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Above, Corvettes on display in the Skydome of the National Corvette Museum. Here you will see Corvettes throughout the generations, from the first Vette produced in 1953 to the C7 "test mule" (actually in a C6 body) found in the "Generations Exhibit". You'll also see experimental and prototype Corvettes. Nowhere else will you see the *only surviving 1983 Corvette!!*



August 2018



President's Report

By Ken Gordon

I would like to start by thanking all the members who came out to "The Big M" last month. Owner Chris was thrilled with the turnout and the fact that it wasn't rained out like previous years.

"Reminder" 25th Annual Autofest is just around the corner (August 25th & 26th) if you haven't already registered please contact Linda Landry 289-240-8388; always a great weekend!

I understand the "Simply Corvettes Show" in Brampton had a poor turnout due to terrible weather, but congrats to our members who came home with awards.

This is an Election year for the four Elected Executive Positions. I personally am more than happy to continue representing the Club as President with no immediate plans to step down. I am more than pleased with Anne as our new Treasurer and Roxanne as our Secretary, but sadly we do need to have someone replace Brian Lindow's position as the Vice President. The four elected positions are open to ALL members. If you are interested in being nominated for any of these positions please let me know at 289-923 8333.

On a personal note I'm sad to report that I lost my Father-in-law last week. Marilyn's Father was a huge influence in my life. He taught me how to construct buildings and to take care of masonry work, (my nick name at the cottage is Luigis) and so much more but he also loved to party. He will be sadly missed.

I am looking forward to the BBQ at Roxanne & John's on Saturday August 18th. Please let Jann Langlois know what dish you plan to contribute for that afternoon.

Marilyn and I are heading to the cottage on Thursday to arrange hosting approx. 80 people for Eel's Lake Regatta Horseshoe Tournament (wish us luck)!

See you at Roxanne & John's.

Ken



Corvettes of Durham was established in 2000. We 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 the Social Convenor know.

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Happy August Birthday!

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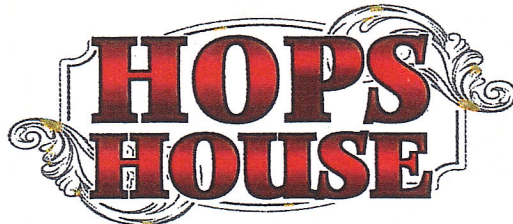
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During his racing career Dave was with a winning team earning Motorola Cup championship in 1997, 1998 and 1999. Also in 1999 his team garnered first in the Hoosier Pit Stop Challenge, beating out 42 other teams and in 2001 his team won the Grand American Championship with Dave getting the Crew Chief of the Year Award. "I did a stint in racing with Powell Motorsports. We used to do the Grand American Series which is a Canadian American series for road racing. We were quite successful with that and we raced in Florida, Sebring, and Daytona to mention a few. We were champions of the series so my knowledge and heart is in the newer cars as well as the older cars," he says.

Dave knows cars old and new inside and out. He started Stevenson Specialty Cars five years ago after twenty years in dealerships and has quickly become the go-to in the GTA and beyond and in particular for Corvettes. This is a licenced shop available to do safety checks as well as auto glass.

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AutoFest August 25 and August 26, 2018

IT'S AUTOFEST TIME AGAIN!

AutoFest is a weekend-long car show at Lakeview Park in Oshawa on Saturday August 25 and Sunday August 26. 2018 marks the 25th Anniversary of **AutoFest** and in excess of 1,000 cars are expected - anything from a Rat Rod to a decked out Cadillac and anything in between. It's really interesting to see the imagination people put into their cars.

As usual, we will meet at the Tim Horton's at 503 Wentworth St. in Oshawa at 7:30 AM to leave the parking lot at 8:15 AM and be at Lakeview Park for 8:30 AM. **AutoFest** organizers like COD to arrive together because we're a big group and they can get us settled early. *And* it guarantees our great, shaded area at the west end of the park. Once we're parked you can do the final registration and receive your goody bags and T-shirts.

