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Corvettes at Carlisle

By Rich Anderson w/additional pics from John Palmgren

For those that made the trek Saturday, whether by caravan (thanks Laurie) or on your own, it was a mixed weather event. One of those days when it rained whenever one wanted to be outside.....and let's face it, Carlisle is mostly outside. As always it appeared that the combined production of the St. Louis and Bowling Green plants were parked in and around the town, with their main industry being exhaust system upgrades (meaning louder).

Despite the rain there was an excellent turnout and the vendors were more than happy to have so many intent browsers under their tents during the more intense downpours. I guess the thousands of vettes in the rain puts to rest the myth that they melt if exposed to wet weather. There was also an excellent display of some of the racing greats (the vettes that is).



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Since Patty “ZR1” Williams (or at least her car) is a contender for the most frequent cover pic for the newsletter, I had to move her to page 2 for this month’s edition. As with most events, she (her car???) stuck out at Carlisle. She’s had that grin on her face since the night No. 34 was delivered. You’d think the smile muscles would have gotten tired by now.

Now I assumed when I went to find her at the ZR1 Registry that she would have current ZR1 company. Not so! As this pic shows she took front and center as the only 2009 ZR1 anywhere near the ZR1 tent. Now I did spy a few elsewhere on the grounds, but if it hadn’t been for NVCC’s very own ZR1 Williams you’d have assumed the ZR1 Registry was limited to C4 models.

Least I be accused of being biased (which of course I am very much so when it comes to this car), send me a pic of you and your vette in a nice setting and it might just end up filling some white space in the next newsletter. If it is interesting enough it might even push ZR1 Williams back to page 4 or 5.

Please welcome our prospective members:

Rich Giannascoli, 2006 Blue Coupe
Will Trevillian, 2004 Grey Z06
Guy Hahs, 1995/2003 T-Top/Coupe, Silver/Red
Craig Roberts, 1959/1965 Convertible, Black/Silver
Gary Martin, 2009 Z06, Silver
Ron Hillenbrand, 2007, Coupe, Monterey Red
Michael Griffith, 1999, Coupe, White
Gary Walton, 2006, Convertible, Monterey Red
Chris Kerr, 2001, Coupe, Black
Richard Muhr, 1990, ZR1, Red
Frank Valdez, 2010, Grand Sport, Cyber Gray

Please congratulate our newest members:

Rich Olivo, 2002 Coupe, Blue
Teddy Bowen, 2005 Coupe, Black

**Membership
Corner**

**We currently have
139 Active Members
1 Honorary Member
11 Prospective Members**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

September 2009



As the year rushes on, it's already time for my September installment of the newsletter. It continues to amaze me how fast the calendar is flashing by. Even so, there are still many more events to take part in over the upcoming weeks.

Last month, I ended my article so I could head off to New Jersey Motorsports Park for the first time, to give Andrej a hand as he resumed his SCCA racing endeavors on the challenging Thunderbolt course. Well, that was an experience worth mentioning here. The trip up on Friday was no problem. We arrived at the track Friday afternoon and set up in the paddock. The weather was a bit ominous though, as a pesky hurricane was making its way north along the Atlantic coast. First let me say that we don't go for any of that giant motorhome stuff. We camp out at the track. So Friday night about 3:30, a BIG thunderstorm lit up over top of the track and hammered away at us until daybreak. Two inches of rain translated into a lot of wet camping gear and it flooded over the track in one spot up to 24 inches deep. Even so, they were able to get the track open and cars were out for practice and qualifying for most of the day. As we were waiting for Saturday afternoon qualifying for the Corvette, the main rain, along with more thunder and lightning showed up. As we sat under our canopy watching the deluge, we were smug in our site selection as we had the one patch of high ground in our part of the paddock. And it rained. Yet we were still smug, enjoying our dry spot under the canopy, as we watched the water flowing down the paddock roadways. And it continued to thunder & lightning and rain – HARD. When we looked down and realized that the water rushing under our chairs was two inches deep and rising, we knew that Mother Nature was going to win and track time was over for the day. All told, the storm dropped some 4 inches of rain on us in about 90 minutes. That evening, we drove over to Avalon Beach to watch remnants of the storm moving up the coast, and away from NJMP. Sunday proved to be much drier, and much more successful. Andrej qualified 6th out of 19 cars during the morning session and ran just as well in the afternoon race, finishing 6th overall and FIRST in CLASS, to earn his first checkered flag and a brief stint on the winner's podium! It was very cool!

