

CORVETTES of Buffalo

AUGUST 2022



VETTE NEWS SINCE 1981

Notes from the President:

It was a busy last June weekend for members of the club. There was a good turnout on Friday for the monthly Made in America Cruise, followed by a cruise to Ellicottville Distillery.

I want to thank Terry Decker for the hospitality at her home after the distillery cruise. Many of us who went enjoyed food and conversation, and it was a nice ending for a beautiful summer Sunday. Thank you, Frank Pastore, for setting up the Corvette night at the Wurlitzer. As usual the COB had a large turnout for the Cruise Night dedicated to Corvette.

The Fourth of July's weather was perfect for a parade. Again, the club participated in the annual event on Grand Island. After the parade we took a cruise along the West River and off to lunch at Soliday's in Tonawanda. A thank you to Marianne & Frank Pastore for hosting the day. We also had members attending St. Johns Cruise night and The Burgerfest Car Show organized by Mike Buccilli in addition to regular cruise nights in the area.

The highlight of the month was our own "All Car Super Cruise" held this year in Clarence at the Eastern Hills Mall. Sue Blum was the Chairperson for this year's event, and she did a great job putting together a successful show. I want to thank her, her committee, and every Corvettes of Buffalo member who stepped up to make this year's show a success. Most importantly \$2575.00 was raised for WNY Heroes. Way to go COB.

Save the Wave

Bob Joseph



EDITOR'S NOTE:



Lots of events happening this summer, so if you have photos, send them to me. Since I quote myself or write in articles often, this month I'll use the box below to identify some new club members and their car.

Dave Spencer

Dear COB friends: I'm still hoping to start a car of the month series, but I need someone to start with theirs. Send your photos with "Car of the month" in the subject.

Note: I optimize photos in the newsletters, so view them on a big screen for even better results!

Tony Malagisi & Marilyn Cosbey below – if you see a white C8, however, it could be Joe & Denyse Weatherbee!



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Meeting every second Saturday of the month at
First Presbyterian Church
 9675 Main St. Clarence, NY, 14031
 Meeting starts 7:00 p.m.

Visit us at: <http://www.corvettesofbuffalo.com/>

Send Newsletter Articles To: **Dave Spencer**

E-Mail: c7hotrod@gmail.com

Submissions must be in before the 25th

Late submissions will be published the following month.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

- 14th Dan and Paulette Krakowski
- 15th Bruce and Ruth Mussehl
- 23rd Carl and Chris Balmas
- 27th Kevin and Holly Wyse



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

- 1st Mark Craft
- 2nd Ray Schafer
- 5th Bob Tkach
- 6th Kevin Wyse
- 14th Etienne Kojisza
- 17th Alex Wyse
- 21st Borys Sharvan
- 25th Larry Ienco
- 30th Bob Harrer

Current Planned Club Events August/September 2022 (from Website)

August:

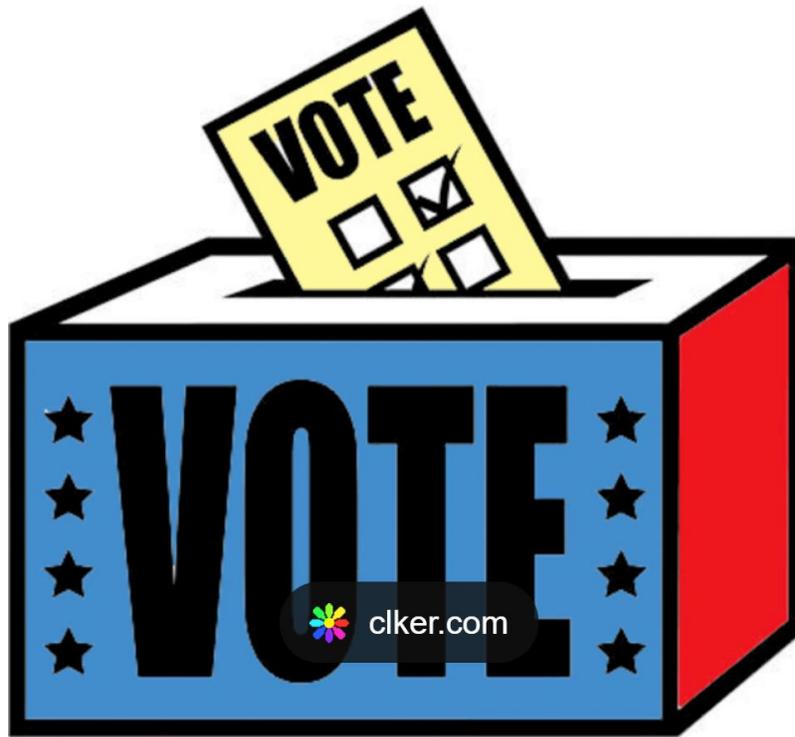
- August 5 St. Gabriel's Super Cruise – 5271 Clinton St. Elma, NY (3pm -9pm)
- August 5th When Pigs Fly, Route 5 meal in Westfield (see flyer next page)
- August 7 COB All Corvette Caravan Assemble Made in America Store Elma, NY
- August 8 Taste of Clarence at Town Park –Main St. 2:00pm
- August 13 1st Annual Lancaster Elks Super cruise Elks Lodge #1478, 33 Legion Dr. 10-3pm
- August 14 COB Annual Picnic– Gratwick Fire Hall, NY 11am
- August 20 UAW Car Show & Auto Expo - 200 Upper Mountain Rd. Lockport, NY 9am-3pm
- August 21 Kenmore Super Cruise – Delaware Rd 10am-3pm
- TBD Medina Super Cruise
- August 25-27 Corvettes at Carlisle – Carlisle Fairgrounds, Pa. TBD Mount St. Mary's Super Cruise
- August 28 Toy Town Car Show – Main St. East Aurora, NY 9am