Remember to bring your lawn chairs and coolers with your refreshments (*no alcohol is permitted – this is a City-owned park*). Food is available at the park but you can certainly bring your own food. Be prepared for any kind of weather as you will be right at the shores of Lake Ontario. A jacket and long pants might come in handy. Think of it as going on a picnic ☺

There are many activities for all: a Woman's World i.e. shopping, vendors of all kinds i.e. car stuff, a reptile zoo and of course lots of beautiful cars!

COD members wishing to attend **AutoFest** should have registered by now (by mail) with **AutoFest**. The \$30.00 registration fee expires on August 3rd; after that date the fee is \$45.00. Both fees include the **AutoFest** t-shirt and eligibility to win all prizes being offered.

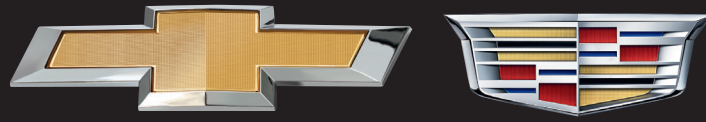
It's not too late to register! If you don't already have a registration form, please see the AutoFest website: www.autofestoshawa.com.

Gilles and I would appreciate it if you could let us know if you plan on attending so that we have a rough head/car count.

If anyone has any questions, please contact me by phone (289-240-8388) or email (icavette@hotmail.com).

Hope to see you there!

Linda Landry



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To: Our Friends of The Corvettes Of Durham

The membership of The Royal Canadian legion Highland Creek Branch 258 wishes to thank all of the Corvette Club members who participated in our Canada Day Celebration 2018. The show & shine was a great success and drew many people in to see the beautiful "Vettes" and to stay at the Branch for an enjoyable day.

The Branch provided food, music, dancing and children's outside activities even though the weather was extremely hot. The Branch Colour Guard and Blues and Greys marched from The Tony Stacey For Veterans Care down to the Branch where a welcoming ceremony was held inside the building due to the heat. It was a very enjoyable day and we would like to thank you all once again for your participation.

The Branch was saddened to hear of the passing of Brian Lindow who was instrumental in organizing your participation in last year's celebration at Branch 258. The Branch membership extends its condolences to his family and his extended family of The Corvette Club. His family and friends will sorely miss Brian.

From:

Your friends at RCL Highland Creek Branch 258

Applefest 2018



In September 2017, John and I attended the Brighton Applefest - Car Show with Randy Taylor. We met up with Bruce Smith and Curleen and we all had a great time.

John and I plan to attend the Car Show this year in remembrance of Randy. We invite those who are interested in "cruising" to Brighton on **September 29th** for the 2018 Show to join us.

