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# COB VETTE NEWS



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**Notes from the President:** First, I want to thank the COB members that volunteered to man the phones at the Fall KED Tel event on the 28th of September. Jim Kuczmarski, George Sparks, and I presented KED with our 2022 Caravan donation during a live spot at 5:30 on Channel 2 news. The big news this month as many of you already know, Mike and Lee Buccilli have agreed to chair the 19th Annual Corvette Caravan. This year's event will go back indoors with a plated luncheon at the Grapevine restaurant. The charity chosen by them will be Oishei Children's Hospital, the Zach Liberatore Foundation. This is a new charity to the Corvettes of Buffalo, so let's get behind Mike and Lee and make it the success we all know it can be. Again, this month I must thank Denyse Weatherbee for setting up a luncheon at the Lumberyard Restaurant in Perry, NY, and Dinner at the Fieldstone Restaurant in Lockport. Both were first time locations and were enjoyed by everyone who attended. Norma and I were able to attend 2 National Corvette Museum events this month that we completely enjoyed. The first was a 3-day Museum in Motion event in New York city. Secondly, we had the company of Joe and Denyse Weatherbee and George and Karen Sparks at a 4-day Meet and Greet event in Cape Cod, Hyannis for the 2024 NCM 30th Anniversary Caravan. We highly recommend anyone who has not participated in a museum event to do so. Some are a once in a lifetime

experience.

SAVE THE WAVE

Bob Joseph



## Dave Spencer- Editor



Be sure to check out the Corvettes of Buffalo website. Pictures and videos have been added

Dear COB friends: Once again a new issue of the Corvettes of Buffalo newsletter. Notice my "new look" cover. Your opinion? Your car of the month photo could be there! Fall has arrived though and with it, fewer events where we actually are driving our "favorite cars", but the joys of the holiday seasons are always welcome. Sadly, we also must see to storing those cars for the winter months ahead and there are always "tips". For the C8, I am told that maintaining the gas tank at 25% or less is a good idea, plus I always run the tire pressure up from 30 to 40psi to avoid flat spots. I like to put 2x10 or 2x12 pcs. of wood under the tires to add space under the car and lift it for better air circulation. In an emergency it could be rolled off them. For a concrete floor I add pieces of cardboard (flattened clean old boxes) underneath to absorb any moisture (It's my own idea!). I plug the exhausts, but put a note on the steering wheel about it. The garage is heated somewhat. I like to cover the cars after making sure they are somewhat clean. I do envy those people that have a color "C8R Corvette Race car" cover, but at over \$1000, it's a hard sell. My stretch one was well under \$100.

**Note:** I optimize photos in the newsletters, so view them on a big screen for even better result.

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**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

What... Didn't anyone want an  
Anniversary in November?



Anniversaries need not be just for married  
couples. Let me know about any special ones  
you may have! Editor



### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

7<sup>th</sup> Holly Wyse  
8<sup>th</sup> Rocco Buccilli  
12<sup>th</sup> Mike Flanagan, Bruce Graham  
23<sup>rd</sup> Rod Reisdorf  
27<sup>th</sup> Susan Krezmien, Mary Carol Plott  
29<sup>th</sup> Bernadette Futch  
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## Current Planned Club Events November/December 2022

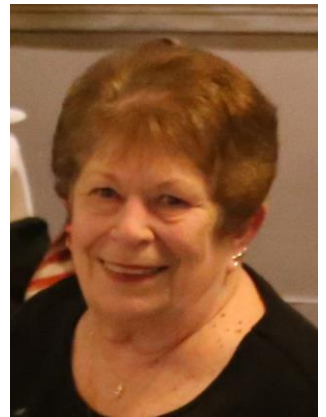
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### November:

November 12 COB Meeting – Elections!

### December:

December 11 - COB Christmas Luncheon, Classics V – Karen & George Sparks



November food bank donations:  
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A little humor after an awful  
storm!

