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2019 Stingray in the new Shadow Gray, photographed in front of the National Corvette Museum.



September 2018



President's Report

By Ken Gordon

Hope everyone had a wonderful Long Weekend!

Well, the CNE has come & gone, children are back to school, but at least we still have a couple of months left to continue enjoying our Corvettes. There are still a few events for members to attend, as well as our Fall Cruise in October to Horseshoe Valley. If you haven't booked your room yet please do so ASAP and let Jan Raven know your plans.

Last month several Members were treated to a BBQ at the beautiful home of Roxanne & John. Their property offered swimming, walking and taking in the sights or drooling over John's car collection. There was an abundance of food and everyone had a great time. Thank you to the Chiusolo's for opening your home to the Club.

Linda & Gilles Landry again organized AutoFest on behalf of Corvettes of Durham. I only attended Saturday morning which was great weather but not so good later in the afternoon. There were so many gorgeous cars, and it was fun to be part of the show. Thanks to Linda & Gilles!

Marilyn would like to thank all the Members that expressed their condolences regarding her father's passing. It meant a lot!

Our General Meetings will resume at Amici starting Wednesday September 19th.

Hope to see everyone there.

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 Convenor know.

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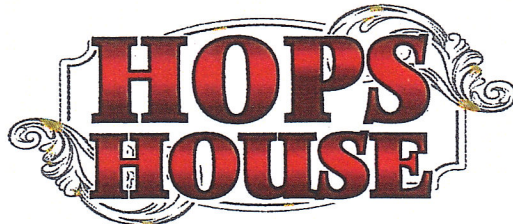
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We recently attended the Museum's 24th Anniversary weekend (August 30-Sept.1) and volunteered some time during the event. Glad to see fellow COD members Jan & David Raven there along with several other Ontario Corvette friends.

This month's report consists of NCM news we learned during our time there:

- During the Ambassadors' meeting, we heard that a change is imminent regarding Lifetime Memberships. The change is this: new Lifetime Memberships will be *individual* members rather than *couples*. The change comes about owing to NCM members losing their Lifetime status through divorce or the death of a partner. Current Lifetime Members are not affected by this change.
- The State of Kentucky recently introduced sales tax on "services". Admission to the Museum falls under this category and 6% tax is now charged on all paid admissions. NCM Members do not pay admission to enter the Museum displays.
- Automatic member renewal is now in place. Instead of having to remember when to renew your Museum membership, you can opt to be auto-reminded by the Museum as long as your credit card data is on file with the NCM. Membership rates are still a great value at \$100 per year for family; and \$50 per year for an individual. Lifetime membership (a one-time donation) is \$1500.
- Ambassadors are invited to volunteer time while at the Museum and earn points toward their ambassador status. During this trip, we volunteered 4 ½ hours in the Museum store, stocking shelves, tagging goods and putting together C7/2017 Customer Kits.
- No information was given on the expected date for Plant Tours to resume. Following the seminar given by the Assistant Plant Manager, I asked Nora Roper if January 1st was still in mind. Ms. Roper would not answer directly, which we took to mean "perhaps not". We will keep you informed!
- During Ms. Roper's seminar, we heard that "a number of LT1 engines are built at the **St. Catharines Plant**".

We attended the Lifetime Member's dinner one evening where this year's Hall of Fame Inductees were introduced and spoke about their careers involving Corvettes. Dinner was buffet-style and catered by a local restaurant, the owner being a Business member of the Museum.

Later in the week we attended the Induction Ceremony at the Sloan Convention Centre where brothers Burt and John Greenwood were inducted in the *Racing* category; former GM Chief Engineer Tom Wallace was inducted in the *GM-Chevrolet* category and Mike Yager was inducted in the *Enthusiast* category. All were recognized for their contribution to the Corvette. Notables in the audience included several past Inductees; former GM/Corvette ZR1 and Z06 factory test driver Jim Painter; current Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter; Kirk Bennion, Exterior Design Manager for Corvette and Harlan Charles, Corvette Marketing Manager.

