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My view from the Driver's seat Bob Joseph President

It is that time of year that I start thinking about putting the insurance back on the car and going out for an early spring drive. But...then reality sets in and I realize that as soon as I do, we will get dumped on with another foot of snow. So, I will have to be content on planning my upcoming summer trips, plus planning new and interesting things to do with the club.

I know George Sparks & Kevin Horan are really chomping at the bit, since they both have new C8's sitting in their garages.

There is still a possibility that the 2nd Annual Watkins Glen Corvette Festival will happen if a new sponsor can be found. Let's hope so! I hear it was a great event and was planning to attend this year.

John Biggie tells me that things are progressing nicely for our Corvette Weekend in August. Members have stepped up as chairpersons of the event and as such will need people to help them out. John will have more information in this issue. The date for the Florida COB snow-bird get together is March 13th and I'm sure Dave Spencer will have more on that in the April issue.

I want to congratulate Tony Malagisi on his appointment as our new NCCC Governor and thank Mike Buccili for his time in the position.

I want to put a shout out to Karen Sparks for a great job on this years Christmas Brunch and on her retirement from the event. Next year's event will be hosted by Donna Biggie. Lastly, my Thank You goes out to Mike Buccilli on his hosting the monthly men's luncheon at the BSG and Elma grills for the past 2 months.

Save the Wave, Bob

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DAVE SPENCER: EDITOR

Editorial Comment





- [Cover] Another new Van Bortel Corvette has arrived on the scene. And.... that would be Bob and Norma Joseph's new ZO6, shown here also with Kitty Van Bortel.
- As I see from the weather reports, you northern dwellers are having a somewhat mild winter. That's great.... Just don't think too much about getting those Corvettes out. Even without the salt on the roads, tires on some of them are not rated for the cold temps. So be careful on those jogs on sunny days. I remember taking out my C7 on such a day and having the rear end try to catch up to the front while doing a U turn.
- Another important topic I wanted to cover is the newsletter's content. Often, I put pictures of other cars that I find interesting, especially here in Florida. If you find this unacceptable, let me know and if there is much opposition, I'll cease doing it.. I think Corvettes are #1, but to ignore other cars out there, to me, is skipping some of the history around us.
- For example, someone says, did you see that "Ratrod"? Hmm...some members might be unsure. Look at the top of this page and you will see one. They are a complete disregard for a conventional vehicle, with the emphasis on skulls, junkyard odd parts, a low stance, weird suspensions, and what some might think is a lack of safety.

<u>The way I See It</u>

George Sparks:

Vice President
National Corvette Museum Ambassador



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MARCH 19TH ...IS NOT ONLY THE BEGINNING OF SPRING BUT ALSO CORVETTE SEASON. TIME TO GET THOSE COVERS OFF AND HIT THE ROAD(S). EVERYONE HAS HAD ENOUGH OF "CABIN FEVER" AND DRIVING OUR "WINTER/STEEL" CARS.

MANY OF YOU HAVE ASKED "WHAT'S THERE TO DO IN BOWLING GREEN?" AND AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT THE BOWLING GREEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS COME UP WITH A LIST OF THINGS TO DO, IN AND AROUND ITS BEAUTIFUL CITY. https://www.visitbgky.com IN ADDITION TO THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM THERE IS SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO THAT YOU CAN EASILY PLAN AN EXTENDED VACATION TO THIS FANTASTIC AREA. CHECK IT OUT AND PLAN A TRIP, IN YOUR CORVETTE, AND MAYBE MAKE IT A "GROUP" EVENT AND HAVE SEVERAL CORVETTE PEOPLE JOIN IN.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT IT HAS BEEN 10 YEARS SINCE THE "SINKHOLE" DISASTER. IN APPRECIATION OF ALL THE STAFF AND SUPPORTERS THAT BUILT BACK NOT ONLY THE MUSEUM BUT SEVERAL OF THE CORVETTES THAT WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED; INCLUDING CORVETTE # 1 MILLION. FOR A LIMITED TIME, OPENING JUNE 14TH "GROUND TO SKY-THE SINKHOLE REIMAGINED" VISITORS CAN SEE THE VIDEO OF THE ACTUAL CAVE IN, THE REBUILDING AND THE FUTURE OF THE MUSEUM.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TONY MALAGISI FOR WINNING A 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP TO THE MUSEUM.



Current Planned Club Events March 2024 (from website)

MARCH:

9th COB members meeting and PIZZA PARTY (COST WILL BE \$5.00 PER PERSON)

13th Florida COB lunch at "Stone Soap Company" (if you haven't been contacted, let us know)



Activities Director Lynda Graham

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

27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash

Apr 25 – Apr 27

MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin @ Biltmore Estate

Apr 28 @ 7:30 am - May 1 @ 10:00 am

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All Corvette Weekend

The activities for our ALL-CORVETTE WEEKEND in August are coming together very nicely. We have members who have volunteered to chair several individual events/activities for the weekend long event. Each of these Chairpersons will need additional support to make their individual events a success. Support needed include:

- Co-escort drivers for the two road events on Saturday morning/afternoon.
- Donated baskets for the Basket Raffle being held at the Caravan.
- Assistance with the 50/50 raffles being held both Saturday evening and Sunday.
- · Registration support for both Saturday evening Cruise- In and the Caravan.

