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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.

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Jake & Wendy Bas February



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Here it is February already and Wiarthon Willy tells us that Spring will be here in 6 more weeks. I don't know about the rest of you, but I am getting anxious to get back out in the Corvette and start enjoying driving again. I hope that those members who had Corvette projects on the go for the winter are getting close to completing these projects.

We held our formal, official annual general meeting on February 3 and I must thank Carol, Harold and most of all Gloria for making the meeting a success. Gloria especially, made an excellent presentation of a financial summary of 2008, comparing to the previously approved budget, as well as presenting and explaining the proposal for a budget for 2009. The members approved the budget and we have a plan for 2009. Great job Gloria.

On the social scene, the Spring Cruise will be held on Sunday, May 3. This year the Western NY Corvette Club is organizing the event and they plan to cruise from Buffalo to Bradford PA, on the NY / PA border, to visit the Zippo Plant and museum. This should be a great trip.

Also, the club has been asked to assist the St. Catharines Downtown Association in putting on their annual Downtown Classic Car show. They would like to have us do the parking for the show and in return they will provide a donation to the club as well as lunch for the participating members. We have participated in this show for the past several years and this should be a great opportunity to promote our club to the community. We will be looking for volunteers to assist on this day; we will need 8 – 10 volunteers.

Over the past few weeks we have been approached by several car clubs indicating their intention of participating in our car show on Sunday, July 26.

At this time, we should have Corvettes from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Ottawa and Sudbury along with the SSR car club who attended last year. This makes for a very interesting weekend and we should plan to socialize with these visitors prior to the show. Wilf indicated that in a survey held on the Canadian Corvette Forum, our car show was rated as the 2nd best of the shows rated. Great job on the part of our members but it presents a challenge; how to make it better and more friendly. The preliminary work in preparation for our show will have to start in the next few weeks to make sure we have the sponsors and gifts, as well as the advertising, to have another successful year

We are also pursuing the possibility of a weekend getaway in the Fall with a trip to Camp Dorset. This would be scheduled for late September / early October, and we could also invite the Sudbury Corvette Club to join us for a great social weekend in the near north. Cruise the back roads and enjoy the lake scenery. As you can see, the social committee is busy at work with the annual bowling night, road rally, etc. Check the events calendar elsewhere in this issue.

Also, if any member has had a great trip or other Corvette related event that may be of interest to the rest of the membership, do not be shy. Submit a brief article to Ian for inclusion in the newsletter. Let's make our newsletter the best in the local Corvette community. Remember, March is the last chance to renew your membership. If payment has not been received by March 3, your name will be struck from the membership roster.

Happy Corvetting and remember to Save the Wave!

George

Date: February 3rd 2009. Attendance 38
President's Report -George Dalbergs

George welcomed members to the second Annual General Meeting of the Niagara Corvette Club Incorporated. It was established that we had a quorum for our meeting.

George welcomed a new member to our meeting Mike Mussat. Mike drives a red 1987 Corvette.

Now, for the first formal item, George reviewed the proposed agenda for today's meeting and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions so George forwarded a motion to accept the agenda. A Motion was made by Fred Hutchinson and seconded by Denny Lindberg. Motion accepted.

George thanked the past executive and committee members as well as all members who participated in all of our various activities during the past year.

George reported on the various activities coming up,
May 3rd Spring Cruise held by the WNYCC.

The downtown Car show which will donate \$500.00 plus a lunch to the working club members if we are willing to supply 8 volunteers to handle parking. 6 people came forward at this time to volunteer. Sudbury Club is planning a track day, Friday July 24th prior to our show and a discussion followed about using Dunnville or Cayuga track. The Cayuga track costs \$2200.00 and it was suggested the cost could be shared by the participants.

George reported that we have been contacted by several out of town car clubs who plan to attend our annual Car Show.

Wilf Seniuk announced that our Annual Car Show was recognized in the Corvette Forum and rated the # 2 favourite car show last year.

The GM plant Open House & Show will be Friday August 7th and will supply trophies.

Secretary's Report -Carol Hill

Carol reviewed the motions passed through the previous year.

Treasurer's Report -Gloria Drake

Gloria presented her financial statements in a very member friendly format (large spread sheets) which made it interesting and easily understood by all members.

A **Motion to accept** the budget was forwarded by Marilyn Dalbergs and **seconded** by Jake Bas. George mentioned following the report that any expenditure over \$200.00 had to be presented and approved by the membership.

A **Motion** to re-invest our GIC was forwarded by Gail Anders and **seconded** by Dave Fralick.

Vice President's Report- Harold Anders

Harold revisited the wants or need for club pins and memorabilia to present to visiting members Although nothing is yet resolved , Harold is actively working on getting some pricing for these items. Several suggestions were put forth including key chains, glasses, an idea from Klaus Reif to have a cork screw made with our club logo.

Wendy Bas suggested we recycle our existing trophies and George noted that Fred Hutchinson had donated some of his trophies for re-presentation. Tim Conway suggested that we have one "long term" trophies to be re-presented annually to the winners of each category.

