

# CORVETTES of Buffalo

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JULY 2022



**Notes from the President:** For those of us who attended the ceremony for Rich Zahner on June 3rd at the Western New York National Cemetery, we were privileged to witness the respect given to our veterans as they are laid to rest. This was my first attendance at a military funeral, and I was truly moved. Rich.... thank you for your service and rest in peace. After the service we attended a luncheon at the Indian Falls Log Cabin in Corfu, and I know all of us would like to thank Rich's son for hosting the meal. It was good to reminisce.

About a dozen members made the trip to Rochester for lunch at Flaherty's Grill and Tap Room and then on to Van Bortel for the ZO6 Viewing Event. Our members and the members of Rochester Corvette Club had an exclusive time to view this latest version of the Corvette. This thing is going to be a monster!

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Western New York Corvette Club's 17th Annual All Corvette Cruise Night at West Herr Chevrolet. I heard that Corvettes of Buffalo came out in force as we usually do. We had approximately 15 cars and 30 members attend, arriving after the rain that threatened the show right before it's start time.

The club finished up the month with a cruise to Made in America Store, Ellicottville Distillery, and Corvette night at the Wurlitzer.

Save the Wave

Bob Joseph



## EDITOR'S NOTE:



In case you wonder, I have had many paparazzi moments where I couldn't put down the cameras, the Canon and the phone. As it is, I'm the guy you see with the camera bag attached seemingly at my hip. It's a curse sometimes!

## **Dave Spencer**

Dear COB friends:

First, a thank you to Rich Zahner's son for hosting a luncheon for many of us, that paid tribute to his dad. We were saddened to lose Rich earlier this year! His military funeral, attended by many, highlighted his service to our country (pg.4).

This month's COB Vette News details our trip to the National Council of Corvette Clubs Convention. My first trip to one, although they take place around the country every year. Going there with friends is indeed fun and is what the club is all about. Sharing experiences is what makes them even better, with the added benefit of meeting new friends.

Corvettes, soon to enter their 70<sup>th</sup> year, are our vehicle of choice, just as Mustangs, Challengers, vintage tin, and many others (even the exotics) are for others. It is the competition and discoveries that truly make us all better. And yes, even the electrics. One day, I expect the Corvette will be fully an electric vehicle, quiet, and with mind blowing performance. Round taillights? That reminds me – check out Sparky's new column on "To EV or Not to EV". It's very informative on EV's.

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Late submissions will be published the following month.



**JULY ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Paul and Joanne Brozyna
- 12<sup>th</sup> Etienne and Julia Kojza
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mike and Cindy Erdey
- 26<sup>th</sup> Dave and Kathy Huber



**JULY BIRTHDAYS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Erdey
- 1<sup>st</sup> Val Horan
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jim Kuczmariski
- 10<sup>th</sup> Joanne Brozyna
- 13<sup>th</sup> Carl Balmas
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sue Blum
- 18<sup>th</sup> Debbie Tkach
- 20<sup>th</sup> Roberta Strychalski
- 29<sup>th</sup> John Hefferman

## Current Planned Club Events July/August 2022 (Includes Website Events)

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### July:

- July 4 Grand Island Parade - 8am at Burger King – Frank/Marianne Pastore
- July 7 Annual Queen of Heaven Carnival Super Cruise, 4220 Seneca St. W. Seneca, NY 5pm-10pm
- July 09 Pirates Festival Car Show – Krull Park, Olcott, NY (9am-4pm)
- July 09 COB Club Meeting – Clarence Church-7pm
- July 10 Annual Harbor Cruise, Point Gratiot Park, Rt. 5 Dunkirk, NY 12-5pm
- July 15 Annual St. Johns Cruise Night- 2021 Sandridge Rd. Alden, NY 4pm–8:30
- July 16 Burgerfest Car Show- Main St. Hamburg, NY 9-4pm
- July 21 “All Cars” Corvettes of Buffalo Super Cruise Eastern Hills Mall 5-9pm
- TBD 22nd Annual Canalfest Car Show
- July 24<sup>th</sup> See the “ Sunflowers for Ciera Car Show” flyer on the next page
- July 30-31 Sylvan Beach All Corvette Show – Trip to Sylvan Beach, NY 9am-4pm
- July 31 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Alden Car Show- Alden Town Park, 11am-8pm

