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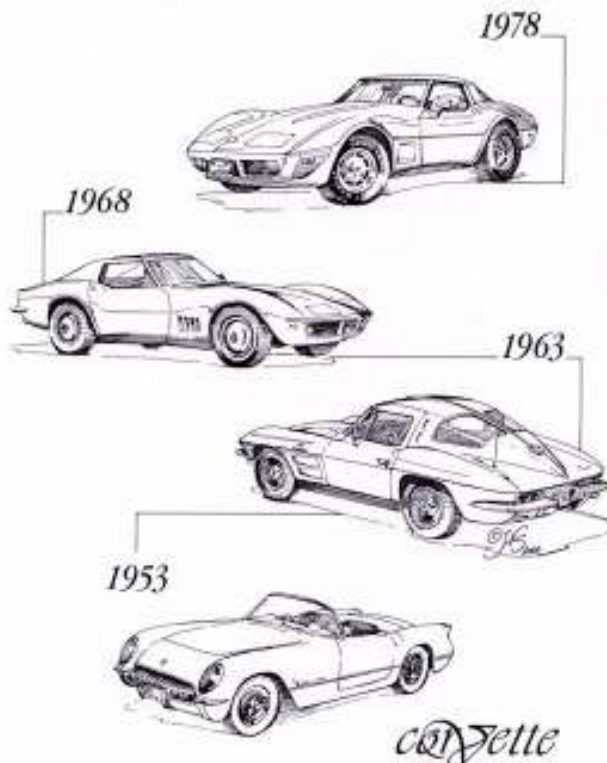
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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that you all had a very enjoyable and safe festive season. It is time to start working off those extra pounds that we all gained over the holidays, and begin planning for another year of Corvette activities while perhaps finishing off the little jobs we had planned to improve our Corvettes. It's only three more months before we're on the road again.

I would like to thank our executive, the social committee, as well as all the members who organized and participated in the events of 2007. Great job everyone.

For those members who were unable to attend the Christmas banquet at Fresca's, we had a great turnout and everyone had more than enough food to satisfy everyone. The leftovers were packaged and delivered to a local shelter, so no food went to waste. We all received some gifts from an early Santa Claus (thanks Gloria and Marilyn) and we also handed out the annual participation awards. Congratulations to Wendy and Denny Lindberg (3rd place), Helen and Robert Lecours (2nd place) and Wendy and Jake Bas (1st place). It was great to welcome some new winners of these awards. Our members also brought 314 lbs. of food for Community Cares Niagara, our largest contribution ever. Thank you again for helping out others during this season.

The December social evening at the Far East Restaurant in Niagara Falls, in lieu of a meeting, was also a great success. It was well attended and several members went home with either a bottle of wine or a poinsettia plant. Thanks go to Margaret and Larry Keighan.

Remember, all of the club's social activities are open to all members and it is nice to see new members participate in these events. Why don't you make an additional New Year's resolution and plan to attend more of the club's social events.

We had a busy year last year and it appears that 2008 will be even more. It has been a full year since the incorporation of our club and we will be holding our first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members as required by legislation. This will be a new experience for all, and perhaps more formal than our normal meetings, but we'll work our way through it and it is most important that as many members as possible attend this meeting. So we look forward to having a full house at the February meeting.

The social calendar is being formulated for the balance of the year. Check the events calendar elsewhere in this issue. We are also looking at how best to celebrate the club's 35th anniversary this year, as well as perhaps having a few longer road trips this year. If you have any ideas, suggestions or even complaints, please do not hesitate to let me, the executive or the individual committee members know of your thoughts and opinions. New ideas and feedback are always welcome.

Larry and Michelle Schmor were the lucky winners, again, of a free membership, drawn at the January meeting from all members who renewed their memberships prior to and at the meeting.

Also, any member that owns and/or operates their business, wishing to advertise to the club membership, should submit copies of your business card to Ian Bell to be included in the newsletter, free.

Once again, Happy New Year to all and we all look forward to the upcoming Corvette Season.

Happy Corvetting and remember to Save the Wave!

George

REMINDER

It is time to consider membership renewal to the Niagara Corvette Club for 2008. The dues are the same as in past years and the club will be celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2008 so we are looking forward to an exciting and full year.



George welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year and congratulated Denny on his retirement as of January 1st. Margaret and Larry have a new 2007 Atomic Orange Corvette.

George mentioned it was membership renewal time and money should be given to Gloria.

45 members participated in the Christmas Party planned by John and Marg. Gloria and Marilyn found great gifts for all. Participation awards for the year were presented to:

First place – Wendy and Jake Bas

Second place – Helen and Robert Lecours

Third place – Wendy and Denny Lindberg

We collected and donated 314 lbs of food to Community Care this year.

December 11 – 33 members met at the Far East Restaurant for a dinner organized by Margaret and Larry. A presentation was made to Diane Metcalf in appreciation of the years she spent doing the newsletter.

George asked the 35th Anniversary Committee to select a chairperson and let the executive know.