Regarding Jackets, Glennie felt it would be easier to have one person make a decision about our club jackets instead of trying to get a unified decision from the group. It was suggested that we have Joe Toth come in again to show us his jackets.

Gloria suggested that we try to recapture some revenue from our club items. Harold asked the members' opinion on getting new club banners and the show of hands proved the idea to be favourable with the members. Harold will continue to get prices and information regarding these topics.

Social Committee Wendy Bas

Wendy reviewed our upcoming events planned. The most recent activities are: A pot luck supper at the Bas's home February 7th. Bring a dish. Wendy also asked that members bring a copy of a baby picture of yourselves to be used in a future contest.

Bowling night will be at Cataract Lanes in Niagara Falls, March 28th starting at 3:30 followed by dinner at Johnny Rocco's.

Wendy suggested going to the Charity Fish Fry in Fort Erie April 17th followed by a trip to the ice cream parlour next to the Blue Star Restaurant in Welland. (big portions, cheap price)

The Down Town Car Show is July 11th. We need volunteers.

Several other events later in the season will be reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

Marilyn Dalbergs volunteered to arrange our annual Christmas dinner.

Larry and Margaret Keighan will arrange a December dinner in lieu of our usual meeting.

Newsletter - Ian Bell

A request for any additional items to be added to our newsletter would be appreciated.

The membership expressed their appreciation for a job well done with our newsletter.

Other Business

George Dalbergs congratulated Roger Copeland on the opening of his second location for his business at Merrittville Hwy and Highway #20. It is called Tuff Auto Supply.

A&W follow-up Wilf will follow up with the A&W support /sponsorship for this years show.

50/50 Draw won by Gail Anders \$43.00

649 Draw numbers..12, 1, 34, 2, 37, 8.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45



We recently moved and, of course, it was the coldest day of the whole winter with snow and wind but we had to move our baby. So this was the only way without getting her dirty. She is happy in her new home and eagerly waiting for Spring.

John and Lynn Mytroen

Watch for a new format for our news letter coming soon.

Ian & Jackie

We have completed this newsletter while vacationing at Daytona Beach. Amazing what you can do electronically. Hope all your Corvettes were winterized for the long winter. See you all at the March meeting.

Ian & Jackie



More Bas February Party



Editors working on February News Letter.

Corvette owners get thrill of circling track.

The local Corvette Club was selected to participate in the pre- race tradition previously done by Chevrolet which backed out of this year's ceremonies to save money. The Ponce Inlet Corvette group invited seven other groups to help. Many Corvette drivers were able to quickly shake hands with the racing stars. So when you watch driver introductions for the Daytona races and they are driven around the track you can thank the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club.

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

February Birthdays

Donna Lyn Brooks	16 th
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March Birthdays

Robert Lecours	1 st
Livia Weber	1 st
Bru Sabourin	2 nd
Karen Sirianni	9 th
Ruth Sutton	26 th
Tracy Stewart Miskow	27 th
Michael Brooks	28 th
Janet Campbell	29 th
Georgina Conway	30 th
Carol Hill	30 th

Corvette Racing Announces 2009 Drivers Lineup

Corvette Racing will have a new driver lineup for the 2009 American Le Mans Series and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Antonio Garcia will join defending ALMS GT1 champions Johnny O'Connell and Jan Magnussen in the No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R for the Sebring 12-hour, Le Mans 24-hour, and 1000-mile Petit Le Mans endurance races.

Marcel Fassler will be teamed with 2005-07 GT1 champions Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta in the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R in the three long-distance races. Canadian Ron Fellows, a member of Corvette Racing since its inception, will continue with the team in an advisory and ambassadorial role.

Chevrolet Corvette Racing team in 2009, according to *AutoWeek* sources.

The Spaniard is set to join the Pratt & Miller-run Corvette team for the long-distance races. This means 28-year-old Garcia will drive a GT1 Corvette C6.R in the 12 Hours of Sebring and at Le Mans, and then the new GT2 car in the Petit Le Mans 1,000-mile enduro at Road Atlanta at the end of the season.

General Motors road-racing boss Steve Wesoloski refused to confirm Garcia's signing, but suggested that an announcement of the full 2009 Corvette lineup is imminent.

