

NCCC PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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Where has this summer gone? The leaves are starting to turn colors, and weather is getting cooler, and soon it will be spring! Wishful thinking on my part!

This summer has been a real exciting time as I have had the pleasure to attend so many Corvette events across the USA. There seems to always be something to do with your Corvette when you are involved with the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

In June this year NCCC hosted the first autocross event at the new location for the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. What a great location to host a show and all the different events one could do with their Corvette.

In August, NCCC members traveled to Lake Harmony, PA for the NCCC annual National Corvette Convention in the Pocono Mountains. What a beautiful location to host NCCC 56th Convention. The hotel, the location, and all the events were fun and what a rush to go over 100 MPH in a Corvette on the Pocono International Raceway. The week end after the NCCC Convention many of us attended the Corvettes of Carlisle event in Carlisle, PA. This show has got to be the largest show in the country with all the Corvettes and vendors there. If you can't find it there, you are not looking!

September found many NCCC members attending the 21st Anniversary at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. It is always fun and never lacking in things to do at the NCM. There was an HPDE on Wednesday and Thursday and the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony/dinner on Friday evening. Herb Fishel, Rick Hendrick, and Russ McLean were inducted into the NCM Hall of Fame. I wish everyone could have been there to hear their stories about saving and promoting the Corvette hobby. The most exciting thing during the anniversary event was the dedication of the Kimberlee Fast Pavilion. Chuck and Sharon Fast donated over \$1,000,000.00 in honor of their daughter to build the pavilion and to name the drive into the NCM Motorsports Park. The Fasts are long time NCCC members and Kim loved to autocross and drive high speed events.

Summer may be over but there are still lots of things to do with NCCC. There are events going on up north until the end of October and many more down south until the end of the year. Things cool off during January and start up again in February. November 14th is the last 2015 NCCC Governors meeting in St Louis, MO. I encourage everyone to attend several meetings to see how things happen in NCCC. Be my guest at the meeting.

If you are a current member of NCCC, look for something exciting and free in your 2016 renewal packet coming to your home towards the end of the year. Included in the packet is a 1st year free membership to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. This is only for NCCC members who have never belonged to or are not a current member of the NCM. In 2016 all NCCC members should be NCM members.

NCCC is one of the largest Corvette organizations if not the largest. When talking to others remember what you say is what people perceive. If you talk positive and say good things about NCCC, others will

want to join the fun. If you talk about negatives, that is what people will hear, and who would join an organization when they hear that. It's like planting a seed, water it, give it sunshine, pull out the weeds around it, and the seed will grow into a plant. Don't do this, and the seed will never grow and stay a seed. If there is something you don't like about NCCC, don't be part of the problem, find a way to change and make it better. With this attitude, NCCC will grow and even be better. Remember, you only get out of something what you put in. You can't buy a can of soda unless you put the money in the slot.

Until the winter President's update, let your words speak what you would like to see, be safe, and have a wonderful holiday season full of Corvette thoughts and pleasures.

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