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President's Letter

Well we have had some great events so far this summer. There have been car shows, cruises and picnics. Speaking of picnics, our annual summer picnic was held on Sunday, August 11th at Evangola State Park. It was very well attended and the food was great. Thanks again to Kathy and Lou Atti for a job well done.

We had a nice group of members go with us to the Chautauqua Day Care Center in Jamestown. There was food and prizes. Pete won the best car award. Congratulations Pete.

I hope the members are going over the By-Laws to give the Board some input on the future updates.

Please don't forget that our meetings will now be held at Denny's in Lancaster. Hope to see you there.

September is full of events, check them out in the newsletter.

Remember...Fun, Friends, Fiberglass (and Food too!)

Randy Crist, President

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS FRANK & DIANA ROBINSON

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

Happy Birthday to:
Pete Ricigliano (9/1)
Jim Wier (9/8)
Faith Harrington (9/20)
Jenny Doyle (9/24)
Frank Martin (9/25)
Pam Shanks (9/25)
Dan Kuczmarski (9/30)
Mary Raley (9/30)

Club Members: You may 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:
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West Seneca NY 14224

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sat Aug 17 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. It was the old Swiss Chalet. The meeting is at 7pm but come early to eat. The private room in back is reserved for us starting at 6pm
—one week early due to Corvettes at Carlisle

Mon Aug 19 Crosby's Cruise 530pm SHINE ONLY (Rain Date Mon Aug 26)

Crosby's Gas Station and Mini Mart, 9440 Main St, Clarence, NY 14031

Each driver and passenger of a Corvette or Classic Car will receive your choice of three options, a Half Sub, Two Slices Of Pizza , or a Calzone Slice, along with a 32oz Fountain Beverage.

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.

.Fri—Sun Sept 6-8 Corning/Watkins Glen Weekend

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

The Club will go at 2pm

Sun Sept 15 PCD Kiwanis Car Cruise— Pembroke Tolwn Park, Rt 77 (next to Pembroke High School)

11am-4pm; registration starts at 9am; \$15 day of show; Dash plaques and goodie bags to the first 100 cars.

Call Club member John Drogi for information 937-9918

Wed Sept 18 Fall Super Cruise (Rain Date Thurs Sept 19)

Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY

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. 7pm

Sat Oct 20 Wine Tour- day trip – tentative

Sat Oct 26 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 7pm

Nomination of officers

Sat Nov 23 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 7pm

Election of officers

Sat Dec 7 Christmas Party @ Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY

No December meeting

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

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We will send the sponsor a copy of the monthly Club newsletter.

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!!



Wine & Cheese Party at the Wiers'

True to its motto "Fun, Friends and Fiberglass" the club was welcomed by Jim and Evelyn Wier at their home on Hall Road. Jim and Evelyn graciously opened their home making everyone feel comfortable on the warm, sunny Saturday afternoon.

"Fun" was had by all; be it the Wii bowling, Bocce ball and Cornhole or just kicking back and enjoying the company.

"Friends" are a group of individuals that are brought together by the love of Corvettes and can gather together and enjoy each others company.

"Fiberglass", well check out the drive full of those shiny beauties.

"And food too" - well never let it be said you leave hungry or thirsty; from anything you wanted to drink, along with Jim's famous 'cherries" the kitchen was filled with appetizers, along with a dining room table filled with luscious desserts with pizza following this all up.

The comradery of the W.N.Y.C.C. was at an all time high with all feeling the true meaning of "Welcome".

Debbie Crist

Akron Cruise



National Council Corvette Club Convention Trip

Every year National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) has a convention in a different city in the US. This year it was held in Denver Colorado, about 1600 miles from Buffalo. WNYCC is now one of the 100s of Vette clubs that join this year and are part of the NCCC. Rose and I decided with 2 other couples from COB to attend this year, Debbie and Ray Schafer and Debbie and Bob Tkach (transplants from Florida).

