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President's Report

October 2022



Thank you for having the confidence in me to continue as the President of Corvettes of Durham for another two years. Congratulations to Brian Striemer, Allan Harris and Susanne Ralph who continue in the positions of Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Lucky me to be working with such an awesome team!

The cruise to Picton was great and no one got lost this year. Heartfelt thanks to Frank and Jo-Anne DiLornezo for hosting the barbecue and giving us such a warm welcome! An amazing selection of snacks, salads and desserts were devoured with delight and Frank and John did a fabulous job barbecuing for the crowd.

The Annual General Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th, will NOT be held at Royal Ashburn. Royal Ashburn enjoys having our group visiting them, but they are closing the golf course on that day for standard routine fall maintenance. Please stay tuned to hear about which venue we will host the meeting. A representative from the Humane Society will be in attendance to accept our first annual donation to them, so this is a meeting not to be missed.

The Christmas party will be held on December 10th at the Shriners club in Oshawa. Tickets will be on sale at the October 19th and November 16th meetings. Buy your tickets before October 31st and have a chance to win one of two free COD memberships for 2023!! Please see the ad in this newsletter for more details.

Thanks to John Fletcher for churning out these fabulous newsletters every month!

Cheers!

Anne Halverson

MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2022

Oshawa & District Shrine Club

1626 Simcoe St N, Oshawa



Tickets
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Meetings

TIME: 5:00 p.m. Cash Bar Opens
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LAST DATE TO PURCHASE TICKETS: November 30th



Corvettes of Durham was established in 2000. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm and have recently re-started our on site meetings. 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 one of the COD Executive know.

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COD Members' Corner



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October Birthdays

Gary Karam Oct 14th



Happy Birthday!!!

Happy 45th Anniversary to Norby and Patti...Oct 1st



Thank you very much for the gorgeous flower arrangement for my mother's passing. My family and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness very much. I have sent pictures to our family. They are so beautiful. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and kindness. Take best of care
Patti Dickey

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COD Newsworthy News

- ✚ Thanks to Carl and Susan for the pics and write up for Carlisle...and no matter what Carl say's...Carl isle was not named after him.
- ✚ Thanks to Carl and Susan for the RAE write up with pics...is it all about Carl month, are they trying to take over the newsletter??? Stay tuned...
- ✚ After a hard fought and hotly contested election the 4 incumbents just managed to be re-elected for another 2 years. Actually, no one else ran or were nominated soooo Allan would like to thank all those that didn't run.
- ✚ Thanks to Jan Raven for the NCM write up...is she trying to take over Carl and Sue's take over???
- ✚ Thanks to Frank and JoAnne for their hospitality for the Fall Cruise and thanks to Susan for the write up and a big thanks to me for providing written directions...no one got lost.

I ASKED MY GRANDPA, "AFTER 65 YEARS, YOU STILL CALL GRANDMA DARLING, BEAUTIFUL, AND HONEY. WHAT'S THE SECRET?" HE SAID, "I FORGOT HER NAME 5 YEARS AGO AND I'M SCARED TO ASK HER."



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National Corvette Museum

28th Anniversary Celebration

As most of you know, every Labour Day, the National Corvette Museum celebrates its anniversary. For the past few years the event had been scaled back due to COVID, so we were happy it was almost normal. David & I are Founding Members of the NCM so we go almost every year. We hadn't been there since 2018 and we noticed a few changes. There are lots of interesting things to see at the NCM. Check out the NCM website for a virtual tour.

A couple of years ago, we ordered lots of memorial bricks for the members we had lost over the years. These were installed around our original Club Brick with our other personal bricks. We have 23 individual bricks on the National Corvette Museum Walkway. That is unheard of for a club!!!

The NCM has revamped its store. Everything is there - you just have to look harder for it. The delivery section has been enlarged and some of the displays have been updated.

