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March 2019



President's Report

By Ken Gordon

Our last General Meeting had a very small turnout. The weather was terrible and I think Marilyn and I will be looking at the mountains of snow on each side of our driveway till June. Thank you Tariq Azam from Scotia Wealth Management for coming out on such a bad night and giving a great presentation.

Then it was Family Day Long Weekend which started off for us to take in The Little Big Town concert in Oshawa (fabulous night). Then off to be with friends and family to watch the 1st NASCAR race of the season "The Daytona 500". Hope everyone had a great Family Day with yours!

As most of you know, Boyer Chevrolet put me out to pasture (how dare I turn "65"). I'm pleased to announce I was only out of work for 2 days. You can find me now at Pickering Chrysler and I have mechanics that are able to work on all makes and models, so please don't hesitate to call me at the Dealership's # 416-477-1107 ext. 661 or cell # 289-923-8333.

Last Thursday Marilyn, Roxanne, Margaret and I were invited to the Toy Mountain Appreciation Dinner Night hosted by CTV's Tom Brown. The evening was very enjoyable and we all got pictures with Tom. Lots of fun!

I have been very busy organizing Motorama 2019. The show runs from March 8th - 10th at the International Centre. We once again have a booth to accommodate 6 Vettes, and thanks to those who are getting their Vettes out of storage to help with the Corvettes of Durham Display. There will be my 2004, Jerry's 2008, Robert's 2010, Brent's 2015, Brian's 1974 and last but not least, Brian Lindow's old friend Mike will be displaying Brian's 1973. We have already had a lot of members volunteer to help with the booth but if you have the time to help out and take in the entire Motorama Show please call me at 289-923-8333 by Wednesday the 6th.

Just a quick note, if you are helping with the move out on the Sunday there is a time change that weekend so "Spring your clocks ahead "!

Hope to have a good turnout of Members and if I don't see you there, I'll see you at the next General Meeting March 20th at Amici.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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 Convenor know.

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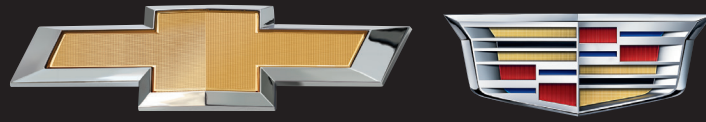
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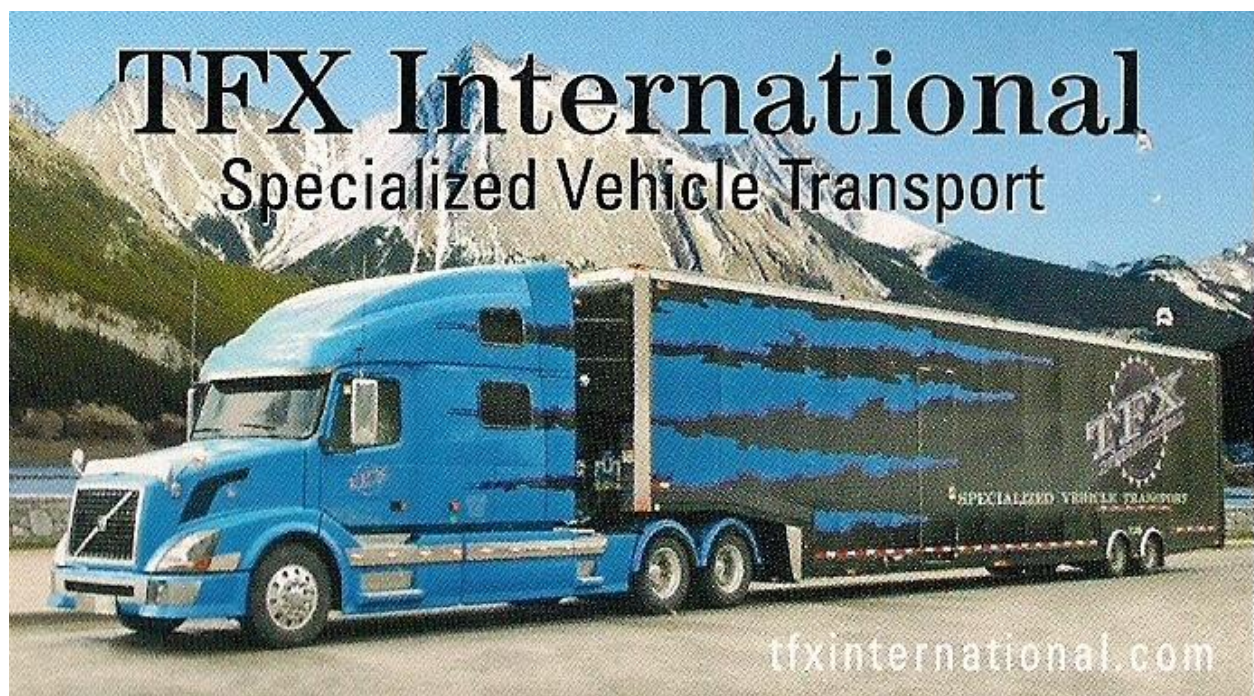
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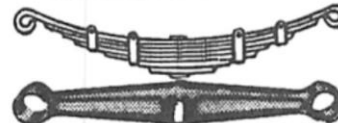
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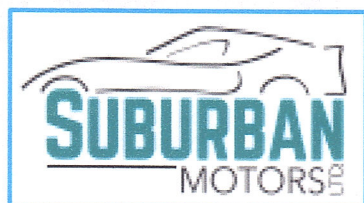
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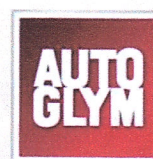
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Event Planning...

