

# ***COB VETTE NEWS***

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## *Notes from the President*

The sun is shining the grass is green and birds are singing, oh wait, back to reality this is March! The real signs that winter is almost over is the first show of the season, Cavalcade of Cars with the distribution of the Clutch Artists Summer Show Schedule has just wrapping up in Hamburg. We are 1 week away from daylight savings time, and 3 weeks from spring. If this winter weather continues, we can start thinking of pulling off the cover and taking the first cruise of the year.

I want to thank Lynda and Bruce Graham for organizing this year's pizza party at the February meeting. There were 91 members that enjoyed each other's company along with great pizza and wings.

I also want to thank my wife Norma for organizing a luncheon at Soliday's Restaurant followed by a factory tour of Platter's Chocolate where everyone learned the art of chocolate making, and also the second Winter Dinner Cruise at The Warehouse Restaurant in Hamburg, both of which attracted approximately 25 members.

It goes without saying we all appreciate Skip Polowy's time and effort along with the finance committee for formulating this year's budget that was approved by the membership at the February meeting. Thank You to all involved.

I am very happy to announce that we have 3 members who will be organizing this year's Caravan. Kevin Horan will be Chairman of the event with Mark Craft and Jim Kuczmarski as Co-Captains. The ideas that I have already heard from these guys we are on track for another great Caravan.

Save the Wave

## *Notes from the editor*

It's 1972 and HP introduces its first hand held calculator at \$395. POTUS Nixon orders the start of the space shuttle program.

In April, Apollo 16 crew drive the LRV at 11 mph.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, "Watergate" has its beginnings.

In July, Jane Fonda tours N. Vietnam while

George Carlin is arrested for his "SWYCNSOTV"

The TV series "Mash" is debuted and "the Joy of Sex" is published.

POTUS Nixon is reelected and the DOW closes over 1000 for the first time while Apollo 17 returns to earth, ending our lunar exploration era.

In the theaters we watched "The Poseidon Adventure" and "What's up, Doc?" while the radio played "The first time I ever saw your face" and "Alone again, naturally". On TV, "All in the Family" and "Sanford and Son" were tops.

The Bills were 4-9-1 and the Sabers went 37-27.

The new not-so-new Corvette is so-so, just costs more to drive.

We welcome our newest  
members

**Richard & Karin Ziajka**

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### **March Anniversaries**

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



### **March Birthdays**

1<sup>ST</sup> Bob Kaczmarek  
4<sup>th</sup> Jim Cichocki  
6<sup>th</sup> Mike Blum  
8<sup>th</sup> Tracy Kowalski  
10<sup>th</sup> Lynn Kelly  
12<sup>th</sup> Ed Ehbauer  
12<sup>th</sup> Brian Wells  
14<sup>th</sup> Jeannette Masters  
19<sup>th</sup> Julia Kojza  
26<sup>th</sup> Lynn Ienco  
30<sup>th</sup> Lee Singer  
31<sup>st</sup> Janice Alexander  
31<sup>st</sup> Grant Violino



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Some of the activities for this month

March 14<sup>th</sup>

monthly meeting



## Winter Dinner Cruise

2295 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst

(NFB & Ellicott Creek)

Sign-up Sheet at March Meeting

***March 25, 2020***

**6:00pm**

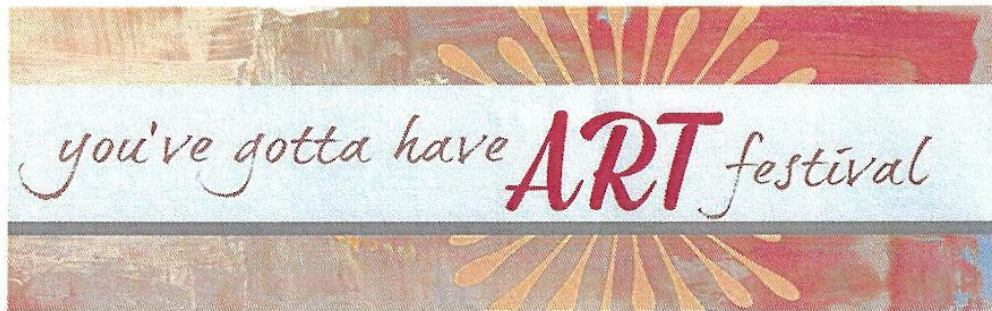
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***Members enjoy dinner with friends at The Warehouse Restaurant during the February Winter Cruise Night.***



