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February 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ken Gordon

Let's hope Wiarton Willie predicts an early Spring so we can get our Vettes out and enjoy!

There will be several Club Members getting our Vettes out of storage to display at Motorama (March 13th - 15th at the International Centre). At this time I believe we have the six Corvettes required for the booth but volunteers are always appreciated. If you can help out please contact me at 289-923-8333.

Come out and enjoy a great weekend!

After Motorama I will be diligently working on DreamVettes. I have checked off a few things on my list, but still lots to do (again volunteers always welcome) to make the day a success.

This is the Club's 20th Anniversary and there are plenty of events and cruises to look forward to. Marilyn and I have booked the Elmhurst Inn for our Spring Cruise (Sunday April 26th). It's a beautiful drive and fabulous buffet (\$29.95 per person), 50/50 and prizes included. If you plan to attend please contact Marilyn 905-831-0653 or me at **kgordon@sympatico.ca**. Hope we have a great turn out!

Unfortunately we were unable to attend the Barrett Jackson Afternoon (due to a funeral) but I heard everyone had a great time. Thanks Jan!

Our next General Meeting will be Wednesday February 19th at Sabina's at 7pm.

See you then!

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 Director know.

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February Birthdays

Carl Gomes, 6th
Gloria Chalmers, 8th
Shirley Arsenault, 10th
Darlene Read, 15th
Norby Dippold, 18th
Eddie Hayward, 20th
Marilyn Gordon, 21st

Happy Birthday to you all!



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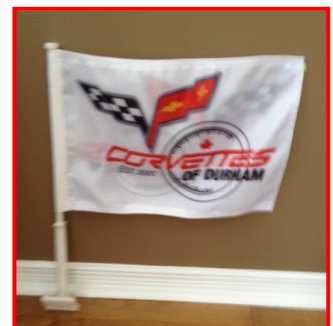
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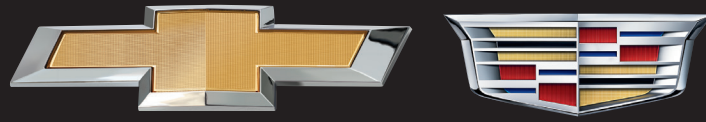
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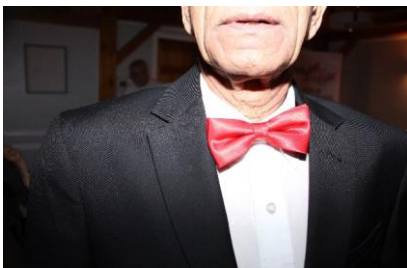
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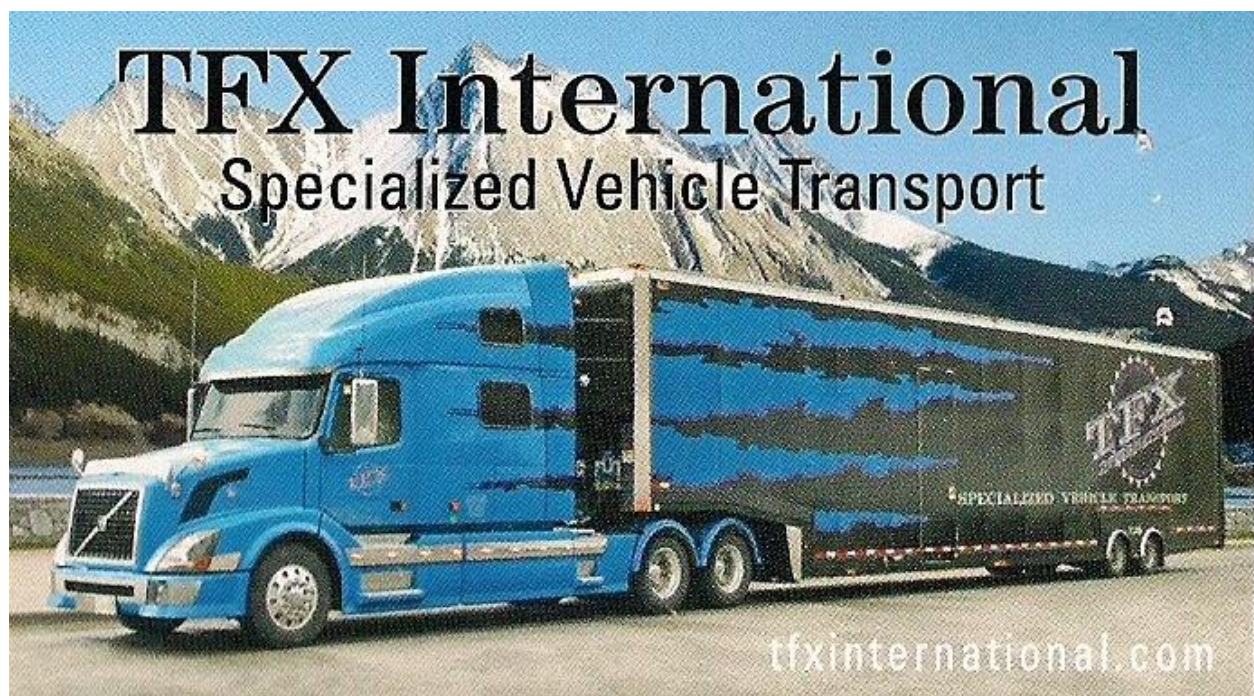
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Joe received his prize gift at the January meeting.

