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# *President's Report*

**By Ken Gordon**

Ladies and Gentlemen "START YOUR ENGINES", although you may want to wait since there's more snow in the forecast. Let's hope Mother Nature will co-operate for our upcoming Spring Cruise to Elmhirst on April 29<sup>th</sup> and allow us to enjoy our Vettes.

"Motorama 2018" went smoothly with the help of several members who stepped up to the challenge to represent Corvettes of Durham and Quad C in Brian Lindow's absence. Brian has been hospitalized for several weeks and wish him a speedy recovery. Get well soon Brian, we all miss you!

With the support of a lot of members they are also organizing DreamVettes on Brian's behalf. DreamVettes is our major show of the year and I hope every member plans to be in attendance. Marilyn is currently reaching out to Sponsors to donate raffle prizes etc. but if you can help in that department please contact Fletch at 905-683-0696 or me at 289-923-8333 ASAP.

Jann Langlois and Jan Raven did a fabulous job organizing Euchre night last month. Everyone was treated to a fun night with fabulous food & prizes.

Hope everyone had a Happy Easter! As usual the Gordon Residence hosted several family members to lots of food, drinks & an Easter Egg Hunt and we are still eating leftovers (strangely enough no left over wine).

Please mark Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> on your calendar and plan to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Corvette Display & B.B.Q. at Boyer Chevrolet between 10am - 2pm. Hope you can all make it!

Our next General Meeting is Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at Amici @ 7:30 pm. We have scheduled Mike Wilson from Lant Insurance to be our Guest to address any questions regarding your Corvette Insurance needs.

See you there!

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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## April Birthdays

JoAnne DiLorenzo	3
Bruce Gagnon	4
Arlene Crichton	10
Sam Dickey	15
Clayton Read	15
Connie Collins	16
Joe DeBattista	18
Brian Baker	26
Jim Prescott	26
Ron Langlois	28



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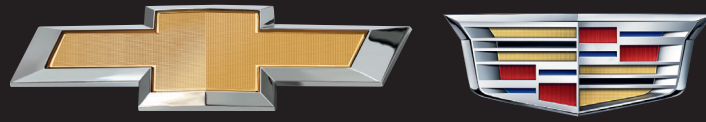
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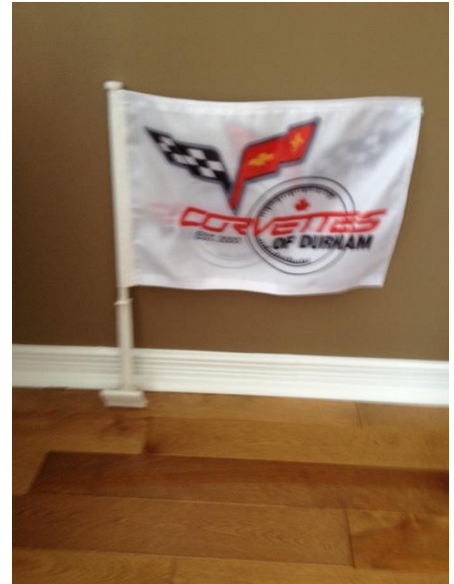
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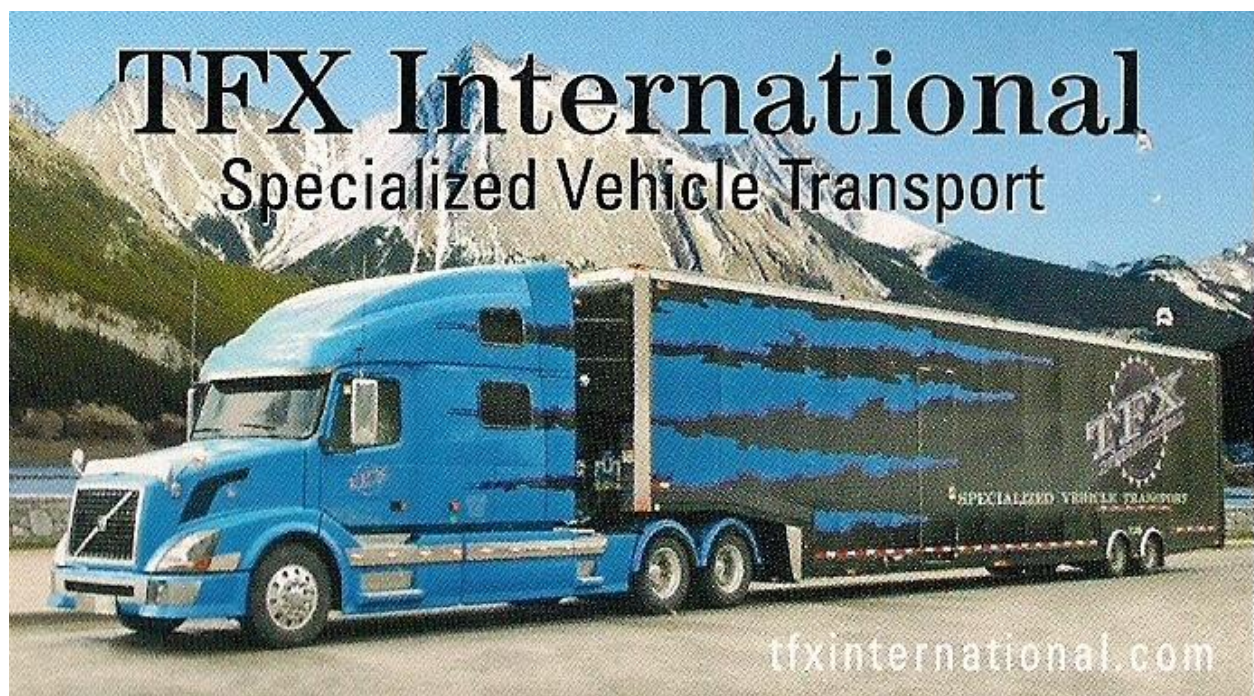


