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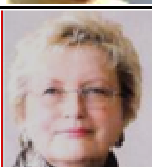
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DETROIT — Corvette owners could soon be revving up an engine they built with their own hands.

General Motors Co. said Monday that buyers who order a 2011 Corvette Z06 or ZR1 can help assemble their cars' high-performance LS7 and LS9 engines. The automaker believes the program is the first of its kind in the industry.

The engines will be built at GM's Performance Build Centre in Wixom, Mich., where GM assembles all of its high-performance engines by hand.

The facility can assemble up to 15,000 engines per year, GM spokesman Tom Read said.

Read said it will take buyers about six hours to assemble, adjust and clean their engines with the parts provided. A skilled technician will supervise.

The 2011 Corvettes are just going into production and will go on sale soon. Read said the company expects to have customers building their own engines as soon as next month. GM sold 13,934 Corvettes last year, according to AutoData Corp.

GM suggests dealers charge US\$5,800 for the engine-building program, which doesn't include air transportation but does include one night of lodging. But that's just a fraction of the cost of a Corvette Z06, which starts at around \$75,000, or a ZR1, which is more than \$100,000.

The engine-building program joins a list of special options available exclusively to Corvette owners. ZR1 buyers can attend free Corvette driving courses in Arizona or Nevada, for example. For a fee, Corvette buyers can also have their sports cars delivered to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky., or watch their Corvettes be built at the Bowling Green assembly plant.

Read said the program shows the lengths Chevrolet will go to for its customers. The program could also help build positive buzz for the company, which is planning an initial public offering as early as October.

The U.S. Treasury Department has owned 61 per cent of the automaker after a brief stay in bankruptcy protection last year.

From the President

Once again, we welcome a new member to the club. He is Peter Hansen with a metallic red 2000 Convertible. Welcome aboard.

We would also like to extend our condolences to Ron Sutton and his family on the loss of his wife, and our member Ruth. Our thoughts are with you.

July has been busier than June was. We started the month with the Chevy Show at Wills Chevrolet and Corvette in Grimsby. Tom Wills and his family were celebrating 50 years as a GM dealer and we had a great turnout of our club members to support this special event. Weather was great and there were quite a few really spectacular cars present. Congratulations Tom.

The big event of the month of course was our own annual Cruise-in-on-the Parkway at Reif Estate Winery in Niagara on the Lake. The weather was fantastic – overcast in the morning and then gaining heat as the day went on. It turned out to be our largest show to date with over 350 cars registered; we almost ran out of space for parking. We were able to hand out 250 goodie bags to those participants who registered early and we essentially had door prizes for every car registered. Also, the “pick a prize” raffle had more than 50 items to be bid on. The St. Catharines Standard and Snap were there interviewing our members, as well as Cogeco cable covered the show. Jim Marino and I were even interviewed by Beijing TV; don’t ask.

Overall the day was perfect with everyone pleased with the event. We received several accolades from participants after the show. A great big THANK YOU must go out to all our members, and friends, who worked all day in the heat as well as the preparatory work that was done leading up to the show. It takes many hands to achieve the level of success that we experienced. We anticipate to have the cheque presentation to Jim Marino and the Niagara Peninsula Children’s Centre at our September meeting on the 7th. It would be nice to have a good turnout for this meeting so that we can have a group picture taken of the cheque presentation.

Now that we are into August, we all come to the realization that summer is quickly drawing to an end. It has been a fantastic summer with great weather and all. However, as the summer draws to a close, we still

have a very active events calendar for the balance of the year with several new items added recently. Please be sure to review the calendar, with its changes, in this issue of the newsletter and plan to come out and participate. There seems to be several different types of events planned, so everyone should be able to find something to their interest.

Remember that we would welcome any suggestions that our members may have for the balance of the year or pre-planning for next year.

Also, I would like to remind our members that the term of the present club executive is also drawing to an end. Nominations are planned for October with elections to be held at the November meeting. Personally, I feel that in order for the club to stay strong and interesting, it is necessary to have “new blood” take on some of the roles on the executive with new ideas and new vigour. The elected positions are: President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary. The other club positions are usually selected by the executive from “volunteers” that come forward. Please give some consideration to find candidates for the above-mentioned executive positions. Talk it over with your friends and be prepared to submit nominations in October.

Have a great and safe summer and enjoy your Corvette(s).

Happy Corvetting and remember to Save the Wave!

