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President's Corner

By the time you read this, it is my hope that the weather has cooperated and that we have completed our first outing of the 2009 season-that being the Maplefest Car show in Franklinville NY. Just last week, I had the opportunity to spend some time in Ellicottville and noted that there was a lot of snow on the hills and I was informed that some folks were still skiing there. That brought to mind the Maplefest of about three years ago which I attended along with Ruth, Vice President Skip Polowy and Jim Lawson. When we arrived at the car show site, we were told that it had been canceled (and there was snow on them-there hills). In spite of this we made a morning of it by enjoying the pancake breakfast and a plus was for the C.O.Bers that attended the following year as they were admitted free to the show.

From our C.O.B. family I would like to wish our treasurer, Mel Skeide, a speedy recovery from his recent surgery and look forward to seeing his silver C1 and C5 on the show/cruise circuit.

I also want to congratulate our newest members, Mary Ann Hobar and Barbara and John Heffernan and also look forward to seeing their rides this season.

Recently I took a look at some hard copy issues of our newsletter as well as the computer generated ones. Most of you will remember that members submitted articles on their travels, Vette experiences, recipes, vehicle storage and even I sent in some "tech tips" primarily for C5's. While continuing my perusal, I came across a request from our editor/webmaster Jim Bonus for "submissions, submissions, submissions" and it brought to mind my plea several years back for articles.

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What's Happening

- May 3 Annual Braille Rally – East Aurora Fireman's Field, Pine St. (9:30 am) –info: call Ann 652-8344
- May 9 **COB Club Meeting** – Clarence Church 7 pm
- May 10 Mother's Day Brunch at Pierce Arrow Museum- info: www.pierce-arrow.com
- May 15-17 Blackthorne Corvette Show Weekend, in the Catskills – See Pete Ricigliano
- May 15-17 Dunkirk Flea Market – Chautauqua County Fairgrounds, exit 59 I-90, (7 am-7 pm)
- May 30 Windmill Car Show – Penn Yan, NY – Farm & Craft Market, Rt. 14A, (12pm- 3pm)
- May 31 Fort Erie Car Show, Canada – (9am – 4 pm)



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Submissions must be in by 26th

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At that time I stated that I felt that there would be no need for a newsletter if all it displayed was a page with the current officers names and phone numbers and a few birthdays and anniversaries. After that we received some "submissions", a few photos and articles but these have again dropped off. Here we have a very capable editor who volunteers his time to this monthly chore and is willing to feature your vehicle, publish your pictures, etc, but very few "submissions". Once again I remind you of our bylaws, Article 3 section 11 which states: "annually, each member shall be encouraged to submit an article(s) to the newsletter for publication" so, once again I am requesting our members to send Jim Bonus your photos , articles, tips, Vette related items for sale etc. Remember, our newsletter, is not only read by you, it is seen by other clubs and Vette enthusiasts around the (net) world. What better forum could we have to exchange information?

I hope everyone has received their charity raffle tickets. The prizes which will be drawn are amazing and so numerous for a \$5.00 chance, and for a worthwhile charity to boot. There is sure to be some happy winners on Caravan day.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the three major C.O.B. events of this season, our 5th annual caravan, the Super Cruise at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, and our Vettes in the Valley Car Show at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville. Be prepared to assist the 3 event chairman when they call upon you.

"Revive the Wave!"

Bruce Mussehl

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Our Newest Members



John & Barb Heffernan



Mary Ann Hobar

Thanks

Hello C.O.B. Members,

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart, which is a lot more improved, since my very unexpected heart surgery on April 13th. It was so heartwarming to receive all the get well cards, fruit basket and all the visits from fellow members.

I hope you know how much this meant to me under the circumstances of the surgery. Thank you again for all your thoughts and prayers

Mel



Barton Hill Hotel Father's Day Get-A Way package

Saturday June 20 and Sunday June 21

Anyone still Wishing to join us at this event may sign up at the May meeting. Cost is \$198.11

This price includes: Saturday 20th over night stay and dinner for 2(two) on Sunday 21st Father's Day Brunch.