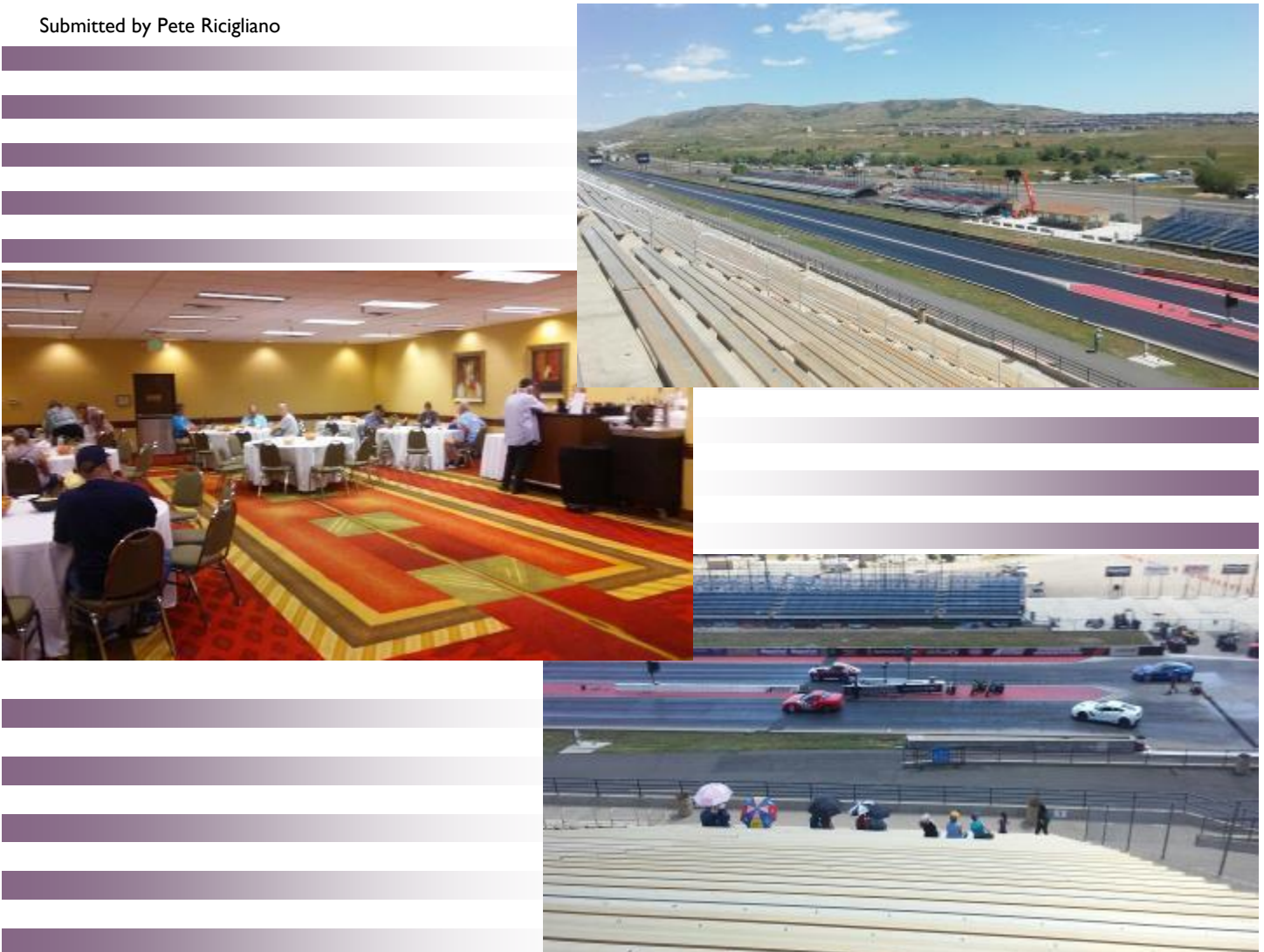
The Schafers, Rosie and myself left for the 4-day drive to Denver traveling about 400 miles per day, at the speed of about 80 MPH after getting out of NY. We noted a lot of water on both sides of the highway 70W around the Mid American states that was farm land and looked like lakes. So much for Climate change, because we saw it and the results.

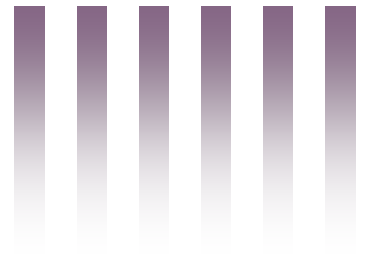
We arrived on Friday, a day early, so we could check out Denver, get the lay out of the city and rest for the convention. Saturday we met up with the Tkachs for NCCC registration, and Tech our cars for Rallies, Drags, car show, high speed and auto crossing. It was fun to see all our friends from 15 years of attending the NCCC conventions. There was a welcome party Sunday with a great band for dancing, drinking and just having fun. Monday there was a judged car show, Valve cover race , Hagerty, Condon Shelly seminar; I attended a Michelin tire seminar that would help me decide replace tires on our C7. There was a hospitality room that was open from 12 to 6:00 every day that served free beer wine, pop, and chips along with a Corvette mall at our hotel .