Next year, it will be ladies' earrings 😊 😊



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Barrett-Jackson Party

The weather could not have been worse for our Barrett-Jackson party on January 18. Eighteen die-hard Auction fans showed up at Hops House despite the horrible driving conditions!

The girls at Hops House made us feel welcome and had the auction on the projection screen upstairs.

It is phenomenal the prices that were paid for the cars. Cars we all drove when we were working at A & P or K-mart were selling for well over \$100,000! If we had only known.....!



Don Chalmers was the closest to the selling price on three of our auction picks and Avril (yes, *I said Avril*) was right on the price of \$120,000 for a 1967 Camaro.

The first C8 was auctioned at \$3,000,000 for charity later that night. The purchaser - Rick Hendrick, of course!

The auction had been pre-empted due to some electric car race so we ordered early so we could leave before it got too dark. By then the driving conditions were even worse but we all made it home and I'm pretty sure we'll do it again.



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Avril's bid – '67 Camaro





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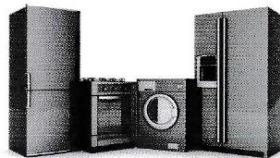
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Just wanted to thank everyone who has paid their membership renewal for this year. This is our 20th year and our Anniversary year is going to be great. We are getting closer to taking our Vettes out again for the season. Yes, I know we are all counting down the days!!

We are now in the second month of the year and our membership renewal fee is \$95.00. Please be sure to forward your completed renewal form and payment to me at Susanne Ralph, 2485 Linwood Street, Pickering, Ontario L1X 1G6.

We have our flags available for \$12.00 so please, when we are cruising this year, let's show our Club pride and get your flag on your Vette. I will have them with me at the meeting in February if you are interested in purchasing one.

See you soon.

