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**FRONT COVER**  
**NCC Cruise to Barren River**

**See photos from all Nashville Corvette Club events on our website:**  
**<http://www.nashvillecorvetteclub.com>.**

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It is available on-line at [www.nashvillecorvetteclub.com](http://www.nashvillecorvetteclub.com).  
Mail all correspondence to the Club President at 1117 General George Patton Road, Nashville, TN 37221.

## Nashville Corvette Club Calendar of Events August 2020—October 2020

*Events listed in Red are Monthly Scheduled Events*

*Events listed in Blue are NCCC Autocross Events*

*Events listed in Purple are Car Show Events*

*All other Events are listed in Black*

### AUGUST 2020

5	NCC Board Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference @ 6:30 p.m.
10	Club Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference @ 6:30 p.m.
22	Annual Membership Renewal Picnic—Noon until 4 p.m. Long Hunter State Park, Couchville Lake Shelter

### SEPTEMBER 2020

9	NCC Board Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference @ 6:30 p.m.
14	Club Meeting via ZOOM Video Conference @ 6:30 p.m.

### OCTOBER 2020

7	NCC Board Meeting - Santa Fe Cattle Company @ 6:30 p.m. Pre-Meeting Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.
12	Club Meeting @ John P. Holt Brentwood Library, Brentwood, TN @ 6:30 p.m.
15-18	Smoky Mountain Retreat. Contact Tim Thompson for details.

# First NCC Monthly Meeting via Zoom Video Conference

**Date & Time:** August 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**In Early August - Notification and Instruction Email:** All members who have an email address on file will receive an email with an “invitation” to the Zoom video meeting. There will be a link provided in that email that will enable you to join the meeting. All you have to do is click on the link, and you will enter the meeting site. EASY!

**Meeting Agenda:** Welcome to Zoom video meeting. Then a brief presentation by each NCC Board member to bring us up to date since our last face to face meeting at the Brentwood Library setting.

**NCC Board Nominations:** The meeting will continue and the floor will be open to offer an earlier than normal (years past) opportunity for NCC member attendees to nominate NCC members for any/all of the Board positions for the 2021 year.

This will afford our members plenty of time to think about participating as a board member and/or contact a member that they want to nominate.

There are a few board members who will not be returning next year – this presents a great opportunity to engage some new folks and explore new ideas for the club.

I have asked Duane Loux to serve as Secretary pro tem for the purpose of coordinating the nomination process.

An additional chance to nominate folks will be provided in early August via an email message that will be in the form of a “survey.” This will give members who cannot attend the video meeting the opportunity to make nominations. More instructions forthcoming with that email.

**Results of Nominations:** An announcement will be made in September which will enable us to have an initial slate of Officers, which is done every year. Nominations will continue up to and including our regular meeting date of October 13, 2020, at that time the nominations will be closed.

**REMEMBER:** All Board positions are up for election each year. New and newer members are encouraged to get involved in the business-end of the Club by stepping up to serve.

If you have any questions about the duties of a given position, please feel free to contact the incumbent to get the details.

Remember, you must be a member for 2021 to vote.

**So, there's the plan...after all, what could possibly go wrong?**





# CAR-TOON CREATURES KUSTOM KARS & CORVETTES

The art & influence of Ed "Big Daddy" Roth



If you are any kind of car fan, you should know Ed Roth the creator of Ratfink. 'The NCM has an amazing display set up featuring Ed's art and custom cars he created in the 50's, 60's, and 70's. A friend of mine called from Illinois and ask if I had been yet. So I headed that way. I did notice some changes in the main part of the Museum since my last visit, but I was on a mission to see the Ed Roth exhibit. Growing up I built most of his model cars and yes, had my own Ratfink.

As I entered the last exhibit room, I was stunned by the level of the exhibit and the number of Ed's cars that were on display. I had seen most of them during the 70's and 80's on display at indoor car shows, but to see so many in one place was amazing. The walls were plastered with Ed's automotive art, that created it own style and has influenced thousands of artist though the years. There were multiple glass cases full of his model kits, toys and yes, Ratfink himself.

The exhibit is supposed to be there through December, so if you can visit the Museum, it's worth the trip just for the Roth exhibit. Make sure to bring your camera, plus plenty of time to look over the exhibit in detail.

