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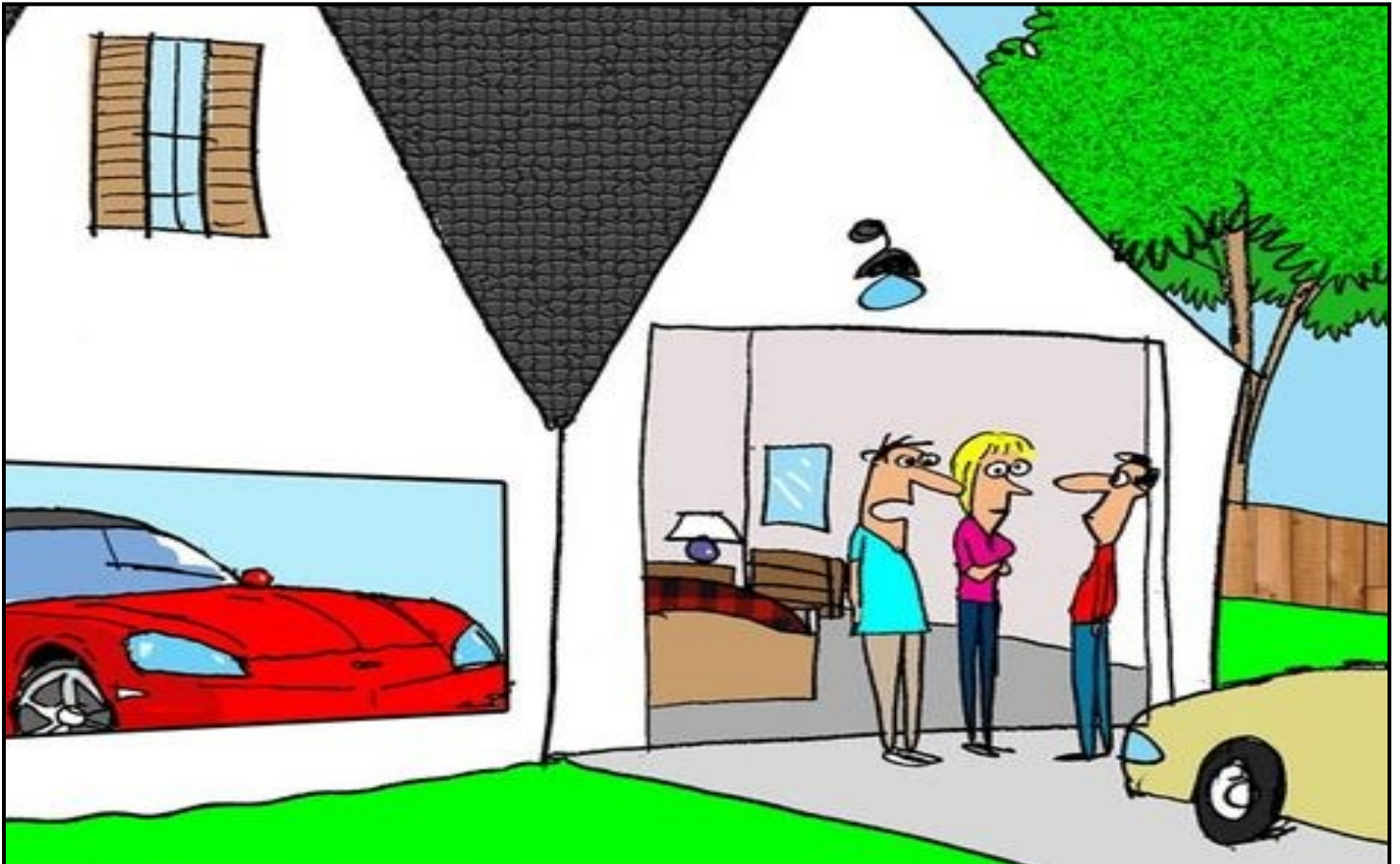
Winter driving continues. Please drive safely.

SPRING IS COMING!

