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We cannot say it often enough...



The cherry blossoms have blossomed and the Trilliums should now be in bloom.
Spring is finally here!





June 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ken Gordon

Well so much for the 2020 Season!

Want to welcome new members Ken & Jacquie Mackie and John & Lena Keating.

Unfortunately there will be no meetings but there will be self-distancing events starting with a Poker Run that Jan & Dave have organized for Sunday June 7th.

I just received the Quad-C membership cards from Rick McQuarrie. If there are any shows somewhere in the future don't hesitate to contact me if you plan to attend events and pick up your cards.

The Covid-19 Virus has taken a toll on everyone including myself. I was temporarily laid off in March and that turned into termination last week due to a complete lack of customers. Guess I'll do chores around the house and cottage for the summer and then look for employment in the Fall.

Really miss our get-togethers with you all!

Stay Healthy!!

Ken

PLEASE NOTE

**Owing to the Covic-19 pandemic, there will
no Club meetings until further notice.**



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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June Birthdays

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Mike Baker, 18th
John Fletcher, 27th
Brent Giffin, 30th



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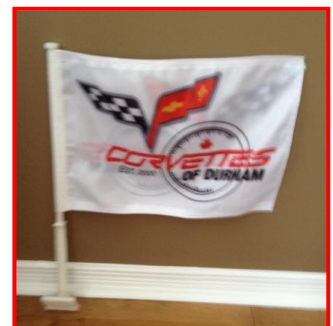
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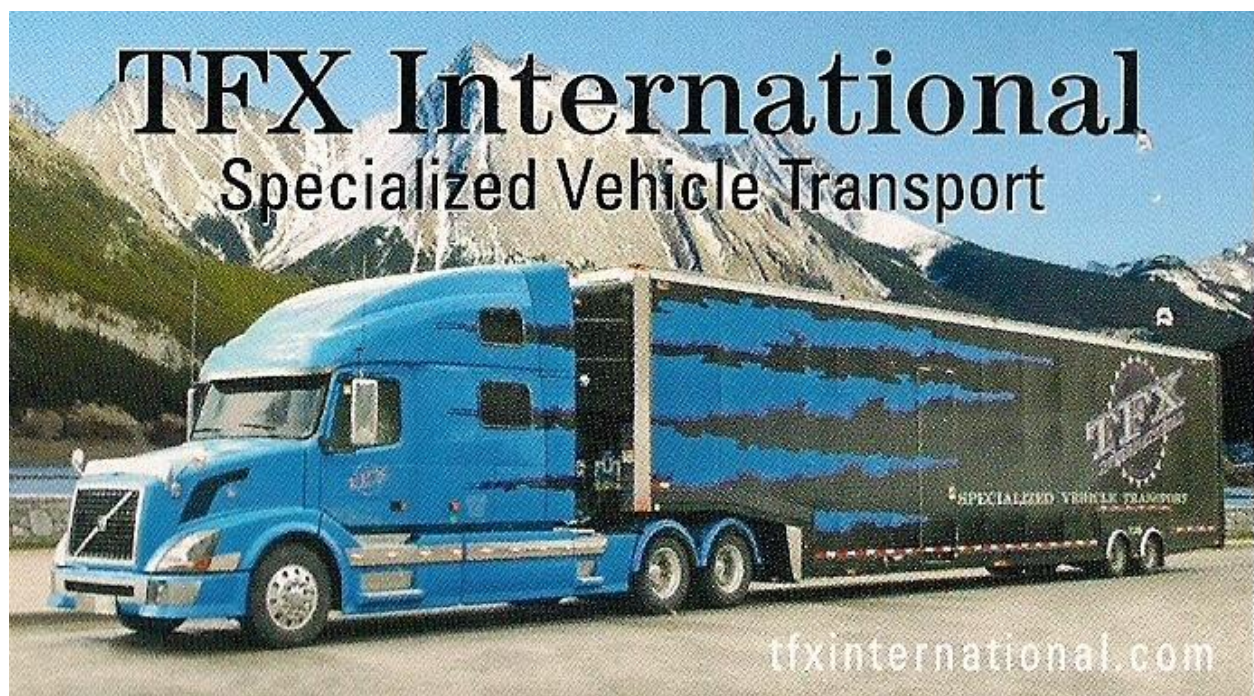
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We will take a reasonably short cruise from Oshawa along some local country roads and through some close small towns with some interesting sights. We will have five (5) stops including start and finish and we can stretch our legs. We will be picking up our poker cards from anything other than humans. This is an entirely outdoor, no contact, fun cruise.

