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**Dave Tatman, Plant manager Bowling Green,  
and his 2012 Corvette ZR1.**

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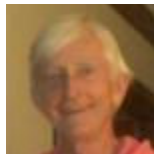
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GM Corvette Assembly Plant just released statistics on 2011 Corvettes produced. A total of 13,596 were manufactured. Number of cars produced for each color are:

- 1) Black (2,891)
- 2) Torch Red (2,264)
- 3) Crystal Red (1,419)
- 4) Supersonic Blue (1,417)
- 5) Cyber Gray (1,197)
- 6) Arctic White (1,133)
- 7) Blade Silver (1,037)
- 8) Velocity Yellow (867)
- 9) Inferno Orange (790)
- 10) Jetstream Blue (581)



# From the President

We did it !!!! Another great **Niagara Corvette Club** Car Show. The weather was fine, attendance was great, the cars were awesome, and the vendors were some of the best that we have ever had at our Show. Our 2011 Car Show had two special features.

The first was the “**Generations of Corvettes**” display. The idea was generated and carried out to completion by Ian Bell, our Newsletter and Website Editor. Thank you Ian for your hard work on this display. Thanks are also extended to our Club members who agreed to have their Corvettes as part of the display. The Show attendees had a lot of interest in the Corvettes and the “generation” information displayed on the placards. Thanks again Ian, what a terrific hit.

The second was the attendance of **Mr. Dave Tatman, Plant Manager, Bowling Green Corvette** Assembly Plant. Mr. Tatman arrived early in the morning in his 2012 Corvette ZR1 – a truly remarkable car. Dave participated in our Show for the entire day, answering questions from our Club members and Show attendees. He also helped us in giving out the “People’s Choice” trophies at the end of our Show. Dave Tatman proved to be a remarkable ambassador for General Motors and Corvettes. His love for automobiles was conveyed to each and every person that stopped to chat with him. A sincere and hearty “Thank You” is extended by all of the Niagara Corvette Club members to Dave Tatman for attending and participating in our Show.

The success of our annual Car Show is a direct result of the hard work and dedication of our Club members. On behalf of the Club Executive, I would like to thank all of our members that helped in preparing for our Show and who helped during the day of our Show. “Thank You” is a simple phrase, but it is stated with heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful volunteer members who made our Show possible.

I would also like to thank **Mr. Klaus Reif of Reif Estate** Winery for allowing us to have our Show at his Winery. The Winery provides a beautiful environment for our Show. Klaus also played a key role in delivering a number of key components of our Show. Thank you Klaus for your enthusiastic and never-ending support.

The volunteers from the **Niagara Peninsula Children’s Centre (NPCC)** provided our Show with another excellent barbecue. **Thank you Mr. Jim Marino, Executive Director, NPCC Foundation** for your co-ordination and grilling skills. Thanks are also extended to your team of volunteers for their hard work. Our numbers are not fully tallied yet, but the Niagara Corvette Club will once again be donating our Show proceeds to the Children’s Centre.

On behalf of the Niagara Corvette Club Executive, I would like to thank all of the great people and companies in Canada and the United States that donated sponsorships, door prizes, raffle prizes and “Goodie Bag” items for our Show. Your tremendous generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

We were pleased to have the large number of Vendors at our Show. Thank you for your support and attendance. We hope to see you again next year.

Finally, on behalf of the Niagara Corvette Club Executive, I would like to thank all of the Show participants for bringing your vehicles to our Show. I would also like to thank all of the Show attendees that came out to our Show. Our success is greatly dependent on the support of all of attendees that came out to our Show. Our success is greatly dependent on the support of all of the car enthusiasts who come out to our Show. Once again, thank you all.

On July 23, 2011 our Club held its traditional “pre-show” dinner, where we mingle with as many members of other Corvette Clubs (who are planning to attend our Show the next day) that can make it out. An added bonus was provided by the attendance of Dave Tatman. The barbecue dinner at JJ Kapps restaurant provided a casual and comfortable background for all present. The evening was full of lively conversation. Thank you Marilyn Dalbergs for arranging such a wonderful evening.

A very special social event took place just prior to our Show. On July 19, 2011 a number of our members were able to participate in a tour of the Reif Estate Winery, a meet and greet session, and an Italian banquet with folks that were participating in the National Corvette Museum’s Museum in Motion Mosport ALMS Tour. This tour was the first Canadian tour of the Museum in Motion tour programs. Hopefully, this is the first of many Canadian tours. All of the participants seemed to enjoy themselves, old friendships were rekindled and new friendships were made. Thank you to **Jan and Dave Raven of the Corvettes of Durham Club** for your help in linking us up with the Mosport ALMS Tour folks. A special thank you is given to **Mr. Roc Linkov, Events Manager, National Corvette Museum** for his co-ordination efforts for this day and for the donation of a Corvette jacket from the National Corvette Museum as a prize for our Car Show. July was a busy month for the Club.

