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#### President's Letter

I hope everyone had a good Fourth of July holiday. Summer is in full swing and our great activities have started. Thank you again to Jim and Evelyn for your hospitality and opening your home to our Club.

The COB show on Wednesday, July 10th was well attended by our Club, I was especially happy to see some of our new members. It sure was hot that day, but I am not complaining.

The Alden parade was a success; we had about 12 cars and the Wiers with their truck with VFW colors bringing up the rear. I would like to thank everyone who attended.

Our new meeting place has been changed; we are now going to meet at the Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. It was the old Swiss Chalet. There is a separate room and the members can have something to eat. So mark the change on your calendar which will begin with our Saturday, August 17th meeting.

The Board will begin to go over the By-Laws to see what we can do to update them. I ask that members review the By-Laws and submit ideas for changes to the Board for recommendation. If any changes are to be made, it will be printed in our newsletter and presented to our membership for a vote.

Have a great summer....Hope to see you at our next activity. Remember...Fun, Friends, Fiberglass (and Food too!)

Randy Crist, President

GET WELL SOON
Peter Kost (shoulder surgery)

Please see Peter or Rose Ricigliano at any meeting or event to get your Clutch Artists Calendar of Events!!

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#### Happy Birthday to:

Patti O'Connor (8/9) Ray Metzger (8/20) Dave Milliken (8/20)

Club Members: You may order Club Clothing from Ad Works or Advanced Custom Embroidery. Please see their business cards in

this month's newsletter.

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

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#### No July meeting

#### Sat Aug 3 Olcott Cruise Night - Shine Only

3:30pm 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 at 4:30pm to the cruise night. Please RSVP to Geanine. Note: Bring jackets – this is right on Lake Ontario will get chilly once the sun sets.

#### Wed Aug 7 Chautauqua Adult Day Care Meet at 1230pm— Event is 2-3pm

Meet 12pm Meet at the Angola Rest Stop Milepost 447 (between exit 57A Eden – Angola and 58 Silver Creek) off the 90.; Leave promptly at 1230pm. The Club has been asked to bring our Corvettes to the Chautauqua Adult Daycare, 663 Lakeview Ave, Jamestown NY 14701, 716-499-9982. The residents will look at the cars and quite possibly want to sit in them. On the way home, we will stop at Aunt Millie's in Silver Creek to eat. RSVP to Geanine as we need a headcount!

#### Sat Aug 10 Van Bortel Corvette Show 10am-3pm

Meet at Pembroke Rest Stop on the Thruway 90 East. (Not the Pembroke Exit- stay on the Thruway and get to the Rest Stop); Leaving at 830am SHARP. Contact Pete Ricigliano at 634 6101 (home) or 868-4235 Bring walkie talkies. WEATHER PERMITTING If you signed up and cannot go/get sick/have bad weather, please contact Pete he is not waiting for you!!!

#### Sun Aug 11 Annual Club Picnic- Evangola State Park—Starts 12pm with food at 1pm

We are having Chiavetta's Chicken and Ribs plus sides

No glass bottles

Bring an appetizer or a dessert (note there is NO refrigerator in the shelter) and what you want to drink

Attendance is by reservation only; if you did not reserve and wish to go, contact Geanine ASAP but no later than Sat July27.

Note: It will cost you \$7 per car to enter the park.

The park address is: 10191 Old Lake Shore Road, Irving NY.

If someone is using Google or Waze for navigation, they just need to search for Evangola State Park.

If they are driving on the thruway the directions are as follows. From the north towns:

- 90 west to the Eden Angola Exit...57A
- at the end of the ramp Turn right on Eden Evan's Center Road.
- Travel about 4 miles to Rt 5. There is a Tim Horton's on the corner
- Turn left on Rt 5 and travel 3 to 4 miles to Evangola State Park
- Turn right into the Park and follow the road into the Park
- After you pay the gate person \$7 continue straight
- When you get to the end of the road stay to the right follow the signs to the right until you see our pavilion.
- you may park next to the pavilion on the grass.

You may also take Rt 5 out of Buffalo all they way to the park.

Call Kathy @ 432-8330 or Lou @ 432-7888 if they have any difficulty finding the park or pavilion.

#### Tues Aug 13 Buffalo Bisons vs Toledo Mudhens —Polish Night and Fireworks

Tickets are \$14; 5-7pm Pre Game tent party featuring Polish food additional charge; Game is at 705pm Contact Geanine if you would like to attend by Wed July 31.

