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## President's Report

November 2021



As our Vettes are being tucked away for the winter, I reflect on my first several months as President of Corvettes of Durham. At first it was quite frustrating trying to arrange social events given all the restrictions that were in place at that time. Luckily the restrictions eased and we were able to get together many times over the summer and fall.

I'm pleased to see so many members attending club events. I have appreciated the many emails I've received from club members offering their support and giving me a vote of confidence. I am thankful for the many club members who have been volunteering their time to assist with club cruises and socials. The club exists because of active members and people who volunteer their time. In particular, I would like to thank Brian Striemer, our Vice President, who has provided tremendous support to me in my new role as President. Brian's advice has been invaluable to me. The Executive Committee has been very understanding as I spend my time moving from house to house and not being as organized for meetings as I should be.

We have persevered through restrictions and upheaval. I am honoured to be the leader of such an awesome group of Corvette enthusiasts!

Bring on 2022. We're ready!

I'm looking forward to the continued success of Corvettes of Durham.

Anne Halverson



**Corvettes of Durham** was established in 2000. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm but have cancelled our site meetings due to COVID restrictions. 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 one of the COD Executive know.

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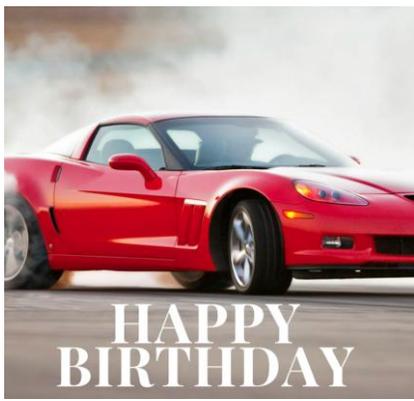


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Paul Arsenault	20th
Brian Striemer	25th
Roy Watts	25th
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## December Birthdays

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Ken Gordon	12th



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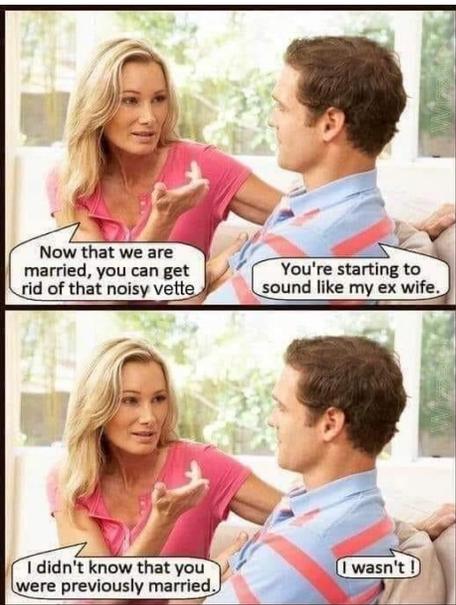
Thanks to Frank and Joanne for hosting our Fall Cruise at their beautiful farmhouse in Picton, more on this later...if you're interested you can ask me what **VFF** means...

Thanks Dean...now Barb wants a C8...did you really tell her she could use yours anytime...?

This is the last newsletter for 2021, no we don't publish a December newsletter. If anyone is interested in being "the" publisher let me know, I've got connections.



The October General meeting was held at Scrambles in Uxbridge on October 20th. Anne presented the Constitution changes, Christmas Party details and the COD budget for 2021...since our treasurer was off watching the Raptors lose. Thanks to all for showing up and if you want an autographed copy of the CONSTITUTION contact Brian Striemer. Nice to see many familiar faces we haven't seen since Covid took over our lives. We had 3 members of the Lakeridge Health Foundation at the meeting to receive our annual contribution to the Cancer Care Centre. Next year bigger and better...and don't forget who writes the newsletter.



