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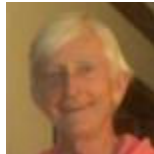
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**D**ETROIT – Corvette returned to the world’s most-demanding testing ground – Germany’s famed Nurburgring – and recorded lap times that rank among the fastest recorded for a production car.

As detailed on video, the 2012 Corvette ZR1 recorded a lap time of 7:19.63, more than six seconds faster than the previous Corvette-best recorded in 2008. A lap video featuring the Corvette Z06 will be released soon.

”Testing at the Nurburgring is one of the important methods we have to validate our car in the toughest track conditions.” says Tadge Juechter, Corvette vehicle line director and chief engineer.

Measuring 12.9 miles (20.8 km) and including some 154 turns, the Nurburgring’s Nordschleife (“north loop”) is widely considered the world’s most-demanding course. As was the case at Corvette’s last test in 2008, the car was driven by Corvette engineer Jim Mero and was a full production model with no performance modifications. This test was to validate the car’s added performance technology coming to production later this summer for the 2012 model year.

Corvette’s improved performance for 2012 begins with the new, optional Michelin® Pilot® Sport Cup Zero Pressure tires, which are available on the two highest-performing models, the lightweight, 505-hp (377 kW) Z06 and the maximum-performance, 638-hp (476 kW) supercharged ZR1. They are competition-oriented tires, optimized for warm, dry conditions to increase cornering and handling capability.

When combined with the Corvette’s exclusive Performance Traction Management (PTM) technology – which manages torque delivery for maximum performance – the tires set new benchmarks for Corvette performance. Engineers estimate an 8-percent gain in maximum lateral acceleration, to more than 1.1g, and improved braking distance.

Dave Tatman, Plant Manager, Bowling Green confirmed his attendance at our Show - bringing a 2012 Yellow Corvette ZR1. Kudos to our executives for arranging this car.

# From the President

Aaahhh, July is here and cruising in our Corvettes is just great. Although Gail and I were not able to participate in the June ice cream run, we have been told that it was well attended and everyone had a good time. Thank you to Lynn Mytroen for coordinating this event.

The excitement of our annual Car Show is growing, which was reflected in the attendance at our July meeting. We had the best attendance so far this year. Thank you to all who were able to attend.

I would also like to thank Gail Anders, who volunteered without question to undertake the duties of: Membership Director (her regular Club position); Secretary; Treasurer; and Social Director at our July meeting. Unfortunately, those members who normally hold these positions could not attend the meeting. Gail did a great job, and I think I heard cries of “... Gail for President ...” towards the end of our meeting.

I have a sad note regarding the passing of one of our members. Linda Tonini, wife of Peter Tonini passed away early in July. I did not know Linda well, but I did have the opportunity to spend some time with her and Peter during our Club social events. Linda was a personable and energetic person, she will be missed.

On a more positive note, the Club welcomed two new members. William (Bill) Coates and Shirley Griff of Port Robinson have joined us. They drive a 2007 Indy Pace Car Corvette in Atomic Orange. The car is quite striking to see.

Our additional Club t-shirts are in, and we have the orders for our Club jackets paid for by those who have signed up so far. The order will be placed after our August meeting to allow others time to consider an order. It will likely be some time before we have the numbers needed to place another order, so I encourage those members that may be thinking of a jacket to let me know. I will be notifying our members by Email in this regard.

Our Club is looking forward to assisting with the traffic control and parking duties at the St. Catharines Downtown Classic Car Show on July 9. We have participated in this event in previous years, and once again for this year, we have a number of members who have volunteered to help out. Further information regarding

this Show will be conveyed to our volunteers by Email. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support.

Prior to our Show on July 24, a number of social events are being planned. On July 19, we will have the opportunity to link-up with the people participating in the National Corvette Museum's Museum in Motion Tour into Canada. Also, on the evening of July 23, a BBQ dinner will be held at JJ Kapps, to allow time to socialize with other Corvette Club members that are coming to our Show. Further information regarding these two events will be forwarded by Email to those members who were not in attendance at the meeting.

The final details of our Car Show are falling into place. Please watch for an Email near the middle of July regarding tasks and member assignments. There are still a few items to finalize, so please be ready to step forward to help out. The key to the success of our Car Show is the strong participation of our members in carrying out this event.

Great news!!! Subsequent to our meeting, I was able to speak directly with Mr. David Tatman, Plant Manager, Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green Kentucky. Mr. Tatman confirmed that he will be attending our Car Show, bringing a 2012 Yellow ZR1 for display. His tentative schedule should also enable him to join us at the BBQ Dinner at JJ Kapps.

