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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE





I hear it all the time.

"Why should I join an organized Corvette Club? It costs money and there are all kinds of free groups to join."

While it is a valid question, it isn't always the easiest one to answer. But in one word? Structure.

Everyone is different. All are looking for their personal experience when driving their sports car. For some it is simply getting behind the wheel, out on the open road and feeling the wind through your hair. But for many, we want more out of the experience. Certainly, finding like-minded people who share your passion is a bonus. Getting together, sharing thoughts, networking and building relationships. You can find that in lots of other areas too, but why CCO?

The Corvette Club of Ontario was formed in 1962, making it the oldest Corvette Club in Canada. That rich history brings with it a well-developed structure designed to make the member experience fun, safe, interesting, engaging and rewarding. A great example is volunteerism. Once a member, many want to get more involved in helping run the Club. And there are lots of opportunities for that. CCO has the insurance and procedures in place to ensure that, in the unlikely event of an incident, our Board of Directors and our members are protected. You shouldn't have to put your personal assets at risk in order to volunteer for something.

The Touch of Thunder (you are seeing a sample of here) is another big plus. Membership has its privileges and discounts are to be had at a number of our wonderful sponsors. Exclusive to our members and sponsors, this beloved newsletter helps keep us all abreast of our generous supporters and why we need to patronize them.

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All Corvettes Are Red Photoshoot

By: Jamie Krane





Occasionally good things come out of bad things. We will all remember July of 2020. We were locked down in the midst of a world-wide pandemic when something incredible happened. A select few, dedicated CCO members came together to make history. For the first time in the world, all 8 generations of Corvettes at one place... at one time. Eight Club members will forever hold the distinction of having been part of this world-wide first.





With our friends at Legendary Motorcar celebrating their 35th Anniversary, a perfect opportunity arose for a select few to break ranks and secretly leave our houses. What rebels we are! The backdrop was Legendary's impressive facility near James Snow Parkway and the 401. The cars were ready, the weather was perfect and our good friend, TSN Motoring TV's Jim Kenzie even agreed to host.

While planning this spectacle, we had the good fortune to meet Brian Edwards from Blue Hive Creative who brought the inspiration of producing a video of "The making of this historic picture". He turned out to be a true visionary with the skills to tie it all together for us.



This all culminated in two incredible videos and an 8 generation photo banner of the "money shot" that we are selling through Garagebanners.ca with the proceeds going to the food bank. A true win win.

Check out the videos at the following links.

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Crooked Cue & Lunch Social

By Gerry Pancott





We had a good turn-out of 13 people show up for our last social of the off-season. It was also the last CCO social of this decade – 10 years have passed us by and next year we enter a new decade. The only consoling thing is our first car tour of the season is just over one month away, and we'll be driving our Corvettes again.

We were back at The Crooked Cue in Etobicoke, a pool hall we haven't been to in years. When I arrived, there were an overabundance of kids screaming and making kid noises. What had I done wrong? Nothing as it turned out – we were placed in the group room away from the noise, kids and distractions.

We broke up into teams of two, racked up the balls and it was all fun from there. As the winners played the winners, the second-place teams played their counterparts, it all finally came down to the finalists. The team of Steve & Nancy Cooper vs. Jamie Krane & Robin Chalmers. It was a game of strategy and

defensive shots. Just a FYI, Robin is quite the pool shark. The gallery watched and supported both sides and when that 8-ball dropped into its pocket, only 1 team became victorious – our CCO "Minnesota Fats" were the husband and wife team – Steve & Nancy Cooper. Congratulations to the winners and to everybody that played. It was nice to see both Terry Willis and Rick Thompson attend this event.

We wrapped up things and from there it was off to Izba Restaurant for a group lunch. This smaller restaurant on The Queensway had our table waiting for us. The food was amazing, reasonably priced and enjoyed by all. The leisurely lunch allowed all of us to socialize, relax, laugh and have a great time. I want to thank everybody that came out to support this social. It's the members that make these events so much fun. I've said it before, there is no better time to be a CCO member.



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Cruise Season

By Gerry Pancott – Cruise Director, Adeo Calcagni – Assistant Cruise Director







What a season of cruising we've had. The weather gods looked out for us all season long – no rain on any of the club sponsored tours. Now that on its own was remarkable. Throw in the fact that we had 6 cruising events from May to October plus the Kingston Invasion (that was one of the highlights of the season), the Quad C Awards event at the Senick farm, Corvette for Kids Road Tour, multiple sister club car shows, we had a lot of opportunity for seat time driving our Corvettes. The President's Cruise to Stratford set the pace with the reserved parking across from city hall on Market Place. We had our very own Corvette corral. No worries about the general public parking a car too close to our Corvettes – we filled that entire street. We followed that with our 1st Quad C Mystery Tour. This replaced our annual car show at Wallace GMC and was pleasantly supported by Quad C sister clubs. The 2nd annual Watkins Glen weekend tour did not disappoint – the meet & greet

at Great Lakes Classic Cars was an example of true American hospitality.

The Oro-Medonte Spirit Trees amazed everyone while the SS Keewatin ship tour proved informative and enjoyable. At the Niagara Escarpment tour, we met the Hamilton Corvette Club at the meet & greet. What are the chances of 2 different Corvette clubs having a club tour the same day using the same meet & greet location at the same time? This will turn into a great sister club relationship. The Fall Colours tour with its 50 Corvettes (97 people) capped it all off on a beautiful fall day in October, driving through some amazing countryside on great roads with the tree canopy in full colour. It is hard to put into words just how enjoyable that day was. It seems like yesterday I was promoting the May President's Cruise tour and here we are detailing the cars and putting them away for the winter.

We also had a full off-season social calendar that had us at the Pierce Arrow Museum, throwing axes & knives at targets, trying to escape from a locked room plus flying around a go kart track. Overall, we had over 10 club-sponsored events to choose from this year. Attendance at each one was reflective of what a great membership we have. This season we had 187 cars participate in our 6 tours. Add in the attendance from our socials and we had 424 people show up for both the socials and/or tours.

First and foremost, I want to thank Sharon for all her behind-the-scenes work on this year's activities & tours; Adeo & Rose for all their help and assistance as well as Steve's Tire & Wallace GMC for their continued sponsor support; plus, Mike & Diane Maguire for their support with Lucas Oil and Corvette Central draw prizes. Last but not least, I want to thank all our members. It's the members that make these tours so enjoyable.

It's everybody that gave up some time to come out, socialize and tour around with other club members. Without your participation these tours & socials would have been just another day in the month, nothing special. You helped make every one of them special, showed all of us what club comradery is all about. I truly believe there is no better time to be a CCO member – all of you prove that point.

Next year we'll have another full calendar of social activities and touring. Adeo Calcagni is assisting me again next year and we'll tour all new roads with all new points of interest & places to go. The club website will have these tours and socials loaded up on the calendar events page shortly. Save the dates, mark your calendars. It won't be long before our cars are out of storage and we are once again driving them. Please remember to always obey the Highway Traffic Laws. Drive safe, stay safe and I'll see you on the roads.









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By: Michael Hart



On Saturday Aug 15th, Corvette Club of Ontario (CCO) hosted a Muskoka region Corvette cruise and Charity Scavenger Hunt. Proceeds went to the Salvation Army Food Bank. CCO did something unique for this cruise, which worked quite well. We invited other Ontario based Corvette clubs to participate. We had 23 cars attend from the Lake County Corvette Club (LCCC; Barrie & Orillia area), a couple cars from Eastern Ontario Corvette Club (Kingston area) a few from the Northeastern Ontario Corvette Club (Sudbury, North Bay, etc) and 9 cars from the Muskokabased Fast Lane informal Corvette Club. With all the CCO members that made the trip, we had over 80 enthusiastic Corvette car loads.

A wide range of cars showed up, mostly C5, C6 and C7s with two C8s that the author was aware of. Perhaps a few more. Traffic was decent this day for a Saturday, with no road construction and fewer slow-moving cars than expected. Always a pleasant surprise.







The route was a 2-hour loop starting and finishing at the Gravenhurst Wharf, with the CCO cars going clockwise and all other clubs members going counter clockwise. This enabled all drives to pass half the cars and do their own version of the famous Corvette wave. The Clockwise loop headed up Hwy #169 though the sights in Bala and north towards Parry Sound. Then SE down Hwy #141 to the town of Rosseau where many people used the public park, facilities and picnic areas. Then south from Rosseau down 141 to Muskoka Road #4 into the north end of Bracebridge. All then enjoyed Muskoka Road 50 across this windy scenic road to Hwy #11 south back to Gravenhurst. There where a total of 18 clues along this route, some quite challenging to find the answer, depending which direction one was headed.

We offered an extended 2-hour option route, which extended the ride to 4 hours. This route enjoyed two famous car and motorcycle club rally-type roads, along Hwy #518 and Muskoka Road #3 from Huntsville to the town of Rosseau. From what the CCO organizers can tell about 30-40% of cars chose the optional extension for a pleasant 4-hour cruise. Social distancing was well respected at the start location, rest stops and for those who did a picnic or restaurant lunch.





CCO hosted a cruise wrap up call over Zoom the following evening. Our cruise director Tom Boldt did all the scavenger hunt answer scoring, ranked the scores and picked the top 4 results. At the Zoom meeting the winners were announced, all whom received Amazon gift cars.

The club executive were very proud to announce we raised \$5,000 for our charity, Salvation Army Food Bank. Simply a fabulous event, with excited cruisers, lots of smiles under those masks, some great sights and a wonderful participation from over 4 different Corvette clubs. We even lucked out with spectacular weather for this mid-summer event.

Special thanks to CCO Directors Michael Hart for pre-selecting and mapping the route, and to Tom Boldt, Paul Giampuzzi and Jamie Krane who spend a Wednesday in Muskoka doing a dry run of the route and finding numerous clues that Tom used to build the final scavenger hunt questions.



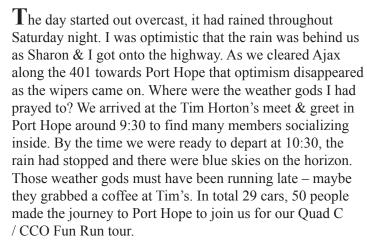


Quad C / CCO Fun Run

By Gerry Pancott







Our first stop was at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. The Porsche club had the track for the day so any hope for a paced lap disappeared as soon as I heard. We did get to watch them (with a little envy) travel around the track going so very quickly. The rest stop was welcomed by all





and after a group photo op on the Victory Podium we got back into our cars and headed towards Peterborough. The back roads were great today, everything was so green from all the rain we've had lately. It is so relaxing driving those back roads, so little traffic, so little congestion. And as far as the eye could see, Corvettes of every color in my rear-view mirror. Our last stop was the historic Peterborough Lift Lock #21. A brief stop here, another photo op and we left for Publican restaurant.

