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February 2021



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Eddy Schroer

## Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!!

Well, here we are with February upon us already and very little snow!! I hope everyone is doing well. Only a couple more months and we will be starting up our beautiful cars!!

A few things to mention: Ken's hip surgery in January was successful and he's doing well recovering. Thank you Linda and Chuck for putting together our First Trivia night. It was a huge success and lots of laughs for everyone who joined in (12 couples). Also, thank you and congratulations to Dave & Jan Raven for their wonderful article they wrote that is in this newsletter for everyone to read. Very nice.

Looking forward to participating in our first **Secret Valentine** this month that Gail has organized. Thank you to all who are participating. Should be fun!

Enjoy reading our February Newsletter!

Stay safe out there!

Eddy

P. S. Reminder that membership renewals are due.



**Corvettes of Durham** was established in 2000. We *usually* 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 one of the COD Executive know.

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## February Birthdays

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Gloria Chalmers, 8<sup>th</sup>

Shirley Arsenault, 10<sup>th</sup>

Darlene Read, 15<sup>th</sup>

Norby Dippold, 18<sup>th</sup>

Eddie Hayward, 20<sup>th</sup>

Marilyn Gordon, 21<sup>st</sup>



Have a great birthday!!

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## VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

It was going to be a long winter without us being able to get together physically so "virtual" seemed to be the way to go to get together with other club members. On Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> we had COD's first Virtual Trivia Game. Chuck & Linda were the emcees and twelve couples and some fur babies joined the Zoom meeting catching up with each other and then spending an hour testing <and wagering> on their knowledge of Corvettes, cars and general interest trivia.

### Attending:

Blair Bailey & Sharon Warner  
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Julian & Susanne Ralph  
Jan & Dave Raven

Darlene & Clayton Read  
John & Judy Robinson  
Ed & Gail Schroer  
Brian & Linda Striemer  
Ron Tremblay & Sue Woodland  
Roy Watts & Rosanne Kalpage

After three sessions of 10 questions each, followed by the answers, the players totalled their scores and wagered any or all of their points on the Final Question. AND...

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AND AWARDED  
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**RON & JANN LANGLOIS**

### HONOURABLE MENTION:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ron Tremblay & Sue Woodland**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jan Raven**

Congratulations go out to all the attendees! It was a fun evening and everyone seemed amazed on what they remembered, and forgot. Zoom worked well for those involved with a few minor glitches that we were able to work through. Dave & Jan Raven did not join the Zoom meeting, however, they were sent the questions via email once the game started and when they finished challenging each other they were sent the answers and scored accordingly. They sent in their scores and they were added to the groups' totals.

*Ron & Jann ... Watch out! Your title may be in "Jeopardy" <pun intended> as a **February** edition of COD Virtual Trivia is in the works with a date to follow soon.*

*I would encourage everyone to please consider joining in. If you are unsure of using Zoom, arrangements can be made to test out Zoom beforehand.*

Screen shot of January participants >>>>>



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## 2021 COD Membership Renewal

Hi Everyone!

Happy New Year!! To everyone who has renewed, thank you. This year is starting off very differently than most of us would like, but hopefully, by the time spring comes we can get together in our Corvettes and start cruising the roads.

This is a reminder to those of us who have not renewed their memberships that our renewal fee as of February 1, 2021 is \$75.00. So, if you have not renewed yet, you have a few ways to renew your membership depending on your preference. First, you could send Anne Halverson an e-transfer at [annehalverson@bell.net](mailto:annehalverson@bell.net) and/or send a cheque to Susanne Ralph, 2485 Linwood Street, Pickering, Ontario L1X 1G6. All renewal forms should be sent to me (Susanne) for updating our Corvettes of Durham Membership List.

Looking forward to seeing all of you again; until then stay home and stay safe.

Susanne Ralph  
Membership Director



## Spring Cruise

At the January meeting, the Executive suggested that we all tentatively book May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 for a Spring Cruise. Of course, this is all subject to the status of the pandemic and Covid-19 protocols that will be in place at the time.

