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STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE, and Save the Wave!

PRESIDENT BOB SPEAKS:

The month of July started out with the club participating in the annual Grand Island Fourth of July parade. Thank You, Marianne & Frank Pastore for organizing the day, with our members meeting at Burger King for Breakfast and lunch at Solidays in Niagara Falls after the parade. We also had a good turnout for the St. John's Car show in Alden. Unfortunately, as with many events in July, rain put an early end to the evening. The Ice Cream Social this month organized by Jim Kuczmarski had a large turnout. Everyone sat and enjoyed each other's company till almost dusk. Sadly, Jim needed to be out of town but "Thanks Jim" for putting this one together. The Vets and Vettes Super Cruise was also under the shadow, or should I say, clouds with an unfavorable weather forecast. Thunderstorms were possible near the end of the show. The weather held out and we were able to present the awards with only a few raindrops as people were leaving. I want to Thank my Co-Chairman Mike Buccilli and especially every club member who volunteered to help to put on the show. Without your help, there is no way this show can be accomplished. Even though the attendance numbers were lower than we hoped, we were able to raise over \$1300.00 for Buffalo Niagara Honor Flight. Way to go everyone! We will end the month with a dinner cruise to Danny's South, put together by Karen and George Sparks. I hear that they have 40 members signed up. Should be another great evening.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi – I'm Dave Spencer! Please note that our 17th COB Caravan is August 1st!



Pages 19 and 20 are "Free for All" pages, where you will notice email excerpts from Gary in England and our own Pete Ricigliano. Why did I include these? It's to show that Corvette enthusiasts are worldwide and the friendships the Corvette inspires are often lasting ones. Neither of these men have met the other in person, yet reading the emails is touching. When Pete first responded to the overseas offer, it was a big leap in faith and the possible loss of funds for both men. There were problems, but honesty and faith in others solved them. I like what I read in the conversations.... I hope you do too. Even though our group left "Merry Ole England" a long time ago, it's interesting to hear how they explain things.

You will find lots of photos in this issue... enjoy, but even more interesting is being at the events. HINT: and for those that are, I will never refuse any photos or writeups after an event.



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<u>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:</u>

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15th Bruce & Ruth Mussehl

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27th Kevin & Holly Wyse



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Currently Planned COB Activities:

- August 1st COB Caravan Made in America Store (See Flyer pg.5)
- August 6th St. Gabriel's Super Cruise 5-9pm
- August 10th Ice Cream Social Great Lakes Station, West Seneca (see Flyer pg.4)
- August 11th WNYCC 16TH Annual Cruise Night, West Herr (Rain date August 18th)
- August 15th COB Picnic and Meeting Gratwick Fire Dept. (See Flyer pg.5)
- August 17th Dinner Cruise, Olive Tree Restaurant in Lancaster (see Flyer pg.9)
- August 26-28th Corvettes at Carlisle
- September 5th Classics on Niagara, Meet at Tops 8:15 (see Flyer pg.5)
- September 8th Grant's Toy Farm 3:30pm (see below)
- September 11th Van Bortel/Rochester Corvette Club, 9/11 Display
- September 10-13 Corvette Gathering, Lancaster, Ohio (see Flyer pg.5)

(We will head down to Lancaster Ohio on Friday September 10th and returning on Monday the 13th. We. Have 10 rooms (3 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...)

