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## GM Announces Hybrid C6 (Pictured on front of news letter)

Corvette Market has learned that General Motors is developing a hybrid C6 to meet increased CAFE fuel economy standards set for 2011.

The new 'Vette will feature a primary drive train based on the Chevrolet Volt, with a performance-based battery system driving the rear wheels and a slightly re-tuned version of the 430-hp LS3 for acceleration assist. This will increase average fuel economy to an impressive 68 mpg.

Sources say the heart of the system is a new 8-speed paddle-shifted automatic that will charge the batteries upon deceleration, but will function as a conventional automatic under moderate and heavy acceleration. A special Eco-Green paint will also be standard, which features a revolutionary electromagnetic base coat that will "react" to throttle input and change colors accordingly, starting at pale green, moving through pale yellow when the V8 engages, and ending at bright orange when the Corvette is in its most powerful, or "Lutz" mode.

Named after General Motors' Vice Chairman of Global Product Development Bob Lutz, the "Lutz" option includes the belt-driven supercharger from the ZR-1, which drives the alternator of the hybrid system, causing it to quadruple its output for brief periods of time. An all-electric Corvette is also said to be on the drawing board, which will be targeted directly at Tesla buyers. Known internally as the E-Vette, it will use MIT's recently developed lithium-iron (cq) batteries to achieve performance close to that of the current gasoline-powered Corvette, while requiring only 5-minutes of charge time for a projected range of 400 miles. The hybrid C6 will be built in very limited numbers starting in the third quarter of 2009, with delivery to take place in early 2010.

# *From the President*

Corvette Season is now officially open! We have had a few social events in the past few weeks with a fine display of Corvettes participating. It is great to see all those beautiful cars back on the road and the members enjoying their rides. I expect that by the end of this week that ALL our cars will be on the road.

The first event with a good show of plastic fantastic cars was the fish fry in mid April. We had 8 cars out, including a "steel" car. The destination in Fort Erie had run out of fish by the time the group got there, so we had to fall back on Plan B – the Ridgeville Legion – which also holds a fish fry on Friday nights and we had a good time with good food. These type of adventures usually end up quite well. After the meal, we drove to Welland for ice cream to end the night.

This past weekend, we had another 8 cars participate in the annual Spring Cruise. We met up with the members of the Western NY Corvette Club in Buffalo for a photo op; 26 Corvettes, 1 steel car and 1 Harley Davidson. After the photo op, we departed for Bradford PA through Ellicottville and taking some very nice back roads to the Zippo / Case museum in Bradford. There we were met by the Zippo staff who welcomed the group to the museum for a self guided tour of the facility. All participants also received a goodie bag from Zippo. From there we drove to Lake Kinzua for lunch at the marina. Lake Kinzua is a man-made lake and had the remains of an old town about 80 ft. below the surface of the lake. We then took other rural roads for the return to Buffalo with "pit stops" carefully planned every 1-1/2 hours. Excellent planning, great socializing and fun driving. An excellent job arranged by Bob O'Connor and the members of WNYCC. Job well done. Next year it is our turn to reciprocate and plan for the spring cruise.

As you can see in the events calendar located elsewhere in this issue, you will see that once again the social committee, and our members, have developed a full and enjoyable social calendar for the summer months; road rally, scavenger hunt, Bas Farms Vette Fest, etc. I would like to remind our members that you are all welcome to come out and participate in the festivities – get out and socialize with the other members.

The major endeavour for our club is our annual car show. This year again, for the sixth year, we will be holding our all-makes car show at Reif Estate Winery on Sunday, July 26 thanks to the generosity and graciousness of Klaus. For the new members, this is a major fund raiser, by the club, for the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre. Last year we had about 340 cars participate in the show and had our most successful show to date. This year the challenge is to exceed last year's results in spite of the current economic downturn.

We ask all our members to solicit sponsorship from regional businesses in support of the Children's Centre. We request a donation of \$100 but will accept any amount that the contributor is willing to give. Sponsorship letters, along with show flyers and NPCC endorsement are available from the myself or Marilyn. Give us a call.

