

Corvette Connection

Niagara Corvette Club Celebrating Our 37th 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



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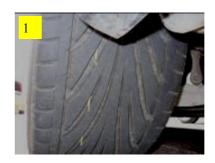
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Volunteer needed to replace Gloria Drake as our treasurer. She has the accounting program all in place and will train. Do you have a support position in our club? Why not? When no one volunteers the club will not function as the great fund raiser we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

Editor

Do you know which tires belong on which car?

4 with A, I with B, 2 with C, and 3 with D

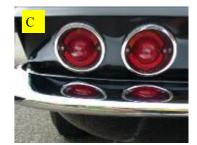




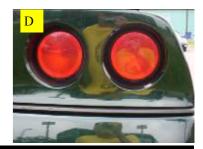












From the President

First of all, I would like to welcome a new member to the club. Peter Tonini joined our club at the July meeting and he has a 2010 yellow coupe. He is slowly transferring allegiance from Harleys to Corvettes. Welcome Peter.

June was a very busy month for some of us from the club. We had 5 cars travel to Ottawa to help the Capital Corvette Club celebrate their 35th anniversary and the details are elsewhere in this newsletter. After that, we had our annual road rally, once again a challenging route laid out by Larry Schmor, culminating in a great meal and refreshments at the Copeland's. A great big thanks to Larry, Chris and Roger for another fantastic event.

On July 1, Canada Day, a group of our members got together at Cora's Restaurant in Niagara Falls for breakfast and then a "long" cruise to Optimist Park for their car show and celebrations. We must thank John Mytroen for arranging this event. It would appear that in the future, quite a few events will be spur of the moment, where one of our members may send out an e-mail describing what he/she is planning to do and inviting the members to participate. Quite often these impromptu events are a lot of fun and break up the "monotony". As if any of us has a lot of time to spare/waste. In any event, it is nice to try to support these types of actions. Read your e-mails and make sure that the executive have your correct e-mail addresses.

July and August will become somewhat hectic months, being in the middle of the summer season. On Saturday, July 10 our club will be assisting the folks from the Downtown Association in parking cars for their annual Downtown Car show on St. Paul St. in St. Catharines. The following weekend is the Chevy Show at Wills Chev Corvette in Grimsby where the Wills family will be celebrating 50 years in the car business. We should all show up to support their celebration.

The BIG EVENT of the year, of course, is our own annual car show at Reif Estate Winery on Sunday, July 25. Many of our members have been busy soliciting sponsorships, door prizes and raffle items along with making arrangements for the DJ, vendors, etc. The big push however is for the day of the show. Most members have volunteered to work the show and to them I extend a hearty thank you. For those members who have been unable to attend any of the recent meetings, I would ask that you contact Harold Anders and volunteer for one of the remaining jobs. The more volunteers, the easier the job becomes for everyone else. Remember that all this effort is for a very worthy cause – the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre. Remember to wear your yellow club T-shirts, bring a 2-way radio if you have it, and come out and enjoy the day. Also, bring your car.

Leading up to the show, we have arranged to have supper with the Corvetters who are coming from out-of-town. On the Friday night, we will be having supper at JJ Kapps on Ontario St. in St. Catharines, and on Saturday night we plan to join the SSR club, along with the other out-of-town Corvette Clubs at Betty's in Chippawa. If you are interested in having supper with these visiting Corvettes, please contact Marilyn and let her know.

In August, a group of us are planning to attend the annual COSO show & shine in Simcoe on the first. If you are interested in participating, let me know. On the 6th of August, the GM Engine Plant is holding their annual show & shine and open house. This event is open to all vehicles as long as they have a GM engine. Come out and see where and how the C5 and C6 Corvette engines are built. After that, all thoughts go towards planning for the Corvettes at Carlisle extravaganza. All Corvette owners should attend at least once.

As you can see, there is lots to do in the Corvette hobby so check the events calendar for our club as well as the calendar for other car related events elsewhere in this newsletter. Remember to PARTICIPATE! 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, July 6, 2010

Attendance:

34

Meeting Started: 8:00 p.m

George Dalbergs thanked everyone for coming out tonight and extended out sincere condolences to Lynn Mytroen on the passing of her brother in Australia.

George introduced our newest member Peter Tonini who drives a yellow C6. Welcome Peter.

