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## President's Report

November 2022



Our Annual General Meeting was held on October 19<sup>th</sup> in Brooklin. Cindy from the Humane Society of Durham graciously accepted our donation of \$500, plus all the goodies of food and toys that we had brought. Thanks to Susan Gomes for making the arrangements with the Humane Society.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Shriners club in Oshawa. The party will include a buffet dinner and a DJ playing your favourite songs. It should be a fun time!! Tickets will be on sale at the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting or you can contact Allan Harris to buy your tickets. Please see the ad in this newsletter for more details.

Club membership fees for 2023 are payable before January 31<sup>st</sup>. The membership fee is \$75, which includes your \$20 registration fee for DreamVettes.

We will allow John Fletcher to take a break for the month of December and not produce a newsletter for that month. So, this is my final President's Report for 2022. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Stay healthy and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

Cheers!

Anne Halverson

MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

**Oshawa & District Shrine Club**

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Tickets  
Available  
Oct 19 and  
Nov 16  
General  
Meetings

TIME: 5:00 p.m. Cash Bar Opens  
6:30 p.m. Dinner

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E-transfer to [allan.harris2@sympatico.ca](mailto:allan.harris2@sympatico.ca)

**LAST DATE TO PURCHASE TICKETS: November 30<sup>th</sup>**



**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



CORVETTES OF DURHAM proudly sponsors the Oshawa Hospital Foundation R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre. We have donated \$48175.00 so far.



CORVETTES OF DURHAM are now sponsoring the Durham Humane Society, starting with a \$500.00 donation for 2022

## November Birthdays

<b>Julian Ralph</b>	<b>Nov 2nd</b>
<b>Sharon Boulter</b>	<b>Nov 5th</b>
<b>Paul Arsenault</b>	<b>Nov 20th</b>
<b>Brian Striemer</b>	<b>Nov 25th</b>



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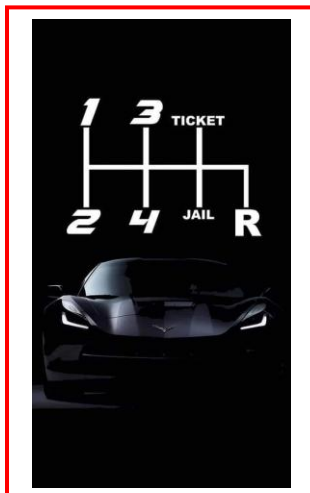
# COD Newsworthy News



- ✚ Looks like the last General Meeting of the year will be held on November 17th at the Brooklin Lounge, be sure to wear your lounge wear.
- ✚ Not even Hurricane Ian could stop Carl from going to Fall Carlisle.
- ✚ Joe won the 50–50 draw at the General Meeting, told everyone “don’t tell Avril”, don’t worry Joe...your secrets safe with me...
- ✚ You want your Corvette on the cover??? then you write the newsletter...if interested let me know, training is tax deductible.
- ✚ This is the last newsletter for 2022...so you may want to read it twice, it will be back in January.
- ✚ Interesting photo of Peter and??? Don took the photo and asked me to keep his identity a secret so I...oops.
- ✚ COD has added the Durham Humane Society as our second charity, more in this newsletter.



Is this a staring contest or are they actually twins???







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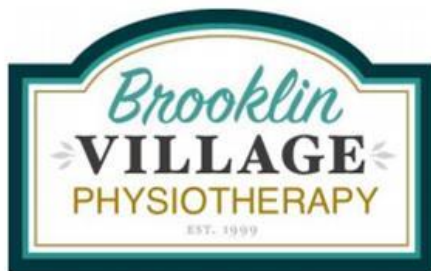
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# “Jake”

By Rick Austin

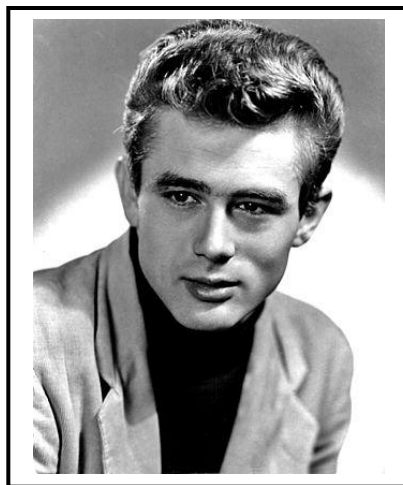


Ever wonder how this symbol and name became the symbol and mascot for the Corvette Racing Team?

