SUNSPECTE

The Official Newsletter of the Sunburst Corvette Club October 2024







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Please Remember,
All articles, pictures, ads, & flyers are due
the 3rd Sunday of the month.

SUNBURST CORVETTE CLUB

MEETINGS

*1st Thursday at 7pm of every month except January at Galati's Hideaway 800 Feinberg Gt. Cary, IL 847-516-3663

*Come at 6pm to eat together if you'd like!



MISSION

Engage: With a fun inviting social club for fellowship and participation through meetings, activities and events to encourage continued support of Corvette culture and ownership.

Participate: In a forum of education and learning for the enjoyment, driving experience, restoration and sharing of Corvette history.

Share: In collaboration of club members and community partners through volunteerism and charitable support to provide impactful philanthropic giving to benefit the communities we interact with.

VISION

To provide an engaging and lasting influence with whatever we do, whomever we meet, and wherever we go as a club for the continued preservation of the Corvette legacy.

VALUES

Exhibiting the utmost integrity while having fun through education and philanthropy with diverse fellowship and collaboration including club members and community partnerships.



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Message from The President

Dear Sunburst Members,

Someone told me that everyone needs to "Find Their Joy."

I took on the position of President, again, because I felt I could help get the club back on track after a tumultuous year. But with that came stress and a lot of work. At this time, I do not feel that I am giving you, the members, my 100% that you deserve.

Due to some health issues and not feeling I am doing the President position justice; I have decided to step down as President.

Please believe me when I say I did not come to this decision easily, but I feel it is the right decision to make for myself and my family at this time.

I want to thank everyone for their kind words since I made my decision. It means so much to me. I appreciate each and every one of you.

Find your "Joy" in whatever you do!

Save the Wave!

Dee Rosendahl





Message from the Governor

Governor Mike Moushey

Sunburst Club members, Congratulations!! You have continued to demonstrate a meaningful level of support in volunteering in support our events. The 2024 Sunburst Car show was provided with enjoyable weather as we hosted over 150+ vehicles, all makes and models for our annual show at Martin Chevrolet. The coordination and organization supported by many of you resulted in many participants congratulating us on a well hosted event.

The most recent September Midwest Region (MWR) quarterly meeting generated the initial draft NCCC sanctioned event schedule for 2025. Additionally, it was decided not to increase the NCCC dues at this time as the regional and national organizations continue to look at ways to reduce costs and spending.

As a reminder, our next major fundraising event "IT'S A WRAP AUTOCROSS" is scheduled for October 19th & 20th at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake IL. We hope that many of you will be available and interested in participating and/or volunteering for this end of season event in 2025. For more information, please check out the link on our website and feel free to contact Mike Stevens or myself.

At the upcoming October Sunburst membership meeting, I will be providing another quick overview of the 2025 National Convention and insight to opportunities on how we can support and participate in this marquee event. I will also be asking members who are interested in supporting this national event to confirm their interest as a tentative commitment for now. Mark your calendars now for August 17th – 22nd 2025, location will be in Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton WI. Here is a link from the MWR website to give you a bit of an early preview.

https://www.mwregion.com/convention2025.html

Ongoing MWR events during the end of September and October include three weekends of autocross (including the Crystal Lake Location) and 2 Sundays of Rallye events. Here is a website link for your reference.

https://www.mwregion.com/schedule_2024.pdf

As always, we are always looking for new ideas, events, and opportunities to share your passion for the Corvette. Don't hesitate to volunteer your ideas and/or assume a role as a committee person sharing your experience and talents for the club. Hope to

see you soon!





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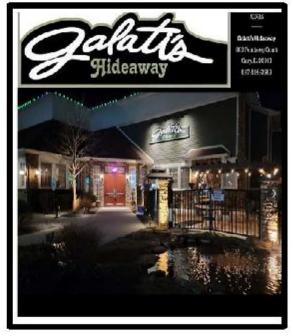
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NCM
Ambassador
Scott Schulz

National Corvette Museum History | How It Came to Be

The National Corvette Museum is known as the world's single largest repository of all that is of significance, in regard to the Corvette. First opened in 1994, the Corvette Museum has welcomed an untold number of visitors and continues to draw significant fanfare on an annual basis.

