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COD proudly supports the R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre (\$46,285 to date) and the Salvation Army/CTV Toy Mountain.



These are some of our COD members who participated in the April 26th "Hospital Parade" to thank the numerous healthcare workers in our local hospitals for their dedicated care of those who are dealing with the Covid-19 virus. *They truly are heroes and we appreciate them so much!!*





May 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ken Gordon

Hope everyone is staying healthy & safe.

This is a very challenging time and it is especially frustrating to miss Family for Easter and Birthdays and upcoming Cottage Season.

Corvettes of Durham is a Social Club and thanks to Jan, Dave & Helpers we cruised in our Vettes to three Hospitals in the Durham area to show our appreciation to the Front Line Workers (we were televised on the CTV 6:00 pm news). Great Job everyone!

Jan has many events planned to celebrate the Clubs 20th Anniversary, but due to COVID-19 we'll have to keep you all posted.

Reminder that DreamVettes has been postponed to September 13th, but that could change with the advice from Health Canada.

Stay Healthy and let's stay in contact!

Ken

PLEASE NOTE

**Owing to the Covic-19 pandemic, there will
no Club meetings until further notice.**



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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Annie Pappas, 5th,
Doreen Nodwell, 8th
Jan Raven, 12th
Tony Cannella, 14th
David Collins, 16th
Ed Schroer, 30th
Barb Fletcher, 31st



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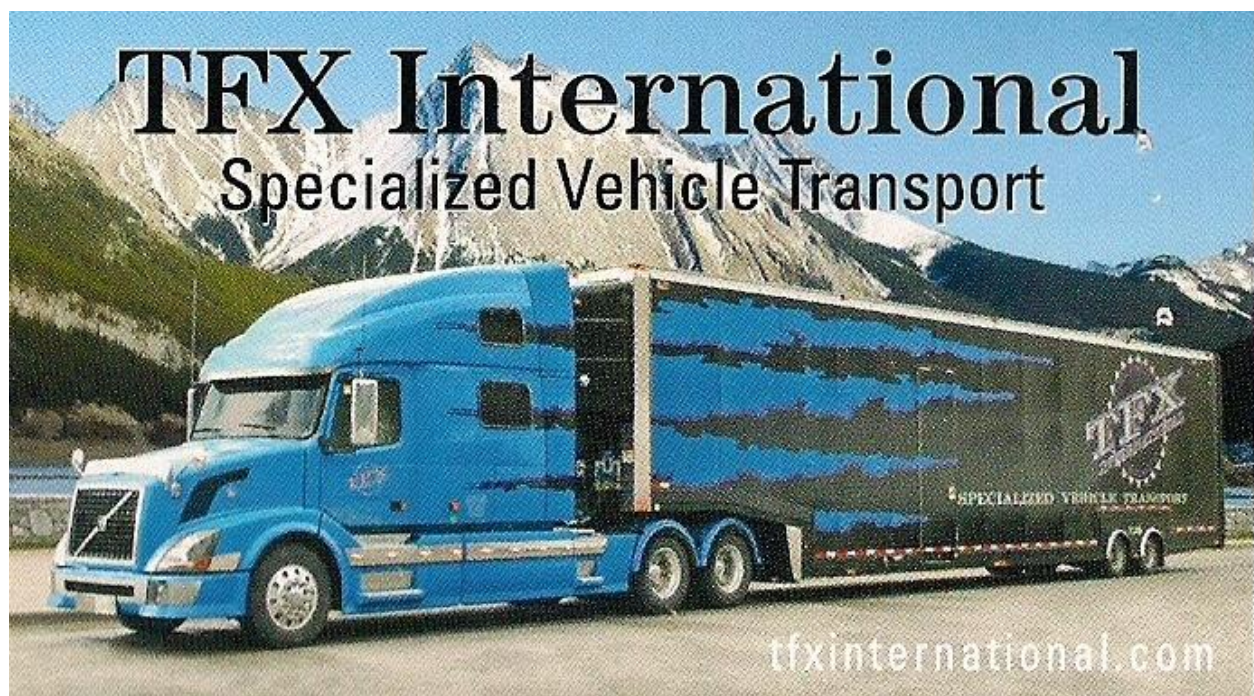
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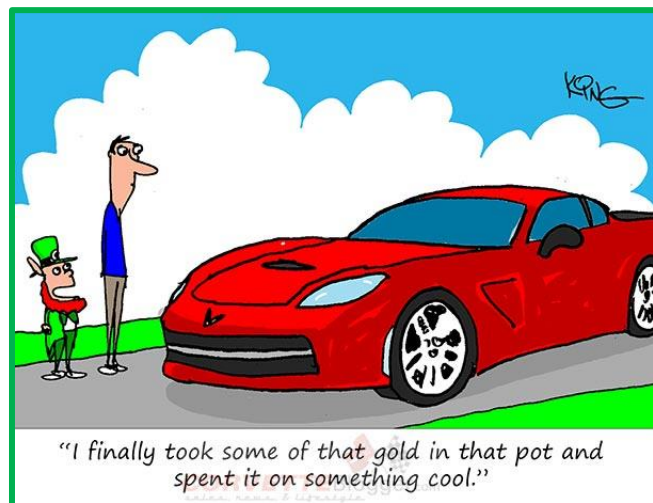
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Corvettes of Durham to parade past hospital sites on Sunday