September:

- September 3 Olcott Beach Super Car Show – Krull Park, 8am – 4:30 pm
- September 4 Classics on the Niagara Car Show 8am-3pm
- September 4 West Seneca Police PBA Car Show/ Taste of W. Seneca 1250 Union Rd. 9am- 4pm
- September 10 COB Meeting & Club Dues – Clarence Church – 7pm
- September 11 11th annual Rally at the Ridge Chestnut Ridge Park 8-4pm
- September 11th End of Summer Party Pig Roast at the Sparks home (see flyer)
- September 12 WNYCC Fall Super Cruise–Matt Urban VFW Post, 3741 Walden Ave. 3-7pm
- September 17 Buffalo Launch Club Car & Boat Show, 503 River Rd. Grand Island, 9am-4pm
- September 17 Cruise in the Gardens Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens 10-3:30pm
- September 17 Akron Super Cruise & Craft Show Akron, NY 9-4pm
- September 18 Ellicottville Car Show – Rockin Oldies 8am – 4pm
- September 18 Breast Cancer Car Show, West Herr 3575 Southwestern Blvd. O-Park, 10am-3pm
- September 19 Pembroke Kiwanis Car Show – Town Park Rt.77, 9am – 4pm
- September 24 Cruisin for a Cure Car Show, Roswell Park 665 Elm St. Buffalo, 8am- 4pm

Lynda Graham, Activities Director





ELECTION PROCEDURES

Article Thirteen: Elections:

1. The attendance record for the year's meeting/activities in lieu of meetings will be recorded in the September newsletter for all members eligible to be nominated for any officer or Board position.
2. Election procedures will be published in the August newsletter for member review.
3. The election process for officers and board members is as follows:

a.) **September Business Meeting** - Nominations for office. Those members named will have the opportunity to either accept or decline each position to which they have been nominated.

b.) **October Business Meeting** - Nominations may be reopened by a majority vote of the members in attendance as long as the person(s) to be nominated is (are) present at this meeting. Those members named will have the opportunity to either accept or decline each position to which they have been nominated, after which nominations are closed. Individuals nominated in September and not able to appear at the October business meeting must arrange to submit their decision, in writing, to the President. If this notification is not received prior to the October meeting, the member's name will be removed from the ballot. Those "accepting" are to submit an article, to be published in the November newsletter, outlining their qualifications, accomplishments, goals, etc. for the particular office, which they desire to hold.

c.) **November Business Meeting** - Elections by written, secret ballot. Names of members running for, but not elected to the office of president will automatically be placed on the ballot for vice president, if he/she desires. Additionally, the names of members running for vice-president, but not elected to the office of Vice-President will automatically be placed on the ballot for Board of Directors, if he/she desires.

d.) **Proxy vote** - a vote by proxy must be submitted to an officer or Board of Director member in order to be recognized. The vote must be received in a sealed envelope.

