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- To provide and regulate events and exhibitions for Corvette Owners.
- To encourage careful and skillful driving.



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# Letter from the Editor



Blast from the Past... Actual GM Billboard in Detroit, MI. Thanks Randy W. for sending!!

Hello, welcome 2021!!

It was nice to have a month off from preparing the Sunburst Newsletter, but there has been a lot of interesting content these last months and I usually look forward to it all coming together! So here we are, off to a new year of Sunspots! We are grateful for our sponsors: Gold, Silver, Bronze and Route 66! Please support them as they support us! Now is a great time to get some new tshirts printed at KC Printing! Check out their apparel to purchase as well!! They do beautiful embroidery!

Have you watched the videos that Gary Gembala has made for us on Members Cars, Museum Deliveries, and Monday Memory videos? Check out the Notes from the Webmaster to learn more about them on page 26. Thank you for the effort to keep us all connected and keep our web page current, Gary!!

As of right now, Scott and I are recovering from COVID. We are told it is a mild case, but still knocks you out of commission for awhile. Hoping we all stay safe from long term affects of this virus. We can all use a break and something fun to look forward to.

Have you checked out the vettecademy on the Corvette Museum website? Check it out, here.....

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/educational-programs/vettecademy/>

If any of you have little people in your life that might be interested in some of the topics, this is a great way to invite them in to the Corvette World. This was discussed at the Ambassadors Meeting Scott and I attended in November. I checked it out and sent the link of the video created about the sinkhole to our 6 year old grandson. He really enjoyed it and so did I! Here it is.

<https://youtu.be/8QDwn54zw44>

This month Ron Gliot wrote an article for us about designing your garage home for your vette. Find it on pages 28 - 31. He sent along some great pictures for you to check out.

I wonder who will take a chance and write an article for March's newsletter. Everyone's got something to offer!! I'll look forward to hearing from you!! Til next month!!

Patti

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**President  
Dee  
Rosendahl**



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Sunburst Corvette Club is a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs  
For more information on the NCCC on upcoming sanctioned events contact Mike Stevens at [governor@sunburstcorvetteclub.com](mailto:governor@sunburstcorvetteclub.com)



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# Message from The President

President  
Dee  
Rosendahl



Happy New Year!

Welcome to a New Year, 2021! Although it was a challenging holiday season, I hope everyone had a wonderful time and are ready for new and hopefully improved adventures in 2021.

I would like to welcome our Board Members to another year of serving our club. And, also, thank them, Mike Stevens, Lee Thorson, Marilyn Roberts, and Loren Doppelt, for a job well done in 2020.

I also want to thank all our great Committee Chairs for their time and dedication. Although there are no Committee Chair openings at this time, if you are interested in volunteering, there are plenty of opportunities in helping with events during the year.

Although 2021 may be somewhat challenging, we do have one event on our 2021 calendar, the Struttin' Ur Stuff Car Show, scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> at Martin Chevrolet. Hopefully we will be able to fill our driving season calendar with fun events. If you have any ideas for an event, please submit an event request to the board to get it on the calendar.

We had our first Board Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Our first General Membership Meeting will be held February 4<sup>th</sup>, via ZOOM and the February Board Meeting will be on February 10<sup>th</sup>, also via ZOOM.

I am really looking forward to getting the 2021 year started. With help from all of you, we can make it a good one!

Save the Wave!

Dee Rosendahl





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# Message from The Governor

Governor  
Mike  
Stevens

February 2021

Greetings Sunburst Members,

Well, 2020 is in our rear-view mirror and we're heading toward a brighter 2021. There's so much hope that the Covid 19 vaccine will get into the arms of enough people, that we all can resume some semblance of "normal" this year. With that in mind, the NCCC Governors have a working draft of our 2021 competition schedule. I've entered all of the events on the "non-Sunburst events" calendar, which can be viewed via a link

[https://www.sunburstcorvetteclub.com/main/Non\\_Sunburst\\_Events\\_Calendar.html](https://www.sunburstcorvetteclub.com/main/Non_Sunburst_Events_Calendar.html) on our website. You can also visit the Midwest Region website <https://www.mwregion.com> to view the schedule and access flyers and registration information.

The first Midwest Region event is a two-day autocross event to be held at the Tire Rack facility In South Bend, IN, on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. If the weather looks promising, at least no snow, I will probably attend this event. I've been itching to see what my C7 is like on an autocross course. I'll send out more information as we get closer to the event and would welcome folks to come and join me to race or just to watch and see what this hobby is all about.

Plans are moving ahead for the NCCC national convention, to be held in Cleveland, OH, from June 13<sup>th</sup> until June 20<sup>th</sup>. The 2020 convention was canceled due to Covid related mitigations and the civil unrest that our country saw last summer. Specific information can be found at <https://www.corvettesnccc.org/2021Convention/Convention2021.php>. The 2022 convention is planned for Atlantic City NJ. I can see some interesting road trips associated with this venue.

