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This month COD pays tribute to the National Corvette Museum on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding.

> Again, we feature another journey on the 1994 Inaugural Caravan.















**August 2019** 





### By Ken Gordon

I would like to thank Chris from *The Big M* for hosting an evening of great food, prizes and entertainment; 22 Corvettes were in attendance. Great Evening!

Marilyn and I are heading to the Cottage to host the Eel's Lake Annual Horseshoe Tournament. There will be approx. 80-100 cottagers descending on our property, plus a cottage full of long weekend guests. If we survive that, we then head to Buckhorn to walk our youngest Daughter down the aisle (a very busy August).

We unfortunately will not be able to attend the BBQ on the 17th, but hope everyone has a wonderful time. Roxanne & John have a beautiful property and I encourage members to try to attend for a fun filled day.

As always please check the Calendar of Events for all upcoming shows. Our September General Meeting will be back at Amici.

Hope to see you then!

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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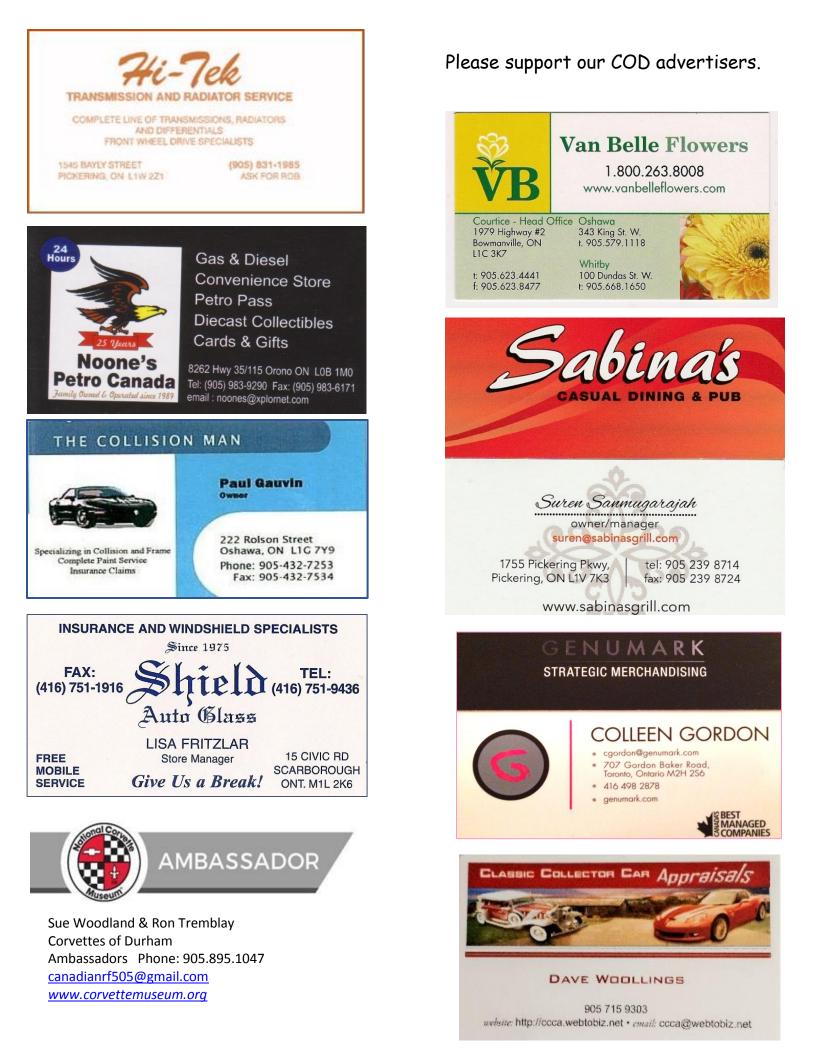
### Canada Day Parade

July 1st, 2019 > Port Perry, ON

30 Corvettes! + 1 Veteran. Outstanding!

Erin O'Toole was largely responsible for the amount of extra veterans (18).

