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Notes from the President

I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy. We are finally at a point that we are able to get out in the warmer weather. Hopefully everyone is using common sense and practicing social distancing in our daily lives. I know that many of us are getting the 'Vettes out for a cruise on the nice sunny days, since we are a car club and that is what we do. Unfortunately, the ability to socialize at a restaurant after a cruise is not possible right now but hopefully, we will get there soon.

New Cancellations:

June 7, 2020. COB Memorial Mini Golf Tournament

June 13, 2020. COB Monthly meeting

July 1, 2020. Vets & Vettes Super Cruise

July 5, 2020. 12th Annual Classics on the Niagara

Aug 2, 2020. 16th Annual Caravan

As I have said before at this time I have absolutely no idea when we will be able to resume normal Club activities as the health of our members are of utmost importance. We will continue to follow all federal, state & local recommendations, so watch your email for COB updates.

STAY HEALTHY, STAY SAFE!

Save the Wave

Bob

Notes from the editor

It's 1976, our nation's Bi-Centennial.
The Steelers beat the Cowboys 21 -17 in Super Bowl X.

Patty Hearst is convicted of armed robbery and Apple Computer is launched while the \$2 bill is re-issued as part of the bi-centennial activities. The NBA and the ABA merge into the NBA. Viking 1 lands on Mars while the NFL adds the Seahawks and Buccaneers.

Gerald Ford wins the Republican presidential - nomination, Patty Hearst is sentenced to 7 years and the Cincinnati Reds sweep the NY Yankees for the world series.

Jimmy Carter is elected POTUS, the first southerner since the civil war and the Eagles release "Hotel California".

On TV we watched "Laverne & Shirley" and "Happy Days" while the radio played "Silly Love Songs" and "Don't Go Breaking My Heart". At the movies, we watched "Rocky" and "Taxi Driver"

The Bills go 10 & 6 while the Sabers skate a 48-24 season.

The new Corvette is slightly better than last year's model

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<u>June Anniversaries</u>

Bob & Donna Harrer

5th Skip & Maureen Polowy (50th)

13th Mike & Lee Buccilli

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21st Dick & Sue Brownlee

24th Jim & Lynn Kelly

28th Lowell & Karen Rothenberger 29th Dennis & Mary Ann Buckley

30th George & Karen Sparks



June Birthdays

1^{st}	Marie Fetes
5^{th}	Ron Rusin
13^{th}	Jim Fetes
20^{th}	Glen Gibson
21^{st}	John Meyerhoff
22^{nd}	Paulette Krakowski
24^{th}	Pamm Seifert
25^{th}	Diane Skeide
28^{th}	Sally Scudder





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

June 1	Lockport Cruise Night- Country Line Dancing, Ida Fritz Park 5pm- 8pm	
June 6	Moose Cruisers Car Show, 905 Main St. East Aurora, NY 12pm-4pm	
June 7	COB Memorial Mini-Golf Tournament – Canceled due to Corona Virus Issue	
June 12	Relay for Life Cruise, American Cancer Society, Veteran Park - see John Vara	
June 10	WNYCC West Herr - All Corvette Cruise, Transit Rd. Williamsville – 4pm – 8pm	
June 13	COB Club Meeting – Clarence Church – 7 pm Canceled due to Corona Virus Issue	
June 13	Street Machines of Rochester Car Show, 1120 Latta Rd. Greece, NY 9am-4pm	
June 14	AACA Car Show (Antique & Classic) – Village Green Park, 3007 Bowen Rd. Elma 9-4pm	
June 15	Veteran's Cruise Night East Aurora, American Legion Post 362	
June 18	11th Youngstown Begin Summer Street Dance & Car Show, Main & Lockport St. 6pm-10pm	
June 20	Cruise for Critters Car & Bike Show K&S Auto, 811 Niagara St. Tonawanda, NY 11am-3pm	
June 24	Texas Roadhouse, Super Cruise- 900 Young St. Tonawanda, NY 4pm -?	
June 27	Meet & Greet Lakeshore CC, from Holland, Mich. at Hidden Valley Animal farm, 11:30am	
	lunch at 2:30pm - see Mike & Lee Buccilli	
July 1	COB – Vettes & Vets Corvette Show-Canceled due to Corona Virus Issue	
July 4	Grand Island Parade - 8am at Burger King - Frank Pastore?	
July 5	Niawanda Park Car Show -Vietnam Vets; River Rd. Tonawanda NY – 9am – 4pm	
July 5-10	NCCC National Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana	

