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# COB VETTE NEWS



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## Notes from the President:

March 1st and spring is here, meteorological spring that is and Daylight Savings time is only 12 days away. Time to start tackling those projects and modifications to get the Vette ready for the summer season. At the very least, pull the cover and put on the first coat of wax or ceramic coating for the coming year.

It is also time to get serious planning the club's upcoming events. The Super cruise, Caravan and, (new this year) the COB Road Rally, are well into the planning stages. I have scheduled the COB Events Calendar meeting for March 15th. There is a sign-up sheet at this month's meeting, and I hope many of you will attend to plan the years activities. Remember, the club is only as good as its members working to make it a success.

I want to thank Grant Violino for securing an instructor for a 4-hour CPR accredited class, and a Red Cross certificate will be issued after completion of the course. Cost is \$30.00 per person, payable in advance. This includes workbook and all class materials. Signup sheet and payment will be collected at the March meeting.

The Italian Village again did a great job for our February Dinner Cruise. Thirty members enjoyed a night of conversation and good food with their Corvette family. The month finished up with a trip to Van Bortel for a Cars & Coffee event. With over 90 Corvettes in the warehouse, maybe someone will fall in love in February! **Save the Wave.... Bob**



Meetings every  
second Saturday of  
the month at First  
Presbyterian  
Church, 9675 Main  
Street, Clarence, NY  
14031.....  
Meetings start at  
7:00 pm

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Send newsletter articles to: Dave Spencer – [c7hotrod@gmail.com](mailto:c7hotrod@gmail.com) (before the  
25<sup>th</sup> for the next month's publication) Note - sooner is better!

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**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:**

10<sup>TH</sup> Mark and Janet Craft  
13<sup>th</sup> Mike and Sue Blum  
15<sup>th</sup> Dave Spencer and Bernadette Futch 1st date



**Editor: Anniversaries need not be only for  
married couples! If you have one, let us know...**



### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Bob Kaczmarek  
6<sup>th</sup> Mike Blum  
10<sup>th</sup> Lynn Ienco and Lynn Kelly  
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## Editor's Page: *Dave Spencer*

Note: I optimize all photos in the newsletters, so view them on a big screen for even better results. Be sure to check out the Corvettes of Buffalo website. Pictures and videos have been added. Also, thanks to Bob Joseph, George Sparks, and others who contribute to making this newsletter a better publication.

(EDITOR) It's winter and wacky weather for much of the United States, but here in our temporary home in Florida, not so bad. We even have other COBers here to pal around with at times.



But let's talk about some of the Corvette news flying around. This month's cover is about Hennessey's

### SUPERCHARGED CHEVROLET CORVETTE C8 STINGRAY UPGRADE

#### SPECIFICATIONS

The complete Hennessey Supercharged 'H700' Corvette C8 Stingray upgrade package includes the supercharger, intercooler, engine tune, lightweight wheels, cat-back exhaust, and graphics. The 19- and 20- inch alloy wheels are offered with a Brushed Aluminum, Satin Black, or Graphite finish, while the striking vinyl Hennessey Heritage Livery is offered in Blue, White, Black, Silver, or Red. All packages feature 'Hennessey' and 'H700' badging and a serial numbered plaque.

\*\*Exhaust removes active valve functionality

- 708 bhp @ 5,900 rpm
- 638 lb-ft torque @ 5,000 rpm
- High-Flow Centrifugal Supercharger System
- High-Flow Air Induction System
- Air-To-Water Intercooler Upgrade
- High-Flow Cat-Back Sport Exhaust System
- Hennessey Calibration Upgrade
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- Road Testing (Up To 500 Miles)
- 19" (F) and 20" (R) Lightweight Street Wheels (Brushed Aluminum, Satin Black, or Graphite)
- Hennessey C8 Heritage Livery (Blue, White, Black, Silver, or Red)
- Hennessey Exterior Badging
- H700 Exterior Badging
- Serial Numbered Engine Bay Plaque
- 3 Year / 36,000 Mile Warranty

newest C8 Corvette upgrade. In case your nearly 500hp C8 isn't powerful enough, how does 708hp sound, with 638 lb-ft torque. All this below at a cheaper price than the almost unobtainable Z06, that would lose in a race with you (other things being equal) ... This upgrade for the 2020-2022 Chevrolet Corvette C8 Stingray includes a high-flow supercharger system, a high-flow intercooling system, a high-flow cat-back sport exhaust system, performance engine tune, wheels, graphics, and badging. Hennessey® Performance harnesses the LT2 6.2-liter V8 engine to deliver high-performance thrills to the iconic American supercar. But of course, you will want to know the price of all this. So, I contacted them to find out:

### Andrew Ross

High Performance Sales Representative

Tel: (979) 256-4312

Email: [andrew@hennesseyperformance.com](mailto:andrew@hennesseyperformance.com)

Web: [www.hennesseyperformance.com](http://www.hennesseyperformance.com)

#### We will need the following information to begin:

Year/make/model

Miles on your car (estimated): Must have less than 20K

Billing and shipping address:

#### Models with less than 20k miles that qualify for upgrade:

2020-2022 Coupes-Yes

2023 Z51 Coupes-Yes

2023 Non-Z51 Coupe-Available Soon!

All Hard Top Convertibles-Available later this year

### OPTIONAL UPGRADES

#### SPECIFICATIONS

- C8 Stingray Supercharged H700 Power **Only** (No Exhaust, Graphics, Or Wheels)

Installed: **\$34,950**

- 19" (F) and 20" (R) Lightweight Street Wheels (Brushed Aluminum, Satin Black, or Graphite)

Installed **\$4,950**

- High-Flow Cat-Back Sport Exhaust System

Installed: **\$4,950**

- Hennessey C8 Heritage Livery (Blue, White, Black, Silver, or Red)

Installed: **\$7,950**

You will note the "Car of the Month" series has two pages this month. Pete, whom I met and became friends with in the WNYCC in 1972, has such an extensive past with the Corvette, it was needed.

## Current Planned Club Events January/February 2023

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(From Website)

Activities Director

Lynda Graham

### MARCH:

11<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting

20<sup>th</sup> Dinner Cruise 6:00 (see flyer)

### APRIL:

8<sup>th</sup> – Monthly meeting

17<sup>th</sup> Mini Golf Tournament 5-9 pm (see flyer)

Watch your emails, as non-planned get together dinners are often added!



Generosity makes us all feel good!

March food bank donations:  
laundry products, bar soap, shampoo



**CORVETTE**  
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# Mini Golf Tournament

**Monday**

**April 17th 2023 5:00pm - 9:00pm**

Pizza & Wing Package  
Pizza, Chicken Wings  
Celery, Carrots, Blue Cheese  
& Non-Alcoholic Drinks

**\$25.00 per person**

**Rescheduled**



**Paddock Chevrolet Golf Dome**

175 Brompton Rd. Tonawanda, NY



Hello Everyone,

This year's convention in Bowling Green is 6/24 – 6/30. Registration will close on June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you were thinking of attending a convention, this one (in my opinion) is the one to attend. There is the delightful museum, awesome assembly plant and the somewhat new racetrack behind the museum - definitely all things CORVETTE. One day passes open up on April 1<sup>st</sup> with the cost for the convention right now at \$185.00 per person plus your hotel room. On June 1<sup>st</sup> the cost will increase, so act fast.

Mike B



**March Dinner Cruise**

**Monday**

**March 20, 2020**

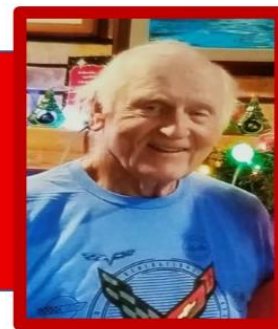
**6:00pm**

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*From the Desk of  
John Myerhoff*



## 2023 MICHELIN NCM BASH

April 27th - April 29th, 2023



Kick off the NCM on-site event season with us here in Bowling Green, KY! Enjoy guided road tours, a newly expanded car show, a live auction, vendors, and the 2023 Corvette Hall of Fame Class announcement.

Registration is NOW open & NEW Road Tours are available!

A seminar schedule and a more detailed agenda will be made available as we can confirm the presenter's ability to be onsite.