NCCC has long been a supporter of **St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital**. This year NCCC has received vouchers for 4 sets of Michelin tires. One set tires is to be raffled off on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Sept. 11 and Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, at the National Governors' Meeting in St. Louis. Tickets are \$25 each. Information can be on the NCCC website <corvettesnccc.org>. Time to get your baby some new shoes!

The Midwest Region Governors have been meeting ,via teleconferencing, since last spring. We have found out that despite the very limited activity schedule of 2020, the region has only lost 56 members total, and one small club. That was surprising for most of us.

Finally, I will be sending out information regarding the MEMBERS ONLY section on the NCCC website. This section has information on the Family Helping Family program, the Membership Database, Competition Database and much more. Look for the password information in a coming Groups.io blast.

Take care and be hopeful. The days are getting longer and we'll have our cars out of the garage pretty soon. Stay healthy and happy,

*Mike Stevens*, Governor





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Brunch Café is perfect place to start your Corvette day. There's plenty of parking and the service and food are both exceptional!

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# Message from The Ambassador

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## National Corvette Museum Management and Board Member Changes



The new year has brought some changes to the leadership of the NCM. On January 7 the NCM announced the addition of two new members to the Board of Directors, Dale Ledbetter of Indian Trail, NC and Shannon Skokos of Dallas, TX. Wes Wong who has been on the Board since 2016 will be rotating off the Board.

Both Dale and Shannon have impressive backgrounds. Dale Ledbetter is an automotive executive, entrepreneur and consultant in the classic and collectable car acquisition and restoration arena, and he serves as the General Manager of Hendricks Performance overseeing The Hendrick Heritage Centre Collection. Dale is also an NCRS member and has served as a judge for over 20 years.



Shannon Skokos has an impressive resume which includes being a former Miss Arkansas, motivational speaker, attorney, author, photographer and philanthropist. Shannon's work includes extensive volunteer work including coaching basketball to young at-risk boys, helping to build Habitat Homes, counseling young girls rescued from sex-trafficking in Honduras and volunteering with abused teens at Jonathan's Place an organization supporting abused and neglected children, teens, and young adults. Shannon also has extensive board and executive committee experience including the Ted and Shannon Skokos Foundation, Baylor Health Care System Foundation, and AT&T Performing Arts Center just to name a few. You can read the full article on Dale and Shannon at [Museum Welcomes Two New Board Members – National Corvette Museum](#).

Just shy of one week later, January 13<sup>th</sup>, NCM Chairman of the Board Glenn Johnson announce that President and CEO Dr. Sean Preston will be leaving the organization after being with the NCM for 19 months. Johnson announced that former NCM Board of Director Chairman Jack Matukas has agreed to serve as Interim CEO of the NCM during the transition until a replacement for Dr Preston could be found.



Jack Matukas served on the NCM Board of Directors from 2002 to 2015 and was the Chairman of the Board in 2012 and 2013. He has been involved since he and his wife Donna visited the Museum Annex in Bowling Green in 1989, seeing the vision and becoming Founding Members. The Matukas' are Lifetime Members of the Museum, in the Spire Society, Members of the NCM Motorsports Park Area Club and have participated in the R8C Museum Delivery Program many times.



## National Corvette Museum News

### Motor Authority Names Corvette “Best Car to Buy”

Motor Authority went live in 2006 as a small enthusiast website with a bias toward performance and luxury vehicles. Since then, they have grown to become one of the Web’s most respected automotive sites within the industry and among our long-time followers. Motor Authorities audience consists of driving enthusiasts, members of the industry, and in-market consumers – all of whom are searching for the very latest and most reliable information to make informed decisions on the luxury and performance cars they follow and drive.

According to Motor Authority writer Kirk Bell, “Most importantly, it’s the kind of car we want to own and drive. And the way it drives is what earned the Corvette the Best Car to Buy 2021 award.”



Interactive Content Manager Joel Feder compared the new Corvette to a Ferrari and the best Corvette of the last generation, the ZR1, which won Motor Authority’s Best Car To Buy 2019 award. “This car’s steering is so much more precise. Its turn-in is so much quicker. Frankly, it reminds me a lot of the 488 Spider and that car was like \$300,000. And it’s going to be 10 times more reliable.”

Feder pointed out the Corvette’s obvious value. “It’s a lot of performance car for not a lot of money,” he said. “It’s astounding what they did with the change to the mid-engine design.”

Follow this link to read the entire article: [Motor Authority Names Corvette ‘Best Car to Buy’ – National Corvette Museum](#)

## National Corvette Museum Receives “World’s Fastest Corvette”

Referred to as the ‘World’s Fastest Corvette,’ this highly modified 1984 has competed and held records in several Bonneville salt flat speed trial classes, reaching over 270 miles per hour. The 1984 Land Speed race car joins the NCM Collection.



In 1986 the 1984 Corvette was extensively modified for Bonneville racing, and on Oct. 1, 1988, at a USFRA Bonneville meet, the Corvette hit a top speed of 271.04 mph with a two-way average of 266.45 mph breaking Mickey Thompson’s long-standing mark in the AA-GT class.

