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### President's Report March 2023



February was a crazy month for weather. We had a couple of weeks of very mild temperatures and then it became bitterly cold by the end of the month. Hopefully spring will arrive soon.

Racing season is underway. Bud and I watched the 24 Hours of Daytona where the lone Corvette missed the GTPro win by a tiny .916 of a second, a great result after 24 hours of hard racing. Next up was the Daytona 500 where Ricky Stenhouse took a surprise win for Chevrolet after multiple overtimes. A surprise because Stenhouse drives for one of the smaller, less well funded teams. That result shows that the new Cup car has indeed created a more level playing field which should add more

interest for the fans.

Car lovers will want to attend Motorama to see the display that Ken Gordon and Ron Langlois have worked hard to organize. Ken and Ron have lined up a car for every generation of Corvette. As far as we know, this display has never been done before in Canada. If you can volunteer some time in our booth, please let Ken know.

Allan Harris and I are in the process of contacting our newsletter advertisers to see if they'll renew their ad for another year. A common response we receive is that they receive no business from our club members, so there is no reason to advertise with us. Please review the companies who advertise in our newsletter and use them if you have the opportunity. Make sure you tell them that you belong to Corvettes of Durham and you appreciate their ongoing support for our club.

Jan Raven and others on the Executive are busy planning cruises and a variety of social events for the coming season. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or activity ideas for the club.

Remember that DreamVettes will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day and may the luck of the Irish be always with you!

Anne Halverson



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- Please note that your 2023 membership fees as of February 1st will be \$85 Preferred payment is by e-transfer to; <u>corvettesofdurhamtreasurer@outlook.com</u> or if you can't figure that out call Allan Harris 416-918-7156
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- If you're putting anything for sale on facebook marketplace expect a call from Marilyn...she buys everything...
- Congrats to old new member Terry for winning the 50/50 at the February General Meeting...he always wins...















# Corvettes of Durham Euchre Party



The Euchre Party is all set for Saturday, March 18th, 2023 at Royal Ashburn Golf & Country Club in the "Morning Room".

We will start 1:00 p.m., play Euchre until 3:00 or 3:30 p.m. (depending on when the games end) and then we can socialize and give out the awards for High Score, Most Lone Hands and the "Booby" prize. We will also have a 50/50 draw. We can have a drink and eat finger foods and we should be wrapping up around 5:00 p.m.

Club members who don't play Euchre but would like to attend and socialize are also welcome. The will be open, the food will be good and the company fantastic. Social Butterflies will be included in the 50/50 draw and a door prize.

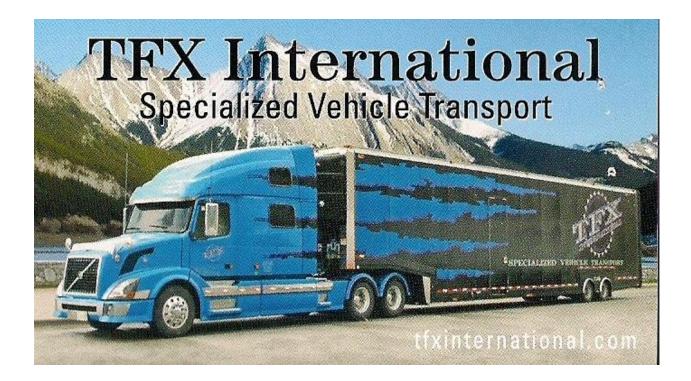
Please let me know by March 1st if you intend on attending as we have to guarantee a minimum number of participants and provide the numbers by March 3rd. Guests are welcome.

Cost is \$ 20 per person for players, guests and Social Butterflies. You can pay me at the March 15th General Meeting.

Hope to see lots of members and guests there!

If you need more information please contact me at (905) 852-1233 or email: bigfurrycritter@gmail.com

Jan



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Once again Corvettes of Durham will be participating at Motorama at the International Centre this spring (March 10 -12). The difference this year is that our club will be the " **Feature Car Club** " at the Show ! This is a huge honor and requires a little more effort to have a spectacular display.

Motorama has requested that we try to have a Corvette body style from each class eg. C1 - C8 . With the help of Brian Halverson General Motors is loaning the Club an Orange 2023 C8 Z06 with a Z07 package for display along with our cars. I encourage members to attend Canada's Largest Indoor Automotive Enthusiasts and Racing Show. It's a great weekend. We now have 8 Corvettes, C1 to C8.

I will need volunteers, so please let me know if you plan to display, attend or volunteer as soon as possible as I'm trying to get everything organized for this big event .

Thanks

Ken 289-923-8333

#### Chevrolet Canada Says 2024 E-Ray MSRP Will Start at \$128,798 for the 1LZ Coupe

Prices for all three trim levels haven't been announced by GM Canada, but we do know that the entry-level 1LZ E-Ray will start from CAD \$128,798, including the \$2,295 destination freight charge, \$100 for air conditioning tax, and \$699 in dealership fees.





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# **Spring Cruise**



Spring Cruise Sunday, April 30, 2023 ''Save the Date''

Our Spring Cruise to Rhino's in Bewdley will be on Sunday, April 30, 2023 so "Save the Date".

#### Corvette Racing at Daytona: Close... but Second in Rolex 24



DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Jan. 29, 2023) – <u>Corvette Racing</u> started its 25th season of competition with a runner-up class finish Sunday in the Rolex 24 At Daytona. Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor and Tommy Milner teamed up for the secondplace GT Daytona (GTD) PRO result in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R.