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## Toy Mountain Appreciation Dinner

On Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, The Salvation Army Ontario Central East Division hosted their annual Toy Mountain Appreciation and Awards dinner at the Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham, Ontario. The event recognized the many Toy Mountain sponsors and supporters.

In 2017, the Toy Mountain goal was to collect 150,000 toys. Not only was this goal met, it was exceeded by collecting a total of 156,204 toys. COD members donated unused toys, and the Club provided a donation of \$1000. Cash donations permit the organizers to purchase toys in bulk, at a reduced price.

The Toy Mountain Appreciation and Awards dinner was emceed by Tom Brown, Weather Anchor of CTV News Toronto. The night was filled with speeches, laughter, and interesting people. Margaret Kowal and Roxanne Chiusolo attended to represent our Club.



The highlight of their evening was capturing a photo opportunity with Tom Brown.

Submitted by Roxanne Chiusolo



Corvettes of Durham is very appreciative to member Jim Prescott, who through further sales of car parts, has made another donation to the Club with the intent that it be part of COD's annual contribution to the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre.

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## Corvettes of Durham Spring Cruise

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The Spring Cruise this year will be at Elmhirst Resort.

Elmhirst has a great Sunday Brunch Buffet and is right on the shores of Rice Lake. We have window tables reserved in the Lakeside Dining area.

Cost per person is \$ 29.95 plus tax & tip.

We'll have 3 routes to a common meeting place coming from the North, South and East. This information will be available prior to the April General Meeting.

Please ensure you contact me at [furryface@powergate.ca](mailto:furryface@powergate.ca) or (905) 852-1233 before April 13, 2018 if you plan to attend. The reservations have to be confirmed as Elmhirst is very busy at this time.

Thanks,

*Jan Raven*



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**MOTORAMA 2018**, was held March 9 -11 at the International Centre

and saw another **HUGE** turnout. Our COD booth welcomed dozens of visitors interested in viewing our Corvettes on display and taking photos of them. Kudos to Brent Giffin who took home 1<sup>st</sup> Place in his class for his 2015 C7 Vette.



Congrats also to Bruce Gagnon (1989/C4), John Robinson (2016/C7) and Brian Baker (1970/C3) who each achieved Runner Up in their respective categories.



Throughout the weekend DVDs were played showing photos taken at the many past social events and DreamVettes shows we have enjoyed.

Our team of volunteers answered questions about the Club as well as questions about Corvettes in general and specific questions about the current C7 generation. Among the handouts we offered were upcoming shows organized by some of our fellow CCCC clubs, and of course, our own DreamVettes flyer was front and center. 135 of them were taken...and one DreamVettes flyer was actually filled in and submitted along with the \$20.00 registration fee!

