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# President's Report

**By Ken Gordon**

## **Happy Fall Everyone!**

The last Car Show I attended was “Summers End” hosted by Pine ridge Corvette Club. It was held at Butchie’s (formerly Shake Rabble and Roll) and Myran & Joe D. drove away with awards representing Corvettes of Durham.

## **Great Job Guys!**

Last month’s meeting at Amici’s had a great turnout, including new members and potential new members. Amici’s will be our permanent location for General Meetings until further notice. Managers Rob & Adriana will make sure our Club is well taken care of. Please note in the “Calendar of Events” that October & November meetings are Thursdays and will return to Wednesdays in the New Year. Hope everyone will make an effort to attend and enjoy!

As everyone knows we needed two Executive positions to fill. I am thrilled to announce that Anne Halverson has volunteered to take the position as our new Treasurer.

## **Thank You Anne!**

We still require a Secretary that will be able to attend two meetings a month to record the Minutes of those meetings. Please try and help us out!

I know it sounds too early to think about Christmas, but our Annual Christmas Dance will soon be upon us. Call or see Cathy Nunno to purchase your tickets for a fabulous evening.

Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving Weekend and see you all on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ken



**Corvettes of Durham** was established in 2000. We meet on the third Wednesday every month at 7:30 pm. 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 Convenor know.

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## October Birthdays

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Rick Gibson	8
John Chuisolo	9
Judy Robinson	20
Myran Coburn	29



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Dear COD Members,

In the August and September newsletters a 'thank you' note to Club members Brian Lindow, Jann Langlois and Judy Robinson was included as they had taken on new roles with the Club as DreamVettes Coordinator, Social Convener and Membership Convener. Our sincere '**thank you**' is again repeated!

We all appreciate Brian, Jann and Judy for agreeing to continue the important work of our Club and the Treasurer position has now been filled. The secretary position, however, still needs to be filled as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Candidates for this position should be an active member of the Club.

As mentioned previously, Dorothy and Bruce have recently retired and plan to travel to enjoy their new RV. Dorothy holds a key position in the Club and continuity between our outgoing and incoming Secretary is integral to the smooth functioning of our Club. Won't you help?

Here are *some* of the duties of Club Secretary:

- Record the Minutes of the monthly Executive and Membership meetings and distribute them by email.
- Maintain a record of all nominations, voting, new policies approved, changes to current policies and any other pertinent information regarding Club activities.
- Maintain a copy of all correspondence to and from the Club.
- Maintain possession of the Minute Book and ensure required updating is done in a timely manner.

Dorothy is happy to provide more details and assistance to get the new Secretary started. Please consider assisting COD in this position. You'll find it a rewarding experience! And, *thank you* from your fellow Club members!



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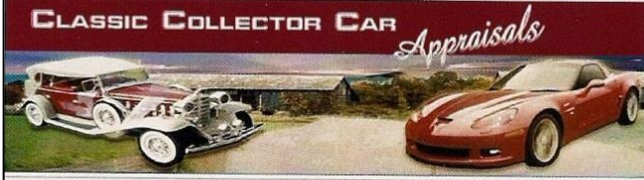


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## COD Socially in OCTOBER

You say "FALL", I say "SUMMER!!!!"

Finally the weather we have all waited for ....Corvette weather. I have seen so many CORVETTES on the road lately.

DRIVE DRIVE!!!!

Welcome to Roy and Rosanne our newest members. It was nice meeting you at Amici's. Hope you will get to know many of the wonderful people in our club.

COD is going to have a very busy FALL and hopefully lots of our members will join in the fun.

1. Firstly, the FALL CRUISE, to officially close of the 2017 Corvette Season. We will travel to the Burleigh Falls Inn on Saturday October 21- Sunday October 22.

The cost is \$318.10 for accommodation, 3 meals, and all taxes and gratuities. Details will follow closer to the date.

Please call the Inn at 705-654-3441 to book your room. Use COD as your reference. ROOMS are STILL AVAILABLE.

2. Euchre and Social Evening at the Italian Social Recreation Club at 245 Simcoe St. South in Oshawa on Saturday October 28.

Cost is \$15 pp and a light snack is provided as well as pop and water. Cash bar is available. Deadline to RSVP is October 8 to give us enough time to cancel if not enough interest. Guests are welcome to join us.

3. Christmas Dinner and Dance at Deer Creek Golf and Country Club is Saturday November 25. Arrive at 5:30pm for dinner at 6:30pm. A poster is attached to the newsletter this month with details. Guests are welcome so try to make a table of your friends for an elegant evening.

