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GREETINGS FROM YOUR ATLANTIC CARAVAN CO-CAPTAINS John and Mary Nist

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to September 2018's newsletter. Can you believe we can finally say we're leaving in August heading over to the *National Corvette Museum* in Bowling Green, Kentucky to celebrate the museum's 25th Anniversary!

For those of you who may not know this, there have been more people than just Mary and I working over 3 years helping to plan the *2019 Atlantic Corvette Caravan*. When we first started planning this event some people would say, "Oh, 2019, you realize this is 2015? Why don't you come back and talk with me about this in a couple of years". Others would say, "I'm not quite sure where I'll be or what I'll be doing in 2019 ". Well, we're very happy and excited to say it's almost here. When I was a lot younger I remember saying to people " I'm 7 and a half or 8 and one half years old." That was very important to me at the time to get that half-year in just to let people know how old I was getting. Well, things changed and time seems to be moving much more quickly. The 25th NCM Anniversary Celebration and our caravan is no exception.

Wasn't *Corvettes at Carlisle* great again this year! The weather couldn't have been better, big crowds, lots of enthusiasm, great *Corvettes*, record attendance and great food all around. We really enjoyed and appreciated everyone taking the time to stop by our tent and talk with us. We are now able to put a face with a name with some folks since prior communication was only through the phone or Internet, while others who we met before, but haven't seen in a while, also stopped by to see us. It was an absolutely great time and again, thank you to all!

Some members from the *Bluegrass Corvette Club* attended *Corvettes at Carlisle* and took the time to stop by our tent to say hello. Steve Hill (next to Mary in picture on next page) from the *Bluegrass Corvette Club* was gracious enough to purchase 20 of our *2019 Atlantic Corvette Caravan* window clings.

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Steve is going to use our glass window cling as a club fund raiser to help support the hospitality suite they're setting up for us when we arrive at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. Thank you Steve and everyone!!!

Do you have your 2019 Atlantic

Corvette Caravan window cling for your Corvette?

We mentioned this to everyone the other day but would like to mention it one more time that the *2019 National Corvette Museum Registration* will open on Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

Pre-Registration National Corvette Museum Fee:

\$30 for Lifetime Members

\$40 for Members

\$65 for Non-Members.

Those who pre-register will receive a commemorative event program, lapel pin, dash plaque, lanyard and personalized hard card event credential.

On-site registration

\$35 for Lifetime Members

\$45 for Members

\$70 for Non-Members.

Those who register onsite will receive a commemorative event program.

We still haven't heard any word about when plant tours are going to continue over at the Corvette Assembly Plant.

We are still on track with our caravan for 2019. We're waiting for each hotel/resort to give us their procedure for booking rooms.

REMINDERS...

Our 1st Meet & Greet (to help us caravanners get acquainted prior to our Caravan in 2019) is scheduled for **Sat./Sun. November 03-04, 2018.**

Note: Inside parking spots for the *Meet & Greet* are going fast.

Registration is now open. Some of you should have received this registration form recently via email. If not call John Nist at 609-752-9290 and request a registration form be emailed to you.

Registration: Couple \$180.00. Single \$110.00. The hotel stay is optional and is not included in registration.

Our event will start on Saturday afternoon and includes a personal guided tour of the *Miller Garage* by the one and only Lance Miller, Saturday evening dinner at the *Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar*, 2625 Brindle Drive, Harrisburg, PA and then a short 1.6 mile drive back to our hotels.

Sunday morning we will caravan 35 minutes down to the “*Corvettes for Chip*” event located at the *Carlisle Expo Center* 100K Street Carlisle Pennsylvania. This promises to be a day of excitement and fun along with supporting a great cause, the *Chip Miller Amyloidosis Foundation*.

For your convenience we have blocked rooms at the *Springhill Suites* and *Hampton Inn*, 15 Capital Drive, Harrisburg, PA for Friday and Saturday night. Hotel rate is \$119.00 per night plus tax.

For the *Meet & Greet Registration* form, copy the link <http://www.corvettecaravan.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/MeetAndGreetNovember2018.pdf> and paste it into the Google Search Bar which can be found at <https://www.google.com> Then click on ENTER or RETURN on your keyboard to find *Meet and Greet November 3-4 2018 - 2019 National Corvette Caravan*



The *National Corvette Museum* will open their Registration for the *2019 NCM 25th Anniversary Celebration* on Sept. 12, 2018.



Coming soon to your email box. We are excited to offer a raffle for “Premier Reserved Parking” at the *NCM 25th Anniversary Celebration*. This will entitle one lucky winner to park in a “Special Reserved Parking Lot” close to the NCM Wednesday through Saturday. This is a \$500.00 value and only 50 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each.

