# Happy New Year - Note from our President



2019 marks the end of a decade that has been wrought with change. Be it the economy, technology, politics, medical advancements, social changes—no matter how you look at it, this decade has been a wild ride! One thing remains unchanged over the past decade, though; **DDS** still remains the area leader in Land Surveying, Civil and Geotechnical Engineering, Construction Materials Testing, and Special Inspections. We celebrated our 40th anniversary during the past decade, as well as our 45th. But, at the end of the day—or decade as it may be—we can't celebrate any of these milestones without each of you that are reading this newsletter. Your trust in

**DDS** has been unwavering over the past (now) 47 years, and we will never be able to fully express our gratitude for it. We look forward to pioneering into a new decade with each of you, and we are truly excited to assist you with your upcoming projects! We want to dedicate this issue to a very special token of gratitude we received from a longtime client of **DDS**. In the following pages, you will find a letter written by Mr. Wendell Strode, Executive Director of the **National Corvette Museum**. Receiving tokens of sentiment like this are what makes it all worthwhile for each of us. We hope that we may continue to provide this level of commitment to each of you, and all future clients.

From the entire Management Team, and all of our Staff, we say **Thank You**, and **Happy New Year!** 

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**Dennis D. Smith**, PE, PLS, F. ASCE, F. NSPS *President, CEO* 

### Project Spotlight—Bowling Green to get new O'Reilly Auto Parts



#### Bowling Green, Kentucky

Working with a long time client, **DDS** was honored to provide the land surveying and civil engineering design services for a new O'Reilly Auto Parts in Bowling Green. This site, which is located on Scottsville Road near the existing Tractor Supply Company, presented numerous challenges. Ultimately, we were able to design this site utilizing as much existing drainage infrastructure

as possible. Design considerations were made for an adjacent commercial parcel, allowing for a joint use possibility in the future. Allowing for these possibilities early on in the design process will open up the opportunity for a shared use entrance and parking in the future, making the second parcel much more attractive to future developers.

In addition to site design, **DDS** provided boundary, topographic, and ALTA surveying, zoning amendments, and subdivision platting. Construction is well underway on this project with an anticipated grand opening date fast approaching. This will make for the third location in Bowling Green, and a valuable addition to the east side of the City.











# **National Corvette Museum**

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To: Prospective Clients of DDS ENGINEERING, PLLC

Dennis Smith and I have had a personal and professional relationship that goes back several years to my previous career in the banking industry. I met Dennis and his wife Sharon, in that profession and developed a relationship there that carried over into my tenure at the National Corvette Museum (NCM).

Prior to me coming to the NCM, Dennis and Sharon were involved with the Museum both as Founding Members and Lifetime Members. During the original construction of the Museum, Dennis' Firm DDS ENGINEERING, PLLC was involved with the construction work for the completion of the Museum and assisted behind the scenes to make sure the original construction was completed in a manner worthy of the Corvette Nameplate.

After the completion of the Museum and during the very early and lean times at the Museum, Dennis' Firm stepped in and provided all the printing services for the reader boards for the displays in the Museum. This generous assistance to a struggling Museum provided a means for maintaining our displays fresh and up to date. Dennis' staff even assisted with the placement of the display reader boards and made sure that everything was just right.

When we began planning an addition to the Museum, Dennis, while serving on the NCM Board for eight years, also served on the Planning and Building Committee for the Board and assisted with all aspects of the expansion design and the selection of the Architects and Engineers for the design of the facility. Dennis and his Firm stepped up and assisted with the site planning, surveying, geotechnical and civil engineering and inspection and testing to make sure everything was completed according to plans and specifications. DDS ENGINEERING proved to be second to none in addressing all our professional design needs.

As the NCM progressed and began to see a need for more new and innovative things to offer NCM visitors and guests, Dennis once again stepped forward and assisted by serving on the planning and site selection committee for what was to become the NCM Motorsports Park (MSP).

As a leader in this new chapter in the life of the growing Museum, Dennis's Firm was at the forefront in the initial conceptual site planning, surveying, geotechnical and civil engineering for this huge undertaking. His Firm lead the NCM through the vast amounts of regulatory processes and procedures and coordinated all aspects of the design, construction and completion of the MSP and the associated amenities for the facility.

On the early morning of Wednesday, 12 February 2014, Dennis was called to evaluate and assist with what appeared to be utter devastation at the NCM. The now infamous sinkhole had manifested itself in the frustum or as it is known to NCM staff and visitors, the 'Skydome'! Again, Dennis and his Firm stepped to the plate to assist with the examination and monitoring of the structure for both safety of



life and property. DDS ENGINEERING then worked hand in hand with both a local contractor and an international geotechnical firm to assure that the structure could be repaired both soundly and safely. Throughout the entire rebuilding process, Dennis and the DDS staff was there to provide critical data to the contractors on any movements of the structure, the vastness and volume of the hole itself as well as crucial positioning and layout of key components for the stabilization, repair and reconstruction of the structure. This first-hand experience has enabled Dennis to become a sought-after speaker on the sinkhole repair and the building reconstruction process to various professional societies and meetings across the country as well as a keynote speaker to various social groups and as such, he is an ambassador for the NCM!

Today as we continue to move forward, we expect that DDS ENGINEERING, PLLC, the Firm without equal, will be involved with all aspects of the future and continual growth of the NCM and the MSP. Dennis and his Firm's leadership are invaluable to the continual advancement of the Mission Statement of the NCM.

For Dennis and his Firm's guidance and direction, the NCM will forever be grateful.

Sincerely,

Wendell K. Strode Executive Director

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