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## *Snowy Weather Edition*



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## President's Report

March 2025



Is it spring yet? I am more than ready to leave the snow behind and get my Corvette ready for the season.

At the beginning of February, I needed to get new snow tires and rims for my daily driver, so I went to Ajax Tire. Ajax Tire has been a long-time sponsor of Corvettes of Durham. They provided me with excellent tires and rims, the price was right and the service was great. And, as if that's not enough, they carry or can get all makes and styles of tires. The people at Ajax Tire are very friendly and customer-service oriented. I highly recommend Ajax Tire for any future tire needs that you have.

Corvettes of Durham will have a display at Motorama again this year. Thanks to Ken Gordon for making all of the arrangements and getting Corvettes confirmed for the event. Thanks to Brian Halverson for arranging with General Motors to borrow a Z06 for our display. Motorama will be held from March 7 to 9. Volunteers are most welcome to help out at the booth.

Thanks to Allan Harris and Annie Pappas for hosting the COD Poker night. I haven't heard yet who the big winner was. I'm sure everyone had a good time.

Lots of planning is underway for a variety of social events, cruises, DreamVettes and of course, our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party. 2025 is shaping up to be another fun-filled season. Remember to check the calendar on the last page of every Newsletter for dates and details of events.

**On St. Patrick's Day let's all eat, drink and be Irish!**



Cheers!

Anne Halverson



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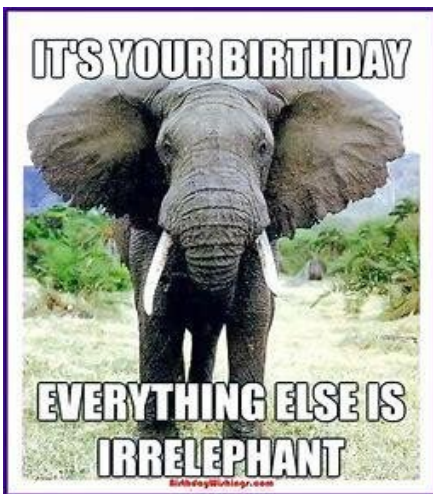
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## March Birthdays

**John Marino**                      **2nd**  
**Patti Bartlett**                    **17th**  
**Don Chalmers**                   **28th**

