COB VETTE NEWS

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Notes from the President

So now there is a new term in our society, "COVID Burnout" and I know that for my part it is certainly true.

Unfortunately, with the number of cases rising all over the US and also in NYS this is not the time to get complacent and think that this virus will not affect our club members again. Therefore, during the Board meeting held October 17th we made the decision to cancel the upcoming Christmas Brunch in abundance of caution. We have also decided to put on hold all of our planned events for the upcoming 2021 Season. When conditions and local regulations permit, we will resume the planning of our traditional summer events.

Due to the fact that the 2020 elections were postponed to 2021 it was necessary for the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the passing of Jim Decker. We would like to announce that his position will be filled by his wife Terry. We are happy she has accepted and feel she will be a great asset to the board.

I want to thank Lee and Mike Buccilli on their initiative in the promotion of the COB's 40th Anniversary. They have written an article and submitted a group photo to Blue Bars Magazine.

They have arranged to have it appear in the fall issue with the photo on the back cover. Great

Job Guys!

Thank you to everyone who has already sent their club dues into Maryanne Pastore. If you have not already done so your dues are now past due. Payment must be received by November 15th to remain a member in good standing. Thank You.

STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE!

November, 2020

A look back...

It's 1981, Ronald Reagan is sworn in as the 40th POTUS. Minutes later, Iran releases the 52 American hostages that were held for 444 days. The first DeLorean sports car rolls off an Irish assembly line. In March, the space shuttle Columbia experiences a fire during a ground test, killing three. Meanwhile, John Hinkley Jr shoots POTUS and his press secretary Jim Brady.

In May, the design for the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial was chosen from 1421 entries, Reggae singer Bob Marley dies at 36 and the NY Islanders win their 4th Stanley cup. June sees the release of "The Raiders of the Lost Ark" while the MLB strike begins. Meanwhile, in New Hampshire, paint ball games are introduced while Nintendo releases "Donkey Kong". Then August ushers in the era of MTV and the MLB strike ends as Mark David Chapman is sentenced to 20 years to life for the slaying of John Lennon. In September, a half million attend Simon & Garfunkle's "The Concert in Central Park" and Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman of SCOTUS. November sees the birth of the IBM PC while Muhammed Ali fights his last ever boxing match. In the theaters we watched "Raiders of The Lost Ark" and "Das Boot" while the radio played "Endless Love by Diana Ross and the Supremes and "Lady" by Kenny Rogers. Hottest TV shows were "Dallas" and "60 Minutes".

The Bills had a 10-6 season while the Sabers skated to 39-26.

The new Corvette has an even newer home.

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Submissions must be in by the 27th

Late submissions will be published the following month.

November Anniversaries

 4^{th} Rod & Mary Reisdorf



November Birthdays

| 7^{th} | Holly Wyse |
|-----------|------------------|
| 8^{th} | Rocco Buccilli |
| 12^{th} | Bruce Graham |
| 12^{th} | $Mike\ Flanagan$ |
| 14^{th} | Sandra Gibson |
| 23^{rd} | Rod Reisdorf |
| 27^{th} | Susan Krezmien |
| 27^{th} | Mary Carol Plott |
| 29^{th} | Bernadette Futch |





2020 Calendar of Events - (March 27, 2020)

The following list of Events were reviewed by the Board of Directors and are being listed for Members to select and plan your activities. While these Events are being listed, there will be additional events that will be added as the season progresses. This calendar will be updated and available online. The updated calendar will also be posted on our web page. If you know of any events that we should add to the list, please let us know.

Shows and Events – 2020

Note: Please Check the Clutch Artist Calendar for more details......

Weekly Cruise Nights details are listed on Clutch Artist Calendar, Pages 1, 2 & 3

November 14 **COB Meeting** – Elections! <u>Canceled until 2021</u>

December 13 COB Christmas Luncheon, Canceled until 2021

Meetings are still Cancelled

We will make an announcement when we are able to resume.