A number of additional social activities are being planned for the rest of the Summer and the Fall. Work on these events will be put on hold, pending our Car Show. Please stay tuned to subsequent Newsletters for updates.

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**

# Minutes from Last Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, July 5, 2011

**Attendance:**

**46 Meeting Started: 8:00 p.m**

President Harold Anders welcomed all the membership to the meeting. A thank you was extended to Gail Anders who will be serving tonight as: Membership Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Director, due to absences.

Two new members were introduced: William (Bill) Coates and Shirley Griff from Port Robinson. They drive a 2007 Corvette Indy Pace Car in Atomic Orange.

Later in the meeting, mention was made of the loss of one of our members Linda Tonini, wife of Peter Tonini, early in July,. She will be missed. Details of Visitation and Memorial Service will be sent to the members via Email.

The membership was also advised that a former Club member, Donna Toth, is experiencing some health concerns. Donna is now back at home. The membership wishes Donna a speedy recovery.

**President's Report - Harold Anders**

## **Old Business:**

### **Club Jackets**

Our Supplier has indicated that an order of 11 jackets will be processed. Members who had already placed an order had received an Email to bring in their payment. All such members have done so. Members not present at the meeting, will be given final notice regarding consideration of a jacket purchase, as it may be some time before another 12 jackets (typical minimum order) will be needed. The jacket order will be processed after the August meeting.

### **Club T-Shirts**

Members were advised that additional t-shirts have arrived. Members present, who had needed a t-shirt were given a t-shirt.

### **St. Catharines Downtown Classic Car Show**

An informational Email has been sent out to those members who have volunteered to help out with this Show.

The group is expecting to leave the Tim Hortons at St. Paul and Louth Street at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday July 9. Members were reminded to wear their yellow Club t-shirts, bring chairs and two-way radios.

The St. Catharines Downtown Association is planning some new approaches to the Show. NCC members helping out will be advised about further details via Email by the end of Friday July 8.

## **New Business:**

National Corvette Museum – Museum in Motion Canadian Tour

The Tour will “kick off” in Ontario on Tuesday July 19, 2011. Opportunities for NCC members to link up with those on the tour were outlined: Winery Tour / Meet and Greet Session / Evening Banquet. A sign-up sheet was circulated. For members not present, and Email will be sent by Harold Anders for their consideration.

## **Car Show Announcements**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Beach Cruize Weekend will be held on August 19 – 21 in Wasaga Beach. At the show will be the first ever Quad C (ER) Corvette Concours Nationals. If members want further information contact Harold Anders or George Dalbergs.

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

### 2013

Bill reminded the members that 2013 represents the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Corvette and the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Niagara Corvette Club. A suggestion was put forward by Walt Tritchew that a t-shirt be developed recognizing these anniversaries. All thought that this idea had merit.

## **Car Shows**

On Monday July 11, a car show is being held in Lockport. The theme is Corvettes and 60's music. A cruise is to be held as well.

On Wednesday July 13, Corvettes of Buffalo are hosting the Super Cruise night at Salvatore's Italian Garden.

Bill reminded the members of the Welland Car Show held every Friday night, where our Show flyers should be distributed.

Any member wishing further information should contact Bill.

# Minutes Continued

## **Niagara Corvette Club Dinner**

**Marilyn Dalbergs** has made arrangements for a BBQ Dinner to be held at JJ Kapps Restaurant on Ontario Street in St. Catharines on Saturday July 23. This is the traditional “night before the show” dinner where members of other Corvette Clubs attending our show can mingle with our members. Cost is \$25 dollars (tax and gratuities included) and the menu includes: ribs, steak, chicken, pasta, three salads, potatoes, vegetables, buns, and coffee or tea. A sign-up sheet was circulated. For those members not in attendance, an Email will be sent by Harold Anders to confirm additional attendees.

## **Secretary’s Report** - Gail Anders for Chris Copeland.

Gail took this opportunity to thank our Club members for their volunteer time and efforts in making the Club, our Car Show and our social events a success.

## **Treasurer’s Report** – Gail Anders for John Mytroen

Gail stated the John had provided a statement that the Club financials are doing well.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Social Committee – Gail Anders for Lynn Mytroen**

#### **Lynn provided a brief update to Gail regarding our social events.**

The June ice cream cruise was well attended and all participants had a great time.

