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By Ken Gordon





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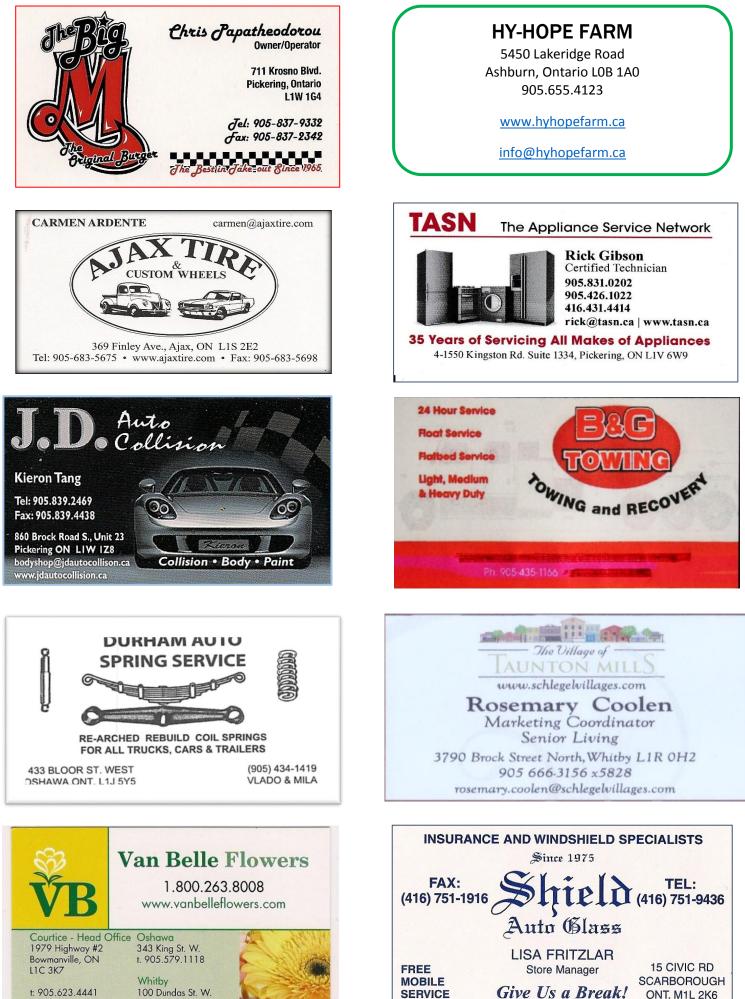


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20th Anniversary Celebrations

"The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry." That sure sums up our 20th Anniversary year. Still, we have so much to be thankful for – especially living in the greatest place on the planet Earth. That's my opinion, anyway.

We have all lived through so much history in our lives. Who doesn't remember where they were when they heard President Kennedy had been assassinated, or when the World Trade Centre was attacked? How about when man landed on the moon in 1969? And, didn't they just send a rocket to Mars this past week? As baby boomers, we had the joy of the Muscle Car era and now we are all driving Corvettes!

Well, like everything else this year, our Christmas Party at Shriner's on December 5 has been cancelled. We would to have to wear masks. There would be no dancing and Shriner's could not accommodate our full club with a 50 person limit. However, that doesn't mean we aren't going to have some kind of a 20th Anniversary Christmas Celebration – a fun one – and it's in the works!

I am sure there are still lots of things we can do and abide by all of the rules this horrible disease has inflicted on all of us. A couple of ideas - how about an ordinary, outside barbecue? Or a café with a big patio? Or an early fall Corn Roast? How about a cruise along the shore of Lake Ontario out by Grafton (or wherever it was Bruce & Dorothy used to take us)? How about an "on-line car show" like the one The National Corvette Museum did in the Spring? What about a Sunday afternoon outside Euchre Party? Using a rented "porta-potty" is still better than finding a bush on the side of the road.