President's Report: George Dalbergs Old Business:

George and Marilyn along with 4 other members attended the Capital Corvette Club's 35th anniversary celebration in Ottawa All had a great time, then off to Sudbury for their annual car show to collect food for the local food bank.

Our annual rally took us to Hamilton, Dundas and ended at the Copeland's for food, beverages and socializing. A huge thank you to Larry for arranging the rally and Chris and Roger for hosting party.

On July 1 a group of about 8 cars got together for breakfast at Cora's Restaurant in Niagara Falls, and then the world's shortest cruise to the Optimist Park for the Canada Day celebration and car show. Many thanks to John Mytroen for arranging this fun event.

The St. Catharines Downtown Car Show is this coming Saturday. We could use some extra volunteers to help park cars in lieu of our \$500.00 donation from them. Please meet at Tim Hortons at Louth and St. Paul street at 7:00 a.m. and bring your walkie talkies if you have them. Please wear your yellow club tea shirt.

New Business:

Notices regarding several planned events in this area:

The Lions Club is planning a car rally on Saturday, September 18 with the funds raised to be used for the CNIB's camp at Lake Joseph. The rally starts at Crystal Ridge community centre in Ridgeway and ends at the Chippawa community centre in Chippawa. Cost is \$30 per car and includes lunch and supper. Registration forms available to those interested.

Sean McCann, the manager at the Marks Work Wearhouse store on 4th Ave (Ridley) is planning a special event at his store to promote breast cancer screening and would like to have 5 or 6 Corvettes on display in front of his store to promote this event. This is planned for Thursday, September 23 for anyone interested.

Robert, the manager of the CTC store on Montrose Rd in Niagara Falls would like to have a cruise night in September, at his store with Corvettes from our club. He is prepared to have goodie bags for participants with items from Brothers, Meguiars, etc and would allow us to promote our club and solicit further funds for the Children's Centre. He is talking about putting on a BBQ to raise funds, etc. He would like to have 35-40 Corvettes participate and after some discussion we realized this is too ambitious a goal. About 10 cars said they would consider it.

We were short 3 volunteers so Lynn and John Mytroen and Harold Anders volunteered to assist with registration at the GM Engine Plant Open House and Show on Friday, August 6. Thanks for your help.

The Comfort Inn donated several 15% off coupons to the club which were on the prize table. On the Friday and Saturday before our car show we are hosting the out of town clubs. Friday night at J.J. Kapps and Saturday night at Betty's in Chippawa.To participate or get de tails call George Dalbergs.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Continued from previous page: Vice-President's Report: Harold Anders

Harold still has not delivered all the jackets and would like to clear this up.

A few people have shown interest in the jackets and for Harold to re-order he must have minimum of 6 orders. If anyone else is interested please contact Harold.

Harold sent around a mockup of the club pin and hopes we will have them in time for our show.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Drake

Our Club financial report was read by George Dalbergs in Gloria's absence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Committee: Lynn Mytroen

Up coming Events.

July 10 - Downtown Car Show - St. Catharines

July 17 – Chevy Show at Wills Chev Corvette in Grimsby – pre-register

Aug. 1 – COSO Show & Shine in Simcoe

Aug. 6 – GM Engine Plant Show & Open House

Aug. 14 – Annual Vette-together at Bas Farms has been **cancelled** for this year but Wendy promises to bring it back next year.

John Mytroen reported on a car show in the U.S. at Salvatores We could meet at 5p.m. at the duty free and go from there, Call John for details

Lynn has arranged an **Ice cream run on Monday August 2**nd leaving from the Gateway in Grimsby.
Call Lynn for time.

Lynn and John are considering New York State for our fall cruise.

Show Committee: Harold

Date - Sunday, July 25th 2010

Harold will be contacting members via e-mail regarding your jobs. If you don't get a mail then please call Harold.

The all girls band is supposed to be great.

Everything is coming together nicely for the big day.

Wear Your Club T-shirts!!!

Please have your sponsorship funds in by July12th to be posted on our sponsorship board.

SWAP & SELL: George Dalbergs

Rick Laciok has a customer looking for a C6

50/50 Draw: Wendy Lindberg - Winner

Tom Atherton \$50.50

From our cub reporter Ed Pentesco.

The July 4th weekend a C6R car made a stop at a local chevy dealer. The display included a ZR1 rolling chassis.





