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## JUNE 2021





#### STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE, and Save the Wave!

#### THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS:

Everything in the past month has been positive and I am finally encouraged about the upcoming car season. Restrictions are being lifted for most events and businesses and it feels good to act almost like normal. Attendance at our regular meeting is almost back to pre-pandemic numbers and members are becoming more confident to get out and enjoy the summer car season. I know that many of you are getting out to area cruise nights, and many of them are hosting large numbers of cars, as everyone is ready to get out and enjoy the warm weather.

I want to thank Jim Kuczmarski for setting up the Ice Cream Social at Andersons Custard this month. The weather turned cool that evening but we had close to 60 members get together to enjoy the first event of the season. I am looking forward to the next one in June at Woody's in Hamburg. The weather was great for the first Corvettes & Coffee at Paula's Donuts in West Seneca. About 25 members showed up for coffee and conversation. My thanks go out to Mike Buccilli for putting this one together.

There are 30 members signed up for the May Dinner Cruise at Resurgence Brewing Company and I expect everyone will enjoy an evening of food, drink and conversation. The next dinner cruise is scheduled at the Italian Village Restaurant on June 16th at 6:00pm. Sign-up sheets will be at the June meeting. Hope to see even more of you there this month.

Bob



#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi – I'm Dave Spencer. I'm due for a change, so here's another me!



For our COB June meeting, please check out the list below of items that would be helpful as a donation to the church (our meeting place) for area recipients.

June = Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, paper napkins) July = Condiments (canned meats, tuna, spam, spaghettios, spaghetti sauce) Aug = PICNIC NO DONATIONS Sept = Laundry products and toiletries

Also, on page 3, you will discover photos displaying our (2<sup>nd</sup>) new sponsor's place of business at 8214 Main Street, (Route 5), Williamsville, NY. Phone 7166889274

Lastly, we have many interesting upcoming activities throughout this newsletter where your attendance would be welcomed. Please consider them...

WNY COVID guides

Corvettes of Buffalo will continue to meet all guidelines to keep our members safe, with general meetings now opening. We will make an announcement if there are any changes in this.

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

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Meetings: every 2nd Saturday of the month at **First Presbyterian Church** 9675 Main St. Clarence, NY, 14031 Meeting starts 7:00 p.m. 

Visit us at: http://www.corvettesofbuffalo.com/

Send Newsletter Articles To: Dave Spencer E-Mail: c7hotrod@gmail.com Submissions must be in before the 27<sup>th</sup> Late submissions will be published the following month.



#### **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bob & Donna Harrer	1st
Skip & Maureen Polowy	6th
Mike & Lee Buccilli	13th
Dick & Sue Brownlee	21st
Jim & Lynn Kelly	24th
Lowell & Karen Rothenberger	28th
George & Karen Sparks	30th



#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Marie Fetes	1st
Ralph Nicosia	11th
Jim Fetes	13th
John Meyerhoff	21st
Paulette Krakowski	22nd
Pamm Seifert	24th
Diane Skeidi	25th
Sally Scudder	28th



## C.O.B. now has a new, additional Sponsor- Buffalo Car Care!

Below is Bob and Norma Joseph's C8 being worked on... (Editor) My C8 (as shown) also was completed with an Opti-coat Plus ceramic coating in time for the newsletter deadline. The center photo is what I found inside the car when I left. Thoughtful!



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## **2021 Corvettes of Buffalo Member Benefits Sales Benefits**

- New 2021 & 2022 Corvettes at MSRP
- \$500 off the Van Bortel price on used Corvettes
- \$500 under invoice for all other new vehicles including Chevrolet, Ford, and Subaru
- \$500 off any used vehicle at any of the Van Bortel Dealerships

### Service & Parts Benefits

- 1 Free oil change for 1 Corvette per year, excluding Corvettes with a dry sump oil system where the first 6 quarts will be free (5w30 Dexos or Mobil 1 engine oil and AC Delco engine oil filter)

- 1 Free NYS inspection for 1 Corvette per year
- 15% discount on Corvette Labor
- 15% discount on OEM GM Corvette Parts
- 15% discount on Enclosed Trailer Service
- 15% discount on OEM parts and labor for all other vehicles at any Van Bortel dealership

#### Must present your COB Membership card to receive these benefits

For any questions or more information Please contact your Corvette Team at 585-22-CHEVY at Van Bortel Corvette



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#### Make a difference in your community.