Two weeks later, Labor Day weekend, NVCC was at Summit Point to show our cars as part of an SCCA race weekend, coupled with a charity fundraiser to support a special reading program in the Jefferson County Schools. A dozen folks joined me on Saturday in the NVCC paddock at Turn 8 as we sat and watched the racing action. At lunchtime, several NVCC members paid extra to take their cars on track for parade laps and contributed to support a very worthy cause.

The one thing I didn't want to have to write about this month is cancellation of our annual Spooktacular event. Hard as we tried, we couldn't get enough registrations. This is a big disappointment, as this would have been its 16th year, and because the event has traditionally been profitable for the club. I hope very much that we can get the event back on track next year.

If you weren't already aware, our annual Teen Driving School will be held Sunday November 8 in Fairfax. There is no better cause than to be able to bring safe driving techniques, methods, and philosophy to a new generation of drivers. We have many ways that you can help NVCC put on this event. If you have a son, daughter, niece, nephew, etc that is just beginning to drive, I strongly encourage you to have them enroll in this course. Check the club website for more details.

Don't forget that NVCC has many events listed on the calendar, from Concours being put on by other clubs, to Drag & Tune dates, Rallyes, the annual Vettes at Ocean City event, and numerous fall cruises. Be sure to check the club website for info on upcoming events. With NVCC, we're always looking for ways you can get out and enjoy your Corvette.

Check the brake fluid, change the oil, put a little air in the tires, rub on some wax, and hang on for another action packed season with your friends at NVCC. Come out and join the fun !

NVCC Events Calendar October 2009 – Laurie Kistner, Social Director



Sat. 10/3/09 – Test and tune/drag racing session - NVCC, NCOA, NVMC, and special invites

Where: Mason Dixon Dragway, Boonsboro, MD

Time: 8am-12 Noon (4hr Private Track Rental, UNLIMITED RUNS!)

Driver price: PayPal \$52.00 per driver to Enforcir@gmail.com OR mail \$50.00 per driver (check made out to Cyril Coburn) to: NVMC, PO Box 104, Amissville, VA 20106. Either of these pre-payment options must be done NLT 9/25/09. Pre-payment is preferable as we must have 40 pre-paid drivers or the event risks cancellation. Or you may pay \$60.00 cash per driver @ the gate the day of the event.

Spectator price: \$10.00 (Driver gets 1 crew member in FREE)

Special (Driver) Requirements:

*Mufflers mandatory

*1/4 sleeved shirt and pants, NO SHORTS or OPEN TOED SHOES

*Seat belts in working order

*Proper safety equipment per your vehicles performance level i.e. (helmets for cars faster than 13.99, roll bar for cars faster than 11.49, etc.)

*10 MPH speed limit in the pit area!!!

*NO air conditioning on in staging lanes, ALL windows up during burnout and run

At the gate you will:

*Pay your fee (if you did not pre-register)

*Get a wrist band (goes on left wrist)

*Sign competition waiver

*Get a tech inspection card to fill out and bring back to the staff

In the event of rain, call Ebby (703) 200-6803 or Ceece (703) 346-8151 if you have any questions regarding the event being on time.

NVCC members interested in caravanning up should meet at Newgate Shopping Center parking lot (corner of Routes 28 and 29 in Centreville) at 6:20 AM, leaving at 6:30 AM SHARP for a very nice scenic cruise through the mountains on the way to the drag strip. If there is sufficient interest, we will make a secondary stop at CFA Sterling at 6:45 AM to pick up more Corvettes interested in caravanning to the track. If you are interested in riding up with me, please email me at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com and let me know. There will be plenty of people on hand to help you if you have never drag raced before, so don't be shy. Come see what your car can do in the 1/4 mile! Learn the finer points of reading the "Christmas tree", staging, and launching. After the event, we usually grab lunch together and decompress after a fun day of racing.

Directions to the Centreville caravan start point are as follows: From 66 Westbound, take Exit 53A to Route 28 South and then take the Route 29 South Exit, immediately turning right into the parking lot. There is a Sunoco gas station, Joann's Fabrics, Trader Joe's, and a Fast Eddie's in this plaza.

