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25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition



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## President's Report

August 2025



July was a busy month for our club, with all the cruises, car shows and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party, we had a lot to do.

Several of our members attended a car show in Bayfield at the beginning of the month. Others from our club went to Hy-Hope Farm for a fun afternoon of music and food. Then there was a cruise to Bobcaygeon, which I heard was a really good day. That same weekend, several members of our club were in the Corvette Corral at Mosport for the IMSA races. The weekend weather was excellent with the exception of an errant thunderstorm that shut down activities for a few hours due to lightning risks and caused the cancellation of the Corvette Corral pace laps.

The 25th anniversary party was enjoyed by everyone who attended. There was a guess the engine game that had many people stumped, including me. However, five people guessed the engines correctly and those tickets were put into a hat, with one name drawn as the winner. Barb embarrassed all the men and won!! Thanks to Susanne and her helpers for a wonderful event.

There are many events taking place in August. Be sure to check the calendar on the last page of the newsletter.

Our next General Meeting will be at Royal Ashburn on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Stay cool!

Anne Halverson





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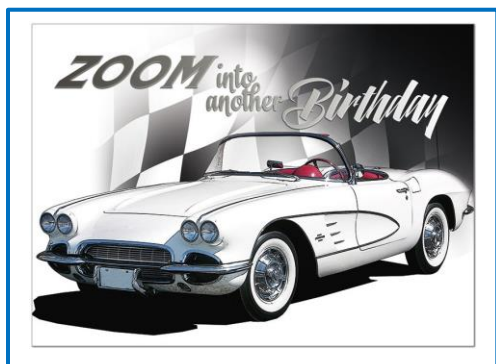
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## August Birthdays

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Ray Leaitch     | 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Bruce Bartlett  | 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Anne Halverson  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Rosemary Coolen | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Don Cavaliere   | 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Adrian Coolen   | 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Frank DiLorenzo | 29 <sup>th</sup> |
| Dave Castilloux | 31 <sup>st</sup> |



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## Get Well Soon



Linda Striemer who is recovering at home after a nasty fall.

# HI - HOPE FARM

Saturday July 5th



On a beautiful Saturday a group of COD'ers met at Hi Hope Farms for an afternoon of music and what else...food!

There was also golf available but Peter couldn't convince anyone to play, besides he was too busy eating butter tarts...

Thanks to Jan Raven for organizing this event.



## BAYFIELD VETTEFEST 2025

July 4<sup>th</sup> & 5th

Friday July 4th , 6 COD members took the 3hr cruise out to Bayfield for the annual VetteFest at Clan MacGregor Park in Bayfield. Friday night they hosted a cruise that ran for 60kms through local communities and farming districts. There were 170 Corvettes from all generations on the cruise, their largest cruise to date. The community reception and involvement was outstanding to say the least, with people lined all through the route cheering you on and even having a toast as you passed by. The locals had their classic cars parked at the end of their respective driveways for all to see. The cruise was not only scenic, but thrilling as well, with hairpin turns and speeds that raised the hair on the back of your neck! The group had dinner and lunch the next day, at West Street Willy's Eatery in Goderich, if you are ever in the area well worth a visit. Saturday morning seen us all up at 6:30am and off to the show for 7 am arrival. We had an excellent spot close to an exit gate if needed and only a couple minute walk into the beautiful downtown area. The show offered a fireman's breakfast cooked and served by the local firefighter and it did not disappoint. The park quickly filled up with just over 500 Corvettes I was told, all generations were very well represented. There have been a few discussions about attending next year and trying to get an even larger group to go and stay a couple nights as it really is a beautiful area. Stay tuned for details in the near future!