From Lynn Mytroen

NCC Social Events

June had many out-of-club events that were attended by members of NCC. I think everyone's goal should be to enjoy their car for the few months that we have and to participate in as much as possible within and without our club. Summer is too short to keep the car in the garage!

The car rally was great for all involved. Thanks to Larry for all the planning, we know that it takes hours to put together the route. And thanks to the Copelands for hosting the post rally dinner.

July 1 had a good turnout to the Canada Day events in Niagara Falls. Anyone who has not had breakfast at Cora's Restaurant is missing out on a great meal; just ask those who were there.

July is "show month" but that is not to say that we cannot make time for other events. Downtown St. Catharine's is this weekend July 10. Wednesday July 14th John and I will be attending the Super Cruise at Salvatore's Italian Gardens in Buffalo. Check out the website at www.CorvettesofBuffalo.com. Please contact John or Lynn if you would like to attend with us or meet us at the Duty Free Fort Erie for 5 p.m.

We have not had much luck getting our ice cream runs going but we are planning again for Monday August 2. Meet at Tim Horton's at The Gateway off Casablanca in Grimsby at 3 pm for a cruise to Avondale's Ice Cream Bar in St. Catharine's. Any questions phone or email.

John and I will be working on organizing a fall cruise and will have details at the August meeting. Until then enjoy your car and the summer weather.

Lynn and John Mytroen



Cruising, George & Marilyn

n Friday, June 4, Marilyn and I left St. Kitts for our time we had the opportunity to do laps behind a pace car celebrate their 35th anniversary. The trip was uneventful, length, with 21 curves, some very tight and demanding. with somewhat cool but sunny weather so the top was Because of the rain, we couldn't really abuse the track or down. We travelled along the 401 to Napanee where we our car but it was a fun introduction to this new(er) track. detoured to have lunch with some friends. Then it was back roads to Hwy. 7 to the Ottawa Airport.

The Hilton Garden Inn hotel, that the Capital Corvette the new War Museum in Ottawa and then toured north Club had selected, was so new that the address did not along the Ottawa River to Pembroke, Petawawa, Chalk appear on the GPS unit, but we did find our way via the River and then on to Whitney at the east entrance to Al-NRC grounds. Once there we were met by an extremely gonquin Park. There we found a beautiful motel with a friendly group of CCC members at registration where we fireplace, Jacuzzi and a lake view, and since the weather received our goodie bag, T-shirts, etc. and renewed some was somewhat iffy, we decided to just relax and spend a old friendships and had supper and some adult beverages. few days at this setting. We then drove through Algon-It turned out that there were 5 Corvettes and 7 members quin to Huntsville. Boy are those security barricades for representing our club.

the RCMP stables, road trip to a mini brewery, or a road and then west towards Sudbury. We decided to stop for trip up the Gatineau Parkway to Mackenzie King's sum- supper in Sturgeon Falls and turned to the GPS to find a mer cottage (now a Tea House). We selected the latter restaurant - the first 3 selections shown were chip wagwhich gave us a great ride along the Rideau Canal, past ons. Welcome to the north. the Parliament Buildings and the Supreme Court, across The folks in Sudbury were in their usual mode – friendly the river to Hull and the Gatineau Parkway. Great road and extremely hospitable. The night before the show, with excellent pavement and a very tight, twisting 30 km. there was quite a bit of rain and all through the night, but stretch of road to the Tea House for lunch. The weather after a slow start, the weather turned nice and hot on the was overcast with a slight drizzle but not bad enough to day of the show. The participant numbers were down put up the top. After lunch, back to the hotel for some somewhat from previous years, but everyone had a great rest until we all gathered at the Carlton OLG Racetrack time. Lots of door prizes, draws, 50/50, etc. along with a & Slots for a photo shoot and then dinner dance. There live band, a DJ and a couple of numbers by a "Blues were over 100 Corvettes gathered for the photo shoot – Brothers" group – great entertainment. There were free all years and all colours. We're waiting for the DVD.

a DJ as well as a live band for entertainment. Every par- boat. After clean up, most of the club members got toticipant was given a \$15 token for free play at the casino gether for supper. Once again, a fun weekend with lots and my navigator finally got to leave a casino with some of laughter and good humour. positive cash in hand. During the evening several door the sudden friends that appeared.