**President’s column continued on next page.**

# Minutes from Last Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011

**Attendance:** 40 Meeting Started: 8:00 p.m.

**Atten-**

**P**resident Harold Anders welcomed all the membership to the meeting and acknowledged that the car show was a great success again this year.

**President's Report - Harold Anders**

## **Old Business:**

We have an order for 11 Club jackets and the monies have been collected. If anyone else wishes to order, please send in your information.

Those who participated in the Museum in Motion Canadian Tour Dinner at the Hilton Garden on Tuesday, July 19 had a great evening.

Regarding the GM Engine Plant Car Show, on Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, we have received a request for one or two members to help in Registration and one or two members to help in directing cars into the Show.

Remember the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Beach Cruize Weekend on August 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> at Wasaga Beach for the first ever Quad C (ER) Corvette Concours Nationals.

## **New Business:**

It was decided by the membership to submit our Club logo and information to the Automotive Art Gallery - Directory of Corvette Clubs and Associations, a free service. They have a website.

Remember the Lincoln County Fair on September 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting.

## **Vice-President's Report - Bill Colclough**

Bill was absent, but asked Harold to pass on the message to keep in mind the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Corvette in 2013 and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stingray and come up with ideas for Club activities. We are still waiting to hear what GM is doing for the big event; T-shirts have been suggested.

If there is any interest in driving together or meeting in Carlisle, please call Bill.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Financial Report - John Mytroen, Treasurer**

The Club is in good financial standing.

**Social Committee - Lynn Mytroen**

Outdoor mini-golf is scheduled for Saturday, August

13<sup>th</sup>, followed by a potluck supper at the Mytroens.

On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Fort Erie Racetrack, we have a prepaid event scheduled.

The Fall Cruise will be on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and includes a Grand River Cruise Lunch.

## **Show Committee - Bill Colclough**

In Bill's absence, Harold thanked the membership for all the hard work and effort put into the Annual Car Show, with special mention to Klaus Reif for providing the venue and support, Ian Bell and the members who provided the Generation cars display which was very well-liked, Mike Sirianni for all the garbage cans and Marilyn Dalbergs for all her hard work.

## **Membership Questions/Comments:**

Please think about new ideas or suggestions to improve our next car show or make it run even more smoothly.

**50/50 Draw - Wendy Lindberg**

Winner : Gail Anders

## **Continued from page 3, President's column.**

On Saturday July 9, 2011 about 25 of our members attended the St. Catharines Downtown Car Show. About half of these members provided parking and traffic control for the St. Catharines Downtown Association. The weather was perfect and everyone seemed to have a really good time. Thank you to all of the members who participated for your enthusiasm and support.

Our August Club meeting was well attended. Most of the agenda was taken up with discussion concerning our Car Show. Some good ideas were raised and will be taken into consideration for next year. Great news ... John and Lynn Mytroen became proud Grandparents ... again !!!

A number of additional social activities are being planned for the rest of the Summer and the Fall. Please read Lynn Mytroen's Social Page to keep up to date.

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

# Lynn Mytroen Social Page

Hi Everyone

Lots to do before the dreaded “put away the cars season” appears. We hope that some or all of the following events look interesting to you and that you can join us in some fun social times.

**S**aturday August 13 (rain date Sunday August 14) is set aside for our mini-golf at The Greens on Brock in Thorold. Although we have not seen the course it sounds like a lot of fun with water and sand hazards. A great way to practice your golfing without the walking! John and I will host a pot luck BBQ dinner after the golf. The first 10 couples can play for only 6\$ per couple. For those who wish to join us for the BBQ only that would be great. Please bring your own drinks and an appetizer, salad or dessert. For more details call or email Lynn or John Mytroen.

**F**ort Erie Race Track date is booked Sunday September 11. This was a great afternoon last year and so we are offering it again. The cost per person is 25.75\$ for lunch, program guide and 10\$ in slot tokens. This is a pre-paid event. Final numbers and monies must be in by mid-August. If anyone has not signed up but would like to please contact Lynn Mytroen.

**O**ur fall cruise is being planned for Sunday October 2. We will travel the backroads for about an hour to the Grand River in Caledonia where we will cruise and lunch on the river for a couple of hours. The trees should be at their peak. We have invited the Hamilton Corvette Club to join us. The cost is 40.00\$ per person and will be collected at the September meeting.



