

## From The Prez

The cruising season is fast coming to an end and if you are not having fun with your Corvette, it is not the fault of our social committee. If you like to show off your cleaned and polished baby, we have had quite a few opportunities with the RACO Open House, our own annual Car Show, the GM Engine Plant Open House as well as the Wills Super Chevy Show along with the shows conducted by other Corvette clubs in the area. If you like cruising, we have had our Spring Cruise and Rally, as well as a variety of local mini-cruises culminating in dinner or BBQ afterwards. The major cruise of course is the trip to Corvettes at Carlisle in August. If you like to test your driving ability and like to test your baby's handling, we have had a few track days at the Dunnville Autodrome. In addition to the above, we have had several opportunities to party and enjoy each other's company. As you can see, our social committee, along with individual members, has tried to accommodate our member's interests. Several social / driving / show opportunities remain before the season is over and our toys are put to bed for the winter.

In addition to the above social activities, we cannot overlook the amazing charity aspects of NCC. In the spring, we hold our annual car wash at Kala's Home Hardware. In July we all work towards our annual car show, our principle fundraiser. In September we host the Cruise Night at the Lincoln County Fall Fair in Beamsville. The proceeds of these events are all donated to the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre and this year we were able to donate \$15,200; our best year yet. In addition, several of the other events that we participate in such as the Wills SuperChevy Show and the Simcoe Show & Shine result in indirect contributions to other charities. Giving back to the community is certainly a worthwhile endeavour.

Since Marilyn and I have been members of this club, we have enjoyed all the events in which we have participated, made some very good friends, and feel proud of being members of an organization that is so "democratic" and open. We try to accommodate everyone's desires and opinions for the benefit of all.

There is still time to enjoy our Corvettes so check the events calendar for the remainder of the year and get out and participate. It has been very gratifying to see quite a few of our new members attending the social events and taking on active roles when and where required. This indicates that the values of the club are well grounded and it certainly bodes well for the future.

**Happy Corvetting and remember to Save the Wave!**

*George*

## From the Editor

For those that were not at our last meeting you missed our presentation to the Niagara children centre, this is something to be very proud of.

All the hard work and time makes one feel good when we make a nice size donation to a good cause.

Also you would have missed that I will be resigning at the end of this year as newsletter editor and we have sold our car.

So at this time I would like to say that we have made many friends and had some very memorable times along the way.

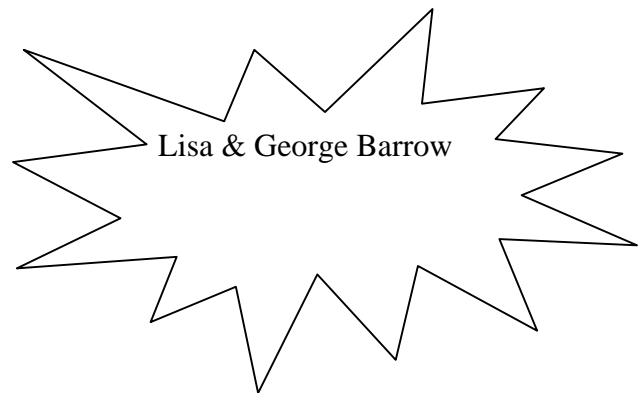
We have just decided to move on to a new chapter in our lives and that is our motorhome.

As they say too many toys and not enough time sometimes happens and this is where we felt we were at.

So anyone that feels they would like to help the club out by taking over the newsletter by all means I will help you out with getting started.

*Diane & Bruce*

## Welcome New Members



## NIAGARA CORVETTE CLUB - MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, September 4, 2007

**Attendance:** 53

- George welcomed Jim Marino, the Executive Director of the Niagara Peninsula Children's Center Foundation. A cheque for \$15,200, proceeds from the 2007 car show, was presented. Jim thanked the members.
- We might have a tour of the facility in April. Jim Marino said any member would be welcome at any time.
- New members, Lisa and George Barrow of Port Colborne have a 2002 Red Corvette.
- George informed the members that Doug England, a past president of this club, passed away on Wednesday, August 29 at age 59. A card of condolences has been sent to his wife.
- George mentioned the events from the last month and thanked those involved; the GM Engine Plant tour & open house, the Wills Super Chevy Show and the Vette Together @ Bas Farms.
- **Lincoln County Fair at Beamsville Fairgrounds - September 7** - Members are asked to be at the fairgrounds to help with registration and parking by 5pm
- George read the list of other club events for the month of September in Wilf's absence. The other events are listed in the newsletter.
- Gloria reported that we had received another cheque for \$500 and we are in very good shape financially for this time of year.
- Gloria thanked Jack and Carol who paid for putting an advertisement for our show in Old Autos this summer.

