# Vette Gazette



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NSCC club members parade down the streets of Mt. Prospect and show off their beautiful Corvettes in this year's July 4th parade. The parade was not held last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.





"Then we decided to put the engine in the back!"

# The President's Message



Tom Arvidson - President

July 2021 by Tom Arvidson

Greetings members of the North Shore Corvette Club. I'm very happy to be at the helm of the best Corvette Club in Illinois. I guess I cannot say just Illinois. We have members living in Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee and New York State. So, we must be the best Corvette club in the USA.

Even though our focus is on the Corvette, the great American sports car, we have members who solely own Camaros and Cadillacs. Many members own other sports cars along side their Corvettes like GTOs, Chargers and Challengers. We like to have fun, so you are free to bring whatever car floats your boat (but Corvette is still number one).

So, I'm very happy to be at the helm of the greatest Corvette Club in the USA who enjoys the company of those with the automotive passion for whatever car they have.

Let us all look forward to a fabulous 2021-2022 season and enjoy the cars that bring us together and the friends that keep us together.

Happy travels on the road!

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# To All Members



Jerry Mulick - Publications and NCM Ambassador July 2021 by Jerry Mulick

June has proven to be a very busy month for our club and many members. Since the restrictions for events and social gatherings has changed it has allowed our club to have meetings and events in person since we could not do this for almost all of last year. It started off by one member entering her 2001 Corvette in the NCRS Regional Judging Event in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. More details later in this newsletter. Then at our membership meeting on June 16 we had a pizza party at *Blackdog Speed Shop*. Thank you Bill and Jeannie Domerchie for picking up those delicious pizzas for our members. Then on June 18 & 19, several of the NSCC members traveled to Indianapolis for this year's Bloomington Gold Event. This year was special to start judging Camaros for the first time. Resto-Mod Corvettes were also judged for the second year. The turnout was great since many owners could not get judged last year because of Covid.

Also please note that we published the Lou Morabito High Mileage Award winners for the last year. We know many members didn't get their cars out a lot due to Covid but we expect a lot more mileage this year with your Corvettes.

July is going to be very busy and you will notice that we have posted a few pictures that were sent to me for the July Fourth parade. Just as a reminder to all members, when we have any event please take pictures and send them to me so that I can make sure we insert a few in the newsletter and I will get the rest to our website where we have many pictures of all our events. As a reminder, on July 25th we have a Cars and Cigars Car Show and Fundraising event and on July 31st we have our NSCC Family Picnic. Plan on attending both events.

July and August are going to be very busy with a lot of things going on so keep looking at our website to plan your participation in all our club activities.

Jerry

# Safety Tip of the Month



July 2021 by Ken Such

### **Getting Pulled Over**

Ken Such - Safety Chairman

Maybe you were distracted for a second and went over the speed limit or didn't make a complete stop at a stop sign. Now there is those red flashing lights in your review mirror.

Here is a list of some proper things to do:

- Pull over If you cannot quickly pull over activate your hazard lights to signal your intent that you will pull over.
- After stopping Don't rummage around looking for your documents. Don't try to make a quick phone call either. Those movements can be alarming to an approaching officer. Instead turn on your dome light at night, place your hands on the steering wheel at the 10 and 2 o'clock position and wait for instructions.
- Officer Approaches When the officer ask for documents, tell him where you are reaching and move slowly.
- Don't Argue That never goes well. If you get a ticket sign it and save your arguments with the judge
- Driver's Rights- You are required to provide all documents, however, you are not required to answer any questions that the police officer asks you such as "do you know how fast you were going?" or where are you headed?" Refusal to answer questions is not an admission of guilt. Without probable cause, the police do not have the right to search your vehicle unless you consent. Refusal of consent to search is not an admission of guilt. So, what constitutes probable cause for police to search your vehicle? The officer must have observed something that led him(her) to reasonably believe that a crime has been committed. This may include things like the smell of marijuana or alcohol, seeing drugs in the vehicle through the window. Minor traffic violations such as speeding or a broken tail light do not give rise to probably cause.





