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President's Letter

I would like to thank all the members that helped make our Fall Super Cruise a great success. The weather was on our side this time and good planning on our part filled the Post up to capacity. Special thanks go to Mary R (50/50 tickets), (alone), Evelyn W (Basket Raffle), Geanine and Patti O (Registration), and Jim for the use of the Post. This event will help our treasury, 2 Charities, and also give back to our membership. This show made me proud to be the President of the WNY Corvette Club.

By the time this newsletter is out our ice cream social and over night wine tour will be history. Geanine set up the 2 day tour with 5 wineries, 2 dinners, and a stay in Bath NY. If you miss this event, she planned another one day event in Nov.

Rose is in charge of the Christmas party December 2 with a small charge of \$5.00, and the installation Dinner will have Evelyn in charge on January 13. If there is an activity that you would like to plan, let Rose or Geanine know.

The October business meeting is nomination of officers and board members. This is your chance to be a part of running and planning what happens in our Club next year. I will ask all those running to write a small article (in next month's newsletter) on what changes and direction you would like to see our Club make in 2018

What you put into our Club, you will get more out of it. Now is your chance to be a bigger part of it!

Save the wave
Peter Ricigliano
peterricigliano@aol.com

Happy Birthday to:

Cindy Shephard (11/1)
Louis Wallen (11/16)
Joe Mullen (11/19)
Jim Shemansky (11/23)
John Glennon (11/29)

WELCOME TO OUR

NEW MEMBERS

John Glennon

Joe & Tracy Mullen

Julie Avarello

Get Well Soon Karen Krzyzkowski!

Happy 50th Anniversary to Evelyn & Jim
Wier on Oct 28!!!!

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Bill Gray's "World's Greatest Cheeseburger" Restaurant & Abbott's Frozen Custard – 8214 Main Street, Main Transit Plaza (630-0123) at 7pm in the private party room. However the room is reserved for WNYCC starting at 6pm if you want to eat in there.

Sun Nov 12 Steak Dinner @ Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave 2pm

Please come out and support the VFW Post! Corvettes optional.

Sat Nov 18 Niagara Wine Trail Cruise & Dinner

12pm (to eat lunch) OR 1pm (if not eating lunch) at Sunny's Drive In, 5780 S Transit Rd, Lockport NY 14094 (716-433-4747) Past Rt 93, on the left side of the road, across from Tops.

Leave at 1:15pm

2pm Winery #1 Leonard Oakes Estate Winery/Lynoaken Farms \$4 fee

3pm Winery #2 Winery at Marjim Manor \$5 fee

4pm Winery #3 Black Willow Winery

5:30pm Dinner & after dinner Shopping at Gordie Harper's Bazaar

Please RSVP to Geanine 445-8294

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 6pm

Members \$5 and Guests \$10; Optional \$20 unisex gift exchange . The menu will be pizza, wings, antipasto, dessert and pop.

Sat Jan 13, 2018 Installation Dinner at the Protocol Restaurant 6-10pm

Entree choices are as follows:

Filet Mignon

Stuffed Boneless Chicken Breast w/ Poulet Sauce

Horseradish Crusted Atlantic Salmon Filet

Dinner includes: Choice of one of the above Entrees, House Chef Garden Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls, Butter, Dessert, Fresh Brewed Coffee & Tea Service.

Cost:\$20 per member, \$40 for non-member

Please RSVP to Evelyn Wier ewier1@roadrunner.com or 716-481-6991. Please include your full name and the full name of your spouse or guest and your menu choices. Checks are to be made payable to WNYCC and mailed to Evelyn Wier at 1690 Hall Road, Elma, NY 14059. Checks will be due December 1:

Nomination of Officers:

At the October meeting, we are accepting nominations of officers. You must be a full member who has attended four meetings and/or events in the past year to be eligible to be nominated.

High Level Description of Positions:

President: runs meetings and appoints committees

Vice President: in absence of President, will run meetings and appoint committees; serves as Chairperson of By Laws and runs the Annual Family Picnic.

