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June 2018



President's Report

By Ken Gordon

I want to start by encouraging any members that can take the time to go visit Brian Lindow to please do so. Marilyn & I went to see him the day before the Collingwood Show and he expressed his extreme boredom and enjoys having visitors (Rouge Valley Centenary room 529 west wing). Thanks!

The Collingwood Show had a great turnout. Corvettes of Durham had 12 Vettes make their way up to Mike Jackson Chevrolet and John & Lori, Joe D. and Steve M brought home awards. Congratulations!

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 3rd annual Corvette Display at Boyer Chevrolet last Saturday; we had approximately 40 Corvettes on display and members were treated to a great BBQ (the only thing missing was a Beer Tent). Really appreciate your support!

There are several Car Shows coming up this month (check calendar of events), but most importantly DREAMVETTES is June 24th at Ontario Motor Sales. It would be great if we could have ALL Corvettes of Durham members attend. Fletch and helpers are working hard to make the day one of our best shows to date (if that's possible). It's always a great show with lots of prizes, awards, DJ, etc. If you can volunteer your time call Fletch @ 905-550-3574.

Our next General Meeting is the 1st of our offsite meetings. See you all at Foxridge Golf Club in Uxbridge on Wednesday June 20th.

Hope you can make it!

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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Jann LangloisJune 1
Steve MegillJune 8
Mike BakerJune 18
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Brent GiffinJune 30



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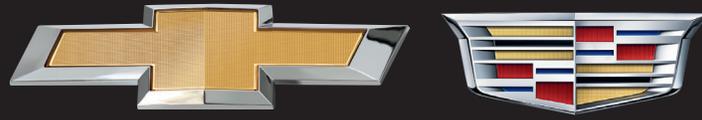
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Spring Fling

Ten COD members made the trip to Collingwood on May 27 to attend Wasaga Beach Corvette Club's annual show, *Spring Fling*. Led by President Ken, we were met at Collingwood by four additional COD Vettes as well as Sam & Patti who stopped by while visiting in the area. Missing from the group was Brian Lindow; we hope Brian will soon be back on his feet!!

Driving west toward Toronto that morning, fog hung in the sky but the day was very sunny and hot at our destination – at least 28° C!

Numerous clubs were represented with lots of beautiful Corvettes shined and polished for judging. Three COD members came home with hardware and congrats go out to:



John Gvazdaitis, 1st C3
Open Hood category



Joe De Battista, 1st C6
Closed Hood category



Steve Megill, 1st, C7
Open Hood category

It was a beautiful day and a good show! Thanks to all COD members who attended as well as Brian Striemer's daughter Louise, on holiday here from Calgary.



Ed & Gail Schroer



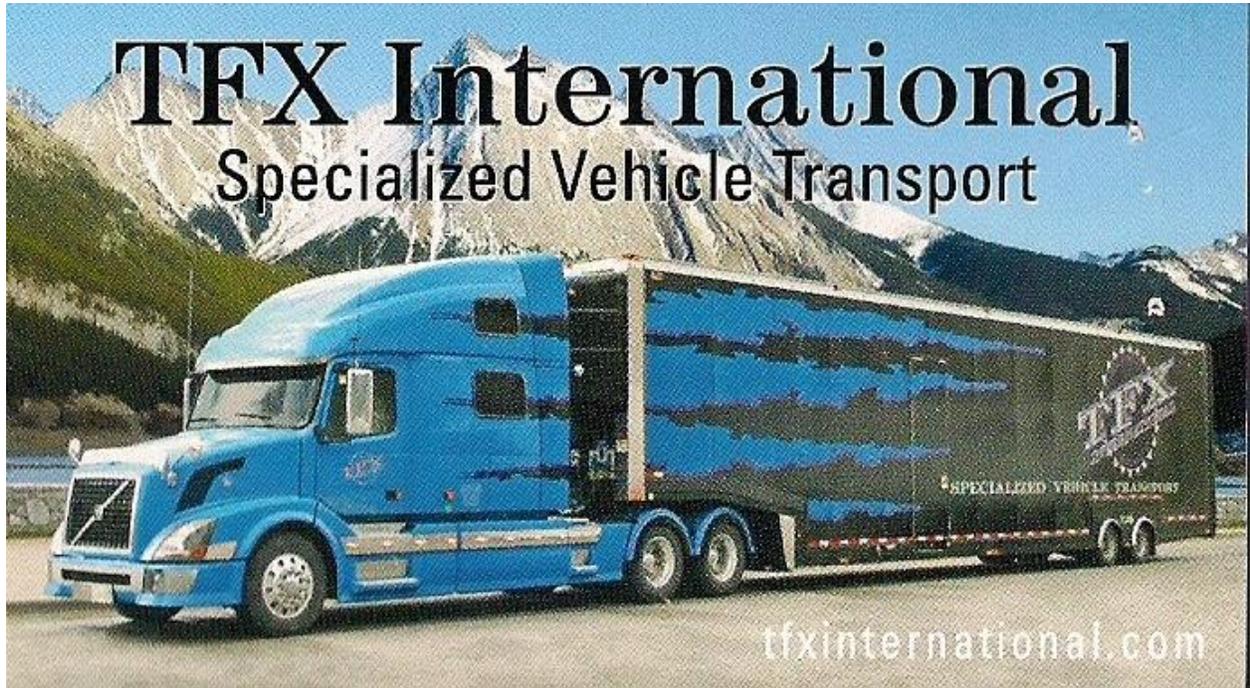
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A trip to the Museum is always something we look forward to, especially in the Spring. Their weather is ahead of us, so we were treated to days of warmer temperatures, colourful flowers and the fragrance of flowering trees in bloom.

