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January 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Ken Gordon

Happy New Year!

To the Members who got together January 1st, hope you all had a good time. A little birdie told me it was a great turnout and a lot of fun. Cheers! Sorry I missed it!

There is a lot to catch up on since the last newsletter.

Thanks to Denise for organizing the Christmas Dance. Great food, good friends and lots of dancing. Wonderful Night!

The Silly Sweater Party was amazing, everyone looked very Festive. Jan & her elves organized a 50/50 draw and also had some great prizes. Great afternoon!

Tom Brown of CTV once again made sure Corvettes of Durham was on the air live to present our cheque for \$1,000.00 plus lots of toys to donate to Toy Mountain at the Pickering Town Centre. Thanks to the members that came out to support such a great cause.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! We had a houseful as usual, but it is always great to have the grandkids stay overnight and wake us up at 8am to open all the gifts left behind by Santa. It's a very exhausting day but we made it through, only to clean up and plan the next event. New Year's Eve involves preparing a Prime Rib Dinner for Family & Friends who seem to enjoy killing us by staying up till 4am. Marilyn again pulled an all-nighter (not me).

Motorama March 13th - 15th will be upon us very quickly. Please help me out. I still require 3 Corvettes to display. Call me if you can help out: 289-923-8333.

Our first General Meeting of 2020 is January 15th. See you at Sabina's at our earlier start time of 7:00 pm.

Looking forward to the 2020 Anniversary Season.

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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COD Members' Corner



CORVETTES OF DURHAM proudly sponsors the Oshawa Hospital Foundation R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre and the Salvation Army/CTV Toronto "Toy Mountain".



January Birthdays

Linda Striemer, 12th
Susan Gomes, 29th
John Robinson, 31st

Happy Birthday to you all!



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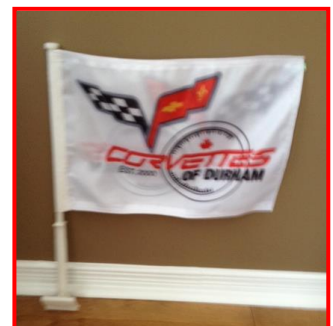
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year!

Wow! Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. The response has been amazing and everything is looking good for this exciting 20th Anniversary year. Looking forward to celebrating with all our members. If you have not had a chance to renew your membership, you most certainly still can. If you are away and returning in the early spring, please just send me an email and I will make a note to contact you when you are back. So if you want to renew now, just go on-line (www.corvettesofdurham.ca) print off the renewal form and mail it to me at Susanne Ralph, 2485 Linwood Street, Pickering, Ontario, L1X 1G6 or drop it off in my mailbox. Either way is fine by me.

Just a reminder, we have Corvettes of Durham stickers, in a number of colours, that can either go on the outside or inside of your window to show everyone that you are a part of this great club. We also have flags for your Vette. The stickers and flags are available for purchase at our meetings. Just have to ask me and I can show you what we have available. The stickers are \$2.00 each for the smaller ones and the larger ones are \$5.00. The flags are \$12.00 each. The flags would be great to have this year for our 20th Anniversary.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon and an exciting year ahead.

Susanne
Membership Director

****JANUARY MEETING VENUE****

Just a reminder that our January membership meeting will be held once again at **Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub**
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Euchre/Games Night Nov 23 2019

We were sold out to maximum capacity!
Thank you for the support.

Many thanks to Roxanne Chiusolo, Brian and Linda Striemer that helped with the raffle and prize bundle/wrapping.

Unfortunately, our replacement venue did not live up to expectations with respect to accommodating our group for the planned activities. Needless to say, it was intimate and after a little rearrangement we got everyone settled in to play cards. Thanks to everyone that helped find solutions to overcome the challenges.

Shirley Arsenault (our smart server!) and Jan Raven manned the bar and we quickly ran out of imported beer....who knew?

The winners are: Patti Bartlett; guests (Ken & Marilyn's) and Brian Striemer. Jerry Kowal won the 50/50!

Thanks to all for making the night a great success despite the constraints and especially to everyone that stepped in to assist with the setup and pack up.

Next year, a new venue with an in-house liquor license is required and undoubtedly the rate for the night will have to reflect that.

Christmas Dinner/Dance Dec 14 2019

The weather was not exactly favourable to say the least but it did not prevent everyone from attending. We had a 100% full house, with 78 people in attendance. We missed those members that were unable to attend.