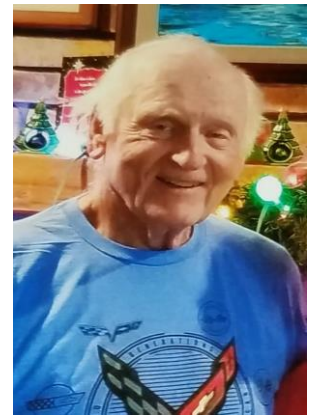




## John Meyerhoff, National Council Museum Rep:

NCM Motorsports Park to Become Nation's First Commercialized Track with Z06 Fleet

Today, the [NCM Motorsports Park](#) (MSP) announced the expansion of its vehicle fleet with the introduction of two Z06 Corvettes, making the MSP the first and only commercialized track in the nation to offer consumer facing-driving experiences in the much-anticipated new Corvette model. MSP will allow guests to experience the power and performance of this amazing vehicle, by driving four (4) laps (above highway speeds) in a lead/follow format around the 3.2-mile, 23-turn road course. Guests can also purchase a [Fast Pack](#) which will add a Zero to Sixty launch on the straightaway and a Hot Lap driven by an MSP professional. This add-on is designed to showcase the car's performance capabilities in a safe and fun environment. The Z06s will boast a V8 engine with roughly 670 horsepower and a redline of 8600 rpm, sure to bring excitement to all sports car fans. "We pride ourselves on delivering world-class experiences to our guests," says Greg Waldon, Executive Director of the NCM Motorsports Park. "By adding the Z06s to our fleet, we're taking our services to the next level. Being the first track in the nation to offer this kind of experience is special, and we look forward to thrilling Corvette enthusiasts and car lovers from across the country."



The MSP's new Z06s will be built later this month and will be available to the public later in the fall for Touring Laps. In the meantime, fans can help design the Corvette wrap by selecting which Z06 will receive a custom-designed Mobil 1 wrap. They will also have a chance to vote on the wraps theme and select the final design. The contest will be open to the public and voting will take place on the [MSP social media channels](#) starting later this month.

The NCM Motorsports Park has started a waiting list for guest interested in booking Z06 Touring Laps, which can be accessed on the webpage at [motorsportspark.org](#). Visitors can currently enjoy C8 Corvette driving experiences, track rentals for personal vehicle driving and racing, and high-speed go-karts. The Motorsports Park also offers group karting as well as corporate and private events.

Win a Z06 Fast Pack at NCM Motorsports Park! Z06 Fast Pack: Z06 Touring Laps, 0-60 Launch, Hot Lap with Professional Driver Win a Z06 Fast Pack at NCM Motorsports Park! Z06 Fast Pack: Z06 Touring Laps, 0-60 Launch, Hot Lap with Professional Driver We have one of the first Chevrolet Corvette Z06 to leave the Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, KY. To be fair, they're just across the street, but we still had to go pick it up. (Ends 11/19/2022)

## NCCC News: Mike Buccilli (our NCCC Governor):

Hello members,

Please notify me of any changes to your address, or you have a new email address. If you have purchased a new corvette I would like the model, color and year to change the NCCC site with this information to keep everything up to date.

Please don't forget your Club dues are due no later than November's meeting.

Thanks.... Mike B



## **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.



EDITOR NOTE: There are seven Board positions that we vote on.

Please consider this notice of my desire to remain a member of The Board of Directors of the Corvettes of Buffalo, Inc. 2022 has been a great year. We had two successful major charitable club events. Also, we all had a lot of FUN. If you allow me to remain on the board, I promise to do my best to keep the club headed in a direction that benefits all members. Mike Blum



### **Nomination for the board of directors:**

Please consider my nomination to run for the board of directors of Corvettes of Buffalo

This would be my 2nd year on the board which I have learned so much in the past year working with great members. The passion I have in helping the club has hopefully been noticed. Being part of our successful caravan for the past 3 yrs. has been a great thrill!!! Without all the volunteers we have here we would not be the club we are and you can count on me again to help our fantastic Corvettes of Buffalo organization!!! Thanks again and I would appreciate your support. Kevin P Horan



Article for Board of Directors. Hi! My name is Debbie Schafer. I would like to continue serving on the Board of Directors. When I met my husband, one of the original Corvette of Buffalo Founders/Members, and married in 2008, I didn't really know what this club was all about.