NSCC Comedy Corner

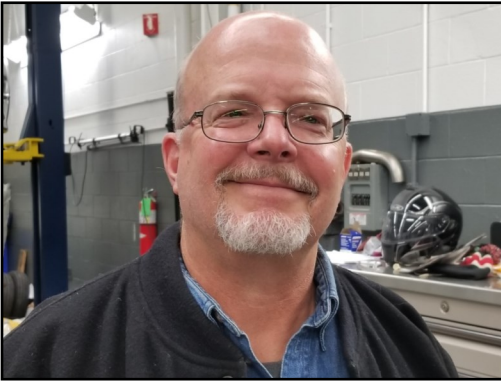


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“Our Corvette is so nice we keep it in the house. And we sleep in the garage.”

The President's Message



Eric Kirchner - President

March 2021

by Eric Kirchner

I can't believe it's March already. After what we suffered in late February, dare I say March is coming in like a lamb. Let's hope it stays that way and doesn't go out like a lion. Speaking of the future, It's never too early to think about the upcoming board elections. While the president's position does have a prerequisite, all other positions are open to everyone. If interested please contact a current board member for information. Our email address is available when you click on their picture on our website. Phone numbers available in the directory.

It's about time to take those sleeping Corvettes out of hibernation. Please be careful when taking your ride out for the first time. There are many sources of information on how to get a vehicle on the road. It's not that hard. At a minimum, check the fluids and tire pressures.

If the opportunity arises, talk to other Corvette drivers you encounter like at gas stations. You never know when you might run across someone who may be interested in joining our club. We can always use additional members.

Unfortunately, I could not attend Barb and Ed's Metal Car Winter Cruise event on Sunday. The ER never closes and I work on Sundays. I hope everybody had a great time and I understand the weather cooperated. Speaking of cruises, keep your eyes on our website for upcoming events.

The March Membership Meeting on the 17th will again be held on Zoom. I am hoping we can get together in-person soon. Everything must line up in just the right order for that to happen. Again, keep your eyes on our website for further updates.

Be safe and get your Corvette out on the road.

Eric

To All Members



Jerry Mulick - Publications and
NCM Ambassador

March 2021

by Jerry Mulick

With February being really brutal for all of us we are looking forward to spring. As we start to see warmer temperatures it means that we will be getting our Corvettes out soon and enjoying driving and doing activities. Since our club held a limited number of activities this year, on March 3rd the board voted that the membership renewal fee for the 2021-2022 fiscal year will be \$25.00 for members that are active on May 31, 2021.

A number of things are happening on the Corvette front. On March 1st, GM raised the price of the 2021 Corvette by \$10,000. The Corvette plant will be closed March 1st through the 5th because of supply issues with transmissions. So far 5,706 Corvettes have been produced for the 2021 model year. GM has committed to be all-electric in the future so we will see what the future holds.

Below are some abbreviated details from Motor Trend about the 2022 Corvette ZO6 and other future C8 variants.

The 2022 Corvette ZO6 will have a naturally aspirated 5.5 liter flat plane crank V-8 just like the 1-2 finishing C8.Rs at the Daytona 24. But instead of only 500 hp the street car will produce between 615 and 625 hp. The ZO6 will also sport (optional) carbon fiber wheels.

The 2023 Corvette ZR1 will mutate the ZO6 into the ZR1 by plumbing two turbochargers into the aforementioned 5.5 –liter flat –plane V-8. Horsepower will be in the 825 to 850 range.

The 2023 Corvette PHEV (possibly called the E-Ray) will be a Corvette C8 hybrid. It is expected to be an AWD plug-in hybrid (PHEV) with two motors on the front axle and possibly a third motor pancaked between the dual-clutch transmission and the engine.

The 2025 Corvette Zora will be a 1000+ horsepower hypercar. The Zora will use the twin-turbo V-8 from the ZR1 and the hybrid system from the hybrid-E-Ray. If you figure on 850 hp from the gas engine and 150 hp from the EV components, it gets you right up to 1,000 hp.

Jerry

Safety Tip of the Month



Ken Such - Safety Chairman

March 2021

by Ken Such

The Winter Melt Down

Spring is just around the corner but remember that the average snow fall in March is 5.6 inches and April about 2 inches. Due to temperature variations, black ice forms often during the late winter so be careful. Below are some more spring safety tips.

