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President's Report

May 2023



The Corvettes of Durham DreamVettes show is only one month away. DreamVettes is being advertised in the local Oshawa newspaper and we had a lot of interest in our show from many of the attendees at Motorama. Let's hope for great weather and a well-attended show.

Members of Corvettes of Durham pay the DreamVettes entrance fee as part of our annual membership fee. All non-COD registrants will have to pay \$20 to enter their car in the show. There is no charge for the public.

Please consider donating a raffle prize and let me know what you have before the end of May. We'll need lots of volunteers throughout the show, as well as for the set up

and for putting everything away afterwards.

The Lions Club has been booked to host the barbecue. Johnny and Hazel will be playing tunes to enhance the atmosphere. It'll be a fun time!! Ensure that June 4th is blocked off in your calendar.

Please note that our General Meeting for the month of May has been moved to May 24th and will be held at Royal Ashburn. We rescheduled our General Meeting so that we can all attend the Open House at Trim Tech on May 17th. Trim Tech has been a sponsor of COD for many years. We will show our support for Trim Tech, just as they have shown support for us.

Thanks to Jan Raven for organizing the Euchre Party at Royal Ashburn and the lunch at Symposium.

The Spring Cruise to Rhino's is scheduled for May 7th. I hope to see you there.

Happy cruising everyone.

Anne Halverson



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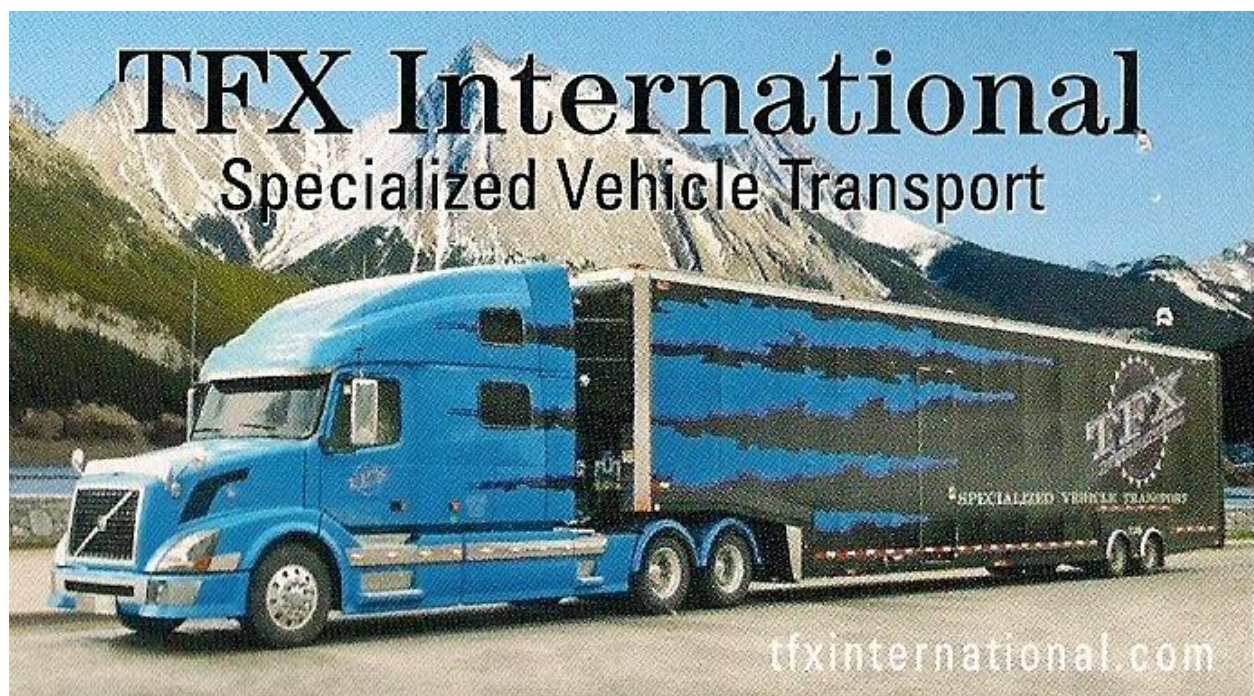
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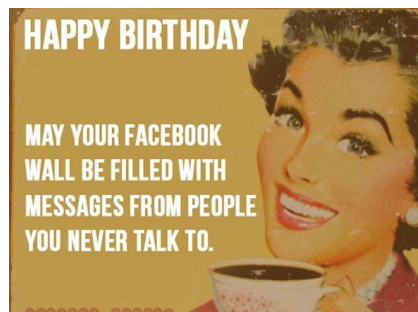
May Birthdays