I realize there are lots of members that aren't comfortable socializing at all these days and that's okay. You'll join us on your terms – when and wherever you want. But for those of us who are itching to do something – we will and we will all get through this one way or another.

We still have a few more months of good Corvette weather. Let's do something! Your ideas are welcome – just send them to me at <u>furryface@powergate.ca</u>

Didn't someone once say "Life is like a box of chocolates? You never know what you are going to get." Let's make the best of it. Watch for my "idea" emails.

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Here are three more past Inductees into the NCM's **Corvette Hall of Fame**. Inductees' full bios are available on the Museum's **Corvette Hall of Fame** pages.



Jerry Burton's involvement with Corvette is immeasurable, serving as Founding Editor and Editorial Director of Corvette Quarterly magazine and numerous other automotive magazines. He is author of "Zora Arkus-Duntov: The Legend Behind Corvette," and "Corvette: America's Sports Car: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." Burton also authored the award-winning "Heartbeat of America" theme line for Chevrolet. Read more about Jerry

Burton at <u>https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/jerry-</u> burton



ICK HENDRICK

Rick Hendrick raced and wrenched on cars at an early age through his love for automobiles. From a small used car lot at age 23, to the current Hendrick Automotive Group consisting of 120+ franchises over 13 states, employing over 10,000 people, Hendrick Motorsports was founded in 1984 and has grown into a 430,000 sq. ft. facility employing 600 people to support four full time Chevrolet teams in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. Today he owns a large

collection of Corvettes that includes many of the first and lasts in models and generations. "To be honored at a place where so many of the Corvette greats are honored — it's just humbling. I never dreamed that I'd be recognized in such a way." Read more about Rick Hendrick at <u>https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/rick-hendrick</u>



Herb Fishel learned about Zora Arkus-Duntov by listening to races on the radio. By 1964, he was an engineer working with Zora, at a time when racing was a covert operation at GM. As Executive Director of GM Racing, Herb started the factory Corvette Racing team that won the overall victory at the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona and class wins in the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the Daytona 500. The Corvette's success in racing was a key chapter in the story of Corvette. Read

more about Herb Fishel at <u>https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/herb-fishel</u>

The National Corvette Museum is now open to the public. Masks & social distancing protocols are in effect.

The Corvette Assembly Plant, however, remains CLOSED to the public.

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Did you know...??

The Museum continues to offer free educational video series offering educational and fun content for all ages. **Vettecademy** offers topics related to Corvette, the Museum and other automotive areas with a new video debuting each weekday on the Museum's Facebook page and YouTube. For Corvette enthusiasts wanting even more deep dives into the history of America's iconic sports car, the Museum is launched a second video series entitled **Fully Vetted**. The videos feature Museum Director of Collections / Curator Derek E. Moore and Museum Historical Media Coordinator Bob Bubnis who will 'decode Corvette history.'

Both are available through the NCM website (<u>www.corvettemuseum.org</u>) under the "Learn" tab.

Did you read ... ??

Ed Roth - Rat Fink Exhibit has been extended and will now run through to the Michelin NCM Bash event, April 2021. If the border is open and "the numbers" allow for safe travel, this exhibit will be worth seeing!



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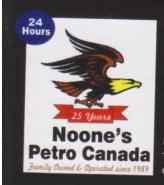


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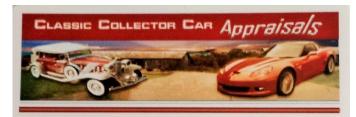
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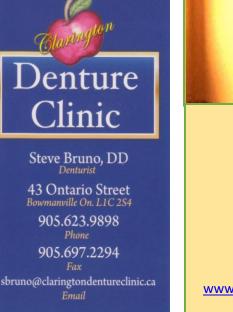


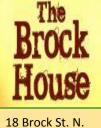
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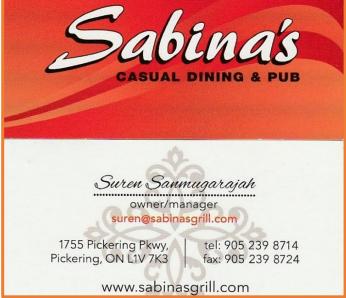
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Unfortunately we've become accustomed these days to

seeing so many closures and cancellations – local Corvette shows (including DreamVettes), international car shows and local racing – all struck from the calendar!

