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Brian Halverson's C8 - see page 9



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President's Report

July 2021



I was delighted to participate in the event to the Livita Centennial Retirement Residence on Father's Day. It was nice to meet up with other club members, socialize and enjoy the day. Oshawa being a GM town many of the folks living at the home had been long time GM employees and were quite interested in the cars. They enjoyed regaling the club members with their fond memories of those days. Thank you to Brian Striemer for organizing the event and to everyone who joined the fun.

Finally, 'mini cruise' day arrived and the weather was perfect. It was great to spend the day with other club members, socialize and have lunch together. You will find many pictures taken that day included in this newsletter.

With the recently announcement move to Step 2 being imminent we hope to continue getting back to more normal life and more club events with fewer restrictions.

Enjoy reading the newsletter!

Anne Halverson



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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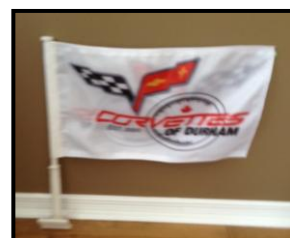
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I'm finally home and have a new liver !

Thank you Corvettes of Durham for the beautiful flowers, and to all the members that sent cards and E-mails. I still have a long road of recovery ahead but I'm thrilled to be home and can't wait to resume a normal life (whatever that is).

Miss you all and Thank you again !

Marilyn

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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New "TOY4HALV"

It all started back in 2019 when GM priced the new C8 @ \$67,898. I had no plans to replace my 2010 cyber gray Grand Sport convertible because it was my dream car. I ordered a 2020 torch red 1LT C8 with high wing rear spoiler, NPP exhaust and a few other options. As expected, it did not get built due to exceptionally high demand and production issues at BGA and GM. Sept 2020, replaced the order with a 2021 torch red 1LT with Z51, FE4 (mag ride), Q8Q (carbon flash wheels) and ZYC (carbon flash spoiler/mirrors). Finally in late January, Applewood told me I was getting allocation and then we waited several months for it to get built again due to shutdowns at BGA. It was produced March 24th and arrived at the dealership March 30th. We took delivery April 6th.

The new C8 is an incredible car to drive and much different than the C3 to C7's I was fortunate to drive as a GM employee. The dual clutch transmission shifts faster than any GM car I have ever driven. It has a very solid feel and does it ever draw a lot of attention when you have it out. At the time of writing this, the car is still in "break-in" mode (must reach 800 kms before the computer will allow the car to perform at its max). The interior design is absolutely stunning and the best I've seen and the "frunk" is convenient (a little more storage capacity for trips).

If you get a chance to read the book "C8 The Mid-Engine Revolution" you will be very impressed with the engineering that went into the design of the C8. Fun fact, the C7 was supposed to be the mid-engine but due to financial challenges at GM the C7 was the back-up plan built to give them more time. Also the C7 provided a lot of aluminum design expertise that would be required for the C8. And finally, the "mule" for the C8 was a very ugly Ute from GM Holden as there was no GM platform was available. See the book for pictures of it.

Fletch gets the first ride...

Brian Halverson





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Peterborough Cruise

Brian Striemer

Thank you to the weather gods for bringing us such a gorgeous day for a cruise. Our group met at the usual COD meeting place; Timmy's at Harmony and Taunton. We cruised by Mosport, where there was plenty of activity, with events taking place on the Driver Development track, the Grand Prix track and a very full house at the go kart complex.

We then took some back roads to the 115 and north from there to Millbrook. A jog south took us to a spectacular east view of Rice Lake. Next, we took the back roads to Peterborough through some of the oldest farming country in the province.

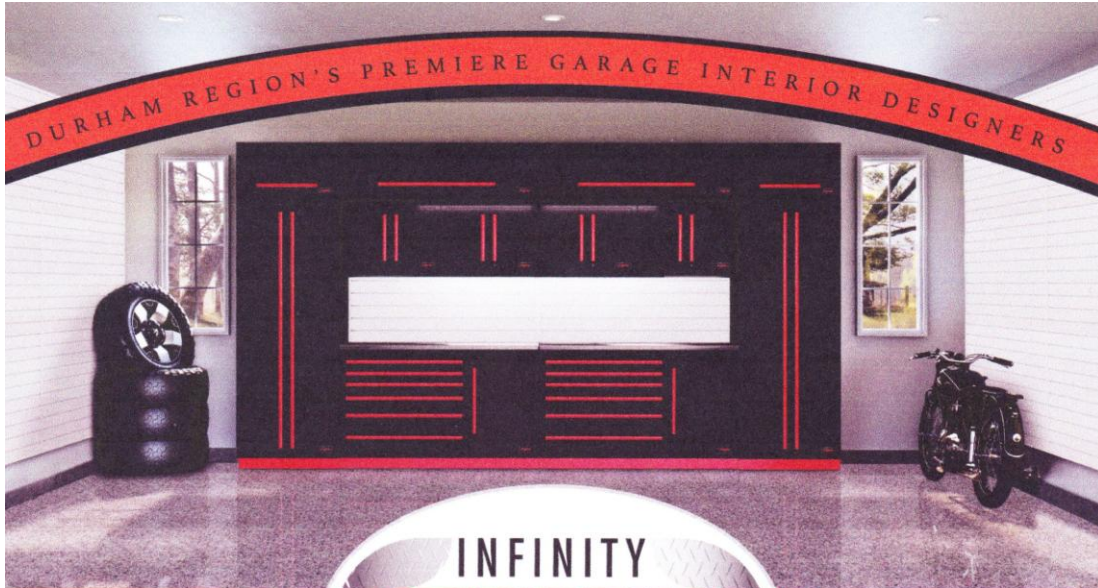
Lunch was on the shores of the Otonabee River at the Holiday Inn. The view was amazing, as was the food and the company.