We also attended the 15-20-25 year Membership ceremony where NCM members who have been members for 15, 20 or 25 years were awarded a certificate marking their milestone. Next year, we will achieve 15 years' membership.

We enjoyed a day trip to Elizabethtown KY to visit the Swope's Cars of Yesteryear Museum. This is an awesome private collection open to the public free of charge, with (literally) dozens of cars from the early 1900's into the 1970's. Over the years, the various Misters Swope owned car dealerships of different marques and were all real car people...hence this collection. What we saw is a mere drop in the bucket; there are two other buildings storing more cars – all in immaculate condition! A must-see!!

Throughout our time in Bowling Green and at the Museum we enjoyed meeting with and visiting with numerous Corvette friends from various parts of the US, and as mentioned above, other Canadian Corvette friends. The car is a big factor in going to Bowling Green; it's seeing the friends we've made that are the highlight of each trip!

Ambassadors and Clubs Awarded (taken from an NCM online newsletter)

"As part of the Museum's Anniversary Celebration, Corvette Club Ambassadors who achieved 'Master Ambassador' status were awarded.

An annual recognition of Museum Ambassadors who go above and beyond designates them as "Master Ambassadors." For 2018, 72 ambassadors (or ambassador 'teams') earned this designation. Those club representatives include: Sue Woodland and Ron Tremblay (**Corvettes of Durham**)."

We were very pleased to again be awarded this designation by the Museum and will continue to serve Corvettes of Durham to the best of our ability.

Ron & Sue
NCM Ambassadors



Sue & Ron with Stephanie & Becky, NCM Membership Department

Below, two vehicles in the Swope Museum:



1937 Fleetwood
Cadillac (left)



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There are a variety of rooms available and they can be reserved for Friday and Saturday nights, just Friday night or just Saturday night. The rooms are as follows:

Standard Room with 2 Queens or 1 King	-	\$ 109 Friday and \$ 139 Saturday
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Loft Suite (includes living area & bedroom)	-	\$ 179 Friday and \$ 209 Saturday

Please inquire about the resort fees and taxes when reserving your room.

There are currently 10 rooms designated for our club – 5 have been reserved. Please advise the reservation desk that you are booking for the Corvettes of Durham event. Please contact me as soon as you book your room so that I can block another set of rooms at the same price. **Room Reservations: 1-800-461-5627**

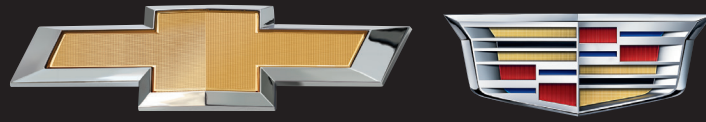
Meals are not included with your room, but there are two restaurants for dinner – the Crazy Horse Sports Bar & Grill and the Inn Steakhouse. For breakfast there is a \$15 Buffet or a Continental Breakfast for about \$ 7. We'll let you know about lunches.

We will arrange a meeting place so that we can cruise up together Friday or Saturday. Details of the meeting place and cruise route will be made available as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the Fall Cruise please contact me at (905) 852-1233 or furryface@powergate.ca.

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AutoFest August 25 and August 26, 2018

A few clouds and the threat of rain didn't deter the 9 Corvettes that gathered at Tim Horton's on Saturday morning to cruise down to Lakeview Park to attend the 25th Anniversary of AutoFest.

A few more Corvettes arrived during the morning along with a few non-member Corvettes that parked with us.

The rain held off until about 4:30PM and most everyone had hightailed it home hoping to beat the rain.

Sunday morning dawned with some clouds and some partially wet roads. We again met at Tim Horton's and 11 Corvettes cruised down to Lakeview Park and several more club members joined us as the skies started to clear.

A few ominous clouds again threatened but quickly cleared out and we were left with an absolutely fantastic day to enjoy AutoFest 2018.

There were many different booths and displays to visit over the weekend. *Woman's World* had vendors selling jewelry, woman's clothing, handmade men's car-themed shirts even children's car-themed bibs and aprons. We also saw gourmet doggie treats, Hot Wheels and food products. And don't forget over 1,000 cars to admire. Everything from a Model A Ford to VW bugs and everything in between could be seen at AutoFest.