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Corvettes of Durham members will be parading past hospitals on Sunday, April 26 to honour and cheer on front-line health-care workers. They will be stopping at hospitals in Bowmanville, Oshawa and Ajax Pickering. - Ron Petroniro/Torstar

DURHAM — Corvettes will be on parade on Sunday.

Corvettes of Durham is celebrating its 20th anniversary on April 26, but all of its events have been cancelled due to the pandemic.

So, club members will pay tribute to front-line health workers with a parade around Durham Region this weekend.

Members will be driving the Corvettes past the Bowmanville, Oshawa and Ajax Pickering hospitals, rain or shine, to honour and thank front-line workers. At each location, drivers will stop to wave signs and cheer on the workers.

They are scheduled to be at the Bowmanville site at 11 a.m., Oshawa at 11:45 a.m. and Ajax Pickering at 12:30 p.m.

Corvettes of Durham have been longtime supporters of Lakeridge Oshawa and donated \$50,000 to the cancer centre.

For more information, call Dave at [905-852-1233](tel:905-852-1233).



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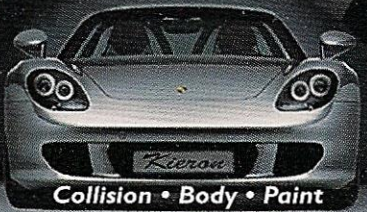
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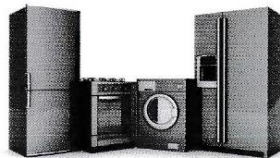
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Corvettes of Durham Hospital Parade

We thought it might be a nice idea if we honoured our local healthcare workers. When the email went out we were stunned at the positive reaction from our members. It was great!

We decided to drive by Bowmanville, Oshawa and Ajax-Pickering Hospitals.

I started by calling the “authorities” to see if it was okay to have a parade – Durham Region Offices, Durham Regional Police, the hospitals, administration offices, the front desks and the hospitals’ security teams. They all thought it was a great idea and made it very clear that noise and signs are very welcome.

I mentioned it to Sue W. and she suggested that maybe we could drop off treats to the workers. So what kind of “treats” could we drop off? We managed to get 300 bags of Frito Lay chips and Clayton added 150 apples from Algoma Orchards.

Then we had a new problem. How do we transfer all of this stuff in Corvettes? Ron L. and his yellow SSR to the rescue. And, it would stand out. I wonder if anyone was watching us juggling spaces to load the truck. Thank you Ron!

We called the Durham Regional News and I gave them a few details. They didn’t get it quite right but that’s okay – it’s the media. However, I gave them our home phone number in case they needed more information. They published it!!! We had countless calls before we even knew the parade was advertised.

We contacted Tom Brown to order good weather. He suggested that we change it to Saturday – no possible way! We had to live with what we got. Our members are tough. I thought we should consider taking steel cars but I was “booed down” pretty quickly. Corvettes can be washed. A Corvette Parade isn’t a parade without Corvettes.