***Learning the art of chocolate making at Platters Chocolate Factory***





## *The Premier Show of 2020*



**Saturday, March 7, 10 am — 4 pm**

**Sunday, March 8, 12 pm — 4 pm**



Juried show and sale featuring over 40 artists,  
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[gottahaveart@clarencepresby.org](mailto:gottahaveart@clarencepresby.org)  
[www.gottahaveartfestival.com](http://www.gottahaveartfestival.com)



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## **CHURCH DONATIONS**

In the months to follow, needed donations requested by the church are as follows:

**MARCH – laundry products and toiletries**

APRIL – evaporated/ condensed milk, cereal, condiments

MAY - dinner food (boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, rice, hamburger helper)

JUNE - paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, paper napkins)

JULY – condiments, canned meats, tuna, spam, SpaghettiOs, spaghetti sauce

AUG – PICNIC – NO DONATIONS

SEPTEMBER - laundry products and toiletries

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## History of the Corvette, part 20

For the second year in a row, the new edition of the Corvette was not visually different from either the 1970 or 1971 offerings. Corvettes, as well as the rest of the U.S. car manufacturers, were learning to live with the U.S. Clean Air Standards. The most noticeable impact was in the reduction of horsepower.

In early January of 1971, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) was largely unheard of by the average car owner. By the middle of that month though, anyone who needed to buy gas had become aware of OPEC. Heretofore, OPEC would negotiate the price of future crude oil deliveries with 17 western oil companies. But in January, the price negotiations broke down and OPEC decided to set prices amongst themselves.

In the ensuing standoff between OPEC and the US oil companies, we blinked. The result was, within the year, a doubling of the price of a barrel of crude oil and the consequent effect on the price of gasoline at the pump. Tensions between OPEC and their customers continued to deteriorate and in response, OPEC started to reduce production and export volume. They eventually curtailed production by as much as 75%.

Meanwhile, back in Detroit, engine and transmission options remained essentially the same as in 1971. The notable exception was the dropping of the LS6 454 engine.

Even though the price of gasoline and automobile liability insurance continued to climb, Corvette sales did not reflect this. A total of 28,004 units were sold, 20496 coupes at a base price of \$5533 and 6508 convertibles at \$5296



*Business end of the 1972 Corvette*





*No visual difference between this and its two predecessors*



*Just simple, elegant and classic lines*



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## **CORVETTES OF BUFFALO MEMORIAL MINI GOLF OUTING AND CRUISE**

On **Sunday, June 7, 2020**, Corvettes of Buffalo will hold a memorial golf outing to **Clubhouse Fun Center, 70 Jay Scutti Blvd, Henrietta NY 14623**.

The caravan will start at the **Walmart, 5735 S Transit Rd, Lockport NY 14094**. Please gather at 9:00am for a prompt departure at **9:15 am**. Frank Pastore has graciously agreed to lead our caravan. There will be unlimited use of **go-karts, bumper cars and mini golf** from 11am until 1:30pm. Participants will be given 30 arcade tokens.

At 1:30 pm, a **Backyard BBQ** will be served on site. (BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork, Vegetable & Pasta Medley, Potato Salad, Lemonade, Iced tea and water) Everyone will have a chance to go through buffet line with ample opportunity for seconds.

There will be Pepsi products, snacks and ice cream available for purchase. No outside food or drinks may be brought in. No alcohol is allowed.

