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Vision Statement-

The Niagara Corvette Club is a friendly, safe and affordable car club dedicated to learning, respect for all and enjoyment in all aspects of the sport of corvettes and fundraising.

Meeting: 7:00pm.

Tuesday, April 1

Niagara Peninsula Children Centre

567 Glenridge Ave.

Across from Brock next to Schaver Hospital

(Map below)

*Next month (May) return to Frado's Italian Restaurant,
And regular 8:00 start.*

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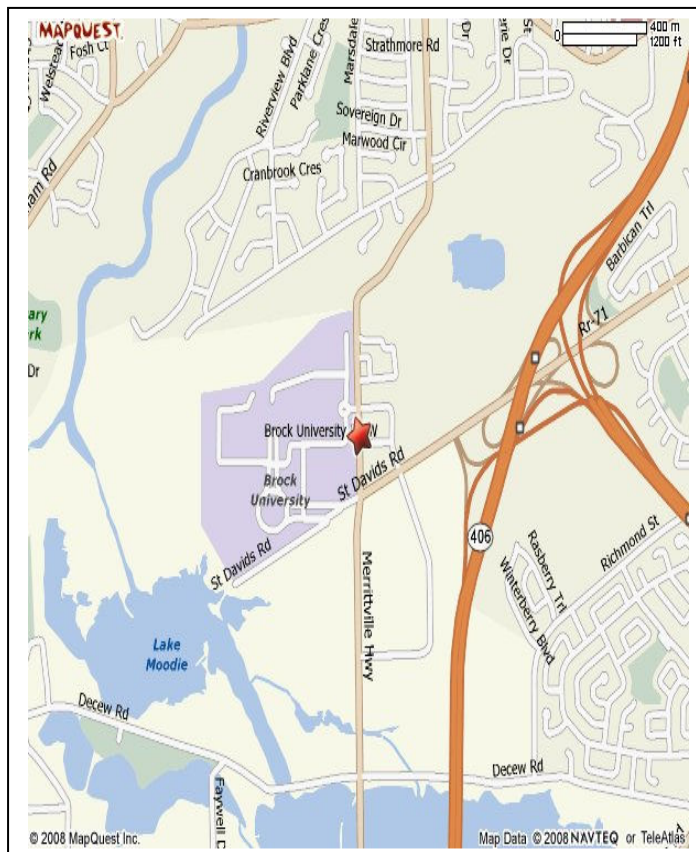
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First of all, I would like to extend a great big thank you to Marilyn and Wendy for essentially running the March meeting of the members. It turned out that all of the executive were either on vacation, suffering from a malady or having problems with the weather and as a result, none of the executive were present. It's nice to have a Plan "B" that kicks in and works. Thanks a lot to both of you.

Now, the cold and bitter month of February is finally behind us and spring is in the air. Have a little faith, it will arrive. In an attempt to escape the clutches of winter, Marilyn & I, along with Wendy & Jake and Margaret & Larry flew to San Diego for a cruise of the Mexican Riviera. The idea was to get away from snow and enjoy the sun and hopefully upon our return, winter would be over. Not to be. However, it was nice to be able to go without socks for a week. The trip was enjoyable, company great and on top of that, it was somewhat educational.

1. Do not drink Jose Cuervo tequila. The Mexicans won't drink it so why should we. The key is to buy tequila labelled that it was made from 100% agave; Jose Cuervo is not! With 100% agave, you do not need limes, salt, etc. but you can drink it straight like a fine brandy. Clear tequila is bottled immediately after distillation, gold is aged for at least 3 months in oak casks, and reposada is aged for up to 3 years in oak.
2. Liqueurs made from tequila are very interesting. We sampled tequila and almonds, tequila and chocolate, cocoa and vanilla and tequila with peaches and apricots. All very tasty for the ladies.

3. Agave syrup is similar to our maple syrup but a clear golden colour. Hard to find but very nice.
4. Water is at a premium, the people are friendly and helpful and YOU MUST DICKER when purchasing anything on shore.

After the cruise, Marilyn and I stayed for a few days in San Diego and had a chance to tour the town on a trolley, visit the zoo, and also do a tour of the USS Midway – the longest commissioned ship in the US Navy. It was commissioned in 1945 and decommissioned in 1998 after serving in the Korean war, the Vietnam war and Desert Storm. The flight deck covers just over 4.0 acres of area, it has 4 steam engines for propulsion, each screw (propeller) is 18 ft. in diameter and it uses 260 gallons of diesel fuel per mile. How's that for fuel efficiency? If you've never been on a carrier before, you have to visit this one if the opportunity presents itself. Also, public transit in San Diego is very efficient and extremely inexpensive. One can essentially travel from Orange County to Tijuana, all day long for \$5 per person.

