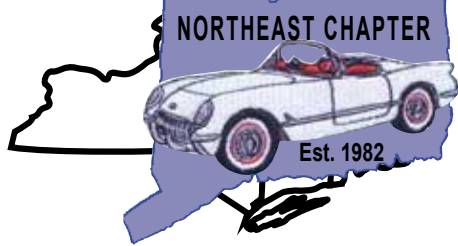


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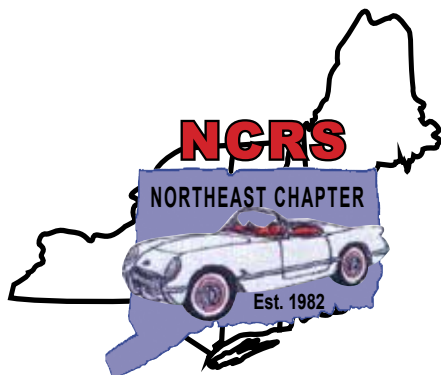


**Mike McHale receives plaque from the  
members of the Northeast Chapter.**

*story and pictures on page 11*



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## **2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Upcoming Chapter, Regional, and National Events**

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>June 10</b>     | <b>Long Island Judging School</b>  |
| <b>June 11</b>     | <b>Long Island Meet<br/>Deluxe Car Storage<br/>1401 4th Ave, New Hyde Park, NY</b> |
| <b>June 21-24</b>  | <b>Barrett Jackson - Mohegan Sun</b>   |
| <b>July 9</b>      | <b>Club Corvette of CT - Corvette Show</b>   |
| <b>Aug 25 - 27</b> | <b>Corvettes at Carlisle</b>   |
| <b>Sept 16</b>     | <b>Fall Meet (rain date, 17)</b>   |

*If you are planning to attend Carlisle this August. The Northeast Chapter has two spaces (J125 and J126). All members are welcomed to sit and relax at our spots.*

# *Thoughts: From the Chairman*



I was sorry to see that Mike Lombardi had to resign as judging chairman, he is more than qualified. Angelo Milazzo has offered to step in to fulfill the position until next year.

There are plenty of cruise nights coming up, hope many will bring out their corvettes. The Barrett Jackson auction is at the end of June, unfortunately it is the same weekend as Bloomington.

The judging school that we had on March 20th , hosted by GT MOTORCARS, was very informative and well attended. J.R Amantea and Jay Tansey removed and reinstalled the rear leaf spring on a 69 L-88. And pointed on some of the pitfalls to look for in performing this operation.

We had a technical session on May 6th about various oils and fuel additives. Ron Gadutti got Mike McHale who presented a very informative talk with handouts. Approximately 40 members and quest were in attendance. The session went beyond the allocated time limit due to the amount of questions.

GT MOTORCARS is moving to a new location just up the street on North Plains Industrial Road, and has offered to host the Fall Judging Meet. Additional information will follow.

Hope to see more out corvettes on the road this summer.

Bob Amantea

Northeast Chapter Chairman

## *Treasurer's Report - 3/30/17*

*Opening balance 2017 was \$2,371.75 Year to date revenue of \$1,830.06  
Less disbursements of \$1,777.25 Leaves a gain of \$52.81 for the 3 months  
ended 3/30/17 This added to opening balance of \$2,371.75 Leaves a cash  
balance of \$2,424.56*

*Rich Ferraro, Treasurer*



# Vice Chairman's *Report*



Well Spring has sprung, however, the weather has not exactly been favorable for driving around in our Corvettes. Many rainy weekends have put a damper on our plans for any outdoor activities.

The one positive thing is the NCRS Chapter Judging events are in full swing mode. We, at the Northeast Chapter, had our first judging event of the season on April 22nd at Street Rod Steve's garage and it rained almost the entire time. Regardless of the bad weather,

There were five Spectacular cars presented for judging and a beautiful 1957 Bowtie Candidate on display. We had several members from surrounding Chapters help out with the judging. Again, I encourage our members to attend these social events. Your "Help" is always needed with judging the cars, Tabulation of the Judging sheets or setting up for Breakfast and Lunch.

On May 13 the New England Chapter held its annual Spring Judging Event at Paul Masse Chevrolet in Rhode Island. They had approximately 11 Corvettes registered for Judging. Our Chapter members that attended the event included Mike Lombardi, Rob Rohloff, Wayne Perrault and Myself. A good time was had by all.

On Saturday, May 20 the Adirondack Chapter held its Spring Judging Event in Cohoes, NY. There was an eclectic mix of four cars registered for the event. A Tuxedo Black 1957, Tasco Turquoise 1960, Nassau Blue 1965 and a British Green 1968. Our members that attended the event included myself, Wayne Perrault and Rob Rohloff.

On Sunday, the Central New Jersey Chapter, held its Spring Judging meet in Woodbridge, New Jersey. They had 12 Corvettes registered for the event and the weather cooperated nicely. I was the only Northeast member that attended the event but there were several New England Chapter members that made the 4 hour trip to help with Judging.

The next local Chapter Judging event is June 11 and is hosted by the Metro Long Island Chapter. Always a nicely attended event with several high quality Corvettes on display. Put this on your Calender as a reminder and register online.

