COD Communications

Looking for a new *President* edition.



I received a call from this guy, he said if we're looking for a new president he's available. I told him that he had to be a member of Corvettes of Durham. He called that 'fake news' and hung up.



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Acting Presidents Report



Welcome Spring! April is a month of transition and it symbolizes newness and promise. Just like the month of April, Corvettes of Durham is in a period of transition. We are working towards fostering an inclusive, friendly, collegial atmosphere focused on the shared enjoyment of our Corvettes.

Please consider volunteering your time and ideas to help support the club. I welcome any thoughts you have for social events, cruises or locations for meetings. Also, there are a few vacant positions on the Executive Committee, which are not elected positions and we are looking for volunteers to fill them. Our club will be even more successful with a strong

volunteer base to build up our Corvette community.

March 31st was the deadline for nominations for President, Vice-President and Secretary. Judy Robinson and Patty Dippold have kindly volunteered to help with the elections process. Stay tuned.

Planning is well underway for a short cruise to be held on Sunday, May 2^{nd.} It will be wonderful to finally get together. Details will be communicated shortly.

Dreamvettes has been scheduled for September 26th. Let's hope lockdown season is long gone and that we have beautiful weather that day. Since we had to cancel our show last year, Dreamvettes 2021 will be extra special and will bring back a feeling of normalcy. We'll need volunteers for the many tasks that make our Dreamvettes event run smoothly – organizing the advertising, registration, 50/50 draw, raffles, judging, trophies, and so on. Please let me know what you can help with.

Corvette driving season has arrived, so let's hear those engines roar!

Anne Halverson, Acting President



Corvettes of Durham was established in 2000. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm but have cancelled our site meetings due to COVID restrictions. 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 one of the COD Executive know.

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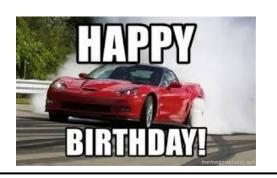


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April Birthdays

Bruce Gagnon	4th
Sam Dickey	15th
Clayton Read	15th
Connie Collins	16th
Joe DiBattista	18th
Brian Baker	26th
Ron Langlois	28th





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COD Newsletter News

Seems our previous newsletter editor is MIA so I have temporarily volunteered to publish it (again). This is your newsletter so if you have something Corvette related that may be interesting send it to me or you're not going to be reading much in future editions. I don't want to know about your sex life, unless you do it in your Corvette, and then I'll need details and the names of the paramedics who extracted you from your car. If your lifetime ambition is to become a newsletter editor I can fulfill your dream and make it happen...just call...it pays twice as much as the Website manager.



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First Corvette C7.R to sell at public auction commands \$855K.

OUR OWN SHINING STAR

A BIG shout out to Shirley and her friend Cheryl who at last count helped at least 100 Durham seniors including some COD members book their COVID-19 appointments. Shirley is on a mission to ensure everyone gets their Covid vaccine when they are eligible so that life as we knew it can get back to normal as soon as possible.

THANK YOU girls very much!

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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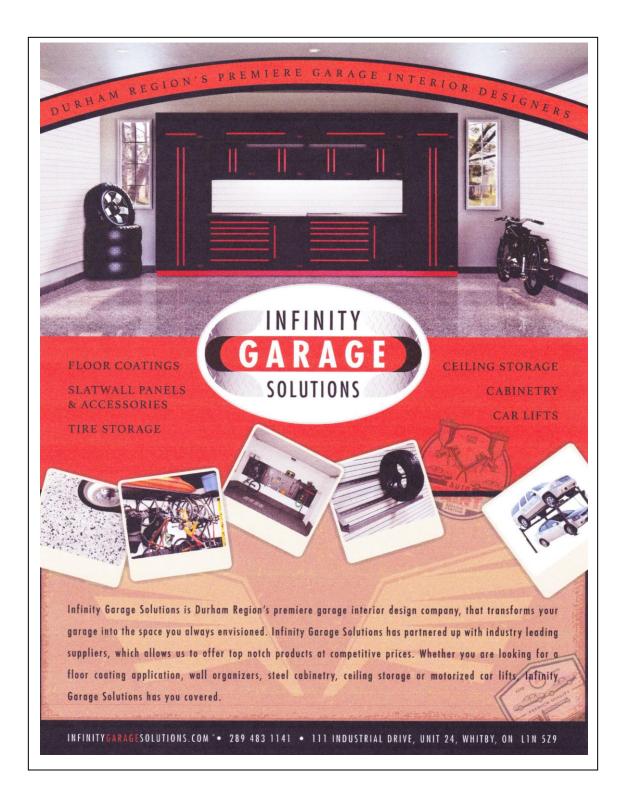


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It Takes a Village



The Story of Zora



By: Ron Langlois

I want to thank Mr. Zora Arkus Duntov, the Belgium born American engineer for his 3 page letter titled "Thoughts Pertaining to Youth, Hot Rodders, and Chevrolet" addressed to his superior, Maurice Oiley, Chevrolet Motor Division's Director of Research and Development, forever changing the course of General Motors' performance path.