#### If I volunteer, what can I expect?

- Share your time and talents with our care receivers, who are individuals over the age of sixty.
- Select assignments that fit your schedule and interests, volunteering is flexible!
- You can support our care receivers by driving them to appointments, doing some light housekeeping and organizing, simple repairs around the house or doing yard work, friendly visits, and care giver respite.
- Volunteer as often as you wish, weekly, monthly or seasonally.
- · Volunteer Coordinators handle all of the arrangements.
- Mileage reimbursement and supplemental insurance coverage provided.

#### How do I get started?

- Enroll as a volunteer, online at www.hnhcares.org, or just call 716-406-8311 ext. 102
- Attend a 90-minute volunteer orientation, and learn all the ways you can serve.

## **Volunteers** Needed



Serving: Akron, Alden, Amherst, Clarence, Kenmore/Tonawanda, Lockport, North Tonawanda and South towns.

#### A testimonial from Carole, a volunteer:

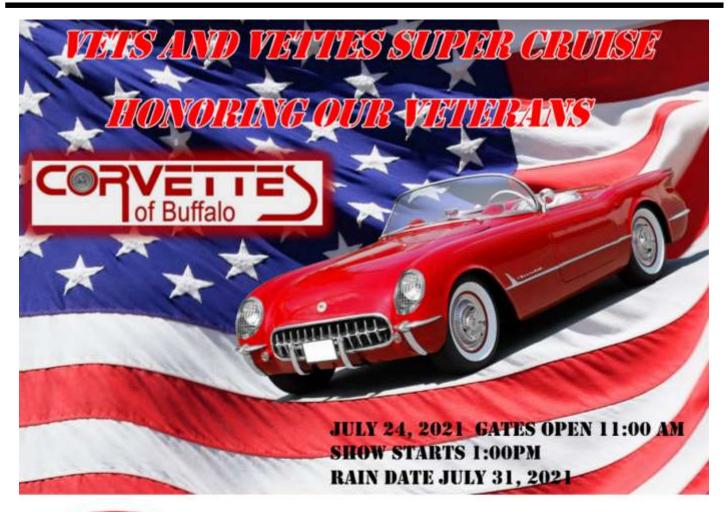
"Volunteering with Hearts and Hands has really given me purpose, and I get to meet new people which is interesting and fun. My family is grown and out on their own, but I still need to feel needed. When I get up in the morning, I know that someone is depending on me. It is so rewarding. The best part is that care receivers are so grateful for what we do to make their lives easier and less lonely. I have been a volunteer since 2003 and know that I am making a difference in my community."



Amherst, NY 14228 (716) 406-8311 www.hnhcares.org

We acknowledge the United Way of Buffalo and Eric County, Eric County Senior Services, the Niagara County Office for the Aging, NYS Office for Aging, and NYS Department of Transportation.

Hearts and Hands: Faith in Action, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization





## **ALL CORVETTE SUPER CRUISE**

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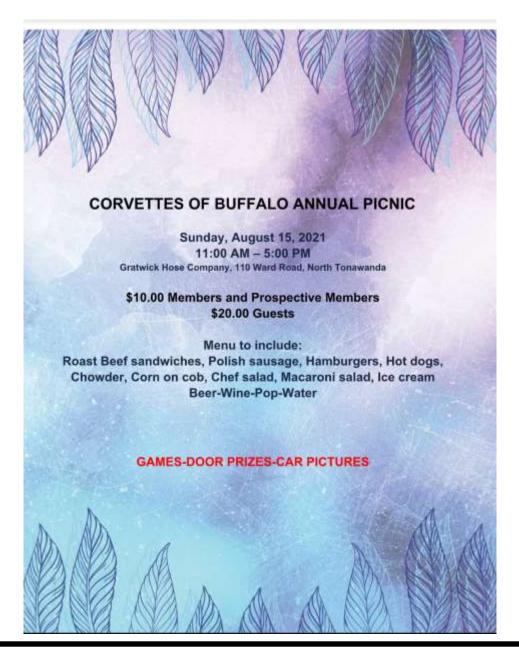
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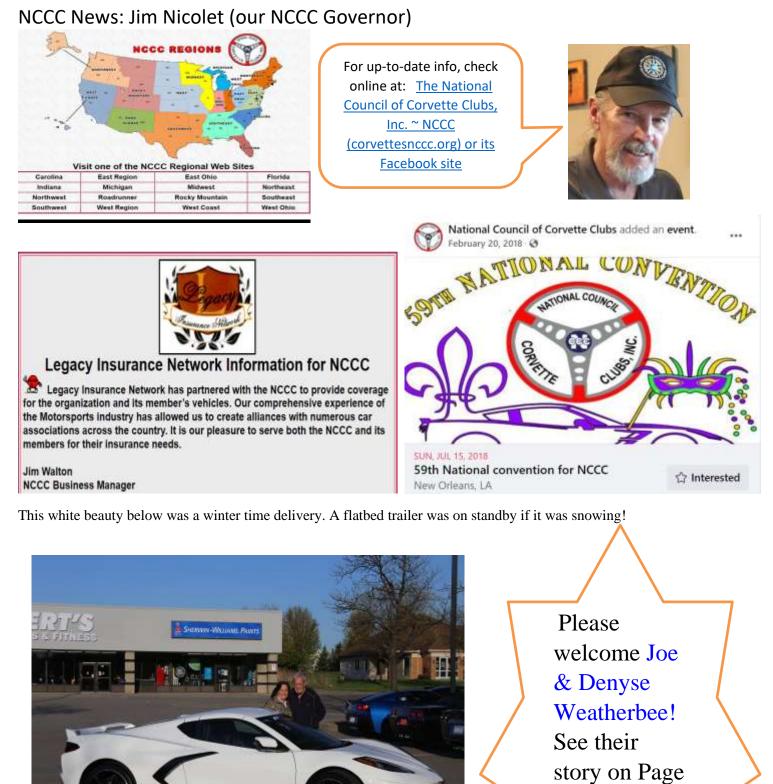


## Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Come join us for our June Dinner Cruise. Located South of Genesee St. across from Tops.



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### **Corvette Museum News: John Meyerhoff**

- Museum in Motion: Colorado Springs | July 11 15, 2021
- Museum in Motion: Northeast Ohio | August 1-6, 2021
- Le Mans Race Weekend Viewing Party | August 21 22, 20
- Museum in Motion: National Parks Tour (AZ & UT) | September 19 25, 2021
- One Lap of Kentucky | October
- Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 | November TBD
- Note: a visit to site will also show the new C8 colors and the ones they replaced:

Actually, the biggest news I have to offer is the pics of our last HCC show for the season (Florida), including MC with her car, the lineup of c-8s, the two Grand Sports in our town (mine is the NCRS Top Flight Convertible) and the Banner we had made up. As you can see, this is what keeps me busy during the winter down here.

