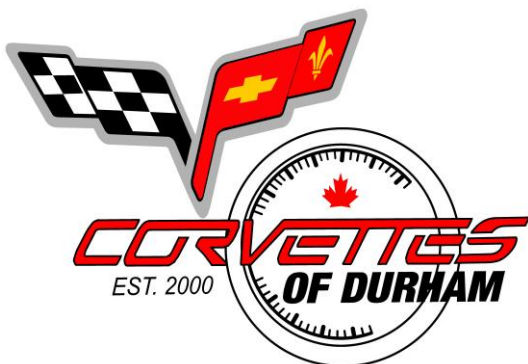


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August 2017



# President's Report

**By Ken Gordon**

Hi Everyone!

This report is going to be very brief as I'm heading to the Cottage for an extended long weekend. It's our annual Horseshoe Tournament at the lake that Marilyn & I host for approximately 80 cottagers. Hope Mother Nature co-operates.

The *Big M* get together was very successful. Thanks to everyone who attended. Chris looks forward to hosting again next year.

Look forward to seeing everyone at Frankie & Jo-Anne's in Picton on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to let Cathy know what you're taking for the BBQ.

See you there!

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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## **COD Socially in AUGUST**

I hope that all COD members are getting out on the dry days to enjoy their wonderful cars.

Sorry I missed the good time at BIG M in July. I heard all about it. Thank you to Chris from BIG M for his great hospitality and Ken Gordon for arranging this event.

Rocco and I are enjoying our trailer at Grandview Resort in Ennismore. We haven't been able to take the Corvette there as yet as we always have our grandchildren with us and our Hyundai is always *PACKED*.

In August, our COD social plans are for more fun:

NO WEDNESDAY OFF-SITE MEETING in August. **INSTEAD....**

- Saturday August 19. Cruise to Frank and Joanne's Farm in Picton.
- Cost is \$15. per person, payable on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Frank will buy a sausage and a burger for everyone.
- It is a POT LUCK so bring along something to add to our picnic lunch (salads, veggies, fruit, dessert, snacks, hors d'oeuvres - your choice); and also
- BYOB/Pop/drinks and
- CHAIRS.
- We will make a short stop in Bloomfield.
- So far, 45 people will be joining us on the excursion.

Thank you Frank and Joanne for hosting us!



**AUTOFEST** is a social event as well as a Car Show. Linda and Gilles Landry coordinate this event on August 25-26-27. See Linda's note on page 14 of this newsletter.



Wednesday, September 20 - **GENERAL MEETING** is at AMICI'S in Pickering. Hopefully we will get a great turnout for dinner and the meeting.



**UPCOMING COD EVENTS** to consider:

1. **FALL CRUISE** Saturday October 21-22 at the Burleigh Falls Inn (overnight).
  - Cost is \$318.10 per couple and includes accommodation, Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday Breakfast as well as all taxes and gratuities.
  - Please call the Inn directly (795-654-3441) to book using COD as a reference. Our rooms are being saved for us till the end of August then released.
  - A reservation form is included in this newsletter on page 8.
  
2. **CARD NIGHT** Saturday October 28 at the Italian Social Club in Oshawa.
  - Cost will be \$15/person.

That's it for now...Ciao!

Corvettes of Durham  
Fall Retreat Registration  
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We are pleased to be welcoming your group to the Burleigh Falls Inn and surrounding area. Please fill out the registration form below. Should you have any specific questions or concerns please feel free to contact our reservation team at 705 654 3441 or by email at [reservations@burleighfallsinn.com](mailto:reservations@burleighfallsinn.com).

**Rooms will be assigned on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. Please ensure to list any mobility or special needs.**

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Bed preference: 2 Queens / 1 Queen

**Ground Floor Required** Yes No  
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**Dietary Issues** (if several please contact us directly at 705 654 3441) or provide on separate list.  
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Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Evening Banquet Menu Selections (please provide in advance of your stay)**

Soup Du Jour (will be Dairy & Gluten free) \_\_\_\_\_ or

House Salad with Citrus Ginger Dressing \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrees (recently amended)**

Top sirloin beef roast (English cut) with gravy \_\_\_\_\_ or

Chicken Breast Supreme with Ginger BBQ sauce \_\_\_\_\_ or

Pesto Linguine \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit/Payments**

The overnight package is \$135.00 per person based on Double occupancy (2 per room), plus HST & Service. Should you require a single occupancy room a surcharge of \$15.00 plus HST will apply.

