



Corvette Connection

*Niagara Corvette Club
Celebrating Our 36th 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



Cruise Night Lincoln Fair

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Don't Forget to Follow up.

Over the past few years, the NCC has hosted a number of Corvette Clubs from the US, as well as other parts of Ontario, as they make weekend, or in some cases all week, trips to our area to visit Niagara Falls, the local wineries, etc. Many clubs organize such weekend trips for their members.

Is there any interest by the members of the Niagara Corvette Club to participate in a weekend trip in 2010?

Some suggestions may be:

- Ottawa to celebrate the Ottawa club's 35th anniversary in early June
- Sudbury for their car show in early June
- Dayton Ohio to the US Air Force Museum at Wright Air Force base
- Corvettes of Carlisle in August
- Mid America's Fun Fest at Effingham, Illinois in September
- Camp Dorset weekend get-away in late September/ early October

Other suggestions -----

If there is any interest in a weekend club trip, please let me know and indicate where your interests lie.

George

Corvettes in Canada

"People tend to think Corvette, rather than Chevrolet Corvette. The model is more recognizable than the brand," said Bob Lutz.

It may come as a surprise to our American cousins, but we Canadians buy more convertibles per capita than Americans. In fact, Canadians love sports cars—especially Corvettes. Canadian enthusiasts have always been eager to purchase 'Vettes, most often "special" limited-edition models. The biggest problem over the decades has always been factory allotment.

A run of 2,000 specially equipped models might translate into 200 for all Canadian Chevrolet dealers, of which there are approximately 350, though numbers are dwindling. Many more Corvettes could probably find good homes, but supply is the problem.

The Corvette remains, as Karl Ludvigsen put it, "America's Star-Spangled Sports Car," and that was reinforced once again at the 2009 Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto this spring.

From the President

Fall is definitely here and it is time to start thinking about winterizing your Corvettes as well as other items around your home. The Fall Cruise on Saturday, October 10 will be the last opportunity to participate in a group cruise with our favourite plastic cars.

In early September the club hosted the Cruise Night at the Lincoln County Fair in Beamsville. We had 9 cars from the club participate and I would like to thank them all for helping out. As you should all know, the Lincoln Agricultural Society contributes \$300 to the club for hosting this event and this money goes into our club's contribution to the Niagara Peninsula Childrens' Centre. The evening was quite cool and the crowds were thin, but at least it was dry – better than last year.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Quad C Governors meeting in Mississauga and was quite impressed in the way that Quad C has changed –considerable improvement over the final years when NCC was a member club. I know that most of our members are not in favour of rejoining this blanket organization, however, I feel it is important to retain contacts with these folks; after all they are all Corvette enthusiasts, many of whom support our show, and we should take advantage of any opportunity to expand our contacts. We all enjoy the Simcoe show in August, as well as the Wasaga Beach show, and some of us also enjoy the annual trip to Sudbury for their annual show. Great folks and lots of fun.

A few weeks ago, I e-mailed a list of tasks, necessary to make our show function properly, to all members to give everyone an idea of the jobs and their timing, before, during and after the show. As I mentioned at our last meeting, it is necessary to find one, or a couple, or team, of our members to take on the task of co-ordinating show. We already have volunteers for several of the individual tasks, but a show co-ordinator is required to monitor progress. This is a necessity since the members who have been performing these tasks over the past several years are running out of steam and need a change – we are all there to mentor as required.

At the October meeting, we were proud to present a cheque for **\$16,100** to the **Niagara Peninsula Childrens' Centre** which represents the grand total of our fund raising activities for the year; the Downtown Associations Car Show, our own annual Car Show and the Lincoln County Fair Cruise Night. This amount is slightly higher than discussed and approved at the September meeting, but we were fortunate enough to receive further contributions during September. Another job well done. Congratulations to all.