\$55 pp for members and \$65 for non-members. DEADLINE TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS NOVEMBER 8. If you want to reserve a table for a specific number, I will need to know that also. I will not be assigning seats unless you specify.

Our September General meeting at Amici's was a great success. 50 people attended and the tailgate party in the parking lot after was fun. Thank you for the good weather. Looks like

Amici's got the thumbs up for our future general meetings. Thank you Bruce and Dorothy for organizing the wonderful event and venue.

➤ **Please see the events calendar at the end of the newsletter for a change of meeting date for October and November.**

Lots of good wishes go out to Darlene Read and Howard Kerr who are recovering from surgeries. Have a safe and speedy recovery so we can see you very soon....you are missed! Hopefully Jim and Cecile are doing better these days and will be out again too.



Congratulations and a bouquet of red roses to Patty & Norby, who recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a cruise!

Best wishes from your COD friends for many more anniversaries!!

That's all for this month!!!!

Cathy



### **Important News for COD Members:**

In April of this year, your COD Executive discussed annual membership renewal and the following Motion was placed on record:

***A motion was introduced by Rocco Nunno that membership renewals be completed by the end of February each year without exception. Notices to be placed in September and October newsletters so that all members are aware of the change. Motion seconded by Ken Gordon. All agreed.***

It is hoped that all members will renew their membership in time! **Snowbirds** are encouraged to please give a post-dated cheque to the Treasurer before you depart for warmer weather.



**Corvettes of Durham Club  
Presents.....**

**Christmas Dinner  
and Dance**

**Saturday November 25, 2017**

**At Deer Creek**

**Golf & Country Club**

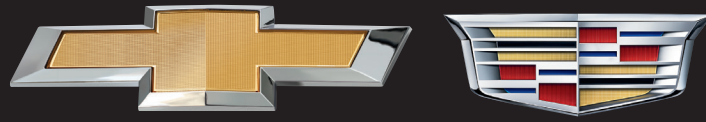
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## Quad C Report - Recognition Event

On September 9, 2017 over 150 Quad C members drove to Daryl Senick's farm in Essa, ON (just south of Barrie) to recognize Quad C award winners and to honour our members who passed away this past year.

COD was represented at this event by Ron Langlois, Joe DeBattista, Steve Megill and me.

It was a beautiful sunny day and, when I arrived at the farm, I was surprised to see over 80 Corvettes parked in a row.

Most of us went on a Scavenger hunt/cruise through the hills around Essa and through Canadian Forces Base Camp Borden for 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  hours. They say Joe and I got lost when we only decided we wanted to drive through Alliston. (Not on the route). That's our story and we're sticking to it.

Great BBQ with tons of food and desserts shared with some great people. Carl Gomes, Ron Langlois, Joe DeBattista and Brian Lindow walked away with participation plaques. Ron also won a raffle prize of a Corvette jacket. We also had a moment when the time came to remember Quad C members who passed away this year, and we reflected on the loss of Rob Halverson.

A first class event and, for anyone who hasn't been to Daryl's barn/ extreme man cave for his four Corvettes, sports bar, and, as Trump would say it, a YUGE entertainment area with projection TV, you really need to come to next year's event. Lots of fun too!

*John Robinson*  
*COD Quad C Governor*



## **Ron Fellows Performance Driving School**

Carl and Susan Gomes flew to Las Vegas on Friday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, picked me up at the airport on Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, and we drove through the desert for about one hour west of Vegas to the Ron Fellows School in Pahrump, Nevada.

Carl and I started our 2 day class the next day and we still can't get the smiles off our faces when we think about it.

The facilities are first class, the track we used was great, and the Instructors (all current or former race car drivers) were exceptional!

On mid-morning the first day, we were split into 2 main groups of 10 per group (and then each group divided further into groups of 3 or 4 Corvettes.) Following this, each small group of drivers hit the track following their instructor.

The first two laps familiarized us with the "east" track and then the Instructor told everyone (via in-car radio) to ramp up the pace. Each driver in the group got a chance to chase the Instructor for 3 laps. I didn't realize it but during the chase the instructor was checking our skill level, our abilities, and our comfort level. As each driver had their chance to follow the instructor, he would slowly bring us past our comfort level and pushed us towards our potential. This happened every time we were on the track for both days. The Instructors seem to have an uncanny knack at determining how far they could challenge each one of us. Ronnie you're safe...we didn't hurt any of your cars.