Toys For Tots: Please mark your calendar for *Kerbeck’s 15th annual Toys For Tots Corvette Caravan* event in Atlantic City September 29, 2018. There are always great *Corvettes* to see (and buy) great food (and plenty of it) and great company. The only thing suggested is to bring a new unwrapped toy that will bring a smile and joy to a child in need during the upcoming holidays. Good cause and a good time for all. We will be there and hope you will too. Please copy and paste the following link <https://kerbeck.com> into your Address Bar on your browser and click Enter or Return. Then scroll till you see the picture that looks like the one to the right. Then click on the picture to register.



“ASK the Captain”. We have more answers for you...

Question: Do I need to be a member of the *National Corvette Museum* in order to register for the 25th Anniversary Festivities?

Answer: No, you do not need to be a member of the *National Corvette Museum* in order to register for the Festivities Event in 2019.

Question: I have a current membership at the *National Corvette Museum* that expires before next year's event. Do I need to renew my membership in order to receive discounts at the *Corvette Store* etc.?

Answer: Yes, your membership needs to be current in order to receive discounts at the *Corvette Store* etc.

Question: I seem to recall you mentioning a lower price for the *National Corvette Museum's 25th Anniversary Registration* in May's newsletter. Why did you raise the price?

Answer: Every Captain, state leader, local leader etc. is a volunteer. The *National Corvette Museum* decides prices needed to be raised from their original estimation due to the additional activities and fireworks that the NCM has planned.

Question: Why do I need to do advanced registration?

Answer: Doing advanced registration will save you \$5.00 dollars as opposed to doing an on-site /walkup registration at the museum. Plus, by doing an advanced registration you will be receiving a commemorative event program, lapel pin, dash plaque, lanyard and personalized hard card event credential. It also gives us an idea how many will be attending.

Question: In 2014 after driving several hours, I had to wait in an hour-long registration line at the *National Corvette Museum* where the lobby was hot and there wasn't any available water. Is this going to happen to me again?

Answer: No, when you register in advance for the event, you will have the option to specify which caravan you will be driving with. Your registration materials will be sent to that caravan captain and provided to you prior to your arrival in Bowling Green, KY. This will allow you to skip the lines and join in on the fun immediately upon arrival!

Question: What is the smoking policy at each hotel we will be staying at?

Answer: All of the hotels and resort we will be visiting have a nonsmoking policy. However, each hotel and resort offers a designated smoking area away from the building for those who wish to smoke.

If you have a question for the **Captain** please email us at:

AtlanticCaptains2019@gmail.com We will be happy to answer any question.

Before we sign off for this month we just want everyone to know that we're on track and expecting everyone to have a great time next year when we have our caravan.

For those of you vacationing this month we wish you happy times and safe travels.

Previous Questions

Question - I would like to register for the caravan but not sure of my plans for next year. How long can I wait before I have to register for the caravan?

Answer - The short answer is the sooner the better. After we fill our 125-room quota in Bowling Green we will not be able to guarantee anyone a room in Bowling Green for the event. As of this writing we have 34 rooms that are still available. After we reach our quota we will be offering a wait list.

Question - What activities will the Museum and General Motors have for me to do or see while in Bowling Green, KY next August 2019?

Answer - The Museum is in the planning stage to celebrate the *25th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum*. As of this writing nothing has been announced from the Museum, General Motors and the Motorsports Park. We should know more when registration for the Museum opens up in September 2018.

Question - I have some diet restrictions. Do I let you know what they are?

Answer - Yes, diet restriction/preference will be one of the questions we ask when we send out our questionnaire to each person participating in the *2019 Atlantic Corvette Caravan*. We will do our very best and we know the hotels are aware of diet restrictions and will do their very best to accommodate your needs and concerns.

Question - After the festivities in Bowling Green, am I on my own getting home?

Answer - Yes. Embassy Suites Lexington, KY and Stonewall Resort Roanoke WV will be offering a discounted rate for those who would like to stop on their return journey back home. Pricing will be announced at a future date. Others may extend their vacation and continue to tour or visit relatives or longtime friends. Others may choose to ride home in small groups of two, three, or four or more *Corvettes*. This choice will be up to each individual. By that time, some may even have had enough of caravanning and want to be on their own going home. Whatever the case, we want you to feel comfortable cruising home. Make this your vacation and an experience you will not forget.

Question - Do you have anything planned for the return trip after the Anniversary Celebration ends other than returning home the same route.

Answer - One of our fellow caravan participants would like to organize a trip after the *2019 NCM Anniversary Celebration*. More details to follow in our August newsletter.

Question: Will there be a refrigerator in every hotel room that you book from Harrisburg, PA to Bowling Green, KY?

Answer: Yes. All hotel rooms will have a small refrigerator for your convenience.

Question: My car is a little older. Will there be any *Chevrolet* Dealers along the way that I can contact if needed?

Answer: Yes. We will provide a list of *Chevrolet* dealers who will be able to assist you throughout our journey.

Question: I'm only interested in making sure I have a room in Bowling Green, KY. Can I just meet you in Bowling Green, KY and skip everything in between?