And it's an opportunity to see and spend time with our American Corvette friends and the Museum staff whom we've come to know over the years. The Corvette is what initially sent us to Bowling Green but now it's the people that send us back!

We attended the **Ambassadors' meeting** on Saturday afternoon (April 28). Here are a few items of interest:

1. NCM Motorsports Park highlights: go karting, 'backseat driving' (a 2-person exercise aimed at improving communication), touring laps and autocross. Most of these can be group events for Corvette clubs. The MSP has partnered with an area high school for their construction classes to build storage garages at the Park.
2. 25th Anniversary Caravan update: National Caravan Captain Jeff Duda reminded us that driving in a Caravan to the Museum is half the fun. Caravans are busy planning; numerous Caravans from across the US and several Canadian provinces will be represented. Check www.corvettecaravan.com and choose Ontario for updates.
3. Stephanie Morrill, Membership & Guest Services Manager told us that school Museum tours now have a career aspect to them. Students now learn about various careers that are involved in working in an automotive museum, such as marketing, fund raising, social media and delivery prep.

Stephanie also talked briefly about the Ambassadors' Convention being held in November this year. During the 2-day convention, all NCM departments will be covered so that Ambassadors have a detailed understanding of the work each department carries out at the Museum.

Assembly Plant tours will resume in January 2019. Tours for 2019 Caravan participants will be announced in the future.

Toward the end of the meeting, all Ambassadors were asked to rise and introduce themselves, naming their Club and location and any relevant details. We plugged DreamVettes and pointed out that our show appears on the Museum's events listings.

Ron & I want to again publically thank Jan & David Raven for their recent compliment and thank all COD members for the opportunity to be your NCM Ambassadors!

Plant Update; a few highlights from Kai Spande's presentation, April 26:

- When tours resume, the route through the Plant will be different; there will be a window looking into the new paint shop, which is now 1 million square feet
- Cadillac 4.2L twin turbos V8 engine will be built at BGAP, because they specialize the 500 hp engines
- 11.5 cars/hour are assembled now vs. 17.5 in the past. Still a 40-hour work week, but Monday-Thursday only.
- GM management/community outreach/fundraising in 2017 - \$75,000 to local non-profits. BGAP employees/1,000 staff - \$116,000 fundraising donations in 2017 to local charities
- Kai has worked in 11 different GM plants in his career, US & Europe; BG has the best workforce and leadership teams.
- "Employee Pride" is evident here.



LOUIS TO LEMANS: THE HISTORY OF CHEVROLET RACING

JUNE 2018 – JANUARY 2019 is the next exhibit at the Museum.

A remembrance of the past. A responsibility of the future. An exhibit of murals created by students during Western Kentucky University's The Center for Gifted Studies VAMPY, the Summer Program for Verbally and Mathematically Precocious Youth. The exhibit will feature the 1910 Buick Bug that Louis Chevrolet drove. Some of the Corvette Race cars that won Le Mans will also be on display.