John Heinrichs



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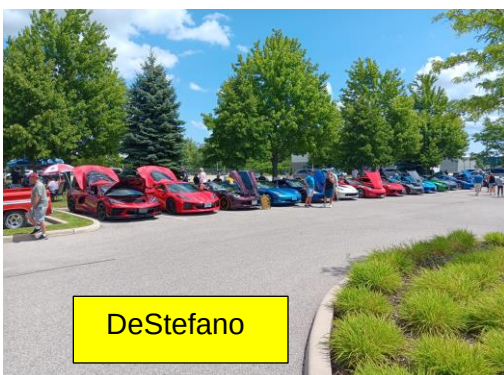
- ✚ If you are going to Autofest please let John or John know so we can meet and drive in together.
- ✚ Thanks to Jan Raven for organizing the Hy-Hope Farm afternoon and to Peter for sampling everything they bake and letting us know what is really good...
- ✚ 12 COD'ers cruised up tp Bobcaygeon to attend the Lakeridge Motors Corvette Invasion on July 12<sup>th</sup>...excellent day...more in this edition.
- ✚ The July General Meeting was held at the BIG M on another hot and humid night. Great food as always and great tunes from DJ Rick...thanks to Tony at the BIG M and guess who won the 50-50 ...Nigel...aka Julian who always wins...
- ✚ The DeStefano car show on the 20<sup>th</sup> was good with over 150 cars on site. They provided lunch, coffee, water etc and were taking donations for Lakeridge Health.
- ✚ A huge thank you to Susanne, Lindsey, Anna and Julian and all their helpers for organizing our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Greenwood Conservation Area in Ajax...nothing but positive feedback so let's do it again...more in this issue.



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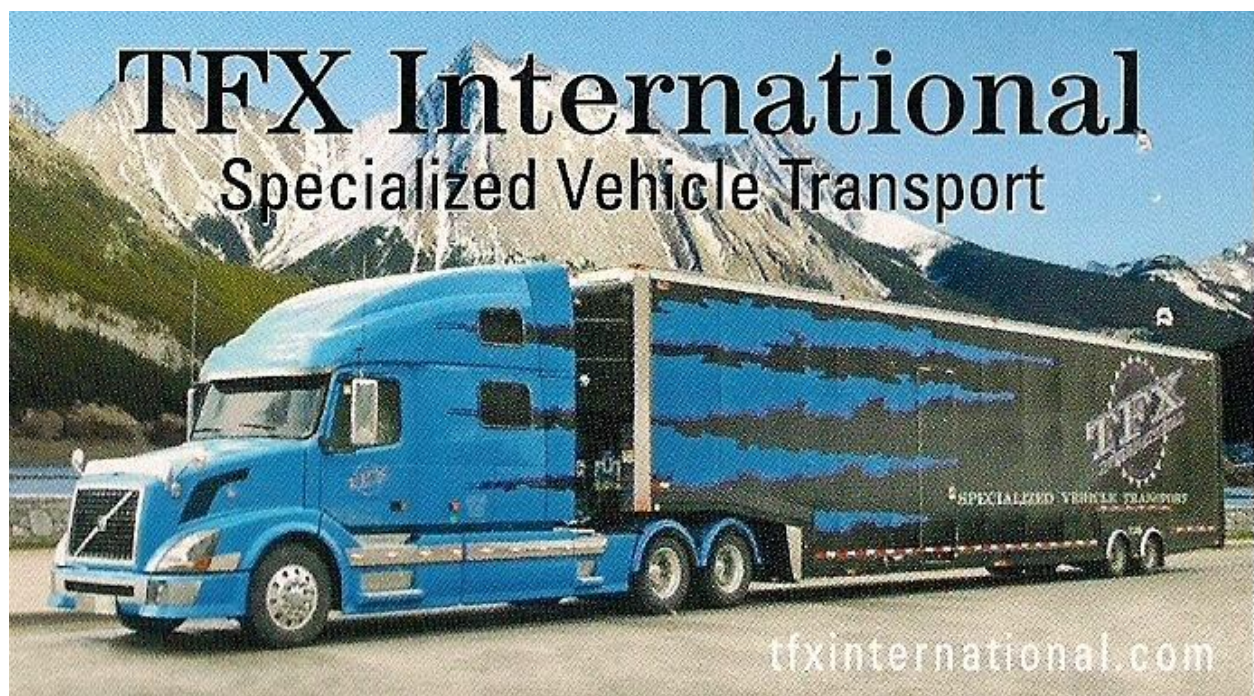
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# LAKESIDE AUTO SALES CORVETTE INVASION



Fantastic turnout of likely close to 100 Vettes at the 1st Corvette Day at Lakeside Caygeon Corvette Invasion! Pics to share will be coming soon! What started out as a Cars and Coffee that Julia from lakeside and John from COD set up, turned into what is going to become an annual event.