Having run previous club events, I know our members will chip in and support each of these chairpersons and help make this weekend-long event a success and something we, as a club, can be proud of hosting. Please contact the individual chairpersons to find out how you can assist them.

Saturday: Niagara Power Vista Tour & Lewiston Tour, Bob Joseph

Chautauqua County Wine Tour, George Sparks

Saturday Evening Corvette Cruise In, John & Donna Biggie

Saturday Evening 50/50, Sue Blum

Sunday: 20th Annual COB Caravan, Nancy Conroy & Grant Violino

Basket Raffle, Karen Sparks

Caravan 50/50, Mike & Lee Buccilli





March Anniversaries

10th Mark and Janet Craft 13th Mike and Sue Blum



Note: Anniversaries need not be just for marriages – Contact the editor for your special anniversary.

March Birthdays:

1st Bob Kaczmarek

6th Mike Blum

10th Lynn Kelly

13th Sharon Kaznowski

14th Jeanette Pepe

16th Beth Klipfel

19th Julia Kojsza

28th Midge Woodley

30th Lee Singer

31st Grant Violino





Thanks Mike for your work with this, and again congratulations on your move to the COB Board of Directors. Tony Malagisi will be taking over this position.



17 Corvettes of Buffalo members traveled to Van Bortel for the final Corvettes and Coffee to be held at the warehouse. Next time we travel as a group we will be at the new showroom. It will be great to see Americas Sport car in the surroundings that it deserves. Lunch was at Hooligan's east side grill with members of Rochester and Syracuse Corvette Clubs. Some of us were able to take a tour of the new showroom which has a planned opening in April.

WHAT IS R8C?

IT IS A NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM DELIVERY

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- 1) BRAND NEW CORVETTE
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IN THE "NON-NEW" DELIVERY, YOU CAN EXPERIENCE THE SAME TREATMENT AS A NEW CORVETTE. ALTHOUGH IT IS YOUR OWN CORVETTE THAT THEY WILL PDI AND REVIEW THE FEATURES OF YOUR PERSONAL CORVETTE. FOR MORE DETAILS ON EITHER OF THESE OPTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE MUSEUM AND ALSO THERE IS INFORMATION ON THE NCM WEBSITE.







KAREN AND I JUST EXPERIENCED A "NEW" R8C DELIVERY. OUR JOURNEY STARTED ON JANUARY 29, 2022. YES, 2022, THAT WAS STATUS 1100. IN 2023 JULY, MOVED TO STATUS 2000, SHORTLY AFTER MOVED TO 3000 STATUS. AND THERE WE SAT UNTIL END OF NOVEMBER 2023 WHERE OUR STATUS MOVED QUICKLY FROM 3000 TO 3100 TO 3300 TO 3400 TO 3800 TO 4B00 AND THEN A TWO-WEEK QUALITY HOLD. FINALLY, OUR 23 MONTH JOURNEY ENDED WHEN WE VIEWED, TOUCHED AND DROVE OUR "NEW" 2024 C8 STINGRAY. IT WAS WORTH THE WAIT! GEORGE AND KAREN



-Member News-

Sunday, February 11, 2024

I recall reading the words "cool cars" to describe Corvettes during the formation years of the 1950's and 1960's.

I would observe the occasional Corvette drive through my neighborhood causing excitement. I watched television programs that would include a

Corvette in one of its episodes causing inspiration.

Then, in 1964 I saw on the cover of a Beach Boys album Dennis Wilson's 1963 cool blue convertible with his band members cozying up to the car causing prideful admiration. Said brother Brian Wilson, "he (Dennis) always had great sports cars like Stingrays." Brian continued, "Corvettes were cooler cars than Cadillacs".

I read a story many years later about Harley Earl, who was the General Motors designer and founder of the Corvette known initially by the concept name "Project Opel," and it revealed that the first Corvettes ever produced occurred in June, 1953, when the Corvette was officially born. I, too, arrived in that month and year. Now, that was a cool revelation for me.

Being part of anything Corvette triggers a broad learning process. From engine sound to powertrain; from suspension to throttle progression; from steering to braking; and, from cluster display to H.U.D. display. Becoming a participant in the Buffalo club's agenda and its membership I hope will enhance the learning process.

With the Corvettes I have owned, including the current two C8's, it is apparent to me that Chevrolet is striving for new chapters of coolness with each additional Corvette variant becoming part of the Corvette history book.

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The next two pages are shots at a car show here in Florida, near Tarpon Springs. Surprisingly, I was spotted by two COB members, Harry and Lorry Kwiek. Their son lives nearby and is shown in the photo below with Harry and I. Remember the Volkswagen "Thing"... one was there.





























