



## NCCC PRESIDENT'S REPORT JULY 2016

**Summer is in full swing** and members are involved having fun everywhere. This past week Michele Cantelmo, the new Director of Charity, Debbie Lindsey, the Director of Sponsorship, Dale Samuelson VP of Competition and I spent four days with our better halves' at the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show (BGS) in Indy. Great weather and a great place to kick off the new NCCC raffle program and a the new charity raising funds for St Judes Children Research Hospital in Memphis,TN. NCCC member Guy Larsen and owner of the BGS, gave NCCC a great location and passes for all the workers who helped selling raffle tickets and working the Autocross which also was a huge success each day. Attendees at the show were lining up for a ride in a race car and also trying out their own skills driving their own car on the course. Thank you to the clubs and members of the Indiana Region for hosting this fun annual event. I see this last weekend in June in Indy growing each year for NCCC.

**The Omaha NCCC Annual Convention** is just three weeks away as I write this. There is still the opportunity to attend convention on a day pass. I encourage you to try to go at least one or two days to see what convention is all about and how much fun you can have with and without your Corvette. Convention is open to every NCCC member to attend.

**The new 2017 Corvettes are back on line** and being produced at the plant in Bowling Green, KY. The new Grand Sport should be the hottest car on the production line this year. Chevrolet and Corvette just keep getting better and better each year. Make sure you plan on Convention in BG in August 2017 to see how the Corvette is made with a plant tour. You will not regret it. Again, NCCC Conventions are for all NCCC members.

**This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA).** Attached to my post is a report from Pat Kelly, FCOA Director. Pat has headed up this program for many years giving of time and effort raising funds and sending to all FCOA members' packets each year full of fun stuff relating to the Corvette hobby. Over 5000 young members have joined for a onetime fee of \$10 birth up to age 16. FCOA is the place to get young people interested in the hobby of cars and to ensure they like the Corvette in the future. Read Pat's article and support FCOA where and went ever you can. FCOA is funded by financial support from NCCC clubs and NCCC members.

**Have a fun and exciting summer** with your club, its members, and the Corvette. Remember, we came for the cars, but we stay for the people. NCCC has some of the best members in the world. Get to know them, you won't regret it. Drive fast and BE SAFE!!!

**Dave Heinemann**  
**President NCCC**



## FCOA DIRECTOR Message July 2016

**As a member of NCCC** you probably want to share the enjoyment of your Corvette with the younger members of your family. Today's kids are the next generation of Corvette enthusiasts and when they start to get involved in the Corvette hobby, everybody wins. The philosophy of the NCCC members who started FCOA in 1991 was to introduce the younger

generation to the Corvette hobby. As they did and still do, I firmly believe that NCCC's future lies in getting today's younger generation interested in the Corvette hobby.

**Kids & Corvettes ~ a combination that can't be beat!** All NCCC members can have a part in securing NCCC's and the Corvette hobby's future. Get those kids excited about our favorite car ~ you don't want them running around in a Viper, Porsche or Mustang, do you? A good way to jump-start your part is to involve them in what you like to do with your Corvette. Let them help you wash your Vette, take them to a show, take them to see an autocross and be sure to teach them about "Save the Wave" when they're riding with you. And . . . don't forget to sign them up for membership in FCOA!!!

**What the heck is this FCOA I'm talking about?** FCOA (Future Corvette Owners Assn.) is the youth organization of NCCC. Currently there are 2,392 active FCOA members and a total of 5,362 FCOA members since its inception. A really fantastic "change" the last few years is that quite a few of the new FCOA members are *second* generation FCOA kids ~ now how great is that!?!?!? What does that mean? It means that the FCOA new member is the son or daughter of a former FCOA member who is now a NCCC member. This is the generation that is the Corvette enthusiast of NCCC's future. Membership is open to the younger family members of current NCCC members. The "kid" can be a child, grandchild, great-grandchild, niece or nephew who is under the age of 16.

**There's a membership application** in each issue of *Blue Bars* magazine and also available on FCOA's webpage (<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html>). Complete the form, enclose the \$10 one-time fee and mail it to the address on the application.

**New FCOA members receive a membership packet** similar to what new NCCC members get but tailored for kids. Included is a personalized welcome letter, FCOA patch and FCOA membership card plus an assortment of other items supplied by companies and NCCC Regions or Clubs that support the FCOA Program. Whenever possible, members also receive an annual membership packet of "goodies" centered on Corvettes.

**Because of the mailings FCOA members receive**, it's very important that I have current addresses for them. Thanks to those of you who are diligent in keeping me informed! By creating excitement about our favorite car, hopefully FCOA members will go on to be active NCCC Youth members when they turn 16. Hopefully then as adults they eventually have a Corvette and become active NCCC Primary members. FCOA members and NCCC Youth Members are the generation that is the Corvette enthusiast of the 21st century! Don't jeopardize the future of NCCC and your club by not sharing your Corvette passion with kids of all ages! There are many ways to share the enjoyment of your Corvette with the younger generation. You'll make some young person very happy and proud!

**Thanks to all** of you who have sponsored FCOA kids for making it a successful program for young Corvette enthusiasts!

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