ONGOING: CORVETTE CAVE-IN: THE SKYDOME SINKHOLE EXPERIENCE. WELL WORTH SEEING!

A semi-permanent exhibit to tell the story of our February 12, 2014 sinkhole in the Museum's Skydome which swallowed eight Corvettes. [Learn more here.](#)



Don't forget to let us know if you plan to visit the Museum this summer.

As a Business Member of the NCM, COD has passes for free entry into the Museum that can be used by COD members who are not members of the National Corvette Museum.

There is lots to see and enjoy in our Museum!

Ron Tremblay & Sue Woodland
NCM Ambassadors

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The *Alley* newsletter, meanwhile, has also been re-named *Michelin Racing USA* with *Corvette Racing* featured in the first Special Issue for 2018. [Click Here](#) to download and view the latest issue.

The tire manufacturer hosted a number of social media "influencers" in mid-March, as part of its ramped up commitment to IMSA ahead of its new **Official Tire partnership in 2019**.



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FROM the EDITOR'S DESK

As mentioned last month, we want to feature a monthly write-up of COD members with a picture of their Corvette.

First up are Ron & Jann Langlois. In addition to the photos below, see their write-up elsewhere in this edition.

Don't be shy...get in touch with your Newsletter Editor by e-mail or phone.



***DreamVettes* is coming up V-E-R-Y soon.**

COD members are invited to complete your Registration forms and send them to Sue as an email attachment or bring them to the June Club meeting. She will have plenty of blank copies on hand at the meeting. You can also print a copy from this newsletter or download a copy from our website (www.corvettesofdurham.ca).

As we know, it's COD's major fund-raiser of the year in support of the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre. And in return, they really appreciate our support! We hope to see many COD members at ***DreamVettes*** on **June 24th**! Raffles, 50-50, gorgeous cars, food and music... and a day spent with your fellow COD members and other car enthusiasts! Sunshine and warm temps have been requested!



On the road with...

Fellow COD members Ron & Jann Langlois recently visited Washington D.C. and posed for photos in a couple of well-known locations! It was Ron's first visit to the White House & Jann's umpteenth.

Meanwhile, Terry & Doreen Nodwell cruised the Caribbean to celebrate Doreen's birthday!





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

Corvette Racing's latest event was May 4-6 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course for the fourth round of the 2018 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. The race marked the return of IMSA to the technical track set in rural Ohio with a long history of sports car racing through the decades. And it marked Corvette's return for the first time since 2012.

With 34 cars sharing the 2.238-mile circuit for the two-hour, forty minute race, there were high expectations for drama between the three classes in competition.

Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia earned a podium finish in their No. 3 Corvette C7.R to a third-place finish in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) class. They now hold fourth-place tie for the GTLM Driver Championship with Corvette teammates Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner.

Ollie and Tommy placed eighth in GTLM in the No. 4 Corvette C7.R. Chevrolet is third in GTLM Manufacturer points – three points out of first place – as Corvette Racing takes a break from IMSA competition to travel to the 24 Hours of Le Mans for the 19th consecutive season.



Corvette Racing's next event is the 24 Hours of Le Mans on June 16-17. The team has won eight times in the French endurance. Prior to their departure, Corvette Racing will test at Road America in the Le Mans aero configuration before the team ships out to France. The Road America track is considered to be fast, offering some of the same characteristics the team will encounter at Le Mans, so it's ideal for testing suspension set-ups, tires etc.

The first Balance of Performance (BoP) tables for the [24 Hours of Le Mans](#) have been set with all GTE-Pro class contenders receiving their weight and power adjustments. Corvette Racing will run the C7.Rs at a minimum weight of 1244 kg and will have a 29.5mm (x2) air restrictor. Fuel capacities have also been adjusted class-wide to limit the maximum fuel stint length to 14 laps at Le Mans. The Le Mans BoP may be adjusted again following the official 2018 test day of Sunday, June 3rd.



