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March 2021

Acting Presidents Report



The past few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity and change, but rest assured the club is intact and business is carrying on. I'm pleased to be your Acting President through this transition.

Secret Valentine was fun and 27 club members participated. There was a flurry of activity that weekend as we exchanged treats and greetings. Thanks to Gail Schroer for organizing this festivity.

Rosanne Kalpage recently had surgery on her foot and is now facing several weeks of recuperation. On behalf of the club, I wish you all the best for a speedy recovery Rosanne!

Just a gentle reminder to please pay your membership fee for 2021, if you haven't already done so.

Thanks to John Fletcher for volunteering to keep the newsletter alive. This edition of the newsletter includes several interesting articles and a few new advertisers, which is great to see! It's a good read. Enjoy!

Everyone is a little Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Wishing you a pot o' gold, and all the joy your heart can hold.

Anne Halverson



Elections

There are 3 positions up for election:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary

There is a special email address: CODnominations@gmail.com to send your nominations to. The deadline for nominations is March 31st. Please ensure whoever you nominate agrees to run for the position. A short bio and picture of each person running for election must be received by March 31st.

The bios will then be distributed to all club members for your information and review.

Ballots will be generated, which will be printed in both black and colour ink and each ballot will be stamped with our corporate seal. This will ensure the ballots cannot be duplicated.

The ballots will be mailed to the club members, one ballot per member. The members will then cast their votes and return the ballots by mail. The completed ballots must be mailed to:

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An elections committee has been established to oversee the elections process, tally the votes and communicate the results to all club members.

The positions of **Newsletter Director** and **Advertising Director** are also vacant, but are not elected positions. Please consider volunteering as the Newsletter or Advertising Director, as these are vital positions for ensuring that the club thrives.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the elections or about the roles of any of these positions.

You will be kept informed as we proceed through the elections process.

Anne Halverson, Acting President



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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COD Members' Corner



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March Birthdays

Patti O'Bartlett, 17th

Don O'Chalmers, 28th



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The Story of Toy4Halv and HalvsToy

The Halverson brothers were motorcycle enthusiasts in their youth. They both loved the bad boy image, as much as the thrill of the ride. When marriage and family came along, the brothers sold their bikes for mini vans but both acquired bikes again (around those mid-life crisis years) Robert a Harley and Brian a Suzuki.

Perhaps both of them realized the thrill of the ride diminishes in your 50's. When their mother passed in 2010, Brian thought it was the perfect time to use some of his inheritance to replace the Corvette he sold in the 1982. He had been eyeing a Cyber Grey Grand Sport Convertible in the Showroom at a dealership he called on as the GM rep. A few weeks later it arrived on a flat bed truck and the following spring was on the road with a new set of vanity plates.

It is challenging to come up with a clever vanity plate since all of the Corvette variations are already taken so Brian took the name his son's school friends used 'Halv' and came up with Toy4Halv.

Shortly thereafter, Robert decided to give up the Harley and ordered a Yellow Coupe and made it a GT1 replica (interesting story about the decal for another time). Since Toy4Halv was gone, Robert came up with a variation HalvsToy.



I recall a show where the cars were parked side by side and the brothers went off looking around. Someone came up and asked "Do you have 2 vettes? That's not fair!"

At the time of writing, Toy4Halv is sitting in a drawer awaiting a new corvette.

