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President's Report



June 2021



This newsletter is a vital communications piece for the club and I hope everyone is reading it. John Fletcher does a fabulous job publishing our monthly newsletter. Thank you, John!

I commend Gail Schroer for her ongoing efforts to organize flowers, fruit baskets and cards to send to sick club members on behalf of the club. Thank you so much Gail!

I'm very appreciative of members volunteering their time to help. The club is better and stronger because of the many volunteers.

We had wonderful news this week that Marilyn had a liver transplant. I'm so very happy for Marilyn! I wish her a

speedy recovery and hope to see her soon at a club event.

Corvette season has arrived and we should be enjoying our cars with our COD friends. Let me know of any ideas you have for cruises that meet the requirements of the health units.

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Let's hope we can all get together very soon! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone.

Anne Halverson



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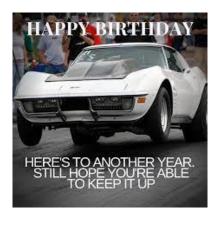
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Spring Cruise will be rescheduled once the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.

The Kingston Corvette Invasion has been cancelled for 2021 and has been rescheduled for June 17 – 19, 2022. Please ensure you contact your hotel to rebook and update the credit card info you gave them. John Price will be sending out an email re 2022.

Marilyn Gordon has had her liver transplant and is recovering at Toronto General Hospital. I spoke with Ken yesterday is she is now out of intensive care and in a regular hospital room. Get well soon Marilyn.

DREAMVETTES 2021

Dreamvettes 2021 is tentatively scheduled for September 26th subject to COVID restrictions. OMS will make the final call on the show. As always we will be looking for several volunteers, more details to come closer to show time.









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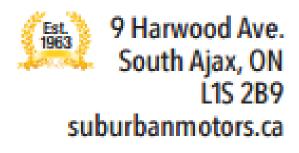


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Electric Corvette SUV ???

Just this week at GM's CES presentation, the company's Vice President of Global Design Michael Simcoe teased several electric cars. One particular model was speculated by several publications as a new Corvette electric SUV based on its headlight configuration. <u>Simcoe later refuted those rumors</u> and confirmed that it's actually a future Buick model – much to the relief of every purist out there.

Then again, it seems like the speculations of an upcoming crossover based on the <u>Chevy Corvette</u> aren't exactly off the map.

That's if we're to believe the recent report from *Bloomberg*, brought to light by *Automotive News*. According to *Bloomberg*'s sources, which requested not to be named, the General is now working on at least one electric Corvette SUV, which will signal the start of Corvette as a family of performance vehicles. If that strategy's familiar, well, that's parallel to what Ford did on the Mustang, which gave birth to the <u>Mustang Mach-E</u>.

The sources added that several Corvette-brand concept vehicle designs are already underway, courtesy of GM designers that are already working on the project. It could come out as early as 2025, the sources said.

Rumors of the Corvette spinning off as a <u>separate brand with an SUV and a sedan in</u> <u>the lineup</u> came out as early as 2019 when a number of GM insiders spilled the beans. Since then, the idea of a Corvette-based SUV/crossover lingers and as expected, people aren't happy about it.

With the automotive trend pointing towards electrification, along with the high demand for high-riding vehicles, we won't be surprised if GM will push through with this plan. The backlash from enthusiasts and purists alike will only add to the clout.



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May 30, 2021, at the 105th Indianapolis 500, a 2021 mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Hardtop Convertible will lead the 33-car field to the green flag. This 2021 Corvette will be the first convertible to pace the Indy 500 since 2008.

Tha Corvette will be driven by Danica Patrick...safe bet is she won't finish the race.



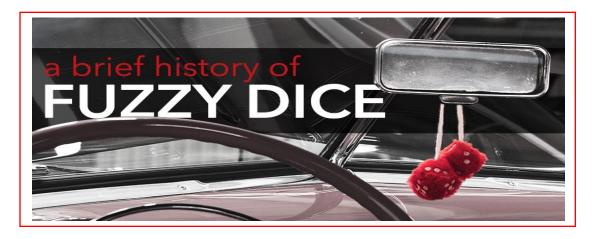


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Ever wonder why people hang fuzzy dice from their rearview mirrors?



Let's travel back in time to WWII.



Many soldiers gambled: their lives at war, their games of poker. If lucky dice won them a card game, why not a dog fight thousands of feet in the air?

After the war, pilots brought their lucky dice back home with them; from the air to the streets, and they became the symbol of a risk taker in street races culture.

To keep the plastic dice from melting in the sun, fuzzy, or furry dice were made in all kinds of colours and sizes.



The dice were soon adopted by the masses, and just as quickly became cliche and outdated by the 1990s.

Today, car-enthusiasts are rediscovering fuzzy dice as a symbol of nostalgia, and a show of appreciation for the veterans that served in World War II.