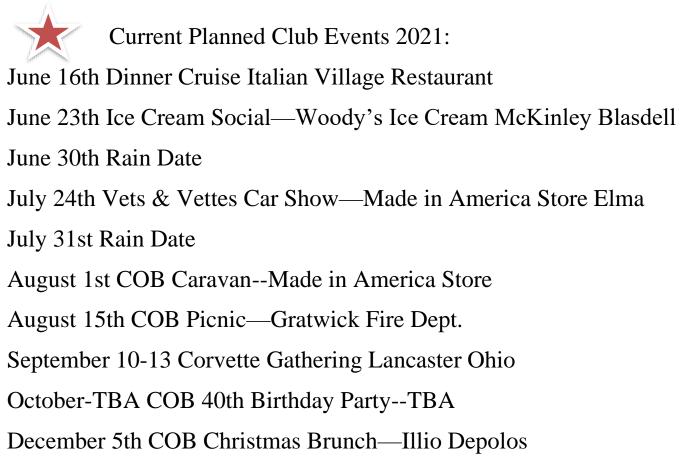
Mary Carol's enthusiasm has skyrocketed since the arrival of her Rapid Blue, which is on the front of the line. I managed to get 7 c-8s of all different colors for our show! It was a real hit! She was real nervous driving it the first week, but now she's feeling at home in it. She still has a perpetual grin on her face!!

Lots of miles; lots of smiles!



Editor: In talking with COB member Mary Carol Plott (home base Florida), I found similar C8 topics. We both like the "wilder colors", it takes a few days to absorb the operating changes of a C8, and its exterior does get noticed. Opening the fronk (hood storage space) with the key fob is a challenge, sometimes better left to using the "below the headlight" button. She also favored using the "camera view" of the inside mirror, which seems distracting at first, but so helpful after a few uses. And finally, both of us are careful to vary speeds and in general "take it easy" on the car during the 500 mile break-in period.







Sad note: famed WNY disc jockey Tommy Shannon recently passed away from pancreatic cancer. Did you know he was loved by so many and drove a light blue and silver Corvette?







Door Prizes 50/50 Split

Registration Includes: Coffee & Donuts, Event Plaque & Luncheon Mail registration form & check payable to: Corvettes of Buffalo C/O Jim Kuczmarski 170 N. Harvest St. Williamsville NY 14221 \*\*\* NO Later than July 17, 2021 Note: Confirmation of your registration will be done by E-Mail.

Cancelled check is your receipt of registration, unless you pay by cash.

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## September 11, 2001...911. "Lest we Forget."

The RCC and Van Bortel Chevrolet remember that fateful day. A very special day of remembrance for all the victims and first responders who rescued survivors and saved lives. We will also tell the untold stories of bravery that took place. We will honor the members of the U.S. Coast Guard. They served with purpose and devotion to duty while accomplishing the single greatest rescue in the history of Naval Annals. The RCC and Van Bortel Chevrolet invite the RCC membership and guests to join them in remembrance on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Van Bortel Chevrolet Dealership on the 20th anniversary of that fateful day.

#### NOTE:

This (on the left) is from the Rochester Car Club and is included for your information. I will talk about it at this month's meeting. Our wish is to have a good member turnout for this event!

Bob

RCC Club members, the committee needs help from it's members for a special display to take place at this event. We need: 21 Blue Corvettes, 37 Red Corvettes and 33 White Corvettes, any year, C1 through C8. PLEASE let us know! WE NEED COMMITMENTS

Contacts:

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## <u>Lancaster Ohio Road Trip –</u> <u>Bob & Norma</u>

We will head down to Lancaster Ohio on Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> and be returning on Monday the 13th. We. Have 10 rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Express (740-654-4445) in the name of **Buffalo Corvette Club** on a first come basis. Please reserve early as not to be left out.



On the Road to Ohio's Largest All Corvette Show - September 12, 2021

www.OhioCorvetteClubAlliance.org	
Show Time: SUNDAY 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Registration \$	15
16th Anniversary Commemorative award to all registrants	
Door Prizes, Silent Auctions, Multiple 50/50 drawings, Stan the Man at the D.	J. Turntable
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www.VisitFairfieldCounty.org www.DestinationDowntownLancaster	.com
GPS: Use 130 S. Broad St, Lancaster, OH 43130 for entry point	
Lodging at: Holiday Inn Express 740-654-4445, Other hotels are available	in the area.

