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Celebrating Our 35<sup>th</sup> Year

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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.

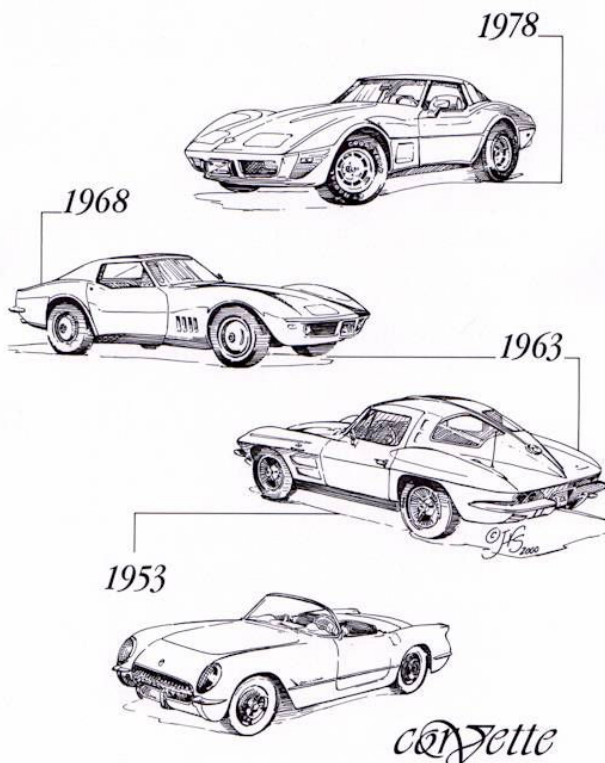
**Meetings:** 8:00 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every month

*Frado's Italian Restaurant*  
535 Queenston Street  
St. Catharines, Ontario

**Note: April meeting will be at the Niagara Children's Center**

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Well, here it is, early February and there is snow on the ground, frozen layer on the cars outside, and daily reports of mishaps on the regional roads. However, Wiarton Willy did not see his shadow on groundhog day and that indicates that winter will soon be over and we can all start getting our Corvettes ready for the coming cruising season. Have faith, warmer weather is coming.

During the past few weeks, and looking forward for the rest of the month, a lot of our members have been on vacation or will be leaving on vacation in the South to get some rejuvenation from the sun and warmer weather. In spite of this, we had a good turn-out at Bas' Super Bowl Party with 14 couples participating in the activities. Great time had by all, in spite of New England's loss, and a great big thanks to Wendy and Jake for their hospitality once again.

We also held our first Annual General Meeting this month which was a little more formal than our usual meetings. This is required with our club's incorporation. The meeting went fairly well, with quite a bit of good open discussion relating to many club issues. The main focus of the meeting, of course, was to review last year's financials and compare these expenditures to our budget as well as the previous year's experience. In essence, we had a very good year with income (membership dues) exceeding expectations, and our expenses being somewhat below our forecast thus ending the year with a slight surplus. The members were then presented with a proposal for the 2008 budget, which again resulted in considerable discussion, since we had made allowances for celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. When the dust had cleared, the proposed budget was passed. A great big thanks to Gloria for preparing the detailed information and presenting this information in a clear, easy-to-understand manner.

Wendy then reviewed our plans for our social activities for the new year and it appears that we will have another full year of fun, food, driving and socializing. If anyone has any additional ideas for new activities, please contact Wendy Bas.

All in all, the meeting went very well and did initiate good participation by the members present. Next year should be easier, since we will, hopefully, know better as to what to expect and how to improve.

One issue that was raised at the end of the meeting was the expenditure of our 50/50 funds for social activities. As a result of this request, since a few members had already left, I will summarize the social spending by the club in 2007.

Income	50/50 income	
	\$ 709.00	
		Donation by Roger Copeland (RACO Automotive) 500.00
		Donation by George Dalbergs for social committee 100.00
		<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>
	\$1,309.00	
Expenditure	March Bowling night	
	\$ 180.00	
		August party at Bas' (pies for pie-eating contest) 49.00
		Fall Cruise – prizes 71.00
		Xmas Party – members' subsidy
	<u>663.60</u>	
		<b>TOTAL SOCIAL EXPENSES \$ 963.60</b>
		<b>2007 SURPLUS \$ 345.40</b>

As can be seen from the above summary, it becomes obvious that the members who host all of our social activities end up fully sponsoring these events at their own expense and we should all be very grateful for their generosity over the years.