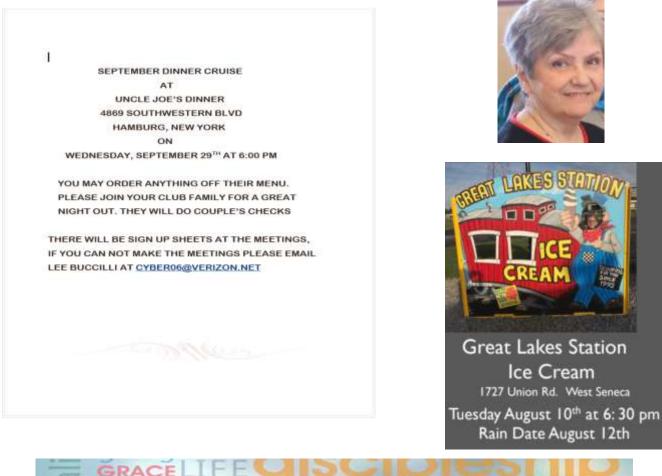
- September 13^{th -} Fall Cruise WNYCC, Walden Ave.
- September 18th Regular Meeting Nominations, New Date!
- September 22nd Last Ice Cream Social of the season, Anderson's Custard
- September 29th Dinner Cruise Uncle Joe's in Hamburg (See Lee's Flyer pg.4)
- October 9th Regular Meeting Nominations
- October 17th COB 40th Birthday Party, Banchetti's Hall, 5-9pm (see Flyer pg.9)
- November 13th ⁻ Regular Meeting Elections
- December 5th Christmas Brunch Illio Depolos
- Note: September 8th event, Grant's Toy Farm is in the planning stages, but here are some details: Meet 3:30 pm at 7053 Draper Rd, Akron; visit

Toy Farm, (7pm) with a "Lock 34" dinner afterwards – Pamm Seifert





And here is info from Lee Buccilli for another relaxing meal with your COB friends!





Requested Church Pantry Donations.... Thank you!

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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





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Photos taken at the Made in America show 06/25

(Too late for publishing in July)





More photos of this event to follow! Note: no Corvettes were pulled over by this police car During the event...



























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

Article Thirteen: Elections:

- 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.



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Corvette Museum News: John Meyerhoff



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: <u>National Corvette Museum – Home of America's Sports Car</u>

- Le Mans Race Weekend Viewing Party | August 21 22, 2021
- NCM 27th Anniversary Celebration | September 2 4, 2021
- 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

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



ULTIMATE LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS



07/24 Vets and Vettes Car Show: Dave Spencer

Camera ready, I arrived Before the appointed 10AM time requested, but setup activities were already underway. Rain was expected later that afternoon, so you always wonder who will be saying "my car is spotless from cleaning, I'll pass on going because it might rain". So, it was a beautiful sight as Corvette after Corvette rolled into the "Made in America" site.

I confess, I love to talk to the owners about their cars. It doesn't matter the year or options, but generally most of the cars have something different that I wish to learn about. It could be as simple as dozens of bugs clinging to a yellow Corvette. You see, I owned such a C7 and I loved the color, but in a grassy setting, the tiny bugs did too.

Before I go much further, I want to thank the Western New York Corvette Club, also an area club. Their attendance is always welcome and helpful. I also wish to comment on the attending cars, a number of them driven here by former Armed Forces veterans, to whom we thank for their service to our country.

Note: more photos of this event to be included in the next COB newsletter. The event did allow for a check for \$1200, (plus other funds), given with our thanks to the Buffalo Niagara Honor Flight group, a veteran's organization.







Below: some of the attending veterans pose for a photo!





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Grand Island Adventure 07/03:

An Independence Day celebration: this started with a Burger King meet on Grand Island, after which we lined up on Grand Island Blvd. for the parade start. Much attention was given to the cars, which necessitated honoring the "rev it up" requests we constantly got. There was lots of waving from and at the crowds, which lined both sides of the road. Marching bands, civic groups, and individuals walked behind and ahead of the cars. Candies were "Bee"ing tossed from at least one of our cars, since we had no rules against it explained beforehand. The children loved them. We found out later, "must not do that"!

Afterwards, it was a quick stop in a plaza parking lot and then on to Solidays Restaurant (a favorite of the Pastores' below) on Ward Road in Niagara Falls. The food was delicious, a bargain, and large portions were the rule, with a very complete menu.

