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> Closing lines from "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae of Guelph Ontario written in Belgium on May 3, 1915

















Eddy Schroer President-Elect

I will begin by letting each and every one of you know that I am very excited about continuing to move our Club forward in a fun, exciting and very inclusive way. I realize

times are tough right now and keeping people interested, engaged and excited will be challenging. So much uncertainty has been facing us during these past several months with COVID.

Being the communicative person that I am, my focus for now along with our Executive is to keep everyone informed, interested and connected the best we can during this crisis. Therefore, it will mainly be through emails for now. Our Executive would also love hearing from you at any time about your suggestions or any new ideas. I'm sure we are all excited about the day we can get together again for our Monthly meetings and social events.

I would like to acknowledge Ken Gordon for all his hard work, leadership and dedication over the past years, as our President. Thank you Ken.

We have a wonderful Corvette Club, and our times together are always enjoyable and heartfelt. I'm also grateful to be surrounded by our knowledgeable and passionate Executive Team.

Remembrance Day is fast approaching; a good time to reflect and remember all those who sacrificed so much, including their lives, so we can enjoy a better life and world. Wear your poppy proudly!

Stay safe out there!!

Eddy

Ken Gordon President

Happy Halloween everyone!

This is the last newsletter of the season and my last President's Report.

In January 2021 your new President will be Ed Schroer; congratulations Ed.



I hope next year will allow the club to return to lots of social events.

Thank you to everyone that supported and helped me over the years. Marilyn & I have made so many wonderful friends and have gone on so many enjoyable cruises and social functions etc. It was great that the Ravens were able to pull off a wonderful celebration for Corvettes of Durham's 20th anniversary. Again so many great times! I have enjoyed being the President of the greatest Corvette Club around.

Marilyn has also enjoyed doing the Advertising and helping to bring in the revenue for the club. Marilyn's health is causing her to become extremely weak and feels that continuing with Advertising is not an option. If someone could take over, that would be greatly appreciated.

Congrats again to the new Executive and thanks again for allowing me to be your President for the past several years.

Respectfully,

Ken



Corvettes of Durham was established in 2000. We usually 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 one of the COD Executive know.

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Sharon Boulter, 5th
Bruce Smith, 6th
Gus Tzirivilas, 13th
Paul Arsenault, 20th
Brian Striemer, 25th
Roy Watts, 25th
Angela Tzirivilas, 26th
Margaret Kowal, 27th

December Birthdays

Mike Tillaart, 4th Ken Gordon, 12th Ron Tremblay, 21st Linda Bunn, 28th



Best Wishes to you all!



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Cancellation of Christmas Cocktail Party

After careful consideration, and receiving opinions from several of the Executive Members of the Club and my old faithful party helpers, it has been decided that we would cancel the Christmas Cocktail Party that was scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2020 at Shriners Banquet Hall.

Hopefully the COVID-19 disaster will end soon and we can all get back to living our lives as we choose.

lan R.

On a happier note...you've already heard or read about this, but it's such a good story with a positive outcome for Durham Region, that it deserves repeating! The charity mentioned will be familiar to those COD members who worked at GM Oshawa. This item also appeared on CorvetteBlogger on October 22nd. But, <u>who</u> is the lucky auction winner of these two Vettes?

GM Canada Raises US\$300K For Charity With Chevy Corvette Auction

The last Canadian C7 and the first Canadian C8 were auctioned off.

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And one more from GM Canada of interest to Durham residents:

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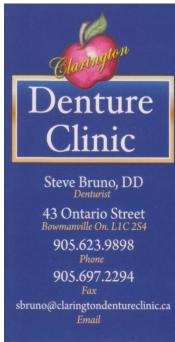


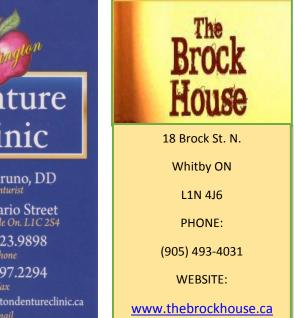


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Here are the final three past HOF Inductees that we are presenting. Inductees' full bios

are available on the Museum's Corvette Hall of Fame pages.



In Corvette's history, there have been a few engineers who were also real race car drivers, but only two of them have been Corvette Chief Engineers—the legendary Zora Arkus-Duntov, and Tom Wallace. Tom has always been a car guy, going back to high-school when he had the fastest car around, and quickly gained a reputation for being the one to beat in a drag race. Armed with a Mechanical Engineering degree from Kettering University, he took his passion and knowledge of performance and applied it to a

career at General Motors. Now retired, his influence continues to this day. More at https://www.corvettemuseum.org/tom-wallace/



Mike Yager bought his first Corvette in 1970 at age 20 and with no Corvette Club in his area, he started one. As the club grew he observed that Corvette merchandise wasn't available to purchase until he started making it available at Corvette club events and car shows. He then obtained a \$500 loan to start a company that has now grown to become one of the world's largest suppliers of parts and accessories for Corvettes...Mid America Motorworks. Just as

famous is Funfest, the annual festival celebrating the people who have made it all happen—his customers. More about Mike Yager at https://www.corvettemuseum.org/mike-yager/



