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May 2019



President's Report

By Ken Gordon

Sorry this report is a little late.

This past weekend was very busy. Our Daughter borrowed our house to hold a Bridal Shower for our youngest Daughter, so I escaped to take our Granddaughter to Uxbridge Arena for her Hockey try-out (she's in!!) - very proud Grandpa.

The weekend before several members drove to Penetang for Jim Prescott's Memorial that was arranged by Cecile and Family. It was a long drive, but well worth it. Jim will be very missed. Then Sunday was our Annual Spring Cruise. Elmhurst Resort never disappoints to accommodate and please our Club with an amazing assortment at the Buffet Lunch. Thank You Mother Nature for the sunshine! Great turnout for a short notice cruise. Thanks to everyone who attended.

"NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS" - unless you have a Doctor's Note for our biggest Show/Fundraiser, better known as DreamVettes on June 23rd, your participation is expected but not mandatory. Just please plan to attend. More importantly please pre-register for the event. Pre-Registration makes it a lot easier for the volunteers at the registration table. There is no cost to Corvettes of Durham members, just come out and enjoy!

There will be several Members driving up to attend the Wasaga Beach Show this month at the Canadian Tire Store on Sunday May 26th. There will be a separate e-mail sent out to all members with the information on where and when to meet.

See you all at Amici for our General Meeting Wednesday May 15th.

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 Director know.

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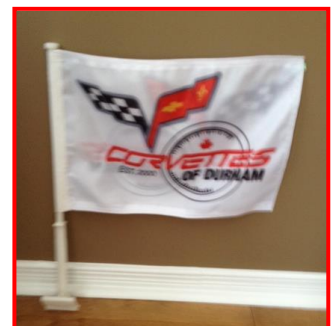
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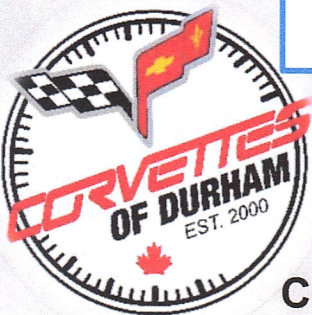
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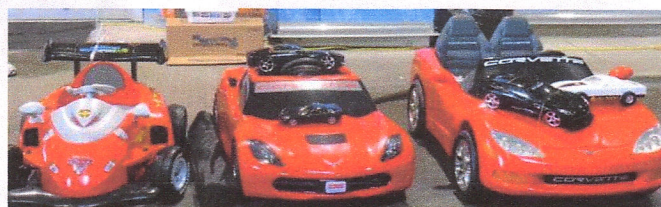
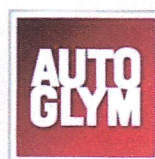
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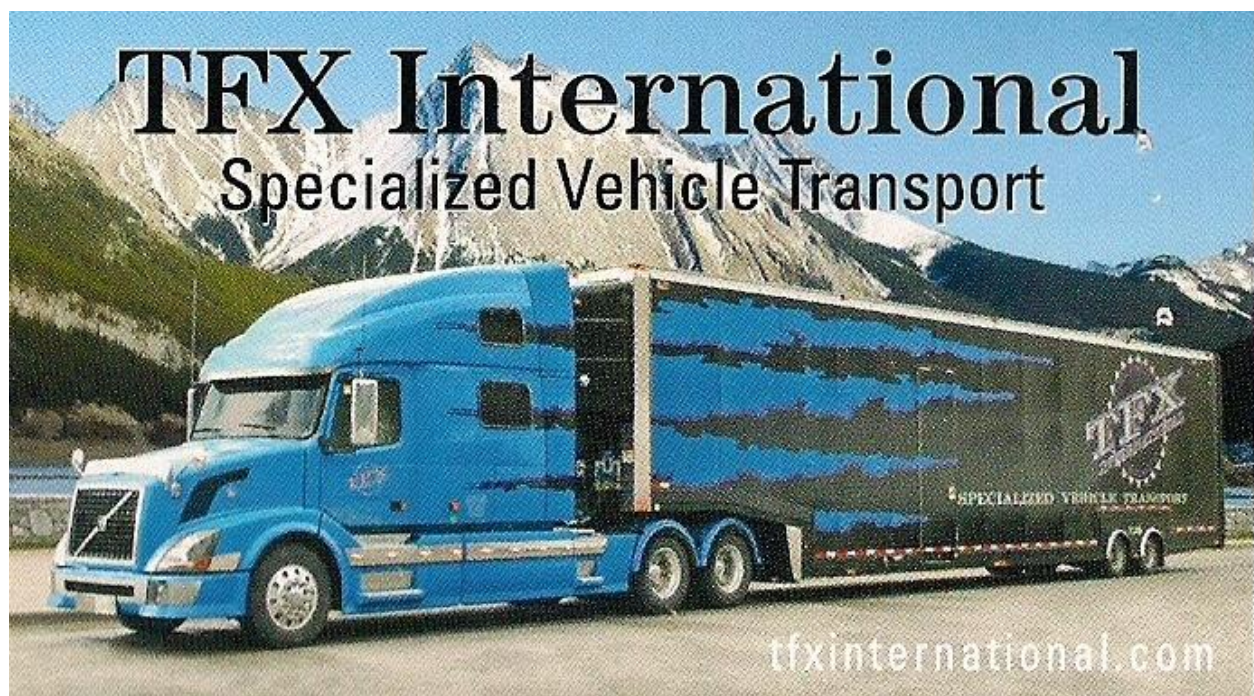
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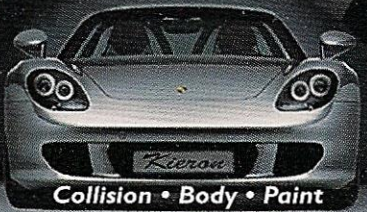
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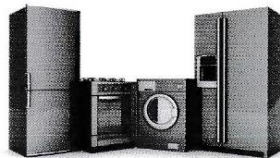
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SPRING CRUISE to ELMHIRST, Sunday, April 28, 2019