The restaurant staff were primed and ready as 50 people converged on them all at once. It has to be so hard for the wait staff to gear up for such a large crowd showing up like this. The food was fantastic, wait staff amazing as they served us food and drink. During our group lunch there were numerous draws and winners. Our 50/50 winner was Luba Storus. Congratulations to all the winners. After lunch some of our participants stayed for the optional micro-brewery tour. I understand it was quite a good tour.



I want to thank Sharon for all her assistance behind the scenes, Lianne for helping me with the 50/50, Quad C sister clubs and Cindy Wilcox for their support, Joe Jordan for his generous donation of the jack pucks he sells and all the people that came out to spend a day driving their Corvettes. A big shout out to Dave Male & Kathie Bowler, as well as



Barbara and Ken Poole who had car problems but still joined us with their daily drivers. Now that is commitment to tour. It's all the participants that make these tours so enjoyable. There is no better time to be a CCO and Quad C member. Let's continue to make this the "Summer to Fenember". After all, it's the last summer of the decade. Drive safe and please obey the Highway Traffic Laws.



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Alex Alfred of Hagerty

By: Gerry Pancott



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I want to thank Alex Alfred at Hagerty Insurance for taking the time to sit down with me & having this frank and heart-felt interview. Hagerty is much more than just a collector car insurance shop. Their sponsorship and support is a very important contribution to CCO and car clubs in general.

Question: Tell us about yourself – your childhood, your family, your education

Answer:

My grandfather worked for the Guyanese government in South America and could import cars into the country. My grandmother operated a taxi service and purchased re-manufactured British cars from overseas. My hard-working parents emigrated to Canada in the early 70's. I was born in Toronto in the mid 70's, went to school and grew up in Scarborough. My childhood was heavily influenced by my loving and caring family. Although never a car buff at an early age, I had a sense of cars. My memory of my dad's 1976 Mini Cooper and my uncle's Mercury Capri RS stands out as I was growing up. I am a huge history buff and enjoy reading and learning about the past. I went to York University and complimented that with a college degree. I landed a job with UHN (University Health Network) and in 2010, I also began working for an insurance company. Everyone probably remembers Grey Power Insurance and their ads. Looking back, TV shows such as My Classic Car with host Dennis Gage (I can still see his handlebar mustache), had an influence on me. The Buick Grand National was the car of the 80's and is one of my favorite picks. I have been in the insurance business now for 10 years, a relationship management business that is all about engaging customers and people. I am a devoted family man, happily married with 2 girls that I absolutely adore, a 10 year old and a 20 month old.







Question: How did you find your way to Hagerty?

Answer:

As mentioned, I worked at UHN with an overlap with Grey Power. I found that I loved the relationship management aspect of the insurance industry and left UHN to pursue a full-time career in insurance. After 2 years with Grey Power (owned by Intact Insurance) I moved to All State insurance and further developed my understanding and knowledge of the business for the next 5 years. In 2017, I was approached by Hagerty, a company I had little insights in, made the move and has never looked back. Hagerty has a worldwide corporate and community footprint. They give back so much to the community.





Question: Has the insurance industry changed significantly over the years?

Answer:

Automobile insurance is regulated by the government and has seen marginal changes over the years. Property insurance is company regulated and has realized more changes. One of the more significant changes was the morphing, twisting and turning from a theft endorsement into an identity theft or cyber risk endorsement. Cyber risk is now probably one of our biggest concerns as consumers. Hagerty is always trying to be on the forefront of technology, trying to predict where future losses may occur so they can better protect their customers.





Question: Hagerty has a large community footprint. They support over 60 events, car shows and hobbyist initiatives each year. Is one more significant to you?

Answer:

Hagerty's sponsorship of the Ontario Regiment Museum in Oshawa is something that is close to my heart. Part of it is the historical awareness it brings to the public, part of it is the "wheels on the ground" aspect of these mighty tanks from early wars running around the museum grounds. It all comes back full circle to my love of history and what our grandparents and parents did to ensure our freedom. Motorama is one of my most memorable events just for how amazing it is – the people, the cars, the excitement and interest, although the long hours at a trade show are demanding. Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance and a new initiative called CTMP Drive Festival are designed to grow the car hobbyist enthusiasm and car club membership.





Question: You own a Corvette, tell us about it.

Answer:

I own a 1977 White automatic with red interior. It has an EFI fuel system and a newer crate engine. A colleague at All State Insurance knew of a woman that was selling a C3 after the loss of her husband. Looking at the car, I knew right away it was perfect; low mileage, well maintained with minimal work required. Within 1 week, I bought it and drove it home. I enjoy driving my Corvette (I bet it's properly insured with Hagerty) throughout Ontario and into the northeastern United States and it has close to 100,000 miles on it. I believe in driving my Corvette. I am hoping to find an early 70's Pontiac Catalina one day – a more family oriented pleasure car.





Question: What direction is the car hobby going?

Answer:

I believe that the car hobby will always be around. The only difference between baby boomers and the new generation of car enthusiasts is the "generation gap". Boomers are passionate about the pony cars of the 60's, just as millennials are passionate about the imports they grew up with. The car hobby will continue on. The challenge will be to get the millennials to engage in the car club mentality in the same way baby boomers did. The other challenge is to see if the generation gap can morph into car shows together.

Question: How can CCO members show their appreciation for the generous financial sponsorship Hagerty Insurance has given our club?

Answer:

Hagerty wants CCO to continue on its "club path", engage with other car clubs, stay active and keep inviting members out. The club offers many things to the CCO membership and that is what Hagerty wants to see. Our continued club support of the many Hagerty car events and initiatives meets their desire for "hands on wheel – cars on the road". Drive and enjoy your cars and participate in car related events is their message to us.





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Car Show Entrant's Guide

How to Prepare Your Car to be a Winning Entry Part 1: Car Shows – What Are They All About? By: Stu Cork

In the near future, CCO will be hosting an outdoor car show at Gateway Chevrolet GM. Our members are also welcome at various Concours events, Show 'n Shines, and charity shows held all through the season and hosted by a variety of Corvette clubs and other associations.



Shows are always a lot of fun, with a BBQ going, D.J.'s or live bands playing music, and a chance to see a lot of Corvettes and other amazing rides! They are also a great way to learn more about your car and other model years of Corvette, as you will be participating with Corvette enthusiasts from CCO as well as other car clubs. The judging is an excellent way to gain valuable tips and direction in improving your Corvette. Each time your car is judged, think of it as an opportunity to receive a fair, independent, and constructive critique of your car. Each showing is a learning experience.



Car shows can be categorized by the type of judging that goes on at them. There are generally three types of judging: Entrant's Choice, Show n' Shine, and Concours. Your car can be classified by year, body style, and whether you are showing open or closed hood for engine compartment judging. This evens out the playing field, so that each car is judged against cars that are similar to it in terms of specific judged items.

At mixed marque charity events, Corvettes are often grouped in with other cars and simply classified by year.



There may also be special awards given by individual or host sponsors, and these are usually picked by the organization donating the award.

1. Entrant's Choice Ballot Judging:

Entrant's choice judging is the least formal type of judging and is currently the most popular type of car show event. Cars are also classified according to their generation, C1 through C8 and custom categories.



Entrants vote for the best car in each category (except their own) based upon how the car is presented for cleanliness and condition

Entrant's Choice ballots are deposited in a ballot box at the registration desk by a predetermined time for tabulation, and the winners are announced at the end of the event.

2. Show 'n Shine & Concours:

In Show 'n Shine and Concours, the classifications are by year or generation grouping: C1 through C6, and custom categories. All year classifications are open or closed hood in Show 'n Shines, and open hood only in Concours.



Quad C runs a Concours series that has events hosted by various associate Corvette clubs across Ontario, and entrants are encouraged to attend events to accumulate points toward a grand prize at the end of the season's series.

The Gateway to Corvettes event that CCO will be hosting will have Show 'n Shine type judging by select club members who have concours judging experience. Hoods can be open or closed at the discretion of the owner.



Show 'n Shine and Concours judging is a more formal and systematic type of judging than Entrant's Choice. The judges themselves are often Corvette owners, each working in teams of two and specializing in judging sets of specific items on all cars. Judges may have their cars on display only, and their personal Corvettes are not part of the judged field.

The following items are judged for cleanliness and condition (with a 1/4 point deduction for each fault): exterior body, exterior paint, exterior chrome including brightwork and painted bumpers, all glass, light and signal lenses, convertible tops, roof panels, rubber, trim, wheels, hub caps, tires, carpet, upholstery, door panels, door jams, console, and dash.



Note that roofs and glass must be up (or on) so that they may be judged, and owners are requested to remain with their cars so that they can open doors or hood for access by the judges.

In open hood, engine block, wiring, compartment, and under hood area paint is also judged.



Cars are usually scored out of a possible 100 points in open hood classes, 80 in closed hood.

Concours type show judging can include all of the Show n' Shine judging items, as well as areas behind the seats of the car, the trunk (if equipped) and the wheel wells. Concours judging is usually much more competitive and detailed, and can also include general fit and finish items.



There is also a mechanical judging component in concours, where all of your Corvettes electrical and many mechanical operating functions are also checked.

3. Special Awards:

Corvette shows can also have various individual trophies given for special awards. These can include Charity Choice, Sponsor's Choice, People's Choice (by ballot), and these are chosen and presented by the individual group or organization they represent.



Specialty awards can also be given based on specific criteria, such as Best Paint, Best Engine, or Best Interior, and often a sponsor or judge with expertise in that particular category makes the selection. Fun awards such as Most Bugs in Grill, or Long Distance or Club Participation are also popular.