Watch for "COB UPDATES" and check Members Only Section of the Web Site

Elections Postponed

The Board has unanimously decided to delay elections until the regular election cycle in 2021. Present officers and Board members will continue in their positions until the 2021 elections.

COB Dues for 2021 Last Call

Corvettes of Buffalo will only collect NCCC dues of \$25/single or \$35/couple. Dues should be sent directly to Treasurer, Marianne Pastore at her home address. Dues are now past due, payment by November 15, 2020 needed to remain a member in good standing.

New Newsletter Editor

I want to welcome Dave Spencer as our new Editor and look forward to his work on the newsletter. Also, to Larry Dudeck for his work during the past 3 years, he stood up when needed and did a super job. I know it is appreciated by all COB members. Thank You!

Bob

COB MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

<u>Please update your membership list information</u>. This year we will be doing this using the "Members Only" section of COB's website.

- 1. Go to COB's website "Members Only" section.
- 2. Locate your information on either the Membership or Prospective Membership lists.
- 3. Check information for name, address, phone number, cell phone number, e-mail address, new Vette <u>purchased</u>, old Vette <u>sold</u>.
- 4. If you have a spouse or significant other whose name you want included with your name, please indicate this.

If you have any changes to be made, please contact me (Karen Rothenberger) by phone or with an e-mail. I will make the changes on my computer and will send the corrected lists to COB's "Membership Only" section. This section is printable so if you want a hard copy, you will be able to print the lists. Should you have a problem with printing, let me know and I'll get a hard copy to you.

All these changes are due to the COVID pandemic. We still have last year's lists that have not been handed out due to the lack of meetings. Who knows when we will be able to meet in person again at The First Presbyterian Church?

The updated lists should be completed by January 1, 2021. Thank you for helping keep our membership lists up-to-date and for understanding the need to change our new methods for this process.

Karen Rothenberger

Ellicottville Get together

While it wasn't a Corvettes of Buffalo event, a few of us were able to enjoy a meal at the Ellicottville Brewing Company. Holly and Kevin (Wyse) managed to get a table for eight there under a huge outside tent for the Fall Fest Reimagined on Saturday the 10th.

As a crowd formed in front of the place, we all waited outside for Grant and Nancy who, we found out, had stopped at what they thought was the event going on nearby. A lot of the people in the crowd were younger, obviously lacking the sophistication and experience of our mature group. (3) or not, still it's likely there weren't other Corvette people there.

Anyway, the event was an Oktoberfest type celebration with German potato salad, sausages and other German styled food. There were also assorted EBC celebrated beers and such, but pop was my choice of drink for the night.

Although there were many rousing lifts and clinks of glasses, Covid requirements remained in place with people in masks checking. Masks were required anytime anyone moved from the socially distanced tables and signs were up which read "No Dancing". Music was constant (and loud) with many remembered favorites, MC'd by guys you may see in the photos.

When the food did come, it was served German Style with a single large container of each entry dish placed at the tables. The dessert, a delicious apple pastry, however, was served individually.

As we ate, we were also entertained by small water streams going by our feet. Behind Grant (Violino) was a large ventilation tube pumping out air toward he and Nancy (Conroy). An opening to the outside next to it gave us plenty of cool night air. During heavy rain times, since we were positioned on a slight slope, the water came in along the floor.

After we finished eating, we had to decide what to do with the extra helpings left in the trays. Fortunately, Mike (Buccilli) volunteered to take it rather than see it being thrown out. Lee, is he still eating sausages? The pictures you may see were taken by myself, Holly and Lee.

We all left early before the end of the event. So, no pictures of Bernie and others falling down, or dancing on tables, or spilling drinks, are known to exist...

Dave Spencer



Ellicottville Brewing Company















October Board Meeting

Saturday night, the 17th was another chance for the board to get together. Once again it was a Covid regulations affair. The church was perfect for this, since they already had the tables arranged for us to practice social distancing. The main thing discussed was the Christmas party, which given the number of people expected, was not a good fit this year.

Afterwards, seven of us did go out for a bite to eat at Otto's on Union, where we could remove our masks while sitting. The food was very good and the staff helpful, but no DESSERT menu!