Directions to Mason Dixon Dragway are as follows: From Washington DC/NoVa: Take Route 270 N toward Frederick, MD. Take Rt. 70 W toward Hagerstown. Follow Rt. 70 until you reach Rt. 66 (Exit 35). Once at the bottom of the ramp turn LEFT onto Rt. 66 South, go about 1/2 miles until you reach Rt. 40 (you will see a Sheetz convenience store at the intersection), turn LEFT (east) on Rt. 40 and go just another 1/2 mile, the Dragstrip entrance will be on your right.

Sat. 10/3/09 – Vettes on the Point, hosted by the Virginia Corvette Club. Gates open at 10:00 AM at the Parkway Marina on beautiful Smith Mountain Lake. Show times are 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Show features: Corvette Goodie Bags - Corvette Entrant Prizes - Attendee hourly door prizes - Silent Auctions - Games - Entertainment – Music. Various vendors will provide food. Please visit www.virginiacorvetteclub.com for more information and registration forms.

Sat. 10/10/09 – 6th Annual Toys for Tots Corvette Run in NJ. Corvettes owners from all over the northeast and farther will be meeting at the Farley Plaza near mile marker 20 on the Atlantic City Expressway. The Toy Run will leave Farley Plaza at 12:00 noon for the drive to Exit 2 of the Atlantic City Expressway where Kerbeck will have refreshments, door prizes and a lot more fun!

All we ask is that everyone brings one (or more!) new, un-wrapped toy. If the toys you bring require batteries, please purchase the batteries as well and tape them to the outside of the box. Please visit www.kerbeck.com to register.

Sat. 10/10/09 – Fast Cars & Freedom Show, hosted by Francine Quinn and Stephen Govan of Wells Fargo. Proceeds to benefit Fisher House - helping military families in need. Registration: 9AM - 12PM. Closing Ceremony: 3PM. Show location: 8180 Greensboro Drive, McLean, VA 22102. Plenty of food, music, raffles, prizes, and awards. Open to domestic cars only. Day-of-show registration is \$20 OR visit www.fastcarsandfreedom.info to pre-register.

Fri.-Sat. 10/16/09 -10/17/09 –Annual Corvettes at Ocean City weekend, sponsored by Free State Corvette Club. This is a RAIN or SHINE event weekend - no refunds.

Join us for a weekend full of activities and events starting Friday, October 16. Proceeds from the Ocean City Corvette Weekend benefit Spina Bifida Association of Maryland and other area charities. Activities during the weekend include fun shows, rallies, parties, an awards banquet, and an all-Corvette parade down the Boardwalk.

Online registration has begun and will close at midnight on October 2. Late registrations will be taken on Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17 in Ocean City, MD. Please visit www.freestatecorvette.com to register.

Sat. 10/17/09 – The Shenandoah Valley Corvette Club is once again sponsoring this year's Fall Skyline Drive Cruise to benefit Toys for Tots. Although entitled Skyline Drive Cruise, once again this year we will not be entering the park. Instead we have planned a route cruising the Shenandoah Valley and ending at Belle Grove Plantation, which will be hosting a Civil War reenactment all weekend. Entrance into the reenactment is \$15 per person. Visit <http://www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org> for more information.

For those who remember past Skyline Cruises, we always have a blast! Skyline attendance usually is 100-200 'vettes!!! This is an annual event that several Corvettes on the eastern seaboard regularly attend. The SVCC does know that Corvettes @ Ocean City is the same weekend, but had to schedule around the reenactment. So, for those not going to Ocean City, this is another local option.

Registration fee (day of): \$15 per car OR a new unwrapped toy (no stuffed animals, please), collectible on the day of the cruise in Front Royal. All registration proceeds to benefit Toys for Tots.

Or, you may pre-register for \$10, check MUST be made payable to Toys for Tots and must be received at the following address NLT 10/09/09: Valerie Christian, 435 Wildcat Hollow Road, Boyce, VA 22620

We will meet at the Newgate Shopping Center parking lot (corner of Routes 28 and 29 in Centreville) at 7:30 AM, drivers' meeting at 7:45 AM, leaving at 8 AM SHARP! We should arrive at the Front Royal Chevy dealership at around 9:00 AM, where those organizing the cruise will begin distributing goodie bags and door prizes. Representatives from the local Toys for Tots group will be there collecting the donations. They will also have coffee and donuts for us. The Young Marines will also be there to assist with parking, etc.