Please provide a valid CC# for guarantee; a small booking deposit of **\$75.00** will be applied on confirmation. Cancellations will be received on an individual basis up to 14 days prior to arrival. Please note that due to limited space we would appreciate as much notice as possible so we are able to accommodate another request in your absence.

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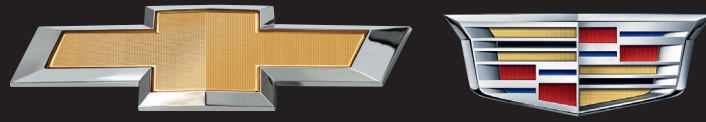
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# Corvettes of Durham Cruise Etiquette

Once again we present some of the rules of etiquette and tips that are practiced for all cruises and outings:

1. Bring a walkie talkie with you if you have one.
2. Always start with a full tank of gas.
3. Attend 'drivers meeting' immediately prior to starting cruise. You will get information on which walkie talkie channel to use as well detailed info (and possibly a map) for the cruise.
4. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front **without leaving large gaps**.
5. Be mindful of your driving so that you are not kicking back stones/gravel, etc.
6. No passing of other Vettes.
7. Keep the car behind you in sight at all times. If the car behind you gets caught at a red light or stop sign or if you can no longer see the car behind, pull over so that we can regroup when possible. The exception to this may be when travelling through a city with a lot of stop lights/signs. In this case, refer to your map, proceed on and regroup when convenient and safe to do so.
8. If the car behind you pulls over to the side of the road, you should also pull over as a sign to those ahead of you that there is a problem.
9. When stopping, do not stop on the road - pull to side for safety.
10. When changing lanes or pulling back onto the road, the rear car should pull out to 'block' so that everyone ahead can get back onto the road easier.
11. If possible have the cell phone number of the cruise organizer so that if need be, you can contact them. You might also want to provide your cell number to them prior to starting the cruise.

***The above are suggestions to help make cruising less stressful and safer for everyone, however it is most important to keep the 'rules of the road' in mind at all times.***

**Pleasant Cruising from Corvettes of Durham!!**



**Meet at Pete's Nite**

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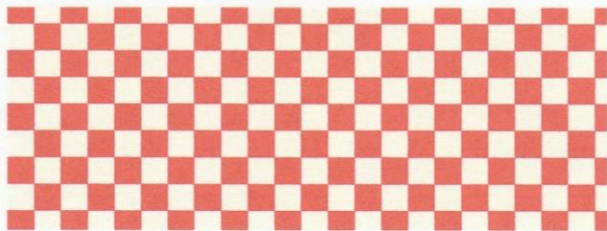
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Just a little reminder to those of you who have attended AutoFest in the past and a little info to those who might be wondering about AutoFest. AutoFest is a weekend-long car show at Lakeview Park in Oshawa on the weekend of August 26 and 27. Well over 1,000 cars will be there - anything from a Rat Rod to a decked out Cadillac and anything in between. It's really interesting to walk around and see the imagination that people put into their cars.

There is a "Woman's World" which, of course, translate into shopping. There is something there for everyone.

In order to make your AutoFest experience more enjoyable I suggest you bring the proper clothing; be prepared for anything. After all, you are on the shores of Lake Ontario. A jacket, long pants, anything that you think you might need to keep warm in case we get a windy, cool day. It has happened. You're welcomed to bring a lunch, although food is available at the venue and yes, there are flush toilets. Port-a-potties also dot the park. (I prefer the flush toilets myself!) Lawn chairs of course, munchies if you so desire. Think of it as going on a picnic.

