

SEPTEMBER 2021



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PRESIDENT BOB SPEAKS:

The month of August turned out to be a busy one for the club. The biggest news was the 17 th Annual Caravan. Kevin Horan and Jim Kuczmarski teamed up to put on another successful event. Again, we were able to support Kids Escaping Drugs in a big way by raising over \$19,000. I want to thank Kevin, Jim and everyone associated with the caravan for their efforts and all our sponsors for their financial support to make the Caravan a success. A big Thank you goes out to Karen and George Sparks. Their Dinner Cruise at Denny's South was a great success with over 40 members in attendance. They also organized our annual Picnic at Gratwick Hose for the second year that was again well attended on a day of perfect weather. It was good to see our club's support as club members turned out in force for the WNYCC cruise night at West Herr Chevrolet. Everyone enjoyed a night of conversation that was unfortunately cut short by approaching rainstorms. I personally want to Thank everyone who attended the Dinner Cruise at The Olive Tree Restaurant. Forty-six members came out in support of a business that has stepped up in support of our club in the past 2 years. Keep in mind that Club dues are due at the September meeting. Nominations will also open for election of club officers for the 2022 year. Please consider getting involved if not in an officer position but as a board member. Remember the club is only as good as the involvement of its members.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi – I'm Dave Spencer! Another month with summer going fast!



- A tribute to Diane Skeide on page 7 (RIP).
- Also, for those not aware of the memo: Our prayers go out to Joyce and Tony Corigliano. Joyce's mom, Delores Reitmeier, passed away on August 20th. "Mother's hold their children's hands for a while, but their hearts forever."

Pages 21 and 22 are "Free for All" pages: feel free to contribute for future issues!

My take on our visit to the Olive Tree Restaurant on 08/17: a huge variety of choices and a place you can't wait to visit again!

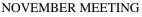
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Late submissions will be published the following month.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

11th Kevin & Val Horan

15th Harry & Lorry Kwiek

15th Bob & Midge Woodley

16th Bob & Joan Meegan

18th Tony & Joyce Coriigliano

25th Mel & Diane (RIP) Skeidi





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

1st John Kowalske

1st Peter Ricigliano

7th Lee Buccilli

7th Richard Miller

10th Barbara Lipome

12th Barbara Singer

14th Leon Kuczmarski

14th Lowell Rothenberger

17th Frank Oster

25th Terry Decker

27th Kevin Horan

29th Jim Kelly

29th Fran Woodley

Currently Planned COB Activities:

September 5th – Classics on Niagara, Meet at Tops 8:15 (see Flyer page 4)

September 8th – Grant's Toy Farm event, Meet 3:30 pm at

7053 Draper Rd, Akron; visit Toy Farm, (7pm) with a "Lock 34"

dinner afterwards -

Pamm Seifert



September 11th – Van Bortel/Rochester Corvette Club, 9/11 Display

September 10-13 Corvette Gathering, Lancaster, Ohio (see Flyer page 4)

(We will head down to Lancaster Ohio on Friday September 10th and returning on Monday the 13th. We. Have 10 rooms (2 rooms left now) 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. Bob and Norma Joseph...)

September 13^{th -} Fall Cruise WNYCC, VFW, Walden Ave.

September 18th – Regular Meeting – Nominations, New Date!

September 22nd – Last Ice Cream Social of the season, Anderson's Custard

September 25th – (NEW) COB Fall Cruise to Sprague Maple Farm (see Flyer page 5)

September 29th – Dinner Cruise – Uncle Joe's in Hamburg (See below)

October 9^{th} – Regular Meeting – Nominations

October 17th - COB 40th Birthday Party, Banchetti's Hall, 5-9 pm (see Flyer page 9)

November 13th - Regular Meeting – Elections

December 5th – Christmas Brunch – Illio Depolos

(see Flyer page 5)

Lee Buccilli



SEPTEMBER DINNER CRUISE

AT

UNCLE JOE'S DINNER

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ON

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 6:00 PM

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THERE WILL BE SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE MEETINGS, IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE THE MEETINGS PLEASE EMAIL LEE BUCCILLI AT <u>CYBER06@VERIZON.NET</u>



Requested Church Pantry Donations.... Thank you!

