



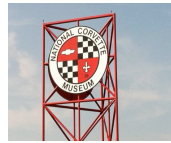
## Vette Gazette

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**FEATURE ARTICLE:** [Submitted by Michael Mills](#)



I recently attended the C5/C6 bash at the National Corvette Museum as they released pricing and specifics of the 2013 Corvette and the anticipated 427 Convertible. On hand was VIN #5 of the 427 Corvette decked out with the new 'Night Race Blue', a blue top and Blue/Black interior. The color has a lot of metal flake and is a chameleon. The color looks to be of a mid-year Laguna/Daytona Blue in the shade, a late C4 blue/purple in the sun, and black at dusk. Many of the Anniversary Package Vettes (RPO Z25) were on hand for an up close and personal tour. The wow factor was captured in the Anniversary 427 with the blue stripe impregnated into the canvas top. According to Chief Engineer, Tadge Juechter, this was no easy feat. This was just perfected, as production is delayed, as the vendor finalizes the top. This is the last year for the C6. In the final year, Corvette will have three serial #1's and three last C6's to be produced. The three unique VIN numbers are the 427, the ZR-1, and everything else (Z06, Coupe, GS Coupe, Convertible and GS Convertible). VIN #1 ZR1 and Z-06 were on display in the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary package. VIN #1 427 convertible was sold at Barrett Jackson's in Scottsdale earlier this year for a 600k hammer price.

GM starts official 2013 model year production on April 30, 2012, but already they are accepting orders with 60 great examples already complete. The 2013 will run through February 1, 2012 as they start to retool the plant for the C7 (2014). Last orders are rumored to be accepted Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, with plant tours stopping Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, making a plant tour not an option as part of Museum Delivery (RPO RC8).

The C7 has many unconfirmed rumors, but GM is excited that when the C7 is unveiled it will have no impact on the current model. This is a first in Corvette history. One would assume then the C7 would be unveiled after Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 for the 2014 model year. Market speculation is much like the C5 and C6 in the beginning; only a coupe will be available. The convertible may be made available mid production run for 2014. GM will also follow suit with the C6 of adding additional models as the generation matures, so not sure when Z-06 and Grand Sports will be available. The ZR1 will go into hibernation as GM adopts CAFÉ (Corporate Average Fuel

Economy). This leads to wide speculation for the end of LS-3, LS-7 and LS-9's as we know it. This sounds much like history is repeating itself, and it looks to be the year 1975.

As a special treat we discovered something very amazing. In 2010 our chapter took a road tour to the museum, and the museum captured a photo published in their magazine. The photo was so impressive it has a home within the conference room. The cars in the photo are Dale Felty's 1971, Ross Backe's 2002, Jerry Croy's 2007, Bob Hiney's 1992, Nick Kammer's 2003 and Mike Mill's 1966. This photo represents the C3, as the mural has every generation along with photos of each Chief Engineer with their corresponding generation. It is great to see the strength and longevity relationship between the Miami Valley Chapter NCRS and the Corvette Museum.



### SPECIAL EVENTS

Our recent Miami Valley Chapter Judging Meet was a great success. Six cars were judged, all of which received the Top Flight Award, and 15 Sportsman cars participated. We extend a big **THANK YOU** to Voss Chevrolet for sponsoring, and hosting, this event. Their facility is perfect for our participants and spectators. Many a year has offered up lots of rain and unfriendly weather, but having this event inside the service bay of Voss Chevrolet has been a real asset to the club.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

- June 16 George Swartz will be hosting this meeting from noon to 3:00 pm. George and Linda have a beautiful collection of Corvettes so this should prove to be a great get together. RSVP is need. Please contact Mike Ammer at [mikeammer@gmail.com](mailto:mikeammer@gmail.com) no later than June 12. George's address is 8225 Taffy Dr., West Chester Ohio.
- July 10 The July meeting is tentatively planned to be held at Bob Puls' residence.
- July 12 An additional meeting is planned for Thursday July 12 at Kil-Kare Raceway in Xenia (Test and Tune)
- July 29 Joint Road tour with the Queen City Chapter followed by dinner. See web site for more details.
- August 14 The August meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at Nick Kammer's residence

A Miami Valley Chapter road tour and picnic is being planned but details are still being worked out. The date and the location are being discussed by the Board of Directors and more information will follow.

Please check the Events Section of the chapter website for more details and confirmation of dates and times.

### Just For Fun

I found this website, rather by accident, but they have a 1963 Split Window, and a C3 Corvette weathervane, as well as lots of other cars, motorcycles, tractors etc. Just thought I would pass this along in case anybody wants to add some Corvette décor to their yard.

<http://www.gardenfun.com/motorcycle-car-weathervane.html>

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