Sat Aug 17 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. It was the old Swiss Chalet.
—one week early due to Corvettes at Carlisle

#### Thurs-Sun Aug 22-25 Corvettes at Carlisle

Pete Ricigliano (868-4235) will be driving down Thurs Aug 22 and returning home Sun Aug 25; It is a 5 hour ride. Please let Pete know if you are going, make your hotel reservation and get your Carlisle pass.

Hotel Information: Clarion Hotel and Conference Center - Harrisburg West 148 Sheraton Drive, New Cumberland PA 17070; 717-774-2721; Rooms are \$99 plus taxes Rooms are in the name of Jim Kuczmarski under the Group Account # 3599912

You will need to order the Carlisle Weekend Pass online or by phone

If bringing your Corvette, order a weekend pass for Carlisle with special parking with NCCC. On the Carlisle website to register, select WNYCC in the drop down box for participating clubs. You should select NCCC Judged (NOT Fun Field) to get better parking. If you do not wish to be judged, you can tell them when you arrive. The cost is approximately \$80 if you register early for the car, driver and passenger entry for the entire weekend (Thurs to Sun).

#### Fri—Sun Sept 6-8 Corning/Watkins Glenn Weekend

Sep 6 Friday: Lunch in Bath NY; Wineries; Check in at hotel

Hotel: Econolodge Painted Post/Corning, 200 Robert Dann Blvd, Painted Post NY 14870; 607-962-4444;

Price is \$116.24 per night; Rooms are under Nancy Egan; Dinner at Applebee's

Sept 7 Saturday: There is racing at the Glen for the weekend - Hilliard US Vintage Grand Prix

Featured car is Triumph - purchase tickets online OR

Corning Museum, shopping, lunch in Corning and wineries East side of Seneca Lake

Dinner - location TBD

Sept 8 Sunday: 3 options; Leave for home or Race Track or Capt Bills, Watkins Glen for the Lunch boat cruise from 12:30 to 2:30:

### Sun Sept 8 VFW Chicken Dinner Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY @ 2pm

#### Sun Sept 15 Kwanis Car Show in Pembroke NY

Wed Sept 18 Fall Super Cruise (Rain Date Thurs Sept 19) @ Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275

#### Fri-Sun Sept 20-22 Vermont Weekend—

We will caravan to the Kitzhof Inn, 332 Route 100, Dover VT 05356 to stay 2 nights and 3 days Rates include 2 nights stay, 2 breakfasts and one dinner.

Double occupancy (2 per room) \$298; Single occupancy (1per room) \$223

Please make your own reservations by calling 802-464-8310

There are 10 rooms on hold for WNYCC

Any questions, please call Kathy Atti at 432-8330

Please advise if you are going and made a reservation!!!

Sat Sept 28 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. It was the old Swiss Chalet. 7pm

#### **EVENTS CONTINUTED...**

Sat Oct 26 General Meeting Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. It was the old Swiss Chalet.

Sat Nov 23 General Meeting Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. It was the old Swiss Chalet.

Sat Dec 7 Christmas Party at VFW Post

**No December meeting** 

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Please contact Gary Milsom at 668-8054 for more information.

#### 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 Pete Ricigliano 634-6101. Checks should be made payable to WNYCC. If you have already purchased a frame, thank you for supporting your Club!!



#### WNYCC ALL CORVETTE CRUISE - submitted by Kevin & Linda Ross's son

Hundreds of people came together on Wednesday, June 19 to celebrate the quintessential American sports car, the Corvette. West Herr Chevrolet of Williamsville welcomed the Western New York Corvette Club for the group's marquee event of the year, the Fifteenth Annual All-Corvette Cruise Night.

From classic American muscle to the modern domestic supercar, all generations of Corvette were on display. WNY Corvette Club members, along with their special guests, Corvettes of Buffalo club members, were all vying for their chance to have their ride named Best in Show. There were also Excellence Awards up for grabs.

The event was free for everyone, with no registration fee and no charge for admission. Dash plaques and tee shirts were awarded to the first 100 cars. With door prizes, a 50/50 split, basket auction, and food, the cruise night had a little something for everyone- even if you didn't have your own car to show off. Most notably, the car show also collected food and water donations to benefit the Buffalo Veterans' Court.

For the chairmen of the show, Randy Crist, Pete Ricigliano, and GeanineSobczak, the cruise night was a total success. They had secured a prime location and the show took place under clear skies and perfect 76° weather.