When we needed a break you could find Corvettes of Durham members sitting with our Corvettes and having a great time talking and laughing while maybe having lunch.

The Lions Club of Oshawa raffled off a '68 Camaro and the 50/50 draw was \$3,200 to the winner.

We met and spoke with several Corvette enthusiasts and quite likely they will be future members of Corvettes of Durham.

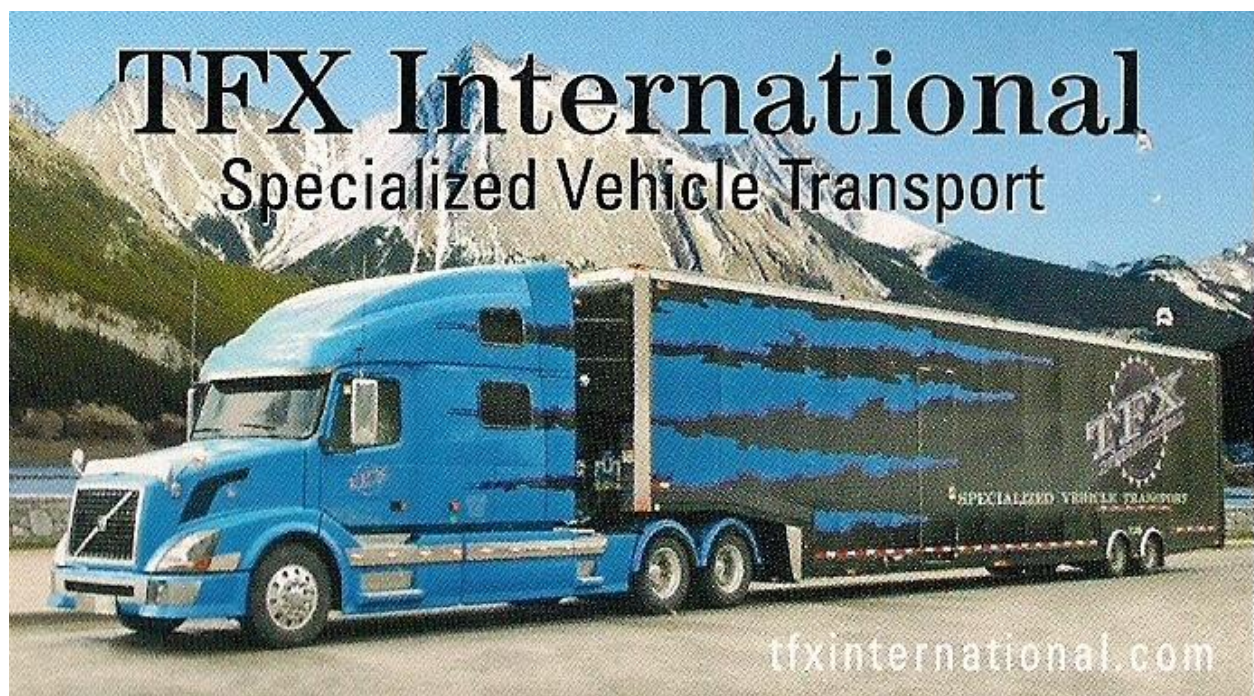
Corvettes of Durham congratulates Motor City Car Club on their 25th Anniversary of AutoFest. They raise much needed funds for Grandview Children's Centre. We thank them for such a great event.

Linda Landry



Clockwise from upper right: Joe's C6, Myran's C4 with Bruce's C4, Mike Morrison's C2, Ron L's C6, Brent's C7 and Brian B's C3.

More photos can be seen on the COD website.



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On Saturday, September 29th, we will be going to the Car Show at Applefest in Brighton. Last year, Randy Taylor led the cruise so this year John and I are doing it in Randy's memory.

Last year they had over 200 cars in the Show and downtown Brighton was filled with 150 vendors. Great shopping for the ladies!