If anyone has any questions at all please call me at **289-240-VETT** (8388) or e-mail me at [icavette@hotmail.com](mailto:icavette@hotmail.com).

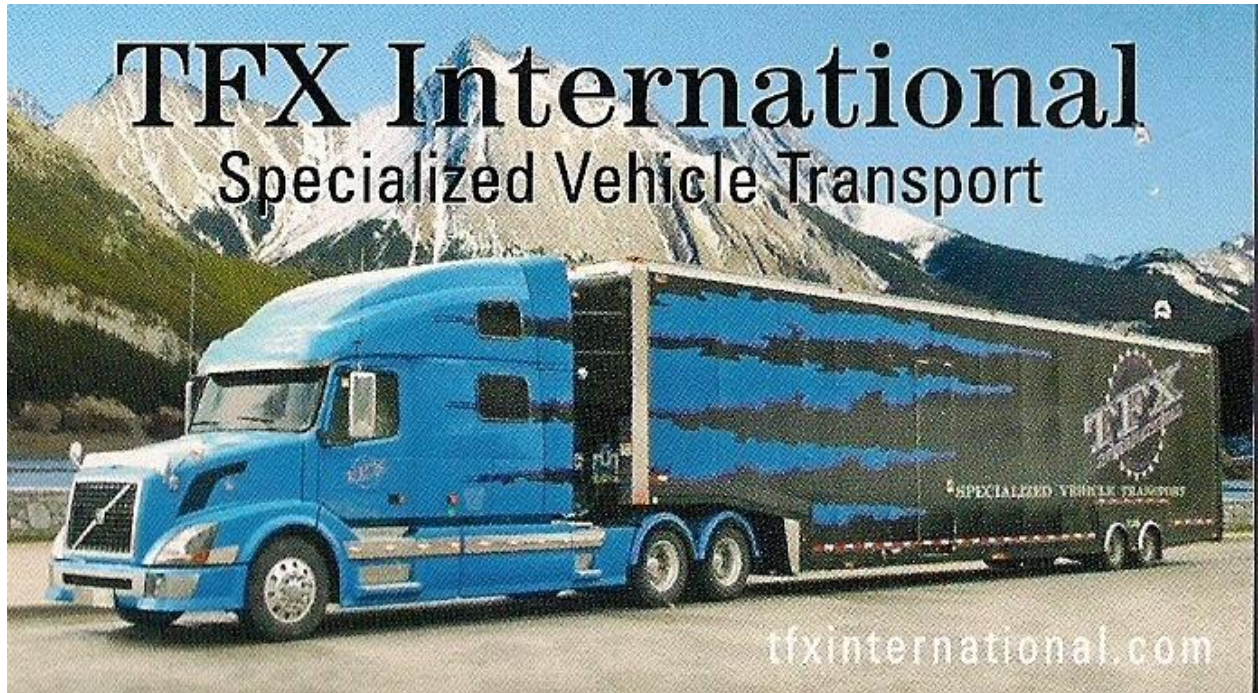
Hopefully you remembered to pre-register before August 3 to take advantage of the \$15.00 savings.

We will still be meeting at Tim Horton's at 503 Wentworth St. West (just east of Park Road South) in Oshawa, around 8:30AM to drive into the park all together. We will be parked in "OUR" area under the trees at the west end of the park. Once we arrive at the park we will park the cars and do the final registration where you will receive your goody bags along with your T-shirts.

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.

