CherryVale Mall Need Volunteers!!!
Nov	Sun	13	TBD	Tailgate Party	Need Host(s)
Dec	Fri	2	TBD	Christmas Party	Need Host(s)

2022 - Other Events of Interest		
September 9-11	Fall Corvette Adventures, Wisconsin Dells, WI	website
September 17	Corvette Funfest, Effingham, IL	website
September 23-25	International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, Springfield, IL	website
November 19-20	Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals, Rosemont, IL	website

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For additions or corrections please contact:
Editor@NICCCorvette.com



Check the Website for updates;
<http://nicccorvette.com>



Important Club Member Dates

Birthdays

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

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September

Richard	Bowers, Jr.
Leon	Gorsch
Paul	Thompson
Ken	Starzyk
Gordon	Akey
Donna	DeVries
Sue	Larsen
Charlotte	Frazier
Harold(Butch)	DeVries
George	Chamberlain

October

Curt	Zawiski
Marie	Naretta
Kathleen	Morr
Wendy	Bennett

Wedding Anniversaries

September

Leon & Louise	Gorsch
William & Marie	Naretta
Russ & Debbie	Schaefer
Fen & Doris	Hicks
K. William & Kathleen	Morr

October

Curt & Terri	Zawiski
Gregory & Christine	Osen
Preston & Nina	Morgan
Craig & Michele	Meiter

SUPPORT THE NICC BY BECOMING AN ACTIVE MEMBER!

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
815-885-2426

VETTE QUOTES

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop

"Life is a succession of lessons, which must be lived to be understood."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Begin, be bold and venture to be wise."

Horace

Why did the flower go up? It rose.

"If you're serious about changing your life, you'll find a way. If you're not, you'll find an excuse."

Jen Sincero

IN MEMORIAM



Roderick Allen Bennett, 'Rod', born on July 23, 1940, was raised on an 80 acre farm between Davis and Du-rand, IL. The farm had no electrical services or running water until he went off to Blake School, one of the county's last one room school houses. As a very young child he built replica barns and corrals which his mother saved for years. In Durand High School's 1958 annual Rod said his life's ambition was to be a building contractor.

From humble beginnings, this born carpenter built one of Northern Illinois' most respected commercial/industrial union construction companies, Bennett Construction, Inc., Pecatonica, IL. This was a work of love for Rod, and he was successful due to his single minded determination and plain old hard work. He was blessed with dedicated employees who were his second family. Rod worked every day of his life, and even on his death bed wanted to make sure proposals were submitted and contracts signed.

Rod died on August 19, 2022 of complications from cancer treatment. His family surrounded him and supported him as he drew his final breaths.

Rod loved fast cars, fast boats, heavy equipment, and ice cream. He was a dedicated member of the Northern Illinois Corvette Club. For more than two decades he led the Club in the annual Pecatonica Memorial Day Parade. He also was a member of the Pecatonica Old Car Club. He was an avid euchre player. For many years you could find him grabbing breakfast and a game as early as 5:00am. He loved teasing friends and chasing after anything with a siren and flashing lights along with his breakfast buddies from the 'farmer's table.'

He was a man of quiet generosity, supporting local community groups, sports teams, the Winnebago County Fair, Ducks Unlimited, The Carrie Lynn Children's Center, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockford both financially and with donations of expertise, labor, and equipment for construction related projects.

NICC Minutes

August 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes - Unapproved

1. Opening and Call to Order:

The NICC Monthly Membership meeting was called to order by John Stupec at 7:00 p.m. with 26 members present in the meeting room and three on Zoom for a total of 29.

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

President: John Stupec	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 Position

3. Introduction of Guests: Our new members introduced themselves. They are Virgil (Rusty) and Traci Hill. They own a C-7 (2018) Torch Red Vette and a 1963 Galaxie 500. They became interested in our club at the Cars & Coffee Car Show.

4. Minutes: A motion was made by Ken Starzyk to approve the July, 2022 minutes and was seconded by Louise Gorsch. The motion was approved.

5. Monthly Reports:

President – John Stupec: John would like the Board of Directors' meeting that is scheduled for October 23rd to be re-scheduled for September 25th. He will be out of town in October. Board members who were present approved it.

Governor – Dale Samuelson, absent. See Dale's full report in the NICC newsletter. **Volunteers from NICC are needed to work the Autocross NICC Fundraiser on Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16 at McHenry County Community**

College in Crystal Lake. Please contact Dale at (815) 979-2352 if you can help. Several people volunteered to work the upcoming rally, which is on Sunday, October 2. The rally will begin at the Farm & Fleet on Riverside in Loves Park and will hopefully increase NICC's revenue. More details will be forthcoming from Dale.

Secretary – Cindy Starzyk: No report.

Treasurer – Susan Chamberlain: No report.

Membership – Leon Gorsch: We have 79 members.

Parliamentarian – Doris Hicks: No report.

Historian - Nancy Bailey, absent.

NCM Ambassador - Louise Gorsch: No report.

Sunshine Club Chair - Doris Hicks: On behalf of NICC Doris sent flowers to Wendy Bennett due to the loss of her husband, Rod.

