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President's Letter

This month I would like to talk about why and when a By Law should be amended, repealed or added. I have been an active member for a total of 34 years and have seen many changes in the times of our Club. To change a By Law it takes 2/3 of those present at a meeting, and it should stand for many years after it has passed. We will vote on a By Law change at our August 26 Business meeting that we just changed January 28. The question is why the change in only 6 months, and how will it effect our club in the future?

Our Fall Super Cruise is soon approaching on Sept. 20 (rain date Sept 21), and we need your help. Joe Peluso and I will Co chair this event, so if you have any questions call one of us. We have one month to get everything together, and I know we can depend on our membership. We need door prizes, goody bag items (100 bags), raffle baskets, and your attendance at this event. This event will help the Homeless Veterans, and our treasury.

Rose and I will be leaving for a trip to the National Corvette Convention in Bowling Green. We plan to be back for the August business meeting. If you have any questions, call Our VP Joe P.or any other officers. Next year the convention will be in New Orleans, so if you want to travel and have a good time with your Corvette join the NCCC, and come with Rose and me next year.

Special thanks go out to our VP Joe for the great picnic he set up.

Save the wave Pete R

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Happy Birthday to:

Teri Lemiesz (9/1) Pete Ricigliano (9/1) Jim Wier (9/8) Bim Rowlands (9/9) Andy Adams (9/14) Faith Harrington (9/20) Rick Benthien (9/22) Russ Stuber (9/25) Mary Raley (9/30)

Club Members:

You may now order Club Clothing from Ad Works or Advanced Custom Embroidery. Please see their business cards in this month's newsletter.



Sat Aug 26 Tomato Fest Car & Bike Show, Evangola State Park, Angola NY 9am-4pm—Shine Only

Sat Aug 26 Monthly General Meeting at Bill Gray's Restaurant, 7pm in the Private Room; 8214 Main St, Clarence NY, 630-0123

Sun Aug 27 Sprague's Maple Farms, 1048 Portville-Obi Road, Portville NY 14770 (716-933-6637) Meet at 10am at the Mobil station at the end of Route 400 South and Emery Road. We will caravan together about a one hour ride for a late breakfast or early lunch! This is past Cuba NY; Optional stop at Cuba Cheese NOTE: This is NOT Spraguebrook Park. RSVP to Geanine 445-8294

Wed Aug 30 Elderwood @ West Seneca Cruise Night 580 Orchard Park Rd 6-8pm Shine Only

Sat Sept 02 Olcott Cruise night, Olcott NY Shine Only

4:30pm Meet at Sunny's Drive In, 5780 S Transit Rd (716-433-4747), Past Rt 93, on the left side of the road, across from Tops. We will eat here and then drive out together to the cruise night which runs from 6-9pm. Please RSVP to Geanine. Note: Bring jackets – this is right on Lake Ontario will get chilly once the sun sets.

Sun Sept 10 Chicken Dinner @ Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave

Mon Sept 18 WNYCC 50th Anniversary of Incorporation

Wed Sept 20 WNYCC Car Show at Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY 14086 (Rain Date - Thurs Sept 21)

Sat Sept 23 General Meeting @ Bill Gray's 7pm

Sat Oct 28 General Meeting @ Bill Gray's 7pm— Nomination of Officers

Sun Nov 12 Steak Dinner @ Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave

Sat Nov 25 General Meeting @ Bill Gray's 7pm — Election of Officers

Sat Dec 2 Christmas Party at Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave

Sat Jan 13, 2018 Installation Dinner at the Protocol Restaurant

PROPOSED BY LAW CHANGE TO ARTICLE 11 DUES

A recent change in the ByLaws made our dues go from being payable in January to December. It is now being proposed by Bob O'Connor to go back to the original wording (January):

Current By Law wording: Dues shall be due and payable during the month of December. Failure to meet your monetary obligation to the club will result in your being dropped from the membership rolls of the club on January Ist. Reinstatement would come only by rejoining the club.

Proposed By Law wording: Dues shall be due and payable during the month of January. Failure to meet your monetary obligation to the club will result in your being dropped from the membership rolls of the club on February Ist. Reinstatement would come only by rejoining the club.

Commentary from Ken Bushley on the Dues ByLaw proposed change:

Back when WE (members) as a Club voted to change the bylaw to what it is now, we did it for 2 legitimate reasons.

Ist If the dues are to be paid by the end of January, a member that has no intentions of rejoining can attend the installation dinner of which the club pays a portion. That is why it was changed to December.

2nd.. It makes the transition on the new or incoming treasurer easier. The out going treasurer already has the knowledge to record the transactions. Someone coming in as a new treasurer my be overwhelmed. WE(members)that were in attendance at the time we made the change agreed that this was the way to go.

Just a side note here. If a member or members feel that December is a inconvenience, their membership dues can always be paid early. I also feel that if we keep making changes to bylaws that have been changed once, makes us look like don't know what we want, or we are trying to please a few members. Remember, when you pay your bills, you don't tell the company when you want to pay.