Ian Bell is our new newsletter editor and Wendy Lindberg is our membership director.

After a brief discussion it was decided to not rejoin CCCC at this time.

Next month will be our first annual general meeting. We shall formally summarize the activities of 2007, review the financials, present a budget proposal and ask for approval. It is also the time to bring up any issues relating to the operation of the club as you see it. We are hoping for a good turnout for this important meeting.

We have submitted our 2008 car show date to Clutch Artists for inclusion in their annual events calendar.

A&W are promoting having cruise nights at the local A&W as well as sponsoring other shows, etc. Wilf will look into the information provided and contact the local A&W to see whether we can get their support for our own car show.

Spring Cruise – We need a volunteer to plan the Spring Cruise for this year.

The April Meeting will be a tour of the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre by Brock. We will meet at the facility at 7pm and then go for dinner after the tour.

After a brief discussion, **Jake moved that we raise our car show registration fee to \$15 per car. This was seconded by Larry. The vote showed all in favour of the motion.**

The 44th Annual Performance World Car Show will be held March 14, 15, 16 at the International Centre in Toronto.

Financially the club is in good shape.

Memberships are due at this time.

Gloria's books are always available for members to see if they have a question. It was decided a verbal summary is sufficient at the Annual Meeting too. George explained that the newsletter goes to people other than our own members so we don't include specific financial details.

After a brief discussion it was decided that those who said they were going to the Christmas Dinner and didn't show up would be asked to reimburse the club for the money as Gloria had to pay for their meals.

Social (See social column)

Show Committee:

The SSR Club are bringing about 15 cars to our show.

Dave confirmed the show date as July 27th.

The flyer is just about ready.

Newsletter:

Ian Bell is now doing the newsletter. Contact him if your e-mail address changes.

Round Table:

The Hamilton Ontario and Hamilton Ohio clubs are meeting for an action packed weekend in Point Peele in June and asked us to join them. Anyone interested can contact Dave.

Dave and Gloria are hoping to put something together for to the Woodward Ave. Show in Detroit this year. It is the weekend before Carlisle.

Klaus is planning a track day at Dunnville for May 16th.

We are looking to purchase logo badges that can be sewn / ironed on to existing clothing.

Larry Schmor won the free membership for 2008 again for the 2nd. time.

50/50 Draw: George won \$54.



January 9, 2008

Mr. J George Dalbergs & Members
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Dear Mr. Dalbergs & Members,

Thank you for your wonderful donation of 314 pounds of food which enabled us to ensure a Merry Christmas for all.

2007 was a very difficult year for many our clients and Christmas became an extra burden. Job loss, unexpected medical emergencies, escalating utility bills and personal tragedy were but a few of the reasons people found themselves on that slippery slope between dependency and self sufficiency. Asking for help was a new and humbling experience.

However, as we closed the doors on Christmas Eve, we were confident that we had done our very best to ensure the Magic of Christmas would happen for the 2800 families (approx. 7000 people) that registered with us. It was a great feeling. As well, during the month of December 1500 families (approx. 3750 people) received emergency food and clothing, while numerous others received assistance with special emergencies and 1200 families received help with shelter. It was a very busy place!

We did not do this alone. A very caring community who gave generously of their time, talent and treasure enabled us to make a difference in the lives of those who needed us most. Thank you for the role that you played in helping us to make a difference in the lives of those who needed us most. Thank you for the role that you played in helping us achieve our success.

Perhaps the greatest gift to those of us on the "front lines" is the fact that you recognize the importance of and value the work we do. During the hustle and bustle of the holiday season it goes a long way in bolstering our sometimes weary spirits and we are very grateful.

The best of wishes to you and yours for the coming year. May it be filled with health, happiness and prosperity for all.

Together we are making a difference to those in need.

Sincerely,

Betty-Lou Souter
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December Meeting Far East Restaurant



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY'S FOR
January**

- Leslie Daudelin
- John Daudelin
- Denny Lindberg
- Charlotte MacDonald
- Gayle Magnini
- Ellen Deane
- Stan Kokotka
- Ray Maude Jr.
- Jim McGarry
- Larry Schmor

Coming Events:

- **Sunday February 3rd** Superbowl party at Bas Farm 3 PM until ? Food and Drink provided. Sign up sheet was available at January meeting. Please call Jake & Wendy if plans change at (905) 834-6983.
- **Sunday February 17th** Nascar party hosted by Wendy and Denny Lindberg ,More info next month. Sign up sheet at the February meeting.
- **Saturday March 1st** Dinner & Bowling. Meeting at 5:30 PM at Jack Astor's restaurant on Ontario street and bowling at 7:30 at Parkway Lanes. John Daudelin organizing the event. Sign up sheet at February meeting.
- George won the Z06-49 prize of \$250. Wendy started a new draw.