Sue Blum:

As I write this we are just 2 days away from our Super Cruise! The weather report has been upgraded, thanks to many who were praying over this. We are looking forward to an event that will raise funds for our Veterans, be fun for our members and make some cash for our treasury.

First, I want to thank so many of our members for the overwhelming encouragement and support you have shown. Whether passing out over 1800 fliers at numerous car events in WNY, getting donations and making donations of baskets and items, or expanding our committee by becoming team leaders. This could not have come together without YOU! I could not have had a better committee to work with.

I thank all of our sponsors, you gave us a budget to work with. I thank the area breweries for their donations of beer...Flying Bison Co, Pressure Drop Brewing, Resurgence Brewing Co, Brickyard Pub & BBQ, Beltline Brewing Co, Thin Man Brewing and New York Beer Project. I'll also mention BJ's on Transit Rd as they made a donation toward the purchase of the cooler, making it possible to raffle 100 beers and a 60 qt cooler for a total cost of \$18.93!

I also want thank the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, Town of Clarence and the Bee Newspaper for promoting our event. Many thanks as well to area businesses that donated Gift Cards toward our Basket Raffle, they include...

Carmine's, Irishman Pub, Eagle House, Banchetti, Buffalo Brew Pub, Ilio DiPaolo's, Premier Wine & Spirits on Maple, Ventosa Vineyards in Geneva, NY and Mid America. Much thanks to Advance Auto Parts on Transit Rd for the donation of our registration door prize. I encourage all of us to frequent these businesses, and let them know your from Corvettes of Buffalo.

We also extend a huge thank you to Dan at D&D Printing, Joe Sr at Photo Action and Rick Mann. They each did our event a big solid with printing needs, awards and music in that order. I highly recommend each of them for future needs.

By the time you read this update, it's a done deal...hope we had a fun & safe event!

Friday Drive Along Route 5, August 5, 2022

10:30 AM Gather TOPS parking lot, 6914 Erie Rd, Derby 14047

Tim Horton's is across the street

11:00 AM Departure Travel 42 miles westbound NY Route 5

12:30 PM WHEN PIGS FLY BBQ PIT 8254 First St, Westfield



WHEN PIGS FLY is a family restaurant directly on the shores of Lake Erie, at Barcelona Harbor. The view is just beautiful! (This is the old Barcelona Harbor House, for those that remember back then). The menu features wings, nachos, salads, burgers, wraps, BBQ sandwiches, ribs, chicken and BBQ plates reasonably priced. They have an outdoor bar and a huge outdoor tent, where we will be seated. They will provide separate checks with gratuity added on. There is an ample parking lot.

Departure is on your own and at your leisure. You can take the express route home, via NYS Thruway, ½ mile away or the more scenic Route 20 or Route 5. There are many wineries and farm markets along Route 5 and Route 20.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US POOLSIDE AT OUR HOME at 5716 WEST LANE, Lake View for refreshments and fellowship after the ride.

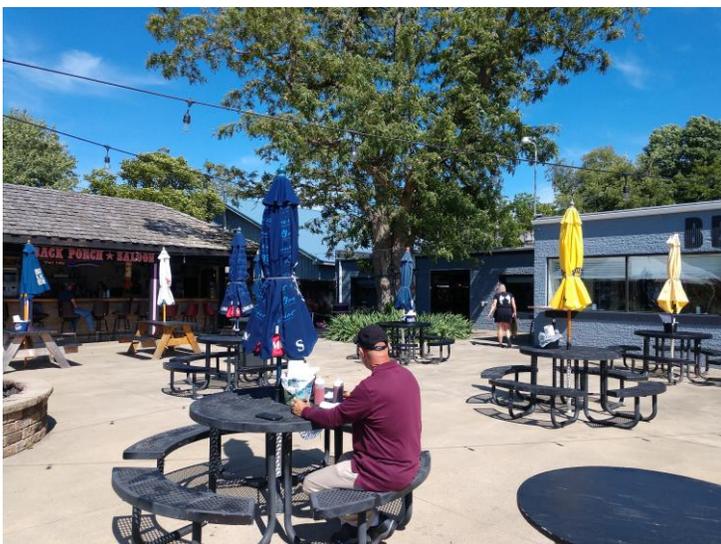
Sign Up sheets will be available July meeting.

As a courtesy to the restaurant, please let us know if you need to cancel, so they can have an accurate count and staff the event appropriately.