Please e-mail me your full name at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com ONLY if you wish to join the Centreville caravan to the cruise starting location. The event itself is RAIN or SHINE, however this year I will cancel the caravan to Front Royal if significant rain is forecast.

Directions to the caravan start point are as follows: From 66 Westbound, take Exit 53A to Route 28 South and then take the Route 29 South Exit, immediately turning right into the parking lot. There is a Sunoco gas station, Joann's Fabrics, Trader Joe's, and a Fast Eddie's in this plaza.

Sat. 10/17/09 – Colonial Baptist Church 3rd Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show (rain date: October 24, 2009). Come join us for food, fun and fellowship!

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Judging Cutoff: 1:00 p.m.

221 Hillcrest Street (1 Block off 460W at Mountain Pass Rd)
Blue Ridge, VA 24064

Entry Fee: \$10 to offset show costs. This is an Impact Blue Ridge Community Service Event!

Dash plaques to the first 100 participants! Awards Announced at 2:00 p.m.

People's Choice - Best Vehicle in Show Award

Three "Best in Class" Trophies per class

Hood and trunk must be open to be judged

For more information, please contact Pastor Marvin Wegner, daytime (540) 977-5683 or email: marvinwegner@colonialbapt.org.

Sun. 10/18/09 – NVMC Annual Car Show & Picnic at Algonkian Park-Sterling, VA (Shelter #1) from 9 AM - 3 PM. NVMC & NVCC members, families & friends are invited. This event is free, but feel free to contribute a snack or dessert. Food & refreshments catered by Virginia BBQ, music & entertainment by JJ-DJ. Car Show is top 20 popular vote format, plus trophies for: Best In Show, Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Engine. Raffles, 50/50, and prizes. Let's celebrate a great 2009 car season! Directions: from the Beltway (I-495), take Route 7 west 11 miles to Cascades Parkway north, and drive 3 miles to the park entrance. Please PRE-Register to Ceece Coburn at Enforcir@gmail.com ASAP.

Fri.-Sun. 10/23/09 - 10/25/09 – PBOC Motorsports Club, Inc. is putting on its second annual Daytona International Speedway event.

-We run a very safe event. There were only a few minor incidents at our event last year, including the race group. We do not compromise safety, particularly for a track as fast as Daytona.

-We welcome all makes of cars, including Porsches, BMWs, Corvettes, Vipers and sports racers.

-There will be driver's education at all levels, including novice. We just ask that you have run at least one high performance driving event before.

-For the novice and intermediate classes, there will be an autocross/handling class Saturday morning run by Skip Barber instructors. This has been extremely popular and gives you a chance to explore the limits of your car before tackling the 24hr. course.

-Porsche, BMW, Ferrari and Lamborghini convertibles with factory roll over protection are allowed. Other convertibles with fixed rollover protection can apply for approval.

-We don't charge extra for the use of the NASCAR garages. They are assigned first come, first served.

Further information including a video with data acquisition showing the line can be found on our website at www.pbocflorida.com. We also include online registration and credit card payment. Come join us for a fun and safe event at the track you have all seen on TV.

Wed. 10/28/09 – Vienna Halloween Parade. Details TBA.

Coming soon...

Sun. 11/1/09 – 3rd Annual Corvettes for Chip

Sun. 11/8/09 – Teen Driving School

Sun. 11/15/09 – 5th Annual Bonefish Grill Cruise-in

Sat. 11/21/09 – President's Holiday Dinner Cruise

Sun. 11/22/09 – NVCC/NVMC Annual Brunch & Billiards Day

The temperatures may have cooled a bit, but our events calendar hasn't! As you can see, plenty of things to do and something to suit everyone. If you wish to plan an event, contact me at social@nvcorvetteclub.com at your earliest convenience.

Laurie

On Saturday, August 29th, close to 20 Corvettes participated in the caravan to Corvettes at Carlisle (otherwise known as the annual pilgrimage to Corvette Mecca). Caravan members were treated to scenic mountain views instead of the drudgery of Route 81. Once we arrived, the quest started - Corvettes broke out their shopping lists, visited vendors armed with questions about their next go-fast mod, and drooled over the new Grand Sport display.

While I was scouting parts for both of my vettes, I came across a novelty I couldn't pass up - copper Corvette cookie cutters! I bought the C4 version as well as the Chevrolet bow tie.