We will meet at Tim Horton's on Wentworth Street in Oshawa (same location we meet for AutoFest) at 9:00 a.m. and leaving at 9:15 a.m. sharp. We will be going directly to Brighton so everyone will have time to finish cleaning their cars. Steel cars are also welcome.

If there is anyone coming from the east wanting to attend, please let us know in advance and we will select a meeting point east of Oshawa.

Judy and John Robinson

September Photo Contest

The photo below was taken at our August BBQ/meeting at Roxanne & John Chiusolo's home.

Terry Nodwell, aka camera boy, is offering a prize for correctly identifying the person in this photo.

Paper and pens will be provided at our September 19th meeting at Amici's so you can write down your name and guess.

If there is more than one correct answer, all correct answers will be placed in a hat and a winner drawn.



Good luck!

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AUGUST MEETING/BBQ

I wonder how many superlatives there are that could describe Saturday's off-site get-together - not enough -- but here's the short list and a recap.

A few of us met up in the Tim Horton's parking lot on Taunton Road and from there, Ron and Jann led the way along the scenic view to the Chiusolo's fabulous home and surrounding property. Others arrived with the Raven's and still more joined us at their own time. Altogether, the head count was 43 and for those who toured inside



and outside, and especially taking note of the 10-car garage and the shop next door where the work was done on these high-powered vehicles of all ages and colours, all were truly in awe of this "little" hideaway in Newcastle! Several swam (Linda Landry shed her bikini shirt for the real McCoy) or sat around the pool, while others chatted on the lawn facing the house.



After munching on appetizers, it was time for the smorgasbord - from several salads, to hotdogs and cheeseburgers, to delicious sweets - not a chance anyone left the party hungry. It's hoped some of these recipes will be included in this newsletter!



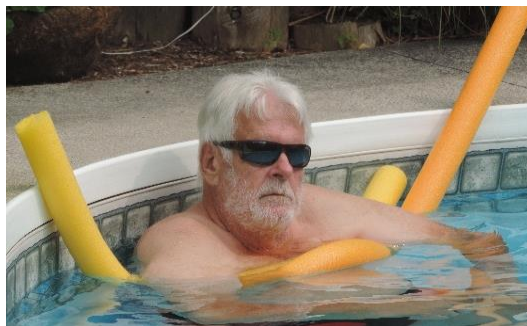
Sue passed around quiz questions with Ron and Jann being the big winners. In addition to that, Sue handed all of us Esso gas cards with a few cents off our next fill-up.



One last thing - the weather couldn't have been any better. While not a lot of sun, the breeze helped to cut the humidity we've all been suffering with over the last few weeks.

A great day was had by all!

Submitted by Gloria Chalmers



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John & Roxanne >>>**

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The Corvette Racing team has once again been very busy trying to obtain the top step on the podium!

Corvette Racing has raced and won at some of the best racetracks in the world but none may be more popular with the team and their fans than Road America located in Wisconsin. The August 4-5 weekend marked their 17th race at this picturesque four-mile, 14-turn circuit.

Corvette Racing was eager for class victory, which would be No. 100 in IMSA competition. In addition to seven previous class wins, Corvette Racing drivers have claimed pole positions seven times here and set the fastest race lap in its class eight times.

The Corvettes found themselves on the second and third rows in class following Saturday's 15-minute qualifying session. Antonio Garcia qualified third in the No. 3 Corvette C7.R followed closely by Oliver Gavin in fifth place in the No. 4 Corvette. These results are the best for Corvette Racing at Road America since 2015, and spirits were quietly confident heading into Sunday's race.

At the conclusion of Sunday's race, both teams stood on the podium. The No. 3 Corvette, driven by Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia, took 3rd place while the sister car, No. 4 driven by Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner, took 2nd place.

Antonio & Jan >



Oliver & Tommy >



Next on the calendar was VIR (Virginia International Raceway) for the August 18-19 weekend at the 3.27-mile, 17-turn circuit that straddles the borders of North Carolina and Virginia.

The VIR weekend involved GT teams only – GTLM and GTD. The Corvette team looked forward to increasing team and driver points, since they had a good chance to race for the overall win! A strong finish at VIR was essential to Corvette's championship hopes.