George

Minutes from Last Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2010 **Attendance:** 40
Meeting started: 8:00p.m.

George Dalberg thanked all the members for coming out this evening.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Ron Suttons wife Ruth on the Monday following our show. The club sends their sincerest condolences.

Attending the meeting tonight was a guest, Dennis Webb. Dennis drives a 2010 Grand Sport. Dennis is a relative of Tom Atherton.

President's Report: George Dalbergs- Old Business:

George announced with enthusiasm the excellent results of our annual Car Show. We surpassed our previous records with 351 cars registered. George thanked all the members who pitched in and made the show such a success. A pat on the back for all participants!!

Earlier in the month, several members attended the Wills Chevrolet celebration in Grimsby. Tom Wills and his family were celebrating 50 years in the car business. A great show and super weather. After the show, there was a cruise down the main street of Grimsby to the Gateway Plaza.

Four cars attended the Simcoe Car Show this year which includes a pancake breakfast. Our lone member participant Tom Spence was awarded top prize. Congratulations Tom.

Six cars joined in for the Ice cream run on Monday August 1st. Undeterred by a few rain drops, we all enjoyed the ice cream at Avondale on Stewart Rd. and then finished the event with dinner at the Old Fire Hall Restaurant in St. Davids. Fun for all.

Remember that the GM Engine Plant open house and show is on August 6 at the Glendale Ave plant. Those members who volunteered to help with registration, please be there by 8:00 AM and remember, if you plan to take the tour, proper shoes are required. No sandals or open toed shoes and possibly no running shoes.

New Business:

Planned events in this area.

August 22, the Back Alley Cruisers are putting on a car show at the Riverside Tavern in Chippawa. Registration fee is \$5 /car and all the proceeds go to the Tender Wishes foundation. They plan to have live music, raffles, 50/50, etc. This local car club supports our show in a big way each year, so if you are in the area on that weekend, it would be great if you could attend.

Application forms for the Corvette Corral at the ALM races at Mosport on the weekend of August 26 -29. were made available at the meeting.

George Dalbergs received a telephone call from a Bill Maurice who is arranging an Elvis Presley celebration on Clifton Hill in Niagara Falls on the weekend of August 21-23. He would like to have a few Corvettes on display on Clifton Hill between Falls and River roads. If interested, call Bill at 289-231-5565.

Remember that October is nomination month with elections in November.

Vice-President's Report: Harold Anders

Club logo pins were distributed to all members and their spouses.

Harold enquired about one person he is trying to locate to deliver his club jacket.

Harold contacted Dave Picton who informed him that in future an order of 12 items is needed to place an order for jackets, t-shirts, and golf shirts etc.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Drake

Gloria reported that this was our best year ever at the Car Show with 102 sponsors. There were approximately 23 new sponsors this year.

Gloria suggested that we have our donation presentation in September instead of October to the Niagara Children's Centre subject to executive approval.

Larry Keighan **motioned** for donating the funds subject to executive approval. Marilyn Dalbergs seconded the motion. All were in favour. Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Committee: Lynn Mytroen

Aug. 6 – GM Engine plant open house and car show. Lynn and John have been busy planning : (1) September 6th Ice cream run. (2) Sunday September 26th meet at Fort Erie Race Track.

Bill Colclough has arranged a cruise to the Pierce Arrow Museum for September 18th. With dinner to follow at the Anchor Bar. (Just for retiring Dave Drake.)

Tentative Fall Cruise for October `17th.

Christmas dinner is coming up with "fast" Freddie Hutchinson in charge. December meeting will be at a restaurant in lieu of our usual venue.

See Lynn's column for details.

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Minutes from Last Meeting

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Show Committee: Harold Anders

Harold thanked everyone for their efforts and help with the show. He asked that any suggestions or issues members may have regarding the show be sent to him via e-mail so he may discuss them at the next meeting. handers@cogeco.ca

SWAP & SELL: George Dalbergs

Tom Atherton has 1964 "327 heads" for sale

Question / Answer: Glennie Wilkinson suggested having brightly coloured T-shirts for sale next year. The members seemed to like the idea. There was discussion about getting a banner for the registration tent.

Gail Anders asked if everyone had their name tags and discount cards, and if not contact her.

