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## Corvette Hall of Fame announces its 2019 inductees – Event August 31, 2019



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The Corvette Hall of Fame, located at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, exists to recognize those who have played a vital role in the evolution of Chevrolet's singular Corvette.



**Briggs Cunningham.** [Ozzie Lyons photo \(c\) Pete Lyons 2019.](#)

America's favorite Nutmegger, yachtsman, and auto racer Briggs Cunningham likely needs no introduction here. With an infatuation for high-performance machinery that dated back to the 1930s, Cunningham's great desire was to continue the work that his friend, Miles Collier, [started at Le Mans in 1939](#)—namely, reintroducing American racers to the rest of the world.

For his efforts, Cunningham initially settled on the new OHV V-8 from Cadillac (another Ed Cole credit, incidentally), which eventually grew into his eponymous line of sports cars. Ultimately, he set on “America's Sports Car” to take another shot at Le Mans, in 1960. Cunningham brought three Corvettes to France, co-driving one with Bill Kimberly and recruiting Dick Thompson, Fred Windridge, John Fitch, and Bob Grossman to pilot the others. Fitch and Grossman captured eighth place overall with theirs.