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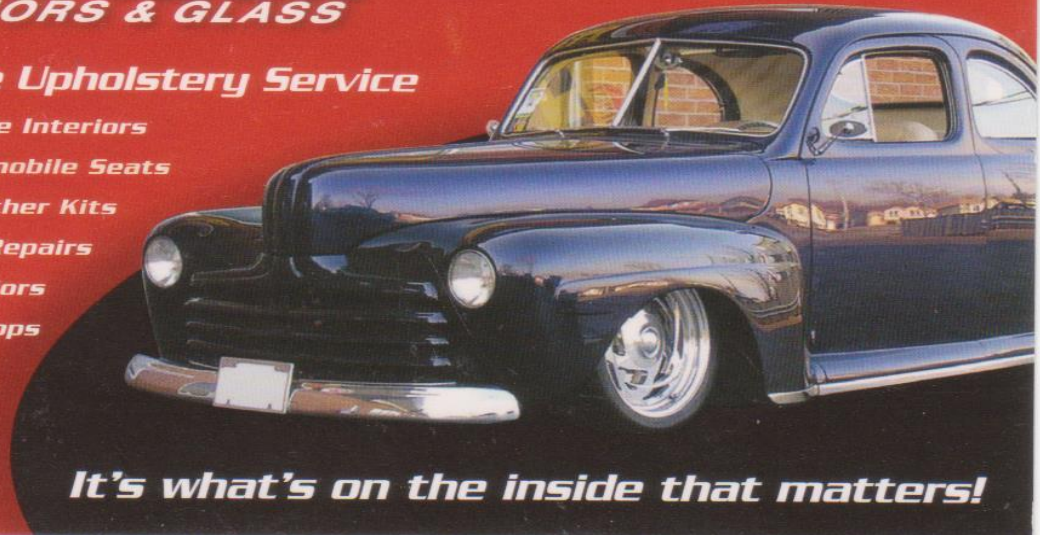
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### What's on at your Museum this month?

Beginning on the 31<sup>st</sup>, the annual Anniversary Celebration takes place over the Labour Day weekend. We highlighted this 3-day event in our July newsletter so we'll simply remind readers that registration is still open at the following rates: no charge to Lifetime members, \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members with deadline for online registration 5:00pm central, Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2017. Early registration includes a hard card badge, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque. Registration is available online at [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org) under the "Explore" tab; scroll down to Anniversary Celebration to read the full agenda of activities. A discounted rate is offered at **Holiday Inn University Plaza** (a really, lovely hotel) for \$119/night. Use **code word MUM** to receive the special deal.



For those of you who enjoy **go karting**, you'll be interested to know that the NCM Kartplex is now OPEN! The cost is \$20 per 8 minute session of 15-20 laps. Karters must be 5 feet or taller and wear closed-toe shoes. Check out the Motorsports Park website for details: <http://motorsportspark.org/karting-arrive-drive/>



We'll be going to the NCM Anniversary Celebration mentioned above and while there will attend the semi-annual Ambassadors' meeting. In the September newsletter we'll report back.

Cheers,

Ron & Sue



Your link to complete race schedules, results, news and a history of Corvette Racing from 1999 to the present is: <http://www.corvetteracing.com>.

Our favourite race team has been quite busy in the past month racing hard and trying to get on podium. Here is a brief look:

Prior to the opening day of the *Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix* held at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, the track hosted RaceFest at the Bowmanville Canadian Tire store.



This is a new venue for RaceFest. For a number of years, this was held at mid-day in downtown Toronto but with city and highway traffic and parking hassles, RaceFest was now in the 'back yard' of CTMP. On hand on that Wednesday evening were displays by Mobil 1 and Inside Track (magazine) and some of the drivers and race cars from the WeatherTech and SCCA US F series. The No. 4 Corvette, crew chief Dan Binks and several of the teams'



mechanics along with Ron Fellows driving the No. 4, participated in a timed tire-change competition. An area of the parking lot was fenced off and



inside that area, Ron drove the No. 4 from a standing position at high speed to a designated point where the crew, smoothly and efficiently (*most times!!*), raised the car and proceeded to change all four tires at the same time. Each tire change timing was meant to be quicker than the previous and after a series of drive-and-change, their best time was *9.948 seconds!* In between sessions, spectators could chat with Ron and were invited to sit in the No. 4 Corvette. This was a big hit with the children and adults too! Thanks to those COD members who were able to attend. We hope next year to receive more advance notice of this fun event!



Wendy Kerr in the No. 4 Corvette



Ron Fellows with Terry Nodwell & his friend John.