50/50 Draw: Wendy Lindberg

Grand Prize Winner's Name: Marilyn Dalbergs \$73.50

For Sale

Info : Man # 1-11-64

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For further info . contact Tom Atherton 905-562-8902



In spite of the economic slump last year, car sales in Canada were far from abysmal. However, there are a few models that sat around and collected dust in showrooms across the country. Here is the list of the least sold vehicles from 2009 – take note bargain hunters!

Chevrolet Corvette: 307 units in 2009

Beautiful and fast but not well suited to the Canadian climate. Expect a sharp increase in sales when the next generation is released.



Club History Recording

Stan Goosen is asking the NCC members who have digital photos of Club-related activities to give a copy of them to him, so that he can sort them to create additional historical photos of the Club. Stan would prefer these photos to be given to him on a memory stick, to facilitate easy sorting and transfer to his files. Please put your name on the memory stick when submitting any photos, so that the stick can be returned to you. A brief description of the photos (i.e. event and date, if possible) would also assist in Stan's task of creating additional historical photos of the Club. A less-preferred option would be to place the photos on a CD, and forward them to Stan.

Lynn Mytroen Social Page

Hi Everyone

It seems that when August comes around we start anticipating the return of autumn. This is true for John and I as we have been busy organizing some fall events. We had a really fun ice cream run yesterday (Monday August 2) and will be organizing one for Monday September 6. We will meet in Fort Erie in the Nexus enrolment parking lot on Central Avenue (across the street from Duty Free) at 3 pm for a cruise along the parkway to Cocoa Bean Shoppe on Queen Street in Niagara Falls.

Join us as we visit the Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum (September 18th, 2010) which is home to a large collection of Pierce-Arrow cars and memorabilia as well as other automobiles manufactured in whole or in part in the Western New York area. Following the museum visit we will have dinner at the world famous Anchor Bar where the idea of the Buffalo Wing was invented!

Other stops may be added to the day. More details to follow. A Sign up sheet will be available at the September meeting. Organizer Bill Colclough.

<http://www.pierce-arrow.com/>, <http://www.anchorbar.com/>

Also on Sunday September 26 we are hosting an afternoon at the Fort Erie Race Track. Lunch, race forms and \$10.00 in slot money...all for \$19.95. Details will be available at the September meeting but please let us know if you would like to attend. This is a prepaid event and we will be collecting at the September meeting.

We are also organizing a fall cruise for October 17 and 18th. We will be driving through the beautiful Finger Lake region of New York State into Letchworth Park. For those who do not want to stay overnight it is an easy one day drive but for those with more time we will be continuing the drive on Monday stopping in more of the quaint towns. More details will be available at the September meeting but mark your calendars now.

As always if anyone has a great idea for a social event please let us know.

“til September enjoy the weather and your cars.

Lynn and John Mytroen

It was a perfect day for summer cruising and for ice cream. 6 cars enjoyed the run and the treats.



Downtown Car Show

I would like to thank each one of you for coming out today and helping in the parking of cars at the Downtown Car Show. I know that at times it was frustrating for some, but in the end it was a job well done. The weather was perfect and there was a great turnout of cars. In addition, we did receive a cheque from the Downtown Association which will be added to the donations to the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre.

In total we had 16 members present with 12 Corvettes. Well done. Thanks again.

George



Thanks to Carol Hill for submitting additional photos. Editor

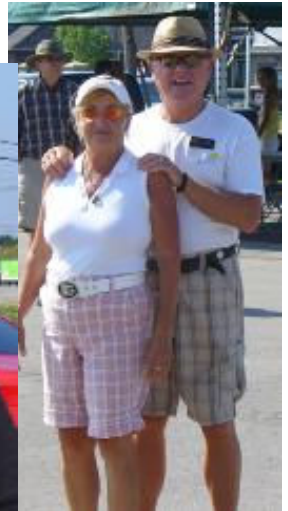


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Has the camera guy gone?



NCC Car Show Crew

To all our members

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to all of our members who participated in some way with the car show yesterday. It has to be the best and most successful show to date and it is totally a result of the efforts of our members leading up to the show as well as the day of the show. It will take some time before the financial results are available, but from a "gut" feel, it was a great day.

Thank you all.

Attached please find our first testimonial from one of the participants.

George



George

Thanks you for putting on such an excellent show yesterday. It was our first time attending and we very amazed at how organized the show was. I would like to thank your organization and all your club members, volunteers and of course the sponsors of this event. Job well done. I also received a door prize sponsored by your club and thank you very much for that as well. The three other corvettes that attended with me also enjoyed the day. We will be marking this show on a calendar for next year as one of the ones that we will attend.

