

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### GARY COCKRIEL

Hi Gang,

I hope this finds everyone well and getting excited about Spring!

Welcome to all our new members! We're glad you chose us to be a part of the team. I tell everyone each month, "We'll treat you so many ways you're bound to like one of them!" So, jump in and let's go for a ride! The club is planning several things this year.

I want to Thank the club for all of the things you have done to support the Museum last year. With your volunteer hours to buying raffle tickets and other things that helped us earn 7743 points! As bad as 2020 was we still did awesome job! Thank You!

We had our first Corvettes and Coffee in March and look to have others throughout the year. We'll keep you posted on when



and where. Following the Corvettes and Coffee several members went to the Drive Up for Down Syndrome car show at the NCM. The club had several winners there. Congratulations to all of them!

The NCM Bash is just around the corner and who ever can, please volunteer in some area to help them and help us pay for our meeting place! You can contact Connie Russell at the Museum to let her know when you are available.

The Bluegrass Corvette Club Event is coming up on May 15th. We are planning a ride up together to the Wilderness Distillery in Danville KY. We are planning on going straight there so we will be on time and have an area for us to park together. After there, I think we have a ride through the back roads home, if you want to stay together or you can trek out on your own. Thanks to Terry & Susan Jordan for planning and running the ride ahead of time!

The KY Derby is coming soon! The Museum has said we can have our meeting in the Conference Room and watch the Derby live on the big screen! More to come on this at the meeting!

Congratulations to Linn Marsh on the 50/50 money win and to Gail Mazza on getting her car featured on our Web site and Facebook page for a month. Remember buy the tickets for a chance at the money and or to have your car featured for a month.

Until we see each other again, be safe, keep'm clean and ready to ride!

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## CLBG EVENTS

### CLBG Events

April 10– Note - this is the *second* Saturday this month! - Membership Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – NCM  
Chevrolet Theatre  
May 1 – Membership meeting AND Kentucky Derby Party – Details forthcoming.  
May 15 – Cruise to Wilderness Trail Distillery Corvette gathering – Danville, KY

### Other Events

Apr 22-24 – NCM Bash

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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



04/01 Chuck Buckingham  
04/03 Jeff Garner  
04/03 Karen Grosnik  
04/05 Diane Ingram  
04/06 Mike Brawley  
04/08 Connie McGehan  
04/09 Danny Sublett  
04/10 Vince Perriello  
04/10 Marshall Fancher  
04/11 Mike Honeycutt  
04/11 Lurton Keel  
04/13 Tom Hill  
04/14 Debra Gregory  
04/16 Sam Hall  
04/19 Jonathan Tyson  
04/20 Liz Hill  
04/21 Paul Schnoes  
04/21 Bill Nye  
04/24 Daniel Garrett

04/02 Gary & Torie Cockriel  
04/04 Randy & Dorothy Hargis  
04/08 Vince & Christine Perriello  
04/13 Fred & Diane Kayser  
04/16 Dennis & Diane Ingram

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## CLBG MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

This is where we celebrate our members who have been with us for 5, 10, 15 or more years.

# Congratulations!



**Debbie Hoodenpyle – 5 Years**

**Mike & Cheryl Brawley – 15 Years**



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## UPCOMING CLBG EVENTS

One thing this year isn't -- it is *not* 2020! So, we are working to plan and execute events we can all get out and enjoy. Here are a few upcoming dates for you to reserve.



**Saturday, May 1** – Kentucky Derby Party!! Yes, it's back, and we are going to celebrate! We will give you all the details as the day gets closer, but for now get your finest Derby hat ready, study up on the ponies, and reserve that evening. (Won't hurt to memorize the words to the My Ol' Kentucky Home, either!)

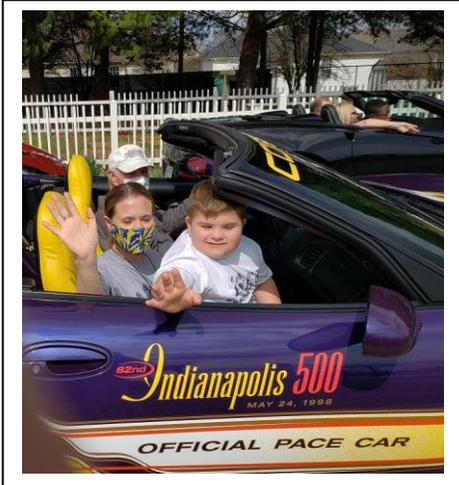
**Saturday, May 15** – Corvette Cruise-In at Wilderness Trail Distillery in Danville, KY. This is an event that was planned and put together by the Bluegrass Corvette Club and Wilderness Trail Distillery. And we want to take full advantage of their hard work! Corvette caravans from across KY will be heading to Danville. We will be leading a beautiful line of our Corvettes up to Danville Saturday morning, then enjoying the day there. Again, we will provide specifics as it gets closer. If you are interested in taking a tour of their distillery, you need to go to their website to reserve a spot, the sooner the better.  
<https://wildernesstraildistillery.com/>



Stay tuned for future events - there *will* be more!