After that is the Bloomington Gold Corvette event held in Indianapolis from June 22 to 24. This is a “Do Not” miss event for the Corvette Enthusiast with hundreds of restored and unrestored Corvettes on display and for sale and all your favorite Corvette parts and accessory vendors trying to persuade you to part with your cash. There are several activities for both you and the Family to enjoy including tours, autocross and driving your Corvette on the Indy 500 oval. Go to [www.bloomingtongold.com](http://www.bloomingtongold.com) for more information.

From July 9 thru July 14 the NCRS National Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas. I know, I know what you are all thinking, “The heat will be unbearable !!” You are correct but the entire event will be held indoors at the Convention Center. This is the 50 year Anniversary of the 1967 Corvette and the Texas Chapter hopes to have at least a hundred 1967 Corvettes registered for Judging or displayed. This should be a memorable event and I hope to see several Northeast Chapter members in San Antonio.

Happy Motoring,

J Tansey  
Vice Chairman



# ***Northeast Chapter Spring Meet - April 22, 2017***

2017 NEC Wallingford, CT April 22, 2017

|                     |                    |                      |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1954 Top Flight     | RON & LORRIE JONES | SANDY HOOK, CT       |
| 1967 Top Flight     | JOE VERILLO        | STILLWATER, NY       |
| 1967 Top Flight     | JOE VERILLO        | STILLWATER, NY       |
| 1967 Top Flight     | JIM SABIA          | WAPPINGER FALLS, NY  |
| 1971 Top Flight     | BILL SCHOENBERG    | YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY |
| 1957 4 STAR DISPLAY | BILL CONRAD        | WRENTHAM, MA         |

## **NCRS Members at the Spring Meet**

|               |                |                 |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| BOB AMANTEA   | ED JOHNSON     | BILL SCHOENBERG |
| BOB BOUTOT    | RON JONES      | GREG SCOTELLARO |
| ANDY CABRAL   | FRANK KEHR     | JOHN SLOAN      |
| BOB CONNOLLY  | MIKE LOMBARDI  | DAVE SMITH      |
| BILL CONRAD   | BOB MARKOWSKI  | JAY TANSEY      |
| JERRY CRIBBS  | ANGELO MILAZZO | BILL TAYLOR     |
| JOE CZYZEWSKI | DREW PAPSUN    | JOE VERRILO     |
| BOB DICKSON   | ROB ROHLOFF    | JOHN WHALEY     |
| RICH FERRARO  | BOB ROSENBLATT | PETE WILKINSON  |
| RON GODUTI    | JIM SABIA      | GARY ZAWACKI    |
| JOHN JABOUR   | FRED SARBELLO  |                 |

## **2017 NEC JUDGES**

|                  |                  |                |                     |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| BOB AMANTEA      | MERIDEN, CT      | EDWARD JOHNSON | BRIDGEWATER, MA     |
| BILL BACHLECHNER | TRUMBULL, CT     | FRANK KIEHR    | WADING RIVER, NY    |
| BOB BERLONI      | EAST HAMPTON, CT | MIKE LOMBARDI  | WATERTOWN, CT       |
| BOB BOUTOT       | WOLCOTT, CT      | ANGELO MILAZZO | GREENWICH, CT       |
| ANDY CABRAL      | WAKEFIELD, MA    | DREW PAPSUN    | NORWALK, CT         |
| BOB CONNOLLY     | NORWELL MA       | ROB ROHLOFF    | PROSPECT,CT         |
| BILL CONRAD      | WRENTHAM, MA     | BOB ROSENBLATT | SHARON, MA          |
| JERRY CRIBBS     | CHESHIRE, CT     | JIM SABIA      | WAPPINGER FALL, NY  |
| JOSEPH CZYZEWSKI | MARLBOROUGH, CT  | FRED SARBELLO  | RIDGEFIELD, CT      |
| BOB DICKSON      | PLANTSVILLE, CT  | DAVE SMITH     | SOUTHINGTON, CT     |
| RICH FERRARO     | KILLINGWORTH, CT | JAY TANSEY     | SOUTHBURY,CT        |
| RON GODUTI       | NORTH HAVEN, CT  | PETE WILKONSON | PLEASANT VALLEY. NY |
| JOHN JABOUR      | SAYVILLE, NY     |                |                     |



# *Pictures - From our Spring Judging Meet -*

*April 22, 2017*

Photos by Drew Papsun





# *Pictures - From our Spring Judging Meet - April 22, 2017*

Photos by Drew Papsun





# *Pictures - From our Spring Judging Meet - April 22, 2017*

Photos by Drew Papsun





# *Pictures - From our Oil Technical Seminar -*

*May 6, 2017*

*Photos by Drew Papsun*



On Saturday May 6th Mike McHale from G.H. Berlin Lubricants of East Hartford was nice enough to meet with members of the N.E. Chapter of the NCRS and a few nonmembers to discuss oils and proper level of zinc.



Mike had a couple of informative handouts. Mike discussed certain applications of zinc in oils for those of us that drive our cars hard, normal, and for some of us that have a car that we do not drive at all.

Mike field Q & A's throughout the seminar and our chapter provided him with a nice plaque thanking him for his time and effort.



The technical seminar was supposed to last 90 minutes, but because of high interest level it went just over 2 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron Goduti

# *From the Desk of our Membership Chairman*

Happy Spring! I hope everyone has been dry as it has been a very rainy spring, not fun for those of us who have been eager to get their cars out. Since we last left off in the last newsletter, we have been flat out with shows, selling cars, moving to new location and getting ready for the summer show season.