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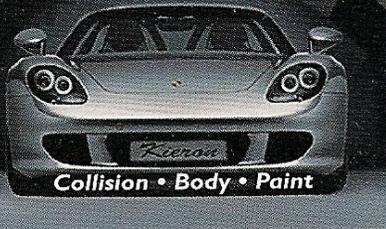
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Please try to arrive for 6:00 p.m. The restaurant has prepared a special menu for us with all the usual favourites (i.e. Fish & Chips, Club House, Classic Burger, Chicken Fingers, Nacho Plate, Vegetarian Stir Fry and add chicken or shrimp) and, of course, Pizza.

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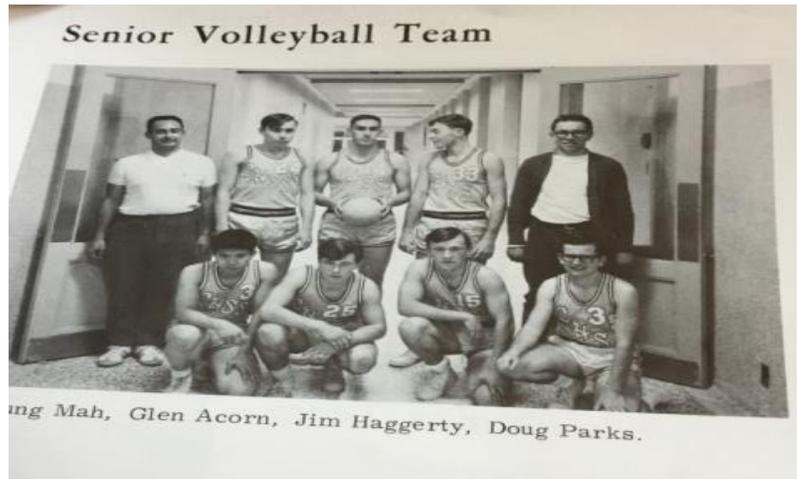
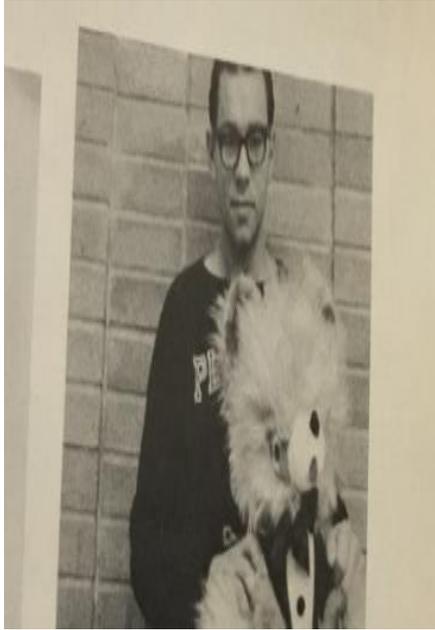
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This month's Member bio about Ron and Jann Langlois



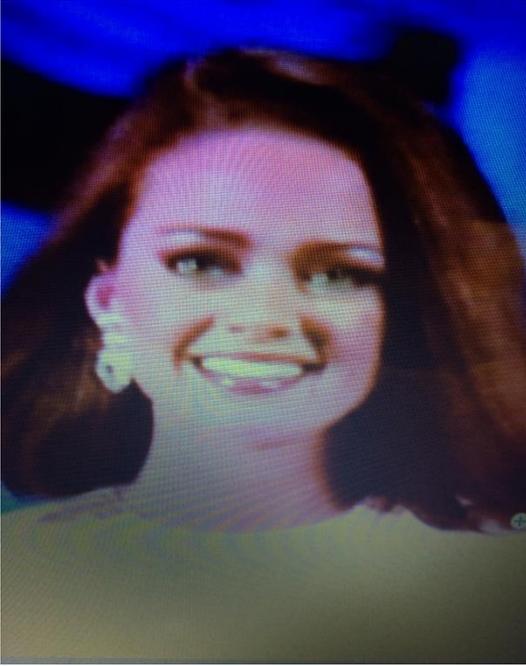
Ron, back row at right, team Manager.

If Match Dot Com had ever gotten involved, we would never, ever, have been matched up. In fact, if you ask either of us to list our favourite things, this list could not be more different. Ron was such a jock way back, playing football, and hockey and was team manager for other sports. Now he is all Car Shows, Hot Rods, Corvettes, Die Casts, NCRS, Judging Corvettes Nationwide and his favourite book is "No Time to Cry" by Will Cooksey. Any Corvette magazine ever in print has passed through his hands. He is a Taurus.

