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### President's Letter

This month I will start with a weather report first by saying, it's snowing again today, April 19<sup>th</sup>, as I write my article. This weather is turning into a big April Fools joke in the WNY area. This won't stop our Club with all the events we planned in the near future, so get your Corvettes ready to roll.

Our biggest event coming soon is our All Corvette Cruise June 13 at West Herr Williamsville. This event will support the Buffalo Veterans Court charity we support as well as defray the cost of insurance and other Club expenses. Your help will be needed to make this show a big success as it did with our two largely attended shows last year. There will be assignment sheets with various committees that will need to be filled passed around our April meeting. This event will show other Corvette owners what we are and how we operate as a club.

The subject of insurance was brought up at the April meeting for the officers of WNYCC. We are having trouble finding the right coverage for all Club members, so we will have a temporary plan this year and we will present a better plan for next year. After checking with 4 companies your Board decided on the National Corvette Council of Clubs (NCCC) for next year with your approval. This is a club that is suited for Corvette owners which insures hundreds of other clubs and thousands of members through the US. We plan to use the Club treasury to pay the cost of the new insurance, and it will give WNYCC the coverage we need under one company. We will talk about insurance at the next meeting and start making plans for next year with your approval.

Time to say Good Bye now. See you at the meeting this Saturday April 28.  
Save the wave

Your Prez  
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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

**John & Charlene Drogi**

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**Happy Birthday to:**

**Janet Mattar (5/2)**

**Larry Atti (5/13)**

**Bill Pukalo (5/23)**

**Rose Ricigliano (5/24)**

**Gail Gardina (5/30)**

**Bill Shephard (5/30)**

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**Get Well Wishes to John Glennon !!**

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newsletter.**

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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### **Sat April 28 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 April 29 WNY Maple Festival**

845am Meet at the Clinton Rossler Valu Plaza at the end towards the Mc Donald's on Clinton St, Buffalo NY  
9am Leave for Franklinville; it is a 1 1/2 hour ride,. There is a car show, craft show, and a pancake breakfast.  
Please bring walkie talkies!! Pete's cell phone is (716) 868-4235

### **Sun April 29 VFW Spaghetti Dinner Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY @ 2pm**

### **Sun May 6 NCC/WNYCC Spring Cruise Bring passports and walkie talkies!! Rain or Shine Event!!**

715am Meet at the Clinton Rossler Valu Plaza at the end towards the McDonald's on Clinton

730am Leave to cross the Peace Bridge and meet NCC

845am Meet NCC at the Tim Hortons at 335 North Service Rd. Vineland Station - off the QEW after St Catherines and before Stoney Creek on the right hand side of the road at Prudhomes Landing/Vineland exit.

9 am Leave for for the Warplane Heritage Museum. We will have a guided tour. Cost is \$12 CANADIAN

After the tour and gift shop, we will drive to Swiss Chalet for lunch

After lunch, we will drive to an excellent ice cream shop in Niagara On The Lake for dessert.

### **Tues May 8 Pautler's First Cruise Night of the Season, Transit Rd, Lockport Shine Only.**

### **Wed May 16 First Cruise Night at Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave—Shine Only.**

### **Sat May 19 General Meeting @ Bill Gray's 7pm ONE WEEK EARLY**

### **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**

### **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**

### **Wed June 27 Corvettes of Buffalo Super Cruise**

### **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 Corvettes of Buffalo Corvette Caravan**

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

### **Sat Dec 1 Christmas Party @ VFW Post**

## Restoration of a 1964 Corvette

Last month I talked about installing the new radio, speaker, clock, and glove box in the dashboard. With that accomplished it is time to install the rugs that are fit formed to help fit in the right position in the floor pan. A trick I used was to put the rug in and lift half of it up and spray the glue on both surfaces and set it down in its location. Then I would do the same to the other half. I started with the passenger side, next driver and then rear carpets were installed. Working in an enclosed space with the strong glue fumes made me high, but the rugs came out good.

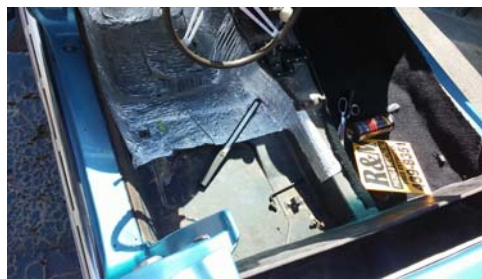
The heater duct was next put in place so I could install the center console in place along with the dash side covers. The hard part is to get all the screw holes to match the fasteners so all parts fit together, and look good.