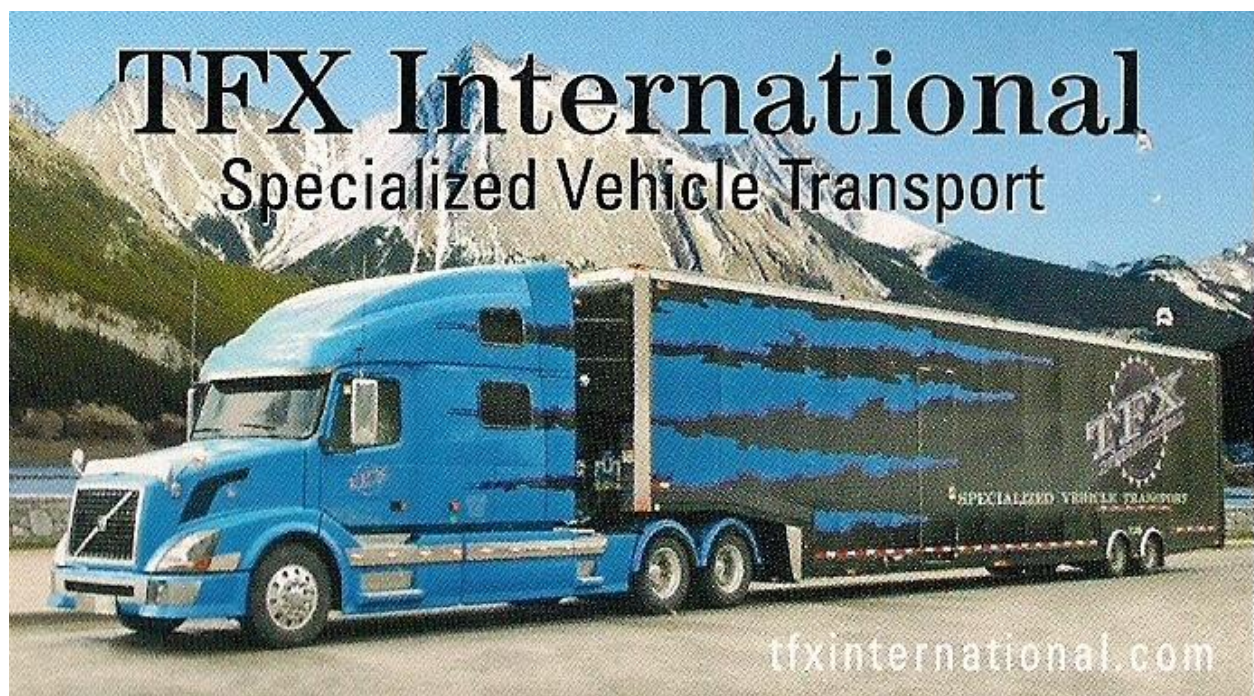
The Annual Brighton Applefest Car Show is held downtown at the Brighton Public School from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Last year there were more than 150 cars at the Show (all makes and models). Of course, the Vettes were the best!

There is something for everyone at the Street Fair with over 150 booths of food, clothing, jewelry, crafts, cider, home baking and more. The shops on Main Street have lots of unique items, too. Suffice to say there are plenty of things to keep the women engaged while the guys attend the Car Show.

I am still trying to get the details on how to register for the Car Show and the Registration Fee. (2017 fee was \$5.00). Once I get those details I will send an email to the membership and details on where to meet for the cruise etc.

I can also verbally finalize info at the General Meeting in September.

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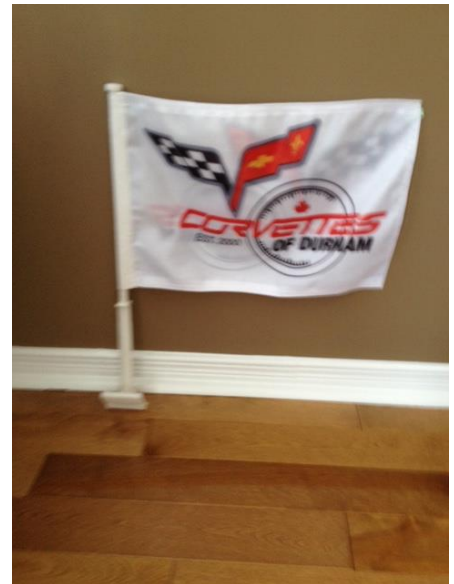
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CORVETTE INVASION – KINGSTON

Submitted by Linda Bunn

Over 300 Corvettes from 23 clubs in Canada and the USA invaded Kingston, Ontario on June 22 and 23, 2018... and, 13 members from Corvettes of Durham were part of the "Invasion". The weekend was organized by Eastern Ontario Corvette Club, specifically by John and Heather Price and the other members of the organizing committee. For an event with no money spent on advertising and only made known by word of mouth through sponsorships and other Corvette clubs, the response and number of participants was overwhelming.



Linda & Chuck Bunn



Town Crier

The event started with registration throughout Friday afternoon at the Ambassador Hotel, where most of the attendees were staying. At 3:30 those at the Ambassador Hotel drove as a group downtown to the waterfront, City Hall and the Springer Market for a *Meet and Greet* until 9pm. Cars continued to arrive throughout the evening and approximately 350 Corvettes were at the Friday evening event parked in permitted areas and overflow.