**Tim Thompson**



## OUR FOURTH CORVETTE

### *By Butch Geng*

This is the fourth in a series of articles I have written for *Tiresmoke*. Each of the articles have been about one of the previous three Corvettes we have owned. This article is about our latest addition the 2018 Carbon 65 Grand Sport Convertible.

In January 2018 Janice and I decided to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a small gathering of family and friends. Plans began for a mid-June celebration. Little did we realize at the time efforts lay ahead. During the planning process I mentioned that I thought I would like to get a new Corvette. Much to my surprise Janice wholeheartedly endorsed the idea as a treat to ourselves.

The first obstacle was that I was not sure what I really wanted so I began a search of the Internet, but nothing really jumped out and said “this is the CAR.” I even contemplated ordering a new 2018 or 2019 with a Museum Delivery option. Finding the “right” Corvette was not an urgent issue. As time passed and as June approached a lot of effort went into planning for the Anniversary, it was almost as hard as planning for a wedding. The event was a great success, family came from NY, Texas, Florida and North Carolina. It was a great opportunity to see family and friends. However, a few weeks afterwards Janice was diagnosed with a major medical issue, had to have surgery and a lengthy recovery. I became the chief cook, bottle washer, chauffeur, handyman, and all around go getter. Any thoughts of a new Corvette were put on hold.

Christmas arrived along with improvements on the health issues and thoughts of a new Corvette again entered the picture. I had previously seen a 2018 Carbon 65 Coupe at a local dealer, but we preferred a convertible. The Carbon 65 was a limited production model to celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Corvette. The Carbon 65 trim package was only available on the Z06 and Grand Sport Coupe or Convertibles. Only 650 models were produced and 150 were for export. While I am not a fan of a white car, the previous 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Model always seemed to pique my interest. And the Matrix Gray Carbon 65 had some of the same distinctive features but with a lot more pizzazz.

While taking advantage of the Internet I had seen several Carbon 65's being advertised. In early January 2019 I found a used 2018 Carbon 65 with only 2,000 miles. I lingered around for a couple weeks and the car seemed to still be available. I fired off an e-mail and received a quick reply with some additional details. All that was needed was a decision to move ahead. Fate was sealed, a price agreed upon, and arrangements were made for delivery from St. Louis.

The Carbon 65 Grand Sport is one of only 27 Convertibles and it joins the 1996 and the 2004 as a distinctive model to represent the Corvette legacy. We are proud to own each of them and are having fun cruising even in the limits of the pandemic, we just do it without company. We do miss the camaraderie with our Corvette friends.





## NCCC Governor

Martin Workman



## Charity News

Al Bennett



Hello everyone,

As some of you know, I underwent quadruple heart bypass surgery on July 8th. It's been a rough few weeks, but I am feeling better and hope to be back 100% before too long. I sure have appreciated all the cards and calls from Club members. Also thanks for the gift card from the Club. You guys are the best!

As far as NCCC news, we just found out that the September National Governors' Meeting has been cancelled. The business that would have taken place includes confirming nominations for the November election. Here are the nominees that will be on the ballot: **Dale Samuelson, President** (current President running for another 2 year term), **Steve Johnson, VP of Membership**, **Chris Reitz, Treasurer** (current Treasurer running for another 2 year term), **Denny Luther**, Parliamentarian, **Craig Kamradt**, Director of Public Relations. To read more about the nominees, go to the NCCC website and click on "**2021 Candidates.**" I know all of these folks and all of them would do a great job for NCCC.

If you have any questions about NCCC, please contact me at [mwvette99@gmail.com](mailto:mwvette99@gmail.com) or 615-477-7705.

Thanks!

*Martin*



Hello Corvetters,

Hope you are staying safe during these times!

At the present time, we are waiting to make any more distributions until we determine that our finances as they should be in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Until next time,

*Al*





On manual steering 1963-1976 Corvettes, the relay rod is often overlooked when attempting to fix sloppy steering. However, it can be one of the leading causes of an ill-feeling steering wheel. In a previous article, we showed you how to rebuild your Corvette's steering box. Now we're moving to the relay rod. Actually, it is best to do both of these at the same time; that way you only have to pay for one front end alignment. Because it is located near the front tire, the relay rod gets lots of abuse and gets hit by a lot of road debris. You can overhaul your relay rod with a new rebuild kit from Zip [Corvette Parts](#), which comes with everything needed for a complete refurbishing.