We also ask our members to solicit items for goodie bags (minimum 250) or to be given away as door prizes. We also ask you to promote the show to your friends who are car people – drop off flyers at area cruise nights, etc.

On the day of the show, we would ask all of our members to come out and help for the day. There are numerous tasks to be done from making coffee to selling raffle tickets to just socializing with non-club participants to make them all feel welcome. Come out to the June meeting of the club to "volunteer" for the jobs that require filling at the time.

Also, as you travel during the summer months, why don't you drop off a note, and perhaps some pics, to describe your trip, to Ian to be included in the newsletter. Let the other members enjoy your travels vicariously. See you all at the June meeting.

**Happy Corvetting and remember to Save the Wave!**

*George*

# Minutes from Last Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Attendance: 45

Meeting Started: 8:03

**President's Report: George Dalbergs**

## **Old Business:**

The annual fish fry was held on Friday, April 17. We had 5 Corvettes, a red BBird and a steel car show up, only to find that the Fort Erie venue had run out of fish. What to do? Margaret and Larry Keighan suggested the Ridgeway Legion which turned out to be a great suggestion. Afterwards, we all drove to Wendy Bas's favourite ice cream stand in Welland. Thanks to Wendy and Jake for organizing this event and Margaret & Larry for developing "Plan B".

The Spring Cruise was held last Sunday, May 3. We had 7 cars meet at the Duty Free and catch up to the WNYCC at the McDonalds on Clinton Ave for a photo op, showing about 26 Corvettes, displaying our club banners. There was also a Cadillac driven by their club president and a Harley Davidson to add to the fun. From there we cruised through Ellicottville to Bradford PA for a visit to the Zippo / Case museum and factory where we were welcomed by the staff and everyone was given a goodie bag which included a very nice wine opener. We were on our own to tour the facility and learn about the history of the "wind proof" Zippo lighter – free repairs, etc.

From Zippo we had a nice cruise to Lake Kinzua for a late lunch overlooking the lake. It turns out that this was a man-made lake created by the Kinzua Dam and that underneath the lake, there are the buildings remaining from a previous town site – about 80 feet under water level. After a brief visit to the dam, we drove through some very interesting Amish countryside on our way to return to Buffalo. The club members had great weather – good company – Congratulations for a fantastic job done by Bob O'Connor and his club members to host this event. It is NCC's turn next year.

The Sudbury Club will be renting the Dunnville Autodrome on Friday, July 24 from noon until 4:00 PM for a track session. NCC members are welcome to join them, as are the Hamilton Club's members. More details, along with the costs and a sign up sheet will be brought to the June meeting.

The Fort Erie Fire Department is planning to have a car show on Sunday, May 31 from 9 AM until 4 PM with proceeds to the food bank

George Dalbergs read excerpts from an e-mail he received from Janet and Nick Polacek about progress on the car museum and a reminder about the Victoria Weekend Corral. For more information go to [www.mosport.com](http://www.mosport.com).

## **New Business:**

The Triangle Corvette Club will be holding their Corvette Day 2009 on Saturday, May 30 at Schlueter Chev Corvette in Waterloo. Registration is at 9:00 AM and the show finishes at 1:00 PM with a cruise to follow through the back roads surrounding the Kitchener/Waterloo area. Marilyn and George Dalbergs are planning to attend and asked if anyone is interested in joining them, please let them know.

Marilyn and George are also registered for the Sudbury Corvette Club's show on June 13. If anyone is interested in joining them on this road trip, please let them know. It's a great weekend.

## **Vice-President's Report: Harold Anders**

Harold reported that the club was at about a 50/50 split on the two styles of jacket presented in the catalogue (weatherproof or fleece lining) both in the \$100.00 range.

Unfortunately Joe Toth did not get his product delivered in time to show the members at this meeting but will be at the next meeting. It was suggested that members may want to go to Joe's store to view the product prior to the meeting. Harold and Gail Anders went to see the golf shirts and reported they were of excellent quality. Baseball caps are available but must be purchased in lots of 24. Joe can get denim shirts but doesn't keep them in stock. Travel mugs instead of regular mugs was also suggested.