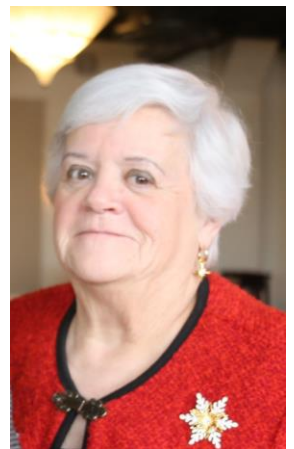
I observed, listened, met many wonderful people and took many baby steps, like building blocks, before I found my place. I have organized several club dinner dances, break refreshments and assisted with the pizza parties. Traveling four times a year to St Louis for the National Council Corvette meetings, I became the NE Regional Membership Director for nine years and then was elected Sergeant At Arms, hosting hospitality for 150 NCCC Regional Governors, Officers and attending Club Members. Previous to retirement, I was a team leader for training, billing and customer service where I excelled for 43 years. I like to hear and share ideas. Please consider voting for me.

Thank you,  
Debbie



**To Corvettes of Buffalo: Thank you for nominating me for Secretary for 2023. I accept your nomination and if elected will continue to print the minutes of our meetings and keep any records necessary for COB. I will also continue to keep our membership list up-to-date.**

**Karen Rothenberger**



#### **GEORGE SPARKS**

##### **ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION FOR 2023 VICE-PRESIDENT**



Isn't hard to believe that a year can seem to fly by in a blink of an eye? It wasn't that long ago we were anticipating the "private" viewing of James Bond's newest film "No Time To Die". In any case, here we are at our annual Officers and Board Member elections.

I have graciously accepted a current nomination for 2023 "COB Vice-President". Participating and promoting our Club is vital for its future. Everyone is instrumental regardless of the amount of involvement, from championing a "major" event to setting up chairs at our meetings. Each of us are pieces that together make up COB.

As Vice-President I look forward to continuing expressing your needs, concerns, and expectations.

Keeping Corvettes of Buffalo strong, active, and proud.

Thank you,

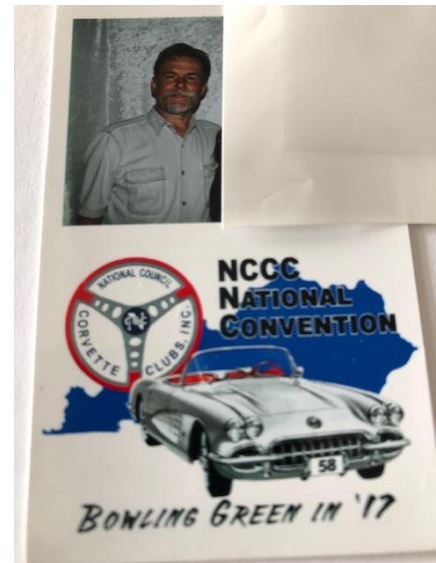
George Sparks



Nomination for the Board of Directors – James Kuczmariski: Please consider this as my nomination to run for the Board of Directors of the Corvettes of Buffalo. I have enjoyed being on the board for this past 3 years and feel that I have contributed to the betterment of the club in several ways. I have co-chaired the Caravan for the last 3 years, setup the 6-HR Point Insurance Reduction Program and worked with Bob Joseph in getting the new website up and running. I feel I am doing my part in contributing to making our Club enjoyable for all, from our monthly dinners to our ice cream socials. I would appreciate your vote and to have the opportunity to serve the club as a board member for another year. Thanks for your support. James Kuczmariski



Good morning everyone, my name is Ray Schafer and I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors. I have a strong passion and desire for the Corvette, and OUR club. Being one of the founding members and actively involved with the NCCC (Northeast Regional Director), I believe that I can offer some insight to the progression of the clubs' future. Thank you for your consideration. Ray Schafer