Sergeant-at-arms - Gene Stimart: \$2 was collected.

Editor - Preston Morgan: On Zoom. Articles for the September newsletter are due by August 31st or at the latest, September 2nd. Preston thanked the members who submitted articles for the September newsletter. Articles from any and all members are very much appreciated. Please never hesitate to submit items related to Corvettes or our club at any time.

Social Director – Debbie Schaefer: No report.

Quartermaster - Barb Johnson: No report.

Advertising – Ken Starzyk: No report.

Public Relations - Ken Starzyk: No report.

Webmaster - Linda Stimart: The Fall Run sign-up sheet has been passed around. Further details will go out in a blast, and you can sign up at the September meeting. If you'd like to sign up sooner than that, contact Linda at (815) 298-8415.

Parade Director – Bill Morr, absent. John Stupec confirmed our participation in the Stillman Valley Parade on Sunday, September 25th. More details will be sent by Bill Morr. Please check the NICC website's calendars and flyers for updated information. Also check your email for blasts!

6. Old Business:

Road America Run – This was the August 6-7 run. Ken reported that the Chevrolet-sponsored tent was great. We were provided with breakfast, lunch, water, coffee and soda. They had interesting speakers and several raffles with very nice prizes.

Club Picnic – John thanked Curt & Terri, who hosted the picnic for the second time at their home in Summerset. The weather was nice and everyone had a great time!

Vettes on the River in LeClaire, IA – John & Sherry attended this event. It was about a 114-mile drive from the Rockford area. The organization was honoring all veterans and vets were the judges for the trophy winners. People came from Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and other states.

7. New Business:

Cruise Night (Smokin Coops) – This coming Tuesday, August 30th is the date.

MWR & NCCC Meeting – Dale is absent, so no information is available at this time.

Stillman Valley Parade – Watch for an email blast. The date for this is Sunday, September 25th. It is the same day as our NICC board meeting and our monthly membership meeting.

Fall Run – House on the Rock – September 30th. We will meet at the Farm & Fleet in Rockton at 9 am. Lunch will be in Dodgeville and dinner in New Glarus.

Wiener Roast – Leon & Louise Gorsch will host this at their home in Rockton on Saturday, October 8th.

Honor Flight – Gene was sponsored by the Veterans Network Committee of Northern Illinois to go to Washington D.C. on the Honor Flight (VNC Honor Flight), thanks to Barb Johnson who was instrumental in setting it up for him. Gene & Linda left on August 25th and returned today, the 28th. They went to the Whitehouse, The Ulysses S. Grant Memorial, The Navy Memorial, The Airforce Museum, The Iwo Jima Museum, The Lincoln Memorial, and The Korean Memorial which were all tremendously impressive, but the most moving was the Vietnam Memorial. They also visited The Military Women's Memorial, The Marine Corps Museum, The Army Museum, and others. On their return trip, they received a "Mail Call". Each veteran received mail from friends, relatives, strangers and even young children thanking them for their service and honoring their unbelievable sacrifices. There were water canons and motorcycle escorts guiding them and welcoming them back home. There were two buses with 70 to 80 veterans who went on this amazing, enlightening and gratifying trip.

8. New Cars: None.

9. Collection of Fines: \$2

10. Raffles: First winner: Sherry Putnam. Second winner: Don Johnson.

11. Attendance Drawing: \$20.00 Darlene Weaver, absent. Next month - \$30.00.

Adjournment: 8:00 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Sherry Putnam and seconded by Doris Hicks. The motion was approved.

Next Club Monthly Meeting:

September 28, 2022. Board of Directors Meeting 5:00 pm (NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR BOARD MEETING) , Social Hour 6:00 pm and Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Cindy Starzyk

NICC Governor's Report

Submitted by Dale Samuelson, Governor, NICC

The August 6th and 7th NICC fundraiser autocross at McHenry County Community College was a success with about 35 drivers both days. After all expenses were paid, NICC received \$866.79, slightly better than last year.



NICC will host a double poker rally on Oct 2, 2022. Chair people are Dale & Carolyn Samuelson. This will be a leisurely drive with three checkpoints or stops along the way. Both the driver and the navigator will draw cards at the beginning, at each check point, and at the end point. Highest poker hand wins. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers. It looks like we have enough volunteer workers, but please come participate and enjoy lunch at one of our club sponsors. For more information see the flyer in the NICC newsletter or on the Midwest Region website.

The next NICC fundraiser autocross will be October 14th and 15th at McHenry County Community College. Help is needed both days. You can work the entire day or just a portion of the day. The college is only 30 to 45 minutes east of Rockford.

For additional information on any of the above or any questions related to NCCC, feel free to give me a call anytime.

That's all for now,

Dale Samuelson, Governor, NICC



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NICC MEMBER CORVETTES BY GENERATION

C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8
1	2	6	5	7	12	22	6
TOTAL — 61							

NOTE: UPDATED 6/10/2022

Source: NICC Membership Roster



This never happens!
We have THREE 2023 Corvette Stingrays on the way with nowhere to call home yet. Check out the details and contact Joe to call dibs!



