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July 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ken Gordon

" Happy Canada Day "

Unfortunately we haven't had a lot of get-together's due to Covid-19 , but I'm happy to announce that Chris at The Big M is thrilled to host Corvettes of Durham on Wednesday July 15th. There will be appropriate measures for social distancing, for example only one person or couple allowed to enter to place your food order or phone your order in and Chris will arrange for pick-up.

Hope several members come out that evening as Jan would like to get an idea of interest for the Christmas Party and possible upcoming events.

Again hope to see you on the 15th.

Ken



Congratulations to Jayla, Ken & Marilyn's granddaughter, on her recent graduation. Next year...high school!



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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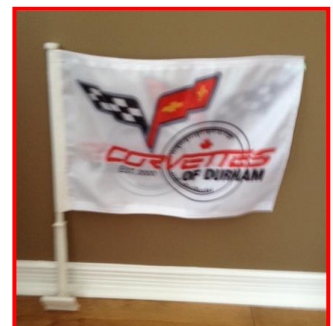
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Silly Poker Run June 7, 2020

By Jann Langlois



June 7th was a clear, bright and warm day, perfect for a Silly Poker Run with 25 Corvettes and 1 SSR.

We met at the Tim Horton parking lot at Taunton and Simcoe, with Joe DeBattista making sure everyone was the requisite distance apart.

We cruised which past local icons, the Foster Memorial which is styled after the Taj Mahal, famous author Lucy Maud Montgomery's house, creator of "Anne of Green Gables", a field of frolicking foals and by the home of Chuck Bunn's niece who snapped pictures of the Vettes and SSR as they pulled through her driveway.

On through the town of Port Perry where we cruised by an old friend and past COD Member CJ Kumar, in his 1937 Hudson Restomod, which is built on a Dodge 4x4 chassis. The vehicle is the size of a tank.

In total, 47 hands of poker were played, in Uxbridge, with Don Chalmers and Ron Langlois as Poker Judges.

Ken Gordon won the pot, over \$200.00 with 3 8's. Runners up received a wine bag with a bottle of white and a bottle of red. Norby Dippold won the "Silly Prize" of a bottle of wine....he picked the envelope with the winning random 8 of Clubs. Rosemary and Adrian Coolen won the 50/50 draw of \$135.00.

A big thank you goes out to Doreen Nodwell, for baking and packing up all the delicious cookies!

The Silly Poker Run was a great time, in unusual times, but once again, COD came together for fun and friendship! A big Thank You goes out to Jan and Dave Raven, and all those who helped with the event to give us all such a super day!

Quick note from Jan R re: the Silly Poker Run -

The circumstances of this Silly Poker Run were very unusual so I just want everyone to know that next time the barbecue will be on and the bar will be open!

Photos on the next two pages and on the COD website courtesy of Terry Nodwell, Eddy Schroer & Chuck's niece Kim! Many thanks!!



Joe, COD Parking Guru



From the back of the line...



Following the Red Corvette...



Dave & Jan and their C6 GS convertible.



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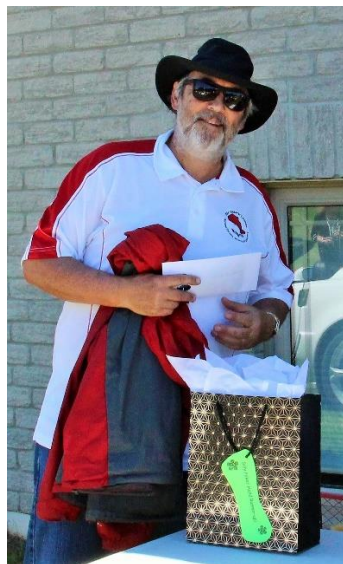


Chuck & Linda



COD Photographer Terry & wife Doreen

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Adrian, winner of the 50/50 draw...gas money!