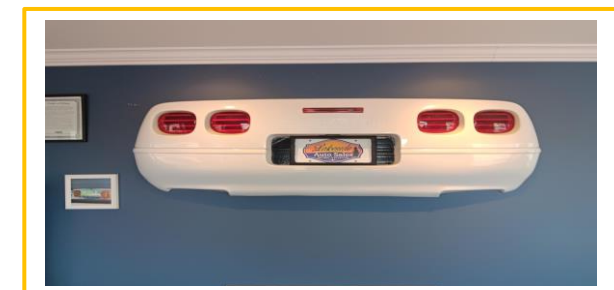
Lots of tickets sold to support the fundraiser for Coping Centre, a Raffle 50 50 and selling tickets for 2025 Vette. Who's going to win that C8??

Special thanks to Julia and Blaine from Lakeside for reaching out and welcoming all of the Corvette owners past and present, Corvette Diva's, Corvettes of Peterborough to name a few that they have done business with. Great to see other clubs and meet new Corvette owners.

Complimentary coffee and the baked goods 'wowza' and a bbq. Lakeside...you outdid yourself! Great little car collection too Blaine had on display too!

The COD group stopped in at Bigley's for a visit after the show and then Lunch at Just for The Halibut, where the restaurant roped off private parking for the Vettes.

Look forward to next years event and hoping it continues to grow!







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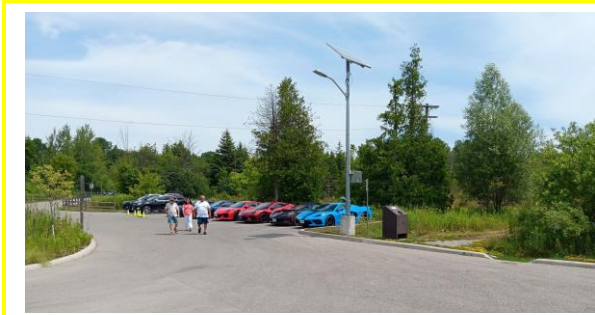
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# CORVETTES OF DURHAM 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



Corvettes of Durham is 25 years young and we had a wonderful party to celebrate. The party pavilion was nestled inside the lush green park at the Greenwood Conservation Area. Best of all, the building was air conditioned! Susanne had been planning this party for a long time and her hard work paid off with help from Lindsey and Anna. The party room was nicely decorated for the celebration. As well, memorabilia surrounded the room. So many individual pictures were on display and several photo albums full of memories from years gone by. There were many plaques celebrating our participation at Motorama over the years. Many of us were wearing our COD 25th anniversary shirts that Susanne had designed. Julian and Anna delivered the food, which was delicious and plentiful. I gave a short speech, which I hope captured the significance of the occasion. Anna won the 50/50 jackpot and there were many other prizes to be awarded. There was (what I thought was) a very difficult game of guess the engine. Unbelievably there were 5 winners, so we had to have a draw in order to declare one winner, Barb...for the prize. So Barb, this brings to mind a question: How were you so intimately familiar with these car engines? Perhaps you had an undisclosed previous career as a mechanic? A lot of people stepped up to help make the party such a success. Thank you to everyone involved!

Here's to another 25 years! Cheers.

Anne





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Here's the 2025 CTMP major event season at a glance:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | <br><b>VICTORIA DAY SPEEDFEST</b><br><b>MAY 16-18 2025</b><br>CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK        | <b>Castrol Victoria Day SpeedFest Weekend</b><br>An action-packed holiday weekend featuring the NASCAR Canada Series<br><a href="#">(More Info)</a>                                             |
|  | <br><b>VINTAGE GRAND PRIX</b><br><b>JUNE 13-15 2025</b><br>CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK           | <b>VARAC Vintage Grand Prix</b><br>A long-time Father's Day weekend tradition featuring open and closed-wheel race cars from the past six decades of motorsports<br><a href="#">(More Info)</a> |
|  | <br><b>CHEVROLET GRAND PRIX</b><br><b>JULY 11-13 2025</b><br>CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK         | <b>Chevrolet Grand Prix</b><br>Canada's biggest sports car event is the highlight of our season, featuring the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship<br><a href="#">(More Info)</a>           |
|  | <br><b>SUPERBIKE DOUBLEHEADER</b><br><b>AUGUST 8-10 2025</b><br>CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK      | <b>Superbike Doubleheader Weekend</b><br>Featuring the Bridgestone Canadian National Superbike Championship<br><a href="#">(More Info)</a>                                                      |
|  | <br><b>LABOUR DAY WEEKEND SPRINTS</b><br><b>AUGUST 29-31 2025</b><br>CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK | <b>CTMP Labour Day Weekend Sprints</b><br>Featuring the NASCAR Canada Series and the Trans Am Series presented by Pirelli<br><a href="#">(More Info)</a>                                        |



