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What do you get when you mix a C4 Corvette.



What do you get when you mix a C4 Corvette, a cheesy Ferrari fiberglass replica body, and one naive eBay shopper? You get an angry guy with a fake Ferrari he paid way too much for. We recently came across a thread on Camaro5.com that tells of this exact situation.

The original poster of this thread says that a middle aged gentleman came into the dealership he works at wishing to trade in his 1989 Ferrari Testarossa. It only took one look and the salesmen immediately realized that the would-be exotic was in fact just another poorly executed fiberglass repli-car. When they told the owner that his Ferrari was in fact nothing more than a C4 Corvette with a fake Ferrari body, he became very indignant and insisted that he had the real thing. When the salesmen went on to point out the fact that the entire interior of the car was still Chevrolet, the owner showed them his "Official Documentation" from the eBay sale stating that the car had been built in a collaboration between Chevrolet and Ferrari, and still maintained that the car was genuine.

The original poster reports that the gentleman ended up leaving the dealership in an angry haste, and refused to accept the fact that he had been duped. So, let this serve as a reminder: next time you buy a \$100,000 sports car over the internet, at least take the time to run the VIN and make sure it's legit.

From the President

Only in Canada eh ! The land where you can go from 40 Celsius basking in the sun and being in the swimming pool one day, to shivering in the breeze in pants and a coat hoping for warmer weather the next day. The worst part is that the end of our cruising season is getting closer ... definitely brings a tear to your eye.

August proved to be quite a busy month for our members, starting with a number of us attending the GM Engine Plant Car Show on Friday August 5. The weather was great, there were a large number of cars, and all of the attendees seemed to have a good time. Thank you to our members who helped out with the Registration area. Todd Barclay, a member of the GM Show organizing committee extended a hearty "Thank You" to our members as well.

Gail and I were unable to attend the Mini-Golf event, held on Saturday August 13. Apparently, in true competition mode, the golfers drew the battle line of men vs. women. Fortunately, nobody was injured in what I am sure was a fiercely contested game.

Gail and I were able to attend the Pot Luck Dinner held at John and Lynn Mytroen's house after the Mini-Golf event. It was here that we were told that all had a good time at the Mini-Golf. For the evening, the weather was fine and the conversation was lively. Stan Kokotka was very inspiring. Not only did he undertake the role of "Master of the Barbeque" for the evening, he also took his wife Anna on a romantic paddleboat cruise around the backyard pond. Everyone got quite excited when Lynn called out "look a fox at the back of our yard !!!!". Turned out that Lynn's wildlife identification was a bit off - it was a coyote - but nonetheless, it was exciting to see. John and Lynn's hospitality extended well into the evening, with a number of us feeding the mosquitoes quite well. Thank you John and Lynn for planning the Mini-Golf and hosting the Pot Luck Dinner.

August is also the month, when many of our members cannot resist the call of the "Corvettes at Carlisle" event. A good number of members, once again, made the pilgrimage to the "Mecca of Corvette Owners". Although the effects of Hurricane Irene cut the Carlisle program a little short, the "shop 'till you drop" motto prevailed for our members and all had a good time.

Our September Club Meeting was well attended. Two new members of the Club were introduced Bob McKay and Laetitia de Witt were welcomed by those in attendance. Bob owns a 1962 Red Convertible Corvette that he and Laetitia drove to Carlisle in. Once again, welcome to our Club Bob and Laetitia.

Bill Colclough, our Vice-President, presented a bit of a technical session where he outlined a potential problem with the late-model C3 gas tank filler drain hose, which can become detached and may lead to gas or water drainage problems. Apparently Bill discovered this potential problem through an experience with his C3 where the problem resulted in smoke around the rear of his car. Given that this is possibly the second (or more?) time that Bill has experienced heat/smoke/fire with his cars, I think that the nickname of Bill "Flames" Colclough might be appropriate for him.

Bill also told us of a vehicle code analyser that he purchased very inexpensively through the Internet. Apparently, it can interpret all codes except those for ABS and the Air Bags. I also think that it is unfortunate that the device does not have a smoke and flame detector, however, I am sure that "Flames" might be able to find one on the Internet.

John Mytroen, the Club's Treasurer is piecing the final financial results of our Car Show together and we should be well prepared to present the proceeds of the Show to the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre at our October meeting.

A number of social activities are being planned for the Fall. 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 for another year of safe and happy motoring.

Remember to "Save the Wave !".

Harold

Minutes from Last Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 6th, 2011 **Attendance:** 40 **Meeting Started:** 8:00 p.m.

President Harold Anders welcomed all the membership to the meeting with a special welcome to Dan Mowbray and new members: Bob McKay and Laetitia de Witt ['62 red convertible], and possible new members Phil and Shirley Gionet ['03 black coupe] and Vince Keating ['72 white corvette]

Our best wishes are extended to Marilyn and George Dalbergs and Glennie Wilkinson and hopes for a speedy recovery.

President's Report - Harold Anders

Old Business:

We have 16 jackets ordered. Hopefully, delivery will be before the end of September.

Regarding the GM Engine Plant Car Show, on Friday, August 5th, we have received a thank you from Todd Barclay for our help in the show registration area. It was a fabulous show and perhaps we should make note to consider pre-registration for our show.

