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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Ken Gordon

The colours up north are absolutely beautiful. The trees should peak in time for the Fall Cruise to Picton

Before heading up to the cottage on Saturday I attended the Summers End Show along with 13 other Corvettes of Durham vehicles. Rain cut the show short, but congrats to Sam & Brian Baker for taking home awards. Thanks to Pine Ridge Corvette Club for hosting the event.

After having a lengthy conversation with the owner of Amici, he refuses to let us have our meetings there anymore this year. He can accommodate us in 2020 BUT there would be a \$2,000.00 charge per meeting for the room. A phone call was placed to our advertiser Sabina's and they would be more than happy to accommodate us for our meetings. The room will seat up to 65 and you can arrive for dinner & drinks at 5:30 if you wish. If all goes well, they'll allow us to use the room next year as well.

Please bring your cheque book to the next meeting to renew your membership with Susanne and also to purchase your Christmas Dance tickets from Denise. If you purchase your tickets at the meeting there will be 2 members who have a chance to win a free membership for next year.

Hope to see you all Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> at Sabina's and I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.

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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## October Birthdays

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Scott Bull, 3<sup>rd</sup>

John Chiusolo, 9<sup>th</sup>

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Judy Robinson, 20<sup>th</sup>

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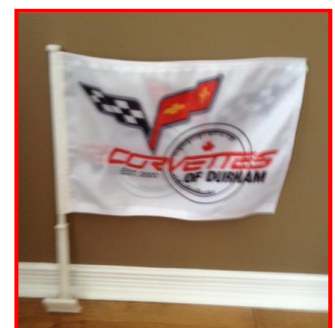
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## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Hi Everyone!

*It's that time of year again* -- time to renew your membership for the coming year. This year there is a renewal form available on-line ([www.corvettesofdurham.ca](http://www.corvettesofdurham.ca)) or at a meeting.

Until December 31, 2019, the renewal fee is **\$85.00**. From January 1, 2020, the renewal fee is \$95.00. You can mail me your renewal with payment if you are unable to attend a meeting. My address is shown at the top of the form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me and I will respond quickly.

Looking forward to an exciting remainder of the year and a fun-filled New Year!!

Susanne Ralph  
Membership Director

## **\*\*NEW MEETING VENUE\*\***

As Ken mentioned in his President's message, our monthly membership meetings for October & November 2019 will be held in a different venue.

On October 16 & November 20 COD will meet at **Sabina's Casual Dining & Pub**, 1755 Pickering Parkway, Pickering, in the meeting room on your right, inside the front door.

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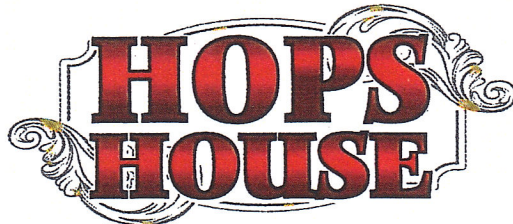
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Cruise maps and arrangements to follow.

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**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Euchre Night**

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The AutoFest Nationals were held August 24 & 25, 2019 at Oshawa's Lakeview Park. We had a good attendance of COD members and their stunning vehicles. The weather was perfect for the two days, with lots of laughs and camaraderie. Congratulations to:

- Roy Watts and Rosanne Kalpage for receiving an award for the *Top 3 Modern Muscle*, with their 2019 Grand Sport. They participated in the Parade of Winners on the Sunday.
- Roxanne Chiusolo for receiving an award from the Antique Automobile Club of America, with her 1963 Avanti R2.

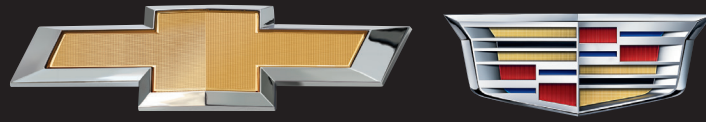
Thank you to the members who brought their vehicles for our display and to Jerry Kowal for taking photographs.

Submitted by Roxanne C.



Joe, Marg, Gail, Chuck, Eddy & Linda soaking up the sun!





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## & MEMORIAL CRUISE



On Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, eighty-two Corvettes gathered at The Senick Family Farm in Essa Township for the 2019 Quad C-ER Recognition Awards Event & Memorial Cruise. Daryl Senick has been hosting the annual Quad C Memorial Cruise to honour his father, Ron Senick, who was a great Corvette enthusiast. Corvettes lined the long, gravel driveway leading to the century farmhouse and weathered, grey barn.

After socializing with coffee and pastries, we enjoyed a “scavenger hunt” style car rally through the scenic Halton Hills.

