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# President's Report

**By Ken Gordon**

Spring has officially arrived and it will be great to get our Vettes out of storage and enjoy the "Spring Cruise" that Cathy has planned for the Club to cruise to Woodlawn Inn in Cobourg on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> (of course let her know ASAP if you are attending).

Some of us had our Vettes out for the weekend of "Motorama". We were very lucky to have dry conditions for the trip out there and back. Brian and I called out for help preparing & manning the booth and so many members were there, and thanks for your assistance putting together a great display. The display consisted of Gus's C7, Brian's C6, my C5, Sean Goodman's C4 (Pineridge Member), Randy's C3 and a C3 dragster owned by a friend, Ollie Stephan. The Vettes drew a lot of attention and Gus was thrilled to have race car driver Alex Tagliani drop by and get a photo taken with him in front of his Vette. This famous race car driver commented that the C7 was an amazing factory produced sports car. Thanks again to everyone involved.

The "Taste of Port Perry" cruise was a lot of fun and very educational (if you like beer like I do). We all met very early in the morning (according to Marilyn's standards). It was raining and cold but once we got going to the different stops we ended up having a very enjoyable day. Thanks again to Cathy & friends.

It's never too early to talk about *Dreamvettes*. Our club would like to see all members attend this very special show. Please mark the date on your calendar (Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>) and if you can volunteer your time in anyway please let Bruce or Myran know.

Also a reminder to all members that our Corvette Display Day at Boyer Chevrolet is planned for Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It would be good to have a great turn out to both events. Always check the Calendar of Events in the Newsletter for many more upcoming shows and events.

Our next General Meeting will be at the Lone Star in Pickering on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker will be Kelly from Your Moving Depot. She'll be arriving early to show clothing samples and taking new orders, so hope to see you all there.

Thanks,  
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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| Arlene Crichton  | 10 |
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*From the Editor:*

**COD members** are reminded that if you're planning to attend [Dream Vettes](#) on June 25<sup>th</sup>, please complete the registration form (found on page 9 of this newsletter) and submit to Dorothy Gagnon. There is [no fee](#) for [Dream Vettes](#) – your [paid](#) 2017 COD membership fee covers the [Dream Vettes](#) fee. Entry fees for non-members remain at a reasonable \$20.00 per vehicle. Food, music, raffles, prizes and the presentation of our annual donation to the Durham Regional Cancer Centre are part of the day. Come out and join fellow members and other GM enthusiasts for a day in the sun and in support of a great cause! Volunteers and prizes are still needed; please speak to Dorothy.

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**COD members** are invited to list on the Classifieds page of our monthly newsletter your car-related items for sale as well as the items you wish to purchase. Our newsletter is sent to all current members and reaches an even wider readership since it's posted on our website. Everyone visiting our website will view your ad giving you a greater chance to sell your item or contact you with the item you're looking for!

Contact your Editor by  or by e-.

**Hooray!!!** *Cruise season is just around the corner, notwithstanding we've just enjoyed, what technically was our first cruise, for 2017. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find a copy of Cruise Etiquette and for everyone's cruising enjoyment, it's hoped that we'll all read this to refresh memories that have been dulled by winter's decidedly non-Corvette driving weather!*



**Ontario's 2019 Caravan Captains are Jamie & Lianne Krane, and Co-Captains are Gerry & Sharon Pancott. All are members of CCO.**

The Captains and Co-Captains have begun work on plans for the 2019 Caravan. 2019 Caravan news will soon be distributed to Corvette clubs around Ontario but as a courtesy, the Captains and Co-Captains are sharing this news first with COD. See page 33 of this newsletter for their initial announcement.

Again this year, COD has been approached by the organizers of the **Yorkville Exotic Car Show**, set for Father's Day, **June 18<sup>th</sup>**. COD members interested in participating in this show should contact them online at [www.yorkvilleexotics.com](http://www.yorkvilleexotics.com) and indicate that you're a member of COD. Please speak to Norby Dippold for further info or questions you may have ([n.dippold@bell.net](mailto:n.dippold@bell.net)).