But, the Corvette Racing team is alive and winning, while abiding by social distancing rules, wearing masks and using only essential crew to get the job done. A limited number of fans, only Florida residents, were allowed in the stands, but nowhere else at the track.

On July 4th at Daytona International Speedway, the No. 4 Corvette C8.R with Oliver Gavin scored the first pole position for the new mid-engine car; teammate Jordan Taylor qualified second in the No. 3 Corvette C8.R.

In that evening's race, Corvette Racing went on to win their **100th victory** in IMSA!! Jordan Taylor and Antonio Garcia in the No. 3 overcame difficulty early on to beat the No. 911 Porsche to the line by just two seconds. A very special day and a milestone. You can imagine how proud Dan Binks (retired No. 3 crew chief! felt!!



Photo by Michael Levitt/Motorsport Images

(Notes from IMSA, Corvette Racing, Racer.com)

Garcia crossed the finish line *just* 1.977 seconds ahead of the No. 912 Porsche, with the No. 911 sister car completing the podium in third place.



Photo by Michael Levitt/Motorsport Images The No. 4 C8.R of Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner spent the majority of the race recovering from a difficult start and finished 5th in class, sandwiched between the two BMWs in 4th and 6th places.

Two weeks later, Corvette raced at Florida's Sebring International Raceway and like Daytona, only Florida residents were allowed to attend.

Sebring is steeped in Corvette Racing history and the July 18 race was another win for our team. Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner won their class in the silver No. 4 Corvette C8.R, leading a 1-2 sweep for Corvette Racing. Milner held off a charging Antonio Garcia by a mere

0.480 seconds ahead to score his and Gavin's first victory since the 2018 Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach.



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It's possible a 1-hour recap of this race will be shown on TSN at **11am** on **August 8th**. <u>Check your TV listings</u>.





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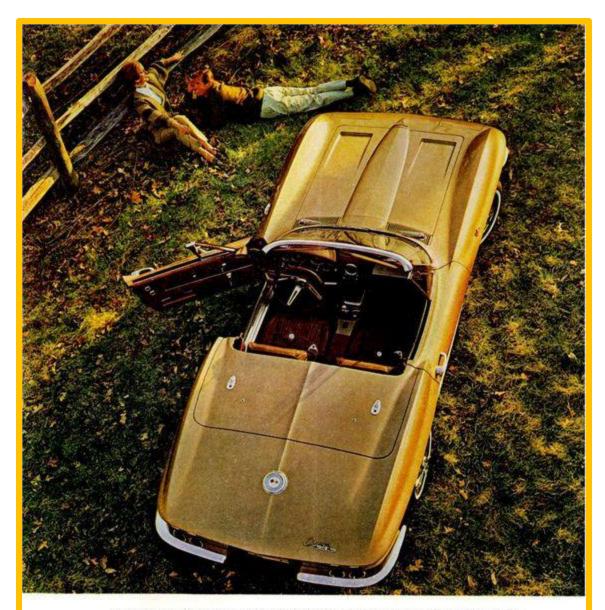
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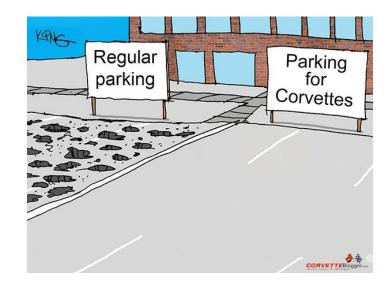