After more than three decades in operation, the Corvette Museum continues to carry quite a rich history. I thought I would share some of the history of the NCMs conception, creation, design, development, and operations. This is a very abridged version of the tremendous amount of activity over a number of years.



The creation of the National Corvette Museum was a true grassroots effort. In the early 1980's members of the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) sought to create a technical library for preserving Corvette-related documents and literature. This idea blossomed into support for a museum, and the NCRS found valuable allies at Bowling Green Assembly, the city's Chamber of Commerce, and the Bowling Green Assembly Plant employees.





The city of Bowling Green donated 33 acres of land along Interstate 65 near the Corvette plant to the NCRS. This was a key step to set Bowling Green was on its way to becoming the center of the Corvette world. The next step was raising the funds to design and build the museum.

Despite an exhaustive effort to raise the funds necessary to build the Corvette Museum, cash flow remained in short supply. However, an opportunistically timed 1990's financial impact study pertaining to the proposed project, and support from a local banker Wendell Strode, the tides would eventually turn. After the early 1990's report indicated that the museum could indeed be profitable, several Bowling Green banks came together to provide a 6.6 million dollar loan to financially back the National Corvette Restorers Society's efforts.

Once the NCRS had their land and financing for the museum, the next question was what kind of building to create. One suggestion was to shape the Museum like the Chevrolet bowtie, but this idea was scrapped when it became obvious that people would only recognize the design from overhead. Another possibility for the museum was a large, rectangular building that resembled an Incan temple. However, the idea that stuck was to create a building with a sleek, curving exterior and an industrial shine. The design represents speed, innovation, and performance, themes that characterize the history of the Corvette.

The most iconic feature of the National Corvette Museum building is the Skydome. Constructed in 1994 as part of the original Museum, the Skydome opened as the home of the "Corvette Salon" exhibit. Today, it still serves as a place for exhibitions, receptions, and other special events.

As plans for the Museum came together, architects wanted to add something that looked futuristic and easily recognizable. Despite its name, the Skydome is not technically a dome. The structure consists of a conical base with the top portion of the cone removed, creating a sloped surface.



Architects refer to this type of shape as a frustum. The Skydome's round shape complements the curvature of the museum building and even resembles the speedometer on a Corvette dashboard when viewed from overhead. Its bright yellow paint and dramatic height make the Museum easy to spot for travelers on I-65.

With the design complete and funding finally secured, construction began in 1993. The National Corvette Museum opened its doors on September 2, 1994. Ironically, this date fell nearly 10 years to the day of the initial proposal to start a library and archive for corvette technical documents.

The initial opening reception was beyond anything that anyone could have imagined. The freeway was locked up with Corvettes for miles and people lined up for hours just to get through the front door. The Corvette Store stayed open around the clock to serve everyone who showed up.

Unfortunately, interest in the Museum was short-lived and within two years intertest had dropped off to the point the future of the Museum was in jeopardy. The folks from the NCRS and in charge of the NCM at the time had never run a museum before and the banks had demanded a leadership change. One of the biggest supporters from the initial concept Wendell Strode was offered and accepted the position.

Wendell focused on cultivating a family atmosphere that made guests feel like this was their Museum. Corvette team members made it the place to connect with Corvette fans about new cars, while fending off questions about future product. Over time the loans were paid back, and the Museum grew in membership from 1,631 to over 36,000 strong, with the number of visitors reaching nearly 250,000 a year. In 2009, the Museum doubled in size, allowing for bigger events and facility rentals to make it a resource to the community. In 2014, the NCM Motorsports Park was opened, providing a world-class facility for driving, testing, learning, competing, training and having fun. The NCM Kartplex has been added since, and an off-road course is being developed.

