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*Niagara Corvette Club
Celebrating Our 36th Year*

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Corvette Racing's C6R GT2 Cars are Officially Entered in their First ALMS Race



After making history and completely dominating in the GT1 class, Corvette Racing will officially enter the GT2 classification in the ALMS race at Mid-Ohio on August 8th, 2009. In this race they will debut their ZR1 based body design cars, piloted by Johnny O'Connell/Jan Magnussen and Olivier Beretta/Oliver Gavin.

Corvette Racing Manager Doug Fehan, said today in a telephone interview, "We are looking forward to this new chapter in Corvette Racing history. By entering the GT Global Classification, Corvette racing will be going against some of the finest sports cars in the world-- Ferrari, BMW, Porsche, Ford, Viper. This is going to present an opportunity to demonstrate the durability, reliability and performance capability of the Corvette on a world stage."

If you have the opportunity to attend this historic race, make sure you show your support by visiting the Corvette Corral.

From the President

This past July represented one of the busiest months for Corvette Club activity. It has been a somewhat cool and slightly wetter than normal, however, there were plenty of opportunities to enjoy your Corvette and the comradeship of people with similar interests in the Corvette lifestyle.

On Saturday, July 11, 10 Corvettes, along with 1 wannabe, met at Tim Horton's on St. Paul to drive to the annual Downtown Car Show. We parked in front of the old MTO building and then proceeded to assist with parking for the show. The weather started out threatening and then the rains and wind came. In spite of the weather, the attendance was good and the sun finally came out in the early afternoon for a warm finish. The Downtown Association provided goodie bags to the participants, as well as water and pizza to our club members for performing the parking chores. In addition, they donated \$500 to our fundraiser for the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre.

The following weekend Mike and Karen Sirianni, along with Marilyn and myself met 11 couples who had driven up from Massachusetts to visit the area and participate in our car show. The only problem was that they had made a mistake and were a week early. In spite of this, we guided them on a tour of the area; Lock 3 of the Welland Canal, GM Engine Plant and then along the Niagara Parkway from Fort Erie to N-O-T-L. The group stopped at the Reif Estate Winery for a tour and wine tasting and then on to the Riverbend restaurant for a late lunch. After a quick tour around N-O-T-L, they returned to their hotel for sightseeing on their own.

Friday, July 24 Marilyn and I met with 5 couples from the Sudbury Corvette Club for breakfast and a scenic cruise to the Dunnville Autodrome for a track session. We were joined by Glennie & Willy, along with Joe Smiley of the Hamilton club and later in the day, Klaus was able to join the group. For most of these folks it was their first trip to the track and they had a very enjoyable time, driving their cars as quickly as they dared while learning the best way around the track. These sessions truly provide an opportunity to learn the handling characteristics of our cars in an entirely safe environment. Two of the fellows spun off, with no damage to their cars but learning their personal limits. Without exception, they all want to come back again and were talking about making this an annual event.

After the track session, we drove straight to JJ Kapps restaurant in St. Catharines for some adult beverages and to relive the track session lessons. We were joined by the members of the Capital Corvette Club from Ottawa (9 cars) as well as some other members of the Sudbury Club who had not attended the track session. Once again, we enjoyed a great meal of BBQ'd ribs, chicken and steak along with a large variety of salads. Great meal. We were joined by 4 other couples from our club.

Saturday evening, Marilyn and I met with 6 couples from the New Hampshire Corvette Club and guided them to Betty's Restaurant in Chippawa. We joined the SSR club (15 cars) as well as the Ottawa club members for a very pleasant supper. At this event, we were joined by 2 other couples from our club.

I found it very disheartening to find the lack of interest in our membership to meet with other Corvette Club members who have taken the effort to drive considerable distances and enjoy the Niagara Peninsula, as well as to participate and support our car show. All of these people came here because of our show, yet only a very few of our members could join them to make them welcome and socialize. Why?

Sunday looked threatening, but the day turned out perfect for the annual car show. The numbers were down from the previous year, largely due to the threatening weather I'm sure, but the show was still a great success. I would like to extend my personal thanks to all those members who participated in making our show as popular as it has become. Most members worked extremely hard during the show, but we must not forget the work done leading up to the show, starting in February, as well as the tasks required after the show. Thank you all – great job.

Please check the events calendar for the balance of the year and try to participate in as many of our social events as you can. After all, isn't that the reason for belonging to the club – drive our Corvettes while enjoying food and companionship with like-minded people?

Happy Corvetting and remember to Save the Wave!

George

Minutes from Last Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2009

Attendance:

37

Meeting Started: 8:00 PM

Welcome - Introduce Guests

George thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also thanked all members who helped make the show a success.

