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DREAMVETTES Edition



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President's Report

July 2025



The DreamVettes and All GM Show of 2025 was a busy day. Luckily no rain, but it was a hot one. In addition to Corvettes, we had several GM cars and trucks attend our show.

Thank you to Ontario Motor Sales (OMS) for sponsoring our club. We are grateful that they actively assist us so that we can use their facility for our DreamVettes show. There's a lot of work on their end, for example, moving the dealership cars out of the lot, which must be time-consuming. They provide access to the building so that everyone can make use of the washrooms. Also, OMS makes a generous financial contribution to help pay our bills associated with putting on the show. Thank you especially to Tyler Ashby for choosing the dealer's choice for each class of cars. OMS does a lot for our club and if you are considering buying a car, please give OMS a chance to earn your business.

We made a donation to the McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre. Our cheque was graciously accepted by Andrea Freund and Rebekah McMillan from the Lakeridge Health Foundation.

Thanks to Brian, Allan and their helpers for keeping everyone fed and hydrated. It was a very hot day to be barbecuing and they did a great job! We had an amazing selection of raffle and silent auction prizes! Thank you to everyone who donated a prize or solicited a prize from a company on behalf of Corvettes of Durham. Thank you to the many club members who volunteered their time to help. The show couldn't happen without many volunteers. Thanks to DJ Rick for playing a good selection of tunes.

Overall, it was a good show this year and we made a profit of just under \$1,000. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

A wonderful time was had by everyone who attended the barbecue at the Striemers' house. Thanks to Brian and Linda for hosting and thanks to the amazing cooks for the pizza, butter tarts, salads and yummy desserts.

Our next General Meeting will be at the Big M in Pickering on July 16th.

Corvettes of Durham has hit a milestone this year! It's our 25th anniversary as a club and Susanne is organizing a celebration for us on July 26th. We already have our 25th anniversary shirts to wear at the party.

Have a wonderful Canada Day!



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

July Birthdays

Sandra Leaitch **11th**

Rick Austin **16th**

Judy Marino **30th**

Have a smokin' day...



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Cruise to Peterborough

Sunday June 8th

Applewood Retirement Residence

18 Corvettes met at our usual location at Harmony and Taunton at 9am to cruise up to the Applewood retirement Residence in Peterborough. Thanks to John H for arranging the cruise route. Norby and fletch decided a free 407/115 cruise may be a little faster and arrived at Applewood early...as per the pic. Applewood had arranged for parking and this was their 'open house' on Sunday. The weather was good but lots of haze from the fires out west kept the temperature cool. Several residents came out to check out the cars and seemed to enjoy the display. Lunch was provided by Applewood and I hope Brian and Allan took notes on how to BBQ. It was good seeing Ken's friend Doug who has been helping out at Motorama for the past several years. Thanks to Ken for setting up the show and to Applewood for their hospitality...a really enjoyable day.





COD Newsworthy News



- ✚ Thanks to John H for and Ken for arranging the Applewood Retirement Residence cruise, and thanks to Applewood for their hospitality and providing lunch.
- ✚ If you want to see the Corvette pickup rendering use this link...<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2025/06/corvette-pickup-truck-rendering-is-more-proof-ai-has-no-soul/>
- ✚ Several COD members attended the Pineridge Boyer GM show in Ajax on the 14th. There were also several former COD members present. Forty-nine cars registered with Don Cavaliere winning C3 and Sam Dickey winning C5...congrats!
- ✚ I won the 50-50 at the June General Meeting...I sometimes win...
- ✚ COD welcomes our newest sponsor, **WHITBY MARINE PRODUCTS**...much more than marine products...ad in this edition.
- ✚ Thanks to all who helped out at DREAMVETTES...more on page 11.
- ✚ Thanks to the Striemer's for hosting the COD BBQ on June 28th, looks like a calorie filled event.