Then it was on to the train depot, courtesy of Frank (and Marianne) Pastore. What we discovered in their basement was a massive miniature train layout that spanned several rooms (one of several stops on a registry for model train enthusiasts). It's been Frank's hobby since his youth and it shows. He has a freelance H.O. display "Allegheny Central", which is 1/87 actual size.

Buildings, tunnels, landscapes, bridges, automobiles, signs, lights, and train components were everywhere. Do you need a bill of lading for that coal shipment picked up in one location and transported to a factory furnace somewhere else? It's there in the sleeve by the track. Then there's the doorway swing bridge that connects one track to another, an engineering feat considering the tiny track must lock in perfect. To keep everything running well, Frank has a complete workshop area. Had he been born 100 years earlier, I can guess what he would have been doing! Dave Spencer

































Alden Festival 07/09:

It was calling for rain later when we pulled into the Alden St. John's Cruz Night, but still a good turnout of Corvettes showed. Being parked next to a cemetery stone wall was probably a new experience, but with music playing in the arena, no unusual sounds could be heard from behind us. All entrants were given a ticket number, which did win me a pick of prizes in the welcome tent. Behind that was a beer tent and another selling full dinners or a la carte hot dogs, hamburgers, and such. I managed to wander about, talk to mainly Corvette owners, and shoot a few pictures. It's always interesting to hear what challenges owners of older Corvettes have in updating or restoring their pride and joy. Since my first Corvette was an almost new '71 LT-1 roadster, I'm reminded that I have as many miles on me as do these classics.

Dave Spencer













Nina's Custard Visit 07/14

In Getzville at 2577 Millersport Hwy, you can satisfy your sweet tooth or get a tasty meal here. The owner, whom I talked to, has owned Corvettes for many years. His mostly black C8 left before I was able to get a picture, but we were able to have a nice conversation about the options we each had on the cars. As I recall, he still owns at least several older corvettes also. Of course, if you want to see a standout older Corvette, look no further that Skip & Maureen's '67 blue roadster.

As the last of the C2 generation, the 1967 is highly praised and prized, and that one is no exception! Dave Spencer

Note: In a discussion with Kevin Wyse, he mentioned A radical and wild Corvette Valarra design that might also be in his future. It's one I hadn't seen before. I think Holly's on board with it. Ask him about it....





















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

Gary. Haven't heard anything from you and wondered if you found the problem with the 72 yet? Weather here has given us a lot of time to drive to Cruise nights and put miles on our C7. You can check out the events and places we attended by going to WNY Corvette Club or the COB site and click to see pictures (Editor's Note: Pete is in both clubs). My vette friends ask my how you are doing over there when we do lunch every week. Please keep me posted on your progress. Your friend, Pete

This from ENGLAND, where Pete's Corvette landed...

Hi Peter, sorry I have been a bit distant lately but busy with work and diy. New shed up but no floors or doors yet, have to take the old shed down inside the new one. State of play with the vette is I have all the bits needed now, bar some french locking tabs for the mainshaft bearing support bolts. I have bought a complete gearbox rebuild kit so I can send the box away to be gone through. Although it all works and changes gear perfectly it has this big oil leak from the bolt that rattled out and it also weeps a bit from the shift lever seals. So, it will come back dry and with new bearings, synchro rings, seals and gaskets. It just makes sense to do it all as it has to come out anyway. The car is worth it. I can use it sparingly and locally till I do the job. We have a Muncie box specialist a few hundred miles away so i will run it up to him. This orange vette pic (See below) was sent to me by a friend who saw it trying to cool down whilst waiting for a river ferry near Plymouth. He is in the SW branch of our national vette club. Mine /ours seems to run cool as a cucumber so very reassuring.

Great to hear from you Pete, glad you well and getting out on some runs. Love my 72 and gives me so much pleasure owning it even if not driving as much yet as I hoped. But once this little issue is sorted it will be an even better car. People stop and stare, hoot or wave whenever I take her out.