President's Report: [George D.]

Old Business:

It has been a very busy month of July:

On Saturday, July 11, we assisted parking cars for the Downtown Car Show for which we received a \$500 donation. July 18, the Sirriani's and Dalbergs' met with 11 couples from the Massachusetts Corvette Club and guided them on a tour of the peninsula, along with a winery tour and late lunch.

Friday, July 24, was track day at the Dunnville Autodrome with the Sudbury Club.

Friday evening was supper with the Sudbury and Ottawa Corvette Club members.

Saturday night the Ottawa club as well as some of our members met with SSR club for supper at Betty's.

Sunday was the car show – excellent day.

I should also mention that the planned weekend trip to Camp Dorset in October has been cancelled – too few interested parties.

New banners have been purchased for the club. Stayed just under the \$500 approved last month

New Business:

3rd Annual Chippawa Cruise Night on Saturday, August 22 at the Lion's Field on Welland Avenue in Chippawa. Registration starts at 10:00 am.

Capital Corvette Club is planning their 35th anniversary celebration in Ottawa in 2010. They would like to see our club represented at their celebration.

Willy and George spoke of checks being conducted by the Environmental Agency visually verifying that all emission equipment is installed.

The Vintage Automobile Racing Association are planning a 50th anniversary celebration at Mosport next year, the weekend of June 18-20, 2010.

Vice-President's Report: [Harold]

Harold reviewed the status of our club jackets, along with cork screws, etc.

Secretary's Report: [Carol]

Marilyn read last month's approved Motion.

Treasurer's Report: [Gloria]

Gloria reviewed the preliminary show results and compared to previous years. She also reviewed the club financial situation as of the end of July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Committee: [Wendy B]

August 7 – 9:00 a.m. for GM Engine Plant Open House & Show

August 15 – 3:00 p.m. for Vette Day at Bas Farms

September 11 – Cruise night at Lincoln County Fair

Fall cruise – this was discussed, but a conflict on dates – nothing resolved as yet.

Wendy drew 6 no.'s for the 649 game and also handed out prizes for the Baby Picture Contest

Show Committee: [Gloria / Dave D.]

Discussion was held regarding the experiences of the show with areas for improvement for next year.

Date for next year – Sunday, July 25th, 2010

50/50 Draw: [Wendy L.]

Winner: Brian McEachern

From The Editor

10th Annual Vette-Together

Saturday August 15th, 2009

3:00 to ?

\$10.00 per person (Dinner & Drinks, except wine)

Bas Farms (Jake & Wendy)

2813 Miller Rd

Port Colborne 905-834-6983

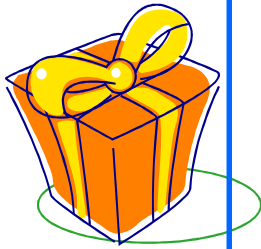
Please call if not already on the sign-up sheet circulated at club meeting.



Avondale Dairy Bar (they helped us raise \$927 at our car show) are having a fundraiser on August 16th at the Dairy Bar on Stewart Road from 1 - 5 pm. They are raising money to buy a piece of equipment for the Children's Floor at the new hospital. They would greatly appreciate it if **we could have a few cars on display** for the afternoon as an added attraction. If you can help them out for all or part of the afternoon contact **Glennie Wilkinson at 905-935-4115**.

August Birthdays

John Mytroen	6th
Jim Marr	6th
France Mowbray	9th
Larry Keighan	14th
Don 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



Oops, missed George's birthday, now added. Ed.

September Birthdays

Rick Campbell	6th
Helen Lecours	10th
Wilf Seniuk	15th
Doug Weber	15th
Joe Truscot	17th
Jack Hill	19th
Susan E McEachern	19th
Mollie Louth	26th



Last year some of the members expressed a desire to go back to St. Jacobs for the **Fall Cruise this year**. At the meeting it was suggested that we go on Saturday, October 10th. If you want to go to the market, we have to go on a Saturday. There was some discussion about the date because it is Thanksgiving on Monday the 12th and some members may be away or have company that weekend. Unfortunately, the weekend before is out as several members are away that weekend too. I have other commitments (work – gets in the way) the weekend after October 10th and then it is getting too late for a cruise. If there are enough members interested in going on a cruise Saturday, October 10th, please let me know and I will plan the route. Otherwise we may not have a Fall Cruise this year unless there is another member who would be willing to plan it. Please send me an e-mail if you are interested in going on the Fall Cruise on Saturday, October 10th. Thanks.