Following a damp qualifying session, Antonio Garcia qualified fourth in the No. 3 Corvette; Tommy Milner qualified the No. 4 Corvette seventh allowing them to start from the second and fourth rows in Sunday's race.

Despite driving with an injured knee, Antonio Garcia drove the opening 55 minutes before handing off to Jan Magnussen. It was a fight to the end with Magnussen driving as hard as he could for the closing stint and taking second place in the No. 3 Corvette C7.R. This would be the No. 3's fourth runner-up finish in five races and seventh podium result of the season.

For Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner in the No. 4 Corvette C7.R, their race came undone just as it started. Milner started the race but was sent off track from contact with another GTLM car *on the first lap*! He was able to continue but the car suffered damage at the front-right, impacting its performance. Gavin took over after 57 minutes and reported similar struggles that hampered Milner. Tommy Milner drove the final stint and was able to set some of his best lap times toward the end of the race. Unfortunately, time ran out and the No. 4 Corvette could only manage a sixth place finish.

At 269 points, Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia now hold the lead in the GTLM Driver's Championship for the first time this season following the VIR race. Their closest rival (*think blue oval*) are four points back. Chevrolet stands in second place in the Manufacturer's points with 283.



The 2018 racing season is winding down with only two more races to go. Corvette Racing's next event is Sept. 7-9 at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca (California).



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From the archives...

First generation (C1 1953–1962)

The first generation of Corvette was introduced late in the 1953 [model year](#). Originally designed as a show car for the 1953 Motorama display at the New York Auto Show, it generated enough interest to induce GM to make a production version to sell to the public. First production was on June 30, 1953.



1953 Corvette at the GM Motorama Car Show

This generation was often referred to as the "solid-axle" models (the [independent rear suspension](#) was not introduced until the second generation). Three hundred hand-built polo white Corvette [convertibles](#) were produced for the 1953 model year.

The 1954 model year vehicles could be ordered in Pennant Blue, Sportsman Red, Black, or Polo White; 3,640 were built, and sold slowly.

The 1955 model offered a 265 cu in (4.34 L) [V8 engine](#) as an option. With a large inventory of unsold 1954 models, GM limited production to 700 for 1955. With the new V8, the 0–60 mph time improved by 1.5 seconds.



<<< 1956 Chevrolet Corvette transistorized "hybrid" (vacuum tubes and transistors) car radio option, which was GM's first start in using the modern Solid-State electronics for a production car model.

A new body was introduced for the 1956 model featuring a new "face" and side coves; the tail lamp fins were also gone.

An optional [fuel injection](#) system was made available in the middle of the 1957 model year. It was one of the first mass-produced engines in history to reach 1 bhp (0.75 kW) per cubic inch (16.4 cubic cm) and Chevrolet's advertising agency used a "one hp per cubic inch" slogan for advertising the 283 bhp (211 kW) 283 cu in (4.64 L) [Small-Block engine](#). Other options included power windows (1956), [hydraulically](#) operated power [convertible](#) top (1956), heavy duty brakes and suspension (1957), and four speed manual [transmission](#) (late 1957). Delco Radio transistorized signal-seeking "hybrid" car radio, which used both vacuum tubes and transistors in its radio's circuitry (1956 option).

The 1958 Corvette received a body and interior freshening which included a longer front end with quad headlamps, bumper exiting exhaust tips, a new steering wheel, and a dashboard with all gauges mounted directly in front of the driver. Exclusive to the 1958 model were hood louvers and twin trunk spears. The 1959–60 model years had

few changes except a decreased amount of body chrome and more powerful engine offerings.

In 1961, the rear of the car was completely redesigned with the addition of a "duck tail" with four round lights. The light treatment would continue for all following model year Corvettes until 2014. In 1962, the Chevrolet 283 cu in (4.64 L) [Small-Block](#) was enlarged to 327 cu in (5.36 L). In standard form it produced 250 bhp (190 kW). For an extra 12% over list price, the fuel-injected version produced 360 bhp (270 kW) making it the fastest of the C1 generation. 1962 was also the last year for the wrap around windshield, solid rear axle, and convertible-only body style. The trunk lid and exposed headlamps did not reappear for many decades.