The August long weekend occurs on the weekend of July 30, 31 and August 1. John and Lynn Mytroen are attending the Port Colborne Canal Days Car Show on July 31 and are inviting any other Club members to join in. The Simcoe Car Show is also being held on July 31. Jake and Wendy Bas have extended an invitation to our members to visit their new home after these Car Shows (approx. 4:00 p.m.) for refreshments and appetizers. Afterwards, a dinner will follow at a local restaurant, then fireworks on the canal will be attended. A sign-up sheet was circulated for members to indicate their interest in these events. For those not able to attend the meeting, Gail will be sending an Email to see if others may wish to participate.

A reminder and sign-up sheet was circulated regarding the Mini Golf event to be held on Saturday August 13 at the Greens at Brock (rain date Sunday August 14). John and Lynn will be hosting a Pot Luck Dinner after the

golf. A sign-up sheet was circulated and will be circulated again at the Club’s August meeting.

A day at the Fort Erie Race Track has been booked for Sunday September 11. The cost per person is \$25.75, which needs to be prepaid before the event. Final attendee numbers and money will be collected at the Club’s August meeting. If members are interested in participating, but they will not be at the August meeting please contact John or Lynn to let them know.

Plans for a Fall Cruise are coming together. Tentatively, the drive will also include a boat cruise and lunch on the Grand River. More information will be forthcoming.

### **Show Committee** - Bill Colclough

Final details are falling into place regarding our Car Show, however, we still need a few members to volunteer for jobs to be done at the Show. During the week of July 11 to 15, a summary of the jobs and volunteer assignments will be circulated to the members via Email. Volunteers will also be needed to serve as “spares”, to give some members a rest during the Show. Please review the summary to ensure that the current assignments are correct and please volunteer for jobs where there are vacancies or to serve as a “spare”.

There has been no further news about Club assistance at the GM Engine Plant show on August 5. We expect to participate in some manner. Further details will be provided as soon as possible.

Harold Anders is trying to confirm the attendance of Dave Tatman, (Plant Manager, Corvette Assembly Plant, Bowling Green Kentucky) at our Show. Confirmation is expected shortly.

Ian Bell provided an update regarding the Generations of Corvettes display at our Show. The information placards have been completed and work is underway to complete the display banner.

### **Newsletter/Website** - Ian Bell

Work by Ian and Bill Colclough on our Website has been delayed in view of the work being done in preparation for our Car Show.

### **50/50 Draw** - Wendy Lindberg

Winner : John Gibbons

# Lynn Mytroen Social Page

## NCC SOCIAL EVENTS JULY 2011

John and I are away in Europe. We will be attending a 2 day Corvette Car Show in Holland. We will share this event and pictures in the August newsletter.

August long weekend is July 30/31; Aug 1. The Simcoe Car show is Sunday July 31 as is the Canal Days Port Colborne Car Show. John and I will be attending the Port Colborne Show and hope others will join us. For those attending either show Wendy and Jake Bas have offered to host drinks and appetizers after the show at their new place in Port Colborne. For those interested dinner will follow at a local restaurant then fireworks on the canal.

Saturday August 13 (rain date Sunday August 14) is set aside for our mini-golf at The Greens on Brock in Thorold. John and I will host a pot luck dinner after the golf. Sign-up sheet was passed around and details will be available at the August meeting.

Fort Erie Race Track date is booked Sunday September 11. The cost per person is 25.75\$ and is a prepaid event. Final numbers and money will be collected at the August meeting. If interested in attending but not attending the meeting please contact Lynn or John.

Fall cruise is being planned. Details to be finalized but we hope to travel the back roads for an hour to the Grand River in Caledonia where we will cruise and lunch on the river for a couple of hours.

**We will see everyone at the car show....fingers crossed for great weather!!**

*Lynn and John Mytroen*

Picture of our  
Bowling Green  
cruise group at the  
National Corvette  
Museum.  
John Mytroen



# The Bowling Green Experience!

Coming from the perspective of a couple of “Newbie's” in the NCC, this might sound a little exaggerated but I assure you its not....Graeme and I are a pair of conservative individuals who are not typically the first to jump at a group outing or event but we are very glad we took this opportunity to go on the road trip to Bowling Green out of the blue.

The first highlight of the trip had to be how welcomed we were into a group of seasoned Corvette owners and I encourage anyone considering a road trip with the club but are concerned about not knowing anyone, rest assured, that ends quickly!

The second highlight of the trip was how well organized the trip was from start to finish, top to bottom and inside and out. A very big and happy shout out goes to Lynn and John for the organization and guidance through the entire trip.

I do not have enough room or time to describe possibly the minimum of 152 other highlights of the trip but do want to make note of some of the more outstanding ones.