July 9	Annual Queen of Heaven Carnival Super Cruise, 4220 Seneca St. W. Seneca, NY 4pm-8pm	
July 10	St. John Paul II Lawn Fete Car Show, 2052 Lakeview Rd. Lakeview NY 4pm-8pm	
July 11	Pirates Festival Car Show – Krull Park, Olcott, NY (9am-3pm)	
July11	COB Club Meeting – Clarence Church (7pm- 9pm)	
July 12	Summerama Car Show – Am. Legion Geo. Lamb Post, 962 Wehrle Dr. 9am – 4pm	
July 15	Annual Beechwood Homes Root Beer Float Cruise , Millersport Rd. Getzville, NY 5pm-8pm	
July 17	Annual St. Johns Cruise Night- 2021 Sandridge Rd. Alden, NY 4pm - ?	
July 17-19	Syracuse Nationals – Hot Rod Show, NYS Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd.	
July 18	Burgerfest Car Show- Main St. Hamburg, NY 12noon - 4pm	
July 18	Man Up Car Show – East Amherst Fire Hall, 9100 Transit Rd. – 9am- 4pm	
July 19	Springville Vol. Fire Car Show- Fireman's Park, 71 Nason Blvd. 10am- 3pm	
July 22	22 th Annual Canalfest Car Show –Main St. Tonawanda, NY (meet at 3pm-)	
July 25-26	Sylvan Beach All Corvette Show – Trip to Sylvan Beach, NY 9am-4pm	
July 26	Sanborn- Lewiston Farm Festival & Classic Car Show – 2660 Saunders Settlement Rd. 8am	
July 26	16 th Annual Alden Car Show- Alden Town Park, 9am 6pm	
August 2	COB All Corvette Caravan America Store Elma, NY Canceled due to Corona Virus Issue	
August 3	Taste of Clarence at Town Park –Main St. 2:00pm	
August 4	Rotary Club Antique & Classic Car Show – Depew HS, Transit Rd. 3pm-8pm	
August 7	St. Gabriel's Super Cruise – 5271 Clinton St. Elma, NY (3pm -8pm)	
August 9	COB Annual Picnic – Gratwick Fire Hall, NY 11am	
August 11	Lockport Presbyterian Home Annual Car Cruise, 327 High St. 6pm-8pm	
August 12	Brothers of Mercy Classic Car Show & Concert 10570 Bergtold Rd. Clarence, 4pm	
August 14	Church of Annunciation Car Cruise, 7580 Clinton, Elma, NY 5pm-9pm	
August 14	Cataract Cruiser Super Cruise, Academy Park, Lewiston, NY 5pm-dark	
August 14-15	Woodward Dream Cruise, Detroit, Michigan	
August 15	UAW Car Show & Auto Expo - 200 Upper Mountain Rd. Lockport, NY 9am-4pm	
August 16	Kenmore Super Cruise – Delaware Rd 10am-3pm	
August 22	Allegany Mountain Resort Super Cruise & Car Show at Rainbow Lake Resort,	
	6994 Plato Rd. East Otto, NY 12pm - 5pm	

