



CACW eNews

August 12, 2026

We are now less than 7 days away from the start of the 2026 CACW. Please take a moment to thoroughly review the information provided below, which includes details on special discount offerings and special events. The CACW Schedule of events can be found on the website cacwinc.com. A printable schedule is available on the website. Schedule is subject to change.

CACW TEXT BOT

You will receive a test text from the CACW TEXT BOT at (270) XXX-XXXX. Texts from this number during the 2026 CACW Extended Weekend of Events will inform CACW Participants and guests of news and information. You must opt-in to receive texts during the events. ***This is an outgoing communication system only, Do not reply to the text.***

For information during the events, please reference the [CACW Facebook Page](#) or cacwinc.com

CACW YOUTH DAY - "STEM IN THE FAST LANE"

HENRY F. MOSS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Don't miss this chance to inspire the next generation of enthusiasts!

We are excited to invite CACW members to participate in **STEM in the Fast Lane**, our upcoming Youth Day event hosted at Henry F. Moss Middle School in Bowling

Green. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with young students and show them how the science, technology, engineering, and math behind Corvettes comes to life in the real world.

Thursday, August 20 | 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Henry F. Moss Middle School — 2565 Russellville Rd,
Bowling Green, KY

Whether you bring your Corvette, share your knowledge, or simply lend your enthusiasm, your involvement makes a lasting impression on the students we meet. Help us make this a memorable experience for kids who may be seeing a Corvette up close for the very first time!

If you'd like to participate, please follow the link [STEM in the Fast Lane Sign-up](#) and include a brief note on how you'd like to be involved. Please arrive at the school between 12:00 pm-12:15 pm.

We hope to see you there — let's put CACW's passion for Corvettes to work for the future!

SEMINARS #1, #2, and #3 @THE NCM

Seminar #1 GM (Corvette) Plant Director Ray Theriault

[Ray Theriault](#) (11:00 am-12:00 pm)

Spend some quality time with GM Corvette Plant Director and 2026 Ring of Honor inductee Ray Theriault in what promises to be one of the most engaging seminars of the weekend. Beyond the trivia, we're hopeful Ray will take a few moments to share updates on current production and give us a glimpse into what's on the horizon for future Corvette models. This is your chance to engage directly with one of the most respected figures in Corvette history and hear firsthand insights from the man at the helm of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. Then, get ready to put your knowledge to the test as Ray leads participants through an interactive and exciting jeopardy-style game of Corvette trivia. From classic models to cutting-edge engineering, this fast-paced and fun session will challenge what you think you know about America's Sports Car — whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or a passionate newcomer, don't miss this one.

Seminar #2 NCM CEO Bryce Burklow & NCM Insurance President Adam Boca (12:00 pm-1:00 pm)

Join Bryce Burklow, National Corvette Museum President & CEO, and Adam Boca, President of NCM Insurance, for an informative seminar highlighting the value and benefits of National Corvette Museum membership. This session will give attendees a closer look at the advantages of being part of the NCM community, including member resources, museum initiatives, special programs, and support available to Corvette owners and enthusiasts. Bryce Burklow will share insight on the Museum's current priorities and future direction, while Adam Boca will provide information on NCM Insurance and the coverage options designed for Corvette owners. Do not miss this opportunity to learn how NCM membership can enhance your Corvette experience and keep you connected to one of the most recognized Corvette organizations in the country.

Seminar #3 Former Plant Director Wil Cooksey
[Wilmer \(Wil\) Cooksey Jr](#) (1:00 pm-2:00 pm)

Join CACW for Seminar 3 featuring Wil Cooksey, former Plant Director of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, respected Corvette leader, and CACW Ring of Honor recipient. Wil Cooksey will share his personal journey, his life experiences, and his long-standing connection to Corvette. This seminar will give attendees an opportunity to hear stories from his time at Bowling Green Assembly, his leadership role in Corvette history, and his perspective on the Corvette community today. Wil will also discuss Corvette's past, present, and future, along with the people, pride, and passion that continue to make Corvette one of America's most recognized performance vehicles. Do not miss this opportunity to hear from Wil Cooksey as he reflects on Corvette, his life, and the road ahead.