1/ The scenery driving through Tennessee and Kentucky was spectacular. On our second day in to the trip we seamlessly wove our way through the back roads with George and Marilyn leading the way to wonderfully historic and tasty distilleries as part of the Bourbon Trail. We stopped at 6 distilleries in all, being able to wander through the stores and bourbon tastings (my treasure personally was the chocolate) and hop back on the road again in time to be able to collect all the stamps needed on the trail passport qualifying us for the free T-shirt. (Stylishly modeled by George, Fred and myself at the last meeting!)

2/ The people we met along the way; restaurants, hotels, tour guides all going beyond the call of duty to make sure we enjoyed our stayed or our food or the visit. In fact, some of us got along so well with people that a few job offers were forth coming (Fred!). The tour guide at the Corvette Museum wangled us into the “pick up area” for new Corvettes awaiting their “parents”. I got to breathe on a 2012 Corvette ZR1 even before its owner did. The staff at the museum arranged for meals at unique places we otherwise would never had thought of or considered. The manager at the hotel in Bowling Green arranged for the group to have access to a hose and buckets to wash the cars after a long day of driving and the maintenance staff at the Ramada cordoned off an area for us to park so no one could get near the cars!

3/ The Corvette Museum is a gem unto itself. One can get lost in the history of the vehicle we all have a love for alone. But that is not enough. I vividly learned Corvette owners are a unique, selfless breed. A large number of the cars in the museum which illustrate the history of the car are donated or shared with the museum on a short term basis.

4/ The STORE! I myself returned to the Corvette Store three times and bought more and more corvette paraphernalia! I went from having no clothing or Corvette gear to being able to have a different outfit for every day of the week! I was even so engrossed in the shopping at the Corvette Store I asked Roger for his wallet thinking it was Graeme!

5/ The trip would not have been complete without the tour of the Corvette plant. The people in Bowling Green take their Corvettes very seriously and a lot of pride is evident when around the plant or in the plant. Dave Tatman, Plant Manager of the GM Corvette facility, personally came into our orientation group prior to the tour to “Brag” about his job (thank-you to Larry for making the connection for the group). The plant is scrupulously clean, organized and a pleasure to be in. The plant is a technological wonder in the way the cars glide throughout the plant having components assembled and tested.

6/ Nashville! I am fulfilled! I got to walk the sidewalks of downtown Nashville looking for (another) pair of cowboy boots. Did not find the elusive fantasy pair but procured an awesome Stetson. Don't worry, I will be modelling it at the Car show!

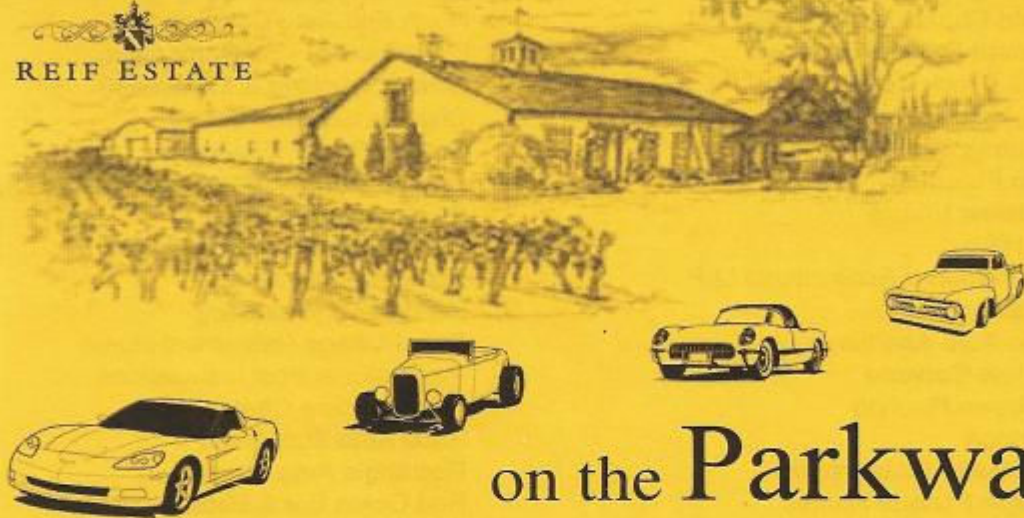
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# Cruise-In

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# Editors Page

## July Birthdays

Tammy Brickman	3rd.
Debbie Fralick	9th.
Gail Anders	14th.
Jake Bas	14th.
Dennis Webb	19th.
Ian Bell	21st.
Walt Tritchew	25th.
Richard Laciok	27th.
Bill Heersping	29th.
William J. Campbell	30th.