#### **CORVETTE TRIVA QUESTIONS**

- 1. The fuel tank capacity of the 1967 Corvette coupe was 20 gallons (Option was 36). True or False
- 2. The dry weight of the 2021 Coupe is 3,366 lbs. True or False
- 3. In the 1973 Corvette models, the 4000 serial numbers were never built. The unused VIN numbers were 24001 through 28,000. *True or False*
- 4. Starting in (1963 through 1967) some Corvette bodies were supplied by Dow-Smith in Ionis, Michigan (a division of A.O. Smith Company). *True or False*
- 5. In 1994 only 100 Corvettes were painted Copper Metallic (Color Code 66). *True or False*
- 6. In 1957 the new 4-speed manual transmission was released on April 9, 1957 and sales were 4,282 with this transmission. *True or False*
- 7. The seventh generation Corvette C7 was introduced on January 13, 2013 in Detroit. *True or False*
- 8. The 1954 Corvette was the first to have a windshield washer system installed on all Corvettes built that year. *True or False*
- 9. In 1986 the 4 Corvettes painted Copper Metallic (Color Code 66) were all convertibles. *True or False*
- 10. The 1982 Corvette was the last year the radio package included an 8-track tape option (RPM option UM4). *True or False*

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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 In-Person and on Zoom

NSCC will hold an in-person Membership Meeting on Wednesday, July 21st at 7:00 pm at Blackdog Speed Shop, 600 Barclay Blvd, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Guests are welcome.

The meeting will also be on Zoom. On your computer or smart device click on the following link to download Zoom and connect to our meeting:

Link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4436358311">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4436358311</a>
Passcode: NSCC

If you are using a phone you may listen to the audio by calling 312-626-6799.

Meeting ID: 443 635 8311 Passcode: 650561

### **COVID-19 Update**

The State of Illinois and Chicago have entered *Phase 5* and are fully reopen with nearly all Covid restrictions lifted.

For more information regarding Phase 5 click here

Visit the **Events Page on our website** and watch your email for further changes regarding our club's activities.

Please see our website for all activity updates

#### **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 <u>Club Events page</u> at <u>northshorecorvetteclub.org</u> 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.





### NSCC Picture Directory



Lifetime Member







Jerry Mulick
Birthday 06/30

Felicia Mulick
Birthday 07/31

#### Corvettes Currently Owned

Joined the club in 1987

Year	Model	Color	Interesting Facts	
1967	Convertible	Blue	427 - All Original	
1967	Convertible	Blue	327 - All Original	
1967	Convertible	Red	Virginia Gentleman Race Car 800HP	
1967	Coupe	Blue	427CI 435 HP	
1967	Coupe	Blue	LS Engine	
2008	Coupe Z06	Red		



Christopher Murschel
Birthday 02/08

Katherine Murschel

Birthday 05/26

Joined the club in 2019

Corvettes Currently Owned

Year Model
2004 Convert

Color Lemans Blue

**Interesting Facts** 

Shown above is the NSCC Picture Directory. The directory puts a name to the member's face along with information about the member's cars and year they joined the club. If your picture is missing, or your information is incorrect, please contact the webmaster. (It's safe to open this file).

Click here to view the directory

### **NCRS Award Presentation**





Jeannie Domerchie receives her Top Flight Award from NCRS Judging Chairman Dave Brigham

Jeannie and Bill Domerchie took their 2001 yellow Corvette convertible to a regional meet of the National Corvette Restorer's Society (NCRS) in Cedar Rapids, Iowa held June 10th through the 12th. This meet was held at Hawkeye Downs Speedway, an auto race track (formerly a horse race track). The judging covered five specific areas. Operations, mechanical, interior, exterior and chassis. Cars that are 15 years or older may be judged through the system on originality as well as condition. A team of two judges per category performed a detailed inspection of the car. The Domerchies' received a 96% score based on a 4500 point system and earned a Top Flight-Award.