Also, it is the time of year when we have to start thinking of renewing our memberships for next year. We have had a successful year this year, in spite of the less than favourable weather, and we are trying to follow the concept of continuous improvement to make next year even better and meaningful to more of our members. You will find a copy of the renewal membership application form in this newsletter and we hope that you fill it out and return to the club at your earliest convenience.

The planned activities for the remainder of the year include the Fall Cruise on October 10, the Annual Club Christmas Party at Johnny Roccas in Niagara Falls on November 28 and the supper meeting at Betty's Restaurant in Chip-pawa on December 1. Please plan to attend as many of these events as you can.

Happy Corvetting and remember to Save the Wave!

George

Minutes from Last Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Meeting Started: 8:00 p.m

George Dalbergs President:

George Dalbergs thanked everyone for coming out this evening. The first item of business this evening was to present our cheque to Jim Marino of the Niagara Peninsula Childrens' Centre. The monies raised from the Downtown Auto Show, the Lincoln County Cruise Night and above all, our own show, allow us to donate a total of \$16,100.00. All members present participated in a photo shoot of the presentation. Jim Marino spoke to the membership and thanked them for there donation and told of 50 special needs children who were able to attend regular school this September because of the work done at the centre. He also told of how difficult the past year has been with funding with 700 kids on a waiting list and staff taking unpaid days and so how very much our efforts as a club were appreciated.

George Dalbergs welcomed a new member, Bill Jorgens of Brampton with a 2008 Jetstream Blue convertible.

President's Report: George Dalbergs

Old Business:

September has been a relatively quiet month as the season winds down:

The cruise night at the Lincoln County Fair went very well with about 31 cars being present – 10 of these were Corvettes. The people's choice selections were a 60 Impala, Jack Hill's Corvette and a jet powered sand rail. Congratulations Jack – I believe that this is the first time a Corvette has been recognized at this event.

As mentioned last month, we are in need of getting a volunteer to co-ordinate the efforts for next year's car show. The show is gaining in reputation and George asked for Volunteers. No one has come forward as of yet.

New Business: George Dalbergs

George reported on his attendance at the Quad C governors meeting in September and reported that they are doing some very interesting things.

Quad C will be celebrating their 35th anniversary in 2010 and are planning specific celebrations. Past members are invited.

Wasaga Beach Corvette Club is celebrating their 20th anniversary in 2010 and are planning special events for their Beach Cruiz in August next year.

Marilyn and George attended the Summers End car show conducted by the Pine Ridge CC in Pickering. 64 cars registered with 60 Corvettes and 4 metal cars. \$20 registration fee – Event T-shirts for \$2 as part of their fund raising process, along with raffle and 50/50. They support the Children's Wish Foundation.

Marilyn and George also made the trip to Sudbury and subsequently Sault Ste. Marie with the Sudbury Club. They enjoyed the trip very much and wondered if our club could plan a weekend trip for next year?

George reported on an article in Canadian Yachting on winterizing boats which indicates that gasoline with 10% ethanol has a life of 60-90 days after which it separates and turns into a black sludge. They now recommend that gas tanks be kept as low as possible for the winter – not topped up as usual – and that a non-alcoholic fuel stabilizer be used in the gas. Stan Kokotka added to the information from his wealth of knowledge.

George announced that John Gibbons and Margaret Moroz were recently married. Congratulations to them both.

Minutes from Last Meeting

Vice-President's Report: Harold Anders

Away on Vacation

Secretary's Report: Carol Hill

Carol reviewed last months motion to donate funds for the Children's centre.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Drake

Gloria reported that an additional \$1100.00 was donated after last months tally for our club donation and it too would be included in our contribution bringing our donation to \$16,100.00. It was noted that Marilyn Dalbergs had personally donated \$600.00 she raised from a charity walk she is participating in. Gloria commented on the fact that there are many ways to participate to raise money for our cause. e.g. Jackie Bell donates a hand made afghan she creates every year for our show. Jackie also saves her change in a piggy bank and then donates whatever she has saved to the Club as a sponsorship.