MOPED driver stopped for a red light beside a new Corvette. "Great looking car," he shouted. The driver opened the passenger door so the moped operator could admire the interior. Just then the light turned green. The driver slammed the door and sped off. Almost immediately the moped caught up and passed the sports car. Quickly, the Corvette accelerated and passed the moped. Then the bike zipped ahead again, turned on a dime, charged back in the other direction and fell over. The sports car braked beside the bike, and the driver asked the mopedder if he was hurt. "No, thanks, I'm fine." "Is there anything I can do?" "Yes!" gasped the mopedder. "You can open your door and release my suspenders."



Christmas Party



4 Sale

Lexmark 7100 Series Printer/Scanner/Copier. Approx 18 mos old. Includes 4 EXTRA unopened ink cartridges. 2 Black & 2 Colour. Works great, no problems. Reason 4 selling: Upgraded to another printer for our new laptop. Asking \$125.00. Also have one flatbed HP 3900 series Scanner for \$40 or best offer. Cal Wilf or Diane @ 1-905-563-7385.

Corvette Web Sites

<http://store.corvettemuseum.com/>

www.ontariovettes.com

<http://www.corvettesofhamilton.org/>

<http://www.corvettesofbuffalo.com/>

		<u>NCC CLUB</u>	<u>Contact</u>	
Jan.	8	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		
Feb.	3	NFL Party - Bas Farms (3:00)	Wendy Bas	Port Colborne
	5	NCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Frado's		
	17	NASCAR Party @ Lindbergs (1:00)	Wendy Lindberg	Stevensville
Mar.	1	NCC Bowling Night - Jack Astor's (5:30)	Leslie Daudelin	St. Catharines
	1	- Parkway Lanes (7:30)		
	4	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		



Another Christmas season has come and gone. Presents have been exchanged and opened. We've probably eaten and partied too much.

We would like to thank Dianne and Bruce for their years they dedicated to the writing of the club's newsletter. Hopefully we can carry on in the same tradition. As new editors we are open to any suggestions to make our club newsletter better.

Ian & Jackie

Tech Tip

FAQs Importing an automobile from USA

Importing a vehicle into Canada from the United States is not as simple as buying a car, driving to the border and paying some duty. There are a number of steps you must take and questions to be answered.

- Do you know what makes and models of vehicles can be imported into Canada?
- Are any modifications required?
- Is there a recall on that particular vehicle?
- Does your province have requirements that must be met?
- What documentation do you need?
- What duty and taxes must be paid?
- How do you move the vehicle without permanent licence plates?

These and other questions need to be dealt with before you bring the car home. So, before you set out, consult the following two web sites to learn about the steps you must take:

- [How to Import a Vehicle into Canada](#) (Registrar of Imported Vehicles – see below for [contact information](#));
- [Importing a Vehicle Into Canada](#) (Canada Border Services Agency – see below for [contact information](#)).

Corvette Commandments

1. Thou shall not fail to wave to a fellow Corvette owner
2. Thou shall blow out carbon with a high-speed run as required
3. Thou shall not bring thy Corvette to an automatic car wash
4. Thou shall kick all other models' asses frequently
5. Thou shall not cruise on an unpaved road
6. Thou shall treat thy Vette with respect; great power, great responsibility
7. Thou shall see each Vette as an individual work of art; judge not, lest ye might be judged
8. Thou shall not acknowledge other manufacturers' models as being true sports cars
9. Thou shall keep thy Corvette clean and waxed at all times
10. Thou shall not pass a fellow Corvette owner in distress without offering aid
11. Thou shall not feed thy Corvette budget-grade fuel
12. Thou shall not bring neither food nor drink nor tobacco products into thy Corvette
13. Thou shall park thy Corvette in such a manner as to protect her tender fenders
14. Thou shall not covet thy neighbors corvette



What do these 3 items have in common?



What is unique about this corvette?

Answers?

All born in 1973.

The 1973 Corvette Stingray no longer had a chrome front bumper, as seen on this coupe. New body coloured front bumpers blend smoothly into front fascia and fenders.

A new round Corvette badge was placed between the headlight doors. The chrome rear bumper was unchanged.

The Royal Canadian Air Force Formed.

Alex Trebek moves to the United States to host "The Wizard of Odds."

Any suggestions for our 35th anniversary should be forwarded to the anniversary committee of Glennie Wilkinson, Wendy Bas, Helen Lecours and Stan Goosan.

CHEVROLET ENTERS THE WORLD OF SUPERCARS WITH 2009 CORVETTE ZR1

New, Supercharged LS9 V-8 is the Heart of the ZR1

DETROIT – Chevrolet officially announced the 2009 Corvette ZR1 – an American supercar that brings the technology and engineering refinement of carbon-fiber, ceramics and electronics together in a distinctive design.

“Chevrolet's goal with the new ZR1 is to show what an American supercar can deliver, at a price that trumps exotics that cost two, three or four times as much – and does so with exceptional driveability,” said Ed Peper, Chevrolet general manager.

All-new LS9 supercharged 6.2L V-8 targeted at producing at least 100 horsepower per liter, or 620 horsepower (462 kW), and approximately 595 lb.-ft. of torque (823 Nm)