There were about 40 cars being judged at this meet. Many from out of state including Colorado, Nebraska, Illinois and Kansas. An autocross event, a garage tour of an private collection of cars and memorabilia, an advanced judging school session and tickets to auto racing at the track were offered to attendees. The Amanda Colonies, the National Czech Village and Museum and go karting were nearby for fun and education.

Jerry Mulick, an NCRS judge for over 20 years, accompanied Jeannie and Bill throughout the process and Felicia assisted with tabulation. It was a warm but enjoyable weekend including an observation of the lock and dam on the Mississippi River at Eagle Point Park in Dubuque.

Felicia Mulick

### **Corvette Racing at Watkins Glen**

#### Garcia, Taylor Take Glen Sweep

WATKINS GLEN, NY (July 2, 2021) – Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor won for Corvette Racing in the IMSA WeatherTech 240, their second GT Le Mans (GTLM) victory in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R at Watkins Glen International in five days.

Garcia got the jump on Corvette Racing teammate Tommy Milner – sharing the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette with Nick Tandy– on a traffic-filled restart with 28 minutes remaining in a storm-interrupted race.

Taylor led from pole position before Tandy moved ahead in the No. 4 Corvette about 15 minutes into the race. The gap between the teammates constantly ebbed and flowed with traffic – from slower GTD and LMP3 cars and the quicker DPi and LMP2 runners.





the field under yellow. Two laps later, race officials halted the race due to a lightning strike in the immediate area of Watkins Glen.

The field began rolling again with 50 minutes to go behind the safety car. Another full-course caution period with 36 minutes left forced another reset before the race went green the rest of the way.



Taylor was the first Corvette driver to hit pitlane at 51 minutes running. He came in from second place in class and handed over to Garcia, who left with a full tank of fuel and fresh Michelin tires. Tandy carried on for another two laps before stopping just before the pits closed for the race's full-course caution period.

Milner got in the 4 Corvette and returned to the lead behind the safety car. Heavy rain started to pelt parts of the circuit with



Jordan Taylor (left) and Antonio Garcia

#### **Blackdog Speed Shop Makes IMSA Debut**





**B**lackdog Speed Shop made its IMSA debut as part of a two-race exploratory Michelin Pilot Challenge program.

The longtime SRO America entrant, which has been absent from the grid this year, will field a single McLaren 570S GT4 for Michael Cooper and team owner/driver Tony Gaples at the Watkins Glen and Road America rounds.

The move comes as the Chicago area-based team "explores future opportunities" in Pilot Challenge and other high-level championships into 2022 and beyond.

"Driving in these two races in the Michelin Pilot Challenge is something I'm really looking forward to doing with Blackdog Speed Shop," said Gaples. "Among the team, we've all wondered how we would stack up against the teams and drivers in IMSA, so now we get to find out. "Sharing a car is something we will have to get used to, but I'm excited to have my long-time teammate and good friend Michael with me for these two races. Let's see how things shake out for us."

While new to IMSA competition, Blackdog is one of the most successful teams in SRO America/World Challenge history with five drivers championships, four team titles, four manufacturers championships and 41 wins since 2013.

Gaples has raced under the team banner since 2000 and has the third-most start of any driver in series competition. Cooper is a four-time SRO America champion and won 34 races in three different classes. He claimed the 2020 Pirelli GT4 America Sprint title in a Blackdog-run McLaren with 11 wins on the season.

"You always want to test yourself against the best," said Cooper. "The top GT4 racing in the world is in IMSA and the Michelin Pilot Challenge. "This is something we've wanted to try for a long time, and I'm grateful for the chance to race with Tony and the Blackdog team again. "These are two tracks we know very well so that should help us get up to speed relatively quick. It's too soon to predict how we will match up against our competitors but we'll be giving it our all."