Thank you all for your support & Participation. ~ Denise Ciaralli, Social Director





### MORE from the PORT PERRY CANADA DAY PARADE

Here is Brian with my 98 year old mother, Grace Elliott, who took part in the July 1<sup>st</sup>, Port Perry, Vettes for Vets Parade. Born in England, Grace was conscripted in 1941 and served



until the end of the war. She is a veteran of the Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Artillery. She acted as a plane spotter, identifying enemy aircraft, and her unit was moved around the coast of England, usually under cover of darkness. Grace has lots of stories about her war service, some funny and some sad.

Married to a British airman, she travelled to many countries, with five children. She immigrated to Canada in 1976 and has been a proud Canadian ever since.

Linda Striemer



Sam Dickey's Veteran passenger was 100 years young!

See more photos on the COD website!

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### CANADA DAY at the LEGION



We had a small, but enthusiastic group of C.O.D members show up to help the Legion with their celebration. As most of you know, this event was started and organized by Brian Lindow over the last 10 years approximately. In the past we participated in a nice parade with lots of Vettes and some young family members carrying our Club banner. It has now been reduced to a small gathering. We get there early and leave whenever.

One of the highlights over the years for the kids along the way was having us toss candies to them as they sat along the curb. I think that was started by Jan Raven as she brought enough candies for most of the drivers. Although our group was small, there's still a lot of interest from the little kids (and some not so little) as they really enjoy sitting in the cars and having their parents take photos.

The Legion has lost many of their members over the past several years and they can no longer afford the building. They have sold out to a developer and are now in the process of finding a new location. When that's complete and if all goes well, they will have another parade next year or the year after. I will keep in touch with them and let you all know if they would like to have us join them. Thanks for coming out to do a little something for the Veterans and the Club.
Don Chalmers
Photos on the COD website.

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COD at the CTMP CORVETTE CORRAL July 5 – 7, 2019



Approx. 10 COD members (including four who annually volunteer at the Corvette Corral) attending this year's *Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix* to watch the Corvette Race team in action.

Terry Nodwell, our COD photographer, was there all three days as well as 'move-in' day and took the following photos. Thanks Terry!! **See more photos on our Club website.** 



Move-in day...lunch time for the volunteers (left) but work time for the Corvette Racing crew...to remove everything from the haulers including the race cars (right).





GM's Kirk Bennion's C6; he joined us from Detroit.



Car meets wall = flatbed







Carl & Joe at lunch with Corvette Forum friends.







Plates we saw in the Corvette Corral.







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### NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION and INAUGURAL CARAVAN, 1994

by Linda & Gilles Landry

After months of planning and anticipation, three Corvettes from

Oshawa, our bronze '84, Ron Langlois' red '77 and the Warburtons' 2-tone bronze '86, left for a grand adventure.

The opening of the Corvette Museum was coming up and we were getting to Bowling Green by joining a Caravan of Corvettes to drive to Bowling Green. We just didn't know yet what we were getting into, and looking back I know I can say I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

At the time we were all Pine Ridge Corvette Club members. No one else in the club thought this "Caravan" Museum Opening was a big deal. And, of course, Carlisle had been the weekend before.

We didn't have a clue what to expect but so glad we decided to go. We just didn't know how much of a Gumball Rally-like experience we were about to enjoy.

We left Oshawa on August 31, 1994 for Farmington Hills, Michigan. The Caravan officially started on September 1, 1994 very early in the morning and we wanted to be sure to be there on time.

Upon arrival at Jack Cauley Chevrolet, the GM dealership hosting this first leg of the Caravan, we saw lots and lots of Corvettes. About 150 Corvettes had gathered for this first



The late Bill Warburton with Ron & Gilles.

morning. So far, I think our three Corvettes are the only ones from Canada.



But it's still dark outside, we can't see much. We had to have our official Caravan T-shirts amended because the Canadian leg had not been printed on the T-shirts. An artistic lady drew in by hand our little piece of Corvette history. We were Caravan #10.

The *Detroit Free Press* was milling about asking us questions. We made a mental note to hopefully get a copy of that newspaper on our way home. I think that's when

we started to realize how big a deal this Caravan was going to be.

We left Farmington Hills for a 375 mile trip to Louisville, Kentucky. We were told to just follow the Corvette in front of us. A map or some other kind of instruction would have come in handy!

I don't remember what time it was when we arrived in Louisville but what we saw was unbelievable! Corvettes everywhere!!

