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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ken Gordon

I know I have said it in the past, but where the * * * * did summer go?

I hope this report finds everyone Safe & Healthy. I'm sure all Members are aware that this is Election year. The voted positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Quad C Governor. I personally plan to put my name in the hat for another term and Covid-19 permitting we'll try to resume some kind of normality in 2021 regarding Cruises, Shows, Events and Gatherings. Keep your fingers crossed.

Speaking of gatherings, the Ravens have organized an afternoon to celebrate Corvettes of Durham's 20th Anniversary. Please plan to attend on Saturday September 12th (appropriate Covid-19 regulations will be in place for everyone's protection).

I would like to thank the eight members that put a huge smile on a Birthday Boy's face on Saturday's drive by his home. Great Job Guys!

Look forward to Social Distancing with everyone!

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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September Birthdays

Avril DeBattista, 2nd
Denise Ciaralli, 8th
Ron Boulter, 11th
Susanne Ralph, 11th
Jerry Kowal, 16th
Chuck Bunn, 17th
Jacquie Mackie, 21st
Tony Smith, 23rd
Terry Nodwell, 27th
David Raven, 30th



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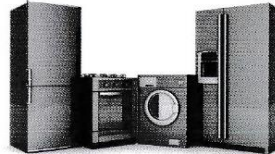
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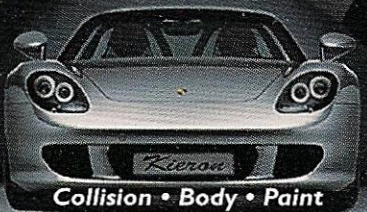
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Corvettes of Durham
20th Anniversary Event
Saturday, September 12, 2020

(Rain date: Sunday, September 13, 2020)

Please come and celebrate our 20th Anniversary with:

Lots of Food
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Member Pictures
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50/50 Draw

Special events & surprises - lots of surprises!
(including the National Corvette Museum north of the 49th)

We have lots of space for social/physical distancing,
lots of space to park your Corvette.

We have confirmed (and will abide by) guidelines for this event
from Durham Health Dept.

Please bring your own chairs and your own choice of afternoon
beverage and...
(your own "Designated Driver" if necessary).

Meet at Tim Horton's at Taunton Road and Harmony Roads at 1:15
p.m., pick-up additional members at Hy-Hope Farm and arrive at
our place around **2:00 p.m.**

If you are coming from the north or the west, please come directly
to our house.

Please arrive in a group to facilitate parking for pictures and follow
the instructions of our parking guys.

It will be lots of fun!

Dave & Jan

R.S.V.P. by no later than September 8, 2020 to furryface@powergate.ca or call (905) 852-1233.



Construction begins on Automotive Innovation Park...
from www.racer.com

A groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday August 20th kicked off construction of a 500,000-square-foot **Canadian** industrial facility that will combine a business park with a motorsport road course and testing facilities. The Automotive Innovation Park Oro Station project — expected to provide 700 full-time jobs upon completion — will be home to automotive engineering, education, service, supply and manufacturing businesses. It's also expected to create 1,800 construction jobs.

Oro Station will be home to a 4.1-kilometer/2.5-mile motor circuit — planned for completion in 2022 — for performance testing, training, research and commercial use. In partnership with Georgian College, Oro Station will provide opportunities for students to engage with the automotive industry as it functions as a center for new auto technologies being developed in **Ontario**.

Construction of commercial and industrial buildings is slated to begin in 2021.

Read more at **VintageMotorsport.com**.



The Grand Opening of Infinity Garage Solutions (a COD advertiser) took place on Tuesday August 25th. Ken & Terry stopped by to check it out. Below left, Ken with owners Tim & Jonathan.



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A GOOD EXPERIENCE TO SHARE...

Submitted by: Chuck Bunn

I want to take this opportunity to share with you my experience with one of Corvettes of Durham's advertisers, **Dave Stephenson** of **Stephenson Speciality Cars**. As you may or may not know I have been having some problems with my C7 last summer and continuing into this summer as well.

After returning my Corvette to the dealership, yet again, for warranty servicing this summer, I started getting the run around and misinformation from the staff at the dealership as to the problem(s) and they were not covered under warranty.

I was running out of alternatives and knowing that Dave is one of our advertisers who has a great reputation working on Corvettes, I drove over to his shop in Port Perry to see if he had any suggestions.