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Bose Performance Audio
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Front and Rear Vision Cameras
Gloss Black Wheels & More



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TIME TO RENEW YOUR NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023

It is now that time of year for you to renew your Northern Illinois Corvette Club membership for 2023. We currently have 76 members. Next year will be a great year with runs, parades, car shows, racing events and social occasions with great food, fun and friendship.

All you need to do to renew is to make sure your name(s) is/are entered on the enclosed renewal application, update any changes that have occurred during the past year and sign the application. The deadline for renewing is **October 15th**. Please send your renewal application along with your check made payable to NICC to: **Northern Illinois Corvette Club, P.O. Box 2004, Loves Park, Illinois 61130.**

Please remember to hand out our club brochures and business cards. We can all help to bring in new members. If you need some, please ask me.

There is no change in the cost of renewal dues this year.

\$60 for primary and spouse (or significant other)

\$50 for primary only

\$10 for dependent

Remember, don't miss the October 15th deadline, or it will cost an extra \$10 to renew.

Thank you so much!

Leon Gorsch
Membership Director
815-291-5357 (cell)

Road America Run

Submitted by Ken Starzyk and photos by Cindy Starzyk

On Saturday, August 8th, a group of five NICC Corvettes headed up to Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin to watch the IMSA Weather Tech Sports Car Championship race. This year the Corvette racing team had only one Corvette entered in this race because the other Corvette was racing in an international racing series that doesn't include the Road America track.

There was a total of 37 cars divided among five classes of sports cars. The Corvette's class was called GTD PRO. It included the Corvette C8R, Lexus RCF GT5, Porsche 911 GT6R, Aston Martin Vantage GT3 and BMW M4 GT3. The Lexus won the race and the Corvette finished third. This race was a timed race and lasted 2 Hours and 40 minutes.

Chevrolet did another great job of providing a hospitality tent in the Corvette Coral for this racing weekend. They also had three new ZO6's to look at in the Coral. As usual they provided a continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. They also provided a light lunch on Saturday and a variety of box lunches on Sunday. Soda, water and coffee were provided both days as well. The Kettle Moraine Corvette Club did a great job of parking cars and handing out the goody bags.

Overall, it was a wonderful weekend and we had only a light sprinkle of rain on Sunday.



Road America Run, 2022

Submitted by Sherry Putnam Photos: Cindy Starzyk

Although my favorite spectator sports are football and hockey, I have thoroughly enjoyed the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) Road America racing weekends! Kudos to Ken and Cindy Starzyk for organizing this event! The Corvette Corral hosts Corvette drivers with a huge tent, food, drawings, and speakers. Although none of us won any of the drawing items, we were protected from the sun and rain with plenty of drinks to keep us hydrated! The speakers, both youthful and mature, were informative with even a novice such as me learning a bit more about this type of racing. I was really attentive when the youthful Corvette racecar drivers, Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor, were speaking! I also enjoyed the humor and thoughts about green energy of the mature Corvette Ambassador, Doug Fehan. I really didn't understand much of his presentation about the mechanics of the Corvette. Seeing the blank look on my face, Ken would periodically lean over and explain some terminology or acronym, such as BOP (Balance of Power) to me! But I totally understood and agreed with his thoughts on green energy relating to batteries, windmills, and solar!!!



For me the culture and tradition surrounding sporting events is always exciting! I love the singing of the National Anthem and the announcement, "Drivers, start your engines!", with the enthusiastic crowds of fans milling about. Oh, and also loved all of the shopping! Not only racing inspired shirts, hats, and jewelry, but also wine!!! There is a new brand called The Racing Series, which is excellent California blends in very cool racing inspired bottles.

Watching 30 + sports cars zoom around the track one on top of the other reminded me of my own racing experience at the Corvette track in Bowling Green in May! There were only nine of us at that time driving our cars on the track and I think I was lapped three times by the other eight drivers!!! The positive is that I finished, with the car and right seat John intact, and now know what I don't know about driving a Corvette!!! I so respect the expertise, stamina and nerves of those professional drivers!



2022 Annual Summer Picnic

Submitted by Curt Zawiski

On Saturday, August 13 the Northern Illinois Corvette Club (NICC) held their annual summer picnic at Lake Summerset, IL. Thirty-two members of the club attended the picnic where they enjoyed sandwiches provided by a local deli along with delicious side items and deserts provided by club members. Gluten free items were provided (as some of the club members have diet restrictions) which was very much appreciated. The weather held out (it was raining 30 minutes before the picnic was scheduled to start) which allowed everyone to enjoy being outdoors and socialize on the lakefront dock. Scenic pontoon boat rides were provided around the lake by "Captain Curt"! All in all, it turned out to be a wonderful day at the lake.