The Instructors changed the small group of drivers throughout the first day in an attempt to keep the drivers with similar skill and ability levels in the same groups so one driver doesn't slow down the rest.

The second day the group was divided into two groups again with one group having the fastest times. (Not surprisingly, in the fast group 8 of the 10 cars were Z06's and the other two were drivers with track experience.). Carl and I were in the second group but in the fastest group of 4. Again, the Instructors continued to find the best in all of us.

Turn 2 gave me trouble for the first few session. You enter the right hand #2 after the 90-100 mph longest straight. It is a 45-50 mph long turn which immediately becomes off camber (the left side of the track is quite a bit lower than the right side) with another right turn apex 40 yards ahead before the track levels out for a straight run uphill. (Highest elevation on the track).

I was having a tough time finding the best line through this corner until Cory, one of the instructors, talked me through the following technique: as you are at the turn 2 apex (point in a corner where you can start applying throttle) nail the throttle quickly (& briefly) and head for the lower left side of the track. (You feel like you are falling downhill.) When you are almost off the track, turn the wheel slightly to the right, feather the throttle, and the application of the throttle will bring you up to the next apex in the turn. The first time I tried it I was a little concerned I would go off the track but it worked perfectly. This turn became my favourite part of the track and I was able to hit 95 mph at the top of this hill. I don't get high on drugs - - I get high driving Corvettes fast.

We got out of the cars on both days, after each track session, with the biggest grins and we still have them when we think of our time there. This wasn't something I had on my bucket list but only because I didn't know how much fun it was. With hindsight, this should have been at the top of my list.

I can't say enough about this course in general and the Instructors in particular. These guys put the FUN in phenomenal!

If you get the chance to do it, go for it. We can highly recommend it. This is the most fun I've ever had in a car in my life! (Sorry, Judy).

Submitted by John Robinson  
Photos by John Robinson and Susan Gomes





John & Carl



John at the wheel



Debrief at end of lap



Susan & Carl



Graduation Class!

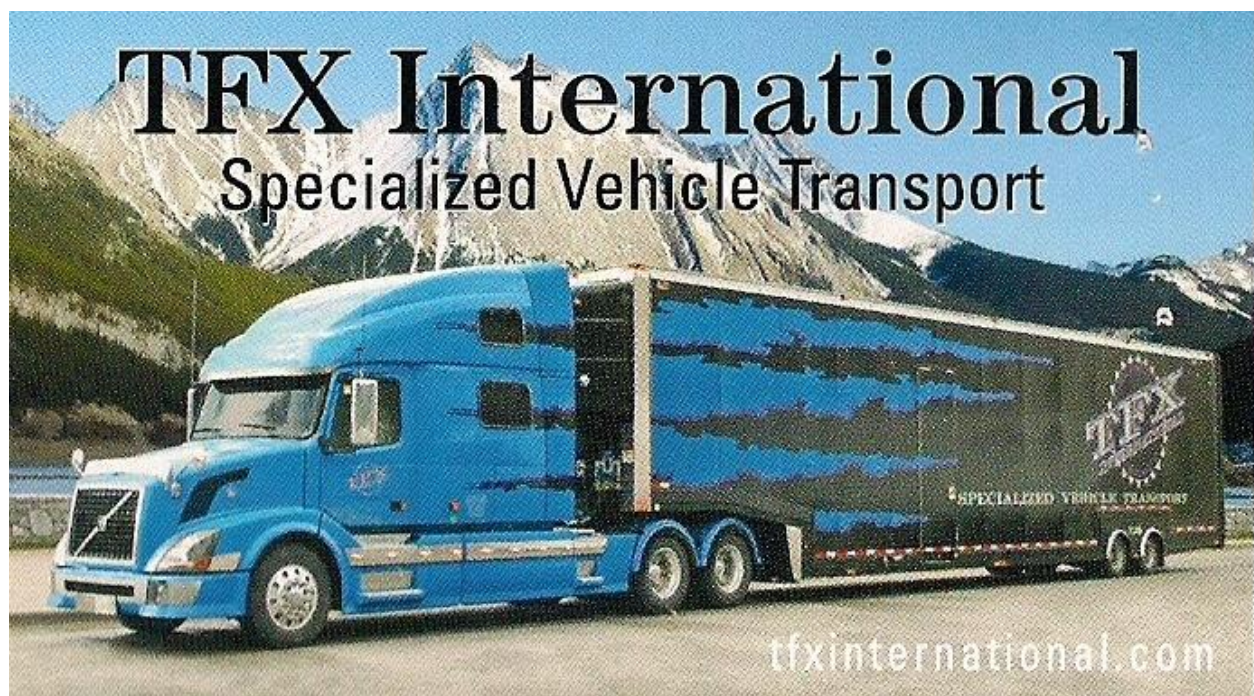


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Susan & Carl – date night in Vegas





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Did you know that your National Corvette Museum has over 36,000 members around the world?