by Patti Bartlett



It was a chilly day for the end of April, but thankfully it wasn't raining.

Thirteen Vettes, and one steel car headed out for a much anticipated nice brunch. Despite the chill in the air, it was nice and warm inside the Vette with the sun shining down. We had a good, smooth ride. Great to get the Vettes on the road again after a long winter, all performing very smoothly.

It was a picturesque drive, through small towns and villages. There were some interesting-looking shops, that might bear going back to see one day. Many people working on their yards - some stopped to watch us cruise by, some waved.

Past Bailieboro, we saw what I believe were bald eagles, five or six, soaring in the sky - white heads and tails. Magnificent. There have been quite a number of reports of sightings in the area.

In Keene, we passed a diner called Muddy Pit BBQ. A friend tells me it is very good, and worth stopping to eat there one day.

The brunch was excellent. Lots of variety and good service, very friendly staff. A pretty sight looking out over the lake. Animated conversations, laughter - friends having a good time.

\$95.00 went to Janine Giffin, the winner of the 50/50 draw. There were also four additional draws for beautiful gift baskets, won by Brent Giffin, Ron Boulter (2!!) and Patti Bartlett.

We had a very relaxing, fun brunch. Afterwards, some went for a walk around the property, some were planning on doing some sightseeing on the way home.

A great cruise!

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Wasaga Beach Corvette Club Spring Fling Event

This year Wasaga Beach Corvette Club is hosting the Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs Eastern Region CONCOURS NATIONALS - Signature Competition



This will be the only judged event this year. For information on the Concours Signature series please visit the Quad-C web site for the Rules and Judging form.

The pre-registration form is available at:

<http://www.wasagabeachcorvetteclub.com/spring-fling-2019.html>

For those attending this year we will be meeting at Sabina's Restaurant in Pickering (Brock and 401) at 8:30 am. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Brian Strierner (email: strierner@bell.net)

What to Help with COD Events?

Volunteer Sign Up sheets have been developed to provide members an opportunity to volunteer at various events throughout the year. The sheets are circulated at Membership 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!

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Here is more interesting Museum data:

- ❖ The **Corvette Hall of Fame** was established by the National Corvette Museum in 1998 to confer official recognition upon the most influential individuals in the history of the Corvette and honour their achievements.
- ❖ Some of the 20+ racing drivers inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame include Canada's own Ron Fellows (2011), Andy Pilgrim (2012) and Johnny O'Connell (2013).
- ❖ Inductees' bios are available on the Museum's **Corvette Hall of Fame** pages, but here a few, starting with some of the earliest:



Designer **Larry Shinoda** was inducted in 1998, in the first group of inductees. He was inducted in the GM/Chevrolet category in recognition for his stunning design of the Corvette Sting Ray that debuted in 1963. Read more at

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/larry-shinoda/>



Zora Arkus-Duntov is another of the six inductees of 1998, also in the GM/Chevrolet category. After joining GM in 1953, Zora changed the Corvette into one of the most respected sports cars in the world and was known as the patron saint of the Corvette. Learn more at

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/zora-arkus-duntov/>



Dick Guldstrand, inducted in the Racing Category in 1999, studied electronics in college but his heart was "pinned on a tattered '56 Corvette." Racing called and over the years he won dozens; later, he designed and built high performance cars for competition and played an enormous role in the development and testing of the 1985 Corvette, setting many new track records. You can read more

at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/dick-guldstrand/>

These Inductees are an integral part of our Museum and its history.

