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*Niagara Corvette Club
Celebrating Our 38th 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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Dash**

**2005 Corvette
Dash**

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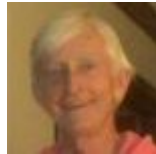
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At a wedding party recently someone yelled, "All the married men please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living."

The bartender was crushed to death.

From Wendy Lindberg

**For all NCC Women:
 Christmas Card Making
 for Everyone!**

- *Ok, you have never made a card before!**
- *You would love to learn how to make a card!**
- *You would love to drink coffee and eat dessert!**
- *You'll do anything, you just want some "Girl time"**

**Drop in to Gail Anders, 27 Consiglia Dr., St. Catharines
 on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 2:00 pm
 RSVP to Gail at 905-684-3025
 (if you have some supplies bring them along, if not, we will share ours)**

As General Motors goes about designing the next generation of the Corvette sports car, it's looking to capture younger buyers. The next Corvette will make "a bit of a shift to appeal to younger customers," Automotive News quotes GM design chief Ed Welburn as saying. Just how he'll go about doing that, he won't say. The News says the next 'Vette is likely due in the fall of 2013 as a 2014 model. The pressure is on to expand Corvette's customer base past its core of men in their 50s because sales have tapered off. Welburn himself describes them as "very weak." Says the News: Last year, Chevrolet sold 12,624 Corvettes, the lowest tally since the early 1960s. In the past 10 years, the Corvette's best year was 2006, when 36,518 were sold. Through August, 9,123 Corvettes have been sold, a 5% increase over the same period last year.

From the President

October is here ... oh my, it seems to me that the driving season is going by much too quickly. But, I cannot be too sad, as the Club is having a very busy year, and there is still more to come.

September's activities started out with the Lincoln County Fair Cruise Night. The weather threatened rain for most of the day, but it cleared up nicely in the late afternoon and we enjoyed sunshine and warm temperatures. Unfortunately, only 26 cars showed (including 8 cars from our Club). Among these cars were some real beauties though. Our judging panel of Tim Conway, Dave Drake and Bill Colclough (two Past Presidents and a current Vice-President) selected three Fords (a 1947, 1930, and a 1928) as "Best in Show". Their selections prove that Corvette owners can enjoy non-GM cars as well. We all seemed to have fun, and some of us took Tim Conway's advice and enjoyed high fibre French Fries, smothered in nutritious gravy and cheese, for Dinner ... a great way to cap off the day. Thanks to all of the members who turned out. A special thanks to John Mytroen and Jack Hill who were kind enough to bring their canopy tents for us to use at the Registration area.

Our day at the Fort Erie Race Track was great and exciting for all, whether we lost our money betting on the horses or playing the slots. Bolstered by a fabulous Lunch, we forged on, money in hand, but alas, for most of us the money did not stay in our hands too long. Thank you to Lynn Mytroen for arranging this wonderful day.

Gail and I were unable to attend the last Ice Cream Run of the season. However, we were told that a number of members made it out for a nice cruise and enjoyed some delicious ice cream treats. Thanks again to Lynn Mytroen for arranging this event.

Our Fall Cruise took place on a cool, grey, misty, and sometimes rainy day. Despite the weather, we had a good turnout of members who enjoyed an adventurous day. We learned on the backcountry roads that cows have the right-of-way in crossing. We also had to undertake some tricky driving manoeuvres to avoid the "deposits" that they left behind on the pavement. Just before arriving at the boat docks, we learned that sometimes a roadside "Freddy" is needed. The River Cruise and Lunch was very nice. Our Captain was very hospitable and educated us on the abundant wildlife and history of the area. All in all it was a very good time, but we decided that it was too cold to stop for ice cream on the way back. Thank you to Dave Drake for leading the way on our drive. Thank you to Lynn Mytroen for arranging the day.

There are still a number of social activities planned for the rest of the year. Please read Lynn Mytroen's Social Page to keep up to date.

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 ... Remember to "Save the Wave !".

Harold



From the President

Our October Club meeting was very special. We met at the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre where Jim Marino and Cathy Austin provided an interesting tour of the facility. Jim also ran a video regarding the facility and the children who receive treatment there. Thanks to Jim and Cathy for a very heart warming session, which reminded us all of how truly special the Centre is and why we undertake our fundraising events. This year, the Niagara Corvette Club was able to raise \$16,000 for the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre. Our donation was provided to Jim Marino to help the Centre address it's mission statement of "Children with Special Needs at Their Best". We hope that this will assist the Centre in delivering its programs to help children with special needs to become independent and realize their potential.

Harold



Minutes from Last Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 4th, 2011 **Attendance:** 26 **Meeting Started:** 8:00 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre to enable our members to tour the facilities and see where our yearly monetary donation is used and to present the cheque to the NPCC.

President Harold Anders welcomed all the membership to the meeting and introduced Jim Marino, the Executive Director of the NPCC Foundation.

President's Report - Harold Anders

Old Business:

The Niagara Corvette Club's membership in the Corvette Museum has been confirmed.

The Club jackets have arrived and are available for pickup any time.

A special thank you was given to the fourteen members who participated at the Lincoln County Fair Car Show. We received a cheque from the Lincoln County Agricultural Society in return.

