

# *Vette Gazette*



**NORTH SHORE  
CORVETTE  
CLUB**

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***Goodbye 2020...Hello 2021!***



***Thanks for the memories.***

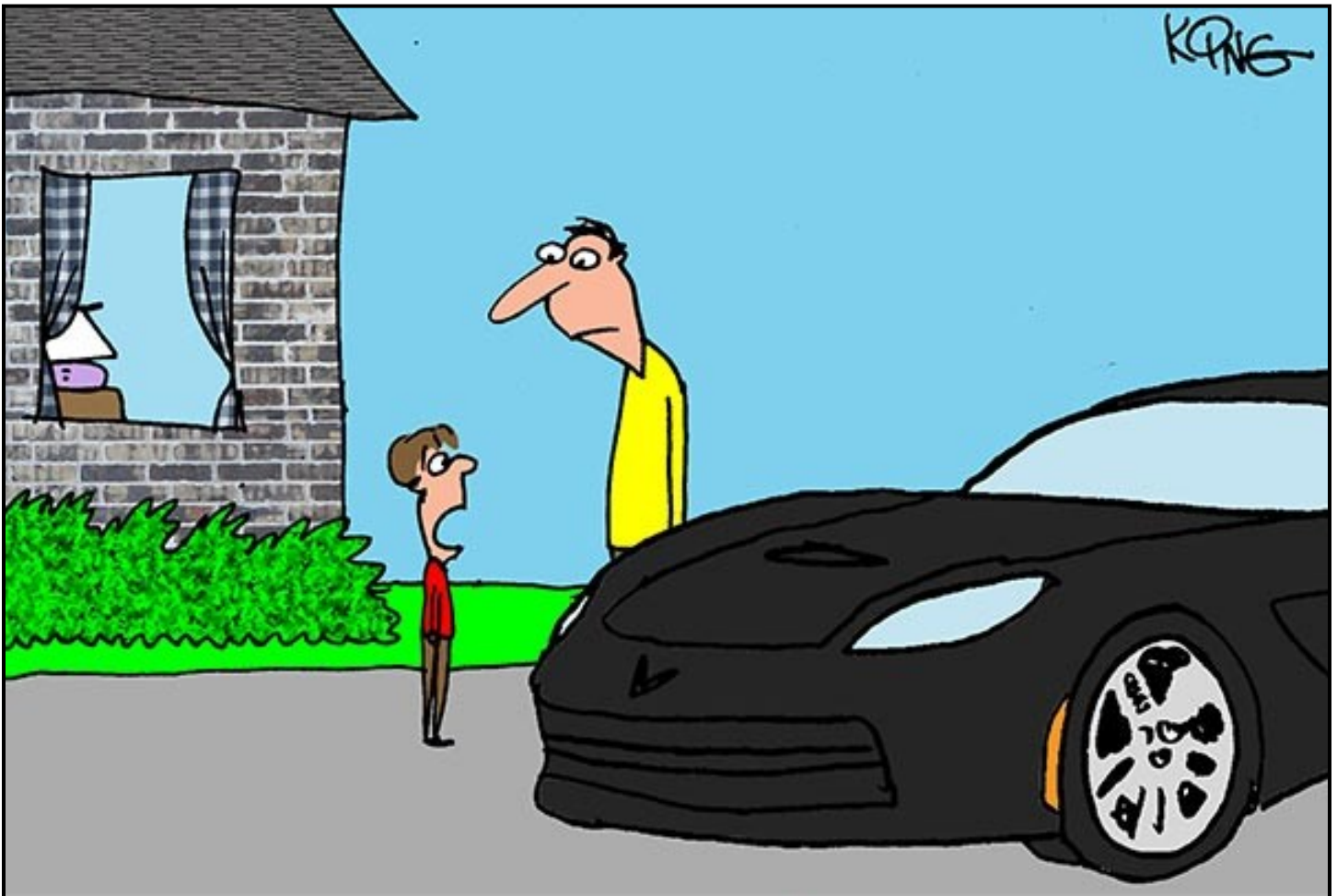
Last year's Annual Membership Banquet seems like a distant memory. The friends, the food, the drinks and the dancing. The empty tables and the prizes await our return.

***There will be better times ahead and we will be back!***

# NSCC Comedy Corner



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“I can’t keep coming out here every 10 minutes to show you how to use the technology in your Corvette, dad. From now on I’ll be charging a fee.”



