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## President's Report

June 2022



DreamVettes is here. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at the show and thank you to those who have donated prizes for the raffle. Thanks to Ken Gordon for co-ordinating the day with OMS and to John Fletcher for purchasing the plaques. It's been 3 years since our last DreamVettes show, so let's make it a good one. Fingers crossed for beautiful weather!

Thank you to Ken Gordon for organizing the COD display at Motorama. COD had an excellent showing! Brian Striemer won Best in Class, Ken Gordon and Julian Ralph both won runner up in their class.

Overall, the show was a huge success. I attended on the Saturday and the place was very busy indeed.

This is a picture of the plaque that was presented to Corvettes of Durham at Motorama.

Please remember to check out the calendar at the end of each newsletter for all the latest information about Corvette shows and COD events.



Many of us are attending the Kingston Invasion II (June 17 -19). I attended the first Kingston Invasion, which was held in 2018. It was a well-organized event and a good time was had by all. I'm confident that the event this year will be just as awesome.

On a personal note, I've been busy cuddling my newborn twin grand babies. They are a couple of cuties!! An unbiased comment from the proud nana. lol

Anne Halverson



**Corvettes of Durham** was established in 2000. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm and have recently re-started our on site meetings. 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 one of the COD Executive know.

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# COD Members' Corner

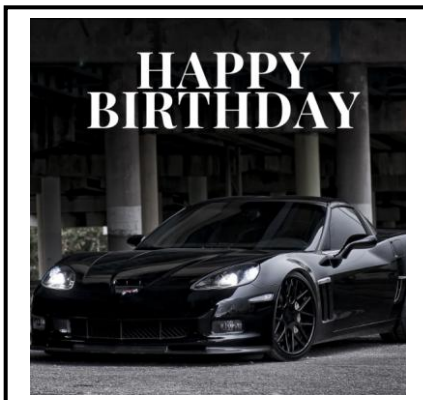


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Jann Langlois 1st  
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Mike Baker 18th  
John Fletcher 27th  
Brent Giffen 30th



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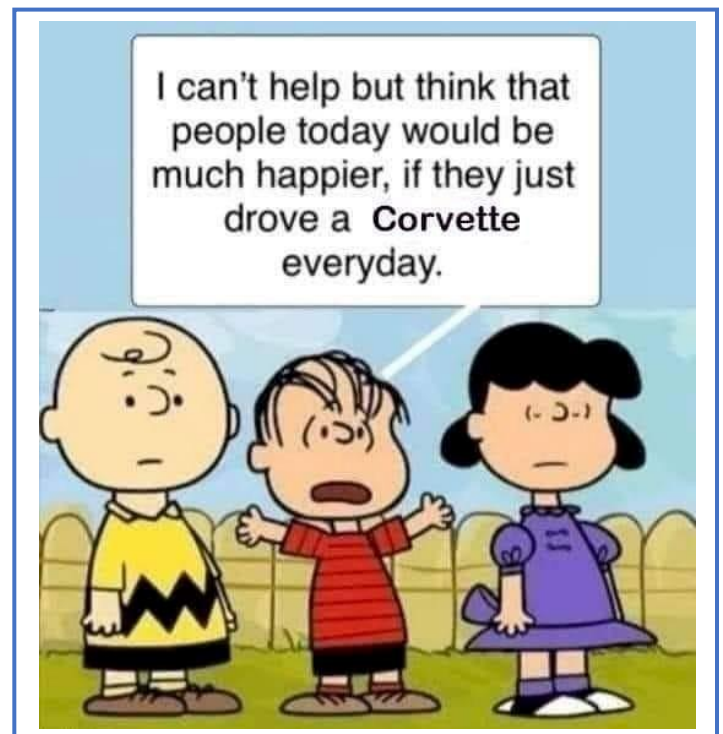
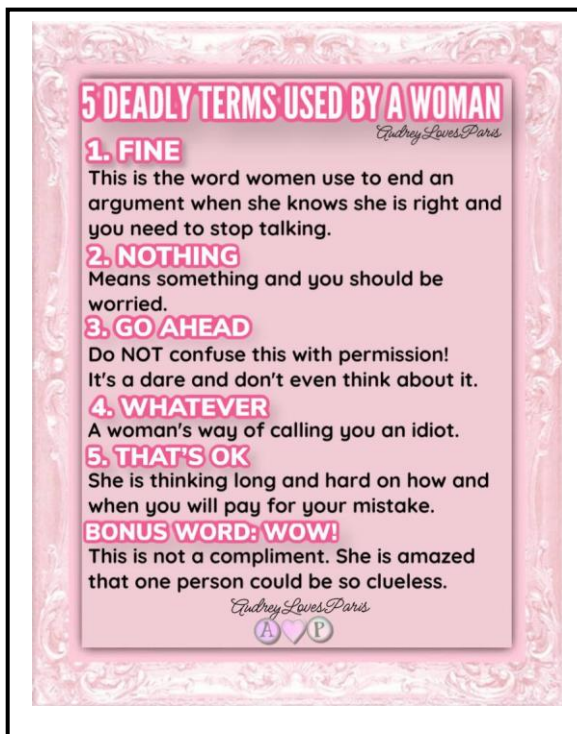
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# COD Newsworthy News