As mentioned above, CTMP hosted the *Mobil 1 Sportscar Grand Prix* on July 6 - 9 where the No. 3 team of Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen retained their Driver's Championship lead in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship's GTLM class with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. Chevrolet also maintained their lead in the Manufacturer's Championship. Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner driving the No. 4 Corvette ended in 8<sup>th</sup> place

after being involved in a heavy crash late the race. Milner went hard into the outside tires but walked away uninjured; he was evaluated and released from the infield medical center shortly after. A heavy shower on the back part of the track had left it damp before the No. 4 Corvette's incident. (For a YouTube video of this incident, see the July 9<sup>th</sup> edition of [CorvetteBlogger.com](http://CorvetteBlogger.com).) Another downpour with just five minutes to go caused another accident for a prototype car and the third full-course caution of the day. The race ended under yellow.

Here are links for a short clip and an article that was prepared for the Toronto Star Wheels on-line blog by Michael Taylor, TrackWorthy Group:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiOyOWCbqcY&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.wheels.ca/trackworthy-blogs/2017-corvette-coral-at-canadian-tire-motorsport-park/>



Several COD members attended the race at CTMP and some volunteered at the Corvette Corral. See the photos and write-up elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Corvette Racing, con't:

Next on the racing schedule was Lime Rock, Connecticut. Once again Corvette Racing extended its lead in the GTLM standings by 7 points with another 4<sup>th</sup> place finish for Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen in the No. 3 Corvette. The No. 4 Corvette with Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner finished 8<sup>th</sup> (CTMP all over again!) after contact early in the race. They returned to the paddock twice for repairs and finished the race. Corvette Racing *does not* give up!



Corvette Racing's next event takes place at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin on Sunday, Aug. 6. Results will appear in the September newsletter with news and photos from one of our Club members.

**ANNOUNCING...Corvette Racing returns to Mid-Ohio in May 2018!! Stay tuned.**



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## RECENT ACTIVITIES:

COD members attended the race at CTMP in early July and participated in **Corvette Corral** activities. The Corral is "staffed" solely by volunteers, some of whom are COD members - Norby Dippold, Terry Nodwell, Ron Tremblay and Sue Woodland. Speakers from the Corvette race team, Mobil 1 and Michelin brought us interesting data to enhance our appreciation of the race and what we might expect. Harlan Charles and Kirk Bennion from GM head office talked about the 2018 Vettes but not beyond 2018. Raffles, a silent auction for *Operation Motorsport* (a new Ontario-based charity), celebrity judging, an autograph session with the Corvette race team, goody bags for all participants, BBQ race day lunch and making new Corvette friends rounded out the weekend.



< Joe & Gus



Bruce & Myran >>



Carl



Norby & Patty



Al >>>



Sue & Ron



<< Glenn & Rhonda

*All photos taken by Terry Nodwell.*

Thanks Terry!



(My apologies to several other members missed being photographed at the Corral. Ed.)

125 Corvettes? 200 Corvettes? Depends on what day you count them! Vettes attended from Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Québec, New Brunswick and Ontario!

Here are a few interesting license plates seen in the Corral:



At the **Brampton Corvette Club** show (July 16), there were 7 COD member Corvettes present, some of whom took home raffle prizes and trophies:

<< **Carl Gomes**, left, won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the C7 class.

**Ron Tremblay**, right, won in the Ladies' Choice category. >>

**Steve Megill & Sue W** took home \$25 gift certificates from Corvette Central; **Margaret Chute** won the 'Long Distance' award. The Chute's grandson, driving their '75 coupe, won the "Loudest Exhaust" award.



Our July meeting, held at **Big M** was good fun with over 25 members in attendance. Great weather, raffle prizes (donated by Boyer GM – *thanks Ken!!*), and a warm welcome by Big M's owner (and a Club sponsor), Chris. *Snapd* newspaper sent a photographer and photos are available now online <https://pickering.snapd.com>; under 'event search' and type 'Corvettes'. Here are a few more:



Richard Chute, Suzanne Ralph



Anthony, flanked by Chuck & Linda



3 amigos: Fletch, Joe, Brian L.



John R.



<< 2 amigos: Norby & Ron T.