# The President's Message



Eric Kirchner - President

## January 2021

by Eric Kirchner

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope everyone had a great Christmas/Holiday. I'm sure it was probably different from any other. I pray we all played by the rules and stayed safe.

I closed on my new home three days before Christmas, and had my belongings brought in the next day. Not having ever moved, completely, since I was 13 years old. I had no idea movers charged as much as they do. Ouch. I also never realized how many entities I deal with. They all need to get my change your address. I'm sure I have lots more to contact.

There are now several COVID-19 vaccines available. I myself got my second shot recently. The only side effect was a sore arm at the injection site. And that was short lived. It's my belief that everyone, without a good reason, should get vaccinated. It's the only way this country will get back to anything we can call normal. Whatever the new normal is. I believe the medical folks call it herd immunity. Let's get there. I cannot wait for in person membership meetings, not virtual events. Speaking of events, keep your eyes on the events page of our web site. You never know when an event might go from "to be determined" to a live event.

Our next zoom membership meeting is the 20th of this month. We will be doing the birthday cake again. You will also have a chance to win a mid engine C8 from the National Corvette Museum. \$20 or a new Corvette, not bad.

The Bears season is now OVER. They were lucky to even make the playoffs. The NHL hockey season is starting soon. We can watch the rebuilding Blackhawks, and hope they make the playoffs. There are also the Bulls. Not sure what their chances are.

I hope to see you all @ our next zoom meeting. I would love for a NSCC member to win the NCM Corvette.

*Eric*

# To all Members



Jerry Mulick - Publications and  
NCM Ambassador

## January 2021

by Jerry Mulick

The NSCC Board would like to wish every member a safe and healthy 2021.

We are planning for many activities in 2021. For example, registration has opened up for the NCM Bash in April. For anyone that plans to attend please go to the NCM web site to sign up for the Bash. I have made arrangements for motel rooms for this event. Registration has also opened up for Bloomington Gold in May and it will be held again at Lucas Stadium. A flyer for both events will be available soon so plan on attending both events in 2021.

The charity committee did a fantastic job for several families that our club adopted for the holiday season. The full report is included in this newsletter.

At all of our membership meetings in 2021 we will be giving out two raffle tickets that will be used for a drawing for a 2021 Corvette in the NCM raffle. We will also be doing our normal Birthday drawing for any member present at the meeting and has a birthday during that month. The winner gets a \$10 gift card from Culver's.

The board has a number of things planned once it is safe and allowed for our club to have meetings when we all can get together.

Make sure that you monitor the COVID-19 information for our state since it is changing and make sure if you get the opportunity to get the vaccine shot. Please get it so we all can be safe.

Since the newsletter only comes out once a month, make sure you check our website at [www.northshorecorvetteclub.org](http://www.northshorecorvetteclub.org) to get the latest information which will be updated continuously.

*Jerry*

# *Safety Tip of the Month*



Ken Such - Safety Chairman

**January 2021**

**by Ken Such**

## ***Winter Driving Tips***

Black ice matters when snow and ice melts during the day and freezes again. Start off slow and always test the pavement by slowly applying the brakes to get a feel of the surface condition. Icy conditions generally occur on bridges first. Another possible location for ice is when the roadway has a curve where the pavement is higher on the right side, where water tends to melt across during the day.

Wipers - Ice and windshield solvents can play havoc on wiper blades and the heat during the summer months. Check the wear both front and back.

Windshield washer solution needs to be replaced with winter solution, -25 degrees or better. Be sure to clean off all the windows and outside mirrors. Make sure to remove the snow off the roof – one quick stop and a snowy roof will slide across the windshield and blind your vision. Here is a quick way to remove ice off the windows—use a spray bottle with 2 parts rubbing alcohol (70% isopropyl alcohol) and one part water. Let it set for one minute and then scrap off. One problem with this method is that the solution must be at room temperature to work properly.

Radiator – good time to check the anti-freeze level, -34 degrees or better. Also Make a note when the last time the radiator was flushed.

Lights—Check all headlights and turn signal lights. Salt spray will dim the maximum sight distance, clean often. Good time to check is at the gas station while filling the tank.

Car Washing - nobody likes a salt covered car but be cautious of doors freezing. Open all doors and rear hatch or trunk to dry off rubber seals. There are several Silicone products out there to help you from ripping the rubber seals off the frame.

Tires – Check tire tread and proper air pressure. As temperature drops so does air pressure.