The venue was stunning and the staff were absolutely wonderful. The food was wonderful and beautifully presented.

Many thanks to the assistance from Gail Schroer & Anne Halverson with the raffle prize bundling and wrap up.

Terry Nodwell provided his time and talent and took pictures of every couple and group in attendance. Many of us received our copies at the Silly Sweater Party!

Special thanks to Scott Bull for all his assistance with the band, prizes load in and support throughout. I could not have done this without him. In addition, Gail Schroer, Roxanne Chiusolo; Jan Raven, Shirley Arsenault, Clayton and Darlene Read; Sue Woodland. Without the support and assistance of volunteers, this would not have been possible.

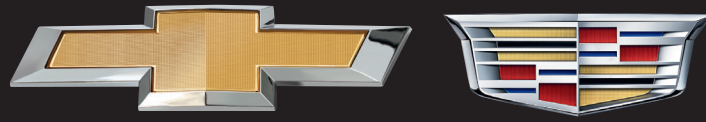
Planned entertainment for the evening was a surprise comedian who brought an opening act. Unfortunately, they did not provide the comedy relief advertised and expected and it was very offensive in nature. I sincerely apologize as this was not the intent.

Fortunately, the band, the Lincolnaires, more than made up for them and provided a great evening of live music.

We had a large raffle table; an equally large door prize selection and a 50/50 draw (won by Anne Halverson).

It was a great evening overall, and everyone had a great time!

Denise Ciaralli
Social Director



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Raffle Table

**COD Christmas
Dinner Dance
December 14, 2019**

(more photos on COD website)



Anne's friend Bud with Anne & Don



COD's newest members, Rick & Louise



Avril & Joe with Gloria & Jann L.



Doreen with Ken



Sam's sister & her partner



Annual guests of the Gordons



Ron T with Jan R



Dinner dance organizer Denise with Scott



Members and their guests wait for dinner.



The Lincolnaires provided dance music this evening.



Our dinner servers

Many members & guests danced the night away!





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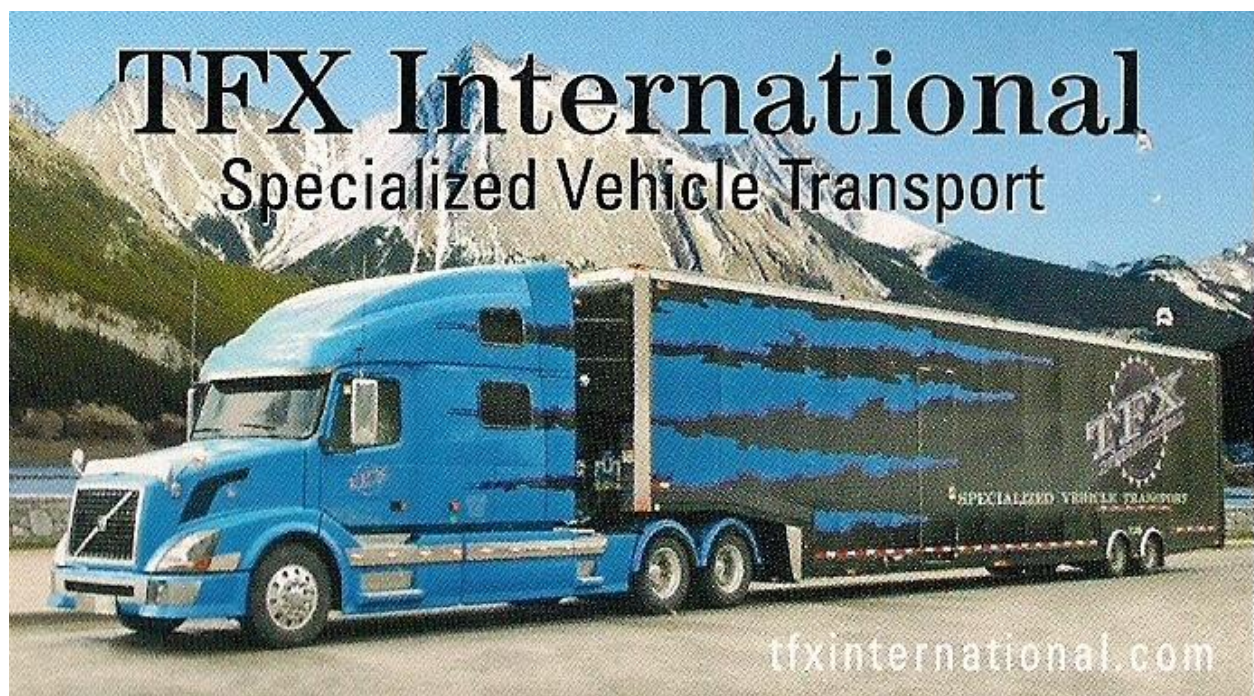
Thank you for your support throughout 2019. The 96 shoeboxes have all been wrapped, packed and in November began their long journey to impoverished children around the world. A special thanks also to those who donated pop tabs, old jewellery, used greeting cards, stuffed animals, craft supplies or purchased crayons, pencils etc. All of these items help our group to bring smiles to children who often feel forgotten or neglected.

