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November 2019

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ken Gordon

Poor little trick and treaters the other night having such horrible weather conditions. We are accustomed to having 50 kids arrive at the door for treats and we only had 10. But that's not as sad as closing the cottage and preparing to store away our Corvette.

On a happy note, Marilyn and I had the pleasure to drive our Corvette to take in the gorgeous Autumn colours on the cruise to Picton. The members who joined us had a great cruise, good food & wonderful conversation. Thank You Denise!

I want to encourage all members to attend the last few upcoming events. Euchre Night (November 23<sup>rd</sup>) and of course the Annual Christmas Dance (December 14<sup>th</sup>). Tickets will be available to purchase at the next General Meeting at Sabina's (November 20<sup>th</sup>). Jan Raven & members never disappoint with the Annual "Silly Sweater Party". Tons of laughs and fun! (December 22<sup>nd</sup>).

To continue with the late Brian Lindow's passion (Toy Mountain), I ask if all members can please bring a new unwrapped toy to the next General Meeting. CTV will provide me with the date for Pickering Town Centre so we can give our donation on behalf of Corvettes of Durham. Thank you in advance for your support.

See you at Sabina's November 20th! And please renew your membership!

Ken

P.S. I would appreciate 3 more members to display their Corvettes at Motorama next March. Let me know if you are available - 289-923-8333.

HALLOWEEN AT KEN'S HOUSE



KEN RECEIVING APPRECIATION AWARD  
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**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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# COD Members' Corner



## November Birthdays

Julian Ralph, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sharon Boulter, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Bruce Smith, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Gus Tzirivilas, 13<sup>th</sup>  
Paul Arsenault, 20<sup>th</sup>  
Brian Striemer, 25<sup>th</sup>  
Roy Watts, 25<sup>th</sup>  
Angela Tzirivilas, 26<sup>th</sup>  
Margaret Kowal, 27<sup>th</sup>

## December Birthdays

Mike Tillaart, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Whitehead, 7<sup>th</sup>  
Ken Gordon, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Rob Stefantschitsch, 13<sup>th</sup>  
Ron Tremblay, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Linda Bunn, 28<sup>th</sup>

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## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:**

Hi Everyone!

It's that time of year again. Time to renew our membership for the coming year. This year there is a renewal form available on-line ([www.corvettesofdurham.ca](http://www.corvettesofdurham.ca)) or at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Until December 31, 2019, the renewal fee is \$85.00. From January 1, 2020, the renewal fee is \$95.00. You can mail me your renewal with payment if you are unable to attend the meeting.

If you would like to pay your membership by mail, please send your completed application form and cheque in the appropriate amount to Susanne Ralph, 2485 Linwood Street, Pickering, Ontario, L1X 1G6.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me ([zunne@rogers.com](mailto:zunne@rogers.com)) and I will respond quickly.

Looking forward to an exciting remainder of the year and a fun-filled New Year.

See everyone soon. Thanks!

Susanne

### **\*\*NOVEMBER MEETING VENUE\*\***

Just a reminder that our November membership meeting will be held at **Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub**  
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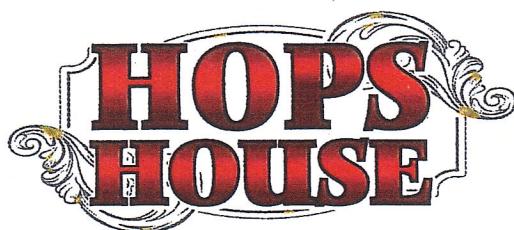
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## Fall Cruise 2019

Due to limitations, the Friday cruise was cancelled. Clayton & Darlene checked into Isaiah Tubbs and had a wonderful day getting some Christmas shopping done.



Saturday morning, we convened at Tim Horton's (Taunton & Harmony). Jan & Dave provided some baked goods for the 6 cars and we embarked at 11:30am. We cruised the Ganaraska route to Warkworth where we took a coffee break 😊



Jan & Dave Raven; Jann & Ron Langlois and Gloria & Don Chalmers were unable to continue the cruise to Picton, so we split the cruise up and continued onto the resort: Ken & Marilyn Gordon, Brian and Linda Striemer and Denise & Scott Bull.

Once we arrived, we met up with Darlene and Clayton and found out where their rooms were located. Dinner reservations were made for 6:30 to accommodate a wedding.

The venue was lovely and the food was quite good. Reasonably priced too. We all adjourned back to our room for drinks and social. Turned in at a reasonable time (well some of us 😊) to get up for the morning cruise event.



