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From the val Office



Hello Corvette Enthusiasts,

I can't believe that another month has come and gone already. As most of you know I am out-of-town on a work assignment and not able to attend our monthly meetings for a few months. With that being said, I am still very "connected" to my Corvette Family. Thanks to the wonderful world of technology — email, cell phones, and computers — staying connected has never been easier.

Hopefully by now most of you have seen the all-new C7 Stingray up close and personal. I had the good fortune of having a ride in one and was impressed beyond words. The entire Corvette team at Chevrolet should be very proud of their achievement. It is a remarkable and impressive sports car, especially when you look at the price point. Looking over dealers' websites, it appears the C7 availability is becoming less restricted.

In closing, I would like to say *Thank You* to our club's Vice President, Laura Hegyi, for filling in for me during my absence. I look forward to seeing everyone again at our December meeting and at our Holiday Party at the Barn House.

Be safe, Be well,

Jeff Mohring AACC President

AACC Meetings @ Blue Monkey



The Allentown Area Corvette Club meets at 8:00 p.m. in the **Palm Room** (upstairs) at the **Blue Monkey**, 1092-1094 Hower-town Road, North Catasauqua, PA.

Full menu and bar service is available.

Upcoming Club Meetings

Nov. 13 Dec. 11 Jan. 8 (2014)

Club Events

- > 2—Delhigh Power Squadron Road Rallye, Trexlertown, PA (p.3)
- > 2—Bob Gredlics Estate Auction, 10am, New Tripoli, PA (p.3)
- > 9—Toys For Tots Fundraiser, Northampton, PA (p.3)
- > 13—**Club Meeting**, Blue Monkey, 8 pm, N. Catasauqua, PA (p.1)
- > 28—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

2013 Events

- Dec. 14: **AACC Holiday Party**, Barnhouse Restaurant, Bath, PA (p.8)

2014 Events

- Mar 23: **Allentown St. Patrick's Day Parade & Post Party**, Allentown, PA
- May 4: **AACC SpringFest Corvette Show**, DeSales Univ., Center Valley, PA
- Sep 21: **AACC Fiberglass & Steel All-Chevy Show**, SteelStacks, Bethlehem, PA



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NCCC Events

Please support our fellow East Region NCCC clubs by participating in these events.

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11/03: (2)AX, RCC, York, PA

11/08-09: National Governor's Meeting, Maryland Heights, MO

12/07: Regional Governor's Meeting, Grantville, PA

*** WINTER BREAK ***

For more information on NCCC events contact AACC's Governor:

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Concours
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Gredlics Estate Auction

Sat., Nov. 2 — Corvette memorabilia will be auctioned at Bob's former home (3.2 miles north of Rte 100 along Rte. 309) in New Tripoli, PA. There will be over 200 lots of Corvette-related items. Bob was also an avid collector of model trains, so there will be plenty to grab your attention, PLUS tools, furniture, kits, models, and promos. The auction, conducted by Maurer & Wilson, is rain or shine. Doors open at 8am, auction begins at 10am. For details, visit: <http://www.auctionzip.com/Listings/1934466.html>

Delhigh Road Rallye

Sat., Nov. 2 — The Delhigh Power Squadron Land Navigation Contest (a.k.a. road rallye) will begin at the Starlite Diner (Rte. 100, Trexlertown, PA). The day starts with breakfast (9:45am), then the driver's meeting (10am), with the first car off around 10:30am! The day will end somewhere with a family-style country dinner. Basically, you only need to know your left from your right and be able to count to have a good time!

Lehigh Valley Toys For Tots

Sat., Nov. 9 — Marty Hacker, Lifetime AACC member, invites club members to join him at the kick-off event for the LV Toys For Tots campaign. A fundraiser benefit concert and dance will be held at Northampton Community Center from 7 to 11pm. Your \$20 ticket will let you dance the night away to The Exceptions and local DJ Mike Mittman between sets.

Tickets include awesome live music, beer, light refreshments, and snacks. The Community Center will have food available for purchase from 6-9pm.

Marty reserved a few tables of 10 for club members. Please contact him directly (martyhacker@rcn.com, 610-266-4000 or 610-865-3131) if you are interested in attending.

Remember — this is a benefit for Toys For Tots, so don't forget to bring a new, unwrapped toy!

Thinking of You

Karin Benton (death of Mother)

Bruce Carney (treatment)

Charlotte Shuletsky (recovery)

Joann Warmkessel (injury)

If any club members know of a member who is in the hospital, has had surgery, or has lost a loved one, please notify VP



Laura Hegyi

(610-838-4156, nicki@omninvestgrp.com)

or one of the other Board Members.

45 & Counting!