Let me tell you what a WONDERFUL experience I had when dealing with Dave. He is knowledgeable and customer focused... even knowing that he would not be getting my business as all the problems I was having were under warranty. He was more than willing to share his opinions and expertise with me as to the issues I was experiencing. Even after I left his shop and got home he phoned me to ask come back as he had something else he wanted to check out on my car ... which led to him identifying faulty handling of the repairs made by the service team at the dealership. Dave also asked me to keep him up-to-date on the status of my vehicle.

After finally having to get GM's Field Service Engineers involved, who did an extensive and lengthy diagnostics, resulting in extensive parts replacement, my car (fingers crossed) is now better than ever... no thanks to the dealership!

I reconnected with Dave after all was said and done and Dave was insistent that he not be reimbursed for the time he spent on my car or the knowledge that he shared. He was just happy to know that all was well. It was a pleasure to deal with Dave and I would strongly recommend **Stevenson Specialty Cars** for anyone who needs non-warranty work done on their Corvette.





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Crown Vettes "Save the Wave Cruise" London August 9th

Brian Striemer

We arranged to meet at our usual location at Tim's at 7:15am on the 9th. I, along with all the other members, spent a large portion of Saturday prepping our cars for the drive on Sunday. I am sure they all looked fabulous until we backed out of our garages on Sunday to torrential downpours. The weather looked a bit promising as we could see areas of sunshine in the distance.

We were nine cars leaving Tim's in the rain. Included were new members Blair Baily and his friend Sharon Warner. Our route was directly to the 401 and then we headed west towards London.

Jan Raven had arranged to be at the Lakeridge overpass to take some photos as we passed by. True to her word she was there despite the weather, so we slowed down approaching the overpass to try and give her a better opportunity to take those wonderful shots.

Ed and Gail had arranged with Roy and Roseann to meet us at the Victoria Park onramp to the 401. I must say it was beautifully executed, as Roy managed to merge into the group like he had done this maneuver numerous times before!

The drive was mostly dry to our pit stop along the way at the EnRoute at Cambridge. There, Jerry and Margaret Kowal joined the group to make a total of 11 cars. Once we hit the highway again the rain started and continued the rest of the way, with it being very heavy at times. We met up at the staging area with a few minutes to spare, as the group leader (me) took us on an "extended tour of the countryside" to see even more corn fields, and I'm sure everyone was very pleased about it.

When we arrived at the staging area the rain slowed to a drizzle which allowed us to exit our vehicles to view the other cars. The groups were staged along the west side of Elvige and the north side of Woodhull, and this allowed us to merge at the intersection and head south and enter the westbound 402 for the first half of the cruise. We exited the 402 at Kerwood and then proceeded to re-enter the 402 going eastbound. It was a fun experience when approaching the exit point watching all the Vettes re-entering the 402 in the opposite direction.

From there we proceeded to the termination point where they announced the total number of Corvettes in the cruise at 146. Not the number they wanted but a great turnout considering the weather. Speaking of which, as we entered the termination point the sun came out and it was glorious sunshine all the way home, go figure!

Everyone was free to make their own arrangements for the trip home, so several members took a scenic route with a stop along the way for lunch. Brian Baker and I decided to head home as I had my daughter with me visiting from Calgary, and she was returning home that evening, so there was little time to spare. She really enjoyed the outing and got to drive the Vette home.

About 10 minutes out of London, Brian was following us and we noticed him pulling off into a service centre. We were too far to make the exit so had to double back to see why he got off. Turns out his car blew the water pump and he was unable to drive the car any further. After several calls he made arrangements to have the car taken home on a flatbed. There was an issue as they did not know if they would take him because of COVID, leaving him stranded on a Sunday in the middle of nowhere. In the end they found a driver that would take him and the car home. I'm sure it was a long day for him!





COD's newest members Blair & Sharon



Brian's sick Vette ☹️



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2020 Event Information

20th Anniversary Party – September 12

As you know, we are planning an outside party on September 12, with a rain date of September 13. You will see the invitation elsewhere in the newsletter. I have checked with the Durham Health Dept. and they have provided me with guidelines to have a safe and lawful event.

Of course we have to maintain social distancing but because we are able to be outside in open spaces we do not require masks. If you feel comfortable wearing a mask, by all means, wear one. We will be able to sit within conversation distance of each other and we can even sit at tables together when we are eating – kind of like a restaurant patio.