**A**nd in case anyone is restless and needs a couple of days away a trip is being planned for Cleveland Ohio to the Rock ‘n Roll Hall of Fame. The dates will be Tuesday October 11 for 1 or 2 nights. This is a great time to start our Christmas shopping too! I am working on hotels now but if interested mark off the dates now.

*Lynn and John Mytroen*



# Downtown Parking Sights



# Cruise-In, 2011



# Cruise-In



# Cruise-In, 2011



Elli's shirt embroidery by "Embroidery & Design Plus", Grimsby.

# Editors Page

## August Birthdays

John Mytroen	6th.
Jim Marr	6th
France Mowbray	9th.
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

Rick Campbell	6th
Jan Calaguiro	13th
Joe Truscott	17th
Susan McEachern	19th
Jack Hill	19th



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



### Is it a Civic Holiday, Simcoe Day or a Bank Holiday?

#### A Very Puzzled Blonde

John gets a distressed phone call from his very blonde girlfriend Buffy.

"I've got a problem," says Buffy.

"What's the matter?" asks John.

"Well, I bought this jigsaw puzzle, but it's too hard. None of the pieces fit together and I can't find any edges."

"What's the picture of?" asks John.

"It's of a big rooster," replies Buffy.

"All right," says John. "I'll come over and have a look."

So he goes over to Buffy's house and she greets him by saying, "Thanks for coming over." Buffy leads John into her kitchen and shows him the jigsaw puzzle on the kitchen table.

John looks at the puzzle and then turns to her and says, "For heaven's sake, Buffy, put the cornflakes back in the box."

#### Five Pearls of Scottish Wisdom

1. Money cannot buy happiness but... somehow, its more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes Benz than it is on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy, but remember the bastard's name.
3. Help a man when he is in trouble and he will remember you when he is in trouble again.
4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.
5. Alcohol does not solve any problem, but then neither does milk.

From Wendy Lindberg

# Club Calendar 2011

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
Aug.	5	GM Engine Plant Tour - Corvettes, etc.	Harold Anders	
Aug.	13	Mini-Golf at the Greens on Brock in Thorold. Rain date Aug 14th.	Lynn Mytroen	
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
Sep.	11	Day at the Race Track - 12:00 noon	Lynn Mytroen	Fort Erie
Sep.		"Tentative" Sept. 24-25 or Oct. 1-2 Fall Cruise -	Lynn Mytroen	
Sep	28-2	Fall Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
Oct.	4	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		St. Catharines
Nov.	1	NCC General Meeting - Frado's Elections		
		NCC Christmas Dinner -	Lynn / Marilyn	St. Catharines
Dec.	6	NCC Social Evening	Fred Hutchison	St. Catharines



# Area Calendar

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Aug.</i>		2011 Corvette Supercruise		Concord, NY
		Mid-Ohio ALMS Race		Lexington, OH
		Annual Ponderosa Nature Resort Car Show - Ponderosa Nature Resort		Puslinch/ Flam- boro
		Corvettes at the Keg - NLCC		Newfoundland
		13th Annual Niagara County Fair Classic Car Show		Lockport, NY
	7	Sunday Niagara Nostalgia Drags & Car Show		Lancaster, NY
	14	Vintage Car n Wings - Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum		Mount Hope
	14	7th. Annual Corvettes of Buffalo Caravan		
	19-21	Wasaga Beach Cruize Weekend - CCCC Concours Nationals		Wasaga Beach
	19 21	Parts Canada Superbike Doubleheader Weekend		Mosport
	20	Road America ALMS Race		Elkhart Lake, WI
	26-28	18th Annual Autofest 2011 - Lakeview Park		Oshawa
	27-28	Guelph-Trillium Rotary Club Ribfest & Classic Car Show - Riverside Park		Guelph
		Woodward Dream Cruise		Michigan
<i>Sept.</i>	3	Baltimore ALMS Race		Baltimore, MD
	3	22nd Annual Olcott Beach Classic Car Show		Olcott, NY
	4	Classics in the Country		Hillsburgh, Ont
	5	Lockport Monday Night Super Cruise		Lockport, NY
	8-11	41st Annual Fall Barrie Auto Flea Market - Burl's Creek Family Event Park		Barrie
	9-11	US. Vintage Grand Prix		Watkins Glen NY
	11	Cruisin' for a Cure for Prostate Cancer - Canada		Brampton, ON
	16-18	Mid America Funfest		Effingham IL
	17	Laguna Seca ALMS Race		Monterey, CA
	25	Pine Ridge Corvette Club Show & Shine - Summers End		Whitby, ON
	28-2	Fall Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
<i>Oct.</i>	1-2	Fall Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
	1	Road Atlanta ALMS Race		Brazelton, GA
<i>Nov.</i>	'1-4	SEMA Show		Las Vegas

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