To use the excerpt:

"The hot rod movement and interest in things connected with hop up and speed is still growing. As an indication: the publications devoted to hot rodding and hop-upping, of which some half dozen have a very large circulation and are distributed nationally, did not exist some 6 years ago.

I was one of those influenced youths, and now, I am the proud owner of one of these Corvettes which carries the first letter of Zora's name, the letter Z. My plate for my 2006 Z06 Corvette, carries the plate Z06KRUZR, in part a salute to Zora Arkus Duntov, who in a typewritten letter, on December 16. 1953, changed GM performance car history.

The article can be found on: http//ryno.co/blog/43-cathcing-some-zs



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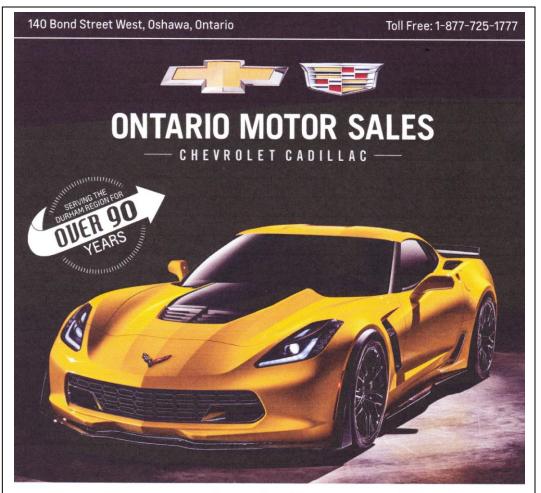


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FOR CORVETTE ENTHU\$IA\$T\$...

We all love our Corvettes regardless of the year or model but on the Collectors Market here are the 15 most valuable Corvettes as of June 2020. Of course, all of the prices are "estimates" of the "experts"!

15. 1953 Corvette - \$ 660,000 U.S.

There were only 300 of them made and it is estimated that only 100 remain in the world today. They were all white with a red interior and had a 6 cylinder motor with a 2 speed Power Glide Transmission.

14. 1963 Z06 - \$ 1,100,000 U.S.

Although all 1963 split window Corvettes are valuable there was only 199 of the Z06 built. It was limited production, with a very powerful engine, bigger fuel tank and larger brakes. Very rare.

13. 1963 Grand Sport - \$ 6,000,000 to \$ 8,000,000 U.S.

The were only 5 of these Corvettes built before Chevrolet's Racing Program shut down in the early sixties. All of them are still around and are either in private collections or museums and very rarely do you ever see one for sale.

12. 1967 L88 - \$ 3.950.000 U.S.

The 1967 Corvette was offered with the 427 option but then GM added the L88 option. Only 20 cars were made with these options so today they are very, very rare.

11. 1967 L89 - \$ 1,000,000 U.S.

Even rarer than the Corvette above was the 1967 with the L89 package but they don't carry the same price tag. The L89 is easier to fake and collectors don't want to take the chance buying a fake!

10. 1969 ZL1 - \$ 2,000,000 U.S.

The 1969 ZL1 had a "monster all aluminium" 427 V8 and over 500 h.p. It wasn't made public as an option so only insiders at GM knew about it. The only 2 made are still around - somewhere.

9. 1969 L88 - \$ 2,860,000 U.S.

Only 116 of the 1969 L88 were built. The L88 was a very expensive option so very few were ordered.

8. 1970 Baldwin Motion Corvette - \$ 800,000 U.S.

Baldwin Motion, a dealer/muscle car tuner turned these cars into rocketships! Only 6 were built and they hardly ever come up for sale but remain in personal collections.

7. 1971 ZR1 - \$ 400,000 U.S.

This ZR1 small block, high revving motor was intended for racing. Only 8 were built and only one was a convertible. Who knows where they are today.

6. 1971 ZR2 - \$ 500,000 U.S.