Anyway, we are back in reality and looking forward to the coming Corvette season. The summer should be great after this cold winter, so check the social calendar closely, plan to participate in as many events as you can fit in, and use & enjoy your Corvette.

Save the Wave!

George

P.S. Remember the April meeting will be held at the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre.

REMINDER

Membership renewal to the Niagara Corvette Club for 2008. Those not renewed by March meeting will be removed from membership role. 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.



Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2008
Meeting Started: 8:01 P.M.

Attendance: 25

Welcome - Introduce Guests

- Welcome to Michael Brooks, a guest brought out by Mike Sirrianni.
- In the absence of the entire executive, the meeting was conducted by Marilyn and Wendy B. Thanks to both of you.

President's Report: [George D.]

- Questions raised last month regarding the use of 50/50 funds were addressed.
- Members were informed of the untimely passing of Brian Merkley of the Corvettes of Southern Ontario. Sympathy card sent to his family. He will be missed.
- We have received an invitation to attend the April meeting of Quad C in Mississauga. George is planning to attend in order to mend fences with some of the member clubs.
- Spring Cruise will be held on Saturday, May 3 and we will cruise to Legendary Motorcars in Milton and also the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame. Further details will be in the newsletter and the April meeting.

Vice-President's Report: [Wilf]

Correspondence:

Marilyn read the following events scheduled by other clubs for the next couple of months. Please refer to the "Other Events" listing in your newsletter.

Secretary's Report: [Marilyn]

- Marilyn reviewed the motions that were passed by the membership at the February Annual General Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: [Gloria.]

- Gloria and Dave are on vacation in Florida, so there is no financial report this month but Marilyn reported that our insurance, NAAACCC membership dues and SVAO dues have been paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Committee: [Wendy B]

- Wendy reviewed the upcoming social calendar for March through May. Please refer to the CLUB EVENTS listing in the newsletter.

35th Anniversary Committee [Wendy B]

- Wendy reviewed the minutes of the committee meeting held last month and discussed the suggestions that have come forward. These will be reviewed by the executive and a proposal may be brought forward to the April meeting.

Newsletter: [Ian Bell]

- Request any address or e-mail changes be forwarded to executive ASAP. A few members handed Ian their business cards at this time.

50/50 Draw: [Denny L.]

- Helen L was the winner of the 50/50 draw this month. Congratulations.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 1, 2008 @ the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre at 7:00 PM.



Coming Events:

Please note and respond by phone early to those below. Because of poor weather March 4 and our April meeting at Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre, notice is short and sign up sheets not available.

Saturday March 15, Dinner and Games night at Henk & Hetty's -6:00 PM. Bring your favourite game and a card table if you have one.

Hetty @ 905-562-4773.

Saturday April 19, Walk, Talk & Dine. Meet by west side of Pen Centre at 5:15 PM. Walk 2 laps around the Mall a distance of 3 KM. We will eat at the London Arms at the mall at 6:30 PM. Meal range from \$7- \$20.

Wendy Bas @ 905-834-6983

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY'S FOR
March**

Robert Lecours	Mar. 1
Livia Weber	Mar. 1
Tracy Stewart	Mar. 2
Bru Sabourin	Mar. 2
Karen Sirianni	Mar. 9
Diane Metcalf	Mar. 15
Ruth Sutton	Mar. 26
Don Miskow	Mar. 27
Janet Campbell	Mar. 29
Georgina Conway	Mar.30
Carol Hill	Mar. 30

Thanks to our organizers John and Leslie for arranging our dinner and our bowling night. We had a lot of fun!

Thanks Wendy Bas



"Water In The Carburetor"

"The car won't start," said a wife to her husband. "I think there's water in the carburetor."

"How do you know?" said the husband scornfully. "You don't even know what the carburetor is."

"I'm telling you," repeated the wife, "I'm sure there's water in the carburetor."

"We'll see," mocked the husband. "Let me check it out. Where's the car?"

"In the swimming pool."