Restroom stops are extremely limited (stop 3 & 5) so fill your gas tank and empty your own tank before you leave. We should arrive at our last stop around 1:00 p.m. We can get a hot dog, use the restrooms, keep our "social distancing" and we can enjoy each other's company while our poker hands are judged. You can bring your own lunch too.

I will send out more details before the cruise and I will have more information at Tim Horton's. You can contact me at (905) 852-1233 or furryface@powergate.ca.

Should be fun and interesting considering neither David nor I have any idea how to play poker.....! (And you wonder why I say "silly"?)

Jan

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On May 2nd, COD members Gloria & Don Chalmers celebrated **50 years of marriage!**

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

Then...and now...



May 2, 1970 at St. John's Norway Anglican Church in Toronto.



May 2, 2020 on the Church steps, for their 50th Anniversary.

Notice the Covid-19 masks? A gift created by COD member Linda Bunn.



A celebration cake, shared with family.



Thank You!

I want to express my appreciation to the Club for the flowers and get well wishes I received after my hip replacement surgery. My heartfelt thanks also to those who personally reached out to me. Your support and kindness meant so much during my challenging recovery days. I miss our gatherings, and hope our world returns to a reasonable normality soon. In the meantime, wishing you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer.

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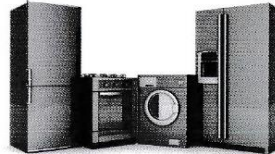
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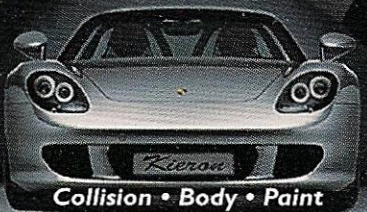
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20 Years of Memories.....

We were talking the other day about how it will be so nice to get back to our regular meetings and our social events. We started thinking about all the places we've been and the things we've done. Of course, all these memories would fill a very large book. So, we decided to pick a series of events – starting with all of the places we have met for regular meetings.

Now, we are going from memory, and we missed the first two years of COD meetings, so if anyone can fill in any holes – please do so – it will be fun.

We decided to drive to each place where we had regular meetings and take pictures of them – to see how they looked today. There are some familiar things and some that can't even be imagined.

When we joined the club the meetings were held at ICE SPORTS in Oshawa. I didn't remember the building but I sure remembered that outside, steep, steel staircase. I wonder how many of us could run up those stairs today. I think the building must have been new. (We also got lost trying to find the place).



Then we drove to the Oshawa Holiday Inn. It is now the Marriott and it has definitely been rebuilt! I remember we used to go to the meetings in a proper meeting room. Problem was we couldn't get a drink, a coffee or anything. They did give us each 2 sheets of paper, a 4" pencil and a glass of water. They charged us \$100 a meeting for use of the room.

From Oshawa we made our way over to Westney Road South to what used to be Shoeless Joe's (and the Keg). That place was okay. We were upstairs and the food was good but the lighting was terrible. I remember when Carl and Susan were getting married we had to pass around a card to sign. I bet they couldn't even read it when they got it. Just look at what that restaurant is today!!!!



Then we went to Papp's Restaurant (not Sabina's – Papp's). We had the large room on the north side. Big round tables that sat 10-12 people and the Executive had a Head table that stretched on forever.



Ron Boulter was president at the time. We all had lots of room to have dinner, keep notes, and have drinks, whatever. It was a party every single meeting. Today it sits vacant with a "FOR LEASE" sign on it.

We drove by Station Street Grill, or should I say the Muslim Community Centre

and Masjid. We were there a lot of years. We had great waitresses, great food and a lot of great times. We had hopes it wasn't gone forever but it was not to be.

Then we went to the Lone Star Grill. I think we had used that place on two stretches for meetings.