Steve decided to change the color of the door panels, arm rest and seat to white leather that looked great and broke the interior up with black dash and rugs. It took a whole day to put the seats in place, so the car could be driven to the trim shop to install the new white top on the convertible frame. We put the convertible top frame on the car and adjusted it to the door windows so that both hard top and retractable top had the proper fit.

The last thing was to install the factory knock off wheels the correct way, so they wouldn't come off when driven. There are 2 LH, and 2 RH adapters that must go on the proper side of the car, plus a list of instructions how to torque the wheels on so they don't come off when the car is driven. Factory Knock offs look great on Corvettes, but if they unscrew when driving, they will do a lot of damage.

At this time the project will stop to have the new convertible top put on at the trim shop. The next article will be the last on this car because it will be finished, and the 1966 comes out of storage to be worked on again.

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## SENECA STREET ADVENTURE

On my way to work each morning, I would pass the Flying Bison Brewery and wonder what was inside but I would also think this would be a good event for the Club. As I started to pull this event together, I paid more attention to the surroundings and found the Buffalo Distilling Company was a few buildings over. As the event grew closer, I wasn't sure what to expect; I am not a beer drinker yet the businesses intrigued me being in the new "Larkinville" area. Well, I have to say they did not disappoint!!!

The tour of the processing facility at Flying Bison was to be 30 minutes and we went way over that with all our questions and a great tour guide in Tim. They literally have a few million dollars of equipment in that back room. We then hurried across the lot to the Buffalo Distilling Company to make our tour time. Roy, an English professor at Buffalo State Collage, gave us the background on the building and the business. The intent was to call their offerings Buffalo Vodka, Buffalo Brandy, etc but another distillery in Buffalo, Kentucky, threatened a lawsuit. In search of a new name, the owners recalled an old broken rooster weather vane that was missing one foot on a farm in Bennington; the guys had jokingly named it the "One Foot Cock". And the name of their product was then born- they make One Foot Cock Vodka, One Foot Cock Brandy, and One Foot Cock Bourbon. They even make One Foot Cock Krupnik, a Polish honey brandy! We got to taste a few products and a some of us even went to the bar up front to try more samples. Others went back to Flying Bison to try the Flight of Beer, four 4oz glasses to taste the different kinds. We joked that our photographer Bob Metz should have taken a photo of the board on the wall as everyone was referring to their favorite beers by number not the name!!! We were having such a great time I had to move the reservation at Chef's back by half an hour.

There were 19 of us at Chef's and as luck would have it, it was Restaurant Week and most ordered the \$20.18 specials. Of course the food was delicious. And with beautiful sunny warm weather, it was the perfect day!!

Submitted by Geanine Sobczak





## Kelly's Korner

Once again Kelly's Korner was the go-to place for Roast Beef, Wings and a few drinks on a cold but beautifully sunny spring day March 25th for 20 members in attendance. Our thanks go out to Pat Kelly who served up delicious food and drinks to co-members along with Rick Benthien who pitch hitted for recovering members Mary Raley and Faith Harrington. It was good to see Mary stop by in good spirits and we all missed Faith and wish her well. I didn't see a Vette but it can't be too long before they are all brought back to life for the summer.

Submitted by Mike Kreamer



# GRAND LADY CRUISE

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ARR you coming?

Join the “Fiberglass Pirates of Land and Sea” on the Western New York Corvette Club’s first water cruise of the season! Yes folks, you will be able to “rub elbows” with the likes of Capt’n Ted, Pirate Pete, and the Scalawags as the *Grand Lady* singles up all lines at 2:30 p.m. and prepares to get underway from the 359 Ganson St. Riverworks’ dock. This cruise will allow members of the WNY, Rochester, and COB Clubs to enjoy a leisurely 90 minute afternoon cruise along Buffalo waterways while discussing their favorite fiberglass vehicles.

Our cruise will take us past some of the famous sites that the Fiberglass Pirates have visited over the years (be sure to ask Capt’n Ted’s about his famous “Zero Radius Turn”, and Pirate Pete about his “underway” barnacle removal process, and how Scalawag Mike earned his pilot license with a boat, and other exciting sea tales!!)

Additional details are available at [wnycc.com](http://wnycc.com) (Click on Upcoming Events, then on June 24, and then click on the bottom of the calendar) . Make your reservations now as availability is limited. Cost is \$18 plus a service charge.

A full cash bar and light snacks will be available for purchase on the Grand Lady.

Reservations for the cruise can only be made on-line with Grand Lady Tours.

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