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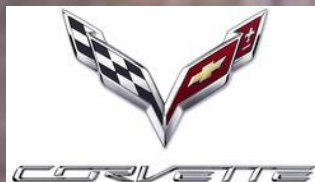
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Cathy Nunno has recently announced her departure from the position of club Social Convener. Events for the year, such as summer-time offsite meeting venues, the fall cruise and our annual Christmas dinner-dance, have already been arranged. Members interested in this position are invited to speak with Cathy for further details. And....*thank you!*





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*April, 2017*



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1955 – 700

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1957 – 6,339

1958 – 9,168

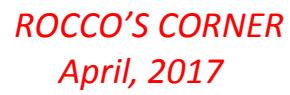
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**1964 – 22,229**



**1966 – 27,720**

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## April Social News

I am sure by now, your Corvettes are anxiously anticipating being set free from your garages.....YEAH!!!! Corvette Season is almost here.

The Steel Cruise, "[The Taste of Port Perry](#)" was fun. Thanks to the 24 members who joined in. Thank you to Ron and Sue for donating a prize of a 2017 Corvette Racing Shirt...straight from Daytona and to Sue who graciously volunteered to do a write up for the event....you can "READ ALL ABOUT IT."



So... on to our next event, our [SPRING CRUISE](#). This is our season opener and this year it will be on [Sunday April 30](#) and we will be journeying to the [WOODLAWN INN](#) in Coburg. The cost will be \$25.pp for the lunch buffet including all taxes and gratuities. The club will subsidize the difference for the meal. All drinks are extra. Your RSVP and payment are due by the April 19 General Meeting at Lone Star please. Hope you will join in.

All upcoming events are posted elsewhere in our Newsletter calendar. Please check everything out.

## CONGRATULATIONS



to Fernando and Angelika

Ambra, former COD members on the birth of their first grandchild, a boy, named Neko Carson Pitera. Neko was born on Monday March 6 weighing 7lbs. 13 oz. Mom and Dad are Matthew and Lorena Pitera, also former members of our club.





# **SPRING CRUISE**

**2017**

Hope you will join us on a cruise to officially open the [Corvettes of Durham](#) Corvette Season.

We will be cruising to the

 **WOODLAWN INN**  in Cobourg, Ontario

on  SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2017 .



Cost is \$25.00 per person. RSVP & payment by the April 19 General meeting at Lone Star, Pickering. COD is subsidizing a little bit. All taxes and gratuities included, however all drinks are extra.

The menu is a lunch buffet:

Soup of the Day, Mixed Salads, Roast Beef, Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Veggies, Pasta and Dessert.



Departure time and departure point details to follow.

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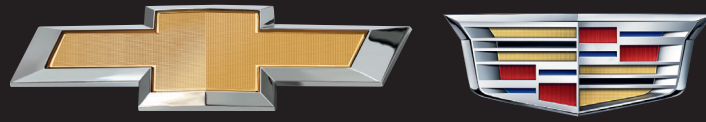
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COD members enjoyed our first **Euchre Night** of the year on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Rocco Nunno & John Gvazdaitis for sharing their photos from that evening

◀ ◀ COD welcomed guests Gord & Linda Cryderman and Darlene & Dennis Dynes. ▶ ▶



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▲ Cathy's supper



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Joe & the ladies.



The winners take home their prizes!

♠♥♣♦ Next Euchre night will be Saturday, October 28. ♠♥♣♦





There was a HUGE turnout at *Motorama* this year with the largest presence on Friday night and Saturday. There were some jaw-dropping cars and, I personally, found a few I would love to have in my garage. I fell in love with a '60 Corvette resto-mod in the main hall. Way out of my snack bracket as the owner apparently has \$600K into it! (↩)



The COD display looked great. Thanks to Brian L. for organizing it again this year with help from Ken G. and a crew of volunteers. Special thanks to non-member Ollie Stephan for loaning us his '71

Corvette drag car (and thanks also to Dorothy G for providing towing services) and to Sean Goodman (Pineridge Corvette Club) for entering his ZR1. Both won first place trophies. Brian's C6 placed second in its category.