For NCM Members a full story on this car will be published in the April/May/June issue of America’s Sports Car Museum member magazine.

More information about the World Record 1984 Corvette can be found at these two links:  
[National Corvette Museum Receives ‘World’s Fastest Corvette’ – National Corvette Museum](#)

[1984 Corvette Billed as World's Fastest Corvette is Donated to the National Corvette Museum - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](#)

## Kai Spande Corvette Plant Manager Displays His 1966 Corvette at the NCM

The 1966 coupe is a big block 427ci with 425hp with a low 39,000 miles on it.

Kai has owned more than a few corvettes over the years including a 1965, 1969, 1973, 1978 and (2) 1999's. He likes to perform a lot of the work on the cars himself but in the case of this 1966 coupe, which he acquired just over a year ago, for the first time he purchased it ready to drive and was restored to Bloomington Gold standard by the previous owner.



The 1966 coupe is optioned with side pipes, 4-speed manual transmission, 427 cubic inch / 425hp engine, and the knock off wheels.

Kai's Corvette will be displayed in the Museum's lobby on the turntable for the next several months.

To read more about Kai's 1966 follow the link to the NCM News website: [Corvette Plant Manager Kai Spande Displays His 1966 Corvette at NCM – National Corvette Museum](#)



## Upcoming Museum Events & Events On-Site at the Museum

### March

- [BG Cars and Coffee March Monthly Meetup @ NCM](#) | Mar 27
- [MiM "Sights & Sounds of New Orleans"](#) | Mar 30 – Apr 3 **SOLD OUT**

### April

- [BG Cars and Coffee March Monthly Meetup @ NCM](#) | Apr 17
- [Michelin NCM Bash](#) | Apr 22 – Apr 24
- [2021 VIRTUAL Michelin NCM Bash](#) | Apr 22 – Apr 23
- [MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin @ Biltmore Estates](#) | Apr 25 – Apr 23

### May

- [BG Cars and Coffee March Monthly Meetup @ NCM](#) | Apr 22
- [MiM 2021 9-Day Caribbean Cruise](#) | May 14 – May 23

MiM = Museum in Motion event. The Museum in Motion events combine the fun of driving, socializing with other Corvette enthusiasts, sightseeing and visiting unique places – including many V.I.P. and behind the scenes opportunities that only the Museum can get you.

View a complete list of events with more information and links to register on our the [NCM Events Website here](https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/) (<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/>).



View a complete list of NCM Motor Sports park events here (<https://www.motorsportspark.org/event-schedule/>)



## NCM Corvette Raffle

Want to try your luck at winning a new C8? Currently the NCM has three active raffles. Visit the Raffle website at this interactive link [Corvette Raffle - Main Page \(corvettemuseum.org\)](https://www.corvettemuseum.org). All proceeds from the raffles go to support the NCM.

Tickets can be purchased at the museum, online if you are located in Kentucky, or downloading a form from the NC website and sending the completed form to the NCM. You do not have to be a resident of Kentucky to participate.



2021 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 2/4/2021. With Z51 Performance Package, Z51 Performance Suspension with Magnetic Selective Ride Control, Performance Exhaust, 5-Trident Spoke Spectra Gray Wheels, 2LT Jet Black Interior with GT2 Seat, and more. For full details visit the website.



2021 Black Corvette Coupe 2/25/2021. With Performance Exhaust, 5 Spoke Carbon Flash Painted Wheels with Machined Edge, Bright Red Calipers, 2LT Adrenaline Red Leather interior with GT2 Seats, Engine Appearance Package, Front Lift Adjustable Height, and more. For full details visit the website.



2021 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 4/24/2021. With Performance Exhaust, 5 Spoke Carbon Flash Painted Wheels with Machined Edge, Bright Red Calipers, 2LT Adrenaline Red Leather interior with GT2 Seats, Engine Appearance Package, Front Lift Adjustable Height, and more. For full details visit the website.

## Corvette Racing

The new C8R had a stellar year particularly for a completely new car and design. The team amassed 6 wins (5 for the number 3 cars and 1 for the number 4 car) in addition to numerous podium places, winning the overall GTLM class for 2020.



The 2021 race season opens with a few changes for Corvette racing which will be interesting to see if they have an impact on the Corvette Race Team and their results.

Oliver Gavin retired as a full-time driver at the end of the 2020 season and he will be replaced by Nick Tandy former Porsche driver in the number 4 Corvette. Marcel Fassler the third driver in the number 4 car for the endurance races has been replaced with Alexander Sims.

Late last year the Oshkosh Corp bought Pratt Miller. Pratt and Miller work closely with Chevrolet to develop and build the engines and chassis for the race cars. Pratt Miller also are the pit crew for the race team.















At the end of 2020 it was announced Doug Fehan Corvette Racing's Program Manager would be leaving Corvette Racing. Doug was with Corvette racing from the beginning and will be leaving after 25 years as the Program Manger. As of the writing of this Corvette Racing has not yet announced a replacement Program Manager.

## Corvette Racing

These are not insignificant changes any one of which could have a significant impact. It should be an interesting racing season.