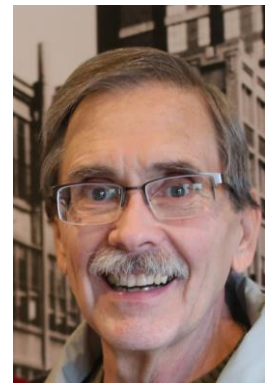


### **Bob Joseph:**

I accept the nomination for the office of President of The Corvettes of Buffalo. I have been a member of the club for approximately 10 years and have served as Vice President and currently as President. I believe the only way to keep interest high is to constantly improve by getting more members involved in creating new events. I have organized trips and dinners and have encouraged other members do so. I am looking forward to another year as your president and working with the board of directors and club members to advance the direction and growth of our club.

### **Norma Joseph:**

I am accepting the nomination for the office of Treasurer for the Corvettes of Buffalo. Since I have been Treasurer, I have maintained the club's books and have kept spending within the budget approved by the membership. As Treasurer and Officer, I will continue to move the club forward maintaining fiscal responsibility. Thank You for your support.



### Nomination for the Board of Directors – **Terry Decker**

Please consider this as my nomination to run for the Board of Directors of the Corvettes of Buffalo.

My goal, as a present Board member, is to continue to work with the president and fellow Board members along with the chairs of committees and activities to promote the positive aspects of our club. I manage and organize the advertising and communication with sponsors and advertising businesses and individuals.

Specifically, I notify advertisers that their year of being visual on our web page and newsletter has expired and encourage them to continue for another year. Due to the fantastic work of Sue Blum, Jim Kuchmarski and Kevin Horan, and committees I also sent out over 70 thank you notes to advertisers supporting the caravan and car show.

This past year I had the pleasure of working with Barb Lipome in organizing the very successful summer picnic. I have committed to working on the picnic next year as well.

I'm sure I will continue to enjoy the camaraderie and friendships of the club members as I attend Club activities in our Night Race Blue C7 convertible whether in the Board position or not.

I would appreciate your continued support as I seek the Board position.



### Nomination for the Board of Directors – **Marianne Pastore**

Please consider me for a position on the COB Board of Directors. I have had the pleasure of serving on the board for several years. I have held many different positions over the last 23 years. (Treasurer, board, membership, clothing sales, assistant on car shows and caravan)

I encourage all members to get involved with this great club any way you can. You will find it rewarding!

Thank you for your support.





# Museum in Motion NYC

Bob & Norma Joseph



As members of the National Corvette Museum, we were able to participate in a "Museum in Motion" trip to New York City. Our guided tour kicked off with a trip up to the 73rd floor of One World Trade Center for a up top view of NYC. Then a guided tour of the the 911 Memorial before ending the day with dinner in a members only Car Club watching the sunset over the Hudson River. Day two comprised of a two and half hour narrated sight seeing tour around Manhattan Island and the sights and sounds of Times Square. We ended the trip with dinner at a well-known Irish Pub in Midtown Manhattan with an auction that raised \$4600 for the National Corvette Museum.



## Corporate Sponsorship Appreciation

October 20, 2022- On behalf of the Corvettes of Buffalo, Skip Polowy presented three Community Partnership Appreciation Plaques to Niagara Sheets LLC President Glenn Giles for their support for our Caravan fundraising to the Kids Escaping Drugs campaign. Niagara Sheets LLC has supported COB for several years in our fundraising efforts for the Caravan and Car Shows with both monetary donations and door prizes. This year's donations of \$20,140. was received from our Corporate Sponsors, Niagara Sheets, Greenpac Paper Mill-Niagara Falls and the WestRock Containerboard Mills and each will receive an appreciation plaque. Niagara Sheets has pledged to continue as a Corporate Sponsor to KED along with COB because they recognize the need to help fight addiction to our children within our local communities. And 100% of their donations goes directly to KED in our communities. Thank You again to all COB members that helped support and make our 2022 Caravan another huge fundraising success for the Kids & the Community. Skip Polowy





**Members on the phones:**  
 Tony Malagisi  
 Marilyn Cosby  
 Joe & Denyse Weatherbee  
 Barb Lipome  
 Karen Sparks

**Phones & Photography:**  
 Norma Joseph

Corvettes of Buffalo members were on the phones at the Kids Escaping Drugs fall Televent at their West Seneca Campus. Bob Joseph, Jim Kuczmariski, George Sparks made the official presentation of our \$21,000 donation to KED that was raised from the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual COB Caravan. It was noted that this brings Corvettes of Buffalo support to KED at over \$80,000!