*Now, remember that the next social event is our bowling night on March 1. Dinner at Jack Astor's at 5:30 with bowling to follow. Come on out and have some fun – most of us are not bowlers as can easily be seen by the scores each year.*

Also, please note that the Spring Cruise will be held on **Saturday, May 3**, with the Western NY Corvette Club. We will be the hosts this year and plan to visit Legendary Motors and the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame. Please plan to participate. *George*

## 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 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008 so we are looking forward to an exciting and full year.**



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date: Tuesday February 5, 2008**

**Attendance: 31**

- George welcomed everyone and explained that this was our first Annual General Meeting since our incorporation and reviewed the concept of a quorum for voting purposes.
- George thanked the executive for their support and guidance during this first year of formal operation. He also thanked the members who have headed up the various committees such as membership, social, newsletter and website as well as the members who actively participated in all of our activities throughout the year.
- George presented Klaus with a sketch of his race car in recognition of all he does for the club, in particular hosting the car show.
- George reviewed the agenda for the meeting. A motion was put forth and approved to accept it.
- Wilf read letters from the Children's Centre and Community Care thanking us for our donations.
- After some discussion a motion was passed to budget \$1000 for the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Spending would need approval from the membership.
- Following another discussion a motion was made and approved to budget \$1500 for the purchase of new club pins. George is looking into various designs and costs.
- Gloria presented an in depth financial report comparing the financial statements from 06 and 07 and then presented a budget for 2008. The budget was approved.
- Wilf is waiting for a response from A&W about a cruise night.
- Carol Hill is going to submit the picture of our donation to the Children's Centre and a copy of the letter from Jim Marino to Old Autos.
- Members are looking into getting patches with the club logo. This item was tabled again until March when we expect to have more information.
- George asked members to check the new web site design. The show flyer, list of our 2007 Show Sponsors and a copy of the letter from the Children's Centre will be added to the site.
- Wendy Bas reviewed all of the social events held last year and outlined plans for this year.
- John Daudelin will contact the Sudbury Club about plans for Carlisle.
- Plans for the Spring Cruise with the Western New York Club include a visit to Legendary Motor Sports and the Canadian Motor Sport Hall of Fame on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Wendy Lindberg will distribute 2008 membership cards from NAAACCC next month.
- Dave had information on both the Peele Island and Woodward Avenue weekends and George mentioned a Can Am Revival at Mosport June 20 – 21<sup>st</sup>.
- John Daudelin needs numbers for the dinner at Jack Astor's and bowling.
- Jake has 2 cars for sale: a '64 SS Impala and a 1970 Impala.
- Marilyn Dalbergs won \$35 in the 50/50 draw.

The next meeting will be at Frado's on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

The April meeting will be at the Children's Centre.



Late addition, not yet included in our social calendar.

Saturday, April 19.... WALK & TALK PARTY

Meet at Pen Centre (park on west side by cinema). 5:15 p.m.

We do a 3 km walk which is twice around the mall (outside) - unless it is raining then we'll do it inside.

Then on to London Arms/Kahunaville restaurant for dinner at 6:30 for the talking part.

If you walk fast enough, you may have time for a drink before dinner... LOL

Organized by Wendy Bas (905-834-6983) ...sign up at next meeting.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY'S FOR February

Harold Stubbert 26<sup>th</sup>

Kathy McLeod 26<sup>th</sup>

## Coming Events:

- **Saturday March 1st** Dinner & Bowling. Meeting at 5:30 PM at Jack Astor's restaurant on Ontario street and bowling at 7:30 at Parkway Lanes. If you need to contact John Daudelin to sign up, 905-734-3571.



### HOW TO IMPRESS A WOMAN:

- Compliment her,
- cuddle her,
- kiss her,
- caress her,
- love her,
- stroke her,
- tease her,
- comfort her,
- protect her,
- hug her,
- hold her,
- spend money on her,
- wine and dine her,
- buy things for her,
- listen to her,
- care for her,
- stand by her,
- support her,
- go to the ends of the earth for her...

