

# The National Corvette Museum

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Since 1953 the Corvette has been America's Sports Car. The National Corvette Museum was established in 1994 as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit foundation with a mission of celebrating the invention of the Corvette; preserving its past, present and future; and educating the public about Corvette.

Corvette enthusiasts from all over the world kindly and lovingly refer to the National Corvette Museum as their home ... Their Mecca.

The 115,000 sq. ft. building houses more than 70 Corvette models and one-of-a-kind concept cars spanning the history of Corvette. Also on hand are thousands of Corvette related photos, movies and videos, advertisements, scale models and rare memorabilia. Spotlights are the people who have made Corvette an American icon.

Striking full-scale dioramas show classic Corvette models and famous performance Corvette models in period settings. You'll also find the historic one-millionth Corvette, donated to the museum by Chevrolet.

On February 12, 2014, a sink-hole opened under the floor of the Skydome area of the museum at around 5:44 AM local time, causing a portion of the floor to collapse. Eight rare and one-of-a-kind Corvettes, portions of the display



DISPLAY OF NASCAR THROUGH THE YEARS

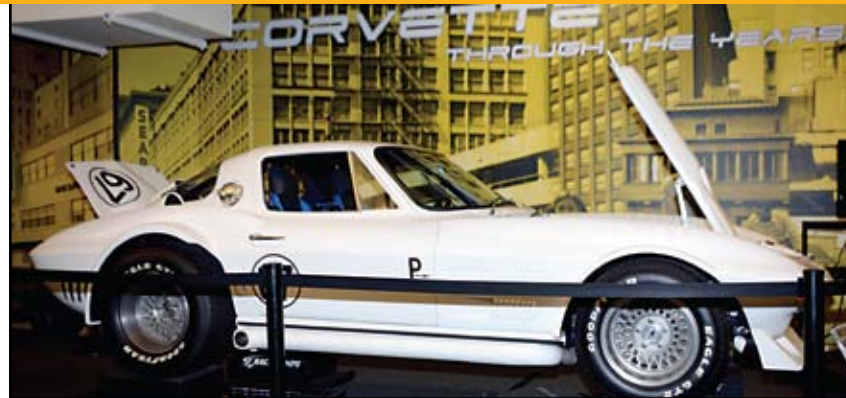
stands and rails, large concrete floor slabs and dirt fell into the sinkhole, causing serious damage to some of the Corvettes. The Corvettes involved have an estimated value of a million dollars. The remaining 20 cars in the Skydome were immediately removed from that area. All of the eight Corvettes were recovered from the sinkhole. The museum reopened the day after the sinkhole appeared.

The Corvette Museum's official blog has ongoing updates of their progress, and it shows that the hole has been entirely filled up with limestone and sand. When the sinkhole opened up last year, six museum-owned Corvettes and two on loan from General Motors fell between 20 and 30 feet and suffered varying degrees of damage. Sadly, only three are able to be restored, but the good news is no one was hurt.

The museum also sponsors the Corvette Hall of Fame for individuals who have been involved with the Corvette automobile and made significant contributions in their respective fields.

In 2013, the Museum expanded and developed a 184 acre Motorsports Park. The \$20 million, dual track attraction provides motorsport enthusiasts with a challenging track for all makes and models of vehicles and motorcycles. The two circuits, "East and "West" can be combined into multiple configurations ranging from a high speed loop of 1.96 miles to an extended 3.15 mile technical course. The Corvette Racing team and the Pratt & Miller team advised on the layout incorporating features from the LeMans Circuit.

The museum is located only a quarter mile from the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, where Corvettes have been made since 1981. Public tours of the assembly plant are available. In addition, Chevrolet allows Corvette buyers to take delivery of their new vehicles at the museum, with a VIP tour of the plant and museum included for the buyer and up to three guests.



CORVETTES THRU THE YEARS



1962 SURVIVOR OF SINK HOLE



3 OF THE WORST ON DISPLAY

The museum is located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, off Interstate 65's Exit 28. Check out <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/> for more details. If you a Corvette enthusiast, a visit to the museum should be on your bucket list.

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