

One more ride before summer's end...





September 2017





By Ken Gordon

Hi Everyone!

Where did summer go? I must have blinked. I took off an extended long Labour Day weekend at the cottage (the season is quickly coming to an end). Unfortunately it's the same for our Corvette Season. There are a few events coming up so please check the "Calendar of Events" and try to participate in what is left to enjoy this year.

Last month the Club was treated with a cruise to Frankie & JoAnne's Farmhouse in Prince Edward County. We enjoyed shopping, amazing food and lots of laughs (most laughs courtesy of Dave Collins). Thank you Frankie & JoAnne for your hospitality and it was nice to meet "Magic". Great Day!

On the last weekend of August Linda & Gilles arranged for Corvettes of Durham to have a designated area at Auto Fest. I could only attend part of Saturday, but the weather was perfect and I saw a lot of amazing cars. There was a good Corvettes of Durham turn out. Thanks to Linda & Gilles for your commitment to this event over the years.

Our next General Meeting will be held at Amici's (formerly Al Dente) on Wednesday September 20th. See the Calendar for the restaurant's address.

Hope you had a wonderful Long Weekend and see you all on the $20^{\mbox{\tiny th}}.$

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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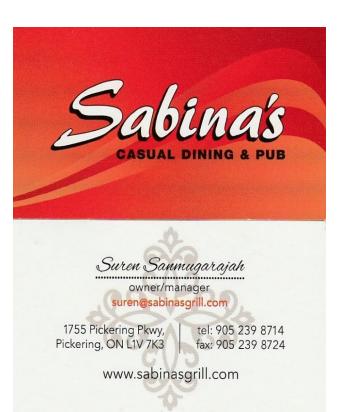


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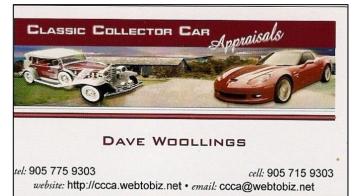
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Dear COD Members,

In last month's edition, you read a 'thank you' note to Club members Brian Lindow, Jann Langlois and Judy Robinson who recently took on new roles with the Club as DreamVettes Coordinator, Social Convener and Membership Convener. That sincere '*thank you*' is repeated here!

While we all appreciate them stepping up to continue the important work of our Club, there are still <u>two vacancies</u> that urgently need to be filled – Secretary and Treasurer - effective January 1st. Candidates for these positions must have at least two years' membership in the Club.

Both Dorothy Gagnon and Myran Coburn have recently retired and plan to travel with their spouses to enjoy freedom, adventure and the absence of an alarm clock. They each hold key positions in the Club and continuity between our outgoing and incoming Secretary and Treasurer is integral to the smooth functioning of our Club.

Here are *some* of the duties of Club Secretary:

- Record the Minutes of the monthly Executive and Membership meetings and distribute them by email.
- Maintain a record of all nominations, voting, new policies approved, changes to current policies and any other pertinent information regarding Club activities.
- > Maintain a copy of all correspondence to and from the Club.
- Maintain possession of the Minute Book and ensure required updating is done in a timely manner.

And here *some* of the duties of the Treasurer:

- Have custody and responsibility for all documentation concerning funds held in the Club's bank account and any Club obligations/ debts.
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- Maintain a complete and accurate record of all monetary transactions, as well as relevant receipts and Executive approval, where required.

Please consider assisting COD in either of these positions. You'll find it a rewarding experience! And, *thank you*!

Important News for COD Members:

In April of this year, your COD Executive discussed annual membership renewal and the following Motion was placed on record:

A motion was introduced by Rocco Nunno that membership renewals be completed by the end of February each year without exception. Notices to be placed in September and October newsletters so that all members are aware of the change. Motion seconded by Ken Gordon. All agreed.

It is hoped that all members will renew their membership in time! **Snowbirds** are encouraged to please give a post-dated cheque to the Treasurer before you depart for warmer weather.



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As a sample, here is a portion of their summer 2017 edition:

We love Corvettes as much as you do! To celebrate our shared passion, we've assembled an array of carefully curated stories and informative articles to create this Corvette-focused supplement. Enjoy!



What's ahead in 2018 ... and a little farther down the road (C8!)