At 5pm the group was welcomed by the Town Crier, Mayor and Kingston Police



Official Welcoming Party, City Hall

Pipe Band giving everyone lots of time to enjoy the downtown waterfront, restaurants and spend time looking at all the amazing cars and enjoying the company of other Corvette enthusiasts.

Saturday morning started out overcast for the 4 cruises of approximately 50 cars each, set up to tour the countryside around Kingston. All the COD members were on the north cruise, mainly driving along the shore of the St. Lawrence and enjoying views of The Thousand Islands. The cruises ended up at the Portsmouth Olympic Harbour (home of the 1976 Sailing Olympics) for a catered lunch. Fortunately the rain held off until about three-quarters of the way through the cruise and lasted into the afternoon.

Saturday afternoon was free time for those who wanted to tour historic Fort Henry, Kingston Penitentiary, city tour on the Trolley, cruise The Thousand Islands or just some R&R back at the hotel.

Saturday evening, the grand finale, was a dinner/dance held at the Ambassador Hotel. It started with a cocktail hour at 6pm.



Ambassador Dining Room

A surprise attendee at the cocktail hour was “Lucy”, a 2019 ZR1 prototype, production test car in Sebring Orange, the first ever delivered by GM to Canada, and just for this event.



Lucy

Cocktail hour was followed by an outstanding dinner buffet that surpassed everyone's expectations. Speeches, a 50/50



draw and door prizes followed dinner and then dancing to a live band finished off the evening.

Overall the weekend was an outstanding success due mainly to the efforts of those organizing the event. It was well organized and all the information provided to the participants was detailed and thorough... right down to the closest car washes and gas stations. Kingston Police volunteered their time and efforts throughout the event. Kingston Police Community Volunteers and Event Volunteers were on hand at the events and also provided surveillance over the cars during the *Meet and Greet* and also the parking lot at the Ambassador Hotel.

The City of Kingston was so welcoming and has so much to offer visitors to their City. Unfortunately there wasn't enough time for us to even touch on what is available to do and see.

When asked numerous times about when the second invasion would be scheduled, John Price was adamant the Kingston Corvette Invasion was a one-time only event... **however**, all attendees just received an email from John thanking everyone for participating, ending with a save the date notice for **June 19-21, 2020**, promising an even bigger and better event!!!

Check out the Kingston Corvette Invasion Facebook page for more pictures.

It was an unforgettable weekend ... can't wait for the next one!

Thanks to Linda Bunn and to Marg Kowal for the photos!





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HAVE YOU HEARD? Corvette Racing is going to race in China on November 18th to compete in the FIA World Endurance Championship's 6-hour race in Shanghai. To meet deadlines, the team needed to have its entry fully organized in July.



The Corvette team will field a single car in the GTE-Pro class, bringing the number of manufacturers in the class to six (Corvette, Porsche, BMW, Ferrari, Ford and possibly Aston Martin). The Corvette C7.R will be specially outfitted in Chevrolet's "Redline" livery (see photo above) which was revealed at the 2015 SEMA Show.

Corvette Racing will use a unique driver line-up for the race and select crew members from both teams to ensure they have all their bases covered for the trip. The majority of tools, parts and equipment will be shipped to Shanghai by sea, leaving prior to the end of the race season, with the C7.R being sent to Shanghai by air freight following October's *Petit Le Mans* race.

More news to come!



AMBASSADOR

August 2018



If you've been to the Museum and toured through its collection of Corvettes, you would have seen at least one Vette from each model year since 1953. And that includes the *one-and-only* 1983 model! Some Corvettes on display at the NCM are actually on loan from private and corporate lenders, with the majority of the Corvettes belonging to the Museum through donations and a few purchases.