BASH REPORT: The 2019 NCM BASH was great fun with 1200 people registered and hundreds of Corvettes of various colours and styles gracing the parking lots, including *yours truly*. In a nutshell:

- Of interest to Corvette Racing fans, we attended the Racing Banquet which featured Doug Fehan, Corvette Racing Manager. He shared the stage with the Chief Tire Engineer for Michelin US, Lee Willard. Lee is the designer of the Michelin tires used by the Racing Team and the tires that are on your Corvette when it leaves the Assembly Plant. Together they talked about the Team's progress so far this season and their aspirations for upcoming races and how those tires affect lap time and their grip to the road or track surface. A Q&A followed and when asked about the new C8 mid-engine Corvette, they both claimed to know nothing about it 😊

- Two days later however, a C8 mid-engine in camo, did a drive-by at the Museum. The Museum emptied as we all wanted a glimpse of this car, other than what we've only thus far saw online. The C8 drove into the NCM property and slowly & sedately drove around the circle. Only as it exited the property, did the driver step on it a touch! Ctrl + click to follow the link and see for yourself:



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- Back in 1976 GM intended a mid-engine concept to be the future generation Corvette with rotary engines replacing cylinder engines. GM, however, didn't go through with this plan and the one experimental mid-engine from that time period was saved. We saw it in the display area of the Museum. Let your imagination run !!
- Ron attended the Michelin tire seminar where the discussion centered on the shared technical aspects of the race and street car tires; also a discussion on race tire compounds. Other GTLM teams felt Corvette Racing has better tires and compounds; to satisfy that concern, tires were switched among teams in the same class. The result? No discernable difference was found!
- We each spent some hours volunteering in the Corvette store, tagging new products.
- Numerous vendors sold car care items. For the ladies there was jewelry to buy, a fashion show and the Ladies Spa seminar led by GM women engineers.
- Sorry to report there is *still no word* about Plant tours starting up again!!



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<<< Meanwhile, in Florida (*still*), Ed & Gail Schroer met up with some fellow Canadians who belong to the Naples FL Corvette Club. They're actually from Oshawa!!



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Hello Members of Corvettes of Durham!

The [Yorkville Exotic Car Show](#) team is busy planning for the 9th Annual event that will take place on **Father's Day, June 16th** along the Bloor St. "Mink Mile", one of Canada's greatest shopping streets.

I need your help in providing 10 Corvettes to fill our designated and secure area on the Mink Mile. Let's show the people of Toronto that Corvette owners are willing to help this cause.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer to affect Canadian men. **One in seven men in Canada will be diagnosed with the disease in their lifetime.**

Over 50? Age is the strongest risk factor for prostate cancer. Your risk increases as you get older. Prostate cancer mainly affects men over the age of 50, and the majority of cases are diagnosed in men over age 65. A significant proportion of prostate cancers, if untreated, may have serious consequences. If you haven't been tested please do so.

Members of COD did not disappoint in 2018 and represented Corvettes of Durham by putting on a beautiful array of Corvettes. I think that there were thousands of pictures taken of our cars not only from the public but media organizations such as CTV, CBC. If you like cars and want to see one of the most spectacular arrays of exotic vehicles around in one spot you need to attend this event with or without your Corvette. This is a great Father's Day event; I mean there are not too many men, women and kids who don't like looking at cars. There is also great shopping for women who don't get a chance to get to downtown Toronto as all the stores are open. This is a fun event; ask any of our members who have participated in the past.

The event drew nearly 100,000 attendees and raised a record \$75,000 donation for [Prostate Cancer Canada \(PCC\)](#). Our goal this year is to raise \$80,000 from this event, adding to the almost \$350,000 raised thus far. The Yorkville Exotic Car Show is the presenting sponsor of the [Prostate Cancer Information Service \(PCIS\)](#), a helpline with information specialists who provide support and answer prostate cancer questions through phone or email

Nomination of vehicles is now open. Visit <https://yorkvilleexotics.com/nominate> to nominate your car. The donation levels are the same as last year - \$100 for Entry-Level, \$500 for Bronze-Level and \$1,000 for the Calendar-Level. **This is a tax-deductible donation.**

Thank you for supporting The Yorkville Exotic Car Show. I hope that you will consider being a part of our event on Father's Day!