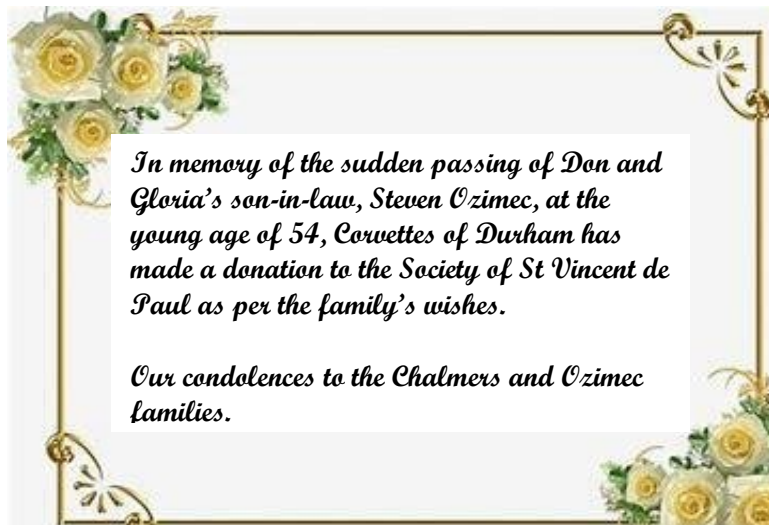


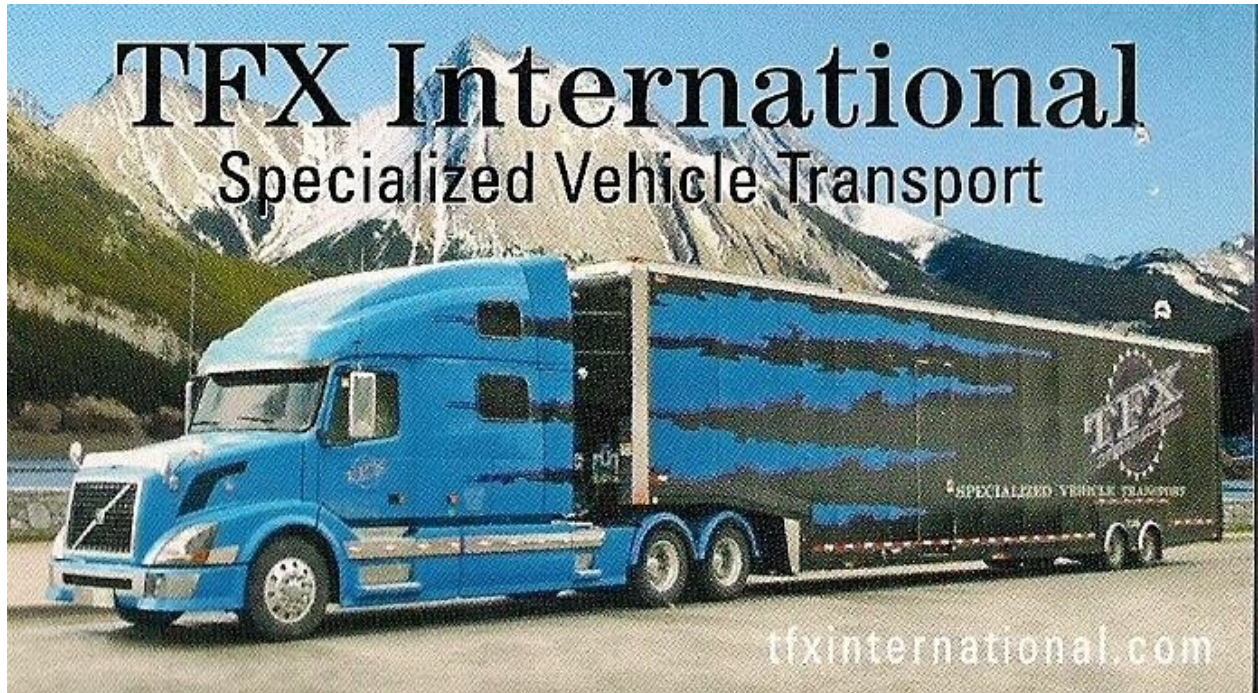
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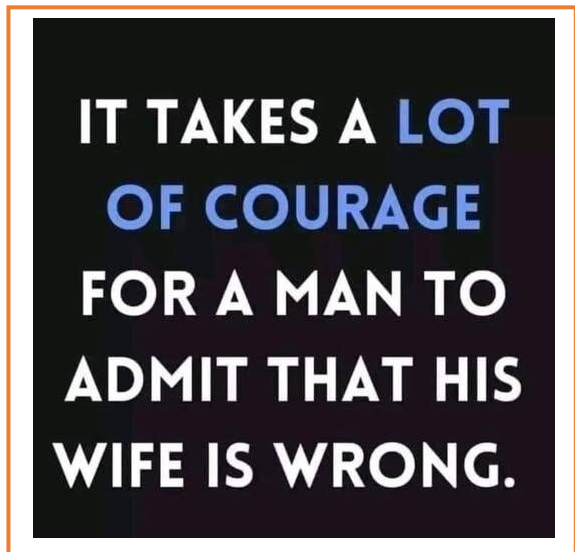
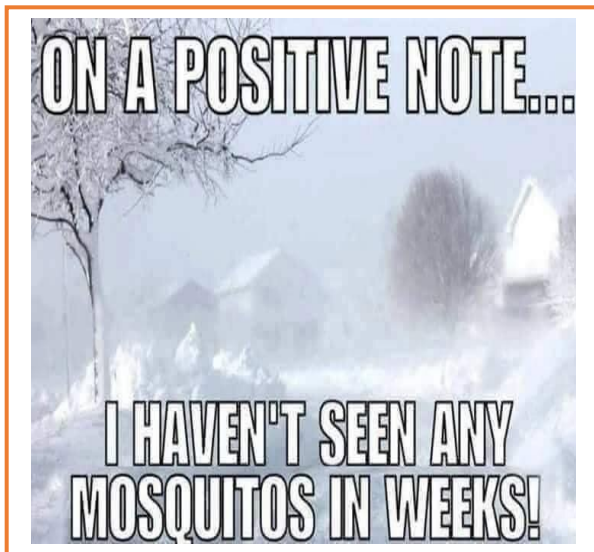
# COD Newsworthy News



