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Abstract: The Collection on the Corvette Grand Sport, circa 1963-1965 consists of a variety of materials focusing on the Corvette Grand Sport. Within the collection are blueprints, racing documents, black-and-white and color photographic prints and negatives, and other realia. Also included are letters and correspondence from Don Yenko, Zora Arkus-Duntov, and others in regards to production of the Grand Sport. Of note are two research and development books from Gulf Oil detailing the design and manufacture of chassis number 004. In addition, the collection houses a variety of period realia belonging to racing driver Dr. Dick Thompson.

Language: Materials are in English.

Acquisition Note: The Miles Collier Collections acquired the Collection on the Corvette Grand Sport, circa 1963-1965 prior to 2009 (accession number 2018-011).

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Box	Item Number	Contents
	1	Blueprints of "Experimental Dual Air Meter Fuel Injection System"; property of Gulf Corporation, marked confidential; two dates - August 15 1963 and August 28 1963
	2	Blueprints of "Experimental Alum. Base / for Two Air Meters to be Used on the Corvette Lightweight Serial No. 004; property of Gulf Corporation, marked confidential
1	3	Gulf blueprints; 2 copies in separate sleeves, one drawn on tracing paper
1	4	Copy of blueprint of Corvette axle air scoop; marked confidential
4	5	Large color photograph of Gulf mechanics in shop working on Corvette engines
1	6	Black and white photograph of an engine
1	7	Black and white negative of an engine
1	8	Two black and white negatives of Dick Thompson's 1st place win in No. 4 Grand Sport Connellsville PA SCCA Divisional
1	9	An enlarged black and white negative of a GS Corvette, enclosed in a sleeve with a piece of paper that reads "A good high contrast shot of cropped outline image only."
1	10	Two black and white negatives of a Corvette sports car marked #16
1	11	Two color negatives of the same mechanic inspecting an engine
1	12	Black and white negative of Dick Thompson's lightweight Corvette
1	13	Black and white negative of no. 4 GS Corvette, enclosed in a sleeve with a piece of paper that reads "1963 Gulf Oil - Research. Harmarville Pa. Workshop. Jim Bailey under 004 Grand Sport"
1	14	Black and white negative of no. 4 GS Corvette
1	15	Negative of Dick Thompson and his lightweight Corvette; negative reads "Dentist Dick Thompson hides his toothsome smile behind w-- (rest of word not legible) checkered flag he had just received from Jesse Coleman"; negative enclosed in a sleeve with a piece of paper that reads "1963 - Dr. Dick Thompson takes checker flag in 004 Lightweight (Grand Sport) at Cumberland Md."
1	16	Black and white photograph of Dick Thompson, Don Yenke, Bill Hartley and the lightweight Corvette
1	17	Two black and white photographs (separate sleeves) of man looking into rear of a sports car
1	18	Two black and white photographs (separate sleeves) of a man and the no. 4 GS Corvette
1	19	Black and white photograph of two GS Corvettes
1	20	Black and white photograph of people around two cars, of which one is a lightweight GS Corvette
1	21	Color photograph of a driver at the wheel of a car (probably Dick Thompson or Yenke)
1	22	Black and white photograph of Jim Bailey under 004 Grand Sport in Harmarville PA workshop (1963)