**Newsletter:** [Diane & Bruce]

Sadly, Diane announced that she will no longer be doing the newsletter as they will be resigning from the club. George asked if anyone would be interested in taking on this job and there was no response.

- Harold and Gayle make their own wine at Wine Garden in Pelham. If anyone from the club goes there to make wine and mentions Gayle and Harold they will return \$50 to the club for the Centre.
- There's a wine tasting Monday Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Legion in Fonthill. More at the next meeting.
- John Mytroen presented George with a very special birthday present "The Cane". This has been presented to several club members on the occasion of a special birthday.
- Jake has a 2003 yellow coupe with low mileage for sale for \$37,900.

**50/50 Draw:** [Wendy L.]

September's winner of \$70.50 was Barb Losier. Barb kindly donated her winnings to the Children's Centre.

- At this point we adjourned to Avondale on Stewart

**Niagara Corvette Club  
Fall Cruise & Poker Run  
Sunday September 30, 2007**



**MEETING PLACE:** The Village Square Plaza in Smithville. There is a Sunoco Station and a Tim Horton's there, so both you and your car can start with the necessary fluid levels.



**LEAVE:** 9:30 a.m. SHARP. Please arrive early enough to ensure you have a full tank of gas and an empty bladder. This is a rain or shine event, but the forecast is always sunny when you drive a Corvette!!

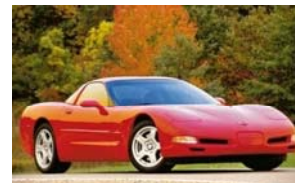
**CRUISE TO:** The first part of the cruise will be about 1 1/2 hrs., with a 45 minute stop at Tim Horton's in Simcoe. The second part will also be about 1 1/2 hrs., stopping at our lunch destination at Camp 31 in Paris. After lunch, we will make our way to Stoney Creek Dairy. The Hamilton Club has once again been invited to join us on our Fall Cruise. Poker cards will be handed out at Smithville, Simcoe and Paris. Winners to be announced after lunch.



**LUNCH:** We will be having lunch around 2:00 p.m. at "Camp 31", 22 Paris Road, Paris. Everyone will be ordering from a menu and will pay accordingly. After lunch we will determine the winners of the poker hand.

**R.S.V.P. by Thursday, September 27, 2007**

so we can confirm with the restaurant the number of people who will be having lunch. At present we have 32 people signed up!!



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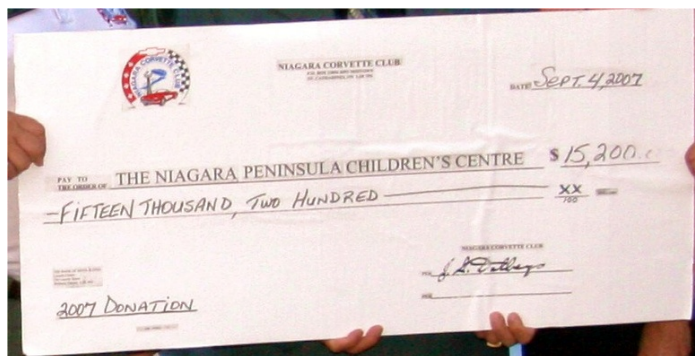
## Tech Tip