race track, of course, so after a grand brunch in Almonte, you ask for? we drove through the back roads, through the rain, to Calabogie. When we arrived, they were conducting race instruction laps for motorcycles in the rain, but at lunch

trip to Ottawa to help the Capital Corvette Club (MUSTANG). The track is very interesting, 5.05 km in

After, we visited some friends in Manotick, we visited the G8 ever UGLY. Destroys the ambiance of the beau-The Saturday schedule gave registrants 3 options: tour of tiful north. From Huntsville, it was north to North Bay

tickets for the Imax showing at Science North as well as The buffet dinner at the slots was a great meal with both free cruises on Ramsey Lake on board the Calypso tour

prizes were handed out, as well as the usual 50/50 draw. From Sudbury, we took our time driving to Owen Sound It should be reported that 3 of our members won door to visit some more friends. At a steady cruise speed, just prizes and 1 member won the 50/50 draw – but those over the limit, we averaged just over 33 mpg. Overall, funds were quickly deposited at the bar on behalf of all we covered some 2,500 km, with top down whenever possible, renewed some friendships and had a fun 11 Sunday activities had 3 options as well – a car show at days. When you look back at it, this is exactly what the the Byward Market, a trip to a go-kart track or a trip to Corvette is made for - enjoyable driving in beautiful Calabogie Motorsport track. We opted for the trip to the scenery to make or renew friendships. What more can

Take your Corvette and go for a drive!

Larry Schmor 2010 Rally



From The Editor

July Birthdays

Tammy Brickman 3rd.
Debbie Fralick 9th.
Gail Anders 14th.
Jake Bass 14th.
Ian Bell 21st.
Richard Laciok 27th.
William J. Campbell 30th.

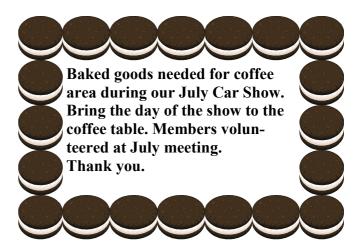


The National Transportation Safety Board recently divulged they had covertly funded a project with the US auto makers for the past five years, whereby the auto makers were installing black boxes in four-wheel drive pickup trucks in an effort to determine, in fatal accidents, the circumstances in the last 15 seconds before the crash. They were surprised to find in 47 of the 50 states the last words of drivers in 61.2 percent of fatal crashes were, "Oh, Crap!"

Only the states of South Carolina, West Virginia and Arkansas were different, where over 89.3 percent of the final words were: "Hold my beer and watch this!"

August Birthdays





Oops, this car showed up for the Corvette rally and our news letter would not allow it to be inserted? PS, when you see the power roof go up it is like a transformer.



Mytroen's July 1st Breakfast

NCC July 1 event at Optimist Park Niagara Falls



mood for July 1!

Club Activities 2010

| Month | Day | Activity | Contact | Location |
|-------|-------|---|-----------------|----------------|
| July | 10 | Downtown Classic Car Show (7:00 AM) | George Dalbergs | St. Catharines |
| July | 17 | Chevy Show @ Wills | George Dalbergs | Grimsby |
| July | 25 | NCC CAR SHOW - Show & Shine | | Reif Winery |
| Aug | 1 | COSO Show & Shine | | Simcoe |
| Aug | 3 | NCC General Meeting-Frado's | | Frado's |
| 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 | 7 | NCC General Meeting-Frado's | | Frado's |
| Sept | | Lincoln County Fair Cruise Night (6:00) | George Dalbergs | Beamsville |
| Sept | | Fall Cruise & Poker Run - | | |
| Sept | 29-03 | Fall Carlisle | | Carlisle, PA |
| Oct. | 5 | NCC General Meeting-Frado's Nomina- | | Frado's |
| | | tions | | |
| Nov. | 2 | NCC General Meeting-Frado's Elections | | Frado's |
| Nov. | | NCC Christmas Dinner | | |
| Dec. | 7 | NCC Social Evening | | |



How to Determine the Condition of 1965-82 Rear Wheel Bearings

There is nothing worse than experiencing rear wheel bearing failure while traveling away from home in your Corvette. Repairs made "on the road" can often run into several hundred dollars and lead to an unpleasant trip.