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1	23	Black and white photograph of no. 4 lightweight GS Corvette
1	24	Color photograph of an engine
1	25	Black and white photograph of a car's steering wheel
1	26	Black and white photograph of three people (two women and one man) sitting in a restaurant booth
1	27	Black and white negative strip with three pictures of the GS Corvette being developed at the Gulf Oil Research Center; 1963
4	28	Large matted black and white photograph of an engine on a dynamometer
4	29	Large matted black and white photograph also of an engine on a dynamometer
4	30	Large matted black and white photograph of a cam shaft being checked on a fixture
4	31	Large matted black and white photograph of Dick Thompson, autographed by Dick Thompson
4	32	Large matted color photograph of a mechanic inspecting an engine
	33	Sports Car Club of America New York Region checkered flag; has writing in pen on it that reads: "Watkins Glen Classic 1963 Dick Thompson 1. Place"
1	34	SCCA member card belonging to Mr. C. Edward Lowther (160 Ammons Dr., Canonsburg PA); displays Lowther's signature; 1963
1	35	RA 63 Road America Yearbook International June Sprints -- June 22 & 23; Yenko Chevrolet, Canonsburg, PA; SCCA Chicago Region; 64p
1	36	1963 Official Program 11th Annual Cumberland National Championship and Regional Races - Sports Car Races - Cumberland, Maryland, Municipal Airport May 10, 11, 12 sponsored by The Cumberland Lions Foundation, Inc., and Steel Cities Region Sports Car Club of America, Inc.; 12p; two copies
2	37	Two Yenko "Parts and Accessories" tags
2	38	Flyer: "Don't Miss the Seventh Glen Classic National Championship sports car road races where contenders become champions August 23-24 Friday: Practice - Saturday: Nine Big Races, Watkins Glen, New York"; 1963; 1p
2	39	Flyer: "This was the Mongoose that Ruined The Cobra - Fords at Nassau!"; photo of the car by Jules Bulette; Motor Racing and Economy Car News, P.O. Box 392 Culver City, California
2	40	Folder titled: "Grand Sport - Number 004 motor racing information"
2	41	Northeastern Divisional & Regional Sports Car Races August 10-11, 1963 - Connellsville Airport; SCCA; sponsored by the Greater Connellsville Inter Club Council, Inc., under auspices of the Steel Cities Region, SCCA; 20p

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4	42	Lapel Pins--"Watkins Glen Grand Prix, Home of Road Racing in America" (Kendall Motor Oils); Pin--Chevy "3 Million Plus"; Round "Gulf" tag; Pin--"Champion"; Dick Thompson's competitor card for 7th Annual Watkins Glen Classic (1963); tag marked D ("not good for gate admission") for the 7th Annual Glen Classic SCCA National Sports Car Road Races, Watkins Glen, New York; Ed Lowther's Virginia International Raceway (V.I.R.) tag no. 42, April 27 & 28 1963; Dick Thompson's Connellsville Inter-Club Council SCCA Sports Car Races tag no. 4498 (Gulf), August 10-11 1963; V.I.R. Crew tag no. 37, April 27 & 28 1963
4	43	1963 Gulf Oil Corvette Grand Sport File: Corvette Research Grand Sport Number 004 Book #2; binder; marked confidential; includes SCCA/FIA Entries and Technical Engine Drawings; on back, reads "Gulf Research & Development P.O. Drawer 2038 Pittsburgh, PA 15230
4	44	1963 Gulf Oil Corvette Grand Sport File: Corvette Research Grand Sport Number 004 Book #1; binder; marked confidential; includes SCCA/FIA Entries and Technical Engine Drawings; on back, reads "Gulf Research & Development P.O. Drawer 2038 Pittsburgh, PA 15230
2	45	"The 7th Annual Glen Classic Sports Car Road Races at Watkins Glen, N.Y. Aug. 23-24, 1963 This Copy of the Official Results and Lap Charts has been prepared especially for Edwin J. Myers by the Glen Region of the SCCA and the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Corp."; 36p
2	46	Sports Car Club of America, Inc. letter, To: All Competition License Holders, From: Fred Marik, Secretary, Contest Board; stamped Gulf Research Development Company; 4p
2	47	Connellsville Divisional Races - August 11, 1963; lists racer no., driver, entrant, home, car and class; 1p
2	48	Grid positions for Race No. 1; 1p; names include: McClure, Hessart, Knite, Mims, Ingram, Lewis, Astri, Weis, Elatzer, Lavin, Northrop, Stewart, Phillips, Lynch, Canfield, Bosse, Bradley
2	49	Steel Cities Region, SCCA, Inc. letter to the board of directors from Edwin J. Myers, R.E. of Steel Cities Region, SCCA, Inc.; August 31 1962; stamped Gulf Research Development Company; 2p
2	50	Race Schedule - Cumberland National Races; 1p
2	51	Regional Race #2; 1p; "Frank Yenke" written in pencil in upper right corner
2	52	Connellsville Divisional Races - August 11, 1963 (1p), August 10, 1963 (1p), August 10, 1963 (1p), August 11, 1963, all list no., driver, entrant, home, car and class; G&H Production Race #1 (1p), Frank Yenke written in pencil in upper right corner
2	53	Letter from R.E. McCurdy, Race Chairman; Subject: Race Chief's Meeting; April 27, 1963; directions to home of Mr. Frank Yenke; 1p