Carol Hill commented on the fact that Marilyn was walking 13 miles to raise this money. A special thanks to Marilyn for this tremendous effort on behalf of the donation for the Childrens' Centre.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Committee: Wendy Bas (away on vacation)

Dave explained the itinerary for the Fall Cruise – October 10, 2009 – Meet at the Gateway (Casablanca and QEW) in Grimsby at 8:30 and leave at 9:00 sharp. Proceed to St. Jacobs and then travel back to Camp 31 for dinner.

Christmas Party – November 28, 2009 @ Johnny Rocco's in Niagara Falls – the dinner is buffet and will be 33.00 per person including tax (\$10.00 of this cost is born by the club) so please bring \$23.00 to the next meeting for those attending. A sign up sheet is being circulated at the meeting. There was a suggestion for members to bring food donations to the next meeting if they can't make the Christmas Dinner Party

December Dinner Meeting – December 1, 2009 @ Betty's Restaurant in Chippawa – Larry Keighan.

Show Committee: Gloria Drake and Dave Drake

Gloria again put it to the membership to have a volunteer for the co-ordinator for next years show. Ian bell suggested we form a committee to do the job.

Date for next year show is– **Sunday, July 25th, 2010**

Newsletter: Ian Bell

Request any address or e-mail changes be forwarded to executive ASAP.

New business cards for update of advertising sheet.

Glennie Wilkinson did the Z0649 draw # 39, 14, 20, 47, 22, 8

50/50 Draw: Last month's winner was Larry Keighan

Winner's Name: Lyn Mytroen- \$37.00 Tee Shirt – Ed Pentesco

Announcements:

Fred Hutchinson delivered a message for Lorna and wanted to thank everyone who called and sent kind wishes to Lorna during her recovery after surgery and reported she is doing well and she says Hi to all.

From The Editor



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Tech Service Bulletin – Ed & Glenda Fisher of the New England NCRS Chapter made this information available to the members. I thought to pass this on to each of you.

“Attention C6 coupe owners — Apparently some owners are experiencing “popping” noises in the roof panel. Chevrolet has issued technical service bulletin No.08-08-67-13A to correct the problem. The noise could be caused by the roof-panel latching handles. The nylon rollers inside these handles can come loose, allowing the rollers to move on the pins, causing the popping sound. The new handles are designed without the nylon rollers. Installing and lubricating the new ones should do the trick!

October Birthdays

Dave Fralick	1st
Diane Seniuk	5th
Hetty Marcelissen	14th



November Birthdays

Wendy Lindberg	8th
Brian McEachern	18th
Margaret Keighan	21st
Edward Pentesco	30th



Hello all,

If anyone knows of someone interested in my yellow 76 corvette, please feel free to pass along my information.

Thank you,

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Those who sponsored Marilyn Dalbergs' walk.

Anyone who has sponsored Marilyn in her half-marathon walk-a-thon please bring their money in to the November 3rd club meeting.

See additional information under Treasurer's report on page 5 of Marilyn's gift.

News



NIAGARA CORVETTE CLUB DONATES \$16,100 TO THE NIAGARA PENINSULA CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The Niagara Corvette Club continued its tradition of supporting the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre with a donation of \$16,100, proceeds from the club's annual car show, car wash and other fundraising events during 2009.

A cheque was presented to the NPCC Foundation's Executive Director Jim Marino by Club President George Dalbergs and members of the car show organizing committee at the Club's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

The Niagara Corvette Club has been supporting the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre since the club was formed 36 years ago, and this latest donation brings the total over the years to more than \$298,500.

The Club's Annual Show was held in July at Reif Estate Winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake and attracted hundreds of visitors to see one of the finest collection of cars showcased, including a large number of Corvettes, Classic Cars, Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Truck, Lo-Riders, Customs and Antiques from all parts of Ontario, Michigan, Ohio and New York States.

The Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre provides treatment for more than 3000 children with physical or communicative disabilities from all 12 municipalities in Regional Niagara.

Further information:

George Dalbergs, (905) 682-2310

Jim Marino, (905) 688-3550, ext. 106

Club Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner this year will be held at Johnny Rocco's Italian Grill located at 6889 Lundy's Lane in Niagara Falls, Ontario on Saturday, November 28, 2009.

The dinner will be held in a buffet style and the planned menu is:

Appetizer House Salad
Caesar Salad
Crispy Zucchini
Zia's Rice Balls

Entrees Penne Pomodoro
Meatballs
Sausage
Grilled Chicken with sautéed mushrooms
Veal Parmigiana
Roast Potatoes
Medley of fresh sautéed vegetables.

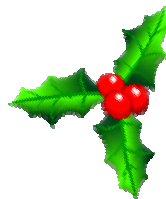
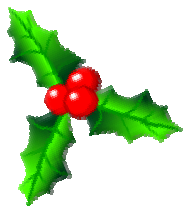
Coffee & Tea

Cash Bar

Cost of the dinner will be \$23 per person, after the club's subsidy.

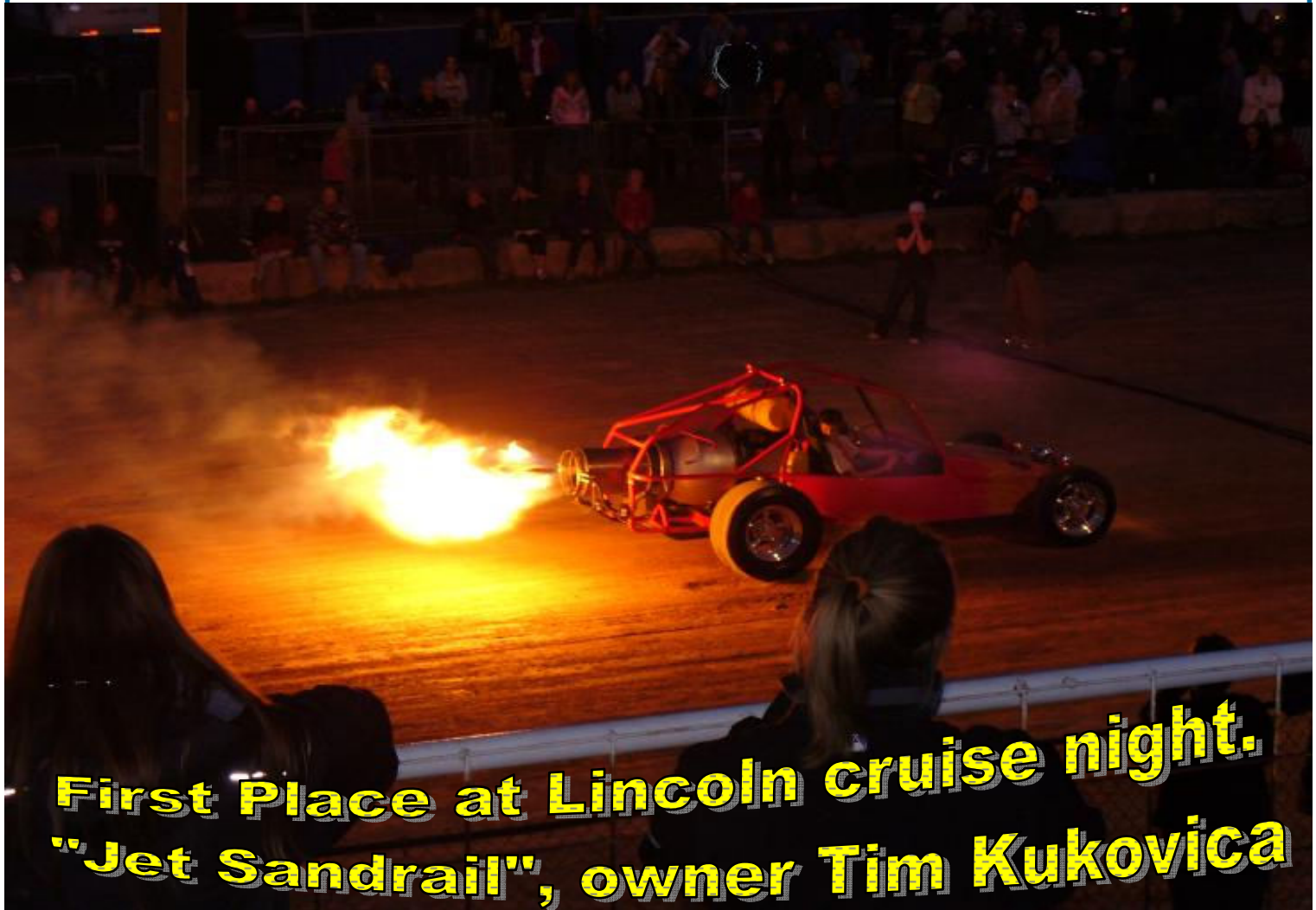
A sign up sheet was circulated at the October meeting. If you were unable to attend the October meeting and plan to attend the dinner, please contact Marilyn at 905-682-2310. We will expect payment at the November 3 meeting for those planning to attend.