Treasurer: has care and custody of all money belonging to the Club; shall give an account of finances at the meetings;

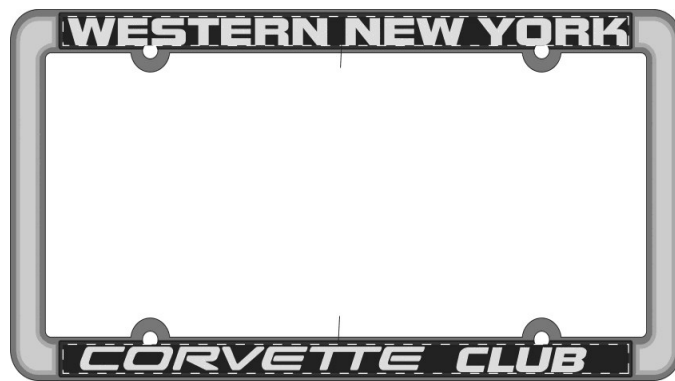
Secretary: keep minutes and records of the Club; attend to all correspondence and present any communications to the Club

Board of Director(s)

The business of this organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of one member at large, the officers, and the past President. The Past President shall serve one year only. After one year, the Past President will no longer serve on the Board. This position will then be opened to any full member to run for the Board.

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!!



2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE BEFORE DECEMBER 31.
FULL MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS DUES ARE \$36.00 PER YEAR.
CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO WNYCC and sent to:**

**Stan Fronckowiak
43 Snowberry Lane
East Amherst NY 14051**

Please be aware if you do not pay your dues by December 31 you will be removed from membership in the Club. This is in accordance with the Club By-laws.



How about a Corvette camping conversion?

1966 Corvette Restoration # 4

This month, Nick and I decided to take all the components off the motor so we could rebuild and detail all items. The headers, alternator, fuel pump, distributor, and intake manifold were removed so a better detailing could be done on the motor. Looking into the motor we saw how clean it was and that it was ported for extra free HP. A newer more powerful manifold was put in place with a Holley carburetor to extract even more HP out of the motor.

The gauge cluster was next removed to be taken apart, cleaned and tested. We found that the main wire harness was shorted out and burnt, but our car came with a new one for replacement. Nick found the short that caused the damage before we put the new harness in place. If we didn't find the cause it would cost another \$500 for another new harness, and a possible a fire under the dash. The steering column was removed to be taken apart, replace the front bearing, cleaned, checked, and painted.

The whole dash center with pads was removed so we could remove the wiper motor to be cleaned and checked and make sure it still worked. There is a picture that shows what the car looks like with dash console and everything removed to the fire wall.

Nick didn't like the fact that the dash pads were faded, so they were removed to be redyed to look new again. (See the picture that shows the pads and old wire harness). The center console is ready to put in place so we put the wiper motor and heater assembly in place first. The dash center was glued in place and the new wire harness was reinstalled. The fun part comes in play at this time when we put the gauge cluster in place and making sure that all the wires and light bulbs go into the right place. There isn't much space behind the dash to work on this if you have big hands and little patience. After working on your back in the dark for 2 hours everything should be in place (we hoped). The last thing was to put the steering column in place and connect it to the harness. We then checked every thing with low voltage to make sure there weren't any more shorts.

We logged another 100 hours of love and more \$\$\$ this month. If you have any questions about this project, give me a call

Until next month
Pete R

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Western New York Corvette Club

Marine Division



The Fiberglass Pirates of Land and Sea ended their 2017 deployment with another thrilling visit to a local waterway! After someone slipped us the key to the lake, Captain Ted, Pirate Pete and Scalawags Mike and Bob invaded the local waterway known as Sparkling Lake.

On our initial entry into the lake, we made a semi-high speed run down its length; we carefully proceeded as the lake depth dropped so drastically that we could have waded ashore—more about that later! As



Captain Ted made his initial “tack” toward shore, Pirate Pete exclaimed that he recognized a shore establishment and indeed its proprietor. After closing with the shore we all recognized our fellow WNYCC member Joe who welcomed us to his home and allowed us to dock our boat. After visiting with Joe and touring his home, we set off once again on a shore excursion to find some “grub”, as Pirate Pete was starting to get hungry. The trek was uphill and we found the first two establishments closed (they probably saw us coming). After exploring a bit further we managed to find another establishment which provided our seafarers with a hearty meal and

the opportunity to discuss restaurant design. Subsequently, we returned to Joe’s dock and met up to once again sail the mighty lake. As we were sailing away some of the locals exclaimed, “How did those foreigners gain access to the lake”—they may never find out.