The 2021 racing season starts January 24 for the Corvette Race Team with the Roar before the Rolex 24 in Daytona Beach, FL January 24.



IMSA 2021 RACE SCHEDULE	
	JAN 22 - JAN 24   ROAR BEFORE THE ROLEX 24 Daytona Beach, FL
	JAN 28 - JAN 31   ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA Daytona Beach, FL
	MAR 13 - MAR 14   SEBRING RACEWAY / SCCA TEST DAY Sebring, FL
	MAR 17 - MAR 20   MOBIL 1 TWELVE HOURS OF SEBRING Sebring, FL
	MAY 14 - MAY 16   ACURA SPORTS CAR CHALLENGE AT MID-OHIO Lexington, OH
	JUNE 4 - JUNE 5   DETROIT GRAND PRIX Detroit, MI
	JUNE 24 - JUNE 27   SAHLEN'S SIX HOURS OF THE GLEN Watkins Glen, NY
	JULY 2 - JULY 4   MOBIL 1 SPORTSCAR GRAND PRIX Bowmanville, Ontario
	JULY 16 - JULY 17   NORTHEAST GRAND PRIX Lakeville, CT
	AUG 6 - AUG 8   IMSA SPORTSCAR WEEKEND Elkhart Lake, WI
	AUG 20 - AUG 22   MICHELIN GT CHALLENGE AT VIR Alton, VA
	SEP 10 - SEP 12   WEATHERTECH RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA Monterey, CA
	SEP 24 - SEP 26   ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH Long Beach, CA
	OCT 6 - OCT 9   MOTUL PETIT LE MANS Bisaulon, GA

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See full race schedule: [2021 Racing Schedule \(corvetteracingstore.com\)](https://www.corvetteracingstore.com)



## Corvette C1 Trivia 1953 – 1962 continued from December....

- A heater and an AM radio were the only Regular Production Options (RPO) offered with 1953 Corvettes.
- Production moved to the St. Louis facility for the 1954 model year.
- New 1954 exterior color options of black, blue, and red were added along with an optional beige interior choice.
- Although the Powerglide transmission was listed as a \$178 option, no 1954 Corvette was ever shipped with a manual transmission.
- To commemorate the new V-8 engine, 1955 corvettes featured an enlarged, gold “V” in the Corvette script on the front fender panels.
- There are 13 vertical bars or “teeth” in the grill of 1956 Corvettes.
- One of the few ways to differentiate between a 1956 and 1957 Corvette without opening the hood is to look at the inside rear view mirror. On the 1956 model, it adjusts with a thumbscrew, on the 1957 adjustment requires a wrench to loosen the locknut.
- The 1957 corvette was the first mass produced American automobile to offer 1 horsepower per cubic inch of engine displacement (283hp/283ci).
- The “Polo White” color was last used in 1957.
- For the first time since its introduction, the “58 Corvette came with factory-installed seat belts.
- 1957 was the first year a limited slip differential and fuel injection were offered as options.
- 1958 was the last year of a tachometer which kept track of “cumulative engine revolution counter” a feature which first appeared in the 1953 Corvette. In 1958 the tach was used on 230, 245 and 250 hp cars but not on the 270 and 290 hp cars. The Part number is #1548631 for 1958 models.
- Optional engines in 1956 had 9 fin alloy valve covers, 1957 had 7 or 9 fin alloy valve covers, and the 1958 had 7 fin alloy covers on optional engines.
- Before 1958, the only acrylic lacquer paint used was on the “Inca Silver” Corvettes.
- 1959 was the only year that turquoise soft tops were available.
- Sun visors (called “sunshades”) became a Corvette option in 1959.
- Nylon belted tires first became available on the 1960- Corvette, prior to 1960 only cotton ply tires were offered.
- The 1961 Corvette was the last year to feature “wide whitewall” tires.
- The 1961 Corvette dropped the “round” nose emblem of previous years in favor of the word “CORVETTE” spelled out in individual letters.
- The trademark chrome grill teeth disappeared forever in 1961, to be replaced by a fine mesh screen in the radiator opening.
- 1961 was the last of the solid rear axle Corvettes and the last year for the power top on the convertible.

Find additional information on Corvette History & Trivia [Rogerscorvette.com/history.htm](http://Rogerscorvette.com/history.htm)



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# Sunburst CC Meeting Minutes

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## Sunburst Corvette Club General Membership Meeting Minutes– 12/03/2020

### Opening

- President Dee Rosendahl called the meeting to order via meeting via Zoom Teleconference at 7:00pm
- Motion was made from the Members to approved minutes from Membership meeting dated 11/05/2020 – motions were made, and they were approved
- No guests or new members at the meeting
- No new Corvette arrivals, update on Loren's new C8 will have museum delivery Saturday 12/5

### Officer Reports

**President – Dee Rosendahl** – Dee thanked everyone for their sympathies on losing her father. She also mentioned that Tom Marks mother has been diagnosed with leukemia. Please add her to our prayer list and Tom as well. Wishing we will all have a better year going forward

**Vice President - Loren Doppelt** – Nothing to report

**Treasurer – Lee Thorson** – Reports finances in good standing. Had a few expenses of checks and Janet Elston on a web site upgrade

**Secretary – Marilyn Roberts** – Nothing to report

**Governor – Mike Stevens** – Nothing new with NCCC, Governors are making hotel reservations for their national conference in Feb, will be in St. Louis, MO. Sunburst is one of the only clubs guaranteed venues for 2021.