Janine Giffen 4th

Annie Pappas 5th

Jan Raven 12th

Barb Fletcher 31st



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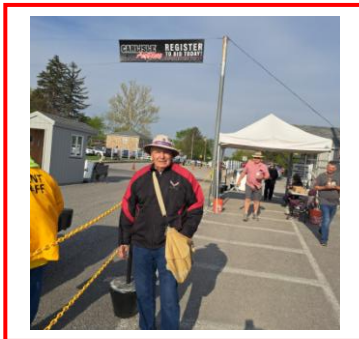
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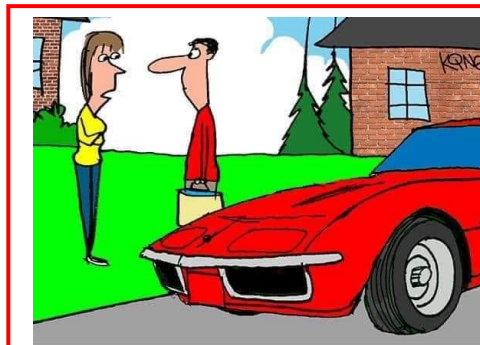


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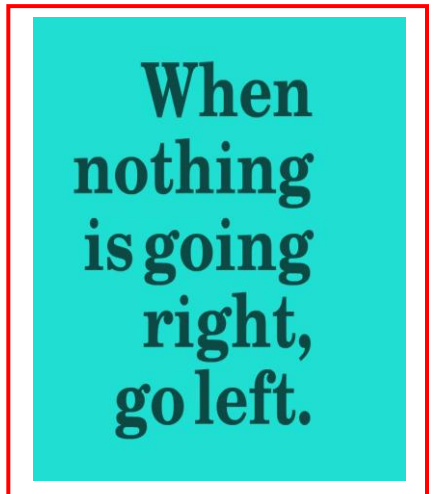
- ✚ Hat's off to COD, some of you actually got the April Fool's joke...
- ✚ Asking about my retirement...doing nothing is very hard to do... you never know when you're finished.
- ✚ Thanks to Jan Raven for organizing the Spring Cruise to Bewdley twice, the new date is May 7th
- ✚ Congrats to Allan Harris for being coerced into becoming our new National Corvette Museum Ambassador, there are perks to being old, more in this edition...Allan is the one wearing shorts.
- ✚ 6 Corvettes attended the Pickering Easter Parade...yes in Pickering, more in this newsletter. Thanks to Don for organizing this event.
- ✚ Thanks to Jan for the Euchre write up and the pictures that are always upside down.



Carlisle Carl on the prowl for bargoons at Spring Carlisle...



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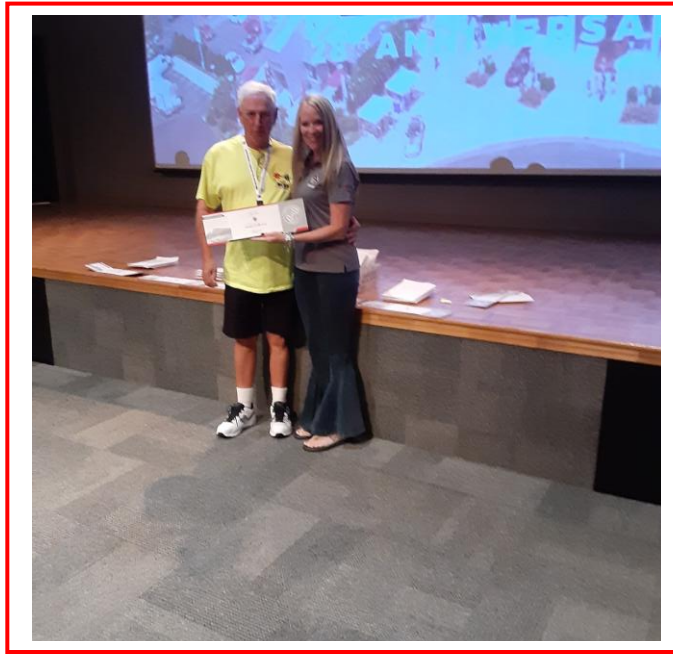
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OUR NEW NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM AMBASSADOR