The most difficult part of the relay rod rebuild is actually removing the relay rod from your Corvette. It is possible to rebuild the relay rod still in the vehicle if you prefer not to remove it. This is also a good time to replace the idler arm assembly. At this point your Corvette's steering system is almost entirely rebuilt. The steering procedure will only take about an hour, assuming the relay rod is already removed from your Corvette. You will need a 5/16-inch socket and wrench, a large flat-bladed screwdriver, and some MAPP gas, available from any hardware store. Not everyone will need to heat the relay rod, so try yours first before buying the MAPP gas.



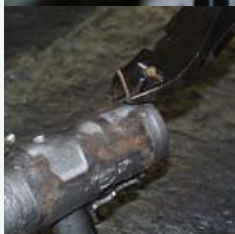
**01:** Our Corvette's relay rod was almost completely worn out.



**02:** To get started, remove the seal retaining clamp. It is attached with two bolts.



**03:** With the seal off, you can see the road grime and dirt that have worked their way past the seal ball stud over the years.



**04:** With the retaining bracket off, remove the seal. Use a pair of cutters or dykes to remove the cotter pin from the end of the relay rod. You may have to clean the end of your Corvette steering relay rod to be able to see it.



**05:** Next, unscrew the end plug, using caution because they can be tight and you do not want to strip the slot. If you run into difficulty, you may need to apply some heat with a torch to get it to break free. If you do not have access to a torch, then you can pick up some MAPP gas at your local hardware store. Make sure you use MAPP gas though because propane will not get hot enough to make much difference.



**06:** With the end plug off, remove the spring and ball stud from the end. You may need to use a flat-blade screw driver to pry them out.



**07:** Now you can remove the ball stud by sliding it towards the end of the relay rod, then pulling straight out. You will see the cut out in the relay rod for the ball to fit through.



**08:** Gently tap the end of the relay rod on your bench until the spring and seat falls out, then clean the inside of the relay rod to remove all old grease and dirt. Go ahead and remove the zerk fitting on the bottom of the relay rod also.





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FCOA Membership is limited to family members of  
current NCCC members.

Applicants must be younger than 16 years old.

## FCOA Membership Application



**Applicant:** (ONE MEMBER PER APPLICATION; PLEASE PRINT)

FCOA Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ boy ☐ girl

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ 9-digit Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_

Interests/Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsor Information:

Your relationship to child: ☐ Parent, ☐ Grandparent, ☐ Great-grandparent, ☐ Aunt, ☐ Uncle or ☐ Guardian

If you or the child's parent is a past FCOA member, please give name at the time \_\_\_\_\_

NCCC Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NCCC Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ Club: NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB

What models & years of Corvettes do you now own? \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (in case of application questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS A GIFT? (Allow 30 days!) YES ☐ NO ☐ SPECIFY OCCASION: \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTIONS???? e-mail FCOAkids@aol.com

Make checks payable to NCCC-FCOA & send with form to:

FCOA

c/o National Council of Corvette Clubs

1945 Scottsville Rd, B2 #267

Bowling Green, KY 42104

Office Use Only:

Date Received:

Check #

Revised 11-2018

FCOA Number Assigned:

Date Packet Sent:

<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html>

## Museum Notes

David Miller



Hi to all,

The National Corvette Museum 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be held September 2-5, 2020. Special procedures are in place to protect the health of all visitors attending the event during the ongoing pandemic.

This year's Anniversary Celebration will focus on the diversity of the people that Corvette has brought together for a look back on the Museum's history and forward to the future! Registered participants can enjoy 4 days of activities in and around the Museum including access to interesting and unique road tours, special video presentations, raffles, and more during this event.

A FULL Seminar schedule will be coming soon to the Museum website. Presentations will be a mixture of in person and Virtual. Several presentations including General Motors will be virtual only. Onsite participants will have spaces both inside and outside the Museum to view presentations live. Both areas will be adequately distanced.

Anniversary registration is \$20 for Lifetime members, \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members and the deadline for online registration is 5:00 pm central time, **Friday, August 14th, 2020**. Early registration includes a hard card badge, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque.

VIRTUAL Anniversary Registration is \$20 per household. Virtual registration does not get you into ANY onsite activities or the Museum during the event weekend. Virtual registration will provide access to the virtual feed of seminars and presentations Thursday September 3rd & Friday September 4th.

Please see the NCM website for more information on the Anniversary Celebration as changes to the event may occur as dictated by the pandemic.