Team manager Ray Sorenson said racing in IMSA had been something Blackdog has "always have had an eye toward. Blackdog Speed Shop made its name in World Challenge GTS and SRO GT4, so we're eager to start this new chapter in the Michelin Pilot Challenge," he said. "Multi-class, multi-driver competition isn't exactly new to us but we have a lot to study and learn before our first race at Watkins Glen. The level of competition in the GS category is very high with a lot of talented teams. I'm personally very excited. It should be a great way to showcase what we at Blackdog Speed Shop are capable of going into 2022."







### IMSA Sportscar Weekend Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin Sunday, August 8, 2021

#### **NSCC Day Trip to IMSA Sportscar Championship Race**

Hosted by Bill and Jeannie Domerchie
(Click here to see the event flyer for details)
(Click here to see the Fan Race Schedule)

#### **IMSA 2021 RACE SCHEDULE**

JULY 16 & 17 NORTHEAST GRAND PRIX Lakeville, CT

AUG 6-8 IMSA SPORTSCAR WEEKEND Elkhart Lake, WI

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

**SEPTEMBER 10-12 WEATERTECH RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA** Monterey, CA

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

**OCTOBER 6-9 MOTUL PETIT LE MANS** Braselton, GA



## Lou Morabito High Mileage Award

### 2020-2021 Contest Results

Name	Year	Miles Driven	Place
Greg & Marie Eckert	2018	18,168	C7/Overall Winner
Ed & Barb Harms	2015	10,228	C7 Second Place
Daryl & Renee Ullberg	2017	9,222	C7 Third Place
Jim & Linda Barnich	2006	5,738	C6 Class Winner
Jim & Linda Kleinschmidt	2013	4,955	C6 Second Place
Jerry & Felica Mulick	2020	3,761	C8 Class Winner
Bob & Darleen Zeier	2016	2,967	C7 Fourth Place
Walter & Ann Hoeppner	2006	2,463	C6 Third Place
Frank & Evelyn Punzio	1999	2,297	C5 Class Winner
Tom Sherrick	1969	2,079	C3 Class Winner
Larry & Debbie Stein	2003	374	C5 Second Place

#### Total miles driven: 62,252

This is an awards program for all club members who own and drive a Corvette. Certificates will be awarded to the winner of each generation of Corvette along with a special award to the member with the highest mileage of the year. You may certify your Vette either by driving your car to a membership meeting or by driving your car to the home of a designated certifier. See the program rules for a list of the designated certifiers.

Click here to see the 2021-2022 Program Rules



#### **NEWS FROM THE NCM**





Each year, USA TODAY holds its 10Best Readers' Choice Awards! A panel of experts and 10Best editors choose twenty nominees for each category and then allow readers to cast votes and narrow it down to the best ten! Last year, the National Corvette Museum won the first-place spot in the 2020 USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest for Best Attraction for Car Lovers. The Museum was nominated again for 2021 and voting is now live on the 10Best website!

Voting for the Best Attraction for Car Lovers category opened on Monday, June 7th at 12:00 p.m. EDT and ends on Monday, July 5th at 11:59 a.m. EDT. Each day there is a limit of one (1) vote per person, per category. This means that over the next four weeks, Museum supporters will be able to vote daily with this link. The National Corvette Museum appreciates the generous support and would love to have your votes again this year!

The 2022 Corvette Stingray visualizer is now live on Chevrolet.com. An all-new IMSA GTLM Championship Edition, three new exterior colors: Hypersonic Gray, Caffeine and Amplify Orange Tintcoat 1, and a new low-profile rear spoiler and the Z51 design front splitter will be offered on non-Z51 models.

Corvette Stingray's LT2 6.2L V-8 engine enters 2022 with an upgraded direct injection fuel system, improved engine calibration, and an enhanced Active Fuel Management range. It remains rated at 490 horsepower or 495 horsepower, with the available performance exhaust system. Driving through an eight-speed dual-clutch transmission, a Z51-equipped model is capable of 0-60 mph in 2.9 seconds.