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*CORVETTES OF DURHAM  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY*

*Saturday, December 4, 2021*

*Our Annual Christmas Party will be held in the Compton Room of the Royal Ashburn Golf Club beginning at 5:00 p.m. for Socializing and followed by a sit-down plated 3 course Chicken Supreme Dinner. (Vegetarian option: Three Cheese Ravioli or Stuffed Peppers)*

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*Thanks to our wonderful Executive, this event will be substantially subsidized so that tickets are just \$ 35 per person. This is a "Members Only" event.*

*Please be prepared to purchase your tickets at our November 17th General Meeting or making arrangements to purchase them prior by contacting me at (905) 852-1233 or [bigfurrycritter@gmail.com](mailto:bigfurrycritter@gmail.com). There will be no admittance at the door.*

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# Fall Cruise



11 COD Corvettes met at the Tim Horton's and departed for Picton under cloudy skies around 10:30am. I will be more specific next time on exactly where we meet...cell phone save. Our 2 fearless leader's Brian and Allan led the leisurely cruise along the 401...if you consider **VFF** leisurely...(just kidding OPP) A quick stop at the On Route in Port Hope for the usual...and now Barb wants a C8 convertible. The leaders almost made it but missed the final exit...so close...but our group. the last group, now led by Don arrived at Frankie and Joanne's first while the first group took a scenic drive around Picton. It's fortunate for all airline passengers that Allan and Brian aren't pilots. The weather cleared and we had sunshine for most of the afternoon. Frankie and fletch fired up the BBQ's and proceeded to burn meat. I managed to destroy 3 veggie burgers, who knew that they only take 5 seconds to burn...I think they're mostly hay. Real burgers, hot dogs and sausages were cooked while salads and desserts finished off the late lunch. Thanks to all the fabulous chefs who brought their specialties. Beautiful drive, great weather, good conversation, excellent food and good friends made for a wonderful day. Allan complimented Frankie on his sausage... Rick won the 50-50 and the miniature horses stole the show. Thanks again to Frankie and Joanne for their hospitality and no...Barb is not getting a C8. Thanks to all for the photos.





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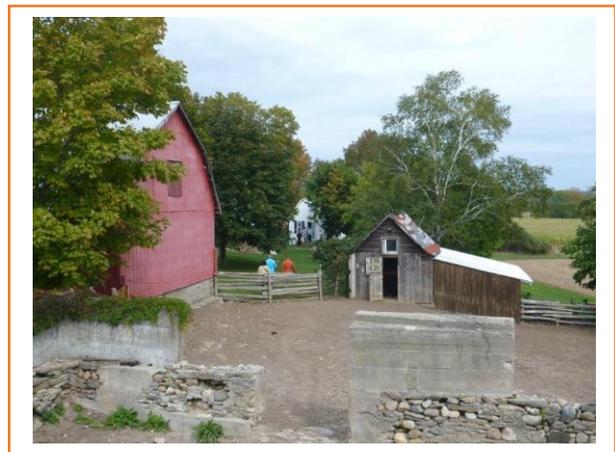
## “COD” Fall Cruise Sat Oct 2 / 21 (part 2)



Some days we just get lucky, the weather Gods were on our side and presented us with a beautiful day for our fall cruise to Frankie and JoAnne's. We left the meeting point a little late and that was enough justification to make out like the Indy 500 once we hit the 401. Actually the first leg was pretty gentle and all drivers set a good example to all the small sedans and S.U.V.'s that were flying past us. However, after a stop at the roadside En Route things were different. We had a nice short stop and spent several minutes admiring the neat row of sparkling corvettes. This also created a lot of attention from the throngs coming and going from the shops. The parking lot was jammed and most of us could not wait to get back on the road. Of course you have to get your speed up to blend safely into the approaching traffic, but the usual right lane caravan was completely lost. The leaders were long gone and showed no signs of forming up. When we first met, the instructions were to "follow me or the car in front of you." Those left behind had a nicely organized row of Corvettes doing around the limit (well a little over the limit). All of us arrived at the exit 522 (somehow by sheer luck) and formed a pretty impressive line of 11 Corvettes of many colours. Now most of you remember the last time we went to Frankie and JoAnne's some decided to take the scenic route (not by choice) and almost missed lunch. Our very impressive leaders said that would not happen again and to just "follow" and oops, like little sheep, they followed and again were late for lunch. However on the bright side there were a few who knew exactly where they were going due to the fact that fletch had put out specific directions. Frankie was waiting at the side of the road and his fears were gone when he saw the tail end of the group show up first. All the cars parked neatly on the grass beside the barn and this brought out quite a few of the neighbours, who came over to have a look and ask questions. We even had a red C-8 from Quebec stop by to see what was going on. Meanwhile our chairs were set-up in a large circle on the front lawn, food had been set-up in the dining room and I even heard a few "red pops" being opened. A little wine soon