**NCM Motorsports Park Touring Laps** will be offered during the event on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. A morning and afternoon session will be offered. Each session is 4 hours. Pre-registration is required. \$75 per Corvette for a full Session of running. You can run as many times as you like during the session. The NCM Motorsports Park is now offering you the opportunity to test the 2020 "Next Generation" Stingray Corvette. The track offers a fleet of seven "C8s" you can choose from to drive—which is a great opportunity for you and a group of friends to get out on the track together. While walk-up laps are offered many week-days, advanced reservations are highly recommended.







# NCC CRUISE TO BARREN RIVER STATE PARK - JULY 2020

It was a warm sunny day when we met at the Kroger parking lot off Long Hollow Pike, not far from Interstate 65. As everyone arrived, we all wore a mask. When it was time to head out on the cruise, we had 13 Corvettes and 20 people along for the ride. As we departed the parking lot on our journey, the traffic parted to let our group stay together. We made our way east on back roads to White House.

From White House we worked our way through New Deal over to Portland. Just skirting Portland, we continued east and picked up Hwy 174 headed north to Scottsville. At Scottsville we took a rest break. Even though from Scottsville its only 5 miles to the park, we took the "Corvette route." We looped the lake to the south, going through some amazing roads and curves. I know of two curves that were so sharp, I could read my own license plate!

As we arrived at Barren River State Park, we had reserved a picnic pavilion equipped with restrooms and tables. The pavilion sat on the top of the hill with a good breeze blowing through. Each car took 1 table so we could social distance as we ate. Everyone enjoyed the cruise, the food, and the fellowship. I look forward to other events we can do in the near future.

**Tim Thompson**  
VP Activities  
Nashville Corvette Club





**Vice President  
of Membership****Craig Chovan****ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PICNIC**

*Participation in this activity is voluntary – and member/s acknowledge the risks associated with the same.*

**Date & Time:** Saturday 8-22-2020 from noon until 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Long Hunter State Park, Couchville Lake Shelter

**Food/Beverages are Bring Your Own:** This year there will not be a potluck, a buffet, or the sharing of food (except with person in your car)

**Seating:** Bring your own chairs, blanket, etc.

**Safety guidelines will be in accordance with COVID-19 Safety Guidelines at all times,**

i.e., no handshakes or hugs; masks will be required any time you are out of your car, except while eating (keeping your mask with you always); social distancing of 6' will be maintained at all times, even with mask on.

**Remember:** In order to vote in November, you must have renewed your membership for 2021 and the person you are nominating should have agreed to serve on the Board.

**We hope to see everyone. . .let's be safe and have fun!**

If you are not attending,  
please renew your membership by sending your dues check (\$75 couples, \$65 single) to:

**Craig Chovan  
5012 Keeley Drive  
Spring Hill, TN 37174-3082**

## NCC CRUISE TO TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY

Event rescheduled to September 5 - 6, 2020. More details to follow as they become available. Contact Billy & Martha Gaines for details.





## NCCC President's Message August 2020

August – we are well into the second half of 2020 and still no end in sight to these crazy times. I thought by now we would be looking at a downward trend to this pandemic, but instead we are looking at increased numbers, hot spots, closures, and cancellations. I think we're all ready for a break!

Most all NCCC sanctioned events as well as the NCCC Convention, and now the NCCC September Governors meetings have all been cancelled. I know this is a disappointment to many, but the health and safety of all NCCC members is the number one priority.

In these difficult times it is interesting to see how some clubs are thinking “outside the box” to continue hosting events. I know of several clubs that have done police escorted “parades” through local subdivisions or neighborhoods. What a neat way to bring a few moments of enjoyment to others! The National Corvette Museum held a virtual car show with hundreds of entrants (including many NCCC members).

The National Corvette Museum Michelin Bash was entirely virtual and was very well attended. Just last week Hagerty Insurance hosted a virtual seminar discussing late model Corvette alternatives to the C8 Corvette. It was very interesting and I hope you attended. Thanks to Hagerty Insurance for their continued NCCC support. If your club is doing something to promote NCCC, your local club, and/or the Corvette spirit, please send me an email and I will try to recognize your efforts. We are all in this together and we look forward to your ideas.

Here's another Corvette event with virtual possibilities. Corvette Cleveland, in conjunction with Corsa, is hosting a Corvette show to benefit a local charity. The link is: <https://www.corsaperformance.com/pages/corvettes-at-corsa>.