Now it was time for a change of drivers and Captain Ted relinquished the helm to Pirate Pete (who didn’t really want to drive at all). We slowly sailed the shallow waters of the lake observing the many lake front cottages, year around homes, and camps, until all of a sudden a vibration arose from the rear of the boat—yes fans we had gone aground (but just a little). Captain Ted resumed his position at the helm and eased us cautiously from the shallows. (No harm, no foul)

Upon returning to our point of embarkation, we prepared the boat for winter storage, so that next summer we will once again be ready to strike fear along the waterways of Western New York.



C6 Ignition Switch Repair

The C6 Corvette which includes model years 2005-2013 changed from the key-operated ignition switch to a dash mounted push button. To get into the car and start it, your key fob is important. Besides theft prevention, the key fob allows your doors to open and your engine to start. The top part of the ignition/start on the dash with the bullseye starts the car, the bottom right is the accessories position, and the bottom left is the off position to shut down the car. C7 Corvettes are a little different with push to start, then push again to shut down the car. Automatic transmission cars should be in the park position with the parking brake engaged. Standard 6-Speed transmissions should be in reverse, clutch in, with the parking brake on to shut off the car.

Your Corvette still uses battery power when it is off to keep the radio clock going plus other requirements of the onboard computers for the car alarm, door latch recognition, and car start capability. I read somewhere that if your Corvette is not used in 28 days your battery could run down enough not to start the car. That time is greatly reduced if you shut off the car in the Accessories position. For winter storage I recommend each C6 and C7 owner have a Corvette sponsored trickle charger that plugs in to the Cigarette lighter/DC power port in the interior. This is safe for your battery and car electronics and keeps your battery up to fully charged. They are available online for about \$120.

What happens when the ignition/start switch goes bad? Contacts can wear, short out, or get dirty. In my 2005 Corvette, the battery mysteriously wore down and I was unable to get into my vehicle with the key fob or start the car. I had to use the regular key to open the trunk, pull the manual cable on the left to open the driver's door, then pull the manual latch for the engine compartment. I disconnected the battery, gave it a full charge and then re-connected the 12 volt battery cable. The dash on my car was flashing and I could not start the car. Thoughts ran through my head of expensive onboard computers being burned out and an expensive tow and visit to the dealer. I went online to some of the Corvette forums where other Corvette owners help each other. The problem I found was in the Ignition/ Start switch.

Ordering the OEM GM replacement switch online was easy and it was \$40. Also, I went online for instructions to replace the switch. Disconnect the battery, position the steering wheel up and out for more room. The plastic dash bezel where the switch is located can be pried open in two points on each side of the steering wheel. You can carefully use a flat screwdriver or a small plastic pry bar. The wiring harness to the switch has a locking plastic tab that must be retracted at the same time you pull the wiring harness off. Be careful not to break any mounting tabs on the switch for the harness and the mounting of the switch on the bezel (dash panel) Wiring can be plugged back into a new switch and the switch snapped back into place in the dash. The dash bezel also can be snapped back into place. The repair was easy but you had to take care not to break any plastic parts. You can then reconnect the battery.

My car works fine, starts fine and shuts off fine. I did however, replace all door button switches, the two inside the car in the armrest/door handle, and the two outside door unlock buttons on the inside lip of the doors. I had one outside switch on the passenger side giving us trouble with opening. The inside switches were \$20 a piece and the outside were \$35 per pair. All were OEM GM switches and the outside ones were advertised as being "New and Improved". So Chevrolet Corvette did have some issues with performance in design in the original ones.



Fall Super Cruise
Wednesday, September 20, 2017
Col. Matt Urban VFW Post 7275
3741 Walden Avenue
Lancaster, NY

Well first off we had a beautiful day for a cruise, not always the case. We were to begin registration at 5:00 PM. That was a joke, at 5 PM on the nose car number 85 was at the registration table receiving his "goodie bag". This should let you know what a wonderful turn out we had. We actually registered 130 cars, about 25 extra cars did not register, so the lot and rear lawn were packed,

We probably could have used a few more members to handle all the jobs, some folks were multi-tasking and doing too many things. However, we got'er done.