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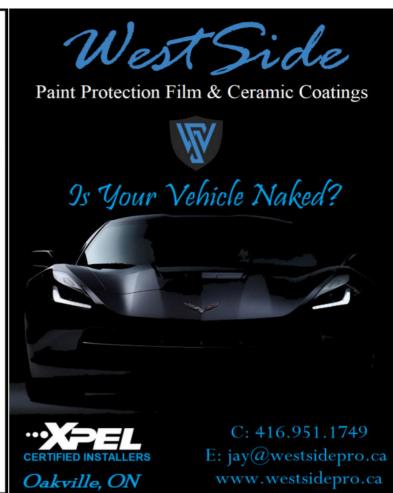
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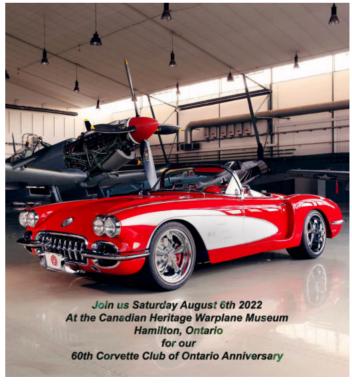
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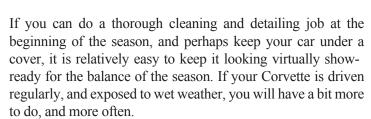
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How to Prepare Your Car to be a Winning **Entry Part 2: Washing Your Car at Home**

by: Stu Cork

Note: These are the detailing steps that I like to use, they work for me and I hope they are useful to you. However I cannot guarantee compatibility of products, nor do I endorse them. Like everyone else, I happen to have my favorites.





Also remember that improper detailing under less than ideal conditions, and use of the wrong products for specific applications, can actually damage your car's finish.

1. Washing your Corvette:

Choose a time and location so that you can wash your car out of the direct sunlight if possible, to avoid soap drying before your rinse.



You will need a bucket, car soap specially formulated to wash your car without stripping its wax, several large fluffy beach towels, some smaller towels, and perhaps a brush for the wheels if yours are of a design that makes it tough to clean.

Be certain that all the towels have been thoroughly washed and dried in the laundry before you use them. Give them an extra rinse cycle in the machine so that there is no laundry detergent residue in the towels that could leave marks when you use them to dry your Corvette.

Start by soaking the car with a spray from a hose, and always work from the top of the car down. Mix the car soap in the bucket according to directions on the bottle, and take a large beach towel and soak it in the soapy water.

The trick is to let the soapy water from the towel and the weight of the saturated towel do the work and float the dirt off your finish. Some careful rubbing may be necessary for stubborn stains, and you may even need a stronger spot cleaner or spray degreaser, such as for bugs and road tar.



Be very careful to avoid rubbing the paint of your car so as to avoid damage from scratching by the dirt that may be trapped between your towel and the surface - just pull the towel across the surface. If you have to clean around emblems, be wary of dirt trapped under them which can seep out and cause scratching.

Work from the top down, and doing one section at a time (roof, hood, quarter panels, etc.) rinse off the soap from each section as you complete it, and never let the car dry with soap on it, or apply the soapy towel to a dry finish. Don't forget to wash your door frames, door sills, and door jams.



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If you find that the water or soaping towel has become particularly contaminated and the water has become dark, change them.

After you have soaped and rinsed all the body panels, take a smaller towel, and perhaps a fresh bucket of soapy water, and wash the inside of the wheel wells, the wheel rims, rocker panels, and all visible or accessible frame and components under the car including the spare tire carrier, exhaust tips and mufflers.

Give all areas and the entire car a final rinse, and then use several large fluffy beach towels to dry the car.

2. Engine Compartment:

Depending on how thoroughly you need to detail your engine compartment, you may want to perform this task before you wash the outside of your Corvette.

Every Corvette generation is different, and cleaning the engine bay is quite a specific job, so this is a general outline.



If the engine area is heavily encrusted with dirt and grime, some form of commercially available engine shampoo may be necessary for a start. Be VERY careful with some canned spray engine shampoos since if you have aluminum or plastic engine parts, they can attack the aluminum and plastic and leave unsightly blemishes and marks. Follow the directions on the can and as with all such products, test them on an inconspicuous area first.

Another method is to take an organic degreaser, such as "Simple Green" and under adequate lighting, spray and wipe by hand with a cloth or brush all areas under the hood that you see visible dirt on. This is time consuming but often gives a better result.

Finally, you can rinse under your hood with a spray hose, being very careful to avoid spraying water directly on to sensitive components, such as the battery, starter, alternator, carb, etc.



Once the hood area has been thoroughly cleaned and dried, you can then start to meticulously detail the various components so that they present better. This can be very time consuming, and you should expect to need a lot of patience.

Rubber and plastic components can be rejuvenated with dressings such as matte finish "Armor All" type products. Never spray rubber and plastic dressings directly on the surface, spray them on to a small cloth or foam shoe-shine applicator pad and then rub the product into the surface so that it works into the material and leaves no shiny or sticky residue that can accumulate dirt and give it a shiny "cheap" look.

You can also use touch up paints, such as flat black, or aluminum, clear, or correct color matches for a coated finish, and a small brush to repaint components as may be needed. If the component is in need of thorough refinishing, remove it and paint it separately. If it is in a spray can, shoot a little into the cap and dab it on with a small brush.

Don't forget to clean under the hood itself, the hood edges, and all areas that may be visible to a judge. Be sure to use plenty of light and shine it into all the areas under the hood. There could be areas under the hood that are exposed to direct sunlight on the judging field, and you may miss them without adequate illumination when you clean and detail them at home



If your car does not have an insulating pad under the hood, ALWAYS open the hood when parked with a hot engine to preserve the under hood paint from heat damage.

3. Interior:

Start with a thorough cleaning of the interior, including removing all items not originally sold with the car when new. Vacuum the seats, carpeting, storage areas behind seats and trunk, and all crevices where grit may have become trapped. A "Shop Vac" with a crevice tool works great for this.





Use a leather or vinyl cleaner and conditioner on your seats, working it in with a small cloth. Wipe the leather again after the product has had a chance to absorb so that it shows no residue. Don't forget the shifter boot. Stains in the carpet or upholstery may need foaming cleaner and brushing to remove them.

Clean all plastic areas such as console, dash, and door panels, and apply dressing to them if they appear chalky or faded. Again, use a cloth or foam applicator wetted with the product to apply to the surface, never spray directly onto the surface. Use another cloth to wipe off any excess or residue.

Clean all glass inside and out thoroughly, using a ball of newspaper sprayed with automotive grade glass cleaner. Carefully clean instrument lenses by gently wiping any dirt or dust with glass cleaner and a small soft cloth. Avoid rubbing the soft clear plastic headlamp lenses which scratch very easily.



4. Waxing:

Since the process of waxing, including both the application of wax and the buffing of dried wax, involves rubbing your Corvette's external finish, it is imperative that you start with a perfectly clean finish surface to apply the wax to, and you perform this task in a location that any form of dust or dirt cannot settle back onto the surface while you are working.

Waxing your Corvette inside a closed garage would be the best location. Be sure to wash down the floor of the garage before driving in so that there is no chance that dust or concrete grit from the floor can be stirred up and settle on the finish while it is being worked on.

Always have a damp towel or tack cloth handy to sweep across the finish to keep it absolutely clean and dust free as you work. Other than for minor touch ups, avoid applying wax outdoors to your Corvette.

There are several types of waxes to choose from, and each is designed for a different purpose. Generally there are synthetic and natural waxes, and cleaner and non-cleaner waxes.

If your finish is free from oxidation, do not use a cleaner type wax. Cleaner waxes can contain abrasives or solvents that if used on a surface that does not need them, they will attack the surface and dull it over repeated use.

Very minute swirl marks that have been made in a paint finish of a vehicle that has been professionally polished by an expert, can enhance its appearance since they refract light in such a way as to cause the paint to glisten brightly. However repeated use of abrasive cleaner waxes on a perfectly clean paint surface will cause larger and deeper swirl marks that will eventually kill the finish. Read the label to see what your product contains first.





Natural waxes, such as pure Carnauba have oils that tend to give a very deep almost "wet" look, whereas synthetic waxes tend to give a very bright shiny look. It all depends on the colour of your paint which wax you choose, with darker and solid colours looking better with Carnauba and light or metallic colours looking better with synthetics. Pure Carnauba also has the ability of making small scratches and excessive swirl marks less visible in certain types of paint and clear coats, but will fade as the oils in the wax evaporate.

You will just have to experiment with different products to see what suits your colour best.

When applying wax try to avoid areas that will be difficult to remove the dried wax from later. Leave a small margin (1/4") around areas such as emblems, door handles, and panel edges, where dried wax may be difficult to remove. Removing emblems when waxing, if possible, is also recommended.

Start from the top of the car and using a clean microfiber cloth hand applicator pad, work your way down doing one panel at a time. Apply as little wax as necessary to give coverage using overlapping circular motions to one section of the Corvette at a time. Use your handy tack cloth to give the next section to be waxed one last wipe to be sure it is as clean as possible. Depending on the wax product you are using, you could also wax your brightwork, and even your exterior glass, check the instructions on the container.

Once the wax has had adequate time to dry, wipe the entire Corvette again with your tack cloth to remove any loose dust or grit that may have settled onto it while the wax was drying. You can then take another terry cloth or microfiber towel and buff off the dried wax, again one section at a time.

Pure Carnauba can be very difficult to buff off after it has dried, since it dries rather hard so don't apply it too thick. A random orbital electrical buffer can be used if you make sure to use the correct type of buffing pad (wool pads are too aggressive and can scratch). Also, you must keep the buffer moving over the paint, never leave it running on one spot since the pad can overheat and scorch your paint. Replace the pad once it gets loaded up with dried wax.



A clean toothbrush can be used to clean dried wax out of small crevices, but be careful that it does not pick up any dirt or grit from those crevices and scratch the paint.

Be sure that all dried wax powder or dust is swept away or picked up either with a damp cloth or a vacuum. If there is a lot of dried wax powder around, it may be necessary to wash your car again in 24 hours after the wax has properly set up.

5 Final Detailing:



After the Corvette has been cleaned and waxed, by visually inspecting the car section by section, panel by panel. Final attention can be given to small areas that might have gone unnoticed earlier. Final cleaning, applying dressing to tire sidewalls, rubber trim, moldings,



weather stripping, or whatever components your particular generation of Corvette may have, can make quite an impact. It's the difference between a car that is just clean, and one that has been detailed.

The trick to detailing is to achieve a better than showroom look, without it being too obvious that enhancements have been done to improve the appearance.







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International Women's Day

March 8th

By: Bob Harder

International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8th every year and is a global day of recognition celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and girls.