August 23	Rockin Blues Bike & Car Show, Bowen Rd. Grove, Lancaster, NY 12pm- 9pm	
August 23	Summerfest at the Sal IV - Car & Bike Show & Concert - 1201 Hyde Park Blvd.	
	Niagara Falls, NY Car Show 11am-4pm/ Concert Bands 11am-7pm	
August 24	Lockport Cruise Night - with Terry Buchwald, Ida Fritz Park, 5pm	
August 26 Medina Super Cruise, Main St. 5pm- 9pm (see Dan & Debbie Wroblewski)		
August 27-30 Corvettes at Carlisle – Carlisle Fairgrounds, Pa.		
August 29	Mount St. Mary's Super Cruise 3756 Delaware Ave. Kenmore, NY 11am-4pm	
August 30	Toy Town Car Show – Main St. East Aurora, NY 9am	
August 30	Autumn Classic Sports Car Show, Como Park Blvd. Lancaster, NY 9am- 4pm	
September 5	Olcott Beach Super Car Show – Krull Park, 8am – 5 pm	
September 6	West Seneca Police PBA Car Show/ Taste of W.Seneca 1250 Union Rd. 9am- 4pm	
September 8	Uncle Joe's Fall Final Cruise – 4869 Southwestern Blvd, Hamburg, NY 5pm-9pm	
September 9	Elderwood Williamsville Cruise, 5271 Main St. 6pm - 8pm	
September 12	COB Meeting & Club Dues – Clarence Church – 7pm	
September 12	Akron Super Cruise & Craft Show- 9am-4pm	
September 12	Buffalo Launch Club Car & Boat Show, 503 River Rd. Grand Island, 9am-4pm	
September 13	Middleport End of Summer Super Cruise, Main St. 12pm-4pm	
September 13	Colden Car Show, Fire Hall 8448 Gutekunst Rd. (Rt 240) 9am-5pm	
September 13	Ohio Corvette Alliance Show, Lancaster, Ohio	
September 14	WNYCC Fall Super Cruise – Matt Urban VFW Post, 3741 Walden Ave.	
	Lancaster, NY 4pm	
September 20	Pembroke Kiwanis Car Show – Town Park Rt.77, 9am – 4pm	
September 20	Ellicottville Car Show – Rockin Oldies 9am – 4pm	
September 20	Orleans County Fairgrounds Car & Craft Show- Rt. 31 Medina, NY 8am- 4pm	
September 20	Breast Cancer Car Show, West Herr 3575 Southwestern Blvd. O-Park, 10am-3pm	
September 22	Fellowship Wesleyan Church Car Show, 1645 Southwestern, West Seneca 10am-4pm	
September 26	Cruisin for a Cure Car Show, Roswell Park 665 Elm St. Buffalo, 7am- 4pm	
October 3	Hilton Apple Fest, Hilton, NY 8am-4pm	

October 10	COB Club Meeting – Clarence Church – 7pm
October 11	Peek & Peek Car Show 1405 Ye Old Road, Clymer, NY 9am - 4pm
November 14	COB Meeting – Elections!
December 13	COB Christmas Luncheon, Ilio's DiPaolo's – Karen & George Sparks

Every time one turns around, he or she is hit with more bad news about Covid-19, its effect on family, friends and the economy. Other than follow the CDC guidelines, there isn't much more we can do. But one thing we can do is think positive about our future and have some pleasant thoughts about the past. Since nobody is sure just how long before we can return to normal, we'll spread these photos out over the next three issues of the newsletter. Hopefully, we'll soon be back a "new" normal, whatever that may look like.

So, in no particular order, here is the second installment of our fellow CoB members and their drivers.

We can thank Dave Spencer for these.