✚ HAPPY CANADA DAY y'all





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DREAMVETTES 2025



Andrea, Anne and Rebekah



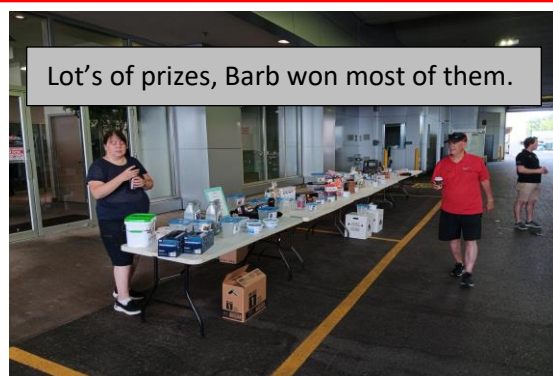
Our 25th Anniversary DREAMVETTES Show took place on June 22nd at Ontario Motor Sales. On a very hot and humid day we had 55 vehicles registered for the show. Thanks to all who showed up at 7am to set up. The COD chefs Brian and Allan managed to cook up a storm without burning OMS to the ground. Peameal bacon for the early eater's and hamburgs and hotdogs for those who waited. Excellent job team! DJ Rick supplied the tunes and announcements for door prizes. Tyler from OMS selected the awards for C-1 to C-8 Corvettes and GM car and truck. Anne presented Tyler with a Sponsor Appreciation Plaque. Lakeridge Health was on site at 12pm and Anne presented our cheque for \$1500.00 to Rebekah McMillan and Andres Freund. Congrats to Ken who won C-5 and to Glenn who won C-8. Thanks to all the COD helpers who sold tickets, BBQ'd, gave out door prizes, registered vehicles, manned the draw tables, brought the coffee, donated prizes, parked cars and helped to set up and clean up after the show.



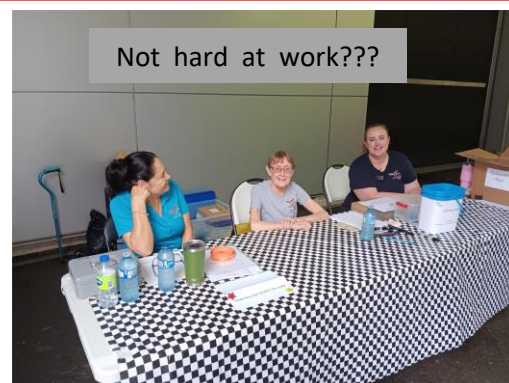
Chef's hard at work



Lot's of prizes, Barb won most of them.