As you know, some COB Members belong to other Corvette Clubs. Karen and I belong to the Stuart Corvette Club of Florida. On our most recent Florida trip we met up with them for a luncheon. They have 122 members, and about half of them are "SNOW BIRDS". Good turn out for this event.

We've attached some pics from this event. You'll notice that another COB Member was present, Leon. He travels via the Auto Train with his Corvette and is in Florida for several months. It was great to share Corvette stories with our Southern friends. Note: Leon is sitting on the left hand side at the far end, wearing a light blue shirt and a white ball cap. Enjoy,

George and Karen









jbanks1124 said: (reprinted with permission from Stingray Forums)

Hello everyone, new member here (Editor – not COB) and wanted to share a special story to introduce myself:

I sold my Challenger - 'Frostbite' - (22' Widebody Scatpack) a couple weeks ago. I planned on keeping her forever, but for years my father and I have been obsessed with getting a corvette. We grew up fantasizing over our very own with all the bells and whistles. My father devoted his life to his family and purchasing a Corvette was not something he could financially justify. He had the means but always put us first.

So I've been sitting on my 2022 Widebody Scatpack with under 1000 miles for a year, but admittedly I probably should've ordered my own Last Call 23' but I got a good deal on a local 22' and was happy. However Frostbite wasn't my first choice for color, it always would been a Sublime Hellcat. That's why I thought about finding that Corvette.

Fast forward to late September and I finally found 'The One'.

My father and I share lifelong memories of different car shows, car dealers and stories passed down all surrounding corvettes and chevelles. He battled brain cancer for almost ten years and is no longer with us. That's why my Chevelle is so special to me. We rode around in that thing all the time.

So Picture This:

I wake up on the morning of October 4th and tell my mom "let's take a cruise in the Challenger for Dad's Birthday."

- Okay, no biggie, right?!?!

I then proceed to drive straight to the dealer (I had already completed deal prior) and:

told my mom, "You know what would be really cool?"

mom: "What?"

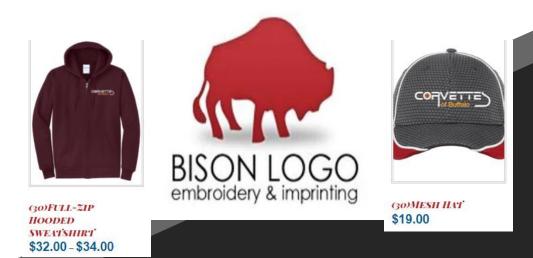
me: "Going to buy Dad his Birthday Present!"

I then said "Look!"

Then this happened:

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- A few examples included above..

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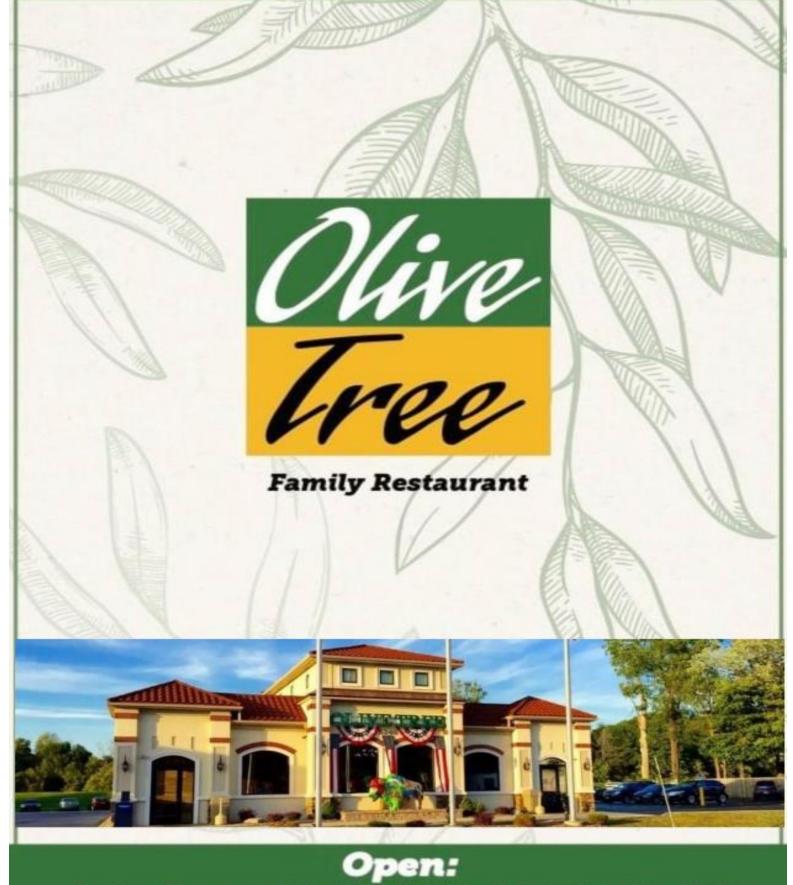
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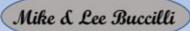














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