**Many thanks** to those COD members who volunteered their time to help set up and take down the booth; to cover the booth Friday evening, on Saturday and on Sunday; and those who offered their cars for the show – and in particular Brent Giffin who stepped in at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour to fill a space left open due to Brian Lindow's illness. On

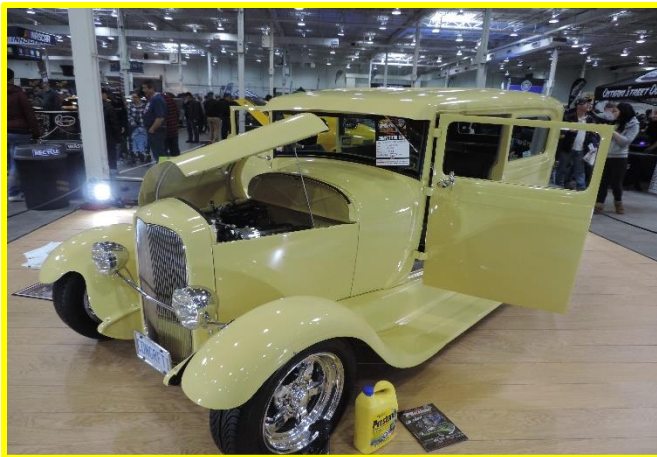


hand over the weekend were Ken, Bruce Gagnon, Myran Coburn, John Robinson, Bruce Smith, Ron Tremblay and Sue Woodland. Ron Langlois and Dave Collins provided much-needed and helpful “chauffeuring” duties!

Here is a sampling of the Motorama eye candy:



Custom Drag/C7 Corvette



1932 Ford Model A hot rod ↑

1949  
Chevy  
pick-up

>>



'63 Split Window – 1<sup>st</sup> place >>

<< If you haven't yet heard about Ken's interesting drive to Motorama on move-in day in Blondie's Corvette, be sure to ask!!







1940 Ford Tow Truck ↑



1955 T-Bird convertible ↑



1960 Restored C1 ↑



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Some of our volunteers...relaxing ☺

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1970's Mustang Custom ↑



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## Games & Cards Night

Submitted by Roxanne Chiusolo

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, 47 club members and friends gathered for euchre and social at the Italian Club in Oshawa. Thirty-six players took on the euchre challenge, while others gathered at 2 social tables enjoying “beverages”, snacks and telling tales. At one point of the evening, caramel corn thieving was evident between the 2 social tables.

Our 2 photographers (Terry Nodwell and Margaret Kowal) were working the room throughout the night, not wanting to miss any action shots.

The evening winners were:

- Gord Cryderman - High man
- Avril DeBattista – High woman
- Gilles Landry – 50/50, receiving \$120.  
...plus many door prizes



Pizza and dessert served around 9 pm.

Thanks to the organizers, all had a good night!



Photos by Margaret Kowal & Terry Nodwell





Guests Whip, Gail, Cathy & Ed.



Can you guess whose feet?



Guests Marion, Linda & Gord with Marg



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Ken & Joe with guests Gord, Linda, Frank & Marion.





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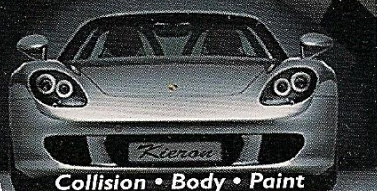
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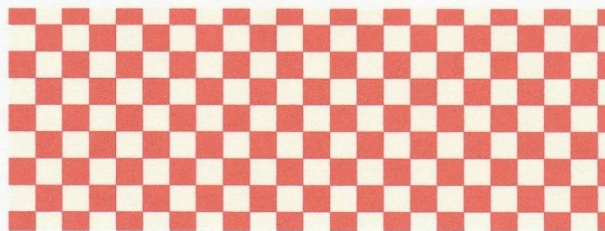
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**Registration is \$150 per person and includes:** 24 hour access to the NCM's Theater for viewing purposes, early opening of NCM on



Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, Continental breakfast Saturday & full breakfast Sunday; lunch on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>; pasta dinner Saturday evening; midnight Ice Cream bar; cash bar Saturday from 5:15pm – 7:00pm; snacks & refreshments provided all 24 hours; drawings for Memorabilia (must be a registered participant & present to win).