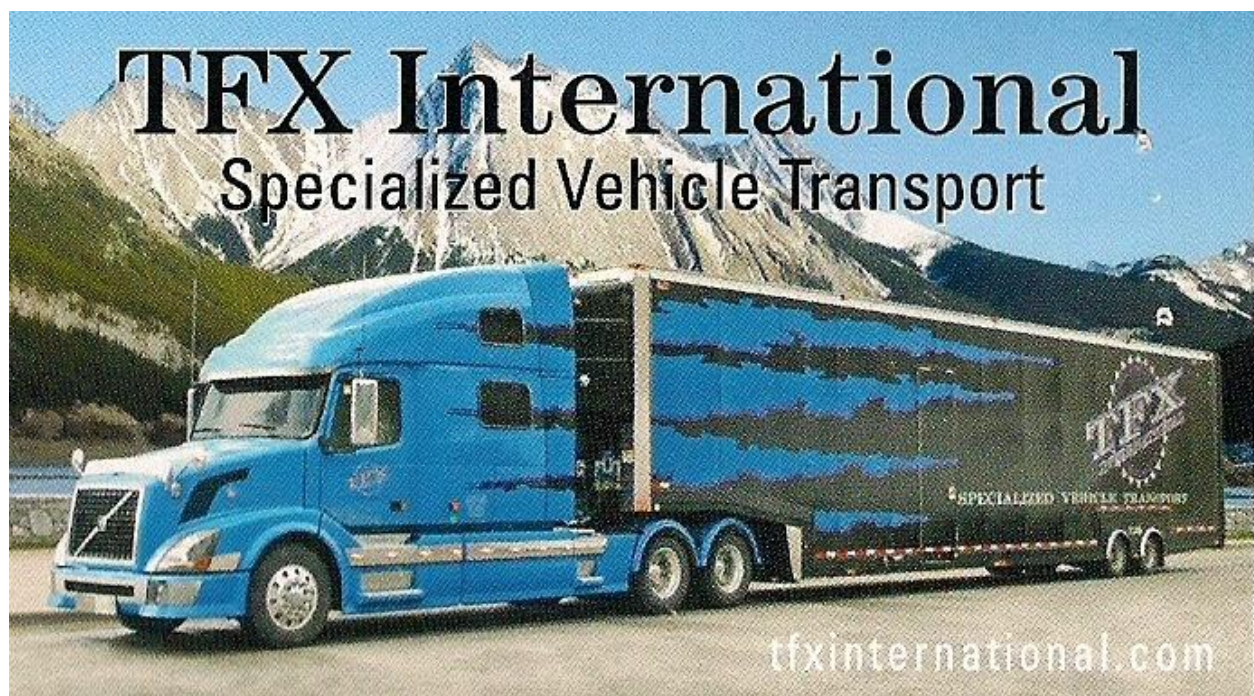


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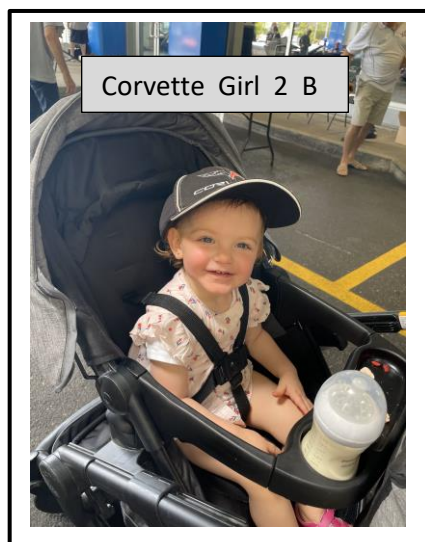
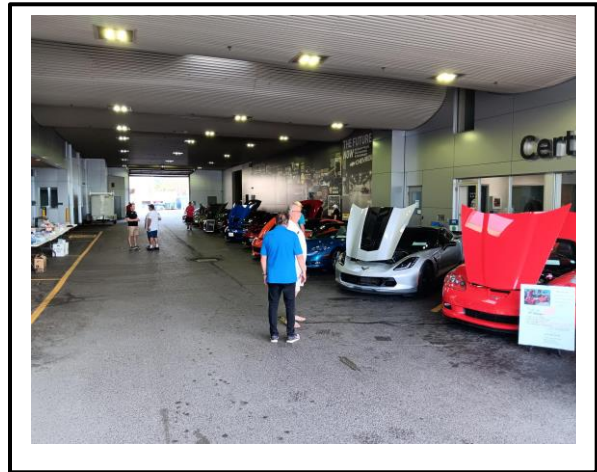
Hy-Hope Farm for Lunch

Dave and Carol, the owners of Hy-Hope Farm, would like us to come to their patio for an afternoon of entertainment. They always treat us well and provide a good time.

I promised this time I wouldn't arrange the parking. I'm still hearing about how I parked everyone so far away from the action. It appears they would like them to be parked closer to the patio. I'll need a volunteer to check out the parking ahead of time.

I'll send out an email notice closer to the date with more details. Hy-Hope's customers really enjoy seeing the Vettes so Dave and Carol

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It's got the numbers to back up the hype. 1,250 horsepower. All-wheel drive. Twin turbos. A front electric motor. And Chevy says it'll hit 60 mph in under two seconds. Not a typo. Not a maybe. Just pure, jaw-dropping speed.

We're not sure what's wilder—the specs or the fact that this thing's actually going into production. This is Corvette off the leash.