Poplar Grove Airport Fly-In August 21, 2022

Submitted by Linda Stimart Photos: Linda Stimart

Planes, trains, automobiles, food, families and dogs



The day started out iffy with dark skies and misty weather. We had five cars from the club show up for the Fly-In. Most of the morning looked like the sky was going to open up and pour rain but luckily by the afternoon it was a beautiful day with a blue sky. Roger, Butch, Barry, Nancy, Gene and I attended. There was a British Boots and Bonnets club along with several other clubs there also. It would have been great if more cars from our club had come, but the weather just wasn't looking very good in the morning. Unfortunately, due

to the wet weather the day before, the Vintage tractor pull had to be cancelled too.

It was fun to see all the planes taking off and landing and all the different types of airplanes that were there. The Jenny was a highlight to see. Our own member Ken has been part of this major project to restore this Vintage airplane. There were quite a few food trucks to choose from and the fire roasted pizza was great. On the museum side, they had a band, food trucks, and free admission to the museum. They also had shuttles pulled by tractors to take you from one side of the airport to the other since most of the planes were parked on the airport side. They also had more food trucks on the airport side.



At the end of the day, Roger, Gene, and I, sat under a nice shade tree and watched the Flour Bomber Bingo. Planes fly over and drop flour sacks over a bingo target to see who can get closest. It's a fun thing to watch and some of the planes get really low.

By the end of the day there were quite a few people attending with a lot of families and dogs. It was definitely a dog day. We watched as someone's Doberman pup got loose and was running as fast as it could all over. Wow, can they run. The owner was chasing it with his SUV and the dog just didn't want to come to him. The dog looked like it was in heaven.

Overall, it was a fun day and maybe we can make this an annual event with more NICC cars going.



NICC's Second Smokin' Coop Night!!

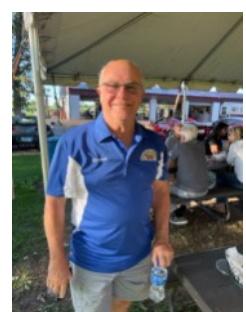
Submitted by Traci Hill

It was Tuesday, August 30th, 2022 at 5:30 pm and a perfect late summer night for a Corvette drive and some amazing BBQ!

Smokin' Coop was hopping as they served 31 people who attended. There were even a couple of former members who joined the fun as they just happened to dine at Smokin' Coop on the same night. The conversations and laughter could be heard all through the full tent thanks to this event!

It's an impressive sight to see 20 diverse Corvettes lined up as the sun is beginning to sink behind them. They most definitely caught the eye of others who were at the Coop as well.

Thank you to those who put their time and effort into planning events like this. It is such fun and much appreciated!



SEPT. 9-11, 2022



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Our featured tour for this email is:

Tour 11, 10:30am, Saturday, September 10-

Spirited - Lunch at Edge of Dells and a fun, trip around Castle Rock Lake and Petenwell Lake – 2 1/2 hours driving time, 125 miles

Come to Corvette Adventures late and enjoy this tour for lunch and a great tour.

Edge of Dells Restaurant is just a short distance away and is a local favorite featuring outdoor seating and a full menu.

Then it is on to a great trip around Castle Rock Lake and Petenwell Lake before returning to Chula Vista Resort.



REMEMBER

One price - miles of fun driving your Corvette at Fall Corvette Adventures

Remember, all this is INCLUDED in your registration fee:

- Three days of road tours to interesting, fun destinations.
- Scenic Tours - take time to enjoy the Wisconsin sights
- Spirited Tours - enjoy the ROAR of your Corvette
- Touring Laps at Dells Raceway Park - this is not a lead-follow, just you and the track and as fast or slow as you want.
- A Saturday night watching evening of exciting races at Dells Raceway Park
- Sunday Brunch and Awards
- and a lot more!!
- **One Price - all included - Miles of FUN!!**

NO sitting around - Leave your lawn chairs at home!!!

If you can't make Fall Corvette Adventures - think about joining lots of other Corvettes at Muscle Car Adventures, September 23 - 25.

Join us in 2023, the same weekend as always, June 8 – 10 for another exciting Corvette Adventures in June.

If you would like flyers or someone to speak at your club please let us know at edsandbarb@gmail.com and we will send you fliers; or we would be thrilled to come visit your club!

Have a Great summer! Hope to see you in September.
Hugs Barb and Ed



WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC. Invites You to...

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DATE: Sunday, September 25, 2022

STARTING LOCATION:

Thomas E. Hartung American Legion Post #1977



Thomas E. Hartung
American Legion
Post 1977

14414 W. Ford Dr.
New Lenox, IL 60451

ENTRY FEES:

\$30.00 per car – both events. Mail Registration and checks made payable to: Windy City Corvettes, to
Windy City Corvettes "Rallye," P.O. Box 353, Orland Park, IL 60462-0353

REGISTRATION & TECH: 9:15AM – 10:15AM CT

DRIVER/NAVIGATOR MEETING: 10:30AM

FIRST CAR OUT: 10:45AM

EVENT INFORMATION:

Open to all cars

Participation in a Corvette is required to receive NCCC points. Entrants must sign the insurance waiver.

NCCC members must present current membership card and valid driver's license at registration.

Results will be scored during the week following the Rallye. Winner prizes will be mailed.