**Membership** – Erin Risch – Not in attendance, but Erin passed information to Dee to report. Currently we have 146 members, Erin wanted to thank Gary Gembala for his assistance on the website for renewals

**Cruise Director** – Ken Monroe – Not in attendance

**Sponsorship** – Mike Moushey – Mike reported that 2 sponsors are up for renewal, Edwards Jones and Nationwide Auto Transport, waiting for checks. Valley Auto Body has had a difficult year and may drop their sponsorship

**Charity** – Julie Thomas – Julie thanked the membership for their donations to the Salvation Army this year. There were at least 4 shopping carts full of toys. Also, Julie said that the charities that were selected for 2020 will be rolled over to 2021

**Historian** – Chuck Pipher - Not in attendance

**Ambassador NCM** – Scott Schulz – Scott and Patti attended the Ambassador's Fourth Annual Convention at NCM on November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. The museum will be doing an expansion will take 18 to 36 months and they are looking to take over a hotel near the museum and it will follow the corvette theme. Wanting to make the NCM and Motor Park a destination. Only event going on now is Twinkle at the Track at the Motor Park



# Sunburst CC Meeting Minutes

Secretary  
Marilyn  
Roberts

The museum owns 95 cars and the others are on loan. The bash is scheduled for April 22-23<sup>rd</sup> and will include a drive after the Bash to the Biltmore in NC and then to drive the Tail of the Dragon

The museum store is offering free shipping for purchases over \$70 or more  
Andy asked if Scott had any information on the side skirts. Scott said he doesn't have anything, staff at NCM are guarded on what they release

**Newsletter** – Patti Schulz – Patti thanked those for the information that has been submitted. Please continue, as it helps to contribute to a successful newsletter.

Patti mentioned the Vet Academy at NCM, targeted for kids and very interesting

Dee mentioned there is no newsletter in January. Patti leaped for joy!!

**Webmaster** – Gary Gembala – Gary has updated the website with the members cars. Also contributing to Memory Monday on the Sunburst Facebook site. Gary also mentioned he will be redesigning the Newsletter page on the website, something to look forward to

**Apparel** – Loren Doppelt – Nothing to report

**Sergeant of Arms** – Dave Thomas - Nothing to report

**Goodwill** – Ron Rogers - Acknowledged Anniversaries and Birthdays for December, recognized Mike and Dee's wedding anniversary of 40 years. Congratulations!

**Old Business** – N/A

**New Business** – Election results for 2021. We will have the current board staying in place

Ron Gliot, Tom Marks and Tom Palmer will be in a photo on the back cover of the next issue of Blue Bars from the Corvette Club of AZ

One more thing, Gary took a photo of the zoom attendance and will post on Facebook

## Upcoming Events

**Next Membership meeting on Feb 4th** – meeting starts at 7pm via Zoom

**Next Board Meeting on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** – meeting starts at 6pm with a quorum via Zoom

**Adjournment:** entertained a motion to adjourn

Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectively,

Marilyn Roberts, Secretary





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17 Car Facts To Impress Your Friends With  
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### Charles Goodyear Was Not The Founder Of Goodyear Tires

The Goodyear tire company was actually named in his honor as he was the man who developed vulcanization, which is the process used to strengthen rubber. If you already knew that, what you may not know is that Goodyear chased a solution to the lack of durability in rubber for much of his life, but didn't find it until he mixed sulfur and gum and accidentally dropped it directly onto a hot stove.

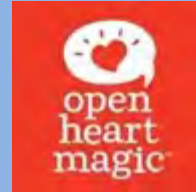
There are claims on the internet he did this while in prison, and although Goodyear found himself in debtors prison frequently, people don't appear to question why he would have access to gum, sulfur, and a hot stove while encaged.



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### Senior Care Volunteer Network

Senior Care Network in McHenry County or Sun City Huntley works with seniors to maintain independence and quality of life by helping them to stay in their own home as long as possible. They provide transportation if needed, give friendly visits, yard work, shopping, all at no charge to the senior.



### Elgin Symphony Orchestra

Elgin Symphony performs at area hospitals and hospice care facilities, providing comfort for patients and staff. They also perform for and work with students and have a traveling ensemble that performs at area schools and local libraries.

**FEBRUARY 2021**

## **TWO MINUTE TECH TIP**

Jim Downing



### **FUEL FUNNEL**

Your C7 (and probably C8) came with a little “emergency” funnel in the rear cubby that’s long enough to open the secondary valve deeper inside your fuel filler, and allow you to add gas from a can or some fuel treatment, without it backing up and running down the side of your car. Some fuel treatments come in a bottle with a long neck that might be enough to open that secondary valve. I play it safe and use the funnel anyway.