Speaking of eating, I am serving pulled pork, potato salad, coleslaw and vegetarian lasagne. All of it will be homemade by either myself or the great cooks in our club. No condiments and we have guidelines on how to serve it. We will have lots of Pepsi, Ginger Ale and water. There will be cake!

Also, I am renting a Port-a-Potty. They tell me they are nice and clean and suitable for backyard parties. There will be lots of soap and water available along with hand sanitizer and paper towels.

I am sure everyone has been “screened” over the past several weeks regarding travel, fever, cough etc. so if you are sick, please stay home. We will have lots of events in the future.

Christmas – Sunday, December 6

We had to cancel our Christmas Party at Shriner’s Banquet Hall which was scheduled for Saturday, December 5. It just doesn’t work with the minimum people, plus face masks, no buffets and no dancing.

Since Christmas is such a special time of year, we are going to have a “cocktail party” on Sunday, December 6 in the late afternoon.

We don’t have all the details yet, but **save the date**. The details will be provided in the newsletter as soon as possible. It will be fun.

Watch the newsletter and check your emails for more information on Social Events.

Jan R. furryface@powergate.ca

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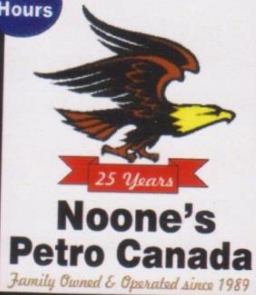
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COD Election for Executive Positions 2020

In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, elections for Executive positions are due at the Annual General Meeting in October 2020. Due to the challenges of Covid-19, it's difficult to have a General Meeting and administer the elections in the same manner as in previous years. Therefore, the following procedure was established by the Executive Committee during our meeting on August 24, 2020.

Roxanne Chiusolo, currently Executive Secretary, is not running for any elected position. Roxanne will co-ordinate and oversee the election process with assistance from Executive Committee Members Susanne Ralph and Sue Woodland.

Positions eligible for election:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- C.C.C.C. Governor

Nominations:

- Candidates must be a COD member for a minimum of 2 years
- Any COD member may submit a nomination; however, the candidate must agree to the nomination prior to the submission.
- Nominations to include:
 - candidate's name
 - the position they are being nominated for
 - a short bio outlining the candidate's skill set for the position
 - and confirmation that the candidate has agreed to the nomination
- All nominations to be emailed to Roxanne Chiusolo at roxanne.kowal@gmail.com no later than midnight **Tuesday, September 29th, 2020**. The email subject line to read **COD Executive Nomination 2020**.
- Roxanne Chiusolo will distribute an email no later than Thursday, October 1st, 2020 listing all nominated candidates and their bios. This will provide members with the opportunity to review the candidates' information prior to voting day.

Voting:

- Voting will be done via written ballot.
- Each COD member has the right to one vote.
- Only those in attendance will be eligible to vote, with one exception; a proxy form is available (attached) for same membership partners who are unable to attend. If required, please print and complete. One member from the same membership must attend and bring the completed proxy form.
- Voting date will be **Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**. No ballots will be accepted after 7:30 pm.
- The voting will take place near our General Meeting location, Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub, 1755 Pickering Parkway, Pickering. A drive-thru location will be set up in the south parking lot closest to the 401. Look for the tables and parked Corvettes. Canopies will be set up if the weather is inclement. Roxanne Chiusolo, Susanne Ralph, and Sue Woodland will be at this location administering the process.

As always, Sabina's will be available for anyone wishing to order dinner, however, the boardroom will not be available. Members are encouraged to vote upon arrival then socialize afterwards if they choose to do so.

Ballots will be counted by Roxanne Chiusolo, Susanne Ralph and Sue Woodland immediately after the 7:30 pm deadline. The successful candidates will be announced in an email the following day (October 15th).

If you have any questions, contact Roxanne Chiusolo via email at roxanne.kowal@gmail.com or cell phone at 905-767-3312.



VOTING PROXY FORM 2020

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BOBCAYGEON to FENELON FALLS ROAD TRIP SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2020

by Linda Bunn

Some members of COD felt the need to "get out of town" ... so they gassed up their five beautiful, shiny Corvettes and hit the back roads for some sunshine and fresh air. Toss in a bit of retail therapy, Kawartha Dairy ice cream and socially distanced visiting and patio dining and a wonderful day was had by all.

