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Thursday, August 28, 2014 Activities

7:15am – 8:15am

One Acre Club Staging

•One Acre Club Members stage on the Motorsports Park Road Course for the Grand Opening Ceremony and a Photo Op

8:30am

One Acre Club Group Photo

•One Acre Club Members stage on the Motorsports Park Road Course for the Grand Opening Ceremony and a Photo Op



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📅 August 28, 2014

9:00am – 10:00am

Motorsports Park Grand Opening Ceremony

- All participants welcome

9:45am – 10:00am

One Acre Club Touring Laps

- By Invitation Only

10:00am – 3:00pm

Chevrolet Ride and Drive

- Test Drive GM Vehicles

- First Come, First Serve

- Free Ride in a Stingray around the NCM Track



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📅 August 14, 2014

10:30am – 4:00pm

Motorsports Park Hot Laps

- Ride with a VIP in your Corvette

- On-Site Registration Only

- Museum Fundraiser- \$50

- West Track Only

Friday, August 29, 2014

9:00am – 10:00am

Parade Laps

- FREE for All Registered Participants

- Registration On-Site Only

- Drive Your Own Corvette

- Full Track

10:00am – 10:30am

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10:45am – 11:45am

S18: Safe Driving Tips

- Speaker: Andy Pilgrim

- 2012 Hall of Fame Inductee

11:30am – 12:00pm

Motorsports Park Hot Laps

- Ride with a VIP in your Corvette

- On-Site Registration Only

- Museum Fundraiser- \$50

- West Track Only

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Parade Laps

- FREE for All Registered Participants
- Registration On-Site Only
- Drive Your Own Corvette
- Full Track

12:45pm – 1:45pm

S23: Corvette Racing Program Manager Doug Fehan

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Motorsports Park Hot Laps

- Ride with a VIP in your Corvette
- On-Site Registration Only
- Museum Fundraiser- \$50
- West Track Only

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Parade Laps

- FREE for All Registered Participants
- Registration On-Site Only
- Drive Your Own Corvette
- Full Track

2:30pm – 3:00pm

Motorsports Park Hot Laps

- Ride with a VIP in your Corvette
- On-Site Registration Only
- Museum Fundraiser- \$50
- West Track Only

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Parade Laps

- FREE for All Registered Participants
- Registration On-Site Only
- Drive Your Own Corvette
- Full Track

3:30pm – 4:30pm

S27: Corvette at Nurburgring

- Speaker: Jim Mero

4:00pm – 4:30pm

Motorsports Park Hot Laps

- Ride with a VIP in your Corvette
- On-Site Registration Only
- Museum Fundraiser- \$50
- West Track Only

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Parade Laps

- FREE for All Registered Participants
- Registration On-Site Only
- Drive Your Own Corvette
- Full Track

9:00am – 10:00am

Parade Laps

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- Registration On-Site Only
- Drive Your Own Corvette
- Full Track

10:00am – 10:30am

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- West Track Only

10:00am – 3:00pm

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11:00am – 12:00pm

S34: Autograph Session

11:30am – 12:00pm

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- Museum Fundraiser- \$50
- West Track Only

12:00pm – 1:00pm

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Motorsports Park Grand Opening Part of Corvette Museum's 20th Anniversary

By [EMIL MOFFATT](#) (/PEOPLE/EMIL-MOFFATT)

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A Corvette owner drives around the new track at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park Thursday, August 28, 2014. The track opened Thursday morning and accompanied a weekend full of festivities for Corvette owners and enthusiasts.

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There are Corvettes aplenty in Bowling Green this weekend as the Corvette Museum celebrates its 20th anniversary and the grand opening of the adjacent Motorsports Park

The cars are already buzzing around the new Motorsports Park track across the highway from the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. Museum officials held a grand opening ceremony Thursday morning.

Bill Thomas from Corpus Christi, Texas is among the thousands of Corvette owners who made the trip. He says he's anxious to take his 2014 yellow convertible Z-51 on the track.

