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President's Letter

Last week everyone thought turning back the clock would have more sunlight and warmer days. We have more daylight but this winter won't go away. This cold weather hasn't stopped our Club from staying in hibernation because we had great attendance at our winter cruise at Anderson's and the Activity Meeting for planning our calendar of events for 2018. I hope next month doesn't pull an April Fool's trick on us with more winter weather.

Our March meeting will be important to attend, because there are important subjects to bring to the attention of our membership. One subject is to get approval for insurance for the protection of officers. Our Club is covered but not the officers and the expenditure has to be voted on by the membership. This doesn't mean that dues will go up because of the hard work with 2 very successful car shows last year.

Our All Corvette Car Cruise will be coming up June 13 (rain date 20th) at West Herr. We have 2000 slingers to pass out before the show. There will be sign up sheets at this meeting, so pick where you would like to help out. Your Board also met with Mike Gannon of West Herr to discuss Club member discounts on parts, labor and \$500 off on new cars from any West Herr dealership.

We now have a new Facebook Administrator for our Facebook page. Jim Shemansky has already made changes and updated our page, so check it out. Evelyn will give a report on the patches and pins for our 50 years of incorporation, The Clutch Artist activity list will be distributed to members at the March meeting. This is a list of all car shows, cruise nights and every car event in the Buffalo area.

Time to save the wave for 2 more long months (I hope)

Your Prez
Pete Ricigliano

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Happy Birthday to:

Stan Fronckowiak (4/9)
Paul Gardina (4/14)
Jim Jager (4/18)
Rick Benthien (4/19)
Gary Milsom (4/26)

**Get Well Wishes to Faith Harrington
and**

Jim Wier!!!

**Congratulations to Debbie Crist on
her Retirement!!**

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.**

The Club's mailing address is:
WNYCC
P O Box 9
West Seneca NY 14224

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sat Mar 24 General Meeting @ Bill Gray's 7pm (716-630-0123)

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

Sun Mar 25 Kelly's Korner 2pm

2526 Delaware Ave, Buffalo NY 14216 (716- 877-9466); Each pays their own. Noted for their beef on week and chicken wings!! This is owned by our member Pat Kelly. Please RSVP to Geanine via email or phone (824-3982).

Sat April 21 Flying Bison Brewery, 840 Seneca St, Buffalo NY 14210, 716-873-1557 (Vettes optional)

Meet at 12:45 for a 1pm tour. More to come; we are working on a place for an early dinner.

Sat April 28 General Meeting @ Bill Gray's 7pm

Sun April 29 WNY Maple Festival OR

Sun April 29 VFW Spaghetti Dinner Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY

Sun May 6 NCC/WNYCC Spring Cruise

We will meet and caravan together to the Tim Hortons at 335 North Service Rd. Vineland Station by 8:45 am and leave at 9 am for the Warplane Heritage Museum. We will have a guided tour. After the tour and gift shop, we will drive to Swiss Chalet for lunch and then drive to an excellent ice cream shop in Niagara On The Lake for dessert. Bring passports and walkie talkies!!

Tues May 8 Pautler's First Cruise Night of the Season, Transit Rd,

Wed May 16 Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave

Sat May 19 General Meeting @ Bill Gray's 7pm

Mon May 28 West Seneca Parade

June 4, 5 & 6 Mon-Wed Thousand Islands Trip

The Escape Package - \$400.50 per couple at Capt Thomson's Resort; To reserve your room call 315-482-9961 Mon – Fri 9am-430pm and ask for Alicia; They do require a deposit that is equal to one night's stay (\$99.90) and it will hit your credit card now. There is a 7-day before the event cancellation policy. Please let Geanine know if you are going!! We will caravan up to the Thousand Islands together.

Sat June 9 Genesee Country Museum & Red Osier - tentative

Wed June 13 WNYCC All Corvette Show (Rain Date June 20)

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

Sun June 24 Grand Lady Boat Trip tentative

Tues June 26 Buffalo Bisons- tentative

Sat July 7 Egans' Cottage at Lime Lake (new date!!)