		<u>NCC CLUB</u>	<u>Contact</u>	
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	Hetty Marcellisen	Vineland
	15	Dinner & Games @ Marcellisen's		
Apr.	1	NCC General Meeting - NPCC	Wendy Bas	Pen Centre
	19	Walk & Talk / Supper (5:15)		
May	3	Spring Cruise with WNYCC	George	Dunnville Niagara Falls St. Catharines
	6	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		
	16	Track Day -		
	25	Picnic @ the Deane's		
	31	NCC Car Wash @ Kala's Home Hardware (9:00 AM)		
Jun.	3	NCC General Meeting - Frado's	Larry Schmor Roger Copeland Dave Drake George	Prudhomme's St. Catharines Point Pelee Sudbury
	14	4th Annual NCC Road Rally (12:30) Post Rally Barbeque		
	20-22	Weekend with HAC		
	21	Sudbury CC Show & Shine		
Jul.	8	NCC General Meeting	George Dalbergs Harold Anders Glennie Wilkinson Gloria Drake	St. Catharines St. Catharines St. Catharines Reif Winery
	12	Downtown Classic Car Show (10:00) After show party at the Anders'		
	20	Pool Party @ the Wilkinsons		
	27	NCC CAR SHOW - Show & Shine		
Aug.	5	NCC General Meeting - Frado's GM Engine Plant Tour - Corvettes, etc.	George Dalbergs George Dalbergs Wendy Bas Dave Drake Leslie Daudelin	St. Catharines Grimsby Port Colborne Pontiac, MI Carlisle, PA
	9	Wills Super Chevy Showdown - Club Display (10:00) Vette Together @ Bas Farms (3:30)		
	15-17	Woodward Ave. Dream Cruise		
	22-24	Corvettes @ Carlisle		
Sep.	2	NCC General Meeting - Frado's	George Dalbergs Dave Drake	Beamsville Grimsby
	5	Lincoln County Fair Cruise Night (6:00) Fall Cruise & Poker Run - Gateway		
Oct.	7	NCC General Meeting - Frado's	Harold Anders	St. Catharines Niagara Falls
	25	Halloween House Party @ Anders'		
Nov.	4	NCC General Meeting - Frado's NCC Christmas Dinner		
Dec.	2	NCC Social Evening	Margaret Keighan	St. Catharines



Mar.	9 14-16 28-30 29 29-30 30	Automotive Swap Meet - Tillsonburg Event Centre 44th. Performance World - International Trade Centre 2nd Annual London Auto Expo - Western Fairgrounds Wilson-Niblett Tech Session (1 - 4) National Motorcycle Show - Automotive Bldg. Rodmasters Spring Swap Meet - Marritt Hall	Tillsonburg Mississauga London Richmond Hill Toronto Ancaster
Apr.	3-6 4-6 12 13 20 23-27 27	Lowes Motor Speedway Spring Lions Autofair RM Spring Classic Car Auction CCO's Gateway Technical Session Richmond Green Indoor Automotive Flea Market Automotive Flea Market Spring Carlisle Road Runners Car Show & Swap Meet - Marritt Hall	Charlotte NC Mississauga Brampton Richmond Hill Virgil Carlisle PA Ancaster
May	10 16-18 24	14th Annual Spring Swap Meet, Car Show 'n Cruise - Fairgrounds Victoria Day Speedfest Weekend NCRS Ontario Chapter judging meet - Wilson Niblett	Caledonia Mosport Oakville
Jun.	1 5 6-7 7 8 8 8 13-14 14-15 15 15-15 21 20-22 22	16th Annual Hillfest @ Wilson Niblett 25th Annual Spring Barrie Auto Flea Market - Burl's Creek Fleetwood Farms Country Cruize-in CWO Show & Shine - Anderson's Village 2008 Highwayman Car Club Graffiti Car Show - Waterloo Gun & Rod Club Corvette Club of Windsor Show & Shine Corvettes of Peterborough Show & Shine Wasaga Fun Run & Cruize-in Ontario Camaro Nationals Corvette Association of Hamilton Show & Shine Father's Day Double Header Weekend Sudbury Corvette Club Show & Shine Historic CAN-AM / Vintage Race Festival CCO Gateway to Corvettes	Richmond Hill Barrie London Woodstock St. Jacobs Windsor Peterborough Wasaga Beach St. Catharines Mosport Sudbury Mosport Brampton
Jul.	4-5 12 20	2nd Annual Bayfield Vettefest - Clan Gregor Square Brampton Corvette Club Show & Shine Corvettes of Durham Show & Shine - Ontario Motors NCRS National Convention	Bayfield Georgetown Oshawa Boston, MA
Aug.	3 10 15-18 16 21-24	COSO Show & Shine CCO Colonial All Chevy Show - Colonial Chev Wasaga Beach Cruize Weekend Woodward Dream Cruise Grand Prix of Mosport American LeMans Series - Mosport Park	Simcoe Toronto Wasaga Beach Michigan Mosport
Sep.	4-7 4-7 5-7 14	38th Annual Fall Barrie Automotive Flea Market Lowes Motor Speedway Fall Lions Autofair Zippo U.S. Vintage Grand Prix Pine Ridge Corvette Club Show & Shine	Barrie Charlotte, NC Watkins Glen NY Whitby, ON
Oct	1-5	Fall Carlisle RM Fall Classic Car Auction Rodmasters Fall Swap Meet - Marrit Hall SEMA Show	Carlisle, PA Mississauga Ancaster Las Vegas
Nov.	4-7	SEMA Show 13th Wheel World Car Exhibition - Skylon Tower	Las Vegas Niagara Falls

