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## President's Report

February 2023



It's February already!! It won't be long before we will be getting our Vettes out of storage. Can't wait!

The monthly Newsletter is an important way of communicating with our club members. I hope you read the newsletter each month to keep up with news, coming events and Fletcher's jokes. It's also important to give some business to our advertisers whenever you can. Thanks to John Fletcher for publishing a Newsletter every month for the club.

The last page of the newsletter always lists coming events, but I would like to highlight a couple.

**February 5:** The Winter Blues Cruise – Please see the ad in this newsletter for more details.

**February 15:** This is the date of our next General Meeting, which will be held at the Brooklin Pub & Grill.

**March 10 -12:** These are the dates for the Motorama event at the International Centre. Thanks to Ken Gordon and Ron Langlois who are putting a lot of time and effort into planning the COD display.

**June 4:** This is the date that has been set aside for DreamVettes this year. So, mark your calendars for this main event.

Just a reminder that membership fees are \$85 for the year, if you didn't pay by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

I hope to see you at club events.

Happy Valentines Day!

Anne Halverson





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# Corvettes of Durham

## Winter Blues Cruise Sunday, February 5, 2023

Are you starting to get tired of this crazy winter weather? Please join us for a Steele Car Cruise to Loyal Alfred's Restaurant in Queensville for Sunday brunch. You can order from the menu or take the buffet route. Either way the food, as well as the company, will be great.

Meet at our house at 10:00 a.m. and we will cruise up together. I can't guarantee the scenery will be very colourful but it will be a lot of fun. For members who have to make family or pet arrangements, we should be finished by 1:30 p.m.

Please let me know by no later than Thursday, February 2, 2023 if you plan on attending.

And, if you need any other information, please contact me.

Hope to see you there.

*Dave & Jan*

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# COD Members' Corner



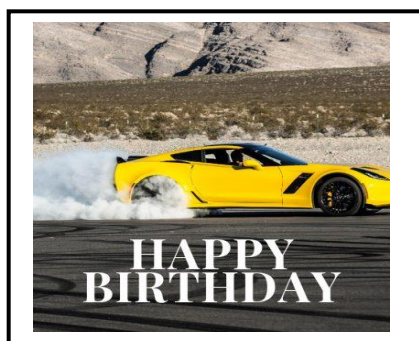
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## February Birthdays

<b>Carl Gomes</b>	<b>6th</b>
<b>Gloria Chalmers</b>	<b>8th</b>
<b>Shirley Arsenault</b>	<b>10th</b>
<b>Norby Dippold</b>	<b>18th</b>
<b>Eddie Hayward</b>	<b>20th</b>
<b>Marilyn Gordon</b>	<b>21st</b>



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[corvettesofdurhamtreasurer@outlook.com](mailto:corvettesofdurhamtreasurer@outlook.com) or if you can't figure that out call Allan Harris 416-918-7156
- ✚ A huge thank you to Jan Raven who has stepped up and volunteered to be our social director. Jan will need lots of helpers so please volunteer to help her...or else...we know where you live.
- ✚ COD will be displaying 8 Corvettes at Motorama 2023 so if you can help man or woman the booth give Ken a call, text, email or smoke signal.
- ✚ If you're looking for **TRIVIA** answers keep looking...don't worry about failing...we know you're not that smart.
- ✚ However, if you fail the **CORVETTE QUIZ** you will be forced to join the Mustang club...for answers keep looking.

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## Motorama 2023

Once again Corvettes of Durham will be participating at Motorama at the International Centre this spring (March 10 -12). The difference this year is that our club will be the "**Feature Car Club**" at the Show ! This is a huge honor and requires a little more effort to have a spectacular display.

Motorama has requested that we try to have a Corvette body style from each class eg. C1 - C8 . With the help of Brian Halverson General Motors is loaning the Club an Orange 2023 C8 Z06 with a Z07 package for display along with our cars. I encourage members to attend Canada's Largest Indoor Automotive Enthusiasts and Racing Show. It's a great weekend. We are still looking for a C1 and C2.

I will need volunteers, so please let me know if you plan to display, attend or volunteer as soon as possible as I'm trying to get everything organized for this big event .

Thanks

Ken 289-923-8333



### ***Nico Varrone joins Keating, Catsburg for seven-round GTE Am championship***

DETROIT (Jan. 13, 2023) – [Corvette Racing](#) is completing its lineup for the 2023 FIA World Endurance Championship with young Argentinian driver Nico Varrone joining Ben Keating and factory driver Nicky Catsburg. The trio will team together in the No. 33 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R in the GTE Am category.