We have experienced the significant contributions that women connected to The Corvette Club of Ontario have provided throughout the life of our Club. We would like to recognize the significant contributions of our "Ladies of Corvette Club of Ontario" in making the Club what it is today. Women in our club have shared their expertise serving in many roles including on the Board of Directors, volunteers, which are so vital to the success of our numerous events, and supporting spouses/partners in their various responsibilities. We take immeasurable pride in their involvement.

On March 8th, 2021, the National Corvette Museum (NCM) also celebrated International Women's Day, honoring four iconic women who've made a positive impact throughout Corvette history. Here are their inspiring stories.



Dolle Cole - 2019 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee





Dolle first became known to the world as the wife of then General Motors President, Edward N. Cole. However, she did not let that be the only thing that defined her. She was an accredited test driver and pilot, senior editor for a publishing company, author, television host and even a model in print ads for Dr. Pepper. Dolle became a cheerleader of sorts for Corvette. She passed away in 2014.

Donna Mae Mims - 2016 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee

Donna affectionately known as "The Lady in Pink" became a Corvette enthusiast when she spotted a 1957 Corvette for sale at a dealership. She became involved in SCCA and started racing in 1961. Her husband would not allow her to change the colour of her Corvette to pink, so she painted "Think Pink" on its side. Her subsequent race cars bore the same name. She became known for sporting pink coveralls, pink crash helmet and a pink wig while behind the wheel. She was part of the Yenko/Chevrolet race team that dominated A/Production and B/Production SCCA racing with Corvettes while also driving her pink H/Production bug-eyed Sprite. She served as Manager of Hi-Performance at Yenko Sports Cars.





After retiring from racing in 1974, Mims served as a worker in Race Control at three Ohio race courses and as well as her involvement as a member of a number of Corvette Clubs.

Betty Skelton (Frankman) - 2001 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee

Betty, frequently referred to as the "First Lady of Firsts", established unbelievable records of her own in racing, aviation and automotive history. In 1957 she paced all NASCAR races with a 1956-57 special Corvette designed for her by Harley Earl and Bill Mitchell, famed GM design team. In 1959, she was invited by NASA to become the first woman to undergo physical and psychological testing for the first seven astronauts and was directly involved with arranging America's first astronauts to become Corvette owners. Betty drove her red C5 as her daily driver until she was in her 80's.









Elfi Duntov - Inspiration For Elfi's Silver Pearl Sisterhood





Elfi is considered the Godmother and First Lady of Corvette. She often accompanied Zora Arkus-Duntov, the first Chief Engineer of Corvette, to car shows and special events. Although Elfi is not a member of the Corvette Hall of Fame, a special women's organization was named in her honor, "Elfi's Silver Pearl Sisterhood". This organization is a group of women with a shared passion for Corvette, who enjoy celebrating the Corvette experience, uniting other Corvette enthusiasts, promoting the traditions of America's Sports Car, and collaborating to advance the mission of the National Corvette Museum.



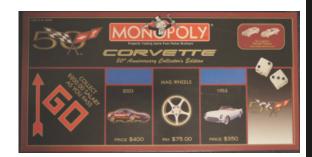


"Presently, women like Nora Roper, Assistant Plant Manager of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, Laura Klauser, Sports Car Racing Program Manager at GM, and Mary Barra, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at General Motors continue to pave the way for the next generation." - Marian Hughes, NCM Bulletin

We can't wait to see what the next generation of female Corvette enthusiasts will bring!

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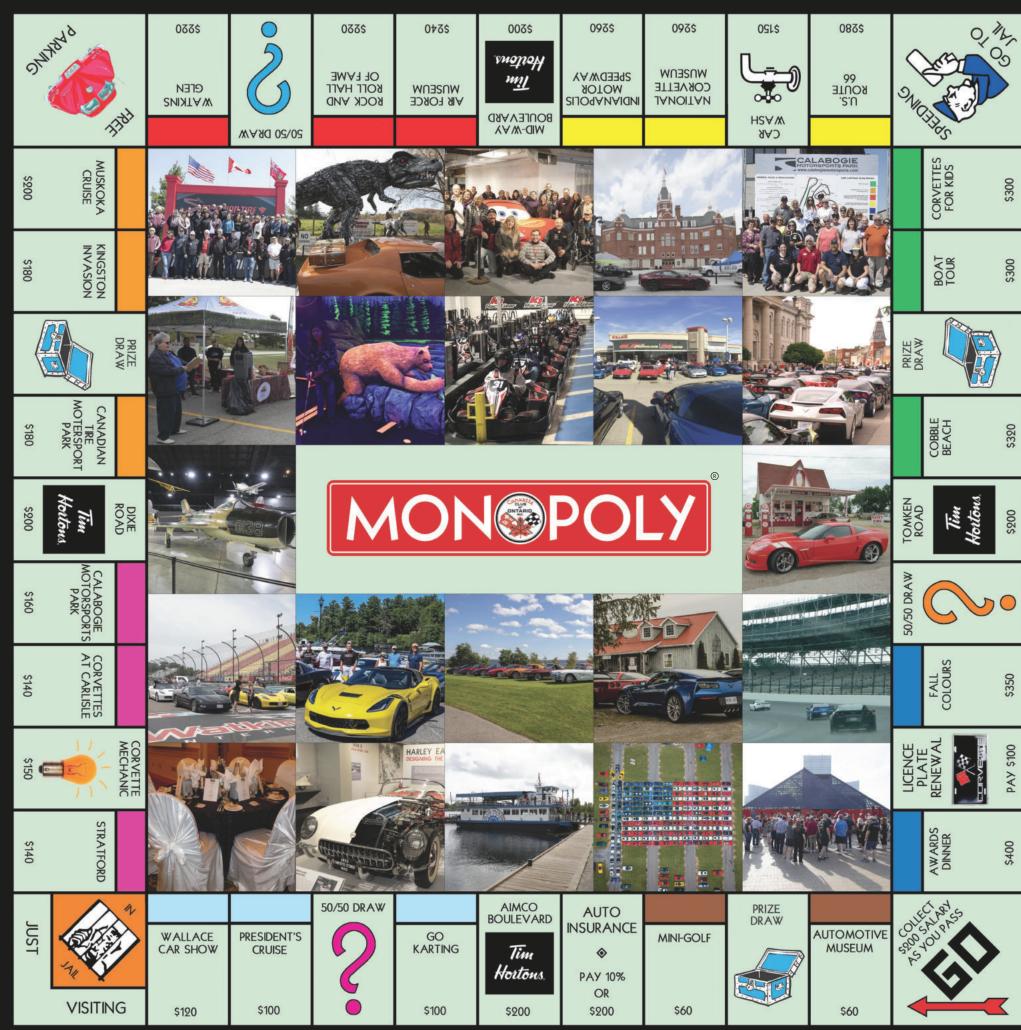
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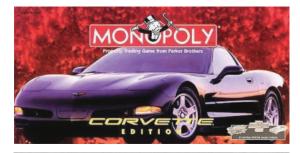




History and Inspiration

The idea for this Monopoly® board came from the Parker Brothers Monopoly® Corvette Edition made in 1998 and the Monopoly® Corvette 50th Anniversary Collector's Edition made in 2002. The game comes complete with genuine pewter game-pieces, including C1, C2, C3, C4 and C5 Corvette cars, a C1 front end, a Chevrolet logo, and a Corvette wheel. The "properties" from the original game are replaced with all the most collectible Corvette cars ever produced. At the time of this writing, both versions are still available on eBay at very reasonable prices.







Play The Game!

Challenge 1: Take a drive down memory lane and reminisce with fellow CCO members about all the great CCO experiences in the past few years.

Challenge 2: Shift into high gear, and match the 22 property names to the 22 photos. Answers are on page 36.

Challenge 3: This is a fully-functional Monopoly® board! Locate game-pieces, dice, and play-money ... and get ready to leave the competition in the dust!



NCM Ambassador Corner

by: Bob Harder

Visit the NCM updated website at: http://www.corvettemuseum.org/

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What's in Your Museum?

There are many events and activities taking place at the Museum all the time. However, under our current conditions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, for us attending at the Museum is neither encouraged nor possible if we were planning to drive our Corvettes across the border any time soon.

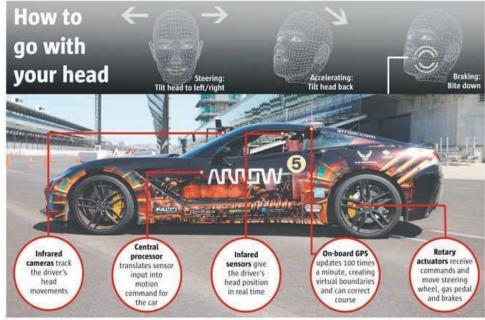
On Display

New to the floor and paired with the 2014 Semi-Autonomous Motorcar (SAM) Arrow Corvette used by former Indy Racing League driver Sam Schmidt, is a 1957 Restomod Corvette on loan from Joe Mason.



Displayed along with the radically modified cars is an interactive screen, showcasing how they were each designed to empower their drivers. The '57 Restomod and 2014 SAM Arrow Corvette Stingray both represent dreams, passion, and innovation. A great amount of hard work and dedication were put into both cars, and their stories are unique and incredibly inspiring.

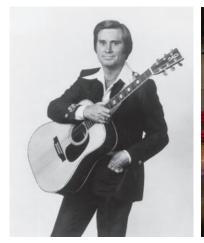
Joe Mason had wanted a red '57 Corvette ever since he saw one for sale with his dad as a teenager. As an adult, Mason was able to purchase one and spent years working to restore it to its original beauty. He added a modern engine, transmission, and frame to create his Restomod.



In early January of 2000, former Indy Racing League driver, Sam Schmidt, was severely injured in a crash, leaving him paralyzed and seemingly unable to drive a race car again, or so he thought. Arrow Electronics was researching ways for drivers who are quadriplegic to be able to operate a semi-autonomous race car both safely and effectively. In 2013, Schmidt agreed to partner with Arrow engineers to fulfill his dream of driving again. Arrow successfully accomplished their goal, and in 2014, Sam was able to drive once again. Arrow calls the ground breaking cars Semi-Autonomous Motorcars, or SAM for short. At present, Arrow has successfully modified a 2014 Stingray, 2016 Z06, and a 2020 C8 Stingray.

Stars and Cars exhibit now on display in the Skydome (Original story by Mariah Hughes)

This Exhibit featured cars include George Jones' 1978 Corvette and Roy Orbison's 1967 Corvette Stingray. Along with their shared love for music, Jones and Orbison loved their Corvettes.