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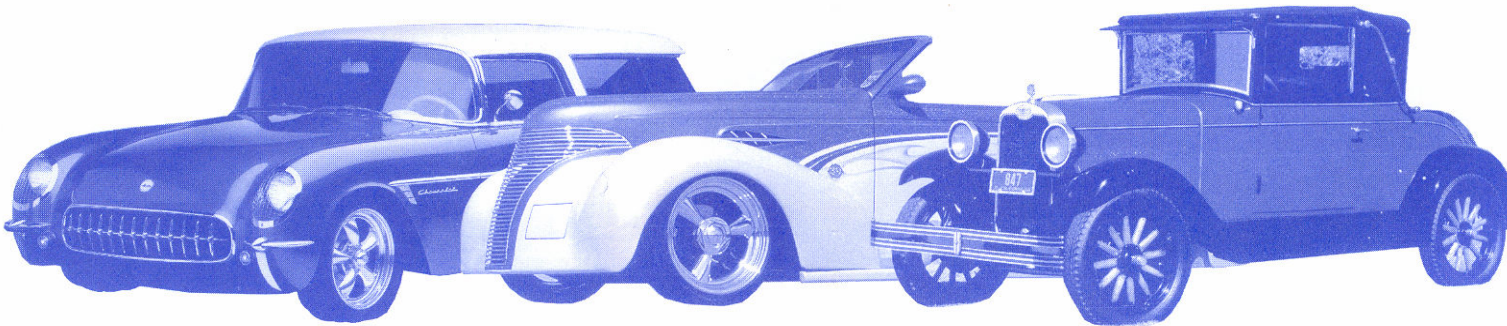
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Corvette 427 Limited Edition Z06 News

Edmunds.com/Inside Line

The 427 Limited Edition Z06 appears destined to be a true Corvette collectible — and the price tag is not likely to deter aficionados. "It is aimed, as always with our special editions, at Corvette enthusiasts who like to have something different," said Bob Tripolsky, Chevrolet spokesman.



The 427 Limited Edition Z06 stands out from the Corvette pack in a number of ways, starting with the paint job. It features a Crystal Red tint coat exterior, which Chevy says makes it the first Z06 ever offered with a red metallic tint coat paint. Cosmetic touches include hood and fascia graphics that hark back to the style of the "stinger" hood design and graphics that were offered with 1967 models equipped with the 427 engine. Each car is numbered and signed by Wil Cooksey, the Corvette assembly plant manager. Read more at: <http://www.edmunds.com/insideline/do/News/articleId=124791>

Corvette Racing Confirms 2008 Driver Lineup

Corvette Racing's roster of championship-winning drivers will return in 2008 to race the Chevrolet factory team's twin Compuware Corvette C6.R race cars in the 12-race American Le Mans Series and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Johnny O'Connell and Jan Magnussen will drive the No. 3 Corvette C6.R, joined by Ron Fellows for three endurance races (Sebring, Le Mans and Petit Le Mans). Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta will drive the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R, teamed with Max Papis in long-distance events.

"Continuity and consistency are two of the cornerstones of Corvette Racing's success, and that is reflected in our longstanding relationships with these championship-winning drivers," said Steve Wesoloski, GM Road Racing Group manager. "They thoroughly understand the team's overall objectives, and they are total professionals both on and off the race track. We're very proud to have these six drivers as part of the Corvette Racing family." Corvette Racing's six drivers have a combined total of 135 ALMS victories, 13 ALMS championships, and 17 class victories in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Corvette Racing will make its season debut in the opening round of the 12-race ALMS series, the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, on March 15, 2008.

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