By Anita Halverson



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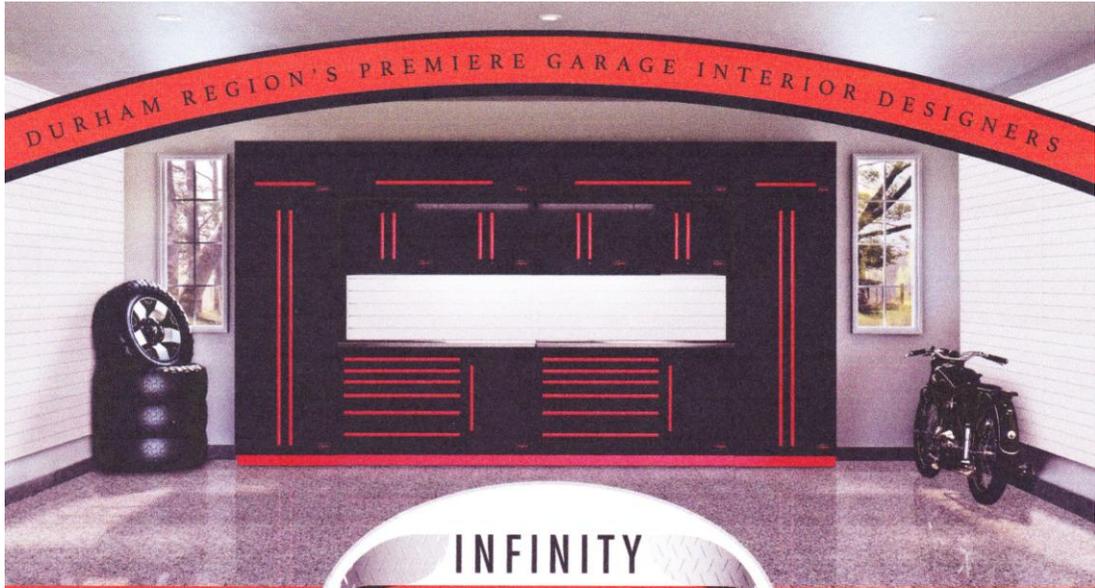
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There is always a story behind Personalized License Plates. The possibilities are unlimited. Some are obvious and some have a really interesting story behind them.

It doesn't take an intelligence team to decode our plates NCM FM (National Corvette Museum Founding Member) and NCM 1007 (National Corvette Museum Membership No.) but they sure draw attention in Bowling Green. As a matter of fact, I am sure you will see more Personalized Plates in Bowling Green on any Labour Day weekend, than you will anywhere else in the world.

So, if you have an interesting story you would like to share about your personalized plate please send to them to me at furryface@powergate.ca and I will put together another collection for next month.

The following are a few stories I've collected recently. I am sure you will enjoy them.



The Story of Ron Boulter's Personalized Plates

It could only happen to Ron! He retired from the Bank around the date of his birthday - September 11, 2001. Can you believe it?

The story I heard is that Ron always loved nice cars so I guess a Corvette was a nice retirement present. Ron ordered his first personalized plate for his 2003 Coupe - TOYSRFUN.

The Corvette bug got to him so over a year before he bought his 2005 Coupe he ordered a new plate- C6 VETTE. This plate served him well - it followed the 2005 Coupe to his 2007 Pace Car Convertible and then on to his 2012 Grand Sport Convertible.

After knowing Ron all these years, I am sure the ink wasn't dry on the cheque for the 2012 when he ordered his next plate - C7 VETTE. The C7 VETT plate sat on the shelf for 12- 18 months before it was attached to his current 2016 Z06 Convertible.

Now I don't know for sure, but I don't think there is much chance that the C9, C10 or C11 VETTE plates are available.



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Originally the focus was on the production line Grand Sport Convertibles - the C4s, C6s and C7s but did you know Zora Arkus Duntov secretly developed Grand Sports in the 1960's. Today all Grand Sports are recognized as a very special vehicle, and the Grand Sport Registry has grown to an extremely large, world wide organization.

There was 1,000 RPO Grand Sports in 1996. It paused and re-surfaced in 2010 with the C6 Grand Sport. Membership in the Grand Sport Registry includes all RPO Grand Sport models - 1963, 1996, 2010 to 2013 and 2017 to 2019 and the replicas.

The Grand Sport Registry is a Lifetime Business Member of the National Corvette Museum and gladly supports the National Corvette Museum through donations and fundraisers. The annual Grand Sport Registry Event combined with the C4 Gathering is usually held at the National Corvette Museum in the middle of May. The Grand Sport Registry has an extensive website. Check it out for some very interesting reading.

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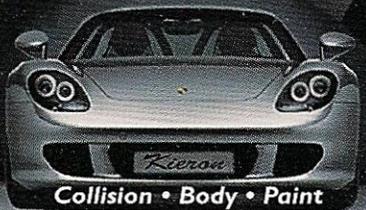
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