SEPTEMBER - laundry products and toiletries

OCTOBER – dinner food (boxed dinners, boxed potatoes, rice, hamburger helper) NOVEMBER – UNWRAPPED TOY

COB members —please consider bringing a toy for the November donation to the church congregation. Do not wrap the toy and leave it in the vestibule of the church as you enter. (DO NOT BRING ANY DONATION TO THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH).

DECEMBER – LUNCHEON – NO DONATIONS



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

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COB Fall Cruise to Sprague Maple Farm 1048 Portville-Obi Road Portville, NY 14770 Saturday September 25, 2021

- 1. Depart from via caravan Made in America Store in Elma 11 AM
- 2. Travel via Route NY 16 South to Portville NY

(approx. 62.8 miles 1 hour 29 minutes according to Google maps)

- 3. Arrival at Sprague at 1 PM
- 4. Lunch and shopping at your leisure
- 5. Depart approx. 3 PM

THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

Sign up sheets available at September meeting.

OR contact George Sparks 716 432-8799

buffalogeorge@gmail.com

PLEASE, PLEASE Sign up if you intend to come so we can let the restaurant know and they can plan accordingly. Don't feel bad if you need to cancel. COB looks bad if we reserve for 40 and only 20 show up!



17th Annual Caravan

Thank You COB for the beautiful recognition awards to be presented to our Corporate Sponsors that supported our annual charity fundraiser for the Kids Escaping Drugs campaign 2021. Together these Corporate Sponsors donated over \$16,500 to our Caravan fundraiser.

Skip Polowy



I want to Thank Skip Polowy for his efforts again to raise this amount of money for KED and to Kevin Horan and Jim Kuczmarski for putting together another successful event that raised over \$19,000 for Kids Escaping Drugs.

Bob Joseph

COB Loses Yet Another Friend

It seems that Corvettes of Buffalo keeps losing some of our beloved members. Diane Skeide passed away on July 27, 2021. We knew she had been dealing with some painful health issues for some time but I, for one, was not prepared to lose such a good friend so soon. Diane was one of eight children. She (with Mel) had two children, Brian Skeide and Kimberly Lauber. Our continued thoughts of sympathy go out to her family. We are grateful we in Corvettes of Buffalo had Diane to know and love for so many years.

Diane and Mel were fixtures in Corvettes of Buffalo. Mel served as treasurer for many years and Diane was secretary for a short time. She also helped me with the Sunshine Committee. More importantly, Diane was a good friend to so many of our members. <u>Our relationship</u> became even stronger because of our similar physical appearance. We were both short and had the classic white hair. People often mistook us for each other calling us by the other one's name. We even had to tell store salespeople we met on COB's Carnival Cruise that not only were we <u>not</u> twins, we were not even sisters. That's when Diane started calling us the Bobbsey Twins. The funniest mistake came when we attended her daughter, Kim's, wedding. Lowell and I were waiting in the back of the church to be seated but the ushers kept ignoring us. Finally, I asked if we could be seated and the usher replied that the bride wasn't ready yet. That's when I realized that he thought I was the mother-of-the-bride. "I'm not Kim's mother," I told him. When Diane finally appeared, she backed me up explaining that she was indeed the mother-of-the-bride!

Diane's favorite Corvette was her 2001 C-5 coupe. She often drove it to events when Mel drove his 1958 C-1.

To quote Helen Lowrie Marshall, "I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave behind when day is done." We will remember you, Diane, with a few tears but mostly with smiles and laughter.