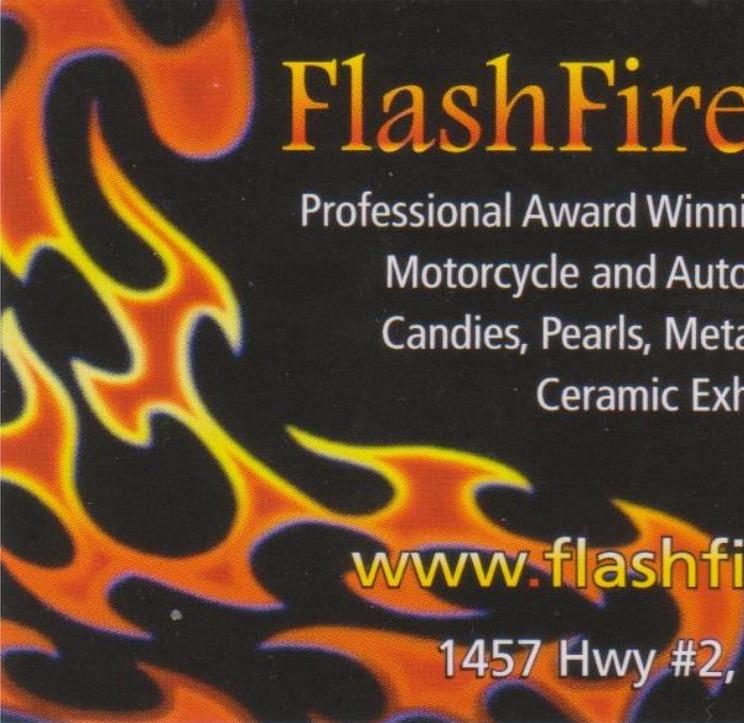
Our initial cruise will be a day cruise on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in and around our area and will be planned and organized by Ron Tremblay and Ed Schroer.

The aim is to plan an activity we can all look forward to safely enjoy together.

**We're asking members for your input** for an overnight location or day cruise routes that you'd like to suggest for our subsequent cruises. Please pass along your suggestions to Ron or Ed; everyone will be kept up to date as new information becomes available.

Let's all have a positive, fun and successful year while trying to stay safe!

Ron and Ed  
Cruise Directors



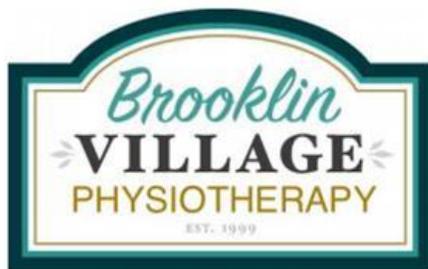
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## WHAT IS QUAD-C? WHAT DOES IT DO?

QUAD-C is the Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs - Eastern Region, CCCC-ER. It was established in 1975 to bring together individual Corvette Clubs in the Eastern Provinces. Currently, there are twelve Corvette clubs mostly in southern Ontario; other member clubs are located in Moncton, NB, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Labrador.

In addition, there is a CCCC-WR covering the western Provinces of Canada. Check them out at <http://www.bishop.ab.ca/cccc/>

QUAD-C's primary goal is to bring member Clubs together, to share the Corvette experience and promote all things Corvette.

QUAD-C is governed by a Council, made up of representatives from the various member clubs who elect an executive from amongst those representatives. I currently represent COD as our club's CCCC-ER Governor. Council meets four times per year, currently virtually.

Each member of Corvettes of Durham is a member of QUAD-C. A portion of your annual membership (\$20.00) is paid to QUAD-C in part to help defray the cost of insurance coverage required when club events are held.

Member clubs are urged to support other member clubs at the annual events they host in their local communities. Although the pandemic curtailed all events and car shows last year, it's hoped that perhaps one or two events might be scheduled for 2021. Corvettes of Durham's

annual car show DreamVettes, for example, helps our club raise money in support of Lakeridge Health Foundation.

CCCC-ER activities are sponsored by a number of businesses, whose logos appear on this page: Chevrolet Canada, Mobil 1, Auto Glym and Cullen GM. Their sponsorship allows member clubs to offer prizes at their car shows such as 4.7 L jugs of Mobil 1 oil or packages of Auto Glym cleaning products. Member clubs acknowledge this generosity by displaying sponsor banners at club events and including the sponsor logos in their monthly newsletters.