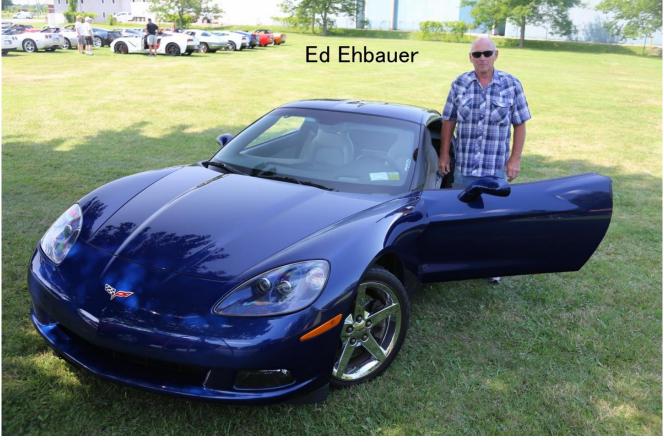




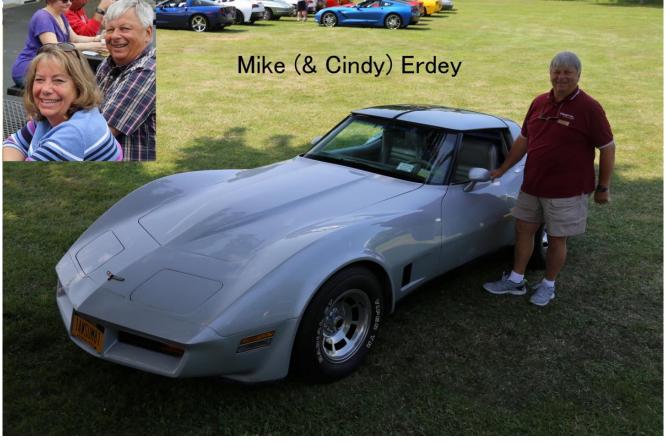








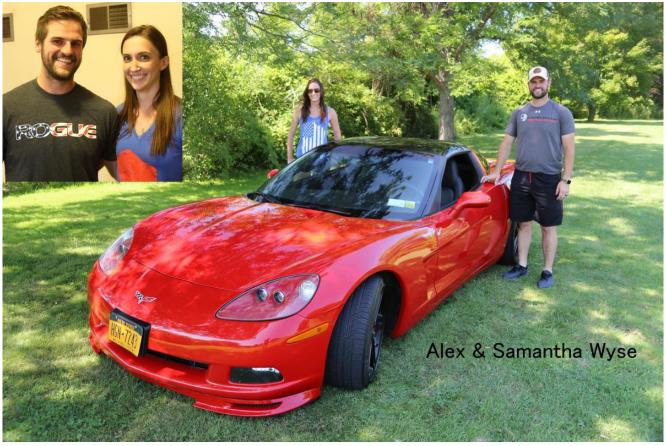












History of the Corvette, part 23

By the time the 1976 Corvettes began rolling off the assembly line, Chevy engineers had gotten a handle on the air pumps and exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) systems, which were needed to comply with federal fuel efficiency requirements. The base horsepower rating was up from 165 to 180. The only power option, the L82, pushed power to 210 HP.

The base price of the 1976 Corvette was \$7605 and 46,558 units were produced. These were all coupes as no roadsters were offered.

Because of the lower power ratings of the base engine, Chevy replaced the Turbo Hydramatic 400 transmission with the less robust (and less expensive) TH350 gear box. The Turbo Hydramatic 400 transmission was supplied when buyers opted for the 210 HP engine option.

The interior was virtually the same as the 1975 model with the exception of a four-spoke steering wheel. This choice generated some negative comments as it was the same style steering wheel used on the Chevy Vega. Other minor changes in the dash were made so the GM Delco radios could be used. A steel pan was added to the framework under the passenger area to act as a heat shield for the catalytic converter.

Buyers could also order their new 1976 Corvette with aluminum wheels.



Note the four spoke steering wheel. Some purists were upset as the same wheel was used on the Chevy Vega



No visual difference from last year's edition



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 is 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.

JUNE - paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, paper napkins)

JULY – condiments, canned meats, tuna, spam, SpaghettiOs, spaghetti sauce

AUG - PICNIC - NO DONATIONS

SEPTEMBER - laundry products and toiletries

FEATURED PARTNER

Bloomington Gold Slated for September

Bloomington Gold is excited to announce that the 2020 event will be held September 11th & 12th at a location in Indianapolis. They are in the contract process with the new venue and will announce the exact location soon!