There will be a drawing for a \$25.00 Cash Door Prize after each Seminar

CACW PARTICIPANT SHOWCASE
@THE NCM

Be part of this exclusive opportunity!

We are excited to once again offer a unique chance for six lucky Corvette owners to display their cars outside the main entrance of the National Corvette Museum ([see photo](#)) on **August 21 and 22**. This is a fantastic

way to showcase your Corvette to a wide audience of enthusiasts, guests, and museum visitors.

If you'd like to participate, **please complete the link [Corvette Showcase Sign-up](#) as soon as possible** with a brief description of your Corvette and several photos from different angles.

Important: Due to museum safety regulations, all display vehicles must remain in place from **8:00 AM to 4:00 PM** on your assigned day unless otherwise instructed.

Slots are **very limited** and awarded on a **first-come, first-served** basis — so act fast to be part of this special experience!

CACW HOTEL BLOCK CUTOFF

All CACW room blocks for 2026 CACW Event, including the host hotel, are closed, but rooms may still be available at a different rate. As a reminder, the cut-off date for booking rooms under the CACW room block was Wednesday, July 15th, 2026. Please visit cacwinc.com/hotels to view the available hotels and review their policies. Furthermore, we advise you to review your hotel cancellation policy deadlines.

CACW REGISTRATION

VIP Registration will close Friday, August 14, at 3:00 pm CST. To secure your participation, please visit cacwinc.com. The cost for VIP Registration is \$120.00, while Classic Registration is priced at \$80.00.

Registration Refunds: 2026 CACW Registration refund requests before or on July 15, 2026, are subject to a 4.10% fee. 2026 CACW Registration refund requests between July 16, 2026, through August 01, 2026 are subject to a 30% fee.

There are no refunds on 2026 CACW Registrations after August 01, 2026.

Contact CACW Registration info@cacwinc.com regarding refunds, transfers, and changes. Participants are advised to check their registration purchase for accuracy, upon receipt. **No transfer of CACW**

Registrations is allowed unless authorized by CACW Registration Staff.

For more updates, follow us on the [C.A.C.W. Facebook Page](#)

You do not need to have a PayPal account to register. Click the black icon /Debit or Credit to checkout without a PayPal account.

COMMUNITY DAY CRUISE-IN @ SIGNATURE HEALTHCARE

We are thrilled to share that Cultural Awareness Corvette Weekend (CACW) has partnered with Signature HealthCARE of Bowling Green to host our Annual Community Day Cruise-In on Thursday, August 20, 2026, from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM located at **550 High Street, Bowling Green, KY.**

As part of this heartwarming event, CACW participants will cruise into Signature HealthCARE to showcase their Corvettes for the enjoyment of residents, visitors, and the surrounding community.

The afternoon will include:

- Corvette showcase
- Door prizes
- Food trucks
- Local vendors

Signature HealthCARE will present special awards for:

- Best Corvette
- Most Unique Corvette
- Resident Choice Award

(Judged by Signature HealthCARE residents and staff)

Awards announcement at 1:30 pm!

Join us as we cruise-in to uplift the community and cruise out with unforgettable memories. This promises to be a meaningful and fun experience for all, especially the residents of Signature HealthCARE!

All CACW participants are welcome to attend, regardless of whether you are driving your Corvette.

CORVETTE 4TH ANNUAL RING ROAD WALK/RUN

CACW has partnered with the GM Assembly Plant (Corvette) for their [Corvette 4th Annual Ring Road](#)

Walk/Run. All proceeds will go to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). Please go to the **WALK/RUN** Link to sign-up.

To make a donation:

<https://www.raceentry.com/race...>

LINE DANCING CLASS - LET'S DANCE!

☐☐ **Line Dancing Class - Let's Dance!** ☐☐

Get ready to kick up your heels and hit the dance floor!