### August:

- August 5 St. Gabriel’s Super Cruise – 5271 Clinton St. Elma, NY (3pm -9pm)
- 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

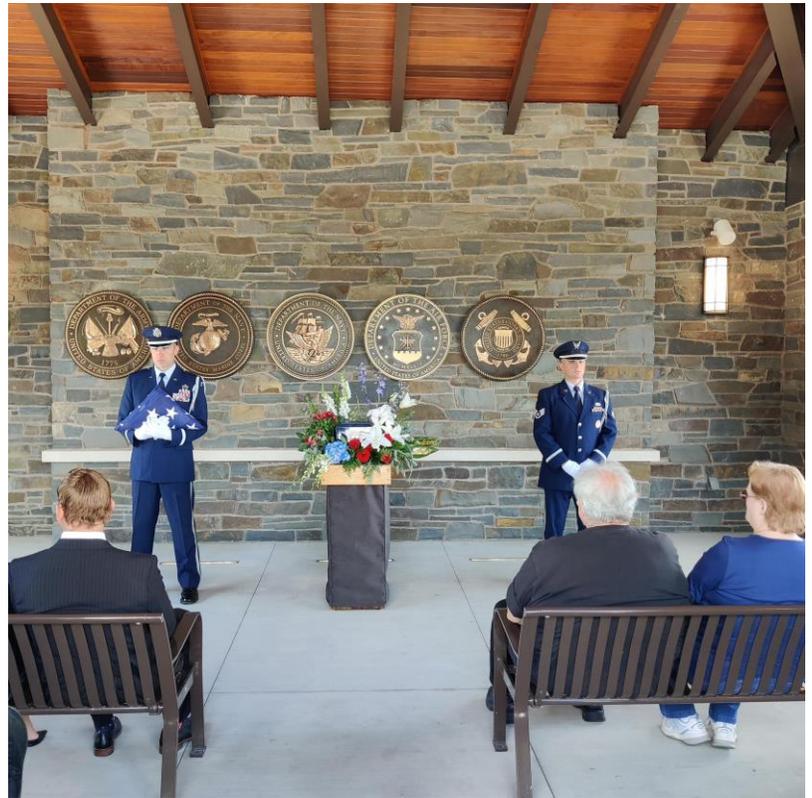


Lynda Graham, Activities Director



JULY: Requested Church Pantry Donations...  
condiments, canned meats, tuna, spam,  
SpaghettiOs, spaghetti sauce

Rich Zahner Remembrance:





## ALL CAR SUPER CRUISE

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INFORMATION: Sue Blum. 716-903-5753

### Update on All Car Super Cruise

Happy with the success of our Sponsorship Campaign, we finished at \$2330. Sincere thanks to Carole Rotando, Mike Buccilli and Bob Joseph for your help! Thanks as well to Tony Corigliano, Kevin Horan and Bruce Mussehl for stepping up as club members and taking a sponsorship.

I encourage everyone who can to donate a basket, or team up with other members to create a basket for the Basket Raffle. We seem to have a lot of excitement growing for this raffle. Another option would be to bring a nice bottle of wine or spirit for the baskets I'm putting together. Thank you to Karen Sparks for once again managing our Basket Raffle, with her in charge I know we be successful!

The letter for the basket or gift card donations can be found on our web site. I'll be sure some are available at the next meeting for those who don't have a printer.

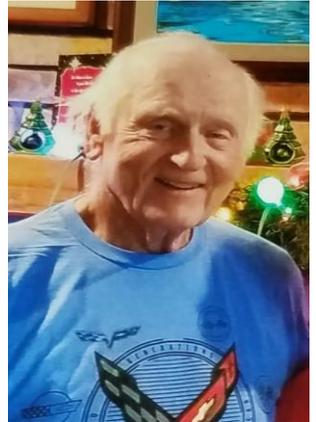
Many thanks to Bob Joseph for the hours he has spent working on designing the Flyer for this event. Not sure what I would have done without him.