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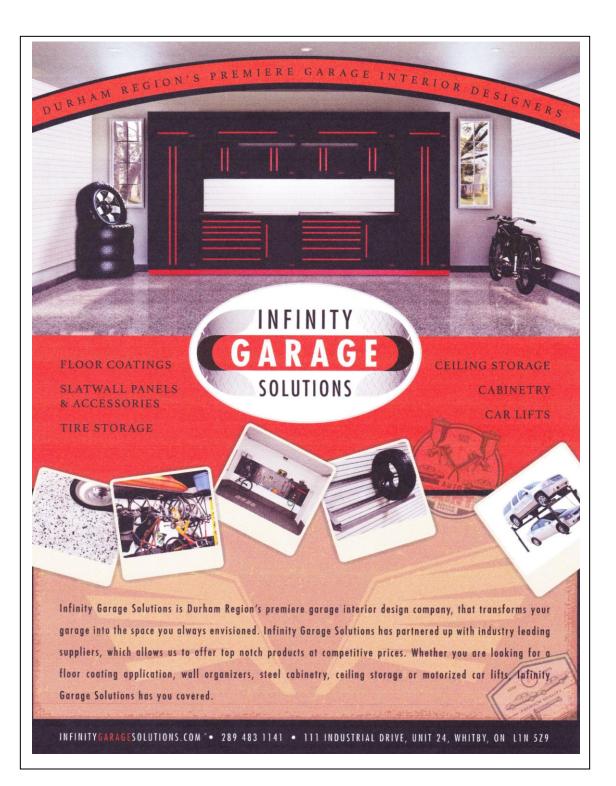
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National Corvette Museum eNews



Travel Awaits has listed the National Corvette Museum as one of the "9 Must-See Car Museums." Their article highlights the Museum's exciting Corvette Cave-in exhibit, where visitors can see the damage from the 2014 sinkhole, and the Skydome Generations exhibit. Visitors can see all Corvettes, old and new when they visit the Museum.



National Corvette Museum Expansion

Once again our beloved National Corvette Museum is planning on expanding.

The new expansion, a 30,000 sq. ft., 2 storey addition will almost double the current size of the NCM. For those who are familiar with the NCM, it will be on the

northwest side of the property and take over the big rig parking lot. It will house Speciality Exhibit Spaces and Rotating Displays, Education Centre for kids, private Lifetime Members Lounge and a Rooftop Members Lounge. It will also have a "Sensory Calming Room" for guests with unique needs. When the National Corvette Museum opened in 1994 we were still in the 4th Generation of the great American Sportscar. Now we are in the 8th Generation.

The first expansion of the National Corvette Museum was in 2009 when the NCM almost doubled in size at that time. Also, the grounds have changed dramatically over the past 20 years adding walkways, benches and lots of points of interest. At this time there is no set time for the new addition to be completed. For information on the expansion and other news of the National Corvette Museum go to the website. There is lots of interesting reading for Corvette enthusiasts.











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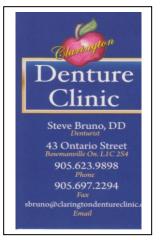
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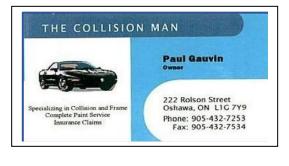




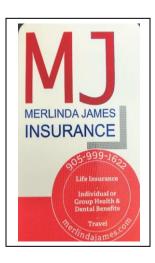
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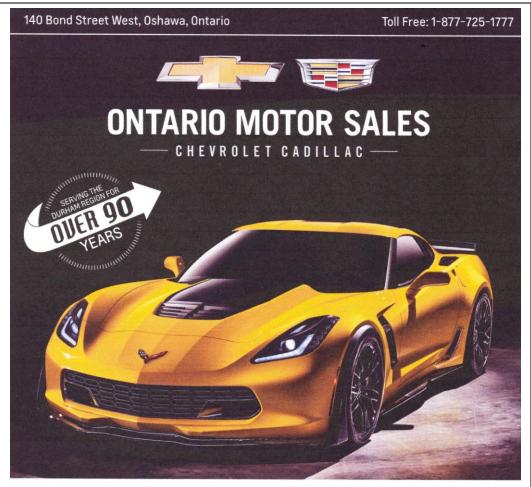




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NHRA launches new EV drag-racing class for 2022

The NHRA Summit Racing Series is about to have a whole new racing class that will likely cause a lot of stir in the drag racing world, though it won't create much noise on the track. The class, set to debut for the 2022 season, will allow electric vehicles to compete against one another in the guarter-mile. Electric vehicle racing is nothing new. Chevrolet showed off the eCOPO back in 2018, Ford tested the CobraJet 1400 at NHRA events in 2020, and Don "Big Daddy" Garlits himself has been toying with an electric dragster for years. There are some interesting benefits to an electric drag car. For one thing, an electric motor should offer more consistency, considering that atmospheric conditions don't come into play like they do with a combustion powerplant. The batteries and motors aren't cheap, but neither is a race engine, and an electric setup has fewer moving pieces that can break or foul or jam. What's common in drag racing, no matter the powerplant, is the skill required to read the track and get the perfect launch. Like their internalcombustion counterparts, EV drag cars will need parts to continue racing in top condition, and Summit Racing Equipment, the title sponsor of the aforementioned racing series, hopes to offer the same kind of support to EV racers that it has to fuel-burners for the last 50+ years. Likewise, the NHRA sees the benefit in giving racers a safe place to test and develop their cars, whether it's a Sportsman drag car like the CobraJet 1400 and eCOPO or a Tesla.

"The NHRA is excited to provide the OEMs a platform to showcase their EV technology, production, and racing efforts," said NHRA's vice president of competition Ned Walliser. "Adding an EV category to Summit Racing Series expands our involvement in EV racing and better solidifies our effort to provide a platform of Speed for All."

The NHRA is still cooking up class rules, but it hopes to have everything ironed out soon so that teams will have ample time to prepare for the 2022 season. As more manufacturers seek to get enthusiasts interested in electric vehicles, we may see new brand rivalries emerge on the drag strip.

Thanks to Haggerty Drivers Club for this article.

















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2021 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
May 30	Spring Cruise		TBD	
Sept 11	Corvette Diva Day	Roxanne Chiusolo	ТВА	
Sept 26	DREAMVETTES****	Ken Gordon	OMS	

****All dates are tentative based on Covid-19 restrictions****