I encourage you to visit the QUAD-C website at <https://www.quadceast.com> to learn more about Council activities and details on how points are allotted for car show judging.

Brian Striemer  
Governor





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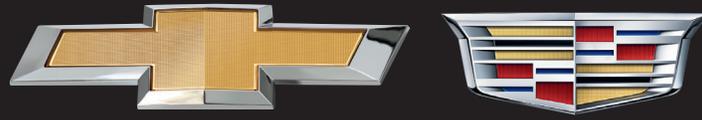
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**Joining and renewing are easy!** Just dial the Museum's toll free phone number (1-800-53-VETTE) and speak to Becky or Bobbi Jo in the Membership Department. Be sure to quote this year's special code (**VAL2021**) to receive your Membership Discount. Or you can [visit this link](#) for a **new** Family Membership. During the checkout process, enter **VAL2021** in the DISCOUNT CODE box.

Your membership package will arrive in 4-6 weeks, containing two membership cards and NCM member lapel pins. You'll also receive an annual subscription to America's Sports Car magazine, free admission to the Museum (excluding *special gated events*) for you and your immediate family (spouse & children under 18 yrs.), a discount on NCM sponsored events and a 10% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and catalogue (excluding sale merchandise).

With membership, you'll be among Corvette friends and enthusiasts from around the world supporting the only car museum anywhere that is wholly supported by its members!

**Big Change at the Museum:** On January 13<sup>th</sup> the National Corvette Museum announced a major change in leadership. After only 19 months, Dr. Sean Preston President/CEO, left the Museum. Former Board Chair Jack Matukas has been named Interim CEO while a national search is carried out by a professional firm for a new CEO.

### **Michelin NCM Bash: Thursday 4/22 – Saturday 4/25**

The kickoff of the NCM onsite event season in Bowling Green is the Bash. As in past years a large contingent of GM engineers and designers from Warren (MI) Tech Center are expected as well as the Manager of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. They'll be ready to answer every possible question. Several configurations of the new 2021 Corvette are also expected! Due to the pandemic, our attendance is unlikely, so we're hoping The Bash will be virtual again this year. The full agenda and registration are now available for viewing on the Museum website:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.com/explore/exhibits/>

**See the next page** for the article submitted by the Ravens and published by the NCM about COD's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event last September. Congrats Jan & David!

# ENTHUSIAST STORIES

## SPOTLIGHTING CORVETTE MEMORIES

Each year we gather some of our favorite enthusiast stories to share with you. While we are not able to include every story we receive, we do keep a file and squeeze in as many as possible. Some are heartwarming, some are funny, some may even draw a few tears- but there is one thing they all have in common, the one thing that brings us together- the Corvette. We hope you enjoy these as much as we have!

### BORDER CLOSURE DIDN'T STOP CELEBRATION OF NCM ANNIVERSARY

"Every year, several of us look forward to making the 750 mile trip south to Bowling Green, Ky. from our homes just north of Toronto, Ontario, Canada for the National Corvette Museum Anniversary Celebration. This year was going to be particularly special for us. We are Founding Members and this was our 30th Anniversary as members. Our friends and fellow club members, Ron Tremblay and Sue Woodland, would be celebrating their Museum Master Ambassador status again, too. For the past several years they have been amazing Ambassadors. This was great news for us, because every time we have reached a milestone at NCM, we have been there alone. This year we were looking forward to Ron and Sue being there to celebrate with us.

Well, things don't always go as planned. Canada and the U.S.A. closed its international border in March, and (as of press-time) have not yet re-opened it due to the COVID-19 disaster. We were 'benched.' What a let down! What would we do? How about having our own NCM celebration here at home? It was also our club's, Corvettes of Durham, 20th Anniversary. We would combine all three events and have an outdoor party.

We had 62 members show up in 37 Corvettes. We had raffles, lots of food and beautiful weather. But to some of us, the highlight was our own NCM display. The NCM was kind enough to provide us with several NCM brochures and a complimentary membership to give away. We had messages from Wil Cooksey, Stephanie Morrill, Harlan Charles, Dr. Sean Preston and Glenn Johnson. We had banners honoring our NCM milestones. It wasn't Bowling Green, but it was the next best thing under the circumstances!