## 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.



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

A woman is driving down a road. A man is driving down the same road from the opposite direction. As they pass each other, the man leans out the window and yells "PIG!!" The woman immediately leans out her window and yells "JERK!!" They each continue on their way, and as the woman rounds the next curve she crashes into a huge pig in the middle of the road.

If only women would listen.

### How to Be a Great Volunteer

Always be on time. This is a simple idea, but important. Consider being late to your job. People would be upset. The same applies for volunteering. So if you are going to be late, just call and let them know.

Volunteer for something you love. Your passion needs to show and that means putting your effort into something you treasure. It doesn't matter what it is, but it does matter you care.

Offer up what you can do best. Don't be stuck typing when you are a people person and on the flip side, don't be out directing traffic if you are shy. Find the balance that brings your talents to the table and really helps the organization.

Mix up your volunteer jobs. If you become bored, it is time for a schedule change in your life. Go on different days or ask for different tasks to see what else is out there. It is volunteer so you aren't stuck in one place.

If you are feeling overwhelmed, back away. This is an important thing to consider. Most start off with great intentions, but as our world changes, so does our times and the volunteer job becomes a hassle. Stop this by addressing your goals and ask how does your volunteer work fit into that idea.

Consider your volunteer work an adventure. See what you can give and at the same time be open to learning, meeting new people and enjoying your time doing things you love.

See you all July 24, 2011 at Cruise-in on the Parkway.  
Editors, Ian & Jackie

# Club Calendar 2011

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
Jul.	5	NCC General Meeting-Frado's		
	9	Downtown Classic Car Show (7:00 AM)	Harold Anders	St. Catharines
Jul.		Chevy Show @ Wills Regret, we are not having a Car Show at all this summer. It will require some new strategies in planning and format, so it is not possible for this year.		Grimsby
Jul.	24	NCC CAR SHOW - Show & Shine		Reif Winery
Jul.	31	Port Colborne Show. Wendy & Jake Bas drinks & appetizers. Perhaps dinner to follow at local restaurant.	Lynn Mytroen	
Jul.	31	COSO Show & Shine	Dave Drake	Simcoe
Aug.	2	NCC General Meeting - Frado's		
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

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There were only a few concerns noted during the trip;

Harold never got a speeding ticket for all the passing he did during the drives and Gail seemed to have her own world which she kept welcoming all of us to join her in!

Dave and Bill were never stumped by a question about our Corvette and seemed to develop an unnatural attraction to our car's exhaust system

Tom and Pat must own stocks in Exxon considering the number of times they had to stop for gas

I thought I had a cowboy boot fetish, but the last count of the number of boots I saw (pink I think) Brian and Sue picked up was about four

Lorna admitted to having been married to Fred for 45 years!

I learned how to shop by following Wendy and Denny!

I could go on and on but I think the trip should be made personally in order to get the full picture and experience. 3200 kilometres and a lot of laughs later, Graeme and I are very glad we broke out of shell and joined the club and the road trip. We are looking forward to many more! *Submitted by Karen Tiels* .

# Area Calendar

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
Jul.	1	2nd Canada Day Classic Car Cruise-in - Home Hardware		Waterdown, ON
		Tri-Five 36th Annual Car Event of the Summer		Clarence, NY
		Corvette Weekend		Bayfield, ON
		Lime Rock ALMS Race		Lakeville, CT
		GMCC 19th Annual Show & Shine		Moncton, NB
		Brampton Corvette Club Show & Shine - NAPA Auto Parts		Brampton
Jul.	11	Corvette & 60's Night Cruise		Lockport, NY
Jul.	13	Corvettes of Buffalo Salvatore's Super Cruise		Lancaster, NY
Jul.	12-13	poker run, picnic, autocross, BBQ and cruise night		Sioux Falls, SD
Jul.	14	Caravan to Spearfish, wine tasting at the hotel		Sioux Falls, SD
Jul.	15-16	Ladies show, vendor seminars, banquet, toga party, casino crawl in Deadwood and dream cruise through spearfish canyon.		Sioux Falls, SD
	17	Cruise in on the River - Lions Park		Paris
	21 - 24	Mosport ALMS Race		Bowmanville, ON
	23	Classics in the Park - Heritage Park		Barrie
	31	COSO Show & Shine		Simcoe
	31	Port Colborne Canal Days Car Show - H.H. Knoll Park		Port Colborne
Aug.	3	2011 Corvette Supercruise		Concord, NY
	6	Mid-Ohio ALMS Race		Lexington, OH
	6	2nd Annual Ponderosa Nature Resort Car Show - Ponderosa Nature Resort		Puslinch/ Flam-boro
	6	Corvettes at the Keg - NLCC		Newfoundland
	7	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

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