Those of you who follow sports car racing will recognize the name **Andy Pilgrim**. Over a career of 30+ years, Andy has enjoyed a successful career in IMSA Racing, Corvette Racing and with the SPEED World Challenge GT Series driving for the Cadillac CTS-V factory team; and later drove several other marques in World Challenge. With Ron Fellows, Andy scored the team's historic first victory at Texas Motor Speedway in September 2000. In 2001, Pilgrim finished second in GTS in the Sebring 12-Hour and Le Mans 24-Hour endurance races, and was on the winning team for the Petit Le Mans season finale at Road Atlanta. In 2001 Pilgrim teamed with Dale Earnhardt and Dale Jr. in the 24 Hours of Daytona, finishing second in the GTS class. Andy was inducted in the *Corvette Hall of Fame* in 2012.



In January this year, the NCM Motorsports Park welcomed Andy Pilgrim to their team. Andy has relocated to Bowling Green and with Andy on staff, the Motorsports Park will be able to offer a number of programs from driving courses and one-on-one coaching by Andy. In 2008 Andy launched his *Traffic Safety Education Foundation* focusing on educating drivers of all ages about the growing dangers of distracted driving on the road.

Autographed copies of Pilgrim's educational DVDs are available for purchase through the Corvette Store. Andy is a very engaging speaker. Even seasoned drivers will learn something new from Andy Pilgrim!



Stay tuned for announcements on specific programs and offerings utilizing Pilgrim's talents by subscribing to the Motorsports Park's email newsletter, Track Time online at [motorsportspark.org/subscribe/](http://motorsportspark.org/subscribe/).



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

Our favourite race team's running in the *Twelve Hours of Sebring* race in mid-March wasn't the outcome they (or their fans) had aimed for. It's a 12-hour endurance race with practice and qualifying sessions occurring over the previous three days. *Anything* can happen over 12 hours...and happen, it did!

Hopes were high following Friday's GT Le Mans (GTLM) qualifying session. The No. 3 car, piloted by defending race winner Antonio Garcia, set the pace for Corvette Racing with 156.588 (115.484 mph). His co-drivers for the weekend were Jan Magnussen and Mike Rockenfeller, who were his partners in last year's triumph.

Tommy Milner qualified directly behind the No. 3 Corvette, after his best lap of 1:56.900 (115.176 mph). He and teammates Oliver Gavin and Marcel Fässler won two years ago at Sebring in the No. 4 Corvette.

*It was a valiant effort, but it was not to be!* Corvette Racing was unable to claim its fourth consecutive Sebring class win in GTLM following a multitude of problems on race day for the No. 3 Corvette, which made multiple trips to the garage for alternator, steering and brake issues. The No. 4 entry, meanwhile, finished one lap behind in sixth.



Next up will be the Long Beach Street Circuit, April 13-14.



Check out this YouTube to hear the new ZR1 Corvette engine rev, courtesy of Harlan Charles:  
<https://youtu.be/H9Ny3bL-gL0>



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## Callaway Corvette

There was other racing in March featuring a **Corvette** – at the Pirelli World Challenge season-opener in St. Pete's FL (March 9-11) and Circuit of the Americas (COTA) in Texas (March 23-25). The new-for-2018 effort has been made possible due to the end of Cadillac Racing's program with its ATS.V-R, which held GT3 exclusivity for GM brands in North America.



The Corvette in question is the **Callaway Corvette C7 GT3-R** racer, running in the GT class of PWC. As mentioned, 2018 marks their inaugural season racing in North America having enjoyed much success in Europe. The PWC format is to hold doubleheader races per class; at St. Pete's the *Callaway Corvette* showed well earning a 4<sup>th</sup> place and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place against such competitors as Ferrari, Porsche, Mercedes and Audi.



<< *Callaway Corvette* seen here on the St. Pete's street course

Two weeks later at COTA following opening practice on Friday, the team detected an issue with its Chevrolet LS9-based power plant. The current engine is based on the LS9 unit, which is no longer in production, and so the

decision was made for an engine-rebuild. Long story, short version – over 40 hours, parts were located and the work was done with help from Chevrolet in time for a Sunday morning lap. The *Callaway* missed the first race of the COTA weekend and would have to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> race from the last row. After only three laps, however, the *Callaway Corvette* headed back to the garage. A big disappointment for them!

A Corvette Corral was planned for COTA and area Corvette clubs were invited to participate in activities planned by Callaway. It was expected to be full!

The series is next on-track supporting the Long Beach IndyCar race on April 13-15.



