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Vette News Since 1981

December 2020

Notes from the President

Bob Joseph.... You're on:



By now the Christmas decorations should be starting to go up, or already complete. If not, what are you waiting for?

We all need some joy after this past year. As the year comes to a close, Norma and I want to wish everyone the best of the Holiday season and a healthy New Year.

STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE!

Save the Wave

Bob

With a few days before Thanksgiving and a light snow falling and for the first time sticking to the street here in Lancaster mother nature is telling me that Corvette season in Western New York is officially over. I hope everyone had a good holiday even though many of us were not able to give thanks with as many family and friends around the table as in the past. With all that is going on in the world we still have to reflect on all the things we still have to be thankful for.

Even though we are not able to get together this year for our traditional Christmas Brunch, Lee Buccilli has organized our yearly collection for the kids in our community with Toys for Tots.

Please try to drop something off to one of the 3 collection sites. Also remember a donation to the Church Food Pantry, where your donation goes to support the less fortunate in our community during the holiday season.

The digital version of the 2021 NCCC membership cards have been sent out, so look for them in your email. If you haven't received yours, let Jim Brett know. Remember we are still looking for suggestions for a 40 th Anniversary logo. As of today, we only have 1 submission, so put something together and submit your idea.

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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.

WNY COVID 19 Restrictions

Corvettes of Buffalo will continue to meet all guidelines to keep our members safe!

Type of Activity	Red	Orange	Yellow
Non-Essential Gatherings	Prohibited	10 people maximum, indoors and outdoors	25 people maximum, indoors and outdoors
House of Worship	Lesser of: 25% of maximum capacity 10 people	Lesser of: 33% of maximum capacity 25 people	50% of maximum capacity
Businesses	Non-essential businesses are closed	Certain high-risk non-essential businesses (eg., gyms, fitness centers and classes, barber shops, hair salons, personal care services) are closed.	Open
Dining	Takeout or delivery only	Outdoor dining, takeout or delivery only, 4 person maximum per table	Indoor and outdoor dining permitted, 4 person maximum per table
Schools	Closed* Remote-only	Closed* Remote-only	Open Mandatory weekly testing of students and school personnel, in accordance with DOH guidance to be issued by October 9, 2020.

New Newsletter Editor

I want to welcome **Dave Spencer** as our new Editor please send all future submissions to him. Thanks

Bob (thank you Bob!..... Dave)



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Meeting every second Saturday of the month at
First Presbyterian Church (on hold)
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

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Submissions must be in by the 27th

Late submissions will be published the following month.

December Anniversaries

23rd Jim & Terry Decker
31st Jim & Kim Cichocki



December Birthdays

4th Bernie Colucci
4th Carole Blandford
7th Albert Kraft
11th Karen Rothenberger
14th Mel Skeide
15th Harry Kwiek
16th Eileen Kuczmariski
17th Rich Kirkland
23rd Debbie Adams
25th Sue Brownlee (MERRY CHRISTMAS!)
27th Wayne Scudder
30th Gene Colucci



CORVETTES of Buffalo

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

December 12 **COB Meeting – (Elections) Canceled until 2021**

December 13 **COB Christmas Luncheon, Ilio DiPaolo's – Karen & George Sparks (CANCELLED)**



I have spoken to Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant, and we are booked for our annual Christmas Luncheon for Sunday, December 5, 2021. They will use the deposit they have for the new date.

George and Karen Sparks

Total Corvette Production Numbers by Model Year - Editor

The [last Chevrolet Corvette 2019 C7](#) rolled off the production line on November 14, 2019, at the Bowling Green, Kentucky plant. It was previously auctioned for \$2.7 million with proceeds going to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation to build smart homes for veterans.

Generation	Corvette Model Year	Total Production
C8	2020	December 7 th : 20,368 expected to be finished
C7	2019	34,822
C7	2018	9,686
C7	2017	22,801
C7	2016	40,689
C7	2015	34,240
C7	2014	37,288
C6	2013	13,466
C6	2012	11,647
C6	2011	13,596
C6	2010	12,194
C6	2009	16,956
C6	2008	35,310
C6	2007	40,561
C6	2006	34,021
C6	2005	37,372
C5	2004	34,064
C5	2003	35,469
C5	2002	35,767
C5	2001	35,627

My 2014 was # 540.
What # was yours in
your year of its
making?