New Business:

The Executive is hoping to have the proceeds from our Car Show ready to present to Jim Marino of the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre (NPCC) at our October meeting either at Frado's or the NPCC so that we can have a tour of the facility. The membership will be informed by e-mail or phone as to the location of the meeting.

A Suggestion Box has been created for members to submit their ideas and comments on paper, if they so wish. It will be at all the meetings from now on.

The Club has received money from Klaus Reif from the sale of his Corvette Wine. In 2010 the Club subsidized Club Jacket purchases with part of the money with the rest going into the Club account. After a discussion, Dave Drake put forth a motion that we do the same as in 2010 and Tim Conway seconded it.

Gail Anders and Lynn Mytroen have initiated activity on improving our Car Show documentation by gathering information on duties, contacts etc. This should make it easier for new people taking on tasks.

We are again hosting the Lincoln County Fair 'Cruise Night', rain or shine, for which the Club receives a donation.

Vice-President's Report - Bill Colclough

Bill would like us to keep in mind the 60th Anniversary of the Corvette in 2013 and the 50th Anniversary of the Stingray and come up with ideas for Club activities. We are still waiting to hear what GM is doing for the big event; T-shirts have been suggested as an idea for our Club.

Everyone had a great time in Carlisle despite hurricane warnings.

Committee Reports:

Financial Report - John Mytroen, Treasurer

The Club is in good financial standing.

Social Committee - Lynn Mytroen

On Sunday, September 11th, at the Fort Erie Racetrack, we have a prepaid event scheduled.

The Fall Cruise will be on Sunday, October 2nd and includes a Grand River Cruise Lunch.

Show Committee - Bill Colclough

After discussion about the donation to the NPCC, a motion was presented by Gloria Drake that the Executive determine the final amount of the donation, seconded by Tim Conway.

Membership Questions/Comments:

If any members have concerns or comments, please contact a member of the Executive or use the Suggestion Box.

50/50 Draw:

The 50/50 Draw was won by Bill Coates.

Meeting adjourned.

Location: to be announced by e-mail or phone call

Lynn Mytroen Social Page

Hi Everyone,

Lots to do before the dreaded "put away the cars season" appears. We hope that some or all of the following events look interesting to you and that you can join us in some fun social times.

Before I begin I need to thank Wendy (and Jake) Bas for hosting our post show on July 31. We had about 20 out for drinks at the Bas's new home and then uptown for dinner. The evening continued for some as they stayed in town for the fireworks. Thanks again Wendy for organizing and hosting the evening. We had a small group for mini golf on August 13 but I hope everyone had fun.

Fort Erie Race Track date is booked Sunday September 11



John and I will lead an end of summer ice cream run on **Tuesday September 20 at 6 p.m.** Meet at Tim Horton's at Glendale and York for a cruise and ice cream treat.

Our fall cruise is planned for **Sunday October 2.** We will travel the back roads for about an hour to the Grand River in Caledonia where we will cruise and lunch on the river for a couple of hours. The trees should be at their peak. We have invited the Hamilton Corvette Club to join us. The cost is 40.00\$ per person. The sign up sheet and monies was collected at the September meeting. For anyone who is still interested but was not able to attend the meeting, please let me know as soon as possible. This is a pre-paid event and the deadline for numbers is September 15th.



The Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame trip to Cleveland Ohio is planned. The dates are **Tuesday October 11 to Thursday October 13.** It is possible to drive home Wednesday night if anyone needs to. We will be staying at a Hampton Inn outside the downtown at a cost of 79\$ per night + tax. We will be driving Tuesday and hopefully meeting up with some members of the Medina Corvette Club for dinner. Wednesday we will be shuttled to the transit stop where we will take the train into the city for the day. Thursday will be a shop and drive day, pretty much free time for all. If you are interested in joining us please contact me by phone or email and I can give you more information.



Lynn and John Mytroen

Carlise photos by Bill Colclough



The legendary Peanut Butter Pie as served at Finns Family Restaurant on the way to Carlisle.



The black corvette is the Coney Island Corvette. The theme this year was barn finds and it turns out that this corvette spent many years under a roller coaster at Coney Island.



The 1953 Corvette is the original concept car that was showing at the Motorama show in 1953



Cruise-In



Men Die First.....
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From:
Lynn Mytroen



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Editors Page

September Birthdays

Rick Campbell 6th
 Jan Calaguero 13th
 Joe Truscott 17th
 Susan McEachern 19th
 Jack Hill 19th



October Birthdays

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



**Help find
 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

Club Calendar 2011

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
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

Area Calendar

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
Sept.	9-11	US. Vintage Grand Prix		Watkins Glen NY
	11	Cruisin' for a Cure for Prostate Cancer - Canada		Brampton, ON
	16-18	Mid America Funfest		Effingham IL
	17	Laguna Seca ALMS Race		Monterey, CA
	25	Pine Ridge Corvette Club Show & Shine - Summers End		Whitby, ON
	28-2	Fall Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
Oct.	1-2	Fall Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
	1	Road Atlanta ALMS Race		Brazelton, GA
Nov.	'1-4	SEMA Show		Las Vegas

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