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- ◆ Reunite with **CURRENT & PAST CCCC-ER members** & special guests
- ◆ Three convoy cruises from points East, West and South are planned for the Saturday morning to arrive in time for a Welcome BBQ and lots more food & fun
- ◆ Visit www.quadceast.com/cccc-er-50th-.html & Facebook Group '[CCCC-ER 50th 2025](#)' for updates and registration details over the coming weeks & months





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TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR CTMP'S 2025 MAJOR EVENTS

Fans can buy discounted weekend and Sunday admission tickets, along with General Camping and RV passes online for all five major events. Reserved Camping for select events will be available in January. As with all CTMP major events, Children 16 and under are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult.**

(** Please note: Tickets will be mailed six weeks prior to the event)

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

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

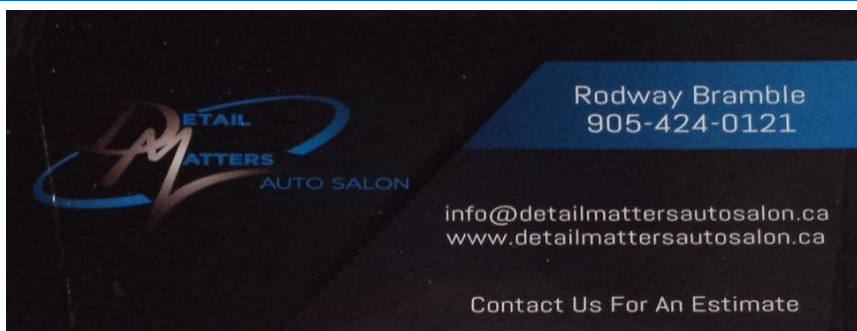


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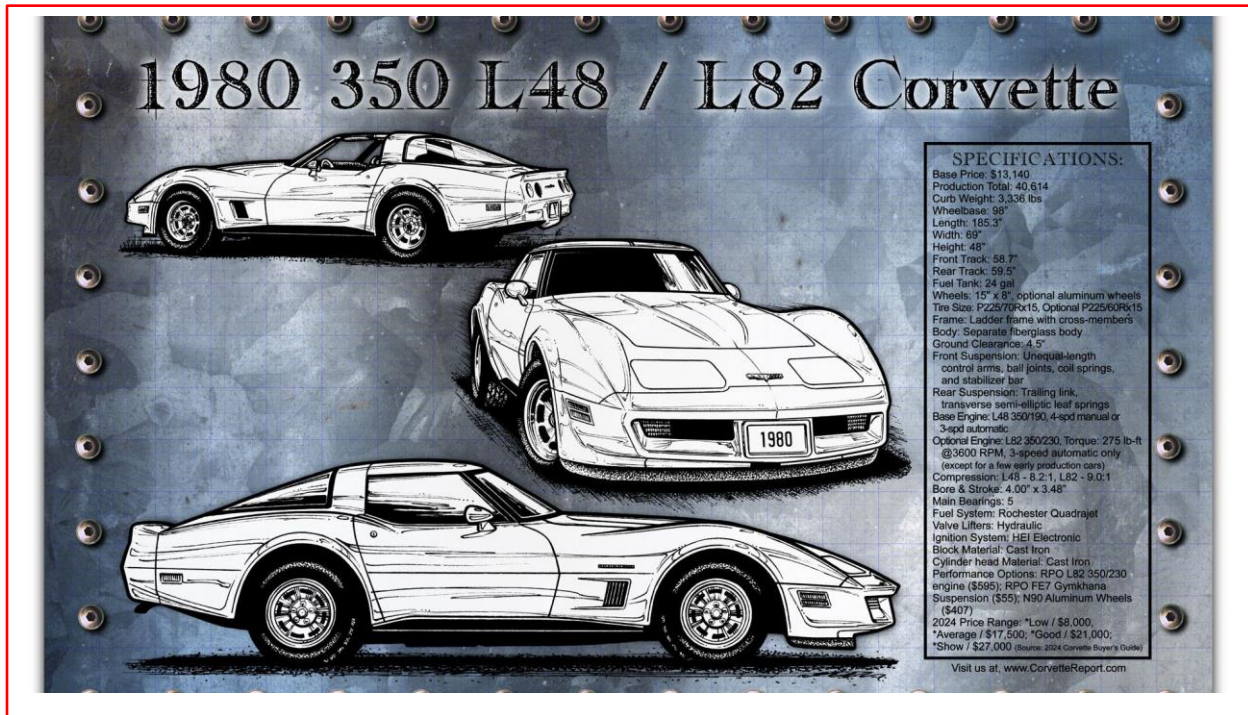
2025 Calendar of Events