**REGISTER NOW + MORE INFORMATION**



### MiM Dragon Run

Presented by Michelin®

April 30th - May 3rd, 2023



### Vet's 'n Vettes

Presented by Mobil 1™

May 11th - May 13th, 2023



### MiM Le Mans Tour

Normandy · Paris · Le Mans

June 3rd - June 13th, 2023



### MiM Charlotte Experience

June 4th - June 8th, 2023



### MiM Explore Detroit

July 9th - July 13th, 2023



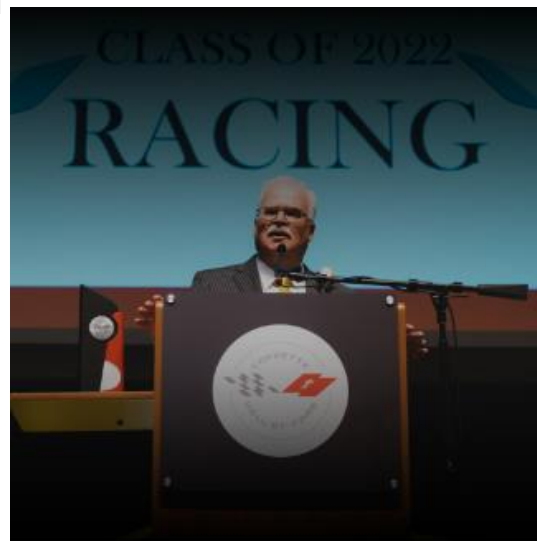
### MiM Alaskan Cruise

July 11th - July 23rd, 2023



### 29th Anniversary Celebration

August 31st - September 2nd, 2023



### Corvette Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

September 2nd, 2023



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## It's EXCITING.....by George Sparks

Isn't it "exciting" to turn the calendar over to a "new year".

So many things that lie ahead of us.

For example, our Corvettes of Buffalo club was unanimously approved by our Board of Directors to become Club Members of the National Corvette Museum – NCM. Some of us are already members, and most of us have heard of NCM. The museum's mission statement:

### MUSEUM MISSION

**The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to celebrate the Corvette's invention and preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future. The Museum will serve as an educational and research model for all to enjoy.**

It's understandable that not one person or club can afford, collect, display, preserve, and protect the legacy of the Corvette as well as the NCM.

Thus, I am excited and proud of our Club along with so many other Corvette Clubs from around the world to show support and promote NCM by being a Club Member.

Please click on the National Corvette Museum link <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/> or through the COB website: <https://www.corvettesofbuffalo.com/> there, in greater detail, you will find what the NCM is all about.

NCM has many events, the following are three (3) of the major annual events. This exciting year of 2023:

**MICHELIN NCM BASH Apr 27-29**  
**VETS 'N VETTES by MOBIL 1 May 11-13**  
**29<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Aug 31-Sept 2**

If you haven't heard just around the corner in 2024 NCM will be having its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Every five (5) years these milestone anniversaries bring in 1000's of Corvettes along with 1000's of fellow "CORVETTE" people from around the world. It's an exciting event, plan early and if possible join one of the many "Corvette" Caravans that make this pilgrimage not only interesting but EXCITING as well.

Save the Wave and be EXCITED.... "SPARKY"



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## Welcome to the Corvettes of Buffalo

### Welcome and Thank You for your interest in Corvettes

The Corvettes of Buffalo, is the largest and most active club in the area. We hope you enjoy your visit to our website as we are very proud of our Corvettes, our Members and the many activities that we organize each year. We are also proud to support local charities and to participate in community services and activities.

COB invites you to contact any of our Officers or Board Members if you have any questions or if you are ready to start enjoying your Corvette adventures with us!

Below are a few activities that we enjoy...but check out our past Newsletters and complete Gallery of photos of cool cars and exciting places from past club events.

And always remember to "Save the Wave"



2022 Caravan

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### Latest Newsletter

Check out our Newsletter to get up to date information on what's happening with Corvettes of Buffalo!

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Have you been to our website? This is what will greet you. A video taken at the "Made in America" store will show many of our Corvettes streaming out the front entrance. Be sure to visit!!



My fellow COB members, when traveling through Canada remember that 100 speed limit signs do NOT mean 100 mph. It is kph (KILOMETERS PER HOUR), which is interpreted by Canadian Police as 60 mph.

So, when you are speeding away from that black C8, a word of caution, SLOW DOWN, because, picture if you will, that black C8 is a real Ontario Provincial Police car!!! And you're not in the Twilight Zone.... Sparky



EDITOR: (Update) OPP Sgt. Kerry Schmidt explained the purpose behind the wrapped [C8 Corvette Z06](#) straight from the floor of the Canadian International Auto Show (a.k.a. Toronto Auto Show) where the sports car was on display alongside several police-spec SUVs and other law enforcement vehicles.

"We're using this car to really create some buzz," Schmidt says. "Have a conversation with people coming through."

According to Schmidt, GM loaned the [Corvette](#) Z06 to the OPP as a promotional vehicle to boost recruitment, wrapping the exterior in a black-and-white themed color treatment with large police graphics and the OPP badge on the doors. The vehicle is also equipped with red and blue lights, completing the police car look.





