



In Flanders fields, the poppies grow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place...





November 2017





### By Ken Gordon

Cathy's sun dance really worked for the weekend of the Fall Cruise. Unfortunately Marilyn and I had to close our Cottage for the winter, but it was probably the best weekend of the summer. Hope those who made their way to The Burleigh Falls Inn had a great time.

Cathy, a.k.a. Minnie Mouse, also did an outstanding job hosting the Euchre Night on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There were lots of laughs, prizes and great food. Thank You Cathy & Rocco. Well Done!

Now on a darker note, I'm sad to announce the passing of Randy Taylor on Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Randy was a great member and was so enthusiastic to show his C3 earlier this year at Motorama. He enjoyed talking to all the people at the show about his Vette. He always well represented & supported Corvettes of Durham; he was a great guy. There will be a Celebration of Life Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Church, 319 Queen St., Port Perry from 1pm- 4pm. Hope most members plan to attend and if you haven't put your baby away for the winter and weather permitting it would be nice to show up in our Vettes.

Our next General Meeting will again be on a <u>Thursday</u>. Please bring your cheque books to purchase your Annual Christmas Dance tickets from Cathy. Cathy and her committee always make sure we all have a great evening (fabulous prizes, dancing and of course dinner). Let's all make this the best party ever!

See you all at Amici's on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ken



**Corvettes of Durham** was established in 2000. We meet on the third Wednesday every month at 7:30 pm. During the summer months, we arrange 'offsite meetings' and cruise to different locations. If you have a favourite restaurant, suitable for a meeting, please let the Social Convenor know.

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### IN MEMORIUM, RANDY TAYLOR



Corvettes of Durham has lost one of our members. Randy Taylor, seen here receiving an award for his C3 Coupe at the Club's 2017 DreamVettes show in June, had numerous friends in the Club.

Randy passed away unexpectedly on October 25th and will be missed.

Corvettes of Durham extends our deep condolences to Randy's longtime girlfriend Connie, his sister Janice and all his family and friends.

Rest in peace, Randy.

### \*\*\*\*

Our friend Randy Taylor has passed away. Gilles and I met Randy back in the late 80's when we moved to the *Glens* in Oshawa where Randy grew up. We became friends and quickly learned that Randy had a passion for Corvettes. He proudly showed us his vast collection of die cast models. Luckily, Randy was able to realize his lifelong dream of owning a Corvette. In the summer of 2015 he purchased his '78 Silver Anniversary Corvette. He joined Corvettes of Durham that same summer and became very active in the Club attending many events. We will miss seeing him at future events. Rest in peace my friend.



Linda & Gilles Landry

### Important News re COD Membership renewal:

In recent newsletters you read that membership renewals must be completed by the end of February each year. Please note that **February was an error**; <u>it's actually March 31<sup>st</sup></u> that membership renewals are due. Apologies to everyone for the confusion!!

**Did you know that COD has a waiting list of people interested in joining our Club?** Yes – it's true, so please don't miss out....keep your membership active by renewing before the end of March! With Club membership currently capped at 55, not renewing on time provides space for new members to join.

**Snowbirds** are encouraged to please give or mail a post-dated cheque to our Membership Director before you depart for warmer weather. The mailing address is:

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Dave & Jan

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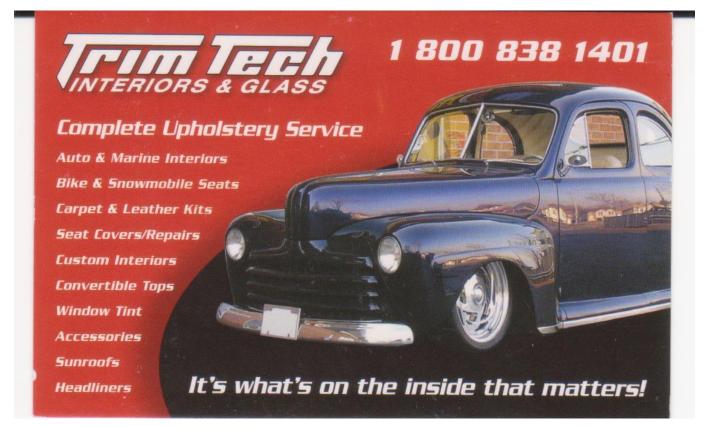
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### November Newsletter - Social

