

Corvette Connection

Niagara Corvette Club Celebrating Our 38th Year

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.



Picture of a ZR1 owned by a Canadian from Alberta. The plate "RRSP" gave me a hint. The color is rarely seen in a ZR1. April is off to a good start in Las Vegas with a forecast daytime high of 91F with overnight low of 62F.I will be back in St Catharines in mid April. Ed Pentesco

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t is with a heavy heart that I begin this month's Message with the news that our member, Larry Keighan, passed away in March. I had not known Larry for a long period of time, but on the occasions that I was able to socialize with Larry, he was always a true gentleman with a tremendous zest for Corvettes and Club activities. The Club will miss Larry dearly. Our sympathies and condolences are extended to Margaret Keighan, Jake and Wendy Bas, and their families. Harold Anders



From the President

Read the President's comments on the passing of Larry Keighan on page 2.

We had a great turnout for our April meeting, and hopefully this is a good omen that 2011 will be a great year for the Club. We had new members join up, and we had former, somewhat absentee members, come out to reconnect with us. It is nice to see that among all of the day-to-day activities that tug at us to pay attention to, that many of us are able to attend our Club meetings.

Our Club meetings are not the only means to connect with fellow members. Our Social Director, Lynn Mytroen, has been coordinating a number of events for us. The joys of an early Spring cold kept me (and Gail) from attending the Dinner and Glow-in-the-Dark Mini-Putt evening on Saturday March 26. I understand from Lynn's meeting report, that six couples had a wonderful time, but I missed the name of the person who won the "Longest Drive". I would like to thank Lynn and John for their efforts in making this event a success. Please take some time to review Lynn's Social Page and our Calendar of Events in our Newsletter. There are a number of upcoming events, so please sign up to participate, if your schedules allow.

I am pleased to report that we have confirmed those persons that will be acting as the Lead Person for the activities and tasks associated with our annual car show. Thanks to all of those folks who have stepped forward to help out. Further work will continue over the upcoming months, so please be prepared to help a Lead Person put our show together. Having another very successful show is very dependent on the participation of all of our members

A hearty "thank you" is also extended to Ian Bell, who has volunteered to co-ordinate the "Corvettes Through the Years" display that we are planning for this year's show. Ian will need the assistance of members to display their cars for the various Corvette body styles and to put this display together, so let's be prepared to help Ian as may be needed.

Ian is putting together quite an impressive resume with the Club: as Newsletter Editor, Web Site Manager, Part-time Club Photographer, and now also the Lead Person for the planned "Corvettes Through the Years" dis-

play. On a personal note, it is nice to see that Ian is expanding his horizons, especially in working with our Club Vice-President, Bill Colclough, in taking over the Web Site management duties. My crystal ball is showing future, well-experienced candidates for Club President and Vice-President positions – how wonderful.

Once again, I encourage all members to contact any of the Club Executives to submit and discuss your ideas for Club events and activities.

Together, we can all look forward to enjoying our Corvettes for another year of safe and happy motoring.

Remember to "Save the Wave!".

Harold.





Minutes from Last Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 5th, 2011 **Attendance: 48**

Meeting Started: 8:00 p.m

President Harold Anders welcomed all the membership to the meeting and introduced new members: Bill Heerspring and Graeme and Karen Tiels.

Harold announced the sad news of the loss of NCC member, Larry Keighan.

President's Report - Harold Anders

New Business:

The NCC Car Show preparations are underway for Sunday, July 24th. Al Dove of the Niagara Amputee Association requested a space to setup and raise funds for his organization at our car show. After some discussion, it was decided that the Niagara Children's Centre should be the focus of the fundraising.

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines is sponsoring a Rally on May 1st. Contact information is available if needed.

The Downtown St. Catharines Car Show will be held on Saturday, July 9th. Volunteers will be needed to help with parking. We will receive a donation for the Children's Centre in return.

Vice-President's Report - Bill Colclough:

Keep in mind the 60th Anniversary of the Corvette in 2013, the 50th Anniversary of the Stingray and the 40th Anniversary of our Club and come up with ideas for Club activities.

We are still gathering information for the Club car flags.

The Western New York and Buffalo Corvette Clubs both meet in Clarence, New York and to foster good inter-club relations, Bill and Harold will try to meet with them.