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The Grand Prix of Long Beach (aka *Battle at The Beach*) was held on the April 11th weekend at Long Beach, CA on an iconic 1.968-mile temporary street circuit.

Corvette Racing competed on the Saturday against the usual three other marques in their class with an additional 11 cars running in the DPi class for a total of 19 cars on the track together. The annual four-day weekend festival also featured Pirelli GT-4 racing, Stadium Super Series Trucks and an Indy-car race on Sunday. Those who count such numbers expect the crowd to have topped last year's 185,000 spectators.

Corvette Racing was hoping to get that 100th win in IMSA competition and while the team missed out on a 1st place finish, taking the second and third places was the best case scenario in the 100 minute sprint race. Friday's qualifying put the No. 3 Corvette of Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia in 5th position while Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner in the No. 4 Corvette qualified 3rd for Saturday's race. The GTLM class was separated by *just 0.923 seconds* with only 0.372 seconds covering the five-fastest qualifiers.

Race day weather was typical SoCal...sunny, warm and dry so no weather-issues were to blame for the various hits and bumps that occurred. With 20 minutes remaining in the race, the No. 4 Corvette with Tommy Milner at the wheel slammed into the rear of a PDi car, leaving debris lodged in the back-end of that DPi. It was a hard hit by a strong car.

On the final lap, Jan Magnusson, in the No. 3 Corvette, was heard to say it was "pretty crazy" when another GTLM contender ran out of fuel in front of him with no room to spare. He went on to say "I thought I was going to get stuck behind him, so I had to get on the throttle full to push him out of the way to get that last half-lap back to the checkered flag."

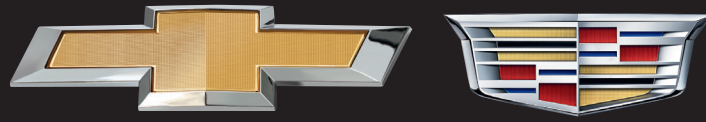
This "push" resulted in front-end damage but not enough to keep the No. 3 Corvette from finishing in 2nd place. Tommy Milner held his position behind the No. 3, allowing Corvette Racing to stand on the 2nd and 3rd steps of the podium at race-end. This was the first time since 2014 that Corvette Racing scored a pair of top-three results on the streets of southern California.

Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia are now tied in 2nd place in the points standing with their 87 points; Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner sit in 6th place with 76 points.

Corvette Racing's next event is the Acura Sports Car Challenge at Mid-Ohio on May 3-5.



For the 16th time, Corvette will be the official pace car for the Indianapolis 500 being held on May 26. This year's pace car will be a 2019 Grand Sport in Long Beach Red Metallic and full-length Blade Silver racing stripes and carbon flash painted carbon fiber aerodynamics.



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2019 Calendar of Events

Our friends at WBCC ask that those interested in signing up for the **Concours Nationals** portion of their May 26th show please contact Sandy Haars by email @ sandyhaars@icloud.com. Online Reg. available.

| DATE | EVENT | CONTACT | LOCATION | TIME |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| May 11 | Corvette Ladies' Day | Denise Ciaralli | Day trip to Belleville | Early departure |
| 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 CONCOURS NATIONALS Signature Comp. | Steve Megill or Brian Striemer | Canadian Tire, 75 45 th Street Wasaga Beach (online pre-reg.) | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm |
| June 7 | NCRS Chapter Judging Meet | Ron Langlois | Gateway Chevrolet, Hwy. #7, Brampton | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| June 9 | CCoW Waterfront Show | Steve Megill or Brian Striemer | Dieppe Park, Windsor waterfront | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm |
| June 15 | PRCC Show & Shine | Steve Megill or Brian Striemer | VanDusen GM Buick Chevrolet, Ajax | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| June 15 & 16 | Le Mans Race Weekend (live from Le Mans 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 | 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm |
| June 19 | General Meeting | Denise Ciaralli | Royal Ashburn Golf Club 995 Myrtle Rd. W, Ashburn | 5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm mtg |
| June 23 | DreamVettes | John Fletcher | Ontario Motor Sales 140 Bond St. W, Oshawa | 8:00am – 2:00pm |
| July 4, 5, 6 & 7 | Corvette Corral - Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix | Norby Dippold | Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville | Gates open at 7:00 am daily |
| July 17 | General Meeting | Ken Gordon | The Big M for <i>Corvette Night</i> 711 Krosno Blvd, Pickering | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm |
| Aug 11 | 4 th Annual Crown Vettes Corvettes of Western Ontario | Steve Megill or Brian Striemer | Lambeth Legion 7097 Kilbourn Rd, London | 9:00 am – 1:30 pm |
| Aug 17 | Offsite meeting/Club BBQ | Denise Ciaralli | Home of Roxanne & John Chiusolo, Newcastle | Time TBC |
| Aug 24 & 25 | AutoFest | Linda & Gilles Landry | Lakeview Park, Oshawa | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm |
| Aug 28 – 31 | 25 th Anniversary Celebration | Ron Tremblay | National Corvette Museum Bowling Green, KY | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm daily |
| Dec 14 | COD Annual Christmas Dinner- Dance | Denise Ciaralli | Trillium Trails Banquet Hall, Oshawa | 5:00 pm – 12:00 am |