No July meeting will be held.

Sun July 29 Picnic @ Clarence Town Park, Meadowlake Pavilion #2

Wed Aug 8 Chautauqua Adult Day Care 2-3pm

Sat Aug 11 Wiers' Wine & Cheese Party

Sat Aug 18 General Meeting @ Bill Gray's 7pm (one week early due to Corvettes at Carlisle)

Sat Sept 1 Olcott Cruise Night

Fri-Sun Sept 7-9 Watkins Glen weekend—details coming soon!! Contact Nancy Egan for details at 537-9629

Sun Sept 16 Sprague's

Wed Sept 19 WNYCC Fall Super Cruise (Rain Date Sept 20)

Sat Dec 1 Christmas Party @ VFW Post

Restoration of a 1964 Corvette

Last year I helped my friend Steve work on his 1964 Corvette convertible that was taken off the road because of a front end accident about 35 years ago. I wrote articles with pictures about what we worked on, because I thought our members would be interested on the progress we were making. I talked about the how we put the new front clip on the Vette and how it was done. I also had to change the dash, and front wire harness to get everything to work. Steve decided to put the car into storage at that time because his business was picking up and he didn't have time to start the paint job.

Last month Steve started to work on the body and finished the fiber glassing of the body. He primed the body and spent many hours block sanding the body that eliminated any imperfections before it was painted. Steve painted a beautiful color of Mediterranean Blue that really makes this car stand out. The next step was many hours of water sanding and buffing the new paint until it shines.

It's now time to put all the trim and chrome on the new paint and not scratch, chip or crack the newly painted surface. I started with the turning headlights, by putting the motors and bulbs in, and connecting the wire harness to make everything work. They now light up and turn with the switch in the car. The tail and front turn signals were next to be installed and checked to make sure they worked properly. The front grill was next installed along with some of the front bumper brackets that went through it. We are now ready to put the 3 piece front bumpers together with the lower brackets on the car. The trick is not to damage the body, so it took 3 people to carefully install the assembly. We next adjusted and tighten bolts until it look good. (check the pictures)

The progress had to stop on the body because we were waiting for a new front window to be installed and then the trim pieces could be put in place. I now had time to correct the Hurst shifter where the levers were put on backwards many years ago. The problem was inside of the car with the shifter in first gear the tranny was in second gear and when the shifter was in third, the tranny was in forth gear. To fix this I had to take the shifter levers off, turn them around and re-adjust all the shifter levers (works great now).

Running out time and we will work on the interior in the next article.

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Is it time for a Club Logo upgrade?

By Jim Shemansky

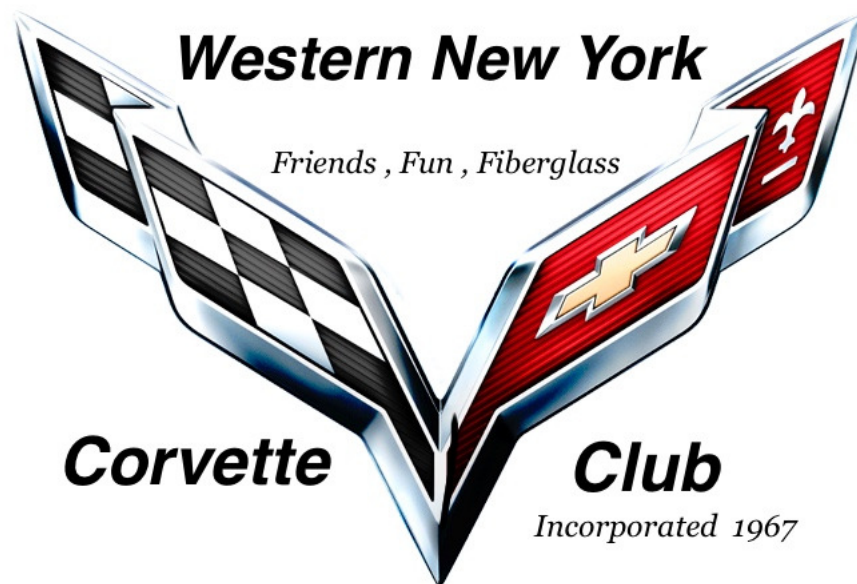
The **Western New York Corvette Club** was incorporated in 1967, so it has been around for 50 years. The current club logo has a C5 emblem in it so it had to be upgraded to a C7 at some point in time. Our club has evolved and we encourage new members to join. The cars that new members own are generally new and late model C7 Corvettes. There has been some debate to upgrade the older club logo to a C7 emblem. At one of the recent meetings the change of logo was vetoed by a majority of the few members attending. There are about 70 members in the club and I believe all your voices should be heard. Not all members are able to attend meetings.