Wendell was the Executive Director of the NCM for 23 years starting December 20th, 1996 and the driving force of the success of the museum.

Upcoming Museum Events & Events On-Site at the Museum

October

- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (2) National Corvette Museum | Oct 1 Oct
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- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (3) National Corvette Museum | Oct 15 Oct
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- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (4) National Corvette Museum | Oct 22 Oct 26
- Corvette Racing Weekend Presented by Michelin National Corvette
 Museum @ AACA Museum Hershey PA | Oct 24 Oct 26

<u>MiM</u> = 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/).

NCM Corvette Raffle

Want to try your luck at winning a new C8? Visit the Raffle website at this interactive link Corvette Raffle - Main Page (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 Kntucky, 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





Sunburst Annual Car Show

Sunday, September 15th was warm and sunny, just perfect for the Annual Sunburst Car Show. Event though registration was supposed to start at 9am, cars began showing up at 7:30am. Before we knew it, over 150 classics, hot rods, trucks and Corvettes packed Martin Chevrolet's parking lot.

A large number of Sunburst members rolled up their sleeves to make this a wonderful event. Many of the participants remarked that it was one of the best run shows they have ever attended. Our three charities, Purrfect Paws, Guitars for Future Stars and Ups for Downs, were in attendance and appreciated the exposure they had with our participants and spectators.

Thanks to Mother Nature for providing such an excellent day!

Kudos to Martin Chevrolet's Dan Hoyland and Ed Mouton, for hosting the event and providing the venue. They even sold a brand new E-Ray right after the event. The cochairs of the Car Show committee, Mike Rosendahl and Scott Schulz, were really pleased with all the members that stepped up to make this a very successful event.





Sunburst Annual Car Show



Thanks to Martin Chevrolet for providing this drone photo of the show.

Check out our website for **MANY** photos of the car show. Enjoy!

Sunburst Corvette Club Photos 2024



Sunburst at Brighton Gardens

The Sunburst Corvette Club was invited to Brighton Gardens (a senior living facility), in St. Charles, to put on a "Car Show" and have a BBQ lunch. While there, Sunburst members gave residents and staff rides in our shiny Vettes. Sunburst members included Roger Rupp, Alan Tomaszewski, Sandy Hustedt, Lee & Sue Thorson, Karen & Chuck Pipher, Scott & Patti Schulz, Dee & Mike Rosendahl, Erin & Jerry Risch, Dave & Julie Thomas and Pat & Mike Stevens.

The staff and residents were really excited to see the cars and ride through the residential neighborhood surrounding the facility. A few residents had a history with automotive design and even racing. It was interesting hearing the stories and memories. We were also treated to a BBQ lunch with a special "Sunburst Menu".

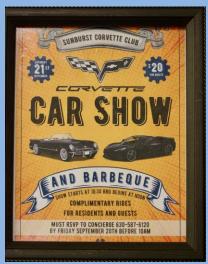
Former member Forrest Roberts organized the first visit to Brighton Gardens thanks to his neighbor, Doug Seebach, manager of the facility. It is tough to see who enjoyed it more this year—staff, residents, Sunburst members? All were winners.



Thanks to Chuck Pipher and Mike Stevens for organizing this event!



Sunburst at Brighton Gardens















Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events 2024

- Fall Colors in Arkansas October 2 (Multi-Day Drive Out) Jim Downing & Mike Stevens
- Autocross October 19 and 20, 2024 Mike Moushey & Mike
 Stevens
- Holiday Party December 7, 2024 Pinecrest Golf Club Dee, Connie, Doria & Diane B.

Upcoming Events in 2025

- Cars & Candy Car Show, June 28/29, Richmond Cathy Zamazal
- NCCC National Convention Wildcat Rallye, August 17th Mike Moushey

If you have an event you would like to plan, make sure to fill out an Event Request Form (found on the SCC Website) and get it to the Board for approval and get it added to the Sunburst Event Calendar.

