The Corvette Cafe has also been renovated and now it has the feel of a "fine dining" restaurant. It includes a bar. We were fortunate enough to meet up with Allan and Annie for lunch. The menu starts out offering a Bison, Elk & Wild Boar burger. Sure didn't appeal to us but we managed to find more conventional items on the menu. I am sure the 6 oz. glass of wine is in "U.S. ounces" because that glass contained a least 1/2 a bottle of wine. They sure aren't stingy with drinks.

Allan was celebrating his 10th Anniversary as a NCM member so we went into watch the celebration. We had missed our 30th Anniversary in 2020 because of COVID. Allan walked right up to the MC and asked if they would mind acknowledging us being there after 32 years. It was really nice. Thank you Allan. We really appreciated it.

Speaking of Allan.....

A group picture was taken of all the members celebrating milestones. Allan is in the yellow shirt in the picture. There was a very nice lady sitting beside Allan and well, Allan was being Allan! I think the conversation went something like this:

Lady: "Sit Still"

Allan: "I can't sit still, I'm excited"

Lady: "I was a school principal - I know your type - now sit still and behave"

Allan: "I can't sit still"

Lady: "You are a child!" (She said with a BIG smile)

National Corvette Museum

By Jan Raven





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RAE & Memorial Cruise

McSenick Farms, Essa

By Carl and Susan Gomes



We assembled at Jan and Dave Raven's House where we enjoyed coffee, tea, and baked goods. Thank you, Jan! Allan Harris led our group of six Corvettes on a scenic cruise to Daryl Senick's Family Farm in Essa which is near Cookstown.

The Senick farm house was built in 1864. What a lovely setting to spend a day with Corvette enthusiasts from the Quad C Clubs!

The Corvettes are lined up in the driveway of the farm, ready for the two hour cruise through the Halton Hills.

We ate our lunch in the shade of the barn. There was a buffet which offered amazing rural Ontario cooking – smoked brisket and ribs, bbq chicken, sausages, homemade salads, and an assortment of tarts, squares, and cookies. We were HAPPY!!!

The kids from the local 4-H Club judged the Corvettes. Jan Langlois' Grand Sport won the prize for the best engine. Congratulations, Jan!!!

At the Awards Ceremony, three of our COD members were in the "Top 20" 2019 Participation Series for The Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs, Eastern Region. Congratulations go to Joe Debattista, Carl Gomes, and Brian Streimer.



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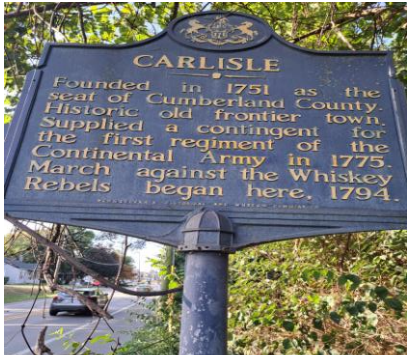
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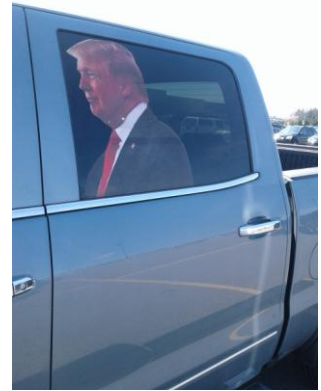


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In August of 2024, the National Corvette Museum (NCM) will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of its opening! The NCM has grown over the years and currently boasts a representative collection of every Corvette built. Nowhere else will you see the *only surviving 1983 Corvette!!*

To celebrate this special anniversary occasion, Ontario Corvette owners are invited to participate in a Caravan - often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event - traveling together to the home of the Corvette. Bowling Green, Kentucky is the destination, arriving in time for the museum festivities to begin. The dates are Thursday, August 29 through Saturday, August 31, 2024.

In order to arrive in Bowling Green together, Ontario needs a Caravan Captain to lead us! An event such as this requires planning and coordinating. Will that be you and your team?

The Caravan Captain must be a National Corvette Museum member. If you're not already an NCM member, signing up is easy. Log on to the NCM website at www.corvettemuseum.org, select 'membership' from the dropdown box, select '**Become a Member**' and follow the steps.