### Unlock C5 Radio

The following procedure will give you a new code that you can use instead of your personal code. Using this new code, you can ?unlock? your radio and then ?re-lock? it with a new code if you wish. Prerequisites: The radio must be in LOC mode NOT in INOP mode. Let me explain. If you have activated the Theft-Deterrent feature of your radio and loose power, the radio goes into LOC (theftlock) mode. With the ignition on, you must use the MN and HR buttons to enter you personal code in order to unlock it (The instructions are on page 3-27 in your Y2K Owner?s manual). If you fail to enter the correct code eight (8) times, the radio goes into INOP mode. You have to wait an hour with the ignition on before the radio returns to LOC mode (go for a long drive somewhere). Procedure: 01. Turn the ignition ON (The radio displays LOC) 02. Hold down the Radio Presets 2 and 3 buttons for six seconds 03. The radio display changes from LOC to a three-digit number. Write this number down. Don?t take forever, fifteen seconds max before the next step. 04. Press the AM/FM button 05. The radio display changes to another three-digit number. Write this number to the right of the first one. 06. You now have a six-digit number, the first three digits are from STEP 03 and the last three digits are form STEP 05 07. Call 1 800 537 5140 08. Press 1 then # (pound). You?ll hear ?Invalid Code, try again? 09. Press 139010 then # (pound). You will be asked to enter your four or six digit code followed by \* (start) 10. Enter the number from STEP 6 then \* (star) 11. Listen to the four-digit number and write it down. It will be repeated twice 12. Turn the ignition ON (The radio displays LOC) 13. Use the MN and HR buttons to enter the code from STEP 11 14. Press the AM/FM button. The radio display changes to SEC Your radio is now ?un-locked? and usable. The Theft-Deterrent feature is STILL active! If you want to disable it, use the instruction on page 3-27 in your Y2K Owner?s manual. Use the code from STEP 11 instead of your personal code. Note: This tip originated from LOTZAH, Austin TX (credit must be given where credit is due). I verified it on an Y2K C5 with a locked radio - mine.



## Niagara Children Centre



### Corvette club donates \$15,200 to kids' centre

The Niagara Corvette Club has donated \$15,200 to the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre.

The donation comes from proceeds from the club's annual car show earlier this summer, as well as from a car wash and other fundraising events over the course of the year.

The club's latest offering brings its total donations to the children's centre to \$265,000 over the past 34 years.



## Social Update

A Huge **THANK-You** to everyone that attended our party (especially the brave pie eaters!)

We really appreciated the help of Harold Anders “ Bocce Boss” for running the tournament for us, he did a great job. There are really too many to thank that brought food, snack items, wine etc., So Thank-You to all of you and last but not least my every faithfull “ kitchen staff” you know who you are.!

The pie eating winner was Rick Lasiok winning by only a mouthful over Fred Hutchison.

Thanks for your participation again.

Rick, Fred, Dave, Helen & Robert!

### Coming Events:

- September 22 – Sunset Cruise from the Palmwood Restaurant in Crystal Beach. Dinner is to be prepaid and is \$15 per person including tax.
- September 30 – Fall Cruise – We will meet at the plaza in Smithville and be ready to leave at 9:30 sharp. Call Dave Drake if you need more info.
- October 27 – Halloween Party @ Marquis - cancelled
- December 1 – NCC Christmas Party – Fresco’s, \$32 per person
- December 11 – NCC Social Evening at Far East in Niagara Falls

## Happy Birthday This month!!

Rick Campbell  
 Ian Dalton  
 Jack Hill  
 Sonia Ippel  
 Helen Lecours  
 Exodia Lefebure  
 Wilf Seniuk  
 Doug Weber

## 2007 NCC Event Calendar

Sept	4	NCC General Meeting	Frado’s
	7	Lincoln County Fair Cruise Night(5:00)	George
	22	Sunset Cruise Palmwood (4:30)	Wendy Bas
	30	Fall Cruise & Poker Run	Dave
Oct	2	NCC General Meeting	Frado’s
Nov	6	NCC General Meeting	Fardo’s
Dec	1	NCC Christmas Party Fresco’s	John Gibbons
Dec	11	NCC Social Evening (6:30) Far East Niagara Falls	Margaret Keighan

# Notice

Our members, Gail and Harold Anders, brought forth an opportunity for our members to raise some funds for the Niagara Peninsula Children’s Centre while enjoying their own wine-making skills.

The Anders have been making their own wine at the Wine Garden of Pelham, located at 191 Highway 20 East in Fonthill (905-892-3133). Ron Kozub, the brew master has informed them that for every NCC member who comes in, as a new customer, and mentions the Anders name or the club’s name, Ron will set up an account for the club and donate a \$50 finders fee to the club which could be added to our donation to the Children’s Centre.