Our COD 2017 Corvette Season officially closed on October 21-22 with our **Fall Cruise to the Burleigh Falls Inn**. What a spectacular weekend. We had fabulous weather, a perfect location, food, service, staff and the best of company and an incredible bonfire to boot!!! We could not have asked for anything better. Thank you to the 6 couples who joined us for the weekend and the 3 couples who joined us for lunch. **A GREAT WEEKEND!!!!** 

Our **<u>CARD NIGHT/SOCIAL EVENING</u>** was lots of fun for 38 of us. There was plenty of laughter and shouts of successful card playing throughout the night. Thank you to all who came, donated treats, brought games, won prizes, and enjoyed the evening. Of course, try to join in if there is another Social Card evening as many games are brought along to enjoy...not just euchre (e.g. Dominos, cribbage, Monopoly, sequence rummoli etc.). We were ALL WINNERS!

The Highlight of COD's Social Calendar will be our <u>2017 Christmas Dinner and</u> <u>Dance at Deer Creek Golf and Country Club</u> on Saturday November 25. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm with the cash bar open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$55. pp for members and \$65. pp for non-members. The **deadline** to purchase tickets **is NOVEMBER 8** (coming fast). Cheques can be mailed to me, made out to Corvettes of Durham, at 12 Robin Trail, Port Perry, Ontario L9L 2C7.

Any **donations** for our raffle table or door or spot dances are gratefully accepted. They can be brought to the November General Meeting or the night of the dance and THANK YOU!

\*\*If you wish to have a table of 8 or 10 or whatever specifically, please let me know ahead of time.\*\*

### Buffet Menu for Deer Creek:

Autumn Harvest Butternut Squash Soup

Mixed Green Salad and Caesar Salad

Pastas...Penne with Red Sauce and Rotini with Rose Sauce

Roast Beef and Gravy

Turkey, Dressing and Gravy

Roasted potatoes and Roasted Rooted Vegetables

Rolls

Holiday Desserts

Coffee and Tea

There will be a **door prize** so be sure to **bring your ticket** along as well as a Raffle Table, draw for 50/50, draw for a large bottle, and other prizes. **HOPE YOU WILL BE THERE!!!!** 

### JUST A COUPLE OF REMINDERS:

- 1. Our **November General Meeting** is at Amici's on **THURSDAY** NOVEMBER 16.
- 2. NO DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING OR NEWSLETTER
- 3. January General Meeting at Amici's on WEDNESDAY January 17, 2018.

Jann Langlois will be your new <u>COD SOCIAL CONVENOR</u> after the Dance. Thank you Jann for giving up your time for this job. I am very grateful to you.

<u>**"RANDY TAYLOR"**</u> will be missed. He leaves us with an image of kindness, intelligence, interest in club members and events as well as cars, and friendship. He was a genuinely good person. Thanks Randy for being that fun person who gave us a good reason to smile. Our condolences go out to Randy's love, Connie and his sister. Our thoughts are with you.

A celebration of his life will be held but no details have been given yet.

Cathy Nunno

### Note of thanks

I would like to thank all my friends at Corvettes of Durham for the beautiful floral arrangement you sent me!

Avril DeBattista

Corvettes of Durham Club Presents.....

## <u>Christmas Dinner</u> and Dance

Saturday November 25, 2017

At Deer Creek

Golf & Country Club

5:30 pm-1am...Dinner at 6:30pm

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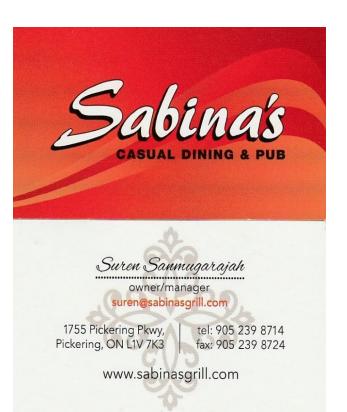


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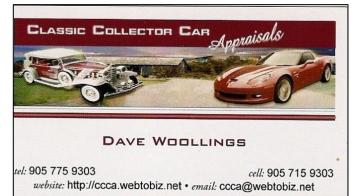
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### RECENT ACTIVITIES:

### **Burleigh Falls Cruise**

Saturday, October 22 turned out to be a beautiful, warm, sunny day which made for a wonderful start to the Corvettes of Durham Fall Cruise. After meeting at McDonalds in Port Perry, the group set off at 9.15am. Travelling along country lanes afforded fabulous views of stunning Fall colours.