Task highlights to be carried out by the **Caravan Captain** and the ON organizing team are:

- Choose an organizing committee treasurer, co-captain, and others as required (such as regional representatives, ON Caravan shirts, media, sponsorship coordinators)
- Have the treasurer set up dual signatory bank accounts in both Canadian and US funds.
- Set up a specific ON Caravan email account and ON Caravan Facebook page
- Sign a contract to reserve hotel accommodation in Bowling Green KY for at least 50 rooms. Request complementary accommodation for the ON Captain in return for the large number of rooms being booked.
- Organize the route from ON to Bowling Green, deciding where best to cross the border. (*Note: Unless the captain is familiar with the choice of routes from Ontario to Bowling Green, it is helpful to drive the route and take note of the possible overnight stops along the way.*)
- Sign a contract to reserve hotels for the overnight stops on the route to Bowling Green. Request complementary rooms for the ON Captain in return for the large number of rooms being booked.
- Compose and manage the ON webpage for the NCM website including local contact data, ON registration sheet with payment method and amount (~\$25/car) and submit to NCM for posting. Send updates to the Museum as necessary.
- Post the above information on the ON Caravan Facebook page. Update as required.
- Attend twice-yearly 'Caravan Captains' meetings at the NCM if able, or send an alternate to represent the ON Caravan team.
- Participate in NCM Caravan fund-raising efforts by purchasing items for re-sale to ON Corvette drivers - window clings, flags etc.
- Choose a convenient departure point from ON which has parking and washrooms for all ON Caravan participants
- Other tasks to be completed or delegated as / when required.

Do you have questions? Advice and assistance can be obtained from the National Caravan Chair, Frank Sancineto. Frank has considerable past Caravan Captain experience. He is reachable by phone at **919.604.6978** or by email at nationalchair2024@gmail.com.



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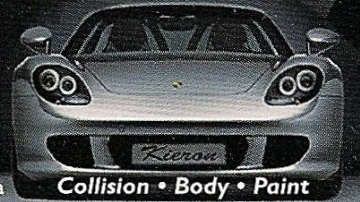
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Fall Cruise - Picton



The weather Gods blessed us with a glorious early autumn day for our scenic cruise to JoAnne and Frankie's farm in Picton. After we exited the 401 at Wooler Road, nine Corvettes and a Buick cruised along the picturesque country roads until we finally reached the DiLorenzo Estate. JoAnne welcomed us as we drove into the driveway, directing us to park the Corvettes on the lawn at the side of the farmhouse. As we settled into our chairs on the front lawn, the aroma of Frankie's barbeque wafted through the cool air. We were soon enjoying hamburgers, sausages, salads, and desserts. The afternoon was spent enjoying the company of friends, both old and new.

Thank you, JoAnne and Frankie for your generous hospitality in hosting the Fall Cruise.

Sue Gomes



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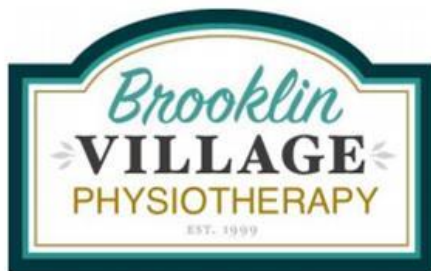
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It Takes a Village....

Corvette Stuff



My friend, Randy, passed away several years ago.