Country music singer George Jones special-ordered his 1978 two-tone Corvette to feature a one-off paint scheme of Corvette Dark Brown and Corvette Light Beige. Jones chose the two-tone paint because he was fond of the 1978 Corvette Pace Car's two-tone job. The iconic front license plate remains to this day, showcasing his nickname, "Possum". George's love of Corvette inspired his song, "The One I Loved Back Then (The Corvette Song)". George Jones' car is the first celebrity-owned Corvette now permanently housed and owned by the National Corvette Museum.

Also on display, is a red 1967 Stingray once belonging to musician and six-time Grammy winner, Roy Orbison. Throughout his life, Orbison owned many Corvettes, but the red '67 Stingray was his personal daily driver. He would commute to the studio to record albums. The car's features include factory side pipes, air conditioning, chrome step plates, 4-speed manual transmission, electric windows, and power steering. This 1967 Stingray was the last Corvette purchased by Roy before his passing in 1988.

NCM Welcomes Two New Board Members

Shannon Skokos, a former Miss Arkansas and motivational speaker, is an attorney, author, photographer and philanthropist residing in Dallas, Texas. After graduating from the University of Arkansas, Shannon established a statewide youth motivational program, for which she was honored in the Arkansas State House and Senate. Shannon received her Juris Doctorate from the UALR, practicing law for eight years in Arkansas and Colorado as a trial attorney for employment and labor law, retiring after moving to Dallas.





Dale Ledbetter is an American automotive executive, entrepreneur and consultant. Dale is best known for his involvement with classic and collectible car acquisition, vehicle restoration and business management for Hendrick Motorsports Performance Group.

The Corvette Café is getting a new look

Out with the old and in with the new. All the fixtures, booths and tables, as well as the glass bricks have been replaced. Can't wait to see the rebrand.



Hey Alexa ... Play Corvette Trivia

Part of the National Corvette Museum's mission is to educate the public on Corvette, and that mission is now offered in the form of a game with the help of Amazon's Alexa. Anyone with an Alexa-enabled device can participate in the new Corvette trivia game simply by saying "Alexa, Play Corvette Trivia." Note: on some devices you may have to enable or turn on this feature within your Alexa app. Alexa will ask you a series of Corvette history questions and the game keeps up with your points as you play. After each question are additional facts and details, allowing you to dive deeper into the various stories behind Corvette through each question. Players get three wrong answers before they are out... but don't worry, you can play as many times as you like.





"The tech committee was brainstorming ways to engage with our enthusiasts and we were talking about different games you can do through Amazon, so we looked up what it would take to build some skills," shared Chris Huffman, IT Operations Manager. "One thing led to another and we created the trivia game." Chris says they're working on some additional new interactive applications for use in the Museum including augmented and virtual reality. "Over the years a lot of new, affordable options have become available for Museum use and we've been testing some of those out. We're excited and hope to roll out some new interactive offerings for our exhibits later this year."

Museum Educator Deb Howard plans to help in updating the trivia questions periodically, with some of the answers available through the Vettecademy YouTube series. "We think our audience will enjoy mastering the questions and answers, so we're excited to freshen those up, giving them the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Corvette and keep them entertained."

NCM Kartplex Reopens



Many of our participants in the Ontario Corvette Caravan drove down to Bowling Green to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Museum in late August 2019 enjoyed an amazing experience that had been open only to the Ontario Caravan. Under COVID-19 restrictions, the Kartplex had been closed. Now, once again, visitors to the Museum can race their family and friends in high-speed go-karts. Simply arrive and drive any time within the public hours of operation, based on availability and weather conditions. Karts and safety equipment provided.

Performance Track Day is Back

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and extended border closures, it remains unknown if CCO members will be able to participate in this event on June 19th to 20th, 2021, but we remain hopeful. Many of us have attended the Corvette Corrals at CTMP over the years, and perhaps attended the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School. We will have met and been entertained by these past members of the Corvette Racing Team.

Darren Law and Johnny O'Connell are bringing our one-of-a-kind track day experience back, starting with a two day program at the NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green. Corvette Factory Driver Jordan Taylor, former Corvette Factory Driver Jan Magnussen, and Corvette Hall of Fame Driver Andy Pilgrim are joining as celebrity coaches.









TOUCH OF THUNDER



Darren Law

Johnny O'Connell

Jordan Taylor

Jan Magnussen

Andy Pilgrim

Designed to offer a fantasy camp spin on the track day experience, Performance Track Day provides an experience where individuals can take their own car on track, under the guidance of professional race car drivers, to fully experience the full capability of both the car and the driver. Founders Johnny O'Connell and Darren Law run each event which starts with a casual introduction to the basics of car control and line technique before splitting drivers into groups based on experience or skill level. Throughout the day, each group goes through a rotation of on track sessions with one set of coaches and off-track debriefs with another set of coaches. The day concludes with one final group meeting. Unlike the previous PTD events, participants will have the flexibility to sign up for just one or both available days.

Answer Key

CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK, BOWMANVILLE - 2019 -	DESIGNS,	CANADIAN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM, OSHAWA - 2019 -	PRESIDENT'S CRUISE, STRATFORD - 2018-	OTTAWATOUR, CALABOGIE MOTORSPORTS PARK, CALABOGIE - 2019 -
CORVETTES FOR KIDS, START POINT, TIM HORTON'S WOODBRIDGE - 2019 -	MINI-GOLF, GLOW ZONE 360, MISSUSSUAGA - 2019 -	GO KARTING, K1 SPEED, DOWNSVIEW, TORONTO	WALLACE CHEVROLET CAR SHOW, MILTON - 2017 -	KINGSTON CORVETTE INVASION, KINGSTON - 2018 -
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE DAYTON, OHIO - 2019 -	МО	N®P	OLY®	U.S. ROUTE 66, COOKIE SHOP, OKLAHOMA - 2018 -
WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY, NEW YORK - 2019 -	SCAVENGER HUNT, MUSKOKA WHARF, GRAVENHURST - 2020 -	COBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, KEMBLE - 2019 -	PRESIDENT'S CRUISE, ARCHIBALD'S ORCHARD, BOWMANVILLE - 2017 -	INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY, INDIANA - 2019 -
AWARDS DINNER, WESTMOUNT, EVENT CENTRE VAUGHAN - 2018 -	NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM, BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY - 2019 -	CORVETTES FOR KIDS, ISLAND PRINCESS BOAT TOUR, ORILLIA - 2019 -	CORVETTES AT CARLISLE, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA - 2018 -	ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME, CLEAVELAND, OHIO - 2019 -



Doug Fehan

Doug Fehan, Corvette Racing Program Manager of 25 years will be the keynote speaker at a special dinner! All coaches will be in attendance for the special event, Saturday, June 19. Access to this exclusive dinner will not be limited to track day participants, and reservations can be made on online.



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Wednesdays at One: Interview with Ron Fellows

By: Michael Hart

On May 6th, Ron Fellows was kind enough to join us for a Zoom call and speak directly with CCO members. He spoke about the challenges of running CTMP during COVID-19. He mentioned that the track was currently closed and they are taking the opportunity to repave certain sections that they wouldn't otherwise be able to do if the track was open. He is looking forward to getting the new C8 and the 2020 Camaro into his evening driving program.



Ron also mentioned that the Spring Mountain Performance Driving School changeover is in progress, C7s to C8s. Ron Fellows Performance Driving School continues with the C7 owner program until the end of 2020. They have a number of C7s for new owners to take advantage, plus a good number of C8s. Many CCO members have attended this high-performance driving experience within the year after they purchased their new Corvette. For those who have not gone, all CCO members that have attended were very glad they did. I, Michael Hart, for one admitted to having no clue how to enter a corner effectively in a performance car. What a learning experience!





We talked about what changes they are considering at Spring Mountain with chief instructor, Rick Malone: a bit more track focused, no manual transmission, corner preparation changed a bit with regard to downshifting, more skid pad exercise (now they have more asphalt), and more car control and safety in various environments. The goal is that people leave after 2 days with a solid understanding of the car and its capabilities, which they can then continue to work on and develop themselves. 5000 Corvette owners a year take Ron's Nevada Performance Driving schools, including the Cadillac program with GM subsidies.







Ron had some interesting comments about his limited time in a C8 so far. The Z51 specifically is much easier to drive. The great traction and balance make it a very enjoyable experience. The C8 far exceeded his expectations overall. He is also engaged in a key role with Sport Development Group and F1 delegate in Montreal. The focus is on carting and developing youth racers, to create more motorsport enthusiasts and professional drivers. He spoke of lots of cart clubs and tracks in Ontario. However, there is no interim step from carts into cars, which has become a stumbling block for up-and-coming drivers in the racing world.

When Ron was asked about his favorite Corvette, he mentioned the C6. It was the first time the design and race team really worked together on the technology. The ZR1 C7 is also a fantastic car to drive.



When asked about his favorite tracks, Ron highlighted the 24-hour race with 2 Dale Earnhardt's (Sr & Jr), Rolex 24 in 2000. Ron got to know them well. Another proud moment in his racing career was he won the Order of Canada!



What a great ambassador for GM and the Corvette brand. He has done so much to promote motor racing in general. Thanks Ron for joining our call and creating even more excitement and passion for these cars!





TALKING C8 WITH CORVETTE RACING LEGEND RON FELLOWS

By Jerry Priddle

Corvette Racing and the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship come to Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP) for the SportsCar Grand Prix July 2-5, 2020. This will be the Canadian debut of the C8.R in race trim.

Q: Ron, have you driven the C8 yet? What can you tell us about it?

A: Yes I have driven the C8 on both the road and the race-track. It's an awesome piece. On public roads, the biggest difference is forward visibility given the sloped nose and sitting 16 inches further forward. And me being a taller guy there's more cockpit room which is a bonus. It just makes an even better ride and experience on the street. On track the first thing that stood out to me when I drove on track at Spring Mountain was the forward traction at medium and low speed, absolutely incredible. The overall balance is super neutral, has excellent stopping, the transmission is really quick and positive, great feedback in the steering wheel, simply put it's just a lot of fun. When owners start coming out to the school I think they'll find this car to be incredibly driver friendly.



Q: What are your thoughts on the 2020 campaign for Corvette Racing with the C8.R?