Lovely to hear from you Peter, my best wishes to all the family. C2 pics sometime please. Take care, your friend, Gary.

Hi Peter, 40 miles around the north coast today, she is driving real well, big flat spot gone You were right, she prefers the idle at 850rpm, love driving this car, you can't park it and walk away without having a few sneaky looks over your shoulder. Still can't quite believe she's mine (and still a bit yours)

Hope you all well, Europe seem to be heading for a third wave, we are doing well with the vaccination program, Stay safe, your friend, Gary.

Gary Thanks the pictures and good to hear from you again. You did wonders to the paint on the 72 and it looks better then when I had it. I will give a report to the Vette guys at breakfast Friday Stay safe, Pete

Thanks, Pete, yes, the sanding and re polishing has got rid of most of the shrinkage in the lacquer. There was a good depth on the car so plenty to play with and was a very pleasing outcome. It looks stunning in the picture in early evening half-light.

Gary, Glad you and others are enjoying the 72. The best part of having a corvette is driving it and watching the reaction of other people watching you driving it. I used to clean and show the older Vettes I had, but now just driving is more fun. If doesn't matter how old or new they because they draw people all the time. Save the wave for me... Your friend Pete

Well, Pete, the car was looking so good that last evening Jilly and I took the vette to Charletown, a little harbour built in 1750 to service the local tin mines and later china clay pits. The evening was still and a balmy 22 degrees (Celsius) so off came the tops and out came the rear window, a gentle cruise down, I had forgotten what a people magnet the corvette is, so many photos and selfies, questions and compliments on what a beauty she is. As we drove out of the port there were folk filming, waving and commenting on how lovely the car is. A great evening. Love this car Pete...





FREE FOR ALL PAGE: MAKE IT INTERESTING

Sent in by Mike Blum, this details a solution to his C7 fuel door that wouldn't open:

Stopped at BJ's to fuel up the Vette and the fuel door would not open. Trust me, I went through every routine to get it unlocked. Drove across transit to West Herr Chevy, got their Corvette mechanic out and he was helpless. He never saw this before and could not help me. Came home and hit the C7 forum. That was a great help. Removed the wheel and the front four screws on the wheel well liner. Carefully pulled the liner out of the way. I then pulled the locking pin out of its hole and tied it off. It is flexible and it comes out easily. I did not remove the actuator assembly. The door now opens and closes as always, but it will NEVER be locked.



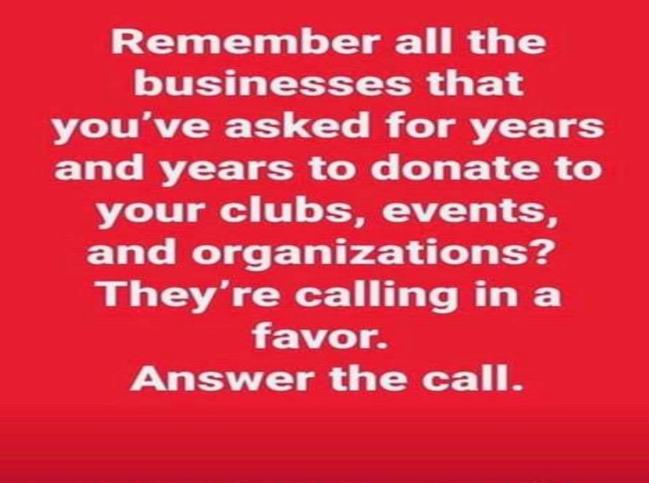
Problem Solved. Took about 1 hour.



On another matter, I (editor) was coming back from a well-attended Cars and Coffee event in the Eastern Hills Plaza on 07/25, and saw this (below). Six new C8 Corvettes at the Acura dealer. The drawback was the over \$100,000 pricetags. A family was there looking at them when I pulled in. They had a lot of questions about the cars and since mine was available, they got to feel what it's like to be in a Corvette mid-engine model. The dad was impressed with the room inside and the daughter also wanted pictures (above) on her mom's cell phone. Here's one I shot. Although her brother said little, I think she might be ready for a new one, likely in the years when they go electric.