Dec 2019 ~ Christmas Dinner/Dance

After much debate and careful consideration, we have selected:

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The following link is a video that provides a complete overview of the facility.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WY4KPgb-4No#action=share>

The event will be held on **December 14th, 2019.**



The band (TBD) will set up where the head table is usually positioned.

Entertainment for the dance yet to be decided. The bands are being reviewed as provided last month. Each band has scheduled performances over the next couple of months.

Suggestion Box ~ Will make its debut at the February GM. Cards, envelopes and pens will be provided on each table. If you would like to submit a suggestion, please complete using the envelopes provided. Envelopes can be left on the tables to be picked up at the end of the night if you do not want to put them into the suggestion box. This will provide complete anonymity.

In Progress ~

We encourage everyone to make suggestions, recommendations or considerations for any of the events pending for this season. In addition, for each event, volunteers are always required and welcome to participate.

Research is ongoing as most venues are not open until spring.

April/May 2019 - Spring Cruise ~ Research is ongoing. Considerations for venues include a beautiful drive, great food, good parking and additional offsite activities!

June 2019 - Offsite GM ~ Golf club venues across the region are being considered. Must have good, paved parking; great food and room for us all!

Oct 2019 Fall Cruise ~ Venues are being reviewed. Special considerations: a beautiful drive to the venue selected. Again, we are always considering the venue offerings with respect to food, facilities, and onsite/offsite activities.

Denise Ciaralli
Social Director

On the road with COD members in February...



Sue & Ron at dinner with Margaret & Richard Chute, Cozumel



Roy & Rosanne, McKee Botanical Gardens (FL) Corvette show

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Volunteer Sign Up sheets are being developed, to provide members an opportunity to volunteer at various events throughout the year. The sheets will be circulated at General Meetings in a timely manner prior to an event. This will enable you to volunteer for events you are interested in volunteering but may have been too shy to step forward in the past. It's a great way to get to know our members better. Many of the events will be social (i.e. cruises, off-site meetings, Christmas dance, etc.) while other opportunities will be car shows (i.e. Motorama, DreamVettes, Quad C shows, etc.).

Stay tuned for more information as we plan our 2019 events!

Perogy Fundraising

At the February General meeting, it was announced that we will be starting a Perogy Fundraising initiative. Margaret Kowal and Roxanne Chiusolo will be making **Ukrainian Homemade Perogies** for sale to members and anyone else who may be interested. We will start with the traditional potato and cheese, and if interest is shown, possibly expanding to other varieties. The perogies will be made fresh a few days prior to the General Meeting, and then brought to the meeting (frozen) for distribution. You can also request them not to be frozen upon delivery. Other opportunities for pick up or delivery could be arranged. The cost is \$8/dozen or 2 dozen for \$14. All proceeds will go to the Club.