Karen & George Sparks

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End Of Summer Party Pig Roast/Luau

09/11/2022
George and Karen Sparks Home
5716 West Lane
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\$20.00 a person
which includes, appetizers, pork with rolls, sauces,
3 sides, and dessert.
*Anyone not liking pork can bring their own meat and price
will be adjusted.

The party starts at 1:30 with meal being served at 3:00.
Plenty of parking at George and Karen's either on their
driveway or on street..
Please wear Hawaiian clothing, hula skirts, etc.

**THE ONLY THING YOU WILL HAVE TO BRING ARE
YOUR OWN DRINKS AND A SMILE**

I will be collecting moneys at the picnic or you could always
send it to me.
Nancy Conroy
179 Pratt St.
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LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU

Prospective Member: Paul Jedrysik

My first Corvette was bought in 1986, I was young and it became my daily driver except for my winter beaters.

Throughout the years, I always had an interest in owning a Corvette again. 6 years ago, I started looking but found a Cadillac XLR, received a good deal that I needed to take. Well, my Corvette yearning was still there and enjoyed spending time with my cousin Jim and the friends of COB. After 36 years it was time to start looking for my prize Corvette. Then in March 2022, I found online at O'ConnerChevrolet.com which is now West Herr Chevrolet, a 2014 C7 Stingray Cyber Gray Metallic Corvette Convertible. My cousin Jim and I made the trip to Rochester, New York where we spent a great deal of time going through the vehicle, it looked sharp with the Kalahari interior, just popped. This was a one owner car with a good Carfax report. It was extremely clean and well-maintained by the previous owners. After spending several hours inspecting the car, we found it to be mechanically sound and exceptionally pristine. Jim, who is the negotiator, got a good deal and I became the proud owner of my Corvette.

I am looking to become a member of the Corvettes of Buffalo Club and participating in your many functions.



John Meyerhoff: National Corvette Museum Rep.

Production statistics for the 2022 Corvette are now available for viewing. Of the 25,831 cars produced, 52.1% were coupes, while convertibles came in just under the halfway split at 47.9%.

Torch Red was once again the most popular color choice for 2022. The complete color lineup is as follows:

- Torch Red 4,147
- Arctic White 3,603
- Hypersonic Gray 3,291
- Red Mist 3,274
- Black 2,766
- Rapid Blue 2,261
- Elkhart Lake Blue 1,412
- Amplify Orange 1,375
- Ceramic Matrix Gray 1,202
- Accelerate Yellow 1,193
- Silver Flare 922
- Caffeine 385



The most popular performance package was the Z51 Performance Package selected for 68.6% of the 2022 model year Corvettes. Front Lift was chosen on 58.8% of the total model cars while option NPP Performance Exhaust came in at 86.9%. Carbon Flash was the most popular exterior stripe option and can be seen on 1,542 of the cars. Right-hand drive Corvettes accounted for 442 of total cars produced. Australia/New Zealand received 212 deliveries, 693 went to countries in Europe, and 1,146 were option [R8C for Museum Delivery at the NCM](#).

2022 NCM 28th Anniversary Celebration Thursday September 1st – Saturday September 3rd

Every year around the Labor Day weekend we celebrate the Grand Opening of the Museum in 1994 with a participant focused event. This year we mark the 28th Anniversary milestone and focus on the diversity of the people that Corvette has brought together for a look back on the Museum's history and forward to the future! Registered participants can enjoy 3 days of activities in and around the Museum including access to interesting and unique road tours, special video presentations, raffles, and more during this event in honor of your help and support!

A FULL Seminar schedule is COMING SOON. We are working with each presenter to determine their ability to travel and availability.

Anniversary registration is \$25 for Lifetime members, \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members and the deadline for online registration is 5:00pm central time, Monday, August 15th, 2022. Early registration includes a hard card badge, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque.

Onsite registration will begin on Wednesday August 31st at 2pm. Onsite prices are \$30 for Lifetime, \$35 for Members, \$45 for Non-Members.

NCCC News: Mike Buccilli (our NCCC Governor):

Hello members,

NCCC elections will be held this fall and our club gets one vote per office, these are the offices up for election: President, Vice President of Membership, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Director of Public Relations. If anyone is interested in running for any of these NCCC offices please see me. As Always, be safe... Mike B



FREE FOR ALL PAGE: MAKE IT INTERESTING – (Editor) Send me things!