On a final note, I've seen some really good Halloween displays out there. Have fun and be safe. And be sure to put those Corvettes on a nice trickle charger as you slide that cover over it in the coming weeks.

Dave Spencer







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Genesis Garage is back!



Every sunny Thursday from 5-8 pm at Watermark Church lot,
4999 McKinley Pkwy. Hamburg. Drifters Car Club helps out now. Marty Link



History of the Corvette, part 28

The 1981 Corvette was the last model to come out of the St. Louis plant and the first to roll off the Bowling Green, Ky assembly lines. The combined output of the two plants totaled 40,606 units.

Production at the new Bowling Green facility (recently purchased from Chrysler) began on June 1st while the St Louis plant ceased Corvette production on August 1st. The move to the newer, more modern Bowling Green facility promised to finally get the fit and finish problems under control. A major improvement would be the change in the paint systems employed. Gone were the lacquer finishes of St Louis, being replaced with enamel color coats follwed by a clear top coat. Now, as a result of much these better painting capabilities, buyers were offered, in addition to the single colors, the option of one of four two-toned paint schemes.

The 1980 Corvette employed a sophisticated *computer command control* (CCC) on the 305 cubic inch California engine. For 1981, this advanced CCC was adopted on all the 350 cubic inch engines as well. In addition to the CCC, the new Corvette used a stainless steel exhaust manifold, similar to the 305 cubic inch California engine. These changes allowed the 350 cubic inch engine to now meet the California requirements. With the latest version of the CCC the engine was being tuned continuously for optimal emissions with fuel efficiency an afterthought.

The only engine offered in 1981 was the 190 HP 350 V8 with no avilable power options. Other than the CCC, the only other significant improvement was the use of a fiberglass reinforced leaf spring in the rear suspension, which reduced the car's weight by 36 pounds.

Interior changes included a now standard quartz clock. an electronically tuned radio and a 6 way power seat for the driver, which now reclined.

The move to Bowling Green (and the shutting down of the St Louis line) and model wide adoption of the new CCC may have had some impact on the sales price. The sticker rose to \$16,258, which was more than a new Cadilac El Dorado.



The 1981 Corvette, sporting one of the new two-toned color schemes.

My Virtual Corvette Showing

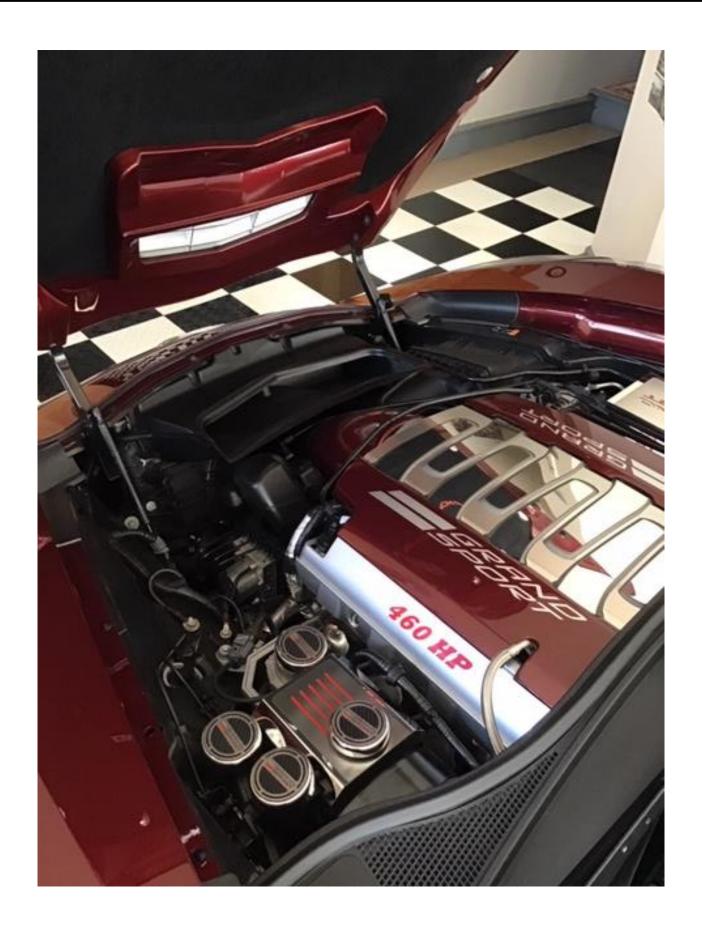
This past Corvette season was a real bummer for all of us and we didn't have the opportunity to visit with each other or attend any Car Shows. So, I want to share a few things that changed on my 2019 Grand Sport that I hope you enjoy virtually viewing. Here is a few pics of my Virtual Corvette Show, as of October 2020.