The 1971 ZR2 was a 454 V8. Only 10 were built. They are very fast, vary rare and if you ever see one for sale at the price of \$500,000 - buy it! It's a steal!

5. 1983 Corvette - Priceless!

Only one of these cars remain and it is on display at the National Corvette Museum. A few were made but none were offered for sale. It is owned by GM and is not for sale for any price.

4. 1986 "Cooper Metallic" - \$ 30,000 U.S.

Nothing special about this C4 except for its paint job. Only 86 were made so Collectors love it.

3. 1988 Sledgehammer - \$ 225,000 U.S.

Callaway's Sledgehammer made headlines in 1988 when it broke production speed and topped out its 800 h.p. motor at 258 m.p.h. This is a one of kind!

2. 1995 Gulstrand GS90 - \$ 200,000 U.S.

The original sticker price was \$ 200,000 U.S. so only 6 were sold. Dick Guldstrand was a racer/tuner that loved to play with the ZR1.

1. 1994 Grand Sport - \$ 50,000 U.S.

The end of the C4 run had unique paint job, 330 h.p. and came in either coupe or convertible. Only 1,000 were built. It is very popular with collectors.

So there you have the experts pick of the 15 Rarest Corvettes. What would be on your list?











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NCM Report

Jan Raven

National Corvette Museum eNews

Have you looked at the National Corvette Museum weekly newsletter?

It is filled with all kinds of good Corvette things. It gives a snapshot of what's happening at the NCM including the Calendar of Events.

On April 22 & 23 the Annual Bash will be held on site and virtual. It's a fun thing to attend and to watch from home. Originally, it was only for C5 & C6 models but it was so popular they included the C7 and now the C8. With things the way they are in the world, lots of events have become virtual which means lots more Corvette Enthusiasts can enjoy them.

Go to NCM eNews. You can subscribe to it or just read it when you feel like it. I am sure everyone will find something of interest. We've been reading it for 30 years and we still aren't bored.

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1969 L-88



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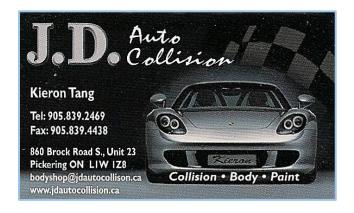


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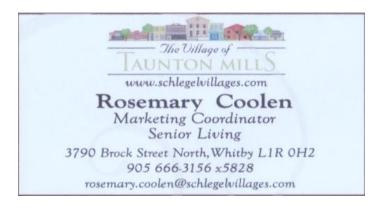


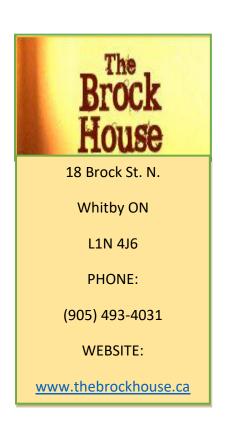














Thanks from Rosanne



I received a wonderful surprise today when Ed & Gail Schroer dropped by with a lovely floral arrangement. It cheered me up and assists in my road to recovery.

It is great that our club not only represents itself in various social engagements but is also there to cheer up those in their time of need. It was great chatting with Ed and Gail.



TO ANNE, SUSANNE, BRIAN, RON, KEN AND FLETCH

For stepping up to the plate when we needed you!!!

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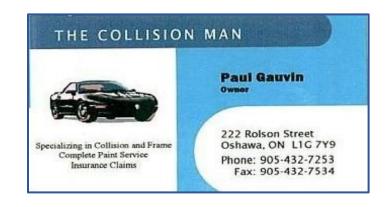


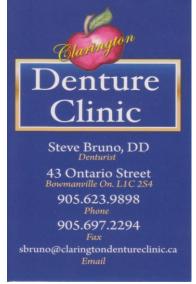
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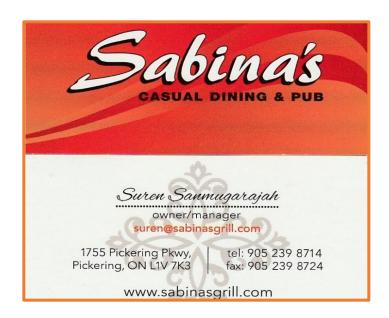












2021 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
May 2	Spring Cruise TBA		ТВА	
Sept 11	Corvette Diva Day	Roxanne Chiusolo	ТВА	
Sept 26	DREAMVETTES****	Ken Gordon	OMS	

****This date is tentative based on Covid-19 restrictions****

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