*GT MOTORCARS : J.R. Amantea & Ryan Hall with 1968 SunRay DX L88 Racer and 1968 NART LeMans L88. Pinehurst Concours*

Right after our last newsletter came out, we were on the road a week later to Daytona International Speedway to the Ferrari Nationals with one of our Ferraris and 3 customer cars. It was quite the event, especially putting our car on the track for hot laps and for judging for one of our awards on track. After returning from here it was prep time for the Pinehurst Concours event in Pinehurst, NC. We worked for the three weeks straight finishing up a

complete chassis restoration on the #4 NART LeMans L88 Racer that we recently sold; as if this wasn't enough fun, we had a warped head rear its head (no pun intended) on the #2 SunRay DX L88 Sebring Racer. We worked through morning, noon and night 7 days a week up until we left with these two cars and our Ferrari SuperAmerica to trailer down to Pinehurst, NC. As we rolled out onto the field, the rain had started, even during some of the judging, but as the show went on, the sun came out. What a reception for both Corvettes, especially in the racecar class we were in, people couldn't believe that these were the actual cars, especially the LeMans car; the best part was one of the judges remembered the LeMans car at the track as it was his first LeMans he attended and later raced at.



*2 of our 66' Corvettes at MECUM.*

Unpack and Repack, load up two cars in our trailer to drop off at Mecum Indy and two days later we were on the road again to Auctions America in Auburn, IN to attend the Spring Auction. We came here for some Factory Ferrari Racecars, it wasn't as fruitful





*J.R. with 68' Benchmark L89 he was selling at Mecum*

cars, a 57' Fuelie, 66' small block air roadster, 66' Big Block Survivor and a 68' L89 Benchmark Survivor. We went with 4 cars and came home with the same 4 cars. It was not a successful auction; our cars ran too late in the day and it's more proof to the point myself and many other colleagues have been talking about for the last few years; there are just too many car auctions. I could probably do an entire briefing on the car market and car auctions after being entrenched in it for so long.



*360 Ferrari Challenge Car purchased at Auctions America in Auburn.*



*Maris & J.R. with Roger Penske's new SuperAmerica they purchased last year at Pinehurst Concours.*

As we are a few days away from June, we are getting ready for the Greenwich Concours; this is always a great event, it has grown to really be a large concours over the last 5 years. We have the NART LeMans L88 going there and a 57 Jaguar for the Sunday show. I mentioned earlier that we are moving; we aren't moving far, about 1 mile up the road from our current location to a new 12k square foot facility. In between all of this we are getting a full load of cars ready for Bloomington and Barrett Jackson. We have an action-packed summer, all the way through August. Stay Tuned.

Happy Motoring,  
J.R. Amantea

# **CLUB CORVETTE OF CONNECTICUT, INC.**

## **25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CORVETTE SHOW & SWAP MEET**



**SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017**

**Moroso Performance Products, Guilford, CT**

**Exit 59 (Goose Lane) off I-95**

Rain date: Sunday July 16, 2017

[www.clubcorvettect.com](http://www.clubcorvettect.com) (for rain information)

**2017 Club Corvette's adopted charity is Connecticut Food Bank**

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| REGISTRATION       | \$25.00 |
| *PRE-REGISTRATION  | \$20.00 |
| GENERAL ADMISSION  | \$ 5.00 |
| CHILDREN UNDER 12  | FREE    |
| VENDOR SWAP SPOT   | \$25.00 |
| CORVETTES FOR SALE | \$20.00 |

**REGISTRATION & CLEANUP**  
8:30-12:00 NOON

**JUDGING begins at 12 NOON**  
Over \$4000.00 in TROPHIES & PRIZES

**7 BEST OF SHOW CLASS (driven cars)**

**C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C7**

**BEST OF SUPERSTREET --- BEST OF STREET**

**BEST CLUB PARTICIPATION --- BEST-OF-THE-BEST IN SHOW**

**MOROSO PERFORMANCE AWARD**

**2017 Celebrity Judge – Gil Simmons, WTNH Channel 8 Meteorologist**

**\*PRE-REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CLUB CORVETTE OF CT**  
**MAIL TO: MICHAEL D'AVINO**  
**21 ESTERLY FARMS ROAD**  
**MADISON, CT 06443**

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**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**  
**(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)**

ENTRY# \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ COUPE / ROADSTER / HARDTOP Z-06 / ZR-1 / CALLAWAY / MODIFIED COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form to: Michael D'Avino, 21 Esterly Farms Road, Madison, CT 06443 by July 1<sup>st</sup>

***FINAL CLASSIFICATION TO BE DETERMINED AT SHOW***

**STREET CLASS – Stock (under 5 pts\*), Closed hood, exterior only (do not open doors): No 2016-17 permitted**

|                |                |                |                     |                |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 53-62 Roadster | 63-67 Coupe    | 63-67 Roadster | 68-82 Coupe         | 68-75 Roadster |
| 84-90 Coupe    | 91-96 Coupe    | 86-96 Roadster | 97-04 Coupe/Hardtop | 98-04 Roadster |
| 05-13 Coupe    | 05-13 Roadster | 14-15 Coupe    | 14-15 Roadster      |                |