One last thing for now, if I could ask everyone to save 1 gallon plastic milk or juice jugs. Please rinse with water. We will need these to anchor our pop up awnings at our event.

*Sue Blum*

**National Corvette Museum rep John Meyerhoff :**

For over 25 years, we (NCM) have held to the original membership pricing and renewal rates with no changes. Due to the increased cost of materials and mailings to maintain memberships, a new pricing structure will go into effect on June 15, 2022. The new pricing enables us to carry on providing the benefits of being a member of the National Corvette Museum.



The price changes are: Individual – \$65 Annually  
Family – \$100 Annually  
Senior Individual – \$750 (20 Years)  
5 Year Renewal – \$250 Individual/\$350 Family

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

Hello everyone, we just got back from NCCC convention in Atlantic City (Harrah’s Resort and Casino). It was great to see old friends and making new ones.

Corvettes of Buffalo was involved in a couple of events at the convention. We did the Funkhana, where in this event you have to do a series of tasks, all while being timed. The best times in 6 categories won a trophy. We also worked the tech inspection station where people who were in High speed, Low speed, and the Rallye had to have a thorough inspection of each car, such as making sure lights worked, horn worked, and brakes were good. Plus, they had to have a fire extinguisher and helmets.



The Welcome party and Hawaiian Beach party were a lot of fun with good food and plenty to drink. For the Hawaiian pool party most of us dressed up in our best Hawaiian Luau gear. The East Region clubs did a fantastic job on putting this year’s convention together.

I want to thank the COB members who traveled with Lee and I - Grant and Nancy, and Dave and Bernie. The four of you made the trip even more fun! I want to mention that Ray and Debbie and Pete and Rose were also at the convention with us.

Please note that next year’s convention will be in Bowling Green, Kentucky, Home of The Corvette Museum and GM assembly Plant for those who didn’t know. Maybe we can have a larger group to go down with. Make sure you check out the pictures of the convention courtesy of our man with the Camera, Dave Spencer.

As Always, be safe...

Mike B

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

Hello COB Club Members, (after a lot of thought) I decided to upgrade the powertrain in my 81 C3 this past winter. A couple of conversations with Rod Reisdorf at Mr. Best Wrench determined that a 355 ci 390 HP long block blue print Engine would be our choice. My long block dyno tested 396HP at 5,7000 RPM with max torque of 411-ft.-lbs at 3,300 RPM, Rod installed a new Edelbrock 2701 intake, new Edelbrock 1406 carb. ceramic coated headers & dual exhaust, but the best part of the powertrain upgrade is the new Silver Sport TKX 5-speed manual trans. 1<sup>st</sup>2.87, 2<sup>nd</sup>1.89, 3<sup>rd</sup>1.28, 4<sup>th</sup>1.0, and 5<sup>th</sup>.81 gear ratios, taking the place of the original 3 speed auto. Rod feels the 5 speed is a good fit with the OEM 2.87 ratio differential. Wayne Scudder



Uncle Joe's Diner COB Visit – George Sparks



## NCCC Convention Atlantic City, NJ: Harrah's Resort June 10-17<sup>th</sup>

Our three cars (Bernie and I, Grant Violino and Nancy Conroy and the Buccilli's) left East Aurora with our first stop at a Best Western in Vestal for our journey to the National Council of Corvette Clubs Convention. After settling in, we went to a restaurant just down the road for a delicious meal overlooking the Susquehanna River (pg.9 top). The next morning it was off to Atlantic City, where Bernie and I resided on the 21st floor (Mike and Lee were on 23 and Grant and Nancy in another wing).

That same misty morning, we guys started working on checkins for the high speed and low speed events to be held another day. Car owners were expected to use the supplied jack and rachets for front wheel play checks and torque settings on wheel lugs, while we also observed other equipment operations using checksheets (pgs.9,10-top).