George Dalbergs borrowed a club jacket (and modelled) from the WNYCC to give us an idea of style and the benefits of all members having the same jacket to represent our club. Fred Hutchinson gave his opinion on the importance of having uniformity in our club jackets. A vote was taken and the major majority of the club agreed on this format.

Michelle Schmor asked if there were different cuts/style of jackets which would all have the same logos and colours.

# Minutes from Last Meeting

## **Secretary's Report: Carol Hill**

Carol congratulated Ian Bell on the terrific job he is doing on our newsletter. All agreed and applauded.

## **Treasurer's Report: Gloria/Dave Drake**

Gloria reported that we presently are in good shape financially and are off to a good start in our fundraising sponsorships.

Gloria asked if any members were experiencing resistance to our increase to \$100.00 for our sponsorships.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Social Committee: Wendy Bas**

#### **Wendy reported on the following upcoming events:**

June 6 – Annual Road Rally and BBQ Larry Schmor reported there are 6 spots left and 6 cars from the Upper Canada club will be joining in. Meet at 1 p.m. at Reif Winery.

June 27 - The Mytroen's are having a "digital" scavenger hunt and BBQ. A sign up sheet is being passed around at the meeting.

July 11 – Downtown St. Catharines Car show. Details posted in previous newsletter.

There are 24 pictures submitted for our Beautiful Baby Contest.

This months **649** numbers are: **37, 49, 39, 22, 43, 1,**

### **Show Committee: Dave Drake**

Approximately 1500 Show Flyers available for distribution at local cruise nights.

Sponsorship letters –We need support for sponsorships, goodie bag items and/or door prizes. Wilf Seniuk reported that A&W are supplying a very generous selection of prizes .

It was decided that Gary Archer will be our DJ at the show.

Klaus has been arranging for the portable washrooms and making arrangements with the Parks Commission for the show.

Bill Colclough is taking care of recycling bins. Don Miskow has volunteered to be Parking Director. Eva Kessel has volunteered to have the ice cream booth which was such a success last year.

Sponsorship letters were mailed out and so far Edelbrock has committed to supplying items for our goody bags and Door prizes. Wheel World has agreed to supply their magazine for the goody bags.

Klaus has generously planned to design a new wine label for our show this year to be sold to help raise funds.



**George Dalbergs emphasized: It is important that everyone participate in some way to make our show a success. Please come to the next meeting prepared to volunteer.**



## **Newsletter: Ian Bell**

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

New business cards for update of advertising sheet.

## **50/50 Draw: Wendy Lindberg**

Last month's winner was Ron Sutton.

*This months winner is **Tim Conway winning \$67.50***

Meeting Adjournment: @ 9.27 PM.

# From The Editor

## May Birthdays

David Roush	2nd
Stan Goosen	3rd
Lynn Mytoen	3rd
Harold Anders	5th
Bill Colclough	5th
Tom Atherton	8th
Tony Lant	11th
Elaine Maude	12th
David Louth	16th
John Gibbons	17th
Judy Peck	21st
Janice Wing	27th
Willy Wilkinson	29th



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

## June Birthdays

Bob Brickman	10th
Virginia Smith	22nd



*The Western New York Club hosted the Spring cruise with the Niagara Corvette Club. This was the departure site before we left for Bradford PA. and Warren PA.*