## Car of the Month: Contact the editor for yours to be displayed

Owners: Pete and Rose Ricigliano

My story begins back in 1968 when I had just finished a 4 year Tool & Die apprenticeship and started a new job at the age of 24. Shortly after that I bought my first corvette, a red 1963 red convertible, and joined a corvette club. After having this car for a fun 1 1/2 years, I decided to get married, start a family, and buy a large garage that came with a 2-family house. Sadly, my corvette had to go - traded in for a family car. It took 3 more years of remodeling our house, setting up the garage with a new cement floor, electric power, and new roof, just so I could work on my next corvette.

After getting the house, and garage finished, I found a 6-year-old 1965 corvette convertible in 1972 needing work. With help of club members, I learned to replace the whole brake system, which was very costly at that time (parts cost \$800).

The dashboard gauges were the next thing that need repair, but soon I got them all working.

Year 2 - I pulled the motor that had 65,000 miles to do a valve job, new cam change, carburetor rebuild, clutch replacement, and detail for future shows.

Year 3 - It was time to learn to strip the paint off the body, do body work, prime, sand, sand, sand, and paint. Many thanks go to my club members friends that showed and helped me, because the car looked beautiful on the outside. As I was putting the bumpers and other parts back on the vette, I found the frame was rotted, and would need replacement.

Year 4 - I located a good 1967 rolling frame that could be a good replacement, so I refurbished the suspension, sand blasted, cleaned, and painted the frame. The fun part was to reassemble and make it a rolling frame again (that looked new). Now it was ready to be transferred to the body that had a new paint job, hopefully without scratching it. The frame change went well and everything worked.

Year 5 - the new carpets, leather seat skins, and convertible top were next to be replaced, and it was finally finished, ready to drive, and show. At this time, I wanted to thank all the help, and knowledge I got from all my good friends from WNYCC helped me with that project.

With the knowledge gained from this, I started to buy and restore older corvettes that were off the road for many years as a hobby. I found (1) 61. (3) 63s, (1) 64, (3) 65s, a 68, a 69, and (2) 73s all of which I restored, showed and sold. I also helped my friends do their project cars a period of about ten years.

Fast forward ten more years, my kids were off the clock and grown up and my life was soon to change when I met Rosie. She had a beautiful 1971 corvette convertible while I still had a 1965



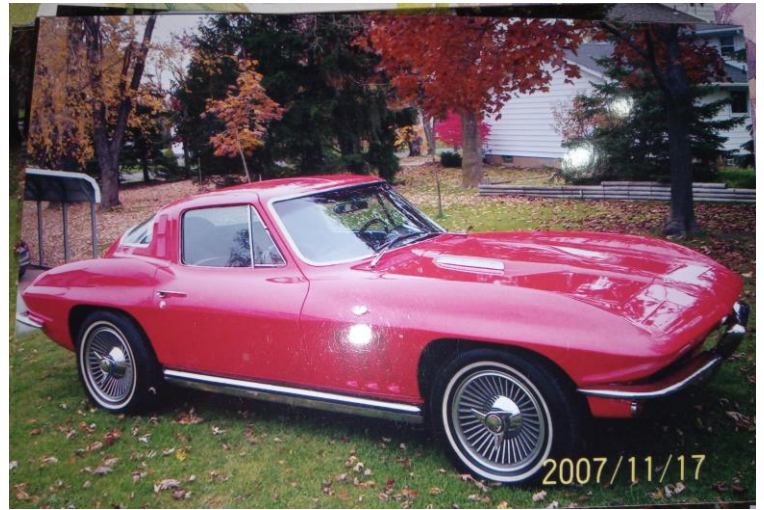


coupe. We got married in 1998 and her dream was a C5 so we could travel with the club. We sold her corvette to a person from Denmark, and bought a silver 2000, that we really loved, and put 85,000 on the clock. In 2012 while I was getting ready to retire, my son Nick found a "barn find" 1972 coupe, last driven in 1989. I bought the 72 and it took 2 years for a complete frame off restoration. We now had a 65 coupe, 72 coupe and 2000 coupe, but wanted a new 2015 C7. The dealer came out to my house in January to look at our 72 coupe, insisting he wanted my 65 corvette (that I had owned 32 years) and offered my asking price. When our C7 was delivered, we sold the 2000 (the 72 was still up for sale).