Chevrolet is celebrating the Corvette's 65th birthday with a lavish 2018 model range, a few product upgrades, and a special Carbon 65 edition. That sets the stage for the new ZR1, with an expected 750 horsepower and state-of-the-art aero tech. <u>Is this just an ingenious ploy to distract us from the mid-engine design that will green light the eighth-generation Corvette?...</u>



<u>1953 'cutaway' Corvette offers a unique</u> look inside the historic sports car

Perhaps you built one of the Visible V-8 model kits that became popular in the 1960s and are still sold today. Or maybe you've been fascinated by the stunningly detailed "cutaway" drawings by David Kimble, which show the inner workings of an automobile. <u>Now Corvette buffs have been</u> given a look inside the workings of an actual 1953 'Vette...



Catching air: The unusual odyssey of a 1957 "airbox" Corvette

It's been quite a year for Phil Bachman. He not only celebrated his 80th birthday and 50th year as a car dealer, but one of his prized Corvettes—a 1957 model equipped with a rare racing package—earned Gold Certification at Bloomington Gold. <u>The Onyx Black C1 is one of only 43 "airbox" models, a nickname</u> <u>derived from a racing option package that featured a cold-air</u> <u>induction system...</u>

COD Socially in SEPTEMBER

Hello COD members,

Finally a stretch of sunny days to drive......and drive and drive!

Our September General meeting will be at AMICI restaurant in Pickering at 1305 Pickering Parkway. Hope to see you there.

It was so nice to see 46 "COD'ers" at Frank and JoAnne's farm on Saturday August 19. What a lovely day! Thank you so much to Frank and JoAnne for sharing their home and farm and hospitality with us....Max and Magic too! It was great to see Brian and Anita and Peter and Patti again too! You are missed. Frank did a CRUISIN' good job leading the way and BBQing along with John Fletcher and Brian Baker...thank you!

Thank you to all for the incredible pot luck contributions. It was a fabulous meal and wonderful company. Anne Halverson won the 50/50 of \$135. Thank you to Sue for the interesting car trivia quiz and prizes. So clever!

In October Jann Langlois will assume the role of Social Convener and I am very grateful to her. I have enjoyed myself doing the events and helping make fun and memories for all of us. I appreciate all the kindness shown to me.

I am especially grateful to Jan Raven who has helped me in every way possible.

I still look forward to the other 2017 events...Fall Cruise...Card Night... and Christmas Dance.

Thank you!

Please think about attending the following:

- FALL CRUISE to the Burleigh Falls Inn from Saturday October 21-Sunday October 22. The cost is \$318.10 per couple and includes accommodations, taxes, gratuities, and 3 meals - lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Please call the Inn directly at 705-654-3441 using COD as your referral.
- 2. **CARD NIGHT** is Saturday October 28 at the Italian Social Club in Oshawa on Simcoe St. Cost is \$15. Per person and RSVP by October 15 please.
- 3. CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE at Deer Creek Golf and Country Club...it is a buffet dinner and Hazel and Johnny will DJ the dance. Saturday November 25. Tickets are \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members and they will go on sale at the September general meeting at Amici's. Go ahead and invite all your friend for a great evening of friends, food and dancing! There will be a 50/50, Raffle table and draw! Hope you will be there!

Hope to see everyone soon. Thank you again to all!

Jann Langlois will be doing future write-ups for the newsletter.

Cathy

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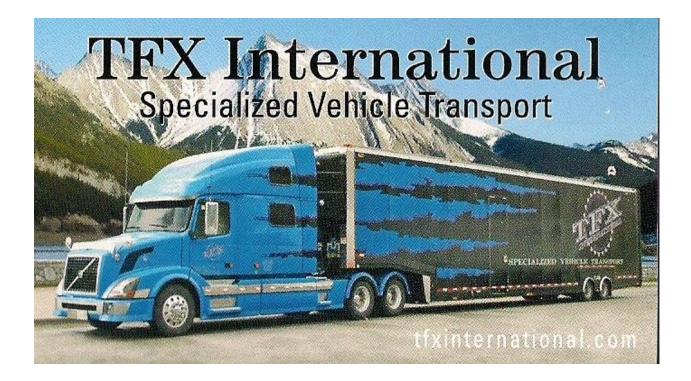
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RECENT ACTIVITIES:

Have you seen the latest???? It's a Corvette station wagon! Well, not really...it's actually a Callaway and was on display in early August in Richmond Hill.



Photos courtesy of Brent Giffin.