We met at our usual Tim Horton’s in Oshawa. It was cloudy but not raining. Joe did an excellent job in keeping the cars parked one space apart and, if anyone was watching, would have been very impressed at Joe’s professional attitude towards physical distancing. Sixteen or seventeen Corvettes spaced out take up a lot of space.

We received several calls from Corvette owners and others inquiring about whether or not they could join our parade. Paul, from somewhere, showed up at the parking lot in his C5 Convertible.

Thank goodness Terry was there to take so many beautiful pictures. This was an event to remember.

The signs our members made were spectacular. One of my favourites was "Not All Super Heroes Wear Capes!" Gail won the prize for best sign. Her sign was made with the letters extended out over the edges of the board. It was beautiful.

The signs could not compare to the wild hair that was out there. I decided to go back to the big hair of the 80's but nothing could compare to Clayton and Darlene. Darlene's long blonde hair was tied with a beautiful wide ribbon and Clayton? Clayton showed up with a giant, curly, red wig! Those two must sit and home and discuss how they are going to impress us next. Needless to say, Clayton took the prize for wild hair.

Clayton was the lead car to Bowmanville Hospital. They knew we were coming at a certain time and several hospital workers and security guards were outside waiting for us – with their cameras!

We held up our signs, waved our flags and made a lot of noise going down the street. We unloaded our chips and apples and spent a few minutes exchanging "thank yous". It was very touching how appreciative they were of our efforts.

We left Bowmanville Hospital and Clayton led us to Oshawa General. Well, we no sooner pulled in than the CTV news camera jumped out in front of us. There were lots of hospital staff and visitors cheering us on. We stopped by the front entrance. The cars were lined up in front of the hospital and they looked spectacular. They were really, really beautiful. No wonder CTV news had us as their 3rd story on the 6 o'clock news.

They also loved the chips and the Algoma apples and they, too, were so appreciative of us being there. There sure weren't too many dry eyes in Oshawa. It was very heart-warming and it sure made all of us proud.

I have to mention the lady in the plaid coat. She had called the house Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. to make sure we were still going despite the weather. I spoke to her for a few moments. She told me it was a wonderful, wonderful thing we were doing and she wouldn't miss seeing us for the world. When we arrived at Oshawa General, the lady in the plaid coat was waiting for us, with her camera. She spoke to Clayton and me and gave us a donation for the Club for whatever charity we wanted. I told her I would buy a toy for Toy Mountain. She was thrilled. I'm sorry I didn't get her name but I want to thank her anyway. Thank you Lady in the Plaid Coat!

Dave became the lead car on the way to Ajax-Pickering Hospital. Friends of ours, Pat & Steve, who attend some of our club functions were waiting at the Abilities Centre to cheer us on. Pat was a nurse at Centenary Hospital

with Shirley for about 35 years and Steve is an X-Ray technician at Ajax-Pickering Hospital. It was his day off so he wouldn't see us at the hospital but would see us on the side of the road. Pat and Steve were really touched by the show of support for the hospital workers.

We drove into the Abilities Centre's empty parking lot so that we could parade past Pat and Steve. They were the judges for the most noise. Since this was an afterthought, I got out of the car to tell everyone what we were doing. There, right in the middle of our club cars was an Arctic White C8! Where did he come from? When I looked at him he simply said "I'm Paul". Okay, welcome to our parade.

Chuck and Linda won the prize for the most noise – and there was a lot of noise!

We drove along Base Line (or whatever it's called) on our way to Ajax Pickering Hospital when, suddenly in front of us, appeared a Sebring Orange C8! Waiting for us! Waiting to join us! This was too good to be true – 2 C8s in our Parade! I bet that was the only parade in North America to have 2 C8s in it – in Canada for sure!

We drove into the Ajax-Pickering Hospital just as it was starting to rain. There were only a handful of workers outside to see us but as Jann and I handed the chips and apples to the security team, we noticed there was someone in every window of the hospital, waving, with cameras, patients and workers. It felt really good to know so many of them had been waiting for us to show up.

We left Ajax Pickering and headed to the Ajax Walmart parking lot. On our way over, a BMW pulled up beside us and said "I have never seen so many beautiful Corvettes together in one parade in my life. Are you the parade everyone is talking about? You guys are really something special".