Upon our return from the rally, we were treated to a Portuguese-style lunch of Piri Piri barbecued chicken, grilled sausages, salad, tarts, cakes, and cookies. The slight nip of the early fall weather made the *al fresco* meal even more enjoyable.

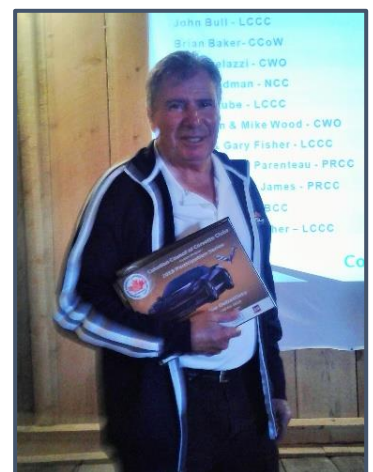
After lunch, time was spent admiring the Corvettes and exploring the charming, rustic buildings and property of the farm. Then we assembled in the barn for the Awards & Memorial segment of the day. Cindy Wilcox, president of Quad C-ER, paid tribute to the members of the Corvette Clubs who had passed during the previous year. Our friend, Jim Prescott, “The King of Bling”, was remembered as a kind, generous gentleman who had touched the lives of so many people in the Corvette Community.

During the Awards segment of the programme, Carl Gomes, Brian Baker, and Joe DeBattista received “Top 20 Participant for 2018” Awards in recognition for their participation in the Quad C shows. A \$25.00 Canadian Tire gift card was taped on the back of each plaque which was an appreciated gesture.

Two G.M. executives from the Chevrolet Canada Team, Jamie Dewhurst and Matt Stokes, gave a presentation and showed a video on the C8 reveal in Tustin, California. After the presentation, there was an opportunity to ask questions. When Jamie and Matt were asked about the C8 R, they replied that they could not respond to the question because they could lose their jobs if they revealed any information about Corvette racing. Even though the G.M. executives could not comment on the C8 R, I think we can assume that we will be seeing a C8 R in the future. Another question of great interest was about the arrival of the C8 in Canada. We were told that the C8 would probably arrive in Canada in November, but it would be for G.M. media and dealer promotion only. For all of you C8 enthusiasts, it is going to be a while yet before you can get behind the wheel of Corvette’s new supercar.

It was a day of past, present, and future – remembering friends, making new friends, and looking forward to the future.

Article & photos  
submitted by  
Carl & Susan Gomes





Part of a slide show during the event.



## Fast Eddy's Motorfest at Stouffville, September 7<sup>th</sup>

It was cloudy and overcast for part of the day with a cool breeze but the weather turned warm when the sun shone periodically. A very successful show with *hundreds* of cars, trucks and Motorcycles of various vintages; a live band and the local radio station provided the music and proceeds to charity. Several vendors and info booths for viewing or shopping were on hand. Thanks to the 11 COD Corvettes who were present.



And thanks to Terry Nodwell for the photos!



Chuck and a turn-of-the-century funeral hearse.