Susanne
Membership Director

****FEBRUARY MEETING VENUE****

We're back at **Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub**
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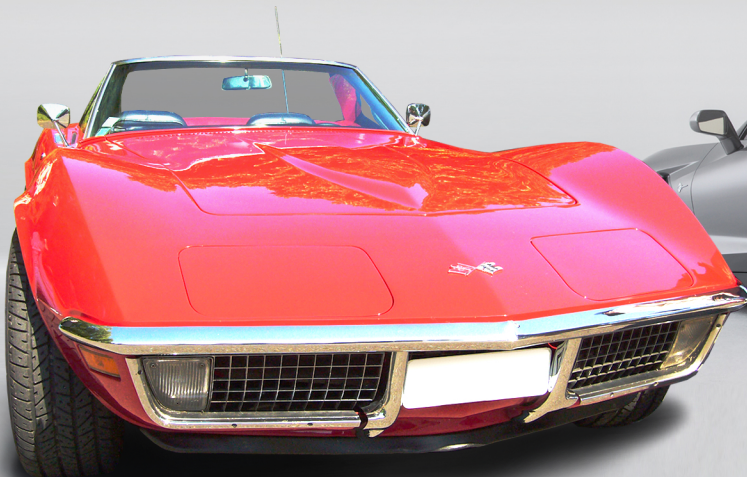
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Here are three more past Inductees into the NCM's **Corvette Hall of Fame**. Inductees' full bios are available on the Museum's **Corvette Hall of Fame** pages.



The son of a mechanic, Lingenfelter began working on engines almost as soon as he could hold a wrench. In 1973, he quit his job to race full time and won. Prize money went right back into the cars. It wasn't until 1984 that Lingenfelter figured out how to make his genius for speed pay. Read more about John Lingenfelter at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/John-Lingenfelter>



Hill's contributions to Corvette are so well recognized that his HoF nomination was almost simultaneous with his retirement announcement. As the 3rd chief engineer, Hill took over development of the C5 from Dave McLellan and saw it through to completion during some of GM's darkest days when the very survival of the car was in doubt. Read more about David Hill at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/David-Hill>



Gordon Killebrew has given over 25-years to C4 consulting and tech training as advisor and specialist of the C4. As part of the GM Plant's Corvette Action Center, Gordon handled calls from Corvette owners all over the world and from the GM Tech Center and Chevrolet Dealers regarding repair issues and feedback that helped assist the Corvette production line. Read more about Gordon Killebrew at [https://](https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Gordon-Killebrew)

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Registration is now available online for the *Michelin NCM Bash* – opening the NCM onsite season! *The Bash* is scheduled for April 23-25 and a number of add-on activities are already listed on the *Bash* agenda (seminars by the Corvette Team, day trips, Corvette Racing Banquet), with more being added in the coming weeks and months. Full details at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/michelin-ncm-bash>.



Attention COD visitors to the Museum: as a business member of the National Corvette Museum, Corvettes of Durham members (*who are not already NCM members*) are entitled to free entry to the Museum! What a great way to spend a couple of hours, checking out your favourite sports car of past years up to the present! COD is entitled to **six entry passes** per year...why not take advantage on your drive south this winter...or on your way home? At the admissions desk, tell the NCM staff on duty your name and the name of your club...that's all! Go in and enjoy; photos are encouraged! After touring the display, the Corvette Café in the Museum offers lunch and snacks and the Corvette Store has all sorts of nice things to bring home as souvenirs!

For COD members who *are* members of the Museum – just show your NCM membership card to enter!



And speaking of NCM membership...again this year, the Museum is offering their **Valentine's Day** special during February. When members use the code VALDAY20 on the NCM website, they can join the Family membership level for the price of an Individual! So with the code, Family membership will be **\$50** for new members – *half price*! Watch for details on the Museum website and in the Museum's Weekly Email Newsletter of January 30th. We encourage you to consider this offer!



At the January Club meeting, Ron mentioned that the Museum has four new Board Members as of January 1st and here's some info about one of them, Shannon LaMarche.

Shannon is a mechanical engineer, who also holds an MBA and has enjoyed a diverse career path using her organization skills and attention to detail. She is hoping to share any insights she can and represent the Museum's female Corvette enthusiasts. Shannon and her husband live in Tennessee and are Lifetime members of the Museum.





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As our club is a four season club, anniversary celebrations will begin in the spring and continue until the winter.