Check out;

<https://www.corvette-mag.com/issues/148/articles/roll-the-bones>

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## **THE CURSE OF JAMES DEAN'S CAR**

- You may have heard the story of how Alec Guinness predicted James Dean's death and his car have even more coincidences that proved strange.
- After the wreck, a car collector bought it and while it was being delivered, it slipped off the trailer, crushing the legs of the mechanic who was delivering it.
- The engine itself was sold to a doctor who had it installed into his own vehicle. When the doctor test drove it for the first time, he lost control of the vehicle, hit a tree and died instantly.
- A second doctor purchased the transmission of Dean's Porsche. He also control of the car rolling it, but he survived the crash.
- Two tires of Dean's Porsche were sold to a man in New York. Shortly after installing them on his car, both tires blew up, causing the car to swerve off the road.
- There were numerous other stories of people being injured by the vehicle. Would-be thieves, transporters, museum-goers and more suffered injury from the car in some manner. Eventually the car went missing while in transport and its whereabouts have not been verified to this day.



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# Corvette Racing 2023



Today Chevrolet announced the plan for Corvette Racing in 2023. One Corvette C8.R will run the full season in IMSA and one will run the full season in WEC. The IMSA team will look nearly identical to this year's, with Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor contesting all of the races. Tommy Milner will join them for the long events - Daytona, Sebring and Petit Le Mans. Because there will no longer be a GTE PRO class in WEC for full-factory teams with all-pro driver lineups the WEC entry will compete in GTE AM with one full-pro driver (Nicky Catsburg), one "Bronze" rated driver (Ben Keating) and one Bronze or Silver driver (to be named later). As anyone who has followed top-level sports car racing in recent years knows, Ben Keating is one of, if not the, best Bronze driver in the world with multiple championships and victories at all the top races, including Le Mans, Sebring, and Daytona. He, Nicky and their co-driver will be highly competitive in next year's WEC races. When it comes to things we love change is always challenging - sometimes even frightening - but with regard to Corvette Racing there's nothing to worry about. Looking ahead, Corvette Racing continues to have intensely strong support from GM's top leadership, the Corvette Racing program continues to be guided by super-star GM Sports Car Racing Program Manager Laura Klauser and her incredibly devoted and capable team, unparalleled support continues to come from Chevrolet Engineering, Chevrolet Design, GM's Global Propulsion Systems, and the unbelievably talented men and women of Pratt Miller, production Corvettes continue to be the all-around best super-performance sports cars anywhere, and as a result of all of these factors, production-based Corvettes will continue to race, and win, around the world!



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## **COD's second charity**



As Corvettes of Durham's second charity, Cindy of the Durham Humane Society came out to our general meeting. Cindy spoke about the Durham Humane Society helping 800 to 1,200 animals per year. Many of these animals need medical care and since the DHS does not receive any government funding, they are very grateful for donations. Cindy told us two recent animal stories. In the first case, 12 cats and kittens were left on the DHS doorstep in a wire cage. Several of these felines were in desperate need of care. The DHS took them in and looked after them even though it is very inconvenient to have animals left outside the shelter.

Second story involved a small breed puppy that had been found on the side of the road. It was young and if the puppy had not been turned into the shelter by a stranger, it would probably not have survived the night. This puppy will now find a very good home.

The DHS also takes in all kinds of small animals including rabbits, gerbils, domestic rats etc.

Cindy was very thankful to receive our Club cheque of \$500.00 She posed for pictures with President Anne and Susan and Jann L., who both did a lot of work to make the presentation of donated goods a memorable experience.



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## WANTED: CAPTAIN for 'ONTARIO CARAVAN 2024'



In August of 2024, the National Corvette Museum (NCM) will celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:nationalchair2024@gmail.com).





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# Corvette News



Arizona State quarter back Trenton Bourguet came off the bench and led his team to a shocking 45-38 victory over then No. 21 Washington on Oct. 8, and following the game, his parents surprised him with a new C8 Corvette for graduation

Production of the 2023 Corvette will be halted once again, this time during the week of October 17th, due to a parts supply issue. According to The Detroit News, the GM Bowling Green assembly plant will be paused for a week as it deals with parts constraints that are unrelated to the microchip shortage. In addition to manufacturing the 2023 Corvette Stingray, the facility has started building the 2023 Corvette Z06.



Lingenfelter Performance Engineering shows off a new testing video showing their 700-hp supercharged LT2 Stingray runs the quarter mile in 10.6 seconds.





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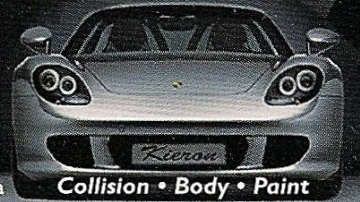
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November 16th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Brooklin Lounge	6:00pm
December 10th	Christmas Dance	Anne Halverson	Shrine Club Oshawa	6:00 pm
December 25th	Christmas	See Allan for	your present	All Day

Red – CCCC Events

Black – Various Shows

Blue – COD Events



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