Financial Report - John Mytroen, Treasurer:

The Club is in good financial standing.

Social Committee - Lynn Mytroen:

Saturday, March 26th, the Indoor Mini-golf and Kelsey's for dinner was enjoyed by twelve members.

May 1st will be our cruise with the Western New York Corvette Club.

Plans for Bowling Green in May are being finalized.

June 4th in London is the Fleetwood Car Show.

Show Committee - Bill Colclough:

The Lead Persons for the Show Preparation Activities have been confirmed.

Ian Bell has agreed to handle the "6 Generations of Corvettes Display" at the car show in July.

Other News

Crash Data Recorders

Do you know that Chrysler, GM and Ford vehicles all contain full crash data recorders that record vehicle speed, brake status, seat belt status and airbag deployment status? These CDR, or Event Data Recorders (EDR), also record additional brake status if the vehicle is equipped with anti-lock brake systems. GM implemented these EDRs in 1994 with Ford following in 2001 and Chrysler in 2005. All these manufacturers use Bosch CDR systems. Toyota began implementing EDR into their vehicles in 2001 and all Toyota built vehicles not containing these systems since 2007 model year. On cars with "drive by wire" electronically controlled accelerator systems, the EDR also records the gas pedal position. All these systems log the information for a short period of time prior to a crash, typically 5 seconds, but this time frame varies. EDRs are required on **all** cars sold in the US by the 2012 model year.

Toyota has provided the NHTSA with the appropriate software to interpret the data and so far, as with Audi in the 1980's, all cases of "unintended acceleration" have shown that the driver had his foot on the gas pedal – not the brakes – prior to a crash.

For a mere \$549, you can purchase a software subscription from Bosch to allow you to download this data to your laptop and interpret the results. You may also require an interface cable for \$79 - \$129.

The question now arises, who has ownership of the data collected by the EDR in your vehicle that you paid for? In case of an accident, can this data be used to self incriminate?

Food for thought!

(compiled from Porsche Panorama – May 2010 issue)

George Dalbergs.

Question — The key-fob transmitter has stopped working on my '99 Corvette. I called my local dealer's service department, and they wanted more than \$100 just to look at it. Is there any way I can repair the transmitter without going to the dealer? Also, how do I access the transmitter battery?

Answer — There are three things that usually go wrong and prevent a transmitter from doing its job:

- 1. The transmitter may need to be resynchronized. Stand next to your Corvette and hold down both the Lock and Unlock buttons for approximately seven seconds. The horn will chirp, and you're done. If the horn doesn't chirp, the problem may be in the transmitter, so you'll need to move on to Step 2.
- 2. Now we need to try to match the transmitter to your car.
- **A.** Turn the ignition key to the "On" position, but don't start the car.
- **B.** Clear any warning messages on the DIC (Driver Information Center) by pressing RESET.
- C. Press OPTIONS several times until you get the blank DIC page. Then press and hold RESET for two seconds.
- **D.** When you see the DIC message "FOB RETRAINING," push RESET once. The message "HOLD LK+UNLK 1ST FOB" will be displayed.
- **E.** Press and hold the LOCK and UNLOCK buttons on the transmitter for 15 seconds.
- **F.** If successful, the DIC will display "FOB LEARNED." Now a prompt for the second transmitter will be displayed.
- **G.** Repeat Steps E. and F. for each transmitter you have (up to three). Remove the key from the ignition.

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Black light mini golf



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Lynn Mytroen Social Page

Spring is here....did you notice?? Saturday, March 26 we held an indoor, black light mini golf tournament. 12 participants came out to practice their putting. Rick Gladman and Glennie Wilkinson tied for low score of 45. Since they are both golfers I think they were out practicing for summer.

Our spring cruise with the **WNYCC** is set for Sunday May 1. The WNYCC is hosting this year and they will be escorting us to Jamestown NY for lunch followed by a tour of the Lucy and Desi Arnez Museum. We will be meeting at Duty Free Fort Erie with an 8 A.M. departure time. Any last minute changes please let Lynn know.