Corvettes of Durham has a new National Corvette Museum Ambassador - Allan Harris!

David & I had been NCM Ambassadors from 2007 until 2017 when we turned over the reins to Ron Tremblay and Sue Woodland. Both Ron & Sue did a great job as Ambassadors until they left the club a couple of years ago. David & I then stepped in to fill the position, which was right in the middle of COVID and hard to do anything.

Last September while at the NCM, we spent some time with Allan and Annie. Allan is always bright eyed and bushy tailed. He was certainly the star of the show at the Members Milestone Meeting. Allan received his 10 year Museum recognition Certificate.

Recently, Allan has taken on the unenviable job of being the Treasurer for the 2024 National Corvette Museum Anniversary Caravan.

David and I are 33 year Founding Members of the National Corvette Museum, and it is time for new ideas and more energy (and that's an understatement about Allan). We are sure Allan will be a wonderful Ambassador and will continue to keep Corvettes of Durham as a solid member of the NCM.

We are sure that all members of our wonderful Club will support Allan as he takes on another massive challenge. Congratulations National Corvette Museum Ambassador Allan!

Euchre Party

Our Euchre Party, which had been postponed, was finally held on Saturday, April 22 at Royal Ashburn Golf Club.

We had four full tables and four social butterflies for a total 20 attendees. We had lots of prizes.

Ron Boulter won top prize for high score with 42 points. Patti Ball had 3 loan hands which was enough for that top prize. Jann L. won the "Boobie Prize" - a pair of Toronto Maple Leaf Socks and a jar full of Corvettes! Jann, along with Don and our guest Frank, managed to stay at the same table throughout the afternoon.

Rosemary had provided 3 beautiful door prizes and Marilyn won the 50/50.

It was great way to spend a rainy day.





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General Motors Delivers 7,904 New Corvettes During 1st Quarter of 2023



General Motors is out with their [sales report](#) covering the First Quarter of 2023 and a total of 7,904 new Corvettes were delivered during the time frame. This was a 10.3% decline from the same time last year in which 8,811 Corvettes were delivered. The numbers for the calendar year to date are the same. This is the worst quarter we've seen for Corvette since the First Quarter of 2021 and it's disappointing as it shows how the multiple closures due to both weather and parts shortages affect the production quantities long term. We've seen signs of hope and then they are dashed with a closure. However, in the grand scheme things, 7,904 is not a terrible sales number and if the supply chain would allow a nearly flawless quarter of production like we saw in the 3rd quarter of 2021, we could still have a record year for North American C8 sales.

Regardless of where you turn, the early renderings and imagery of the upcoming [Corvette SUV](#) show us a bloated, lifted SUV that only slightly resembles the iconic sports car. Still, the Ford Mustang Mach-E has been a huge hit; why not do something similar with the Corvette? That said, if Chevrolet wanted to build the Mach-E competitor, it would be while using the Camaro, not the Corvette.

Note: A Camaro SUV is also in the works at Chevrolet.



