



Date: **Thursday, November 7, 2024**
 Location: **Zehnder's of Frankenmuth - Town Hall downstairs**
 Meal: **Family Style Chicken (fried and broiled) & Liver dinner**
 Tickets: **\$35.00**

SCHEDULE:

6:00 PM - Social Hour
 6:45 PM - Dinner
 7:45 PM - Business Meeting
 8:00 PM - Program



PAST CHAIRMAN NIGHT
How to Launch a Vehicle
in Manufacturing
 SPEAKER: **RAY THERIAULT**



Ray Theriault, Plant Director General Motors Bowling Green Assembly and Performance Build Center will provide an overview of the process for launching a new Corvette. From customer feedback to virtual reviews to early builds and beyond, the presentation will provide details on the various stages of build, until the start of regular production. Ray will conclude with a brief overview of the Corvette lineup.

Ray Theriault became Plant Director of General Motors Bowling Green Assembly in June 2023. Having grown up in Milford, Mich., Ray had the opportunity to listen as Corvettes would race around the Proving Grounds and always desired to be a part of the long and successful history of such an impactful vehicle. He grew up to receive a BS in Electrical Engineering from Lawrence Technological University and a Masters in Automotive Engineering from the University of Michigan.

Ray has more than 28 years with General Motors, with a background in Global Propulsion Systems and Vehicle Assembly for both cars and trucks. He spent 5 years with GM International Operations in China where he was responsible for all GM manufacturing quality and quality assurance in Asia, Africa, and Australia. Ray has held titles including but not limited to Quality Manager, Quality Operations Director, Assistant Plant Manager and Assistant Plant Director during his tenure with the company. He was an integral part of the successful launch of heavy-duty pickup trucks in Flint, Mich., and the brands he has worked with have received various accolades including a number of JD Power awards and other prestigious quality and production honors.

Since joining the Bowling Green Assembly team, Ray has shown a true passion for the customer and has been driven to share customer enthusiasm with plant employees. He has fully embraced the unique external aspects of being Plant Director for Corvette by regularly engaging with the Corvette community through various events. He has also spearheaded a number of philanthropic efforts to support the Bowling Green community and its nonprofits.

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The AFS 2024-2025 Program will be posted to the website. Mark your calendars.

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| Thursday, December 5, 2025 | Holiday Invitational with GM Retiree Club |
| Thursday, January 9, 2025 | Covenant Heart Group |
| Thursday, February 6, 2025 | TBD |
| Thursday, March 6, 2025 | U of M Sand Reuse Project |
| Saturday, June 7, 2025 | Golf Outing at Swan Valley Golf Course |

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