Fun fact: A diehard Corvette enthusiast, <u>Alt_driver</u> reported that Brad Paisley had picked up a new 2020 C8 Chevy Corvette from the National Corvette Museum located in <u>Bowling Green</u>, Kentucky. A true fan of the iconic muscle car, the country singer's tour bus resembles a 'Vette. He also owns a '58 Corvette and a 2011 Corvette ZR1 modded by NASCAR owner Rick Hendrick.





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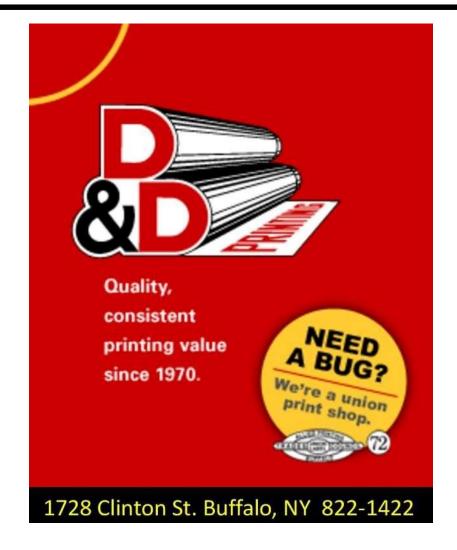




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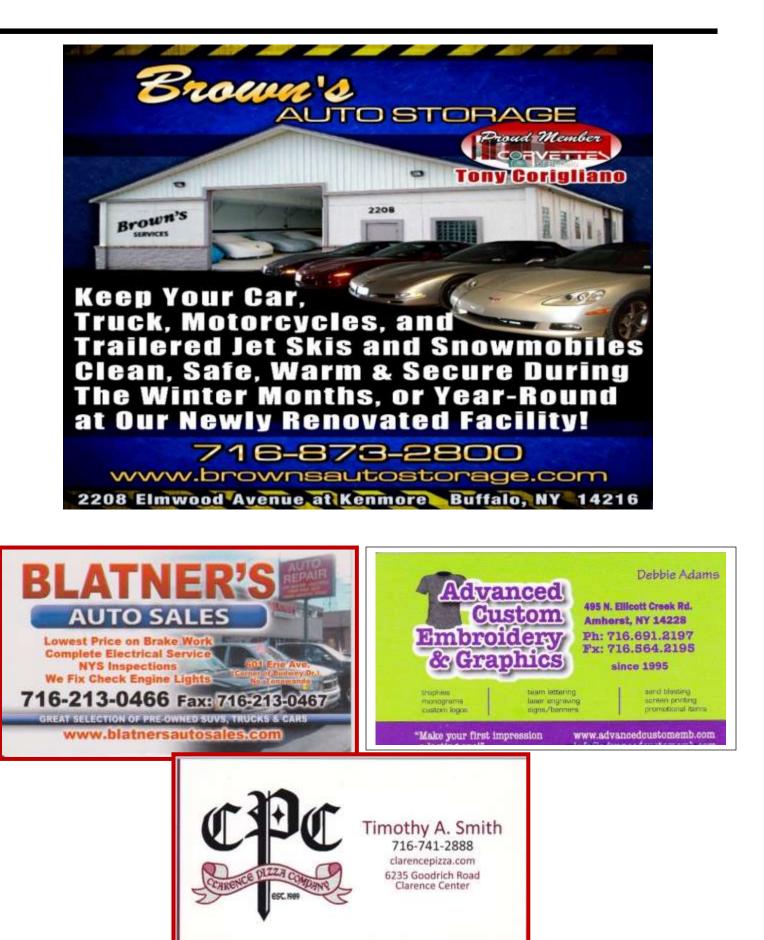


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