Sincerely,

Darlene, on behalf of Darlene & Friends

P.S. With Christmas just passed please think about me before you throw out any used Christmas cards. Thanks.





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Toy Mountain – 2019

Once again COD participated in the CTV/Salvation Army **Toy Mountain** held on Monday December 16th in the Pickering Town Centre.

An estimated 80 toys were donated by COD members along with our \$1000 cheque. Our donations helped the Salvation Army to surpass their 2019 goal of 150,000 toys by 3,857!

A big thanks to all who donated toys and attended **Toy Mountain** for the presentation.



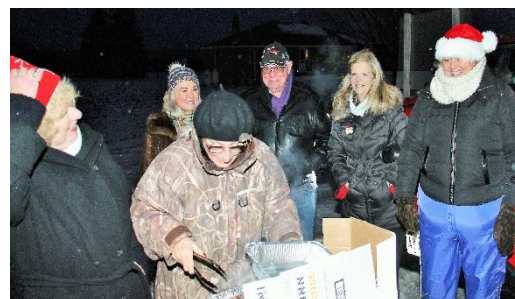
Playtime at the mall.



2019 Farmers' Parade of Tractors (and winter picnic)



Chef Shirley & hungry customers (Jan, Jann, Ron L, Linda, Gail)



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Silly Sweater Party

Our 11th annual Silly Sweater Party held at Hops House in Whitby brought out almost 50 of our members, most dressed to celebrate Christmas.

Darlene, Anne and Jann won best decorated for the ladies and Carl, Ron L and Ken won for the men. It was hard to pick the winners because everyone looked great. Several other members won door prizes and Anne won the 50/50.

As always, the food was good, the service excellent and it was a fun time!



Whose shoes?



(centre) Denise & Scott with Carl

(right) Tony, Bud, Anne Avril & Dina



(left) Patty, Dina, Ken, John & Judy.



The picture-taker had his picture taken! Terry & Doreen, centre.

(right) Ladies' costumes winners, Anne, Darlene & Jann. Darlene's lights could be seen from the Int'l Space Station 😊😊



(left) Men's costumes winners, Carl, Ron L & Ken.



(centre) Cheese + cake = Fletch

COD's own Santa, David (right)



WHO WORE IT BEST!!!!!!!!!!!!



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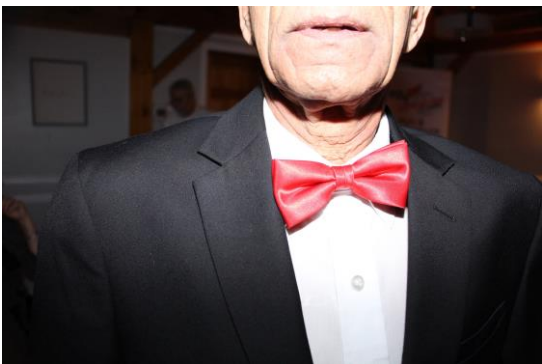
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to decide "**Who Wore it Best**"! Next year, it will be ladies' earrings ☺



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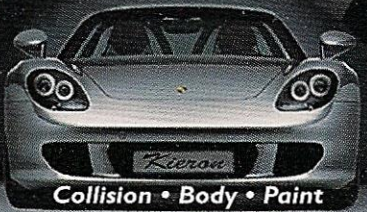
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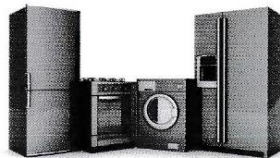
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This month we continue to highlight those who have been inducted into the NCM's **Corvette Hall of Fame**. Inductees' full bios are available on the Museum's **Corvette Hall of Fame** pages.