John and Burt Greenwood's story goes back to childhood when their dad, Hank, would take them to work at the GM Tech Center. Prototype cars would be unveiled for the boys at the Design Dome, sparking an obsession for all things automotive. John grew to be a gifted, self-taught engineer and a fiercely competitive driver; Burt was the "rule guy" going over all the racing regulations, looking for any angle to give his brother an edge. He became a student of aerodynamics, taking what he learned from

his heroes on the track and applying it to the Greenwood street cars. Working together with a team of dedicated mechanics and some covert help on the side from GM Designers and Engineers, the Greenwood brothers made racing history. There's much more to read at https://www.corvettemuseum.org/burt-and-john-greenwood/

This isn't news...but the Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant remains CLOSED to the public until further notice.

MUSEUM VIDEOS:



Vettecademy Season I, Episode 13: Car Safety

Vettecademy, geared towards school-age children, offers at-home educational and entertaining episodes on various aspects of Corvette.

In this episode of Vettecademy, join race car driver Andy Pilgrim as he discusses basic car safety tips for children! (*Note – useful for teens and adults, too!*)

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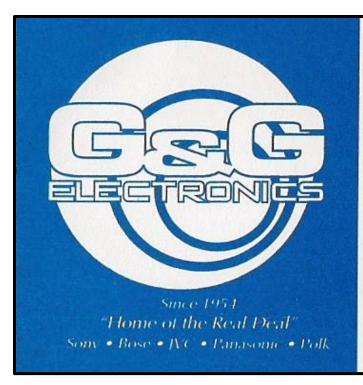
Join Corvette Team Members and Ron Fellows for a Corvette Virtual Chat



Corvette Team Members Tadge Juechter, Harlan Charles, and Kirk Bennion join Corvette Racing legend Ron Fellows for a Corvette Virtual Chat at Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle.

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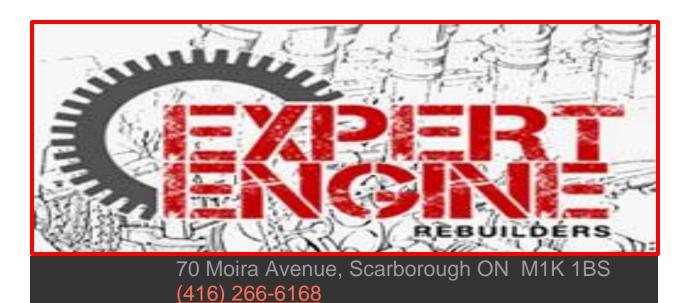




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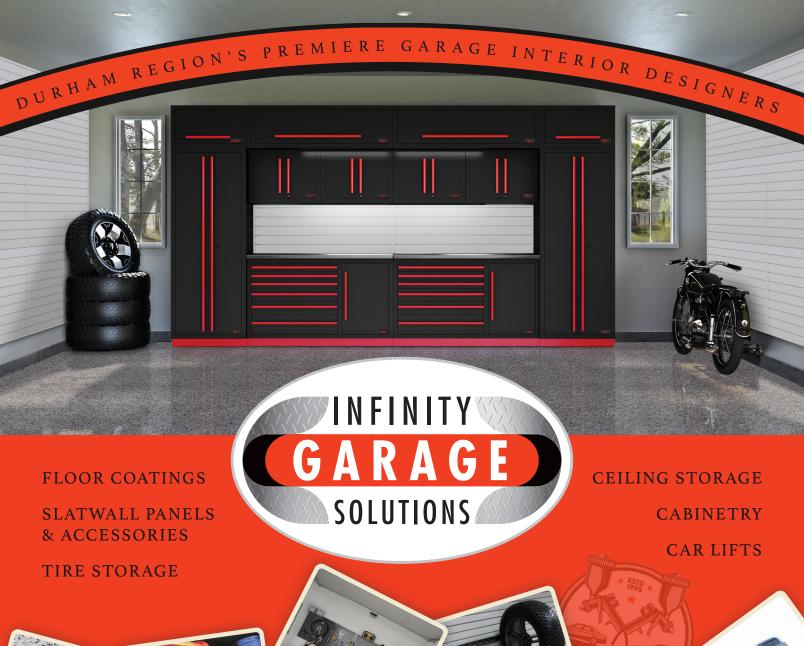




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by Rick Austin

Latest IMSA WeatherTech Corvette Racing Results:

Road Atlanta Sept 4-6 No. 4 C8.R Second and No. 3 C8.R Fifth

Mid-Ohio Sept 25-27 No. 3 C8.R First and No. 4 C8.R Second

Charlotte Oct 9-10 No. 3 C8.R First and No. 4 C8.R Fourth

Road Atlanta Petit Le Mans Oct 14-17 No. 3 C8.R Second and No. 4 C8.R Fourth

Final 2 Upcoming Races:

Monterey Laguna Seca Oct 30-Nov1

Twelve Hours of Sebring Nov 11-14

Motul Petit Le Mans Qualifying:

Antonio Garcia continued Corvette Racing's run of recent success driving the No. 3 C8.R around Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta's 12 turn 2.54 mile circuit by turning a pole-setting time of 1:15.163 at 121.655 mph in GTLM. Track conditions were perfect resulting in the best qualifying performance of the season. The C8.R Corvette was nearly 3 tenths of a second faster than the BMW M8 in the No 25 driven by Connor de Phillippi. This was 0.476 seconds faster than last year's GTLM qualifying time. The two BMWs were fast qualifying second and third. Tommy Milner in the No. 4 C8.R qualified fifth just 0.199 seconds behind the No. 912 Porsche 911 RSR-19. Tommy Milner was a little disappointed about being seven tenths behind Antonio. Tommy said they are still working on setup and learning the new car due to a lack practice session after making setup changes.