The Western New York Corvette Club would like to thank Melissa Attea, the Manager at West Herr Chevy at 8040 Transit Road in Williamsville, the venue for the cruise night. They would also like to thank Scott Bieler, the President and CEO of West Herr, and sponsor of the group's event.

If you happened to miss Wednesday's cruise night, don't worry! The Western New York Corvette Club still has a lot more planned for the rest of the summer, including parades, car shows, and club outings. You can find out all the details at WNYCC.com and contact <a href="https://www.wnycc.gom.night.com">wnycc.gom.night.gom.gom.night.gom.gom.night.gom.gom.night.gom.gom.night.gom.gom.gom.night.gom.night







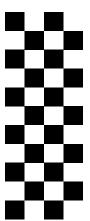
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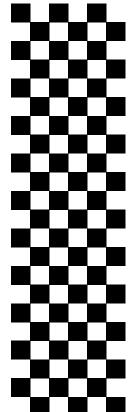








































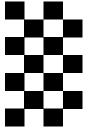




















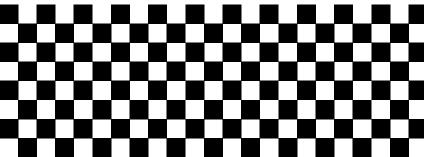














#### WINE AND CHEESE PARTY AT JIM & EVELYN WIER'S HOUSE June 29, 2019

I can't recall how long we have been going to this event hosted by Jim & Evelyn but I can say it gets better and better every year!! The weather was perfect for some Bocce Ball (hope no one got poison ivy searching for the ball that went into the woods!!) and indoor Wii Bowling, It may have been hot outside but it's never too hot for Evelyn's homemade soups (chicken vegetable barley—yummy! and of course, chili). Don't forget Jim's cherries, soaked in every kind of liquor you can think of! It was a wonderful day spent relaxing with our friends. Thank you so much Jim & Evelyn for being such gracious hosts and welcoming the Club yet again into your home.

Submitted by Geanine Sobczak















### Corvettes of Buffalo Vettes for Vets Car Show July 10



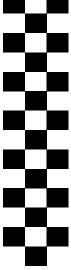






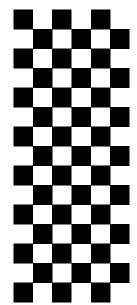
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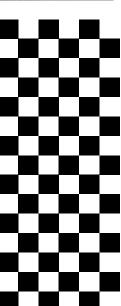












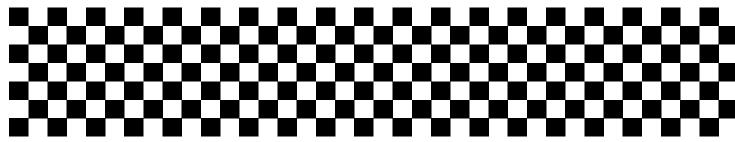
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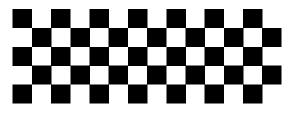








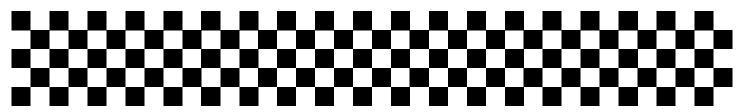
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#### GM Sends Letters to Selected Corvette Owners of Potential C7 Corvette Fuel Tank Leak

Keith Cornett

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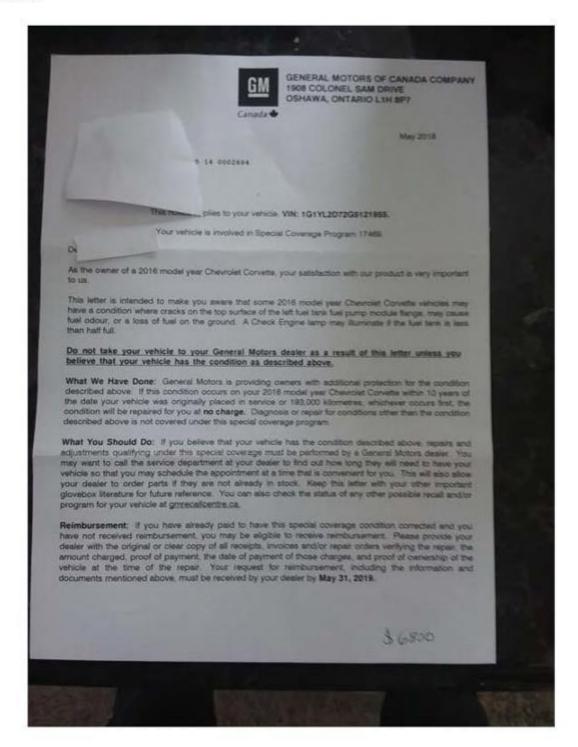


