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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. 1st Tuesday every month *Frado's Italian Restaurant* 535 Queenston Street St. Catharine's, Ontario

In lieu of December's meeting, Dinner at "Betty's" Restaurant, Niagara Falls Contact Larry or Marg Keighan, 905-834-4320.

> Club meeting returns to Frado's January 6th, 2009

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President George Dalbergs



Vice President Wilf Seniuk

From The Prezz

Page 1, November, 2008

It is now the middle of November and the great weather is definitely over; the toys have been put away for the winter, and we are in the midst of cleaning our yards of leaves and getting ready for the colder months of winter. The year is coming to an end.

At this time, I would like to thank the current executive for their participation and assistance in making this a fantastic year. We have added some new members, provided a social calendar that provided activities every month, and did our utmost to satisfy the stated desires of our membership. In addition to our social events, we also held the most successful car show to date enabling the club to donate over \$17,100 to the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre. Thank you Wilf, Gloria, Glennie Also, we must also thank Wendy and Dave. Lindberg for acting as membership director and Wendy Bas for once again arranging for a full and interesting social calendar. In addition, we must thank Ian Bell for providing an interesting and informative newsletter each month, as well as Bill Colclough for updating and operating our website. There are other members who sponsored individual activities and they should all be thanked for their involvement and interest in supporting the club and what it stands for. We appreciate all of your efforts.

At the November meeting, we held an election and we must show our appreciation for those folks who stepped forward to take up the challenge for the positions that have come open during the course of the year. Thank you to Harold Anders, our new vice-president, Carol Hill, our new secretary, and to Ray Maude Jr. for putting his name forward to make it a true election this year and providing an alternative to our members. I personally feel that in order for the club to maintain its successes into the future, it is important to improve the participation in the club's activities and active involvement of the membership. This requires periodic changes in the executive and the addition of "new blood" to the executive - otherwise we will get stale and interest will wane.

I would also like to thank all those members who participated in the various social events that were held by the club. Your involvement in these events supports the efforts of the members who planned and arranged the events and made it interesting throughout the year. Thank you all.

We have a great club and we want to see it succeed into the future. This year we celebrated our 35th anniversary and it would be great if we could ensure it's continuation for the next 20-30 years. In order to have this occur, we must bring in new members and also ensure that they become active in the life of the club.

Now, before the year is over and we celebrate Christmas and the coming of the New Year, there are still a couple of events planned for the balance of this year. On the evening of November 22, we will have our annual Christmas Dinner and Party. Leslie Daudelin has arranged for an interesting evening at a new venue in Port Colborne, so I ask as many of our members as can fit this date into their busy schedules to call Leslie and sign up for this event. Also, as in previous years, we do not have a club meeting in December, but are once again planning to get together for an informal dinner at Betty's Restaurant in Chippawa, for the evening of Tuesday, December 2. If you would like to participate, please contact Larry Keighan.

Also, since the year is coming to its inevitable conclusion, it is time to renew membership for 2009. A membership renewal form is included in this newsletter and we will once again hold a draw at the January meeting for a free membership to one of the lucky members who has renewed their membership by this meeting.

We now have to start planning for 2009, so have a great and safe Christmas season and plan to attend the January 6th meeting. Save the Wave!

George

Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2008 Meeting Started: 8:05pm President's Report: [George D.] Old Business:

Attendance: 40

It was election night. George reviewed who were eligible to vote (members who have been with the club for at least one year). He also reviewed the nominations from the last meeting.

- President Bob Brickman and George Dalbergs
- Vice-president Harold Anders and Ray Maude Jr.
- Treasurer Gloria Drake
- Secretary Carol Hill
- > Bob Brickman had declined his nomination. There were no other nominations.
- > Ballots were handed out to be collected and counted by new members Dave and Molly Louth.
- We have openings for Membership Director and Show Director. Gloria said she was meeting with a group who were going to take over the responsibilities of the show and suggested they might pick a Director. Gayle Anders was considering the Membership position.