Early the next day, we packed up and checked out. We were joined by Donna Taylor Case and Dave as well as a few other members of the Prince Edward County clubs. Roy and Rosanne arrived followed by Al

Young. They joined Brian, Linda, Scott and I to cruise to the Glenora Ferry



to take the cars on a boat ride over to Adolphstown where we cruised over to the Bergeron Winery for a tour, wine tasting and pizza.



Had a lovely visit and bought some wine. The group headed off towards Bath where we split again and everyone took different routes to get back to reality.



Great fun and thoughts for future cruise events.

### **Euchre/Games Night Nov 23 2019**

We are sold out to maximum capacity! Thank you for the support.

Liquor license is obtained; planning is ongoing. Catering is ordered (diet restrictions considered).

We are looking for volunteers from those attending to help sell tickets; 50/50 draw; and setup/cleanup. We are also looking for donations for prizes to award throughout the night (regifting highly encouraged).

### **Christmas Dinner/Dance Dec 14 2019**

Tickets are \$65.00 and will be available at the next GM. We have a wonderful surprise for you all!

It is going to be a great evening! We encourage everyone to bring out your friends. The more the merrier!

Donations for door prizes and raffle prizes are requested. Thank you all for the wonderful support you show. As always, volunteers are required to assist with the event.

It's been a wonderful year to date. Thank you all for your continued support!

Denise Ciaralli  
Social Director

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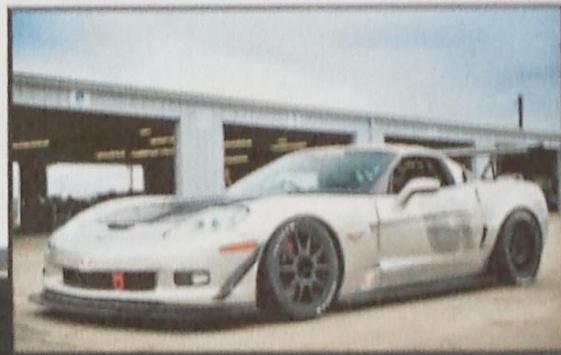
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# Corvettes of Durham

## Silly Sweater Party 2019

Date: Sunday, December 22, 2019

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Hops House Pub & Grill  
121 Green Street, Whitby  
(free parking in lot on south side)

Don't forget to wear all of your Christmas finery - Santa hats, flashing jewellery, reindeer ties, Rudolph noses and, of course, your Silly Sweaters!

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## Ron Fellows Performance Driving School – Corvette Owners School – Spring Mountain Motor Resort

by Gail, Judy, Linda & Rosanne

We all arrived at Las Vegas airport on Sunday afternoon, got into our rental cars and headed off to Pahrump, Nevada to attend the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School at Spring Mountain.

On a bright desert highway, cool wind in their hair, or lack thereof... all headed for Pahrump, anticipation in the air ...



On arrival we were greeted at the Welcome Centre, went through the registration process and given keys, information on local restaurants and directions to our condos.



Once settled into our rooms, we relaxed with some **refreshments** on the balcony outside our rooms, watched a beautiful sunset and planned where to go for dinner since the dining room at the club house was closed that evening. We decided on Italian and headed into Pahrump for an excellent dinner at Carmela's Restaurant. And, they had gluten free for Chuck, yeah!



We were up bright and early the next morning and headed to the clubhouse for breakfast and then off to the building that housed the Classroom, lounge, refreshment area, etc. As we drove from one building to another we saw

rows and rows of Corvettes (about 130-140 in total) — “fields of dreams” for our guys to feast their eyes on.

After introductions of the staff, the attendees and their guests, the trainers then outlined the course expectations. The group was then split into two (COD were able to stay together on Day 1) so one group would be in the classroom while the other group was out driving. Drivers were matched with the same type of Corvette they currently owned and they drove the assigned Vette for both days of the course ... and finally they were off to the ‘races’. Imagine the sound of all the Vettes **rumbling simultaneously** as they warmed up before each track trial.

All the classroom sessions were extremely informative, whether you were going to be out driving or were a guest. For the Day 1 morning session, we all sat through the class and the guests were able to go up a tower to watch the drivers go through their paces. We watched the guys with anticipation as they applied the lessons they learned in class. We cheered them on as they went through their “paces” doing ‘S’ turns, braking, throttling up and especially when they were set loose on the track.



Lunch was a buffet at the clubhouse and offered a well needed break. The afternoon continued with more classroom instruction and all four ladies (Linda, Gail, Rosanne and Judy) jumped at the opportunity to ride with an instructor while the instructors “led” the guys around the track... all we can say is that it was an awesome opportunity to be a passenger driving around the track at high speed. The only thing that might be better is doing the driving yourself.



