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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GARY COCKRIEL

Hey Gang,

I hope this finds you well. Welcome to all the new members, we're glad you joined us.

September! Where has the summer gone? We had a very good turnout for the Corvettes & Coffee on August 14. The weather was good, the food and coffee were good, and the fellowship was Great! Thanks Sophia and Donald, owners of Just Love Coffee Café. We're looking at doing it again on September 25th at Just Love Coffee Café the same place as last month.

Thanks to Dr. Joe Tucker for coming to speak to us about the Aviation Heritage Park and to Teresa Hart for telling us more about Canine Companions, both were very good presentations. We presented them each with a check for \$500.00 for their organizations.

We had a very good turnout for the Corvette Sunday at Flat Rock Fellowship Baptist Church. Nineteen of our cars plus and one belonging to their members grandson. The church fed us very well and I feel everyone was pleased and glad they came. Thanks Gene and Melanie Vincent for making this happen!

By the time you see this newsletter the NCM Anniversary celebration will be over. I want to thank all who volunteered for the club to help in areas that were needed. That's how we pay our rent for our meeting place. Thanks again!

Remember the Backpack Program ride is September 11. Starting at 10:00 at the Corvette Museum. The first 50 to register gets a free lunch.

On September 19th, we have a short ride setup. We'll talk more about it at the meeting.

October 16 is the Trooper Island cruise. You must sign up for this as it is a first come first serve because of the limited number they can handle. Check our website on this.

The Halloween Party is set for October 30. We'll be talking more about this at the September 11 meeting.

On September 1st the National Corvette Museum announced their new President and CEO Sharon Brawner effective immediately! She was Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, along with many other things she has done. She is a native of Hodgenville, KY and attended WKU. Let's all welcome her when you see her!

We've had several members and family members under the weather so keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Remember the meeting in September is on the 11th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLBG Events

- Sept 11 – 10:00 a.m. – Cruise with Backpack Program – Meet at NCM parking lot.
Sept 11 – 6:00 p.m. - Club Membership Meeting – NCM Chevrolet Theatre
Sept 19 – Afternoon cruise – details will be announced at September 11 meeting.
Sept 21 – Tuesdays with Torie – O’Charley’s in BG – email Torie if you plan to come torie.cockriel@wku.edu
Sept 25– 8:00 a.m. - Corvettes & Coffee – Just Love Café – 1640 Scottsville Rd, Suite 400, BG (beside BAC)
October – Club Membership Meeting – NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER.
Oct 16 – Cruise to Trooper Island – Register on CLBG.us website calendar. Sign up now – numbers are limited.
Oct 30 – CLBG Halloween Party – More information to come!

Other Events

- Sept 10-12 – Holley LS Fest – Beech Bend
Sept 24-25 – Somernites Cruise – **Corvette Summer Showcase** – Somerset, KY
Oct 3 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Thunder on the Square – Russellville, KY
Nov 4-6 – Vets ‘n Vettes – NCM

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



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| 09/01 | Danny Clark | 09/05 | Andre & Adrienne Adkins |
| 09/06 | Sandra Hazelton | 09/09 | Ron & Sheila Best |
| 09/08 | Nancy Kreisle | 09/14 | Tony & Rhona Feckter |
| 09/09 | Josephine Willis | 09/19 | Bill & Jan Nye |
| 09/10 | Frank Harrison | 09/22 | Bob & Cindy Whittaker |
| 09/10 | Larry McCool | 09/25 | Rich & Mary Sigler |
| 09/13 | Christine Perriello | | |
| 09/14 | Stanley Marshall | | |
| 09/17 | Larry Beam | | |
| 09/17 | Sharon Smith | | |
| 09/20 | Dennis Ingram | | |
| 09/22 | Richard Greer | | |
| 09/25 | Dale Willis | | |
| 09/26 | Dorothy Hargis | | |
| 09/30 | Janice Keel | | |

INTRODUCING SHARON BRAWNER, NCM PRESIDENT & CEO



In case you have not already heard about the new President of NCM, which has been the Topic of the Week around the Corvette world, here is a bit of information about Sharon Brawner. The following excerpts are from the NCM News stories:

“The National Corvette Museum Board of Directors has selected Sharon Brawner to serve as President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. Brawner joins the National Corvette Museum, effective today, from Nashville, TN where she served as the longtime Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing at the Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum.

“Brawner spent just shy of two decades at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum supporting its mission of preserving and interpreting the history of country music. Brawner initially joined the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum staff in 2001 as director of new business development....In her most recent role as senior vice president of sales, marketing & IT, Brawner had day-to-day oversight of the museum’s traditional revenue-producing areas including admission ticket sales, special event sales, restaurant and catering sales, product licensing, corporate sponsorships, and the Museum’s retail store sales. Also operated by the museum, Brawner oversaw management of Historic RCA Studio B, the Home of 1,000 Hits, and Hatch Show Print, one of the oldest working letterpress shops in America. Additionally, Brawner led the Museum’s traditional advertising, promotions and other marketing communications including the museum’s website, social media outreach, and publicity efforts.