Jun 29, 2022 at 11:52 PM

Subject: Re: Belts

Gary. I think I got the replacement seat belts light on dash to work when the car was running if you didn't wear them. When I first got the car, it had new seat covers without the belt holes in the seat top. It didn't come with the shoulder belts and the lap belts were frozen under the seats. looks like you are cleaning up all the loose ends to make the 72 perfect!

Pete: I just went to the drag race cruise night where I test how fast my C7 will run the 1/8 mile. I have drag race all my cars even the 72 that turn 0 to 72 miles per hours in 10.2 seconds My C7 went 0 to 91 miles per hour in 8.0 seconds. Every Thursday I go to the track make one run and watch all the other cars run. one very interesting thing is that the electric cars are much faster than my Corvette! I am glad you got the 72 because I enjoy the progress you are making to improve it . Your articles that appear in both Corvette club newspapers get a lot of attention. Save the wave

Pete

Hi Pete, finally fitted the belts I bought for the 72. Got to sort the warning light yet as the old belts were wired to those plastic stalks, but I think the 72 were wired to the retractor. May have to speak to the auto electrician. Love working on this classic, especially in its new vette room. See you

The drag racing sounds fun, glad to see you are not acting your age, Pete!

I am going to remove the front egg crate grills and refresh them next and have a go at fitting my new bumper. If it is a bad fit then I will sell it and re chrome the original. That will tidy up the front, the grills are just a bit "edgy". Ps have you seen the price of replacement ones?!!



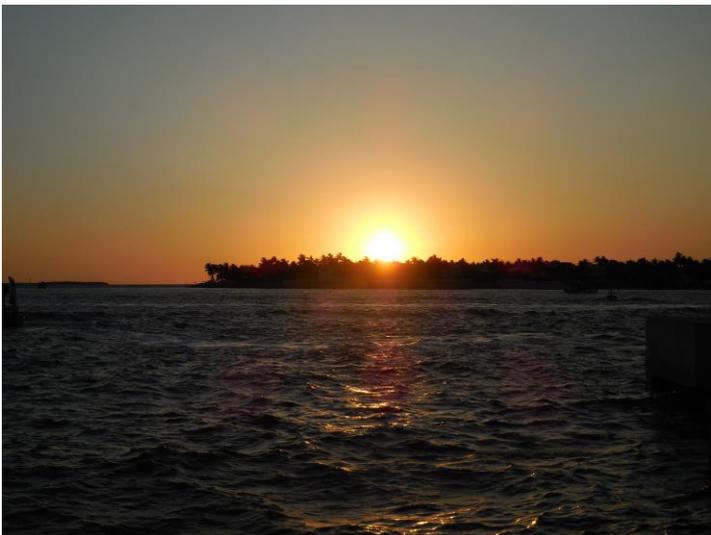
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Sue and I had a wonderful time on our Corvette Road trip to Key West, FL. We left Buffalo on May 7th and arrived home on May 21st. The only rain we got was on the first leg of the trip. As some of you know, we put the corvette on the Auto Train in Virginia. We both agree that we would have no problem doing that again. That alone replaced over 800 miles I did not have to drive. Our "Roomette" on the train was better than we expected. Both of us slept through the night with occasional interruptions as expected. No complaints about the very good dinner that was served in our room and no damage to the car. We chose to purchase the preferred unloading and it turned out we were #10 off the train. Marcia, a lady we got to know on the train, did not do that and she was #287.

I expected to pay \$6 a gal. for fuel, but never did. The highest was \$5.65 and some were below \$5. We found 3 BJ's along the way for some bargain gas. Our three nights in Key West were great fun. On the drive home we made 7 stops to visit friends and family, plus we spent one night sightseeing in Savannah, GA. In all, lots of great hotels and nights staying with family. Photos: Happy Hour, Mile Zero, Sunset on the docks, Sunset View, and Sue on the train



Mike and Sue Blum



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Editor: Want to know what makes my day? Stopping at a gas station and having a family stop just to admire the Corvette. (Email received)- Thank you so much Sir and thank you for making my daughter's birthday such a memorable one in 11 years. You're the best. Stay safe and healthy Sir! Long Le and Tam Le (birthday girl)

(Mine)Thanks! I'm just Dave. A regular guy who loves his family and friends. No offense, but "Sir" sounds too formal. I have two daughters and they are a joy. Approaching a stranger for a photo for your daughter is something I admire in a dad. I was glad to do it, as would many of my car friends..... Respectfully, Dave

Lower 2 photos: another unidentified girl and her dad who like Corvettes (just before Grand Island parade).