After we checked into our hotel we went out looking at Corvettes. Our hotel had a sister hotel and both were booked solid with all of these Corvette nuts who had assembled for this Caravan. We looked at Corvettes, read vanity plates and where they were from. We attended a casual reception where we met many other Corvette nuts and we signed a huge banner that was to be displayed at the Museum. We spoke to many Corvette owners, and still we haven't run into any other Canadians. This would change.

The next morning, another very early morning, we were staging at the Fairgrounds parking lot to line up for our drive to Bowling Green 281 miles away. We were told there were approx. 2,000 to 2,500 Corvettes. It was a sea of fiberglass. Absolutely exhilarating!



Time to go, we start merging onto I-65 where State Troopers are directing all of these



Corvettes. They're waving their arms signaling us to get

going because its rush hour and we're holding up traffic. We quickly found ourselves doing about 90 mph! The State Troopers were waving their arms madly to get us moving! Move we did!



Every overpass had people waving at us, I had a Canadian flag that I was trying to wave from the window and that's where we saw the first "oopsie". Apparently one driver tried to look up at the people crowding the overpass and was rear ended by another Corvette and then that Corvette was rear ended too! We would see those Corvettes again in Bowling Green with duct tape holding some parts on.

I told Gilles, "You drive, I'll wave!" "Keep your eyes on the road!" Jan Raven had told us to keep an eye out for them; she told me which overpass they would be on. Unfortunately we didn't see them. But they saw us!

We were on I-65 cruising along, while the entire southbound Interstate was closed for the Caravan. Miles upon miles of Corvettes as far as the eye can see. All three of the Canadian cars were equipped with CB radios and when were weren't talking to each other we would listen to the truckers on the northbound side of I-65. We heard one trucker say "What's with all of the Corvettes?" Another answered, "It's a giant recall!"

The three Canadian cars pulled off the Interstate for a pit stop and figured we'd just catch up when we got back onto the Interstate. We were stopped about a half hour or so and when we got back onto the Interstate, there were still Corvettes as far as the eye could see. We merged into the line of Corvettes like we had never left.

Some of the older Corvettes were starting to overheat, as now we were stop and go and even pulled over waiting for the northbound Corvettes from the southern US leg to get close to

the Museum. Helicopters were monitoring the Corvettes so the southbound cars would arrive simultaneously with the northbound cars. We have a VHS tape recorded by another club member who had arrived in Bowling Green earlier.

We finally parked the cars, a little tired but very excited. So much to see and mementos to pick up.

It's still early, 10:30 AM or so. We missed the dedication ceremony but we did watch it on the shuttle bus taking us to the festivities.

Gilles had a list of memorabilia that he wanted to find. How he knew about this stuff I'll never know, as we were still 5 years away from owning our first computer.

The next day we toured the Corvette Assembly Plant. I was *in awe*. Working in an assembly plant myself, I kind of knew what to expect, *but what I saw just amazed me*. Not one cigarette butt on the floor, not



I-65 off ramp heading to the Assembly Plant

one scrap of garbage, not one newspaper, no sunshine girl pin-ups. It was almost too clean. But we were told this is how it is in this assembly plant. The workers are not allowed to eat at their work stations or read a newspaper. No smoking either! Unfortunately the plant was not running as it was a Saturday, but still impressed all who toured the plant. I wouldn't get to see it in operation until we returned for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caravan in 2003 commemorating 50 years of Corvette production.

We arrived at the Museum and now, of course, there's a million people or so it seems. We toured the Museum and decided we'd like to see the Museum store. The lineup was hours long. We decide to come back some other time. That some other time turned out to be 3:00 AM the next morning. Look no line up! The Museum was open 24 hours a day during this event. Gilles found all of the mementos he had been searching for. Posters, promo cars, postal stamps.

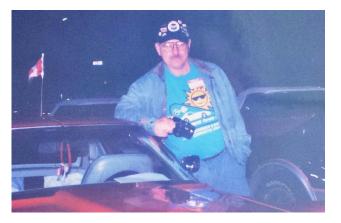
We didn't make the Beach Boys concert; Gilles had stepped in a rut and hurt his back and didn't feel he could sit for any length of time. Although we did hear from many people how great the concert was. Apparently the Beach Boys weren't told in advance they were performing for a bunch of Corvette enthusiasts.