*Ken*



## **CORVETTE TRIVA QUESTIONS**

by Jerry Mulick

1. In what year was the first Corvette Coupe built?
2. In what year was the first eight-cylinder V8 engine an option?
3. In what years was Black not offered as an exterior color?
4. What year was the Corvette 200+ MPH supercar had it's debut with 638 HP?
5. In what years were only coupes produced?
6. When did the Corvette first have Cross Fire Injection?
7. What year was the Corvette built in both St. Louis and Bowling Green?
8. What year did the National Corvette Museum open?
9. What year between 1953 and 2021 was the year no Corvettes were built?
10. The passenger side airbag was added in this year?
11. In what year was the Mid Engine Corvette introduced.
12. In what years did the Grand Sport designation return?

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## ***A MESSAGE FOR OUR CLUB REGARDING COVID-19***

### **The IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) guidelines for Illinois**

At the present time we are in Phase 4 and a Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigation Plan

Here is what this means for us as a club and what we can and can't do at this time.

- \* In-person membership meetings may not be held at this time. We are holding our membership meetings each month virtually on Zoom. *We will be doing this for the January 20th Membership Meeting.*
- \* Following the State of Illinois [Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigation Plan](#), meeting indoors at restaurants and bars is not allowed at this time. Indoor service is not being provided. We expect that this may be changing soon since the vaccine is now out.
- \* We may drive our Corvettes or vehicles to a drive-in restaurant or outdoor theater. We may also drive to attend birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, church, or any other event where we don't have to get out of our vehicle. *We intend to plan several of these activities for our club if possible.*
- \* The Tier 3 Mitigation Plan requires that we have 10 or fewer people at our outdoor events. We must wear face coverings and maintain social distancing at all times.
- \* Outdoor activities are allowed. That means we can hold an outdoor activity if we follow the Phase 4 and Tier 3 guidelines.
- \* Phase 5 will begin when there is a vaccine, or a widely available and highly effective treatment, or with the elimination of any new cases over a sustained period. We will be allowed to have our normal membership meetings.
- \* Visit our [website](#) for the latest information on the current guidelines for Illinois. Maintain social distancing and wear a face covering whenever you are near other people.

***STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY. WE WILL ALL GET THRU THIS SOON!***

# What's Happening

Here's an update of upcoming club activities that have been cancelled or rescheduled. Visit the [Club Events page](#) on our website for an up-to-date list of events and event flyers.

## We're on Zoom

NSCC will hold a virtual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 20th at 7 pm on Zoom. Guests are welcome. On your computer or smart device click on the following link to download Zoom and connect to our meeting:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4436358311>

Passcode: NSCC

If you are using a phone you may listen to the audio by calling [312-626-6799](tel:312-626-6799).

Meeting ID: [443 635 8311](#)

Passcode: [650561](#)

**President Eric Kirchner will give a State of the Club address.**

## COVID-19 Update

With all of Illinois currently in a Phase 4 Guidance and a Tier 3 Mitigation Plan, outdoor gatherings are limited to groups of 10 or fewer people and indoor meetings are not allowed to help control the spread of the coronavirus. For more information regarding the [Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigation Plan](#) [click here](#).

Visit our [website](#) and watch your email for further changes regarding our club's activities.

**There are no updates at this time**



# North Shore Corvette Club Charity Team

## *Charity Team Vision, Mission and Values*

### **Vision:**

To collectively show we care about, volunteer for, and assist where help is needed in our local communities.

### **Mission:**

We of the North Shore Corvette Club Charity Team will work together with our membership body to provide our time and no club funded resources, helping and assisting a variety of local charity organizations who improve the lives of those in need.

### **Values:**

- *Commitment.* We are committed to guiding the membership in caring and rewarding charitable activities.
- *Integrity.* We will carry out all our charity work with responsibility and accountability.
- *Creativity.* We will provide a variety of diverse and fun charitable activities for our member's participation.
- *Service.* It is our honor and privilege to place others before ourselves with our charity activities.



*Gale Egle - Team Leader*



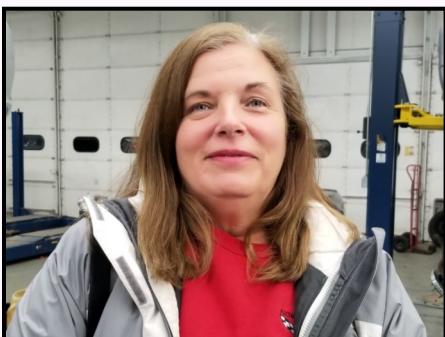
*Deb Monnier*



*Donna McKenzie*



*Jeannie Domerchie*



*Debbie Stein*



*Sue Radder*



*Mark Anderson*

# North Shore Corvette Club Charity Team

## *Membership Report*

Our *Christmas Event of Giving for Three Families* was a great success! As a club, we came through for these families with flying colors. We pulled out all of the stops and gave these families a Christmas they will never forget!