Garcia was unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile, the second new face on the Corvette team for this season is understood to be Marcel Fassler, who raced a Corvette for the privateer Phoenix team in the FIA GT Championship in 2008. The Swiss, who appeared in the American Le Mans Series for Audi last year, and Garcia look certain to replace **Ron Fellows** and Max Papis in the Chevy lineup.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>Mar</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>NCC General Meeting</i>		<i>Frado's</i>
<i>Mar</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>NCC Bowling – Cataract Bowl (3:30)</i>	<i>Wendy Bas</i>	<i>Niagara Falls</i>
<i>Mar</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>NCC After Bowling Super –Johnny Rocco's (5:45)</i>	<i>Wendy Bas</i>	<i>Niagara Falls</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>NCC General Meeting</i>		<i>NPCC</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Fish Fry & Ice Cream Run</i>	<i>Wendy Bas</i>	<i>Fort Erie</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>22-26</i>	<i>Spring Carlise</i>		<i>Carlise PA</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Spring Cruise with WNYCC</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Bradford PA</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>NCC General Meeting</i>		<i>Frado's</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>NCC General Meeting</i>		<i>Frado's</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>4th Annual NCC Road Rally Leaving Reif Winery at 12:30 P.M.</i>	<i>Larry Schmor</i>	<i>NOTL</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Post Rally Barbeque</i>	<i>Roger Copeland</i>	<i>St. Catharines</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Sudbury CC Show & Shine</i>	<i>George</i>	<i>Sudbury</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>19 – 22</i>	<i>Weekend with HAC</i>	<i>Dave Drake</i>	<i>Point Pelee</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>NCC General Meeting</i>		<i>Frado's</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Downtown Classic Car Show (10:00)</i>	<i>George Dalbergs</i>	<i>St. Catharines</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>NCC Car Show</i>	<i>Gloria Drake</i>	<i>Reif Winery</i>
<i>Aug</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>NCC General Meeting</i>		<i>Frado's</i>
<i>Aug</i>	<i>27 – 30</i>	<i>Mobile 1 Grand Prix of Mosport ALMS</i>		<i>Mosport</i>
<i>Aug</i>	<i>28 – 30</i>	<i>Corvettes @ Carlise</i>		<i>Carlise PA</i>
<i>Sept</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>NCC General Meeting</i>		<i>Frado's</i>
<i>Sept</i>	<i>??</i>	<i>Lincoln County Fair Cruise Night (6:00 PM)</i>	<i>George Dalbergs</i>	<i>Beamsvill</i>
<i>Sept</i>	<i>30 – 4</i>	<i>Fall Carlise</i>		<i>Carlise PA</i>
<i>Oct</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>NCC General Meeting Nominations</i>		<i>Frado's</i>
<i>Nov</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>NCC General Meeting</i>		<i>Frado's</i>

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
<i>Feb.</i>	<i>13-22</i>	<i>Canadian International Auto Show</i>		<i>Toronto</i>
		<i>45th Annual Antique Car Parts Flea Market - Marritt Hall</i>		<i>Ancaster</i>
<i>Mar.</i>	<i>13-15</i>	<i>Automotive Swap Meet</i>		<i>Tillsonburg Event Centre</i>
<i>Mar.</i>	<i>13-15</i>	<i>45th. Performance World - International Trade Centre</i>		<i>Mississauga</i>
<i>Mar</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Rodmasters Spring Swap Meet - Marritt Hall</i>		
<i>Apr.</i>	<i>3-5</i>	<i>RM Spring Classic Car Auction</i>		<i>Mississauga</i>
<i>Apr.</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>CCO's Gateway Technical Session</i>		<i>Brampton</i>
<i>Apr.</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Richmond Green Indoor Automotive Flea Market</i>		<i>Richmond Hill</i>
<i>Apr</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Automotive Flea Market</i>		<i>Virgil</i>
<i>Apr.</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>CCCC Governors' Meeting</i>		<i>Mississauga</i>
<i>Apr.</i>	<i>22-26</i>	<i>Spring Carlisle</i>		<i>Carlisle PA</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Wasaga Beach Corvette Club Show & Shine</i>		<i>Collingwood</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Spring Fling - Wasaga Beach Corvette Club</i>		<i>Wasaga</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Cruise to Dover (6:00)</i>		<i>Caledonia</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>15th Annual Caledonia Spring Car Show & Swap Meet - Fairgrounds</i>		<i>Caledonia</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>15-17</i>	<i>Victoria Day Speedfest Weekend</i>		<i>Mosport</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>NCRS Ontario Chapter judging meet - Wilson Niblett</i>		<i>Richmond Hill</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>23-24</i>	<i>Waterdown Spring Swap Meet & Car Show - Joe Sams Park</i>		<i>Waterdown</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>17th Annual Hillfest @ Wilson Niblett</i>		<i>Richmond Hill</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>4-7</i>	<i>25th Annual Spring Barrie Auto Flea Market - Burl's Creek</i>		<i>Barrie</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>5-6</i>	<i>Fleetwood Farms Country Cruize-in</i>		<i>London</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>CWO Show & Shine - Anderson's GM Village</i>		<i>Woodstock</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Corvettes of Peterborough Show & Shine</i>		<i>Peterborough</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>12-14</i>	<i>Mosport High Octane Weekend - stock car racing</i>		<i>Mosport</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>Sudbury Corvette Club Show & Shine</i>		<i>Sudbury</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Windsor Waterfront Corvette Show</i>		<i>Windsor</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>CCO Gateway to Corvettes</i>		<i>Brampton</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>19-21</i>	<i>30th Annual International Vintage Racing Festival</i>		<i>Mosport</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>19-22</i>	<i>CAH Weekend with Hamilton Ohio Club</i>		<i>Geneva, OH</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Pine Ridge Corvette Club Show & Shine</i>		<i>Whitby</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>25-29</i>	<i>Bloomington Gold Show</i>		<i>St. Charles, IL</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>Corvettes of Durham Show & Shine - Ontario Motors</i>		<i>Oshawa</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>3rd Brampton Corvette Club Show & Shine - NAPA Auto Parts</i>		<i>Brampton</i>



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