The concert was held at the university that had a track surrounding it and some Corvettes were circling the concert venue. Every time the Corvettes came into view the crowd would cheer annoying the Beach Boys because they didn't know why the people were cheering. But once they were informed that their audience was a bunch of Corvette nuts any song they sang that had a car name in it, the Beach Boys substituted Corvette everywhere they could. We were told it was an amazing concert. I still have the tickets.

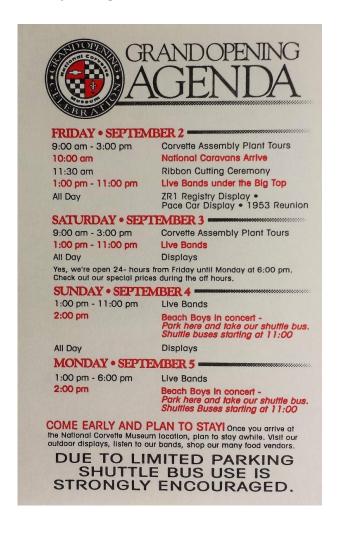
And too soon, it was time to go home. Two couples left together and made our way north. We did the drive in two days.

Happy to be home but <u>very happy</u> to have participated in the Inaugural Corvette Caravan with the promise that we will do it again!

All photos by Linda Landry



Do you recognize Ron L with a moustache?





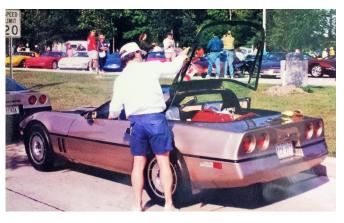
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Gilles cleaning the windows...again!



Ron & the Landry's photographed their Vettes at the Plant.



We bought this poster and had it plaqued.



Gilles with the NCM Skydome & Spire in the distance, easily seen from the Interstate.



Our weekend parking pass was invaluable.



Souvenirs, like this postcard, were available for sale.

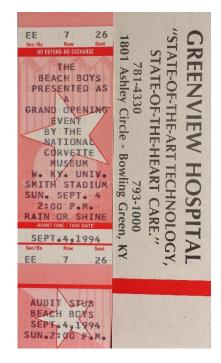


This only surviving 1984 Corvette can still be seen at the NCM.

Promotional poster for 2 BB Concerts.



#### Our unused tickets!









### Mid Week Cruise to the Montrose Inn Belleville









Fascinator Challenge will be added to ANY future cruise. Thanks to Susan who has us hooked!

### Mid Week Cruise

July 23rd, 2019 21 members met up Tim Hortons (Taunton & Harmony) and headed out to cruise. We picked up 1 more along the way; tried to ditch Carl and company along the way ;). Marg & Jerry waited for them and they decided to meet us @ the Inn. *How they beat us there is a mystery since we technically left them behind......* Had a wonderful lunch and it's definitely going to be an annual or semi annual event.

Working with the venue to setup a week cruise for the next group. ~ Denise Ciaralli, Social Director

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In the May issue, we introduced readers to the **Corvette Hall of Fame** and a few of notable inductees in the history of the Corvette. Past inductees' bios are available on the Museum's **Corvette Hall of Fame** pages.

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Here are the 2019 Inductees, whose bios will be posted following their Induction at the Hall of Fame Banquet taking place during the Museum's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations later this month:



A force of nature, **Dollie Ann Cole** was never content with just being an auto executive's wife. Instead, she lived life to fullest gaining a reputation as a respected businessperson, a staunch defender of the automobile industry and a strong supporter of Corvette. She was known for getting things done when no one else could. When privateer racing efforts got stuck, sometimes all it took to get some clandestine support from GM engineering was to let Dollie know about it. Mrs. Cole served as President of the NCM Board of Directors in 2000-2001 and will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in the *Enthusiast Category*.



**Briggs Cunningham** (*Racing Category*) was the quintessential American sportsman. Coming from wealth provided him with the means to fully commit himself to his passion for racing. He set his sights on challenging the Europeans on the international circuits. Corvette had come along at just the right time as it was already being hailed as America's sports car. After talking with Corvette engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov, Briggs bought three 1960 Corvettes to take to France for the most famous race on the planet, the 24 Hours of Le Mans. One of those Corvettes would make history as the first Corvette ever to win its class at Le Mans, and secure Briggs Cunningham's place for all time in the Corvette Hall of Fame.