The location was a little on the west side of Durham for most members. The room was pretty good but the noise level (maybe that was us) was incredible. You couldn't hear a thing but the food was good and so were the drinks.

We almost forgot Amici. Must have been a mental block. Amici was okay but I guess we

didn't eat and drink enough for them. It served our purposes for awhile – until they asked us to move on.



And one I did forget? The Brock House in Whitby. I can't quite remember when we were there but it seemed every meeting night Brian Lindow was watching the Habs game in the other room. It's a nice restaurant but I think we outgrew it.



And finally, just for good measure we took a picture of Sabina's. They have been good to us over the years and I hope they are looking forward to having us back. We are sure looking forward to going back that is, going back to monthly meetings, and planning shows, and planning events and doing all things Corvette related – for at least another 20 years.



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ANDY PILGRIM

Andy Pilgrim's his love for racing would take him very far! He moved from the UK to the USA to work in 1981, working as a computer programmer while looking for a way to get into racing. He was 26 years old when first sat behind the wheel of a race car. Since then, Andy has achieved hundreds of podium finishes, many of them in a Corvette. He remains a likeable

and approachable gentleman to this day. Read more about Andy at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn-about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Andy-Pilgrim>



PATRICK DOLAN

Patrick Dolan's first Corvette was a fully loaded 1966 427 convertible with a teakwood wheel. He connected with others in the hobby by joining the Royal Corvettes of Western Michigan and the National Council of Corvette Clubs where he has been a member ever since. His love for Corvette combined with his energy, vision and organizational skills

made the role of National Council of Corvette Clubs President a natural for him. He was there from the beginning, with other like-minded people, to make the National Corvette Museum a reality. Read more about Patrick at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn-about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Patrick-Dolan>



GARY CLAUDIO

In various capacities at GM Gary Claudio brought back the idea of training dealerships on how to sell and service the Corvette. He was intimately involved with Corvette Special Editions like the Ron Fellows Z06, pace cars and Wil Cooksey editions. As Corvette Marketing Manager, he presided over the racing inspired launch of the ZR1,

came up with the ZR1 driving school and worked with Doug Fehan to develop the factory Corvette Racing Program that is running today. And he started Corvetteracing.com, Badboyvettes.com, and he also named the Corvette mascot, "Jake." Read more about Gary at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn-about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Gary-Claudio>

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The Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant remains CLOSED to the public until further notice.

MICHELIN NCM VIRTUAL BASH:

Understandably during this virus pandemic, the Michelin NCM Bash became “virtual” on May 28 & 29. We participated by Zoom on both days; the original Bash agenda was pared down to accommodate this new format and still included sessions by Corvette Racing Team Manager Doug Fehan, Assembly Plant Manager Kai Spande, a Mobil 1 Tech Talk, a Michelin Tech Talk (and giveaways of 2 sets of tires!), the opening of the new Performance Gallery and several other topics. Opening and closing remarks each day were given by the Museum’s CEO Dr. Sean Preston and Chair of the Board, Glenn Johnson.

Highlights of interest:

Assembly Plant Update with Kai Spande

- Assembly Plant opened May 25th, a slow, steady start to ensure safety & quality; and allow staff to regain muscle memory after 6 weeks off; only 15 cars produced on May 26th
- Covid-19 protocols in place at entry & exit of Plant; all workers wear masks
- Shipping of new cars will commence approx. 2 weeks following assembly
- Plant Manager could not say when all tours will start again due to the pandemic
- No parts or supplies shortages; most suppliers have been working throughout.

Corvette Racing Update with Doug Fehan

- Team is ready for reopening of the season, July 4 at Daytona
- Full crew will be at work June 1st to prep the cars for the race
- A new BOP will be in place for Daytona; but it’s a continuous process, never a ‘final’ BOP
- Testing was cancelled during the Covid, no testing possible prior to July 4 race
- He sees improvement in the core group of competitors, with Porsche the most improved; Ferrari is always a challenge; all three competitors are able to win.
- Highest competition in racing is in IMSA.
- Corvette Racing fans are the most educated and passionate at the track!