It's the second straight full-season program in the FIA WEC for Corvette Racing, which celebrate its 25th season of competition in 2023. The campaign will be the first for the Corvette program in GTE Am, where the sporting rules require at least one Bronze-level driver, as rated by the FIA. One professional-level driver is allowed along with a second Bronze or Silver-rated driver.

The combination of Catsburg, Keating and Varrone will contest the full seven-race WEC calendar including the 24 Hours of Le Mans in June. The season begins with the 1,000 Miles of Sebring on Friday, March 17.



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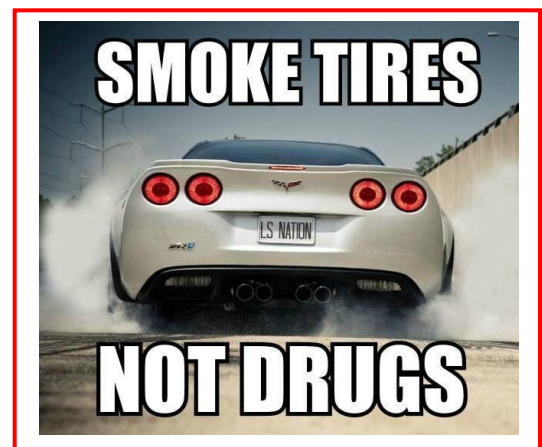
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# Symposium New Year's Day



COD, those that recovered from partying the night before, met at the Symposium Cafe in Ajax on New Year's Day for lunch. We had 15 hungry 'hung over' partiers and all appreciated that they had their photos taken by expert photographers Anne and Jan. Gloria begged me to do the write up but we agreed that I would do the write up and she could do the March newsletter...can't wait for that one. The lunch and service was excellent even though Joe wasn't the first to get served. Thanks to Jan for arranging and to Symposium for accommodating us on a very busy NYD.



# CS Z06 LTS Engine break-in



Do you have one of the early Z06's? Are you getting one soon? If so, it is very important to break it in correctly, and the miles required are different if you are running it on the road vs. the track. The main recommendation about the engine break-in is that the vehicle should not be pushed too hard for the first 500 miles for street driving and 1,500 miles before track use. The car should be driven at varying RPMs and speeds and not pushed to the redline regularly unless necessary. To make this easier for the driver, the digital tachometer will show a 6,600 RPM redline before hitting the 500-mile threshold. Even though the tachometer will show the redline, the engine will allow the owner to push past this. The Z06's eight-speed dual-clutch transmission also requires a break-in period, and as such, the onboard system reduces engine power for the first 500 miles in the first two gears.

## THE RIDDLER

1. Jared's father has three sons: Snap, Crackle and...?
2. What has ten letters and starts with gas?
3. What is red and smells like blue paint?
4. Sara has four daughters, and each of her daughters has a brother. How many children does Sara have?
- 5: What begins with an "e" and only contains one letter?
6. If two's company, and three's a crowd, what are four and five?
7. What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?





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# CORVETTE TRIVIA QUESTIONS



1. How many Corvettes were built in the 1953 model year?
2. Who led the design team on the first Corvette in 1953?
3. True or False: The “Z” in the nameplate Z06 stands for Zora Arkus-Duntov, the famous Corvette engineer.
4. How many different places has the Corvette been manufactured?
5. What was the first Corvette model year to offer a big-block engine?
6. True or False: At one time, Chevrolet considered building a 4-passenger Corvette.
7. What year did Chevrolet introduce a concept mid-engine street car?
8. What year did Betty Skelton set a women’s land speed record in a Corvette?
9. What was the first year Chevrolet conducted a factory racing program for the Corvette?
10. Who was the very first of the original seven astronauts to drive a Corvette?

## ANSWERS TO THE RIDDLER

1. JARED
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4. 5
5. ENVELOPE
6. 9
7. MIDDLE NAME



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# 2024 Corvette E-Ray, 655-hp, AWD hybrid is the quickest Vette ever.



Today, 1-23-2023 (exactly 70 years from the historic unveiling of the 1953 C1 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in NYC), GM officially revealed the 2024 E-Ray and we got to see with our own eyes what was accidentally revealed on their visualizer!



Yes, the new 2024 E-Ray will in fact have the widebody from the Z06. And yes folks, it has been confirmed the Corvette Brand will finally have its first hybrid, with all-wheel drive to boot!

This is the first step to what some consider GM's move away from the internal combustion engine for the Corvette. **And that move has some truly excited, but some diehard enthusiasts sad for what the next Corvette era will bring.**



While not fully an EV, it's confirmed the E-Ray will continue to use the LT2 V8 from the Stingray and add electric assist motors on the front axles, effectively making it the brand's first all-wheel drive Corvette.