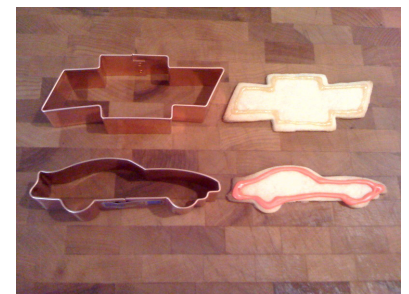
Attached is the result of the first batch. It just goes to show you, almost anything can be made and sold with the Corvette tax.

A few of us who stayed till the bitter end headed back down Route 15 to hit up the Shamrock Inn for dinner. Most everything at this Irish restaurant is home grown and home made...a sharp contrast to the Midway food at Carlisle. I hope everyone had a good time at Corvettes at Carlisle and brought home some good loot!

-Laurie

More Carlisle

By Laurie Kistner





PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY DINNER CRUISE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2009

CAROL & I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ON THE 2009 PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY DINNER CRUISE TO THURMONT MARYLAND ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2009. OUR DESTINATION IS THE RENOWNED COZY INN, LOCATED JUST OFF ROUTE 15 AT THE BASE OF THE CATOCTIN MOUNTAINS.

THE COZY INN, LONG KNOWN FOR ITS FINE FOOD AND SERVICE, IS ALSO SAID TO BE THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED RESTAURANT IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND IS STILL OPERATED BY THE FOUNDING FAMILY.

DINING OPTIONS WILL INCLUDE A CHOICE OF EITHER BUFFET OR ORDERING FROM THE LARGE MENU.

THIS IS PLANNED AS A CARAVAN-TO-DINNER EVENT. WE WILL MEET AT THE WEST END OF DULLES TOWN CENTER PARKING LOT NEAR THE SEARS AUTO CENTER. DRIVERS MEETING WILL BE AT 3:15, WITH A 3:30 DEPARTURE TIME. WE WILL HEAD OUT ON ROUTE 28, TAKE ROUTE 7 WEST TO LEESBURG WHERE WE WILL PICK UP ROUTE 15 NORTH, THEN PROCEED PAST FREDERICK TO THURMONT. TRAVEL TIME SHOULD BE ABOUT 75 MINUTES. DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE FOR 5:00 PM.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 13 WITH THE NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY TO: PRESIDENT@NVCORVETTECLUB.COM



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LOT, TOO! OF COURSE AN INSTRUCTOR WILL BE IN THE RIGHT SEAT AT ALL TIMES.

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TO KNOW WHAT TO DO BEFOREHAND THAN TO EXPERIENCE SOMETHING HAPPENING ON THE PUBLIC
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**THIS DRIVING SCHOOL IS FREE AND INCLUDES A FABULOUS GOURMET PIZZA LUNCH FROM A LOCAL
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TIMES. DRIVER MUST HAVE A LEARNER'S PERMIT OR DRIVER'S LICENSE.**

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE ASTUTE AND CARING PARENTS WHO HAVE
REGISTERED THEIR TEEN DRIVERS EARLY. THESE EVENTS FILL UP FAST!!
**CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED. REGISTRATION CLOSSES FRIDAY, OCT. 30TH
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PLEASE MAIL FORM BELOW TO: **LORI BENISH, 21731 LADBROKE GROVE CT, STERLING VA 20166**

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MAKE AND MODEL OF CAR _____ YEAR _____

QUESTIONS? Email them to MIRIAM SCHOTTLAND at ms.greywolf@gmail.com

Labor Day Car Show

By Laurie Kistner

We had well over 30 cars from both the NVCC and the NVMC at the Labor Day Car Show in historic Clifton, Virginia. Despite the large size of our group and our police escort plans falling through, we were able to partake of a scenic cruise to Clifton and arrive together. Thanks to everyone for all your cooperation with the caravan.

There was a beautiful cross-section of cars as always. For the first time, one of our own won an award at the show. Congratulations, Don Ellenberger! This is no small feat since there are literally hundreds of cars at the show and a limited number of trophies to be won.

Thanks again for getting up at the crack of dawn and supporting the show!

