

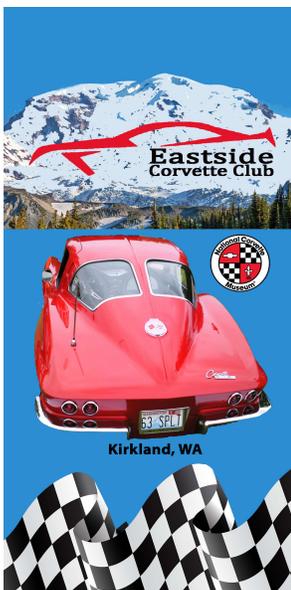
## National Corvette Museum Report for March 2021

Here we go this month Marching Fourth cautiously towards the Ides, then the abandoned caution of St. Paddy's day and the Wearin' o' the Green. When it comes to Corvettes and Wearin' o' the Green, it all started in 1956 with Cascade Green, which was carried over to 1957, then brought back again in 1960. One seldom comes across Green Corvettes and perhaps that's because of the amount of Green one parts with to own one? Anyway, just for grins, here are the other Green Corvettes one might run into, although the sighting of one might be as rare as seeing a Leprechaun: 1965 = Glen Green; 1966 = Mosport Green; 1967 = Goodwood Green; 1968 = British Green; 1969 = Fathom Green; 1970 = Donnybrooke Green; 1971 = Brands Hatch Green; 1972 = Elkhart Green; 1973 = Blue Green; 1974 = Dark Green; 1975 = Bright Green; 1976 = Dark Green; 1977 = Chartreuse; 1979 & 1980 = Dark Green; 1982 = Silver Green; 1990-1996 = Polo Green (long run for this one!); 1997 & 1980 = Fairway Green; 2000 & 2001 = Dark Bowling Green; 2014 & 2015 = Lime Rock Green (.83% of all C7's). Whew! Now I'm starting to feel a little green around the gills! Did you know you can find all kinds of information about each year of Corvette at the National Corvette Museum (NCM) website? Whether you are researching a particular model year Corvette, or just browsing through history, the NCM has specs, production counts and other information of interest available. You can start your search here:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-specs/>

Here is some other information from our friends at the NCM:

**Eastside Corvette Club places order for NCM Parking lot Banner:** One of the fundraisers for the NCM that benefits both the Museum and local Corvette Clubs is the parking lot banner program. For a \$500 tax deductible donation Local Corvette clubs can order a banner to be placed in the parking lot at the National Corvette Museum for the upcoming year. At the end of that year the NCM mails the banner back to the local club for their permanent use. The banner can be a design the local club develops, or the NCM can design one for the club. In our case Todd Hodgen designed the banner featuring the Eastside Corvette Club logo superimposed over the iconic Mt. Rainier. The banner also includes the Iconic 1963 Corvette Stingray split-window coupe with WA license plate and is underlain with the checkered flag of race completion. Nice work Todd! As Lorrie Montgomery stated on the last Membership zoom meeting, the Club is happily accepting donations from members who are in support of the creation and use of this banner not only at the NCM, but back here at our club too. Just pop a check in the mail made out to the Eastside Corvette Club 25921 SE 22nd Place, Sammamish, WA 98075.



**Mobil 1 Corvette Joins Museum:** Thanks to Official Fuel, Oil and Lubricant partner Mobil 1, the National Corvette Museum will have a sporty new ride to hit the road in. The 2021 Stingray has a much different role than many of its siblings at the Museum, earmarked for a variety of uses including leading event road tours, Museum in Motion trips, parades and other driving functions. Up first for the car is to represent Mobil 1 and the Museum at the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring, helping to lead parade laps on the iconic track and being displayed at the race at Mobil 1's event booth. The IMSA race's festivities are slated for March 17-20.