- ✚ Corvettes of Durham has 31 PAID members so far...
- ✚ Don't forget to contact Ken for details on Motorama on March 7th – 9th.
- ✚ The February General Meeting was held at Bollocks Pub in Oshawa, Judy Marino won the 50-50...the MARCH GENERAL MEETING IS AT THE BROOKLIN PUB.
- ✚ Euchre Night is on March 29th, more details to follow.
- ✚ Poker winner was...



- ✚ Toronto Auto Show pics, thanks to Anita Halverson...



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## GM is reportedly tweaking its assembly lines at Bowling Green in an effort to accommodate C8 Corvette Grand Sport production.

The Grand Sport name is a legendary one within the illustrious history of the Corvette, having debuted as a factory-built racer in 1963 that was ultimately built in scant quantities and is worth a fortune today, after which it returned in 1996 as what was essentially an appearance package – albeit, a popular one. The C6 and C7 Grand Sport Corvettes took things a bit further by basically splitting the performance difference between the Z06 and ZR1, making it a favorite for budget conscious shoppers that love the looks of those models, yet don't necessarily need something that hardcore. Now, we may very well be on the verge of seeing a C8 Corvette Grand Sport added to the lineup, too.

Rumors that a C8 Corvette Grand Sport was in development have swirled for a very long time now, and this past December, a prototype was spotted that looked very much precisely like that, with a wide body, no rear spoiler, and the same exhaust setup as the Stingray. Now, in this new video from **Rick Conti**, he discusses rumors that the Bowling Green Assembly Plant is being retooled as we speak for C8 Corvette Grand Sport production, too.



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## Canadian Automotive Museum

### February E-news

Yes, it's Tailfin Month here at the CAM! The concept of vehicular tailfins turns 77 this year. How you celebrate Tailfin Month, we're not entirely sure, but given that it won't stop snowing outside here in Oshawa we need something to celebrate.

This month our dedicated volunteer team are hard at work expanding and cataloguing the vast collection of documents in the Baechler Canadian Automotive Research (CAR) Library. Every day, they're identifying, cataloguing and sorting hundreds of brochures (like the one above), maps, photographs, documents, manuals and more. If you're looking to solve an automotive mystery, or on the hunt for a particularly rare document, contact the CAR Library; we're finding new treasures every day!



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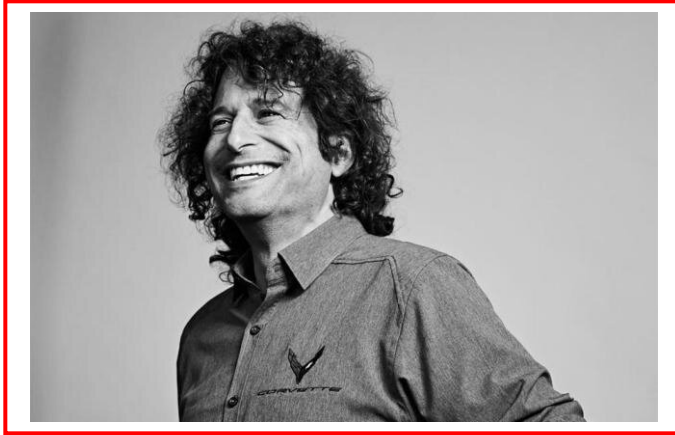
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# Harlan Charles Career with Corvette, GM Ends After 37 Years