# CELEBRATING WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021



When Cumberland Trace Elementary School reached out to the National Corvette Museum, Jack Matukas, NCM President and CLBG member, reached out to our club. They asked for cars to come to their school on Monday, March 22, to help honor their extra special students.

About 15 members and their cars showed up, first at El Mazatlan for lunch, then up the street to CTE. The school had us stage the cars in the drive, and as we got out of the cars, the children started making their way to the cars. One little guy immediately zeroed in on my car which is blue, his favorite color. Even his shirt was a perfect match to my car!



He chose the car that matched his shirt.

Students and cars were paired up, and each child along with their teaching assistant climbed into the passenger seats, and the procession drove a parade lap around the school field. The entire route was lined with the entire student population,



A dance party broke out!

each holding signs they had made, celebrating their fellow students. One of the school staff announced each student as their car started the route, while the students cheered and called their names. They even had a disc jockey playing music, and even had a bubble machine to add to the atmosphere.

It was a wonderful event. I don't know who had a better time: the drivers, our little passengers, or the whole student body.

To see all the photos, go the website:

[https://clbg.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=187&club\\_id=635510](https://clbg.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=187&club_id=635510)

## REALLY FAST!

CONTRIBUTED BY TRACY HARDER



Do you remember me telling the story that we went "really fast" driving the Corvette last fall? If you don't, here is the short story. Last October we participated in the Museum In Motion One Lap of Kentucky. We toured with the state trooper in his Official Trooper Vehicle, a C6 Corvette. We had a long line of cars so he would stop traffic at a red light to let the caravan pass through. Then he had to drive *really fast* to get back to the front of the line of Corvettes. With that trip, I was the passenger and Bob was driving *really fast*. But earlier this month, I was the driver, and I went *Really Fast*.

For my birthday, I went to high performance driving school<sup>1</sup> at the Motorsports Park. Not only did I drive a brand new C8 Corvette, but I went *really fast!* There were 6 people in my class allowing one track instructor for 2 cars. They kept the class small, giving us special attention during the indoor classroom and the outside classroom aka the Motorsports Track. We had 3 sessions of indoor classroom and 3 sessions of track time.

After the first session about the basics and safety, we were all set to put on our helmets, go get in our cars and rev up our engines. So far, so good. We were about to experience the basics and go *really fast*. My instructor drove a yellow C7. Easy to spot and easy to follow. The other student paired with me was a 20-year-old man, all set to follow the yellow C7, in his white C8 and I followed as the third car in my black C8 #03. I didn't choose that car, but it was appropriate since my birthday is 03/03 (March the third) and I was wearing black!

We were coached to follow in line, and imagine we were following in the tracks of the lead car as if



following the tire tracks on lightly dusted snow. Our caravan was yellow car, white car and black car. We followed behind the yellow car maneuvering left and right on the track. Our goal was to keep the yellow car in sight so we could follow in his "snow prints". I was traveling along at a good speed and certainly kept the yellow car in sight. After a couple of

laps, the yellow car pulled us off in the pit. I was quite pleased with my driving. But, when the instructor came back to talk to me, he said, "You really need to speed up, you need to stay a car length behind. Look right now at how close you are to the white C8 in front of you. Now that is a perfect distance. Can you do that?" I said yes, I will do better. On the last lap, I closed in and felt better

about my performance. After we pulled into the pit, the young guy told our instructor that he was disappointed that we didn't go faster.

Before we went into the classroom, I saw the 3 driving instructors having a meeting and pointing at the students. Then they came inside. The instructor went through more driving education, talking about staying close to the instructor car, following the leader's braking and acceleration, and learning about the apex of the curve. I got called out a few times in the class – just to make sure I was paying attention. Then we were ready to go back on the track.

The classroom instructor told me then that they had made a change. The young man was going solo with the instructor in the yellow Corvette, I think so he could go *really fast*. I was going with the classroom instructor, along with 2 other drivers. He walked me out and said I was immediately following him, with the other 2 drivers following behind me. He said, "You have to keep up and stay one car length behind, otherwise, the caravan would not work." He asked why I stayed ten car lengths behind on the first lap, I told him that I was nervous the car would turn over on a curve and I was comfortable at my pace. He said I was going to be okay and the car won't turn over and I can't be hanging back this time.

I kept up. I leaned into the curves. I went faster. I did everything the instructor did. It was good. After we finished, he said he was proud, and he knew I could do it. He said we would do better on the 3<sup>rd</sup> time on the track.

We went inside for classroom session. We learned how the pro drivers raced the course and more. Then we went back out. My instructor told me that he has always had his students get into the over-100 club and he planned on getting me to that level. Sure enough, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> lap, I did it. I went *really fast*.