- Always take your cell phone with you while working on outdoor activities.
- Clear a path away from your home and garage for water to flow away from the foundation. Also remove snow from window wells.
- Watch for icy patches on walkways. Sprinkle cat litter or sand for traction.
- Make sure your heating ventilation system is clear to the outside. This includes chimneys and fireplaces.
- Check your homeowner's insurance for coverage for water damage to roofs and gutters.
- Check trees in close vicinity to your house and garage for damage.
- On Sunday, March 14 we set our clocks ahead an hour for Daylight Savings Time. This is a great time to check the operation and change the batteries in our smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The batteries should be replaced twice a year.
- On your Corvette, check the registration date on the sticker in the top right corner of your license plate when you bring it out from winter storage.

Ken



CORVETTE TRIVA QUESTIONS

1. The base price of the 1953 Corvette was \$2,774.00 and the base price of the 1954 Corvette was \$3,498.00. *True or False*
2. Production of the LT1 engines for the 2019 Corvette moved from Tonawanda, New York to St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. *True or False*
3. The C8 has coil springs at all four corners. C4 thru C7 had transverse springs front and rear. C2 and C3 had transverse rear leaf springs. *True or False*
4. The 1993 Corvette was the 40th Anniversary and the anniversary package RPO Z25 included a Black Rose Metallic as the anniversary color. *True or False*
5. In 1967 there were twenty-one (21) L88 427cu, 430HP Corvettes produced. *True or False*
6. The optional 36 gallon fuel tank NO3 was offered from 1963 to 1968. *True or False*
7. Cruise control was first offered on the 1978 Corvette. *True or False*
8. The 2018 Corvette was the highest number of Corvettes produced. *True or False*
9. The 1972 Corvette was the last year for the fiber-optic light monitoring system. *True or False*
10. In 2002 the new R8C Corvette was the first Corvette to be offered with a Museum Delivery option. *True or False*
11. A manual 6-speed transmission was available in 1982 as an extra cost option. *True or False*

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A MESSAGE FOR OUR CLUB REGARDING COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines for Illinois

We are currently in the Phase 4 Revitalization Plan and in Phase 1B of the Vaccination Rollout. Here is what this means for us as a club.

- * With most of Illinois in the Phase 4 Revitalization Plan (including all of northern and central Illinois), all gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed. All retail businesses including bars, restaurants, cinema and theatres are open with limited capacity. All non-essential employees may return to work. For more information regarding the [Phase 4 Revitalization Plan CLICK HERE](#).
- * We must continue to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing at all times.
- * Until further notice, all membership meetings will be held at 7:00 pm on Zoom.
- * The final stage is Phase 5 where large gatherings of all sizes can resume and all sectors of the economy will reopen. To enter Phase 5 either a vaccine is developed to prevent additional spread of COVID-19, a treatment option is readily available that ensures health care capacity is no longer a concern, or there are no new cases over a sustained period.
- * Visit our [website](#) for the latest information on the current guidelines for Illinois.
- * We are now visiting the [Claim Company](#) in Vernon Hills in limited groups since they are serving inside and they practice social distancing.

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

What's Happening

Here's an update of upcoming club activities. 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, March 17th at 7:00 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](#)

COVID-19 Update

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[For more information regarding the Phase 4 Revitalization Plan CLICK HERE](#)

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

There are no activities 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



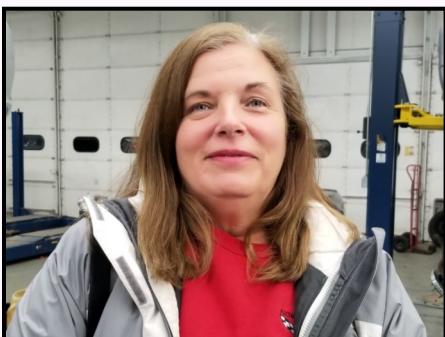
Deb Monnier



Donna McKenzie



Jeannie Domerchie



Debbie Stein



Sue Radder



Mark Anderson



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 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.





METAL CAR WINTER CRUISE

(Corvettes optional)

Sunday, February 28th

AKA Masked Rider Cruise

Event Review

Twenty enthusiastic NSCC members gathered at the Wisconsin Welcome Center on a sunny, bright, lovely morning... at least in our imaginations! The weather took a turn as is common this time of year and we started in gray, foggy conditions BUT it didn't dampen our spirits for adventure. Everyone agreed it was soooo good to be out and about and seeing friends in person again. Members wore their masks and tried to maintain social distance as we met and got ready to ride.