By the time we got to our final destination, the weather had deteriorated even further but Terry, our wonderful photographer, continued taking pictures so that we would never forget this heart warming event.

We could never thank all of the hospital and healthcare workers enough, who go to work everyday to look after our needs, but we sure saw an awful of beautiful smiles.

We should all be very, very proud. It is great to be a member of Corvettes of Durham.

Jan Raven



Jan Raven
& her
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Be sure to see all the April 26th Hospital Parade photos on the club website
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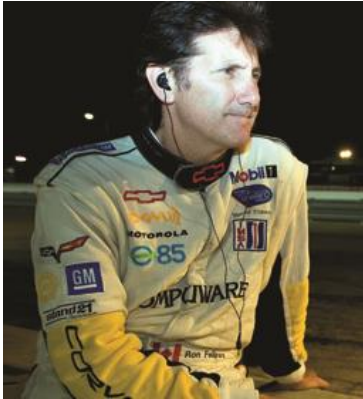
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RAY QUINLAN

Ray Quinlan is probably the first Museum enthusiast, and it's fair to say the Museum might not be where it is today without the support of this NCM Lifetime Member No. 001. When the idea of a Corvette Library & Archives first came about, it was Ray who came forward and said he would donate his 1953 Corvette if the plans would incorporate a Museum ...and Ray was right

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more about Mac MacKichan at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn-about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Clare-MacKichan>

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At the time of preparing this report, the National Corvette Museum & Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant remain CLOSED to the public until further notice.

MICHELIN NCM BASH now in MAY:

The Michelin NCM Bash will now be held on **May 28-30** inclusive. The 2020 Bash will feature the Entombed Corvette exhibit, book signings, guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, Corvette Racing Banquet with Team Manager Doug Fehan, a live auction, the Ladies' Oasis, and the Ladies Garage with women of the Corvette Team. Online registration is open: Lifetime members \$20pp, member registration is \$25pp and non-member registration is \$35pp.

For up-to-date Bash information please refer to the Museum's website (www.corvettemuseum.org) **AND watch for an NCM announcement next week.**

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The 24 Hours of Le Mans, normally held in June each year, will now be run on September 19-20, 2020. This is *the race* where the world's greatest car manufacturers do battle and again this year, through special arrangement with the race's sanctioning body, the ACO, the NCM will have a special commercial-free, ACO commentated, direct feed of the race at the National Corvette Museum.