"I haven't been on this track yet, but we had a police escort from Little Rock, and we got up to 112 miles an hour coming up here," said Thomas.

Corvette Museum Executive Director Wendell Strode says plans originally called for only one portion of the track to be open by now, but says the project has come in ahead of schedule.

“Because of the great support of yourselves, corporate sponsors, acre club members and many other folks that have stepped up,” Strode told the crowd gathered for the grand opening ceremony. “Not only do we have a two-mile West course, we have a one-mile East course, a three-mile combined course and a 22-acre paddock.”

Plans for a control tower, 18-car garage and racing garage remain in the rendering stage. The track will be used for test racing, but will also be available for private rentals.

Mary and John Nist are visiting from Cream Ridge, New Jersey. Mrs. Nist says they not only meet lots of fellow Corvette fans in Bowling Green, but they see some of the same people year after year.

“We know a lot of great people, we’ve been coming here for 20 years,” said Mary Nist.

“And we come down twice a year and every time we come down we meet other nice people that are engaged to what goes on here and they seem to have as much enjoyment as we do,” said John Nist.

The Corvette Museum’s 20th anniversary celebration continues through Saturday. Eight-thousand Corvette owners have registered for the event.

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Motorsports Park debuts with parade of Corvettes

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Engines roared and Corvette drivers high-fived bystanders before the long-awaited grand opening of the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park this morning.

The grand opening kicked off with a parade of Corvettes around the track with a professional driver in the lead. Thousands of Corvette owners and enthusiasts checked out the park, meandering among the ‘Vettes in the lot and watching the Budweiser Clydesdales go by before the opening ceremony. Thousands more hung out at the museum itself.

“What we’re celebrating here today is several years in the making,” museum Executive Director Wendell Strode said.

The museum began “exercising options of adjoining land” across Interstate 65 in 2007, Strode said. The park’s concept began as a 2-mile track, but the growing number of sponsors and donors determined otherwise.

“As more of you got involved, it became clear we needed a bigger vision for what we called a motorsports park,” Strode said.

More than 200 acres of property could be available for expansion, Strode told the crowd.

The grand opening is one of many events planned during the museum’s 20th anniversary celebration, which continues through Saturday.

ExxonMobil was announced as the next corporate sponsor of the park, following Michelin, Holley Performance Products and Corvette Central. David Tsurusaki of ExxonMobil said the company is proud to be a part of the park.

“It’s amazing to see a dream and an idea become a reality,” Tsurusaki said. The sponsorship “is an extension and continuation of what we’ve been doing (with General Motors) for several years.”

Mitch Wright, the park’s general manager, said there is always room for more sponsors. “One of the beauties of this place is you can kind of let your imagination run wild with what we can put a name on,” Wright said.

Wright said thanked everyone in attendance for their help in bringing the park to life. “Folks, look around. This is all because of you,” Wright said.

Bob and Lori Hora of Highland Village, Texas, drove their 2010 Grand Sport Corvette in the parade that kicked off today’s activities. Bob Hora attended the park’s groundbreaking June 2013.

“The last time I was here, it was just grass and dirt, so it’s neat to see what it’s turned into,” Hora said.

Hora said the track’s designers were “very smart” in giving drivers various track options and circuits to experience when they use the track. The roughly 1- and 2-mile circuits will help make the park interesting and successful, Hora said.

“I think it’s going to be huge,” Hora said. “It’s a good thing for Bowling Green and Corvettes, too.”

Dennis and Joyce Labbato of Cleveland did not drive in the parade this morning, but four of their Corvette Cleveland Club members got to participate after the club held a drawing. The Labbatos said this is their first time in Bowling Green and they look forward to all the weekend’s events. The park’s grand opening was something they had most anticipated.

“It’s an awesome facility,” Joyce Labbato said. “We’re just so excited to be here, on this particular day especially.”

Having both worked with GM, the Labbatos said part of what would make the trip special will be touring the GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant, paired with hanging out at the motorsports park.

“We truly, truly are living the dream,” Labbato said.

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