Inside Harrah's, a large, lighted screen greeted us, and within that chamber was a hospitality room with Corvette parts, merchandise, and tables. We often gathered there during the week for refreshments and fun (bottom pg.10). Also adjacent to the entry room was a large banquet room with a red C8 Corvette and a band platform (pg.11). No, it wasn't a door prize. The Buffalo centerpiece with Corvette Matchbox car shown on pg.11 was Debbie Schafer's idea.

A few of the other many Corvettes in attendance are shown on pages 12-14. The next day COB couples helped host a Funkhana, which was a timed couples race to complete micro bowling, magnet dart throwing, ball in maze guiding, straw in mouth pop can movements, rubber band rocket launching, and micro ball catapults. Results were lots of crowd laughter and fun. My stopwatch, one of three, wasn't able to take pictures however. On Tuesday, our day off, we took a Jitney bus ride (a vanlike vehicle holding about 10 passengers) down to the Boardwalk (pgs.14/15). It's a long platform adjacent to the water and a sandy buffer with all sorts of attractions. A nice lunch and a skip through a Korean War Memorial there were in order.

Wednesday was a trip to Cape May. It's tough to describe just how beautiful the many homes we saw were (from our open sided trolley pg.15). We also toured a mid to later 1800's styled mansion where rich folk once lived.

Page 16 brings us to a Hawaiian themed nighttime pool party with a lit-up dome and, once again, so much good food.

Thursday events included the Great Valve Cover Races, with so many cool designs (p.17). A crowd favorite was Barbie, sporting an immaculate V8 fuelie (?) engine, belts and all. Unlike pinewood derby races, owners had Christmas tree drag strip styled petals to hit when the lights turned green for an authentic race.

My only sad encounter was seeing big displays of shirts, including one worn by a vendor, denigrating our country's president.

In conclusion, I'd like to mention other COB club members joining us at Hurrahs were Ray and Debbie Schafer, and Pete and Rose Ricigliano. New Corvette friends on page 11 were the Cooks from the Corvette Club of North Delaware.

Editor Dave Spencer





















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### “ TO EV OR NOT TO EV?” .....COST!

BESIDES THE COST OF THE VEHICLE, THE INSTALLATION OF THE “PLUG-IN” SYSTEM OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “CHARGER”. IN SOME EV’S IT IS ON THE VEHICLE ITSELF. IN OTHER EV’S THE UNITS COME AS A LARGE PLASTIC BOX WHICH IS MOUNTED ON YOUR HOUSE OR IN YOUR GARAGE AND CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO YOUR PANEL BOX. THE CORD THAT IS CONNECTED TO THE BOX PLUGS INTO THE VEHICLE. WHEN THE CORD IS NOT IN USE, YOU WRAP THE CORD AROUND THE BOX. MUCH LIKE THE WAY YOU COIL A GARDEN HOSE ON A GARDEN HOSE BRACKET.

BUT I DIGRESS, EVERYONE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT’S IT GOING TO COST ME TO CHARGE MY EV. LET’S MAKE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR....NOTHING IS “FREE”. IT WILL COST YOU SOMETHING NO MATTER WHERE YOU PLUG IN YOUR EV. AT HOME YOU’LL SEE AN INCREASE IN YOUR ELECTRIC BILL. IF YOU’RE USING THE 110 VOLT EXTENSION CORD. TO CHARGE OVER NIGHT, IN MOST CASES YOU’LL HAVE A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF ELECTRICAL COST. THE CAVEAT HERE IS THAT YOU WILL PROBABLY ONLY HAVE A 2-5 MILES OF RANGE PER HOUR. EIGHTS HOURS = 16-40 MILES OF TOTAL RANGE. ON THE OTHER HAND IF YOU PLUG INTO A 30 AMP/240 VOLT OUTLET, LIKE THE ONE FOR YOUR ELECTRIC DRYER/STOVE. IT WILL BE A SHORTER TIME TO CHARGE AND A MUCH FURTHER DISTANCE OF TRAVEL. IN THIS CASE THE RANGE WOULD BE 9-15 MILES PER HOUR. BUT THERE IS A PROPORTIONATE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THAT OPTION. \* “RANGE” IS EXPANDED ON IN THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THIS SERIES.