And did you also know that, out of all the car museums in Europe and North America, the National Corvette Museum is *the only car museum* that was built by and is sustained by its members?

And did you know that two of our COD members are Founding Members of the National Corvette Museum? Jan and Dave Raven's membership goes back to 1990. You can read about their 1988 Corvette in the following article.

The NCM receives no government funding or grants to operate....it exists solely on membership fees, member donations and corporate donations from those automotive industries interested in the Museum.

All of which is say that this is a very special place for all of us interested in Corvettes!

If you are not already an NCM member, won't you consider becoming one? Our club already has a number of NCM members and Corvettes of Durham is also an NCM member in the 'business' class.

Here is a brief list of member benefits:

### Family Membership:

- Annual subscription to America's Sports Car magazine
- Free admission to the Museum for member and immediate family
- Discount on NCM sponsored events
- 10% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and catalogue
- GM Supplier discount on GM vehicles
- Discounts on car rentals and hotels
- Price: \$100.00

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- Annual subscription to America's Sports Car magazine
- Free admission to the Museum for member
- Discount on NCM sponsored events
- 10% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and catalogue
- GM Supplier Discount on GM vehicles

- Discounts on car rentals and hotels
- Price: \$50.00

All memberships are non-transferrable and non-refundable. Benefits for any membership level may be adjusted at any time as deemed necessary, at the NCM's sole discretion. Membership benefits will begin immediately and it takes approximately four weeks to completely process your membership and mail out your materials.

The complete list of membership categories<sup>1</sup> can be found on the Museum's website: [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org).

Online memberships are easy...just log onto the NCM website (noted above), click "Support" and scroll over to "Become a Member" and choose the level of membership you wish to purchase by clicking the appropriate red tab.

Secure payment<sup>2</sup> by credit card can be made online...or if you wish a more personal touch, phone the Museum toll-free at 1-800-53-Vette and speak with Stephanie Morrill, Membership & Guest Services Manager.

When you join the National Corvette Museum, you'll become a member of a very large family with the one thing we all have in common - our mutual love of this iconic sports car! During events at the NCM, you'll be welcomed warmly by NCM staff, meet new friends, learn Corvette history from the displays, tours and tech talks...in short, you'll have a great time there!

If, at any time you have questions, as your Museum Ambassadors we are here to assist you with this and all other aspects of Museum membership, events, tours, etc.! Just ask!

Ron Tremblay & Sue Woodland  
Corvettes of Durham/Museum Ambassadors

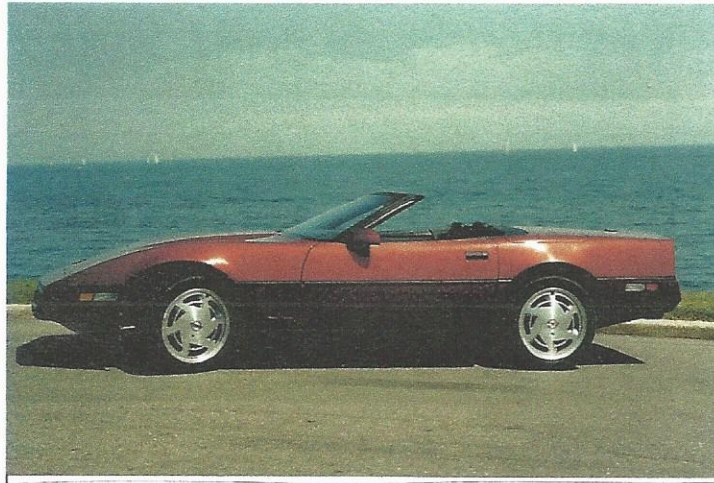
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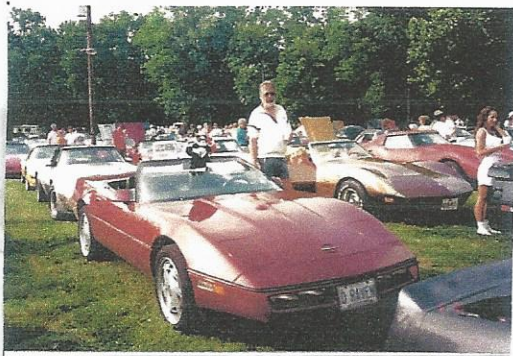
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## David's 1988 Turns 30!!!