Growing up, **Tom Peters** remembers sketching everything, including cars. In his second year of college, studying fine art and advertising illustration, he learned about industrial design. Reviewing an Art Center catalog was an epiphany! Drawings of cars and exciting pictures of people working around models and mock ups convinced him where he needed to be. Following graduation he was offered a position at GM. Tom eventually worked on the ZR-1 Corvettes as well as the Corvette Indy Car, his very first concept vehicle. He eventually obtained his own studio and was asked to come up with an advance proposal for the C5 Corvette. His imagination, hard work and ability to inspire the best from his team led to Tom becoming Design Director

for the C6 Corvette and later the C7 Stingray, ultimately serving as the Director of Design for Performance Car Exteriors for Corvette and Camaro. Mr. Peters will be inducted in the *GM Category*.

### NCM 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



As in 2014, the Ontario Caravan will have approx. 65 Corvettes descending on Bowling Green and the Museum, adding to the 6,700 people registered for the Museum's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. During the festivities, we'll all be introduced to the Museum's newly-appointed President and CEO, Dr. Sean Preston and have our hearing tested by the rock group *Jefferson Starship* in an outdoor concert! A wide selection of seminars, day trips and exhibits are being offered; C8 apparel will be available in the Corvette Store; and a dozen 2019 Corvettes will be exhibited with senior personnel from GM's Corvette Division available to answer questions about anything Corvette-related.

There will also be one or two of the Next Generation Corvette C8s on display. Photos and a write-up will appear in the September newsletter.

#### **The C8 Reveal**



The highly anticipated Next Generation Corvette C8 was introduced on July 18<sup>th</sup> at a spectacular event hosted by General Motors in Tustin, California. The venue chosen for the C8 Reveal was the Tustin Blimp Hanger (*you read correctly*) south of LA, one of two hangers erected by the US Navy during WWII. Hopefully most COD members were able to watch the reveal event online that night, or soon after. I (Sue) had the privilege of

attending the C8 Reveal, courtesy of our Quad C-East President, Cindy Wilcox; Cindy was invited by GM Canada. To be there in person was exhilarating - enjoying the sights and sounds from start to finish!

Thousands of guests were on hand from around North America, a few of whom we knew (local GM dealers, NCM personnel) and some whose names we normally read or hear about online or through the automotive press. And there were many we met for the first time. GM and Corvette 'royalty' were all there, including our own Ron Fellows!

Excitement was in the air the moment we touched down at LAX and more excitement when we arrived at GM's host hotel overlooking the Pacific Ocean across the street. Cindy and I were treated very well by GM Canada and were warmly greeted by everyone on their team. My thanks to Travis Hester, GM Canada President and his colleagues for their generous hospitality over the two days.

Each person we spoke to was keen to see this new car in its full colour and minus the camouflage we've seen for months online. **And what a car!** Whether or not you like the idea of a mid-engine, this is a *fabulous-looking* vehicle – sleek and roomy for both driver and passenger and space for golf clubs or soft-side luggage at the front and rear trunks.

There are more details to share...too many for this Ambassador report! For those of you who are interested, I'm going to write an article describing our time in Orange County, CA - the Reveal event, the impressive blimp hanger, the vendors, commemorative coins and pins we received and of course, the ocean! I'll include a few photos, although those found on Corvette Blogger are superior to mine!



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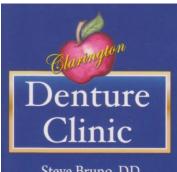
Our COD parking area is fantastic - under the shade of trees, on the grass. Bring your lawn chairs and sunscreen; bring your coolers and hats! And your cameras, too - there will be hundreds of unique vehicles to photograph.

Numerous vendors will again be onsite including food trucks. Lunch is also available from the new Jube restaurant. Because Lakeview Park is City-owned, the restrooms are clean! If you need more information please log onto the AutoFest website: <u>www.autofestoshawa.com</u> or check with Roxanne at roxanne.kowal@gmail.com.