The Wine Garden of Pelham has a large selection of whites and reds, along with fruit wines and other varietals in kit form. Ron will provide all the assistance required to ensure an enjoyable product. You can contact Ron Kozub at the above number for further information.

Also, the Wine Garden will be holding a wine tasting at the Fonthill Legion on October 22 at 7:00 PM. The cost of the wine tasting is \$10 per person. If we can generate enough interest within the club, we can reserve a table for the club. Please contact Gail or Harold at 905-684-3025.



# Warning

Are we, as car enthusiasts, under attack?

A couple of our club members are insured with State Farm and have received a “News & Notes” letter from their agent. One of the articles in this newsletter states the following:

## Is your altered vehicle insured?

With the help of your buddies and a good mechanic, you’ve customized your car. Your car may be the envy of the neighbourhood **but it may no longer be insured.**

Alterations can cause the vehicle to react differently from original manufacturer’s intentions, or affect the engineering of the vehicle so that it may not perform safely. For these reasons, we don’t provide coverage for such vehicles.

Altered vehicles are those physically or mechanically altered in any of the following manners:

- Contours changed in any significant fashion from manufacturer’s design.
- Centre of gravity/normal body “level” has been materially changed.
- Equipped with non-standard accelerating devices or equipment designed for unusual performance, (ie nitrous oxide).
- An engine **not** available from the manufacturer as a **standard option** for the year and model.
- Extra-wide treaded tires designed and normally used for racing.

If your vehicle has been altered, you must notify our agent who can arrange for alternate coverage. If in doubt, play it safe – call your State Farm agent.

In addition to the above article from State Farm, we are also under attack from the Provincial Legislation. As a result of the recent publicity given to a number of accidents in the Toronto area due to young drivers driving stupidly, the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), has introduced new legislation (Bill 203) to reduce “street racing”. In most instances, these accidents have been caused by young drivers, often driving their parent’s car, in a totally irresponsible manner. However, as a result, under this new legislation, the following can occur:

- The police can charge you and seize your vehicle for anything they think is “racing”, “stunting”, or a “contest”.
- The police can seize your vehicle days or weeks later, possibly from private property, not necessarily when they deem the infraction has taken place.
- They can suspend your drivers licence on the spot, and you must pay all fees involved to get your vehicle and licence back including towing, storage, licence replacement, etc.
- You have no means to appeal the licence suspension or impoundment because under the Highway Traffic Act, the officer’s word is the final word.

Attorney General Michael Bryant, in a recent interview, claimed that he can seize cars being built for “street racing” *before* they get on the road and destroy them even if no actual driving offence was committed. He has made the following statements:

“If we can establish someone has parts and they’re juicing up their car – obviously for the purpose of street racing – the we can seize those vehicles.”

“We can seize that car if we have information from police and, just on the balance of probabilities, is we can establish that that car is being used for the unlawful purpose of street racing, we will seize it and you will never see it again. We don’t need to wait until that car hits the road fully loaded.”

“We will crush your car. We will crush the parts. You will never see it again.”

Bryant has also said that “car junkies who pour thousands of dollars into their vehicles to make them as fast as possible are wasting their money” and he compared shops that modify vehicles to illegal drug labs and bomb factories.

If you think that this process and the direction of the present government are unreasonable, you must make your concerns known. Contact your local Member of Ontario Provincial Parliament (MPP) and make sure they know how you feel about this. To reach you MPP, visit: [www.ontla.on.ca](http://www.ontla.on.ca) then click on “contact your MPP”.

Please – drive safely and slowly this summer and fall and remember that the future of your vehicle depends on **YOU!**



## Just a Thought !!!!

This past weekend, Marilyn and I, along with Wilf, attended the ALMS races at Mosport Park. We were all credentialed for the Corvette Corral that is meant to bring Corvette owners together to socialize and appreciate the races. A couple of issues came to light that caused me some concern which I would like to pass on to our members.