At the end of the day we headed back to the condo ... after a rest and some refreshments on the balcony we headed off to the clubhouse for dinner. All the meals that we had at Spring Mountain were buffet, plentiful and good. The grounds at the clubhouse were beautifully landscaped. Unfortunately the pool was closed while we were there. The Welcome Centre had a large selection of branded clothing and other items for purchase. We all took advantage of doing a '**small**' amount of retail therapy as we supported the economy of Pahrump, Nevada.



Club House grounds

Day 2 continued with classroom sessions for guests and drivers. Guests again were given the opportunity to ride with instructors on the track... while the guys raced around the track with their instructors... giving them an idea of what the cars can actually do at high speed in the hands of a professional.



The drivers were given another final round on the track. The day culminated with a group photo and the "Graduation Ceremony".

From the female perspective the two day course was amazing! We learned so much about the dynamics of handling a high performance car. From our perspective the classroom instruction, the fun of racing around the track with extremely skilled instructors, and watching through the side mirror of the car to see how our significant other was doing (as he raced up to the pace car) was a "bucket list" experience.

But, the highlight of the experience was seeing the huge smiles on our guys' faces when they completed each track "mission" and grew in confidence and speed. We were so proud of them when they were called to the front of classroom to receive their Graduation Certificates.

Attending as a guest and being able to sit in on classroom sessions, drive the track with extremely high caliber professional race car drivers and share such an amazing "car" experience with our significant others was very rewarding. We highly recommend the Ron Fellows Corvette Owners Performance Driving School whether as a driver or as a guest.

If there's a next time it may be the guys who attend as the guest while the gals head out on the track!



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# *"Save the Wave"*

Do you know about the “wave”? If not, then probably you bought your first Corvette after 1996, and it was probably a C5, C6 or C7. Most Corvette owners prior to 1996 are familiar with the wave and very adept at handling this 66 year old tradition.

From the time Corvette # 001 rolled off the assembly line, Corvette owners became a breed of their own. It was so unusual to see another Corvette on the road in the early years that Corvette drivers found they had to acknowledge each other when they met and they created the Corvette “salute”. This is an unspoken “honour” to the Corvette.

This salute is very distinct. When another Corvette approaches you on the road, your right hand, without removing it from the steering wheel, raises the index and middle finger immediately before passing the on-coming Corvette. It makes no difference what year or model it is – you salute it and the driver will salute you back – usually at exactly the same time. If you pull up beside another Corvette, you salute him in the same way but by the outside hand – left lane – left hand, right lane – right hand.

The Corvette “salute” is now known as the “Corvette Wave”.

The term “Save the Wave” became popular after the production of the first C5s. The straight axel, mid-year, C3 and C4 owners never thought the “wave” might become extinct but, the newer Corvette owners ignored acknowledging the older Corvettes on the road. This started a movement where seasoned and passionate Corvette owners started signing their names on personal documents followed by the tag line – “Save the Wave”. It is now on bumper stickers, refrigerator magnets, event programmes, cakes – it is put on everything to get it out there and educate the “newer” Corvette owners.

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*Jan Raven  
“Save the Wave”*

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## AMBASSADOR

November, 2019

In the May issue, we introduced readers to the **Corvette Hall of Fame** and a few of notable inductees in the history of the Corvette.

Inductees' bios are available on the Museum's **Corvette Hall of Fame** pages. This month we continue to feature inductees into the NCM Hall of Fame:

2001 | GM-CHEVROLET CORVETTE HALL OF FAME

## JOE SPIELMAN

LS1 aluminum engine, into the future program. Read more about Joe Spielman at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Joe-Spielman>

2001 | GM-CHEVROLET CORVETTE HALL OF FAME

## GIBSON HUFSTADER

chassis. As an amateur race driver in the Corvette production group, Hufstader used knowledge gained to work up an "exchange program" with other racers. Read more about Gib Hufstader at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Gib-Hufstader>

2002 | RACING CORVETTE HALL OF FAME

## JAMES JEFFORDS

Corvette in May of 1956. Jim began 1957 at Corvette Racing Team and was later invited to help form a Corvette race team for a Chicago-based dealership. Read more about Jim Jeffords at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/James-Jeffords>

Joe Spielman became the proud owner of his first Corvette as a 19-year old university engineering student and, except for a six-month period, maintained a collection of Corvettes for 37 years, owning 33 Corvettes. As a GM vice president and general manager of Manufacturing, Spielman was a member of the team that moved the fifth generation Corvette (C5), along with the revolutionary