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 Concours Nationals	CCoW	June 2025
4. Corvette Show and Shine, Boyer GM Buick 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 Buckhorn Lions Club	Participation	COP	August 2025
9 CCCC-ER Recognition Awards Event & Memorial Cruise, Essa (Members & Guests Only)	Casual	CCCC	September 2025
10. PRCC Summers End Drive	Casual	PRCC	September 2025

CCCC-ER Judging Guides & Judging Sheets are available [HERE](#)

1980 L-82 Corvette



Underrated and Undeniably Cool: 1980 L82 C3 Corvette (Member Exclusive)

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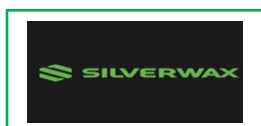


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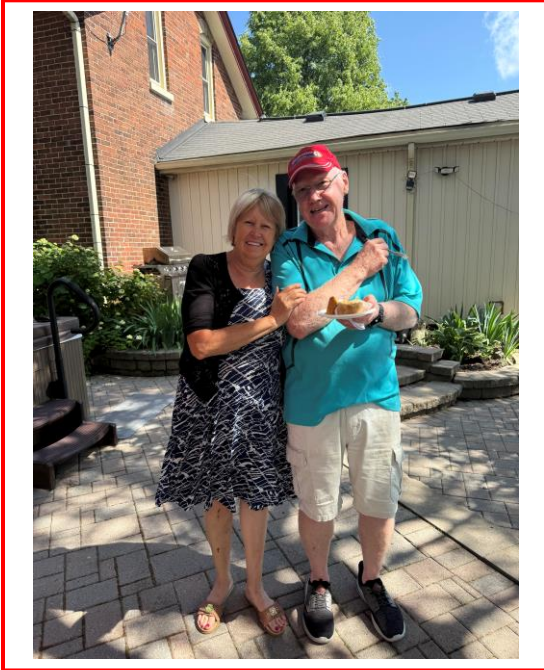
Black-Various Shows

Blue-COD events

Date	Event	Contact	Location	Time
June 28 th	Striemer BBQ	Anne Halverson	Striemer home	TBA
TBA	Fowlers Corners	John Heinrichs	Fowlers Corners	TBA
July 4/5 th	Vettefest	John Heinrichs	Bayfield	TBA
July 5 th	Hi Hope Farms	Jan Raven	Uxbridge	TBA
July 11-13	IMSA		Mosport (CTMP)	9:00am
July 12 th	Lakeside Motors	John Heinrichs	Bobcaygeon	TBA
July 16 th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	BIG M DRIVE IN	5:30pm
July 20 th	Destefano's	John Heinrichs	Oshawa	9am
July 26 th	COD 25 th	Susanne Ralph	Greenwood Conservation Ajax	
Aug 5 th	Hot August Nites	John Heinrichs	Orillia	TBA
Aug 16 th	Minden Cruise	John Heinrichs	Minden	TBA
Aug 20 th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	5:30pm
Sept 13 th	Picton BBQ	Anne Halverson	Frank and Joannes	TBA
Nov 29 th	Christmas Party	Susanne Ralph	Wooden Sticks	TBA



Striemer BBQ



Happy Canada Day... eh!!!

A great turnout of 19 corvettes graced the property of Linda and Brian Striemer for the 2025 COD summer bbq with several passing motorists stopping to take pictures. 43 members enjoyed great food including pizza made by John and Judy Heinrichs assisted by sous chefs Louise Striemer and Al Riding. John now has an unlisted number due to many calls for takeout orders.

Al Harris was chief of the bbq avoiding any crisp, burnt or overdone burgers.

He had practice at DREAMVETTES.



Lindsay and Brian fended off weak challenges by Dave and Ross to become Hammer Throw Champions and Josie and Bruce showcased their Corn Hole skills which was likely far easier for Josie than baking 50 butter tarts.

Dave donated his game of Washer Toss to COD's version of Olympic Games and he, along with Ross, were beaten by first time players.

A wonderful day with a fabulous turnout.

Linda Striemer