Special Saturday events if you are in early; contact us for details Saturday: BBQ, Road Tour & Evening Wine & Cheese Party @ Holiday Inn Express.

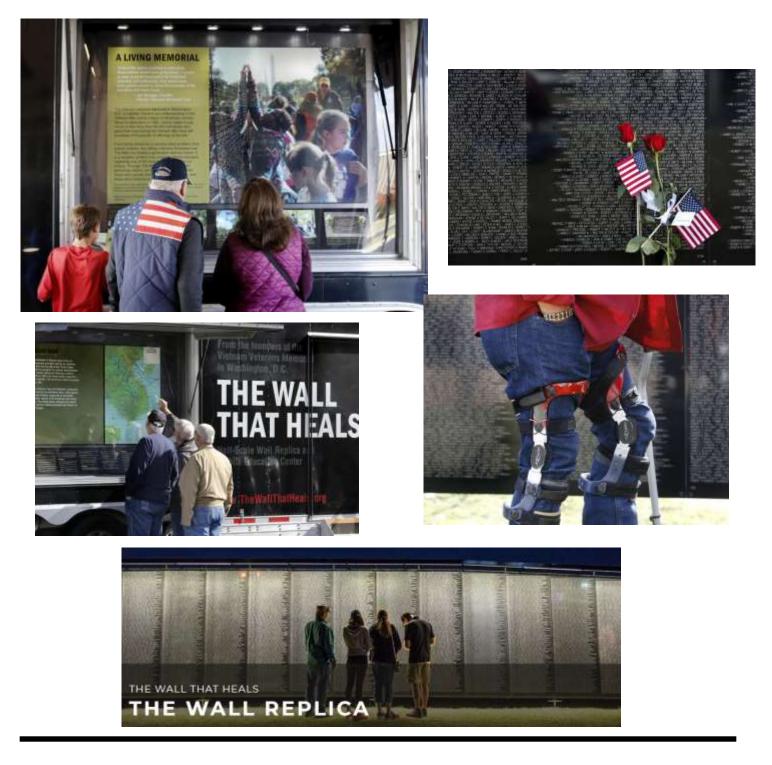
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#### John Heffernan:

Below is an article for consideration in the COB newsletter. I'm on the Board of Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 77 and we are sponsoring THE WALL THAT HEALS.

**The Wall That Heals** will be visiting Western New York July 22-25, 2021 at Veterans Park, 777 Niagara Street Tonawanda NY. This is next to the VVA Memorial and our Cobra Helicopter. It is a 3/4 scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC. The Wall travels throughout the United States allowing thousands of Vietnam Veterans and their families to see the Wall to honor their service. The 53-foot trailer that carries The Wall transforms to become a mobile Education Center. The exterior of the trailer features a timeline of the "The War and The Wall" and provides additional information about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC. Chapter 77 is managing The Wall That Heals and it will be manned by Chapter 77 members 24 hours a day. History says to expect 10,000 to 15,000 visitors.



#### Prospective Members: Joe & Denyse Weatherbee





Let me tell you about our 2020 corvette. We went to the car show in Buffalo and saw the 2020 corvette. It was love at first sight. We went home and talked about it and decided why not.

Ordering a corvette is not like ordering a regular car. The dealers have allotments and once they are met, they cannot take any further orders. I called several dealers and was told they could not take anymore 2020 orders. My last shot was Fuccillo on Grand Island and he had one left. We went there and placed the order 2LT Arctic White (G8G), Jet Black Leather interior, 251 performance package, E60 Front Lift memory, plus options ER1, Q8Q, SPZ, VQR, and VYW. They said two to three months (this was early March).

