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# VETTE NEWS

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## ***President's Corner***

Fall is here and the Corvette driving season is coming to a close. As we look forward to the holidays, let's stop for a moment and reflect on the past cruising season. In spite of the lousy summer weather, we were still able to pull off three major events with some measure of success.

The caravan, the super cruise and the All Corvette show. Most of the feedback we received was favorable with a few exceptions, some small issues that may need some "tweaking". The bottom line, the vast majority of the participants and COB members had a good time, lots of laughs, good food, and great prizes. The door prizes and raffle prizes were exceptional and as usual our ticket prices were a bargain.

Thanks to all who attended and a special note of gratitude to ALL the chairmen and their committee members who worked so hard to make this a successful season. Shortly, we will embark on a new season as 2010 is quickly approaching and I am confident that with some new, fresh ideas, the club will continue to prosper and be one of the outstanding car clubs in the Western New York area.

Revive the wave!

***Bruce Mussehl***

## ***What's Happening***

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*Nov 14 COB Club Meeting 7 PM*

*Elections of Officers for 2010*

*Cast Your Vote*

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- ***Christmas Brunch*** payments due Nov 14 at the meeting
- Nov 15 - Ladies of COB to a day of shopping @ The Wear House contact: Chris Balmas @ 688-9233



## **Happy Thanksgiving**

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Meeting every second Saturday of the month at

First Presbyterian Church  
9675 Main St. Clarence, NY  
Meeting starts 7:00 p.m.

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*Submissions must be in by 26<sup>th</sup>*

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## ***CORVETTES OF BUFFALO Annual Christmas Brunch***

Sunday, December 6, 2009

At

The Fairdale

672 Wehrle Drive

Amherst, NY: 14225

Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00PM

\$11.84 pp for members

\$23.68 for Guests

11:00 AM - 11:30AM - Coffee, Tea, Juice bar with  
Bagels, Danish and Muffins

11:30 AM Buffet will be served:  
Scrambled eggs, Bacon , Sausage, Fruit bowl,  
O'Brien Red potatoes, Breaded Pork Chops,  
Waffle Station with assorted toppings.  
Coffee, Tea and Juice.

Make check out to Corvettes of Buffalo and give or  
mail to:

Mike & Lee Buccilli,  
4001 Essex Pl., Hamburg, NY 14075

All money is Due by **November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting** so  
we can give a count to the venue.

**\*Please note:**

**If we don't receive your monies at November's  
meeting you will not be included for the  
brunch!**

### ***The Wear House Accessorized***

Invites the Ladies of COB to a day of shopping  
for jewelry, scarves, purses, watches, and clothing.

**On Sunday Nov. 15, 2009**

**From 2pm – 5pm**

The Wear House is located at: 8234 Transit Rd.  
(Lowes Plaza) Williamsville

After we're done shopping We'll go to dinner at a  
restaurant To be determined later

If you're interested, please contact:

Chris Balmas @ 688-9233

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## ***Message from the Vice President***

As your Vice President and an Officer of the Club for the past 5 years, I would like to comment on a few issues that I feel are worth mentioning. The duties and responsibilities of the President, Officers and Board Members are outlined in our By-Laws. These positions require not only the majority vote from our Membership, but also a true commitment from each person that accepts the position for the term of office.

By virtue of their oath and commitment, Officers and Board Members should be in attendance at regular business meetings during the year. The club needs full time leadership, especially during the winter months when most of the planning and organizing of the club business affairs occurs for the coming Corvette season.

As an involved member, I would like to see the club continue to be run as a professional organization following our By-Laws, Board Members procedures and sound business practices. And I feel there must be continuity and a process of maintaining our strong leadership tradition by developing new Members to fill vacant positions.

In my opinion, the President needs to have held an Officer or Board position prior to taking office as your next President. The Vice President should have been an Officer or member of the Board within the past 2-3 years. I think the Board should consist of a majority of senior experienced Board members along with a minority of new Board members. In addition to the duties as a Board Member, each should consider an Officer position in the future nominations.