See Mike or Lee Buccilli to sign up **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER.**

COB members who wish to attend the brunch only on Sunday 21st, please sign up also at the May meeting. And pay at the May meeting, the cost for the brunch is \$19.68 pp and for those already signed up

Please pay at the May meeting. Make checks out to Barton Hill Hotel

COB Anniversaries

- 2nd Lynn & Larry Ienco
- 20th Vaune & Matt Behr
- 22nd Dorothy & Ken DeVantier
- 25th Ron & Connie Giovino
- 29th Bernie & Gene Colucci

COB Birthdays

- 3rd Ruth Mussehl
- 5th Joan Meegen
- 7th Karen Sparks
- 19th Bruce Mussehl
- 20th Lillian Wosilait
- 23rd George Sparks
- 24th Rose Ricigliano
- 26th Pat Danahy
- 29th Ed Danahy

New Members

My name is John Biggie and I purchased my 2004 Corvette two years ago. Since I made my purchase I've put very few miles on the car. My desire to join the Corvettes of Buffalo Club is to have additional opportunity to drive my car and meet other people who share the same interests I have in Corvettes and for the social interaction. My wife and I are semi-empty nesters and believe this will be a way for us to meet some new people and form some additional friendships. During the first 3 meetings I've attended, it's obvious that the COB activities extend beyond just the Corvette and include community involvement with the Kids Escaping Drugs Organization. I look forward to taking part in the many activities and events that the COB has to offer.

Some recent family activities have prevented my wife from attending the past 3 meetings. I'm confident that once she has an opportunity to meet the members as I have, she will also look to become a member as well.

Sincerely,

John P. Biggie

My name is Nancy Conroy and I live in East Aurora. I don't own a corvette, but I have had the pleasure of riding in one this past year. I also have had the pleasure of attending the COB monthly meetings and several of the events that the club was involved in. Everyone that I have met have been welcoming and have gone out of their way to make me feel like I am part of the group. I am looking forward to helping out with the caravan and helping Kids Escaping Drugs. I am also involved in the Toyfest Car Show and the Kissing Bridge Ski Patrol. Thanks,.

Nancy Conroy

Back in the mid 1950's when the Chevrolet Corvette was first introduced it was advertised as America's "Dream Car". I was one of those "Baby Boomers" who grew up dreaming of owning one someday. After being happily married for 29 years, successful at my job, having fun raising my only son and taking numerous Florida vacations, life was good but perhaps not the right time to own a Vette.

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Just before Thanksgiving of 1999 my wife was diagnosed with breast cancer. The next 8 years would change our lives forever and cause us to put aside many future dreams as she battled her cancer and had to undergo many surgeries. In 2007 she lost her battle, almost to the exact date she was first diagnosed.

Losing a spouse is one of the hardest things a person could face. Last fall as the first anniversary of her death was approaching as well as my 59th birthday, I really needed something to lift my spirits. As a result of being forced to sell my wife's stock options, the money became readily available to pursue my boyhood dream of owning a Vette. I began my search in early October, 2008 and it took me exactly two days to find the car I've always wanted. It was advertised on the net at one of our local dealerships and fit my criteria in every way. A good friend and coworker, who happens to be a huge Corvette enthusiast, agreed to go look at the car with me on our lunch hour. I ended up buying it for dessert!

I have to admit that owning this car has put a smile back on my face and brings a degree of joy back into my life. Two weeks after I bought the car I met Dianne who lost her husband in 2000. We were at a "Single's" dance, shared a drink, and an evening of dancing and have been together ever since. Meeting Dianne is a story in itself but I'll leave that for another time. Dianne does not own her own Corvette but shares my enthusiasm and loves taking rides with me. Our first real date was a ride to the Lewiston Wilson area for dinner at The Wilson Boat House.