Again thank you very much.

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NCC Car Show Crew

Door Prize
Dollies



These girls raised
\$1,340 from ice
cream sales.



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



NCC Car Show Crew



Volunteer needed to replace Gloria Drake as our treasurer. She has the accounting program all in place and will train. Do you have a support position in our club? Why not? When no one volunteers the club will not function as the great fund raiser we have been in the past.
Editor

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| John Mytroen | 6th. |
| France Mowbray | 9th. |
| Larry Keighan | 14th. |
| Dan Mowbray | 21st. |
| Ronald Sutton | 23rd. |
| Michael Sirianni | 25th. |
| Marilyn Dalbergs | 28th. |
| Michele Schmor | 28th. |
| Michael Mussat | 29th. |
| George Dalbergs | 30th. |
| Pamela Stringer | 30th. |
| Wendy Bas | 31st. |



September Birthdays

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| Rick Campbell | 6th |
| Doug Weber | 15th |
| Joe Truscott | 17th |
| Susan McEachern | 19th |
| Jack Hill | 19th |



Club Activities 2010

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
Aug	6	GM Engine Plant Tour - Corvettes, etc.		
Aug	27-29	Mobil 1 Grand Prix of Mosport - ALMS		Mosport
Aug	27-29	Corvettes @ Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
Sept	6	Ice Cream Cruise—Nexus Office	Lynn & John Mytroen	Fort Erie
Sept	7	NCC General Meeting-Frado's		Frado's
Sept	10	Lincoln County Fair Cruise Night (6:00)	George Dalbergs	Beamsville
Sept	18	Pierce -Arrow Museum	Bill Colclough	Buffalo, NY
Sept	26	Day at Fort Erie Race Track	Lynn & John Mytroen	Fort Erie
Sept	29-03	Fall Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
Oct.	5	NCC General Meeting-Frado's Nominations		Frado's
Oct	17 & 18	Fall Cruise- Finger Lakes	Lynn & John Mytroen	New York State
Nov.	2	NCC General Meeting-Frado's Elections		Frado's
Nov.		NCC Christmas Dinner	Lynn & Marilyn	
Dec.	7	NCC Social Evening	Fred Hutchison	



Area Activities

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>David's 16th Annual Corvette Show</i>		<i>Welland</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Corvettes at the Keg - NLCC</i>		<i>Newfoundland</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>COB 6th Annual Caravan</i>		<i>Buffalo</i>
<i>August</i>		<i>CCO Chevy Day Show</i>		<i>Newmarket</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>20-22</i>	<i>Wasaga Beach Cruize Weekend</i>		<i>Wasaga Beach</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Woodward Dream Cruise</i>		<i>Michigan</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Dickies 200 - NASCAR Canadian Tire Series</i>		<i>Mosport</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Riverside Car Show—Back Alley Cruisers</i>		<i>Chippawa</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>26-29</i>	<i>Grand Prix of Mosport American LeMans Series - Mosport Park</i>		<i>Mosport</i>
<i>Sept.</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>21st Annual Olcott Beach Classic Car Show - Krull Park (9:00 - 5:00)</i>		<i>Olcott, NY</i>
<i>Sept.</i>	<i>9-12</i>	<i>40th Annual Fall Barrie Automotive Flea Market - Burls Creek Park</i>		<i>Barrie</i>
<i>Sept.</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>CCCC Governors' Meeting</i>		<i>Mississauga</i>
<i>Sept.</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Lions club Car Rally</i>		<i>Ridgeway</i>
<i>Sept.</i>	<i>17-20</i>	<i>Mid America Funfest</i>		<i>Effingham IL</i>
<i>Sept.</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Pine Ridge Corvette Club Show & Shine - Summers End</i>		<i>Whitby, ON</i>
<i>Sept.</i>	<i>25-26</i>	<i>30th Annual Last Chance Car Show—Niagara Regional Exhibition</i>		<i>Welland</i>
<i>Sept.</i>	<i>25-26</i>	<i>Fall Carlisle</i>		<i>Carlisle, PA</i>
<i>Oct</i>	<i>'01-03</i>	<i>Fall Carlisle</i>		<i>Carlisle, PA</i>
<i>Nov</i>		<i>SEMA Show</i>		<i>Las Vegas</i>
<i>Nov</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>CCCC Governors Meeting</i>		<i>Mississauga</i>



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