↩ Here is Ken accepting Brian's award from TV Host Dan Woods (from *Chop, Cut, Rebuild*) and Miss Motorama.

We had Alex Tagliani (Indy car race driver and now running the NASCAR Pinty's series) drop by to ask lots of questions about Gus T's Midnight Blue C7.



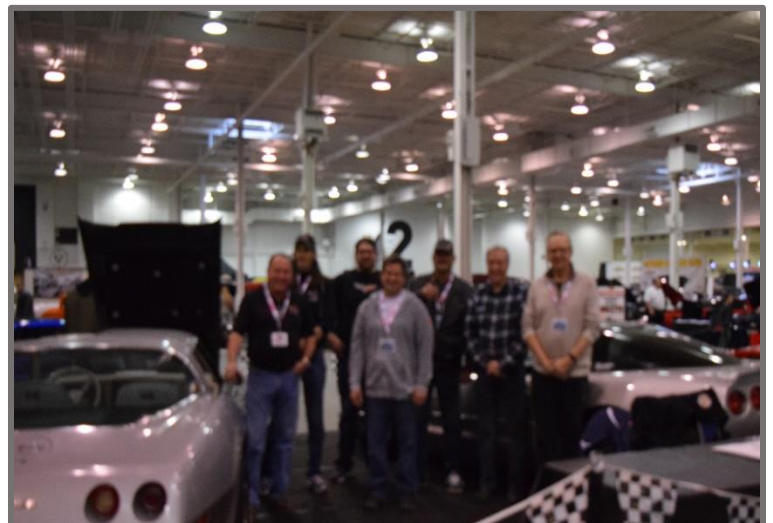
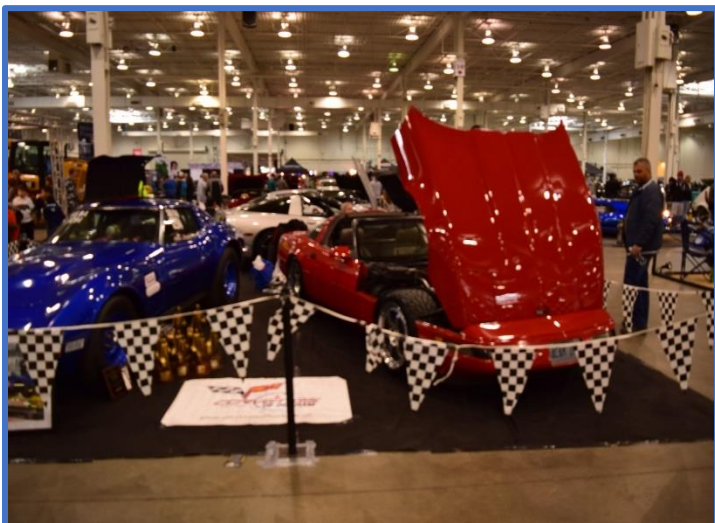
He spent at least 15 minutes asking questions about the car with Gus and Ken G. and appeared mesmerized by the car. A memorable experience!

Great cars --- Great friends. Who could ask for more!! I talked with a lot of great people. Another great event. Thanks again Brian.





Many thanks to John Robinson for the write-up; and to Eddie Hayward,  
John Robinson and Randy Taylor for the great photos!







▲ ▲ Above are the winning Corvette Dragster & Sean Ryan's ZR1.



Elsewhere at the show was this fabulous 1968 Camaro from the US with \$350,000 of restoration in it! ▼ ▼







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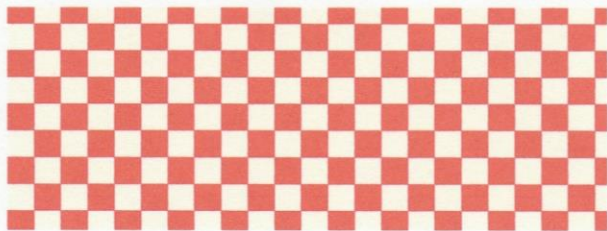
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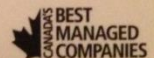
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## “A Taste of Port Perry”

It was a cool 2<sup>0</sup> with overcast skies and light rain that began our March 25<sup>th</sup> Steel Cruise – “A Taste of Port Perry”. 12 COD “steel” cars gathered at the *White Feather Country Store* in north Oshawa, where the aroma of breakfast and freshly baked apple fritters greeted our sense of smell and taste buds. There are oodles of items to see and buy in this store – fresh produce and eggs from local farms, frozen foods, gifts for all occasions, home and garage décor and because it’s Spring, an incubator holding 3-day old baby chicks!



