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President Bob Joseph:



Unfortunately, 2022 started just like last year did and I had no choice to cancel the January meeting to protect the health of our membership. I have every intention of returning in February with NYS guidelines, to our regular schedule if the numbers keep trending as they are now. Keep in mind if you do not feel comfortable at a meeting please stay away and refer to the meeting minutes to keep current.

I am also happy to announce that Van Bortel Corvette is excited to again sponsor Corvettes of Buffalo. Matt Fagenbaum has stated he has had nothing but good experiences with the club and hopes to continue our partnership for years to come.

The plan was to go live with the new website before the January meeting. We were able to do so and hope most everyone has had the opportunity to check it out. I want to thank Lynn Kelly for her time with the old site and welcome Dan Krakowski as our new Webmaster. He has already put his stamp on the site and his ideas look great.

I ask everyone to click on the EVENTS section of the site. There you will find all the latest information on the upcoming NCCC Convention. You will also find information for the Corvette Museum's 2024 30th Anniversary Caravan. I know this seems far off, but registration just opened, and hotel room availability fills fast. Registration forms for both events can be found on the respective sites.

Save The Wave

EDITOR'S NOTE:



Just had a passport card photo made – this is the 2022 me (w/o my glasses)!

Dear COB friends – you may notice some changes this month with some page deletions (some may be temporary). I would urge you to check our COB website. The reason being is we are trying to not duplicate too much of the info already there. Plus, with the lack of winter events (also due to Covid restrictions), some revision is necessary.

A telephone conference call between Bob and I helped update what may work best for your newsletter. I say “your” because I really do want YOUR input.

Since Bernie and I are in Florida for the winter, I will give you a taste of what is going on here, what with active clubs, C8s, and other Corvettes always on the road.

Another thing – I have sent a number of photos to Dan Krakowski, our talented Webmaster. They are/or will be put the Members only section on our website. “Your” car or cars need to be displayed, whether a project in motion, your everyday wheels, or the dream car you’ve always wanted. Any photo will do, even a fix-er-up or a “I sold my beauty to make house improvements” (I had one of those). We’ll even put in a someday car if you want.

Note: Attentive readers may notice that I’ve replaced Kevin and Val’s Z06 photo in the Van Bortel ad with another. The original photo lighting did not do justice to the “SOLD” car.



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Submissions must be in before the 25th

Late submissions will be published the following month.

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:

17th- Bob & Norma Joseph

18th John & Tracy Kowalske

21st Pete and Rosie Ricigliano



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

2nd John Biggie, Donna Harrer

7th Carole Rotando

9th Paul Brozyna

12th Susan Reville

20th Skip Polowy

22nd Janet Craft, Debbie Schafer

24th Maureen Polowy

Currently Planned COB Events:

- February 12th Regular Meeting with Covid masks required for all (County rules).
- Note: February 12th Pizza Party is POSTPONED
- June 27th COB night at the Wurlitzer
- July 21st COB Car Show
- August 7th COB Caravan



Random shot from the past

Info: Activities Director Lynda Graham



Requested Church Pantry Donations.... Thank you!

February: Canned meats, tuna, spam, Spaghettios, spaghetti sauce, etc. are always a help

2022 MiM 'Sights & Sounds of New Orleans'

March 29th – April 2nd, 2022

NCM 'Museum in Motion' is heading to New Orleans. Officially starting Tuesday evening, March 29th – come visit a place where centuries old architecture is the backdrop for a culture so invigorating, it will arouse your spirit. New Orleans neighborhoods are where the culture and creativity of the Crescent City come to life. From the historic French Quarter to the elegant Garden District to the music-filled Marigny, there is great food, music and more to be found across the city.

Make sure you sign on to NCM eNews to get the latest information on all MiM (Museum in Motion) events and on-site events including opening of registration and fees. Questions, contact Maci @ 270-467-8804 or Bryce @ 270-777-4506.



John Meyerhoff

REGISTRATION OPENING EARLY 2022 9 Day Southern CARIBBEAN Cruise with the NCM April 15th – 24th

We are very excited to announce that starting April of 2022 we will once again be offering cruise packages as part of our Museum in Motion program. We would like to thank NCM Board Member Shannon Lamarche, owner of Premiere Luxury Travel, for putting together a spectacular 9 day cruise to the Caribbean on the Celebrity Cruise line. Shannon has very graciously agreed to donate all proceeds and commissions from this cruise to the Museum. This cruise includes C3 Concierge class veranda stateroom and 3 perks: Classic Beverage Package, wi-fi, and prepaid gratuities. (restrictions apply). Our group will enjoy priority check-in, welcome cocktail reception, a private shore excursion for just our group, Concierge class Embarkation luncheon, dedicated concierge, and a welcome bottle of sparkling wine. This trip is extremely limited so it will sellout fast!

2022 Michelin NCM Bash April 28-30, 2022

Kickoff of the NCM onsite event season with us here in Bowling Green, KY! Returning activities include a seminar and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Enjoy guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, auctions, book signings, and the Ladies' Oasis.

Seminar schedule and a more detailed agenda will be made available as we can confirm presenter's ability to be onsite. Those that are not with us here at the Museum will be doing live interactive sessions similar to those held at the 2021 Michelin NCM Bash.

2022 MiM 'Branson Experience'

May 31st – June 4th

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This MiM will include a day drive to beautiful Eureka Springs as well as a Dogwood Canyon drive. Enjoy 'The Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise and a Spectacular Branson show. Free time is also on the agenda to explore Branson as you wish!