First stop was the <<< Craft Barn at Fowlers Corners where we all had a bit of a sit down, in one large chair, as you can see from the photo!



The second stop at Sandy Lake provided a photo op and an opportunity for Cathy Nunno to dip her feet into the lake. No other member joined her example!





Next stop, Burleigh Falls Inn!

We arrived to a delicious lunch; dinner and breakfast were also of the same caliber. If you order waffles for breakfast, dodge the photographer (Dorothy Gagnon) who took photos of the huge pile as proof one person could finish the lot! By the way, the individual eating the

waffles, who would prefer to remain anonymous (Linda Striemer) maintains the photo was staged!

Enjoying the fabulous weather, the group sat outside, enjoying the sunshine, accompanied by six wild cats, some of which did approach fairly near to our Group. In preparation of upcoming Halloween, five cats were all black.



Feeding the cats was discouraged, as the Inn's management were planning to hand the cats over to the Humane Society, to be spayed and hopefully rehabilitated into permanent homes. Funds were gratefully received to pay for spaying of the cats to prevent a colony!

Entertainment was provided by music, courtesy of Sam Dickey and Brian Striemer. This prompted one of the group (Patti Dickey) to show off her rock and roll twisting skills. Also entertaining were memories and tales of past cruises. Ask John Robinson about the time he stood outside the shower of one past member, alarming him by wearing a disguise and pretending to hold him up with a gun. John sticks to his story that the gun was a fake, or we hope, at least, had no bullets.

Accommodations were in the form of comfortable cabins. Rocco and Cathy Nunno stayed in the Inn and were lucky (?) to have the largest room, but at the top of 28 stairs.





Cathy made sure to remember to

bring all the items she needed in one journey!

Saturday evening was spent sitting around a fire pit (wood materialized thanks to Cathy and Rocco). An amazing fire, ably fed by Bruce Gagnon – not to fend off any chill, as there wasn't any. The warmth and great ambience created by the fire was a fitting tribute to the whole weekend.

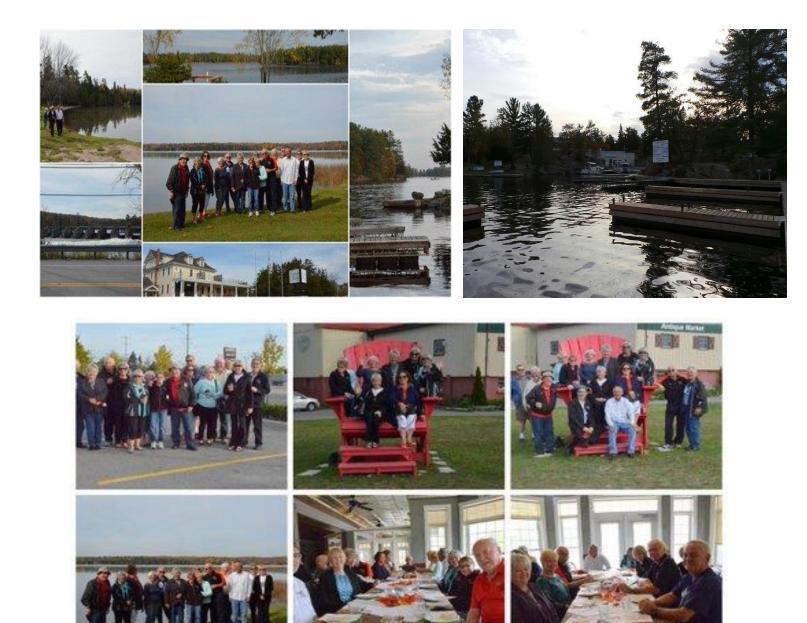
Many thanks to Cathy & Rocco Nunno who scouted out a perfect venue and planned all the many aspects of the trip. And thank you Norby and Patty, Margaret and Jerry and Dave and Connie for joining us for lunch.





> Thanks to Linda Striemer for the write-up; and Sam Dickey, Dorothy Gagnon & Rocco Nunno for the photos!