Also, please bring a donation of food items to the dinner to contribute to the local food bank for Christmas. If you cannot attend the dinner, please bring food contributions to the November meeting.



From The Editor

NCC Club members, if you have any item which may be of interest to our club members please sent article to the editors. Hope you like the new look to our paper. Ian & Jackie



This is a quote from our club president and it is worth repeating and it is critical to why our club exists. "I mentioned at our last meeting, it is necessary to find someone, or a couple, or team, of our members to take on the task of co-ordinating show. We already have volunteers for several of the individual tasks, but a show co-ordinator is required to monitor progress. This is a necessity since the members who have been performing these tasks over the past several years are running out of steam and need a change – we are all there to mentor as required."

Continued by the editors: Someone or small team must step forward and say we can do that. If you are a member and do not yet have had a position in the club to help it continue, why not? Those who have done it for so long need a break, time for someone else to support our club and it's fund raising cause. You see who have held positions for so long, have you served in a club position? Do you want the club to continue? This is a position where two friends can say, we can do that.

Application Form



NIAGARA CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PERIOD: Jan - Dec 2010 New Renewal Member of NCC since _____
Year Year

MEMBER INFORMATION:

FULL ACTIVE MEMBER or ASSOCIATE MEMBER (non-Corvette owner)

Member's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Affiliate Member: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(membership includes Affiliate member of spouse or companion)

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ E-Mail: _____

DATE

SIGNATURE

CAR INFORMATION:

1) Year _____ Model _____ Colour _____ Licence Plate No. _____

2) Year _____ Model _____ Colour _____ Licence Plate No. _____

NEW MEMBER

How did you hear about the Club: _____

You are joining the Club for what reasons: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE:

Full Member: \$.65.00 per year Associate Member: \$65.00 per year
Fees are due by the first meeting in February. Fees are non-refundable.

Make all cheques payable to: **NIAGARA CORVETTE CLUB**

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TO BE COMPLETED BY TREASURER:

NCC Membership Card Issued: Yes
NCC Car Decal Issued: Yes

Amount Received: _____ Cash Cheque

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Club Activities

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
Oct	6	NCC General Meeting		Frado's
Oct	10	Fall Cruise	Dave Drake	
Nov	3	NCC General Meeting		Frado's
Nov	28	NCC Christmas Dinner	Marilyn Dalbergs	Johnny Rocco's
Dec	1	NCC Social Evening at Betty's restaurant	Larry Kieghan	Chippewa

Area Activities

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
Oct	30-4	Fall Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
Nov		SEMA Show		Las Vegas
Nov	7	CCCC Governor's Meeting		Mississauga

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