-Laurie



National Corvette Museum (NCM)



Ambassador Corner

By Donald Patrick

SEPTEMBER 2009: CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

2010 Custom Grand Sport Gets Its Stripes



Monday, August 24, 2009, was an exciting day at the Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant as our 2010 Arctic White beauty rolled off the line bright and early. Plant Manager Paul Graham had the honors of cranking the baby up, and the GM team put the car through rigorous final inspections.

Gary Cockriel and our NCM Delivery Team has photographed the process and the lucky winner of our Grand Sport raffle the following week and will also take home a photo album spotlighting this noteworthy car's birth.

On Wednesday, the car's graphics package was installed at the Museum by Brett Christie of Kay Automotive Graphics. Brett worked directly with Corvette Designer Kirk Bennion to create the tooling for the GT-1 Championship Edition Corvette and other special cars including this one. To make certain that the installation would meet Kirks high standard, Brett came down from Detroit to do it personally. "A lot of thought went into this," Brett said. "Kirk was making adjustments down to the millimeter to make sure it was perfect."

One-of-a-Kind Corvettes on Display You had posters of them on your bedroom wall as a kid, maybe even a book featuring their sleek designs. Now, you were able to see these one-of-a-kind concept cars in person at the National Corvette Museum. The four Chevrolet Corvettes, a 1961 Mako Shark Concept, 1965 Manta Ray Concept, 1973 Aerovette Concept and 1959 Stingray Racer, were all on loan from the General Motors Heritage Center in Sterling Heights, Michigan.



"These cars were some of the top prototypes developed by GM and hold a significant place in Corvette's history," said Betty Hardison, NCM Library and Archives Coordinator. "They were on display when the Museum held the grand opening in 1994, so it was fitting to have them back for this grand re-opening event, 15 years later."

The temporary display was from September 1 through September 9, as part of the Museum's 15th Anniversary Celebration. The cars were viewed in the National Corvette Museum's new Exhibit Hall.

Transformer's Autobot to be Unveiled at NCM

Visitors got an extra special treat from September 5 through 9th when they visited the Museum. Sideswipe - the Chevrolet Corvette concept vehicle character from the new Transformers movie was on display on Corvette Boulevard. Sideswipe is a sleek concept created by Corvette Designers and is influenced by the original Sting Ray race car, introduced in 1959.



In honor of the 50th anniversary of the original Corvette Sting Ray concept racer, GM Design created an all new Sting Ray Vision that is a homage to the original 1959 concept and continues the long tradition of Corvette Concept Cars, said Harlan Charles, Chevrolet Corvette Marketing Manager. This futuristic Sting Ray vision of America's performance icon was featured as Sideswipe in Transformers 2, he added.

The concept, along with the four other Chevrolet Transformer Autobots, debuted at the Chicago Auto Show in February. The DreamWorks Pictures and Paramount Pictures film opened in the United States on June 26. The car was on display as part of the National Corvette Museum's 15th Anniversary Celebration event.



Corvette Racing Wins GT2 in Grand Prix of Mosport

Corvette Racing returned to the American Le Mans Series winner's circle with the first victory for the GT2 Corvette C6.R at the Grand Prix of Mosport. In only the third race for the production-based GT2 race car, Johnny O'Connell and Jan Magnussen scored a 3:31-second victory in the No. 3 Compuware

Corvette C6.R over the No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 430 GT of Jamie Melo and Pierre Kaffer. Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta finished third in the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R, one lap behind their sister car. The winning Corvette C6.R completed 117 laps on the 2.459-mile Mosport International Raceway road course and finished sixth overall.

Corvair Exhibit Coming to NCM Visitors to the Museum this fall will get an extra special treat as the NCM welcome 12 Corvairs to our Exhibit Hall.



October 2nd of this year marks the 50th anniversary of the unveiling of America's first massed produced rear engine, air cooled automobile, the Corvair. In recognizing this special time in automotive history the National Corvette Museum will host a 6,000 sq. ft. exhibit solely featuring the Corvair. The Corvair was produced from 1960 through 1969. The exhibit is included with regular Museum admission and will be on display through December 31.

Chevrolet Equinox Fuel Cell Passes 1 Million Miles

No Gasoline or Tailpipe Pollution in Reaching Unprecedented Milestone

DETROIT, September 11 - The Chevrolet Equinox fuel cell electric vehicles today passed 1 million miles of gasoline and tailpipe pollution-free driving by homemakers, accountants, computer game designers and others using the vehicles every day in real-world conditions.