### Brand new October 27, 1987



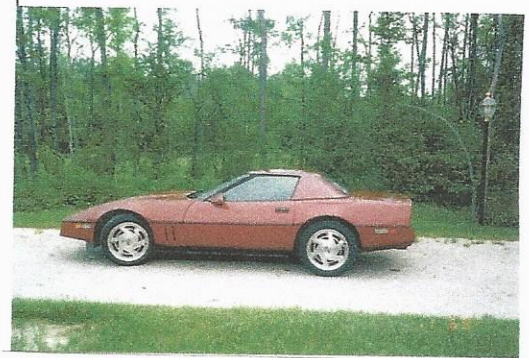
1991

It was 30 years ago this month that David bought his 1988 Convertible.

It was nice that year and he was able to drive it until December 1<sup>st</sup> before putting it away for the winter.

In 1991 it was one of 300 cars in the Bowling Green Homecoming Parade.

By 1998 he decided it needed a new look and bought a hardtop, which has seldom seen daylight.



1998

2007 it went for an Xperience at the National Corvette Museum. (They detail it really nicely.)

In 2015 it was honoured as 1 of 10 originals that attended the 1994 NCM opening.

Over the past 30 years we've had a lot of fun in this vehicle and we've made a lot of wonderful friends thanks to Corvettes of Durham.

David is a little older, a lot slower, but still loves his all original 1988.



2015



2007



Some things never change –  
(but then some things do!)





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The Corvette Racing season is winding down with the final race scheduled for this coming weekend ☹ ☹ at Road Atlanta in Braselton Georgia. You'll find the Petit Le Mans results on the website noted above late on Saturday night or on Sunday.

Back on September 24<sup>th</sup> at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, California, No. 3 drivers Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen took a huge step toward the GT Le Mans (GTLM) Driver's title. Although they ended that race in fourth-place in their class, they only need to *start* the 10-hour Petit Le Mans race to officially claim the GTLM championship. In addition, Chevrolet extended its lead by four points at Laguna Seca in the GTLM Manufacturer's Championship.

Magnussen began the race 7<sup>th</sup> in class. The team's qualifying strategy paid off in the race as did a timely full-course caution around the halfway point in the two-hour, 40-minute race. By the time the race resumed after the caution, he was in 2<sup>nd</sup> and with the overall championship in mind, the No. 3 team elected to stay with a strategy that ensured the No. 3 Corvette would finish ahead of its closest title contenders. And it did!




Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin had another run of bad luck in the No. 4 Corvette, ending in 9<sup>th</sup> place after being hit from behind at the first corner of the opening lap! The contact damaged the Corvette's rear diffuser, which impacted the handling and performance throughout.





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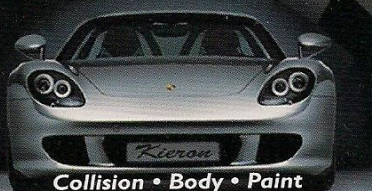
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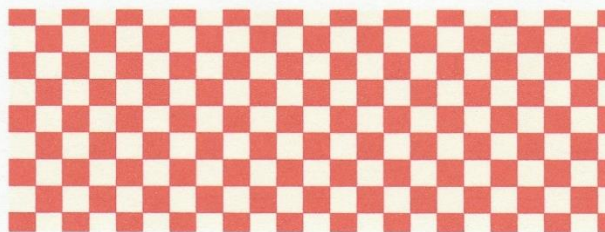
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## The Last of Summer 2017 Car Shows

On Saturday September 9 at the annual **Stouffville Motorfest**, there were over 1100 cars of all types, colours and years. John Fletcher was the only COD club member there.

That same evening at the **Canadian Tire Ajax Cruise-in**, 12 COD members and several former members were there enjoying a mild, summer evening. Donations of food for the Ajax Food Bank were piled high in several shopping carts and we all did our part to assist.

On Sunday September 10 the **Markham Auto Classic** was held on Main Street with roughly 300 cars on display. 6 COD members including John Fletcher, Brian Lindow and Connie, Sam Dickey, Eddie Hayward and Ron & Jann Langlois and several former members were in attendance.

- Congrats to Jann Langlois who won an award for Best Vehicle/Not a Car.



Thanks to Fletch for the photos and notes above.