After signing in and having a driver's meeting, the 20 participants in 11 cars broke into a couple of groups and headed out. One group decided to stop for a meal in Palmyra and the other group took the 2 comfort stops and got their food on the way. Some of us stopped at the end at Bong State Recreation Area to say goodbye, hoping it won't be too long before we see each other again.



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METAL CAR WINTER CRUISE

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Although the event was a metal car/Corvettes optional event, Greg & Marie Eckert, Ron & Susan Pontecore, Sue Radder and Daryl & Renee Ullberg brought their Corvettes out for the ride. In the end, Greg remarked that he was glad the week would have days in the 50's so he could get his car washed! I think the sedans, SUV's and trucks on the ride could benefit from a bath as well.



Thank you to everyone who road with us today! We look forward to the Rustic Road Cruise on May 22nd with 105 miles and 25 rustic roads with an optional lunch at Michael's on the Lake. Hope you can join us!

Enjoy!

Ed and Barb Harms

[Click here to see all the pictures of the event](#)





Doug Fehan steps away after 25 years with Corvette Racing

Corvette Racing manager Doug Fehan is stepping away from his position following the team's IMSA Weather Tech Sports Car Championship season.

Fehan started with GM Racing in 1988 and worked on a number of the company's motorsports programs including the Chevrolet Beretta Trans-Am, Chevrolet Intrepid GTP and Oldsmobile's World Sports Car efforts.

He was named program manager of Corvette Racing in 1996. Fehan and the Chevrolet Motorsports team worked for two-plus years on the development of the Corvette C5-R racecar, which served to market the hugely popular C5 production car. The C5-R debuted in January 1999 at the Rolex 24 at Daytona and produced a podium finish in the GT2 class. Subsequently, Fehan worked with the team to develop and race three additional generations of racing Corvettes: the C6.R, C7.R and the mid-engine C8.R which made its competition debut this year.

Each racecar served as development platforms for technology transfer to Corvette production cars, culminating with the C8.R and the 2020 Corvette Stingray.

In 22 seasons, Corvette Racing has won 14 Team championships, and 13 Manufacturers and Drivers titles to go along with 113 race victories. It is also the only team to achieve 100 wins in IMSA. In 238 races the two Corvette Racing teams have finished first and second a remarkable 63 times.

"Doug's contributions to Corvette Racing go far beyond the unparalleled successes on the race track," said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President, Performance and Motorsports. "He developed strong relationships between Corvette Racing and the Corvette Engineering, Design, Powertrain and Marketing teams, and a variety of corporate sponsors along with the various series and sanctioning bodies in which Corvette Racing competed."

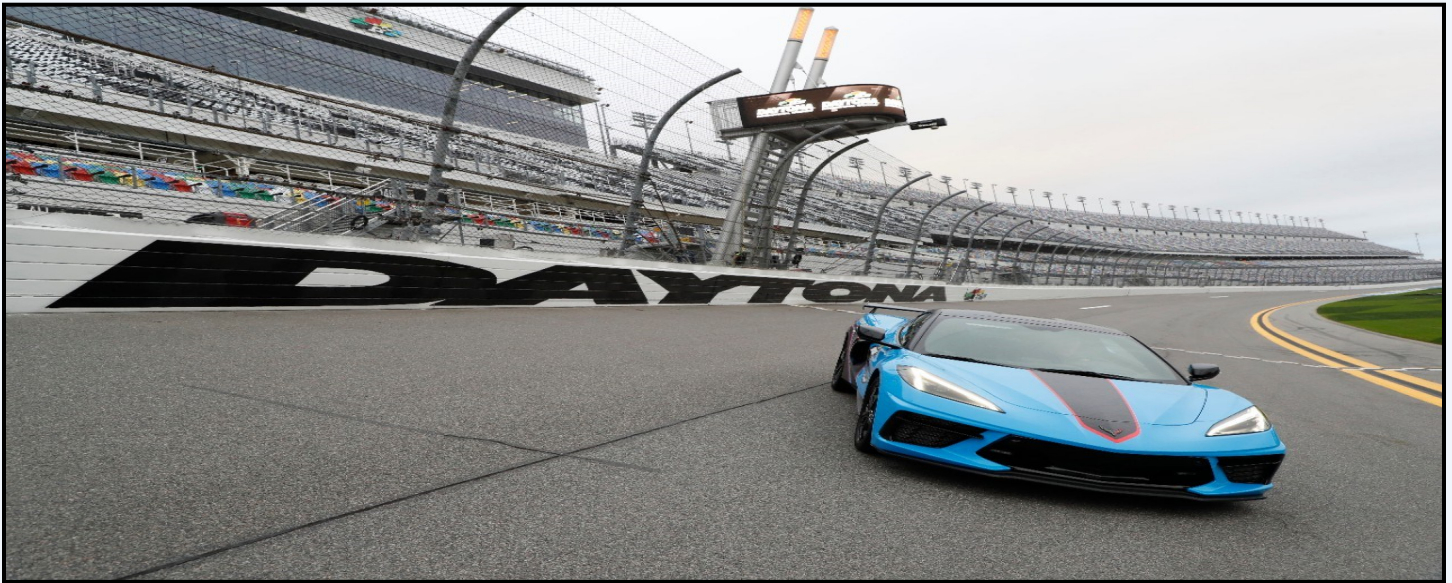
"Doug's passion and enthusiasm created an incredible connection with race fans around the world. Any fan who met Doug will never forget him."