C8 Corvette Ranks 12 on List of Top 14 Used Cars More Expensive than New

It's crazy how much the overall used car market has come down in the last year, and thanks to another study of new and pre-owned car prices from *iSeeCars*, we have yet another sign that the pre-owned market for the [C8 Corvette](#) is cooling down as well. Last February, *iSeeCars* published a study that ranked the Corvette Stingray second on the list of [15 Used Cars More Expensive Than New](#). That study found that the C8 Corvette was priced at 20% more for used examples than new cars, with the average pre-owned Corvette priced \$16,645 higher than new. In the March 2023 study that just came out, the Corvette was 12th overall on the list of the Top 14 cars that are more expensive used than new, with the C8 Corvette priced only 0.4% or \$324 more used than a new.





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More Car Shows



Corvette Racing at Portimão: Two Wins in a Row!

PORTIMÃO, Portugal (April 16, 2023) – [Corvette Racing](#) has gone back-to-back in the FIA World Endurance Championship with a stunning GTE Am victory in the Six Hours of Portimão for Nicky Catsburg, Ben Keating and Nico Varrone in the No. 33 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R.



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Pickering Easter Parade

6 Vettes that showed up for the Easter parade. My thanks to, Ken Gordon, Ron LANGLOIS, Terry Jamison and our old friend Sam Dickie. I had my 2 cars in the parade and had my son-in-law drive the 09. I was in the 77 and we had my two granddaughters in the cars. The kids were tossing Easter eggs to the children, but a cop told us we could not do this for safety reasons?? Go figure. To get around this I would stop the car and call an adult to come out and I gave the eggs to them to share with the kids. Once at the legion it was a zoo so most of us just headed for home.



Welcome to the 2024 Ontario Corvette Caravan

Registrations have been very strong and we are getting down to filling our last few remaining spots. As of Saturday April 15, 2023, there are 105 registrations, leaving only 15 more registration spots available.

If you are sitting on the fence about joining us, now is the time to register for this exciting event before it is too late.

Watch for regular email updates from the 2024 Caravan Committee starting soon about venues we will be visiting, hotels we will be staying at on the way to the Corvette Museum as well as in Bowling Green, when to reserve and pay for those rooms, planned special events and group meet-ups we will be holding and much, much more.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Jamie Krane- Ontario Captain
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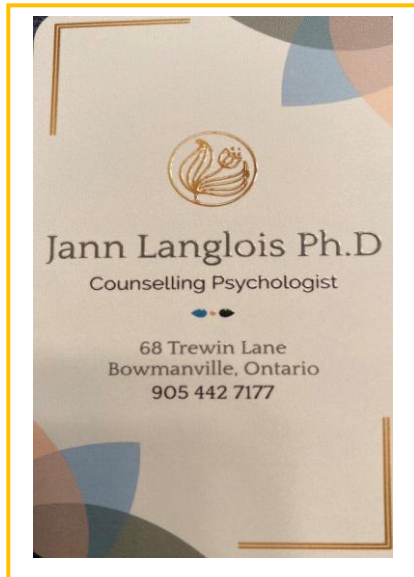
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CTMP Announces 2023 Racing Schedule

Another fantastic year of racing is set to go green for Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP), Canada's Legendary Home of Motorsport in Bowmanville, ON.

At Canada's biggest sports-car racing weekend of the year, IMSA returns to CTMP in 2023 for the Chevrolet Grand Prix, and it's set to be an event for the history books. The re-establishment of the historic "GTP" class and moniker, has the racing world buzzing with excitement. Built to the new FIA LMDh spec, these new prototype cars are simply spectacular. Will the track record finally be broken?

As always, the Corvette C8.R will battle against a healthy field of GTD cars from a spectrum of international manufacturers in the exciting multi-class format. Also featured on this weekend will be the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge, featuring a number of Canadian drivers including last years winners Robert Wickens and Mark Wilkins. Finally, the IMSA VP Racing SportsCar Challenge will complete the weekend schedule with a double-header of 45 minute sprint races and a renewed multi-class structure designed to test drivers on North America's top racing circuits.

In May, CTMP's kick-off to the season begins with Castrol Victoria Day SpeedFest, featuring the exciting action of the NASCAR Pinty's Series in the eBay Motors 200. This weekend continues to celebrate the very best in Canadian auto-sport with the FEL SportsCar Championship Canada, Emzone Radical Cup Canada, and the Super Production Challenge filling the event roster.