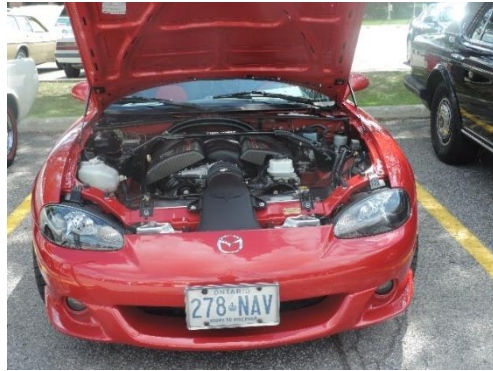


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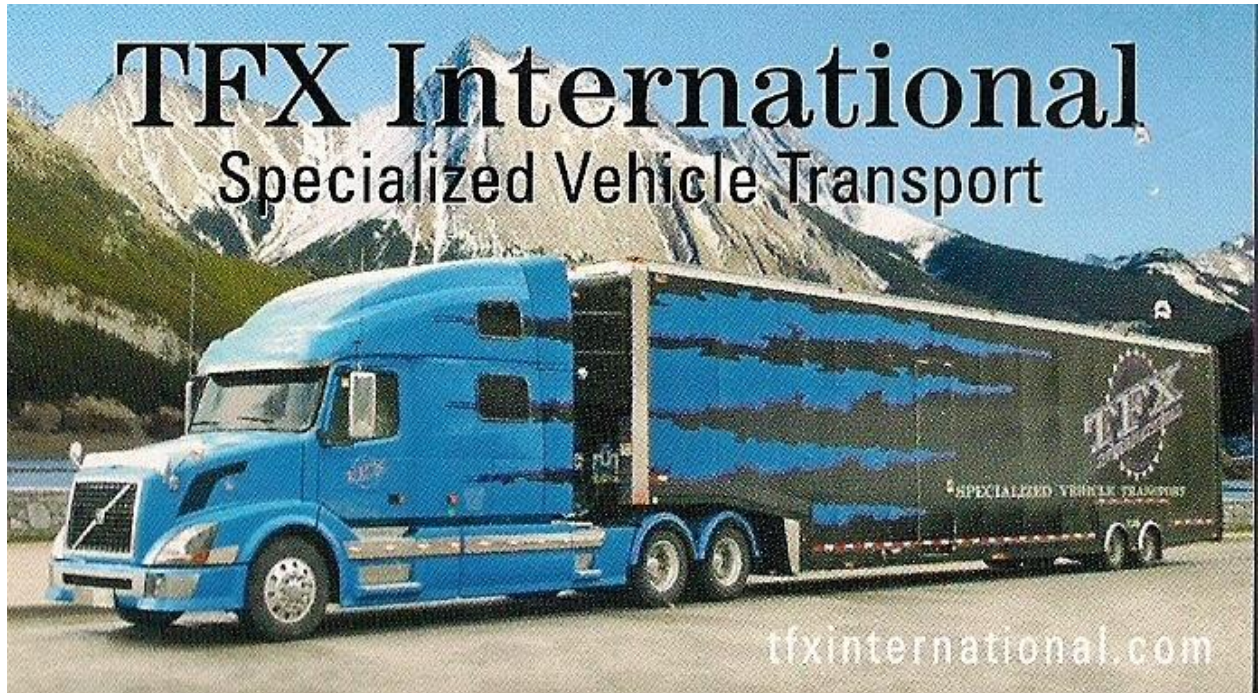
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In the May issue, we introduced readers to the **Corvette Hall of Fame** and a few of notable inductees in the history of the Corvette.

Inductees' bios are available on the Museum's **Corvette Hall of Fame** pages. This month we continue to feature inductees into the NCM Hall of Fame:



Dick Thompson, inducted in 2000, was a dentist by trade, who started racing in 1956 with the support of Zora Arkus-Duntov. Thompson won numerous races in the late 50's and 60's, taking the SCCA championship in 1956, 1957, 1960, 1961 and 1962. Thompson used his knowledge of the Corvette to write "*The Corvette Guide*" in 1958. Read more at

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



As Executive Director of Design for General Motors North American Operations, Jerry Palmer was largely responsible for the design of the four rotor-Aerovette, which was the most challenging design of his career. It led to the inspiration for many of the features for his design of the Fourth Generation Corvette. Read more at

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



Joe Spielman joined GM in 1963 following university graduation and held numerous positions during his career, including time spent at Chevrolet-Pontiac-GM of Canada. At the time of his induction he was a member of the team that moved the fifth generation Corvette (C5), along with the revolutionary LS1 aluminum engine, into the future program. He remains a staunch

supporter of the C5! Read more at: [https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Joe -Spielman](https://www.corvettemuseum.org/learn/about-corvette/corvette-hall-of-fame/Joe-Spielman)

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The "Best in Kentucky" Awards are a celebration of hometowns, people and places that make Kentucky a great place to live and visit. Voting takes place annually with awards presented at the Kentucky State Fair.

Recently the National Corvette Museum was named 'Best Museum' for 2019. The Museum's Director of Marketing and Communications, Katie Ellison, said "We are thrilled that so many of our fans supported us by casting their votes. Visitors travel from all over the globe to visit the Home of Corvette and we are proud to represent Kentucky as the Best Museum."

## **2019 CORVETTE STATS RELEASED**

When Chevrolet released the final stats for the 2019 model year it came as no surprise that Arctic White was again the most popular colour of Corvette purchased.

A total of 34,822 Vettes were produced at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. 39.3% of those were Stingrays, 32.3% were Grand Sports, 19.9% were Z06s and 8.5% were ZR1s. 27,017 cars (or 77.6%) were automatic transmission; and overall, coupes outsold convertibles at 84% *and* within each model type! Here are the exterior colours sorted by volume:

Black (6,164)

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Long Beach Red (2,397)

Elkhart Lake Blue (2,166)

Blade Silver (1,844)

Ceramic Matrix Gray (1,581)

Watkins Glen Gray (1,415)

Corvette Racing Yellow (1,291)

Admiral Blue (828)

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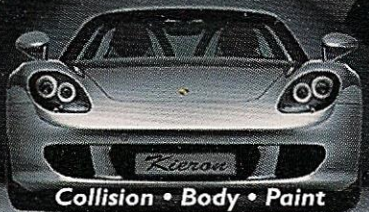
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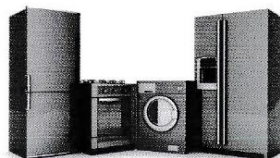
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Corvette Racing competed on the US west coast at Laguna Seca in mid-September hoping and aiming for their 100<sup>th</sup> victory to stay in contention for a fourth GTLM championship. In 20 races at Laguna Seca since 1999, our team accumulated almost 12,000 racing miles and more than 5,300 racing laps.