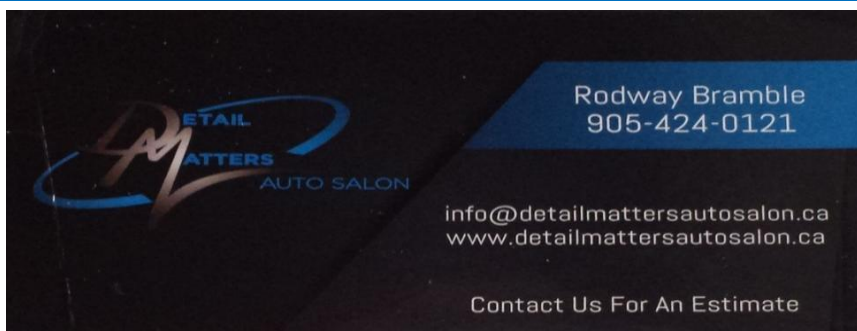


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## 2025 Calendar of Events



| CCCC Sanctioned Event                                                                 | Format                           | Club | Date           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|----------------|
| 1. Spring Fling, Stonebridge Town Center, Wasaga Beach                                | Casual                           | WBCC | May 2025       |
| 2. Dream Vettes Ontario Motor Sales                                                   | Casual                           | COD  | June 2025      |
| 3. Waterfront Corvette Show Windsor                                                   | CP, SSS<br>Concours<br>Nationals | CCoW | June 2025      |
| 4. Corvette Show and Shine, Boyer GM Buick<br>425 Bayly St. W. Ajax, Ont.             | Casual                           | PRCC | June 2025      |
| 5. 32nd Annual Corvette Show & Shine (Atlantic Nationals)                             | Participation                    | GMCC | July 2025      |
| 7. Hot August Night, Webers Hwy 11, Severn                                            | Participation                    | GBCC | August 2025    |
| 8. Corvette Show and Shine & Poker Run<br>Buckhorn Lions Club                         | Participation                    | COP  | August 2025    |
| 9 CCCC-ER Recognition Awards Event &<br>Memorial Cruise, Essa (Members & Guests Only) | Casual                           | CCCC | September 2025 |
| 10. PRCC Summers End Drive                                                            | Casual                           | PRCC | September 2025 |

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# COD 2025 Calendar



## Red-CCCC

## Black-Variou Shows

## Blue-COD events

| Date                  | Event               | Contact        | Location          | Time   |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------|
| Aug 5th               | Hot August Nites    | John Heinrichs | Orillia           | TBA    |
| Aug 16th              | Minden Cruise       | John Heinrichs | Minden            | TBA    |
| Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>  | COD General Meeting | Anne Halverson | Royal Ashburn     | 5:30pm |
| Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Fowlers Corners     | John Heinrichs | Fowlers Corners   | TBA    |
| Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Cars on King        | John Heinrichs | Oshawa            | TBA    |
| Aug 22-24             | Autofest            | John Heinrichs | Uxbridge          | 8am    |
| Sept 13 <sup>th</sup> | Picton BBQ          | Anne Halverson | Frank and Joannes | TBA    |
| Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> | COD General Meeting | Anne Halverson | TBA               | 5:30pm |
| Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>  | COD General Meeting | Anne Halverson | TBA               | 5:30pm |
| Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>  | COD General Meeting | Anne Halverson | TBA               | 5:30pm |
| Nov 29th              | Christmas Party     | Susanne Ralph  | Wooden Sticks     | TBA    |



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