More than 50,000 gallons of gasoline have been saved so far in the fuel cell Equinox, more than 100 of which are part of the largest consumer fuel cell demonstration fleet in the world. The fuel cell electric Equinox runs on electricity created by an on-board fuel cell stack. The only emissions are wisps of water vapor.

About 5,000 people have driven the fuel cell Equinox in short test drives. More than 80,000 people in New York, Washington, D.C., and Greater Los Angeles, volunteered to drive the vehicles as part of Project Driveway, which began in November 2007.

The Fuel Cell Equinox carries about 4.2 kilograms of compressed hydrogen on board, enough for about 168 miles before a five-to-seven minute refill is required. Regenerative braking, which sends energy created in stopping, back to the vehicle battery, extends the driving range. Drivers refill at hydrogen stations in New York, Washington, and South California.

"It has never been our focus to get a million miles, but it's given us an incredible learning experience," said Mark Vann, who manages Project Driveway for Chevrolet. "This says a lot about the viability of fuel cell vehicles - that they are not one or two decades away but are doable today."

The officially recognized millionth mile in a Chevrolet Equinox Fuel Cell electric vehicle was driven by Jeanine Behr-Getz, an author of children's books and mother of a first-grade daughter in Greenwich, Conn. Behr-Getz was chosen to participate in Project Driveway because she would likely purchase a fuel cell vehicle out of concern for the environment and to reduce the nation's use of petroleum.

"The Chevrolet Fuel Cell Equinox fit my family, groceries, golf clubs and work supplies with no problem and it drove the same as my fossil fuel crossover vehicle," Behr-Getz said. "And as a bonus, I was the only parent allowed to idle my car in the pickup line at school."

In Project Driveway, participants keep the mid-size Equinox crossovers for about two months with free fuel and insurance in exchange for providing regular feedback to engineers. Having people living with the vehicle helps Chevrolet improve the fuel cell experience. The feel of the regenerative brakes was one change that resulted from customer comments.

"I think when people first hear about the car, they expect something that looks like an experiment," said Stephanie White, an Equinox fuel cell electric driver in Southern California. "So when they see how real the car is, particularly after driving it, they want to know, 'Where can I buy one?' or 'When can I buy one of these cars?'"

The Equinox fuel cell is part of Chevrolet's electrification of the automobile which continues next year with commercial production of the Volt extended-range electric vehicle. Feedback and learning from the Equinox fuel cell is being shared with the Volt development team.

While Project Driveway shows how easily hydrogen-powered vehicles could become normal transportation, the high cost of development and lack of fueling infrastructure have prevented a decision on a mass production fuel cell vehicle.

In addition to individual drivers, Project Driveway vehicles are on loan to celebrities, a range of government and non-government entities, including the U.S. Postal Service which has delivered more than 700,000 pieces of mail in the Equinox. Other vehicles are used by Virgin Atlantic and Disney, which wrote the fuel cell into a featured role in a recent episode of the ABC Family comedy "Ruby & the Rockits."

The significance of Project Driveway is especially appreciated in California, where most of the vehicles are in use.

"One million miles shows that people are driving the Equinox FCVs as part of their everyday lives," said California Fuel Cell Partnership executive director Catherine Dunwoody. "Many of those miles were on California roads, including hundreds I put on one as a Project Driveway driver. Fuel cell vehicles like the Chevrolet Equinox Fuel Cell will provide regular people with the range and convenience of a conventional vehicle plus zero emissions, a low-carbon footprint and a sustainable, domestic fuel."

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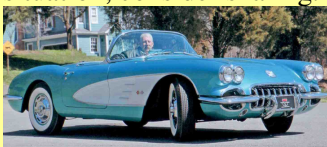
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Newsletter News ...

This is my 25th newsletter as editor, but it isn't a limited run anniversary special edition and it doesn't come in a special color scheme with commemorative decal. It is however a time to reflect on what the NVCC newsletter is.

While I've tweaked items to make things fit and added my editorial slant, the content is by-in-large what I receive from you the membership. We've had tech articles, vacation reports and a few jabs at each other as we go through life. Coverage of events remains good, but the regular writers really would like to spread the workload. As such, please consider volunteering to provide pics and a write up for the next event you attend. Also, if you and your vette find yourself in an interesting situation, consider sharing. Please keep the fine content coming.....



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