As the 2013 Corvette season is winding down, it's time to look ahead to 2014.



The 2013-2014 club year marks AACC's 45th Anniversary, being incorporated in 1969 by some local folks with a passion for America's Sports Car. Thanks to their dedication, we are here today!!

Membership Corner

As of AACC's meeting on October 23rd there were:

- 181 active members
- 4 potential members

No members were **voted in** at October's Board meeting.

The following are **Potential Members** as of October 2013:

Chuck & Dianne Habel Morrisville, PA..... '13 Cpe.
Stephen & Lori Mangano Bethlehem, PA '04 Cpe.

We all look forward to seeing you at upcoming AACC meetings & events!

AACC's First C7 *Marty Hegyi ('69)*

Bill and Moe Corwin from Lancaster, PA, are the first AACC members to acquire a brand new 2014 Corvette Stingray. Their Corvette was ordered from Criswell Chevrolet in Gaithersburg, MD, back in June and was added to a long order waiting list. Before ordering their new baby, Bill spent the prior six months researching the specs and everything and anything he could find, both online and in print, regarding the new C7. The car was finally delivered at the end of September, which must have seemed like forever. Bill was especially excited about picking up the new Stingray since he had sold their previous Corvette, a C5 convertible, over a year ago. Being Vette-less is no fun. (Thankfully a friend loaned a C5 to use for AACC's 2013 Mystery Trip.)



Bill and Moe's car is Night Race Blue and has the upgraded Z51 performance package. It was ordered with the 3LT interior package in Brownstone. The color combination looks fantastic. Bill says the car is "everything and more" than he expected. However, he couldn't resist the urge to personalize his

ride with polished aluminum powdered coated HRE wheels — the first set made by the company for a C7 Corvette.

Good luck, Bill and Moe.

Nov. Birthdays

- 6 Maureen "Moe" Corwin
- 8 Ken Greidanus,
Susan Hornung
- 11 Scott Marakovits
- 15 Blair Ferguson
- 16 Dennis Sharpe,
Dale Terry
- 22 Patricia Purdy
- 28 Barry Dorshimer
- 29 John Kostick, Jr.



READcycle

John Kostick is collecting used magazines to be enjoyed by residents at area nursing homes. Just drop off your publications at a club meeting and John will handle distribution.

See p. 12 for details on
Winter Prep



Milestone Memberships



AACC congratulates the following members for achieving these milestones:

- **5 Years** and counting (joined 2008) — Tom & Gloria Aird, Holly Hess, Bob & Doris Rice, David & Linda Shanberger, Jeanne Shedlock.
- **10 years** & counting (joined 2003) — Bruce Carney, Dennis & Bonnie Corona, Carol Jenkins, Tom Mantz & Debbie Lentz, Jeff Mohring, Buell & Mary Anne Ruch, Frank & Charlotte Shuletsky.
- **15 years** & counting (joined 1998) — Bernie Blasko, Ron Laudenslager, Norb Szymanski.

We are please to announce AACC's newest Lifetime Members. These folks joined us in 1993 and have been active members for 20 continuous years.

- **20 years** & counting — Richard & Donna DeLeon, Gary & Judy George, Joy Stear.

Milestone Lifetime members, Ken & Cindy Beck, have now been with the club for **25 years** — CONGRATS!!!

Weekend at the Beach *Len Feinberg ('13)*

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 4-6 — It was a beautiful weekend in the neighborhood and that neighborhood was Ocean City, Maryland. Members from both the Allentown and Easton clubs and a whole lot of others headed down to OC on Thursday and Friday. The weather was fantastic all weekend, lots of sun and warm enough to go to the outside pool or for a dip in the ocean. After we arrived, we learned that it was the weekend of the OPA (Offshore Powerboat Association) World Championship in Ocean City. After registration on Friday morning, I led a small group of us over to Crab Alley, which was the staging area for the race. It was really interesting as we had a chance to talk with the boat owners and racers and view the boats close up. On Friday night, groups from both clubs had dinner at the Captain's Galley. The Schuylkill Valley Club was also there before we arrived.



Saturday morning some of us (Joanne and I) were at the show before the sun came up. It was another great day. They had a good turnout for the show, road rally, and boardwalk parade. There were also a few C7s and their new owners in attendance. Surprisingly, Gary Warmkessel won his class and the Celebrity trophy. After dinner, a group of us headed over to Bud & Karin Benton's for dessert.

OC Weekend *Continued...*

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On Saturday after the morning show, Joanne and I headed back over to Crab Alley to check out the race boats. Since they would be starting from there, I thought it would be a good photo op, and it was. We had lunch at the Captain's Galley where you can sit outside on the upstairs deck, which just happened to be right

across from the race boat loading and unloading.

