



## THE VETTE GAZETTE

May 2013

For those that did not know the National Corvette Museum is building a huge motorsports park over in Bowling Green, which I must say it's going to be a very impressive track here is an article I found about what they are doing

The Motorsports Park near the National Corvette Museum continues to roar closer and closer to reality every day.

Crews hope to be done in 45 days as they began clearing the 184 acres of land last week for the track, which will be located off Porter Pike across from the museum on the opposite side of I-65.

The clearing hopefully is just a prelude to the official groundbreaking as early as next month, museum Executive Director Wendell Strode told The Bowling Green Daily News.

"You can already see a difference on the site from both Porter Pike and even the interstate," Strode said.

Before the groundbreaking takes place, the museum has set a goal of raising \$1 million toward the project. The total sits at \$886,000 now, and Strode feels confident the goal will be reached and even surpassed.

The Motorsports Park won't be cheap. The entire project is estimated to cost \$16.45 million, including \$9 million for the first phase that features an

autocross area and one of two proposed tracks. Already, the museum has spent \$2.7 million for the land, paid for in part by \$2.5 million raised before the \$1 million goal was set.

Don't fret, though. The museum plans to finance the difference and put the pedal to the metal on the project, with the intention of opening the track by Labor Day 2014, just in time for the 2014 National Corvette Caravan and the 20th anniversary of the museum.

The park will pay dividends not only for the museum but also the community, Strode says.

The track won't rely on spectators to make money. Instead, the museum plans to host about 70 events a year, including driving school and car club activities and vehicle testing by the nearby Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant.

Meanwhile, all the new activity at the park could mean an extra 35,000 to 70,000 room nights per year for visitors to Bowling Green, according to Strode.

By the way, interested parties can adopt an acre of land in the park for \$15,000.

Meeting Agenda  
May 28th, 7:00 P.M.  
Rawlings Library

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~ Camaraderie & Cars - Just Havin' Fun ~

Dinner at the HANGER before meeting: 4:45 P.M.

**Welcome Jill Brake**

Birthdays & Anniversaries  
New Cars &/or Toys

**Secretary's Report** – Bev Landdeck, Action Item

**Treasurer's Report** – Dennis Clark, Action Item

**NCCC Governor's Report** – Bob Adams

**Newsletter Report & Vette Trivia** – Ryan

Picco

**Old Business:**

- Sky Sox Game 6/22, Dennis
- La Junta Autocross Report, Bob



*Events Since Last Meeting* – Sonic Night, Show and Shine Car Show

**New Business:**

- Soap Box Derby, Rick, Lucky
- Train Trip, Dine and Drive trip, Bill/Dennis
- Other

Reminders:

Street Clean-up June 1<sup>st</sup>, Bowling June 3rd, Sonic June 7th

✓ *Member Suggestions/Ideas/Comments*

**Future Fun Club Events:**

***Grow the club – All events open to all Vettes, everyone recruit and  
be notorious!***

**Next Meeting – June 25th, 7:00 P.M. at Library**

*Save the Wave!*

*Note: I will be on vacation for the 6/25 and 7/23 meetings*

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A message from Bill and Dennis

Hi all,

Over the past two years Bill and myself have tried to get particulars on taking the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad from La Veta. Well this year things are starting to look up...the RR company has finally been able to provide us with some concrete information.

I am sending this out before our next meeting as Bill and I would like for you to review this and be ready to participate in the discussion regarding a train trip.

There are two options....we can do one or the other or do both.

Option 1. The train from La Veta only runs to take passengers to Fir....where they have musical concerts in the mountains....and then the train returns to La Veta. There are only certain weekends when they have concerts scheduled. The prices are \$29 economy, \$49 standard, and \$129 diamond class. I have a call into the group sales representative to see what discounts are available. The train leaves La Veta at 11:30 and returns at 4:45. After returning to La Veta we could go to the La Veta Loco....a bar and restaurant....they have a private patio that can be reserved for groups.

The concert dates are as follows: Michael Martin Murphy....June 29 & 30 and July 27 & 28 and August 24 & 25 and Sept 14 & 15

Suzy Bogguss.....July 6 & 7

Roy Rivers.....August 3 & 4

Ricky Skaggs.....August 10 & 11

Flying W Wranglers.....September 7 &

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Option 2. Take an excursion train that runs from Alamosa to La Veta and the back to Alamosa. The train leaves Alamosa at 9am and returns at 5pm. There is an hour and a half stop in La Veta for eating shopping etc. Prices are based on weekday or weekend travel. Weekday is \$99 for first class.....which includes access to the VIP cars. Weekend is \$79 for first class (no access to the VIP cars) and diamond class \$149. This option probably requires an overnight stay of at least one night. Bill is checking on lodging and restaurants etc. in Alamosa.

Look over the dates to see what might work, and be prepared to discuss these two options, the dates, etc.



### No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R Wins at Laguna Seca with Flawless Race

A well-executed team effort helped Corvette Racing return to victory lane at the 2.238-mile, 11-turn Laguna Seca road course for the second consecutive year. Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia, drivers of the No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R, scored their first American Le Mans Series (ALMS) GT Class win of the season and first since 2011. Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner, drivers of the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R scored Corvette Racing's first win of 2013 in the season-opening race at Sebring.

The other top-ten finishers in Saturday's race in ALMS GT competition were, No. 17 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR (2nd), No. 56 BMW Z4 GTE (3rd), No. 91 SRT Viper GTS-R (4th), No. 23 Ferrari F458 Italia (5th), No. 55 BMW Z4 GTE (6th), No. 48 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR (7th). No. 06 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR (8th), and the No. 62 Ferrari F458 Italia (9th).



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