September will bring the National Corvette Museum's 26th anniversary celebration and Hall of Fame Induction. Both in person and virtual attendance is offered. I hope you will attend. The link for registration is: <https://webservices.corvettemuseum.org/Client/Login.cfm>

I certainly don't know what the remainder of 2020 will look like. I so miss my NCCC friends, weekend autocrosses, and even the occasional business meetings. Most of all I miss seeing all of you.

That's all for now. Stay safe and...

*Save the Wave,  
Dale Samuelson  
NCCC President*







**This year NCCC has acquired three tire certificates to be shared with the general membership.** You do not have to be at convention to have an opportunity to receive a tire certificate. You can send a check payable to St. Jude for a minimum amount of \$25.00 and your name will be put in a bucket for one drawing of tires. If you send a check for \$100, your name will be entered 4 times. There will be three separate raffles and the drawings will be at the Governor Meetings in St. Louis. You can enter all three separate raffles. Listed below are the cut off dates to receive your entry.

**The first drawing date is Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.** The cut off to enter the May 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing is April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**The second drawing will be Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** The cut off to enter the September 12<sup>th</sup> drawing is August 22<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**The third drawing will be Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** The cut off to enter the November 7<sup>th</sup> drawing is October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL**

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**FOR NCCC MEMBERS ONLY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check off which drawing you are entering:

☐ May 2, 2020

☐ September 12, 2020

☐ November 7, 2020

**Make check payable to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Mail check and form**

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## NCCC MONEY TREES

**Due to the cancellation of the NCCC Convention, what better way to share our SPONSORS' gift certificates.**

**Drawing will be 9/12/20.**

**Each MONEY TREE holds the following gift certificates:**

\$150 from Adam's Polishes

\$100 from Top Flight Automotive

\$100 from Eckler's

\$100 from ZIP Products

\$25 from Paragon Corvette Reproductions

One set of 4 Goodyear Tires

\$500 off From Track Day Tire

### **NCCC MONEY TREES**

For \$25 a ticket, which will put you in all three drawings, you will have a chance to win a money tree loaded with the above prizes. There will be 3 drawings. You can purchase as many tickets as you want. Please make check payable to NCCC. **Dead-line to receive entries is 9/1/20.**

#### **Mail check and form to:**

NCCC Director of Charity, 1945 Scottsville Road, B2#267, Bowling Green, KY 42104

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_





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Open Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show  
Saturday, September 12, 2020

**Location: The Tennessee Baptist Children's Home**

1310 Franklin Road in Brentwood, Tennessee  
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## **Smokey Mountain Retreat**

### **Pigeon Forge Tn**

**What** Kick back and enjoy the weekend in the Smokey Mountains

**When** Thursday through Sunday October 15th -18th

**Starting Location** Cracker Barrel Old Country Store  
635 S Cumberland St, Lebanon, TN 37087  
I40 exit 238

**Ending Location** Hidden Mountain Resort  
475 Apple Valley Rd, Sevierville, TN 37862  
[www.hiddenmountain.com](http://www.hiddenmountain.com)

**Contact** Tim Thompson  
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*Thank You!*

### TECH CORNER (cont'd)



**09:** Here is the Zip Corvette Parts kit, part number SC-725, which includes everything needed to rebuild a Corvette relay rod except for the grease.



**10:** Now that you have a clean relay rod, let's start the assembly process. Start by packing the inside of the relay rod with heavy-duty bearing grease.



**11:** Next, insert the first spring. After you have pushed the spring as far in as you can, insert the seat. There is a small machined area of the seat that needs to be faced in the up position, which you can see through the slot in the relay rod.



**12:** Once the seat is in place, grease the ball end of the stud and insert it through the top of the relay rod. Then slide it into the seat.



**13:** With the ball stud in place, install the second seat and spring. Make sure you use plenty of grease. Note that this time the seat goes in first and then the spring.



**14:** Now you can screw the end plug into the end of the relay rod. Tighten it until the slot in the end plug lines up with holes in the end of the relay rod. The plug should be flush with the end of the relay rod.



**15:** Place the cotter pin through the hole to lock the end plug in place.



**16:** Place the rubber seal over the relay rod and then bolt down the retaining clamp. Then install the new zerk fitting.

Text and images by Justin Abbott

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