

National Corvette Museum Report for January 2022

Happy New Year! As with all new beginnings it's a good time to review what occurred over this past year, and an opportunity to look ahead to this entirely new one. For most of us 2021 started out with all of us in the throes of the COVID pandemic carried over from 2020. In the spring vaccines came out and many people got inoculated. As the year wore on booster shots became available. Most of us lived through the original COVID strain, then Delta, and now Omicron. I say most of us, because sadly there were some friends and family members who didn't make it through. I'll bet there will never be a car named Omicron! Masks are still a thing & continue to be in our typical dress codes while attending public events. For our club in 2021 our inside in person meetings were cancelled, and instead we were able to socially distance with Corvette drives & cruises and meetings out in the open air. As we entered fall it seemed safe enough to resume in person, inside meetings, with our masks donned. As we continue to move forward, I'm hoping for a much better year for all of us filled with more opportunities to get together and enjoy each other and our Corvettes. Now that Winter is officially underway (although the daylight hours are starting to get longer – YAY!) it continues to be a good time to explore some of the great Corvette content on the internet, including on our very own web page [Corvette Marque Club of Seattle - Home](#) where you can view lots of Corvette pictures, read interesting articles, order club clothing, and see what the Club is up to.

There is also the National Corvette Museum website from our friends at the NCM . [National Corvette Museum – Home of America's Sports Car](#) where you can learn about the latest Corvette news, the exhibits and events at the museum and at the Motorsports Park. You can learn about Corvette Racing, peruse Corvette Educational programs, and see all the ways you can help to support the museum by becoming a member (there is typically a half price membership available in February) and if you so choose by making donations in various ways. You can also shop at the on-line store for lots of Corvette Merchandise and purchase raffle tickets where you might win one of the several new Corvettes that are up for Raffle. Check out the “News” section under the “About” tab for tons of news about Awards, Celebrities, Corvette, Corvette Profiles, Corvette Stories, Donations, Education, Enthusiasts, Events, Exhibits, Fundraising, General Motors, GM Plant, GM/Chevrolet, Hall Of Fame, Motorsports Park, Museum News, NCM Insurance, Non-Profit, Racing, and the Sinkhole. That will keep you busy if you've got some time on your hands. Here's what else is happening at the NCM:

The Highlights of 2021 at the Museum: When I think back over the year about the big picture happenings at the Museum, of course naming Sharon Brawner as the new President and CEO in September tops the list. Other highlights include the acquisition of more adjacent property for museum expansion in September, being recognized as a 2021 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice award winner in August, delivery of the 14,000th Corvette through the museum Delivery Program in July, and the announcement of a significant museum expansion in April where the museum is enthusiastically progressing toward a 2 story-30,000 square foot addition of a state-of-the-art campus, with plans to include:

- Specialty Exhibit Spaces and Rotating Displays
- Lifetime Members Lounge
- Open Theater Space
- Sensory Calming Room for Guests with Unique Needs
- Kids Zone Education Center
- Rooftop Members Lounge



What a way to end the year – with a tornado! As most of you know by now 7 states were hard hit with severe tornados on December 11th. Kentucky received significant amounts of damage, including in Bowling Green, the home of the NCM. Here is what the museum had to say in a press release: “During the historic storms on December 11, 2021, the National Corvette Museum was spared any significant damage. All staff - National Corvette Museum, NCM Motorsports Park, and NCM Insurance - were reported as safe.”

Fifteen hours after the events, the curatorial team verified that all the artifacts and vehicles in the collection were reported secure. Thirty-six hours after the storm, all individuals with an artifact on loan to the Museum were notified that their loaned items were not in harm's way. While much of the storm damage was isolated to the Museum's Amphitheater, the Museum was closed over the weekend while crews restored power, cleared roadways of debris, and ensured that our areas were safe once again. We appreciate the calls, e-mails, and check-ins on our staff and institutions. Our closure was necessary due to the circumstances, but we apologize for any inconvenience you may have encountered and appreciate your patience as we work through this unprecedented situation.

Unfortunately, the NCM Motorsports Park did not have the same fate as the Museum. The Motorsports Park is temporarily unsafe to welcome guests, and all activities are suspended until further notice. Insurance adjusters and crews have begun the assessment and clean-up efforts to help determine our rebuilding plan of the affected areas. Our hearts are with those across the Commonwealth who these storms have impacted. Anyone who wishes to assist the Bowling Green community can learn to support by visiting bgky.org."

Here are some photos from the internet of some of the damage at the Motorsports Park.



There are storage areas at the Motorsports park where members can rent a garage space so their Corvette is close to the track. GM also uses some of the space to store new Corvettes while awaiting delivery. Yikes!

According to Corvette Blogger.com The National Weather Service has now confirmed the tornado that struck Bowling Green was an EF-3 with winds reaching 155 mph. As those winds swept across the grounds of the Corvette Assembly Plant, they ripped this Corvette Tours sign from the side of the road that circles the factory and launched it into the air.



That sign would travel approximately 30 miles northeast before landing on a family farm in Kessinger, Kentucky. You can bet the NCM and the Motorsports Park are hoping for a better 2022!