**SUPERSTREET CLASS - Stock (under 5 pts\*), Closed hood, exterior, interior & trunk: No 2017 permitted**

|                |                |                |                     |                |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 53-62 Roadster | 63-67 Coupe    | 63-67 Roadster | 68-82 Coupe         | 68-75 Roadster |
| 84-90 Coupe    | 91-96 Coupe    | 86-96 Roadster | 97-04 Coupe/Hardtop | 98-04 Roadster |
| 05-13 Coupe    | 05-13 Roadster | 14-16 Coupe    | 14-16 Roadster      |                |

**SHOW CLASS - Stock (under 5 pts\*), Open hood, exterior, interior, trunk, engine & undercarriage:**

|                 |                      |                |                     |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 53-62 Roadster  | 63-67 Coupe          | 63-67 Roadster | 68-82 Coupe         | 68-75 Roadster       |
| 84-90 Coupe     | 91-96 Coupe          | 86-96 Roadster | 97-04 Coupe/Hardtop | 98-04 Roadster       |
| 05-13 Coupe     | 05-13 Roadster       | 14-17 Coupe    | 14-17 Roadster      | Callaway (all years) |
| 53-82 Modified* | 84-present Modified* |                |                     |                      |

\*Corvettes will be classified in the Modified class based upon the number of changes that deviate from factory options. A Corvette receiving 5 or more points will automatically be classified in the Modified classes.

**Points are awarded as follows:**

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Major body panel changes (i.e. flares, custom lights, etc.) | 5 points |
| Custom paint  | 3 points |
| Ground effect packages                                      | 3 points |
| Modified hood (i.e. large scoop)                            | 3 points |
| Engine modification (i.e. supercharger, turbocharger, etc.) | 2 points |
| Spoilers (non-factory)                                      | 1 point  |
| Aftermarket wheels  | 1 point  |
| Interior changes  | 1 point  |
| Side pipes (non-factory)                                    | 1 point  |
| Engine chrome or carbon fiber                               | 1 point  |
| Aftermarket air induction package                           | 1 point  |

**Changes that will not be counted are as follows:**

Same generation factory wheels  
Customs exhaust (same exit location)  
Blacked out or chromed trim  
Grills on tail lights  
Tinted windows  
License plate frames  
Aftermarket tail light lenses

**The following are used to judge your car (Points will be awarded for cleanliness and condition):**

**SHOW CLASS**

1. EXTERIOR BODY
2. EXTERIOR PAINT
3. GLASS, WEATHER STRIPPING & TRIM
4. EXTERIOR CHROME, TRIM & BUMPERS
5. TIRES, WHEELS, WELLS & HUBCAPS
6. CARPET (trunk area and behind seats)
7. UPHOLSTERY
8. INTERIOR
9. ENGINE COMPARTMENT
10. UNDERCARRIAGE

**SUPERSTREET CLASS**

1. EXTERIOR BODY
2. EXTERIOR PAINT
3. GLASS
4. WEATHER STRIPPING & TRIM
5. EXTERIOR CHROME & BUMPERS
6. TIRES & WHEELWELLS
7. WHEELS & HUBCAPS
8. INTERIOR
9. CARPET
10. UPHOLSTERY

**STREET CLASS**

1. EXTERIOR BODY
2. EXTERIOR PAINT
3. GLASS
4. WEATHER STRIPPING & TRI
5. EXTERIOR CHROME
6. BUMPERS
7. TIRES
8. WHEELS & HUBCAPS

# Grand Sport Corvette to Pace Indy 500 For 14th Time

Posted By Dave Cruikshank On May 5, 2017 @ 11:23 am In Car Features



Looks like Corvette is leading the pack, again.

The Corvette Grand Sport is the official pace car for the 2017 Indianapolis 500 and will take drivers to the green flag on May 28 for the 101st episode of the legendary race. It marks the 14th time a Corvette has served as the official pace car, starting in 1978, and the 28th time a Chevrolet has led the field, dating back to 1948. No other make has paced the pack more than Corvette. According to GM Media, “Chevrolet is proud to once again pace the Indianapolis 500,” said Steve Majoros, marketing director for Cars and Crossovers. “The Corvette Grand Sport’s performance capability and motorsports heritage make it the perfect choice to pace the Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”



## The 2017 Corvette Grand Sport pace car features:

- 460-hp (343 kW) LT1 direct-injected V-8 engine with dry-sump oiling and active exhaust
- Eight-speed paddle-shift automatic transmission
- Equipped with the available carbon-fiber ground effects package
- Specific Grand Sport wheel design: 19 x 10-inch (front) and 20 x 12-inch (rear)
- Standard magnetic ride control, specific stabilizer bars and unique springs
- Standard electronic limited-slip differential
- Includes the available Z07 package, with carbon ceramic-matrix brake rotors and 285/30ZR19 (front) and 335/25ZR20 (rear) high-performance tires



- Brembo Carbon Ceramic brake system with 15.5-inch (394 mm) rotors with six-piston calipers in front and 15.3-inch (380 mm) rotors with four-piston calipers in rear
- Unique Indy 500 graphics package.
- The Grand Sport pace car equipped with the Z07 package can accelerate from 0-60 mph in 3.6 seconds, cover the quarter mile in 11.8 seconds and achieve 1.2 g cornering capability.



Chevrolet has a long history with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Chevrolet was born in 1911, the year of the inaugural 500-mile race, and cofounder Louis Chevrolet, along with brothers Arthur and Gaston, raced in early Indy 500 events. Arthur Chevrolet competed in the 1911 race and Gaston Chevrolet won in 1920.