Sunday was the race. The course ran from 4th to 34th street and there were buoys to mark the course. It was pretty interesting to watch, at least we thought so. There were two groups of boats racing in different classes together. The slower classes went first and then the faster classes afterward. The fastest boats were limited to 135 mph, although the Miss Geico had run in excess of 200 mph at another race.



Winners

Gary & Joann
 Warmkessel,
 1st C2 and
 Celebrity Pick



Photos by
 Len Feinberg



LCCC's All-GM Show

Sun., Oct 20 — Kevin Minnich tried his best to play Len for the day and capture the happenings at Lancaster County CC's "American Legends" All-GM show. There were 264 vehicles parked in the grass in Long's Park (Lancaster, PA) with everything from a work-in-progress-looking rat rod to a trailer-queen modified C6. 10 'Vettes from AACC caravanned out (after the typical breakfast start) and were met by Bill & Moe Corwin with their brand new Night Race Blue C7 Stingray at the park entrance. In fact, 2 C7s were on display that day, but the Corwins took 1st in their class even though they parked with the rest of the club in the middle of the showfield. A Crystal Red C7 was parked in the "feature" area with other new cars from LCCC's sponsor, Faulkner Chevrolet. If seeing all the vehicles wasn't enough for you, LCCC had a tricky tray auction and cash raffle. A local BBQ joint and ice cream trailer were on site as well. Still not enough? Follow the tunnel under the highway and emerge at Park City Mall!



American Legends

Long's Park



Winners



Gary Warmkessel,
1st C2

Rick Serfass, 3rd C3

Bill & Moe Corwin, 1st C7

Gary Warmkessel,
Clare House Celebrity Choice



Photos by
Kevin Minnich

Feeling Shady? *Len Feinberg ('13)*

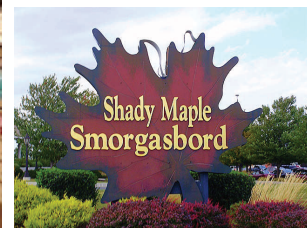
Sat., Oct 26 — Today 43 of us in 20 Corvettes and a couple of other cars headed out to the Shady Maple Smorgasbord in East Earl, PA. It was a beautiful day for a ride in the countryside. After a slight delay for some accident clean up, we arrived at our destination. Amazingly we were able to keep the cars together most of the way there. If you have not been there, the place is rather large with quite the selection of food. After a filling lunch, the crowd split up and went shopping in various places. I don't think anyone left hungry. Joanne and I checked out the Shady Maple gift shop which was huge, with everything from candy and toys to Made In the USA furniture. A good time was had by all.



Photos by
 Len Feinberg



Thanks Laura and Marty!



2013 Holiday Party

Buffet Dinner

Saturday, December 14th 6:00-11:00pm

Barn House Village Restaurant

7401 Airport Road, Bath, PA

\$30pp (Members). \$40pp (Non-Members)

For more information, call John @ 610-432-7172

Cold Hors d'oeuvres * Cash Bar
 Tossed Salad * Soup du Jour
 Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce
 Chicken Marsala * Prime Rib Carving Station
 Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes
 Buttered Corn * Peas with Pearl Onions
 Array of Desserts * Coffee & Hot Tea

AACC 2013 Holiday Party

Barn House Village Restaurant, Bath, PA

Please pay by Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Make checks payable to "AACC", mail to John Kostick
 @ 1757 Peachtree Circle, Whitehall, PA 18052

Name(s) _____

Tel. No _____

No. Members Attending _____ x \$30/person = _____

No. Non-Members Attending _____ x \$40/person = _____

TOTAL PAYMENT = _____

Payment method: Cash Check # _____

Steaks for Adam

Tue., Oct 29 — The charity fundraiser to benefit the **Race for Adam Foundation** was a seeming success! Virtually everyone dining at the Texas Roadhouse on Freemansburg Ave. this evening had their donation voucher in hand and 10% of their total food purchases went directly to the foundation. The restaurant was packed but surprisingly there was little to no wait for seating. We know the steaks were great, so I'm sure the evening was a success when all was said and done. The fact that Adam Recke and his family were able to join us made the event more special. We wish them the best!



▲ Airds, Shanabergers, and friends!