The mid-engine Corvette Stingray is offered in coupe and convertible models in 1LT, 2LT, and 3LT trims, with the Z51 Performance Package available on all trims. Magnetic Ride Control is available with or without the Z51 Performance Package. Coupes include a removable roof panel that stores in the rear trunk and convertibles include a power-retractable hardtop.

Dual cargo compartments offer a total of 12.6 cubic feet of cargo volume, with a trunk large enough for two sets of golf clubs.

Dealers will begin taking orders July 1, starting at \$62,195, including destination freight charge, for coupe models and \$69,695, including DFC, for the convertible. The MSRP excludes tax, title, license, dealer fees, and optional equipment. Bowling Green Assembly will begin model year 2022 production in late third quarter.

To visit the 2022 visualizer click here.

Jerry Mulick



Richard Stockman	07/04	Kevin Feil	08/03
Esther Rubin	07/06	Brett Bacci	08/03
Jeffrey Wrate	07/09	Tara Blum	08/04
Julia Fiore	07/09	Al Ohm	08/07
Ginny Harlow	07/13	Karen Kulwin	08/07
Steve Ahlgrim	07/13	Mary Kelly	08/08
Deborah Wrate	07/13	Diana Gallagher	08/11
Lynn Vasey	07/13	Marie Eckert	08/17
Forrest Kulwin	07/14	Larry Latko	08/17
Norval Northcott	07/15	John Reese	08/18
Catherine Benton	07/17	Bill Domerchie	08/18
Walter Hoeppner	07/19	James Benton	08/20
Sherrie Zersen	07/20	Joe Aiello	08/21
Darlene Zeier	07/25	Larry Stein	08/30
Felicia Mulick	07/31		





# Important Dates July 2021





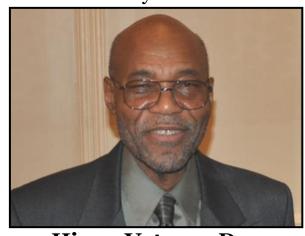
**Pet Photo Day** July 11th



**Cow Appreciation Day** July 13th



National Ice Cream Day July 18th



**Hire a Veteran Day** July 25th





Membership Meeting In-Person at Blackdog and on Zoom July 21st



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

Tim & Sue Campbell Inverness, IL 2020 White Convertible

Vincent and Laura Colbert Barrington, IL 2019 Torch Red Stingray 1987 Copper Convertible

Doug and Jennifer Goldberg Lake Zurich, IL 2021 Z51 Shadow Grey Coupe

Doug and Jennifer Roth Glencoe, IL 1967 Marina Blue Convertible

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.

### **2021-2022 NSCC Board of Directors**



Tom Arvidson - President



Dave Kyllo - 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



Eric Kirchner - Governor



Gale Egle- Member at Large



Walt Hoeppner - Member at Large



Bill Domerchie - Member at Large



Mark Anderson - Member at Large



#### **CORVETTE TRIVA ANSWERS**

- 1. TRUE
- 2. TRUE
- 3. TRUE
- 4. **FALSE** Only Corvette bodies from 1964-1967, not 1963
- 5. **FALSE** 116 were painted
- 6. **FALSE** Only 664 were sold
- 7. TRUE
- 8. TRUE
- 9. **FALSE** All were coupes
- 10. **TRUE** Last of the 8-track

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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 <u>Membership Chairperson</u> for details or visit the <u>Club Merchandise</u> webpage on our website at <u>www.northshorecorvetteclub.org</u>.



Patch \$1.00



Pin \$1.00



**Window Sticker** 



**Name Tag \$7.00** 

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Club president Tom Arvidson, seated in his white 1989 Corvette convertible, leads the way in the staging lane of this year's Mt. Prospect 4th of July parade.

Click here to see all the pictures of the event

**July 2021**