Anne >> center, with her daughter Lisa & Jan



Photo credit (below): Kim Lowes



While on the NCRS cruise to San Antonio TX, Ron & Jann Langlois made a couple of stops along the way >>>>



Another stop was the *National Corvette Museum*, where Ron & Jann signed on as NCM members.

COD brick & others from club members >>>>





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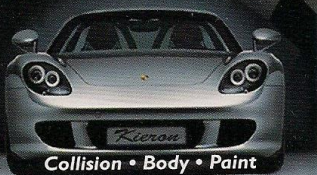
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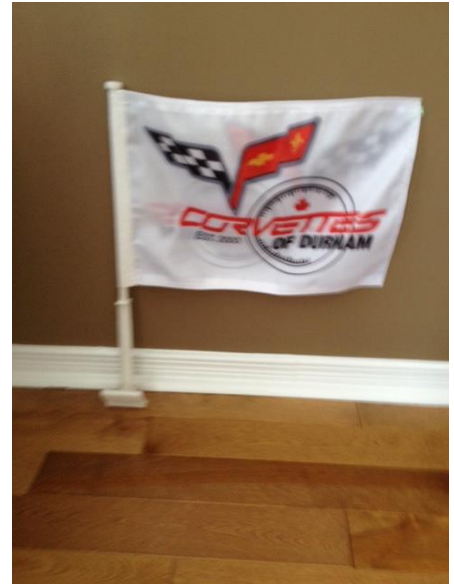
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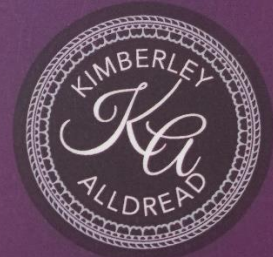
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## 2017 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug 6	CoSO - Simcoe Show & Shine	John Robinson	Lynn Park, Simcoe ON	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Aug 13	CWO – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Show	John Robinson	Legion Branch 501, London ON	8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Aug 19	General Meeting	Cathy Nunno	Farm/home of Frank & Jo-Anne Di Lorenzo, Picton ON RSVP by July 19 to Cathy Nunno	TBA
Aug 24 – 27	Corvettes at Carlisle	Ron Langlois	Carlisle Fair Grounds, Carlisle, PA	8:00 am – 5:00 daily
Aug 26-27	Autofest	Linda Landry	Lakeview Park, Oshawa (meet at Wentworth St. Oshawa Tim Hortons)	8:30 am – 5 daily
Sept 9	CCCC-ER Recognition Awards/Memorial Cruise	John Robinson	Senick Family Farm, 8 <sup>th</sup> Line, Essa ON	11:00 am – 2:30 pm
Sept 10	NCRS Ontario Road Tour/Corvettes for Kids	Ron Langlois	Details from Ron L.	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sept 16	Summer's End Corvette Cruis'In	John Robinson	Butchie's Damn Tasty Food, Whitby (formerly <i>Shake, Rabble &amp; Roll</i> )	9:00 am – 1:30 pm
Sept 20	General Meeting	Cathy Nunno	Amici's Restaurant, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	7:30 pm
Oct 18	General Meeting	Cathy Nunno	TBD	7:30 pm
Oct 21-22	Fall Cruise	Cathy Nunno	Burleigh Falls Inn Hwy. 28, Burleigh Falls ON	TBA
Oct 28	Euchre & Games Night	Cathy Nunno	Italian Social Club, Oshawa	TBA
Nov 15	General Meeting	Cathy Nunno	TBD	7:30 pm
Nov 25	COD Christmas Party	Cathy Nunno	Deer Creek Golf Club, Ajax	5:30 pm

**GREEN**                      CCCC Event – check with John Robinson or Brian Lindow  
**BLACK**                      COD Event  
**RED**                            General Information



It has come to my attention that one of our Members experienced a theft from his Corvette during a recent car show. This is truly unfortunate, and it serves as a good reminder to always place valuables out of sight, preferably in the locked trunk, *at all car shows and any other events* where our Corvettes are present.

Ed.