EXPECT TO SEE QUITE A RISE IN YOUR ELECTRIC ENERGY BILL WHEN CHARGING THROUGH THE USE OF THE 30 AMP OUTLET. TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEA, IMAGINE YOUR ELECTRIC DRYER OR STOVE OR HOT WATER TANK RUNNING ALL NIGHT. LOOK AT YOUR METER WHEN ANY OF THESE APPLIANCES ARE RUNNING. YOUR METER READING WILL BE SPINNING RAPIDLY.

TO SEE WHAT YOUR ACTUAL **COST OF CHARGING** AN EV AT HOME DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) LOOK AT YOUR CURRENT MONTHLY BILL
- 2) THE FIRST LINE IS YOUR “SERVICE PERIOD”, (30 DAYS) MAKE SURE THAT BOTH CURRENT AND PREVIOUS READINGS ARE “ACTUAL” THIS EQUALS “TOTAL USAGE IN kWh” (kilowatts per hour)
- 3) ANOTHER SECTION GIVES YOU “USAGE HISTORY”
- 4) THEN THE DAILY AVERAGE WITH USAGE AND COST
- 5) ALSO THERE’S THE “DETAIL OF CURRENT CHARGES BROKEN DOWN INTO “SERVICES” WHICH ARE BROKEN DOWN LINE BY LINE, THE EXPLANATIONS OF THESE ITEMS ARE INCLUDED FOR YOU TO “EASILY” UNDERSTAND YOUR BILL
  - a. DELIVERY SERVICES
    - i. INCLUDES BILLING SERVICES
  - b. SUPPLY SERVICESTHESE TWO SERVICES TOGETHER EQUAL YOUR AMOUNT DUE

- 6) FOR EXAMPLE DAILY AVERAGE kWh 15.7  
COST \$2.82  
\$0.1796 /kWh

FOR A 30 DAY MONTH TOTAL USAGE (472 kWh) @ \$2.82/DAYx30 DAYS=\$84.68

- NATIONAL GRID WAS USED IN THE ABOVE SCENARIO

“BUT HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO CHARGE AN EV?”

A GOOD COMPARISON IS THE COST FOR DRIVING 100 MILES IN AN EV VERSUS A GAS-POWERED CAR, BASED ON AVERAGES.

THUS, RATHER THAN LOOKING AT THE COST PER GALLON OF GASOLINE WHEN YOU DRIVE BY A GAS PUMP, YOU’LL LOOK AT THE COST PER KILOWATT HOUR THROUGH YOUR UTILITY PROVIDER.

ELECTRICITY RATES VARY BASED ON WHERE YOU LIVE AND THE RATE STRUCTURE.

A STANDARD EV BATTERY REQUIRES 30 kWh PER 100 MILES.

- 1) USING THE ABOVE RATE OF ABOUT 18 CENTS PER kWh, THE COST TO DRIVE THOSE 100 MILES IS  
 $30 \text{ kWh} \times \$0.18 = \$5.40$  PER 100 MILES
  - NOTE THAT ELECTRIC RATES ARE STILL MORE STABLE THAN GASOLINE PRICES
- 2) IN COMPARISON, THE AVERAGE PRICE OF GAS IN THE U.S. IS (DEPENDING ON THE DAY AND WHERE YOU ARE LOCATED) IS (AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING) \$ 4.31 PER GALLON. IF AN AVERAGE GAS CAR GETS 25 MILES PER GALLON OF GAS, MULTIPLY THAT BY FOUR (4) TO GET THE COST FOR 100 MILES.
  - a.  $\$4.31 \times 4 = \$17.24$  PER 100 MILES

USING FUEL COSTS ALONE, FOR A GAS-POWERED VEHICLE TO COMPETE, USING THE ABOVE EXAMPLE, GAS WOULD HAVE TO BE \$1.35 PER GALLON TO EQUAL THE PRESENT COST OF ELECTRICITY FOR AN EV.