We will be making the first batch on Sunday, March 17th, for distribution at the March 20th meeting. You can still place your order by emailing either one of us before March 17th:

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Again this month we wish to share some interesting Museum data. Such as...

- ❖ Do you know who created the Museum's logo, as seen above? It was designed by Larry Shinoda, designer of the original Sting Ray while working for Chevrolet in the late 1950's. The logo originally bore the words *NCRS Foundation* but was later changed to what we see today.
- ❖ The NCM offers build sheets and window stickers for any Corvette assembled in Bowling Green since the GM Plant opened in 1981.
- ❖ The longest-serving Corvette Assembly Plant Manager was (Wilmer) Wil Cooksey Jr. Wil and wife Liz live in Bowling Green and are active members of the Museum.

Thanks again to COD members who have purchased a **\$5** ticket to win a **1-year single membership in the NCM**. There will be another opportunity at our March monthly meeting just before we draw the winning ticket that evening! **Be sure to get your ticket; you may be the lucky recipient of a 1-year membership!**

We have compiled two lists of Bowling Green area accommodation that *might* still have vacancies for the NCM 25th Anniversary weekend (August 29-31). The first list includes all area hotels etc. that are business members of the Museum and we encourage you to contact them first. The second list includes all other area accommodation. Copies are available by email...just let us know. The lists are usable at any time of year...whenever you wish to visit the home of the Corvette. Thanks for Jan Raven for the idea!

It was five years ago, on February 12, 2014, that we collectively gasped when we heard what happened at the Museum. With skill, patience and dedication, most of the cars were repaired and all of them, in various states, are on display in the Museum rotunda. Online, however, you can access a 360⁰ interactive tour of the sinkhole! From the NCM website (www.corvettemuseum.org) click on the Explore – Exhibits menu, then select the Corvette Cave-In link. It's quite a sight!

A reminder about the 'Bash', sponsored by Michelin, taking place April 25 to 27. Registration open to all interested Corvette owners. Please join us! The Bash offers seminars and self-driving day trips and tours to interesting places within reach of Bowling Green. Corvettes for the next model year including Stingrays and Z06's are showcased, with GM reps on hand to answer your questions. The Bash **highlight** will be the new Vette friends you make!

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Thanks to some of our members, and especially John Fletcher and John Robinson, we have raised enough for 3 Memorial Bricks but we still require a total of \$ 140 for the balance.

David and I will be ordering the bricks in April so that they will be laid on the grounds of the National Corvette Museum with our other bricks in time for the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

If you are interested in donating to this cause, please see me at the March general meeting or contact me.

Also, if you are interested in arranging for your own personal brick to be placed with our Club Brick, please speak to either Ron & Sue or myself. Space is limited and time is running short to have them placed by Labour Day.

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From the Archives...

Sixth generation (C6 2005–2013)



Corvette C6 coupe with Ontario plate

For the C6 Corvette GM wanted to focus more upon refining the C5 than trying to redesign it. (*Corvette: Sports Car Superstar*, Editors of Consumer Guide, 2005.) This did not, however, prevent GM from trying to sell the C6 as being "all new" even though it was not. The press immediately saw through the marketing ploy and GM's use of "simply changing the part numbers" to further the claim even though a large number of the parts were actually interchangeable between the C5 & C6. *Car & Driver*, along with *Motor Trend* quickly noticed the inaccuracy, noting that the C6 was more an "evolution of the C5, instead of a complete redo". This even led C&D to term the C6 as the "C5 and 11/16ths". GM did give the C6 a nice face lift, reducing the exterior body overhangs for a noticeably overall reduction in outward dimension. The front headlights were also redone, deleting the traditional "pop-up" headlights, and thereby shedding a few more parts off of the list that could cause quality problems. Beyond that, the majority of the C6 differences focused upon a concerted effort to upgrade the interior quality. Some are quick to point to a change in wheelbase between the C5 and C6, but here again it was smoke and mirrors. The change was necessitated by the use of a different automatic transmission which resulted in the rear linkage points being relocated, thus presenting a "longer" wheelbase.