There is a simple test using a dial indicator with a magnetic base, and standard hand tools, that will determine if the rear wheel bearings are in need of replacement. A suitable jack and jack stands will be needed. By measuring the rear wheel bearing play, and checking the smoothness of the wheels as they are turned, it can be determined whether adding grease to the assemblies will extend the life of the bearings.

It is important to drive the Corvette until the rear wheel bearings and associated parts are warmed up to operating temperature to achieve an accurate measurement. By following these steps, the wheel bearing play can be measured:

- 1) Raise your Corvette and place jack stands under the frame rails directly in front of the rear wheels to support the weight of the vehicle. It is strongly suggested to block the front wheels and check the stability of the supports before proceeding.
- 2) Remove the half shafts and raise the rear wheels to allow the tires to turn freely.
- 3) Place blocks under the trailing arms to support the rear wheels and spin the rear wheels, while carefully listening for any squeaking or sounds that indicate roughness or binding in the rear wheel bearing assemblies.
- 4) Remove the rear wheels from the Corvette and position the dial indicator so that the point is perpendicular to the outer wheel rotor surface
- 5) Measure the movement by carefully prying the rotor outwards with a large flat bladed screwdriver, then by prying inward with the screwdriver placed between the spindle flange and the inside of the trailing arm.
- 6) If the measurement is less than .010 inch, and the rotation of the wheel is very smooth, with no noise or binding, the bearings are okay. Use the **Rear Wheel Bearing Greaser** to add grease to the rear wheel bearings, extending their life.

With the bearings freshly greased, you can enjoy your next outing with the assurance that the rear wheel bearings are in top shape and freshly greased for many more miles of trouble-free cruising!

Area Activities

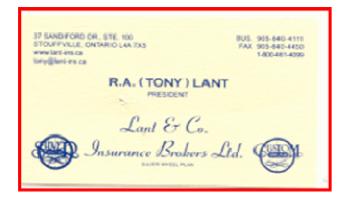
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| Moncton | | GMCC 19th Annual Show & Shine | 10 | July |
| Brampton | | 4th Brampton Corvette Club Show & Shine - NAPA Auto Parts | 11 | July |
| Buffalo | | COB Super Cruise - Salvatore's Italian Gardens | 14 | July |
| Thorold | | 7th Annual Thorold Car Show - Front St. | 17 | July |
| Sioux Falls, ND | | Black Hills Corvette Classic | 13-18 | July |
| Lancaster NY | | 15th Niagara Nostalgia Drags & Car Show - Dunn Tire Raceway Park | 1 | August |
| Simcoe | | COSO Show & Shine | 1 | August |
| Port Colborne | | Canal Days Car Show - H.H.Knoll Park (8:00 - 4:00) | 1 | August |
| Welland | | David's 16th Annual Corvette Show | 7 | August |
| Newfoundland | | Corvettes at the Keg - NLCC | 9 | August |
| Buffalo | | COB 6th Annual Caravan | 15 | August |
| Newmarket | | CCO Chevy Day Show | | August |
| Wasaga Beach | | Wasaga Beach Cruize Weekend | 20-22 | August |
| Michigan | | Woodward Dream Cruise | 21 | August |
| Mosport | | Dickies 200 - NASCAR Canadian Tire Series | 21 | August |
| Erie County, NY | | All Corvette Caravan 4th Annual - (10-2) | | August |
| Mosport | | Grand Prix of Mosport American LeMans Series - Mosport Park | 26-29 | August |
| Olcott, NY | | 21st Annual Olcott Beach Classic Car Show - Krull Park (9:00 - 5:00) | 4 | Sept. |
| Barrie | | 40th Annual Fall Barrie Automotive Flea Market - Burls Creek Park | 9-12 | Sept. |
| Mississauga | | CCCC Governors' Meeting | 18 | Sept. |
| Effingham IL | | Mid America Funfest | 17-20 | Sept. |
| Whitby, ON | | Pine Ridge Corvette Club Show & Shine - Sum- mers End | 26 | Sept. |
| Welland | | 30th Annual Last Chance Car Show—Niagara Regional Exhibition | 25-26 | Sept. |
| Carlisle, PA | | Fall Carlisle | 25-26 | Sept. |
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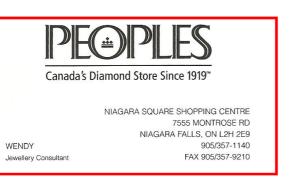
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