Entrants must comply with all Illinois state safety requirements that are in effect on the date of the Rallye.

MW-351-005

Gimmick Rallye # 1

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Gimmick Rallye #2

Chairperson:

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PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS RUN IS ON A FRIDAY!

FALL RUN HOUSE ON THE ROCK

WHEN : Friday, September 30th.

WHAT: NICC Fall Run

HOSTS: Gene & Linda Stimart and Leon & Louise Gorsch

WHERE: House on the Rock in Spring Green, Wisconsin

We will be leaving at 9:00 AM from Farm & Fleet on Rockton Rd. and traveling back roads to Dodgeville, Wisc. for lunch at **Bob's Bitchin BBQ**. After lunch, we will go up the road to **The House on the Rock**. After touring The House on the Rock, (this will take about 3 hrs.) we will travel to New Glarus, Wisc for Pizza at **Sugar River Pizza** and then back home.

This will be a LONG day with a lot of walking at The House on the Rock. Make sure to wear comfortable shoes and gas up your cars before leaving Rockton. The cost to go into The House on the Rock is \$29.95 per person for seniors 62+ or \$32.95 for adults. Also, there will be NO potty stop on our way to Dodgeville, so don't drink too much before we leave in the morning. We need to be in Dodgeville by 11:00 AM when the BBQ restaurant opens.

More information will be coming later as we get nearer the date.

Please Sign up if you are interested so we will know approximately how many for lunch and dinner. This should be a fun run.



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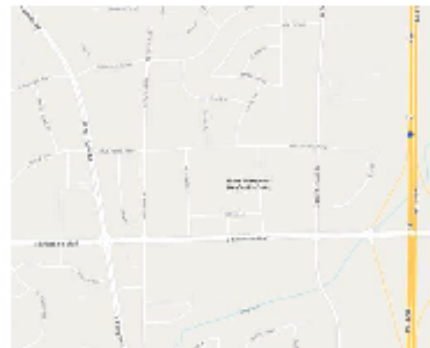
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Remembering The Lotus-Developed LT5 V8 In The C4 Corvette ZR-1

By Vince Brown for GMAuthority at <https://gmauthority.com/blog/2021/10/remembering-the-lotus-developed-lt5-v8-in-the-c4-corvette-zr-1/>

Chevy's recent reveal of the all-new flat-plane crank 5.5L V8 LT6 engine in the 2023 Corvette Z06 probably got many of us thinking about Corvette engines of the past. Today, let's take a look at the Lotus-developed 5.7L V8 LT5 that powered the C4 Corvette ZR-1 (not to be confused with the supercharged LT5 in the C7 Corvette ZR1).



Yeah, we hear you. Regarding the LT5, it's confusing to have the same engine code applied to two different powerplants, but at least they both powered ZR1 Corvettes.

Yet, the Lotus-designed LT5 actually has some general similarities to the new flat-plane crank LT6. The LT5 in the C4 Corvette ZR1 was a naturally aspirated, all-aluminum, 32-valve, DOHC small block V8, much like the LT6 in the 2023 Corvette C8 Z06. But it didn't have a flat-plane crank, and is not a Chevy Small Block V8 even though both engines share the Small Block's signature 4.4-inch bore spacing.

For the 1990 model year, Chevy launched the "King of the Hill" C4 Corvette ZR-1 with the LT5. Output of the LT5 was impressive at that time, producing 375 horsepower and 370 pound-feet of torque. Lotus designed a unique air management system to provide a wider power band by shutting off eight of the 16 intake runners and fuel injectors when the engine was at part-throttle, while still giving the C4 Corvette ZR1 those 375 horses when at wide open throttle.



In 1993, GM increased LT5 output by 30 horses and 15 pound-feet of torque (to 405 and 385, respectively) thanks to four-bolt main caps, improved cylinder heads, new pistons, revised cam timing, and new exhaust manifolds. Many of those innovations are common now, but they were revolutionary in the 1990s.



Perhaps the most exotic and radical engine to sit in a Corvette until the LT6 in the C8 Z06, the LT5 in the C4 Corvette ZR-1 was engineered by GM and Lotus, then machined and assembled by Mercury Marine's MerCruiser division in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The GM-Lotus tie-up came about in 1986, when General Motors had acquired Group Lotus, a UK-based engineering consultant and performance car manufacturing firm. The Corvette team wanted to build the world's fastest production car based on the C4 Corvette and approached Lotus with the idea. Hence, the LT5 was born, replacing the L98, which had the same bore centers.

In addition to the LT5 engine, Lotus helped GM design the upgraded braking and steering system in the C4 Corvette ZR-1. The range-topping Vette was also shod with custom-made Goodyear Eagle Gatorback tires, sized P315/35ZR-17. Due to the heavier engine and body along with wider tires, the C4 Corvette ZR1 was 200 pounds heavier than the standard C4 Corvette.