Our June event will be held on **Saturday June 4 with a trip to London On**. For the Fleetwood Farms Country Cruize-In. This year the theme is anything Chevrolet so all Corvettes will be able to park on the grounds. All other cars are more than welcome to join us and there is lots off off-site parking. I think the entry fee is \$10 whether parking on or off grounds. This show is one of a kind with George Barris as a guest as well as the Happy Days Cast. There is a Square-dancing tractor show and tours of Steve Plunkit's private 31 car garage. For more information please visit their website at www.fleetwoodcountrycruizein.com/2011

Details of the day will be available by the May meeting.

Our road trip to **Bowling Green is planned for May 20 to 26.** This should be the highlight of the NCC social year so plan on going. If you are still thinking of joining us please let us know as the rooms are only held for a couple more weeks.

If anyone has a great (or even good!) idea for a summer event please let us know. We want to make the most of our short summer weather.

Maybe we will see a few cars out at the next meeting! Lynn and John Mytroen

Continued from page 5: To replace the battery in the key fob, simply pry the two halves of the transmitter apart. You will see a round battery (CR2450), which can be found at any parts store When replacing the battery, check for broken prongs, as this is a common failure.

These steps should help. If not, the next question is, Does the PKE (Passive Keyless Entry) lamp light when the key is first turned to the "On" position? This is a system self-test and will indicate if the PKE receiver is defective or just in "Sleep" mode.

When you shake some fobs, you'll hear a rattle. The sound is caused by a tiny gold bearing in a small cylinder, which "wakes up" the fob when movement is detected. Otherwise, the fob would be on all the time, draining the battery.

If the ball bearing becomes dirty, its movement can be impeded, making it much more difficult to wake the fob. In extreme cases, the fob may not reactivate at all.

It's sometimes possible to clean the inside of a fob using a moisture-free dust remover. This procedure is similar to cleaning the mouse on your home computer. Remember: This is an electrical unit and therefore should not be oiled, so choose your cleaning agents with care.

If the PKE light does not illuminate at all when entering the programming mode, you may have a bad PKE receiver. Check the PKE fuse and the radio fuse, both of which are associated with PKE operation. If these look to be OK, the receiver likely has failed. Unfortunately, the receiver is located behind the DIC in the dash, making it difficult to access

The last potential cause of PKE problems is a malfunctioning door switch. If one or both of the switches aren't reporting the correct status to the CCM (Central Control Module), the PKE system can lose its ability to lock and unlock the doors.

To determine whether the switches are working correctly, simply start the car, close the door, turn the radio on, and let the engine run for approximately 30 seconds. Next, turn the car off, remove the key, open the door, and look to see if the "Door Ajar" light illuminates on the dash. Also note whether the radio goes off when the door is opened. If not, the door switches could be defective. If the door switches do turn out to be bad, they can be replaced through their existing holes, without taking the whole door apart. Good luck.

Editors Page

April Birthdays

Linda Tonini 3rd Peter Hansen 9th **Edmond Sabourin** 11th Michael Szczurek 14th **Beverly Laciok** 15th Fred Hutchison 19th Klaus Reif 23rd **Esther Campbell** 27th Darleen Goosen 27th



May Birthdays

David Roush 2nd Lynn Mytroen 3rd Stan Goosen 3rd Harold Anders 5th Bill Colclough 5th Tom Atherton 8th Tony Lant 11th Elaine Maude 12th John Gibbons 17th Ray Jr. Goldin 17th Gerald Granatier 19th Patricia Spence 25th Janice Wing 27th Willy Wilkinson 29th





