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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Eddy Schroer

Happy New Year 2021

I sincerely hope that everyone's Christmas turned out to be successful, filled with happiness and joy in the best way possible given all the restrictions put in place unfortunately. I know it was very different for us with our grandsons this year and had to change our plans last minute but we made it work and we managed to see them before Christmas. We still managed to have our traditional turkey dinner and that's a tradition I can't give up!

Reminder to please share your festive pictures and stories on our Facebook COD page. Thanks Fletch for changing our home page picture!

Upcoming events to remember....**Virtual Trivia Night**. Email will be coming out with details/date from Linda early January. Also, **Secret Valentine** email from Gail coming January 20th.

I hope you enjoyed the email in December with the Minutes Summary from our December 9th Executive Meeting. Unfortunately, we will not be getting together anytime soon for our General Meetings. However, I'm optimistic that light is at the end of the tunnel. Our Executive Meeting will be done virtually in January. Also, I would like to express my appreciation to Ron T, Ken and the Executive in helping me make my transition into my new role an easy one.

Lastly, I hope everyone had a Happy New Year celebrating the end of a nasty 2020 in your own unique way.....bye bye forever!

Take care everyone and continue being safe out there!!

Eddy



Corvettes of Durham was established in 2000. We *usually* meet on the third Wednesday every month at 7:30 pm (except December). 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 one of the COD Executive know.

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Susan Gomes, 29th

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Happy Birthday everyone!



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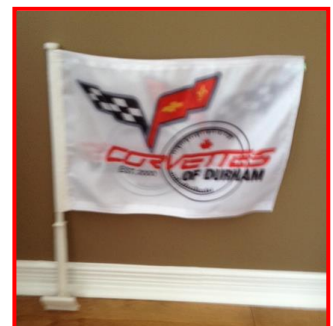
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Corvettes of Durham donated over \$1,500 in support of cancer care at Lakeridge Health! The club is celebrating their 20th anniversary this year and have been supporting us since 2001. In total, they've given over \$45,000 to our local Hospitals!

Corvettes of Durham has supported the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre for many years and despite the pandemic, COD was still able to donate this year. In the photo above (from the hospital's newsletter), Ken appears with Lakeridge Foundation representatives, Keith White (left) and Steve MacDonald, Director, (right) who attended the November 11th COD Executive meeting to accept this year's donation of \$1,500. A third Lakeridge representative, Helen Knelson, accompanied them. All three Lakeridge representatives expressed their sincere gratitude to Corvettes of Durham, not only for our 2020 donation, but for our continued support over the years.

Corvettes of Durham's donations now total **\$47,785!**



Toy Mountain, as you know, is another charitable event that our club has supported over the years. Despite the pandemic, the **Toy Mountain** 2020 campaign ran throughout November and into mid-December, albeit in a revised format.

Although we could not collect toys as a Club and present them at the usual onsite event, Corvettes of Durham offered our support just the same.

Our donation of \$500 was sent to the **Toy Mountain** campaign in early December for those in Durham Region who would benefit from our financial assistance. Another car club in the area showed their generosity by matching our donation.

In late November, CTV's Tom Brown thanked COD and Ken on air for our cash donation to **Toy Mountain**.

Thank you COD Members who donated toys or financially on your own! Together, we helped the campaign reach 60% of their goal; perhaps not bad, given the year it was.

2021 should be a much better year for the best of reasons, for everyone, everywhere!





To our Valued Supporters,

Thank you for your loyalty and continued support throughout 2020. It's because of you that we're able to continue providing such exceptional health care, close to home.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Hospital staff, physicians, and the families that rely on Lakeridge Health every day - we wish you a very safe and happy holiday season! All the best to you and your families in 2021.

Please be safe and well,

Yves Gadler

CEO, Lakeridge Health Foundation

2021 COD Membership Renewal

A reminder that 2021 membership fees are at a **reduced amount of \$65/current member** renewing for 2021. **New** members will pay \$75 for the calendar year.

If you haven't already renewed, please forward your payment and membership renewal form (attached to the November 19th email) to me at 2485 Linwood Street, Pickering, Ontario, L1X 1G6. If you live close by and wish to drop this off, please feel free to do so; or drop off with any other member of the Executive.

You may also renew via e-transfer to our Treasurer, Anne Halverson at annehalverson@bell.net with a copy of your membership renewal sent to me at the above address or email me a copy of the completed form at zunne@rogers.com.