A: If looks could kill... When the car was unveiled at Petit Le Mans there was some jaw dropping going on. I think that this new car, in the mid-engine configuration given the work done on the production side, will be a true force to be reckoned with. I think it will give Corvette Racing some of the ingredients they were missing with C7.R, having to compete with GTLM competitors that had newer packages for the past few seasons.

Q: What can Canadian Corvette fans expect from the team at the 2020 IMSA SportsCar Grand Prix at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park?



A: Man, I wish I could drive it at CTMP ... Given how the production car feels, the race car will just be another leap forward in terms of cornering and downforce. With CTMP's long, fast corners and elevation, I'm sure the drivers can't wait to drive it at our place. Places like CTMP are where the C8.R should be much better than the C7R because of that. Starting the 21st season of Corvette Racing with a new car, we are entering a new and exciting chapter for Corvette Racing and you definitely don't want to miss it.

You can join Corvette enthusiasts at the 2020 Corvette Corral on the SportsCar Grand Prix weekend. Enjoy four-days of world-class racing, exclusive Corvette Racing driver meet & greets, tech talks, a parade lap, and a Sunday lunch with private tent & grandstand access.

Follow us on social media @CTMPOfficial for updates on 2020 Corvette Corral ticket sales or visit canadiantiremotorsportpark.com for details.





Corvettes at Carlisle

By Victor Derus







I've loved Corvettes since I was a young boy. I think it started with an Eldon Slot car racing set – I had a gold colour 1969 Corvette coupe. When I was a young teen, I said to myself, "I'll get one someday". In 2004, I attended my first CCO meeting, still without a Corvette. Fast forward to February 2017. I bought my 2010 Jet Stream Blue 3LT convertible, a single-owner car with 20,000 km on it.

I had heard about Carlisle from a Chevy friend of mine. I went the first time in 2016 with my Impala. In August 2017, my brother Bill and I drove from Toronto to Carlisle Pennsylvania. We stayed in a town nearby. We enjoyed our visit to Carlisle together. This year, 2018, I went again but this time alone. I started out on the Wednesday. Google maps predicted 8 hours, not including the border or rest stops, so I planned for a 10-12-hour trip. I wanted to be well-rested on my first day.

As I drove through New York and Pennsylvania, I started to notice a Corvette driving in the same direction, then two, then a few, some alone, some in groups. As I got closer, there were Corvettes on every road and at every intersection.

I found out that all in-town hotels are sold out many months in advance, maybe a year in advance, by those returning each year. I don't mind a short cruise each day of the event, so this year I stayed in a Radisson at Camp Hill near the Susquehanna river. After checkin, I met a group of 'Vette owners from the "Found Caravan Corvette club," based in NY state. They always rent the same rooms at the back of the property and most are ground floor units. Their 'Vettes

and mine were all parked together in the well-lit, secure lot. Everyone parking with one empty space on either side. These folks welcomed me to "their" little hideaway. I like to swim, and this hotel has a nice outdoor heated pool. The room was great, and restaurant had either buffet or à la carte meals.

I got the "Fun Field" admission/parking pass. This affordable pass includes admission to the grounds for four days plus parking in the Fun Field area, essentially the inside general area on grass that is reserved for just Corvettes. There are many benefits to parking in the Fun Field, such as showing your car or as a home base for a rest. On my first visit, three years ago, I parked outside, nearby, and paid for a multiple day pass but had to look for parking each day.

While I was figuring everything out, the other Corvette visitors kept arriving. They were arriving from everywhere. One of my favourite things to do once I'm parked is to go to the main gate and watch the steady convoy of Corvettes arrive: C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, stock, restored, modified, custom, race cars, and not so street legal cars that have been trailered in. There were so many 'Vettes it was mind boggling.

Carlisle Events are good at what they do. The Carlisle Events Show Guide was well thought out and was available online before the event. Between watching the 'Vettes arrive and all the other points of interest, I sometimes forgot about the show guide and missed certain seminars that sounded interesting. There were plenty of food and beverage vendors. However, beer sales on the property were limited to one vendor.

There are so many club displays and specialty cars to see. Almost everyone is an expert! I say tongue-in-cheek. If you like to talk Corvettes and cars, you'll feel right at home.

One feature of this event is the building of the American flag using red, white, and blue cars. The flag pole is made with silver/grey cars capped with two yellow 'Vettes. Now this is a very patriotic event and takes considerable planning and organization. The "Flag" is displayed on the side of a hill. All voluntary participants are marshalled at the top of the hill. Row by row starting with the bottom of the flag, cars are carefully parked. This takes a lot of patience from car owners and volunteers. Let me assure you, it was an honour and privilege to participate and park my blue 'Vette right in the middle!

Every year, they have a feature car/year or model. Such as the L88 cars or Calloway Corvettes.

Last year a group of cars were displayed in a special red colour dedicated to Mr. Will Cooksey, who was the longest-serving Plant Manager at Bowling Green. Incidentally, if you get a chance to sit in on one of his seminars, do it. His behind-the-scenes knowledge is priceless. He's a very nice man to speak with during

Q&A. Another favourite of mine is the GM Engineering tent and seminars, where you can speak with GM Engineers about anything but mostly newer cars such as C6 & C7.

Years ago, a friend who was building a 1969 Nova, first told me about Carlisle and finding parts. If you are restoring or are looking for parts, this is the place to go looking.

CARS for Sale! Bring your money, lots of beautiful Corvettes for sale. They even have an onsite title office that will help you with all the paperwork. One word of caution here, be careful who you are dealing with and who you strike up conversations with. I had an experience where a fellow I was chatting with about buying a car, took me to his "Buddy" to see what he had. It's almost like there are guys out there scoping out and sourcing more potential customers.

I returned home on the Sunday since I had had my fill by Saturday night!

I think I will end this brief by saying, plan to go to Carlisle at least once. If anyone would like more info please contact me. I would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have.





Corvettes at Carlisle

By Marina Shechtman



The car was washed, polished, all tuned up, our stuff was loaded in and we were ready to go. We programmed the address into our GPS. The journey was going to take us approximately 7 hours.

We started our road trip on August 23rd at 6 in the morning. Our destination: Carlisle, Pennsylvania USA. This was going to be our first time attending the Corvettes at Carlisle Show. We had a few things we were interested in purchasing for the car, but this trip was more about experiencing the show. We had heard so many great things about how massive it was and how many vendors there were. We were told if you need ANYTHING for the car you will definitely find it there. We had to see it for ourselves.

The day was picture perfect. The roads were clear. We were on our way and getting more and more excited as we started watching the kilometres rolling down beneath our wheels.

Our first stop was the Canada/USA

border crossing. Slowly we pulled up to the US customs agent. Surprisingly he greeted us with a "WOW great car" and then proceeded with the usual "Where are you headed today?" of course with less enthusiasm. After a quick glance through our passports he immediately started back to questions about the performance and life of the car. You could hear the respect and appreciation for the vehicle in his voice. Not to mention it's America built. He proceeded to wish us a great rest of our trip and encouraged us along. Now at this point what I expected to be a long and boring rest of the drive ended up feeling nothing like that. The road was unfamiliar to us. Our GPS took us through several old towns with a quaint historic flair. We were in awe of the many miles of enormous wind turbines appearing almost like in a sci-fi movie. Our route took us past a very large manufacturing plant which we took turns guessing what was being produced

as we got closer and closer (turns out it was salt).

We drove past beautiful farms with manicured lawns, surrounded by livestock and rolling green fields. The road winded through Rocky Mountains that ran parallel to flowing streams, with us nestled in between. The sun was shining, we had our music blaring, windows down and we were cruising. At the start our journey it was all about looking forward to getting to the show but as the minutes pushed on we realized that the drive down was becoming as much a part of the enjoyment.

As we got closer to our destination, we started sharing the road with other Corvettes headed in the same direction. You could tell each was experiencing the same sense of delight in their own drive down. As we passed each other there was always a smile and a hand gesture between one happy Corvette driver to another.

The show was great. Lots of ideas for doing different modifications and improvements (if needed) to your car. Lots of different vendors selling all kinds of things from expensive large car lifts, to fun, much less expensive T-shirts and ball caps. Lots of different Corvette models in a wide range of colours and vintages were all on display or for sale. We took two days to walk all the grounds and made sure not to miss any aisles. We even went through some twice. We talked to many highly knowledgeable exhibitors who were more then willing to demonstrate products and discuss options. We talked to show patrons who were as impressed and equally happy they came to the show. And we even ran into our fellow CCO club members.

We were all there with one thing in common: the love of our Corvettes.

The show did not disappoint but funny enough, the one thing we were most excited about buying (a specific phone holder made by ProClip) was not being sold there. We ended up buying it online once we got back home.

Not far from Carlisle there are lots of other things to do and see when not attending the show. The famous Hershey factory plant is close by and at a nearby simulated factory they offer free tours and even give you a sample of their chocolate at the end. The historic Gettysburg Battlefield is in the area. Great shopping and lots of different restaurants await, just to mention a few.

This year we drove down not knowing what to expect. We heard great things about the show, but never expected to be so wowed by the drive to get there.

"As any good traveller knows, the journey is just as important as the destination" and this was definitely the case with our road trip down to The Corvettes at Carlisle Show.

We look forward to doing it all over again next year.















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Kicks on Route 66

Part 4: Continuing the Adventure
By: Paul Garvey

Second third of the trip...

By Day 7, we left Lebanon, MO and drove 200 miles to Tulsa, OK. We spent two nights on the west side of Tulsa, Day 8 & 9. The old '59 was running a bit rough so we found a seasoned mechanic who was restoring an old Jaguar; didn't flinch when he saw our old dual-carb setup. Kevin, the owner of Gary's Automotive reset the carbs, tuned it up, and gave us some great advice on how to avoid ethanol-rich gasoline which boils in the gas lines - deadly for vintage cars.



On Day 10, we drove 135 miles to El Reno, a pioneering town just west of Oklahoma City. On the way, we detoured to Chickasha, OK which was Indian Territory at the turn of the century. My great grandfather had been the first County Court Clerk after Oklahoma became a state; it was head-shaking to see the preponderance of county records made in pencil and still preserved.





It was Day 11 and a 250 mile drive to Amarillo, TX. Just before we crossed into Texas, we drove through Erick, OK and visited with Harley Russell at his Sandhill Curiosity Shop. I think Harley might also be the mayor. He is one of the most talented acoustic guitar players I've ever heard. Harley has a feature role in the short film about Route 66 titled "Almost Ghosts". Back on the highway, we picked up a sizable stone chip in the windshield; but Safelite had us in and out in about an hour.