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# FALL CRUISE 2018

Friday, October 12 to Sunday, October 14

at

Horseshoe Valley Resort

Horseshoe Valley Resort has a lot to offer for the weekend. Many activities have been planned by your Social Committee, including, but not limited to, 9 holes of golf on Friday afternoon and another 9 holes on Saturday morning; Wine & Cheese tasting party (while the Friday afternoon golfers are golfing); Pool party on Saturday afternoon and a little Cocktail Party/Reception. Of course, we'll have the old stand-bys of Euchre and a Poker Game on Saturday night and, if you don't play any kind of cards or games, you can mix and mingle with your fellow club members. An itinerary will be posted as soon as confirmed so that you won't miss any events.

There are a variety of rooms available and they can be reserved for Friday and Saturday nights, just Friday night or just Saturday night. The rooms are as follows:

Standard Room with 2 Queens or 1 King	-	\$ 109 Friday and \$ 139 Saturday
Deluxe Room with 2 Queens or 1 King	-	\$ 139 Friday and \$ 169 Saturday
Loft Suite (includes living area & bedroom)	-	\$ 179 Friday and \$ 209 Saturday

Please inquire about the resort fees and taxes when reserving your room.

There are currently 10 rooms designated for our club – 5 have been reserved.

Please advise the reservation desk that you are booking for the Corvettes of Durham event.

Please contact me as soon as you book your room so that I can block another set of rooms at the same price. Room Reservations: 1-800-461-5627

Meals are not included with your room, but there are two restaurants for dinner – the Crazy Horse Sports Bar & Grill and the Inn Steakhouse. For breakfast there is a \$15 Buffet or a Continental Breakfast for about \$ 7. We'll let you know about lunches.

We will arrange a meeting place so that we can cruise up together Friday or Saturday.

Details of the meeting place and cruise route will be made available as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the Fall Cruise please contact me at (905) 852-1233 or [furryface@powergate.ca](mailto:furryface@powergate.ca).

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*Jan R.*



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## 2018 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Apr 18	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 supper 7:30 meeting
Apr 29	Spring Cruise	Jann Langlois	Elmhirst's Resort, Rice Lake; details in this newsletter.	
May 12	Cruise-In to Cullen's w/guest Ron Fellows	John Robinson	Cullen Motors, Ontario Street St. Catharines/NCC Show	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
May 16	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 supper 7:30 meeting
May 16	Trim Tech Customer Appreciation Night	Ron Langlois	133 Taunton Rd. W, Unit 9, Oshawa	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
May 18, 19, 20	Victoria Day SpeedFest Weekend	Ron Tremblay	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park Bowmanville	
May 27	Spring Fling Show – Wasaga Beach Club	John Robinson	Mike Jackson GM Collingwood	
June 2	Corvette Display	Ken Gordon	Boyer Chevrolet 715 Kingston Rd., Pickering	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
June 3	CCO Show	John Robinson	Milton. Event details to follow.	
June 10	Waterfront Corvette Show/Windsor Club	John Robinson	Dieppe Park Windsor Waterfront	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
June 16	Vettes & Vinyl Show & Shine/Pineridge Club	John Robinson	Van Dusen Chevrolet Ajax	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
June 20	General Meeting	Jann Langlois	Foxridge Golf Club, Uxbridge. Details to follow.	3:00 pm golf 5:30 supper 7:30 meeting
June 24	DreamVettes	John Fletcher	Ontario Motor Sales 140 Bond Street W, Oshawa	8:30 am – 2:00 pm
July 5, 6, 7 & 8	Mobil1 SportsCar Grand Prix	Norby Dippold	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park Bowmanville	
July 18	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Big M 711 Krosno Blvd., Pickering	
July 22	Simply Corvettes show Brampton Corvette Club	Brian Lindow	Bramalea Lions Hall 45 Avondale Blvd, Brampton	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Aug 18	General Meeting	Jann Langlois	Details to follow. Held at home of Roxanne & John Chiusolo, Newcastle.	
Aug 25 & 26	AutoFest	Linda & Gilles Landry	Lakeview Park, Oshawa	
Oct 12 – 14	Fall Cruise	Jan Raven	Horseshoe Valley Resort. Prelim details in this newsletter.	
Dec 8	Christmas Dinner/Dance	Jann Langlois	Oshawa Shrine Club 1626 Simcoe Street N.	5:30 pm – 1:00 am

**GREEN**      CCCC Event – check with John Robinson

**BLACK**      COD Event

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