☐ **Thursday, August 20, 2026**

☐ **5:00 PM - 6:45 PM**

☐ **Holiday Inn Convention Center Foyer**

☐ **Bowling Green, Kentucky**

Come learn the **latest line dances** and enjoy an evening filled with fun, fellowship, and great music! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned dancer, this class is for everyone.

☐ No partner needed!

☐ All skill levels welcome!

☐ Just bring your energy and your dancing shoes!

Don't miss this exciting kickoff to Cultural Awareness Corvette Weekend!

CORVETTE LIGHT SHOW

Join us Thursday night for an unforgettable Corvette Light Show!

Let's Light Up Those Vettes! Show off your custom lighting setups and creativity as we celebrate another exciting evening at CACW.

☐ Trophies will be awarded to the Top 5 entries!

☐ Open to all registered CACW participants

☐ Judging will be based on:

- Creativity
- Presentation
- Overall Wow Factor

☐ For more information and to sign up, contact:

Billy Brooks

billyyellow1@yahoo.com

Come shine with us and help make Thursday night one of the highlights of Cultural Awareness Corvette Weekend! ☐

☐ **YOU ARE INVITED TO BINGO!** ☐

Join us for an afternoon of fun, laughter, and prizes!

Location: National Corvette Museum Conference Center

Date: Friday, August 21

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

All CACW participants are welcome!

Come test your luck, enjoy great company, and win exciting prizes.

Come early — only 100 boards will be available!

Sponsored by John Matthews!

☐ **HONORING 5 YEARS OF CACW** ☐

Special 5-Year Legacy Group Photo

CACW is proud to recognize and honor the dedicated participants who have **attended Cultural Awareness Corvette Weekend all five years!**

As we celebrate **5 Years of Unity, Culture, and Corvettes**, we invite our five-year participants to join us for a special commemorative group photo celebrating your continued support and your place in the CACW legacy.

☐ **Saturday, August 22, 2026**

☐ **12:00 PM – 12:30 PM**

☐ **National Corvette Museum**

Front Entrance near the Traffic Circle

If you have attended **CACW all five years**, we invite you to be part of this special moment!

CACW Saturday Cruise-In to Purple Toad Winery & Distillery

Join us on **Saturday, August 22** for a relaxing Corvette Cruise to **Purple Toad Winery & Distillery!**

☐ **Destination:** 6245 Cemetery Road, Bowling Green, KY

☐ **Departure:** 3:00 PM

☐ **Leaving From:** National Corvette Museum

Enjoy a scenic cruise with a **police escort** as we head to one of Bowling Green's newest attractions for an afternoon of wine tasting, bourbon, frozen drinks, live entertainment, and great fellowship.

- ☐ Wine Tastings
- ☐ Bourbon Selections
- ☐ Frozen Drinks
- ☐ Live Entertainment by Purple Toad
- ☐ Outdoor Cigar Smoking Permitted

Whether you cruise with the group or meet us there, we invite you to join the fun!

2026 CACW EVENT SCHEDULE

The CACW Sponsored and Non-Sponsored Events and Activities listed below are included with the VIP and Classic Registration Packages, with the exception of the CACW Ring of Honor Recognition Banquet, which requires VIP Registration.

- Community & Youth Day Events (Thursday)
- “The Glow Party” – Let’s light up the parking lot. Participants are encouraged to wear neon or brightly colored attire, glow-in-the-dark clothing, and LED or light-up accessories at this themed outdoor block party. (Thursday Night)
- Corvette Light Show (Thursday Night)
- Line Dancing Class (Thursday Afternoon)
- Corvette Showcase-Display your ride (Friday & Saturday at the NCM)
- Wear Your Favorite CACW T-Shirt Themed Outdoor Block Party (Friday Night)
- Technical Seminars (Friday)
- Harlem Nights Indoor Themed Party (Saturday Night)
- Black & Gold Parking Lot Party (Saturday Night)
- Youth Day Seminars at the National Corvette Museum (Saturday)
- CACW Participants Group Picture for attendees who have participated all 5 years (Saturday)
- Cruise-In to the Purple Toad Winery (Saturday Afternoon)
- Wine & Spirits Tasting
- Display Your Ride and Tailgating Networking Events