1953 Corvette leaves the assembly line



1954 Corvette Convertible



1958 Convertible (far left)

1959 Convertible (left)



1960 Corvette convertible

C1 Stats below:

Generation	Production	Notes
C1	1953	300
First generation (C1) begins; production starts on June 30; polo white with red interior and black top is only color combination; Options were interior door		

			handles; "clip in" side curtains were a substitute for roll-up windows.
	1954	3,640	Production moves to St. Louis ; exterior colors-blue, red, and black are added; top color-beige is added, longer tail pipes.
	1955	700	Both inline-6 and 265 cu in (4.34 L) V8 engines produced; 3-speed manual transmission added late in the model year.
	1956	3,467	New body with roll-up windows; V8-only; 3-speed manual transmission becomes standard equipment and Powerglide moved to option list.
	1957	6,339	283 cu in (4.64 L) V8; Optional 4-speed manual and fuel injected engine option added.
	1958	9,168	Quad-headlights and longer, face-lifted body; new interior and dash, fake louvers on hood and chrome strips on trunk lid; number of teeth in grille reduced from 13 to 9.
	1959	9,670	First black interior and dash storage bin; only year with a turquoise top; louvers and chrome strips from '58 removed.
	1960	10,261	Minor changes to the interior: red and blue bars on the dash logo, vertical stitching on seats.
	1961	10,939	New rear styling, bumpers, and round taillights. New fine-mesh grill.
	1962	14,531	327 cu in (5.36 L) V8 engine; last year with a trunk until 1998. New black grill with chrome surround, chrome rocker panel moldings.



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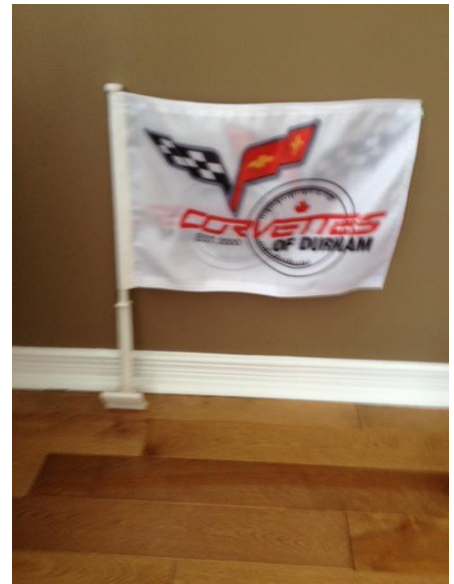


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DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Sept 8	CCCC-ER Recognition/Cruise	Steve Megill or Brian Streimer	Sennick Farm, Essa ON	11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sept. 16	PRCC Summer's End Show (pre-registration required)	Steve Megill or Brian Streimer	Oshawa Airport	9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sept 19	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm meeting
Sept. 29	Brighton Applefest Car Show	Judy Robinson	Downtown Brighton.	See article in this newsletter.
Oct 12 – 14	Fall Cruise	Jan Raven	Horseshoe Valley Resort. Details in this newsletter.	
Oct 17	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm meeting
Nov 21	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm meeting
Dec 8	Christmas Dinner/Dance	Jann Langlois	Oshawa Shrine Club 1626 Simcoe Street N.	5:30 pm – 1:00 am
Dec TBA	Silly Sweater Party	Jan Raven	Venue TBA	TBA

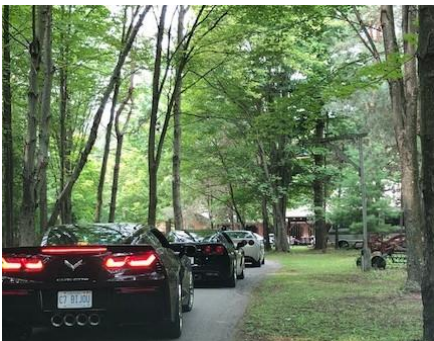
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