**For Sale: 87 Corvette Roadster, red on red with white top, automatic. 181,200 Km. \$11,000.  
Tim 905-935-4849**

**For Sale: 93 40th anniversary, ruby red, one owner, 51,600 KM (32,000 mile). Fully optioned.  
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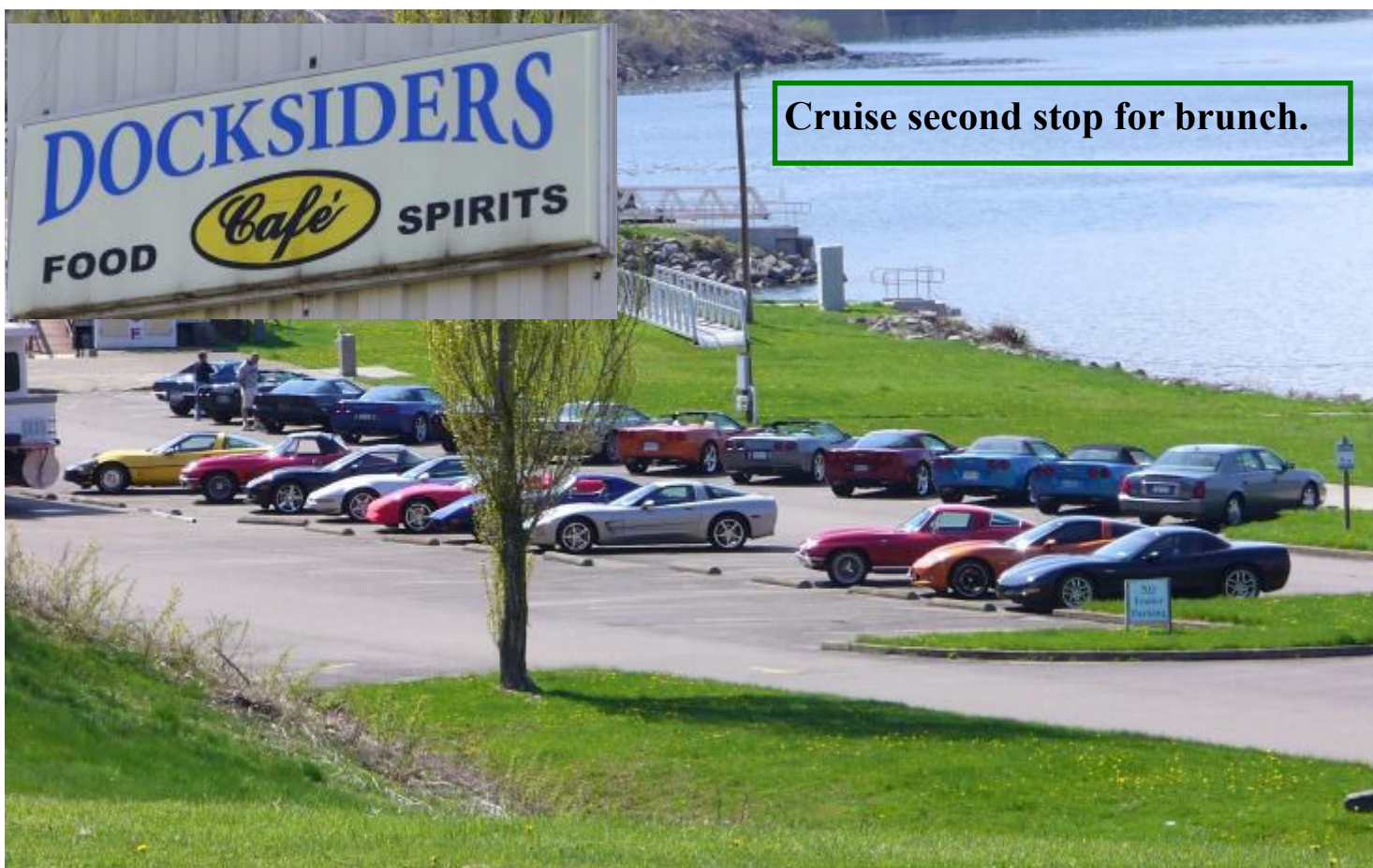
**Doug 905-646-2919 ( serious enquiries only please)**

# From The Editor

**Zippo/Case Museum  
Spring cruise first stop.**



**Cruise second stop for brunch.**



# *From The Editor*

**Nick and I have just returned from the C5/C6 Bash at the NCM. We had a great time, 88-92 degrees, lots of great American friends (can't understand a word those southerners say) and I was kept very busy volunteering at the Museum.**