Checking raffle tickets
at right >>>



**Other winners, Norby, Ken G,
Chuck, Ken M & Rick.**





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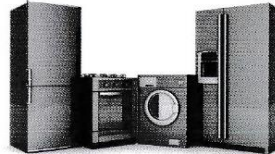
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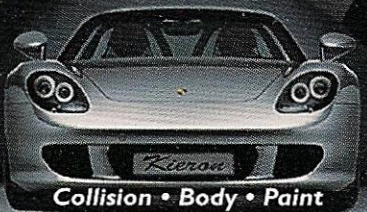
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This issue of *COD Communications* presents the first of what is hoped to be many short stories of "interesting places & drives" that you, our members might enjoy during Ontario's Corvette driving season.

Any time you find and enjoy an interesting place or scenic drive, drop a note to your newsletter editor to describe it - with or without photos. Your story will be shared in an upcoming Club newsletter.

With thanks to Doreen & Terry for the idea...and for the initial story!



INTERESTING PLACES & DRIVES

In these COVID-19 times, it is nice to get out in your Vette for a little drive. Last year we were out with Darlene and Clayton trying to find the best Butter Tarts in the area, got lost, and came across a Buddhist Temple. We were out today in the hopes of finding it again.

First, we decided to stop at the "Craftworks and Antiques" (124 Lindsay Rd. Selwyn, ON) just east of Fowlers Corners. If you haven't been there it is worth the trip for crafts, signs and all sorts of treasures. I recommend going into to the garden store which is outside. Because of the size they can only let 4 people in at a time. Worth the wait if you're looking for something different for your garden; I found wind chimes.

I should mention that you can use the washrooms there, plus plenty of parking is available.

We were off to find the Temple that we saw last year. We plugged in the address and it took us right to it from Craftworks (708 Ski Hill Rd., Bethany); so funny to see it driving along. It isn't open yet but will be nice to go through when it is.

We look forward to our little outings, so if anyone has any place they have seen that is a little different, it would be nice to share with everyone.

Stay Safe!

Doreen & Terry



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Wednesday,
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5:00 pm - dusk

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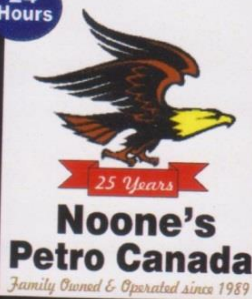
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Happy Canada Day - 2020!

Since celebrations are limited due to the pandemic outbreak, here's something to help pass the time, while challenging your knowledge about our country.

No prizes...it's just for fun ☺

Answers elsewhere in the newsletter.

1. What explorer discovered Prince Edward Island?
2. Who was "*Our Pet Juliette*"?
3. The longest-running Canadian entertainment show on Canadian TV started in the 1950s on CBC and ran until 1995. What was it called?
4. What French explorer was called "*The Father of New France*"?
5. Identify the province or territory in which these cultural or tourist attractions are located:
 - a. L'Anse aux Meadows National Historical Park
 - b. Lucy Maud Montgomery's birthplace
 - c. Fortress of Louisburg National Historic Site
 - d. Kings landing Historical Settlement
 - e. Elora Gorge



Made in Canada! Yes, these were
invented in Canada!

IMAX

Canadian filmmakers Graeme Ferguson and Roman Kroitor first pioneered the technology of high-resolution images on huge screens at Montreal's Expo '67. With businessman Robert Kerr and engineer William Shaw, they founded Multi-Screen Corporation, which later became IMAX (short for "Image Maximum"). The first permanent IMAX theatre, the Cinesphere, opened in Toronto's Ontario Place in 1971. Originally used for science films and documentaries, IMAX was bought in 1994 by an American company, who turned it into a Hollywood powerhouse. Its headquarters remain in Toronto.