got the conversations going and the smell of the BBQ was enough to bring us all in for lunch. As usual, the 50/50 girls were out selling tickets and later in the day, Rick and Louise won a neat little sum of \$70.00. To say the least, they were all smiles. Several COD'ers spent a fair amount of time talking to and feeding the two little horses that JoAnne keeps in a pen behind the barn. I think the horses were glad to see us as they kept hanging around. Frankie had his C-4 out in the driveway all cleaned up spick and span. Most of have not seen that car for some time and it still looks terrific! As the day wore on and members were preparing to leave, President Anne gave a rousing speech thanking Frankie and Joanne for their hospitality as well as thanking the members for their food contributions, followed by a round of applause and thank you from the group. The next item of concern was how the heck do we get back to the 401? The logical answer for most of us would be to back-track, while some of the group had other ideas. We followed Ferdi and Yvonne and they took us on a very scenic, casual drive all the way to Woolner Road. Once we hit the open road, it was a free for all. The heavy traffic created an obstacle course for us and the chain of cars soon spread out. It was just amazing to see how many cars flew by us doing close to 150 (not us...right!). Hope everybody made it home safely.

Don and Gloria.





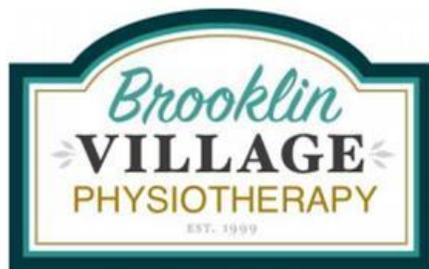
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# 2023 Corvette Z06



## This Is the C8 Corvette Z06 Undisguised

After months of [spy shots](#) and [audio clips](#), General Motors has finally shared a direct, official photo of the upcoming C8 Corvette Z06 without any sort of camouflage. The [Instagram post](#) comes less than a month before the car's official scheduled debut on October 26th.

The silver C8 in the photo appears to have a more conservative rear spoiler than the cars seen at the Nurburgring earlier this Summer, but the Z06 is still far more aggressive than its more common mid-engined siblings. A massive new contrasting bodywork strike through the side vent creates a previously-unseen dramatic indication that this car is a Z06, a new design feature for the C8 line. The car also features a unique front splitter, although like the rear spoiler the one shown on this car pales in comparison to what was seen on the testing cars seemingly equipped with the Z07 aerodynamic option.

The C8 Z06 is set to debut on October 26th. Nurburgring testing results have not been shared, but previous test cars were spotted being benchmarked against the likes of Ferrari's 458 and Porsche's 911 GT2 RS. This is a serious performance car.

Earlier reports indicate that it will feature a 5.5-liter V-8 based on the engine currently used in the C8.R racing car. That motor has a flat-plane crankshaft and dual overhead camshafts, so expect it to be a naturally-aspirated, track-focused monster that produces one of the most unique sounds on the road.

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## The Case of the Homeless Corvette

I grew up in a beautiful garage, where amazing pictures of Corvettes hung on the walls. I had lots of room to stretch my doors. I had a very happy life. Little did I realize how my life would change. Suddenly, my beautiful home was sold and I had to be removed. But I had no where to go, so I was homeless.

I was sent to a 1-car garage that was already being shared by two other GM vehicles. They were kind to me and allowed me to stay in their garage, while they braved the elements outside. But I wasn't happy at all. The garage was cramped and I couldn't stretch my doors. I felt badly that the other vehicles remained outside, while allowing me to stay inside, even though I was cramped. I didn't like it there.