According to the Museum's weekly email newsletter issued on July 26th, the Museum has a 'wish list' of certain model years they wish to add to their Corvette collection as well as other vehicles related to the Corvette story. Like us, you may be surprised at what's on their 'wish list'. [View the Wish List →](#)



As mentioned last month, we'll be attending the Museum's 24th Anniversary weekend (August 30-Sept.1) and volunteering some time over our four days there. We're going on a day cruise to the Swope Car Museum in nearby Elizabethtown and we'll attend the Lifetime Members' dinner. From the Ambassador's meeting, we'll bring back NCM news we learn there.

Don't forget to let us know if you plan to visit the Museum at any time. COD has passes for free entry into the Museum to be used by COD members who are not already members of the NCM.

Ron & Sue
NCM Ambassadors

Since the July newsletter, the Corvette Racing team has been very busy. In mid-June they raced at the 24-Hours of LeMans where the No. 63 car finished 5th in their class. Unfortunately the No. 64 car began to unravel early with front end suspension problems, then handling issues and finally engine overheating which resulted in the car's retirement from the track.

Less than two weeks later, the Watkins Glen race began a critical "3-race in 4-weeks" period. At the Glen, the team was cheered on by approx. 275 enthusiasts at the Corvette Corral. At the conclusion of this 6-hour endurance race, the No. 4 Corvette placed 3rd; the No. 3 placed 4th.

On to CTMP the following weekend where Corvette Racing has enjoyed numerous successes over the years. More podium finishes at CTMP - 2nd place for the No. 3 car and 3rd place for the No. 4 car. And another record attendance at the Corral!

The busy-ness didn't stop there. Lime Rock followed two weeks later with high hopes that our team would achieve their 100th victory in IMSA competition. With just 13 minutes to go, the No. 3 lost the lead to a Ford due to an "off-course excursion". Jan Magnussen later said it was "hard to swallow" after dominating the race from pole position. The outcome was 2nd place for the No. 3 car and 4th place for the No. 4 car.

All three races following LeMans were held in record-setting heat and

humidity, sapping fans' energy but not the team's desire to win!

The No. 3 team of Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia now stand in 2nd place in Driver Points at 207, just 1 point behind the class leader; and the No. 4 team of Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner hold 5th place with 195 points. In Manufacturer's points, Chevrolet sits in 2nd position with 219 points.

By the time you read this, Corvette Racing will be competing at Road America in Wisconsin. Please check www.corvetteracing.com for photos, videos and complete results of the race. www.IMSA.com also shows results as well as live timing & scoring during the race.



CTMP - entering Turn 1



CTMP



Passing the Corvette Corral, Watkins Glen



Pit Lane, Watkins Glen



2nd Place for Jan & Antonio



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Lime Rock – 2nd place for Jan & Antonio

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From the archives...

Here comes the ZR-1

Sure to steal the scene, the Corvette ZR-1 will come out later this year. Under the hood, this bona fide sports car houses the LT-5 engine. This powerplant boasts a four-camshaft, 32-valve, 5.7 litre, 375 horsepower configuration. Coupled to a six-speed transmission, this machine is sure to live up to its ultimate Corvette ranking. Robert English of the **Financial Post**, who recently reviewed the car, said: "The 1989 Corvette, particularly the Lotus-equipped when it arrives, is General Motors' new flagship. It proves the company has people with the talent to build world-beating cars."



**From the November 24, 1988
edition of *Auto Info*, issued by Car
Assembly, Oshawa Ontario.**

Who builds Vette's LT5 engine?

While the LT5 engine was designed and developed by GM's Group Lotus Division in Hethel, England in conjunction with C-P-C Engineering, it is being manufactured under contract by Mercury in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The relatively low volume and highly specialized manufacturing process of this engine program makes the Stillwater plant an ideal choice.

This is where Mercury produces its MERCRUISER stern drive and inboard engines, many of which are based on marine conversions of standard GM automotive engines.

Final assembly is carried out at a series of work stations on two parallel lines in an area closed off from the rest of the Stillwater facility to maintain a clean environment.


Operating like an engine-building shop, the engines are assembled by hand.

From Vette Gazette and reproduced in the March 3, 1989 edition of *Auto Info*, issued by Car Assembly, Oshawa Ontario.