Kitty Van Bortel accepting our token of appreciation for her sponsorship of Corvettes of Buffalo. She is proud of her New Corvette Showroom under construction.

Ryan Riegel, owner of Buffalo Car Care was completely surprised with our presentation said he wants to get more involved with COB





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

John Meyerhoff: I purchased this Corvette in 2006 from Bill Steffes, an NCRS member in Colonie, NY. He had rebuilt the car as a combo hotrod and touring Corvette. rebuilding the engine with .30 over pistons, a 5 speed Tremec transmission, Hooker headers and side pipes for a total of 475 HP. Of course, I have all the original parts and could make it an NCRS car!! It has always been a terrific driver, going on trips from NY to Florida, WNY to the Rocky Mountains and to Carlisle and Bloomington Gold! It functions well on 90 no-ethanol gas and with a tilt and telescopic wheel, power windows, steering and brakes it is a pleasure to drive. It also sounds great!! It has won its class at a lot of shows, including Tri-five in WNY, Dover in Canada and numerous shows in Florida.!! It is a 427 tri-power car, originally a 400 HP. Lots of miles; lots of smiles!!

Editor: I went on a fun trip to Carlisle in this beauty!





## 09/22 COB Dinner at Orazio's Restaurant in Clarence





**09/24 Roswell Park Show** Three of our cars were on display for this charitable event, where even movie characters showed up. Arriving there, I spotted a replica 1936 Auburn Boat-tailed Speedster, a favorite classic of mine. Free prostate PSA tests were also available for men. Dave Spencer





## 10/01 COB Dinner at the Lumberyard Restaurant







and then out for some ice cream



## 10/10 Sprague's Maple Farm Visit (thanks Sparky)

Hi Dave, to begin, you were missed at this event. Oh, for sure our Club photographer, but you and Bernie were missed as well.

I didn't take any pics at Made In America Store. Perhaps one of the participants did. The Team there is so nice and were going to take a group pic of us and all the Corvettes.

We had 36 people signed up and "all" showed up. It was a pleasant day, with plenty of sunshine and blue skies. Perfect for a "road" trip. The leaves were in their full "Fall" beauty and as we travelled the more colors we experienced. The views were breathtaking.

Of special note, Karen Sparks was the driver and the lead car in this caravan. She was congratulated by everyone for doing a phenomenal job. She kept a safe and reasonable pace. We didn't lose anyone along the way.

Once we arrived at Sprague's we were able to park in the first row along the grass in front of this wonderful establishment. As we entered, we were cheerfully greeted and escorted to our dining area. The entire Staff did a great job from the moment we entered through dinner and eventually our departure. One of our waitresses is a huge Corvette fan and travels annually to Nashville and always sees the National Corvette Museum. I asked if she ever stopped in and she said that she is in such an excitement to get to Nashville that she hasn't been there. I mentioned that the Plant Tours are starting up this November and she said that she and her family would be very interested in touring the Plant. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves on this festive Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day and several people suggested that this becomes an annual tradition -sounds good to us.

Well, have to go work off a few pounds that I put on eating a fabulous Thanksgiving Feast. Everyone, from our COB and "friends" to the staff at both Made in America Store and Sprague's, enjoyed all the Corvettes gathering at their respective locations.

We're hoping to have this as an annual event celebrating Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving Day (it is always on the 2nd Monday of October)

The caravan through the beautiful country roads with the leaves well into their full Fall colors is always a very pretty experience.