Ellicottville Distillery Visit - 06/26 and later a visit to Terry Decker's place





Wurlitzer Car show – Corvette Night - 06/27



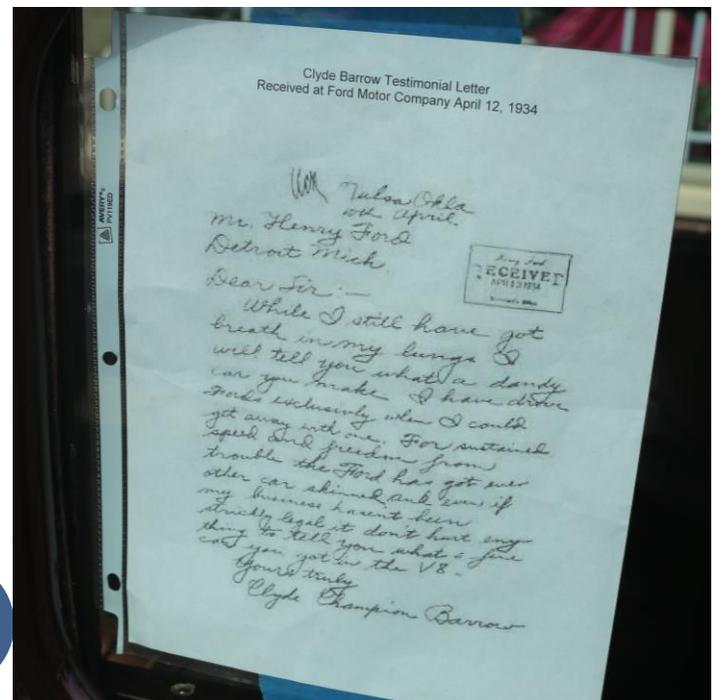


St. John's Cruise Night in Alden - 07/15



Hamburg Burgerfest -7/16:

A full day of activities, starting with a meet at Northeastern Transparts, one of our advertisers. Six of our Corvettes lined the street. Soon the roadway was full of both vehicles and people. Near us was an overflow lot which also was filled as the day went on. There were many places to eat, a beer tent, a flea market going on, games for the kids, a huge variety of one-of-a-kind stands, and the finish of a runner's marathon. The letter below was a copy of one sent to the Ford Motor Company. It was Clyde Barrow (Bonnie and Clyde fame) praising them for his fine getaway car.







Corvette of Buffalo All Cars Super Cruise - 07/21:

Two lines of our Corvettes were used to block off the sides of the display area. the Mustang below was our first arrival. An arrival later was the museum quality 1954 Corvette, also below.



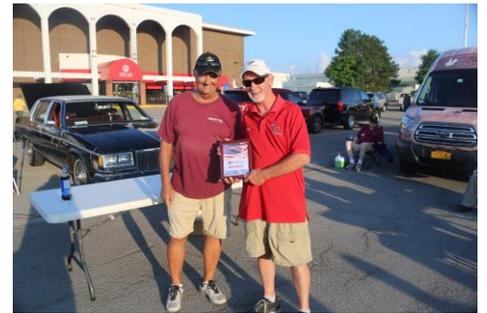
Winds were ferocious, so basket prizes were arranged in front of tipped tables. We eventually saw over 100 entries.



Tony's Tree Landscaping put up a fantastic display with flags hoisted far above the cars.







Range – the next part of Sparky’s series on Electric Vehicles...

“ TO EV OR NOT TO EV?”

CH 4 - RANGE

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TO FULLY UNDERSTAND WE HAVE TO TALK IN “NEW” TERMS. WE’RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE TERM “MILES PER GALLON (MPG)”. WITH EV’S WE HAVE A UNIT OF MEASUREMENT KNOWN AS “KILOWATT-HOURS PER 100 MILES (kWh/100 MILES)”. THERE IS ALSO MPGe (MILES PER GALLON -EQUIVALENT).