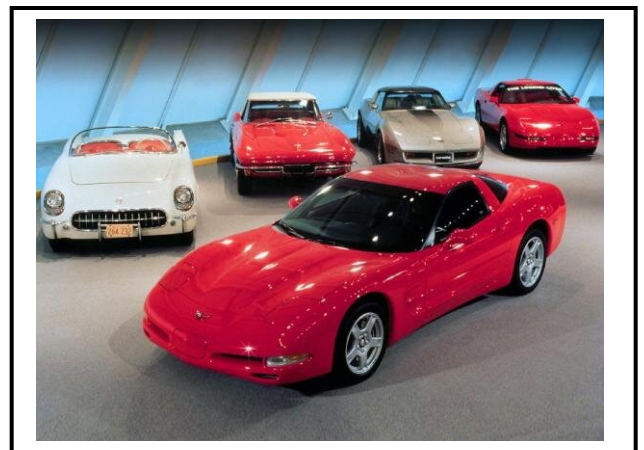
General Motors has lost another key member of its Corvette Team after notifying Corvette Product Marketing Manager [Harlan Charles](#) that “his time was up.” Harlan confirmed his retirement from GM on his [Facebook page](#) late Sunday evening, thanking those he worked with and while also looking back on his accomplishments with America’s Favorite Sports Car.

Harlan joined General Motors 37 years ago and has been on the Corvette team for 24 of those years. He was known for his rapport with Corvette owners as well as taking on the GM establishment to produce the mid-engine C8 Corvette. His presence at Corvette events will be missed. He follows retired Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter, who left the company in July 2024 after a 47 year career with the company.

## Surviving Uncertainty Part 1: The C5 Corvette

The C5 Corvette coupe joined the decades-long lineage of Corvette in 1997.

It might be difficult to imagine today, but there was a period during one of General Motors’ more challenging financial eras that nearly saw the deliberate discontinuation of the Corvette – the C5 Corvette in particular – long before its eventual arrival in the final years of the twentieth century.



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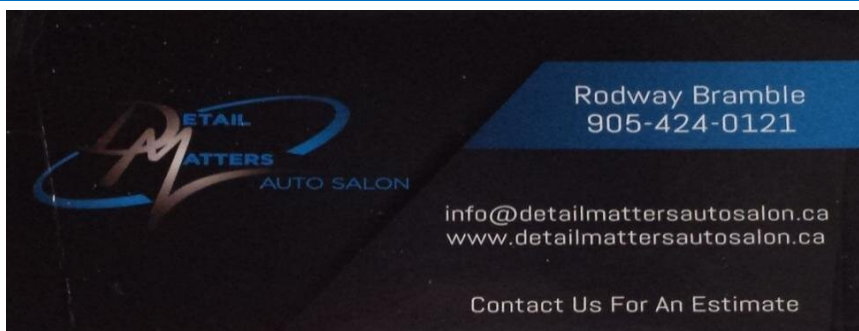


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(\*\* Please note: Tickets will be mailed six weeks prior to the event)