Vice-President's Report: [Wilf]

Wilf reported that CCCC has undergone changes and suggested we may want to reconsider joining them again.

Treasurer's Report: [Gloria/Dave]

- Soloria reported we are in good shape. There are no outstanding bills from the show.
- \triangleright

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Committee: [Wendy B]

- Christmas Party Leslie booked the Rose Lawn Centre. Dinners are \$30 per person with the club adding in \$10 per person. Money must be prepaid to Leslie ASAP. Members are asked to bring food donations again this year which will be donated to the Port Colborne Food Bank. Ian is to put a link to Map Quest in the newsletter.
- December Dinner meeting On the 2nd of Dec. we are meeting at 6:30 at Betty's Restaurant in Chippawa for dinner. Dinner is \$20 per person. Members are asked to let Larry & Margaret Keighan know if they will be going.
- George thanked Wendy Bas for the great job she has done again this year as Social Convenor.
- Stan Kokotka drew the 649 numbers, 37, 11, 40, 26, 36, and 4. Jake is the only one who has had no numbers called.

ELECTION RESULTS

It was a close vote but our new Vice President is Harold Anders. George thanked Ray for running.

Show Committee: [Dave Drake]

- There was an error in the engraving on the Sponsor plaques and George had replacement pieces for anyone who needed them. Plaques that were yet to be delivered were also fixed.
- > Thank you cards were also ready for distribution.

Newsletter: [lan Bell]

> New business cards for update of advertising sheet should be submitted ASAP.

Round Table: -

- Museum exhibit Wendy Bas is to contact Bill about a convenient time for members to see the display.
- Calhoun's on Bunting Rd have Corvette jackets and hats.
- They are hoping to get a group to go to the Mid America Funfest next fall. There will be more information in the spring.
- George told about his trip on the Tail of the Dragon, a very windy road from NC to Tennessee just south of Knoxville. It is part of hwy 129 and the 11 mile stretch of road has 318 curves, that's a curve every 82 feet.

REMINDER

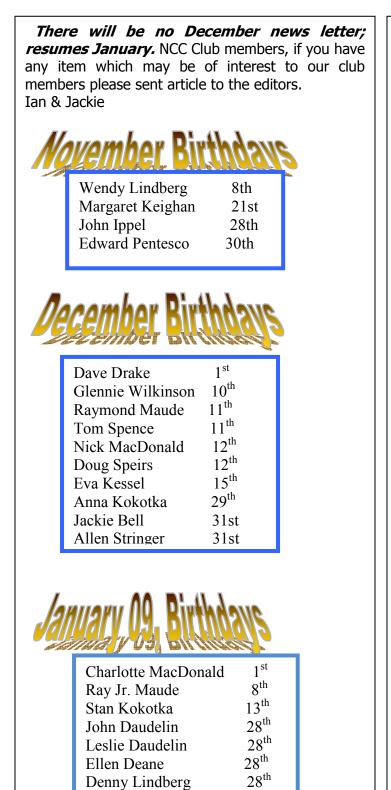
2009 Memberships will be due January 1st. Those who have paid by the January meeting will be eligible for the draw for a free membership.

> <u>50/50 Draw</u>: [Wendy L.]

Dave Roush won \$57.

Meeting Adjournment: @ 8:55 PM.

Social Update



Larry Schmor

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Upcoming events,

Saturday, November 22nd, Christmas dinner at Roselawn Centre located at 296 Fielden Avenue, Port Colborne. For information see Christmas Party further in news letter. Contact Leslie Daudlin at (905) 734-3571

Tuesday, December 2nd, Dinner at Betty's (In lieu of December regular club Restaurant meeting). Meet at Betty's at 6:30 p.m., 8921 Sodom Road, Niagara Falls. \$20.00 per person. Contact Larry or Marg Keighan for more info. (905) 834-4320.