Picton Cruise – Frankie and JoAnne's Farm House, August 19, 2017

What could be better than a very leisurely cruise down the 401 on a clear Saturday morning? As we rolled along the 401 on our way to Frankie and JoAnne Di Lorenzo's Farm House (with a planned stop in Bloomfield) our entourage drew much attention. How could it not? The sight of 15 gorgeous Corvettes had many "admirers" snapping photos on their cellphones. Seemingly, the 4 steel cars/trucks included in the procession were overlooked by the spectators.

While in Bloomfield, club members perused the unique shops and gave a boost to Bloomfield's economy. In Bloomfield, we connected with JoAnne Di Lorenzo and Connie Young who led the way to the Farm House in JoAnne's Smart Car. Once at the Farm we were joined by Walter and Pauline, Bruce and Carleen, Brian Lindow, and John and Barb. We added five honourary members to the club for the day - Max (German Shepherd), Magic (miniature horse) and Pauline and Walter's Shih Tzu's – Mollie, Maggie and Patsy.

In traditional fashion the August cruise was a resounding success – great weather, delicious food, a chance to reconnect and socialize. Chefs John Fletcher and Brian Baker did a fabulous job at the BBQ serving up sausages and hamburgers to more than 40 hungry club members as they congregated on the front lawn.

One member who shall remain nameless ate so much that he strained the seams of hislawn chair and ended up a__ first on the lawn! See if you can identify him in the photo!



Throughout the afternoon, we learned a new dance step as we watched Sue stomp the fallen "party mix" snack into the lawn in an effort to camouflage the spillage. Several folks marveled as Magic performed calisthenics with the purple exercise ball. And, we all "oohed and ahhed" over Ron Langlois' one-of-a-kind Corvette Blanket. A great rendition of "Happy Birthday" rang out to celebrate Connie DiStefano's birthday. The birthday cake was tasty, the Pandora bracelet was beautiful – but, inquiring minds still want to know what was in the La Senza bag that she wouldn't model.

Between eating and drinking several club members cuddled the three Shih Tzus and played 'pass the puppies'. Isn't it interesting how people sway back and forth when they cuddle puppies and babies!

It was great to have Anne Halverson out for the cruise and she was the winner of the 50/50 draw (\$135) – way to go Anne! Evelyn Coburn, Jann Langlois and Carl Gomes tied as the winners of the Name That Car Quiz. The quiz was a "brain teaser" and some questions were real "head scratchers". It has been said that some folks used their "Google" App to supplement their answers. They *should* remain nameless, but their initials are B. G. aka Bruce Gagnon and C.C. aka Connie Collins. Thanks Sue for creating such a thought provoking activity.

A **very special thanks** to Frankie and JoAnne for hosting the club and for their wonderful hospitality. They truly have a little piece of paradise in Picton. Also, thanks to Cathy Nunno and Jan Raven for planning and organizing the event. Thanks to Terry Nodwell for capturing photos of the event and to the many "cooks" for their tasty additions to the buffet - everything was yummy. And finally, thanks to club members who made this another memorable COD cruise. See you at the corn roast on Sept 30th at Hy-Hope Farm; details to follow.

In friendship,

Judy and John Robinson





















...and finally, still in the quiz mode, here's a "**footnote**". Name the owner of these feet (below) for a prize offered by Terry Nodwell and being awarded at the September meeting. $\mathbf{\nabla}\mathbf{\nabla}$



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After a rainy summer the weatherman delivered a spectacular weekend for **AutoFest 2017.**

19 Corvettes and a Grand National were in attendance Saturday morning. A few more Corvettes joined our little party throughout the day. The lawn chairs were set up and the fun began. With many attractions to satisfy all the time flew by. There are at least 1500 cars of all types in attendance, mostly from Ontario but several from Quebec and a couple from Massachusetts. There were numerous vendors selling car-related items like clothing, signs, memorabilia, die casts, even old car parts at the "trunk sale".

There were short seminars from Mobil 1 and Prestone, both offering 'giveaways' just for being there. Funds raised from the sale of 50-50 tickets by the North Oshawa Lions Club and the Silent Auction assisted Grandview Children's Centre. We know of at least one COD member who successfully bid on an item to grace the wall of the 'car room' at home! There was a petting zoo with a giant tortoise and iguana, children's' play area, booths from local sports teams and radio stations playing oldies from the '50s and '60s. At "Woman's World" we saw handmade jewelry, clothing, stained glass art and homemade doggie treats, just to name a few. Food vendors were in abundance offering burgers, fries, hot dogs, ice cream, poutine and veal sandwiches. New this year was draft beer from a Whitbybased craft brewery.