The funnel has another use: if you are away from home and need to add some oil to your engine, the funnel can make it easier to get the oil into your oil tank/engine, instead of dribbling it all over the place as you try to pour it into that small oil fill hole. I store the funnel in a small ziplock bag, which keeps it clean if I need to use it, and afterwards I can put it back into the bag to keep the inside of the car clean too.

Cheers!

*Jim*





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Hello,

Anticipation is great. My countdown to Corvette driving season is lowered by one every day that goes by! Stored corvette equals more time for updating the website. And I've been a busy guy over the last two months working on the web and social media for the club.

I started out with organizing the Club's google shared drive. Ownership of various documents needed to be transferred to the Sunburst Corvette Club (SCC). The purpose for SCC to own the documents is simple. For example, I share photos from various events over the years. On the SCC shared drive they are available to anyone in the shared drive, but I own them – the originals are on my drive, not the Club's. If for any reason I decide I don't need those pictures and delete them from my drive, they are no longer available on the SCC drive.

Finishing off transferring ownership of the files I moved to creating Monday Memory videos for the Sunburst Corvette Club Facebook page. You say you're not a member of the SCC Facebook Group and would like to be? Just do a search for Sunburst Corvette while logged into Facebook. Your search will bring up the SCC Group page. You will need to ask to join the group to see any of the posts in the group. Last but not least, you should be seeing NCM R8C delivery videos being put together and shared.

Scott Schulz contacted me in December about the results of the National Corvette Museum 2020 website contest. He indicated there are a couple areas that could use some updating for improvement on the site. I reviewed two score sheets received from the museum to get a clear understanding of their requirements on club website content. The score sheets are for the website and social media.

Post review I realized that a project was in my future. A team was formed after reaching out to a couple members asking if they'd like to be on team to assist with the planning and further development of social media presentation. The team consists of Scott & Patti Schulz, Jill Gray, Mike Stevens and I. The team met on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> via conference call to review the NCM score sheets and some work I've been doing creating additional webpages on SCC site for NCM. Prior to ending the meeting, we had an initial forward plan developed.

I encourage everyone to visit the Sunburst Corvette Club website, <https://www.sunburstcorvetteclub.com/main/index.html>, as it continually evolves over the next couple of months. Highlights include the addition of the NCM pages and as of Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> the car show pages were posted for 2021!

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## 10 Corvette Commandments

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**Thou shalt not loan a Corvette to anyone.**

2

**Thou shalt not bring a Corvette to an automatic car wash.**

3

**Thou shalt not fail to wave to a fellow owner.**

4

**Thou shalt not swear at Corvette - for it is very temperamental.**

5

**Thou shalt not cruise on an unpaved road.**

6

**Thou shalt not pass a fellow Corvette owner in distress.**

7

**Thou shalt not feed with budget grade fuel.**

8

**Thou shalt not expose Corvette to severe weather conditions.**

9

**Thou shalt not forget to activate alarm.**

10

**Thou shalt not acknowledge a Porsche or 280Z as being true sports cars.**

## Garageology 101

By Ron Gliot

Over the years many of you have noticed that my garage(s) become almost as much interest to me as my Corvettes. In the neighborhoods I have lived in, I have become known as “the guy with the garage”....lol. I am not sure if that is bad or good, it is just another reflection of me, as scary as that may even be. For me it became the thing to do when I completed my first car restoration.

With that, many times I have many people ask if I ever considered doing garage transformations as a business. While I have considered it, I have been warded off by the evil spirits of some very scary, even possessed garages I have seen, and have passed to do this as an income source. Indeed it does amaze me how many times I see \$250 worth of sh....er, uh stuff protected by a \$50k BMW. To me it makes no sense.



With this said, I thought it might be helpful or interesting to list some steps to help some of you get interested in your garage!!! Here are some tips to get you motivated.

- Don't think of your garage as a just a vapid storage hole. In fact it may be one of the largest rooms in your home, which can be made to be multifunctional and even fun. For me it is truly my "mancafe" and if ever faced with selling your home can become a selling point. We have used it as a fun hang out, and even a small party room where you can set up a number of tables for large gatherings winter or summer.
- If you live in area with extreme seasons, it is imperative to add the right climate control. In the upper Midwest that most likely means heat. Bear in mind in most municipalities it is against code to simply punch a hole in an existing duct and add a vent to your current furnace. There is sound reasoning in that the furnace can produce a negative pressure and draw in exhaust fumes or toxic fumes from a garage to the living space, making occupants sick or worse. The upside is there are many great garage furnaces available from ceiling mount, to between the stud varieties in both gas and electric. If in extreme heat environments, through wall, portable or the new standard the "split mini" are great choices to cool the space. The reason I see this as an almost must first step, is it allows you to work on your garage project with the Vette put away for the season!