Many people have studied the change, however, and determined that it actually did nothing to alter the suspension geometry from the C5 and thus the "smoke & mirrors" idea that it was an "all new" geometry (NOTE: Interestingly, the C7 has returned to a "shorter" wheelbase more akin to the C5). If one were to Photoshop the C5, C6, and C7's basic chassis' frame to all be one color, they would look the same. So there was far more than just the front engine and rear transmission design of the C5 that was still very much present underneath the C6's skin.

With that said the C6 DID bring a new, higher level of interior sophistication and quality above the C5. As a result of the upgraded interior, the C6 had a slight increase in passenger hip room. It also sported an updated LS1/LS6 engine now called the LS2. This engine was primarily an LS1/LS6 with a bump in displacement from 5.7L to 6.0 liters. The increased displacement of the 6.0 bumped the LS2's horsepower up by 50 BHP over its LS1 progenitor, but it was still 5 BHP less than the upgraded LS6 engine found in the previous C5 Z06. Thus the LS2 was now at 364 cu in, and it produced 400 bhp (300 kW) at 6000 rpm and 400 lb·ft (540 N·m) at 4400 rpm, giving the vehicle a 0–60 mph time of under 4.2 seconds. Its top speed was 190 mph (310 km/h).

The C6 generation did not match the previous generation's relatively good [fuel economy](#), despite its relatively low 0.28 [drag coefficient](#) and low curb weight, achieving 16/26 mpg (city/highway) equipped with automatic or manual transmissions; like all manual transmission Corvettes since 1989, it is fitted with Computer Aided Gear Selection (CAGS) to improve fuel economy by requiring drivers to shift from 1st gear

directly to 4th in low-speed/low-throttle conditions. This feature helps the C6 avoid the [Gas Guzzler Tax](#) by achieving better fuel economy.

The new Z06 arrived as a 2006 model in the third quarter of 2005. It has a 7.0 L version of the [small block](#) engine codenamed [LS7](#). At 427.6 cubic inches, the Z06 was the largest small block ever offered from General Motors. Because of the Corvette's former use of 427 cubic-inch big blocks in the late-1960s and early 1970s, the LS7's size was rounded down to 427 cubic inches. Official output was 505 bhp (377 kW) and has a 0-60 mph (97 km/h) time of 3.7 seconds. Top speed is 198 mph (319 km/h). Another first for a Corvette, the Z06 featured a full aluminum chassis. The frame mirrored the C5/6 architecture but substituting aluminum hydroformed rails and aluminum extrusions and castings fore and aft. This dropped weight from 419 to 287 pounds while improving chassis stiffness.

For 2008, the Corvette received a mild freshening: a new [LS3](#) engine with displacement increased to 6.2 L (380 cu in), resulting in 430 bhp (321 kW) and 424 lb·ft (575 N·m) (436 bhp (325 kW) and 428 lb·ft (580 N·m) if ordered with the optional performance exhaust). The 6-speed manual transmission also has improved shift linkage and a 0-60 time of 4.0 seconds, while the automatic is set up for quicker shifts giving the C6 automatic a 0-60 time of 4.0 seconds, quicker than any other production automatic Corvette. The interior was slightly updated and a new 4LT leather-wrap interior package was added. The wheels were also updated to a new five-spoke design.



2009 Corvette Grand Sport Convertible



LS 3 Engine hand-built at Wixom, MI



2009 Corvette ZR1



2009 C6 Coupe in GT1 Race Livery

The ZR1 was formally announced in a December 2007 press statement by General Motors, where it was revealed that their target of 100 bhp (75 kW) per 1 L (61 cu in) had been reached by a new "LS9" engine with an Eaton-[supercharged](#) 6.2-liter engine producing 638 bhp (476 kW) and 604 lb·ft (819 N·m). The LS9 engine was the most powerful to be put into a GM production sports car. Its top speed was 205 mph (330 km/h).