**The Museum expansion exceeded all our expectations and it's hard not to use the word 'we' when talking about it. We just see such a team effort ... the NCM staff who truly give the impression of loving their work, the spirit of volunteerism and knowing that the NCM is 'member-driven'. I was certainly pleased to be 'put to work' promoting membership and selling raffle tickets. The new NCM store has lots more room, a great delivery area (not for Canadians), a beautiful library/archive area, a new conference room that can be rented out for events, and a great cafe (they were totally overwhelmed during the bash).**

**We got to spend some time with Doug Fehan and he is very enthusiastic about the new Pratt & Miller prepared GT race car. He refuses to call it a GT2 car. By now, I'm sure you've heard about Steve Wesoloski being let go. I have been in touch with him. He said he won't go into details but it was a surprise to him. I can only hope that another door will open very soon for such a talented guy.**

**We were privy to the unveiling of the new Grand Sport Editions. We had seen them coming down the production line and were not even aware of them. They are spectacular. Everyone was impressed with the look and the variety of color combinations. Nick has picked out a Cyber Grey with red hash marks and a black/grey interior. Now all he has to do is find a new wife to pay for it.**

**Nick and I thought you might be interested to hear that 1 in 6 cars coming down the line are ZR1s. We were extremely surprised to see so many in production.**

**I hope we'll see you at SpeedFest on Victoria Day weekend. If you wouldn't mind passing it along to your club one last time.**

**Nick had more heart tests (nuclear stress test) on Thursday. Now we wait to hear from the specialist yet again. He has indicate there is damage to the bottom of the heart and it is not moving. He seemed very surprised that someone as young as Nick and in the shape Nick appears to be in would have such damage.**

**Hugs**

**Janet and Nick**

# From The Editor

## SpeedFest Corvette Corral at Mosport

May 15-17, 2009

Part of Victoria Day SpeedFest

Mosport plays host to North America's top GT/Touring car championship, the *SPEED World Challenge*, in their only Canadian stops, along with the return of the legendary *Muscle Milk SCCA Trans-Am Series*. The SpeedFest Corral is a special tented trackside hospitality area where you can enjoy the racing, exclusive tech talks and driver Meet 'n Greet, along with a great meal on race day Sunday. You'll enjoy the camaraderie of other fellow car owners and participate in a parade during the race weekend.

### Your SpeedFest Corvette Corral Ticket Includes:

- Three-day admission to the Victoria Day SpeedFest
- Access to a private tented area and parking for all three days
- Groups of 50 or more will have their own exclusive tented & fenced -in area ... \$90 for groups of 1-20; \$80 for groups of 21-45; \$70 for groups of 50 and over (**we should make the 50 and over mark with no problem**)
- Tech talks; driver appearances and prizes exclusive to SpeedFest Corral ticket holders
- A chance to drive your car around Mosport in a parade lap
- Sunday BBQ Lunch

Tickets can be ordered by calling 1-800 866-1072 or 905 983-9141

to order on-line; go to [www.mosport.com/tickets.htm](http://www.mosport.com/tickets.htm)

go to **purchase/order button** at top

Tickets – 2009 Season; Victoria Day SpeedFest Weekend; SpeedFest Corral

once you've added to the cart and go to check-out, there will be an information form to complete ...

Under Notes/Comments **enter the word Corvette**. That will identify you as a Corral purchaser. Your credit card won't be processed until Mosport reaches the 50 ticket mark to bring the price down to \$70.00 per person

The track is just finalizing the program with the World Challenge folks and tells us that the Corvette team are excited and eager to help.

Should be the start of 1st long weekend and a great Corvette Summer.