The group left from Uxbridge and took the back roads through Little Britain, Lindsay, past the jail (sorry, no room for hitchhikers!) and along the south shore of Sturgeon Lake ending up in Bobcaygeon for the first stop. The ladies headed off to Bigley's and a few other stores while the guys found some shade and watched the boats go through the locks. After the purchase of several pair of shoes, some clothes and yummy ice cream snacks, the group headed over to join up with two other couples who have recently joined COD (Ken & Jacquie and Blair & Sharon) at their homes in Bobcaygeon.

From there, seven cars headed over to Fenelon Falls for dinner on the patio of *The Locker on the Falls*, overlooking... you guessed it, Fenelon Falls. Even though it was blistering hot and sunny on the patio we were all well fed and watered and ready to head home.

The evening drive back from Fenelon Falls was a nice relief from the hot weather we had all day. Our tummies were full and our pockets a bit lighter but what a great day trip. Can't wait to do another day trip through beautiful Ontario!

So the next time you are having a bit of cabin fever and the weather report calls for a nice sunny day, take the advice of that loveable Disney character Goofy and ... "Just grab a friend (*or in our case, friends*) and take a ride together upon the open road." No one can go wrong with advice like that!



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Road America

On August 2nd, Corvette Racing took its second consecutive 1-2 finish in the GT Le Mans (GTLM class) following a chaotic finish. Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor won for the second time in their No. 3 Corvette C8.R following a late-race pass in torrential rain.

Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner placed second in the sister No. 4 Corvette C8.R. It was the eighth victory at Road America for Corvette Racing and the team's first there since 2016.

Things didn't go well, however, in the first half of the race. Taylor led early but the expected tire degradation reduced the pace for the GTLM cars. And electronics issues on the No. 4 Corvette left both Gavin and Milner without traction control.

Rain came with an hour to go. Officials halted the race with 43 minutes left. The rain let up initially before cars returned to the track with about 25 minutes to go. Following final pit stops for wet tires, racing resumed with seven minutes left and Garcia in second place.

An even more intense rain began to fall with just minutes left race. Garcia was locked in a back-and-forth duel with the No. 911 Porsche before two competitors went off-track late in the lap.

Both Garcia and Milner were able to get through the chaos and took the



checkered flag under a race-ending, full-course caution.

Virginia International Raceway (VIR)

In the midst of one of its hottest streaks of racing during the last few seasons, Corvette Racing *won again* on August 23 at VIR! Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor drove the No. 3 Corvette C8.R to victory, despite having to carry an additional 20kg of weight per updated BoP guidelines. This race was their second win in a row, their third of the season and the fourth consecutive win for Corvette Racing – the first time that's happened for the team since 2014.

Bad luck hit the No. 4 Corvette, going off-track shortly after a restart when Oliver Gavin picked up debris on his tires just an hour into the race. He recovered nicely and carved his way back and was behind the No. 3 Corvette in only seven laps. He stopped for fuel, tires and driver change to Tommy Milner with 65 minutes to go. The No. 4 would end the race with a 4th place finish.

Antonio Garcia in the No. 3 Corvette took the lead with 18 minutes remaining but was worried by a flapping diffuser in the final run to the checkered flag. It held on, though, giving Garcia/Taylor the victory by 3.521 seconds! During the race, others went off the track or had tire issues," said Jordan Taylor. "I think it's just a staple of Corvette Racing of never giving up."

Up next is Road Atlanta on Sept. 5.

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"*The Lady in Pink*" got involved in racing in 1961 sporting pink coveralls, crash helmet and pink wig behind the wheel. Her dedication to racing was both recreational and professional, serving as Manager of Hi-Performance at Yenko Sports Cars; writing for several car magazines, and participating with an all-female team in the 1972 Brock Yates Cannonball Memorial Trophy Dash. More at corvettemuseum.org/donna-mae-mims.



