

NCM News:

MUSEUM NEWS

Museum Reopen Monday, June 8

Have we mentioned lately that we miss you all? The long awaited day of reopening is slated for Monday, June 8 and we are ready and waiting! Normal hours of operation will resume starting Monday and are 8am-5pm CT.

You'll notice a few changes have been made to ensure your health and safety, as well as that of our staff including acrylic barriers at customer interaction points, hand sanitizer provided throughout the Museum, and social distancing reminders both on the floor, via signage, and PA announcements. We have increased the frequency of our cleaning, perform daily temperature checks of our staff, and have temporarily limited access to items like touch screens in the Museum. While face masks are not required, we have provided them to our staff, and have some available should a visitor request one.

We hope you'll consider planning a visit to see all the new and exciting changes to YOUR museum!

[Read More on our Safety Precautionsts](#)

MUSEUM OFFERINGS

Car Detailing Service Offered



Professional detailing services are available for a limited time (until 2020 Corvette deliveries resume) by the Museum's skilled Corvette Pre-Delivery Inspection team with three packages available including express, basic and premium.

Appointments are available weekdays by calling 270-777-4505 or 270-467-8851.

[Check Out the Packages and Learn More](#)

CORVETTE STORE

Corvette Store Featured Items



[Next Generation Corvette Ladies' Trail Softshell Jacket](#)
\$44.00



[2020 Corvette Dealer Brochure](#)
\$20.00

MUSEUM EVENTS

Cruise with NCM to the Southern Caribbean



Join the National Corvette Museum for a cruise through the southern Caribbean! Our group will board the Celebrity Cruise line with stops in the Grand Cayman, Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire May 14-23, 2021 - departing from Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Cost to participate in the 9-day cruise is \$1,875 per person for double occupancy and \$3,750 for single occupancy.

Special thanks to Museum Board Member Shannon Lamarche of Premiere Luxury Travel for putting this trip together with proceeds benefiting the Museum!

[Learn More](#)

MUSEUM EVENTS

Travel to Branson, Missouri with NCM



Take a quick trip with the Museum to Branson, Missouri September 8-12! Only 6 spots remain!

This MiM will include a day drives to beautiful Eureka Springs as well as a Dogwood Canyon drive. Enjoy 'The Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise, Dixie Stampede show and a #1 Hits of the 60's show. Free time is also on the agenda to explore Branson as you wish!

[View the Itinerary and Learn More](#)

MUSEUM FUNDRAISING

Support NCM Through Amazon Smile

Turn shopping into a force for good. Shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2519972 and Amazon donates to the National Corvette Museum Foundation Inc.

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CORVETTE NEWS

Best Interior Award Goes to Corvette



The '20 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray (\$78,820 as tested) was named a 2020 Wards 10 Best Interiors winner from a list of 32 eligible new interiors.

According to the website, "To borrow a phrase from 'Top Gun,' the sexy, C8 Corvette's alluring exterior is writing checks this dramatic interior is fully capable of cashing."

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MUSEUM NEWS

Collections Building Dedicated



Last summer the National Corvette Museum acquired the former Fraternal Order of Police Lodge on Corvette Drive. The 8,000 square foot facility, which opened in 2002, sits on 7.5 acres and adjoins existing Museum property. The Museum had originally owned the land.

On Wednesday, June 24 the building was officially dedicated and named the Chuck, Sharon and Kimberlee Fast Collections Campus. Members of the Museum Board of Directors were on hand for a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the facility.

Chuck, who is also a member of the Museum and Motorsports Park Boards, was happy to be a part of the project. "Once we accomplished acquiring the building, Sean asked me if we would consider sponsoring the collections building itself. I ran the idea by Sharon, and we decided this would be something our late daughter Kim would like to do or have named after her."

[Read the Full Story](#)

CORVETTE RACING:

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CORVETTE RACING AT DAYTONA: First Victory for Corvette C8.R

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- First race back following COVID-19 lockdown period
- GTLM pole position for Gavin, No. 4 Corvette
- Milner, Gavin in hunt early for elusive race victory

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (July 4, 2020) – Corvette Racing earned the first victory with the new Chevrolet Corvette C8.R, and the team won for the 100th time in IMSA competition Saturday night as Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor

claimed the IMSA WeatherTech 240 at Daytona.

Garcia took the GT Le Mans (GTLM) checkered flag by 1.977 seconds in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R. He drove nearly two hours to the finish after Taylor drove a challenging single stint on a damp but drying track at the start.

Class pole-winner Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner placed fifth in the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R.

“Congratulations to Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor on winning today’s IMSA race at Daytona,” said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President, Performance and Motorsports. “Their win is twice as special for Chevrolet, as Corvette Racing has now achieved 100 victories in IMSA competition. It also is the first for the new mid-engine Corvette C8.R in just its second race. This milestone win belongs to everyone who has been part of the Corvette program over the years, our Corvette owners and our fans.”

The race, as it usually is in GTLM, featured multiple tire strategies. Both Corvettes opted to begin the race on slick Michelin tires despite the wet surface. Gavin, after leading a Corvette 1-2 in qualifying earlier in the day, began first but Taylor was one of the quickest drivers in the class early on and managed to go one lap longer on fuel than most of his GTLM competitors during his opening stint.