"IT'S A WRAP, MWR YEAR END" AUTOCROSS 14 LOW SPEED EVENTS Oct. 19 & 20, 2024



Location: McHenry County College, 8900 US-14, Crystal Lake IL, 60012

EVENT FEES - Day Of

EITHER Saturday OR Sunday Full Weekend Value Package NCCC Members - \$75 Non-NCCC - \$85 NCCC Members -\$140 Non-NCCC - \$165 Less than a full day of racing \$12 per event

ON-LINE REGISTRATION by 10/14/24

https://corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=544 (If you don't send your fees by Oct. 14th, you are not registered)

Pre-Register by 10/14/24

NCCC Members - 1 Day \$60 Both Days \$120 Please make check payable to "Northern Illinois Corvette Club" and mail to Dale Samuelson, 6874 Wildlife Dr., Stillman Valley, IL 61084

Lodging: Hampton Inn, 1555 S. Rte 31, Woodstock, IL 815-578-1900 (\$159/night) by 9/18 Holiday Inn, 800 S. Route 31, Crystal Lake, IL 815-477-7000 (\$109 /night by 9/18 Motel reservations are held for Friday Oct. 18 and Sat. Oct. 19 only.

Registration & Tech SAT 8:00am to 9:00am SUN 8:00am to 8:30am

Drivers' Meeting: SAT 9:00am SUN 8:30am

SAT & SUN Immediately following the Drivers' Mtg. First Event:

Sunburst, Northern Illinois, Northern Rays, and Windy City Corvettes Clubs are pleased to be hosting this weekend of autocrossing.

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Autocross October 19 and 20

"IT'S A WRAP, MWR YEAR END" AUTOCROSS

14 LOW SPEED EVENTS Oct. 19 & 20, 2024



Go to our website for Regulations, Registration Form and Map.

Go here: It's A Wrap, Midwest Region Year End Autocross

Questions? Mike Moushey or Mike Stevens







Upcoming Event 2024



December 7, 2024

Where: Pinecrest Golf Club, Huntley, IL

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m Plated Dinner w/Cash Bar

Please make checks payable to Sunburst Corvette Club and submit to the committee along with your choice of meal preference.

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Organized by Dee, Connie, Doria & Diane B.

E-mail Response to Mandd25@comcast.net by November 1st
OR Mail to Dee Rosendahl, 353 Brighton Ct, Volo, IL 60020
OR bring response w/payment to the October Membership
Meeting

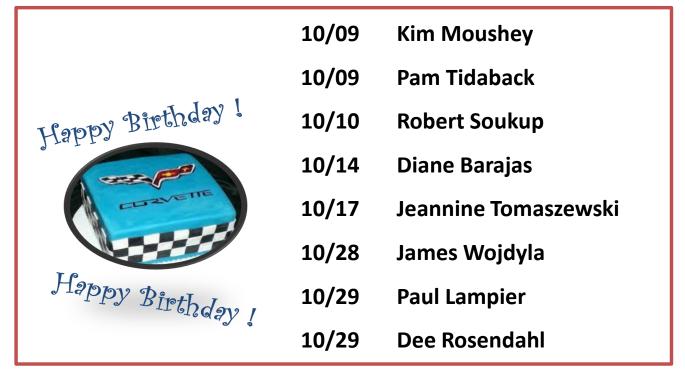
If response is e-mailed, \$\$ needs to be received by November 7th



October Celebrations



October Birthdays





A Note from the Editor

What a month! The Annual Car Show took the monumental and coordinated efforts of many. This was the second largest Car Show run by Sunburst and was enjoyed by many! I hope you'll check out the photos.

And several Sunburst members added smiles to the faces of Brighton Gardens residents. Who doesn't love a ride in a Corvette!

This is a reminder that the next meeting is on Tuesday, October 1.

Thanks for your encouragement to be directed to the website and outside sources through links which allow the newsletter to be timely and brief.



"My policy has always been the nicer the car I drive, the further away I park from other cars."

Source: The Saturday Morning Corvette Blogger