Perhaps fittingly, Fehan's last race as program manager was the 2020 Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring presented by Advance Auto Parts at Sebring International Raceway. Corvette Racing has won 12 times at Sebring—more than at any other track.

Corvettes also have eight wins at Petit Le Mans and three wins at the Rolex 24 at Daytona –including an overall win in 2001 and a 1-2 class finish in 2016. On the world stage Corvette Racing has eight class wins at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Fehan was recognized by the Automobile Club de l'Quest (ACO) with the esteemed "Spirit of Le Mans Award" in 2014 for his contributions in the iconic endurance race.

Fehan was inducted into the prestigious Corvette Museum Hall of Fame in 2020. He leaves with Corvette Racing in great shape. Chevrolet clinched the GTLM Manufacturers Championship at the start of the 12 Hours of Sebring.

"It's not how fast you go, it's how long you go fast." Corvette Racing Motto



Corvette Pace Car at Daytona 500

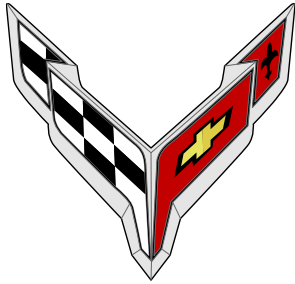
Chevrolet Names Laura Klauser as first Sports Car Racing Manager

Chevrolet has named Laura Wontrop Klauser as its newly created Sports Car Racing Program Manager as the manufacturer continues its shift toward an engineering-based approach throughout its motorsports programs.

Klauser moves into the role which includes engineering and technical oversight of Corvette Racing on behalf of Chevrolet. Already she manages the Cadillac DPi_V.R and Camaro GT4.R programs in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.

The goal is to expand the level of engineering and technical direction for Corvette Racing as it sets a course for its future with the mid-engine Corvette C8.R, along with all the Chevrolet road-racing programs.

Corvette Racing has spent the last 22 years building its championship pedigree with 14 Team titles along with 13 Manufacturers and Drivers championships. Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor are coming off a GT Le Mans title-winning season in which they won five times and drove the C8.R to its victory at Daytona.



2021 Race Schedule



MAR 13 - MAR 14 | SEBRING RACEWAY / SCCA TEST DAY
Sebring, FL



MAR 17 - MAR 20 | MOBIL 1 TWELVE HOURS OF SEBRING
Sebring, FL



MAY 14 - MAY 16 | ACURA SPORTS CAR CHALLENGE AT MID-OHIO
Lexington, OH



JUNE 4 - JUNE 5 | DETROIT GRAND PRIX
Detroit, MI



JUNE 24 - JUNE 27 | SAHLEN'S SIX HOURS OF THE GLEN
Watkins Glen, NY



JULY 2 - JULY 4 | MOBIL 1 SPORTSCAR GRAND PRIX
Bowmanville, Ontario



JULY 16 - JULY 17 | NORTHEAST GRAND PRIX
Lakeville, CT



AUG 6 - AUG 8 | IMSA SPORTSCAR WEEKEND
Elkhart Lake, WI



AUG 20 - AUG 22 | MICHELIN GT CHALLENGE AT VIR
Alton, VA



SEP 10 - SEP 12 | WEATHERTECH RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA
Monterey, CA