Current Corvette Raffles: The Corvette raffles at the NCM are a major fundraiser that helps to keep the museum operating. All you need to do to enter a raffle for a chance to win one of these fabulous Corvettes is go to the NCM Raffle web page: <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/> click on “download an Order Form” (near the bottom of the page) which will enable you to open or download and print the latest form. Just fill it out & send it in to the NCM with a Credit Card number, and they will purchase the tickets for you and enter it into the raffle drawing right there in Kentucky! Also please note, there is also an “Enter Interactive Mode” button (midway down the page) you can use on the same page to print out a form that has your Credit Card number scrambled, if you are queasy about mailing your full credit card information. To use the Interactive mode, you must have a user ID and Log in to the NCM site. Either way, please jot down on the bottom of the form “Ticket sold by Kevin Wilson NCM Ambassador” so our club gets credit for the order. Also, please let me know if you send in an order (kevinwilson@q.com). Here is the current Raffle line-up:



2022 Black Corvette Coupe
2000 Tickets to be sold
Price: \$100
Drawing: January 13, 2022 2:00 PM



2022 Build your own Corvette or \$70,000
1500 Tickets to be sold
Price: \$250
Drawing: January 13, 2022 2:00 PM



2022 Arctic White Corvette Convertible
Unlimited Raffle Tickets
Price: Just \$20.00
Drawing: April 30, 2022 3:00 PM
These are the least expensive tickets – Great for gifts!!

Here are the winners of the latest Corvette Raffles, there were 2 in December:

The 2022 Silver Flare Corvette Convertible was won by Michelle Pratt of Bullhead City, AZ with ticket #1037 Drawn 12/2/2021. 1053 of the 1500 tickets sold at \$200. This raffle was not sold out.

The 2022 Arctic White Corvette Coupe was won by W. Elliot Stephenson of Cedar Hill, TX with ticket #0540 Drawn 12/16/2021. 1150 of the 1500 tickets sold at \$150. This raffle was not sold out.

Current National Corvette Museum Events: The NCM has set up some great trips for 2022. In the West this year there will be TWO of the Southwest (Utah & Arizona) National Parks driving tours. This is a very popular tour and sells out quickly. There are other driving tours and travel events scheduled in different areas of the US and abroad. Here is the current schedule of events and adventures, both on the road (Museum in Motion events - MiM) and at the museum (NCM). Be sure to keep an eye on this space for upcoming trips to consider for your future vacation planning purposes. These events are popular and can fill up fast. You can check the NCM website for more details about them and sign up for them here:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/>

- MiM Sights & Sounds of New Orleans 3/29 - 4/2/2022 (Registration opens late 2021)
- MiM 2022 9-Day Caribbean Cruise | April 15-24 2022 (Registration is OPEN)

- NCM Michelin NCM Bash | April 28 - 30, 2022 (Registration Opens early 2022)
- MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin at Biltmore Estate | May 1 - May 4, 2022 (SOLD OUT-Wait Listed)
- MiM Branson Experience 5/24 @ 3:00 pm – 5/28 @ 11:00 am. For shortlist please contact Bryce @ Bryce@CorvetteMuseum.org or Maci @ Maci@CorvetteMuseum.org
- MiM Le Mans Tour 6/3 @ 8:18 pm – 6/14@ 9:18 pm (Registration Opens early 2022)
- NCM Le Mans Race Weekend 6/11 @ 7:00 am – 6/12 @ 10:30 am (Registration Opens early 2022)
- MiM Colorado Springs 7/10 @ 4:00 pm – 7/14 @ 11:00 am. For shortlist please contact Bryce @ Bryce@CorvetteMuseum.org or Maci @ Maci@CorvetteMuseum.org
- MiM Northeast Ohio 7/31 @ 3:00 pm – 8/4 @ 11:00 am For shortlist please contact Bryce @ Bryce@CorvetteMuseum.org or Maci @ Maci@CorvetteMuseum.org
- NCM 2022 28th Anniversary Celebration 9/1– 9/3 (Registration Opens mid 2022)
- MiM National Parks Tour Week 1 9/ 18 @ 4:00 pm – 9/24 @ 11:00 am (Registration Opens Spring 2022)
- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (1) 9/19 @ 4:00 pm – 9/24 @ 11:00 am (Registration Opens Late Spring 2022)
- MiM National Parks Tour Week 2 9/25 @ 4:00 pm – 10/1 @ 11:00 am (Registration Opens Spring 2022)
- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (2) 9/26 @ 4:00 pm – 10/1 @ 11:00 am (Registration Opens Late Spring 2022)
- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (3) 10/10 @ 4:00 pm – 10/15 @ 11:00 am (Registration Opens Late Spring 2022)
- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (4) 9/19 @ 4:00 pm – 9/24 @ 11:00 am (Registration Opens Late Spring 2022)

Did you know: The National Corvette Museum opened in 1994 as an educational tribute to America’s sports car? The Museum is located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, known worldwide as the home of the Corvette. Every Corvette in the world since 1981 is assembled at the General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant located just ¼ mile from the National Corvette Museum.

That’s all for now – Save the Wave!