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NCCC News: Jim Brett (our NCCC Governor)

For up-to-date info, check:

[The National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. ~ NCCC \(corvettesnccc.org\)](http://www.corvettesnccc.org) or its Facebook site



Sad News (Courtesy of Buffalo News) :

ZAHNER - Richard J.

January 9, 2022. Dear father of John (Tracy Myers), Keith (Lori) Zahner; dear companion of Carole (Rotando); stepgrandfather of Mcallister and Aidan Ward. No prior visitation. Services will be held in June at the WNY National Cemetary. Online condolences may be offered at www.denglerrobertspernawilliamsville.com



Editor: the thing I relate to Rich is that he was a real participant in club activities. Nothing got in the way of him joining in on the fun. Though I may have had different political leanings than he, it didn't matter. After club meetings many of us would stop at whatever restaurant place still open and have a snack. Rich always made time for it, even though like many of the rest of us, he was not getting any younger. My thoughts are with his partner Carole in this time of sadness, but I know that, if there are Corvettes in the afterlife, he'll be in one.



Perfect timing

Racing driver, Raymond Mays, from England, loses a wheel from his Type 13 Bugatti at the Caerphilly Hill Climb in Cardiff, Wales. The car remained upright, skidding to a halt just inches from a precipice, 1934.
Historic Photographs



Mark Stephen, a WNYCC member sent me the above photos. Also, something you don't want to see – your rear wheel passing you! On the right is a new Mercedes rear spoiler/diffusor that activates at 60 kmph. Something similar might look good on a Z06 or ZR1.

1977 Chevrolet Corvette Martel Continental Coupe



Mecum Kissimmee (listing from Hagerty Media)

Estimate: N/A

GM sold more than 49,000 Corvettes in [1977](#), but none of them look like this. If an old Bentley and a C3 Corvette had a love child, it might look something like this “Martel Continental” with its sweeping fenders, circular headlights, big grille, spare wheel cover out back, and wood-laden interior.

The gussied up Vette is likely the creation of Gerry Martel, a Massachusetts appraiser, restorer, and all-around car guy. “Gerry was a character with a capital ‘C,’” says Dave Kinney, publisher of the *Hagerty Price Guide*. “He was one of those rare people who actually put his ideas into action. When he had an idea about creating a fun old car, he would actually follow through and build it.” Martel was also involved with the “Ford Royce,” a ’70s Ford station wagon with a customized front end, Rolls-Royce grille and taillights, and a nicer interior. We can’t find much more on this Corvette, however. All we know is that it’s odd. Very odd.

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

Editor: The gentleman on the right (below) is the owner of BLUERAY1, whom I met at a Sarasota, Florida, Cars and Coffee. He's also a resident of WNY and told me how much he enjoys our Caravan.

I might add that we have "Cars and Coffee" morning events in the Eastern Hills Mall, usually starting in May. You can see many exotics, classics, sports, and one-of-a-kind vehicles there. I find it fascinating talking to the owners and photographing the many vehicles in attendance. While some of my photos appear to show sparse attending cars, I actually get my best shots when many have left. In all, a big crowd of hundreds show up!





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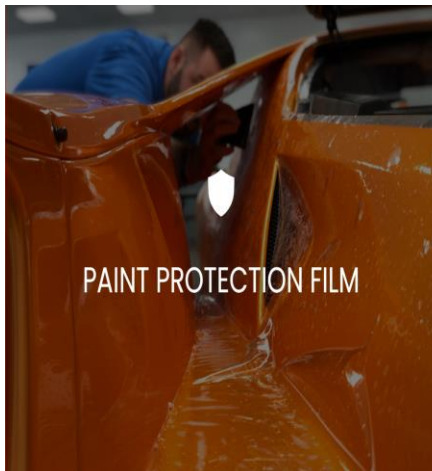
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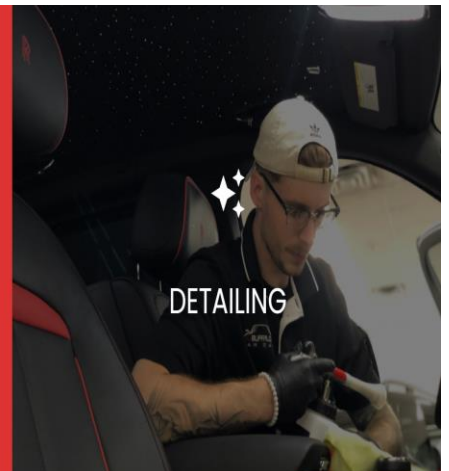
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Restaurateur Russell J. Salvatore and infectious disease specialist Dr. Rajinder Bajwa will be honored when Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center brings back its annual gala fundraising event, the Premier. The black-tie formal, scrapped this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic, will be held Jan. 15 in the Seneca Niagara Casino in the Falls, the medical center announced. The event usually draws a sellout crowd of about 900. The 2020 Premier raised about \$275,000 for the hospital.

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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– Thomas J. Prohaska



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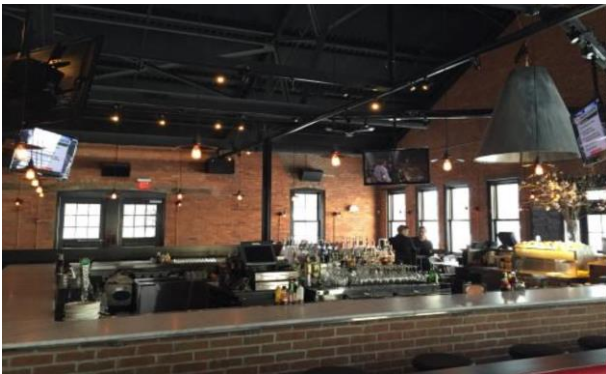
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