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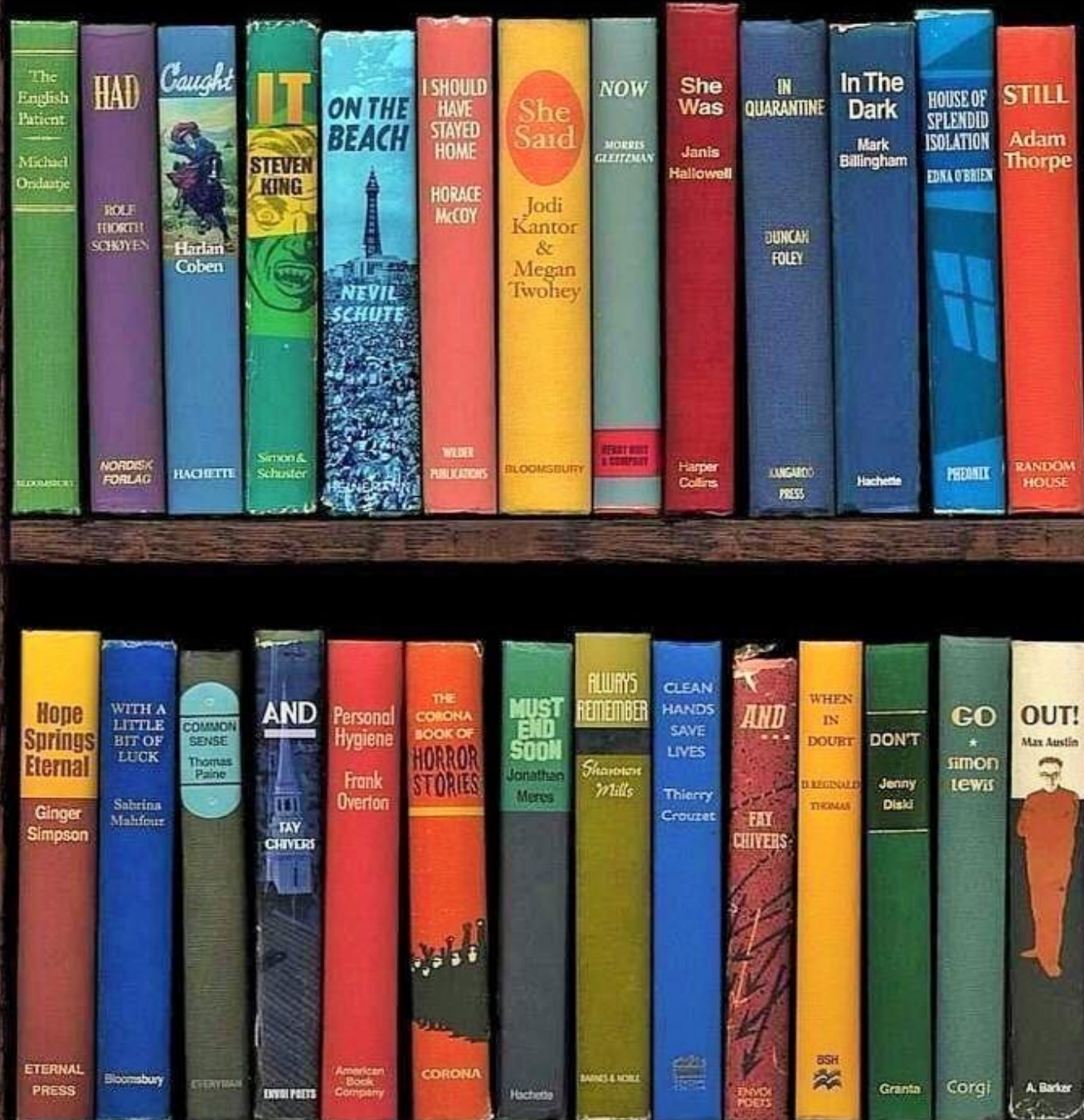
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The Corvette Racing Team are all at home, like the rest of us, waiting out the Covid-19 pandemic. Here is an interesting item to share with fans of Corvette Racing.

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Racers in Isolation: Tommy Milner

Tommy Milner gives us a rundown of his sim racing set-up and tells us why his house is turning into a "zoo"...

Photo: Tommy Milner

Sportscar365 is contacting drivers from around the world to ask what they're doing during the coronavirus pandemic and how

they're coping with the racing downtime.

Corvette Racing's **Tommy Milner** ([Twitter](#)/[Instagram](#)) features in this edition of 'Racers in Isolation'.

Where are you sitting out the COVID-19 crisis?

I'm at my home in Round Hill, Va. with my wife, Lauren and our two dogs. We've had a lot of little projects around the house and property that we've been able to tackle in the downtime, not to mention my wife is just finishing a small four-stall barn for her horse on the property.

We've had a lot to keep us busy over these last few weeks.

What's your go-to for food when no-one feels like cooking?

Luckily for us, we enjoy cooking, so that hasn't been a problem yet. I think we've been eating better now, healthier and better portions than we have at all.

The closest thing to a go-to for me is some of the Cliff Bars and Rx Bars we have at the house.

What's your current favorite Netflix/TV show?

Tiger King has been some of the best trashy TV I've seen in a long time. We're also excited about Ozark's returning as well.

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How have you been keeping up with sim racing?

I've been sim racing longer than I've been driving race cars. There was definitely a period there where I wasn't doing it as much, but ever since I did some development work for the Project CARS 2 title, I've been much more into it than I had recently.

I think I've tripled the number of races I've done in iRacing in the 12 years I've been a member in the last three months. Which shows how little actual racing I had done before but also how much more I'm using the service now.

I just updated my rig at the end of last year with Sim Labs P1 X, Fanatec's DD2 wheelbase, and a small upgrade to my computer.

Do you have any pets?

We have two dogs, Zeva and Kona. Zeva is a Husky/Malamute/Lab mutt mix and Kona is a German Shepherd. Lauren has a horse and as of two days ago, she brought home four baby hens.