Me? I'm at the library, out in the garden, walking my dogs, or RVing. Whatever book I am reading is my current favourite, and I'm a Gemini. Our signs are Earth and Air....we are not compatible, in fact, the only thing we initially had in common were Corvettes.

Ron was born in Windsor, grew up all over Ontario, holds a Master Plumber Certificate as well as certificates for Steam Fitting, Sprinklers, HVAC, Gas Fitting, Hydraulics and Pneumatics. He was in the Nuclear Industry in Kincardine, before joining General Motors in September of 1985 He acquired his first Corvette in June of 1991. He has never looked back. He has owned a C1, C2, C3, and C5, currently he drives a C6 Z06. He also owns an SSR, which rivals his Corvette Love.

With NCRS, he will receive his 400 Level Judge Designation in July of 2019. Along with 10 other die hard Corvette aficionados, he was a founding member of Corvettes of Durham in the Spring of 2000.



I'm an Army Brat, born in Korea; my family came to Oshawa when I was a junior in high school and my father retired from the U.S. Army and was hired by General Motors. At school I was on the debate team and in English and Latin clubs. I left Oshawa two years later to get as far away as I possibly could and have acquired Post Graduate Degrees from University of Colorado at Boulder, Boston University and just recently University of Southern California at Berkley. In the declining days of Viet Nam, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corp, first at Parris Island and then Quantico. From there, I travelled the world, serving in Beirut, First Iraq, and Panama.

Returning to Oshawa in 1992, I brought with me my first Corvette, a C1. That Vette was followed by a C3 and a C4.

In 2015 I joined Corvettes of Durham and met Ron. It took him a while to notice me, he was quite a Casanova, dating extensively. However, I did belatedly show up on his radar.



We were married in November of 2016 in Las Vegas and live in Bowmanville.

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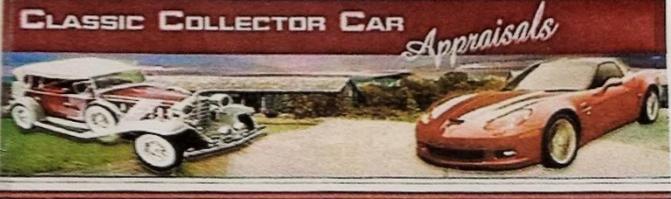


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There are a variety of rooms available and they can be reserved for Friday and Saturday nights, just Friday night or just Saturday night. The rooms are as follows:

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.

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2018 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
June 2	Corvette Display	Ken Gordon	Boyer Chevrolet 715 Kingston Rd., Pickering	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
June 10	Waterfront Corvette Show/Windsor Club	Ron Langlois	Dieppe Park Windsor Waterfront	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
June 16	Vettes & Vinyl Show & Shine/Pineridge Club	Ron Langlois	Van Dusen Chevrolet, Ajax	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
June 17	Yorkville Exotic Car Show	Norby Dippold	Bloor Street, Toronto	
June 20	General Meeting	Jann Langlois	Foxridge Golf Club 350 Reach Street, Uxbridge Details in this newsletter.	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	Held at the home of Roxanne & John Chiusolo, Newcastle.	
Aug 25 & 26	AutoFest	Linda & Gilles Landry	Lakeview Park, Oshawa	
Sept 19	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm meeting
Oct 12 – 14	Fall Cruise	Jan Raven	Horseshoe Valley Resort Details in this newsletter.	
Oct 17	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm meeting
Nov 21	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm meeting
Dec 8	Christmas Dinner/Dance	Jann Langlois	Oshawa Shrine Club 1626 Simcoe Street N.	5:30 pm – 1:00 am