▼ Patricia Purdy prepares to order



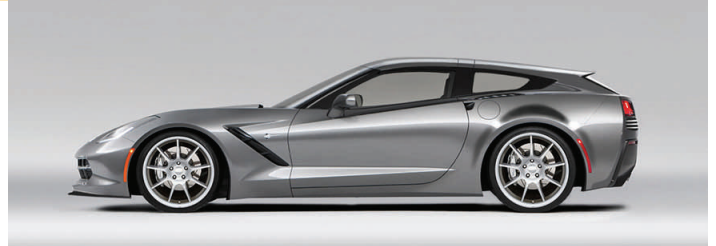
▲ Mike & Cindy Cutro at the information table



Photos by
Kevin Minnich

Callaway C7 AeroWagon *John Beltz Snyder for WindingRoad.com*

Thu., Oct. 3 — Callaway Cars published renderings of a shooting brake concept based on the 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray earlier this year. Now, Callaway has updated its website to include an update to the car's page, complete with an order form.



From Callaway's website: Callaway plans to manufacture the body package providing an openable hatch that would result in a unique configuration and increased interior space, positioning the Corvette in the elite class of two door shooting brakes. Callaway's AeroWagon body will be manufactured in their proprietary RTM process for structural carbon parts. The KRTM (Krämer Resin Transfer Molding) process produces load carrying carbon parts in one swift molding step. Fitted to the Callaway version of the C7 Corvette, the Callaway AeroWagon is projected to be a 200+ mph automobile while still returning the highest mileage rating in the supercar segment. Introductory price of the AeroWagon package has been set at \$15,000 in natural carbon fiber finish and a painted-to-match body color option has been set at an additional \$1,500. AeroWagon production is scheduled to commence in January 2014. Orders are being accepted now. To place your order or for more information, contact Joanne Mercer at Callaway's Connecticut factory: 860 434 9002, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

Editor's Note: *While you won't see one of these in my garage, I bet there will be one at Corvettes at Carlisle in 2014...*



Edmunds Challenges the C7 *Josh Kirsh for CorvetteOnline.com*

Oct. 17 — Ever since Chevrolet released the new, sleek C7 Corvette Stingray to the public, there has been a lot of speculation about how it would perform against some of the most sought after sports cars on the market today. Lucky for us, we get to live vicariously through Edmunds as they track test the C7 against some of our favorite cars from all different echelons.

First off, we have the newest, most powerful Mustang GT500 going up against the C7. With the GT500 weighing in around 3,900 pounds, the C7 has it beat weighing in around 3,300 pounds. You're probably thinking that the C7 already has it beat based on weight alone, and if you are, you're about 90% right. Having a little over 200 more horsepower

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2013-2014 Membership Renewal Form

Lifetime Members: Please complete/return this form so your contact information remains current.

Name: _____

Spouse & Dependents under age 18 (if any): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Tel: (____) _____ - _____ Mobile Tel: (____) _____ - _____ Spouse Mobile Tel: (____) _____ - _____

eMail: _____ Spouse eMail: _____

Corvette Year(s)/Style(s) Currently Owned: _____

**** All dues levels paid after 9/30/2013 INCLUDE a \$5 surcharge. ****
Anyone renewing after 11/30/2013 will be required to reapply as a new member and pay another initiation fee.

Make checks payable to "AACC".
Information form must accompany payment.
Present to club Treasurer, Janet Mohring, or mail to PO Box 522, Whitehall, PA 18052

Status	Fee	Qty.	Total
Primary Member	\$30*	_____	\$_____
Spouse / Significant Other	\$20*	_____	\$_____
Dependent	\$10*	_____	\$_____
LIFETIME	\$0	_____	\$_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$_____

Edmunds C7 *Continued..*

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than the 6.2L LT1 is good for a 0-60 of 4.1 seconds opposed to the 4.3 seconds that the Corvette puts down. The C7 does make it off the line faster due to having better traction, but once the GT500 hits 40 MPH, it effortlessly pulls away. You also have to take into consideration that the GT500 is super-charged and forced induction does play a big part in acceleration. When it came to braking, slalom, skid pad, and quarter mile time testing, the C7 was proven the better of the two.



Another interesting comparison by Edmunds is the 2013 BMW M3 Lime Rock Park edition versus the new C7 Stingray. Again, two completely different machines, but the crew over at Edmunds knows this. Both cars are front engine, rear wheel drive, but act so very similar. Aside to the fact that the BMW's launch control wasn't working, it still put down a solid 4.9 second 0-60 compared to the C7's 4.3 second time. Although the C7 comes out on top in all of the tests, the M3 is still a great performer with its dual clutch 7-speed "manumatic" transmission, track tuned suspension, and dashing good looks, but might seem a little steep compared to the Corvette in the price category. Both great cars; all it comes down to is personal preference.