Gibson (Gib) Hufstader had an honourable career with Corvette over 45 years, involving him with the Grand Sport, AeroVette, Twin Turbo LT5 and many other facets of Corvette. He began his GM career in the 50's as a development engineer for Chevrolet R & D. In 1960 Hufstader also worked with Zora Duntov as a design release engineer for

James "Jim" Jeffords was a two-time National Driving Champion, recognized for his exciting racing mark in legendary race cars and automobiles. Jeffords maintained a racing career that began over 50 years ago, appearing in the very first Road America race at Elkhart Lake in September 1955. Early success earned him his first ride in a

## **Wendell Strode retiring!**

As you heard previously, the Museum's **Executive Director, Wendell Strode**, is retiring in early January, 2020 following 23 years of service to the Museum. His retirement



dinner will be held at the Museum on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> and our own Jan and David Raven will be in attendance. They will present Wendell with a retirement card, signed by many COD members, to wish him well in his retirement. In addition, a letter of congratulations has been sent to Wendell expressing our appreciation for his many years to invaluable service to the Museum and to Members everywhere. Wendell joined the Museum from a career in banking and a few years after it opened, the NCM fell on some very difficult times. Difficult to the point where its very existence was threatened. Not only did Wendell rescue the NCM—he led it to the prosperity that it enjoys today.

To honour Wendell's contribution, the NCM Board of Directors announced during the recent Anniversary weekend, that Wendell will be inducted into the Museum's Hall of Fame during next year's ceremony. This news was met with loud and long applause! We'll include a HOF article in the August 2020 COD newsletter.

A true southern gentleman, his leadership and guidance will truly be missed!

### **NCM MEMBERSHIP DRAW**

A big thank you to COD members who have supported your Club and the Museum by purchasing a ticket (or 2!) hoping to win a 1-year single membership to the National Corvette Museum. Last chance to purchase will be our November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting; and the draw will take place that evening too! Net proceeds stay with COD! There is still time!! Only \$5/ticket.

### **Hey COD!**

**Is there anything about the National Corvette Museum you want to know?**

**Please...just ask us. We're here to serve our Club members!**

### **Coming up at the Museum...**

Starting in January the Museum will feature an exhibit of artwork by Ed "Big Daddy" Roth as well as some of the cars his art influenced. Roth's drawings featured caricatures of cars with giant smoking slicks, fire out of the exhaust, blown engines and cartoon monsters. Not only were children drawn (no pun) to his work, but adults too! This year-long exhibit will also include a re-creation of Roth's garage, since he was also a car constructor and pin-stripe expert.

Full details are available in the current issue of *America's Sports Car*, a publication of the National Corvette Museum.

This is something very different for the NCM to showcase...why not stop in for a look on your drive south to Florida this winter?

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The 2019 season for Corvette Racing concluded with the 4-day October 9-12 Petit Le Mans race at Road Atlanta near Braselton GA. It's really unfortunate that our team didn't have a better race, even though the overall hope was to end the C7.R era with a victory. The No. 3 car took a fourth place finish while the No. 4 Corvette ended in 7<sup>th</sup> place. The team struggled with tire grip throughout the first part of the race; even extra pit stops to change tire compounds inside a full five hours of green-flag racing didn't help. At least the weather was decent!

At race end, Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen tied for second in GTLM drivers' points; Chevrolet are third in Manufacturers' points.

Petit Le Mans marked Jan Magnussen's final race with Corvette. It was announced before Petit that, after 16 years, 156 race starts, 35 wins and four championships with Corvette, Jan would be seeking racing opportunities elsewhere in 2020...a **huge** disappointment to his fans! Jan joined Corvette Racing in 2004 as an endurance driver and became a full-time driver in 2007, partnering with Antonio Garcia in 2012.

Filling big shoes will be Jordan Taylor, no stranger to Corvette Racing fans. Jordan will leave WTR (Wayne Taylor Racing – his father's team) to drive the new C8.R mid-engine race car. The first race of the 2020 season will be the Rolex 24 at Daytona on January 25-26. We wish them a very successful season!!



Jan in the early years with Corvette.



## **THE CORVETTE C8.R RACE CAR IS CONFIRMED FOR 2020**

Corvette Racing has more than 60 years of racing heritage and a very important debut in Corvette racing history came in early October. The C8 mid-engine was revealed in July but the first mid-engine GT Le Mans (GTLM) race car for Corvette made its debut alongside the 2020 Stingray convertible in Florida at the Kennedy Space Center on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Corvette Racing has enjoyed tremendous success on the track in the last 20 years, winning 107 races – the most of any professional sports car team in North America. Those included 13 team championships and 12 Driver and Manufacturer titles. In 2015, Corvette Racing became the first sports car team in 15 years to win endurance racing's

Triple Crown - victories at Rolex 24 At Daytona, Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring and 24 Hours of Le Mans - in the same season!