I got a call from England from Gary Watts, who was very interested and bought the 72 corvette to my surprise. I first thought it was a scam because he needed to ship it over the big pond 3500 miles away. If you read the COB Corvette newsletters, he is very happy and driving it when the weather is good there.

We are down to only one corvette now, a 1970 GMC truck, and two steel cars. We are very happy with the C7, because it does everything so good, plus is fun to drive.

Now you have 52 years history of our love for the corvette and the club people that own them. My arm is getting of saving the wave. Until early spring... Pete and Rosie Ricigliano





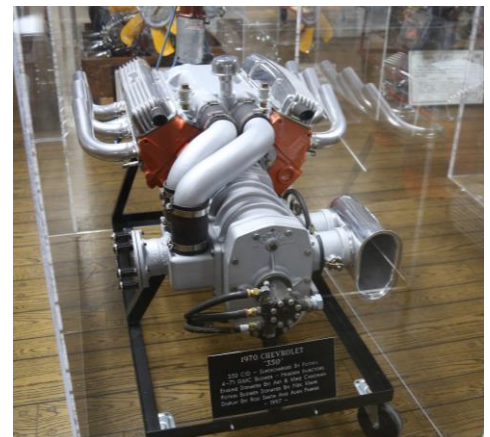
## FREE FOR ALL PAGE: MAKE IT INTERESTING (Editor)

Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023: I got a call from George and Karen Sparks when they arrived in the Orlando area here in Florida. Neither George nor I had seen the Don Garlits Antique Car Museum and Museum of Drag Racing in the Ocala area. So, plans were made and off we went. We all enjoyed it, yes even the ladies.





## FREE FOR ALL PAGE: MAKE IT INTERESTING





## FREE FOR ALL PAGE: MAKE IT INTERESTING -Sparky (HUMOR)

The year is 1910, over one hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes!  
Here are some statistics for the Year 1910:  
(applies to the USA)

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The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.  
Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only.  
Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.  
Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.  
There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.  
The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.  
The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!  
The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.  
The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.  
A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,  
A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year,  
And a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.  
More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.  
Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!  
Instead, they attended so-called medical schools,  
Many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard.'  
Sugar cost four cents a pound.  
Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.  
Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.  
Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.  
There was no such thing as under arm deodorant or tooth paste.  
Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.  
The five leading causes of death were:  
1. Pneumonia and influenza  
2. Tuberculosis  
3. Diarrhea  
4. Heart disease  
5. Stroke  
The American flag had 45 stars.  
The population of Las Vegas Nevada was only 30!  
Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet  
There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.  
Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.  
Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.  
There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. !

Beware of a new  
Amazon scam.  
My husband  
ordered me  
some expensive  
jewelry, but  
motorcycle parts  
came instead.  
Thankfully they  
fit his bike...

I wonder if the  
people paying  
\$300 for a colon  
cleanse even  
know about  
Taco Bell's  
\$4.99 deal.

My kids and grandkids  
keep laughing about  
me losing my memory.

They won't be laughing at  
Christmas when there's no  
eggs under the tree!

Last year I joined a  
support group for  
antisocial people.  
We haven't met yet.

I've found marriage to  
be very educational.  
For example, I had no  
idea there was a wrong  
way to put milk in the  
fridge.

I MAY NOT HAVE  
LOST ALL MY  
MARBLES YET,  
BUT THERE'S A  
SMALL HOLE  
IN THE BAG  
SOMEWHERE

I discovered that  
answering the door  
naked helps deter  
trick-or-treaters.  
Oh, here we go  
again, here's two  
dressed as  
policemen...

Time change. I  
had to go around and  
fix all my clocks.



I WAS ASKED WHAT I LOOK  
FOR IN A RELATIONSHIP...  
APPARENTLY "A WAY OUT"  
WASN'T THE RIGHT  
ANSWER.

I'm so out of shape that if  
somebody yells, Run for  
your life!, I'll be like, You  
guys go on ahead. I'm  
going to meet Jesus.

### CAR SAFETY FOR CHILDREN



My wife said, "For Christmas take  
\$200 and buy me a Nativity set and if  
there's anything left over you can  
spend it on fishing stuff!"



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A Review: Greek and Mediterranean cuisines are recommended to taste at this **restaurant**. Order mouthwatering chicken souvlaki, doner kebabs and souvlakia. **Olive Tree** offers you perfectly cooked pudding, pancakes and ice cream. Try the delicious coffee offered here... The cozy atmosphere of this place allows guests to relax after a hard-working day.







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