Closer to the date, watch for an email announcing our meeting place and time to drive into the Park together.

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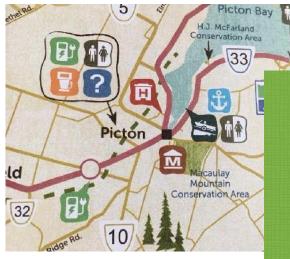
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## Upcoming Events ~ Denise Ciaralli, Social Director





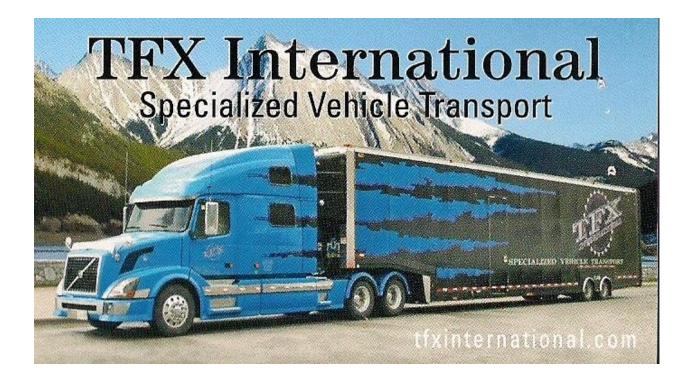
### **Club Hosted Events:**

Aug 17, 2019 - Offsite GM @ Roxanne & John's residence.

Separate email has been sent out with the details. Please RSVP. Volunteers and potluck contributions are being updated and distributed.

Oct 18-20 - Fall Cruise to Picton, ON

Details will be presented at the Offsite GM.



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Save the Date

Sunday afternoon December 22, 2019 for our

Silly Sweater Party

More details to follow!!!

NCRS Judging is recognized around the world as THE STANDARD in determining originality. On



July 15 in the Grand Ballroom of the Embassy Suites and Golf Resort at Greenville, South Carolina Ron Langlois was awarded the highest designation given by NCRS. Ron is in a select group of six people in the Ontario Chapter who have attained this "400" designation. Ron is very proud and happy to have reached this final level!



From all your friends in COD, congratulations Ron!!

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### COD Night at THE BIG M

Our previously rain-delayed July meeting was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> at *The Big M* with 34 members and 22 Corvettes attending. The weather was warm and sunny for our get-together!

From items donated by Norby Dippold and *The Big M* owner Chris, draws were held and prizes were awarded to a dozen members. And thank you Chris for the ice cream!!

Snapd photos available at https://pickering.snapd.com/events/view/1257562



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Here is a short outline of the Watkins Glen, CTMP and Lime Rock races and the team's results. Full details are available from <u>www.CorvetteRacing.com</u>.

Bad luck hit No. 4 Corvette on the opening lap of the Watkins Glen 6-hour endurance race held in late June spinning Tommy Milner into a retaining wall. The No. 4 suffered massive damage in the crash and the car was retired. Unfortunately Tommy was penalized for the other driver's error and sustained an injury to his left hand.

Meanwhile, the No. 3 Corvette with Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen, finished as runners-up at The Glen, just 0.452 seconds behind the winner allowing them to enjoy their third straight podium at Watkins Glen. As an added bonus, they were a single point out of the GTLM Drivers' Championship at the of the day's race.

A final full-course yellow allowed the No. 3 to charge from seventh up to a second

Less than a week later, Corvette Racing pulled into CTMP for their next

place finish.



race. Ahead of this race, IMSA (the sanctioning body) tinkered with the balance of performance (BOP) resulting in an additional weight of 10kg required by the Corvettes to carry. This would not bode well for our favorite team!



### August 2019

The team hoped to secure a 12th class victory at CTMP but the qualifying results showed in this extra weight: the No. 3 car qualified 7<sup>th</sup> at 119.151 mph; Marcel Fässler, subbing for Tommy Milner, qualified in 8<sup>th</sup> place with a speed of 118.396 mph in the No. 4 Corvette. Unfortunately, the team came up short, finishing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the GTLM class. Was it due to an adjusted BOP?

Less than two weeks later, Corvette raced at Lime Rock Park in northwestern Connecticut for a GT-only race. Maybe at *this race* – where the team has won five times in 12 tries – would put the team back 'on track' and give them win #100.