Karen Rothenberger











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Van Bortel



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Sunday October 17th 5-9pm

\$15.00 Per Member/Perspective \$20.00 Guest Payment Due by September Meeting

The National Corvette Museum opened its doors to the world on Labor Day weekend in 1994, since then it has become known as the gateway to all things Corvette. When the Museum first expanded in 2009 and almost doubled its size, it allowed for guests to experience the excitement, color, and adventure that are Corvette. Website: National Corvette Museum – Home of America's Sports Car

- NCM 27th Anniversary Celebration | September 2 4, 2021
- Museum in Motion: National Parks Tour (AZ & UT) | September 19 25, 2021
- One Lap of Kentucky Tour 1 September 27th
- Lap of Kentucky Tour 2 October 4th
- Lap of Kentucky Tour 3 October 11th
- Lap of Kentucky Tour 4 October 18th
- Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 | November 4th
- 2022 9-day Caribbean Cruise April 15th

NCCC News: Jim Brett (our NCCC Governor)

For up-to-date info, check:

The National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. ~ NCCC (corvettesnccc.org) or its Facebook site





COB Membership Lists and Information

It's that time of year again when members and prospective members can up-date their information for our membership lists. Please check your information on our website under "Members Only". If you have changed Corvettes (bought new or sold older Vettes), changed your address, phone number or e-mail address, please let me know by e-mail (karen4roth@verizon.net) or phone (716) 675-9467 and I will make those changes. Thank you. Karen Rothenbeger

As required by the COB by-laws election procedures are required to be posted in the August Newsletter.

Article Thirteen: Elections:

- 1. The attendance record for the year's meeting/activities in lieu of meetings will be recorded in the September newsletter for all members eligible to be nominated for any officer or Board po sit io n.
- Election procedures will be published in the August newsletter for member review
- 3. The election process for officers and board members is as follows:
- a.) **September Business Meeting** Nominations for office. Those members named will have the opportunity to either accept or decline each position to which they have been nominated.
- b.) October Business Meeting Nominations may be reopened by a majority vote of the members in attendance as long as the person(s) to be nominated is (are) present at this meeting. Those members named will have the opportunity to either accept or decline each position to which they have been nominated, after which nominations are closed. Individuals nominated in September and not able to appear at the October business meeting must arrange to submit their decision, in writing, to the President. If this notification is not received prior to the October meeting, the member's name will be removed from the ballot. Those "accepting" are to submit an article, to be published in the November newsletter, outlining their qualifications, accomplishments, goals, etc. for the particular office, which they desire to hold.
- c.) **November Business Meeting** Elections by written, secret ballot. Names of members running for, but not elected to the office of president will automatically be placed on the ballot for vice president, if he/she desires. Additionally, the names of members running for vice- president, but not elected to the office of Vice-President will automatically be placed on the ballot for Board of Directors, if he/she desires.
- d.) **Proxy vote** a vote by proxy must be submitted to an officer or Board of Director member in order to be recognized. The vote must be received in a sealed envelope.

Fellow COB Members,

Please consider this my announcement to run for the board of directors of our club. I have enjoyed being on the board for this past year and feel that I have contributed to the betterment of the club in several ways. With the experience of one year under my belt, I feel I can continue to be more effective in the future. There is always more to be done and I feel that I can work with club members and the board to get things done. I would appreciate your vote and to have the opportunity to serve the club as a board member for another year. Thanks for your support.

James kuczmarski

Board of Directors Nominations:

Many of you know me as the editor of our club newsletter. As a present board member, I will accept another nomination if it is your wish. The newsletter does give me a unique spot to oversee club activities and agenda and gain some perspective on them. My partner Bernadette and I do, however, spend January - April in Florida, where I also continue the newsletters each month. I plan to continue board meetings during those months by phone if reelected to this position..... Dave Spencer

Nomination for the Board of Directors – Terry Decker

Please consider this as my nomination to run for the Board of Directors of the Corvettes of Buffalo.

There are many ways and activities that COB members can contribute to the Club. I have chosen to run for the Board of Directors after half a year filling the position of my husband after his passing. Together we chaired the picnic (yes, the infamous water balloon fights) for two years and co-chaired the Christmas luncheon for two years. Jim also managed the sponsor advertising for the newsletter and web page, a task that I now fulfill. I feel I am doing my part in contributing to making our Club enjoyable for all from our monthly dinners to the caravan to ice cream socials.

I'm sure I will continue to enjoy the camaraderie and friendships of the club members as I attend Club activities in our Night Race Blue C7 convertible whether in the Board position or not.

I would appreciate your continued support as I seek the Board position.