Before leaving *White Feather*, Cathy Nunno provided us with an itinerary for the day, a map and Port Perry info booklet as well as slices of banana loaf and vanilla/chocolate loaf she had baked just for us! Rocco led the way to our next stop just north of Port Perry - *Trading Post Quality Foods*.



Everything for the discerning palette can be purchased here...and some of us did make purchases as well as at *White Feather*.

On to our next stop in historic downtown Port Perry: *Old Flame Brewery*, set in an 1884 building, is a small, local

craft brewery with numerous lagers and ales to their credit. Several of us enjoyed the sampler paddle of three beers in this inviting environment before a short tour of the brew house, conducted by Sherry, the owner’s wife. Their brews have proved popular and two are now carried by the LCBO. They won’t stay small for long; more expansion is in their immediate plans! While those of us sampled and toured, some in the group chose shopping along Port Perry’s Queen Street in search of Spring finery.



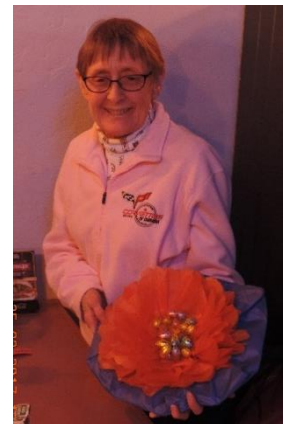
For our final stop, we lunched at the *Port Perry Smokehouse* for brisket, chicken and wings...and of course, laughter! The owner-chef greeted and thanked us for choosing his restaurant today. For dessert, Cathy treated us to Toblerone chocolates. Marilyn Gordon won the 50-50 and other prizes were won by Brian Striemer, Patti Bartlett, Jan Raven, John Fletcher and Jann Langlois.



Marilyn (aka “Blondie”)



Brian



Patti





Jan



"Fletch"



Jann>>

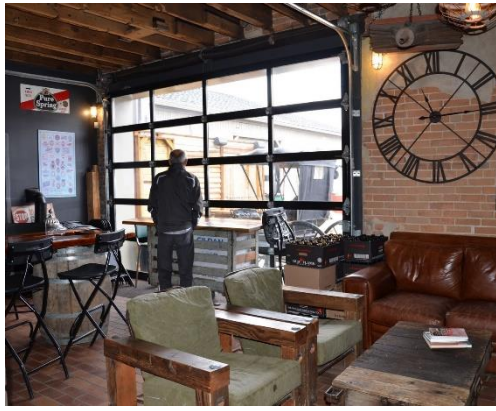
We all enjoyed today's cruise very much! Thanks to Jan and Cathy for taking care of 50-50 sales and a *huge thanks* to Cathy and Rocco for the time and energy they put into planning this event for us and for showing us a "taste" of their home town, Port Perry!



A selection of photos from our "Steel Cruise", courtesy of Rocco & Sue:







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## Corvette news:

Owning and driving and being a passenger in a Corvette is a wonderful experience that we're privileged to enjoy! Not every day is rosy, however.

The driver of this silver C5 Corvette is facing multiple charges after he wrecked the car and damaged a house. Topping it off, he left the scene after he apparently lost control while speeding. He was found later in a local bar soothing his nerves with a beer!

*Photo Credit: Cate Hitchings*



A 72-year old war veteran was brutally beaten while repairing the windshield wiper on his red convertible when suddenly he was hit on the back of the head. After the beating, the perpetrator stole his Corvette!

*Photo Credit: WSVN TV*

While Memphis firefighter Huggie Jones was at work, someone stole the tires off his silver C6 coupe. Get this - it was sitting outside the fire hall on Elvis Presley Boulevard!