To manage the increased weight, the FX3 suspension system was engineered by Bilstein and was similar to the system used in the Porsche 959, but with modifications from the Lotus Formula 1 division. It incorporated a gas-over-oil shock absorber with a hollow center shaft that was fitted with an adjustable orifice to controls the flow of oil. The setup allowed for six damping settings in each of the three driving modes, namely Touring, Sport, and Performance, and had 14 total steps. Servomotors coupled with a microprocessor governed the vehicle's speed and adjusted the suspension system accordingly.



Thanks to the engineering marvel that was the LT5, the C4 Corvette ZR-1 was incredibly quick for its time, hitting 0-60 mph in just 4.4 seconds and the quarter-mile in just 12.7 seconds, on to a top speed of over 180 mph. It was so quick that it set seven international and world records at a test track in Fort Stockton, Texas, on March 1st, 1990.

8 Reasons Why Every Gearhead Should Drive A Chevy Corvette C6

By Jesse Billington for Hotcars at <https://www.hotcars.com/why-gearheads-should-drive-chevy-corvette-c6/>

The C6 Corvette is a supercar-slaying everyday sports car and a bargain on the used car market these days.

The Chevrolet Corvette, America's sports car since 1953, there's been eight editions of it since its inception; each bringing something different to the table. Each generation has been a perfect encapsulation of the era into which it was released, a time capsule of the period.



But, putting the themes of each era aside, the Corvette has always stood for as a light, lithe and crude salute to Europeans. It takes an unashamedly American approach in everything it does and still manages to hang with the best sports and even supercars that the rest of the world has to offer.

8 It's An American Icon

Some cars make "why you must drive" lists all the time, and for good reasons. There's typically one generation of the Corvette that always makes these lists, depending on the author's choice. They were the car of choice for a dollar for astronauts. Prince sang about them. It was the pace car at the 2006 Indy 500 and Daytona 500.



If you want to experience the true essence of Americana, a Corvette is definitely a good way to go. Outside of the US, when you ask someone to think of an American car, there are few names that always make the list, the Mustang undoubtedly makes it, but it's usually followed by the Corvette. It's cemented in the public mindset as an aspirational slice of the Great US of A.

7 Racing has Enhanced the Breed

Since its inception, the Corvette has been just as at home on twisting road courses as it has on the road itself. Years of motorsport honing have seen the Corvette go from strength to strength. In 2005, they outlasted the Brits and their Aston MartinDBRs at LeMans and came home 1-2 in class.



Domination was the name of the game for the C6.R on the racetrack, and it echoes through into the road cars. Both on home soil and in Europe, the brash boy from Kentucky stood toe-to-toe with some of the greats of GT and endurance racing and proved that it could roll with the punches. And that trickled down to the road-going versions.



6 It Can Hold A Candle To Some Of The Biggest And Best

When taken to the limit around the Nordschleife, the C6 Corvette set a very admirable lap time of 7:19.63. In comparison, eight years after that lap time was set, Jaguar, in a fully prepped XE SV Project 8 could only make it around in 7:23.164. That's the two-seat, track-package, race-ready monster still a few seconds shy of America's iconic sports car.



On a smaller scale, when pushed to the limit by the Stig, a ZR1 C6 was able to outpace a Ferrari 599 GTB and a 911 GT3 RS, a certified track monster befitted with a roll cage and wings for days. Even Ford's GT from 2005 couldn't get close to the 'Vette. And the icing on the cake? The Corvette set its lap time in the damp. In the dry, it could have been getting close to hypercar royalty, such as Porsche's Carrera GT.



5 The LS7

If you get a chance to get behind the wheel of a C6, you might be fortunate enough to find it is a Z06 spec model. Upfront you'll find a hand built, dry sumped, LS7 V8 engine. Packed with smart engineering, including titanium alloy connecting rods, the LS7 in the C6 produced a very hearty 505 hp and a stonking 470 lb-ft of torque. Some crazy science around the LS7 is that it features hypereutectic pistons.



This means that the aluminium used to cast them has been alloyed with over 12% by weight Silicon. The result of this is an alloy that is super stable under high temperatures and more resistant to expansion when it gets hot. This allowed the LS7 engineers to run much tighter tolerances in the engine, producing a healthier, more efficient engine, the final result, more power and a wicked high redline of 7,000 rpm. Although if you're clever enough, you can take the mighty LS7 round to 11,000 rpm.

4 The Hi-Tech Materials

When you're looking to produce a highly competitive sports car, you cannot just cobble it together from assorted odds and ends of pig iron and duct tape. Corvettes have long been known for their fiberglass bodywork, keeping the weight down. But the floor pan on the C6 is unique in its composition, made from balsa wood and carbon fiber.



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The engine cradle is a magnesium alloy and the whole frame is aluminum, as opposed to the standard steel model, saving 136lbs on the frame alone! Go even higher up the spec tree with the ZR1, and the car is littered with carbon fiber and polycarbonates. The brakes are another example of top-notch materials, here being carbon ceramics.



3 This Was The First Corvette With Fixed Headlamps Since The C1

A bit of history, and yeah, the C2, C3, C4 and C5 all had pop-up lamps, but with evolving pedestrian safety rules coming in, the characterful pop-ups had to die. So it was back to fixed units, as we'd seen in the C1.