### Euchre & Games Night

On October 28, 2017, COD members met at the Italian Social Club in Oshawa and had a great night of not only euchre, but dominoes and crib, all while enjoying the hockey and baseball games on TV. Everyone took a break part way through the evening to enjoy a loaded buffet of sandwiches and lots of other goodies, many donated by the members. Many thanks to Cathy & Rocco for keeping everything running smoothly and taking pictures. Several members dressed for Hallowe'en and the winning costume, a Toronto Maple Leaf fan, was won by Ron Langlois. Prize winners for the night were:

High Score Man: Gilles Landry High Score Woman: Jan Raven Most Lone Hands: Avril DeBattista Low Score Man: Chuck Bunn Low Score Woman: Jann Langlois 50/50: Anne Halverson Door Prizes: Linda Bunn, Marion Johnston, Patti Dickey, Ron Langlois, Rob Stefantschitsch and Gloria Chalmers.

### > Thanks to Linda Bunn for the write-up & photos and Rocco Nunno for photos!

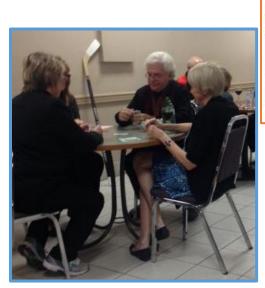


















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With the calendar quickly changing to non-Corvette driving, COD members still have an opportunity to get together, in addition to our upcoming Christmas dinner/dance and December's Silly Sweater Party, to socialize, enjoy good food and have fun doing different activities together.

Our social convener does her share and does a great job! But we all can help out...here's how:

Club members are encouraged to throw together an impromptu event such as a driving trip to a famers' market with a lunch stop...a night or afternoon to dinner theatre or a comedy club... bowling...an ice cream social...art gallery visit... historical house tour...axe throwing...you name it!

Just get in touch with our social convener<sup>\*</sup> to ensure that the date of your planned activity doesn't clash with something else on the Club calendar, then go ahead and take it on! Make your plans...notify your fellow club members by email with the details and get ready to have a great time together!

Let's fill in those cool, dark days and evenings that are ahead! Let's get together and enjoy each other's company!

\*Remember - our social convener following the Christmas dinner/dance will be Jann Langlois; Jann can be reached at <u>corvettegirl@rogers.com</u>. Please thank our sponsors when you use them.









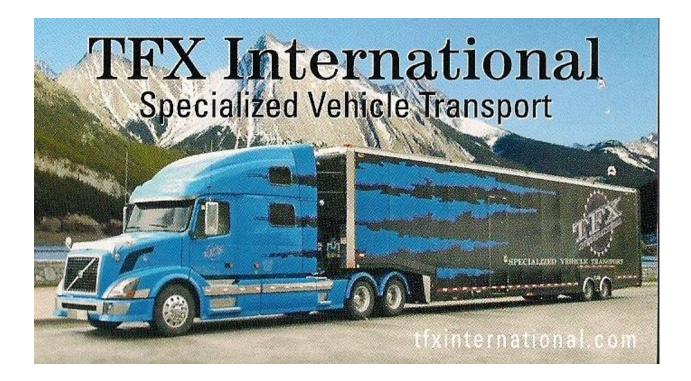




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Following up on last month's Ambassador page where we discussed the benefits of NCM membership, we share the following recent item taken from the NCM website:

### Member Only Section

Great things continue to be added to the member only section of the NCM website.

Currently, you can view and connect to your member benefits, view and print your membership card and download the monthly computer calendar.

Coming soon, we will be including member-only videos on various Corvette and NCM topics, special member content and information as well as many other great features.

To log on, click on the "who am I" box in the top right corner and sign in. If you haven't visited that page before, move to the second section to retrieve password information.

**Corvette Assembly Plant:** Production of the 2018 Corvette will cease early and the last date to order a 2018 Corvette is November 16, making it one of the shortest model years with only 9,700 Corvettes produced. The week of January 22 will be the last week of production for the 2018s with the **2019s** coming off the line starting the week of January 29, 2018. No major changes are coming for 2019; models, colours and options will carry over from 2018 with the exception of the Carbon 65 Edition which was intended only for 2018.

