

President Greg Bowron's recap of Pole day – Thanks to you Greg for making it happen!

The day started early with Vettes from Corvette Indy, the Nashville Shriner Club and some friends meeting on the North West side. From there a Police car and a motorcycle teamed up to caravan us to the IMS. The escorts did a great job keeping the group together and we arrived at IMS in one group without incident. Our own new member Mike Berry pitched in and paced the group to help give the escort team the time they needed to stop cross traffic at each light. Great job guys! It was neat to see the attention we got as many people stopped and got out of their vehicles to watch the beautiful Vettes covering nearly all of the generations go by. The club gave the escort team a check which they will donate to the Police motorcycle squad for needed supplies. Each parade participant pitched in a donation to help with the escort cost. Once we arrived at the track we were joined by at least 3 other club members in their Vettes who had snagged tickets to the show through other Central Indiana Chevrolet dealers, thus reducing the demand on the available club tickets.

Once on the IMS grounds we were staged alongside an entrance to the track just after turn 2. When our turn came to take our lap we were greeted with a welcome sound from the IMS officials directing us onto the track in two lines when they said "hit it!" Since we've always been taught to obey authorities what choice did we have? Big exhaust noise could be heard down the back straightaway and it was only overshadowed by the bigger smiles on the boys' and girls' faces that were driving the Vettes! So we hot footed it down the straight with a few of us muttering about those slower Camaros that were in our way. Oh well, at least they were Chevy's and they looked good!

We completed our lap on the track without incident and then were directed to display parking along Hulman Road inside the track. As we exited the vehicles and walked to the meeting area you could overhear excited drivers comparing notes on what top speed they hit on the straight before slowing down for a more parade lap type display on the main straight. I'm proud to say all of the drivers in our group had fun but behaved themselves and didn't do anything stupid on the track to embarrass their self or the club.

Once situated inside we listened to several speakers discuss the Chevrolet Camaro and Corvette vehicles. This was highlighted by Mike Quinn of Chevrolet who was our host and Johnny Rutherford. a 3 time Indy 500 winner. These discussions were followed by a delicious buffet lunch.

After lunch we were able to check out the Garage area with our included passes, watch qualifications on Pole Day and check out the Chevy display and the neat new Vettes.

Very special thanks to our sponsor, Penske Chevrolet, and Brett Rozzi for making available to Corvette Indy all but 1 of the passes they were allotted for this neat event. Terrific sponsors! The same special thanks goes out to Mike Quinn of Chevrolet for making sure that Penske received enough passes to take care of Corvette Indy's demand! Also thanks to Mike Roland at Penske for his role in communicating the event information and getting the passes to us. Thanks to Robert Scott and Judie for making an extra 6 passes available to the club. Thanks to Mike & Shirley Berry for using a pass obtained elsewhere and making 1 extra pass available to the club and more importantly for arranging the Police escort we used

to get to the track. They've only been in the club a couple of weeks and have already contributed! Finally, thanks to Donna as she was in charge of the weather and wow did she do a great job!

I think everyone had fun and it was a memorable day! Thank you Chevrolet for making these wonderful cars and for understanding the love affair your customers have with these vehicles and thanks again to Mike Quinn and Brett Rozzi for letting us be a part of this event!