On Day 12, we headed to Tucumcari, NM. On the short 115 mile trek we stopped first at the quirky Cadillac Ranch attraction. A dozen or so of 'em are stuck in the ground out in the middle of a nowhere farmer's field; if you happen to arrive before everyone else, you'll miss it. Next up was Adrian, TX, the geographic midpoint along Route 66. In the Mid-Point Café we chatted with an aeronautical engineer and his wife from California. Next stop was The Russell Truck Stop and Museum. Amongst an eclectic collection of vintage cars, Russell had a 1955 Corvette with one of the first V8's and just 351 original miles on it. Then on to Tucumcari, and being a small town, we ran into our new friends from the Mid-Point Café. We had dinner together. The Blue Swallow and the Safari Motels in town are iconic Route 66 motels and one of the town's main attractions.



Day 13 was our lucky day. We drove 172 miles through a rainstorm north to Santa Fe, NM where they just happened to be hosting a car show on the square downtown. Santa Fe is 7,800 ft above sea level and cool. We had booked a room at a boutique hotel, The Parador, a short walk from downtown. The Georgia O'Keefe Museum was extensive and a beautiful preservation of her imaginative use of color and imagery. We'd definitely like to return and spend more time in Santa Fe.







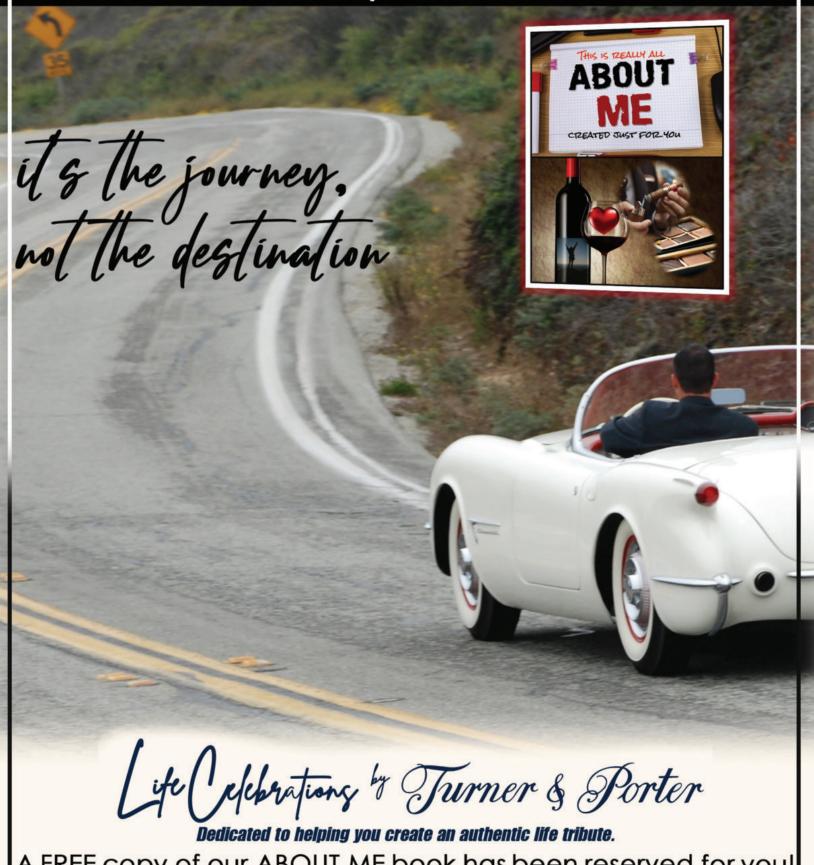




The next day, we departed Route 66 and drove to Longmire's Cabin at Valle Caldera National Preserve. To get that breathtaking vista, you have to drive through Los Alamos – no stopping, no photographs right through National Research Lab property – famous for the development of the atomic bomb. After leaving the Labs, the road winds through Bandelier Monument where it crests 11,000 feet – steep and winding for a 60 year old car. We spent a lot of time in 2nd gear. Longmire's Cabin is on down the road in Valle Caldera National Preserve; we may have driven the first 1959 Corvette along the dirt road out to the cabin made famous on the Netflix series of the same name. The cabin is located on the pioneering Chisholm Trail and home to the fictional Sheriff's Office from the television series. Luckily, we had enough gas to get back to Los Alamos. We spent the night in Las Vegas, NM.

The third week and in the next installment, the trip begins in Gallup, NM. From there it was across to Winslow, AZ and then eventually up to Monument Valley on the Navajo Reservation in southern Utah.





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Fall Colours Tour

By Gerry Pancott

The weather gods were once again looking out for us on our season finale Fall Colours Tour. What a picture perfect day to be cruising with friends and family. Our day started in Port Hope. We were joined by members from both the Hamilton Corvette Club as well as members from Eastern Ontario Corvettes. In total we had 61 Corvettes, 107 people register for this season finale tour through Northumberland & Prince Edward counties. If we had four car lengths between each car, that would be close to one mile of Corvettes on the road. What an amazing sight to behold. The fall colours were peaking, the sun enhancing the reds and yellows as we drove along these roads. It truly was a picture perfect day.

Our first stop was Primitive Designs. Thanks to David and Marina Shechtman for suggesting this place. It was simply amazing. As we drove into their parking lot we were met with a 25 foot Transformer. What a sight to behold. We filled their parking lot with Corvettes of all colours, it was incredible. Our three quarter hour stop was not long enough to see it all, we'll have to go back again soon. I did notice a lot of members walking out with something from their retail store. From there we drove along some scenic paved back roads towards Brighton where 12 cars from Eastern Ontario Corvettes were waiting for us at our next rest stop. To our good fortune, some young Girl Guides were selling their chocolate mint cookies. Scott Reynolds bought a full case. I have to believe the girls were thrilled with that purchase. It never fails to amaze me how the rural demographics are so much different that urban ones. Kids along with their parents waved at us and looked with joy and glee at the caravan of colourful Corvettes driving by them. That rarely happens in an urban area. We found our way to the Waring House in Picton for our end of cruise lunch. There were prizes galore and to all the many winners, a hearty congratulations. The 50/50 winner was Annette Voight from Eastern Ontario Corvettes. Jan Hasselaar said a few words about next year's Kingston Invasion II. You'll not want to miss this event, it will be the event of 2020. They are anticipating close to 500 Corvettes and have some amazing things planned. Save the Date June 19-20, 2020.







As Sharon and I drove home we both felt it seemed like yesterday we were looking forward to getting the Corvette out of storage and start our Summer to Remember with the May President's Cruise Tour. As we got closer to Toronto, the skies were starting to cloud over, the sun starting to set in the west and the realization that fall has taken its roots, winter will not be far off. With some luck, we'll get a couple of more day trips in before I take the car off the road for the season.

In closing I want to thank Sharon for all her help with the tours, Lianne Krane for handling the 50/50 draws and last but not least, the CCO members that support these tours. Without you, this would have been just another Sunday in October. Thanks so very much, drive safe and please always obey the Highway Traffic Laws.









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Blue Mountain Fall Colours Tour

By Gerry Pancott



As Sharon & I headed off for the meet & greet at Spirit Trees Estate Cidery in Caledon, I started to reflect on this being our season finale tour. How did our season of cruising come to such a quick end? It seems like yesterday that we were heading off on the May President's Cruise. The meet & greet was such a perfect location. We literally filled their parking lots with Corvettes with hardly an empty spot to be found. I can't thank Spirit Trees enough for opening early just for us, all 50 cars, 97 people. In the mix, 12 cars/23 people from the Hamilton Corvette Club, a club we met by chance in September. Their participation was welcomed by all. The sun was shining, no wind, what a perfect way to start our day. The smell of fresh baked goods (oh those butter tarts, they were still warm) filled the air inside the store. We headed off and drove along some amazing roads with the tree canopy full of fall colours glistening in the sun. There was very little traffic on these roads; how wonderful was this? As we wound our way to our first rest stop & food break in Shelburne,

I would look in my mirror and saw a never-ending procession of Corvettes. As far back as one could see, Corvettes of every colour competing with the fall colours for attention. The second leg of the tour took us along some incredible back roads on-route to the escarpment by the Scenic Caves in Collingwood. Our photo op offered a breathtaking view of Georgian Bay, the escarpment, and fall colours. I always find it interesting to see passers-by wave at us, give us a thumbs up, or take videos of the Corvettes parked for these photo ops. From there, it was a short drive to Kelsey's in Collingwood where the manager closed the restaurant down just for us. How amazing was that for the 90 people that stayed for the group lunch? We had the prize draws – the winner of the Wallace GMC Car Spa detailing was Dave Mason while Tom Powell won the raffle draw. A special thanks to Mike & Dianne Maguire who joined us with their Lucas Oil Pace Car. Their generous support with a large amount of draw prizes was well received by all.











Between our club and Mike, there were prizes and winners galore, too many to mention. Congratulations to all the winners. We finished off with a few group pictures courtesy of our own Rick Bell. We even signed up a new member – Paul Baccichet. Welcome to CCO and thank you for joining the club. The drive home was one of mixed emotions. The sun was setting, the red sky was starting to fade to pink, and the clouds were starting to darken with the onset of nightfall – it was so beautiful, a perfect ending to a perfect day. I kept thinking of how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful country, but I was saddened by the fact that our

season of cruising had come to an end. There are so many people to thank, Sharon for all of her support and behind the scenes work on the tours, the staff at Spirit Trees Estate Cidery and Kelsey's in Collingwood, Mike & Diane Maguire, Adeo & Rose, the Hamilton Corvette Club, Rick Bell. But it's the CCO members that come out for these tours that make them so enjoyable. If it wasn't for you, this would have been just another fall day. Thanks to all of you for supporting the tours and all the comradery this past season. There is no better time to be a CCO member.



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CCO Awards Dinner

By Jamie Krane

A wonderful time was had at the 2019 CCO Awards Dinner. Members got to taste some of the best Schnitzel in Canada at the Hansa Haus German Canadian Club. It is our pleasure to announce the 2019 CCO Award Winners.

Rookie of the Year – Paul Giampuzzi

PRESENTER: Tom Boldt

Rookie of the Year recognizes an individual who joins up and jumps right in. The winner of this award is determined by the highest club participation points earned during their first full calendar year with the Club. With 20 new members in 2019, there was some considerable competition for this trophy. Paul had just bought his first Corvette before joining. Thanks to Bob Vatcher and Dave Mason for selling the virtues of joining CCO that first time he came out as a guest. His 1971 Ontario Orange big block is now a fixture on Club cruises and he is taking on the role of Touch of Thunder editor.