**\*\*Just a note: If you wouldn't mind just firing me off a quick e-mail if/when you purchase your tickets so that we can have an idea of the number of tickets sold for the Corvette Corral.**

Cheers ... Janet and Nick

# Club Activities

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
June	6	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual NCC Road Rally Leaving Reif Winery at 12:30 P.M.	Larry Schmor	NOTL
June	6	Post Rally Barbeque	Roger Copeland	St. Catharines
June	13	Sudbury CC Show & Shine	George	Sudbury
June	19 – 22	Weekend with HAC	Dave Drake	Point Pelee
June	20 or 27	BBQ at the Mytroen's	Lynn Mytroen	Port Colborne
July	7	NCC General Meeting		Frado's
July	11	Downtown Classic Car Show (7:00 A.M.)	George Dalbergs	St. Catharines
July	24	Sudbury CC Track Day Noon to 4:00 PM	George Dalbergs	Dunville Autodrome
July	26	NCC Car Show – Show & Shine	Gloria Drake	Reif Winery
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	??	Lincoln County Fair Cruise Night (6:00PM)	George Dalbergs	Beamsville
Sept	16-18	Camp Dorset Weekend	George Dalbergs	Dorset
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 Daleregs	
Dec	1	NCC Social Evening a Betty's restaurant	Larry Kieghan	Chippewa

## For Sale: 98 Triple Black Corvette

This Corvette Coupe is all original and in mint condition. 51,404 km's. six speed manual transmission, power windows, power locks, traction control. Never winter driven, always stored indoors. No scratches on the paint, the interior of the car is flawless. Comes with car cover. 4 chrome exhaust tips (brand new in box). **Asking \$23,900.** Call **Craig at 905-935-8877 or email frithaw@yahoo.com**

# Area Activities

Month	Day	Activity	Contact	Location
May	8	Cruise to Dover (6:00)		Caledonia
May	9	15th Annual Caledonia Spring Car Show & Swap Meet - Fairgrounds		Caledonia
May	15-17	Victoria Day Speedfest Weekend		Mosport
May	22-23	NCRS Ontario Chapter judging meet - Quality Inn		Bronti
May	23-24	Waterdown Spring Swap Meet & Car Show - Joe Sams Park		Waterdown
May	30	Golden Triangle Corvette Club— Corvette Day 2009		Waterloo
May	31	Fort Erie Company #2 Car Show—Courtwright Stl		Fort Erie
May	31	17th Annual Hillfest @ Wilson Niblett		Richmond Hill
June	4-7	25th Annual Spring Barrie Auto Flea Market - Burl's Creek		Barrie
June	5-6	Fleetwood Farms Country Cruize-in		London
June	6-7	19th Annual Camaro Nationals—Four Point Sheraton Hotel		St. Catharines
June	6	CWO Show & Shine - Anderson's GM Village		Woodstock
June	7	Corvettes of Peterborough Show & Shine		Peterborough
June	12-14	Mosport High Octane Weekend - stock car racing		Mosport
June	13	Sudbury Corvette Club Show & Shine		Sudbury
June	14	Windsor Waterfront Corvette Show		Windsor
June	14	CCO Gateway to Corvettes		Brampton
June	14	16th Rods & Relics Car Show—Fort Erie Racetrack		Fort Erie
June	19-21	30th Annual International Vintage Racing Festival		Mosport
June	19-22	CAH Weekend with Hamilton Ohio Club		Geneva, OH
June	20	Pine Ridge Corvette Club Show & Shine		Whitby
June	20—22	Niagara Swap Meet & Car Show—Niagara County Fairgrounds		Lockport NY
June	25-29	Bloomington Gold Show		St. Charles, IL
June	28	Canal Fest Car Show—Lock 8 Park		Port Colborne
June	28	Corvettes of Durham Show & Shine - Ontario Motors		Oshawa
June	28	17th Annual Canada Day Car Show—Optimist Park		Niagara Falls
July	12	3rd Brampton Corvette Club Show & Shine - NAPA Auto Parts		Brampton
July	22	COB Super Cruise—Salvatore's Italian Gardens		Buffalo
Aug	2	COSO Show & Shine		Simcoe
Aug	8	Mosport Speedway 200—Nascar Canadian Tire Series		Mosport
Aug	9	CCO Chevy Day Chow		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

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