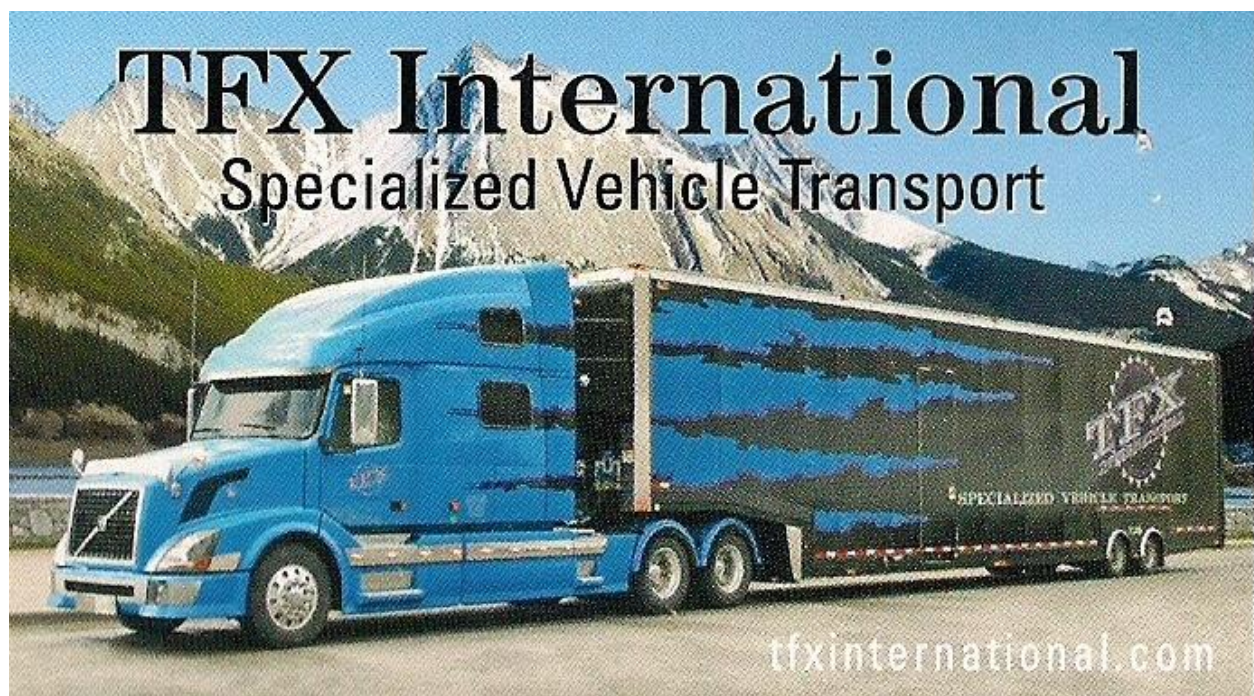
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4. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front without leaving large gaps.
5. Be mindful of your driving so that you are not kicking back stones/gravel, etc.
6. No passing of other Vettes.
7. Keep the car behind you in sight at all times. If the 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 everyone ahead can get back onto the road easier.
11. If possible have the cell phone number of the cruise organizer so that if need be, you can contact them. 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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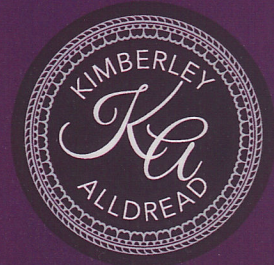
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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **The Bash** - April 27 to 29 inclusive and registration is still open. Click here to register: [Read more](#)
- Next up is the **C4 GATHERING** May 18 - 20. Registration will open at the end of March. Log onto [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org) to register for this under the Events tab.
- And then...the **Le Mans 24 Hour Viewing Party**, Jun 17 @ 7:00 am - Jun 18 @ 10:30 am. Click here to register: [Read more](#)
- It's not too soon to think about attending this year's NCM **23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary event** over the Labour Day weekend, August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, inclusive.

For a full list of all Museum events in the next few months, please check the NCM website ([www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)) under the Events tab.