Not really a big entry, but we love the color coded lining to the headlights on the C6 and think it really helps blend the transition from the pop-ups on previous gens.

2 It Has An Oft-Forgotten Sibling

Raise your hand if you can remember the Cadillac XLR. Hmmm, thought so. That's not many of you. The Caddy XLR was a grand tourer built by GM's luxury arm on the C6 platform, the Y platform.



The Cadillac didn't get the same powertrain options that the C6s got, instead having to make do with the Northstar V8. An engine with a terrible track record. Sales were slim, no one wanted a slower Corvette with a terrible face and after five years and just 15,460 produced over that time, compared to its 5-7,000 per year projections, the XLR was axed. Let's face it, if you wanted a big, muscly drop-top cruiser, at that price point you were buying a Mercedes SL.

1 The Name Is Cool

Corvette isn't some imagined name from a marketing meeting like Camaro, it stems back to French; a nod perhaps to its European ambition. Work backwards enough, and you'll find Corvette translates to "basket". Which isn't necessarily cool, but that name had a cooler purpose later, becoming a lightly armed fast ship under the age of sail, a light frigate essentially. When you think of some of the most evocative names from the automotive world, Corvette certainly falls into the same camp as Mustang, Charger, Challenger, and Camaro. It's certainly not a Sunny or a Gloria. More so, it could be shortened to a cool nickname of sorts, 'Vette.



So if you're looking for a car with heritage, speed, precision, style and substance, look no further than the C6 Corvette. Overlook this generation of Corvette at your peril. It represents a high-water mark for GM, and short of making the C8 mid-engined, they haven't been able to eclipse the C6. That's not to say that newer generations are worse, but they haven't moved the yardstick on in the same way that the C6 did.



Does Anyone Regret Buying a Corvette?

By Angela Bickford for MotorBiscuit at <https://www.motorbiscuit.com/does-anyone-regret-buying-a-corvette/>

Some cars just mean more than others. Maybe it's your childhood dream to own a Corvette or other fancy cars like Michael Jordan. If you're a car enthusiast, purchasing a vehicle is an investment, and you likely want it to be a decision you can be proud of considering the cost that goes into owning one. Whether it's the rev of the engine or the thrill of the ride that keeps you drooling over the possibility of owning one, you may still wonder if anyone has ever regretted buying one of these well-known and loved sports cars.

The Chevrolet Corvette

The Corvette has been around since 1953. It may have started as a cruiser for country-club folks who had the means and the desire to ride in style, but it's since become a solid performance car. From the C1 to the C8, the Corvette has delivered year after year.

It took a while for the Corvette to get its footing within the car enthusiast community, but due to its continued redesigns and improvements, it became a favorite among drivers. It's also been featured in pop culture from movies to that famous Prince song, "Little Red Corvette."

People love it for its ability to melt the stress away as they rev the engine and the fact that it's attention-grabbing and easily identifiable. Not only that, but it's a reasonably accessible sports car, both men and women enjoy driving. For singles or couples without kids, it's the dream car.

And when they do have kids, the Corvette can be passed down to the next generation. It also represents the American Dream and is such a classic, it's a real piece of American history.

Buying a Corvette: regret or cautionary tale?

There are downsides to owning a Corvette, though, and there are numerous threads online about why this is the case. Do these people regret buying Corvettes? Not necessarily, but they are upfront about why owning one isn't the best idea and how a secondary car might be a smart idea.

Some of the top complaints included not being able to drive it in the snow, the need to avoid poor roads and potholes, and how uncomfortable it is for daily or long-distance driving.

It's not an off-roader by any means, and you'll never be able to drive carpool in it. Others hated the fact that you may have to store it in bad weather, which could mean over half the year in some places and the need for a second car.

If you're in the city, you may want to skip out on it, as it's not as fun in traffic as it is on a more open road. And it certainly isn't decked out with the amenities of more creature comfort filled cars.

If you know these things going in though and really want one, you probably won't let it stop you. Most of the people on forums listing off these downsides still bought — and still love — their Corvettes.

The best and worst model years

Every car has its best and worst production years, and the Corvette is no exception. If you're looking at a used Corvette because you want that classic '75 or loved the '90s 'Vettes, then it's good to know which model years fared the best.

According to CorvetteForum.com, you'll find that the 10 worst years were the debut year (1953), 1958, 1975, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1987, 1988, 1995, and 1998. That means that anything from the more current years seems like a lock.

So which were considered the best? Not surprisingly, also the debut year. It's the year that started it all, and although it had a lot to improve on, it also introduced the Corvette to the world. 1955, 1957, 1963, 1967, 1970, 1984, 1990, 1997, and 2009. A few other lists claim the 2002 and 2017 should be on the 'top' lists, too, but with almost 70 years of history, there were so many to choose from.

Why you may still want one

You shouldn't let other people's experiences hold you back from your dream car. Use it as a cautionary tale, sure, and be smart about when and what you buy. They certainly aren't all bad, and there are plenty of positives about the Corvette that makes drivers fall in love with them.

