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*Happy New Year 2026 Edition*



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## President's Report

January 2026



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas time spent with family and friends.

2025 was a memorable year for our club. We had a successful DreamVettes show in June and celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July. Our donations to the Durham Regional Cancer Centre have reached a grand total of \$54,100. We have also donated a total of \$2,040 to the Humane Society of Durham Region, along with many bags of pet food and other supplies.

We are a fun group. Our many cruises and social events are well-attended and enjoyed by all. We dearly love our corvettes, but the club is as much about friendships, camaraderie and welcoming new members. And speaking of new members, our club managed to convert a former Mustang diehard into a Z06 owner.

Let's hope that 2026 will be even more exciting than last year. We have a lot to look forward to with Motorama scheduled for March and DreamVettes in June. Many more cruises and social events will be planned.

Let me know if you have any ideas for a cruise destination or if you'd like to plan a cruise or help plan a social event. Volunteers are always welcome!

Cheers to 2026 and another fun Corvette season!

Anne Halverson





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# COD Members' Corner



CORVETTES OF DURHAM proudly sponsors the Oshawa Hospital Foundation R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre. We have donated \$54,100.00 so far.

CORVETTES OF DURHAM are now sponsoring the Durham Humane Society, we have donated \$2040.00 to date.

## January Birthdays

<b>Rhonda Pearce</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Guido Colosimo</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Linda Striemer</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Susan Gomes</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>



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## *COD Newsworthy News*

- ✚ The last General Meeting was held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Brooklin Pub, Jan Raven won the 50-50 and will use the money to buy Barb something frilly.
- ✚ Sue Gomes and Anne presented a cheque and tonnes of food to the DRHS at the meeting...more in this issue
- ✚ Thanks to Jan for arranging the Christmas Party and to Susanne, Julian and Anna for all the beautiful decorations. Julian won the 50-50, Anne was voted 2025 MVP, Barb won the free membership and John H picked up an award for all his work in organizing our 2025 cruises. Did anyone notice that our table won most of the good stuff...even got to eat first...even before Joe...I wonder. More in this issue,..thanks to Anne for the write up.
- ✚ Good to see Marilyn back from the cottage...marketplace crashed the same day she got home...
- ✚ Thanks to Jan for arranging the 'Silly Sweater Lunch' at One Eyed Jack's in Oshawa, sorry I couldn't make it. Rob won the 50 – 50...don't know how but at least he can't say 'I never win'
- ✚ COD welcomes new member Frank Adkins, membership purchased as a Christmas present.
- ✚ Don't forget to check the calendar for upcoming events...might even be accurate.



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In hopes that yummy food soon would be there.  
The Corvettes were nestled all snug in their beds;  
While visions of summer cruising danced in their heads.

The Christmas party was a nice way to top off an incredible year, which was also our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Susanne and Anna had decorated the room and the tables with beautiful Christmas decorations. As usual, the food was excellent at Wooden Sticks and the desserts were yummy.



John Heinrichs was recognized and lauded for his efforts in organizing a great many cruises, which were much enjoyed and appreciated by the participants. Thank you, John! President Anne received the Most Valuable Member Award.



There were a great many prizes to be won. Julian won the 50/50 and John Fletcher won the free club membership for 2026. Thanks to everyone who donated door prizes and thanks to our sponsor, Ontario Motor Sales who graciously donated prizes for our event.

Thanks to Jan Raven for organizing a fun Christmas party!



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## Donation to Humane Society of Durham Region



The Humane Society of Durham Region is dedicated to protecting and providing compassionate care for unwanted and abused animals in Durham Region until they find their forever homes. Again this year, Corvettes of Durham was pleased to contribute money and a pile of food and supplies to the shelter.

Robyn McKibbin accepted the donations on behalf of the Humane Society of Durham Region. Her note of thanks to the members is below and she sent us a picture of our donations arriving at the facility.



Hello Corvettes of Durham members,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to join your meeting and share some updates with you and of course for your generous donations!

Sending much gratitude and appreciation for continuing Jan's legacy in loving memory through your continued support of vulnerable animals and pet parents in need in our Durham community.

We extend an open invite to visit our Durham Region animal centre (HSDR) and/or to reach out anytime.

On behalf of the staff and fur babies of HSDR, thank you for your kindness, care and compassion.

Wishing you a very Happy Holiday season and all the best for 2026.