Some Members have stated the terms of the Officers or Board Members should be more than one year. I have mixed feelings on this because if we have a strong President and/or Officer, the Membership would unanimously vote them in for a successive term of office. But I do feel the Board Member positions should be more than one year with alternating vacancies. (ie; three vacant Board positions one year, followed by two Board positions the next year, repeated)

**Continued next column**

The club has grown in membership, popularity in the community and prospered financially due to the leadership by some great Members. I am proud to be a Member and wear our colors.

While these are just my thoughts, I encourage each of us to consider some By-Law revisions in 2010 to help maintain and develop great Leaders in the future.

***Skip Polowy***

### ***COB Birthdays***

1st	Eugene Wojcik
4th	Ed Seifert
4th	Craig Eckert
7th	Mary Boyle
18th	Fred Wolfe
23rd	Rod Reisdorf
27th	Linda Bonus
27th	Susan Krezmien
27th	Mary Carol Plott
27th	Barb Heffernan

### ***COB Anniversaries***

4 <sup>th</sup>	Mary & Rod Reisdorf
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## ***Candidates for 2010 Officers***

### ***President***

Dear members of C.O.B.

I, Larry Petro am running for the office of President of C.O.B. I feel I am qualified to fill that office.

I have been a member for 16 years. I know that My wife Donna and I are gone for 6 meetings a year, because we go south for the winter. But if you think I could do a good job as president. I would like your vote.

If I don't get that position, I would like your vote for Board of Directors. Thank you all for your consideration and your votes.

***Larry Petro***

### ***President***

Dear COB Members,

I graciously accept the nomination for President of Corvettes of Buffalo for 2010. It has been my pleasure during my past ten years of membership to serve as President, Vice President, and Board member of COB. Because of my past tenure, I am very knowledgeable in the business of the club.

I believe I am an effective leader who possesses the organizational skills and enthusiasm to direct our club with the support from our officers, the board of directors, and the membership.

If elected, it would be my pleasure to work with the membership on future activities, and continue to promote our club in the community.

Thank you for your support.

***Frank Pastore***

### ***President***

I am honored to be nominated for president of this great organization. I have been a member since the spring of 2006 and have been active in several events since that time. If elected I will sever to the best of my ability. Sincerely

***Bob Kaczmarek***

### ***Vice President***

It is my privilege to be running for the office of Vice President and believe it would be an honor to be an officer of Corvettes of Buffalo. I believe I have the experience that would benefit the club. I have been involved with the classic car community for several years in cruise nights and car shows. I was instrumental in the set-up and running of the Tri-Five Car Show and was responsible for design and set-up of a display at the Cavalcade of Cars, at the Erie County Fairgrounds. I have also been a judge at several different car shows.

This past year I was involved in all of the events staged by COB as well as attending many other events including the trips to Saranac Lake and Bowling Green. In addition, my partner and I ran a successful 50-50 split club at Pautler's to benefit Kids Escaping Drugs.

I have talked to many people in an effort to promote the club and make it known what a good group we are and the fun we have. I believe I have much to offer to help keep the Corvettes of Buffalo a top notch club that will continue to be attractive to new members. If not successful in my bid for the Vice Presidency, I would like to be considered for the Board of Directors.

***Richard Zahner***

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## ***Vice President***

My name is Mike Buccilli and I would like to be your next Vice President! Although I have only been in C.O.B. a few years(four). I have chaired many of our club function : Casino Run Niagara Falls, Christmas Brunch 2008/2009, K.E.D. Fund Raisers Barton Hill, Father's Day Get-Away, Vetts at the Valley(Show field)

With these events came a lot of work and a lot of fun. Two things I am not afraid of doing. I like the direction our club has taken and will do my best to keep it going.

Thank You for the Vice Presidential nomination.

***Mike Buccilli***

## ***Secretary***

Dear COB Members:

As a member in good standing, I accept the nomination for Secretary of Corvettes of Buffalo. Although a newer member of our great club, I feel I am a qualified candidate to represent all members in fulfillment of the duties for this office. In addition, I am willing to assist our President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Board Members with enthusiasm, commitment and fairness.