As reported in the *Bowling Green Daily News* in mid-October, production at the Assembly Plant starts back up on November 6. Basic colours of Black, Arctic White, Torch Red and Corvette Racing Yellow will begin rolling through the state-of-theart paint shop. Other colours, including the new 2019 Sebring Orange, will follow at a later date. The quality of the new paint won't disappoint; we can expect to see an improved paint appearance and finish out of the paint shop. That is due to changing the build process, which was designed specifically to optimize the performance of carbon fiber and other materials that are used in the Corvette body panels. The Corvette's freshly painted body panels would be among the last stops on the assembly line. Less handling = less dings.

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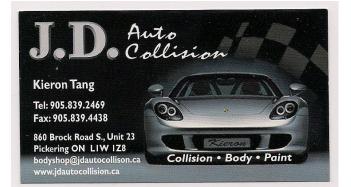
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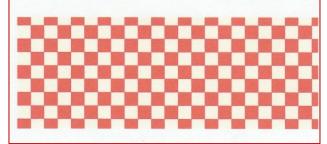
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Your link to complete race schedules, results, news and a history of Corvette Racing from 1999 to the present is: <u>http://www.corvetteracing.com</u>.

The 2017 Corvette Racing season has ended and it's time to look forward to the 2018 season and the changes and excitement ahead!

You know the result, but let's take a brief look at the final race this season, *Petit Le Mans* held in Georgia October 4 to 7. As expected, Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen clinched the GT Le Mans (GTLM) Drivers title and the start of this season finale also meant the No. 3 Corvette squad earned the GTLM Team Championship. Congrats gentlemen! It's been called an absolute a team effort, and it's the second championship effort for Antonio and Jan, the first happening in the 2013 American Le Mans Series GT class.

Corvette Racing ended the season with a runner-up finish for the No. 3 Corvette at Petit with Antonio Garcia, Jan Magnussen and Mike Rockenfeller sharing the driving duties in this 10-hour endurance race. The No. 4 Corvette of Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Marcel Fässler placed fourth in a stellar late-race comeback.

Rarely were the top seven GTLM cars separated by more than 30 seconds! Antonio said "Actually for a moment, I thought I had some chances for a win when an hour before I thought it was done." And Jan commented "Beating the 67 Ford out on that last stop was very important. That Ford got taken out by a prototype later on, but it was important for us to get out ahead if for nothing else than to prove a point." The rivalry between teams (and their fans) is keen!

Corvette Racing will spend a few days in November testing at the Sebring FL track in preparation for the 2018 season which opens with the Rolex 24 at Daytona on Jan. 27-28.



The entire team at their "dome" / garage on pit lane.



The No. 3 drivers (Mike Rockenfeller, >>> Antonio Garcia & Jan Magnussen) accepting their Drivers' Championship trophies.

No. 3 ahead of Ferrari, climbing Spectator Hill



It's not *Corvette Racing*, but sports car race fans will be interested to know that Cadillac is leaving the Pirelli World Challenge Series. The team raced for the last time in September when Michael Cooper won both of the season-ending races at Sonoma Raceway in the No. 8 Cadillac ATS-V.R

Coupe. The move away from GT racing is designed to give Cadillac an opportunity to focus completely in prototype sports car racing, according to the Global Director of Product Strategy for Cadillac.



Since the team was formed in 2004, they racked up 33 wins, 121 podium finishes and 25 pole positions and competed in

332 races in 11 years with a bevy of notable drivers: Michael Cooper, Johnny O'Connell, Ricky Taylor, Jordan Taylor, Andy Pilgrim, Max Angelelli, Ron Fellows, John Heinricy, Olivier Berretta and Lawson Aschenbach. The team won PWC manufacturers' championships five times and Cadillac Racing drivers earned the World Challenge drivers' championship in 2005 with Pilgrim, and with O'Connell in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

With this Cadillac announcement, the *Callaway Corvette C7 GT3-R* – a Corvette-based racer that's been run in the ADAC GT Masters (in Germany) since 2016 – is now free to participate in American racing series. The competition-spec C7 from Callaway Cars was previously barred from participating due to the GT3 exclusivity agreement the company had to sign with GM as a condition for being allowed to homologate the car, reports *Sportscar365*.

Callaway Cars will offer its Corvette C7 GT3-R to customers for use in PWC or IMSA SportsCar next year, and should be able to support up to two teams. In the IMSA series, the Callaway Corvette would find itself running alongside GM's own Corvette Racing C7.Rs. The two <u>would not</u> be direct competitors, however, as the C7.R races in the GT Le Mans class, where the Callaway C7 GT3-R would qualify for GT Daytona.