C5	2000	33,682
C5	1999	33,270
C5	1998	31,084
C5	1997	9,752
C4	1996	21,536
C4	1995	20,742
C4	1994	23,330
C4	1993	21,590
C4	1992	20,479
C4	1991	20,639
C4	1990	23,646
C4	1989	26,412
C4	1988	22,789
C4	1987	30,632
C4	1986	35,109
C4	1985	39,729
C4	1984	51,547
C3	1982	25,407
C3	1981	40,606
C3	1980	40,614
C3	1979	53,807 WOW
C3	1978	46,776
C3	1977	49,213
C3	1976	46,558
C3	1975	38,465
C3	1974	37,502
C3	1973	30,464

C3	1972	27,004
C3	1971	21,801
C3	1970	17,316
C3	1969	38,762
C3	1968	28,566
C2	1967	22,940
C2	1966	27,720
C2	1965	23,562
C2	1964	22,229
C2	1963	21,513
C1	1962	14,531
C1	1961	10,939
C1	1960	10,261
C1	1959	9,670
C1	1958	9,168
C1	1957	6,339
C1	1956	3,467
C1	1955	700
C1	1954	3,460
C1	1953	300

Note: no 1983s were produced, except one that resides in the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green...



And here it is! A photo I took while visiting there a few years ago...
Editor Dave

COB MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Please update your membership list information. 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 purchased, old Vette sold.
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





Notes from the Editor:

It's my first month with publishing this, so bear with me. Yeah, that's me there with Bernie Futch (Bernadette). I included her, because it makes for a better picture than my mug. This issue will be my first also using this software. As such, the earlier I get info from you, the easier it will be to get it included. I hope also to make it my own with new changes. I still however, remain indebted to Larry, who put out an outstanding newsletter.

For starters, I'd like to start "meet and greet editorials" on club members. By that, I don't mean just new or prospective members, but everyone. What this would do is allow us to get to know better others in the club, with info and/or pictures they provide. None of us are getting younger, but I'm sure we have accumulated a wealth of Corvette stories or "meeting our partner stories" that others would find interesting.

While attending a memorial for Gail Gruber, I learned about a piece of Corvette door that broke off when she opened it and hit a curb. It was an unusual beginning to what became a very strong marriage for them, but Mike remembers it today as an emotional bond with her. With Corvettes in the picture, I'm sure many of us can speak of instances we can laugh about today. Please submit them for everyone's benefit, as experiences bond us together as a group, just as those in a marriage or relationship do.

So.... tell us, why you chose the Corvette and this club to be even a little part of you or your family's lives.... They can be of any length and I will edit them with your approval before publication. Please, it'll be fun!!!

Here for example is a photo of my first Corvette, taken from the WNYCC monthly newsletter (mid to later 70's). It was a 4 speed LT1, Tarantula TM-1 manifold, Appliance headers, 4:11 gears, Mr. Gasket inline shifter, L-88 hood, flared wheelwells, black striping with gold flake and clearcoat, T.A. Goodrich radials, chrome wheels, and '73 Corvette yellow paint. As the saying goes, I could pass everything except gas stations. Back then, before we started the COB, we had to cut up photos, position them on paper with the writeups, and have them printed booklet style for all the club members. I pulled this from an old yellowed copy. Needless to say, it was a time-consuming process. Dave Spencer



Genesis Garage is back!

**Their mission is to provide subsidized vehicle repairs and maintenance
for distressed people!**



"Ya know, Ed, if we put a 20 psi boosted turbo and headers on this, Rebecca might stand a chance against Old Man Murray's Corvette when she goes to church!"

When Spring warm weather gets here, every sunny Thursday from 5-8 pm at Watermark Church lot, 4999 McKinley Pkwy. Hamburg, members of the Drifters Car Club help the helpless.
For that we thank them! Marty Link



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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.