Concerns about existing Club clothing bothers some members. They think that a change would make their club jackets, shirts, and hats useless and obsolete and they must buy new ones with a new logo. Your jackets become instantly collectible. Your hats and t-shirts you may replace through time anyway. You get a Club t-shirt with first year membership, but it does not last forever. Some people are afraid of change and want to stick to the status quo and keep the old logo.

We take pride in our Club and celebrate that it has been around for 50 years and it is our duty to insure that new younger members join and provide us new enthusiasm and ideas. I am proposing a newly designed Club logo with a C7 emblem in it. Anyone can offer their opinion or another graphic design for a logo. Do you like this design? It is up to the Club officers and Board Members to follow up on any vote on this in accordance with the Club Charter, whether it be a show of hands at a meeting for a vote or a referendum by e-mail or paper ballot. If we need to petition Chevrolet for permission for the logo change we will look into it. Is it worth the effort?

I believe that keeping things current and fresh with new ideas will help to attract new members. It is more fun with new friends, new experiences. Let me know what you think, pro or con, if you think that the Club should modernize its logo. You can e-mail me or our Club officers with your opinions. Further information will be mentioned in later newsletters. Thanks.

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Ice Cream Social

The annual Ice Cream Social event was held by the Club at Anderson's on Union Road in Cheektowaga on Wednesday, February 28th. It truly was a mix and mingle opportunity, unlike a monthly Club meeting, which is mostly business. We all were tired of the Winter season and were looking forward to taking our Corvettes out in Spring for the first spin of the new year. But Mother Nature sent us on another detour and the next day was the big winter storm that blanketed our area in heavy snow, that left a lot of trees and tree branches down, and some of us without electric power. We all hoped for an earlier Spring.

At Anderson's we all were able to socialize and get to know each other better. It was interesting to find out what other members were doing and what is important in their lives. Upcoming events for the Club were discussed, whether they were already scheduled, in the works, or just suggestions from members attending. A group of the Boys had made plans to take a trip to Van Bortel Corvettes the following Monday. Perhaps one of them might upgrade his Corvette ownership!

The Club gave each registered member that attended \$5 to go towards satisfying their "sweet tooth" for ice cream or towards an evening snack. The food is always good and of course the ice cream is not bad too! Everyone should try to attend this event next year, it is great to get to know our members. Those that attended were: Ted Breuer, Randy and Debbie Crist, Linda Forman, Stan Fronckowiak, Jane Gapinski, John Glennon and his daughter and granddaughter, Mike Kreamer and his wife Mary Ann, Karen Krzyzkowski, Bob Metz, Pete and Rose Ricigliano, Diane Ruminski, Jim Shemansky, Lynn Wells and Lisa, Geanine Sobczak.

By Jim Shemansky





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The Board of Directors of the Club had a meeting with Mike Gannon, the Select Program Manager with West-Herr and Steve Kowalewski, his associate about the West Herr Select Group. It was a very interesting question & answer period. We talked about the benefits to the Club members; for example 10% off parts & labor on any car a member has. There also is a program where there is \$500 off a new car or \$250 off on a used car. This would be towards any car, not just a Corvette. We will brief the general membership at the next business meeting. All that would have to be done is to show your valid club membership card. The Board will enroll the club in this very nice program.

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