**This setup is now reported to produce 655hp, far above the 495hp from the Z51-equipped Stingray. And all this will come with a base price of \$109,900.**



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# GM Files To Trademark Corvette Grand Sport

GM has filed to trademark the [Corvette](#) Grand Sport name, *GM Authority* has learned. The new trademark filing may indicate GM is now interested in offering a new Corvette Grand Sport model for the eighth-generation [Chevy Corvette C8](#), or possibly the next-generation C9.

The new trademark application was filed on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and was assigned serial number 97430541. The application was filed under a Goods and Services category reserved for “motor land vehicles, namely, automobiles, sport utility vehicles, trucks and vans.”

General Motors has obviously used the Corvette Grand Sport name throughout the history of the [Chevy](#) Corvette, but this recent application is nonetheless a bit strange. As *GM Authority* reported previously, General Motors was originally [not going to offer](#) a Grand Sport variant of the current eighth-generation C8, instead offering the upcoming [C8 E-Ray](#) hybrid with regard to the Grand Sport’s positioning in the eighth-gen’s model lineup.

Of course, it’s entirely possible The General has changed course in this respect and *will* offer a new C8 Grand Sport model after all. If such a model were to come about, it would likely couple the naturally aspirated [6.2L V8 LT2](#) gasoline engine found behind the cabin of the [C8 Stingray](#) with the wide-body exterior treatment of the [C8 Z06](#) and E-Ray.

Such a move would certainly make sense from a supply point of view – given the current supply chain environment, specifically, the ongoing global shortage of microchips, a new C8 Corvette Grand Sport could be a less chip-intensive model compared to the hybrid C8 E-Ray.

Another possibility is that this new trademark filing is in preparation for an upcoming Corvette Grand Sport model to be offered with the next-generation Corvette C9.

Check back soon, as we’ll continue to follow this story for further updates and will relay whatever we may learn. In the meantime, be sure to [subscribe](#) to *GM Authority* for more [GM trademark news](#), [Chevy Corvette news](#), [Chevy news](#), and around-the-clock [GM news](#) coverage.



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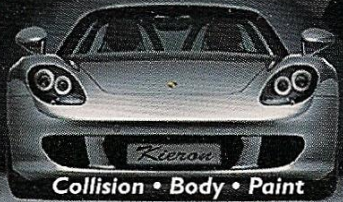
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# CORVETTE TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 300
2. Harley Earl
3. False, it's an order option code
4. 3, Flint Michigan, St. Louis Missouri, Bowling Green Kentucky
5. 1965, offered the 396 cu in
6. True, in 1962 a 4 passenger prototype was built but never produced
7. 1970, shown at the 1970 New York Auto Show, called the XP-882
8. 1956 she ran 145.044 mph in her Corvette on the Daytona Beach sand flats
9. 1956, 5 Corvettes made up the factory race program that debuted at the 12 hrs of Sebring
10. Alan Sheppard arrived at space training in 1959 in a 1957 Corvette that he owned at the time



Save the Date!

Saturday, March 18th, 2023

## Corvettes of Durham Euchre Party

Our Euchre Party will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Royal Ashburn Golf and Country Club. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. You don't have to play Euchre to come out and have a good time. More details to follow soon - I promise!

*Jan R.*

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# 2023 Events Calendar



Red – CCCC Events

Black – Various Shows

Blue – COD Events

Date	Event	Contact	Location	Time
February 5th	Winter Blues Cruise	Jan Raven	Meet at Jan's home	10:00am
February 15th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Brooklin Pub	6:00 pm
March 10,11,12	Motorama	Ken Gordon	International Centre	
March 15th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	6:00 pm
March 18th	Euchre Day	Jan Raven	Royal Ashburn	1:00pm
April 19th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	6:00 pm
May 17th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	6:00 pm
May 28th	Wasaga CCCC	Ron Langlois	TBA	
June 4th	DreamVettes CCCC	Ken Gordon	Ontario Motor Sales	8:00 am
June 11th	Windsor CCCC	Ron Langlois	TBA	
June 21st	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	6:00 pm
June 24th	Pineridge CCCC	Ron Langlois	TBA	
July 9th	Moncton CCCC	Ron Langlois	TBA	
July 16th	Brampton CCCC	Ron Langlois	TBA	
July 23rd	Niagara CCCC	Ron Langlois	TBA	Concours
Aug 1st	Orillia	Ron Langlois	TBA	
Aug 24th-27th	Carlisle	Ron Langlois	Carlisle PA	
Sept 9th	SAE	Ron Langlois	Sennick Farm	