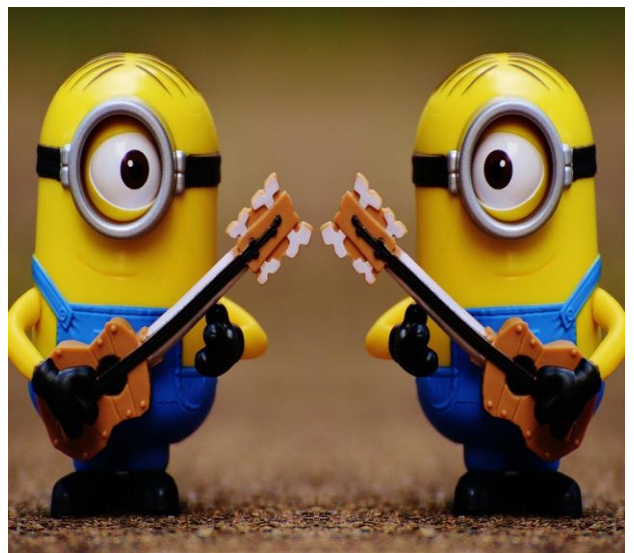
Bob

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.**

December – UNWRAPPED TOY (especially those in 7-12 age bracket needed)



**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

Editor's Note: Local Small Businesses are the backbone of our
Communities and are hurting in these Covid times. Please use them!

NCCC : 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 3rd party bodily injury claim. So NCCC is covered for any Covid 19 claims made by a 3rd 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

COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

BE INFORMED:

Know Your Risk During COVID-19

On a scale of 1 to 10, how risky is...

Ranked by physicians from the TMA COVID-19 Task Force and the TMA Committee on Infectious Diseases.

Please assume that participants in these activities are following currently recommended safety protocols when possible.



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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!

We can thank COB's John Meyerhoff for this. Check the NCM for additional details.





CORVETTES OF BUFFALO AND TOYS FOR TOTS

During these trying times of COVID many families are have a hard time making ends meet due to loss of their jobs and now throw in Christmas and it is making it even harder for them to make Santa's visit special for the kids.

We would like Corvettes of Buffalo family to help us out make Christmas a great one for the children. The Buccilli's, the Joseph's and the Brownlee's are going to be collecting Toys for Tots **starting on November 4th and the last day to drop off is December 13th**. Please drop off at their homes (which ever one is close to you) an **unwrapped toy for a boy, girl, or baby**. Please note that If you are uncomfortable to go out and shop you may still help by sending a check to Mike Buccilli and we will make the toy purchase for you. (make check payable to Mike Buccilli and mail to 4001 Essex Pl. Hamburg, NY 14075)

We would like to get as many toys as possible as we have done in the past at our Xmas brunches that filled 2+ tables and the Marines could hardly get them all in their cars.

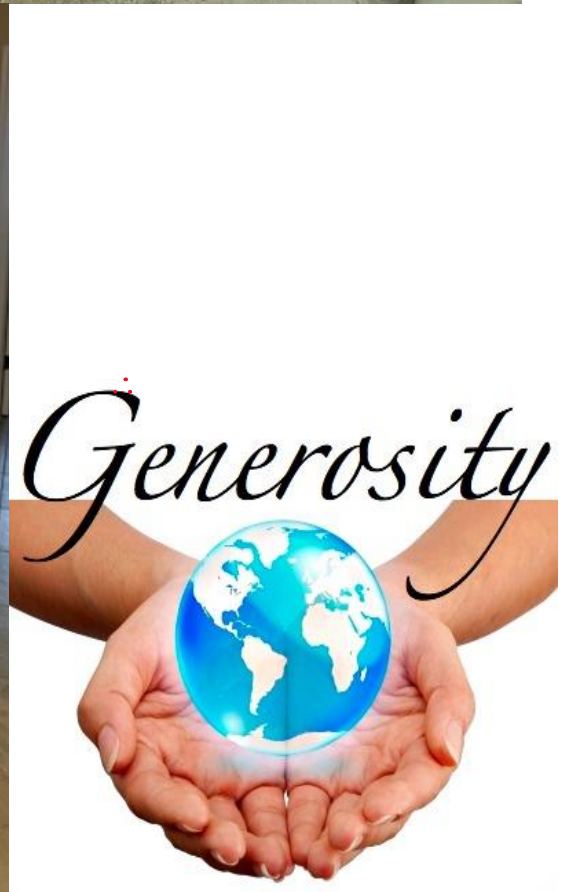
Any questions or need of an address for drop off, please contact Lee or Mike at 716-648-2037.







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The generosity and giving has started with club members donating Toys for Tots. As you can see, we are taking pictures of members with the toys. Camera shy: Bruce & Lynda Graham & Mike and Cindy Erdey (The Erdeys mailed a check for us to purchase a toy for them.) Even our neighbors have gotten in the act and have generously donated toys.