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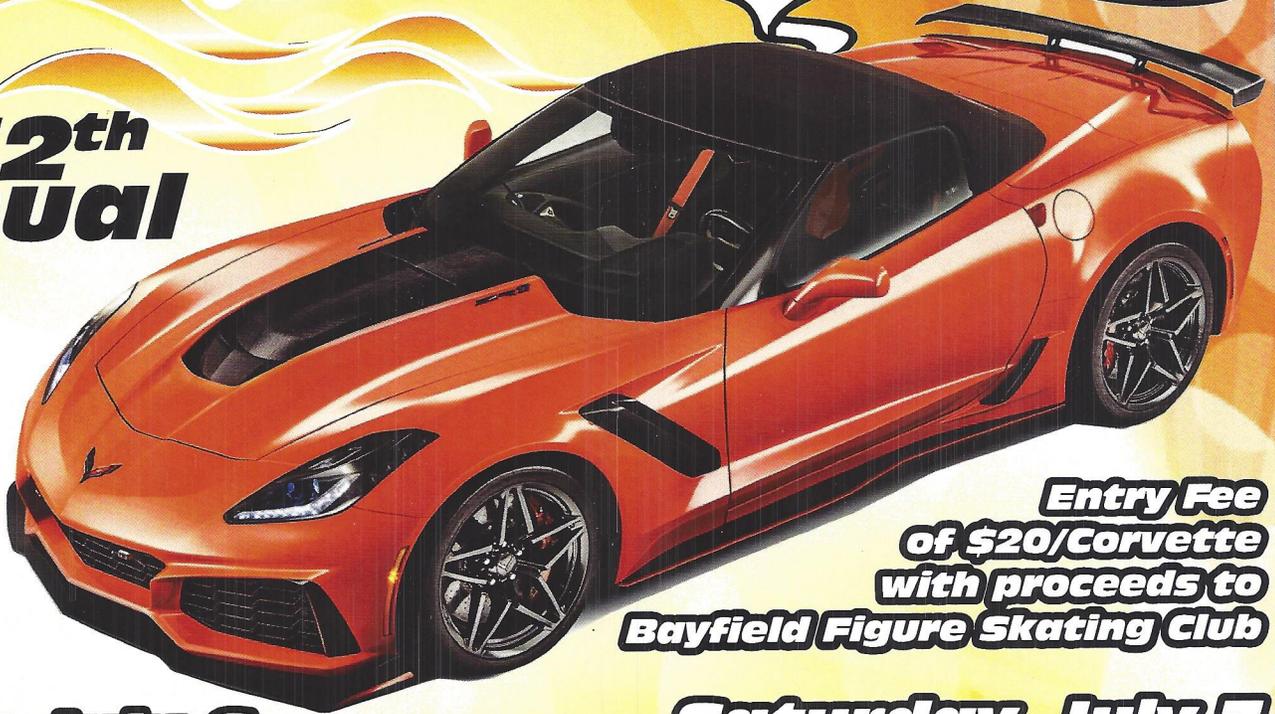
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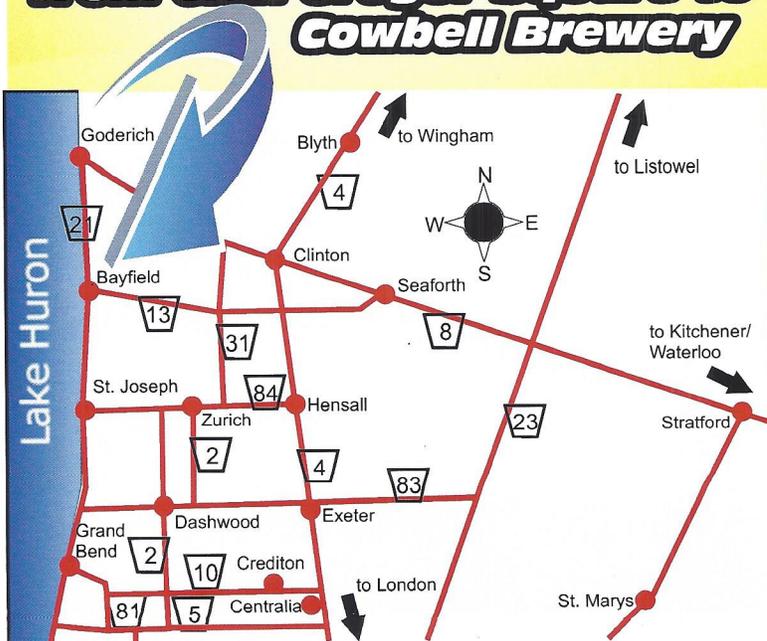
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