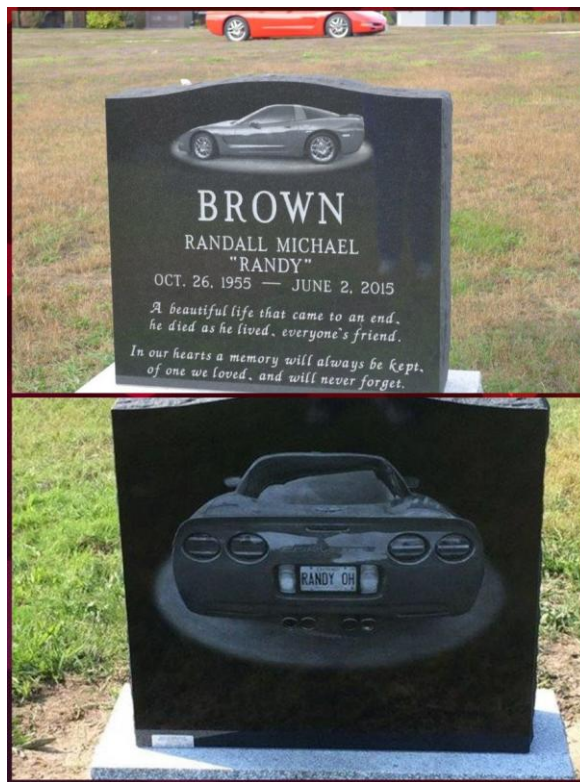
He had a long and rewarding career teaching Auto Mechanics to high school kids and was a diehard, lifelong Corvette enthusiast. Like many Corvette lovers, he sometimes joked that the emotional attachment to his red 2000 Corvette coupe was so strong, that he wanted the C5 buried with him.

Unfortunately, Randy's cemetery plot wasn't large enough but, as you can see in the attached photos, he did the next best thing! As per his instructions, dynamic side and rear images of his actual car were laser-etched into his gravestone. That's Randy's C5 standing vigil at the grave. Always generous, he bequeathed the car to another Corvette buddy who took these photographs.

In life, Randy taught Auto Mechanics to thousands of young people. In death, it seems somehow fitting, that children leave toy cars at his Orillia, Ontario, gravesite, in silent tribute to "The Vette Man."

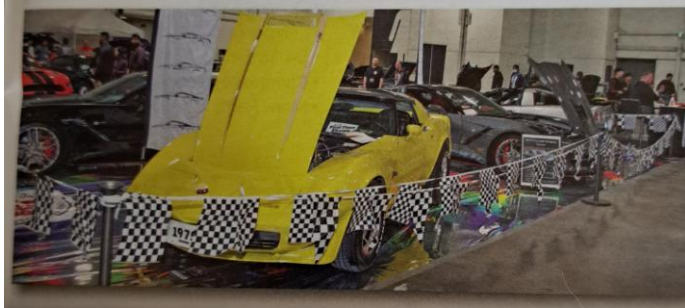
Rock on Randy!

Edward R. Hayward



CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS (ER)

Every year, the CCCC(ER) mounts a club display to promote awareness of the club network that exists for Corvette owners. The cars will vary by year, but some are stalwarts. The cars are a yellow 1975 coupe owned by Carl Gomes, Ajax. A 2016 black C7 owned by Julian Ralph from Pickering. A 1999 silver C5 owned by Ken Gordon from Pickering. A 2014 gray C7 coupe by Brian Strierner from Oshawa. And, finally, a 2011 black convertible owned by Brian Arthur from Deep River.



Even though the information being a CCCC display is wrong, it's still nice to be featured in **VETTE VUES** magazine. He could have at least mentioned COD.

2022 Events Calendar

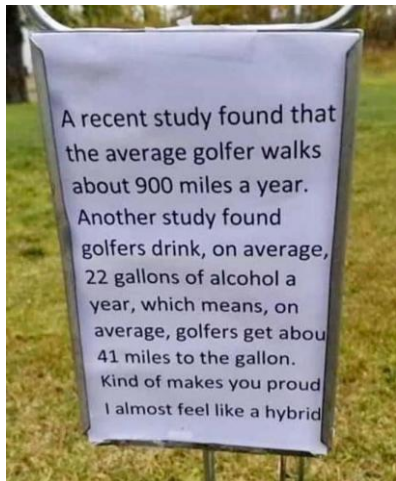


Date	Event	Contact	Location	Time
October 19th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	6:00pm
October 31st	Halloween			All Day
November 16th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	TBA
December 10th	Christmas Dance	Anne Halverson	Shrine Club Oshawa	6:00 pm
December 25th	Christmas	See Allan for	your present	All Day

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