**EV \$5.40/100 MILES - \$1.35/25 MILES**

GAS \$17.24/100 MILES - \$4.31/25 MILES (I DON’T THINK THAT WE WILL EVER SEE GASOLINE PRICES EVER GO DOWN TO \$1.35 PER GALLON???)

IT’S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE MOST INEXPENSIVE COST OF CHARGING AN EV IS AT HOME. WHEN CHARGING ANYWHERE ELSE, THE kWh RATES CAN BE 2 TO 3 TIMES HIGHER THAN YOUR HOME RATE. HOWEVER, THE RATE OR LEVEL OF CHARGE IS ANOTHER FACTOR TO CONSIDER. ONCE YOUR EV IS FULLY CHARGED OR IF YOU HAVE SET A TIME LIMIT YOU WILL BE CHARGED A “PARKING FEE” UNTIL YOU DISCONNECT FROM THE CHARGING STATION AND MOVE YOUR CAR AWAY FROM THE CHARGING SPOT. ALL OF THESE RATES AND FEES ARE PRESENTLY NOT REGULATED.

**MAINTENANCE** OF EV IS QUITE A BIT SIMPLER THAN A GAS-POWERED VEHICLE. FIRST OF ALL THE AVERAGE GAS-POWERED CAR HAS OVER 2000 PARTS WHERE AN EV HAS 200. NOT HAVING A GAS-POWERED ENGINE YOU DON’T HAVE ALL THE “ROUTINE” MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE SCHEDULES TO FOLLOW. THE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES THAT EV’S RUN ON ARE REPORTED TO LAST 10-12 YEARS AND THAT COST WITH LABOR IS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. ON GAS-POWERED VEHICLES YOU HAVE BRAKES THAT ALLOW YOU TO SLOW DOWN AND STOP. HOWEVER, IN AN EV THE BRAKES NOT ONLY SLOW YOU DOWN BUT THERE IS A REGENERATING PROCESS THAT TAKES PLACE AND PUTS POWER BACK INTO THE BATTERIES.

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**INSURANCE** FOR AN EV: THE AVERAGE COST TO INSURE A CONVENTIONAL INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINE VEHICLE IN THE U.S. IS \$193 A MONTH, ACCORDING TO INSURANCE COMPARISONS WEBSITE “INSURIFY”. IT COST \$230 A MONTH ON AVERAGE TO INSURE A HYBRID VEHICLE AND \$317 FOR AN ALL-ELECTRIC VEHICLE, MEANING EV OWNERS CAN PAY UP TO 64% MORE FOR COVERAGE.

WHY IS INSURING AN EV SO MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE? INSURERS LOOK AT SEVERAL FACTORS TO CALCULATE YOUR RATE, INCLUDING YOUR DRIVING RECORD, CREDIT SCORE, AGE, AND GENDER. NONE OF THESE FACTORS CHANGE WHEN YOU SWITCH TO AN EV. WHAT DOES CHANGE, IS THE COST OF PARTS AND LABOR IF YOUR INSURER MUST PAY TO FIX OR REPLACE THE CAR AFTER A COLLISION.

AS EV’S HAVE BECOME MORE POPULAR, THEY HAVE GOTTEN LESS EXPENSIVE TO REPAIR. NOW THAT EV’S HAVE BEEN OUT FOR OVER A DECADE, THE GAP BETWEEN INSURING THEM AND STANDARD CARS IS LESSENING. BUT RECENT SUPPLY-CHAIN SNARLS AND LABOR SHORTAGES HAVE COMPLICATED THE CALCULATION, DRIVING INSURANCE PRICES UP ACROSS THE BOARD.

WILL MY HOME-INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASE WHEN YOU INSTALL AN EV CHARGING STATION?