- There was absolutely no representation of GM Canada at the Corvette Corral. The Corral was pulled together largely by the efforts of Scott and Kay Sinclair, Wilson Niblett Corvette in Richmond Hill, and Mobil One, with the aid of IMSA, the governing body for the race. No GM Canada presence or support at all; not even a GM Canada banner. By contrast, the Porscheplatz next door was largely sponsored by Porsche North America, along with Pfaff Motors.
- There was a GM VIP Hospitality Tent located elsewhere on the site and people were being sent from the VIP tent to the Corral to participate in the parade laps that were arranged through Scott's contacts within IMSA. Corvettes had the prime time for the parade laps – 3 laps at noon just prior to the feature race.
- GM USA sent an engineer to the Corral to discuss the changes to the 2008 Corvette, although he seemed to be more involved with marketing than engineering, and he made a couple of comments which were interesting but of concern to us as Canadian customers.
  - GM Canada had recently reduced their allocation for cars to be shipped to Canada; this decision was not made in the US but in Oshawa
  - There will only be about 600 Z06 Corvettes to be built in Bowling Green with only about 34 allocated to Canada.
  - The bulk of the Z06s, in excess of US requirements, will be shipped to the Mid East and Europe where the premium product is in high demand.
  - When questioned about the huge price differential between US and Canadian prices, he alluded that the differential was caused by the Federal government, but the explanation was weak and implied that the pricing was really set by Oshawa not Ottawa.

In spite of the above, the 2008 version of the Corvette looked great, with 2 new colours, and has several improvements, both in the powertrain as well as the interior, to make it very desirable. It is true that the best Corvette is the last one built.

It is a shame that we cannot get the same kind of support from GM Canada that the clubs and owners in the US get from the parent corporation. If it weren't for the efforts of the individuals within the dealerships and others who have the means to influence the organizations, we would likely not have a Corvette Corral at Mosport, the only ALMS venue in Canada this year. When we were dealing with the GM engine plant regarding the trophies that they donated, Marilyn was asked, "What has NCC done for GM?" Her response was that we buy their cars and we have also actively supported their efforts at the engine plant Open House celebrations from their inception. I was also, subsequently told that the trophies may well be a one-time deal this year.

It becomes quite frustrating to support and enjoy such an interesting and great car when you have to deal with this type of attitude from the Canadian arm of the Corporation.

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### *O'Connell and Magnussen Win GT1 in Mosport ALMS*

The last time that Johnny O'Connell and Jan Magnussen stood together in the Mosport International Raceway winner's circle was in 1999 after the pair won the LMP1 class in a Panoz prototype.

The Corvette Racing teammates reprised that winning performance in the Grand Prix of Mosport to take the GT1 title with a 57-second margin of victory over Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta in the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R. Fan favorite Ron Fellows and Andy Pilgrim finished third in their bright white No. 33 Compuware Corvette. Read more at: [www.corvetteracing.com](http://www.corvetteracing.com) Corvette Racing's next event is the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix in Detroit Saturday, Sept. 1. SPEED Channel will televise the race live at 3 p.m. EDT.



<b><i>OTHER EVENTS</i></b>			
<b>Sep.</b>	1	18th Annua Olcott Beach Car Show	Olcott, NY
	6-9	37th Annual Fall Barrie Automotive Flea Market	Barrie
	9-Jul	Zippo U.S. Vintage Grand Prix	Watkins Glen NY
	14-16	Lowe's Motor Speedway Fall Lions Autofair	Charlotte, NC
	15-16	RM Fawcett Movie Car Auction -no reserve	Whitby , ON
	16	London Swap Meet	London
	21-23	<b>Mid America Funfest</b>	<b>Effingham IL</b>
22-23	<b>Waterdown Swap Meet &amp; Car Show</b>	<b>Waterdown</b>	
30	Last Chance Custom Car Show & Swap Meet	Welland	
<b>Oct</b>	3-7	<b>Fall Carlisle</b>	<b>Carlisle, PA</b>
	5-6	<b>Fall Auction @ Carlisle</b>	<b>Carlisle, PA</b>
	19-21	RM Fall Classic Car Auction	Mississauga
	28	<b>Rodmasters Fall Swap Meet - Marrit Hall</b>	<b>Ancaster</b>
	30-31	<b>SEMA Show</b>	Las Vegas
<b>Nov.</b>	1-2	<b>SEMA Show</b>	Las Vegas
	4-Feb	13th Wheel World Car Exhibition - Skylon Tower	Niagara Falls

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