Thank you,

George and Karen (Caravan leader/driver)

Enjoy,

George and Karen SPARKS

**Editor Note:** Bernie and I were at a GM tour of the Tonawanda Engine plant with friends. The building photo on the next page and the maple syrup making equipment are file photos. Initial photos are from Sue and Mike Blum.













## 10/13 Fieldstone Restaurant visit – thanks Tony Malagisi:





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

The C8 Makes it Great!

It all started out with 2 free nights at a Choice Hotel in Carlisle. We had never been to Carlisle before, so we took advantage of the free hotel offer to take our beautiful C8 for a little ride. The itinerary steadily grew into an 11 night sojourn from Hershey, Pa to Orlando via Carlisle. We were amazed how much “stuff” our C8 could hold! We are heavy packers and had plenty of room for essentials and more.

We have fond memories of past car events in Hershey, so a stop at Chocolate World was in order. A MUST DO in Hershey World is the Chocolate Milk Shake, and Yuengling Porter Ale made with Hershey Chocolate.

Then on to Pottsville Pa. to the nation’s oldest brewery, Yuengling! The 55 minute trip was perfect for the C8—rolling hills and a slightly curving highway on a sunny day was just what the C8 ordered. The Yuengling tour was historic, entertaining and informative and concluded with a taste of 2 Beers! (BTW Both Hershey World and the Yuengling Brewery tours are completely FREE!! and within an hour’s ride from Carlisle.)

Bright and early Thursday morning, we arrived at Carlisle Fairgrounds. We parked in the NCCC Corral by 8:30 am and soon ran into fellow COBers Pastores and Hubers. We walked all the way back to the Swap Meet, which was not an interest to us because we have a newer car, but everything else was interesting. George loved all the exhibits and Corvette vendors. We stayed for both Corvette Seminars at the Chevrolet Tent. They included a Q & A and discussions with Jeff Strausser, Brand Quality Manager for Corvette and Dave Simpson the Corvette Transmission Manager, who also has a Matrix with Tension Blue interior C8. Also at the event were Skip P, Jim K, the Horans and Woodleys. (Kevin Horan even won a prize at Carlisle for his car! And he was also featured on Rick Conte’s You Tube Channel!) After lunch, shopping and a drink(s) at the Tiki hut, we finally returned to the car at 4:30 pm. A FULL day! We loved Carlisle, despite the oppressive heat, and have already secured reservations for next year.

Upon exiting Middlesex Diner in Carlisle, we were surprised to see a dozen fellow Corvette owners surrounding our car. They were in love with the Ceramic Matrix Grey Metallic exterior with Tension Blue interior combination. One owner even commented she ordered the exact same car a week ago and was expecting delivery in 6 weeks. (?) It’s so great to watch people turning heads to look at the car. So many people make comments like “Love the car—Beautiful car—Great car – Cool car.” It’s not very hard to get used to. We quickly realized we needed to allow an extra 5 or 10 minutes in parking lots to answer questions and accept congratulations and praise.

After a quick stop in Lexington North Carolina, we spent the night in Darien Georgia to have dinner at one of our favorite restaurants, B&J Steak and Seafood. When we pulled up on Saturday night, a few ol'boys began arguing as to whether it was a McLaren or Lamborghini. Then someone said, "Oh no! it's a Corvette, says so right there."

On to Disneyworld, where we found much the same reception at the resorts where we stayed. Whether at the elegant Riviera Resort, the modern Contemporary Resort or massive Boardwalk Resort, looks, stares and thumbs up were the order of the day. We used "Valet" mode for the first time at the Boardwalk and it worked like a charm. Our C8 fit in perfectly under footprint of the Monorail at the Contemporary Resort. The best story came at the Boardwalk, with the Port Corniche filled with visitors. The Valet brought out our full luggage cart. People stood around observing to see just how we were going to fit the full cart into our "little" car. In just 4 minutes flat, George filled the trunk and I filled the frunk and we were on our way.

Our journey back to Lake View began at 4:30 am on Friday morning. We drove 12 hours to Summersville, West Virginia, our usual stop. The car ran perfectly and we were comfortable and cool the entire trip. What a difference from our much loved C5 Z06! The mountain scenery provided a perfect background for some pictures. We arrived safely home Saturday afternoon, rested, refreshed and secure in the knowledge that the C8 was a great car for an extended trip. And all the "fragiles" arrived home in perfect order.