Pastor David Kylo, along with Annette (a member of the Zion Lutheran Church's Charity Committee) and her family, came together on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to pick up all of the items and present them to the three families. The three families included five adults and seven children. We supported these families in a way that was wonderful and surprising to them. They were amazed at the club's generosity!

*Some of the items that we provided the families are:*

A monetary donation totaling \$1,600

A \$200 Visa gift card, a \$50 Walmart gift card and a \$10 Culver's gift card

140 non-perishable food items

Cleaning products

Three frozen turkeys, three frozen hams, 3 foil roasting pans and 3 boxes of foil

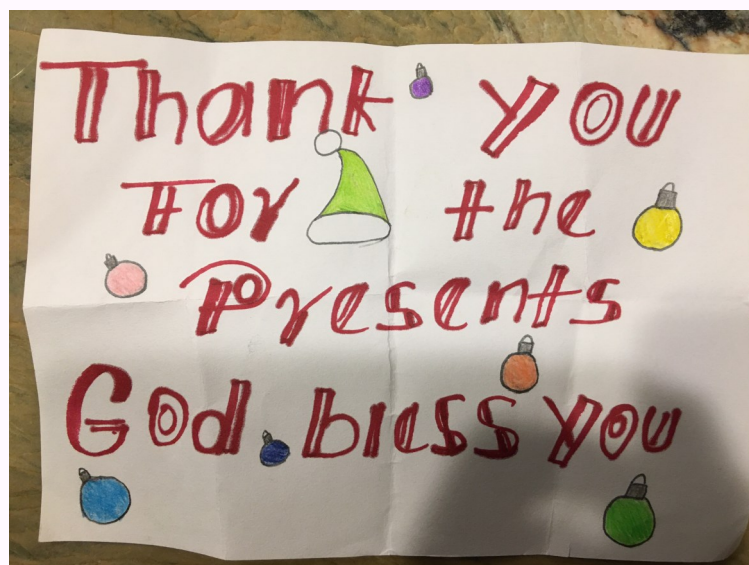
Items for the moms and dads included hand soap, hand sanitizer, lotion, lip gloss, blankets, winter gloves, winter scarves, knit hats, socks, NSCC cloth masks, a tote bag, a bowl set and a plaque.

For the seven children we provided 28 pieces of clothing. We provided coats, hats, gloves, three bicycles, a skateboard, a pair of roller blades and 26 gifts.

Thank you *North Shore Corvette Club* for your kindness and generosity! 2020 was such a hard year and this not only helped the families it helped each and everyone of us also.

Sincerely,

*The Charity Team*



One of the children drew this as a Thank You to our club.





# Where are the event flyers?

**They're right where they've always been...**

## **On our website!**

**Go to the [Club Events page](http://northshorecorvetteclub.org) at [northshorecorvetteclub.org](http://northshorecorvetteclub.org) to see flyers of all our events. Remember, our website has the most up-to-date information.**

**You can even download flyers to your computer.**



# INFORMATION FROM THE NCM



## **National Corvette Museum Announces Leadership Change**

Dr. Sean Preston leaves NCM, Jack Matukas named interim CEO 1/12/2021.

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) Board of Directors announced today that President/CEO Dr. Sean Preston is leaving the organization where he has worked the last 19 months.

“We are grateful to Dr. Preston for the commitment and talent he brought to both the NCM and the NCM Motorsports Park” stated NCM Chairman of the Board Glenn Johnson. “Dr. Preston made a positive impact on our organization and we wish him the very best in his future endeavors and thank him for his contributions.”

Johnson said that former NCM Board of Directors Chairman and Bowling Green retired Real Estate executive Jack Matukas has agreed to serve as Interim CEO of the NCM during the transition. “We thank Jack for his willingness to once again serve the NCM,” said Johnson. The Board will engage a search firm to conduct a national search for a new CEO.

The full history of Dr. Preston is available on the [NCM website](#). The information on Jack Matukas is also available on the NCM website.

The other news is the registration for the 2021 Michelin NCM Bash is now available with a listing of all activities for the four days (April 21-24 2021). Our club will have our first Road Trip of 2021 to the Bash. Driving a new C8 on the track at the NCM Motorsports Park will be available at the Bash. Information is available on our [website](#) for the Bash.