Qualifying would see the No. 3 Corvette start Sunday's race in sixth position with the No. 4 Corvette starting in seventh. All eight GTLM cars finished qualifying within 0.738 seconds. On race day, both Corvettes would rebound from their disappointing qualifying efforts.

The team's 3-stop strategy to maximize tire performance at the expense of an extra stop paid off on race day. The strategy also allowed Milner to set the fastest GTLM lap of the race. Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen in the No. 3 Corvette landed in third place at race-end. Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner, driving the No. 4 Corvette, placed fourth with each team gaining four positions from the first lap of the race to the finish.

Sunday's race results put Garcia and Magnussen third in points, and 15 points down from the Class leaders.

Full race details and photos from Laguna Seca are available online from [www.corvetteracing.com](http://www.corvetteracing.com).

Corvette Racing closes the 2019 season with the **10-hour Petit Le Mans** race from Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta on **Saturday, October 12.**

Watch for race highlights expected on local TSN channels within days of the race.

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**Jordan Taylor to replace Jan Magnussen at Corvette Racing in 2020!!**

Prior to September's Laguna Seca race it was reported that Jordan Taylor will replace Jan Magnussen for the 2020 racing season. This will be a bittersweet departure, but at the same time Corvette Racing fans can welcome an excellent, young driver in Jordan Taylor.

Jordan, age 28, will leave his father's *Wayne Taylor Racing* Cadillac DPi team to join Corvette Racing. Magnussen is 46 and his contract with GM ends at the close of the current season.

Jordan Taylor is no stranger to Corvette Racing. He was 3rd driver for the endurance races between 2012 and 2017, as well as co-driving the Corvette C6.R to victory at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in June 2015. In 2014 at Le Mans, Jordan achieved a runner-up finish.



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## BITS 'N PIECES...

- It's widely expected that the 2020 racing season will see the debut of the factory mid-engine Corvette racecar known as the C8.R. This new race car will be on display at the Petit Le Mans race in mid-October. Stay tuned...photos of the car have been requested!
- Several have asked to see the video of a C8 that took place in August. Here is the link to this 13-minute video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iw6LqRR4jqo>
- **It's true!!** TONY CANNELLI is retiring October 18<sup>th</sup> after **37!!** years of service with the Municipality of Clarington's Engineering and Building Services Department as its Director! COD sends you best wishes for a great retirement with lots of travel for you & Dina in your Corvette!
- The movie FORD v FERRARI opens everywhere on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Here's the link to whet your appetite:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3h9Z89U9ZA&feature=youtu.be&gclid=CKet9p2v-eQCFUvQswodJ1kKDg&gclsrc=ds>

- Have you wondered what's up with the **Corvette Callaway** race team? They've been racing throughout the 2019 season in Europe with *only* 40 points between themselves and the point's leaders. But – *there's always a but* – in practice for the final race of the season, the Callaway Competition GT3-R Corvette was involved in two incidents resulting in much damage. Repairs were made overnight but during the next day's race, another incident damaged the repairs made overnight. Team Callaway's championship season was sealed by a series of early-race situations that were out of their control!



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## 2019 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Oct. 16	General Meeting <b>Please note new venue</b>	Ken Gordon	<b>Sabina's Casual Dining &amp; Pub</b> 1755 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm mtg
Oct. 18 / 19 / 20	Weekend Fall Cruise	Denise Ciaralli	Picton....see details sent out August 27 <sup>th</sup> also in Social report	
Nov. 20	General Meeting <b>Please note new venue</b>	Ken Gordon	<b>Sabina's Casual Dining &amp; Pub</b> 1755 Pickering Pkwy, Pickering	5:30 pm supper 7:30 pm mtg
Saturday Dec 14	COD Annual Christmas Dinner- Dance	Denise Ciaralli	Trillium Trails Banquet Hall, Oshawa	5:00 pm – 12:00 am
Saturday Nov. 23	COD Euchre Party <b>\$15/person. RSVP to Denise.</b>	Denise Ciaralli	Harmony Creek Community Centre, 15 Harmony Rd. N, Oshawa	6:30 pm – 10:30 pm
Sunday Dec 22	Silly Sweater Party	Jan Raven	Venue to be Announced	Afternoon
<b>June 19- 20, 2020</b>	<b>Kingston Corvette Invasion</b>	<b>Ken Gordon</b>	<b>Save the Date. Details to be announced in 2020.</b>	<b>----</b>

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