- Vendor Sales
- Food Trucks
- CACW Ring of Honor Recognition Banquet
(VIP Registration Required – Friday Night)

Additional Fee Activities

- Driving Experiences at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park
- Performance Driving Experiences featuring the C8 Z06 and new C8 E-Ray
- GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant and National Corvette Museum Tours (Tentative)
- GM/CACW Assembly UNCF Ring Road Walk/Run 2026 Charity Event
- Historic RailPark & Train Museum Tours
- SEEK Museum Tours
- High-Speed Karting
- Guided Tours of the National Corvette Museum
- Self-Guided Tours of the National Corvette Museum

[DOWNLOADABLE 2026 DAILY EVENT SCHEDULE](#)

Additional events and activities will be announced and listed on cacwinc.com

2026 CACW Security

Your security is a top priority for the CACW Executive Board.

To ensure the safety of all registered guests, our security team, comprised of off-duty Bowling Green Police officers, will actively monitor all guests at any closed event at the Holiday Inn University Plaza (host hotel), Sloan Convention Center, and the convention center parking lot. CACW Participants must wear the proper identification wristband at all times. Anyone observed without the correct wristband will be promptly escorted from the event. This requirement also applies to all personnel, including vendors.

As a registered guest, please always wear your wristband and consider your surroundings. If you notice anything unusual, such as suspicious packages or individuals without wristbands, do not approach them. Instead, please let security or a CACW team member know right away.

Know your CACW team

Each day, CACW board members wear matching, brightly colored shirts for easy identification. To help you locate us, we will send a “color of the day” alert through our CACW Text Bot.

Please stay tuned for real-time updates.

CACW will send daily text messages with event updates, safety alerts, and other essential information for your safety and convenience. To receive these updates, could you please make sure you're connected to the CACW Text Bot at (270) XXX-XXXX. Please monitor your messages to stay current throughout the event.

Practice common-sense safety measures:

- Travel in groups whenever possible
- Park in designated areas when available. If not, choose well-lit locations near cameras or visible spaces
- Do not leave valuables in plain view
- Lock your vehicle and protect your key fob and its signal

Enjoy the event and stay safe!

NCM PHOTOGRAPHY PACKAGES

This year, the National Corvette Museum (NCM) Photo Services experience has a new location! Individual Corvette photos will be taken in front of the Museum’s iconic Skydome, instead of the traditional location at the front of the building beneath the “National Corvette Museum” sign.

Photos will be taken

Friday, August 21, 2026 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Saturday, August 22, 2026 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Photo Location & Traffic Flow

Participants should enter through Gate C from Corvette Drive and will be directed to the front of the Skydome. The entrance will be coned for easy direction, and an NCM employee will be available to assist and guide participants. Once your photo has been taken, each driver will be directed to the appropriate exit.

Photo Packages

Framed 8x10 + Print — \$32.00

Framed 6x8 + Print — \$26.00
Digital Photo Add-On — \$5.00

Get your Corvette ready to shine and capture a special memory from 2026 Cultural Awareness Corvette Weekend!

RV NOTIFICATION AND PARKING PROCEDURES

Reminder: Beginning in 2025, CACW offers assigned parking spaces for registered participants' RVs and trailers.

Participants using the RV and trailer parking area are required to pay a \$110.00 parking fee. Once your parking fee has been received, you will be assigned a designated parking space, which will be reserved for you until your arrival.

To register, please visit our website at cacwinc.com and click the registration link provided.

Please note: There will be no refunds for RV parking after August 1, 2026.

Anyone with questions regarding RV and trailer parking reservations should contact Angela Stephens by email at cacwinc.secretary1@gmail.com.

[RV Map](#)

PLANT TOURS/ MUSEUM TOUR PACKAGES

UPDATE: Plant Tours Are Now Closed

Thank you for your interest! The **Plant Tours/Museum Tour Packages** were open to CACW participants from **August 20-21, 2026**, but **plant tour availability has now closed**.