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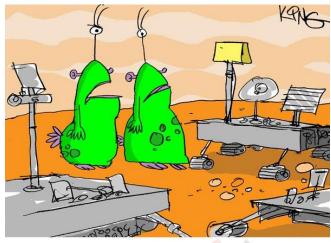
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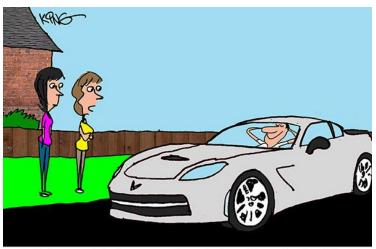


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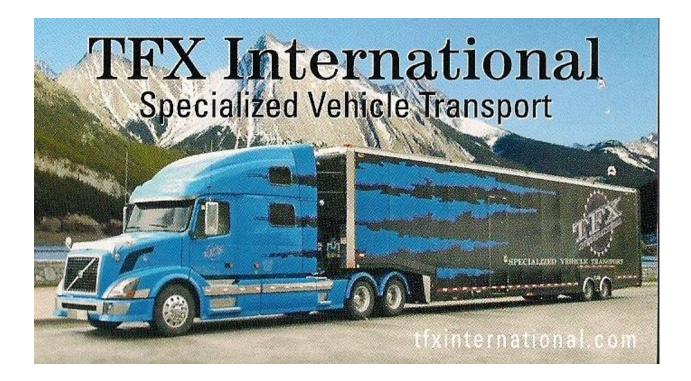
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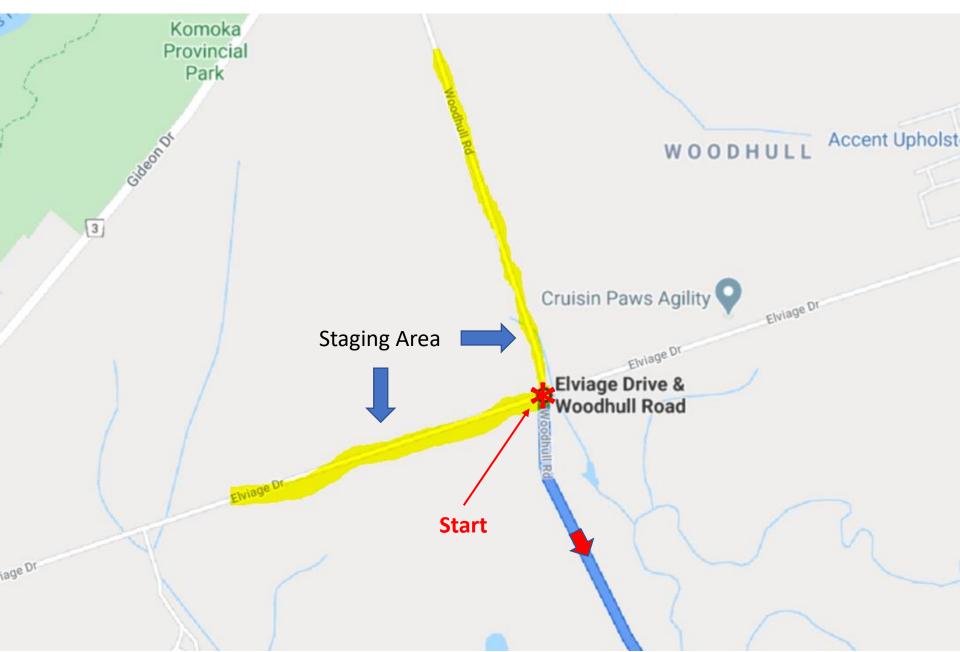