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2	54	Cumberland Municipal Airport Course (map with legend); 1p
2	55	Race No.7 - B Production, Race no. 8 - G&H Modified, Race No.8 - C, D, E, & F Modified; 2p (1 sheet); stamped Gulf Research Development
2	56	Connellsville Divisional Races - August 11, 1963 (1p); August 11, 1963 (1p), August 11, 1963 (1p); lists no., driver, entrant, home, car, class
2	57	Grid positions, hand drawn; 1p
2	58	Timing Chart; Driver: Dick Thompson, Car: Corvette G.S., home address: DC, place: Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin; on backside another time chart with same driver and car but in Connellsville instead
2	59	False Grid Inspection List; 1p
2	60	8p document (sleeved together) -- Page 1: three brief reports titled "Vineland-Philadelphia Regional," "Driver's School - Nelson Ledges," and "Yenko Goes to Brewery (Team)"; Page 2: "Connellsville Divisional Races, Thompson-Brown Win Top Races"; Pages 2-7: Results of Connellsville Divisional Races - August 11, 1963; Page 8: two photographs
2	61	Letter from I.G. Davis addressed to Mr. Don Yenko of Yenko Chevrolet; December 18, 1963; states that Gulf Oil has closed its relationship with Zora Duntov's Grand Sport development project; two copies in separate sleeves
2	62	1963 Glen Classic Lap Chart; 40 laps; stamped Gulf Research Development Company; 1p, two-sided
2	63	Letter from E.A. Snyder, Zone Manager of Chevrolet Motor Division, Carnegie, Pennsylvania, addressed to Mr. I.G. Davis, executive vice president; 1p
4	64	Gulf engine testing record; 20 sheets enclosed in a large black binder
2	65	FIA National Open Road America 500 Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, September 8, 1963 Results; Yenko, Canonsburg, PA.; Sports Car Club of America Chicago Region; 13p
4	66	Yenko Chevrolet weekly memo pad, 1963
4	67	One pair of sunglasses, a watch and Gulf Research Center Visitor badge belonging to Dick Thompson
2	68	Two photographic prints of the Corvette Grand Sport
4	69	Metal Gulf clipboard with notes stating "first Sebring Gulf engine with flow-rated Rochester fuel injection, 1961 Corvette bear wheels
2	70	Sports Car Racing Annual brochure, signed by Dick Thompson, 1963
2	71	Bridgehampton Official Program 1963 ; lap records from the 1962 Bridgehampton double 400 insert
3	72	National Glen Classic program, August 1963
3	73	Meadowdale SCCA National Championships souvenir program, August 1963

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3	74	Meadowdale SCCA National Championships souvenir program, July 1961
3	75	The Sports Car News, Vol. 1 No. 1 newspaper, January 1965
3	76	Letter from E. A. Snyder Zone Manager to Don Yenko in regards to placing a Corvette Grand Sport with Grady Davis, 1962
3	77	Letter from B.D. Willibey Purchase Analyst Purchasing Services to Don Yenko in regards to surplus equipment that will be sold, 1964
3	78	Letter from J.P. Pike Assistant Merchandising Manager New and Used Cars to Don Yenko in regards to Elkhart Lake, Donna Mae, Grady Davis and Daytona, 1964
3	79	Letter to Virginia Smith from Frank Yenko in regards to grid crews, 1963
3	80	Entry application for Northeastern Divisional and regional Sports Car Races, 1963
3	81	A blank Sports Car Club of America Observer Report
3	82	Yenko Chevrolet receipt with notes about substitutions, possibly 1963
3	83	False grid inspection list, 1963
3	84	Connellsville Division National Race grid positions sheet, August 11, 1963
3	85	Cumberland Chamber of Commerce invitation to SPORTS CARnival Week, May 9-16 th , 1963 ; Regional and national races contestant lists for Cumberland races 1963
3	86	16 th Annual Grand Prix Races at Watkins Glen entry list, starting grid, and lap charts, 1963
4	87	2 photographic prints and 3 prints on foam board of the Corvette Grand Sport, Zora Duntov, Dick Thompson, Ed Lowther with signatures on one ; Cumberland National Championship Sports Car Races official rules and regulations information sheet (removed from frames)
4	88	Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport suspension engineer drawing, marked confidential
4	89	Miscellaneous blueprints and notes from Frazer Nash