The C8.R No. 4 car wear a new livery of silver with yellow accents. The No. 3 car will feature a traditional yellow colour scheme with silver accents that continues the colour scheme of the successful GTLM racing Corvettes of the past 20 years.

The C8.R will make its racing debut at Rolex 24 At Daytona on the weekend of Jan. 23-26, 2020.

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Three photos were taken for us by friends attending the Petit Le Mans race in October.



Prior to the Petit race, Tommy Milner took to the track to show off the car to the crowds lining the fences.



A special display area was set up to showcase the C8.R

At right is a press photo, issued during the C8.R reveal held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.



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## BITS 'N PIECES...

- Are you interested in buying a C8 Corvette? Even if you're just daydreaming about owing one, here's a tool from GM to help you play out that dream! The *2020 Corvette Playbook* is for you:  
<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/docs/2020corvettestingrayplaybook.pdf>. Thanks to Corvette Blogger for posting this online.
- **Kingston Invasion II** is in the works. If you didn't attend in '18, get on the mailing list right away by contacting [jprice3@cogeco.ca](mailto:jprice3@cogeco.ca).
- GM Canada will build the McLaughlin Test Track in 'our back yard'. This 55-acre outdoor test track will enable Canadian Technical Centre engineers to prove and develop advanced new vehicle systems. Link to this story:  
<https://www.wheels.ca/news/gm-canada-paves-a-road-to-the-future-with-new-mclaughlin-advanced-technology-track/>
- Chevrolet recently announced that 2020 Corvette Stingray VIN #001 will be auctioned off in January at Barrett-Jackson's Scottsdale sale. 100% of proceeds will benefit Detroit area public schools through a donation to the Detroit Children's Fund.
- The film, '*FORD v FERRARI*' is taken from a non-fiction novel that tells the story of how Henry Ford II devised a plan to break Ferrari's choke-hold on its most important race, the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Opens on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Jake*, the mascot of Corvette Racing, has been updated! The Jake logo first made its appearance on a Corvette race car on the b-pillars of the C6.R at the 2005 24 Hours of Le Mans. Here is a photo of the updated logo:



- [https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2019/10/02/official-chevrolet-introduces-first-hardtop-corvette-convertible/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&u](https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2019/10/02/official-chevrolet-introduces-first-hardtop-corvette-convertible/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&u) This is the link to an interesting Corvette Blogger article about the C8 hardtop convertible which apparently offers the same amount of storage space as the coupe, even with the top down!

- *OOPS!* Photos from the September Pine Ridge show unfortunately arrived too late for me to include in the October newsletter. Here are Brian Baker who won in the C3 class, Sam Dickey who won in the C5 class and Norby Dippold who won in the C6 class.

Congrats again to you all!

*And thanks to my secret photographer!*



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DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Nov. 20	General Meeting <b>Please note location</b>	Ken Gordon	Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub 1755 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm mtg
Saturday Nov. 23	COD Euchre Party \$15 / person <b>SOLD OUT!!</b>	Denise Ciaralli	Harmony Creek Community Centre, 15 Harmony Rd. North Oshawa	6:30 pm – 10:30 pm
Saturday Dec. 14	COD Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance <b>TIX available @ Nov. meeting</b>	Denise Ciaralli	Trillium Trails Banquet Hall 53 Snow Ridge Court, Oshawa	5:00 pm – 12:00 am
Sunday Dec. 22	Silly Sweater Party	Jan Raven	Hops House Pub & Grill 121 Green Street, Whitby	2:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Wed. Jan. 1/20	New Year's Day Lunch	Jan Raven	Details to follow	
Jan. 15 2020	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	TBD	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm mtg
Feb. 19 2020	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	TBD	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm mtg
Fri - Sun March 13 14 & 15	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Motorama Custom Car & Motorsports Expo	Ken Gordon	International Centre, Toronto (COD has a booth)	10am - 9pm Fri 10am - 8pm Sat 10am - 5pm Sun
March 18	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	TBD	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm mtg
Sunday June 14	DreamVettes & All GM Show	Ken Gordon	Oshawa Motor Sales 140 Bond Street W, Oshawa	8:30 am – 2:00 pm
June 19-20, 2020	Kingston Corvette Invasion	Ken Gordon	Save the Date	

**GREEN – CCCC Event**

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