Slowly our place is turning into a zoo! No big cats for us though.

Favorite section of any race track in the world?

When the car is good, 1/2/3/4 at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park is fantastic. It's one of the few sequences of corners in GT cars where you feel the car dancing at the limit all the time at some big speeds.

The uphill esses at Virginia International Raceway, especially T10, are probably a close 2nd.

The funniest thing you have heard or said over a team radio?

There may have been a little too much build-up for it, but in qualifying at Daytona two or three years ago, we convinced Olly [Gavin] to come on the radio when he was drafting Jan [Magnussen] to say "Shake 'n Bake – Slingshot engage!"

With his accent and the seriousness in his voice trying to put it all together, it was fairly comical!

Another good one was our, at the time, assistant engineer Reed Sullivan taking our normal engineer Chuck Houghton's place at Mosport a few years back. It was his first time talking to us on the radio during a session, and the first time he said something, I could likely have heard him just as well if he hadn't used the radio at all.

He absolutely screamed into the radio "OK TOMMY, WE WILL PIT THIS LAP!" This was just as I was passing start-finish and it scared the s*** out of me.

I had to bail on T1 completely. We were able to get him to turn it down a notch for the rest of the weekend but there was still a ton of excitement in his radio calls.

What's the one thing you are most looking forward to the first day you return to a race track?

Just being back in the paddock, seeing all of the team, and seeing that other half of my family I haven't seen in months. I'm sure there will be tons of stories to tell.

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	Cardboard*	24 hours	<div></div>
	Wood**	2 days	<div></div>
	Cloth**	2 days	<div></div>
	Stainless steel*	2–3 days	<div></div>
	Polypropylene plastic*	3 days	<div></div>
	Glass**	4 days	<div></div>
	Paper money**	4 days	<div></div>
	Outside of surgical mask**	7 days	<div></div>

*At 69.8 to 73.4°F (21 to 23 °C) and 40% relative humidity

**At 71°F and 65% relative humidity

Source: New England Journal of Medicine*; The Lancet Microbe**

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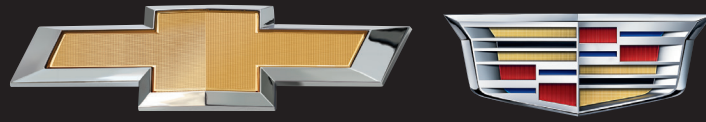
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DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Fri – Sun May 15-17	Victoria Day SpeedFest Canadian Tire Motorsport Pk.		POSTPONED NO NEW DATE	
May 28-30	New dates for: Michelin NCM Bash	Ron Tremblay	National Corvette Museum Bowling Green KY	9am – 5pm daily
Saturday June 6	Pine Ridge Corvette Club Show and Shine	Brian Striemer	POSTPONED NO NEW DATE	
Sunday June 14	Annual CCoW Annual Waterfront Show	Brian Striemer	CANCELLED	
July 2-5	IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar (Corvette) Racing	Norby Dippold	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park Bowmanville	TBA
Sunday July 19	Brampton Corvette Club Annual show	Brian Striemer	CANCELLED	
Aug 16	NEW DATE WBCC Summer Fling Show	Brian Striemer	Canadian Tire Parking Lot Wasaga Beach	TBA
Saturday Sept 12	CCCC-ER Recognition Awards & Memorial Cruise	Brian Striemer	Essa Township	
Sunday Sept 13	20 th Annual DreamVettes & GM Show	Ken Gordon	Ontario Motor Sales 140 Bond St. W, Oshawa	8:30 am – 2:00 pm

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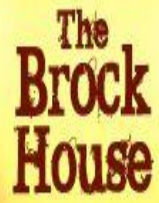
Book titles (from page 24):

The English patient had caught it on the beach. I should have stayed home, she said. Now she was in quarantine in the dark house of splendid isolation. Still, hope springs eternal with a little bit of luck, common sense and personal hygiene the corona book of horror stories must end soon. Always remember clean hands save lives and when in doubt, don't go out!

(With thanks to Brent Giffin & Anne Halverson.)

Below, a *tongue in cheek* example of "social distancing".






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