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Membership Director



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1. Vettecademy Season II, Episode 12: CERV

This edition of Vettecademy, takes a deep dive into Zora Arkus-Duntov's mission to have a **mid-engine Corvette**. Learn about the Chevrolet experimental research vehicles that lead to the 2020 mid-engine Corvette, or better yet, Zora's dream realized. Click the arrow to hear and see this informative and entertaining 10 minute video.



CERV I. Development began in 1959 by Zora Arkus-Duntov.



CERV II. Development began in 1963 by Zora.



CERV III was introduced at the Detroit Auto Show in 1990.

A full decade after Zora retired, GM Design was still pursuing mid-engine Corvettes. The result? The realization of Zora's dream – the 2020 C8 Corvette!

CERV I, II and III photos by Sue W. taken during the July 2019 C8 Reveal.

2. Vettecademy Season I, Episode 12: The One and Only 1983 Corvette

Learn why there was no saleable 1983 model year Corvettes available and where you can see the one (and a half!) remaining test Corvettes for that year.

https://youtu.be/0k_Bk7YwKWc



Car-toon Creatures, Kustom Kars and Corvettes: The Art and Influence of Ed "Big Daddy" Roth

The National Corvette Museum has teamed up with Tom Peters, retired Director of Exterior Design for the 8th Generation Stingray Corvette, to put together a new exhibit: Car-toon Creatures, Kustom Kars and Corvettes: The Art and Influence of Ed "Big Daddy" Roth. The East Side Rat Reunion runs August 20-22, 2020. If the border opens, ***not to be missed!***

ALSO:

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll find an article well worth reading from COD member Chuck Bunn. In that article, Chuck describes the many advantages of supporting the National Corvette Museum by becoming a Member. He knows, and so do 12 COD Members!

Please look for it, and if you're not already an NCM Member, why not consider it - especially at the low price being offered in February!

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- Provide a small picture with a brief description. Space is limited.
- Include contact information - email and / or phone number.
- include asking price \$\$.
- Please forward your request by the 27th of the month to our Newsletter Editor, Sue Woodland, for your item to be placed in the next month's newsletter.

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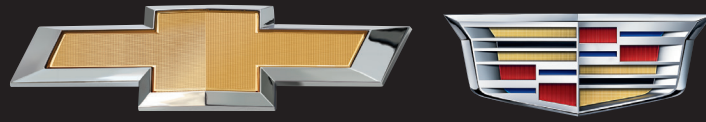
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 - Great read, very educational and a forum of knowledge.
 - Keeps you up-to-date on news from the Assembly Plant and GM on upcoming models, colours and initiatives.
 - List of events at the Museum and surrounding area.
- Membership gives you a sense of community and allows you to keep in touch with like-minded Corvette lovers.
- Corvettes of Durham is a business member of the Museum.
- Enhances the camaraderie of being a Corvette owner with others.
- Receive discounts at the NCM store, Assembly Plant and Museum.
- Great fellowship and the opportunity to meet new friends.
- A good reason to take a trip to Bowling Green, Kentucky. It is a fairly close destination and a great driving vacation destination. Not only is there the Museum and Assembly Plant to visit but there is lots to do in Bowling Green and the surrounding area. Experience the track, take in a ball game watching Bowling Green's team the Hot Rods, visit Lost River and Mammoth Caves, and Chaney's Dairy Barn for awesome ice cream, to name a few.
- The Museum itself is a wonderful experience that no Corvette enthusiast should miss.
- Our club has NCM ambassadors to keep us up-to-date on all things about the Museum.
- There are a number of membership options available to meet every budget and interest. Every February NCM runs a membership campaign and offers additional incentive to join or renew. In 2021 during the month of February NCM is offering the Family membership for \$50.00, a \$50.00 savings off the regular Family membership. Sue and Ron will provide more details on the membership campaign in the next newsletter.


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Chuck Bunn
NCM Member

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Corvette Racing experienced a difficult close to its 2020 season at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on November 14 but it ended the season with a high level of success in the inaugural year of the mid-engine Corvette C8.R.

Chevrolet claimed the GT Le Mans Manufacturers title in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship – their 13th Manufacturers title in IMSA GT competition since 2001.

In addition, Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor achieved the Drivers' Championship and Team title for the No. 3 Corvette C8.R. In the No. 4 Corvette C8.R, Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner finished third in the final GTLM Drivers points standings.