Corvettes of Durham was founded in 2000. Early on we took on the McLaughlin Cancer Center in Oshawa (the same McLaughlin as the car, and the same Oshawa where GM trucks were built for many years) as our club charity. We are proud to have donated almost \$50,000 to the Centre. We also support the Salvation Army's Toy Mountain at Christmas time. In April we arranged a drive-by of the three local hospitals in our area to thank hospital workers. We delivered hundreds of individual bags of chips and lots of fresh picked apples. CTV News (a



popular Toronto station) featured us as their second story. All things considered, our club still had a great year.

We are waiting and hoping things will soon be under control and we can travel to Bowling Green. Until then, please stay safe, look after each other and 'SAVE THE WAVE!'"

- Submitted by David and Janice Raven, Founding Members

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The annual membership fee for Corvettes of Durham is \$85.00. I'd like to explain what happens to this money each year.

From your membership fee, we pay \$20 for every member to the Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs (CCCC).

From your membership fee, we also pay \$20 for the DreamVettes registration for one car.

This leaves of a balance of \$45 for the club to use. So, what happens to that \$45??

In a typical year the \$45 per member would be spent as follows:

- \$15.30 – donated to social causes as approved by the membership
- 14.45 – contributed towards a variety of COD's social events
- 11.25 – covers administrative costs, such as Motorama, hosting costs for our website, producing our financial statements and bank charges
- 4.00 – goes towards sending flowers to club members who are ill or COD friends who have passed away.

Of course, we have far more expenses than can be covered by our membership fees, but the balance is covered by advertising revenue, 50/50 draws and fundraising events.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about what happens to your membership fee or any questions related to COD's finances.

Anne Halverson  
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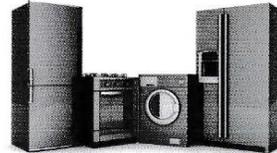
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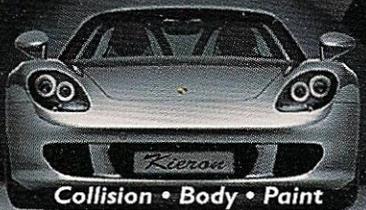
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**2021 RACING SEASON:**

Organizers moved the annual *Roar Before the 24* three-day test, which is always run preceding the *Rolex 24* race, so it would be held on the weekend immediately prior to the Rolex 24 hour race. Qualifying was replaced this year by a 100-minute sprint race held to determine the starting lineup for the following weekend's Rolex 24. The No. 3 Corvette got the pole position; the No. 4 car would start the race in the front row beside the No. 3.

Corvette Racing competed in the 24-hour race against four other cars in the GTLM category – two BMW, a Ferrari and a (non-factory) Porsche which, for this season, moved up from the GTD category. There were a few occasions when the two Corvettes did not lead the race from Saturday afternoon's opening until race end 24 hours later on Sunday afternoon. Otherwise, it was Corvette's race.

With Oliver Gavin's' departure at the end of last season, the No. 4 car welcomed Nick Tandy as a new teammate for Tommy Milner and for this endurance race, Alexander Sims joined the No. 4 Corvette as third driver. Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor are back in the No. 3 Vette with Nicky Catsburg returning as the 3<sup>rd</sup> driver for this race.

Sunday's portion of the race was held under sunny/cloudy skies, 75<sup>o</sup> Fahrenheit with a strong head wind on the front straight. We were fortunate to watch the opening and closing hours of this race on satellite TV through a Boston station.

Those of you interested in the race stats and finer details, will find them on

various websites, including [www.CorvetteBlogger.com](http://www.CorvetteBlogger.com) and [www.CorvetteRacing.com](http://www.CorvetteRacing.com)

Teams will now have the month of February for further tweaking and testing. Sebring FL is the venue for the next race March 17 to 20, with the race itself being run on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Currently the schedule shows Long Beach and Laguna Seca in April. We should, however, expect changes, given the state of the pandemic.

The 2021 season has started well for Our Team! Here's hoping for continued success!

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This Daytona 24 Hour race marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Corvette's first win at Daytona with well-known names behind the wheel and other names who would go on to many more victories. Here's an excellent article that marks the occasion, courtesy of Corvette Blogger: [The 2001 Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona – 20th Anniversary Q & A with Johnny O'Connell and Chris Kneifel](#) [READ ON](#)

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**Antonio Garcia**, driver of the No. 3 car, turned 40 recently but isn't slowing down. 2020 was his best year, claiming his third GT Le Mans title alongside Jordan Taylor. Antonio is now the team's longest-serving driver.

