

NCCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2018



count for something.

February is the shortest month of the year with only 40,320 minutes. WOW, that sounds like a lot of time. How short it is and how fast the minutes disappear. This is one reason it is so important to not waste any time planning to do what we always wanted to and never took the time to do. Make plans in 2018 to make **every minute... every day**

This month attached to my message is a letter about the 2018 NCCC Annual Convention in New Orleans. The Convention team has worked to make sure you will have the best time in New Orleans. Look at all they have planned. Registration opens in three days on February 3rd. Do not miss these five days in July of Corvette fun.

NCCC Charity raffles a certificate each year for a new Corvette or \$40,000 cash. The drawing will be at the NCCC Convention in New Orleans. Additionally to raising funds to support St Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis TN., NCCC is raffling off a very valuable Guitar signed by 13 Famous Country Western singers. Tickets for the guitar will be sold until September 22th. The drawing will be at Mid-America Motor Works Funfest event where Mike Yager will draw the winner. NCCC Charity Director Michele Cantelmo has a message about all the exciting raffles this year raising funds for St. Jude. This should be a great year for NCCC supporting the St. Jude Charity effort.

Spring is around the corner. March cannot come fast enough for me. Spring brings new life and growth of everything. Whatever you may be dealing with personally, it too will pass and change and new things will fill your life. Don't wait until fall to realize there is so much to do and you missed out on it. We all belong to a great group of caring people who are members of NCCC. Get involved and you too will experience the best part of belonging to NCCC.

Be safe, be happy in everything, call a friend and say "Hi", and join in all there is to do. And Smile! It's easy and doesn't hurt. And you will feel better for sure!

**God Bless you all,
Dave Heinemann
President NCCC**

NCCC CHARITY MESSAGE



I am sitting here watching the snow fall and the temperature on our thermometer is reading 24 degrees. I take comfort knowing spring is only 48 days away. In about two weeks you will find me out in my greenhouse starting seedlings of vegetable and flower plants for spring and summer.

NCCC Charity will be doing another Raffle for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. NCCC President Dave Heinemann was honored to receive an autographed Rogue Fine Instrument guitar from Lon Helton. Dave sits on the National Corvette Museum Board with Lon who is a member of the St. Jude Board. We graciously **THANK** Lon for giving us the opportunity to raise additional money for St. Jude. Winner will be drawn Saturday, September 22nd, 2018 during the evening concert at Mid America Motor Works Funfest. 100% of money collected will be awarded to St. Jude. There will be an order form available in the upcoming issue of Blue Bars. **There will be NO on line orders for this raffle.** An order form will be available on the website for you to print and mail in your order. Tickets will be sold at the National Governor Meetings in St. Louis, Bloomington Gold, Funfest in Hastings NE, NCCC Convention in New Orleans, Corvettes at Carlisle and Funfest in Effingham IL.

If you haven't already done so, please order your Raffle ticket for a certificate valued at \$55,000 towards a new corvette or a Cash Offer of \$40,000. There is still time to order the Early Bird Raffle tickets if you purchase a \$50 ticket. You can order tickets on line through NCCC Website. An order form will be available in the upcoming issue of Blue Bars.

The on-line Scholarship application will be available 2-1-18 and will close 6-1-18. The on line Scholarship program was a huge success last year. Walt Jenkins and I have tweaked the on line application to make it better for 2018. Please check out the NCCC Scholarship website and familiarize yourself with the Scholarship Program Overview which has been updated with new information.

For us in the North Eastern states we are counting down the days until Spring. For the rest of the NCCC Family, enjoy your rides and think of us!

Michele Cantelmo
Director of Charity



2018 NCCC CONVENTION



“**Laissez les bon temps rouler.**” (*lay-ZEH leh BAWN taw ROO-leh*) means “let the good times roll,” and it’s one of the most widely known phrases associated with New Orleans. Typically used around Mardi Gras, it is also heard anytime someone is celebrating a good time, such as the 59th Annual NCCC Convention!

And celebrate, we will! First, be sure to review all of our links at ["Nawlins"](#) where you’ll find a scrolling list of planned updates and the latest scheduled activities. Then you’ll be ready to register starting this Saturday, February 3rd. Next the hotel booking process has changed slightly to offer an equitable opportunity for those obtaining lodging at our host facility. Therefore be aware that the simple instructions to reserve a room will only be available after receipt of your registration confirmation email containing your official Convention Number. You will first receive an acknowledgment and then a confirmation shortly after completing the online registration process. Just click on that special [here](#) link at the bottom portion of the confirmation email and you’ll find a direct reservation phone number which connects you to our exclusive reservation manager during normal business hours at the host hotel. After verifying your Convention and NCCC #s she will proceed with obtaining your payment method to guarantee your room reservation. We certainly appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Now a few facts about our host facility. As you may have noticed, the name and brand alliance has changed from Best Western to Choice Hotels. Their transition is now complete and makes a nice place even better. And the \$87/\$119 room rates remain the same and now include breakfast each morning! The exceptionally friendly staff also remains the same. Our Hospitality Room and Corvette Mall will be on the 16th floor with a spectacular view of the New Orleans panorama. We will party hearty in the 8,000 sq. ft. Mardi Gras Ballroom, largest outside of the French Quarter. A couple of nearby Hilton properties have also been retained as overflow.

If you’re bringing your Corvette to compete, you’ll have two excellent facilities to enjoy...On Monday, drag racing at ["No Problem Raceway"](#) then for two more days at the World Class ["NOLA Motorsports Park"](#). We will provide an Open Track Day starting early on Tuesday for practice & learning; then later an escorted caravan for others to enjoy a full day of activities.....beignets from the Café Du Monde food truck, indoor Concours, outside People’s Choice Car Show, air conditioned picnic lunch and Michelin is making arrangements for a “Ride & Drive”.

If you're not bringing your Corvette, you can still compete in the NCCC Funkhana on Wednesday or Thursday or just sign up for a Tour for a few of the exciting sights in and around New Orleans. These are the essential events that all convention goers expect year after year.....So what's new this year?

How about an entertaining cooking class? Watch, learn & eat an authentic Louisiana meal in a way you'll never forget! On Monday, sit back and enjoy watching a skilled, entertaining chef prepare a classic Cajun/Creole luncheon right in front of you while learning about the vibrant history of New Orleans cuisine without having to leave our host hotel.

Have you ever wanted to race against the NCCC National Champion and not have to worry about hauling your Corvette cross country. Here's your chance on Tuesday at the largest karting track in the US. Also for that comparative experience get behind the wheel of a Ferrari, Lamborghini or Porsche at the Supercar Xperience!

So come join all your NCCC friends with or without your Corvette; to compete or just vacation....we have provided a unique agenda at an awesome destination for an amazing experience in **The Big Easy!**

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