Ralph Kramer was one of the first Chevrolet executives to bolster GM support for the Corvette Museum in its founding years. He helped the museum gain stature with the management of Chevrolet-Pontiac-**Canada** Division, providing several major contacts which were developed and established, opening doors and helping to preserve history. More at www.corvettemuseum.org/ralph-kramer



If there was a Mount Rushmore for Corvette Racing, Tommy Morrison's face might be on it. In the early 1980s his Corvette race cars began dominating in showroom stock racing and making Corvette history along the way. He set out to prove that Mobil 1 and Corvette were a nearly unbeatable combination racking up more 24-hour endurance wins than any team before them—thus starting a sponsorship relationship that is still winning to this day. More at www.corvettemuseum.org/tommy-morrison

While we had hoped to go to the Museum's 26th Anniversary event over the Labour Day weekend, the Covid pandemic has caused us to stay at home. The border remains closed to non-essential travel and the number of Covid cases everywhere continue to be worrisome. We, however, will "attend" the NCM event virtually on September 3rd & 4th and share highlights of the event in the October newsletter.

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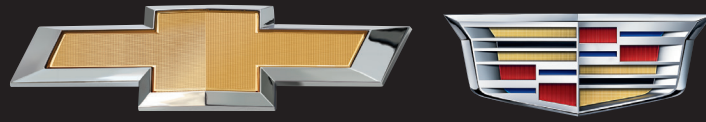
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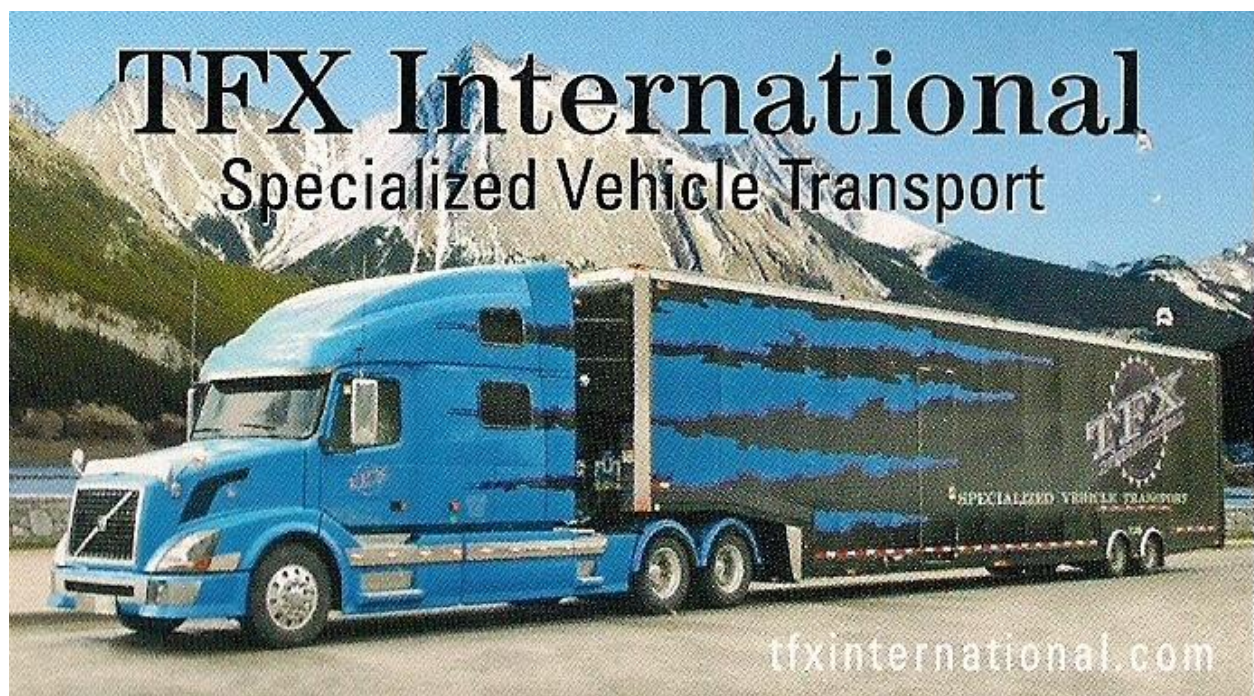
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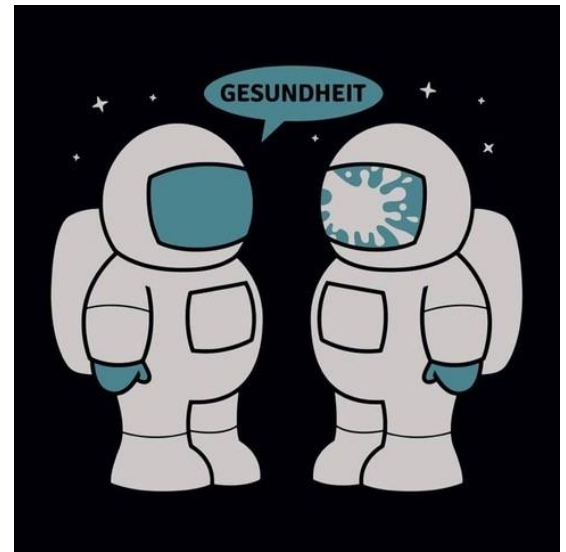
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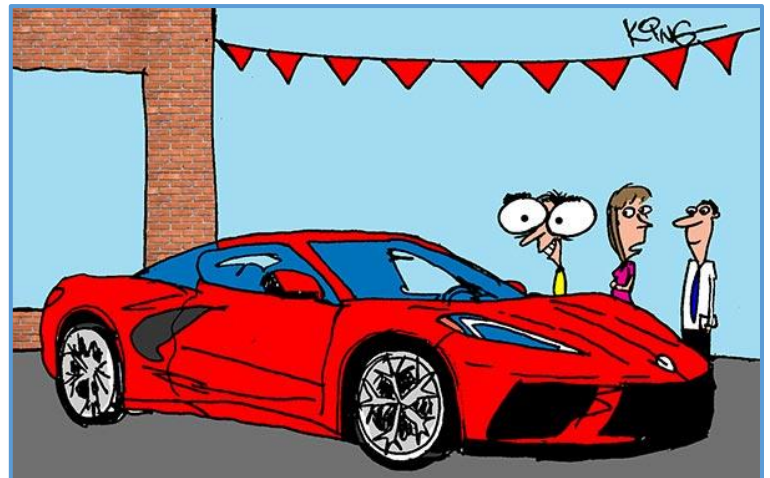
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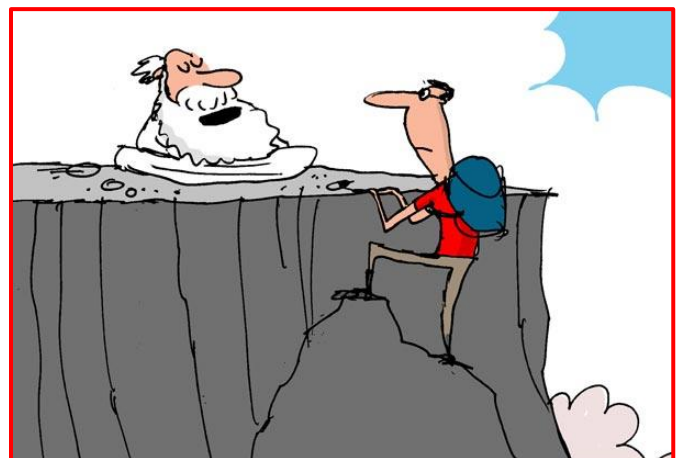