New Business:

A thank you was extended to Lynn and John Mytroen for arranging the Fall Cruise and Sailing event which was held on Sunday, October 2nd. A good time was had by all despite threatening weather.

Vice-President's Report - Bill Colclough

Bill is away in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Committee Reports:

Financial Report - John Mytroen, Treasurer

The Club is in good financial standing.

Social Committee - Lynn Mytroen

Lynn outlined upcoming events which include the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Tour this week, the November "Dinner in lieu of Meeting" and the Christmas Dinner at Coppola's Restaurant.

50-50 Draw - Wendy Lindberg

Winner: Tom Atherton

Membership Questions/Comments:

If any members have concerns or comments, please contact a member of the Executive or use the Suggestion Box which is available at all the meetings.

Meeting adjourned.

Fall Cruise



Lynn Mytroen Social Page

SOCIALLY SPEAKING..... EVENTS OCTOBER 2011

Hi Everyone

Since our last meeting our club has met up several times. First there was the Lincoln County Fall Fair where we hosted the car show. Our Fort Erie Race Track day was lots of fun for the 28 of us who attended. We also had our last ice cream run of the season with 8 cars cruising the Parkway with tops down (cars not women!). And finally we had our fall cruise this past Sunday. 14 cars, mostly Corvettes braved the cold and rain for a great country car cruise organized by Dave Drake (thanks again). The weather was not a deterrent for a great lunch cruise down the Grand River.

Next month we will be able to report on our trip to Cleveland Ohio. 7 cars are participating in this cruise.

Our last events for the year are planned and thanks to Michele Schmor for taking on the two dinners.

Saturday November 5 at 2 pm. Gail Anders is hosting a Corvette Girls (only) craft afternoon. The theme will be Christmas Card making with several

card ideas being presented by members of our club. Whether you are crafty or not please come out for some coffee and dessert and some girlie social time. Please contact Gail for more details at 905-684-3025. **See invitation card on page two (ed).**

Saturday, November 19 is set for our Christmas Dinner. It will be held at Coppola's Restaurant on Carlton St. in St. Catharines. As in the past we will be collecting food for the food drive. Your cost is 27.00\$ pp. which includes appetizers, entrée, dessert, taxes and gratuities. NCC social fund will be supplementing the dinner at a cost of 10\$ each. The monies and final numbers are needed by the November meeting. Any questions please contact myself or Michele.

We will then close off the year with a dinner in lieu of our December meeting. This will take place at the Street Tap and Eatery on Ontario St. in St. C. This is on **Tuesday December 6 at 6:30**. The total cost for this dinner is 19\$ pp, all in. Again the monies and final numbers are needed by the November meeting. Any questions please contact myself or Michele.

Lynn and John Mytroen

Fort Erie Race Day & Lunch



Lincoln Fair Cruise-In



Editors Page

October Birthdays

Dave Fralick 1st
 Karen Tiels 7th
 Lewis Gibson 28th



November Birthdays

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



**No help yet finding
 these missing
 names?**

Niagara Corvette Club past Presidents.

Help us find the names for the six missing years below for our fortieth birthday. Please forward any new leads to Stan Goosen and Ian Bell.

Thanks to Stan Goosen our historian for chart you see below.

YEAR	PRESIDENT	YEAR	PRESIDENT
1973	Jerry Bates	1993	Stan Goosen
1974	Gary DiMarco	1994	Stan Goosen
1975	Joe Bartok	1995	Stan Goosen
1976	Bob Johnston	1996	Doug England
1977	Doug Spears	1997	Doug England
1978	??????	1998	Dave Drake
1979	??????	1999	Dave Drake
1980	Joanne Stubink	2000	Dave Drake
1981	??????	2001	Dave Drake
1982	??????	2002	Dave Drake
1983	??????	2003	Dave Drake
1984	??????	2004	Dave Drake
1985	Ken Baldwin	2005	George Dalbergs
1986	Paul Neff	2006	George Dalbergs
1987	Paul Neff	2007	George Dalbergs
1988	Doug Bunting	2008	George Dalbergs
1989	Doug Bunting	2009	George Dalbergs
1990	Garry McDermott	2010	George Dalbergs
1991	Stan Goosen	2011	Harold Anders
1992	Stan Goosen		

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

Here's a little something that maybe you can fit into the cow part of the fall cruise story....."While talking to a dairy farmer one day, he explained about how most city folks don't know the difference between pasteurized milk & homogenized milk. The difference he said, is that the cow gives pasteurized milk in the summer when its out in the pasture and then gives homogenized milk in the winter when its home in the barn!!"

Dave Drake

Club Calendar 2011

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
Nov.	1	NCC General Meeting - Frado's Elections		
Nov.	19	NCC Christmas Party		Coppla's
Dec.	6	NCC Meeting Dinner		Street Tap & Eatery

Area Calendar

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
	1	Road Atlanta ALMS Race		Brazelton, GA
Nov.	'1-4	SEMA Show		Las Vegas



Pictures from our member Ed Pentesco in Las Vegas



Transport Canada is also notifying drivers the rear hatch hinges on all 2011 and 2012 Chevrolet Corvettes do not meet Canadian safety standards, and may fly off of the vehicle at speed.

They say 218 Corvettes are affected.

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