Sunday morning we left Tim Horton's with 15 Corvettes and made our way to Lakeview Park to park our Vettes in our reserved area underneath a canopy of trees. A few more Corvettes arrived throughout the day and we had quite a showing of Corvettes. Ron and Jann's SSR was also parked amongst the Corvettes. Again the lawn chairs were set up and the conversation flowed along with the joking and laughter. It's always great to just sit back and enjoy the company of your fellow COD members.

In past years COD members were not eligible to win any of the many prizes. But as registered participants this year, it was possible to win any or all of them. Too bad none of us won either of the daily \$2,500 prizes! But, Fernando Ambra's 2011 Grand Sport was chosen in the *Modern Muscle* category to participate in the Parade of Winners where he received a very unique trophy. Congrats Fernando!

Sunday afternoon and the end of the festivities came all too soon. Well, at least for me it was far too soon! Gilles and I had a wonderful time with all of the great people who joined us.

We're already looking forward to AutoFest 2018 when Motor City Car Club will be celebrating their 25th year of AutoFest. It should be another *great* car show.

Submitted by

Linda Landry

An important PostScript – Motor City Car Club wrote a cheque to Grandview Children's Centre in the amount of \$17,000! Such great support from the car community!



















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On Thursday August 31st, we attended the bi-annual NCM Ambassadors meeting held during the Anniversary weekend at the Museum.

At this meeting we heard about a new tour option soon to be offered which will include three transportation venues in the Bowling Green area:

- Aviation Heritage Park honouring the aviators of South Central Kentucky and their beautifully restored aircraft; conveniently located on Three Springs Road in Bowling Green.
- Historic RailPark & Train Museum located a few minutes' drive from the NCM and located in the restored 1925 K&N Train Depot. Guides take visitors through five restored rail cars - the locomotive, L&N Presidential car, Duncan Hines Dining car, a luxury Pullman sleeper and a 1921 Post Office car. Also onsite are a caboose, a Jim Crow segregation car and a WWII hospital car.
- National Corvette Museum where you can explore the 'Corvette Cave In' exhibit to witness the aftermath of the February 2014 sinkhole, as well as those Corvettes already restored and another in the process of restoration.
 Interested participants can choose a package tour to any one or all venues. As your Ambassadors, we can assist COD members to plan your visit.

Awards were presented to various Corvette Clubs who entered their Club banners, websites and newsletters in the NCM's Annual Club Competition. Sadly, COD did not win....but we can look forward to next year's Competition.

Then came recognition of the work done in the past year by Ambassadors from all Clubs and the awarding of Master Ambassador level to those who achieved or surpassed the required minimum of 200 points per annum. We were surprised and delighted to hear our names as we were called to the stage to receive our



certificate and new NCM name badges! This achievement occurred by combining Jan & David's points up to January and our points from February to end of June. Again, we say thank you to Jan and David for their work on behalf of the National Corvette Museum and we will attempt to maintain this achievement for the Club.

The inaugural Ambassador's Convention will be held on October 31/November 1 at the Museum. Two full days of observing and meeting all NCM departments for a better understanding of their responsibilities are planned along with an evening meal and tour of the Historic RailPark & Train Museum. It's Halloween and costumes are encouraged for a bit of fun. Unfortunately, we are not able to attend, but will keep you informed of news that comes out of the Convention.

We invite COD members thinking of visiting the Museum in the near future to let us know; we'll be happy to suggest places to see and things to do both at the Museum and in the general Bowling Green area, especially while the Assembly Plant is closed for tours. And, at any time, we're happy to answer your questions about the Museum!

Ron Tremblay & Sue Woodland Corvettes of Durham/Museum Ambassadors

For an update on the status of the Corvette Assembly Plant, please refer to <u>www.CorvetteBlogger.com</u>, September 1 edition. This is the presentation I attended at the Museum.

Also of interest was the Club Enthusiast display in the Museum where our colleagues from the Niagara Corvette Club have a display. This display (on the right in this photo) will be in place for a year and includes the club's history, their location, pictures etc. The display on the left is from the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club.