Surprise event of the day was a piece of road construction that did not turn up on a search of the county construction website. Fortunately, it was relatively free of stones and well packed.

A fun day was had by all. It was great seeing everyone and meeting new members.







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Japan First to Get Factory Right-Hand-Drive Chevy Corvette C8s



Alex Kierstein - Author - Manufacturer Photographer June 4, 2021

We knew that RHD versions were coming to the U.K. and Australia, too, but Japan is the first to get them. We got our first look at the mid-engined Chevrolet Corvette C8 back in July of 2019, and even at that early date, GM confirmed that the C8 would get factory-built right-hand-drive (RHD) versions for those associated markets: Australia, Japan, and the U.K. But it's taken this long for these RHD Corvette C8s to debut, and Japan is at last the first market to receive them.

This is the first time a Corvette has had a factory RHD variant, which is great news for consumers in those countries but less great news for the cottage industry of LHD-to-RHD conversion outfits. And also not great for potential buyers in Japan who wanted to own one, since the allocation of 300 units apparently sold out almost immediately after it was announced early last year.

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Attention Corvette Ladies!

You are invited to attend our 3rd Annual Corvette Diva Day, which is tentatively scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 11, 2021. We continue planning this event and hopefully most Covid-19 restrictions will be part of our past. The day will be carefully planned respecting government directives and local rules.



What is a Corvette Diva Day? An opportunity to meet fellow Corvette ladies, share a special day together, and have some fun. The only cost for the event is your own spending...lunch, wine tasting, and any purchases you choose to make. In the past, we had ladies attend from Capital Corvette Club, Eastern Ontario Corvette Club, Peterborough Corvette Club, Corvettes of Durham, and non-affiliated. Ladies drive their Corvette to a chosen luncheon destination. This year our lunch destination will be The Whistling Duck in Brighton, Ontario. The restaurant has reserved the waterfront patio for us. If the weather is inclement, they will accommodate us inside. While having lunch, door prizes will be distributed. Following lunch and a few photos, we will cruise to Casa-Dea Winery in Wellington. Here you will have an opportunity for wine tasting [if you choose], shop at the gift store, or just walk to burn those lunch calories. The property lends itself to a great group photo with all the Corvettes lined up.

Interest in this event is growing:

- May 2019 - 8 Corvettes and 15 ladies attended the event.
- September 2020 - 13 Corvettes and 26 ladies attended
- This year we hope to have even more!

Ten ladies from COD have already confirmed their attendance for September's event. One or 2 meeting places will be organized within Durham Region so we can gather and cruise to Brighton together. I will keep you informed as more details become available.

A Facebook group has been created for ladies who are interested, under the name Corvette Diva Ladies. If you are not already a part of this group, you are welcome to join this unique network of Corvette ladies. You do not need to attend the event to be part of this group.



by Roxanne Chiusolo

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Livita Retirement Residence

Brian Striemer

On Sunday, June 27th, COD was invited by Sarah Lintern, Liifestyles and Programs Manager, at Livita Retirement Residence, to attend a community event at their Hillcroft Road address in Oshawa on Father's Day. The event would provide their residents with an opportunity to view our Corvettes up close and talk to us about them and cars in general.

Our Vettes arrived on a glorious sunny afternoon. A wonderful few hours were spent interacting with the residents, who had many questions about Corvettes. Each had their favorite but I believe the red ones were the winners.

Many thanks to Roxanne and John who each brought one of their classics to display, to Anne Halverson and Bud C6, Brian Baker C3, Brent Giffin C7, Rick Austin C7, Brian and young friend Dillon, C7.

The event enriched everyone who was involved.



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| Sept 11 | Corvette Diva Day | Roxanne Chiusolo | TBA | |
| Sept 26 | DREAMVETTES**** | Ken Gordon | OMS | |
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******All dates are tentative based on Covid-19 restrictions******