Goalie mask

Hockey itself may have actually originated in England. But the hockey mask, which has helped keep many a goaltender's face intact, was first worn regularly by Montreal Canadiens player Jacques Plante in 1959. He was at first mocked for wearing the mask, and his coach didn't like it because he thought it would be a distraction. But once Plante donned the mask, the Canadiens went on to an 18-game winning streak, proving players could

perform just as well—if not better—without the threat of a puck to the face. Plante's equipment innovation is now standard gear for professional and amateur hockey players.

Global time zones

Clocks telling the time in cities all around the world wouldn't be possible without Canadian railroad engineer Sandford Fleming. In centuries past, local times were based on the sun, making them all slightly different from place to place. This didn't matter much until rail travel made a standard system of keeping time across distances much more important.

After missing his train and getting stuck on a railway platform due to non-synchronized clocks, Fleming came up with the idea of creating 24 time zones across the entire globe, which would form "international standard time." In 1884 at the International Meridian Conference in Washington, D.C., he presented his ideas, which were eventually adopted worldwide.

Trivial Pursuit

We can thank two Canadian journalists for setting off the quiz trend that's still going strong today (think of how many online trivia quizzes you've taken!). In 1979, *Montreal Gazette* picture editor Chris Haney and sports journalist Scott Abbott came up with their own game while playing Scrabble. They scraped together a few investors, and after a slow start, Trivial Pursuit became "the biggest phenomenon in game history," *Time*

magazine reportedly said. Over 100 million copies of the game have been sold, and 50 special editions have been created. Sadly, Haney died in 2010 at the age of 59.

Rotary snowplow, or "snowblower"

The first rotary snowplow, which used a spinning mechanism to lift snow and shoot it away, was invented by J.W. Elliott, a Toronto dentist, in 1869. Soon after, Canadian Orange Jull improved the design with a new patent, with that machine first utilized in 1887, pushed by locomotives to clear snow along railways. In 1925, the blower was adapted for trucks by Canadian Arthur Sicard, a milkman tired of climbing over snow to make his deliveries. He called his invention the "Sicard Snow Remover Snowblower."

Garbage bag

In the 1950s, Winnipeg's Harry Wasylyk used flexible plastic polyethylene to create the first garbage bag. At the same time, a couple of other Canadians, Frank Plomp and Larry Hansen, were working on their own version of the plastic garbage bag. But it was Wasylyk's that came up on top when Union Carbide Company bought his product and manufactured it for home use under the name *Glad* in the 1960s. In 1971, University of Toronto chemist James Guillet created a more eco-friendly, biodegradable version.

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JULY 2020

IMSA Revises the 2020 Racing Schedule

Corvette Racing's schedule for the remainder of the 2020 season has been revised again. The most recent, as of June 25th, is shown at the right.

Corvette Racing will participate in the IMSA WeatherTech 240 At Daytona on July 4 but only 5,000 Florida residents are eligible to attend in person at a mere \$30 per ticket. That race restarts what is now an 11-race season for the Weather-Tech Championship that runs through to November, ending with the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on November 11-14.

The green flag will drop at 6:05 pm, with qualifying being held the prior day. Corvette will compete against the two-car Porsche team and the two-car BMW team. Corvette has been given a 0.2 mm larger air restrictor, 3.0L fuel capacity up to 97.0 L, and a minimum rear wing angle of +3.5 deg.

Both the July 4 and July 18 races will be broadcast live on NBCSN and if you have *Velocity* on your dial, you may be able to see them. Also online at www.IMSA.com

At the conclusion of the season, Corvette Racing will lose a fierce competitor when the Porsche team withdraws from competition. That will leave only BMW and Corvette Racing, and the occasional appearance of a single Ferrari from Risi Competizione. No. 3 driver Jordan Taylor, when asked, said "It's disappointing to see them gone..."

Sportscar365.com suggests this is "the first official causality of the Coronavirus pandemic..." and the sanctioning body to "take note of the situation and respond to what's likely to be a challenging road ahead for motorsports in general."