- ✚ **Dreamvettes 2022** show is scheduled for June 5th, Ken will be needing volunteers to help at the show as well as draw prizes, door prizes etc. Let him know if you're available to help out. For COD members admission is **FREE**, all other pay \$20. Please fill out your registration form and submit it to Allan before the show.
- ✚ We need at least 10 warm bodies to set up, be there at 7am, Brian Baker is the chief parking attendant, if you have a problem talk to him, Barb, Jan and Annie are on the registration desk, Susanne is selling raffle tickets.
- ✚ **WE STILL NEED HELP FOR THE DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE TABLES AND ALSO TICKET SELLERS. PLEASE CONTACT KEN FOR THE SET UP AND ANNE FOR REMAINING ITEMS. I will be sitting down supervising...since that's what I do.**
- ✚ Congrats to Brian Striemer who won best in class and Ken Gordon who won runner up in the same class at Motorama 2022...looks like these guys have some class. Better late than never, Julian received a class award later.





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# DREAM VETTES



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# Motorama 2022

April 29th – May 1st



4 COD Corvettes were shown at Motorama 2022 at the International Centre. Carl, Brian, Julian and Ken displayed their cars and the display was excellent. Brian won first in his class and Ken won runner up in same class...they both collected thousands of \$\$\$...but not here...congrats from COD. The race cars are not COD members...yet. The late news is that Julian also won a runner up award...congrats.







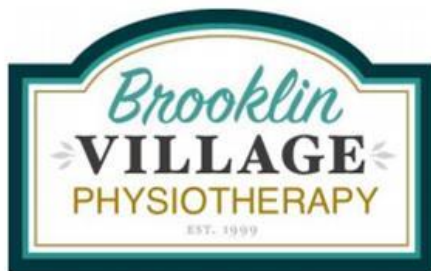
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*It Takes a Village....*

## 2022 C-8 Corvette Convertible models account for 48% of all models.

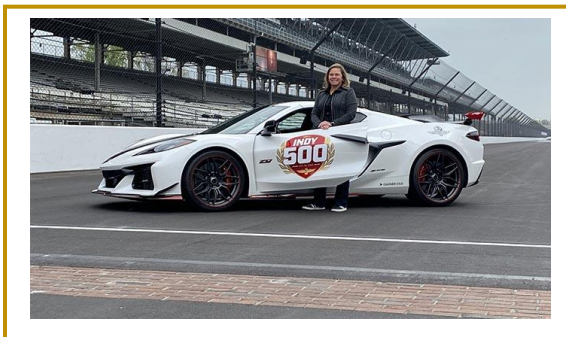


We've been a fan of the C8 Corvette Hardtop models since [they were first introduced](#), and it appears that many Corvette enthusiasts value the ability to lower or raise the roof on demand almost as much as those who prefer the looks of the Coupe as it offers a view of the LT2 "Jewel under glass." With its exotic car looks and no tradeoffs for storage space, the Convertible model has roared back to 48% of all Corvettes produced in 2022. That's a 6% increase over the 2021 convertible model penetration and it's still quite possible for the convertible to actually be the top-selling model in the near future.