The historical name Grand Sport returned to the Corvette lineup in 2010 as an entirely new model series that replaced the Z51 option. The new model was basically an LS3 equipped Z06 with a steel frame instead of aluminum. It retained many of the features of the Z06 including a wide body with 18x9.5 and 19x12 inch wheels, dry sump oiling (manual transmission coupes only), 6-piston 14" front brakes and 4-piston rear, and improved suspension. Manual powertrain equipped G/S coupe models receive a tweaked LS3 with a forged crank, are built in Z06 fashion by hand, and utilize a dry-sump oil system. The first three gears were also made shorter for better throttle response and faster acceleration. A new launch control system was introduced for all models that allows for sub-4-second 0–60. EPA is estimated 26 MPG highway, 1.0 G on skid pad.



2010 Corvette Grand Sport

Beginning with the 2011 model year, buyers of the Corvette Z06 and ZR1 were offered the opportunity to assist in the build of their engine. Titled the "Corvette Engine Build Experience," buyers paid extra to be flown to the Wixom, Michigan Performance Build Center. Participants helped the assembly line workers build the V8 engine, then took delivery of the car at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY, near the Corvette final assembly point.



Engine Build - installing springs.
Photo courtesy of Super Chevy online magazine.



Engine Build - side view
Photo courtesy of Super Chevy online magazine.

The last C6 Corvette was manufactured in February 2013.

In May 2013, a federal investigation of problems with more than 100,000 C6 lighting systems was announced.

2005	37,372	Sixth generation (C6) begins; New body is first with fixed headlamps since 1962; no Z06 model and a late convertible introduction.	C6
2006	34,021	Z06 debuts; 6-speed automatic with paddle shift available on non-Z06 models.	
2007	40,561	6-speed automatic paddle shift delays are reduced drastically compared to 2006. GM also introduced the <i>Corvette Z06 Ron Fellows Championship Edition</i> in 2007, with a total of 399 produced.	
2008	35,310	Mild freshening, LS3 introduced, all leather interior added (4LT, LZ3).	
2009	16,956	ZR1 model added, new "Spyder" wheels for Z06.	
2010	12,194	Grand Sport Coupe and Convertible added; replaces the Z51 performance package, launch control standard on MN6 models.	
2011	13,596	Wheel choices are updated; Larger cross-drilled brake rotors (13.4" front and 12.8" rear) available on Coupe and Convertible, or included with (F55) Magnetic Selective Ride Control. Z07 Performance Package introduced for Z06.	
2012	11,647	Upgraded interior and new tires on the base model. Z06 acquires full-length rear spoiler and a carbon fiber hood as options. ZR1 gets adjusted gears for better fuel economy. ZR1 Performance Package introduced, Z07 Performance Package tweaked with new wheels.	
2013	13,466	Introduction of "427 Convertible" model with a limited production run of 2,552 "427" units. 9 month production run.	



2007 Z06 Ron Fellows Championship Edition



2008 Z06 Will Cooksey Special Edition

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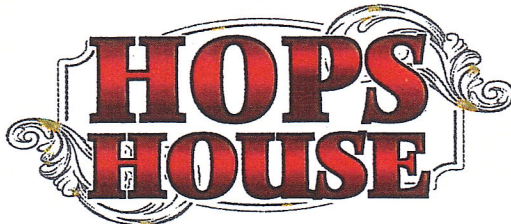
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Corvette Racing's next endeavor is the World Endurance Championship's *1000 Miles of Sebring* taking place on Friday, March 15, the day prior to the annual IMSA Twelve Hours of Sebring (Florida) on Saturday, March 16.

Corvette Racing will enter only one car for the WEC race; the No. 64 Corvette C7.R will be driven by Jan Magnussen, Antonio Garcia and Mike Rockenfeller, bringing the GTLM class to 11 cars from six teams. Familiar adversaries will be Ford, BMW and Porsche with two cars each as well as two cars from Aston Martin and a single entry from Ferrari. As I write this, livery colours haven't yet been announced but sources I've read expect the standard Corvette Racing Yellow and Black to be used.

Results from this and the 12-Hours of Sebring will be highlighted in our April newsletter.