Special note: We are going to visit the museum at 5:00 P.M. prior to going to Betty's which is approximately 10 minutes away. Parking is available behind the museum. Since we will be meeting during off hours everyone should use the back door just off of the parking lot. Whoever arrives first can be the door person.

Here is the link with a map:

http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Niagara+Falls&state=ON&address=5810+Ferry+St





nce upon a time, a

perfect man and a perfect woman met. After a perfect courtship, they had a perfect wedding. Their life was, of course "perfect."

One snowy, stormy Christmas Eve, this perfect couple was driving their perfect car (A Corvette) along a winding road, when they noticed someone at the side of the road in distress.

Being the perfect couple they stopped to help. There stood Santa Claus with a huge bundle of toys. Not wanting to disappoint any children on the eve of Christmas, the perfect couple loaded Santa and his toys into their vehicle.

Soon they were driving along delivering the toys. Unfortunately, the driving conditions deteriorated and the perfect couple and Santa Claus had an accident. Only one of them survived the accident. Who was the survivor?

The perfect woman survived. She's the only one who really existed in the first place. Everyone knows there is no Santa Claus and there is no such thing as a perfect man. So, if there is no perfect man and no Santa Claus, the perfect woman must have been driving. This explains why there was an accident.





Economic woes hit Corvette production

DETROIT – The automotive recession is even taking its toll on a car often cited as recessionproof: the Chevrolet Corvette.

General Motors confirmed that it will halt production of the two-seat sports car during the week of Oct. 6, then reduce line speed and lay off some employees. It is the first inventory-related closure of the Corvette assembly plant in Bowling Green, Ky., since at least 1995.

"We've weathered a lot of downturns," said Eldon Renaud, president of United Auto Workers Local 2164 in Bowling Green. "But I think this one has finally lasted long enough and people are concerned enough about the economy that it's probably having a minor effect."

It is unclear when the plant last closed for oversupply reasons. Though the plant went from two shifts to one in the 1980s, Renaud said, he can't remember a production shutdown since he arrived in 1981.

When Corvette assembly resumes the week of Oct. 13, the assembly line speed will drop from 18.5 vehicles an hour to 15, GM spokeswoman Sharon Basel said. GM also expects to lay off an undetermined number of employees, she said.

Renaud said up to 75 people could be laid off. The Bowling Green plant, which also assembles the Cadillac XLR roadster, employs about 800 hourly workers on one shift, GM said.

Through the first eight months of 2008, Corvette sales fell 8.5 percent to 21,066. They rebounded 47.4 percent in August after 2008 models were included in GM's employee pricing sale.

GM is Bullish on Corvettes

Corvette vehicle-line executive, **Tom Wallace**, says, "We're still working on future **Corvettes**, but the scope of change is not yet decided. There are changes, some neat stuff, coming for **2010** that I can't talk about yet." When pushed for details on **Corvette** in light of new MPG mandates from the Federal government, Wallace replied that these concerns haven't "inhibited **Corvettes**. No one is saying we're not doing **Corvettes**. We're still **bullish on Corvettes**."



In the same interview with <u>AutoWeek</u> magazine, Tom also indicated that plans are NOT tied down for the next C7. In fact, it is not even known when the C7 will appear, a great disappointment to those eagerly awaiting its reveal! Thanks to an article from our partner in Corvette promotion, Keith Cornett at <u>CorvetteBlogger.com</u>, we were alerted to these ground-breaking insights on the next-generation Corvette.So, hang on tight, while GM determines how to survive further into its second century. Corvette is perceived to be an important part of GM. Let us hope they continue to impress us!

From the Editor

OM WALLACE ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE 11-01-08

Members, Let us be the first to Congratulate Corvette's Chief Engineer and Vehicle Line Executive, Tom Wallace, on a magnificent career at General Motors!

Tom has always been a fantastic friend of the Official C5/C6 Registry and its members.