“Chevrolet and Indianapolis are inextricably linked, sharing one of the longest racing heritages in all of motorsports,” said J. Douglas Boles, president of Indianapolis Motor Speedway. “We are proud of the longstanding relationship between Chevrolet and the Speedway and we love having the Corvette Grand Sport lead the 500 field to the green flag.”



Chevrolet is pursuing its sixth consecutive IndyCar manufacturer championship this year, building on a successful 2016 season that saw 14 wins out of 16 races.

FAST FACT: The first Chevrolet Indianapolis 500 pace car was a 1948 Fleetmaster Six convertible.

Kudos to Chevrolet and the people that make the Corvette the winning enterprise that it is today.

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“Diamond in the Rough”

**Stonewall Resort – Roanoke, West Virginia**

*Close to Nature. Far from Ordinary.*



August 27, 28, 29, 2017 (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday night) Depart for the NCM Wednesday morning or you can head home. Special room prices at the Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel in Bowling Green, KY for all Museum in Motion participants.

It's R&R before the National Corvette Museum's Labor Day Celebration.

Hike over 16 miles of variable lengths and terrains in the beautiful woodlands. Experience the incredible views and observe wildlife and plant species indigenous to the lake environment.

- Kayak, Canoe or Paddleboat on the Stonewall Jackson Lake.
- Play Golf on the Palmer Signature Course.
- Massages and Body treatments in Mt. Laurel Spa, The Jacuzzi, Sauna and Stream Room will push the stress right out of your minds.
- Relax around or swim in the Indoor/Outdoor pool.

Complementary “fun in the sun” boat cruise on Little Sorrel each afternoon. Enjoy Drinks in TJ Muskies offering craft beer, a nice wine selection and legendary mixed beverages. Relax around the fire pit located outside TJ Muskies every night with a wood burning fire and great conversation.

Side Trips: Lambert's Winery Tour, Scenic Corvette Cruise, Fright Night at the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum, Fishing Trip and more!



**Registration opening Fall of 2016...space is limited.**

## New England Corvette Caravan Kick off Weekend and Host Hotel

**Wyndham, Gettysburg, PA – August 22 to August 25, 2019**



- Enjoy Corvettes at Carlisle
- Lancaster County Amish Trip
- Harley Davidson York plant Tour
- Candlelight ghost Walk in Gettysburg
- A Night at the Movies
- Adams County Winery tour
- Saturday Night Kick off Banquet

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## **Sheraton Roanoke Hotel and Conference Center – Roanoke, VA – Sunday August 25, 2019**



- Beer and Wine Tasting – Shula's 347
- Dinner Buffet – Banquet Hall





**AUGUST 28-31, 2019**

2019 CORVETTE CARAVAN  
NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM  
**25th**  
ANNIVERSARY

**All Roads Lead to Bowling Green, KY**

Every five years the National Corvette Museum welcomes caravans of Corvettes from all over the country to celebrate the anniversary of the Museum. Join a caravan in your area and make plans to participate in this event of a lifetime, commencing for a celebration at the Gateway to All Things Corvette!

[www.corvettecaravan.com](http://www.corvettecaravan.com)

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While the event seems like it's a ways off, an event of this magnitude takes lots of early planning, so don't wait, connect with your Caravan and join in the adventure today! With this event, half the fun is getting there.





## GM Corvette Plant News

At the Michelin NCM Bash, GM Corvette Plant Manager Kai Spande made the official announcement that public tours of the plant would not be available for approximately 18 months. The last day for public tours is currently Friday, June 16, 2017.

Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter further elaborated on the lack of availability, citing the time needed to tie the new paint shop into the assembly line, and eventually design a new tour route.

While Buyers' Tours and Engine Build options are not available for the 2018 model year Corvettes, R8C Museum Delivery is still available, sans the plant tour portion of the package which can be fulfilled once the tours reopen.

Kai and Tadge also announced that the plant will be shut down August-October. For those wanting 2018 Corvettes by the end of July the deadline to order is June 12. Corvettes ordered after that date will be built once the plant re-opens in November.

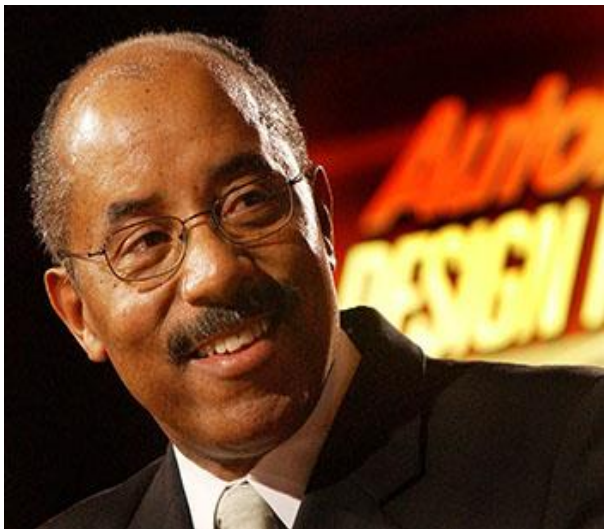


## 2018 Corvette Specs Announced

General Motors has released the 2018 Corvette specs, product information and ordering guide - and while neither a rumored ZR1 or "Zora" mid-engine were listed in the materials, we were excited to see the 'Carbon 65' special edition, marking the marque's milestone anniversary.