Our friends at The National Corvette Museum (NCM) continue to March along during this pandemic, including Vettecademy which is now up to episode 17 of season 2 and is all about VIN Numbers. You can find the episodes here: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/educational-programs/vettecademy/>

**Reminder: Please let me know if you have any dealings with the National Corvette Museum this year:** If you have any dealings with the National Corvette Museum this year like if you are a member, if you purchase a Raffle Ticket, if you insure your Corvette through them, if you have museum delivery of a new Corvette, if you attend one of their events, if you make a donation by buying a brick or make some other kind of donation, please let me know via e-mail at [kevinwilson@q.com](mailto:kevinwilson@q.com) I submit a report annually to the NCM to let them know what our club is doing to support them, and with your help I can be more accurate. Thank You!

**Super Bowl winner Tampa Bay Buccaneers Owner Has Museum Ties:** Two-time Museum Delivery customer, raffle winner (and you wonder who wins these raffles!) and benefactor of the Glazer Family Delivery Program Ed Glazer, along with brother Joel and the other Glazer siblings celebrated their Super Bowl win on Sunday as owners of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Ed and wife Shari Glazer established the Glazer Family Delivery Program in 2016 to encourage quality family time at the National Corvette Museum. "One of the most memorable events of my childhood was going with my dad to pick up his first Corvette. Now, other kids can experience these memories at the incredible National Corvette Museum." The program offers a number of perks for kids who join their parent(s) or grandparent(s) in the R8C Museum Delivery of their Corvette. Thank you to the Glazers for the establishment of this program, and congrats on your big win! More information on the Family Delivery program can be found here:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/visit/delivery-programs/glazer-family-delivery/>



### **The National Corvette Museum is Looking for MG T Series Cars**

The National Corvette Museum is very interested in having an MG T Series car or two in their collection, or being able to borrow an MG TC or TD for future displays. Should you have a TC or TD in your stable and are interested in either donating the car to the Museum or loaning the car to the Museum for public display in one of their exhibits, please contact the NCM Director of Collections/Curator Derek Moore. The reason the NCM is interested in MG's are it is one of the cars that spurred Chevrolet onwards to develop the Corvette. Soldiers coming home from WWII were exposed to the MGs when stationed in Britain.



The MG TC had a something extra beyond its quirky looks that played on the emotions of sports car people, even if they didn't yet know they were sports car people. Famous race car driver and journalist Denise McCluggage, in her book *By Brooks Too Far for Leaping*, describes her first encounter with an MG TC in the late 1940s: "And there it sat in [the] showroom, stunning my every sense. A loose roller-skate of a car. Perky. Absurd. Black. Swoop-doored. Red upholstery. Walnut veneer dash. Bumpers like tiny goalposts. And all incredibly there. Immediately, I ached with a hankering I had not known since childhood. I wanted that car!"

Enthusiasts around the world shared Denise's attraction to the car. About 10,000 TCs were built between late 1945 and 1949. With Britain's economy in dire straits immediately following World War II, the government encouraged its manufacturers to export as much product as possible to bring much-needed cash into the British economy. MG did its share, exporting the TC to South Africa, Australia and the United States. The U.S. was the biggest market with 2,000 cars imported from the manufacturer and an additional 1,500 cars imported privately. Many American military personnel fell in love with the TC during their time in England and brought TCs home with them.

Now, General Motors didn't become the largest automaker in the world by being asleep at the wheel. When the General Motors brass became aware of the flourishing sports car interest in the U.S., they tasked vice president Harley Earl with exploring the potential market for an American sports car. Earl was the right man for the job – he made a point of attending the major European auto shows to keep an eye on the latest features and styling

trends. He also routinely attended U.S. sports car races at Watkins Glen and Elkhart Lake in the late '40s and early '50s usually accompanied by his latest concept car to get feedback from the racers, organizers and spectators. Reportedly, Earl was impressed by the passion Jaguar, Ferrari, and Alfa Romeo owners had for their cars. As reported by Super Chevy magazine, it was at Watkins Glen in 1951 that Earl began developing his idea for an American sports car. Upon Earl's return to Detroit from Watkins Glen, he launched "Project Opel" in a small clandestine styling studio closed to GM upper management, choosing young designer Bob McLean as the stylist. For the project benchmark, Earl selected the Jaguar XK 120. America's sports car project was alive!