Read more: http://gmauthority.com/blog/2017/10/cadillacs-pwc-exit-paves-the-way-for-the-callaway-corvette-c7-gt3-r/#ixzz4vh8SMJk0

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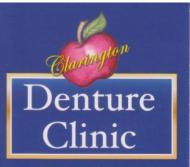
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### MISC. CORVETTE NEWS

Would you think running over something large or very hard would total a new car? That's what happened to the owner of a 2017 Corvette Grand Sport. The vehicle ahead drove over something very hard on the highway and, with nowhere to go, this driver hit the hard item which hit the underside of the car, missing parts holding fluids. The result? A crack in the rear transmission tunnel which is a non-serviceable part, says Chevrolet. Chevrolet insisted it wouldn't be safe to just weld this tiny crack, nor would it be OK to replace the rear transmission tunnel. Doing so would compromise the vehicle and GM would no longer honor the warranty.

The insurance company had no choice but to total a practically brand new Corvette! The owner now has his insurance money and the damaged Corvette will be sold at a salvage auction. Can you imagine how much money selling off undamaged parts of the car might bring in for the new owner?



Source: RoadandTrack.com

Police say the driver of this red C6 dozed off and ran through an intersection and jumped the curb before ramming into a newspaper building, shattering two large first-floor windows near where reporters were working. Fortunately, no



one was injured either in the Corvette or the newspaper office and the Vette appears to have escaped with only minor damage. No charges were laid.

**Source:** <u>pressofatlanticcity.com</u>

This driver of this black C6 Corvette Coupe lost control in wet, rainy conditions. His overcorrection landed him in a ditch, with major damage to the Vette's front

end, a twisted hood and front fenders; and the airbags were both deployed. The driver suffered chest injuries and was treated at a local medical center. Police charged him with negligent driving; they said he was driving too fast for road conditions! **Source:** <u>yaktrinews.com</u>

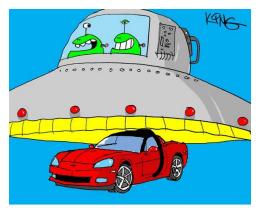


Does a Corvette swim? Or sink? Not too much is known about this sunken C3 Corvette, but this clip was found on the Toronto PWC Facebook page. The



caption from the original poster on Instagram helps make sense of what happened at a boat launch by Humber Bay on Lake Ontario in early October: *Photo Shoot gone wrong. Ebrake cable snapped.* Imagine watching your

Corvette rolling down a boat ramp and going under water! At least the owner will have pictures to document the insurance claim. Photo credit: Brian Franco / Facebook



"I love toys that come with chewy treats in them."



"No, I'm not here for your blood. I'm here for your Corvette. Hand over the keys."

### 2017-2018 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	ТІМЕ
	General Meeting			5:30 pm
Thursday	PLS NOTE DATE	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria (NEW VENUE)	supper
Nov 16	CHANGE		1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	7:30 pm
	COD Christmas			
Nov 25	Dinner/Dance	Cathy Nunno	Deer Creek Golf Club, Ajax	5:30 pm
				5:30 pm
Jan 17	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria	supper
			1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	7:30 pm
				Midnight –
Dec 25	Merry Christmas!	Santa	Your house	6:00 a.m.
				5:30 pm
Feb 21	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria	supper
			1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	7:30 pm
	Motorama – COD cars			
March	needed for display!	Brian Lindow	International Centre,	
Date TBC			MIssissauga	
	NCRS Swap Meet	Ron Langlois or		
Mar 4	\$10/table;	Pat Heimrath	Wilson Niblett GM	8:00 am –
	proceeds to Sick Kids	905-579-0674	Richmond Hill	12:00 noon
				5:30 pm
Mar 21	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria	supper
			1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	7:30 pm
Amm 40	Concerct Marting	Kan Qandan	Ausiaila Tuattaula	5:30 pm
Apr 18	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria	supper
			1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	7:30 pm
May 16	Conorol Monting	Kan Cardan	Amisi's Trattoria	5:30 pm
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			1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	7:30 pm

- GREEN CCCC Event check with John Robinson
- BLACK COD Event
- RED General Information