The new Ceramic Matrix Gray offered on the Carbon 65 replaces Sterling Blue for exterior colors for 2018. While the new options do not present drastic changes to the car, they are carefully cultivated offerings which allow buyers to truly build their dream car.

You can check out the complete details on our website



## Ed Welburn to be Inducted in Automotive Hall of Fame

Ed Welburn, former Vice President of General Motors Global Design, has been named a 2017 inductee into the Automotive Hall of Fame. When appointed to his position in 2003, he became the first African American to lead a major automotive design house and only the sixth person to lead GM Design in the company's 100-year history. He managed 1600 creative designers and sculptors who staff GM's 11 Global Design studios. Welburn retired last July after 44 years with General Motors.

The Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, MI has been celebrating outstanding automotive achievement since 1939. There are four distinct awards. Induction into the Automotive Hall of Fame is reserved for those who have made a significant impact on the automobile. This is the single greatest honor in the automotive business. Inductee contributions are chronicled among the great men and women who have had a positive influence on the industry.

### What's in the Works for Members

As you already know, NCM members now receive GM Supplier discounts on the purchase of new GM vehicles and if you haven't taken advantage, you still have plenty of time as this program is active through December 31, 2017. Simply contact Stephanie [stephanie@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:stephanie@corvettemuseum.org) or Becky [becky@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:becky@corvettemuseum.org) to obtain your authorization code.

In addition to this great benefit, we are working on a few other perks for members and although we aren't able to release all the details and promote just yet, we want to give you a heads up so you will be on the lookout over the next month or two.

**Carfax** - we have signed an agreement with Carfax to offer NCM members a discount on reports as well as introduce some new features they have available.

**Member Section** - Our IT team has been hard at work fine tuning a new member's only section of our website. This area will allow you to view your personal information, donations, registrations, member-specific information and links and you will even be able to reprint your membership card if needed and see when your renewal date is (if applicable) and when you joined.

Don't forget you also receive discounts on hotels and car rentals through [www.alumnibenefits.org/corvette](http://www.alumnibenefits.org/corvette). These include: Car Rentals - Alamo, Budget, National, Avis and Hertz. Hotels - Hotel Bargain, Wyndham, and Choice properties.

Lifetime members also receive additional benefits of reciprocal programs including the North American Reciprocal Museums (NARM) [www.narmassociation.org](http://www.narmassociation.org) and also the Automotive Museum Group (AMG)

### Trial membership program

Beginning with the 2018 model year Corvettes, the Trial membership program will move from a membership to a subscription to America's Sports Car magazine for one year.

The card that is included with each new Corvette will look very similar, but please be sure to share with your clubs that the program has changed.

# LIME ROCK PARK

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April 28, 1957, Lime Rock's very first races

It was a special day when Lime Rock Park held its very first races. More than 6,000 fans travelled the winding, tree-lined country roads of Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts to bear witness. And have a great time...

It was April 28, 1957...

Now here we are, April 28, 2017, 60 years later.

As we continue to recognize and celebrate our six decades of tradition, beauty and speed this year, do you think we were going to pass up the opportunity to do something a little bit special for you on this day?

Of course not...

***If you turn 60 in 2017 – just like Lime Rock – we'll give you a weekend ticket to your choice of any of this year's events.***

Yes, choose from [Pirelli World Challenge](#), Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28; IMSA WeatherTech [Northeast Grand Prix](#), July 21-21; and [Historic Festival 35](#) presented by the Prestige Family of Fine Cars, Labor Day weekend, September 1-4.

And if your **birthday is April 28, 1957**, you not only earn that ticket, but we'll also give you a pass for the race-day Mohegan Sun VIP Fan Hospitality experience.

We're making it easy to redeem: Photograph or scan proof of your birthday and email it to Lime Rock's ticket manager, then we'll mail you the ticket(s).

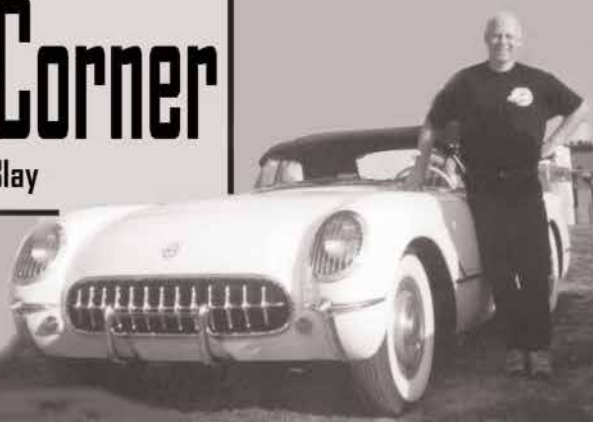
Easy as pie. Or birthday cake.

**So send your proof of age and a mailing address to [meagan@limerock.com](mailto:meagan@limerock.com), and we'll reward you for 60 years of brilliance!**

Note: We are not able to give you your birthday present at the gate during the event. You must contact Lime Rock Park ahead of time, as described above, to redeem. Thank you... and Happy Birthday!