During the last couple of weeks in May, General Motors began sending letters to owners of C7 Corvettes to notify them of a potential issue with their Corvette's fuel tanks. Based on those chiming in on the forums, the notice covers Corvettes built from 2014-2017 and includes all models (Stingray, Grand Sport and Z06).

In the letter GM says the following:

"This letter is intended to make you aware that some 2016 model year Chevrolet Corvette vehicles may have a condition where cracks on the top surface of the left fuel tank pump module flange, may cause fuel odor, or a loss of fuel on the ground. A Check Engine lamp may illuminate if the fuel tank is less than half full."

A copy of the letter (via GM Canada) to a 2016 Corvette owner can be viewed here:



For those C7 Corvettes that may be impacted by this fuel tank issue, GM has automatically added a supplemental extended warranty to your Corvette. The

special extended coverage is for 10 years from the date your vehicle was originally placed into service or 120,000 miles, whichever occurs first. The extended warranty would only cover repairs to the fuel tank and related systems during that time period.

An owner on the Corvette Forum that goes by the handle of rmorin1249 says his Corvette suffered from the leaking fuel issue and has since been fixed:

"I think it was the seal around the fuel sending unit. Very strong fuel smell especially when parked in a closed garage. Repair required disassembling the rear half of the undercarriage and dropping both tanks. A real PITA. Dealer did a good job but car was out of service for several weeks." He adds that he is "not an attorney but I feel this is a very serious potential safety issue. If you smell raw fuel, take your car to a GM dealer immediately.

To see if your 2014-2017 Corvette is one of those with the potential issue, you can check your vehicle at my.chevrolet.com or call Chevrolet customer assistance (with VIN in hand) at 800-222-1020 to see if your Corvette has the new supplemental "Special Coverage #17469"

Chevrolet is calling this an extended service warranty. It covers the left side fuel tank and related parts, including the primary fuel pump, though is primarily for cracks on the top of the tank itself. Symptoms include: check engine light, smelling fuel vapor, and/or fuel leaks on the surface below the car.

The good news is that it's doesn't appear that the leaky gas tank issue is widespread with just several cases reported that we could count on the forum. Previous generation Corvettes from the C5 and C6 years have also had their own issues with the fuel tanks so we're glad to hear that Chevrolet is aware of the issue and special coverages have already been put into place.

#### Source:

Corvette Forum

## Veterans Treatment Court fills a critical need

By DAN MITCHELL

I never wanted the distinction to say that my life was saved by a court system, but this is my experience. I'm sharing my story to bring attention to the revolutionary work being done by Judge Robert Russell and his team of professionals and volunteers at the Veterans Treatment Court.

I served in the Army as a medic from 1989-1993 and was a part of the deployments to the first Iraq war and Somalia. It only takes a moment for an experience to change a person's life forever. Post-traumatic stress is as real as a bone sticking out of your leg, and perhaps more sinister because it can't be seen. That said, I do not in any way fault the military for the decisions I made that led me to Veterans Court, it is simply a significant contributing factor.

After leaving the military I knew that something had changed in my general mindset and ability to communicate with the people around me, but I couldn't put a finger on it.

Gradually things got worse in the form of deepening depression, disassociation and alcohol abuse. I didn't seek help from the VA during this decline, mostly because I didn't trust them. I didn't know about the support available at the VA and Vet Center.

Eventually, because of not taking my situation as seriously as I needed to and getting the right help, I drifted into a serious breakdown and loss of control. In 2013 I was arrested for DWL After repeated violations of my probation, and the loss of my family, friends and business, I was given an opportunity to enter the Veterans Treatment Court instead of going to jail. What I found there was beyond any kindness I could have imagined.

On the first day of court I was greeted with unexpected compassion, and a genuine positive regard for my well being. Being welcomed into this community was so powerful because at that point in my life no one was happy to see me. I had burned most bridges, and people were understandably distancing themselves from me.

My journey through Veterans Court was a completely positive, life-altering experience, and in 2016 I satisfied the conditions of the court. My final day of court, which we call graduation, was as powerful as the first.