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BIRTHDAY DRIVE-BY

The call went out on a recent Thursday afternoon asking COD members to help celebrate a little boy's third birthday. On the following Saturday, eight COD members joined other vehicles - big pick-up trucks, a Mustang and a yellow school bus for a socially-distanced drive past the family's house under threatening skies. The birthday boy is 'obsessed with all kinds of cars' and this drive-by was intended to make his 3rd birthday special. He and his family were so happy to see all the cars! "Mom" later messaged Fletch to let us know how awesome we were!

Thank you Al, Brent, Chuck, Eddy, John F., Julian & Susanne, Rick & Louise and Sam for spending part of your Saturday to do this! Thanks also to Fletch for the suggestion and to Ken, who pulled it all together!



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2020 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Saturday Sept 12	COD 20 th Anniversary Party	Jan Raven	Contact Jan for location. Invitation in this newsletter	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Tuesday Sept 29	Nominations deadline for Executive positons	Roxanne Chiusolo	Details in this newsletter	Due by 12 midnight
Wednesday Oct 14	VOTING DAY	Roxanne Chiusolo	South parking lot at Sabina's Casual Dining	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Sunday Dec 6	COD Christmas Cocktail Party	Jan Raven	Shriner's Banquet Hall	TBA

GREEN – CCCC Event

BLACK – COD Event

RED – General Information



CONGRATULATIONS are in order!

On September 19th, COD members Margaret & Jerry Kowal will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary!

All of us wish you the very best on your 50th Anniversary, with many more years into the future!