2020 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship

Date	Venue	Length
July 3-4	Daytona International Speedway	2h40m
July 17-18	Sebring International Raceway	2h40m
July 31-Aug. 2	Road America	2h40m
Aug. 21-23	Virginia International Raceway	2h40m
Sept. 4-6	Watkins Glen International	6 hours
Sept. 11-12	Lime Rock Park	2h40m
Sept. 25-27	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course	2h40m
Oct. 14-17	Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta	10 hours
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca	2h40m
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Here are three more past Inductees into the NCM's **Corvette Hall of Fame**. Inductees' full bios are available on the Museum's **Corvette Hall of Fame** pages.



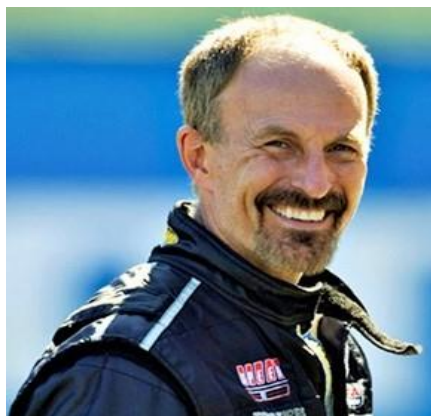
Inducted in 2013, Johnny O'Connell embodies what Corvette Racing is all about: determination, focus, fiercely competitive, relentless and obsessed with victory. Out of the car, however, he is very approachable, fun, engaging, and always ready to talk with fans about what makes the Corvette so great. His accomplishments include four wins at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the overall winner of the 2001 Rolex 24 at Daytona, eight class titles, a three time ALMS Champion with 38 ALMS wins. After Corvette his success in racing continued with

Cadillac Racing in the World Challenge Championship. Read more about Johnny O at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/johnny-oconnell>



Wilmer Cooksey Jr. served as Corvette Plant Manager from February of 1993 until his retirement in March 2008. As the first African-American to earn the position and the man who held it the longest, he brought a life-long love of Corvette to the job. Believing in the phrase that "none of us are as smart as all of us," he worked with the United Auto Workers Union and listened to customers to make the Corvette exceed the expectations of all who dreamed of having one someday. Wil earned a B.Sc. degree in electrical engineering and a Masters

degree in industrial engineering; he graduated from Officers Candidate School and served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army where he was awarded the Bronze Star. He is the winner of a number of honors and was inducted into the NCM Hall of Fame in 2013 in the GM/Chevrolet category. Wil is the author of "No Time to Cry" – an excellent read! You can read more about Wil at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/wil-cooksey/>



John Heinricy's influence on the Corvette can be seen in the 1989 Corvette ZR-1 "Record Run" - not only the car, but as homage paid to the team that set 12 international world time / distance speed records in a ZR-1 and L98 Corvette. Heinricy was a key member of the Corvette Racing C5R effort in 1999. He worked for decades behind the scenes to create the kind of finely-tuned driving dynamics that allowed modern Corvettes to compete with and beat the best sports cars in the world. Heinricy served for many years as the manager of the Corvette Development Group at the GM Proving Grounds at Milford, Michigan and in 1990 was named Corvette Assistant Chief Engineer responsible for the C4 through 1996,

including the 1995 Corvette Pace Car, 1996 Grand Sport and Collector's Edition. He was inducted into the NCM Hall of Fame in 2014 in the GM/Chevrolet category. Read more about John Heinricy at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/john-heinricy/>

**The National Corvette Museum opened to the public on Monday June 8th.
Masks & social distancing protocols are in effect.**

The Corvette Assembly Plant, however, remains CLOSED to the public.

Elsewhere in Corvette:



Corvette Racing Legend and Chevrolet Ambassador Ron Fellows was joined by his two sons Sam and Patrick at Canadian Tire Motorsports Park for some hot laps with an Accelerate Yellow 2020 Corvette Stingray.