NOLAND ADAMS

Noland Adams is a well-known author and Corvette historian whose works include a series of technical books; he hosted a series of restoration videotapes, written hundreds of articles for Corvette related magazines, and has given numerous presentations on Corvette restoration all over the United States, plus seminars in Canada, Sweden and England. He is known world-

wide for his knowledge of Corvette development heritage and technical understanding and is a longtime member of the National Corvette Restorers Society. Read more about Noland Adams at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Noland-Adams>



RAY BATTAGLINI

In June 1987 Ray Battaglini wrote to the chairman of the recently formed NCRS Library, Archives and Museum Committee, volunteering his services to help 'develop plans and strategies' for a museum. Seven years later, the National Corvette Museum was a reality, thanks in no small measure to Battaglini himself. He had been a teenage hot-rodder

cruising the streets of San Leandro, California when he fell in love with the Corvette. In 1963 he bought a brand-new Split-Window Coupe. Once a wife and kids moved into the picture, though, the Corvette moved out. Read more about Ray Battaglini at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Ray-Battaglini>



DON YENKO

In 1957 Yenke bluffed his way into his first competition race using his new V-8 Corvette. He was hooked and he convinced his father to sponsor his racing...and was soon entering his Corvette in various SCCA events. Co-founding the Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania provided a boost to his racing career when the club recruited the vice-

president of Gulf Oil. Gulf agreed to sponsor two Corvettes for the 1961 racing season and Yenke and Dick Thompson were hired to drive. For the next three years the Gulf Oil Corvettes dominated the A and B Production classes. Sadly, Don Yenke died in a plane crash in 1987. Read more about Don Yenke at

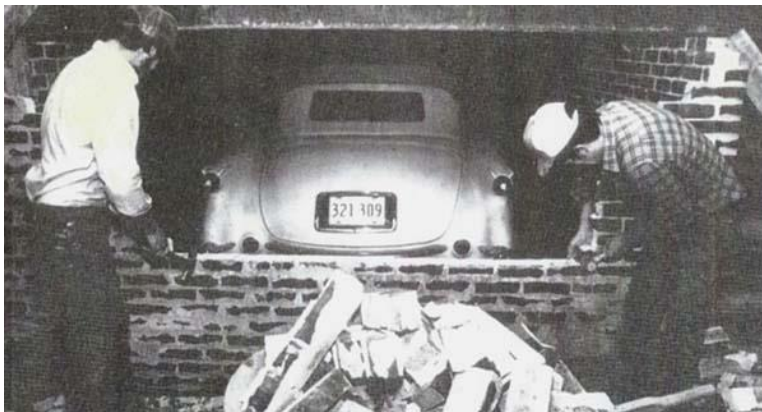
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Congratulations to John Chiusolo, recent winner of a one-year single membership in the Museum. Many thanks to COD members who purchased a ticket! Net proceeds to COD are \$115.23, compared to \$131.22 last March.



1954 'Entombed' Corvette Donated to Museum: this story first appeared in the November 7th edition of NCM eNews and is reprinted here with the permission of the National Corvette Museum.



It was 1954 and successful business man, Richard Sampson of Brunswick, Maine had just purchased a brand-new Corvette. After driving it for four years, he wanted to park it somewhere safe. Sampson was constructing new stores for his grocery chain and decided one of them would be the perfect structure to keep his car secure. A tomb was built inside the store – literally around his Corvette. Sampson specified in his will that the car was not to be taken out of the man-made 'time-capsule' until the year 2000. Although Sampson changed his wishes before he passed away in 1969, the car remained entombed for 27 years.

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The last public tour of the Corvette Assembly Plant was in June of 2017....that's 2½ *years ago* and since then, thousands of Corvette enthusiasts have been patiently (or *impatiently*) waiting for the re-opening. Since that time, the Plant has been renovated to accommodate production of the new C8s as well as undergoing renovations to the exterior front of the plant, making more and safer space available for photo-taking of our own Vettes alongside those on display. In November 2019 both the Museum and CorvetteBlogger.com told us that public tours will restart **"BY Spring of 2020"**. That's great news and we'll keep you informed as soon as we hear it confirmed!! If you're planning a trip to Bowling Green, this tour is a must-see on your list.



The C8 Production Process...did you know there *really are* two 2020 Corvette VIN #00001 Stingrays? Since the July C8 Reveal, 2020 Corvettes have been seen at numerous venues and in various media publications. Are some of these Corvette prototypes? Are they pre-production? What about "sellable units?" Is VIN #00001 already built, and is it the same VIN #00001 that Barrett Jackson will auction off to the highest bidder in January? Read the full story at www.CorvetteBlogger.com as issued on November 3, 2019.