Back again on Father's Day Weekend is the VARAC Vintage Grand Prix presented by eBay Motors, the perfect time to visit the track with dad and the family. This weekend features beautiful vintage cars restored to their former glory on our legendary Grand Prix Circuit.

The season shifts to two wheels for the Canadian Superbike Championship, which rides into CTMP for the Superbike TripleHeader Weekend in August. This weekend truly produces some of the closest and most exciting racing on our calendar. Don't miss the sight and sound of motorcycles screaming up the Mario Andretti Straightaway at 300 km/h!

Finally, the CTMP Labour Day Sprints will once again finish off the major event schedule with an all-Canadian lineup of racing action. The NASCAR Pinty's Series returns for its second stop of the year at CTMP with the main event WeatherTech 200 race on Sunday. Joining the ground-pounding NASCAR field will be the FEL SportsCar Championship Canada, Emzone Radical Cup Canada, Nissan Sentra Cup, and Toyo Tires F1600 Championship.

Here are the official dates for the 2023 season:

- **Castrol Victoria Day SpeedFest, May 19 - 21**
- **VARAC Vintage Grand Prix presented by eBay Motors, June 16 - 18**
- **Chevrolet Grand Prix, July 7 - 9**
- **Superbike Tripleheader, August 18 - 20**
- **CTMP Labour Day Weekend Sprints, September 1 - 3**

Tickets for the 2022 season will go on sale shortly. For more details and information on tickets, camping, and more, please visit our [website](#)! And be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @CTMPOfficial to stay up to date on promotions, updates, and more!

Save the Wave

As humans, we communicate with one another in multiple ways. It is understood that our main form of communication is *verbal*. Of course, speech is not the only way people communicate. *Non-verbal* communication is another way we send messages to one another - through things such as eye contact, facial expressions, and other gestures with our bodies. For example, have you ever passed by a smiling person, and simply smiled back without saying a word? Or maybe you've given a thumbs up to someone who's done well on a task?

It is well known that Corvette enthusiasts use a friendly form of non-verbal communication when they meet one another on the roadways by way of a friendly hand wave hello. Waving is not only a way to greet others, but it can also be used to say goodbye, beckon someone closer, or request a stop.

In the Corvette community, we call this special greeting "*Save the Wave*." Of course, Corvettes are not the only make and model in which owners acknowledge one another in passing, but "*Save the Wave*" is unique to the Corvette world and is something every Vette owner will hopefully experience.

Corvette enthusiasts are nothing if not friendly to others who share the same passion. Taking to the roadways in America's Sports Car is always something to be enjoyed, and recognizing the mutual adoration with a friendly wave when passing a fellow owner can be a fun experience.

While "*Save the Wave*" is regarded as Corvette's car-waving expression, it's difficult to trace the phrase back to its origin. An article titled, *Save the Wave*, was published in the August/September 1969 issue of *Corvette News*. The article stated, "It's been said many times, that ever since Corvette No.1 first met Corvette No. 2 on the road, their drivers gave each other a wave." This article confirms the tradition is well over 50 years old.

A random wave from a fellow Corvette enthusiast in passing may come as a surprise to new owners as they discover this tradition, and there can be confusion as to how "*Save the Wave*" is properly executed. Over the years, there have been some tongue-in-cheek pieces written about it, but the consensus is that waves must be done *safely* and in a *friendly* manner. Whether one owns a C1, a C8, or any generation in between, and, whether one owns a single Corvette or ten, a friendly wave demonstrates the happiness Corvette enthusiasts get from their cars.

During the early generations, a few general rules were created regarding "*Save the Wave*" etiquette in the hopes that new owners would take them to heart and apply them on the roadways.

First and foremost is that whoever sees the "other" Corvette first, starts the wave. No matter who waves first, and no matter if it's a man or woman driving... it's pretty simple. if you see another Corvette, give a wave!

Second, *not* waving at a fellow Corvette owner is considered a violation of proper Corvette etiquette, so the goal is to help new owners learn.