Make plans to attend because you won't want to miss:

- · The largest indoor all Corvette Show
- The first national Corvette judging show to be held in 2020



Of course, covid-19 may impact these dates

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





Chip's Choice: Something to Look Forward To At Corvettes At Carlisle



By **ANDY BOLIG** APRIL 30, 2020

The term "unforeseeable future" may never be more true than trying to plan an event during these uncertain times. But, if your plan is NOT to do any planning, then you're planning to fail. The folks at Carlisle Events are taking the current situation very seriously, but like the rest of us, they are anxiously awaiting the time when we can congregate on the show field and the swap meets once again.

They enjoy putting on each event as much as enthusiasts enjoy attending them. Carlisle Events holds over a dozen events throughout the year and the typical scheduling regimen has been tossed a curve lately. At some point, life will get back to normal and, to borrow a widely-used cliché, the show will go on. We're ALL planning on that!

Bloomington Gold has been held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for years and it was only fitting that an Indy Pace Car would represent the event at Carlisle. The 1978 Pace car started a long history of Corvettes leading the pack around the track.

Carlisle Events has listed an <u>updated events schedule</u> and, within that schedule is the annual <u>Corvettes at Carlisle event</u> currently scheduled for August 27-30, 2020. One of the largest of its kind, Corvettes at Carlisle features something for every enthusiast of Chevrolet's plastic fantastic Corvette. There are special displays held throughout the massive Carlisle fairgrounds and one of the highlighted displays for every Corvettes at Carlisle is the Chip's Choice display.



Article and photos courtesy of the online Ezine Rod Authority



Bedford, Indiana plant responsible for Corvette chassis production continues on in preparation for the resumption of Corvette assembly.

Only a few days are left until Kentucky emerges from its unintended economic hibernation. Which also means — as we've mentioned before — **Corvette production comes back to life.** It's been a rough time for those waiting for the first-ever rear mid-engine wonder to land in their driveways. Thus, we're sure everyone's ready to see more of the C8-era machines hit the road.

One of the ways this is about to happen is just a few hours north of Bowling Green, Kentucky. According to *The New York Times*, the Bedford, Indiana plant responsible for **Corvette** chassis production is keeping the home fires burning through this dark time.

This from the online Ezine Corvette Forum



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Canceled due to Corona Virus Issue

A bit of history for Corvette fans

Former race car 1960 Corvette of Gerry Brownrout from Buffalo in 1960-61 that raced in Canada. Where is it now?

The following former race car was many years ago last seen in Sarnia, Ontario. Who knows who has the car now or who owned it in Sarnia?

More information.

Raced by Gerald Brownrout.

Car was bought at Glen Campbell Chevrolet in Buffalo. Car was tri- black, checked side inserts and hood. Black exterior and interior.

In talking with Gerry he also mentioned that the car was equipped with 283 cu.in, 270 hp, WCFB 2x4, Hi-Lift Cam & Man Trans

- -469C 283ci, 270hp Engine (2x4 carburetors)
- -687 Heavy Duty Brakes and Steering
- -regular size gas tank

Car was purchased in November 1959 from Glen Campbell in Buffalo area. Vin# 101454 and made in first 2 months of production NON fuel injected. Car was sold at end of 1961 season to someone in Sarnia, Ont. and later showed up in the Niagara Falls area.



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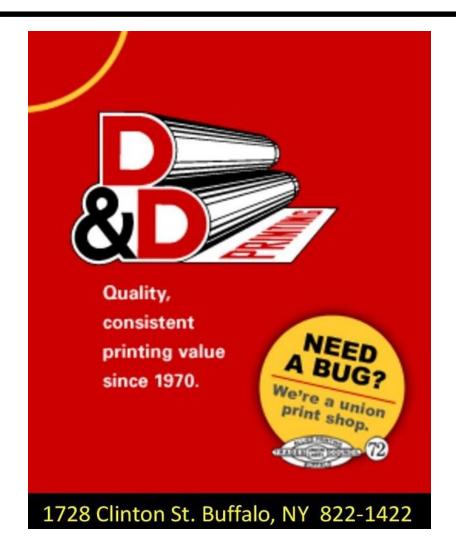




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