During this time Chevrolet went on strike, then corvid19 hit. The cutoff date for orders was March 17th. We barely made the cut off. Then they said they were not going to fill all the orders. Friends had ordered a corvette convertible before we ordered ours and they were told it was not going to be built. We got word in June that they were going to make my car, since it just made the cut off. We waited and waited and kept emailing the Corvette Concierge to get any updates. Nothing. Then at the end of November, they said it was in production. December came and they said it was shipped to the dealer. On Monday, a week before Christmas the dealer contacted us and said the car came in and I could pick it up Wednesday after 5. December in Buffalo can be tricky, so I checked the weather and a snow storm was due on Thursday.

On Wednesday we got to the dealer at 4:38, they showed us the car and you can't help but fall in love with it, but now the paper work had to be completed. With all the paper work and the BS, it was around 9PM. They of course, want to go home and I want to get the car in storage. The salesman said we will go over the car when I bring it back with 500 miles. He showed me how to start it, put it in drive and backup.

So, off I go with my wife following me home. We get home and I can't get out, I can't even open the door. I'm looking for the door handle and it was nowhere to be found. I rolled the window down and told my wife I can't get out, because I don't know where the door handle is. She looked at me and said "crawl out the window" ... ha ha. She then opened the door and I found a button that you needed to push. So, this is how it sat all winter until March. Joe



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## Anderson's Ice cream Social



## **Coming soon: Woody's Ice Cream Social**



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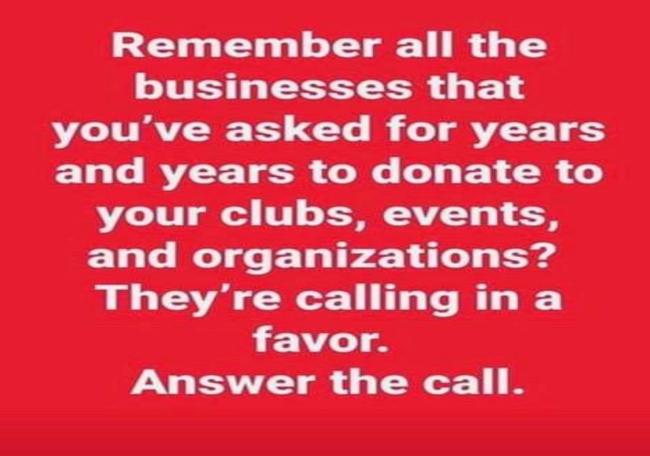










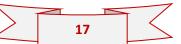


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Remember, buy American if you can! Just look what they did with the Corvette!





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C.O.B. wishes to continue its thanks to the companies below. Their past charitable help was greatly appreciated!

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A Review: Greek and Mediterranean cuisines are recommended to taste at this **restaurant**. Order mouthwatering chicken souvlaki, doner kebabs and souvlakia. **Olive Tree** offers you perfectly cooked pudding, pancakes and ice cream. Try the delicious coffee offered here.. The cozy atmosphere of this place allows guests to relax after a hard working day. 

Wednesday	7 AM - 11 PM
Thursday	7 AM - 11 PM
Friday	7 AM - 11 PM
Saturday	7 AM - 11 PM
Sunday	7 AM - 11 PM
Monday	7 AM - 11 PM
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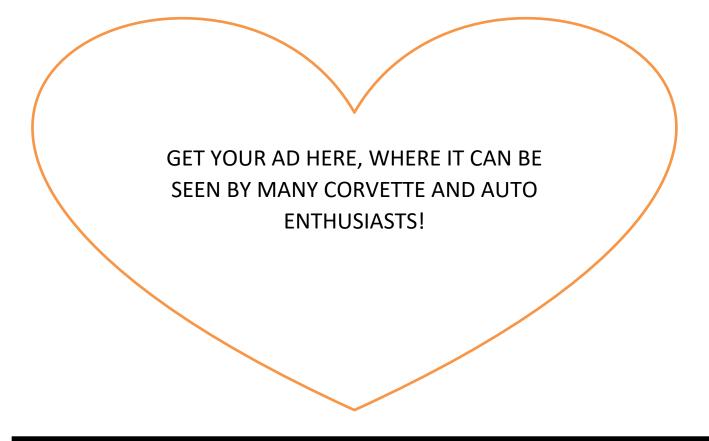