Having a [C8 Corvette](#) sitting in your driveway could make you the "envy" of your neighborhood.

Now the 2021 Stingray is literally the "eNVy" of the automotive industry, having won the latest InMoment eNVy Award as the Best Premium Sports Car for the second year in a row.

The InMoment eNVy Awards are given to the top vehicles in several market segments, based on customer response ratings of their vehicles' ability to deliver on the five most common reasons for purchase: comfort, quality, performance, safety, and ownership cost. InMoment collected feedback in its New Vehicle Customer Study from 290,000 domestic and 50,000 Canadian owners.



This morning at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IMS President J. Douglas Boles and Chevrolet Motorsports representative Todd Christensen announced the official pace car of the [2022 Indianapolis 500](#) will be the [2023 Corvette Z06](#) wearing a special 70th Anniversary livery. This is the 19th time that Corvette has been chosen to lead the pack of IndyCar racers to the Green Flag and the start of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." The announcement was made on the famous "Yard of Bricks" which constitutes the start/finish line at the historic racing venue. Driving the 70th Anniversary Edition Corvette Z06 Pace Car is former IndyCar Series driver and team owner Sarah Fisher, who still holds the record as the fastest woman in Indianapolis 500 history. Fisher has nine starts in the Indy 500 between 2000 and 2010 which is also a record for female drivers.



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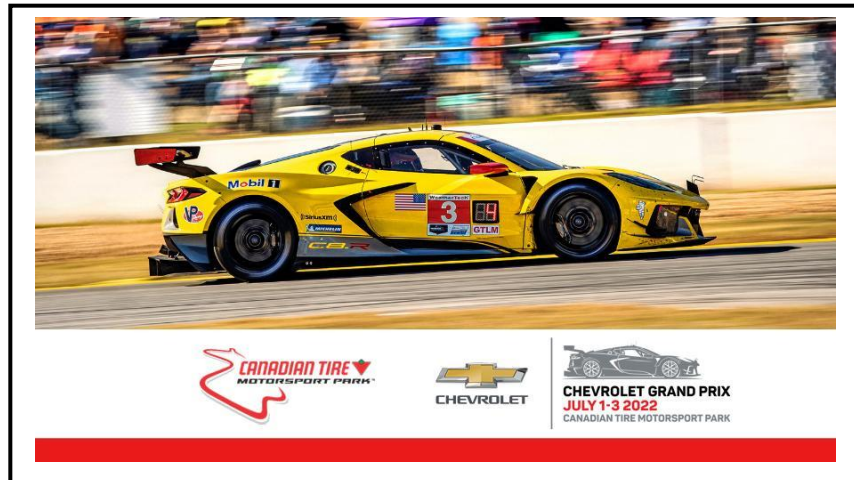


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# CTMP Announces Chevrolet Partnership for Canada's Biggest Sports Car Race



**May 11, 2022** - Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP) today announced a new partnership with Chevrolet Canada that will see the automotive brand become the title sponsor of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship race at the legendary road course on July 1-3.

"It's an exciting time for Chevrolet Canada as we present the Chevrolet Grand Prix at CTMP this summer. Corvette fans are enthusiasts with a deep appreciation for our race program, so it's a natural fit for us to be the title sponsor for the IMSA race," said Michael MacPhee, Chevrolet Canada Brand Director. "For the first time in Canada, the Chevrolet Grand Prix will debut the C8.R and we can't wait to cheer the team on!"

Now called the Chevrolet Grand Prix, the event is the only stop in Canada on the world class IMSA WeatherTech Championship calendar, and the first since the event was cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The series features closed-wheel prototypes and GT Sports Cars, which include world renowned events on such iconic tracks as Daytona, Sebring, Watkins Glen and Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta.

CTMP also has a special connection to Chevrolet and the Corvette brand, with track co-owner Ron Fellows being a former Corvette Racing driver, having achieved numerous wins and championships for the team. Fellows also continues to represent the Corvette brand as an ambassador and through the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School.