As stated in the Corvettes of Buffalo By-laws, the purpose of our organization is ***“to favorably promote and enjoy the Corvette auto through car related activities.”*** To that end, I will do my part through active involvement as we all strive to provide friendship, new adventures and continue to share our love of Corvettes!

Our organization is truly unique—and many hands “make light work”—so let’s ***all*** contribute our time and talents to make 2010 the best year yet for Corvettes of Buffalo. Our club was formed so we could “enjoy” our cars....let’s keep that in perspective as we make plans for the future!

If not elected as Secretary, I would be honored to serve as a member of the 2010 COB Board of Directors.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
***Joan Meegan***

## ***Treasurer***

To all C.O.B. members,

Thank you for the nomination for the office of Treasurer. If elected I will continue to fullfill the duties in the best interest of the Corvettes of Buffalo.

Corvettes of Buffalo is a well governed organization and I would like to help it continue as your Treasurer.

Your fellow member.

***Mel Skeide***

## ***Treasurer***

I was one of the original members that started C O B in 1982 . I have served as President , V President , Treasurer , and Board member in previous year and have been very active with running the Car shows. I would like to serve as Treasurer or Board.

Your vote would be appreciated

Thank You

***Pete Ricigliano***

## ***Board of Directors***

Dear Corvetters,

I have been in COB since its beginning in 1981. During that time, I served as NCCC Governor, Board member, vice president, president, car show chairman, activity chairman, and newsletter editor. I’ve attended many events and organized the club picnic for 11 years in a row. I would enjoy serving on the Board once again and would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Lowell Rothenberger

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I would appreciate your vote for Board of Director. I would like to start there then proceed to being an officer. I think it is time we have women involved . I urge more women to get involved and start a new trend . Thanks for your consideration.

***Rose Ricigliano***

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## ***Board of Directors***

Dear COB Members,

I have been a member of COB almost as long as Lowell. I served on the phone committee, assisted Lowell with the newsletter, organized the club picnic for 11 years + 1 and am currently the Sunshine Committee Chairperson. When our secretary resigned after one year, I stepped in and then served for 12 ½ years in that capacity.

I, too, would appreciate your vote to serve our club again as a member of the Board of Directors. Thank you.

***Karen Rothenberger***



It would be my honor to serve the Club as a Board Member for the 2010 Corvette season. My experience as a past President, Vice President and past Board Member will provide a strong working knowledge of the club business activities. If elected to the Board, I will help coordinate and guide the club to another successful year. Thank you for your vote at the November club meeting!

***Skip Polowy***



Hello ,My name is Donna Petro and I am running for a seat on theBoard of Directors. I have been a member for 16 years and have been on many committees and have also chaired some activities. I have served on the Board before, for about 4 years back in the 90's. I'm asking for your Vote. Thank you !

Donna Petro



I have served three years asPresident of COB, and by virtue of that office, have been Chairman of the Board of Directors. I believe that this experience qualifies me to remain on that Board. If you agree, I would appreciate your vote.  
Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Mussehl

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## ***Board of Directors***

Hi Corvette Enthusiasts

My name is Ron Giovino and I am running for the Board of Directors. My wife Connie and I have been members in good standing of COB for approximately two+ years. The reason I mention Connie is because we are a team. We assist each other in all our endeavors.

We have been totally committed to COB and our clubs mission, the social enjoyment of our Corvettes. Over the past two years we have co-chaired the Summer Picnic, the Installation Dinner, the Christmas Brunch, and Salvatore's Super Cruise. Additionally, we have headed a committee for Vettes in the Valley and helped for two years with registration and parking for the Caravan.

While serving on the board of Directors for the past year I have been able to use my thirty (30) years of experience in business, to help the current and future direction of COB. I believe that our club has great potential, as evidenced by the enjoyment, fun, friendships, and success's that our members have shared.

The Corvettes of Buffalo has had a wonderful year of prosperous social and fund raising events. I would like to be part of the Board of Directors for a **second year**. I believe that I can help deliver the same successful outcome in 2010 that we experienced in 2009.

Please vote

**Ron Giovino for Board of Directors !**

Thank you.