The following are 20th Anniversary events and dates planned for four seasons of “Fun and Friendship” celebrating this remarkable milestone:

Spring

Tour the Toronto Harbour and the Islands on Mariposa Cruise Lines. The plan is to meet and park in Ajax and hire a bus to take us to the Toronto docks and bring us back home later. The cruise is approximately 2½ hours and includes Lunch with a Cash Bar on board.



Since we have to meet, get to the docks, board, cruise, disembark and return to our vehicles, it will be an all-day event. The price for the day has been estimated at \$75 per person, which will have to be confirmed once we have the number of participants. The tentative date scheduled is June 6th or 7th. We will have to firm up numbers by the end of February.

Summer



Club picture of all cars, all members and all members with their cars followed by a barbecue. (Thank you photographer Terry!)

We haven't had a picture of all of our cars taken since May 2013. If you were at that photo shoot, you will remember how cold it was. Everyone in the pictures is wearing a coat and I think all of the convertibles had their tops up! This time we will have the pictures taken in the summer.

The tentative date is the weekend of July 11-12. If it's raining on Saturday, we'll try Sunday and if it's raining both days we'll postpone until the middle of August.

We'll start mid-morning and go on until mid-afternoon. Exact location will be provided closer to the date.

Fall

How about a Corn Roast at Hy-Hope Farm? What better time to have a corn roast in Durham Region?



Hy-Hope Farm always makes us feel welcome and has great parking for the Corvettes. We'll plan to arrive at Hy-Hope late afternoon and continue into the early evening. The drive up Lake Ridge Road should be beautiful in the fall so bring your camera.

We are planning on October 3rd. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

Winter

See Niagara Falls illuminated from the Skylon Tower!

We'll leave early and take a leisurely drive to Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Hilton Garden Inn. (Does anyone remember the cold train ride we went on at Puddicomb in 2006? – same hotel we stayed in).



From there, we will go to the Skylon Tower and take the elevator to the Observation Deck, see the short 3D/4D movie “Legends of Niagara Falls” and have dinner in the Revolving Restaurant while we marvel at one of the 7 Wonders of the World. After dinner we will return to the Hilton Garden Inn and stay overnight, or you can drive home.

At the present time date for this event is the third weekend in November. We'll have more details and prices closer to the event.

Please note:

Since it is so early in the year, the dates are tentative, as are the prices. And... we always have to consider the weather. As soon as more information becomes available it will be provided to all members. ***Read the Newsletters! Attend the General Meetings!***

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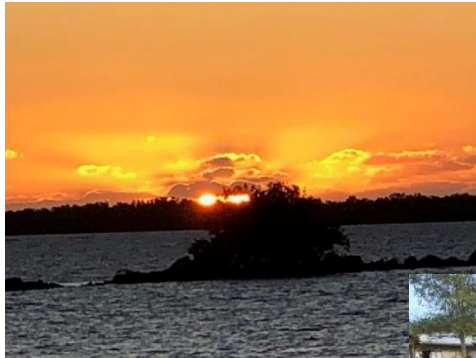
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time with Brian & Linda; and a golf date with Al Young.



On the opposite coast of Florida Roy & Rosanne attended a Corvette show where it's in the high 70s.



Vacation Photos wanted!

If you're 'snow birding' this winter, why not share the warm weather & beach with CODers back home. Submit a few photos for upcoming newsletters!



Meanwhile, Richard & Margaret are soaking up the warm temps in Mexico. Fishing for dinner above.



As you read in Ken's message, the 6th Annual Motorama Custom Car & Motorsports Expo is back at the International Centre on Airport Road, March 13-15. Special guest will be Chip Foose on the 14th & 15th. COD is the *only* Corvette club that will again have a booth displaying our Vettes and volunteers are needed to cover the booth. Let Ken know if you can help out; the show entry fee is waived for volunteers. Check the show website often for details and updates:


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There's lots that's new with Corvette Racing for 2020. First of all, they have two new, mid-engine C8.R race cars – the No. 3 in familiar yellow with silver accents and the No. 4 in silver with splashes of yellow.