SEP 24 - SEP 26 | ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH
Long Beach, CA



OCT 6 - OCT 9 | MOTUL PETIT LE MANS
Braserton, GA

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INFORMATION FROM THE NCM



NCM Connections to the Super Bowl

*Many NCM members did not realize the NCM had a connection to the Super Bowl. The owners of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Ed Glazer and his wife Shari) established the **Glazer Family Delivery Program** at the NCM in 2016 to encourage quality family time at the National Corvette Museum.*

The program offers a number of perks for kids who join their parent(s) or grandparents in the R8C Museum Delivery of their Corvette.

From Ed Glazer, “One of the most memorable events of my childhood was going with my dad to pick up his first Corvette. Now other kids can experience these memories at the incredible National Corvette Museum.”

If you cannot join us at the NCM Michelin Bash in April the museum is again going to offer all the activities as a virtual streaming option. Not only will the seminars be offered for online viewing (including repeat viewing after the seminars end) but for the first time ever the NCM will stream the Corvette Hall of Fame induction ceremony! The virtual streaming will be offered on the Thursday and Friday of the Bash, April 22 and 23. Registration is only \$20 per household.

We still have openings for our first overnight road trip of the year to the NCM so please let me know if you are interested in joining us. I have secured a price of just \$89.00 a night at the Hampton Inn. Please check our website for the flyer and more information.

Jerry Mulick

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Martha White 03/04
 Tom Sherrick 03/04
 James Arquilla 03/06
 Janice Northcott 03/10
 Connie Borucki 03/10
 Mike Decker 03/10
 Debbie Stein 03/11
 Gayle Althardt 03/12
 John Willard 03/14
 Paul Plotnick 03/16
 Martin Reading 03/20
 Andrea Karlinsky 03/21
 Tom Arvidson 03/22
 Jerry Zersen 03/23

Frank Hoffmann 03/23
 Lee Thorson 03/23
 Ed Harms 03/24
 Susan Rabins 03/24
 Steve Heuer 03/27
 Judy Dayton 03/27

Dottie Bakirtjy 04/01
 Eric Norlin 04/02
 Bob Cichowski 04/02
 Patti Lippert 04/02
 Rick Scott 04/06
 Dee Norlin 04/15
 Tom White 04/21
 Todd DeFranco 04/26



Important Dates



March 2021



Daylight Savings Time
March 14



St. Patrick's Day
March 17



Zoom Membership Meeting
March 17



Spring Begins
March 20



Palm Sunday
March 28

WELCOME



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



We're sorry!

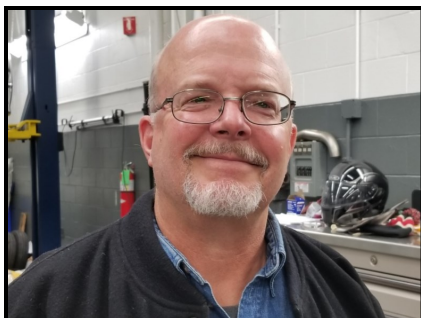
We don't have any new members this month.

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.



HALF PRICE

Patch \$1.00



HALF PRICE

Pin \$1.00



HALF PRICE

Window Sticker



Name Tag \$7.00



NORTH SHORE CORVETTE CLUB

CORVETTE TRIVA ANSWERS

1. *False.* Switch prices for these years. 1953 Corvette price was \$3,498.00.
2. *True.*
3. *True.*
4. *False.* Ruby Red Metallic was the anniversary color.
5. *False.* Only 20 were built.
6. *False.* Option available only on the 1963 to 1967 coupe.
7. *False.* Offered on the 1977 Corvette
8. *False.* Production was the lowest number since 1959 (9686) produced. Highest number was 40,762 in 2007.
9. *False.* 1971 was the last year.
10. *False.* R8C was added in 2001.
11. *False.* A manual transmission was not available in 1982

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I need to get my Corvette out since Spring is almost here.

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