Answer: No. The contracts I've signed (and yet to sign) are very complicated and precise. At the *Stonewall Resort* in Roanoke and *Embassy Suites* in Lexington, I need to fill the rooms I signed for and meet minimum food requirements.

Question: I live in the Harrisburg, PA area and want to register for the caravan. Do I have to stay at the Harrisburg hotels in order to join the caravan?

Answer: No. Registrants will have one of three choices:

1 - Stay with us from the beginning in Harrisburg, PA on Friday and Saturday August 23-24, 2019 and throughout our journey over to Bowling Green, KY.

2 - Meet us in Harrisburg, PA on Sun., Aug. 25, 2019 when we start our caravan and stay with us throughout our journey over to Bowling Green.

3 - Meet & Stay with us at the *Stonewall Resort* in Roanoke WV on Sun. Aug. 25, 2019 and stay with us throughout our journey over to Bowling Green, KY.

Question: I will pay the registration fee but I cannot make the Pizza Party on Friday evening Aug. 24, 2019. Can I get some sort of reimbursement for that portion of your fee?

Answer: No, that part of your registration fee will go to a local charity. We will announce the local charity at the *Stonewall Resort* on Monday evening Aug. 26, 2019.

Question: Is my registration fee refundable?

Answer: For medical reasons, yes. If you or family member develops a medical issue, we will definitely give you a full refund. Mary and I feel that no one ever asks to be sick.

Question: What does it mean to be registered for the *2019 Atlantic Corvette Caravan*?

Answer: To be registered for the caravan, we need to receive your registration form waiver and payment **in order to participate with us for the caravan/journey from various states to the National Corvette Museum 25th Anniversary Labor Day Celebration in 2019. There will be a separate registration form coming out in September 2018 from the NCM that you will have to fill out to participate in this part of the celebration.**

Question: When can I start to call the hotels to reserve my room?

Answer: Our plan is to have our registered participants call each hotel using a special password or link to book their own rooms. We're looking to have this available for you by June, except for Bowling Green, KY.

Question: When will *The National Corvette Museum* open their registration for the *25th Anniversary Celebration*?

Answer: The Museum plans to open their registration after the Labor Day 2018 Event.

Question: In your March newsletter you commented that you had to fill the rooms you signed for at the *Stonewall Resort* in Roanoke, West Virginia and at the *Embassy Suite* in Lexington, Kentucky. Does that mean you actually book them for us or do we have to book them ourselves?

Answer: Our plan is to have our registered participants call each hotel using a special password or link to book their own room. This information will be passed along in June.

Please keep sending in your questions or even give me a call. 1-609-752-9290.

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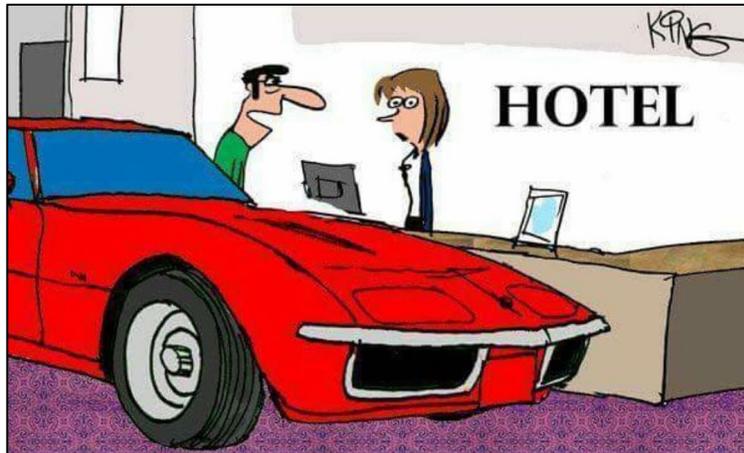
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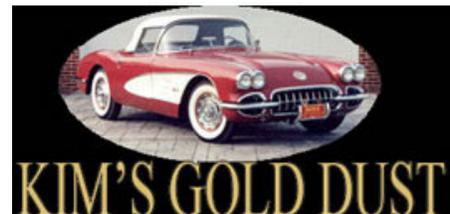
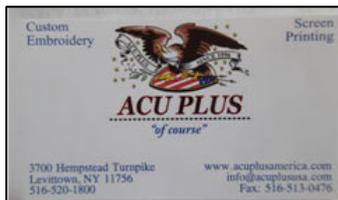


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DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS? Do you know where it is?



This is the *National Corvette Museum Time Capsule*. It is a 50-year *Corvette Time Capsule*. It was placed inside the circle at the original front entrance to the museum in during the *NCM 2003 50th Anniversary Celebration*. 2003 was the 50th anniversary since the inception of the *Corvette* in 1953. So now the Time Capsule will be opened in 2053 – 50 years later from the 2003 50th Celebration date. Look for it when you get there. It is still there!

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Be well everyone and look for our October Newsletter - John & Mary