Link to story & video:

https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2020/06/21/video-take-a-hot-lap-of-ctmp-in-the-2020-corvette-with-ron-fellows/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_m

During his three months at home in the UK with his wife and family, Corvette Racing driver Oliver Gavin had some fun by putting them through their paces with "Pit practice" as Team Gavin.

Link to story & video:

<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2020/06/05/video-corvette-racings-oliver-gavin-practicing-pit-stops-at-home-to-stay-sharp/>

Olly is now in Florida for the remainder of the 2020 season, sharing a house with Antonio Garcia, who is apparently a good cook!



C8 Corvette Falls Off the Lift at a Chevy Dealership!

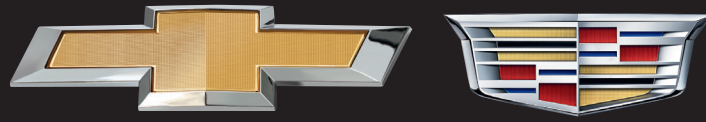


In case you have yet seen/read this...

Since the C8 weight distribution is 40/60 with the engine behind the driver, the jack or lift must be mounted to the chassis locations properly or the unthinkable could happen as the lift is raised.

Link to story & video:

<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2020/06/01/accident-c8-corvette-falls-off-the-lift-at-a-chevy-dealership/>



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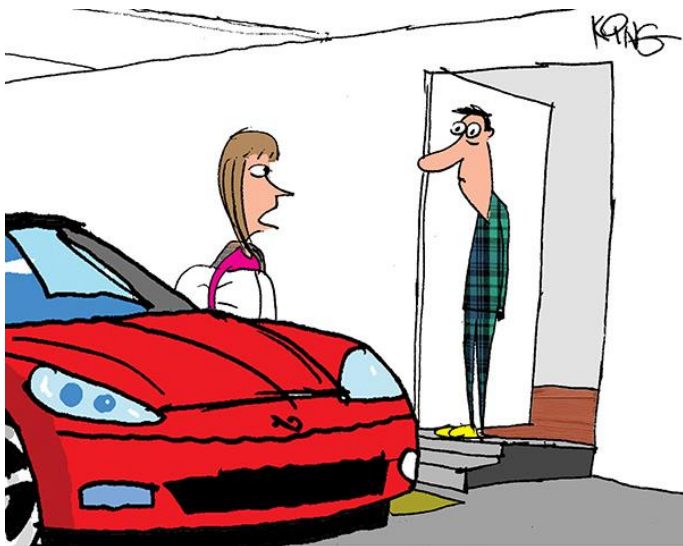
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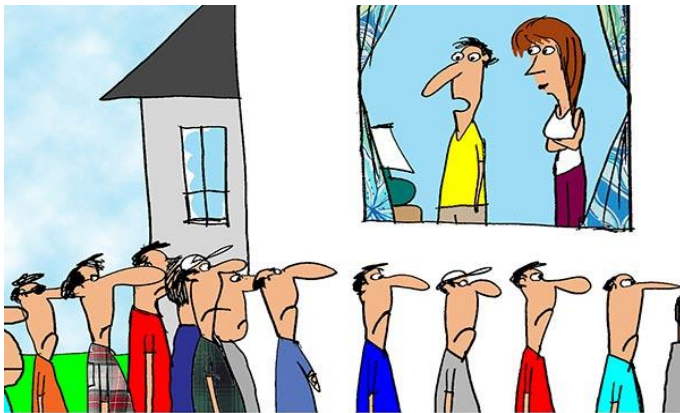
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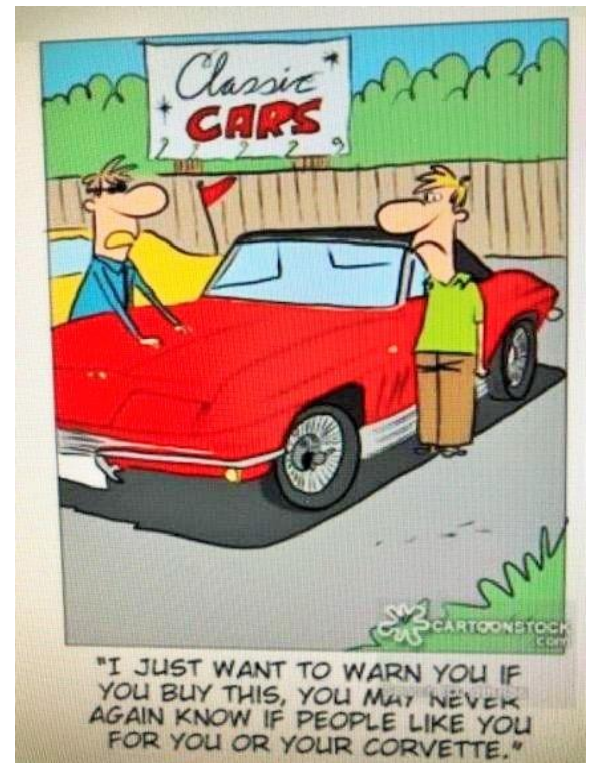
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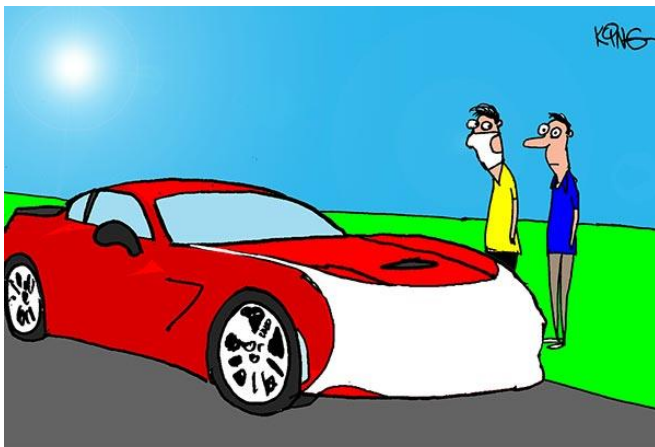
"Your Corvette is a lot nicer than our bedroom, so I'll be sleeping in it."