What did we learn from this trip?

- C8 is a perfect, stylish and comfortable touring car.
- Always leave extra time for questions, comments and compliments.
- There's always room for an extra pair of shoes.













(LADIES) Elfi's Silver Pearl Sisterhood is a group of women with a shared passion for Corvette, who enjoy celebrating the Corvette experience, uniting with other Corvette enthusiasts, promoting the traditions of America's Sports Car, and collaborating to advance the mission of the National Corvette Museum. Members pool their financial gifts and allocate the funds to a project or program at the Museum to maximize the impact of their philanthropy.

Each member of the group has a unique opportunity to be connected to other women who are enthusiastic about all things Corvette, and to learn about the Museum's priorities and initiatives in a group setting specifically geared toward women. Members have an equal voice on how the pooled funds are utilized annually.

A member may be as involved as she wishes, from serving as an ambassador to simply making a financial gift. Elfi Wolfe Duntov is considered the Godmother and First Lady of Corvette. She would often accompany Zora Arkus-Duntov, the first Chief Engineer of Corvette, to car shows and special events. Everyone who met Elfi was immediately impressed with her grace, enthusiasm and knowledge of America's Sports Car. She attended the Grand Opening of the National Corvette Museum in 1994 and plays a pivotal role in the story of the Corvette. It is an honor to attach her name to this new society – to continue her legacy of philanthropy among like-minded women in the Corvette family.

In 1965, Corvette introduced a new and exciting color – Silver Pearl. It was sleek, elegant and powerful, much like the women who love Corvette! Pearls symbolize

wisdom acquired through experience as well as generosity, integrity and loyalty. While pearls make the perfect complement to flashier gemstones, they also possess an elegance that can shine alone. Any enthusiast, owner, member or friend who wishes to connect to other female Corvette lovers and advance Museum priorities through philanthropic engagement and a collective voice may become a member. Each member commits to a gift of \$1,000 per year (donate by Aug. 1 to receive a vote). All donations are deposited into a restricted fund. The full membership of the group will meet at the NCM Anniversary Celebration each year and will vote on the distribution of the funds. Each member has one vote. To speak with us about this exciting new group or to join, please contact Bobbie Jo Lee, Philanthropy Manager, 270-467-8833 or [bobbiejo@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:bobbiejo@corvettemuseum.org)



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**2011 Corvette Grand Sport**

Crystal Red Metallic Color

Titanium Gray Interior

Mileage 42000

6.2 Liter LS3 436 HP

Auto Trans w/6 Speed Paddle

Keyless Access/Push Button Start

On Star/Theft Deterrent Sys & Alarm

Removable Roof Panel

Power Heated Seats

Auto Dimming Mirrors

Xenon High Intensity Headlamps

Bose AM/FM/XM 6-CD

**3LT Preferred Equipment Pkg Group**

Chrome Aluminum Wheels

Exhaust Dual Mode Performance

HID Display

**Many more options to list**

Here are the phone numbers to list for the sale of my Corvette.

716-648-4855 Land Line

716-748-9933 cell

Thanks again,

**\$36000 OBO** Dan Kuczmarski

Editor Note: Health reasons are forcing the sale of  
This Corvette, which has been lovingly cared for  
And is available for inspection with notice.





**Editor's Note:** General Motors discontinued the Volt in 2018 and replaced it with the Chevrolet Bolt, a fully electric vehicle that uses "a completely different style of battery," Herrmann said. The dealership also explained the reasons behind the costly estimate in a comment on its Facebook page. "This is an estimate for a 12-year-old vehicle out of warranty and for a battery that is extremely hard to get due to the older technology," reads the dealership's comment. "The dealership does not set battery prices. In the newer (electric vehicles), the batteries do cost less." The average cost of a replacement battery in an electric vehicle is about \$6,300, Bloomberg reported, though that price can be higher depending on the vehicle in question.