Now, this was a very surprising comparison to us. When we think of the name Porsche, the first words that pop into our heads are precise and nimble, which is very much what Porsche is about. The 911 Carrera S is a beautiful car inside and out, very sturdy and, wait for it, precise. When the C7 Corvette is thrown into the picture, it essentially knocks the 911 off its high horse. Aside from the acceleration test, the C7 once again conquers in every category, which is what surprised us. As you can see in the video during the slalom test, the 911 has a lot less body roll than the C7, but manages to understeer slightly, keeping it from gaining speed; however, the skid pad results were almost identical. As far as price goes, especially in this comparison, you can't go wrong with the C7 under any circumstances.

We all know that the Viper had a rough start. Formerly the Dodge Viper, it is now the SRT Viper, and yes, changes in the handling and performance have been made. If you've ever driven an older Viper, you'd probably think it drove like a truck, well, because it did. Now that the Viper is in the hands of SRT, it is a whole different monster. 0-60 for the Viper is achieved in a mere 3.7 seconds. Both the C7 and the Viper leave the line just about the same, but after 40 MPH, it is a horsepower battle. SRT's Viper can achieve 60 MPH in 1st gear alone, leaving the C7 at a deficit because of shifting into second gear. Weighing almost 100 pounds less than the C7, the Viper still shows its weaknesses in the slalom and braking tests. 60-0 comes fast for the C7 at 99 feet, with the Viper coming to a stop 11 feet later. The SRT Viper had a slalom speed of 72 MPH flat, 1.5 slower than the C7. SRT definitely stepped up the Viper's game, so all it comes down to between these two is personal preference. However if you want an all out horsepower monster, the Viper is for you.

Edmunds put out some great material for viewers like us who don't have everyday access to these cars. Watching these videos really puts into perspective how much Chevrolet improved the Corvette. These videos are not to see what car is better of the two in each paring, but to show how similar the Corvette can handle compared to cars in different classes, and at the same time have a little bit of fun with the cars. Thanks to the crew at Edmunds for opening up our eyes and showing us the different types of cars that the C7 Corvette can hang with on a daily basis.

Editor's Note: To see the videos, visit www.CorvetteOnline.com and search for "C7 Challenge." Besides the videos, the full article is available with comparisons to 2014 Porsche Cayman S and the 2014 Nissan GT-R Track Edition.

Storing Your Corvette For Winter www.CaseyChevy.com via Marty Hegyi ('69)

General Washing

Before placing your Corvette in winter storage, be sure to properly wash the exterior in order to remove any environmental fallout from the paint such as bird droppings, tree sap, bugs, etc. Some of this can be acidic and leave permanent marks in your Corvette's clearcoat.

Clean the tires and wheels

This is one area that is often overlooked in terms of the quality of cleaning. The rubber in the tires is prone to oxidative stress due to road grime and ultraviolet rays from the sun. This oxidation can be seen in the form of a dark yellowish dirt that clings to the sidewalls of the tires. Brake dust can accumulate on the wheels and over time, can permanently stain the wheel finish if the wheels are painted and/or clear coated. Make sure that if your wheels are clear coated, you use a wheel cleaner that specifically states that it's safe to use on clear coated wheels. Because most wheels cleaners are caustic and harmful to brake components, be sure to never spray the wheel cleaner directly on the wheel.



Flat Spotting

These days, flat spotting isn't as much of an issue as it was years ago. Due to changes in composition and technology, today's tires are less prone to flat spotting than they were back in the days when '67 big blocks were prowling the streets. Any flat spotting that does occur to today's tire usually disappears within 30 minutes of normal driving time. "We suggest that when people put their cars away for the winter months, they put the cars on stands and remove and bag the tires. If you choose to remove the tires and wheels from the vehicle prior to storage, please see <http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com> for more helpful storage tips. One method that has proven reliable is to over-inflate the tires to the maximum allowed pressure specified on the sidewall of the tires by the tire manufacturer. By over-inflating the tires, you're hindering their pliability and increasing their resistance to flatten. Just make sure to deflate the tires to the recommended normal operating pressure before driving.

Tire Storage Recommendations

The following is a document from Engineering at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. The tips listed are helpful if you are planning on storing your Corvette's tires for long periods of time.

Storing Tires Mounted on Vehicles

It is best to store a vehicle on blocks to remove all weight from the tires. If the vehicle cannot be blocked up from the storage surface, completely unload it so minimum weight will rest on the tires. Keep tires inflated to recommended operating inflation pressure. The surface should be firm, reasonably level, well drained and clean. Do not store on blacktop or oil stabilized surfaces.



Winter Storage *Continued...*

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Avoid Storing Tires:

- Where area is wet, oily, greasy.
- Where subject to extreme temperatures.
- In the same area as an electric motor or other ozone generating sources (if there is a question, check ozone levels to be sure they do not exceed 0.08 ppm).
- On black asphalt or other heat absorbent surfaces.
- Adjacent to highly reflective surfaces (i.e., snow covered ground or sand).
- On piers, ship decks or other open, unprotected areas.