Please remember to sign up with Denise if you wish to participate in the Port Perry Canada Day parade!



SUNDAY, June 9th, 2019

The Corvette Club of Windsor - Annual Waterfront Corvette Show (8:00am - 3:00pm)

78 Riverside Dr W, Windsor, Ontario N9A 0A3



We will be at our original location at the Detroit River on the grass at Dieppe Park (Across the river from the GM Headquarters Building)

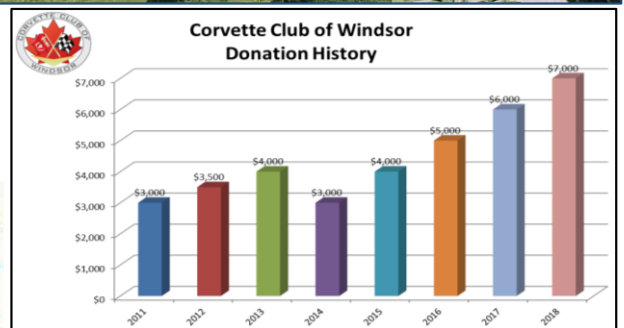


Further Info: www.corvetteclubofwindsor.com

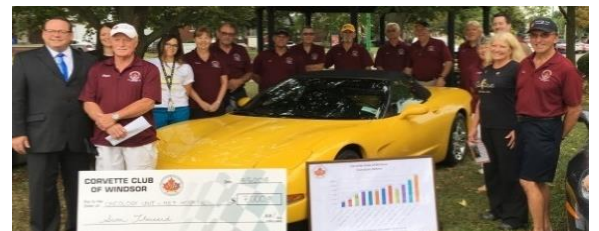
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To benefit the Windsor Regional Hospital - Pediatric Oncology Satellite Unit. Since 2011 we have donated over \$ 35,000.00. Thank you to our sponsors, attendees and members.



Registration forms available on our website now or at the registration desk, day of show. Register at the show for \$ 30.00. Register by May 25th and receive your show shirt for free.



Rain or Shine

8:00 AM Registration Opens
8:00 AM Vendors Open
11:00 AM Registration Closes
3:00 PM Awards & Presentations

| Class | Model Year |
|---|------------------------|
| S1 | 1953 - 1962 Stock |
| S2 | 1963 - 1967 Stock |
| S3 | 1968 - 1975 Stock |
| S4 | 1976 - 1982 Stock |
| S5 | 1984 - 1990 Stock |
| S6 | 1991 - 1996 Stock |
| S7 | 1997 - 2000 Stock |
| S8 | 2001 - 2004 Stock |
| S9 | 2005 - 2009 Stock |
| S10 | 2010 - 2013 Stock |
| S11 | 2014 - Present Stock |
| C1 | 1953 - 1982 *Custom |
| C2 | 1984 - present *Custom |
| NJ | Not Judged |
| K | Kid's Power Wheels |
| *more than three (3) mods and at judge's discretion at registration | |



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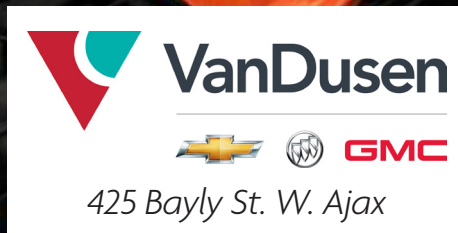
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