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Show Comments

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

A great big thank you to all of our club members who worked the show yesterday and contributed to the success of the day. The weather held off and we had a perfect day for the show. I believe that due to the recent weather, the participant numbers were down from last year, but it seems that everyone who was there enjoyed themselves and we have heard quite a few very positive comments from out-of-town folks who plan to come back next year. Consider your jobs of yesterday and we would welcome any comments on how you feel we can improve the show or make it more "consumer friendly".

Thanks again to everyone.
George Dalbergs

George and Marilyn
I want to again thank you for the show and dinner. Gate City Members had a great time. Claudia and I want to invite you come to New England sometime. We would like to have you come and visit. We will all be back next year for a longer time. And if you can send me a copy of the interview, that would be great.
Thanks again and we hope you are able to donate a great amount to your charity
Dan Feidler



The Volunteers



Thank You

CRUISE-IN ON THE PARKWAY

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009



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A big **THANK YOU** to all of the members who helped to make this another great year for our annual Cruise-in on the Parkway. It really is amazing to see how hard our members work to bring in sponsor funds, door prizes, raffle items, goodie bag items and then work at the Show too. For me, this was one of the most relaxing Shows since joining NCC. I would like to personally thank Lynn, Debbie, Gail and Marilyn (get some sleep Marilyn) who have taken on many of the jobs that I used to do in past years. Hopefully they will continue with these jobs for years to come. Next year we will also have John Mytroen doing the Show Flyer so look for something new (no pressure John). If any other members have time to take over a job, please speak to George or someone on the Executive.

This year Tracy, Gail and Marilyn decided to do the raffle a little different and we had a “pick a prize” type raffle. The raffle went over very well and there have been many positive comments about it. I’m sure we will see this again next year. Thanks to Tracy for putting together some of the big package deals. And, in case you didn’t know it, one of our very own members (Jackie Bell) has been donating a home made afghan for the last couple of years for the raffle. This was in addition to saving her change during the year in a piggy bank and then donating her “savings” as a sponsorship for the Show. Maybe we should try a challenge for next year....if you can knit, crochet, draw/paint or maybe you’re handy at building or making things, why not work on that over the winter for next year’s Show. Or maybe even try saving your pennies, nickels, etc. over the next year. You might be surprised how quickly that adds up.

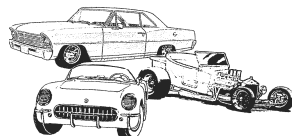
A special *thank you* goes to Klaus for allowing us to host our 36th annual Car Show again at his Winery. It is really a great spot on the Parkway. Everyone, including the Vendors, think it is the best place for a Show.

Once again, thank you to all of the members for another great Show. Once the final expenses come in we should know how much we have to donate to the Children’s Centre. Look for that coming up in September.

Gloria & David Drake

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Club Activities

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
Aug	2	COSO Show & Shine	Dave Drake	Simcoe
Aug	4	NCC General Meeting		Frado's
Aug	7	GM Engine Plant Tour—Corvettes, etc.	George Dalbergs	St. Catharines
Aug	15	Annual Vette-together@ Bas Farms	Wendy Bas	Port Colborne
Aug	27 – 30	Mobile 1 Grand Prix of Mosport ALMS		Mosport
Aug	28 – 30	Corvettes @ Carlisle		Carlisle PA
Sept	8	NCC General Meeting		Frado's
Sept	11	Lincoln County Fair Cruise Night (6:00PM)	George Dalbergs	Beamsville
Sept	30 – 4	Fall Carlisle		Carlisle PA
Oct	6	NCC General Meeting Nominations		Frado's
Nov	3	NCC General Meeting		Frado's
Nov	???	NCC Christmas Dinner	Marilyn Dalbergs	
Dec	1	NCC Social Evening at Betty's restaurant	Larry Kieghan	Chippewa

Area Activities

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
Aug	2	COSO Show & Shine		Simcoe
Aug	8	Mosport Speedway 200—Nascar Canadian Tire Series		Mosport
Aug	9	CCO Chevy Day Show		Newmarket
Aug	20-22	Wasaga Beach Cruize Weekend		Wasaga Beach
Aug	27-30	Grand Prix of Mosport American LeMans Series—Mosport Park		Mosport
Sept	2-6	Corvette Caravan		Bowling Green. KY
Sept	10-13	39th Annual Fall Barrie Automotive Flea Market		Barrie
Sept	19	CCCC Governor's Meeting		Mississauga
Sept	20	Pine Ridge Corvette Club Show & Shine		Whitby, ON
Sept	25-26	Vettes in the Valley—COB		Ellicottville, NY
Sept	25-27	Mid America Funfest		Effingham, IL
Oct	30-4	Fall Carlisle		Carlisle, PA
Nov		SEMA Show		Las Vegas
Nov	7	CCCC Governor's Meeting		Mississauga

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