Thanks for your time and consideration

Ken Bushley

WNYCC CLUB FUNDRAISER

The WNYCC chrome license plate frames are available for \$15 each. This is a Club fundraiser and we are hoping all members will purchase at least one frame. These frames are available from Joe Peluso 863-4528. Checks should be made payable to WNYCC. If you have already purchased a frame, thank you for supporting your Club!!



PIERCE ARROW MUSEUM

On July 29, WNYCC members along with members from the Niagara Corvette Club and the Rochester Corvette Club became the first local Corvette Clubs to see the newly acquired Corvettes at the Pierce Arrow Museum along with a guided tour by the owner Jim Sandoro of the Frank Lloyd Wright gas station. The museum is full of antiques and of course cars. The four Corvettes were recently donated by the Yager Family Collection of Effingham, IL. They include the 1964 New York World's Fair Mitchell Styling Corvette, a second 1964 Corvette Styling Car, a 1969 Elliot Forbes-Robinson No 8 and a 1962 No 69 SCCA National Champion. After the tour we headed down the block to Chef's Restaurant for lunch.



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CHAUTAUQUA ADULT DAYCARE VISIT

On August 14th we had our 3rd annual visit to the Chautauqua Adult Daycare in Jamestown , I want to thank , Pete Ricigilano , Gary Milisom , Dave Milliken , Frank & Mary Ann Martin , along with myself for taking the cruise , it was a perfect day .

The residents voted for the best car in show and Dave Milliken won !! Congratulations !!! We have already reserved the the Date for next year so mark your calendar's it will be AUGUST 8th 2018



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RESTORATION OF A 1966 CORVETTE—PART 2

This month Nick (my son) and I are working on the brake system and rear suspension. We decided that it would be a good thing to be able to stop our car. To do this task the whole system would be replaced with new SS steel lines, calipers, pads, hoses, emergency shoes, and a dual master cylinder, (used on newer Corvettes).

We had to remove all the old rusted and dirty parts from this 51 year old car. To get at the emergency brakes, the axle spindles had to be taken out to get at emergency brakes to be replaced with all news parts. This was a good time to repack the spindle bearing and check for end play for very close tolerance of .002 to .008 (newspaper is .003 thick). After that is set up the new rotors are bolted on to the spindles and checked to see if they are running true. If they run out more .008 specks the brakes will pump air into the system. Since working in the back we changed the shocks, and pulled the propeller shafts to replace all 4 universals. All parts were cleaned, painted and bolted back on the car to specks.

The gas tank was removed next to be cleaned inside and out, to be painted. We checked the gas pickup to see if the tank gas gauge worked and changed the filter on it. The tank hold down straps had to be replaced because the old ones were broken and rusted badly.

With the back done, we will start on the front suspension to see what needs to be replaced, cleaned and painted. The rotors are shot along with dry rotted rubber bushing. Check out the pictures .At this time I stop to write this article, and now we have about 60 hours into this part of the project.

If you have any questions or want to see what we are doing, give me a call.

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Marine Division



Boaters on the Niagara and Buffalo Rivers along with those on Lake Erie were advised today to avoid the area as Captain Ted the Kid and Pete the Pirate were seen launching from the foot of Sheridan Drive, Town of Tonawanda and later supplementing their motley crew with some scalawags found at the Small Boat Harbor. Rumor has it that medium to large fish and other mammals (along with some birds) were seen to be jumping out of the way as Pirate Ted and his crew raced

up and down the Niagara River, (drag racing with vehicles on the I-190) even the Peace Bridge shuttered as they maneuvered beneath her!!

After terrorizing the local rivers they were seen racing out into Lake Erie in what appeared to be a run for the Welland Canal and were observed skimming atop the numerous waves. Contrary to reports from the Buffalo International Airport, the boat only became airborne 10 or 11 times, to the thrill of the entire crew. Pirate Bob was detected holding on for dear life as Pirates Pete and Mike bounced happily along in the after saloon of the boat.

As the galley onboard was closed the ship and its crew sailed up the Buffalo River to the Tewksbury for a bit of chow, grog, and conversation before dropping off the scalawags at the Small Boat Harbor and then continuing on for one final high speed run, with the current, under the Peace Bridge. Captain Ted indicated that he was somewhat appalled in that the Coast Guard failed to come out to play today.

Until next time, The Fiberglass Pirates of Land and Sea!

Article by Bob Metz



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Dinner at Red Osier Restaurant

I haven't been to the red osier in about 8 years. The last time I was there I ate there with my father-in-law was now deceased and my husband who is also past. So I was a little sentimental about going but I knew I had to make new memories. It happened to be my Aunt Linda's birthday so I invited her to attend with me. The night before leaving I hadn't had time to check my email so I didn't see the suggestion of not bringing our Corvettes since the weather was not supposed to be favorable. I made it as far as Transit and Genesee when I had to put the top on cuz it was drizzling. By the time we met up with the other members and drove out to the red osier we ran into a terrible rainstorm. The food at the red osier is just as good as it was with the past owners. We had a great time with some great people and some good food. When leaving there the Sun was shining and I was still driving my Corvette.

Article by Karen Krzyzykowski



Corvette Club Picnic in Clarence Town Park.