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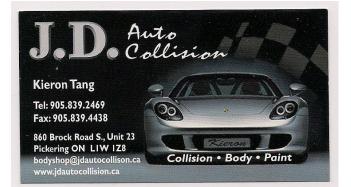
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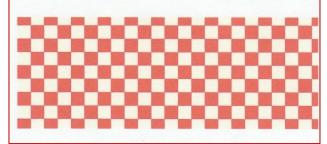
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Another wild finish! Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen extended their GT Le Mans (GTLM) Driver's Championship lead on August 6 with a 4th place finish at **Road America**. Early strategy and some luck late in the race propelled the No. 3 Corvette from eighth at the start of the race to just shy of the podium in this seventh GTLM race of the season.

Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner in the No. 4 Corvette placed fifth despite late-race contact that sent Milner off track on the final lap.

DOUG FEHAN, CORVETTE RACING PROGRAM MANAGER: "Once again, Corvette Racing defied the odds and captured valued championship points by finishing fourth and fifth. The early fuel-stop strategy implemented by the No. 3 Corvette engineers yielded incredible results and the late-race driving by Tommy in the No. 4 Corvette brought everything together. As usual, it came down to the last lap and the team was fully prepared to take advantage of every opportunity. An amazing finish!

Antonio and Jan won for the second straight year at **Virginia International Raceway** (VIR) on August 27 by crossing the finish line to win by 12.031 seconds! The victory increased their lead in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) Driver's standings and moved Chevrolet back into first place in the Manufacturer's Championship. It also marked Corvette Racing's 106th all-time victory dating back to 2000 – three of those coming at VIR.

Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin appeared set to join their teammates on the podium of the GT-only race before late contact knocked the No. 4 Corvette from second-place. Milner drove a storming final stint and had just moved up from third with a pass going into the braking zone of the track's long backstretch, but the two cars went off track and briefly stalled. Milner was able to rejoin the field, but a punctured tire as a result of the collision added insult to injury. He and Gavin eventually finished sixth.

Corvette Racing's next event takes place at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on Sunday, September 24. The final race of the season is Petit LeMans on October 7 from Road Atlanta.

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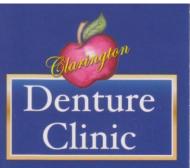
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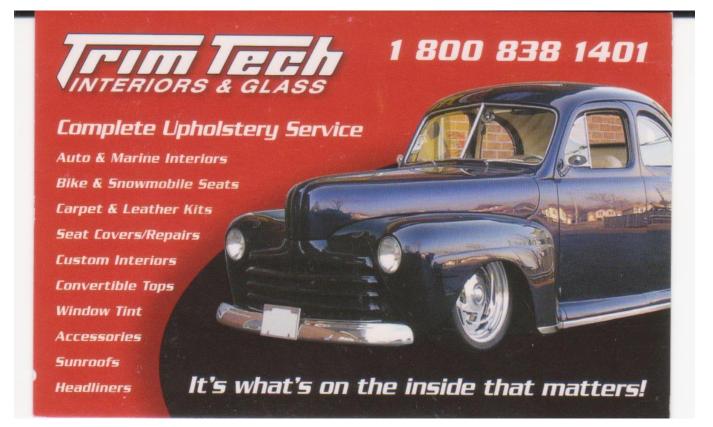






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DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	ТІМЕ
Sept 9	CCCC-ER Recognition Awards/Memorial Cruise	John Robinson	Senick Family Farm, 8 th Line, Essa ON	11:00 am – 2:30 pm
Sept 9	NCRS Ontario Road		Essa ON	8:00 am –
Sept 10	Tour/Corvettes for Kids	Ron Langlois	Details from Ron Langlois	5:00 pm
	Pineridge CC Summer's		Butchie's Damn Tasty Food, Whitby	9:00 am –
Sept 16	End Corvette Cruis'In	John Robinson	(formerly Shake, Rabble & Roll)	1:30 pm
Sept 20	General Meeting	Dorothy Gagnon	Amici's Restaurant, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	7:30 pm
			Hy-Hope Farm, Lakeridge Road;	1:00 pm –
Sept 30	Golf & Corn Roast	Jan Raven	Details to follow by email	6:00 pm
Oct 18	General Meeting	Jann Langlois	TBD	7:30 pm
Oct 21-22	Fall Cruise	Cathy Nunno	Burleigh Falls Inn Hwy. 28, Burleigh Falls ON	ТВА
21-22				IBA
Oct 28	Euchre & Games Night	Cathy Nunno	Italian Social Club, Oshawa	ТВА
Nov 15	General Meeting	Jann Langlois	твр	7:30 pm
Nov 25	COD Christmas Party	Cathy Nunno	Deer Creek Golf Club, Ajax	5:30 pm

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