MOST LIKELY “NOT”. IF ANYTHING, YOUR PREMIUM MIGHT ACTUALLY GO DOWN. MOST HOME INSURERS DON’T LOOK AT ELECTRICITY USAGE WHEN CALCULATING THE PRICE TO INSURE YOUR HOME. A SPOKESPERSON WHO RUNS HOME-INSURANCE FOR A NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY SAYS THAT IF YOU UPGRADE YOUR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM TO HANDLE CHARGING YOUR NEW EV, YOU COULD SEE YOUR RATES DECREASE. BY CONTRAST, OWNERS OF OLDER HOUSES WHO HAVE FAILED TO UPGRADE THEIR WIRING CAN BE PENALIZED.

IS MY PROTECTED IF EV CATCHES FIRE IN MY GARAGE?

STANDARD HOME INSURANCE COVERS MOST HOUSE FIRES. A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE INSURANCE INFORMATION INSTITUTE SAYS THAT YOU SHOULDN’T WORRY ABOUT STORING AN EV. THEY DON’T SEE ANY INCREASED FIRE RISK WITH AN EV.

FULLY ELECTRIC VEHICLES POSE LESS OF A FIRE RISK THAN HYBRIDS AND GAS CARS. ACCORDING TO 2021 DATA FROM THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD COMPILED BY INSURANCE-COMPARISON SITE AUTOINSURANCEEZ. THERE WERE 25 EV FIRES PER 100,000 SALES, COMPARED WITH 3,475 HYBRID FIRES AND 1,530 INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINE FIRES PER 100,000 SALES, RESPECTIVELY.

WITH REGARDS TO REWIRING YOUR HOME TO ACCOMMODATE A CHARGING STATION, DO **NOT** TAKE IT INTO YOUR OWN HANDS. MAKE SURE YOU GET A CONTRACTOR, AND AN ELECTRICIAN TO YOUR HOME TO DO IT RIGHT AND PROCURE THE PROPER PERMITS. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN SOMETHING COULD GO AWRY AND YOU NEVER WANT TO LOSE SOMETHING TO A FIRE THAT COULD HAVE EASILY BEEN PREVENTED.

NEXT MONTH: SEE “TO EV OR NOT TO EV?” CH 4 – RANGE,  
“SPARKY”

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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.

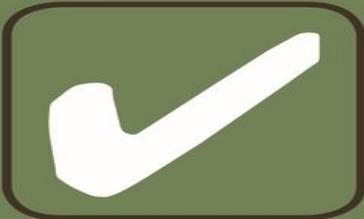
Bajwa, Memorial's chief of infectious diseases, led the hospital's response to the pandemic.

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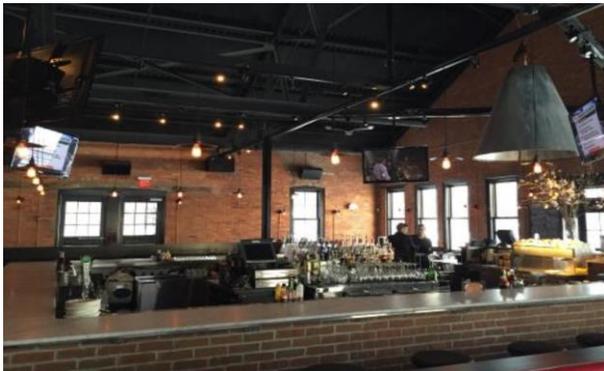
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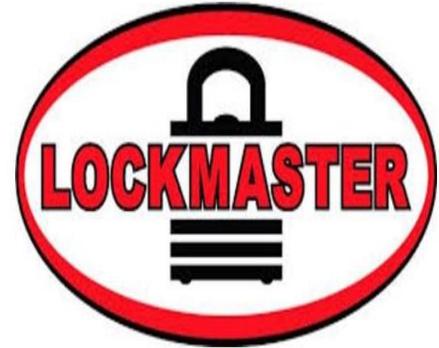


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