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NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

This Year of Celebration of our 20th Anniversary began at the Gateway Restaurant, Ajax Downs Casino for a sit down brunch attended by over 30 COD Members and friends.

Great food, warm atmosphere, and camaraderie made this day special with its "Fun and Friendship"! In true Corvettes of Durham style, we met, mingled, chatted and reminisced about fun we have had together in past years. We also waited with eager anticipation to what is coming next in this banner year....our 20th!

In addition to Fun and Friendship, we had:

50/50 Draw

Winner: Linda Bunn \$60.00

Second Prize: Julian Ralph Hy Hope Gift Bag

Door Prize Winners:

Corvette Teddy Bears: Ed Schroer and Terry Nodwell

Liqueur Chocolates: Peter Ball, Paul Arseneault, Howard Jones

SPECIAL THANKS AND SHOUT OUT GOES TO:

Doreen Nodwell and Shirley Arseneault for all your help with EVERYTHING!!!!

Special Thanks to our Photographer Terry Nodwell, you make us all look so good!

And finally, to Michael, the Restaurant Manager, who went out of his way to help Jan Raven set this up and Audrey, our Server Extraordinaire, who made sure the right meal got to the right person in a friendly, professional manner.

A Wonderful Time was had by All!!! I know we cannot wait for the Barrett Jackson Party at the Hop House on January 18th, 2020.

And people, hold onto your hats.....we are cruising into a Fun Filled Year of Events. It is ALL coming your way.....Stay Tuned!



From far left: some of our group, more COD were at a second table; nice to see former members Howard & Donna; prize winners Terry (but snagged by Doreen), Julian, Ed & Paul.





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JANUARY, 2020

As previously mentioned, Jordan Taylor has joined Corvette Racing on a full-time basis starting with the Rolex 24 At Daytona in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) category. The race takes place January 25-26. Jordan will share driving duties of the No. 3 C8.R car with Antonio Garcia. The No. 3 Corvette C8.R will feature a yellow livery with silver accents.

In the No. 4 C8.R Corvette, silver with yellow accents, Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner reunite for the ninth consecutive season, making them the longest-running driver pairing currently in IMSA. They've won 14 races and two IMSA titles together, the most recent in 2016.

Prior to the 24, the team will participate in *The Roar Before the 24* on January 2-5, an obligatory three-day test serving as the final dress rehearsal before the Rolex 24 race. Access to cars and drivers at the pre-season extravaganza is an event trademark. Corvette race fans will see the public debut of the new C8.R Corvettes and their new livery.



As you know, the team participates in three endurance races each season, in addition to the *24 Hours of Le Mans* races. They run 24 hours (at Daytona), 12 hours (at Sebring) and 10 hours (at Petit Le Mans). The length of these endurance race requires a third driver for each car and in past seasons Jordan Taylor has been that third driver in the No. 3.

For 2020, a new face joins Corvette Racing for these endurance races. Nicky Catsburg has competed in series like IMSA, the FIA World Endurance Championship and World Touring Car Championship, among others. He also drove the Corvette C6.R during the FIA GT1 World Championship and

the Corvette C7.R during testing for the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Marcel Fässler returns, for the fifth consecutive season, to join Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner for all three of IMSA's premier endurance races in the No. 4 Corvette C8.R. He won at Daytona and Sebring during the 2016 season with Gavin and Milner and in addition to 2009 duties with Corvette Racing, Fässler also is a three-time overall winner of the 24 Hours of Le Mans and is a past World Drivers Champion in the FIA WEC. His experience in Corvette race cars dates back more than a decade.

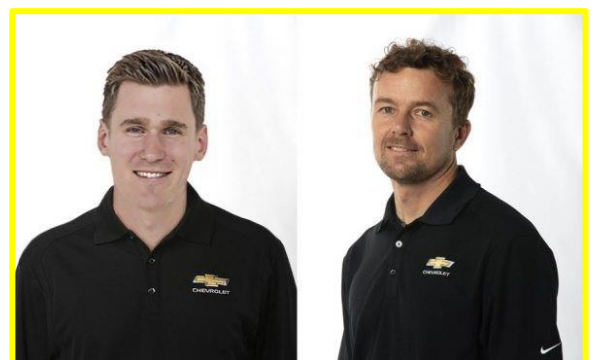
We wish Corvette Racing a very successful season and look forward to seeing them in July at CTMP!!