### HOW TO IMPRESS A MAN:

- Show up naked.
- Bring beer



		<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	Henk & Hetty's 905-562-4773	
	15	Dinner & Games Night (6:00)		
Apr.	1	NCC General Meeting - NPCC	Wendy Bas	Port Colborne
		Dinner @ Country Store (5:30)		
May	3	Spring Cruise with WNYCC	George	
	6	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		
	16	Track Day -		
Jun.		NCC Car Wash Day @ Kala's (9:00 AM)	George Dalbergs	St. Catharines
	3	NCC General Meeting - Frado's	Larry Schmor Roger Copeland	Prudhomme's St. Catharines
	14	3rd Annual NCC Road Rally (12:30)		
		Barbeque	Dave Drake George	Point Pelee Sudbury
	20-22	Weekend with HAC		
	21	Sudbury CC Show & Shine		
Jul.	8	NCC General Meeting	George Dalbergs Leslie Daudelin Gloria Drake	St. Catharines
	12	Downtown Classic Car Show (10:00)		
		Scavenger Hunt & BBQ @ Daudelins (1:00)		Reif Winery
	27	NCC CAR SHOW - Show & Shine		
Aug.	5	NCC General Meeting - Frado's	George Dalbergs George Dalbergs Wendy Bas	St. Catharines Grimsby Port Colborne
	9	GM Engine Plant Tour - Corvettes, etc.		
		Wills Super Chevy Showdown - Club Display (10:00)		
		Vette Together @ Bas Farms (3:30)	Dave Drake Leslie Daudelin	Pontiac, MI Carlisle, PA
	15-17	Woodward Ave. Dream Cruise		
	22-24	Corvettes @ Carlisle		
Sep.	2	NCC General Meeting - Frado's	George Dalbergs Wendy Bas Dave Drake	Beamsville Crystal Beach Grimsby
	5	Lincoln County Fair Cruise Night (6:00)		
		Sunset Cruise from Palmwood (4:30)		
		Fall Cruise & Poker Run - Gateway		
Oct.	7	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		St. Catharines Niagara Falls
	25	Halloween House Party @ Marquis'		
Nov.	4	NCC General Meeting - Frado's	John Gibbons	
		NCC Christmas Dinner		
Dec.	2	NCC Social Evening	Margaret Keighan	St. Catharines





The editors were away on vacation but we did see two unusual corvettes. One a Daytona 500 pace car and a customized vette of limited road use.  
Ian & Jackie

# Tech Tip

## **2005 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STEERING:HYDRAULIC POWER ASSIST:HOSE, PIPING, AND CONNECTIONS**

**Recall Date:  
OCT 05, 2005**

**Summary:  
CERTAIN PASSENGER VEHICLES MAY HAVE BEEN BUILT WITH A POWER STEERING HOSE THAT IS NOT TO SPECIFICATION. UNDER EXTREME STEERING MANEUVERS, SUCH AS TURNING THE STEERING WHEEL FULLY TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT WHILE BRAKING, THE HOSE MAY FRACTURE AND LEAK FLUID.**

**Consequence:  
IF THIS WERE TO OCCUR, POWER STEERING ASSIST WOULD BE LOST AND INCREASED STEERING EFFORT WOULD BE REQUIRED. ON VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH HYDRO-BOOST POWER BRAKES, IT COULD ALSO RESULT IN LOSS OF POWER BRAKE ASSIST AND INCREASED BRAKING EFFORT WOULD BE REQUIRED. IF THE POWER STEERING FLUID SPRAY WERE TO SPRAY ONTO HOT ENGINE PARTS, AN ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE COULD OCCUR.**

**Remedy:  
DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE POWER STEERING HOSE(S) FOR TWO SUSPECT DATE CODES AND REPLACE THEM IF REQUIRED. THE RECALL WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 14, 2005. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CHEVROLET AT 1-800-630-2438, GMC AT 1-866-996-9463, BUICK AT 1-866-608-8080, CADILLAC AT 1-866-982-2339, ISUZU AT 1-800-255-6727, OR HUMMER AT 1-800-732-5493.**

**Potential Units Affected:  
123592**





Thanks to everyone who brought 'goodies' to the Superbowl Party and helped with clean-up. Jake and Wendy



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