With gratitude,

Robyn

**Robyn McKibbin (she/her)**

Development Officer, Durham Region

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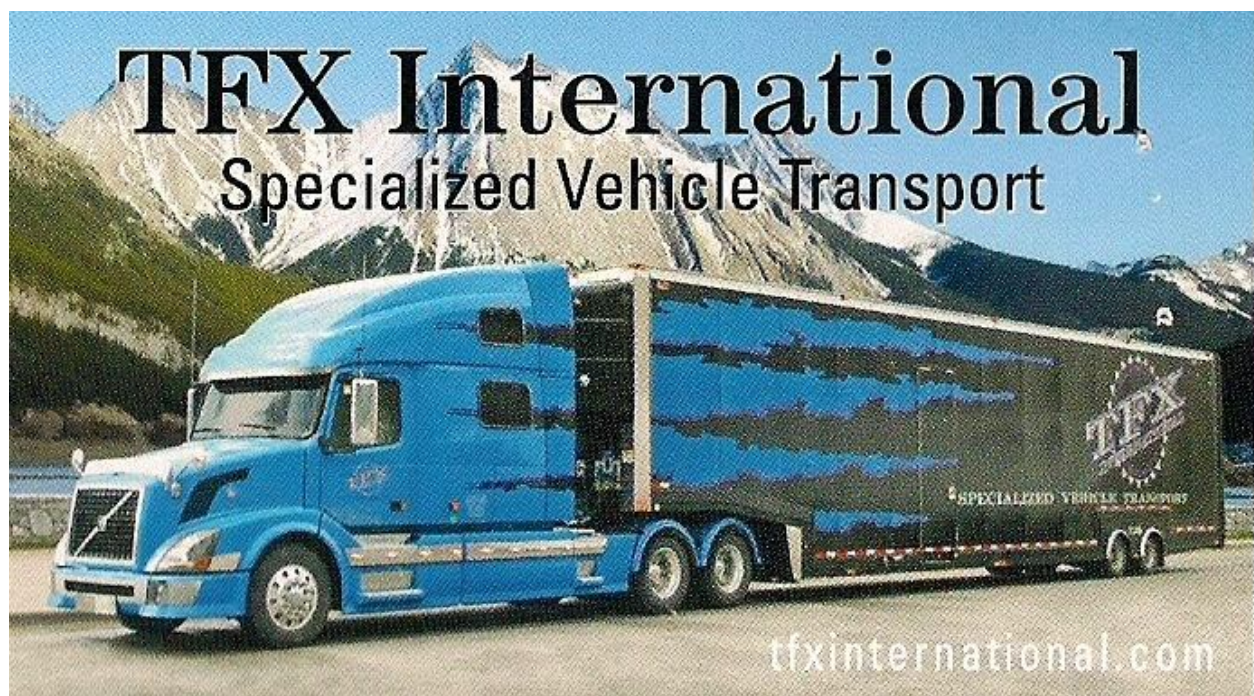
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0 to 100MPH was 10.4. But a difference of 689H.P. comparing the C8 ZR1 to the C4 ZR-1.

Regards

Rick

<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2025/11/30/video-ron-fellows-sets-the-production-car-record-at-ctmp-with-the-corvette-zr1/>

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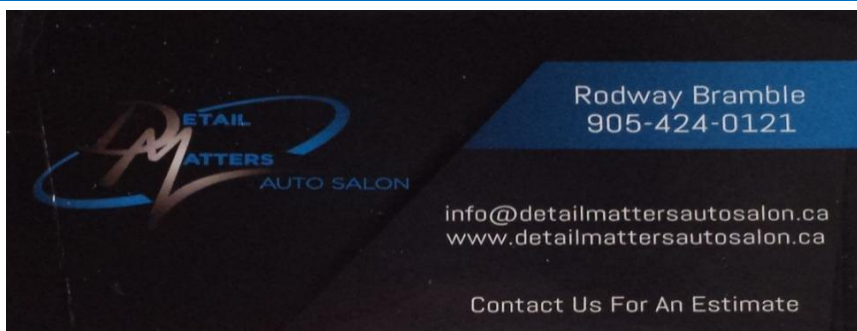


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Date	Event	Contact	Location	Time
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	Silly Sweater	Jan Raven	One Eyed Jack	2:00pm
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Happy New Year		Everywhere	All Day
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pool	John Heinrichs	Rileys Oshawa	7:00pm
Jan 15	Axe Throwing	John Heinrichs	Volt Raceway	TBA
Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	Classics with coffee	John Heinrichs	DeStefano's	1:00pm
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Brooklin Pub	5:30pm
Feb 13-22	Int Auto Show		Toronto Convention Centre	
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	5:30pm
Mar 13-15	Motorama	Ken Gordon	International Centre	3 days
Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	5:30pm
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	5:30pm
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	5:30pm
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	DREAMVETTES	Anne Halverson	OMS	8:00am

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