## **NCM Motorsports Park News**

In January of 2020 the NCM exercised their option to purchase an additional 208.32 acres of land adjoining the NCM Motorsports Park giving the Motorsports Park a total of 430 acres. In the future, we can expect a number of projects that are Corvette race related.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

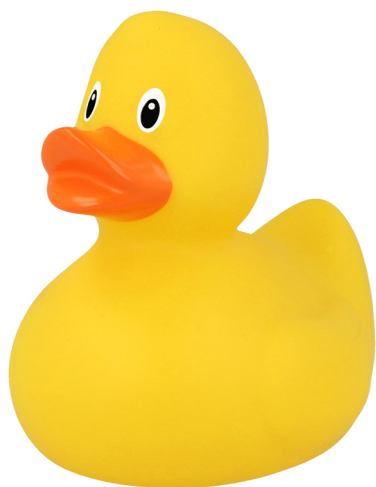
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 Randy Kasprzyk 01/15  
 Diana Anderson 01/15  
 Rich Finstad 01/18  
 Char Steinbach 01/23  
 Nancy Scott 01/23  
 Donna McKenzie 01/24  
 Rick Craig 01/26  
 Ronald Liberty 01/27  
 Linda Barnich 01/27

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 Terry DiSilvio 02/04  
 Susan Pontecore 02/05  
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 Kevin Rickard 02/08  
 Christopher Murschel 02/08  
 John Becvar 02/09  
 Terry Greenwald 02/10  
 Larry Bakirtjy 02/17  
 Ghislaine Wohlgemuth 02/19  
 Thomas Van Zeyl 02/20  
 Glenn Blum 02/21  
 Skip Gallagher 02/24



# Important National Holidays

## January



**Rubber Duckie Day**  
*January 13*



**Dress Up Your Pet Day**  
*January 14*



**Squirrel Appreciation Day**  
*January 21*



**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
*January 18*



**Beer Can Appreciation Day**  
*January 24*

# WELCOME



**NORTH SHORE  
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**NSCC would like to give a warm welcome to  
the following new members:**



**We're sorry!**

**We don't have any new members this month.**

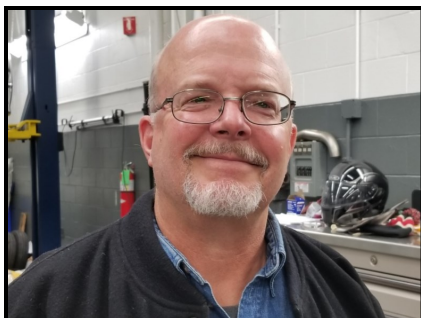
**We're happy you could join us! Enjoy the ride!**



Keep in mind. When a member refers a person to the NSCC and they join the club, the referring member will receive 12 Crossed Flags points.



# 2020-2021 NSCC Board of Directors



Eric Kirchner - President



Tom Arvidson - Vice President



Donna McKenzie - Secretary



Jeannie Domerchie - Treasurer



Frank Punzio - Activities



Jerry Mulick - Publications  
& NCM Ambassador



Debbie Monnier - Membership



Tom Arvidson - Webmaster



Ken Such - Safety



Dave Kylo - Governor



Sue Radder - Member at Large



Julie Jensen – Member at Large



Gale Egle- Member at Large



Walt Hoepfner - Member at Large



# Club Merchandise for Sale



Club patches, pins, window stickers and name tags are for sale to all club members. One of each is included in the cost of a new membership.

The patch measures 3" wide by 2" high. The window sticker measures 3" square and will adhere gently to a glass surface when wet.

Contact our [Membership Chairperson](#) for details or visit the [Club Merchandise](#) webpage on our website at [www.northshorecorvetteclub.org](http://www.northshorecorvetteclub.org).



**HALF PRICE**

**Patch \$2.00**



**HALF PRICE**

**Pin \$1.50**



**HALF PRICE**

**Window Sticker**



**Name Tag \$7.00**



## NORTH SHORE CORVETTE CLUB

### **CORVETTE TRIVA ANSWERS**

by Jerry Mulick

1. 1963
2. 1955
3. 1953, 1955, 1970-1976, 2012
4. 2009 ZR1
5. 1976-1985, 1997
6. 1982
7. 1981
8. 1994
9. 1983
10. 1994
11. 2020
12. 1996, 2010

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***Happy New Year!***

***Please Drive Safely***



***January 2021***