**The Sinkhole Experience** is a semi-permanent exhibit telling the story of the February 12, 2014 sinkhole in the Museum's Skydome which swallowed eight Corvettes. [Learn more here](#) and check out how the NCM recently marked the Sinkhole's third anniversary with the restoration of a 1962 Corvette... the last of three to be restored. Click here to [READ MORE](#).





## NCM Motorsports Park

The NCM Motorsport Park opened in August 2014 and quickly became *THE* "go to" track for professional teams conducting testing prior to major races and for racing clubs of all marques to run track days. During many NCM events, the track is open to event attendees for 4-laps in your own car at average highway speeds on the 13-turn, 2 mile road course. Passengers are welcome; the cost is \$45/session for Touring Laps.



The Motorsport Park recently announced that **go-karting** will soon be available to the public six days each week (Tuesday through Sunday inclusive) in season. For those who wish to relive their youth or simply enjoying karting for the first time, reasonable rates apply for all time blocks...from \$20/for a single 8 minute race to rates for various sized groups. New karts (as shown here) are on order and delivery is expected soon.

Check out a schedule of upcoming events at [www.motorsportspark.org](http://www.motorsportspark.org).

- COD members interested in travelling to Bowling Green - on your own or in a group - are welcome to chat with your Ambassadors any time for tips and information.



Here is the link for race schedules, results and news: <http://www.corvetteracing.com/about-2/>. The site also shows a history of Corvette Racing from 1999 to the present.

This month's newsletter cover photo says it all!

At the March 18<sup>th</sup> Sebring race, despite pressure from other competitors in their class and some back luck, it was exceptionally good driving by Jan Magnussen, Antonio Garcia and Mike Rockenfeller plus clean, fast pit stops and strategy that allowed the No. 3 Corvette to win in their GTLM class in this 12-hour endurance race. Their nearest competitor (Ford No. 66) trailed by only **.453 seconds!** It was an almost flawless race for the No. 3. Congratulations to the entire No. 3 team!!



<<< Here are Mike, Antonio and Jan on the podium accepting their winning trophies.

To quote No. 4 Team driver Oliver Gavin "...Sebring is always tough and always hard. It's so aggressive and so brutal on the driver, the team and the cars. To win there is always a remarkable accomplishment." Tommy Milner had qualified the No. 4 Corvette in third position and the team hoped for a repeat of last year's brilliant Sebring win. Sadly a win eluded the No. 4 Corvette when it suffered water temperature issues inside the first hour of the race, ending the day for drivers Tommy Milner, Oliver Gavin and Marcel Fässler.



For further details about the race please visit [www.corvetteracing.com](http://www.corvetteracing.com).

Now, on to Long Beach and the next race on April 8<sup>th</sup>.



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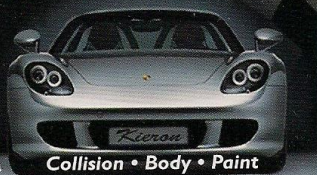
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It is time again to start planning for the National Corvette Museum Corvette Caravan! Here is your chance to join other Corvette enthusiasts for the 25th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum by participating in the 2019 Corvette Caravan.

## **Mark your calendars for August 25 – August 30, 2019.**



My name is Jamie Krane and my wife Lianne and I will be the Ontario Captains for 2019. We went on our first Caravan in 2014, departing from Mississauga and led by Ron Tremblay and Sue Woodland. We truly had a great time and would like to thank Sue and Ron for all of their hard work in making the week such a success. Together with our Co-Captains Gerry and Sharon Pancott, we are committed to following in their well-placed footsteps.

For 2019 Ontario Caravan participants the adventure begins when we depart from prearranged locations August 25<sup>th</sup>, meeting up with other groups as we head to Bowling Green, arriving August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have interesting stops planned along the way! 4 nights in Bowling Green will give all participants plenty of opportunity to enjoy everything this Corvette lover's haven has to offer. Everything wraps up Saturday Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> as we make our own way home or to other destinations.

### **Advertising is very important to our Caravan.**

Please help us keep costs to a minimum. If you know of a local business in your area that would benefit from advertising in our Corvette Caravan Route Book or on our website, please email me below. Your local Corvette Clubs are also welcomed to advertise or you may also place a personal Ad in our Route Book. What better way for a business to reach this large and passionate group of consumers – The Corvette Enthusiast, than by advertising with us?

**Registration** for both the Caravan and the festivities is not open at this time. Note that the 2019 Corvette Caravan and the NCM 25th Anniversary are two separate events, each with their own registration, which is expected to be available on the NCM web site starting soon.

We will be working on blocking sets of rooms at hotels along the route, but we don't expect hotel registration to be available until approximately fall of 2018.

We will be compiling all this and much more into a Route Book that will be available to registered participants Spring 2019.

Additionally, we need a representative from each Club to help with communications to ensure this a successful Caravan. Please contact us and let us know how you can help.

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## 2017 Calendar of Events

| DATE         | EVENT  | CONTACT       | LOCATION  | TIME                |
|--------------|--|---------------|---|---------------------|
| Apr 19       | General Meeting                                | Cathy Nunno   | Lone Star Grill, Pickering  | 7:30 pm             |
| Apr 30       | Spring Cruise                                  | Cathy Nunno   | Woodlawn Inn, Cobourg<br>RSVP and pay by April 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 12:00 pm            |
| May 17       | General Meeting                                | Cathy Nunno   | Swiss Chalet, Salem & Taunton Roads, Ajax   | 7:30 pm             |
| May 19-21    | Victoria Day Speedfest Weekend                 | Ron Tremblay  | Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville  |                     |
| May date TBD | Car Show                                       | Brian Lindow  | Collingwood   |                     |
| June 3       | Corvette Display                               | Ken Gordon    | Boyer GM, Pickering   | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  |
| June 9       | NCRS Ontario Judging                           | Ron Langlois  | Wilson Niblett GM, Richmond Hill  | 8:00 am – 12 pm     |
| June 13      | COD Golf Tournament                            | Mike Tillaart | Royal Ashburn Golf Club   | 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm   |
| June 18      | Yorkville Exotic Car Show (by invitation)      | Norby Dippold | Bloor St./Avenue Rd./Bay St. area of Toronto <a href="http://www.yorkvilleexotics.com">www.yorkvilleexotics.com</a> | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm   |
| June 21      | General Meeting                                | Cathy Nunno   | Royal Ashburn Golf Club   | 7:30 pm             |
| June 25      | DreamVettes                                    | Bruce Gagnon  | Ontario Motor Sales, Oshawa   | 8:30 am – 2:00 pm   |
| July 1       | Canada Day Parades                             |               | Port Perry<br>Scarborough TBD   |                     |
| July 5       | Race Fest                                      | Ron Tremblay  | Dundas Square, Toronto  | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  |
| July 6-9     | Mobil1 Sportscar Grand Prix w/ Corvette Corral | Norby Dippold | Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville  |                     |
| July 16      | Brampton Corvette Club show                    | Brian Lindow  | Bramalea Lions Park<br>\$20 registration  | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm |
| July 19      | General Meeting                                | Ken Gordon    | Big M, 711 Krosno Blvd., Pickering  | 7:30 pm             |
| Aug 19       | General Meeting                                | Cathy Nunno   | Farm / home of Frank & Joanne Di Lorenzo, Picton ON   |                     |
| Aug 26-27    | Autofest                                       | Linda Landry  | Lakeview Park, Oshawa   |                     |
| Sept 20      | General Meeting                                | Cathy Nunno   | TBD   | 7:30 pm             |
| Oct 18       | General Meeting                                | Cathy Nunno   | TBD   | 7:30 pm             |
| Oct 21-22    | Fall Cruise                                    | Cathy Nunno   | Burleigh Falls Inn<br>Hwy. 28, Burleigh Falls ON  |                     |
| Nov 15       | General Meeting                                | Cathy Nunno   | TBD   | 7:30 pm             |
| Nov 25       | COD Christmas Party                            | Cathy Nunno   | Deer Creek Golf Club, Ajax  | 5:30 pm             |

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