Engine Care

Another common area of misconception is proper engine storage. Some of the confusion comes from the fact that the Corvette has been around 60 [sic] years. During those 60 [sic] years, automotive technology and electronics have experienced enormous growth and change. As a result, different generations of Corvette have different needs when it comes to care, maintenance, and storage.

Battery

Owners of older Corvettes usually unplug and sometimes remove their batteries during winter storage. If you choose to remove the battery, do not place the battery directly on a concrete floor. Concrete has a tendency to discharge a battery which is the exact same thing you're trying to avoid by leaving it connected to the car. Use a piece of wood between the battery and the floor. Because batteries produce hydrogen gas which is flammable, do not store the battery where it will be exposed to open flame, or where it is exposed to children.

Some owners of newer Corvettes feel that battery disconnection and/or removal isn't a good idea given the large amount of onboard circuits in newer Corvettes. They prefer to use a "Battery Tender". The Battery Tender, produced by Halon Marketing, Inc., is a 1.25 amp battery charger capable of fully charging a battery and maintaining the batteries optimal charge. The unit is small, compact and comes with a 5-year warranty from the manufacturer.



David Scott at GM explains it is actually because there are circuits using power when the vehicle is "off". Without a "Battery Tender" the circuits would drain a battery in about 30 days. General Motors does not require / mandate that an owner have a charger going. We have typically recommended disconnecting the battery."

Fluid Levels

Make sure to top off all fluid levels. These include coolant, brake fluid, clutch/transmission fluid and most importantly, oil and fuel. Over time, motor oil can become contaminated by dust, condensation, and even antifreeze and metallic shavings. Some motor oils contain additives which can break down over time and also act as contaminants. As these

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contaminants accumulate in the oil, sludge can form which will gradually adhere to internal engine components, causing your engine to perform less efficiently. Left long enough, this sludge can cause permanent engine damage. Combustion gases can also accumulate in the oil that will gradually lower the pH of your oil making it more acidic. Even if you only put 1,000 miles on your Corvette per year, make sure that you always change your oil and filter before placing it in winter storage.

Fuel Stabilizer

Another important step is to make sure you top off the fuel in the tank and add a fuel stabilizer. Some owners prefer to completely drain the fuel tank and lines, but this may be an open invitation for condensation to build within the fuel system causing premature corrosion.



Mothballs

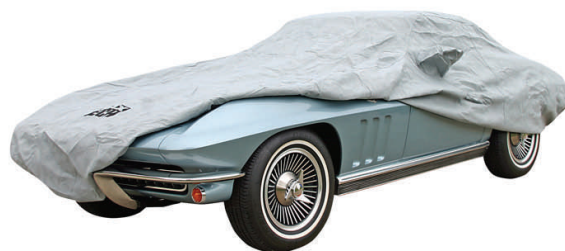
One of the biggest problems with winter automotive storage is rodents. Depending on how secure the facility is that you store your Corvette in, one fact remains.... it's a source of protection from the elements for both your Corvette and those furry little critters. Most owners don't realize it, but certain brands of spark plug wires can become a meal for mice. Some brands (including GM brands) consist of a silicone inner jacket that surrounds the carbon suppression core. The silicone inner jacket is then surrounded by a vegetable oil based insulating outer shell which mice find particularly appetizing. To help prevent them from making a meal out of your Corvette's ignition system, place some mothballs in and around the engine compartment, but remember to remove them before starting up the car!

Exhaust System

Mice and other small rodents like to build nests in very small spaces and your Corvette's exhaust tips and mufflers make a perfect home. Use a couple small face cloths and rubber bands to seal off the exhaust tips on your Corvette. Simply cover the opening of each tail pipe with the towel and wrap a rubber band around it.

Car Cover

"Should I cover my Corvette while it's in storage and if so, what's the best type of cover to use?" This is one of the most commonly asked questions when it's time to store your Corvette. The answer depends upon where the car will be stored. The type of cover you should use, again depends upon where the car will be stored. If it's stored indoors, a simple cotton based cover is sufficient to keep dust off the car. If it's stored outdoors, you should consider using an Evolution-3 type weatherproof cover to protect against the elements. These covers can usually be found through mail order companies.



Editor's Note: *There are many schools of thought on Corvette winter storage. The topics above are mainstream; however, many also start their vehicles periodically to "get the fluids moving." If the weather permits, take your baby for a spin around the block and run the gears a bit. This is a little way to get your "Corvette Fix" in those winter months!*



Performance Cars
 @Faulkner...