The cost for the event for **Corvette Club Members** is **\$20.00 per person** with the balance to be paid by COB.

Cost for NON- CLUB MEMBERS is \$35.00 per person.

**Payments for reservations will be accepted until the regular club meeting on May 9.**

If you do not wish to caravan, the Fun Center is easily accessible via NYS Thruway, Hylan Ave exit off I-390 just past Marketplace Mall.

Sign- up sheets will be available at the scheduled COB monthly meetings. **Norma Joseph will be collecting the \$20 per person payment.**

Specific questions can be directed to Karen Sparks 716 432-8114

Hope to see you all there!

George Sparks



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## Opening Weekend at Watkins Glen

04/04/2020 @ 8:00 am

Watkins Glen International Speedway, Watkins Glen NY

2020 – Rochester Corvette Club – Watkins Glen Opening Weekend April

2020 Opening Weekend at the Glen – 04/04 and 04/05 2020

For those wishing to attend this event please email Steve Popple or call 585 394 3428 – leave a message if no one answers. The Rochester Corvette Club time as a club will be around 11 AM on April 4<sup>th</sup>. I will be working with the Glen personnel on this schedule. The specifics of the event will be communicated once I have received all the information from the Glen (cost, timing, etc.) and talked to Matthew on where we meet. “

To sign-up for this Saturday Club Event Contact – Steve Popple by phone or email. Numbers and email address below. (If by phone and no one answers please leave your name and contact info on the answering machine.)

Home: 1-585-394-3428

Mobile: 1-585-230-9638

Email: [spopple@rochester.rr.com](mailto:spopple@rochester.rr.com)



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A fellow CoB member has passed.



## **GIBSON, Glenn A.**

GIBSON - Glenn A. Of West Seneca, NY, January 29, 2020; beloved husband of Sandra M. (nee Lyszewski); dearest father of Pamela (Kurt) Schmidt, Kevin Gibson, Jennifer (Brian) Hasse and Daniel (Margaret ) Gibson; also survived by nine grandchildren, brother of Judy (Richard) Kozlowski, Diann Gibson and the late Raymond, William and Edwin Gibson and Lois Adams; also survived by nieces and nephews, Family will be present Friday, 4 - 8 PM at the Hoy Funeral Home, 3855 Seneca St., West Seneca, NY, where Funeral Services will be held Saturday Morning at 11AM. Friends invited. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital. Mr. Gibson was a member of Sheet Metal Workers Local #71, Administrator of Training and Education for The Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Western Star Masonic Lodge #1185, Ismailia Shrine and a life member of Vigilant Fire Company. Online condolences may be shared at [www.hoyfuneralhome.com](http://www.hoyfuneralhome.com)





**JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE LAKESHORE CORVETTE CLUB OF HOLLAND MICHIGAN**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020**

**AT**

**HIDDEN VALLEY ANIMAL ADVENTURE FARM 11:30AM- TOUR 12NOON**

**2887 ROYCE ROAD, VARYSBURG, NY 14167**

THE LAKESHORE CLUB HAS BEEN VIEWING OUR WEB SITE AND ENJOYED ALL THE TRIPS AND EVENTS THAT WE DO AS A CLUB. THEY CONTACTED ME AND ASKED IF I COULD ARRANGE FOR OUR CLUB MEMBERS TO MEET THEM AND DO A JOINT EVENT, SO THEY CHOOSE THE HIDDEN VALLEY ANIMAL FARM BECAUSE IT LOOKED INTERESTING AND A FUN EVENT FOR THEM.

MIKE & I HAVE PLANNED A TOUR WITH THE LAKESHORE CLUB AT 12 NOON TO DO A 55 MINUTE TRAM RIDE AROUND THE FARM TO VIEW AND FEED THE ANIMALS.