We have been advised by the Toys for Tots organization that there is also a need for toys for children ages 8yrs -12yrs old, (ex. Board games, sewing/crafting projects kits, Big Nerf guns etc.) Please keep the toys coming so we can make it a Very Merry Christmas for the children.

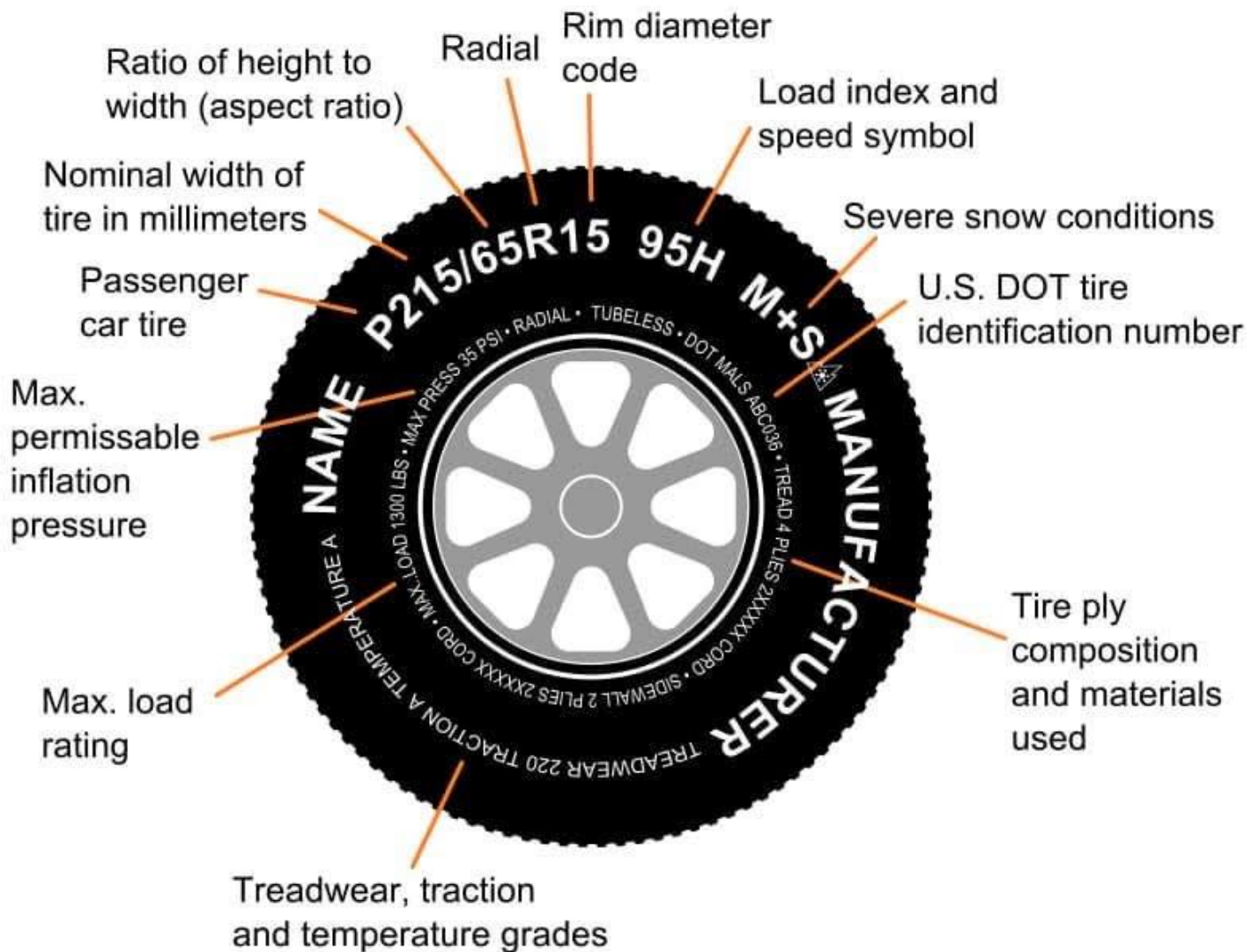
Thank you to all who have given so far and to those still planning on donating. Those who are still going to donate, your picture will be the next newsletter.

A special thank you to Bob & Norma Joseph along with Dick & Sue Brownlee for helping out by being a drop off home.

Mike & Lee Buccilli



Here's some general information about tires that may be of interest to COB members....
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