“Prior to joining the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum staff, Brawner was vice president of sales, marketing, and communications for the Nashville Sounds AAA Baseball team and, before that, served as the vice president of administration for the Nashville Kats Arena Football team. Early on in her career, Brawner served 10 years in the hotel and hospitality fields within the areas of sales, marketing, and corporate partnerships with the likes of Opryland Hotel, Loews Anatole Hotel, Galt House Hotel, and others.

Brawner is a graduate of the 2019 class of Leadership Nashville and currently serves on the board of Feed America First. For 11 years, Brawner served as a board member of the Tennessee Tourism Committee and was a board member for the TransPerfect Music City Bowl. Brawner also served as an adjunct professor at Belmont University, teaching a Masters-level class on sports marketing with an emphasis on corporate sponsorships. Brawner is a native of Hodgenville, Kentucky and attended Western Kentucky University.

Brawner will assume full CEO duties effective today, September 1, 2021.”

Congratulations and Welcome “home” to Sharon Brawner from all the CLBG members!

CLBG MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

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

Congratulations!



Bob & Cindy Whittaker – 5 Years

Bill & Dianne Grimes – 20 Years

Paul & Babs Schnoes – 20 Years

Denzel Williams – 20 Years



CLBG NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM AMBASSADOR

Rich Sanders

Awards and recognition just keep rolling in ... As many of you are aware, the National Corvette Museum earned top honors in the 2020 USA TODAY 10 Best Readers' Choice travel award contest for Best Attraction for Car Lovers. Various attractions were nominated by a group of esteemed experts. Those nomination were then publicized with a request for the public to vote for their favorite. The voting took place over a four-week period. Of the 20 nominees, the NCM garnered the most votes, thus earning it the title of the Best Attraction for Car Lovers for 2020. As you can see, this award was generated from the votes of people who obviously have experienced what the NCM has to offer to its visitors.

Recently, the NCM was a 2021 Travelers' Choice award winner. The NCM consistently received fantastic reviews from worldwide travelers on TripAdvisor for the past 12 months. Travelers' reviews placed the NCM in the top 10% of worldwide places to visit. Yes, worldwide. This recognition was given due to the glowing responses from people who have visited the NCM and placed reviews on TripAdvisor.

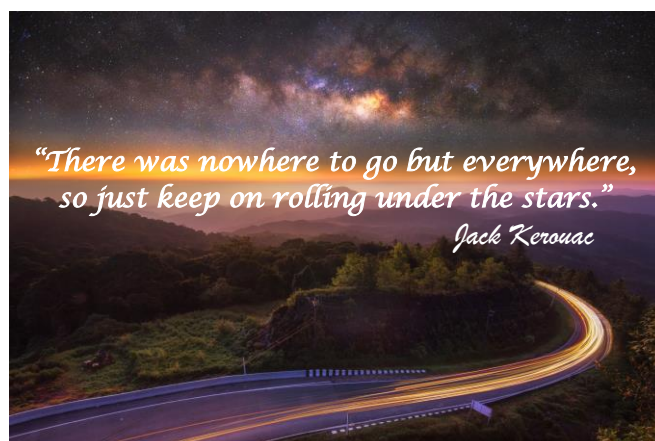
In the case of both awards, they were given as a result of the responses from guests who visited the NCM.

As I have mentioned many times, we are so very fortunate to have the NCM in our backyards. I am always reminded of that fact when I read social media posts from people who proudly show pictures of their visit to the NCM during a vacation trip or a weekend getaway.

Vets 'n Vettes - Nov. 4th thru Nov. 5th ... There is never a bad time to show our gratitude to our men and women who are serving or who have served in the U.S. Military. The days leading up to the annual celebration of Veterans Day make a fitting time for Corvette owners and the NCM to recognize their patriotic service to this great nation. The NCM began an event in 2008 which has turned into a tradition of honoring our veterans with a tribute titled Vets 'n Vettes. Activities are planned to give veterans as much of a Corvette experience as possible. Some of the activities typically include rides at the Motorsports Park, a Corvette parade and a luncheon at the local VFW. Stay tuned as this 2-day event unfolds.

Corvette Raffles ... As of this writing there are still tickets available for two Corvette raffles that will be drawn during the 27th Anniversary gathering. Of course, that means that as you are reading this, the lucky winners of those two drawings already have been notified and are surely celebrating their new C8 possession. Maybe even one of our club members is riding around in a NCM Corvette raffle prize. Here are the upcoming drawings:

- **2022 Red Mist Corvette Coupe to be raffled on 9/23/2021. Tickets available: 1395**
- **2022 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe to be raffled on 10/21/2021 Tickets available: 1864**



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