"I realize they don't want to get their Corvettes dirty, but it's not my fault that it's been raining out. I'm just the weatherman."



"I JUST WANT TO WARN YOU IF YOU BUY THIS, YOU MAY NEVER AGAIN KNOW IF PEOPLE LIKE YOU FOR YOU OR YOUR CORVETTE."



"It wasn't easy finding a mask that big, but safety is a priority."

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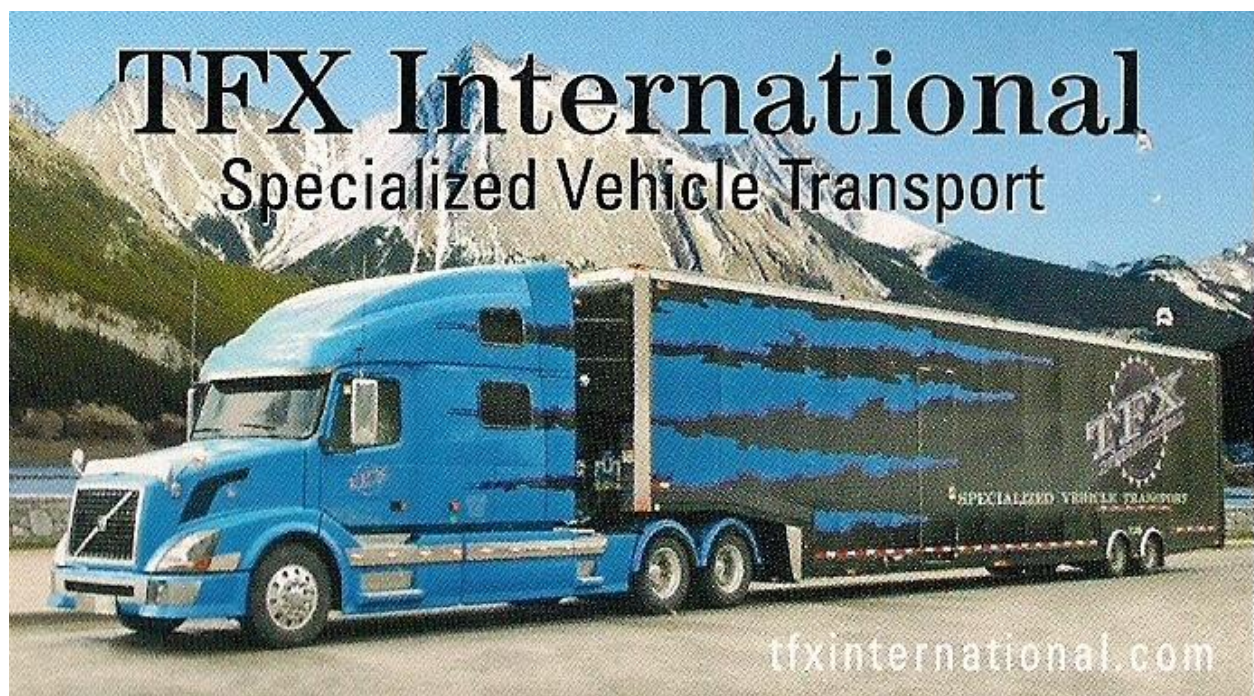
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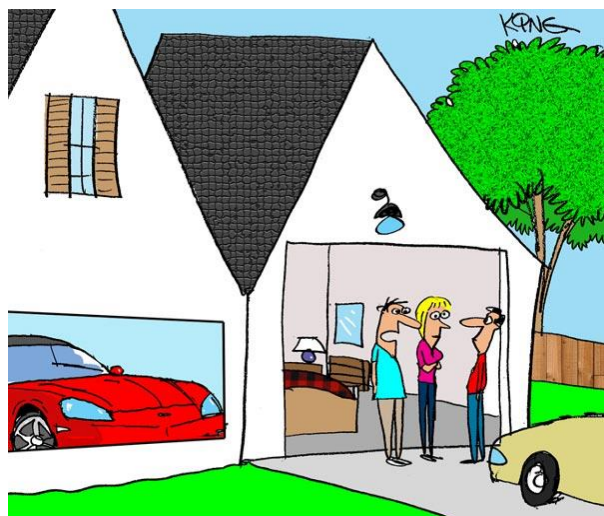
2020 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
July 12	Niagara Corvette Club Show & Shine		CANCELLED	
July 15 tentative	Corvette Get-Together (MASKS required) One customer at a time; cashless payment	Ken Gordon	Big "M" 711 Krosno Blvd, Pickering	5:00 pm – dusk
Aug 16	WBCC Summer Fling		CANCELLED	
Saturday Sept 12	CCCC-ER Recognition Awards & Memorial Cruise		CANCELLED	
Sunday Sept 13	20th Annual DreamVettes & GM Show	Ken Gordon	Ontario Motor Sales 140 Bond St. W, Oshawa	8:30 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday Sept 26	Pine Ridge Summer's End TBC	Brian Striemer	Oshawa Executive Airport 1200 Airport Rd, Oshawa	10:00 am – 2:00 pm

GREEN – CCCC Event

BLACK – COD Event

RED – General Information



"Our Corvette is so nice, we keep it in the house. And we sleep in the garage."



"Your trees were dropping sticks, leaves and sap on my Corvette. So I hope you don't mind that I had them all taken down while you were at work."

Comics courtesy of CorvetteBlogger.com and JerryKing.com

CANADA DAY answers: 1. Jacques Cartier; 2. Canadian singer/CBC TV host; 3. Front Page Challenge; 4. Samuel de Champlain; 5a Newfoundland; 5b Prince Edward Island; 5c Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia; 5d New Brunswick; 5e Ontario