

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE 2017



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President*

Summer is here and as the weather gets warmer each day I see more and more opportunities for members of NCCC to get involved and enjoy the hobby of owning a Corvette.

Everything is in place for another great NCCC Convention this year in Bowling Green KY, home of the Corvette. The Corvette plant announced in April that the plant would be closed for tours for 18 months which upset a lot of people. Planning the convention over two years out, no one in NCCC had any idea the tours would not be available to us or the public. However, that does not stop all the fun and good times to be had at convention this August. The Yanko's and Murphy's have a great program planned and there is still time to come on a day pass for one or more days to see and experience all there is to do during the week of convention.

May 6th was the second quarter meeting of the NCCC Board of Governors in St. Louis. Business was conducted and Officers reports were given for all the areas in NCCC. Each NCCC club elects a Governor who represents all the members of their club in deciding the direction for the future of NCCC. Regional Officers represent each region and all club Governors who cannot attend. National Officers chair committee meetings on Friday afternoon and evening with all the Regional Officers. National elected Officers meet Saturday morning prior to the afternoon meeting with the Governors to discuss information from the Friday night meetings. All this information comes together on Saturday afternoon at the National Governors meeting at 12:30 PM. This is just a small part of what all the volunteers, Officers, and Governors do for the 18,000 + members of NCCC. They all do it with a passion and love for NCCC, and the Corvette hobby. If ever you have a chance to attend a meeting, I encourage you to do so. You might just see the dedication and time these officers spend for everyone to have fun!

Things on the National level are doing well. For the first time in seven years, NCCC has a balanced budget for 2017. NCCC's "Blue Bars" magazine is better than ever in full color with current reports of events happening all over the country. The new deal with the printing company using three staples instead of two and flattening the magazine has reduced the problems of torn covers. Editor Elaine Heretta is doing an excellent job of assembling the magazine for everyone to enjoy and working with the printer to reduce the cost of the magazine by over \$30,000 in 2017.

Amelia Workman, VP of Membership, is right on top of processing new members coming in every week as clubs sign up new Corvette owners. The new membership renewal program is all set for this fall when renewals start again for 2018. Please make sure that NCCC has your current *correct address* and the *right email* so you don't miss out on anything in the future.

The new NCCC raffle program to support St Jude Children's Research Hospital is doing well but could still use a little more support from all the members of NCCC. Only 2000

tickets at \$50 each for a certificate for a new Corvette or \$40,000 cash, and with over 18,000 NCCC members, all tickets should be sold out by now. Please consider helping out this worthwhile cause to help children who are dealing with cancer and other medical issues. You can order tickets on the NCCC web site under Charity. It's the right thing to do and sends a good message about our great organization.

The NCCC relationship with the National Corvette Museum keeps getting stronger each day. The "NCM delivery program" has gained NCCC over 350 new members. NCCC support for the new Motor Sports Park continues to make others aware that NCCC is there as a Corvette organization. Many NCCC clubs are using the MSP for events. What a great place to host a speed event.

That's it for this month. Events are up and running all over the country. Try to attend one just to see how much fun they can be. Get involved with your club supporting events, drives outs, tours, and anything with your Corvette. Please keep in mind, everything NCCC and clubs do are hosted by volunteers who give of their time and energy so we can have a good time.

Until next month, drive safe, have fun, and enjoy the ownership of a Corvette. Over 299 million people in the USA don't own a Corvette. We are the lucky ones!!! Enjoy and make the most of it!!

Dave Heinemann
President NCCC

Convention Update



The Convention is fast approaching and we have been working to finalize all the details. At the last Governors Meeting we talked about doing "touring" laps at the Motorsports Park Track one day. We have all the details in place to do this on Wednesday, August 24th. We will have a morning and afternoon session and the cost will be \$40.00 per driver.

"Touring Laps" will consist of at least one session of the entire motorsports track and depending on how well the participants behave we hope to have multiple runs available in the morning and afternoon groups. The "touring laps" consist of groups of 4 or 5 cars, led by a track employee around the course at a moderate speed for at least (2) laps per run. Pre-

registration will be required for scheduling purposes and this information will be available on the NCCC Web Site under the 2017 Convention Section. For all the latest information on the 2017 Convention keep checking the NCCC Web Site for updates on the scheduling, parties, games, etc.

Richard Yanko and Debbie Murphy