They have high resale price points, not necessarily because they hold their value well, but because they are such a classic car. So if you've got the means and have a craving for a good old classic Corvette, by all means, get one! After all, it is America's sportscar icon.

From the Editor

NICC Editor: Preston Morgan

Fireflies (or lightning bugs) have enchanted children and adults forever. I know I have caught my share of the insects over my childhood (okay, maybe even some while an adult but only for my young children you understand). In my trips to the western states I did not think fireflies existed. They do, but they do not light up. A firefly that does not light up seems like an oxymoron to me. There are 20 species of lightning bugs found in Illinois. There are 56 varieties here in Florida. But do you think one could find there way around my house? Not one puts on a light show for us. Bummer! I hope you enjoy the firefly facts below. Learn the scientific names below and impress your friends at your next cocktail party.

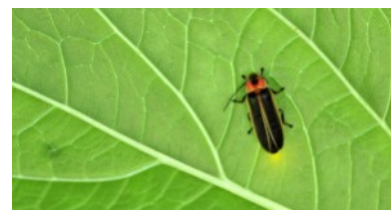


Why Do Fireflies Glow And Other Illuminating Facts

Check out these "illuminating" facts about these fascinating insects.

By Amber Kanuckel for Farmers Almanac at <https://www.farmersalmanac.com/10-fascinating-facts-about-fireflies-21553>

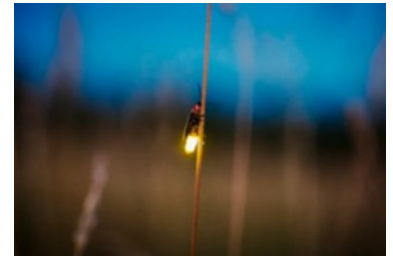
Many backyards are already aglow with magical fireflies—or lightning bugs as many people call them. On warm evenings, there's nothing better than sitting and watching them light up the night. Here are a few fascinating facts about fireflies you may not know.



10 Fascinating Facts About Fireflies

1. It turns out that it's not just the adult firefly that lights up. Among some species, the eggs glow, and the eggs of certain species will flash if you tap them gently. Most larva – often called glowworms – are also capable of producing light.
2. They're energy efficient. No man-made light source can claim to be entirely energy efficient, but a firefly's glowing tail uses 100% of the energy it produces to emit light. By comparison, the average incandescent lightbulb releases 90% of its energy as heat and 10% as light, while fluorescent bulbs release 30% as heat and 70% as light.
3. The flashing is more than just a pretty light show. Among the species of fireflies that produce a glow, each one has its own unique flash pattern, and they use the flashes to attract mates. Females wait in tall foliage, flashing to attract males. The males flash in response as they move closer to the females. The glow is also a handy way to repel predators. Since fireflies produce bitter chemicals as a response to predators, most insect-eating animals know that if it lights up, it tastes bad.
4. It's easy to identify fireflies by their flash patterns. *Photinus pyralis* is one of the more common types found in the United States, and this species always makes a J-shaped flash by lighting up as they fly in an arc. *Photinus brimleyi* flies in a straight line and produces one flash every three to eight seconds. *Photinus consimilis* makes a double flash every five seconds, and *Photinus collustrans* flashes three times in two to three seconds.
5. Some fireflies are tricksters. While adults of most species eat pollen or smaller insects, some females of the *Photuris* genus prey on male lightning bugs of other species. They'll lure the males in by mimicking their flash patterns. And, since female *Photuris* fireflies gravitate towards the flash patterns of different species, male *Photuris* fireflies mimic those species to attract the females.
6. Not all fireflies make yellow or green light. *Pyractomena* lightning bugs, for instance, create orange light. In the southern United States, you may chance across *Phausis reticulata*, or the Blue Ghost lightning bug. Blue Ghosts don't flash at all, instead, they produce a soft but steady blue glow. Others, particularly those that live in the western United States, don't light up at all.

7. Some fireflies can actually synchronize their flashes. In the United States, there is only one synchronous species – *Photinus carolinus*—and there are only a few spots to watch as they put on one of nature’s greatest light shows. You can catch a glimpse in the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania or the Congaree National Park in South Carolina. The best place to watch, however, is the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee. People flock to this park every May and June to watch as thousands of lightning bugs produce perfectly timed flashes.



8. Lightning bugs glow because their tails contain just the right chemicals and enzymes (calcium, adenosine triphosphate, luciferin, and luciferase) to create a bioluminescent chemical reaction. These insects control the flashing by adding oxygen to start the chemical reaction within the light-producing organ in their tails.

9. They help save lives. Researchers have discovered that the luciferase produced by fireflies is useful for anything from detecting blood clots to tracking the efficacy of cancer medications. In fact, scientists have learned how to make synthetic luciferase, which means that the medical industry no longer needs to harvest this bioluminescent chemical from them.

10. They have surprisingly short life spans – only one season. They spend most of their adult lives searching for a mate. Once mated, the females lay their eggs and die shortly thereafter. New crops hatch the following spring and the cycle starts over!



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