MPGe DEFINED: IT’S THE EV VERSION OF “MPG”. TO AVOID “**RANGE ANXIETY**” MPGe WAS INTRODUCED IN 2010 BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AS A MEANS TO COMPARE THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY CONSUMED BY VEHICLES USING ALTERNATIVE FUELS TO THOSE OF GAS-POWERED ENGINES. ANY VEHICLE THAT IS POWERED BY ELECTRICITY OR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS WILL BE RATED FOR EFFICIENCY IN MPGe.

ONE GALLON OF BURNED GAS PRODUCES 115,000 BRITISH THERMAL UNITS (BTU’s). GENERATING THE SAME AMOUNT OF HEAT THROUGH ELECTRICITY WOULD REQUIRE 33.7 kWh, THE STANDARD UNIT USED TO MEASURE ELECTRICITY.

MPGe IS THE DISTANCE A CAR CAN TRAVEL ON 33.7 kWh OF ELECTRICITY. SO, IF A VEHICLE CAN COVER 60 MILES FOR EVERY 33.7 kWh OF ELECTRICITY, ITS MPGe WOULD BE 60. THAT WOULD BE THE EQUIVALENT OF A GAS-POWERED CAR GETTING 60 MPG.

ANOTHER WAY YOU MIGHT SEE “EFFICIENCY” DISPLAYED: kWh/100 MILES.

THIS MEASUREMENT TELLS YOU HOW MUCH ELECTRICITY THE CAR REQUIRES TO TRAVEL 100 MILES. THE CAR IN THE EXAMPLE ABOVE WITH THE MPGe OF 60 WOULD HAVE A kWh PER 100 MILES RATING OF 56. THAT MEANS THE CAR WOULD REQUIRE 1.78 kWh TO TRAVEL ONE MILE, OR 56 kWh OF ELECTRICITY TO TRAVEL 100 MILES.

- NOTE: WHEN COMPARING “MPGe”, A HIGHER NUMBER IS BETTER (MORE EFFICIENT). BUT WHEN COMPARING “RANGES” THE LOWER NUMBER IS THE MORE EFFICIENT RANGE.

A SIMPLER METHOD OF COMPARING EFFICIENCIES – MILES PER GALLON EQUIVALENT: TAKE THE MILES PER kWh FIGURE AND MULTIPLY BY 40. SO, AN EFFICIENT 4 MILES PER kWh EV VEHICLE IS THE EQUIVALENT OF A 160 MPG VEHICLE. EVEN A RELATIVELY INEFFICIENT ELECTRIC VEHICLE OFFERING 2.5 MILES PER kWh WOULD BE THE EQUIVALENT OF 100 MPG IN A GAS OR DIESEL VEHICLE.

NEXT MONTH: SEE “TO EV OR NOT TO EV?” CH 5 – SALES???,

“SPARKY”

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Jim Kuczarski's recently purchased Van Bortel Corvette

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Co-chairs of the 2022 event include Buffalo Common Council member Darius Pridgen and his son, Pastor Craig Pridgen, and Dr. Ravinder K. Devgun, Memorial's chief of anesthesiology, and his wife, Sukhmender S. Saran.

Bajwa, Memorial's chief of infectious diseases, led the hospital's response to the pandemic.

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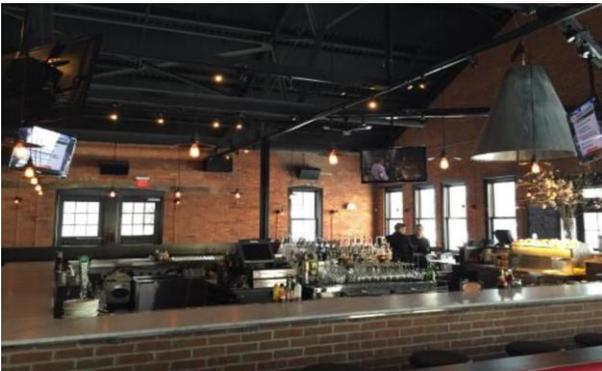
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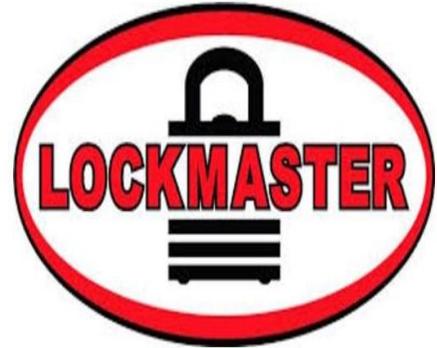


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