- NEW 2014 Arctic White Stingray Z51 2LT Coupe**, Gray int., 7-Spd. Manual.
 (stock #104431).....**\$61,022**
- NEW 2014 Ashen Gray Camaro RS LT Coupe**, Black int., 3.6L V6, 6-Spd. AT,
 (stock #134057).....**\$31,857**
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Bowling Green Plant Named 2013 KAM Manufacturer of the Year

GM's Bowling Green Assembly Plant was named Manufacturer of the Year by the Kentucky Association for Manufacturers (KAM) at the 2013 KAM Manufacturer and Employee of the Year Awards ceremony. This award is presented annually to a manufacturer in the state that showcases exceptional entrepreneurial spirit, community leadership and policy contributions to enhance the overall prosperity of the Commonwealth.

Dave Tatman, Plant Manager, accepted the award last Friday in Louisville, KY.

"We are honored to receive this award from KAM," Tatman stated. "General Motors has had a great partnership with our local community and the state of Kentucky. We are happy to be able to give back to this area that we have called home for over thirty years. "

The Bowling Green Assembly Plant began production of the Chevrolet Corvette in Bowling Green, Ky. in 1981 and has remained the exclusive home for over thirty years. The plant currently employs more than 800 individuals and recently underwent a \$131 million dollar renovation in 2012 and 2013 to prepare for the production of the Stingray. Of that investment, \$52 million alone went to renovations of the Body Shop that allowed for advancements in the design, technology and engineering of the car; including a \$19.1 million pre-treatment system that is an exclusive addition to the Stingray production line.



NCM Mobile App Now Available

Oct 17 | The National Corvette Museum now offers a mobile app for smart phones. The free app can be downloaded via Apple iTunes, Google Play, the FastAppz site or by searching for 'corvette museum.'

Users of the app will be able to easily access our virtual tour with audio tour clips to accompany their visit to the Museum, video clips, recent news/blog postings, general museum information, upcoming events, exhibits, Corvette Cafe menu and more.



Caravan Plant Tour Update

Oct 24 | Bowling Green Assembly Plant has just informed us that the Thursday and Friday tours - August 28th and 29th, 2014 are at the maximum. They will no longer be taking tour reservations for those days. Walk-ins will not be allowed for those days either.

However - they have agreed to increase the tour numbers for Mon, Tues and Wed of that week. If anyone can change your travel plans to be in Bowling Green those days for touring we strongly suggest you go ahead and book.

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As you all know - building the ultimate Corvette is first and foremost on their minds. Second of course is the safety issue for all their touring folks.

If you can't get in on a tour during Caravan, remember that our upcoming November 7-9 Vets 'n Vettes event, and our April Bash event are both great opportunities to visit the plant. We will provide you with a great event and the plant will provide you with a great tour at that time. Bash dates are Thursday, April 24 - Sat. April 26, 2014.



Largest Museum Donation Received

Oct 24 | On May 22, 2013 we lost a dear member of our Corvette family. Don Messner was a kind and successful businessman, a devoted friend, an avid outdoorsman and a man who loved to collect Corvettes. Some of his Corvettes had single digits on the odometer, and all of them were special to Don. After a visit to the Museum where he took delivery of his 60th Anniversary 427, Don decided that when he was gone there was no better place for his collection of

Corvettes to go than to the NCM.

"This is the kind of thing that sustains us," Gary Cockriel said. "We are all about preserving the past, present and future of this car, and Don's gift to us does all three things. He's given us his beautiful Corvettes from the past that others can enjoy in the present and for generations to come."

Don left us a 1965 Gray Custom Race Built Corvette, 1967 Marina Blue 427 Convertible, 1969 Le Mans Blue Convertible, 1989 Dark Red Metallic Coupe, 1990 Bright Red ZR-1, 1996 Collector's Edition, 1996 Grand Sport, 2000 Nassau Blue Convertible, 2008 Jetstream Blue Z06, and his 2013 60th Anniversary 427 Convertible.

"Don was a TRUE Corvette guy," Gary remembers. "You could see the passion in his eyes when he talked about his cars. He had a huge heart and was generous to everyone. His funeral was packed with people and at one point the Pastor asked for a show of hands from everyone who Don had treated to dinner. I believe that every hand went up. This gift to us just goes on to show what kind of a man he was."

For his wife Marlene, she is gratified to see Don's collection going to the Museum to be enjoyed by the thousands who visit annually. "He said he wanted to plant a seed. He wanted others in similar situations with rare Corvettes to see the Museum as a place for them. Most of all, he wanted to inspire future generations to work hard to buy their own Corvettes some day so that they, too, could enjoy the lifestyle that goes with owning them."

A special exhibit of these cars will be held in the Museum Exhibit Hall from May 10-September 12, 2014.