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# WHO IS JAKE?

by Norby Dippold

Jake is well known around the world to Corvette Race fans as the official mascot of Corvette Racing.

Many other sports have their own mascots such as BJ Birdy and now Ace (Blue Jays), Jason the Argonaut (Argos) and The Raptor (Toronto Raptors).

So how did Corvette Racing get their mascot? It started with Gary Claudio. At the time he was the Corvette Marketing Manager. He presided over the racing-inspired launch of the ZR1, came up with the ZR1 driving school and worked hard to make sure the customer was excited about Corvettes. On the racing side, he worked with Doug Fehan to develop the factory Corvette Racing Program that is still running today.

In 2004, the Corvette Racing team was in its final and 4<sup>th</sup> championship winning ALMS season, and started using the "TAKE NO PRISONERS" motto along with a generic skull logo on the race cars. Gary named the skull logo "Jake". The story goes that Eddie Jabbour of Kirk Design was in the stands during the C5-R's, final 2004 24 Hours of Le Mans race and witnessed for himself the generic skull logo. Also in the stands was the crew from BadBoyVettes, a dedicated group of fans. They had the opportunity to sit down with Corvette Racing and discuss how they could help make the unofficial skull logo into something more. They contacted Kick Design and with the team's Take No Prisoners motto in mind, Jabbour sketched on a cocktail napkin what would eventually become one of the greatest automotive marketing logos of our generation, the Corvette crossed flags within a dark skull outline. Thus, Jake was born.



Over time the logo has changed with each new generation of Corvettes. Many people, myself included, are great fans of Corvette Racing and I as others proudly have a "Jake" on our cars, shirts, shoes. The logo seems to be something like the "wave". It indicates that you're are a fan of Corvette Racing.



So that is the story of "Jake".

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A recent example was mentioned at an Executive meeting in regard to how we welcome new members.

We all agree that we should welcome all new members with open arms and after the meeting, most of us try to personally meet and talk with them.

It's been noticed that sometimes new members are left to fend for themselves. Let's keep in mind that many new members are first-time Corvette owners and club members and do not know the routine and are just starting to learn the ropes.

It has also been noticed, however, that one couple in the Club seem to always gravitate to the new couple and sit with them over dinner and introduce them around after the meeting. This couple have been members for a number of years; both have sat on the Executive committee and both have a background in Human Resources.

It was agreed to ask this couple if they would be the official "new member greeter" and take new members under their wing to assist them in club matters. We are proud to say that this couple were honoured to be asked to perform

this important role for the Club. If you have not guessed by now, this couple is Judy & John Robinson.

A big thanks for doing this, Judy & John; hopefully someday we will be back to having general meetings and socializing again.

Members, please share any ideas, suggestions and, more importantly, solutions; they are all welcome.

Save the wave!

Ron T.  
Vice President



*Marilyn Gordon sends her warmest thanks to COD for the lovely flower arrangement she received recently. The flowers have lifted her spirits while she rests at home awaiting test results.*



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## 2021 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Secret Valentine</b>	<b>Gail Schroer</b>		
<b>Feb TBA</b>	<b>Virtual Trivia Night</b>	<b>Linda Bunn</b>	<b>Online with ZOOM</b>	
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Spring Cruise TBC</b>	<b>Eddy or Ron T.</b>		
<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>Corvette Diva Day</b>	<b>Roxanne Chiusolo</b>	<b>Details TBA</b>	



Did you miss our January 20th VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT? If yes, you missed a lot of fun and a chance to see your COD friends on screen.

A big thank you to Linda & Chuck for organizing and running this event on Zoom.

**From Ken Gordon:** Hi folks! I want to thank you all for the Edible Fruit Arrangement you sent me when I got home from hospital. I love the chocolate covered fruit. And thanks also to club members who have phoned, sent cards or emails - I appreciate them all. My hip surgery went well and I'm able to get around the house using a cane. Climbing stairs (to care for Marilyn) is good therapy.

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