**I HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COST TO BE \$14.00 PER PERSON.**

THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE MEETINGS FOR OUR MEMBERS TO JOIN US AND MAKING THEM WELCOMED. MUST HAVE COUNT BY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> TO ADVISE HIDDEN VALLEY SO THEY HAVE ENOUGH TRAMS FOR US.

**PART 2 OF THE DAY**

**LUNCHEON AT WALLENWEINS HOTEL & RESTAURANT**

**641 OAKWOOD AVE, EAST AURORA, NY**

AFTER THE TOUR WE ARE GOING TO CARAVAN DOWN RT.20A TO EAST AURORA TO HAVE A LATE LUNCH AT WALLENWEINS HOTEL . ARRIVAL WILL BE APPROX 2:30PM AND EAT AT 3:00 PM. MENU WILL BE PIZZA,SALAD AND POP. IF YOU WANT A BEER OR WINE YOU MAY ORDER IT FROM THE BAR.

MIKE AND I ARE WORKING ON THE COST PER PERSON BUT WE NEED TO HAVE A COUNT OF HOW MANY CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE ATTENDING. SO THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE SIGN UP SHEET FOR THE LUNCHEON. COST WILL BE ANOUNCED AT NEXT MEETING.

MIKE & LEE

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# **2020 Memorial Day Parade**

## **Date**

**Monday, 25 May 2020**

## **ASSEMBLE**

**Williamsville South High School  
5950 Main Street, Williamsville  
Corvettes – Back of Parking Lot as always**

## **TIME**

**Arrive between 1:15 PM and 1:30 PM  
Parade Steps off at 2:00 PM**

## **AFTER PARTY**

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### **This from CoB's Dick Brownlee**

The 2020 Super Bowl had one winner in Miami. The Club membership in Buffalo had eight winners in this year's Super Bowl Guessing Game. Each entrant took a guess at the times of the scores by either team.

This year's winners were:

Jim Decker, Terry Decker, Grant Violino, Dick Brownlee, Skip Polowy, Rich Zahner and Kathy Huber with two wins. Thanks to everyone who participated.



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Here's another Museum Newsletter which has a couple of items that may be of interest to COB members!



### First 2020 Corvettes rolls Off the Assembly Line

Regular production of the 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray coupe begins February 3, 2020 at General Motors Bowling Green Assembly in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Initial vehicle shipments to dealers are expected to begin in late February or early March.



The history-making VIN #0001 of the first mid-engine Corvette – a red-on-black 3LT with the Z51 performance package – crossed the block at the 49th Annual Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction just weeks before the Corvette begins shipping to Chevrolet dealers. The winning bid was placed by Rick Hendrick, founder and CEO of Hendrick Companies, for **\$3 Million**, with proceeds benefiting Detroit Children's Fund.



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Something else you might find of interest

When:

May 26, 2020 @ 3:00 pm – May 30, 2020 @ 11:00 am

Contact:

Bryce Burklow or Maci Hensley

270-777-4506 or 270-467-8804

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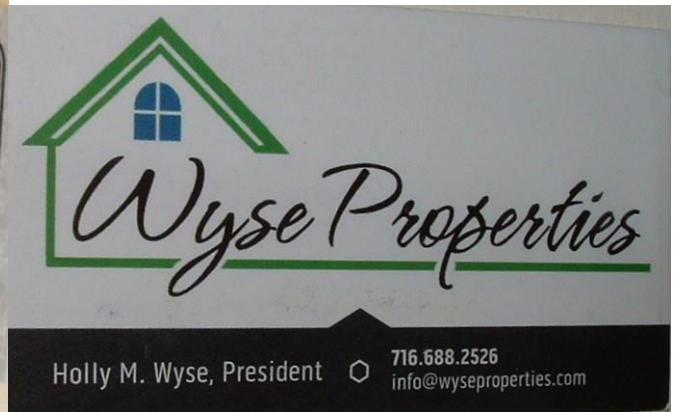
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