



## Volusia County Corvette Association Newsletter April 2014

**National Corvette Museum Information** – Dan Dragonetti is the designated NCM Representative. He regales us with interesting bits of information and provides the opportunity to buy NCM raffle tickets. Buy a ticket...you might get lucky and win a shiny new Vette.

**Corvette Plant Tours** - The Corvette Plant Tours are once again on. Consider visiting if you're in the area. They now have VIP tours that last for 3-4 hours and include the Museum. Tours of the Assembly Plant follow the same route that public tours also follow, but are smaller, and you are able to spend more time at each stop. An interesting part of it is a peek behind exhibit areas where many cars are stored when not on display. Price of tours: \$200. Group Size: Up to four people for the initial cost of \$200. Additional persons \$50 each. Each group is limited to seven people. Start Time: The tours will start at 9:00 a.m. CT. Your tour will begin at the Museum. You will receive an email confirming your tour date once it has been approved. Plant Tour Time: Approximately two hours. (Some restrictions could apply)



**New Web Cams Give Birds-Eye View of MSP** - If you haven't discovered the great selection of webcams the Museum offers, you've really been missing out! They added THREE more cameras, giving you even more opportunities to catch the action of the Corvette world. Thanks, in part, to support from the NCM Fighter Squadron and Randall Shinn, they have TWO cameras pointing at the Motorsports Park, and a new camera pointing at the front of the building (a great way to catch the R8C Deliveries leaving). Check out the three new cameras (and 18 existing cameras) [online here](#).

**Sinkhole Collapses in Skydome and Swallows Vettes** - At 5:44am a sinkhole collapsed an area estimated around 40 feet across and 25-30 feet deep. No one was in or around the Museum when it happened but cameras captured everything. They lost eight Corvettes in this incident. GM plans to restore all Vettes once they are all recovered. For high resolution pictures: <http://corvettemuseum.smugmug.com/Events/Sinkhole>. YouTube NCM site is



<https://www.youtube.com/user/corvettemuseum>.

- 1993 ZR-1 Spyder on loan from General Motors - **Recovered**
- 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil" on loan from General Motors - **Recovered**
- 1962 Black Corvette - **Recovered**
- 1984 PPG Pace Car - **Recovered**
- 1992 White 1 Millionth Corvette - **Recovered**
- 1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Corvette - **Recovered**
- 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette
- 2009 White 1.5 Millionth Corvette - **Recovered**

**Lifetime Members Get New Benefit** - If you aren't already a Lifetime Member of the Museum, here are over 680 new reasons why you should join! NCM is now participating in the North American Reciprocal Museum program where Lifetime Members receive free admission to the other participating museums, as well as discounts in their gift shops. Lifetime Members will receive new cards with the NARM imprint (plus a list of participating Museums). Simply show this card to receive your benefits. For a complete list of participating institutions [click here](#). To join or upgrade to a Lifetime Member [click here](#).

**Support the Museum When You Shop on Amazon** - You can support the National Corvette Museum with the click of your mouse! The next time you are looking to make an online purchase, try Amazon Smile. This site, which is the charitable arm of Amazon.com, will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Museum. Amazon Smile has all the same great items at the same great prices as Amazon.com, and you don't need a separate login. To get started, [go to Amazon Smile](#) and login using your Amazon.com email and password. Now you're ready to start shopping while helping to support your Museum!



## Club Information

**Business Meetings** now start at 1800 at the [Red Roof Café](#), every Second Tuesday of the month. So plan now for the next one on 8 April. The Social Meeting occurs at different venues through out the area. In fact this last one on 25 March was a doozy. We initially met up at the [Red Roof Café](#) Car Show at 1600 and then proceeded to [The Pit Masters](#) located at 4425 N. US Highway 17, DeLand. We enjoyed great food, excellent service and the camaraderie of other nutty Vette enthusiasts. Check out the pictures on our [Facebook Album](#).



**Facebook Page** – What you don't have a Facebook account or are not linked to our [Facebook Page](#)? Wrong answer...sadly I must confess out of the 45 members only 17 are registered in the closed group. I guess now you want to know what is a Closed Group? A Closed Group means that only members can see or write posts. It is meant for you to share your Vette event and personal pictures, thoughts, and recommendations of shops, restaurants and miscellaneous vendors who give us a great deal. From the beginning we decided we did not want external vendors peddling their wares and saturating our page with their minutia ergo Closed Group. If they want to sell us something they can sponsor and advertise on our [Website](#).

**The Website** – Yes, [VolusiaCorvettes](#) is online. While it did take a while the appearance between the old one and the new is seamless. Sid S. does a great job updating it when receives information and Jim M. maintains the [Calendar](#) up to date. Check it out; a lot of effort went in to reestablishing, updating and brining it online.

**Upcoming Events** – Once you get a chance to look at the Calendar you'll notice several items. The Business Meeting is at 1800, 8 April at the [Red Roof Café](#). The Social Meeting this month is at [OB's](#) ([map](#)) 1830, 22 April. The Deland Car Show happens every Friday at 1630 at the Winn Dixie ([map](#)). Every Saturday morning at 1000 we stuff ourselves during the Corvette

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Breakfast at [Red Roof Café](#). The next show is the 38th Annual Heritage Car Show 0800-1500 at Lake Helen ([map](#)). Expect Jim M. to provide a sign-up sheet and more information, as we get closer to the date.

**Miscellaneous Stuff** – Car and parts for Sale none at this time. Larry S. has not ranted or nagged anyone recently; yes, that news worthy. Buzz G. had Grits with a bottle of pepper last Saturday; everyone sneezed all day long. And lastly, Elesix E. and Patty D. are getting ready to participate in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Debarry ([map](#)) on 3 and 4 April. You can come down and harass us or you can [donate](#) a few pennies. Either way it will be a fun event for a great cause.



**Well, That's All Folks!!!!!!**

**Time for a Cigar and a Ride.**