#### **AAA Inspector Notes**

Fine dining meets unsurpassed hospitality at this elegant restaurant. Offering quality steaks and seafoods including the ever-popular cold shellfish tower for two with one-half rock lobster tail, King crab legs, oysters, littleneck clams and jumbo shrimp. The 16-ounce New York strip steak, 28-ounce bone-in rib-eye, 14-ounce center-cut pork chop, New Zealand lamb or Atlantic salmon top the list of favorites. Enjoy a cocktail in the high-energy lounge.



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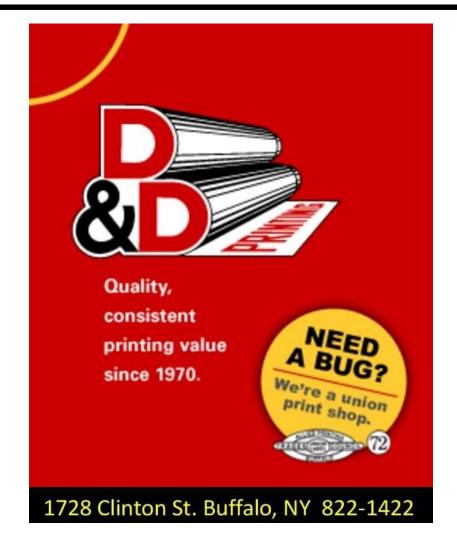




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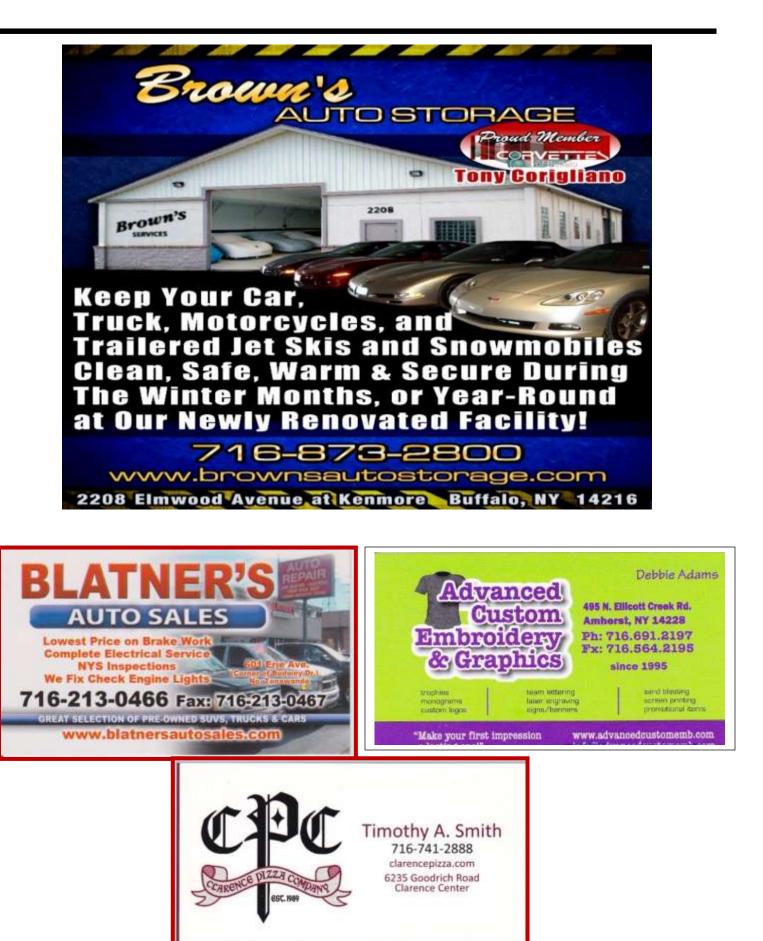


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