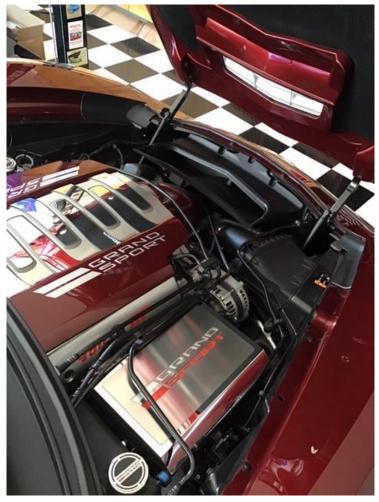
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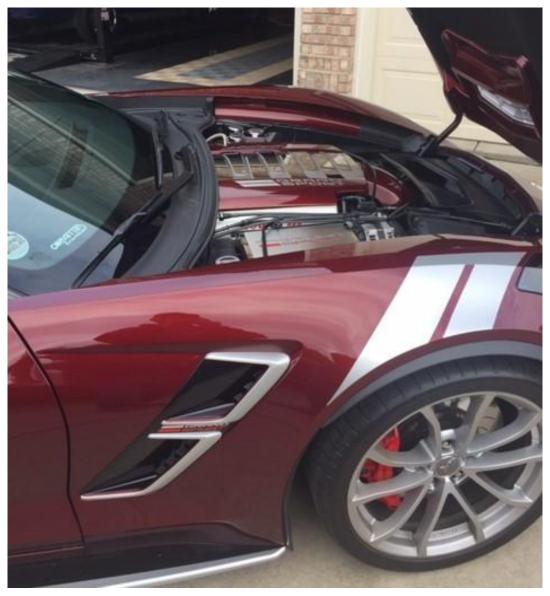














CHURCH DONATIONS

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

The one thing we all care about more than our Corvettes is the health and wellbeing of our family, friends and ourselves. The global outbreak and spread of COVID-19 are greatly affecting the way we all live our lives. For those still in the workforce who may be laid off are affected more than those of us who are retired. Therefore, I am asking everyone to continue to make contributions to the church food bank. I had a conversation with Jim Owen today and he tells me that they are in need of any nonperishable items as usual. He tells me that donations can be placed in an outside bench at the rear of the church. For anyone concerned, no physical contact needs to be made. Just lift the seat and place items underneath. The bench is emptied on a daily basis. I hope this message finds everyone well. Please follow all federal and local guidelines to ensure that all COB members stay healthy and safe. Thanks.

Bob

The Clarence Community Food Pantry was started in 1980 by Nancy May to assist less fortunate local families. The pantry is located at Clarence Presbyterian Church and serves residents of Clarence, Clarence Center, Town of Clarence and the Clarence School District.

Many organizations and individuals throughout the Clarence area contribute food and monetary donations as well as time and it is deeply appreciated!

Please contact Jim Owen, Coordinator for donations or client appointments. Jim can be reached at 716-310-5447 or ccp@clarencepresby.org.

NOVEMBER – UNWRAPPED TOY

Remember all the businesses that you've asked for years and years to donate to your clubs, events, and organizations? They're calling in a favor. Answer the call.