Next, I was sent to a large 2-car garage, but I had to share it with a FORD. Oh, the humiliation! How I longed for the garage where I grew up. What was going to become of me? Nevertheless, I didn't have any other option, so I swallowed my pride and persevered living with the Ford.

I learned that his name was Mustang, and he wasn't the prettiest car on the block, though his silver paint with wide black and narrow red center stripes was kind of attractive. He also sat very low to the ground and had the widest tires on all 4 wheels I'd ever seen. And when he started his motor, it was a very different sound than mine, sharper and quite painful to my ears.

He was a good listener, and I told him of my life of having much care and attention lavished on me and how I went to cruises and car shows where people admired me and I would get trophies for my beauty. We talked and I learned he was not such a bad fellow at all. He rarely drove on the streets, he mostly travelled on a trailer. His owner took him to famous race tracks and he was driven furiously, faster than most of the other cars, especially in corners. Mustang loved doing this, and eventually it became all he did.

His owner changed most of his parts for special parts that allowed him to go faster and turn corners at a frightening speed. He said he could pull 1.6 Gs in corners, whatever that means, but I gather it's an accomplishment of some sort. He became so fast that eventually he was only driven on the race track with race cars. His notoriety grew and people came between track sessions to look at him and talk to his owner about how Mustang was so fast and how to make their Mustangs fast. Soon there were many more Mustangs just like him.

Mustang and I have moved to a new home now, and we're closer than ever. Partly because the new home is smaller than the last one, but also because we each realize the other has value and worth, and makes people smile. And that's totally priceless.



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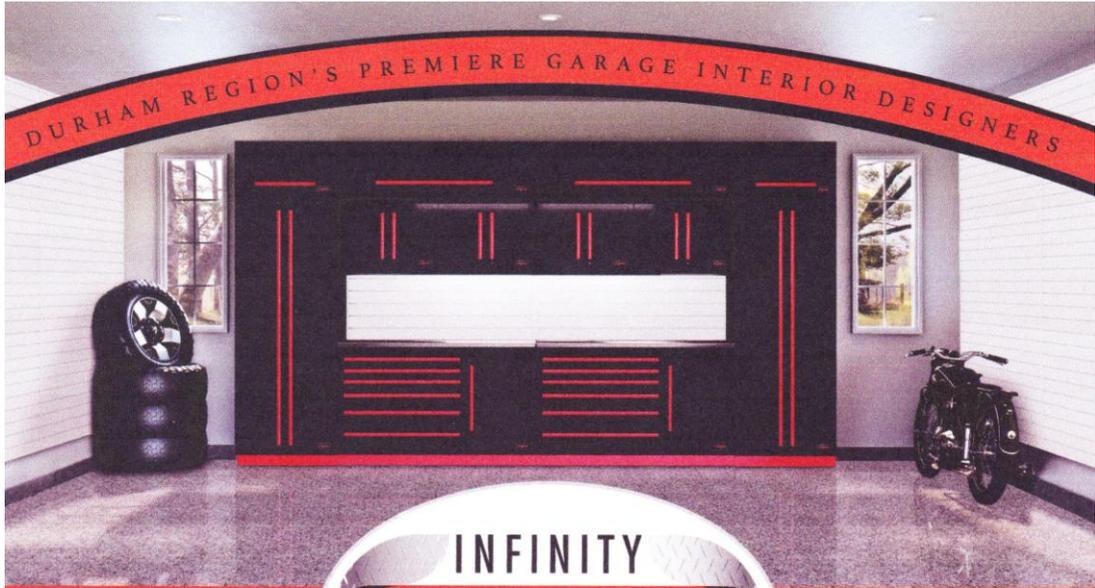
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# 2021 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Nov 17th	COD General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	6:00pm
Dec 4th	COD Christmas Party	Jan Raven	Royal Ashburn	5:00pm
<b>Dec 25th</b>	<b>Merry Christmas</b>	<b>Santa Claus</b>		

This is how Mustang guys look at Corvettes!