Club Calendar 2011

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
1/207000	27-1	Spring Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
May	1	Spring Cruise with WNYCC		Curusie, I A
May	3	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		
	20-26	Weekend Cruise to Bowling Green KY	Lucia Mutuo ata	
May		9	Lynn Mytroen	I I ON
Jun.	4	Fleetwood Farm Cruise-in	Lynn Mytroen	London, ON
Jun.	7	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		
	18	Sudbury CC Show & Shine	George	Sudbury
Jul.	5	NCC General Meeting-Frado's		
	9	Downtown Classic Car Show (7:00 AM)	Harold Anders	St. Catharines
Jul.		Chevy Show @ Wills Regret, we are not having a Car Show at all this summer. It will require some new strategies in planning and format, so it is not possible for this year.		Grimsby
Jul.	24	NCC CAR SHOW - Show & Shine		Reif Winery
	31	COSO Show & Shine	Dave Drake	Simcoe
Aug.	2	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		
Aug.	5	GM Engine Plant Tour - Corvettes, etc.	Harold Anders	
Aug.	26-28	Corvettes @ Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
Sep.	6	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		
	9	Lincoln County Fair Cruise Night - 5:00 PM	Harold Anders	Beamsville
		Day at the Race Track - 12:00 noon	Lynn Mytroen	Fort Erie
	28-2	Fall Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
Oct.	4	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		St. Catharines
		Fall Cruise -	Lynn Mytroen	
Nov.	1	NCC General Meeting - Frado's Elec- tions		
		NCC Christmas Dinner -	Lynn / Marilyn	St. Catharines
Dec.	6	NCC Social Evening	Fred Hutchison	St. Catharines

Looking for a C5 or C6 Coupe. Call Tom Atherton at 905-562-8902 or atherton@mergetel.com

NCC Club members, if you have any item which may be of interest to our club members please send the article to the editors. Ian & Jackie

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ter to our web site.		-1	CCO's Gateway Technical Session		Brampton
Editor.			Spring Carlisle		Carlisle PA
May I Spri		Spring Fling - Bull Run - Wasaga Bea	ng Fling - Bull Run - Wasaga Beach Corvette Club		Collingwood
May		NCRS Ontario Chapter judging meet - Wilson Niblette			Richmond Hill
1/2009		Trend children junging meet	(8:00 AM)		110000000000000000000000000000000000000
May	20-22	Victoria Day Sp	Victoria Day Speedfest Weekend		Mosport
May	28	Dickies 200 - NASCAR Can	Dickies 200 - NASCAR Canadian Tire Series		Mosport
May	28	Golden Triangle CC Super Ch	Golden Triangle CC Super Chevy Cruise Night		Waterloo
May	29	<u> </u>	Jump Start - CWO		Woodstock
Jun.	2-5		-		Barrie
Jun.	2-3	20th Annual Spring Durrie Auto Field	8th Annual Spring Barrie Auto Flea Market - Burl's Creek		Darrie
Jun.	4	CWO Vettefest - Anders	CWO Vettefest - Anderson's GM Village		Woodstock
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Jun.	3-5	Fleetwood Farms C	Fleetwood Farms Country Cruize In		London
Jun.	9 - 11	NCRS Regional Judging Event - I	NCRS Regional Judging Event - Fleetwood Farms		London
Jun.	12	Windsor Waterfroi	Windsor Waterfront Corvette Show		Windsor
Jun.	12	Corvettes of Peterborough Show & Shi	vettes of Peterborough Show & Shine - Jack McGee Chevy		Peterborough
Jun.		19th Annual Camaro Nationals - Four Pol	nnual Camaro Nationals - Four Point Sheraton Ho- tel		St. Catharines
Jun.	17-19	32nd Annual International Vintage	32nd Annual International Vintage Racing Festival		Mosport
Jun.	18	Pine Ridge Corvette Clu	b Show & Shine		Markham
Jun.	18	Sudbury Corvette Clu	b Show & Shine		Sudbury
Jun.	19	20th Anniversary Father's Day C			Georgetown
Jun.	24-26	Vortex Brake Pads 200 NASCAR Cand			Mosport
Jun.	26	Corvettes of Durham Show & Shine	tors		Oshawa
Jul.	8-9	C	orvette Weekend		Bayfield, ON
Jul.	9	Lime Ro	ck ALMS Race		Lakeville, CT
Jul.	9	GMCC 19th Annu	al Show & Shine		Moncton,NB
Jul.	10	4th Brampton Corvette Club Show &	Brampton Corvette Club Show & Shine - NAPA Auto Parts		Brampton
Jul.	12-13	poker run, picnic, autocross, BBQ	and cruise night		Sioux Falls, SD
Jul.	14	Caravan to Spearfish, wine tas			Sioux Falls, SD
Jul.	15-16	Ladies show, vendor seminars, banquet, to crawl in Deadwood and dream cruise the	O 1 .		Sioux Falls, SD Tage 10

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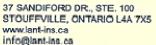
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