We're both anxious to become members of Corvettes of Buffalo. After attending three meetings it's clear to see the camaraderie among members, the friendliness offered to all, the spirit of volunteerism and the great events you have planned to enjoy our cars as a group and as friends. We hope you'll consider us for membership.

James E. Martin Dianne A. Hewett

Thank You From KED

Please pass on the Thank You letter below to all of those who volunteered as phone operators

April 7, 2009

Dear Friend of Kids Escaping Drugs,

On behalf of everyone associated with the Kids Escaping Drugs Campaign and Renaissance Campus, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for volunteering at our 22nd Annual Telethon. We raised over \$743,000, our largest amount ever.

Our successes over the last 22 years are mainly because of wonderful volunteers like you. While we may work out the particulars, you make the events happen. We could not do it without you, and for that we are truly grateful. We are proud to have your support in our mission to provide treatment facilities and educational programs for adolescents suffering from drug and alcohol addiction. Thank you again for making a difference in our community, and especially in the lives of our young clients!

We look forward to next year!

With many thanks,

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Only products designed to clean leather can get into these pores and lift out the debris. It's also a good idea to apply a conditioner after cleaning. This will restore essential oils and keep the leather looking like new.

Leather is like a sponge. When it is new, it is full of essential oils, but over time sweat, heat and UV rays dry it out. With proper care, your *Corvette* leather will stay looking new.

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Doesn't Look Good!



Whewwww! I Can Go Home Now



1st Car Show of the Season

Franklinville's Maple Fest Kicks off the car show season. As usual a large contingent of COBers made the annual pilgrimage to the show. With the weather being warm and beautiful the crew enjoyed the sun, good conversation and the cars. It was reported the some of our snow birds were seen roosting among the crowd.



10 Most Ticketed Cars

Hummer H2 People who love the Hummer H2 probably love its bold, imposing looks. Apparently, cops love the H2 because it helps them meet their ticket quotas. Here's a tip: If you have an H2, maybe you shouldn't drive it near then end of the month when traffic cops are scrambling to make their numbers.

2. Scion tC Seeing the tC on the most-ticketed list makes sense, given its popularity with young people. Its sporty performance, which comes at a price that makes affording tickets easy, probably helps tempt some drivers as well.

3. Scion xB Like the Scion tC, the xB is aimed at younger drivers. Still, when you look at the xB's less-than stellar performance, it's safe to assume that all the tickets xB drivers are getting aren't moving violations.

4. Mercedes Benz CLK63 AMG If you're lucky enough to have a Mercedes AMG -- any AMG -- then a few tickets are worth unleashing this luxurious beast. Besides, if you've got a Mercedes, you can probably afford a few traffic citations.

5. Toyota Solara Coupe Now, here's a surprise. The fifth most ticketed car is the Toyota Solara Coupe. Essentially a two-door Camry, the Solara isn't known for road-thrashing performance. Maybe Solara drivers just get a lot of parking tickets.

6. Mercedes Benz CLS63 AMG The CLS63 AMG is another luxury performance car, so it's no shocker to see its drivers among the most ticketed. The question is: With all that power, why aren't more CLS63 AMG drivers outrunning the cops?

7. Scion xA With the xA taking the seventh spot on the ten most ticketed cars list, Scion completes the traffic ticket hat trick. Toyota's upstart little brand has only come out with four models over its entire lifespan -- and three of them will likely get you a date in traffic court.

8. Subaru Outback Subarus have a reputation of being yuppie grocery getters, but the Outback manages to prove that stereotype wrong by being one of the top ten most ticketed cars. Apparently, the Outback is the car of choice for people who need to get to Whole Foods in a hurry, and maybe park illegally once they're there.

9. Audi A4 Audi often finds itself in the shadows of Mercedes and BMW, but not when it comes to getting tickets. The Audi A4 is the ninth most ticketed car in America.

10. Toyota Matrix The Toyota Matrix is often credited for bringing SUV styling to small cars. Now it can also be credited to bringing insurance rate increases to thousands of its owners.

Information compliments of Found Caravan Corvette Club

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