Did you know that the race car was developed simultaneously with the 2020 Corvette Stingray?

There is also a new driver on the team. As you read in previous newsletters, Jordan Taylor has joined Corvette Racing as a full-time driver sharing the No. 3 car with Antonio Garcia. Jordan drove for his father's team (Wayne Taylor racing) for eight years but is no stranger to Corvette Racing. He drove for the team at the 24 Hours of Le Mans every year from 2012 through 2017, winning the GTE Pro class in 2015 with co-drivers Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner.

Also new is a different endurance co-driver – Nicky Catsburg – who was third driver in the No. 3 for the recent *24 Hours of Daytona* race. He'll join Jordan and Antonio for the Sebring and Petit races; the 24 Hours of Le Mans is TBC.

What's *not* new is Corvette Racing's quest to achieve their 100th IMSA victory, which should occur during the 2020 race season.

It should be noted, however, that Corvette Racing has already achieved 100 wins; by combining IMSA wins and Le Mans wins, they obtained their 100th win with the No. 4 car's victory at Long Beach in April 2018.

By now, you've read about the *Daytona* race and the team's standing after 24 hours, so I'll keep this brief.

The No. 3 Corvette C8.R finished in fourth-place, the team having enjoyed a mostly trouble-free race in the debut of this new car. They completed 785 laps for 2,794.6 miles; they led twice and victory looked possible for the majority of the race. The potential of the mid-engine Corvette was obvious.

The No. 4 Corvette C8.R driven by Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Marcel Fässler dealt with numerous problems on Saturday and Sunday but ultimately finished the race. Things looked optimistic in the first eight hours with the team racing inside the top-five, but an oil leak (*requiring the engine to be removed!*) forced the No. 4 into the garage for extensive repairs for the next nine hours. Once completed the No. 4 went back into the race in order to evaluate tire settings and setup options to help the No. 3 for the end of the race.

So, no podiums this time but hopes are high that the new C8.Rs will be victorious this season.

Corvette Racing's next race is the *Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida* on March 20-21 at Sebring (Fla.) International Raceway.

Those of you with *Velocity* as part of your cable or satellite TV package will see the race in its entirety. For others, we will see approx. 1 hour of the beginning and another hour or so of the race-end courtesy of TSN.



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2020 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
February 19	General Meeting Please note earlier start time	Ken Gordon	Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub 1755 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:00 pm mtg
Thursday March 12	Motorama Move-in for COD members showing their cars	Ken Gordon	International Centre, Toronto	TBD
Fri - Sun March 13 14 & 15	6 th Annual Motorama Custom Car & Motorsports Expo <i>(guest appearance Chip Foose)</i>	Ken Gordon	International Centre, Toronto (COD has a booth)	10am - 9pm Fri 10am - 8pm Sat 10am - 5pm Sun
March 18	General Meeting Please note earlier start time	Ken Gordon	Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub 1755 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:00 pm mtg
Sunday May 31	WBCC Spring Fling Car Show	Brian Striemer	Canadian Tire Parking Lot Wasaga Beach	TBA
April 23-25	Michelin NCM Bash	Ron Tremblay	National Corvette Museum Bowling Green KY	9am – 5pm daily
Sunday April 26	COD Spring Cruise Meet @ Harmony & Taunton	Marilyn Gordon	Elmhurst Lodge on Rice Lake	11:00 am from departure point
Sunday June 14	20 th Annual DreamVettes & GM Show	Ken Gordon	Ontario Motor Sales 140 Bond St. W, Oshawa	8:30 am – 2:00 pm
June 19-20	Kingston Corvette Invasion		Save the Date	
July 3-5	IMSA Weathertech Sportscar (Corvette) Racing	Norby Dippold	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park Bowmanville	

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Here's the answer to the January puzzle.
Did you guess correctly?