**Current Corvette Raffles:** The Corvette raffles at the NCM are a major fundraiser that helps to keep the museum operating. All you need to do to enter a raffle for a chance to win one of these fabulous Corvettes is go to the NCM Raffle web page: <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/> click on "download an Order Form" (near the bottom of the page) which will enable you to open or download and print the latest form. Just fill it out & send it in to the NCM with a Credit Card number, and they will purchase the tickets for you and enter it into the raffle drawing right there in Kentucky! Also please note, there is now an "Enter Interactive Mode" (near the top of the page) button you can use on the same page to print out a form that has your Credit Card number scrambled, if you are queasy about mailing your full credit card information. To use the Interactive mode, you must have a user ID and Log in to the NCM site. Either way, please jot down on the bottom of the form "Ticket sold by Kevin Wilson NCM Ambassador" so our club gets credit for the order. Also, please let me know if you send in an order ([kevinwilson@q.com](mailto:kevinwilson@q.com)). Here is the current Raffle line-up:

**2021 Silver Flare Convertible Corvette**

1500 Tickets to be sold

**Price: \$200**

Drawing: Mar. 18, 2021 2:00 pm

**2021 Shadow Gray Corvette Coupe**

1500 Tickets to be sold

**Price: \$150**

Drawing: April 4, 2021 2:00 PM

**2021 Arctic White Corvette Coupe**

Unlimited Tickets

**Price: \$20**

Drawing: April 24, 2021 2:00 PM

**These are the inexpensive tickets to buy and give out as Gifts!**

**Latest Winners:** The **2021 Red Mist Convertible Corvette** was won by Frederick Behnke of Boonton, NJ with ticket #197 drawn on 2/4/2021. All 1500 available tickets sold at \$150 each.

***Current National Corvette Museum Events:*** The NCM is working to balance the potential impacts of Covid 19 with the desire of Corvette Enthusiasts to safely get together to drive their vehicles and to celebrate the Marque in meaningful ways. Here is the current schedule of events and adventures, both on the road (Museum in Motion events - MiM) and at the museum (NCM). Be sure to keep an eye on this space for upcoming trips to consider for your future vacation planning purposes. These events are popular and can fill up fast. You can check the NCM website for more details about them and sign up for them here:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/> . Note that more than half of these are still in the planning stages due to Covid.

- MiM 'Sights & Sounds of New Orleans' 3/30 – 4/3/2021(**Sold Out – waitlist**)
- NCM Michelin Bash 4/22 – 4/24/2021 (**Registration open**)
- NCM **Virtual** Michelin Bash 4/22 (10am) – 4/23/2021 (9:30pm) (**Registration open**)
- MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin @ Biltmore Estate 4/25-4/28/2021; NC (**Sold Out – waitlist**)
- NCM The Gathering | May 13 - 15, 2021 (Planning stage)
- MiM 9 Day Caribbean Cruise: 5/14 - 5/23/2021 (depart & return Fort Lauderdale FL) (**Cancelled**)
- MiM Branson Experience | June TBD (Planning stage)

- MiM 24 Hours of Le Mans (London, Paris, Le Mans) | June 4 - 15, 2021
- NCM Le Mans Race Weekend Viewing Party | June 12 - 13, 2021 (Planning stage)
- MiM Colorado Springs | July 11 - 16, 2021 (Planning stage)
- MiM Northeast Ohio | August 1-6, 2021 (Planning stage)
- NCM 27th Anniversary Celebration | September 2 - 4, 2021(Planning stage)
- MiM National Parks Tour (AZ & UT) | September 19 - 25, 2021 (tentative dates)
- MiM One Lap of Kentucky | October (Planning stage)
- NCM Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 | November TBD

***Did you know:*** The NCM has 14 Web Cams that you can access any time to see what's going on at the Museum? Today when I checked the front loop there was a lot of snow! 8 of the web cams are focused on the 8 different NCM R8C Delivery bays where new Corvette owners are taking Museum delivery of their new Corvettes. The Corvettes are typically in place the night before, so it is a great way to see a wide variety of new Corvettes. My two favorites of the 8 on display were an Elkhart Lake Blue Convertible, and an Artic White Coupe with black stripes. Web Cams can be accessed here: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/web-cams/>

**That's all for now – Save the Wave!**