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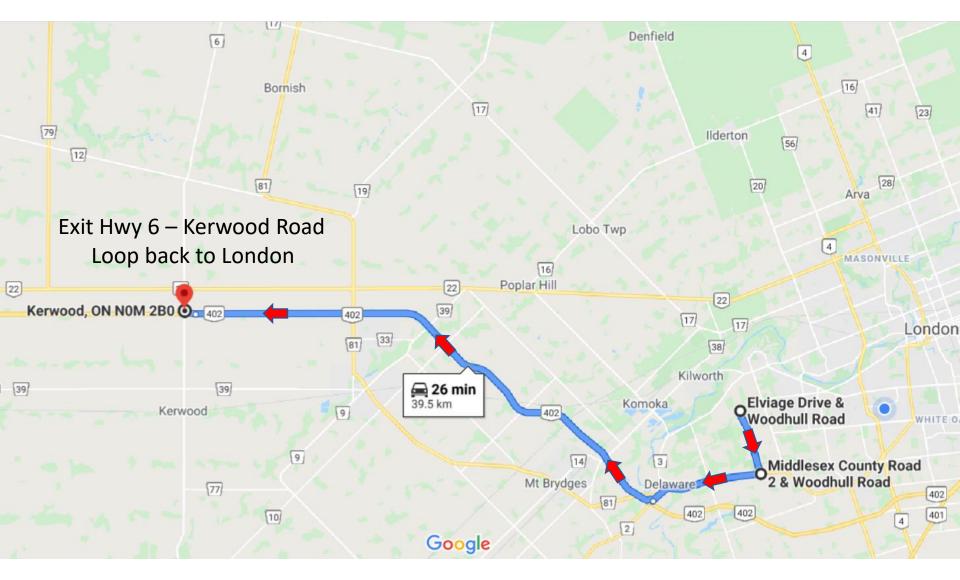
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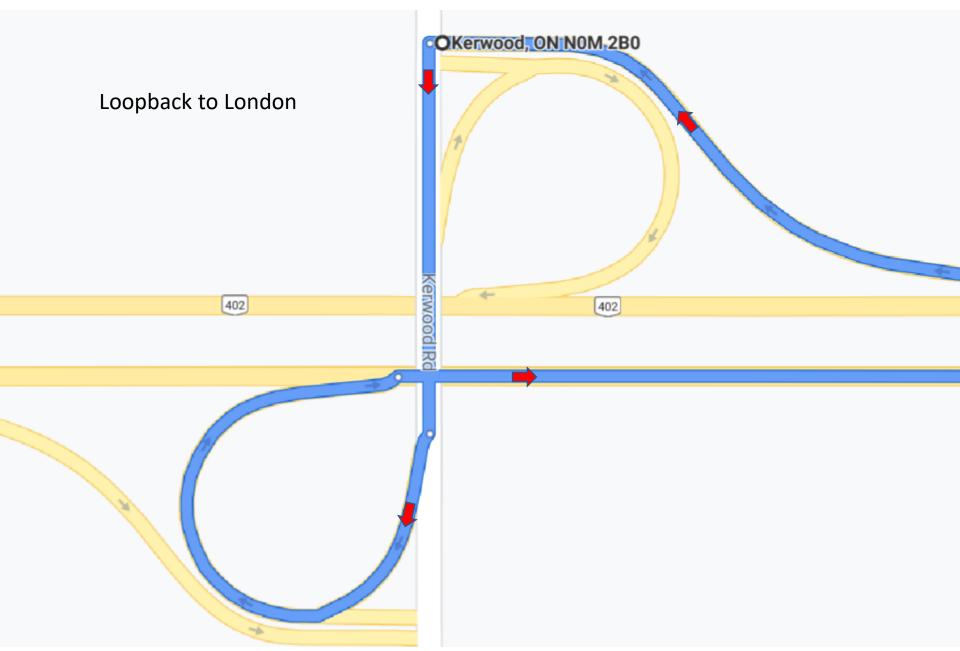
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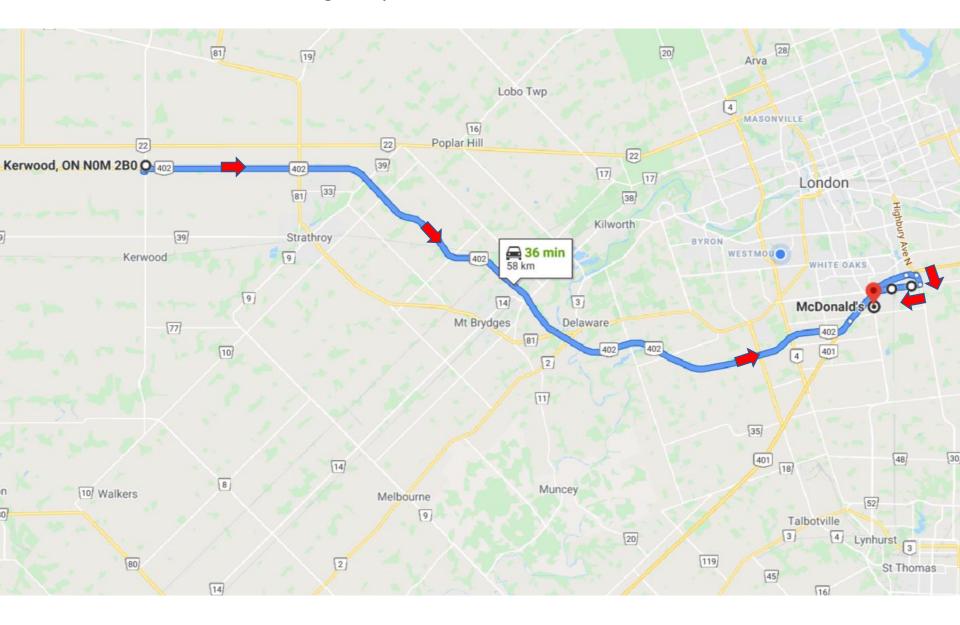