It's now my responsibility to my fellow veterans to call on our state officials to pass the Veteran's Treatment Court bills introduced by Sen. Brad Hoylman and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef. Judge Robert Russell has created a lifeline for people suffering under illness and despair, and his work is continuing to save lives, restore families, and strengthen communities.

We are very grateful to our elected officials for allowing us to continue in these efforts to leave no veteran bebind.

Dan Mitchell, of Amherst, deployed with the Army to Iraq and Syria.

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#### WNYCC 2020 Caribbean Cruise Countdown

Just 44 weeks away...



There is still time to book the Club's first ever Caribbean Cruise. While we all survived the winter who knows when warm weather will ever return to WNY ... so plan now for this perfect guaranteed warm getaway next March.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mike Kreamer at 662-4111 or email oceanko87@gmail.com

To book your reservation contact the Club's representative at AAA:

#### Terri Cummings - Direct Phone - 362-7740

(suggest calling for an appt. so you don't miss her or have to wait to see her)

Or email... tcummings@nyaaa.com

Terri is at the AAA's Orchard Park office at 3475 Amelia Drive in the Quaker Crossings Plaza off of Milestrip Road. (if coming from the North – take the 219 expressway and exit at Milestrip Road West then make a right at the next traffic signal)

#### Cruise Summary:

Cruise line and ship: Carnival Horizon which was placed in service (new) in 2018 and has been named the **best new cruise ship of 2018**.

Sailing Dates: March 21, 2020 - March 29, 2020 (8 day cruise)

Departure port: Miami, Florida

Itinerary: Southern Caribbean ... 1 full day at sea, Grand Turks, Dominican Republic, Curacao, Aruba, two days at sea (+ departure night and arrival morning)

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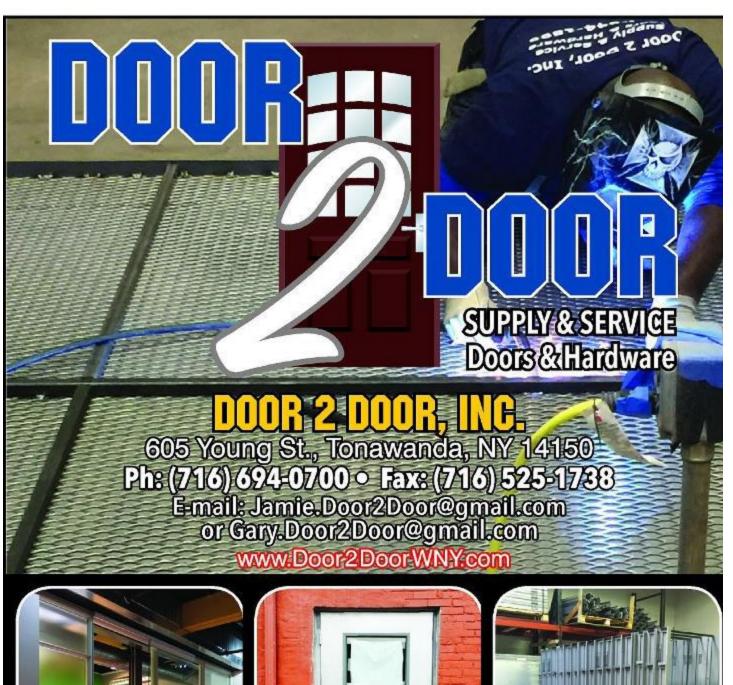
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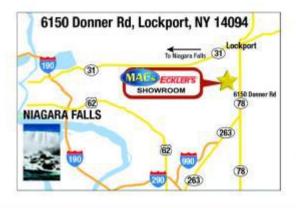








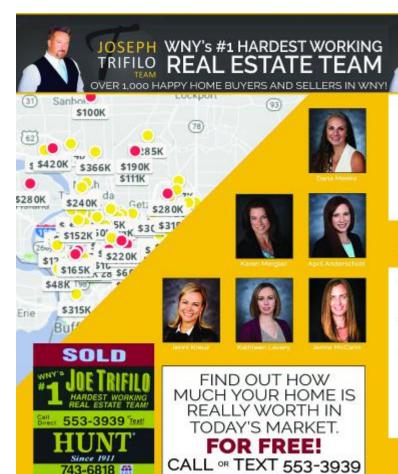






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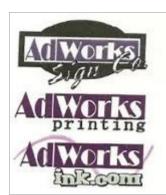
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