***Save the Wave,  
Ron***



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## ***Board of Directors***

I would appreciate your consideration for my re-election to the Board of Directors of Corvettes of Buffalo. I have also previously served as your Vice President.

Our club has experienced dramatic growth during the last few years. This growth has taken our club to a higher level. In order to continue at these levels we will need to review our by-laws. Some by-law changes that should be addressed during the next year include dues payments, charity distributions and voting procedures.

My current Board position and previous Vice President experiences will be helpful when dealing with the above challenges. Club activities that I have been involved with this year include:

- Budget Committee
- By-Laws Committee
- Watkins Glen opening weekend cruises

Thank you,

***Jim Lawson***  
***ON RT 66***



***My aren't you pretty***

## ***Thank You***

Corvettes of Buffalo:

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. My surgery went well. I have been blessed so many times  
God Bless

***Marilyn & Fred Wolf***

## ***Corvette History***

- **November 1, 1997:** Corvette Assistant Chief Engineer, John Heinricy is re-assigned to Chief Engineer of GM's F-Body platform which builds the Firebird and Camaro.
- **November 2, 1990:** In a small shopping center in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the National Corvette Museum Annex is opened.
- **November 2, 1999:** Chevrolet announces that it will enter a C5R Corvette race car at the 68th annual 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 2000.
- **November 7, 1969:** The 250,000th Corvette (a Riverside Gold convertible) rolls off the assembly line.
- **November 16, 1997:** Corvette Designer, Larry Shinoda, (famous for the 1963 split window Corvette) dies of kidney failure.
- **November 1992:** Dave Hill, an engineer in General Motors' Cadillac program, accepts a job offer to become Corvette Chief Engineer
- **November 1992:** Mercury Marine, in Stillwater, OK, completes building all LT5 engines destined for Corvette ZR-1s for the year





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## ***Vettes at the Valley Report 2009***

After a year of planning, Vettes at the Valley went off like clockwork at the Holiday Valley Ski Resort last month. The show was definitely an artistic success as approximately 75 to 80 COB members enjoyed themselves at the Martin Chevrolet Welcome Party, the fall Color tour and the Emerling Awards Dinner. Unfortunately, threatening weather all week long and rain on the day of the show depressed the turnout of registrants. Those who did attend were unanimous in their appreciation for the show and the various events which were part of it.

According to Larry Lewis, proprietor of Corvettes and Performance Specialties, and one of the Show sponsors, many of his Corvette contacts and customers were planning to attend and changed their minds due to the rainy forecast for the day of the show. "You'd have been flooded with Corvettes if the weather had been good", he said.

In spite of the weather and low attendance ( twenty seven registrations), the show was a financial success, showing a net profit of approximately \$1100.! This success was made possible due to the generous support of our financial sponsors and co-sponsors; Emerling Chevrolet, Martin Bros. Chevrolet,, Corvettes and Performance Specialties and Corvettes by Turner Automotive. In addition, important contributions came from the Basket Factory Restaurant and COB member Ron Giovino's Classic Car Insurance agency.

Fifty members of COB assisted Show organizer and Chairman John Meyerhoff. Every aspect of the show was planned and carried out to perfection by the Committee Chairs. These included Mary Carol Plott for registration, Mike Bucilli for the showfield, Reas Graber for the Welcome Party, Craig and Charlie Eckert for the Awards Dinner, Bob Kaczmarek for the Fall Color Tour, Mel Skeide for judging, Ron Giovino for the goody bags, John Biggie for the door prizes, Patti Kirkland for the Chinese Auction and the show fliers, Frank Pastore for the Participants' Choice show, Jim Bonus for computer publicity, and Dan Krakowski for Show photography. Pictures have already been downloaded to the COB web site!

The Show charitable beneficiary is the National Corvette Museum. Half the net proceeds will be contributed to the Museum in Bowling Green, Ky., which is an IRS 501 C-3 tax deductible charity just like our own museums, foundations and charities in Buffalo.

A big thank you and congratulations to all who contributed to the success of COB's first out of town, resort based Corvette show!!!

***John Meyerhoff***



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