Terry Decker



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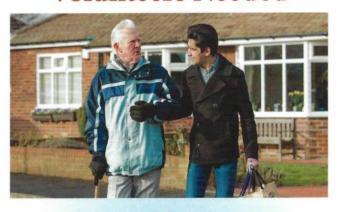
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Danny's South Restaurant Experience 07/28:

Too late for last month's newsletter, another COB get together meal at 4300 Abbott Road, Orchard Park. My personal opinion, the salad bar was a sure hit, along with the other varied menu choices. Dave Spencer















Made in America Caravan (a really WET start) 08/01:















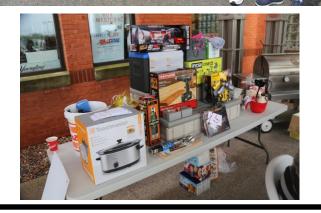












WNYCC 16th Annual Cruise Night 08/11





























COB Picnic at Gratwick Hose Fire Co. 08/15



































COB dining at the Olive Tree Restaurant 08/17

Olive Tree in Lancaster, one of our advertisers, was host to a bunch of us and we were made to feel very welcome. The menu was extensive with many popular good value choices. The delicious pot roast Lowell (across from me) and I chose came on large platters with generous veggies and lots of gravy. Even with a number of other patrons there, the staff was efficient and friendly. One topic of dinner conversation was Karen's decision to pull their red Corvette into a parking space rather than back in as Lowell does (see photo). Briefly it was "men are from Mars and women are from Venus" logic, but an arriving C7 added to Karen's position. What would YOU do?













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

Gary.... Rosie and I have been very busy with club activities last week and this whole month. Last Saturday a trip to Lime Lake, Sunday 60 mile caravan with Chicken dinner, Monday cruise night, Tues cruise night, Wednesday drag racing, Thursday rain and rest, Friday church cruise, Saturday Ocott town cruise by the lake.

This from ENGLAND, where Pete's Corvette landed... Hi Peter, hope all well in buffalo, been working on the new workshop this week, going to be a long job to get it how I want. I am selling the beach buggy as I hardly use it and I have the corvette now so it has taken a back seat. Took the vette for a cruise to Newquay a few evenings ago (bottom right), watched the sun go down over a hot chocolate in the Headland hotel and then took a couple of pics in the local golf club as it was floodlit so a good photo opportunity (bottom middle). Got to get the floors and doors sorted on the workshop so the buggy money will help toward the cost.

All the best for now Pete, take care. Your friend Gary.

August 22nd: Hi peter and hi to all the club members. The new home for the 72 is slowly taking shape. I have been starting to dismantle the old shed inside the new one. The Harley Davidson and the dune buggy have gone to owners new. I have hardly used them since the corvette arrived and the money will help in finishing the workshop / garage/ mancave. Lots to do yet including wiring, floors and doors. I will keep you posted of progress. Took the vette for a run this evening, take care all, farewell from Gary in the UK.



















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Thank You to George & Karen Sparks, Mike Buccilli of Corvettes of Buffalo and our daughter Danielle and son-in-law Rickie and cousin Shannon for coming out on Saturday at the KED booth at the fair to help raise money by having fair goers spin the wheel to win prizes. We had a lot of fun again this year and brought in a lot of money for KED. Great job to a real fun group.

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AAA Inspector Notes

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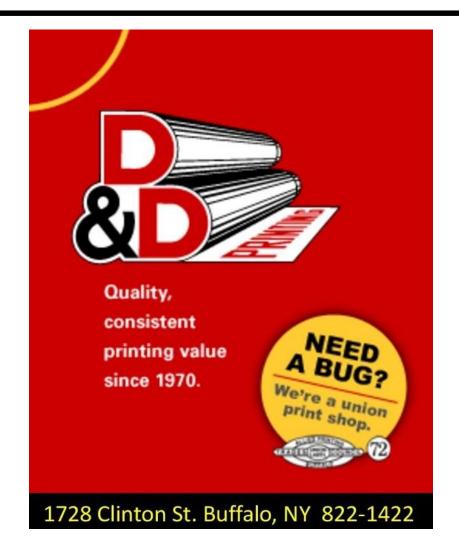
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