Most Active Member - Tom Boldt

PRESENTER: Steve Pemberton

The purpose of this award is to recognize the member with the highest club activity "Participation Points" earned yearly from January to October Director's meeting. 2019 was a very busy year for CCO. We had plenty of opportunities for members to get out there and earn points. To our knowledge, Tom attended everything. In fact, at the beginning of 2019 he boldly stated that he was going to win this award this year... and he did! He is always there taking pictures and is truly an inspiration to new members.



Most Active Non-member – Sharon Pancott

PRESENTER: Sandra Pemberton

The purpose of this award is to recognize a non-member of the Club who has graciously donated their time, energy and spirit to Club activities in a superior fashion. This will be the last year for this award in its current state. Next year we will see most active Family Member in its place. Many spouses and family members were quite active this year, but Sharon stands out. She has almost double the seat time that most of us did, made it out to almost every meeting and was able to travel the world between all of that. Sharon is always there at Gerry's side. And not just meetings and socials. Every dry run..... for every cruise we take..... including Bowling Green!!



Touch of Thunder Award – Gerry Pancott

PRESENTER: Adeo Calcagni

Our Touch of Thunder quarterly news magazine has gone through many changes over the years. At one time called "Nuts and Bolts" the Touch of Thunder has evolved into something we as a club enjoy reading and can really be proud of. Our sponsors are proud to have their names in the newsletter and to display it on their customer counters or in showrooms. Tom Boldt did a great job over the last year and I'm sure Paul is all set to carry on that tradition, but if you look back at each edition over 2019, one person's name appears on articles over and over. For every cruise we took, the people who couldn't make it got a full synopsis in the next issue throughout our "Summer to Remember". This was only because Gerry Pancott religiously took the time to write those articles and document the Club's history!



Legacy Award - Gerry Pancott

PRESENTER: Alex Tsotsos

The purpose of the Legacy Award of Excellence is to recognize a Club member of 5 years or more who has made a continued contribution to CCO in time, spirit and financially over many years. There are a number of people who fit the bill here, but Gerry Pancott truly stands out in 2019. Gerry coined the phrase "CCO's Summer to Remember" and set out in his fourth year as Cruise Director to make 2019 something really special, and boy did he succeed!. From all of us who participated in your cruises, we thank you. Congratulations on being the recipient of the Legacy Award of Excellence for 2019!



Founder's Award of Excellence - Bob Harder

PRESENTER: Joe Jordan

The purpose of the Founder's Award is to recognize outstanding club participation by a long-standing member of 10 years or more. This award is awarded only once in a lifetime. Bob Harder is not afraid to step in and step up when needed. He has done so many times in the past. He was needed once again this year. His organizational and accounting skills were put to the test in 2019, this time as Treasurer of the Ontario Corvette Caravan. Much of the success of one of the largest club events in years was due to his dedication, attention to detail and hard work. Well deserved Bob! Thank you!



Ron Senick Memorial Award - Daryl Senick

PRESENTER: Jamie Krane

Ron Senick was a Corvette Club of Ontario member for many years and was the recipient of the Member of the Year award in 2001. Members tell us that Ron had a real talent for restoring, working on and repairing Corvettes. After his passing, the Ron Senick Memorial Award was created to recognize a Club member who demonstrates these same desires to rebuild, restore or modify our cars. Recently many of us had the opportunity to attend an event at Daryl's home. It became evident pretty quickly that he isn't afraid to dive into big projects with 2 full blown restorations on the go at the same time. Not just any restorations of course, but a 1963 split window coupe and a 1954 convertible done simultaneously. It is apparent that the love of creating beauty out of old tired things, are passed down from generation to generation. That is no more evident than right here. Daryl has also won this award in 2013. Very impressive!



Lifetime Achievement Award – Alex Tsotsos

PRESENTER: Bob Harder

The purpose of the Lifetime Achievement Award is to recognize a long time member who has been in the club over 20 years and has an outstanding record of service and participation. This member is constantly coming out to events, socials, meetings and cruises and has contributed to the club in many ways. This award can only be won once in a lifetime. This year's recipient is no stranger at club events. We all know Alex and love him because he's almost always there, even though sometimes it's tough for him. He has been taking pictures of CCO cruises, parties and socials for many, many years and must have one of the most complete sets of CCO archives in existence. This member certainly fits the bill for "20 years or more" having joined way back in 1977. That's 42 years ago!



Rick Laskow Award for Member of the Year – Tim Storus

PRESENTER: Tom Powell

Rick Laskow is a previous member who has passed away. This award is the Club's most prestigious award, and presented in his memory. It can only be won once in a lifetime. It is awarded to a member who has participated in most of the Club activities, and put their heart and soul into the Club in a similar manner to Rick, helping wherever possible. Tim Storus joined the Club in 2017. In those brief 3 years he has had a very positive impact on the direction of CCO, in addition to being a very active member. He is not afraid to step forward and help out. As evidenced, he dedicated countless hours at the Board level almost immediately upon joining. You have known him in the past as our esteemed Secretary, but as of last meeting we can now refer to him as Mr. Vice President. Congratulations Tim on 2019 Member of the Year!





CCO Awards Banquet

By Jamie Krane

A wonderful time was had once again at the 2018 CCO Awards Gala. It was a full house and we would like to thank all the members and guests who attended. The whole idea of the evening is to recognize and congratulate those who go above and beyond to help make CCO a fun and engaging group to belong to. Great food and friendships, super music, dancing and lots of fantastic prizes. As a direct result of the generosity of the people in attendance, through prize raffles and the silent auction, we were able to make a donation in memory of late member and friend Domenic Salciccioli to the Corvettes for Kids Road Tour and Camp Oochigeas in the amount of \$2000. We had the pleasure of welcoming 3 special guests. Founding members Bob Beder and Dave Shabin were there, along with Gary Fenske from the Corvettes for Kids Road Tour.

Special thanks to Ron Fellows for making an appearance with his insightful well wishes and for taking us on a virtual lap of the east track at Spring Mountain in a Zed Arrr One. Hey Ron, looks like peer pressure pays off and CCO will be heading on a cruise to CTMP this year!

Drum roll please...It is now our pleasure to announce the 2018 CCO Award Winners.

Rookie of the Year - Tom Boldt

We are thrilled to have Tom as a member. In addition to accumulating more participation points than any other 1st year member, he is not afraid to jump right in and help the Club out if he can. He attended almost every event and meeting in his first year and often brought either his son Vincent or his daughter Melanie with him. He volunteered for the Board of Directors as Newsletter Editor when that position became available, and even managed to fit in a casual climb up the highest peak on the African Continent. Well done Tom!





Most Active Member - Steve Pemberton

Steve is completing his second year as Membership Director. His car is perfect, and he wins trophies in most shows he enters...and he goes to lots of them. He and his wife Sandra come to every meeting and event. It is no surprise that Steve accumulated the most Participation Points of all members in 2018.

Most Active Non-member - Sandra Pemberton

Sandra is this year's very deserving recipient of the Most Active Non-Member Award. Her husband Steve has been the Club Membership Director for the past two years. Sandra had been at Steve's side at every event, at virtually every meeting. Steve made it clear at the beginning that Excel spreadsheets weren't his strong point, but that Sandra would help him stay on top of the record keeping required for his position. And that she did and much more. We all thank you very much for everything you do for the Club.





Touch of Thunder Award - Adeo Calcagni

More and more of our members are making the trip to the Ron Fellow School of High-Performance Driving in Spring Mountain to learn how to hone their driving skills while beating the daylights out of someone else's C7. Adeo was kind enough to write an article about the experience he and his wife Rose had when they were there this past spring. It had so much positive response from the membership that the Awards Committee felt he was deserving of this award.



Legacy Award – Alex Tsotsos

The Legacy Award recognizes a long-time member who has made a continued contribution to the Club in time, spirit and financially over many years. Having been in the Club for over 40 years, Alex truly fits the bill. He is a fixture at the meetings and social events, even though he has some challenges getting around sometimes. He has been photographing Club events for many, many years. Alex was awarded member of the year status 30 years ago in 1988 and we truly appreciate his continued input and contributions to the Club.

Founder's Award of Excellence – Joe Jordan

This award is given to a member who has been with the Club for more than 10 years and exhibits an outstanding record of service. In addition to being a very active 30-year member, Joe tirelessly promotes the Club where ever he goes and was responsible for bringing in a large international platinum sponsor this year. His infectious smile and positive attitude are truly inspiring and are a big part of what make him such a likable person.



Ron Senick Memorial Award - Dave Male

Dave has done, and continues to do, many significant mods to his originally bone stock 2000 Convertible. The car now looks better, performs better, breathes in better, breaths out better, sounds better, stops better, lights up the road better and much more. Best of all he is always willing to share his experiences and insights with fellow members who may want to do the same.



Lifetime Achievement Award – Bob Harder

Lifetime Achievement pretty much says it all. During Bob's 22 years with CCO he has had an outstanding record of service to the Club. He stepped in to the position of Treasurer after only a couple of years and by alternating in that position with another member for many years, helped guide the Club out of some financially troublesome times. Bob divides most of his time between Florida in the winter and Sauble Beach in the summer and still finds time to get out to Club meetings and events and always provides valuable guidance when asked.



Rick Laskow Award for Member of the Year – Tom Powell

Tom is our Vice President and Quad C Governor and is truly deserving of the Club's most prestigious award in 2018. His Board responsibilities include sponsor relations and he has done a great job this year with record results. He and his lovely wife Isabelle attend virtually every Club get together and are always willing to step in and help out when needed. He attends more meetings than any of us. He does all of this while enjoying his other summer pastime, his new Formula Express Cruiser that he keeps at the Oakville Power Boat Club. We all should be grateful for what he does to help make CCO better. Please congratulate him when you see him!



Thanks again from all of us to all the 2018 award recipients.

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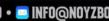


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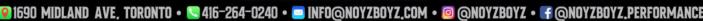
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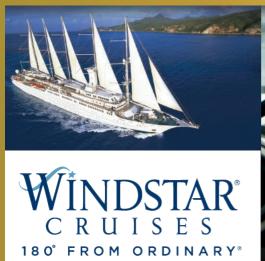








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