The next step is to de-clutter. You really don't want to be moving your cr.....valuable stuff from one spot to the next simply to work. Take the time upfront, to sort, clean, or dispose of unessential items. If you have items you only use once every so often, move that stuff into the basement, crawl space, attic, or shed and pull out as needed. My rule of thumb is if I don't use an item only every couple of years, but it is still of value, store it out of the garage. If the item is of little value and I haven't used it in a number of years it is time to place in its proper storage spot permanently.....the garbage can.

- Planning. Upfront make sure you plan on plenty of electric for power tools, decorative signage, hobby equipment, lighting etc. There is nothing worse than to realize after you are almost done that you don't have enough electric. I tend to prefer at least (3) separate circuits, one for basic needs, one for my decorative stuff on a switch, and a dedicated circuit for your compressor, etc. If a welder or large power equipment is your thing, a 220V circuit is a must. Is a TV or tunes important? Lighting??? I have found you can never have enough lighting, so, plan the electric and wiring up front. Plumbing?

- A sink with hot water and compressed air distribution should also be considered. The next error I see is simply to buy this cabinet or that cabinet simply to solve an immediate need for a particular item or set of items. Uncle Fred's old, rusty steel cabinet from the machine shop he worked at is not very conducive to a cool, mancave. Now that does not mean that Fred's cabinet is all bad. Reusing some klitchy, old items can be very cool and even add character, but make it part of the plan. Later, that may mean color matching to your new space. Spray paint is a miracle worker. E.g. I had a friend once give me a rag disposal can from a metal shop. It was dirty, greasy, etc, but I painted it and added a gas station logo sticker and transformed it to match my garage plan. The key is to determine what kind of garage look or feel you are going for overall and begin to drive to that plan. There are loads of photos online of cool garages or mancaves to give you ideas on your new expression palate, your garage! Consider things like a car lift, storage needs, etc. upfront. Even if you don't have the budget to do something at first, you may add it later and if you have planned for it, it makes it much easier later. Set a budget. While we see pictures of these spectacular garages with all stainless equipment and hand laid stone walls, it is not in the budget range of many of us. Like any other home project decide how much you want to spend or can spend. My first garage was simply painted with inexpensive paneling on the lower half, with the key being it improved the look overall.
- Now you can move on to the fun stuff! If you lack insulation and drywall, this should be finished first. After that, choosing cabinetry is crucial. If you want a neat, trim look, you need to get all of those garage items we really need to cover and organize. Being able to find items quickly is crucial. No item or tool useful if it takes an hour to find it. Store like items together in places that make sense. Commonly used items need easy access, while paint and other less used items can be put in cabinets that are harder to access. The goal here is to get items off the floor and under cover rather than stacked in the corners. Cabinets do not need to be expensive. My first garage had off the shelf bare wood cabinets which I had to assemble, paint etc. My next garage used off the shelf assembled cabinets, I painted black and silver to emulate the expensive metal ones, my latest garage I had custom professionally installed cabinetry. Like any other home project the dollars can add up quick if unmonitored. While the little lady is cool with buying a \$10k hand covered Italian leather sofa, she may not be as conducive to stainless steel cabinets that cost the same, and you don't want to hear "It's just a garage" when fulfilling your dream space. Now that those cabinets are up, load them up with all of your garage goods. Another item to consider is your tool storage. My first garage I simply hung them on pegboard behind my bench, neatly and organized in a way that made sense. Today I prefer a nice stack mechanics tool chest matching my plan. Today this are almost things of beauty in themselves and make a statement about your tools.

- Now that you have put away everything, you can wrap up the finishing work as you have plenty of space to do finishing work. Decorate to express yourself! The old time garage look, a modern hip space, or race shop are just a few ideas. Get out the paint, etc and make this space yours. In many garages the ceiling can be a hot mess of unfinished drywall. In my garages in this case, I preferred to put in a drop ceiling. It was fast, cheap and allowed for future wiring or plumbing to be added. Lighting is easy and cheap as well in this case.
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- After the messy stuff is done, you will want, clean, easy maintenance flooring. If paint is the choice, I would recommend an industrial, chemical based epoxy. Other options can be tile, etc. but always consider the elements. Salty road melt off is not great for some floorings. My preference at this time is manufactured flooring like RaceDeck or Swisstrax, etc. It is tough, holds up to the weather and cleans like a dream while looking great.
- The last step is to add items of interest that reflect you! I like to do a theme really, where my first garage was sports, my next garage had “shrines”; items of interest to me grouped in common, and my latest creation is all racing/car related. Scour the internet for printable pictures. Hit garage sales and flea markets, for cool, cheap items which add interest. One of my coolest items is a 1940s, Sun art deco compression tester I picked up from a neighbor for \$5.
- You are now done!!!! Start hosting parties and fun events year round in your new space!!!!



**Editor's Note:** I would like to continue with regular articles about our Members. If you have a personal interest story to share, or know a shy Member who has one, please help Sunspots get the story. It doesn't necessarily need to be car related.

# FEBRUARY


# 2021



Transmission went out.. Son and Grandson took it apart. Waiting for it to be fixed.

They will put it back in - I hope!