### 1969 Corvette ZL-1 Convertible Sells for \$3.14 Million at RM Sothebys



### Speeders in Ontario, Beware! There's a New Sheriff in Town

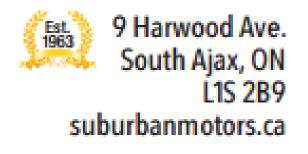


If seeing the pics of a 2023 Corvette Z06 dressed up as an Ontario Provincial Police car makes you nervous, you can relax as it's just a promotional recruiting campaign for the OPP at the 2023 Canadian Auto Show.



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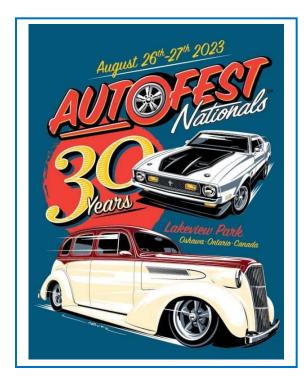
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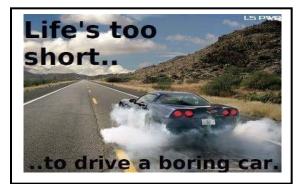
#### 2023 Corvette Z06 to Pace the 65th Running of the Daytona 500

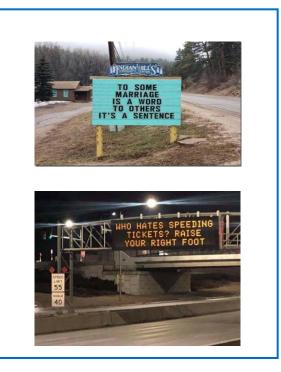


Chevrolet's new 2023 Corvette Z06 will set the pace and lead NASCAR's Cup Series racers to the green flag this Sunday, February 19 at 2:30 PM ET with the 65th running of the Great American Race, the Daytona 500.The Corvette Z06 is armed with the Z07 performance package and wears the full visible carbon fiber aero package. The Riptide Blue exterior is paired with a Black full body racing stripe with a gray outline, Black Spider aluminum wheels, and dark stealth crossed flags badges. Inside we see the Sky Cool Gray interior with Red seatbelts on what are most likely Competition Sport seats.As for livery customization, the "Great American Race" decals are mounted on the doors with "OFFICIAL PACE CAR" under the logos. There is a faded gray graphic along the bottom that grows taller under the side scoops and then fades into what I bet are tiny cross flag logos.









### 2025 Corvette Zora: Would You Buy One?



The 2025 Corvette Zora is rumored to be the top of line C8 Corvette with up to 1,000 hp, so YouTuber Brian Mello used an AI machine to create this exotic supercar.

## Winter Blues Cruise February 5th





It was a very cold morning when we pulled up beside the Raven's house in Uxbridge to join the others for a cruise to East Gwillimbury. We waited until the last couple arrived and joined the line. Jan distributed tasty chocolate hearts to snack on. The cruise began by having a tour of Foxfire Cres. The enormous, beautiful houses on that street were awe inspiring and we could picture our Corvette being stored inside one of those 3-car garages. We arrived at Loyal Alfred's Bar & Grill for lunch. Our group of 22 people took over the restaurant and kept the solo waitress busy. To have the buffet or to not have the buffet, that was the key question. Those who ordered from the menu had a bit of a wait, while those who devoured the buffet had instant gratification. It was a perfect social event and it nice to chat with many members of the club. Barb and I couldn't make it...it's not that we don't like y'all...we had front row seats to our grand daughters hockey game.



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#### **Registration on back**



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
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- 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 <u>website</u>! And be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @CTMPOfficial to stay up to date on promotions, updates, and more!

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# **2023 Events Calendar**



#### **Red – CCCC Events**

**Black – Various Shows** 

**Blue – COD Events** 

Date	Event	Contact	Location	Time
March 10,11,12	Motorama	Ken Gordon	International Centre	
March 15th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Brooklin Pub	5:30 pm
March 17th	St Patricks Day		Everywhere	
March 18th	Euchre Day	Jan Raven	Royal Ashburn	1:00pm
April 19th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	ТВА	5:30 pm
April 30th	Spring Cruise	Jan Raven	Rhino's Bewdley	ТВА
May 13th	TBA	Jan Raven		
May 17th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	ТВА	5:30 pm
May 28th	Wasaga CCCC	Ron Langlois	ТВА	
June 4th	DreamVettes CCCC	Anne Halverson	Ontario Motor Sales	8:00 am
June 11th	Windsor CCCC	Ron Langlois	ТВА	
June 21st	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	ТВА	5:30 pm
June 24th	Pineridge CCCC	Ron Langlois	ТВА	
June 25th	BBQ	Jan Raven		
July 9th	Moncton CCCC	Ron Langlois	ТВА	
July 16th	Brampton CCCC	Ron Langlois	ТВА	
July 23rd	Niagara CCCC	Ron Langlois	ТВА	Concours
Aug 1st	Orillia	Ron Langlois	ТВА	
Aug 24th-27th	Carlisle	Ron Langlois	Carlisle PA	
Aug 26 - 27	Autofest	Brian Striemer	Lakeview Park oshawa	

May your glass be ever full. May the roof over your head be always strong. And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you're dead.

Make sure your kilt is short enough to do a Jig But long enough to hide your Lucky Charms! Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone!