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April 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ken Gordon

Hope all members are self-isolating and staying "Healthy".

Welcome home to our Snowbirds and look forward to life getting back to normal for all our future get-togethers.

Unfortunately several events have been cancelled including The Spring Cruise to Elmhirst due to lock down. All April meetings at Sabina's will not happen at this time and not sure about May.

Let's hope this nightmare will allow us to proceed with DreamVettes; if not, we'll figure out an alternative date.

The Ravens have organized several Social Events to commemorate our 20th Anniversary and hopefully we'll get together soon!

Let's stay united as a club by E-mail or PHONE (what's that)?

Take Care,

Ken



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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April Birthdays

Bruce Gagnon, 4th
Sam Dickey, 15th
Clayton Read, 15th
Connie Collins, 16th
Joe DeBattista, 18th
Brian Baker, 26th
Ron Langlois, 28th



Happy Birthday!

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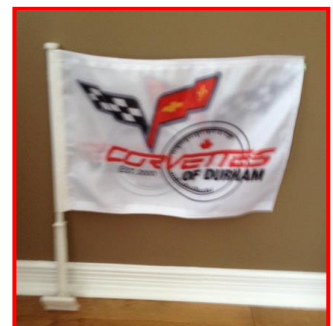
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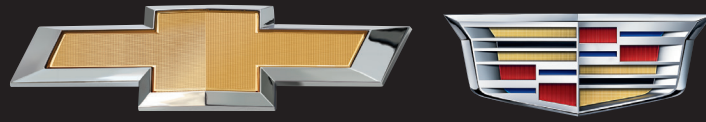
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DREAMVETTES



Your 2020 DREAMVETTES team is busy behind the scenes organizing this year's show scheduled for Sunday June 14th at OMS.

Flyers and registration forms are available on our website:

www.corvettesofdurham.ca

Everyone's favourite weatherman, CTV's Tom Brown, has been invited to attend DreamVettes. Who knows? He may show up in a C8 Corvette!!

APRIL MEETING

As noted on the Events calendar, our April meeting is cancelled.

Everyone, please stay safe & healthy!

Vacation Photos

With two last photos in this newsletter the 'vacation photos' feature is now finished for the season but will be back next winter ☺

AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM OUR CCCC-ER GOVERNOR:

The Quad-C magazine, Fast Past, is currently published in hard copy only. This is a very costly process – paper, ink & printing and time-consuming to distribute.

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Change to our 20th Anniversary Events

Please note that we are **postponing** our **Toronto Harbour Boat Cruise** from the June 6 date to sometime later in the year, and if we can't do it later in the year, we'll find something else to do.

We are leaving the other dates as they are at the moment. If there are any changes we will let you know in lots of time.

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Save the Dates for our 20th Anniversary Celebrations

Saturday, July 11, 2020

Club Group Photo of Vettes & Members with their Vettes. We'll start mid-morning and continue with a barbecue in afternoon. If it rains, we'll pick another day.

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Corn Roast at Hy-Hope Farm beginning in late afternoon and continuing into early evening.

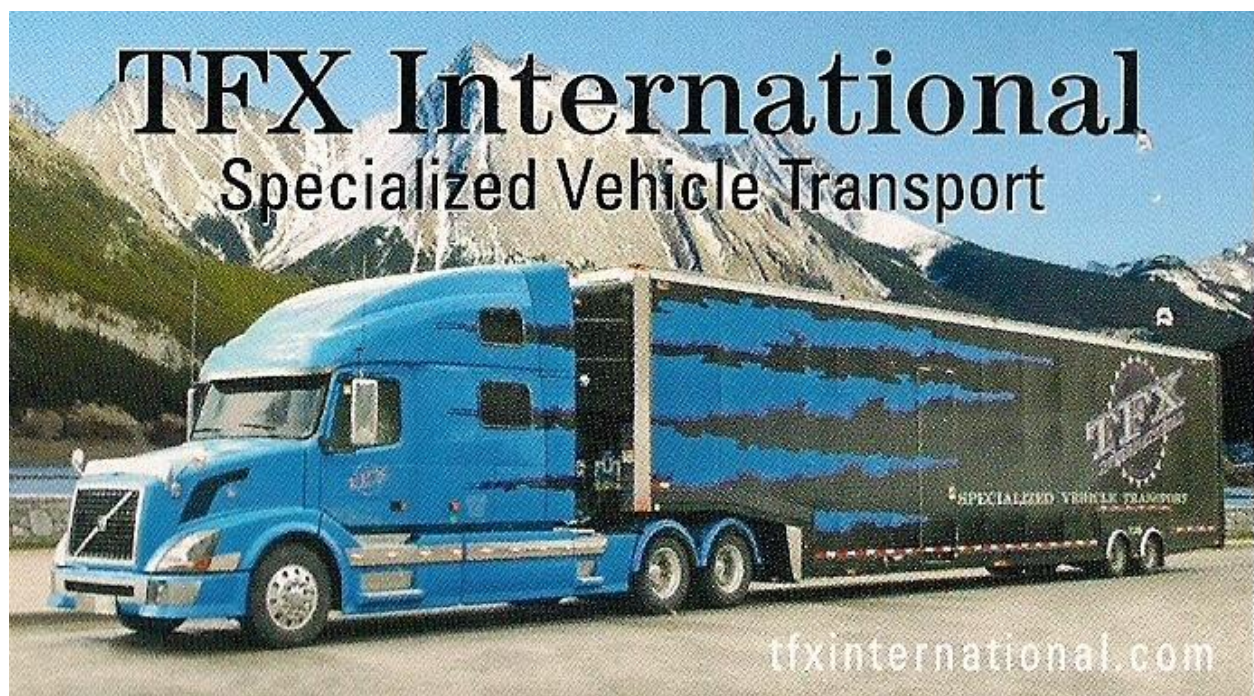
A Saturday in November

Visit the Skylon Tower Observation Deck, watch the short 3D/4D movie and have dinner in the Skylon revolving restaurant while watching the lights illuminate Niagara Falls (approximately \$50 per person). We can stay at the Hilton Garden Inn if no one wants to drive home. More details to follow closer to the date.

Celebrating our 20th Anniversary will be fun and we have lots of surprises waiting for you. There is a wonderful group of members working hard to make these events very special to celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me: (905) 852-1233 or by email: itsme@powergate.ca.

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Winter Blues Cruise

By Jan Raven

Twenty five of us met at Hy-Hope Farm on March 7th to go on a short, spur of the moment, lunch cruise (in our steel cars, of course!). We left Hy-Hope and drove to JACX Restaurant on Woodbine Avenue, just south of Keswick.

It was a beautiful day for a cruise. The staff at JACX was very nice and ready for us and the food was great. Our friends Glenn & Sue and Steve & Pat joined us. Chuck won the 50/50.

If we had known that it would be weeks, or maybe months, before we could be together again, we probably would have made it a little more elaborate but it turned out to be a nice day and a break from the winter weather.



Glenn & Sue and Pat & Steve (friends of the Ravens) also joined the lunch group.



Thanks to COD members Gloria & Don Chalmers & the Jaxx serving staff for the photos!

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Thank you again to those COD members who entered their Corvettes in this year's Motorama Custom Car & Motorsport Expo. The COD display was enhanced by new, green carpeting which Brent was able to obtain for COD for this purpose. It looked great

and was a pleasure to walk on! Thank you Brent. Corvettes from Brian S, Jann L, Brent, Ron T, Ken and Fletch were on display. Congrats to Ron T. for his Runner Up award in his category, which sadly, was the only plaque won by COD members. In addition, Ron L displayed his yellow SSR at a nearby booth.

And thanks to Anne, who organized an updated slide show of COD photos from the past five years! The COD display set-up on move-in day was helped along with the assistance of Ron L's friend Pat Heimrath and Bruce Smith – who covered the booth throughout the weekend. Sunday morning's take-down helper was Ken's bro-in-law Gord. Thanks to you all!!

The number of visitors Friday and Saturday was much lower than in previous years no doubt due to the virus that is affecting so many. The final day of the show – Sunday – was cancelled but we're looking forward to next year's Motorama!

Here are a few photos from the show; others can be seen on the COD website.



Before the carpet was laid...

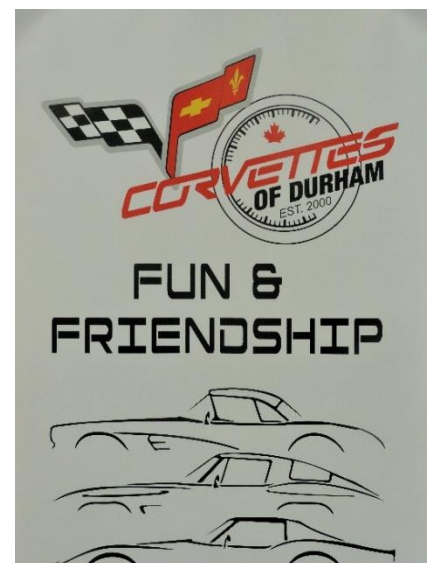


Our new carpeting...a blank canvas waiting to be filled in.

Brian S's C7 & one of 4 COD flags on display.



Brent vacuuming to help keep the carpet clean.





Ken (left) cleaning before the show.



All COD Vettes sparkled! Clockwise from above: Ron T's C7, Jann L's C6, and Fletch's C5. Below, Runner Up award for Ron T.



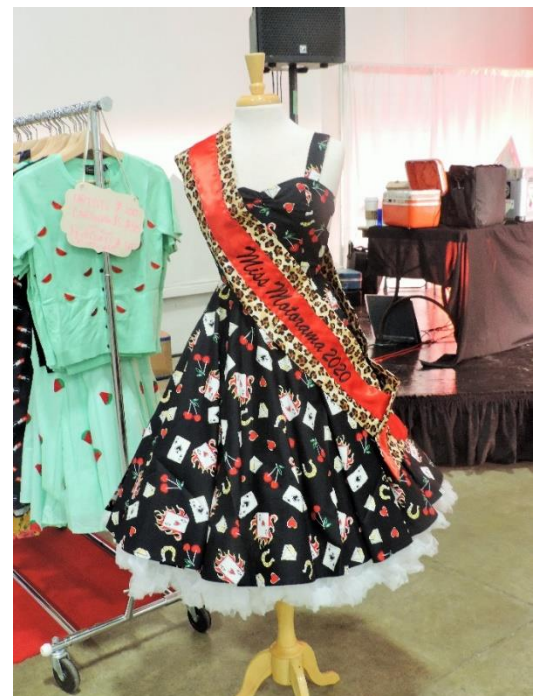
Opposite the COD display was Ron L's SSR >>>



Not just cars & trucks, the show featured a Miss Motorama Pageant.

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Left, a replica 1950's barber shop.



The show's overall winner – Motorama Grand Champion! A 1959 Corvette Convertible (SEMA CAR)





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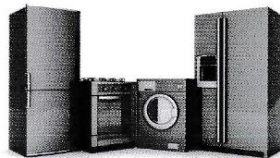
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Maurice Olley was the ultimate engineer with a passion for understanding engineering fundamentals and commitment to creating mechanical engineering solutions related to automobiles. His entire career prepared him for the important role he was asked to play with the Corvette. Read more at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn-about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Maurice-Olley>



The late Grady Davis was employed by Gulf Research and Development Company for 44 years. During this time Davis created the country's first corporate-sponsored private race team around Don Yenko and Dr. Dick Thompson. With Corvette being his first love, he began a racing program in 1961 continuing to 1966. The Davis program earned the Corvette marque legions of fans that exist to this day. Read more at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn-about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Grady-Davis>



Fred Gallasch spent his first 12 years with General Motors refining his marketing acumen and acute sensitivity to the ever changing needs and wants of GM's customers. During that time, he also published over 35 research documents, several of which appeared in professional journals. His direct association with Corvette began in the late '80's when he became Assistant Brand Manager for Corvette. Read more at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn-about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Fred-Gallasch>



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**MUSEUM CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
as of 5:00 pm MARCH 18th**

All Museum hosted events in March, April and May have been rescheduled or cancelled to avoid the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This includes the annual C4 Gathering that was scheduled for May 14-16. The sole exception are the C8 deliveries through the Museum. Museum administration will continue to work behind the scenes, offering customer service and managing the many on-going programs and projects, including renovations to the Performance & Racing Gallery, Design & Engineering Gallery and the new Entombed Corvette display. Additionally, the Museum will be launching a new educational series, posting live videos each weekday at 10am CT geared towards kids and families on their Facebook page and YouTube.

In the week prior to the closure, several people took delivery of their new Corvette C8s, among them the NCM Board President Glenn Johnson and his wife Andrea who chose a Torch Red Coupe. "Drives like a dream" said Andrea.



MICHELIN NCM BASH MOVED TO MAY

Due to the widespread COVID-19 virus, the Michelin NCM Bash has been moved from April 23-25 **to May 28-30** inclusive. The Bash is still the event season opener with several configurations of the new 2020 Corvette expected to be on display! The 2020 Bash will also feature the Entombed Corvette exhibit, book signings, guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, live auction, the Ladies' Oasis, and the Ladies Garage with women of the Corvette Team. Online registration is open: Lifetime members \$20pp, member registration is \$25pp and non-member registration is \$35pp. With the change of date, there could be openings for some of the road trips and other events taking place during the Bash. If interested, check with Bryce or Maci in the Events office.

BOWLING GREEN CORVETTE ASSEMBLY PLANT CLOSED

General Motors has closed all assembly plants worldwide effective March 20th to deep clean and sanitize the plants and to stop the spread of the virus. Production of the 2020 Corvette C8s has been halted until at least March 30. Production status will be reevaluated week-to-week after that.

According to Corvette Blogger (March 20/20), shipping of the new 2020 Corvettes will continue despite the plant's temporary two-week shut-down! Many GM dealerships remain open here and in the US, so, if you're one of the lucky people who ordered a C8, you *just might* receive your new Corvette in the near future. The first C8s to arrive in Canada landed at Finch



Chevrolet in London on March 6th in the darkness of night. The colour of the C8 in the photo (previous page) is *Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic*.



The first C8 deliveries to the Museum occurred March 5th with most of these going to customers in the following weeks. One of these C8s is earmarked for the NCM Motorsport Park!



One of many haulers leaving the Corvette Assembly Plant. Just as the C7s were wrapped in white for transport, so are the C8s.



VETTECADEMY: Announced by the Museum on March 3rd, this free online educational video series is geared to all ages. Each episode runs an average of 7 minutes with topics related to Corvette, the Museum and other automotive areas. New videos debut each weekday around 10am **CT (that 11am our time)** and past episodes are available for replay. Click the red box below to see them on YouTube:

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NCM MOTORSPORTS PARK CLOSED

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Entries have been announced for the 88th 24 Hours of Le Mans, and as usual, Corvette Racing has once again been invited to participate. The mid-engine Corvette C8.R race car makes its Le Mans debut this year and driving the No. 63 Corvette will be regulars Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor, with their endurance racing teammate, Nicky Catsburg. Longtime teammates Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin will share the No. 64 C8.R at Le Mans with Marcel Fässler. **But**, it will not be run in June as usual. Rather, the new date will be September 19-20.

The 2020 racing season, for all series everywhere, has been drastically changed due to the worldwide pandemic that we're all living through. Races for Corvette originally scheduled for March and early May have been rescheduled to dates later in the year. Long Beach, originally scheduled for April 17-18, has been cancelled outright. At the time of writing this and according to IMSA, the season for Corvette "may" recommence with the June 25-28 Watkins Glen race.

Here are the teams' amended race dates as published on March 24th:

June 25-28: Six Hours of The Glen
July 3-5: CTMP
July 17-18: Lime Rock Park
July 31-Aug. 2: Road America
Aug. 21-23: Virginia International Raceway
Sept. 4-6: Laguna Seca

Sept. 25-27: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
Oct. 14-17: Petit Le Mans
Nov. 11-14: Twelve Hours of Sebring

The schedule is the same from late June to end of August as it is every year. But as it now stands, the team will be *very, very* busy in September, with overseas travel thrown in.

Before racing and testing were cancelled in March, Corvette Racing used the Sebring track for two days in February for major testing of the C8.R. All six drivers participated and provided input re tire pressures and suspension set-ups for example...all toward making the car better whenever racing resumes and for the drivers to more fully "feel" the car and understand it's potential.

Remember that Sebring 1000 Miles FIA-WEC race, set for March 20th at Sebring? Well, it was cancelled too, due to travel restrictions amid the virus pandemic, denying Mike Rockenfeller and Jan Magnussen the chance to drive a Corvette C8.R. There is no make-up date for this race.



In other racing news and for those interested in the **Victoria Day Speed-Fest** at CTMP, word will be provided in the near future by the sanctioning body, SRO World Challenge, as to whether the weekend will go ahead or be rescheduled. No word on CTMP Vintage Racing either.

Notes from CorvetteBlogger.com, IMSA.com, motorsport.com and sportscar365.com

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LS3 Crate motor (500+ hp) and new clutch installed at Wilson-Niblett

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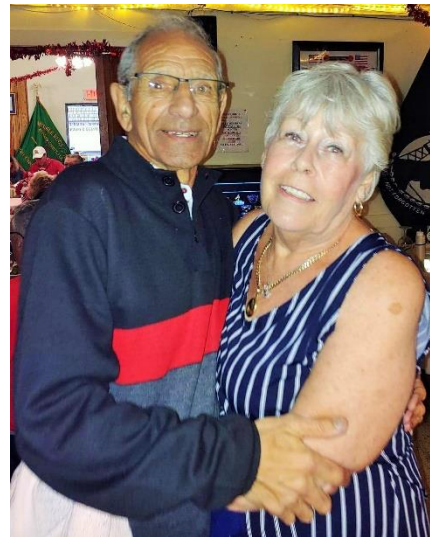


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The last of our 2020 winter vacation photos:

Joe & Avril spent a nice winter vacation in Florida visiting family.

Here they are taking a spin around the dance floor while enjoying a party with a Christmas theme at the local Legion Hall.



Winter vacation photos will return later this year.

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2020 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
April 8	Executive meeting CANCELLED			
April 15	General Meeting CANCELLED			
Sunday April 26	COD Spring Cruise CANCELLED			
May 13	Executive meeting TO BE CONFIRMED	Ken Gordon		
Fri – Sun May 15-17	Victoria Day SpeedFest TO BE CONFIRMED	Ron Tremblay	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park Bowmanville	Daily Times TBA
May 20	General Meeting TO BE CONFIRMED	Ken Gordon	Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub 1755 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:00 pm mtg
May 28-30	New dates for: Michelin NCM Bash	Ron Tremblay	National Corvette Museum Bowling Green KY	9am – 5pm daily
Saturday June 6	Pine Ridge Corvette Club Show and Shine	Brian Striemer	VanDusen GM Buick Chevrolet 425 Bayly St. W, Ajax	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sunday June 14	20 th Annual DreamVettes & GM Show	Ken Gordon	Ontario Motor Sales 140 Bond St. W, Oshawa	8:30 am – 2:00 pm
Sunday June 14	Annual CCoW Annual Waterfront Show	Brian Striemer	Riverside Drive, Windsor CONCOURS NATIONALS	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
July 2-5	IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar (Corvette) Racing	Norby Dippold	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park Bowmanville	TBA
Sunday July 19	Brampton Corvette Club Annual show	Brian Striemer	Bramalea Lions Hall 45 Avondale Blvd, Brampton	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
July 15	General Meeting/Fundraiser for Darlene's charity	Ken Gordon	Boston Pizza Newcastle	5:30 pm supper 7:00 pm mtg
Aug 16	NEW DATE WBCC Summer Fling Show	Brian Striemer	Canadian Tire Parking Lot Wasaga Beach	TBA

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RED – General Information

Note the new date for the WBCC show.

**May 31 is cancelled;
new date is August 16.**



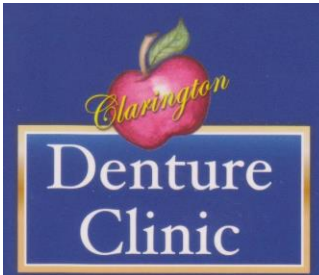
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