Support the local businesses in your community! See



COVID 19

I have become aware of the following direction from NCCC concerning any event that we may be having in regards to protecting the club from any liability concerning COVID 19. This will pertain to our upcoming Caravan and Picnic. Everyone will be receiving updated information before the events. This is from Jim Walton NCCC Business manager;

NCCC coverage concerning Covid 19:

Sickness and Disease are covered in the NCCC Policy the same way as any other 3^{rd} party bodily injury claim. So NCCC is covered for any Covid 19 claims made by a 3^{rd} party. There is also Directors and Officers insurance in case you as an officer get sued directly.

What has changed is how we base the use of our waivers on the risk associated with the event. So now with the virus otherwise low risk activities, such as a club meeting, now have a higher risk. So NCCC has to rethink when and what types of events should require a waiver. The use of waivers is the primary defense against NCCC getting sued by a member.

It is mandatory that every club gathering or activity have everyone sign the standard waiver until the Covid threat has passed, even those activities which did not previously require waivers noted in FAQ's. Currently we are working with Legacy Insurance on a new waiver form that would include Covid Language. NCCC has begun to look at electronic waivers and how we might be able to use them in our organization, but for now let's keep using the paper waivers. Electronic waivers will have to meet our insurance requirements as well as the Competition Manual.

Any announcement of an activity, such as a flyer, should include that attendance is voluntary and at your own risk. Also, state that individuals are responsible to maintain their own social distancing and if they are sick not to attend. Hand sanitizer should be available to members after contact activities should as signing the waiver. Please use the Covid comprehensive precautions that were published by the Competition Committee for your events.

It is very important any event follows all state and local regulations. Not being in compliance could make your event illegal and put your coverage into question. Use common sense in laying out your event to limit member to member exposure.

Regards

Jim Walton, NCCC Business Manager

In light of this we are required to have a waiver signed by everyone attending any Club Meeting, Picnic, Caravan and if the Club goes together as a group to any event such as Classics on the Niagara Car Show. I have attached a waiver form file for you to print and bring with you if you desire. I have also attached a Risk Assessment Chart that I received from Frank Pastore that is a good reference for our members, family and friends.

Bob Joseph

MUSEUM EVENTS Cruise with NCM



May 14-23, 2021 Corvette enthusiasts will board the Celebrity Cruise Line for a nine-day adventure through the Southern Caribbean. The cruise includes stops at the Grand Cayman, Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire with welcome reception, a private shore excursion, embarkation luncheon and much more.

Registration is \$1,875 per person, double occupancy or \$3,750 for single occupancy. Only a few spots remain!

Thanks to Museum Board Member Shannon Lamarche of Premiere Luxury Travel for putting together this trip with all proceeds benefiting NCM!

CORVETTE RAFFLES

Win a 2021 Elkhart Lake Blue Corvette!



While next week's raffle for a 2021 Silver Mist Corvette is nearly sold out, tickets are still available for our 2021 Elkhart Lake Blue Corvette raffle, drawing on Thursday, November 5!

Tickets on this raffle are \$150 each and the raffle is limited to 1,500 tickets.

As of Thursday, October 8 we still have 899 tickets remaining! Check the NCM website for the ticket ordering form.

Don't wait to place your order!

We can thank CoB's John Myerhoff for these. Check the NCM for additional details.

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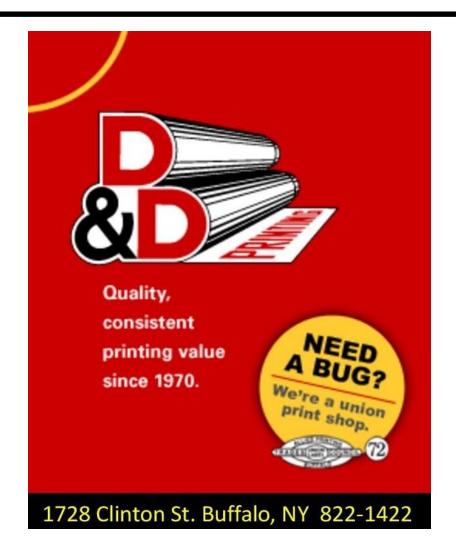




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