

Bloomington report:

Jim K. was especially looking forward to this year at Bloomington Corvette show, as we were to get the "35th Gold Timer" banner at the meet.

With great weather into the mid 80's, there were many vendors present, but also a few spaces that were empty.

The people who have been next to us were not there for some reason, so new vendors are always coming there.

Once set up, Pat and I expected to see buyers walking around with parts and memorabilia.

However, the crowd appeared to be down on Thursday, which is normally the best day for buying and selling parts.

Friday was a day for more families present- a switch from past years, as that is normally a Saturday affair.

The new 2011 Z07 Corvette carbon edition also showed up with Mr Hill (GM exec) answering questions about the new Corvette and the new supersonic blue-gray color.

Expensive carbon options were around \$9,000 with the rear spoiler at around \$3,500!! Total cost- ????. The color appears to be the same as the color on the Silverado pickup, so I hear.

Around this new Corvette were MANY new Corvettes for sale. The one that drew my attention was the list price of \$60,500 (approx) on a nice blue Grand Sport with the two-tone interior for sale at \$48,844 which did sell by Saturday- no wonder- darnn.

Also present and for sale were some new and three different horsepower Callaway Corvettes and some great used ones, let alone the auction for the high priced buyer. Lots to drool over.....

Saturday morning brought a surprise at the space, as a good thundershower arrived early in the morning, and some awnings were damaged.

Although ours was tied down well and tarps were doubled up and clamped down, rain managed to seep under them, and the table cover sheets were sopping wet. Luckily very little damage, and by 11, everything was dry due to the hot sun. Again it appeared that the crowd was down and we noticed that more were of the older generation, and may own newer Corvettes.

All in all, a good show, a new Hall of Fame display showing 50 of the most significant people in the Corvette world along with 50 of the most significant Corvettes. If you haven't been there, drive about 4 1/2 hours from here to west of Chicago to St. Charles and see the beautiful Pheasant Run resort area and super-looking golf course and complex for an enjoyable

Corvette show that has been going on since 1973- Pat & Paul