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<sup>1</sup> Though not technically a High Performance Driving School, the Corvette Experience is relatively High Performance, especially for our Author.

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# CLBG NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM AMBASSADOR

Rich Sanders

**Club members ownership C1 – C8???**... A question was posed to all the Ambassadors from another club's Ambassador. "How many other clubs have at least one car in each of the C1-C8 generations?" Interesting query. A little over 30 Ambassadors answered in the affirmative. Some of the Ambassadors even went so far as to submit bar graphs with their responses which broke down their members' ownership by generation.

Even though the responses contained what some people might categorize as useless information, I found the glimpse into their members' Corvette interests quite interesting. The inquiry planted a seed of thought in my mind. I wonder how the ownership of the various generations in our club compares to other clubs.

**Ed "Big Daddy" Roth exhibit...** As many of you know, the timeframe for the Ed "Big Daddy" Roth exhibit was extended to run through April. Hopefully, everyone has had a chance to walk through this fascinating collection. But, if you have not had the opportunity yet, there is still a few weeks left to view this awesome collection of vehicular artwork.

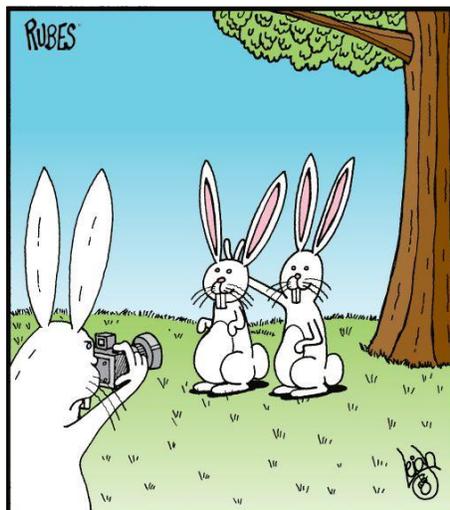
**Memorial Day weekend brings Corvette Powered ...** NCM's Mariah Hughes announces, "Beginning Memorial Day weekend, visitors to the National Corvette Museum will have the opportunity to learn exactly what it means when they step into an exciting new exhibit by the same name: Corvette Powered. The exhibit will showcase vehicles, specifically mid-century non-General Motors/non-Corvette vehicles, that use Corvette engines and drivelines."

This will be a very informative and educational exhibit. The chance to learn how Corvette Power has played a huge role outside of the GM plant will be fascinating.

**Bash – April 22 thru 24...** Let's get all of this rain out of the way so we can have a great weekend at the Bash.

**Corvette Raffles...** Here are the upcoming drawings:

- **2021 Build Your Own Corvette or \$65,000 to be raffled on 4/23/2021**  
Tickets available: 1119. (*note: this will be raffled during the Bash*)
- **2021 Arctic White Corvette Coupe to be raffled on 4/24/2021** (*note: this will be raffled during the Bash*) An unlimited number of tickets to be sold at \$20 each.
- **2021 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 5/20/2021** Tickets available: 1845.



**Happy & Blessed Easter!**

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# RECIPE OF THE MONTH!

## Chicken & Dressing



We need to talk! When were y'all going to tell me, a Northern transplant, about this? I discovered it at Melissa's Country Café, expecting a slice of chicken sitting beside a scoop of dressing. But you, my friends, took that chicken and that dressing and turned them into a casserole! Southern genius!



### Ingredients:

- 3 cup roasted chicken roughly chopped
- ¼ cup butter or light butter
- 1 celery rib diced
- 1 small onion diced
- ½ cup diced red or green bell pepper
- 1 14 oz package Cornbread stuffing mix or Herb Seasoned stuffing(i.e. Pepperidge Farm)
- 2 cup low sodium chicken broth
- 2 tsp poultry seasoning
- ½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- 1 10 ¾ oz can cream of chicken soup
- 1 10 ¾ oz can cream of celery soup
- 1 ¼ cup milk
- ¼ cup mayonnaise or sour cream
- 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

### Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 350°F. Spray a 9 x 13 inch baking dish with cooking spray.
- In a large skillet, melt butter and sauté the diced celery, onion, and bell pepper. Cook until softened and beginning to brown.
- Add chicken, stuffing mix, chicken broth, the poultry seasoning, garlic powder and black pepper. Stir well until heated through and remove from the heat. Set aside.
- In a mixing bowl, whisk together both soups, milk, mayonnaise & Parmesan cheese
- Combine the soup mixture with the chicken/stuffing mixture.
- Spread mixture into the prepared 9 x 13 baking dish.
- Bake 45 minutes or until golden and bubbly around the edge.
- Serve immediately.

### Susans Notes:

- I found many variations of this recipe. Some are more from “scratch”, (cooking the chicken, making the dressing), using either bread or corn bread, or a combination of both. I chose this recipe as it leans towards my personal tastes, and it is quicker than others.

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