General

- The NCM will **reopen** to the public on **June 8th**
- Marshall Performance Gallery and the Entombed Corvette exhibit are officially open; both well worth a visit!
- Two new colours for the 2021 C8 Corvettes: Silver Flare Metallic (replacing Blade Silver) and Red Mist Tint Coat Metallic (replacing Long Beach Red)
- No price increase for 2021
- 20,181 orders are in the system for 2020 C8 Corvettes.

There is excellent Virtual Bash coverage in the May 28 & May 29 editions of *corvetteblogger.com* as well as the May 30 NCM weekly e-newsletter.



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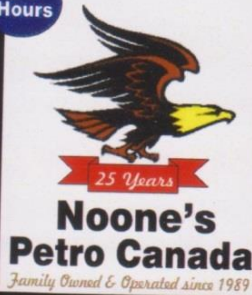
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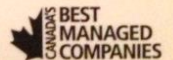
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- 6) 2 Serpentine Belts 86, 87.
- 7) Rear View Mirror 84, 85, 86.
- 8) 8 Stock brake lines 84 thru 87.
- 9) Headlight gear set 84 thru 87.
- 10) 4 Misc. manuals Parts Cat, GM M907, Haynes, Chilton, VHS Maint. Video 84 thru 87.
- 11) Corvette Front Plate fill in Corvette Red 84 thru 89. 12) Corvette Front Plate plexi cover 84 thru 89.
- 13) 1 Delco Bose speaker cover 84 thru 89.
- 14) 2 MAF relays 10094701 and 2 10067925 unknown if working.
- 15) Relays 3 10067925 (2 new in box), 2 4078907 not in box, 4 10094701 (2 new in box).
- 16) AC polished dress cover 84 thru 87.
- 17) Master cylinder dress cover 84 thru 87.
- 18) Power Antenna relay 86.
- 19) 86 EPROM.
- 20) Air Cleaner Cover 84 thru 89.
- 21) Right hand Sun visors 84 thru 87.

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Corvette Confirms 24H Le Mans Withdrawal



Photo Credit: Richard Prince for Corvette Racing

Corvette Racing has confirmed to the ACO that it will be withdrawing from this year's 24 Hours of Le Mans amid ongoing concerns over the Coronavirus pandemic. The decision will likely break a 20-year streak of consecutive appearances by the factory Corvette team at Le Mans.

Link to story:

<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2020/05/11/corvette-racing-withdraws-from-the-24-hours-of-le-mans/>

IMSA Revises the 2020 Racing Schedule

As of May 15th, Corvette Racing's schedule for the remainder of the 2020 season has been revised. See <https://www.imsa.com/news/2020/05/15/imsa-announces-updated-return-to-racing-plan/> for the schedule. You'll notice that CTMP is **not** included. Races are not yet cleared for fan attendance.

Corvette Racing Crew Chief Dan Binks Retires



After nearly 40 years in motor racing, Corvette Racing's Crew Chief Dan Binks has announced his retirement. A leader on pit row and in the garage for the Corvette Racing team since 2002, Dan has been a part of winning racing teams since the early 1980s. Dan Binks is popular among Corvette fans and a friend to many in the Corvette Racing family. Dan told us he likes coming to CTMP so he could attend the Blackstock Tractor Pull! Dan did a Q&A session at the Corvette Corral in July, 2011 sharing interesting bits of team lore. We will miss seeing Dan, his wife and family at the track; they are very approachable people. Most years they drove to CTMP in their motorhome either before or after the Watkins Glen race, depending on the schedule, and parked at the track along with other campers.

During the August 26, 2009 Race Fest in downtown Toronto, the only parking space available for the CR haulers (and the race cars) was inside the Skydome. At the conclusion of Race Fest, the familiar yellow No. 3 Corvette Racing car needed to be returned to the Skydome. Dan Binks drove the No. 3 along King Street, with heads turning to see what the loud car was. He stopped for a red light and what should pull up beside him, but a Toronto Police cruiser. Uh-oh, thought Dan. He turned off the ignition, looked over at the cop & nodded; the cop returned his nod and at the green light, Dan started up the Corvette and slowly continued along King Street. King Street was never louder than that afternoon! Dan's replacement has not yet been announced.