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Help Us Lay Asphalt

Oct 24 | The challenge has been issued! We need your help to complete the paving of the planned East Road Course at the Motorsports Park. This section includes a fun and challenging carousel that is .35 miles in length. To complete it we will need 6,822 tons of asphalt which costs \$100 a ton.

Please help us 'pave the way' to add a carousel! Tons of asphalt are available for sponsorship. Those sponsoring \$15,000 worth (150 tons) will be listed on our donor wall at the Motorsports Park under the "Paving the Way" section. Those sponsoring 250 tons or more (\$25,000) will be listed under the "Major Donor" section of the wall. All donors will receive a certificate acknowledging their donation. Any amount is appreciated.

Find more NCM news online at www.CorvetteMuseum.com or call 1.800.53.VETTE(538.3883)

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2013 NCM Events

Nov 7-9: Vets 'n Vettes

2014 NCM Events (Preliminary)

Apr 14-15: Sebring HPDE

Apr 24-26: NCM Bash

Apr 27-29: MiM Tail of Dragon Tour

May 15-17: ZR-1/C4 Gathering

May 22-25: Barn Raising III

Jun 30-Jul 1: VIR HPDE

Jun 27-28: Corvette 60th Anniversary

Aug 28-30: 20th Anniv./Caravans

Nov 6-8: Vets 'n Vettes

Current NCM Raffles

2013 60th Anniv. ZR1 | 6spd Man, 3ZR, R8C, 1000 tix @ \$300.....11/07

2013 60th Anniv. Cpe | 6spd AT, 4LT, R8C, 3000 tix @ \$5011/14

BYO 2014 Cpe or Conv (or \$55k) | R8C, 1000 tix @ \$200.....11/21

2014 Torch Red Cpe | 6spd AT, 2LT, R8C, Unlim tix @ \$10... 1/30 (2014)



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- AACC Car!! 1969 Convertible** — Bright, shiny red with black interior. 88,965 miles with less than 2,000 miles on rebuilt drivetrain. 350ci/350hp engine and 4 speed manual. Car is totally rebuilt. (Frank, 610-914-0575)
- 1978 25th Anniversary Coupe** — Oyster interior, "larger" engine, stock CB radio. 17,500. miles. NADA value = \$9,900 - \$14,100 range. All reasonable offers entertained. Car is from an estate.
(Ms. Iva Ferris, Paralegal, Harry Newman & Assoc.,PC, 610-867-5005 between 9am-5pm)
- 1979 Coupe** — 350, AT, AC, White w/Oyster interior, Smoked Glass T-Top, new tires, new exhaust, AM-FM cassette, 56k original miles. All original with antique plates. **\$7,000 OBO.** (Kathleen / Bert, 610-797-6568, kaw635@aol.com)
- 1987 Callaway Convertible** — Red exterior/Beige interior/Beige top, manual, twin turbo, Greenwood Aero kit, 14,000 miles. Excellent Cond. **\$30,000.** (Dennis, 610-625-5054)
- 1989 Convertible** — Dark Blue Metallic with Saddle interior and top, AT, power everything, A/C, AM/FM/Cass, chrome wheels, *Only 16k miles*, mint condition! Asking \$16,500. (Mary, 908-546-8779)
- 1993 Coupe** — Arctic White/Torch Red int., LTI 300 HP, 6-spd.manual, power leather sport seats, dual roofs (glass & white), PowerEffects stainless exhaust, ALL ORIGINAL, never in rain, always garaged, always Zymol waxed, original owner, Pristine/Mint Condition, Showroom New! Concours trophies and awards with ONLY 9,000 miles!! **\$15,000.** (Bob Starner, Stroudsburg, PA, 570-629-5880 / 570-421-1000 / 570-242-9280 or drstar@ptd.net)
- 1999 Coupe** — Black exterior/Light Oak interior, 6-spd. manual, chrome Z06 wheels, 58,000 miles. Excellent Cond. **\$16,000.** (Greg, 267-897-5358)
- Holley 750 Carburetor** — Single pump, dual feed, electronic choke, shiny finish, like new, used less than 100 miles on a C2. Asking **\$325.** (Gary, 610-767-3605)
- Original 1985 Wheels** — 16" x 8" complete with lug nuts. Sold as complete set. **\$400 firm.**
(Woody, noonalinda@yahoo.com)
- C5 Accessories** — Trunk Lid Liner with Logo (almost new, **\$50**); Stainless Steel Battery Cover (new, **\$40**).
(Joel, 610-533-2259, Hjideanasso@aol.com)
- 2002 C5 Factory Exhaust** — Previous home owner left in attic. Make offer. (John, jkeenan@aol.com)





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