"Auto Info is produced daily for the (Oshawa) Car Plant by Editor Rob Henesey, Photo Journalist Stan Campbell and Joe Feenstra."

Corvette Convertible Hardtop

Chevrolet's Corvette Convertible Hardtop...is back after more than a decades' absence. The 58-pound hardtop is now available as an option on all 1989 Corvette convertibles, the first such option since 1975 when production of Corvette convertibles ended. A soft-top convertible rejoined the Corvette lineup in 1986 as part of the current-general 'Vette, but the Hardtop – a distant cousin of the first-general Corvettes – didn't arrive until 1989.



From the June 30,
1989 edition of *Auto
Info*, issued by Car
Assembly, Oshawa Ontario.

****With thanks to Ron Langlois for sharing this archival information!****

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And speaking of [Ron Langlois](#), the Archivist at the National Corvette Museum is very appreciative of the historical material that Ron donated to the NCM Archives in April this year. Among them were items from the Museum's Grand Opening Weekend in 1994: Event Agenda, Brochures, Caravan route list, Grand Opening Celebration NCM window decal, stamped postcards bearing the NCM hand-cancellation date of September 2, 1994, (one of which is autographed by Larry Shinoda), Opening Weekend Beach Boys concert ticket order form, Michigan-Ohio-Canada Caravan List of participants and much, much more.

Additionally, Ron donated numerous print materials from the 5th Anniversary Caravan; and another set of stamped postcards bearing the NCM hand-cancellation date of June 29, 2003.

Library & Archives Coordinator Betty Hardison sends her thanks and appreciation to **Ron** for helping grow the National Corvette Museum Archives.

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Over the weekend of July 6 – 8, approximately 10 COD members enjoyed Corvette Racing at CTMP's Corvette Corral. This was the largest Corvette Corral ever, with 137 Vettes from Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Michigan and Florida.



CTMP Corvette Corral above & below left.

Below - Corvette Racing's Dan Binks (Crew Chief No. 3 Corvette), Brian Hoyle (Crew Chief No. 4 Corvette) and Gary Pratt in a Q&A session in the Corral.



<< This year's Official Pace car, a 2019 Corvette ZR1 wearing the CTMP logo.

Below, during the race seen from the Corral.



Thanks to Norby Dippold for the photos above.

Corvette Night at Big M, July 20th with music, food, 50-50 & door prizes, great weather and great COD friends!

All photos courtesy of Kim Lowes, *snapd* Pickering.



Clockwise from upper right – Ed; Joe; Lisa & Anne; Roxanne & her friend Rebecca; Ken and Terry; Fletch, Joe & Barb.

More photos available at <https://pickering.snapd.com>. Type “Corvette” in the ‘event search’ box and choose Corvette Night at Big M.



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2018 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug 5	Corvettes of Southern Ontario Show Light judging	Ron Langlois	Linwood Park, Simcoe. Flyer in this newsletter.	8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Aug 12	Corvettes of Western Ontario Concours + closed + open hood Judgings	Ron Langlois	Legion Branch 501, London. Breakfast & lunch; grass park'g. Flyer in this newsletter.	8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Aug 18	General Meeting (see flyer in this newsletter)	Jann Langlois RSVP by Aug 10	Held at the home of Roxanne & John Chiusolo, Newcastle.	1:00 pm - ???
Aug 25 & 26	AutoFest	Linda & Gilles Landry	Lakeview Park, Oshawa	
Sept 8	CCCC-ER Recognition/Cruise	Ron Langlois	Sennick Farm, Essa ON	11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sept. 16	PRCC Summer's End Show (pre-registration required)	Ron Langlois	Oshawa Airport	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sept 19	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm meeting
Sept. 29	Brighton Applefest Car Show	Judy Robinson	Downtown Brighton.	Details to follow.
Oct 12 – 14	Fall Cruise	Jan Raven	Horseshoe Valley Resort. Details in July 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

GREEN – CCCC Event

BLACK – COD Event

RED – General Information