Antonio said he had set some pretty good times in his first two qualifying laps and didn't think he had anything left on the table. But the Corvette Racing crew informed him on his cool down lap the BMW had edged him out of pole by a few hundredths of a second. So of course Antonio wanted the pole as he had missed out several times in the past at this track. But this time he drove what he considered was the perfect lap. So he was very satisfied given he hadn't had a chance to drive the car since practice 24 hours earlier.

Motul Petit Le Mans Race

Oliver Gavin, one of the No. 4 drivers, injured a rib in a biking accident earlier in the week and only drove the base time requirement leaving Marcel Fässler to handle a lot of the driving with Tommy Milner. There was a lot of action within in the race that brought out many yellows over the 10 hour race. The lead in GTLM changed hands often. With an hour left in the running the No. 912 Porsche hit the No. 3 C8.R Corvette at turn 9. The Porsche was assessed a drive-through penalty during Nicky Catsburg's stint. With only 03.55 minutes left in the race a collision between a GTD car and the No. 912 Porsche in the esses created a full coarse yellow. The once leading No. 24 BMW had a problem with only 37 minutes left in the race. That had pushed everyone up a position with the No. 911 Porsche now in the lead when the yellow came out. The No. 3 C8.R team driven by Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor and Nicky Catsburg just missed out on what could have been a third straight 1st place finish. That was up ended by the late race yellow, which the race ended under.

However the No. 3 C8.R Corvette's second place finish with Garcia and Taylor gained 28 points to lead in the Drivers' Championship for the team. Chevrolet also increased their lead in the Manufactures' standings by 16 points. The No. 4 C8.R driven by Tommy Milner, Marcel Fässler and Oliver Gavin managed a 4th place finish. At the end Antonio said "Another second at Petit Le Mans", "if this is a bad result then I will take it. We are in good shape for the

Championship" Two more races in an exciting first session for the new C8.R Corvette.









Next race November 1st at 6:35 ET at Leguna Seca, California.

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From the Charlotte race, October 10th:







(Above) Antonio & Jordan won at Charlotte.

(Left) Antonio, Jordan & Nicky won at Petit Le Mans. Please support our COD advertisers.

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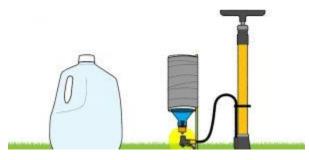
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Vettecademy Season II, Episode 2: Corvettes and Colour

Have you ever thought about the history behind cars and paint? Paint is one of the most important design aspects of a vehicle. In today's Vettecademy, learn the history of automotive paint and stay tuned for a look at the two NEW colors for the 2021 Corvettes!



C7 Corvette Z06 Fails Dramatically While Trying to Impress a Mustang Driver



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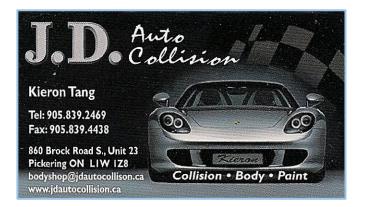


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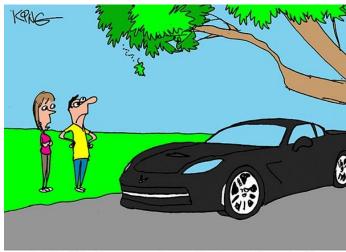




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"He won't tolerate anything falling on his precious Corvette. Even if he has to run out to catch every leaf that falls."



"I'll make you a deal. In exchange for that sweet ride of yours, I'll scratch you off my list."

2020 Events Calendar

| DATE | EVENT | CONTACT | LOCATION | TIME |
|--------|------------------------|---------|------------------------------|------|
| Sunday | COD Christmas Cocktail | | CANCELLED | |
| Dec 6 | Party | | See notice in the newsletter | |

Marilyn Gordon (aka Blondie) remains under the weather.

Marilyn is resting at home, waiting for further test results.

We all hope you feel better very soon, Blondie!

All COD members extend our sincere condolences to Linda and Brian Striemer, on the recent passing of **Linda's mother** just a few days prior to her 100th birthday!

A life well lived!

Best wishes to **Ron Bolter, in hospital** recovering from surgery. Ron, we all wish you a speedy and full recovery!

Sue W is home after a few days in hospital due to a small stroke. With a positive attitude, medication and physical therapy, she is on the mend! Ron is run off his feet cooking and driving!! Warm thanks for your cards, messages and phone calls! Much appreciated!

