

## National Council of Corvette Clubs 2013 Convention Proposal

Bowling Green has been the home of the Corvette since 1981 when the first two-tone 1981 Corvette came off the assembly line. Since then four generations of Corvette have been built there and the fifth generation, will be introduced as the 2014 model in the summer of 2013. Centrally located, Bowling Green can easily be reached in a two day drive by just about everyone living east of the Rocky Mountains. I would like to propose that the 2013 Convention for the National Council of Corvette Clubs be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky, from June 24th through June 28<sup>th</sup> 2013. This will be a (5) day Convention, hosted by Council Clubs with chairs and co-chairs from various clubs and regions. For most the travel time can be limited to weekends.

The host hotel would be the Holiday Inn Plaza and Convention Center, a full service hotel that was the host for our 2001 Convention. The Plaza has 200 rooms that would be available for our use, an atrium area centrally located on the main floor, which will have our hospitality and vendor areas. The Convention Center will host our evening parties and dinners and is attached to the hotel. There is adequate parking for all those staying at the Plaza with a paved lot by the Convention Center and a large grass area in front of the adjoining golf course. Our Business Manager will negotiate the final contract with the Plaza and any other contracts for this Convention.

Bowling Green is great place to vacation with a great variety of attractions within an hour's drive of Bowling Green. In addition there are many other attractions in the surrounding areas that can make this destination a family vacation opportunity. The Lost River Cave tour, Mammoth Cave, numerous antique shops, Nashville, the Corvette Museum, a Minor league baseball team and the Corvette Plant just to name a few. The Plaza has a full service restaurant and Montana Grille, Steak and Shake, Buffalo Wild Wings, Double Dogs, Raffertys are all within walking distance of the Plaza.

You are being asked to approve a Convention Proposal that will include our awards banquets, parties, southern hospitality rooms, a events including a rallye, car shows and funkana. We will continue to explore opportunities for additional events.

As the proposed chairman I need to point out that there are certain obligations involved with putting on an event the size of our Conventions. For example Council will be obligated for room nights and fees to the Holiday Inn and Convention Center for \$110,000 based on booking 600 room nights at the host hotel. This is without considering the costs of events, trophies, programs, food and beverages and everything else associated with putting on a Convention. The hotel expenses can be offset by filling this hotel and with the food and beverages for our dinners and hospitality rooms. As a Governor you will be offered the opportunity to vote "yes" or "no" for this proposal. Your "yes" vote indicates that you and your club approve and will be supporting this Convention, this format and any deposits required to secure tracks and/or facilities needed to schedule competitive events. As the proposed chairman I hope that you will vote "yes" for this Convention and that you and your club will come to Bowling Green in 2013 to the "Home of the Corvette."

Respectively submitted,

*Richard Panko*