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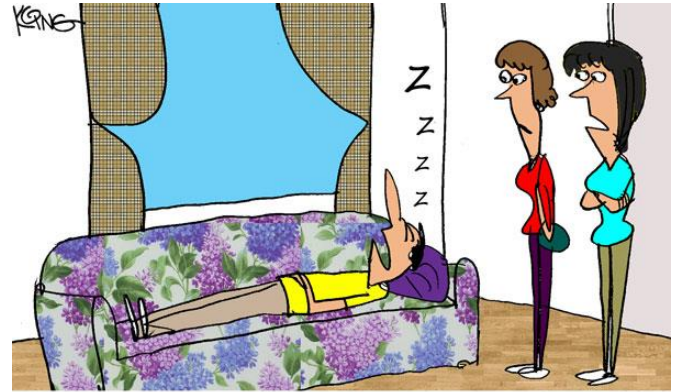
"When I said you spend so much time in your Corvette you might as well sleep in it, I was being sarcastic."



"I see you parked that piece of junk of yours right next to my Corvette. Barnes, you're fired."



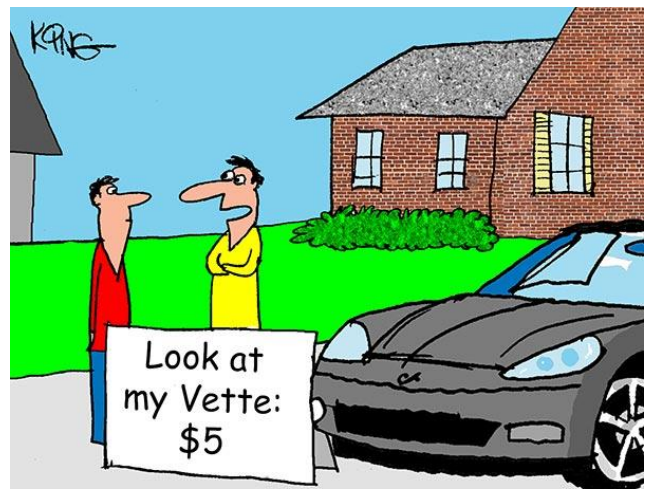
"Did you really think you were going to get away with slamming your door into that Corvette in that parking lot 60 years ago?"



"The winter got him out of shape. Cleaning his Corvette's windows wore him out."



"All 2,000 members are out driving their cars. I put up all these chairs up for nothing."



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Corvettes of Durham thanks health-care workers with hospital drive-by parade

COVID-19 Community Champions in Durham

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Corvettes of Durham celebrated its 20th anniversary on April 26 by paying tribute to front-line health workers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic with a parade past Durham Region hospitals, including Lakeridge Health Oshawa. - Corvettes of Durham photo

DURHAM — The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic can bring feelings of isolation and fear for Durham residents, but that's not the whole story. Across the region there are remarkable people reaching out (in safe ways) to support and raise up others. Your community newspaper wants to bring you these examples of hope and heart in the midst of the regular pandemic coverage.

Champ name: Corvettes of Durham club members.

How they create connection across the physical

distance: The [Corvettes of Durham](#) club is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. All the events planned to celebrate had to be cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, the club members decided to use their anniversary to pay tribute to health workers with a drive-by parade past most of hospitals in Durham Region on Sunday, April 26.

Decorated with signs of support and thanks for those on the front line of the pandemic, the Corvettes purred past the Lakeridge Health hospitals in Bowmanville, Oshawa and Ajax. The Corvettes of Durham club has been longtime supporters of Lakeridge Oshawa and donated \$50,000 to the cancer centre.