His leadership of Corvette over the last few years has been outstanding! Having a "Racer" at the helm of our beloved Sports Car has certainly shown through with the recent introduction of the 2009 ZR1



as a true American made Race Car...we mean, "Gentleman's Corvette"! Tom shared with us some time ago that he has always been committed to Corvette and its lifestyle, and being promoted to Chief Engineer of Corvette was certainly a dream come true!

From all of us at the Official C5/C6 Registry, **A BIG C5/C6 THANK YOU** goes out for the difference you have made in Corvette and the exciting Corvette's you have brought us!

Replacement for Tom Wallace who is retiring November 1/08

NEW VLE APPOINTED FOR CORVETTE

Effective November 1st, Eugene (Gene) Stefanyshyn - GM's Global Rear Wheel Drive Vehicle Line Executive, is new VLE for Corvette. Gene's duties include Corvette, Sky, Solstice, Camaro, XLR, and Pontiac G8. Gene is based at GM Holden, Australia.Gene Stefanyshyn's background includes stints at the Saab Technical Center in Sweden, and at Opel's International Technical Development Center, which he says was helpful with regard to working with his international colleagues on the Epsilon variants. He was vehicle line executive (VLE) overseeing the North American "Epsilon" platform models.

Scottish Short Bread Cookies

(Large Batch)

- 1 LB Butter@ cool room temperature
- 1 Cup powdered fruit sugar
- 3 Cups all-purpose flour

1 Cup rice flour



Cream the butter well. Blend in the sugar, Creaming thoroughly. Combine the flours. Blend into the creamed mixture. Knead lightly on floured board until smooth. Press dough lightly and evenly into 15 X 10 jelly roll pan. Bake at 275 degrees for 45 minutes until set or faintly browned. When almost cool cut into pieces.

Suggested variation; add 1cup of chopped Toberrone chocolate to mixture and shape mixture into balls. Follow above cooking instructions. You could also add dried cranberries or chopped pecans to the mixture.

Recipe from Jackie, Happy and Safe Holidays

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Niagara Corvette Club Christmas Party Place: Roselawn Centre located at 296 Fielden Avenue, Port Colborne. Time: Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar Dinner: 7:00p.m. Dinner Roll, Salad with homemade vinaigrette Appetizer (to be determined) Chicken Picata(breaded chicken cutlet) Potato dish, Vegetable Homemade Apple Strudel Tea or Coffee Cost \$40pp includes tax and gratuity (club will pay \$10pp) your cost \$30pp. To be paid in cash or cheque made payable to Leslie Daudelin please (no cheque made payable to NCC). People will not leave this event hungry! Musical entertainment from 8:30p.m. Till 11:30p.m. Club paying for entertainment that specialize in tribute to Neil Young but do play other artists. So plan to dance a slow one with your special someone! Sit back and have a few cocktails while listening to the easy going style of "Praise Monkeys". We require a 30 person minimum to go ahead with these plans. Monies must be paid at the November meeting or must be received by Leslie at home. Thank You!

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Christmas invitation

Note: club members are asked to bring a non perishable food item to the Christmas Dinner to be collected for the local food bank.

For map of Roseland Center 296 Fielden Avenue, Port Colborne, Click on link below

http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Port+Colborne&state=ON&address=296+Fielden +Avenue&zipcode=L3K&country=CA&latitude=42.888347&longitude=-79.257269&geocode=ADDRESS



NIAGARA CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

MEMBER INFORMATION: Or ASSOCIATE MEMBER (non-Corvette owner) Member's Name:	PERIOD: Jan - Dec 2009			f NCC since	Year			
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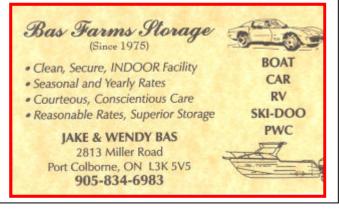






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