If you previously purchased a plant tour ticket online, please remember the tour includes a guided visit at the National Corvette Museum. Tickets were \$35.00 for museum members and \$50.00 for non-members, with a limit of four (4) tickets per purchase.

All participants must still follow plant tour regulations, and entry is based on your confirmed date and time.

For additional museum-only tickets or information, please visit: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org>

We appreciate your enthusiasm and look forward to seeing you at CACW 2026!

2026 NCM MOTORSPORTS PARK DRIVING EXPERIENCE

NCM MOTORSPORTS TRACK PACKAGES to include the C8 Z06 are now open to CACW Participants for August 21-22, 2026. Please follow the CACW DRIVING EXPERIENCES link [Schedule](#). If there are still available driving slots after July 12, those slots will revert back to the public. Please schedule ASAP if interested! No experience required to have big fun!

CACW Touring Laps - Drive **YOUR CAR** on track in a lead/follow format for 4 laps on our 3.2 mile course. All makes/models welcome!

C8 E-Ray Touring Laps - Unleash the power and performance of the new All-wheel drive hybrid Corvette E-Ray by driving laps in a lead/follow format around our nationally recognized road course.

C8 E-Ray Lightning Round - Enjoy the ultimate E-Ray experience by driving four (4) laps on track, PLUS ride passenger for a launch and Hot Lap driven by our track professionals!

C8 Z06 Fast Pack - Designed to showcase the car's performance, the Z06 Bundle allows guests to experience four lead/follow laps, a 0 to 60 launch, and a Hot Lap driven by an MSP professional.

C8 Z06 Touring Laps - Test the power and performance of the new Z06 Corvette by driving four laps in a lead/follow format around our 3.2-mile, 23-turn road course.

Bowtie Bundle - Experience 12 laps (4 in each vehicle) in the C7 & C8 Corvettes, and the Camaro SS 1LE on our track! This bundle is sure to show you how capable all of these cars are on track! *Our C7 fleet has only manual transmissions*

C7 Touring Laps - Get behind the wheel of a C7 Corvette and take it for a drive on four laps around our track. This is a high-speed, high-adrenaline experience you'll never forget! *Our C7 fleet has only manual transmissions*

Camaro SS 1LE Touring Laps - Want to feel the power & handling of the SS 1LE? Well-suited for the track, the SS 1LE features a standard 6.2L V8 engine

with Magnetic Ride Control™ that helps channel that power into fast and precise cornering.

Corvette vs Camaro - Drive our C8 Stingray and Camaro SS 1LE for 4 laps each! *Whether you're a seasoned driver or a thrill-seeking enthusiast, these iconic vehicles are sure to give you a thrill!*

Front vs Mid Engine Corvette - *This is your chance to save money and drive both a C7 and C8 Corvette! With this bundle, you get four laps around the track in each car for a grand total of 8 laps! Our C7 fleet has only manual transmissions*

C8 Touring Laps - Drive a C8 Corvette on track in a lead/follow format for 4 laps. Drivers are welcome to have a passenger. You must be 18 years or older to participate with a valid driver's license. Passengers must be 14 years or older.

C7 Corvette Touring Laps - Get behind the wheel of a C7 Corvette and take it for a drive on four laps around our track. This is a high-speed, high-adrenaline experience you'll never forget! *Our C7 fleet has only manual transmissions*

Camaro SS 1LE Touring Laps - *Want to feel the power & handling of the SS 1LE? Well-suited for the track, the SS 1LE features a standard 6.2L V8 engine with Magnetic Ride Control™ that helps channel that power into fast and precise cornering.*

C8 Corvette Touring Laps (Weekends & Holidays)

- Drive 4 laps in a C8 Corvette on our 3.2-mile track in a lead/follow format. You must be 18 years or older to participate with a valid driver's license. Passengers welcome for free but must be 14 years or older.

KARTING - The NCM Motorsports Park is offering discounted karting sessions. You must wear your CACW Classic or VIP armband to receive the discount.

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