Those COD members with the Discovery-Velocity channel on their TV, were fortunate to see the opening race of the season from Daytona January 26-27. It's doubtful that the WEC race will be televised on Velocity, but the 12-Hours of Sebring certainly will be.

During the 4-day Daytona event, the 2019 Corvette Grand Sport Drivers Series cars were revealed to the public. These editions were created by the four drivers individually collaborating with the Corvette design team. Starting with a Grand Sport Coupe, the drivers selected exterior colours and graphics combinations. A special Corvette

Racing decal appears on the exterior doors at the bottom with an interior plaque displaying the name of the Drivers Series with a unique sequence number for each car. Here are a few photos, courtesy of CorvetteBlogger.com:



Antonio Garcia - 2019 Grand Sport Coupe



Interior Name Plaque



Jan Magnussen 2019 Grand Sport Coupe



Tommy Milner 2019 Grand Sport Coupe



Oliver Gavin 2019 Grand Sport Coupe



Daytona reveal held under sunny skies!

Additional pricing is in effect for the 2019 Corvette Grand Sport Drivers Series: for 1LT or 2LT trim packages, it's \$4,995 extra and \$5,995 extra for the 3LT trim level package; both in US dollars!

At the Daytona Corvette Corral, Racing Program Manager Doug Fehan was asked if the four drivers get to keep the car they helped design. His reply: "as soon as they write a check!!"

Gorries Toronto, 1964.



COD WEBSITE

We're all familiar with our Club website but did you know...

- COD's website began in 2014
- John Fletcher (Fletch) is our Club webmaster
- Fletch posts various items on the website to showcase our Club...items such as photos of Club events, a link to Quad C, a membership application and a In Memorium page, paying tribute to friends and members who have passed
- Go Daddy is our website host
- They track the monthly stats - or number of hits (visitors) to the website
- Since inception, our website has had 27,605 hits!
- The average number of hits each month is 2,446!
- Have a look!!

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2019 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
March 8, 9 & 10	5 th Annual Motorama Custom Car & Motorsports Expo	Ken Gordon	International Ctr, Miss'auga Details from Ken and @ www.motoramashow.com	10am - 9pm Fri. 10am - 9pm Sat. 10am - 5pm Sun
Mar 20	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm mtg
Apr 17	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm mtg
April 25, 26 & 27	NCM Bash sponsored by Michelin	Ron Tremblay	National Corvette Museum Bowling Green, KY	8:00 am – 5:00 pm daily
May 15	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Amici's Trattoria, 1305 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm mtg
May 16, 17 & 18	C4 Gathering	Ron Tremblay	National Corvette Museum Bowling Green, KY	8:00 am – 5:00 pm daily
May 17, 18 & 19	Castrol Victoria Day Speedfest	Ron Tremblay	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville	8:00 am daily
May 26	WBCC Spring Fling	Steve Megill or Brian Striemer	Canadian Tire store 75 45 th Street Wasaga Beach	TBC
June 9	CCoW Waterfront Corvette Show	Steve Megill/ Brian Striemer	Dieppe Park on the Windsor waterfront	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
June 15	PRCC Show & Shine	Steve Megill or Brian Striemer	VanDusen GM Buick Chevrolet, Ajax	TBC
June 15 & 16	LeMans Race Weekend (live from LeMans France)	Ron Tremblay	National Corvette Museum Bowling Green, KY	7:00 am Sat – 10:30 am Sun
June 16	Yorkville Exotic Car Show	Norby Dippold	Bloor Street, Toronto	TBC
June 19	General Meeting	Ken Gordon	Venue TBA	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm mtg
June 23	DreamVettes	John Fletcher	Oshawa Motor Sales	8:00am – 2:00pm
July 4, 5, 6 & 7	Corvette Corral - Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix	Norby Dippold	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville	TBC
Aug 11	4 th Annual Crown Vettes Corvettes of Western Ontario show	Steve Megill or Brian Striemer	Lambeth Legion 7097 Kilbourn Rd, London	9:00 am – 1:30 pm
Aug 28 – 31	25 th Anniversary Celebration	Ron Tremblay	National Corvette Museum Bowling Green, KY	8:00 am – 5:00 pm daily