

KETTLE MORaine CORVETTE CLUB & THE ROAD AMERICA CORVETTE CORRAL

Bill Mitchell, former VP of Styling at General Motors, and longtime supporter of Road America established the Corvette Corral as a gathering spot for his creations. The Corral was used to preview many competition and prototype Corvettes including his stunning Mako Shark concept car there in June 1961. A Corvette Corral has remained active at the track continuously from its original establishment to present day. To accommodate the evolving development of track facilities, the corral was relocated from the front straight to two acres on the outside of turn 3.

The Kettle Moraine Corvette Club was established in 1969 and quickly fostered a partnership with Road America providing volunteer hosts for the corral. To this day KMCC members maintain the corral facilities and host five weekend events each racing season. Members in the early 1980's erected an entry arch, covered viewing stand, and perimeter fencing. Through the years the club planted trees to provide shaded parking over a portion of the corral.



In the fall of 2021 Road America and Chevrolet jointly sponsored the fabrication and erection of a new entry arch. The aging wood structure was replaced with an aluminum arch that will shine for many years.

That fall KMCC members voted to move forward on a project to replace 600 feet of perimeter fencing. Just like the original arch, the cedar fencing had lasted forty years but needed replacement. Plans came together over the winter and contributions sufficient to fund the purchase of posts and rails were received. Twenty-six volunteers signed on for a work weekend in April. Three days were scheduled, and the weather was looking good for the 21st to 23rd. At 7AM on Friday the original 1984 fencing was standing. By 9:30 AM it was down and being hauled away. By noon new holes were drilled, and new fencing prepositioned. After a quick lunch break installation commenced. Two crews quickly developed a system and rhythm - so stand back.

By 12:30PM Saturday (more than a day ahead of plan) all 600 feet of new fencing was standing and looking good. Fresh cedar, straight lines, and

constant height. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the fencing project. It was hard work, no one was hurt, the weather cooperated, and we all had fun. Your volunteer hours made this a project to be proud of.