Tommy Milner was still out with an injured left hand (although he appeared at CTMP participating in autograph sessions) and again Marcel Fässler subbed in the No. 4 Corvette alongside Oliver Gavin.

The pair of yellow Corvettes finished where they began on a sweltering July afternoon – fifth and sixth on well-worn tires - and still not achieving victory No. 100 in IMSA competition!

Corvette Racing's next event is at Road America, Wisconsin from Aug. 2-4. Let's hope that luck (*and BOP*) changes in their favour!

### \*\* COD photos on our website \*\*

**A point of interest**: there were 31 Canadian drivers competing in one or more of the four IMSA-sanctioned series at CTMP on the same weekend as Corvette Racing.

Next July, I'll give you a heads-up where to find their paddocks at CTMP. Sue





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### 2019 Events Calendar

| DATE     | EVENT                                    | CONTACT               | LOCATION                       | TIME           |
|----------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Sunday   | Annual show hosted by                    |                       | Linwood Park, downtown         | 8:00 am –      |
| Aug 4    | <b>Corvettes of Southern Ontario</b>     | <b>Brian Striemer</b> | Simcoe                         | 2:00 pm        |
| Saturday | COD Night @ Cruise-In (pls               |                       | Canadian Tire at N/E corner    | 4:30 pm –      |
| Aug 10   | bring a food bank donation)              | John Fletcher         | Kingston Rd/Salem Rd, Ajax     | dusk           |
| Sunday   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Crown Vettes      |                       | Lambeth Legion                 | 9:00 am –      |
| Aug 11   | <b>Corvettes of Western Ontario</b>      | <b>Brian Striemer</b> | 7097 Kilbourn Rd, London       | 1:30 pm        |
| Saturday |  |                       | Home of Roxanne & John         | Details and    |
| Aug 17   | Offsite meeting/Club BBQ                 | Denise Ciaralli       | Chiusolo, Newcastle            | Time TBC       |
| Aug 24 & |  |                       |                                | 8:00 am –      |
| 25       | AutoFest                                 | <b>Roxanne Kowal</b>  | Lakeview Park, Oshawa          | 5:00 pm        |
| Aug 28 – |  |                       | National Corvette Museum       | 8:00 am –      |
| 31       | 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration | Ron Tremblay          | Bowling Green, KY              | 5:00 pm daily  |
| Saturday |  |                       | Teva Grounds                   | 7:00 am –      |
| Sept. 7  | Motorfest Car Show                       | Ron Tremblay          | 5691 Main St., Stouffville     | 4:00 pm        |
| Saturday | PRCC Summer's End                        |                       | Oshawa Executive Airport       | 10:00 am –     |
| Sept. 14 | Wings & Wheels Show                      | <b>Brian Striemer</b> | 1200 Airport Blvd, Oshawa      | 3:00 pm        |
|          |  |                       | Amici's Trattoria,             | 5:30 pm supper |
| Sept. 18 | General Meeting                          | Ken Gordon            | 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering | 7:30 pm mtg    |
|          |  |                       | Amici's Trattoria,             | 5:30 pm supper |
| Oct. 16  | General Meeting                          | Ken Gordon            | 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering | 7:30 pm mtg    |
|          |  |                       | Amici's Trattoria,             | 5:30 pm supper |
| Nov. 20  | General Meeting                          | Ken Gordon            | 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering | 7:30 pm mtg    |
| Saturday | COD Annual Christmas Dinner-             |                       | Trillium Trails Banquet Hall,  | 5:00 pm –      |
| Dec 14   | Dance                                    | Denise Ciaralli       | Oshawa                         | 12:00 am       |
| Sunday   |  |                       |                                |                |
| Dec 22   | Silly Sweater Party                      | Jan Raven             | Venue to be Announced          | Afternoon      |
| June 19- |  |                       | Save the Date. Details to be   |                |
| 20, 2020 | Kingston Corvette Invasion               | Ken Gordon            | announced in 2020.             |                |

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**RED – General Information** 

COD members wishing to stay in touch with Cecile Bourgeois, please note Cecile's new phone number in Penetanguishene: 705-355-0441