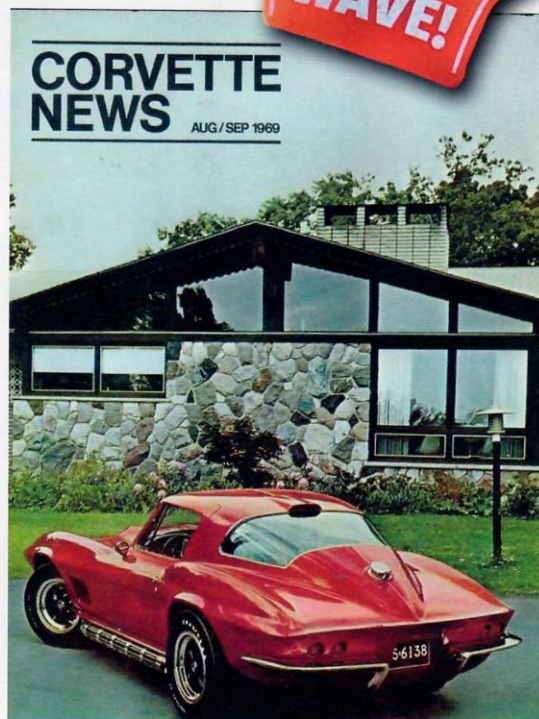
Third, any *type of wave* is *fine*. Whether you throw your arm up to wave out your open convertible top, thrust your hand out the side window, or give a quick salute with your fingertips just off your grip of the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is considered okay.

Finally, it is said a late wave is better than no wave at all. If you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, try and return the gesture as soon as possible. The other driver may catch a glimpse of your wave in their rearview mirror and realize that you were just a little late. They'll appreciate your effort!

It's been said that newer Corvette owners may have little, or no, understanding of "*Save the Wave*" and they are unaware of the special tradition. Encouraging new owners to join a Corvette club is a terrific way to ensure this wonderful custom continues!

In the end, the underlying message is easy to understand. Wave at fellow Corvette owners, whoever they are, whenever you see them. It shows you're a true enthusiast who understands the comradery and the special etiquette that comes with being a proud Corvette owner!

SAVE THE WAVE.... It's friendly, it's fun, and it's a fast acknowledgment. *Fun and Fast*- it's what Corvette is all about!



2023 Events Calendar



Red – CCCC Events

Black – Various Shows

Blue – COD Events

Date	Event	Contact	Location	Time
May 7th	Spring Cruise	Jan Raven	Rhino's Bewdley	10:00 am
May 17th	Sponsor show	Anne Halverson	TrimTech Oshawa	5:00pm-9:00pm
May 19 - 21	Speedfest	Brian Striemer	CTMP (Mosport)	
May 24th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Royal Ashburn	5:30pm
May 27th	Club Photo	Jan Raven	TBA	TBA
May 28th	Wasaga CCCC	Brian Striemer	Stonebridge TC	
June 4th	DreamVettes CCCC	Anne Halverson	Ontario Motor Sales	8:00 am
June 11th	Windsor CCCC	Ron Langlois	Waterfront Park	
June 18th	Hi Hope	Jan Raven	Hi Hope Farm	TBA
June 21st	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Royal Ashburn	5:30 pm
June 24th	Pineridge CCCC	Ron Langlois	Boyer Chev Ajax	
June 25th	BBQ	Jan Raven	Striemer Mansion	
July 8th	Moncton CCCC	Ron Langlois	Moncton NB	
July 23rd	Niagara CCCC	Ron Langlois	Brian Cullen GM	Concours
July 30th	Simcoe CCCC	Ron Langlois	Lynwood Park	
Aug 1st	LCCC CCCC	Ron Langlois	Webers Hwy 11th	
Aug 24th-27th	Carlisle	Ron Langlois	Carlisle PA	
Aug 26 - 27	Autofest	Brian Striemer	Lakeview Park Oshawa	
Aug 26th	COP CCCC	Ron Langlois	Buckhorn Lions Club	