Meanwhile, Gavin clawed back from a tough start to regain the lead at the end of his first run before handing off to Milner for the final two stints in the No. 4 Corvette. He led at the time of his final stop with 55 minutes left but had to save fuel in order to prevent an extra pit stop to finish the race.

As Taylor did in his stint, Garcia went a lap longer than most of his competitors in his first run and emerged directly behind Earl Bamber’s Porsche with 51 minutes go as the two stopped on the same lap. Patience paid off for Garcia, who made the winning pass with 31 minutes left and set the fastest GTLM lap of the race in the process.

Corvette Racing’s next event is the Cadillac Grand Prix of Sebring on Saturday, July 18 from Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Fla.

ANTONIO GARCIA, NO. 3 MOBIL 1/SIRIUSXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C8.R – GTLM RACE WINNER: “I think we deserved this moment. We came up just short so many times even though we won championships. All I could think about when I went across the line was remembering about Kyle (Millay, race engineer, (ex-teammate) Jan Magnussen, Dan Binks and us coming so close. It’s the first win for the Corvette C8.R, 100th in IMSA for Corvette Racing and the first victory with Jordan. This is huge.

“This means a lot. Our last win was at VIR in 2017. From then until now, you look at all the times we finished second and how many times we could have won a race. So I’m very happy for today. There was great execution in the race and we didn’t make a single mistake. It really showed that we learned a lot from the Rolex 24. This was a perfect day for us with the first pole and first win for the Corvette C8.R. Hopefully this is the first of many.”

HOW CLOSE WERE YOU ON FUEL AT THE END?

“That was the big thing. Jordan did a perfect job on that. He saved one lap in his stint, and I saved one on my first stint. We were going for a green race and made it to the end. We didn’t know if the Porsche would make it, and when we came out after the last stop we knew it was going to be between us. I’m very happy for Corvette Racing and Team Chevy. We came so close with the C7.R, now it’s time to win with the C8.R.”

JORDAN TAYLOR, NO. 3 MOBIL 1/SIRIUSXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C8.R – GTLM RACE WINNER: “It is amazing. I think the off time gave the Corvette Racing guys some decent time to make some headway with our new C8.R. Our fuel mileage, engine and drivability at the beginning of the race was much better than the first race. Pit stops were improved as the guys were training through the quarantine once they could get back in the shop. I’m very proud to be here with Antonio for the first win for the C8.R and the 100th win for the team. It is a very special day.”

TALK ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS WIN TODAY: “It is definitely a big day overall. We came to the Rolex 24 with a new car in the Corvette C8.R. The team did a lot of development, and we came out very strong there to come out with a fourth-place finish and no issues. Once we had the big break, it gave the team to go through data and understand what worked and what didn’t. For us, we rolled off the truck this week very strong, which was good with the limited track time. The guys did a great job with pit stop execution and reading the strategy well from the beginning. It was a perfect day for the Corvette C8.R. It’s extra special to win today at Daytona, to get the 100th IMSA win for Corvette and my first win as a full-season teammate with Antonio.”

OLIVER GAVIN, NO. 4 MOBIL 1/SIRIUSXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C8.R – FIFTH IN GTLM: “It was a tough first few laps for me. I was on slick tires and maybe on the wrong side of the track; it seemed like it was extra wet where I was. I would redo some things and made some bad choices on those first couple of laps. Plus I got hit twice by one of the BMWs but that was a racing incident. That pushed me back to the back of our field. The Corvette had good pace and I was able to catch back up again. Unfortunately we got sucked into a battle with the lead BMW and that sort of determined our strategy. Things didn’t just play out for us and we were left in the last stint with Tommy really having to save a lot of fuel. Yes, it was a frustrating day for us in terms of results but very encouraging on the No. 4 Corvette. We showed pace, were able to lead and were on pole. There are lots of positives to take away from today. But it’s frustrating that we can’t back up all that potential with good points for the championship. Hats off to the team and the work they did. The win today for Antonio and Jordan in the 3 Corvette is fantastic... to get 100 wins in IMSA is amazing for this

program and with this brand new Corvette C8.R. It shows the strength of Corvette Racing that we can come back to the track and hit things hard and fast and being able to run with the best. For a team, this is a fantastic result and I'm pleased for everyone involved."

TOMMY MILNER, NO. 4 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C8.R – FIFTH IN GTLM: "Ultimately our race, if we play it in reverse, we should have picked a different strategy. If you ask BMW and Porsche they would also do something different strategy-wise. So the No. 3 and the No. 912 had the winning strategy. The rest of us were fighting for the scraps. That part is frustrating of course - to miss it on the strategy. But I would say for all of us it was good to be back in the race car again and work any rust off in that sense. Certainly from a driver perspective, I'm very proud of how fast these Corvette C8.Rs were. We had a car good enough to win the race today. Fortunately one of our two got the win. But we are pretty disappointed coming out of here based on our pace in practice. Based on what we were looking at, we thought we had a good shot to race with the Porsches for sure. At times the BMWs were fast too, but we thought we had a pretty good chance today. Of course I'm super happy for the team and all the crew guys who even though we've been on a long break, those guys have put in a lot of work in these past couple of weeks to get these Corvettes race-ready, and ready to win races. Today is good validation to showcase all the work they have done."