At the conclusion of November's Sebring race, Oliver Gavin bid farewell to his full-time role with Corvette Racing. Although his replacement was announced shortly afterwards (*a Porsche driver no less*), he leaves huge shoes to fill in the hearts of Oliver Gavin fans! Click here to read the complete story by Marshall Pruett of Racer magazine:

<https://racer.com/2020/11/14/corvettes-captain-gavin-walking-away-with-pride/>

OTHER RACING NEWS:

A more recent and stunning announcement affecting our team (*a double whammy, actually*) is that Program Manager **Doug Fehan** has retired after 25 years at the helm of Corvette Racing. Opinions circulate that retirement wasn't

Doug's idea, he was forced out. Regardless of how/why he left, Doug Fehan was the heart and soul of Corvette Racing and fans everywhere will miss him greatly! A replacement will be named at a later date.

The second part of the double whammy is that **Pratt & Miller**, the Michigan-based engineering company behind Corvette Racing, was sold. According to a press release, they will maintain their name, team members, facilities and branding elements; as well as all of its motorsports programs, including Corvette Racing.

Details on both stories are available online.

Local Corvette Racing fans will look forward to seeing Gary Pratt and our favourite team in July at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (pandemic willing!)

2021 RACING SEASON:

The annual *Roar Before the 24*, the three-day test serving as the final dress rehearsal before the *Rolex 24 at Daytona*, takes places January 22-24. As usual, Corvette Racing will participate.

On the following weekend, Corvette Racing will open its 2021 season with the *Rolex 24 At Daytona* on January 30-31.

The 2021 racing schedule has been published. Here are three dates of local interest: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course May 14-16; Six Hours at The Glen, June 24-27; and Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, July 2-4.

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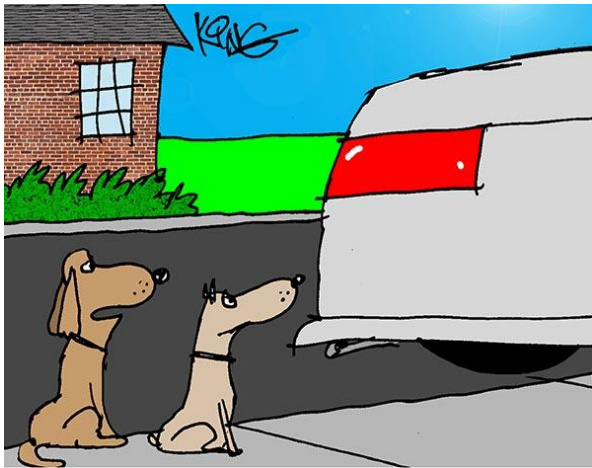
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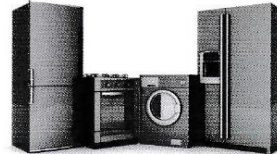
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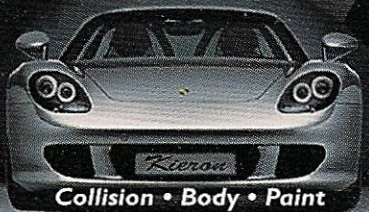
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Thank you!

I want to express my appreciation to the Club for the flowers and get well wishes I received after my hip replacement surgery. Yes, it was my second hip replacement in the same year.



My heartfelt thanks to Ed & Gail Schroer who personally delivered the flowers, and to those who personally reached out to me. Your support and kindness mean so much during my challenging recovery days.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy 2021!

Roxanne Chiusolo



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January Date TBA	ZOOM Trivia Night w/ ZOOM tutorial	Linda Bunn	On your personal computer screen!	TBA
February	Secret Valentine	Gail Schroer	WATCH for Gail's email on Jan. 20th with details of this fun event!!	
March	Toronto Motorama Show		Cancelled until March 2022	



Marilyn Gordon has recently relinquished the task of sending floral tributes to COD members. In her place, this will be now handled by Gail Schroer. Many thanks Marilyn for taking care of this over the years!! And thanks to Gail for taking on this important task!!


I would like to express my appreciation to the members of Corvettes of Durham for the beautiful floral arrangement I received today. After almost 3 weeks in hospital, I was finally released on November 4th. According to my surgeon, everything went well during the surgery and I am slowly recovering.

I am looking forward to being able to be more active in the Club next year and seeing all of our members again. Hopefully, I will be able to get a lot more use of my Vette in 2021 than I have during the past year.

Sharon and I hope that all members of the Club have a wonderful Christmas. All the best in the New Year.

Ron Boulter

In mid-January, Ken Gordon will undergo hip replacement surgery. (*Is there a trend in this Club?*). Ken, we'll be thinking of you and wishing you a successful outcome!



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