# The Six Cylinder Corner

by Alan Blay



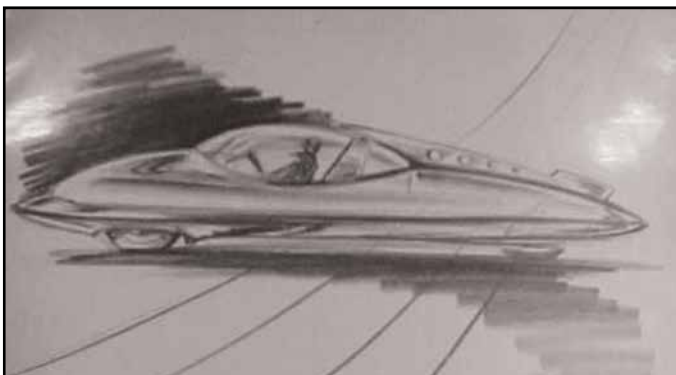
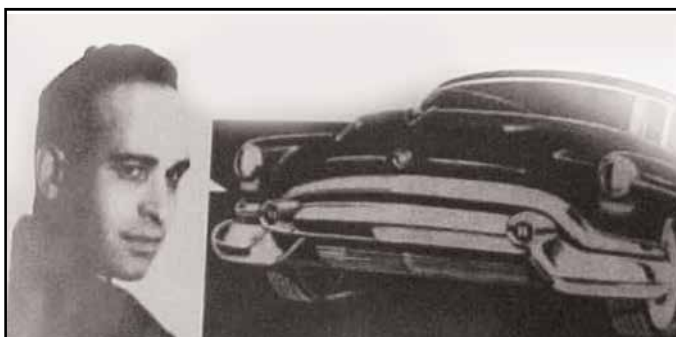
## THE APPRENTICE

Last issue I proved that Karl Ludvigsen, noted author of several Corvette books, was correct when he mentioned that Briggs Cunningham purchased a new 1953 Corvette for his wife. I found the photos and the story first published in 1954. Now I want to prove another cliché about the fact that Harley Earl wanted a sports car built by General Motors for college students. After the 1938 Buick Y Job, he built the 1951 Buick LeSabre. Its styling and promotion lead to the creation of the Corvette, which, like the LeSabre and Y Job, were one of 46 Motorama styling vehicles designed by Harley Earl. I wrote about all of them in this column some 10 years ago.

Many Corvette enthusiasts talk about this as if Harley Earl hired a staff of designers to help him draw each vehicle. In gesture this is great conversation, but it is not as it happened. I have known one of Harley's team members, but did not know the full story until recently. It goes something like this.

In 1949 General Motors expanded its hiring of artists and stylists to assist Mr Earl in the postwar vehicle development. Since new vehicles were in short supply right after the Second World War, no effort was needed to sell vehicles. Any new car commanded over list price, as this was more than 10 years before the window sticker (Monroney Act) was developed (another article I wrote about in this column several years ago). When demand was satisfied by 1949, auto manufacturers decided on exceptional styling and engineering to bring the next crowd into new car showrooms.

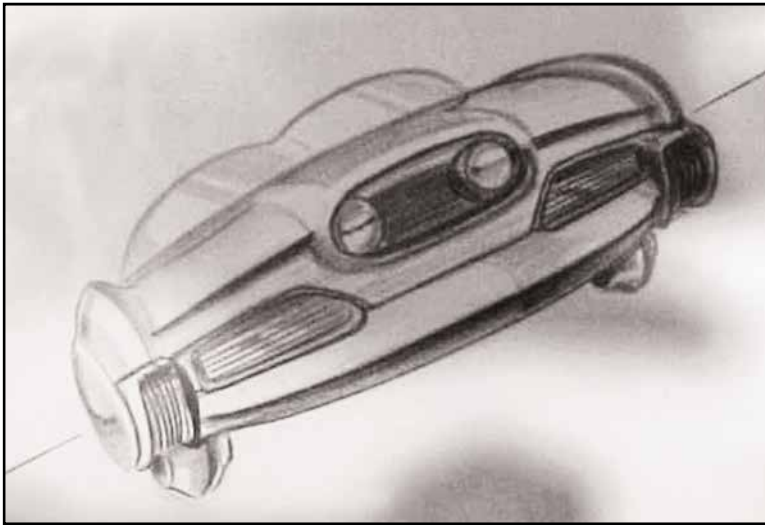
Harley Earl wanted an endless stream of sketches so he could pick what he wanted. Then clay models would be



made, and the vehicle parts would be drawn and tooled up for production. One of his sketchers he hired was Herbert Roy Jaffe of the Bronx, NY. At 22 years of age, Roy was a college graduate who had made his own automobile models since he was 13 in 1940. He still has them. They were sent to T. E DuCharme in the Styling Section and an interview was set up in March. He was hired to work in Detroit with Art Ross in May 1949, right out of college. Salary was \$325 per month, with \$10 additional for a cost of living allowance. I have copies of both letters.