The most important thing, there were no complaints received. As with most events like this we learned a few things to carry on to next year's car events.

All in all we survived, had a good time and enjoyed another successful Club outing.

Bob O'Connor



Installation Dinner

Since the Holidays are drawing nearer, now is the time for us to start planning for our January Installation Dinner. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending for good food, friends, fun and dancing. The information is as follows:

Place: Protocol Restaurant
6766 Transit Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

Date: January 13, 2018

Time: 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Music by "Rock-n-Rick"

Entree choices are as follows:

Filet Mignon
Stuffed Boneless Chicken Breast w/ Poulet Sauce
Horseradish Crusted Atlantic Salmon Filet

Dinner includes: Choice of one of the above Entrees, House Chef Garden Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls, Butter, Dessert, Fresh Brewed Coffee & Tea Service.

Cost: \$20 per member, \$40 for non-member

Please let me know by email or text if you will be attending. My email is ewier1@roadrunner.com and for texting, my cell number is 716-481-6991. **Please include your full name and the full name of your spouse or guest and your menu choices.**

Checks are to be made payable to Western New York Corvette Club and mailed to Evelyn Wier at 1690 Hall Road, Elma, NY 14059. Checks will be due to me by December 1st. I know this may seem early to you, but there are items I have to order, and I do need a headcount. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

I hope the coming Holidays are filled with happiness for you and your family.

Evelyn



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ST CHRISTOPHER'S TOY FUND DRIVE 2017

The St Christopher's Outreach Christmas toy fund drive for 2017 has begun!! This will be our fifth year and hope to make it our BEST yet! Thank you to everyone who already donated at the September monthly meeting. If you wish to make a donation, please email me at pattio214@yahoo.com telling me the amount. You may pay me at the monthly meetings on October 22 or November 25. Checks should be made out to WNYCC. If you prefer, you can mail your check to me at my address:

Patricia O'Connor
150 Patricia Drive
Tonawanda, NY 14150

If you email me that you will donate a specific amount, you will be responsible for that amount as we will be committed to buying the toys with that money. Bob and I plan to start shopping now.

I will let everyone know when the gifts will be delivered to the Outreach Center if any of you want to join us and see the work they do at the Outreach Center. It usually happens a week or two before Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your anticipated generosity for this worthy cause! For some of these children, this may be the only gift they get for Christmas. Sharing with others makes us happy and keeps us healthy!!

Patti O'Connor

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for more
wine tour
pictures.

KEUKA LAKE WINE TOUR

By Nancy Egan

Oh what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day...tip of the hat to the musical "Oklahoma" what a great weekend we had for our latest adventure! Geanine and Areta arranged another wine tour for the Club this past weekend. If you were unable to attend you missed a wonderful time. We began our tour at Hunt Country Vineyards in Branchport NY.

From there we traveled to the Point of the Bluff Vineyards which is actually on the bluff looking over the lake. Lunch was next and needed after 2 wine tastings! We had pre ordered so we didn't have a long wait. The Waterfront Restaurant on Keuka Lake, again as the name implies is right on the lake. The fall colors were in abundance as we had lunch.

With a meal in us we went on to Bully Hill in Hammondsport and then to Pleasant Valley Wine Company and finished up at Chateau Renaissance Wine Cellars all in Hammondsport. Ready for naps and coffee we headed into Bath where the Microtel was ready for us. At 6PM we stayed in town and went to Restaurant 209, located in an amazing old Victorian style house; the architecture was unbelievable! Food was also good and we were lucky enough to be entertained by Jim Jager's moving rendition of Summer Wind! A special thanks to Ray M for recommending the 209! The morning brought in another beautiful day for the ride home. Some however went to some of the local sites like the Bath National Cemetery, the Bath Fish Hatchery and the Curtis Museum. Joe and I continued with the wineries on Seneca Lake and were home in time to see the last plays of the Bills game. Looking forward to our next adventure. Thanks again to Geanine and Areta for another great trip!

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