No. 3 C8.R above

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Nicky Catsburg & Marcel Fässler join the team for 3 endurance races in 2020.

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BITS 'N PIECES...

- Governor General Julie Payette recently announced 77 new appointments to the Order of Canada in the 'Member' (C.M.) category. One inductee is well known to race fans – our own **Ron Fellows**! The citation reads "For the excellence of his multidisciplinary career in motor racing." Ron will be invited to accept his insignia at a ceremony to be held at a later date. **Congratulations Ron!**
- If you haven't yet seen "Ford v Ferrari", you should go soon! This Hollywood motion picture, starring Matt Damon and Christian Bale, is very entertaining and is popular worldwide. Bale, who played Ken Miles, has been nominated for a Golden Globe as best actor in a dramatic film. We highly recommend it.
- GM Canada Paves Road to the Future with New McLaughlin Test Track. The 55-acre outdoor test track will enable CTC engineers to prove and develop advanced new vehicle systems. In May, company and union brass announced a vision for the (Oshawa) site... Link to the story <https://www.wheels.ca/news/gm-canada-paves-a-road-to-the-future-with-new-mclaughlin-advanced-technology-track/>
- Ford Turning McDonald's Coffee Into Car Parts by finding a way to use coffee chaff as a resource. If you rely on a morning cup of coffee to make sure you're bright-eyed on the way to work, you're not alone. Ford's looking at using coffee to help make the bright eyes of its cars in a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly way. It's a partnership between Ford and McDonald's to turn a waste product into a valuable product...Link to the story: <https://www.wheels.ca/news/ford-turning-mcdonalds-coffee-into-car-parts/>
- In case you haven't read enough about the 2020 Chevrolet Corvette C8 vs. C8.R: Here's How the Race Car is Different. The transformation from road to race car is extensive...but in general, the stripped out, lightened race cars you see competing at Le Mans and elsewhere are nothing like the vehicles you can go out and buy. ...link to the story: [2020 Chevrolet Corvette C8 vs. C8.R: Here's How the Race Car is Different](https://www.wheels.ca/news/2020-chevrolet-corvette-c8-vs-c8-r-here-s-how-the-race-car-is-different/)
- (Pro Racer) Hot shoe Randy Pobst shares how he would tune the 2020 Chevrolet Corvette C8 for the track. Read what he has to say here! Link to the story: <https://www.hotrod.com/articles/how-to-make-the-c8-corvette-handle-even-better>
- The 6th Annual Motorama Custom Car & Motorsports Expo is back at the International Centre on Airport Road, March 13-15. Special guest will be Chip Foose on the 14th & 15th. COD is the only Corvette club that will again have a booth displaying our Vettes (see Ken's message). Check the show website often for details and updates: <https://www.motoramashow.com>

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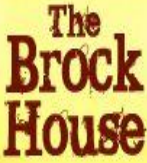
2020 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
January 15	General Meeting Please note earlier start time.	Ken Gordon	Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub 1755 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:00 pm mtg
Saturday Jan. 18	Barrett Jackson Auction Party	Jan Raven	Hops House Pub & Grill 121 Green Street, Whitby	TBA
February 19	General Meeting Please note earlier start time	Ken Gordon	Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub 1755 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:00 pm mtg
Thursday March 12	Motorama Move-in for COD members showing their cars	Ken Gordon	International Centre, Toronto	TBD
Fri - Sun March 13 14 & 15	6 th Annual Motorama Custom Car & Motorsports Expo (guest appearance Chip Foose)	Ken Gordon	International Centre, Toronto (COD has a booth)	10am - 9pm Fri 10am - 8pm Sat 10am - 5pm Sun
March 18	General Meeting Please note earlier start time	Ken Gordon	Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub 1755 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:00 pm mtg
Sunday May 31	WBCC Spring Fling Car Show	Brian Striemer	Canadian Tire Parking Lot Wasaga Beach	TBA
April 23-25	Michelin NCM Bash	Ron Tremblay	National Corvette Museum Bowling Green KY	9am – 5pm daily
June 19-20	Kingston Corvette Invasion	Ken Gordon	Save the Date	TBA
July 3-5	IMSA Weathertech Sportscar (Corvette) Racing	Norby Dippold	Canadian Tire Motorsport Park Bowmanville	

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