### Here's the 2025 CTMP major event season at a glance:

	 <b>VICTORIA DAY SPEEDFEST</b> MAY 16-18 2025 CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK	<b>Castrol Victoria Day SpeedFest Weekend</b> An action-packed holiday weekend featuring the NASCAR Canada Series <a href="#">(More Info)</a>
	 <b>VINTAGE GRAND PRIX</b> JUNE 13-15 2025 CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK	<b>VARAC Vintage Grand Prix</b> A long-time Father's Day weekend tradition featuring open and closed-wheel race cars from the past six decades of motorsports <a href="#">(More Info)</a>
	 <b>CHEVROLET GRAND PRIX</b> JULY 11-13 2025 CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK	<b>Chevrolet Grand Prix</b> Canada's biggest sports car event is the highlight of our season, featuring the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship <a href="#">(More Info)</a>
	 <b>SUPERBIKE DOUBLEHEADER</b> AUGUST 8-10 2025 CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK	<b>Superbike Doubleheader Weekend</b> Featuring the Bridgestone Canadian National Superbike Championship <a href="#">(More Info)</a>
	 <b>LABOUR DAY WEEKEND SPRINTS</b> AUGUST 29-31 2025 CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK	<b>CTMP Labour Day Weekend Sprints</b> Featuring the NASCAR Canada Series and the Trans Am Series presented by Pirelli <a href="#">(More Info)</a>





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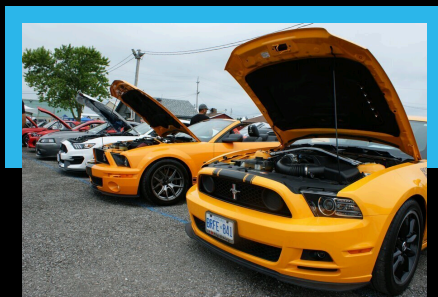


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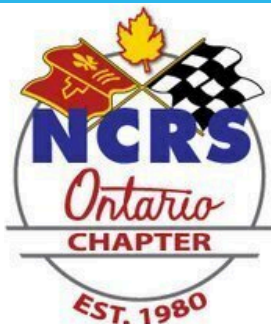
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# CCCC-ER

## 2025 Calendar of Events



CCCC Sanctioned Event	Format	Club	Date
1. Spring Fling, Stonebridge Town Center, Wasaga Beach	Casual	WBCC	May 2025
2. Dream Vettes Ontario Motor Sales	Casual	COD	June 2025
3. Waterfront Corvette Show Windsor	CP, SSS Concours Nationals	CCoW	June 2025
4. Corvette Show and Shine, Boyer GM Buick 425 Bayly St. W. Ajax , Ont.	Casual	PRCC	June 2025
5. 32nd Annual Corvette Show & Shine (Atlantic Nationals)	Participation	GMCC	July 2025
7. Hot August Night, Webers Hwy 11, Severn	Participation	GBCC	August 2025
8. Corvette Show and Shine & Poker Run Buckhorn Lions Club	Participation	COP	August 2025
9 CCCC-ER Recognition Awards Event & Memorial Cruise, Essa (Members & Guests Only)	Casual	CCCC	September 2025
10. PRCC Summers End Drive	Casual	PRCC	September 2025

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# COD 2025 Calendar



## Red-CCCC

## Black-Variou Shows

## Blue-COD events

Date	Event	Contact	Location	Time
March 7th – 9th	Motorama	Ken Gordon	International Centre	10am-
Mar19th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Brooklin Pub	5:30pm
March 29th	Euchre Night	John Heinrichs	TBA	TBA
April 16th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Royal Ashburn G&CC	5:30pm
May 3rd	Spring Cruise	John Heinrichs	Rice Lake	TBA
May TBA	Spring Fling	WBCC	Wasaga Beach	TBA
May 24th	Slabtown Cruise	John Heinrichs	Uxbridge	TBA
June ?	Fowlers Corners	John Heinrichs	Fowlers Corners	TBA
June 21st	Steering for Steer Friends		Markham Fair Grounds	9am-
June 22nd	DreamVettes	Anne Halverson	Ontario Motor Sales	8am-
July 4/5th	Vettefest	John Heinrichs	Bayfield	TBA
July 19th	Summer Cruise	John Heinrichs	Campbellford	TBA
July 26th	COD 25th	Susanne Ralph	Greenwood Conservation Ajax	
Aug 5th	Hot August Nites	John Heinrichs	Orillia	TBA
Aug 16th	Minden Cruise	John Heinrichs	Minden	TBA
Nov 29th	Christmas Party	Jan Raven	Wooden Sticks	TBA