"We're all very excited to have IMSA returning to our circuit after a multi-year hiatus," Fellows said. "Having the support of Chevrolet and GM Canada makes it even more special. I think I speak for all our fans too when I say we can't wait to see the teams and drivers of IMSA return to CTMP."

In 2022, the Corvette Racing team continues their title hunt in the GTD Pro class with the No. 3 and 4 cars driven primarily by Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor, Tommy Milner, and Nick Tandy.

The Chevrolet Grand Prix is the eighth round on the 12-race IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship calendar. For tickets and info, visit [canadiantiremotorsportpark.com](https://canadiantiremotorsportpark.com).

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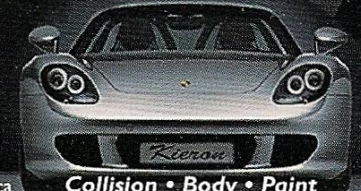
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The Corvettes of Western Ontario is intending on hosting their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Crown Vettes show to be held on **Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022** on the Lambeth Legion grounds, 7097 Kilbourne Rd, London, from **11 am to 2:30 pm** (draws held at 1 pm). The Lambeth Legion offers both pavement and a tree lined lawn for the parking of your baby. The Legion is located just minutes north of Hwys 401 and 402...straight north on Colonel Talbot Road to Kilbourne Rd. The Legion Ladies will be firing up their BBQ at 11:00 am, and will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, and fries until show close. The Legion bar will open at noon. Proceeds from food and bar sales go directly to the Legion.

# 5th Annual Crown Vettes

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1. Bring a walkie talkie with you if you have one.
2. Always start with a full tank of gas.
3. Attend 'drivers meeting' immediately prior to starting cruise. You will get information on which walkie talkie channel to use as well detailed info on the cruise.
4. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front without leaving large gaps.
5. Be mindful of your driving so that you are not kicking back stones/gravel, etc.
6. No passing of other Vettes.
7. Keep the car behind you in sight at all times. If the car behind you gets caught at a red light or stop sign or if you can no longer see the car behind, pull over so that we can regroup when possible. The exception to this may be when travelling through a city with a lot of stop lights/signs. In this case, refer to your map, proceed on and regroup when convenient and safe to do so.
8. If the car behind you pulls over to the side of the road, you should also pull over as a sign to those ahead of you that there is a problem.
9. When stopping, do not stop on the road - pull to side for safety.
10. When changing lanes or pulling back onto the road, the rear car should pull out to 'block' so that our Corvettes ahead can get back onto the road easier.
11. If possible, have the cell phone number of the cruise organizers so that contact them if necessary. You might also want to provide your cell number to them prior to starting the cruise.

***The above are suggestions to help make cruising less stressful and safer for everyone;  
however it is most important to keep the 'rules of the road' in mind at all times.***

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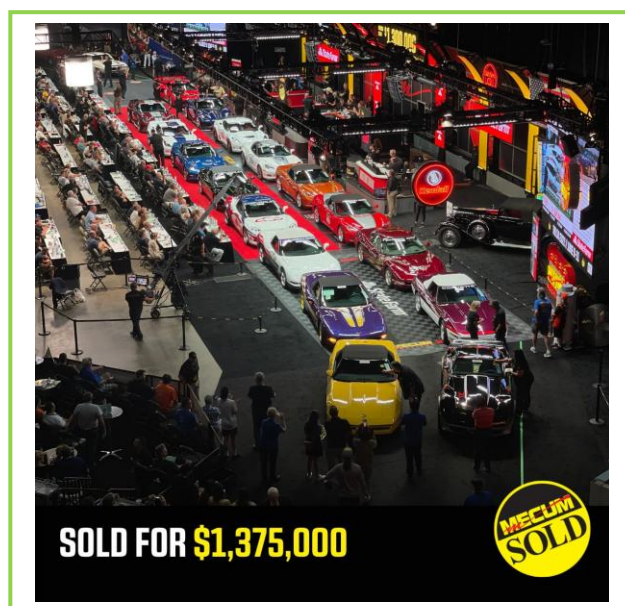


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COD usually has a display for Autofest so if you're thinking of going check with Ron Langlois, Ken Gordon or Brian Striemer for the cost and details.