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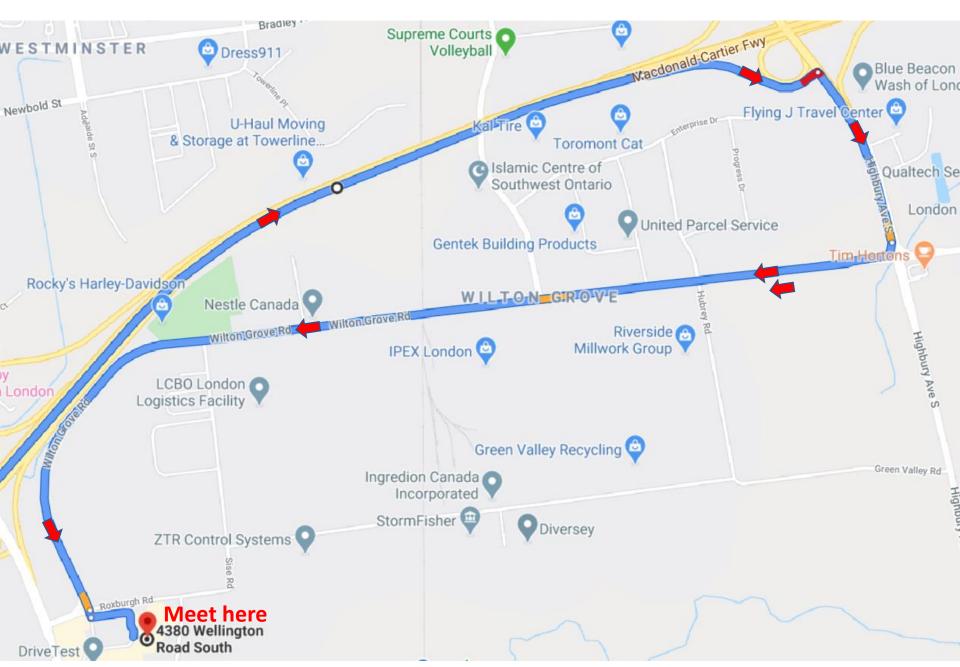


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Sept 12	Cruise			
	20th Annual			
Sunday	DreamVettes & GM		CANCELLED	
Sept 13	Show			
Saturday	Pine Ridge Summer's	Brian	Oshawa Executive Airport	10:00 am –
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