Ron Majchrowski

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Groundhog Day		General Membership Meeting via Zoom 7pm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Board Meeting via Zoom 6pm		Abraham Lincolns Birthday Chinese New Year	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Presidents Day		Ash Wednesday			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	George Washington Birthday					
28						



# NCCC Midwest Region Info



## Family Helping Family

The NCCC has established a program where NCCC members traveling have options if something happens to them; their car or if they just want to have a cup of coffee with a fellow member.

The Family Helping Family directory that is currently published is up to date but the Password has been changed for the new year.

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 Please note that both the User id and PW are Case Sensitive.



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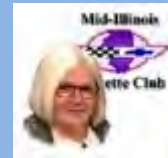
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# NCCC Midwest Region Events Calendar

## 2020 Midwest Region Schedule of Events (Last Updated 11-21-2020)

DATE	EVENT	NUMBER	LOCATION	HOST CLUB(S)	INFORMATION LINK
9-Jan	Regional Meeting	Morning	On Line	MWR Region Governors Meeting	9:00 AM
19-Feb	NCCC Meetings	Evening	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Committee Meetings	<a href="#">Get Meeting Info</a> <a href="#">Hotel Reservation Info</a>
20-Feb	Regional Meeting	Morning	St. Louis, MO	MWR Region Governors Meeting	
20-Feb	Governors Meeting	Afternoon	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Governors Meeting	
30-Apr	NCCC Meetings	Evening	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Committee Meetings	<a href="#">Get Meeting Info</a> <a href="#">Hotel Reservation Info</a>
1-May	Regional Meeting	Morning	St. Louis, MO	MWR Region Governors Meeting	
1-May	Governors Meeting	Afternoon	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Governors Meeting	
13-Jun	NCCC		Cleveland, OH	NCCC Convention	<a href="#">Get Information</a>
thru	Convention		Cleveland, OH	NCCC Convention	
18-Jun	Week		Cleveland, OH	NCCC Convention	
10-Sep	NCCC Meetings	Evening	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Committee Meetings	<a href="#">Get Meeting Info</a> <a href="#">Hotel Reservation Info</a>
11-Sep	Regional Meeting	Morning	St. Louis, MO	MWR Region Governors Meeting	
11-Sep	Governors Meeting	Afternoon	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Governors Meeting	
12-Nov	NCCC Meetings	Evening	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Committee Meetings	<a href="#">Get Meeting Info</a> <a href="#">Get Meeting Info</a> <a href="#">Hotel Reservation Info</a>
13-Nov	Regional Meeting	Morning	St. Louis, MO	MWR Region Governors Meeting	
13-Nov	Regional Meeting	Morning	St. Louis, MO	MWR Region Sanctioning Meeting for 2022	
13-Nov	Governors Meeting	Afternoon	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Governors Meeting	





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Members can either purchase clothing directly from them OR bring in your own items to have our new Sunburst Corvette Club logo embroidered. The cost for the logo on a shirt is \$8.00. If you add your name, that will be an additional \$7.00. Soon, we will have our own online store where you can order some stock items. More information to come

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Another addition of Sunspots has hit the streets. Thank you to all who contributed to this addition! I encourage everyone to send any articles/pictures/trivia/etc. that you think our club members might enjoy. I apologize for any mistakes or omissions in the newsletter. When you post pictures from an event, please add a short narrative about the event. Email me, Patti Schulz, with your info at [newsletter@sunburstcorvetteclub.com](mailto:newsletter@sunburstcorvetteclub.com).



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## January & February Anniversaries

A very happy  
Wedding Anniversary  
to both of you



### January

05 Mike & Priscilla Wilinski

### February

8 Ray & Janet Elston

14 Les & Kathy Samuel

23 Scott & Patti Schulz

28 Tom & Marge Fellberg

## January & February Birthdays

04 Judy Chapman  
04 Steve MacCabe  
06 Chuck Pipher  
06 Sue Thorson  
11 Patti Schulz  
12 Jon Hooley  
17 Mike Stevens  
23 Elaine Lasky  
23 Pat Stevens  
24 Jean Mumford  
28 Barb Arnold  
28 Kelly Pippel  
29 Bob Hrodey  
31 Roy Jr. Carlsten

01 Matt Waters  
02 Soren Backe  
03 Teresa Lejman  
06 Teresa Lamkin  
12 Scott Schulz  
17 Bill Mumford  
17 Sharon Sanders  
19 Janet Elston  
20 Donna Sharik  
21 Bonnie Edwardsen  
21 Jan Waters  
24 Skip Gallagher  
24 Gary Gembala  
25 Dan Hoijer  
27 Mike Wilinski  
28 Sheila Bellack  
28 Julie Thomas



Happy Birthday!

SUNBURST CORVETTE CLUB Crystal Lake, Illinois



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- Monthly Club Meetings
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- Sponsor Events
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- Cruise Nights
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We'll be happy to use your existing company logo or additional artwork to display on the related forums for advertising.

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Please feel free to contact me for any additional questions or inquiries. I would also like to extend an invitation for you to join me as my guest at a monthly club meeting if you would like to get a feel for our corvette club enthusiasts and related activities we support.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!**

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