The Dr. Richard Foster Corvette Pace Car Collection claimed a spot in the top-10 at [#MecumIndy!](#)

### Are you Blonde?

A blond cop pulls over a blond and asks for her drivers license. The blond starts looking through her car then asks, "Uhh, what are they again?"

The blond cop replies, "Ugh. It's the thing in your purse with your picture on it." "Oh yeah," says the blond who reaches in her purse, pulls out a compact mirror, and hands it over. The blond cop opens it, takes a look inside, hands it back, and says, "I'm sorry ma'am. If I knew you were a cop, I wouldn't have pulled you over."





## **VETTES FOR VETS**

### **PORT PERRY CANADA DAY PARADE**

**Corvettes of Durham have been asked to participate in the Canada Day Parade in Port Perry. The event is to provide a ride-along for any Veterans participating in the parade, so we ask those participating to make the passenger seat available for Veterans. If you do bring a passenger, they can walk the short parade route to the park.**

**We will meet at Tim Hortons in Columbus, at 3309 Simcoe Street North at 10:30 am.**

**Please let me know by email if you plan to participate.**

**[striemer@bell.net](mailto:striemer@bell.net)**

**Brian Striemer**



# 2022 Events Calendar



Date	Event	Contact	Location	Time
June 5th	Dreamvettes	Ken Gordon	Ontario Motor Sales	10:00 am
June 15	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Royal Ashburn	5:30pm
June 17th – 19th	Kingston Invasion	Brian Striemer	Kingston	TBA
July 1st	Vets for Vettes	Brian Striemer	Port Perry	10:30
July 1 - 3	IMSA-Chevrolet Grand Prix	Norby Dippold	CTMP	
July 20th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Big M Drive In	5:30pm
August 17th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	TBA
Sept 21st	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	TBA

\*\*\*Cruise Events on following page\*\*\*



"I hope this is the right wine for reading and ignoring each other."

**To my children:**

**Never make fun of having to help me with computer stuff.**

**I taught you how to use a spoon.**



When he was in high school back in the 1970s, **Brian Baker** created a mural to express his passion for the Corvette. Now, some 44 years later, he will be able to show that excitement for Chevy's legendary sports car on a daily basis after being named Director of Collections & Education at the [National Corvette Museum](#). Baker will assume his new duties in June.

Hey Brian...you look pretty good with hair.



# 2022 Cruise Events Calendar

Date	Event	Contact	Location	Time
April 24	Spring Cruise	Jan Raven	Bewdley	11:00 am
April 29-31	Motorama	Ken Gordon	International Centre	
May 29	Spring Fling	Allan Harris	Wasaga Beach	8:00 am
June 5	DreamVettes	Ken Gordon	Ontario Motor Sales	8:00 am
June 12	Concours	TBD	Windsor	8:00 am
June 17-19	Kingston Invasion	Don Chalmers	Kingston	10:00 am
June 19	Calvary Church	Brian Striemer	Calvary Church	9:00 am
June 25	Van Dusen		Van Dusen Ajax	9:00 am
July 1	Canada Day	Brian Striemer	Port Perry	9:00 am
July 9-10	Winery/Brian Cullen	Anita Halverson	St. Catharines	10:00 am
July 17	Simply Corvettes	TBD	Brampton	9:00 am
July 21	St. Jacobs MKT	Brian Striemer	Woolwich	8:00 am
July 31	Simcoe Show	TBD	Barrie	8:00 am
August 2	Hot Augst Nights	TBD	Webbers	6:00 pm
August 13	Peterborough	Anne Halveson	Peterborough	10:00 am
August 27-28	Autofest	Brian Striemer	Lakeview Park	8:00 am
September 10	RAE Event	Brian Striemer	Essa	8:00 am
September 18	Summer's End	Brian Striemer	PRCC TBD	TBD
September 22	Fall Colours Cruise	Allan Harris	Minden?	8:00 am
October 1?	Fall Cruise	TBD	TBD	TBD