### Summer's End

There were 9 COD members who attended the show and the weather was fantastic. Two COD members won awards – Myran (non-Corvette category – SSR) and Chrome Joe (1<sup>st</sup>, C6 category).

The show ended at approx. 1:30 right after the awards were handed out.

Thank you Pine Ridge for holding the event.







Report & photos by Ken Gordon



**Applefest in Brighton, Ontario:** As mentioned by Randy T. at our last *General Meeting*, Applefest was holding a car show on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Randy, Judy and I had a beautiful ride to Brighton on a hot sunny day.

We were met by Bruce Smith (he and Curleen now own a house there) and we attended the show. Actually, the guys stayed at the show and Judy went shopping. There were over 200 vendors lining the Main Street with most of the items targeting women. Judy bought a new pair of shoes (Surprise!) and Curleen arrived towards the end with her two beautiful granddaughters.

We were able to park our chairs near our cars and be in the shade to keep a little cooler. They had 341 cars entered and there were a lot I had not seen before. Good show, well organized.

After the show, Bruce brought us to their new house for a tour. Believe they are going to be quite happy there as the house is beautiful and they have some great neighbours. With the house prices there, it's worth the drive to Brighton.

Another great day and something we may wish to consider as a Club for next year.

Submitted by John Robinson



**Shine for Mental Health Awareness**, organized by Canadian Mental Health Association Durham was held on Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup>. Corvettes of Durham and Pine Ridge Corvette Club were invited to attend. 12 COD cars (John R., Linda & Gilles, Roseanne & Roy, Doreen & Terry, Randy, Dave C., Brent, Brian S., Ron L., Myran, Bruce, Susanne & Julian and Sue & Ron as well as Sam) and 7 cars from the Pine Ridge Club were on hand to support this fundraiser for the Durham Region branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. The weather was sunny and warm with a breeze early in the morning. Several vendors were there including the sponsor, Kiki's Bakery; a BBQ lunch of burgers and dogs & cold drinks was offered and raffle tickets for various prizes were sold with the proceeds going directly to CAMH/Durham Region.

COD members who won raffle prizes were John (\$100 gift certificate to the Keg), Linda (\$30 gift certificate to Debby's Café & a gift basket) and Myran (4-some round of golf at the Oshawa Golf Club). Congrats to you all; and thank you to those who came out to help support this event.



Volunteers covering their Info booth.

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Our contact for the event >>



Randy & Bruce ↑↑



Brian S >>



Susanne & Julian □↑



John, Dave & Ron T. ↑↑





Sam & Ron L. (upper left), Brent Giffin (above center) & his personalized plate (above right)



Our newest members Roy & Roseanne Watts (left).



John R. & Linda L. with their (and Myran's) prizes. <<



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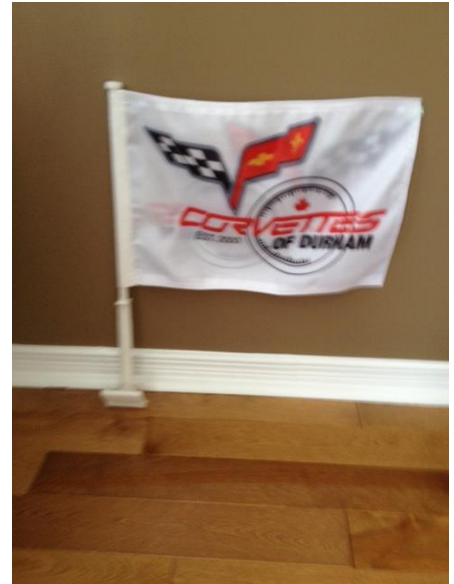
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<b>Thursday Oct 19</b>	General Meeting <b>PLS NOTE DATE CHANGE</b>	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria <b>(NEW VENUE)</b> 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 supper 7:30 pm
Oct 21-22	Fall Cruise	Cathy Nunno	Burleigh Falls Inn Hwy. 28, Burleigh Falls ON	TBA
Oct 28	Euchre & Games Night	Cathy Nunno	Italian Social Club 245 Simcoe St. S, Oshawa	6:30 pm
<b>Thursday Nov 16</b>	General Meeting <b>PLS NOTE DATE CHANGE</b>	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria <b>(NEW VENUE)</b> 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 supper 7:30 pm
Nov 25	COD Christmas Dinner/Dance	Cathy Nunno	Deer Creek Golf Club, Ajax	5:30 pm
Jan 17	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 supper 7:30 pm
Feb 21	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 supper 7:30 pm
Mar 21	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 supper 7:30 pm

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