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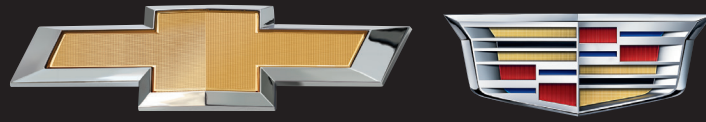
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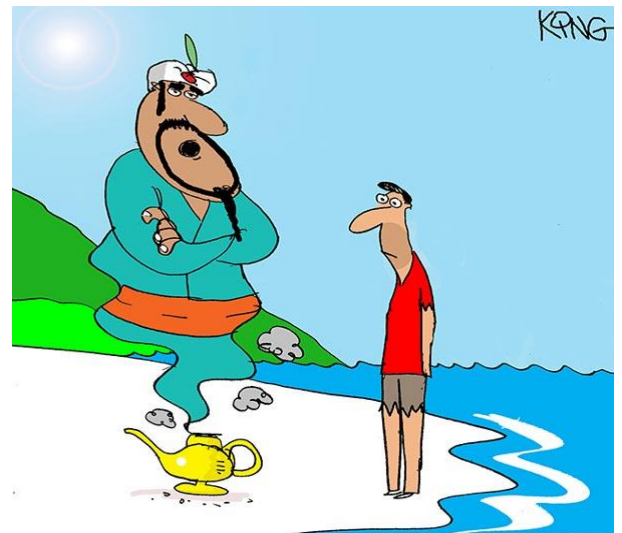
"As soon as you get fitted for your wings, an angel will escort you to the Corvette dealership where all the cars are free. Welcome to Heaven."



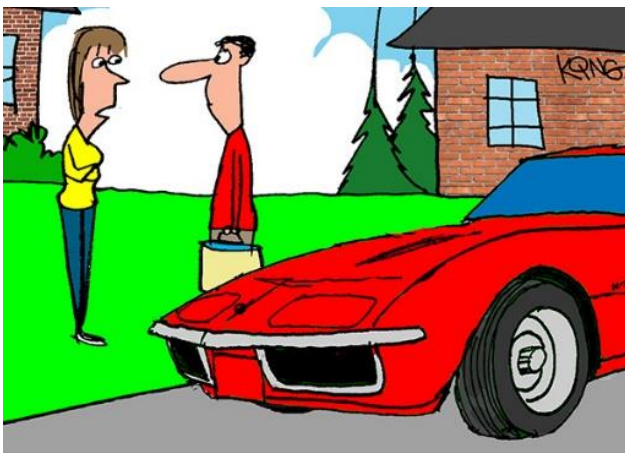
"Our Corvette and the garage door are working together. Every time the weather is bad, the Corvette convinces the door not to open."



"You need to exercise, and my Corvette needs waxed. If it worked for the Karate Kid, then it can work for you."



"I gave you 3 wishes, and you wished for 3 Corvettes. Shouldn't one of your wishes be to get off this island?"



"When you said you were going to do the spring cleaning, I thought it meant cleaning the house, NOT just your Corvette."



"And the new hood scoop is functional. It sucks the doors off Porsches."

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2020 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug 16	WBCC Summer Fling Show	Brian Striemer	Canadian Tire Parking Lot Wasaga Beach	TBA
Saturday Sept 12	CCCC-ER Recognition Awards & Memorial Cruise	Brian Striemer	Essa Township	TBA
Sunday Sept 13	20 th Annual DreamVettes & GM Show	Ken Gordon	Ontario Motor Sales 140 Bond St. W, Oshawa	8:30 am – 2:00 pm

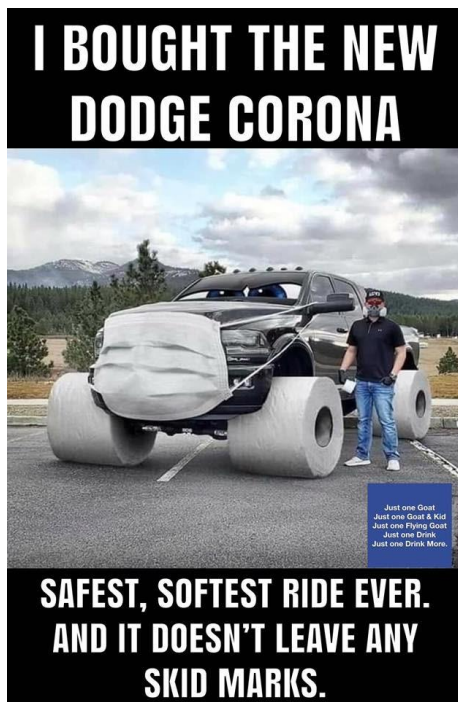
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