Roy, as he likes to be called, worked with Homer LaGasse, John Foster, Richard Teague, and Robert Scheelk. All they did was do sketches of autos. Roy did noses, some half dozen a day. They were done in Prisma Color Pen on French mitientes paper. It has a knapp finish to hold the color. He worked with 3 or 4 clay modelers using 2 or 3 clay bucks. The important thing is each part was drawn as an art form first, before dimensions were assigned. He reported to Art Ross. Harley Earl

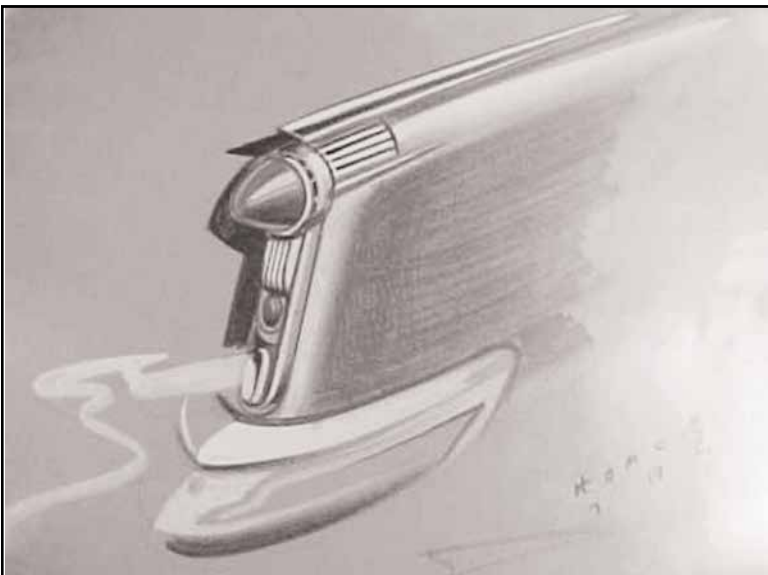
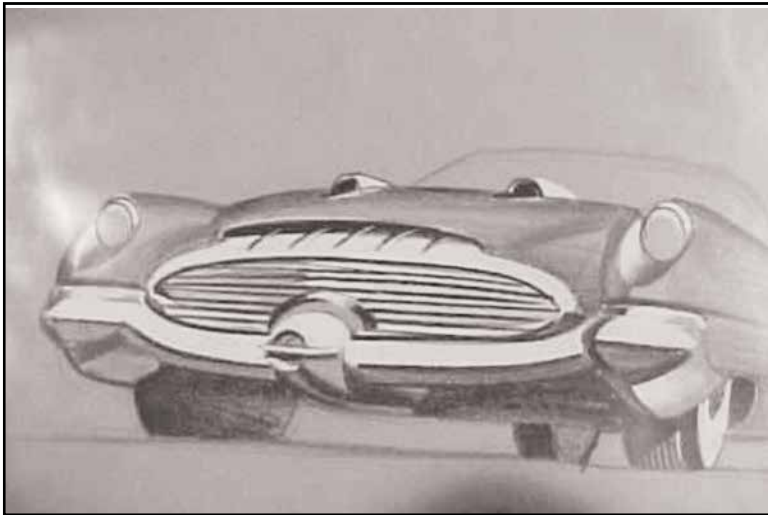




would inspect the drawings at night, and tell the supervisors what he liked. Roy's nose design was chosen by Mr Earl to be used on the 1953 Oldsmobile Fiesta. Art Ross informed him of the news.

Roy left GM in 1953 and worked on many designs for many different companies in the New York City area. Many were automotive parts such as the Remote Control Mirror, and one was toy cars for the Ideal Toy Company. But one assignment was the beginning of Corvette development.

In 1950, after working at GM for about a year, Roy purchased a leftover 1949 MGTC from Inskip Motors in New York City. Roy had befriended Inskip since he was a child, as they sold many special European Performance Cars such as Mercedes and Jaguar. After purchasing the MG, Roy drove it to Detroit. It was in the parking lot every day, a young recent college graduate driving a sports car. He even did some Prisma color sketches of it for Art Ross to inspect, and Mr Earl saw them.



In 1951 Roy was part of the team that brought the Buick Lesabre to Watkins Glen for the Grand Prix. The LeSabre was shipped and two carloads of people and supplies headed to the races. The race went thru the town in 1951 before a track was built. Hence his influence with the MGTC and the Watkins Glen Grand Prix and displaying the LeSabre did contribute to development of the Corvette Motorama car. One of the sketches Roy has is the driver side quarter panel of the LeSabre. When he left GM in 1953 he took

many of the sketches, which would have been thrown out if not claimed.

Today at age 83, Roy has an 8 car collection including a 1963 Buick Apollo. He designs swimming pools for in ground installation. He also knows the building codes necessary for compliance, and as a Licensed Professional Engineer, can sign off on drawings. The GM employment does add prestige to his career, and he will be doing some Library Seminars on automotive design this year.

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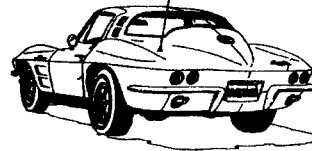
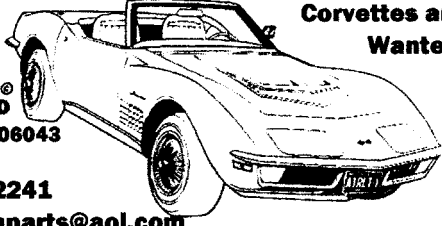
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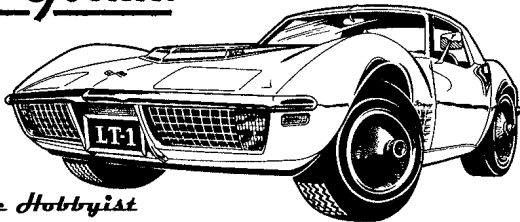


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