## "TO EV OR NOT TO EV?"

EPILOGUE???

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AS WE COME TO THE END OF AN EXHAUSTING JOURNEY, ARMED WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND CHECKBOOK, YOU'VE DECIDED, OR HAVE YOU? TO TAKE THE PLUNGE AND GET YOURSELF YOUR VERY OWN "EV".

**Please note: 1) the United States electric grid "infrastructure" needs a lot of work and billions of dollars. Ask your electricity supplier what happens if 1/3 of the homes on your own street plug in their EV cars at night. I've checked with several people at our National Grid service and everyone agreed that at best we'll experience "brown outs".**

**2) with the recent public story of a person trying to replace his ten (10) year old battery in his Chevrolet VOLT (remember GM warranty is eight (8) years or 100,000 miles whichever is first). The cost of replacement is this person's total responsibility. The cost from a local Chevrolet dealer was \$28,000.00 YES, TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS! NOT \$2800.00 But it includes all parts and labor.**

**3) probably most important: no one is saying/telling you what your EV will be worth in 3 years, 4 years, or 8 years. But at current prices, it looks like it's a throw away and start the process all over again.**

**4) and has anyone thought about the initial manufacturing costs and environmental concerns? Then there is the disposal of a "used" up battery. Initially looks good on paper.....but down the road?????**

**5) our local WGRZ TV had a "verify" question regarding EV's in cold weather climates. Their findings: at 10 degrees F the EV battery loses 1/3 of its driving range. For example an EV rated at 300 miles would now only be able to travel 200 miles.**

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I had picked up my 2019 Grand Sport and headed home. Had a big smile on my face and enjoyed the ride only to find that after 1.5 hrs. of ownership, my perfect/like new vette had been damaged. Something had hit the front fascia and torn plus chipped it.

Thank God I had purchased the paint protection film (ppf) from Van Bortel.

I emailed VB immediately with a picture of the damaged. Later that week I drove to Van Bortel (VB) so they could look at the damage. It was decided that they would need to remove the ppf and touch up the chip. (I would have to pay the labor cost.) I had mentioned that Joanne is not comfortable driving on the thruway. Matt then informed me that he would work something out.

That something else turned out to be Van Bortel sending out their custom trailer to pick up the vette. After repairing the fascia, installing the heritage hashes and also replacing the leaky transmission pan gasket. Van Bortel trailed the Grand Sport back to us. Now That's Service **Paul Brozyna**



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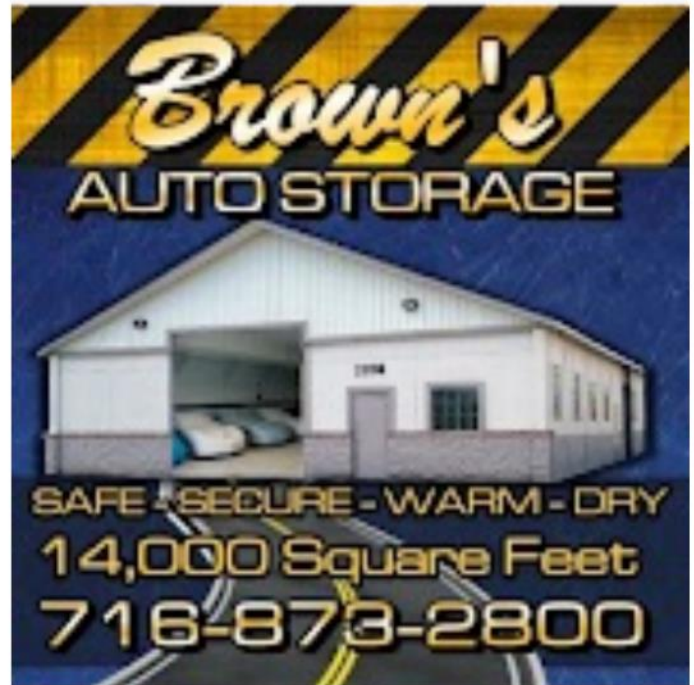
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