Tuesday there was the a Gulf outing, Funkhana, Casino bus trip, and the drags, at Bandimere Speed Way. I went to watch the Bracket drags and Rosie went to the Casino. Wednesday the low speed auto cross, Banjo Billy's City Tour (that we attended), and a 60's dress costume party. At the end of the party they gave out doors prizes like gifts certifies and a set of Michelin tires. They started calling numbers and Rosie won the set of tires. Through the week they gave out 4 sets of tires.

Thursday was the High speed event at High Plain Raceway, Tunkhance , George town Loop, and Mines Bus tour. At night there was a Western Party BBQ Buffet where they gave out 2 more sets of tires. Friday we did the awards Breakfast and left for home after saying our goodbyes. We had 3 days to travel another 1600 miles back to Buffalo and dodge the storm from the southern coast. All three couples had a fun time and plan to attend the 2020 convention in Indianapolis that is only day drive next year. Make plans to go with us next year.

Submitted by Pete Ricigliano





CHAUTAUQUA BELLE & WEBB'S

On Saturday July 27th, 7 corvettes and 2 steel cars set out for a day at Chautauqua Lake which is located in the western most corner of upstate New York. Our cruise ship, the Chautauqua Belle, is one of four steamboats that still operate in North America. Once aboard the Chautauqua Belle we heard a narrative which explained the history of the area especially that of the Chautauqua Institution which is recognized as an adult learning center.. The Institution features plays, concerts, theater and opera. When we docked at the Institution to board more cruisers, Randy and Bill were asked to move to the stern of the boat because their weight grounded the bow! (Just kidding)

As the cruise continued we heard stories about the different communities along the lake as well as seeing the homes of the Cornell family and the Studebaker Mansion. The weather was perfect for our cruise.

After the tour we visited Webb's. We had ample time to visit both the candy shop and the gift shop before we enjoyed an early dinner at Webb's Captain's Table.

On the way home some of the members chose to stop for an ice cream. As usual friends, food and fiberglass helped to make this a most enjoyable day. Many thanks to Geanine for planning this day and leading the caravan to our destination.

Annette and Bill Pukalo



Trip Report: Lime Lake with the Egan's / Diana Augspurger

It wasn't hard to spot the location of our event on Saturday July 20th. The Corvette flag flew on the lake side of Joe and Nancy Egan's home but the upper driveway was littered with beautiful Corvettes that any passerby would have envied.

While many of our members have been to the Egan's before, it was our first time. What an idyllic setting. The heat was near intolerable in the city but at the shore of Lime Lake, it was a tad more tolerable. It was clear that cooling off in the lake was popular as many were lounging in bathing suits. However, surprisingly, no one took out the kayaks which were there for the taking alongside the jet ski.

We arrived late...just in time for dinner to be exact. Steaks were sizzling on the grill and the ladies were in the midst of setting up side dishes. As it is with all our club events, food was plentiful and very tasty. Let me give honorable mention to whoever baked the cheesecake. I think it was the best I have ever had.

In the afternoon, and with a second prowl after dinner, Joe treated his guests to a trip around the lake in his pontoon boat- a cushy combination of powerboat and luxury liner. Joe was hardly speeding but the wind hit Pete Ricigliano's cap just right and it flew off his head into the lake, a sobering moment as it was brand new. Maybe "man overboard" procedures should have been executed? Lime Lake isn't huge. It is an impoundment created by damming three natural, spring-fed ponds that covers 159 acres and is 38ft deep at its' deepest point and a median depth of only 14 feet. It's a well known fishing destination but oh so much more than that. Lake life is a long tradition of family values and long time friendships. The Egan's house rises above the lake majestically but, make no mistake about it, it didn't look like this when Joe and Nancy got it. Joe put a lot of work into this gem; gutting the interior, rebuilding the staircase and porches, replacing the siding etc. What a successful labor of love. While they wish they could be there full time, it's still a weekend getaway for now. It must be tough for them to tear themselves away.

We can't thank Joe and Nancy enough for their generous hospitality. If you missed this trip, be sure to put it on your calendar next year.











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If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mike Kreamer at 662-4111 or email oceank987@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, Carnival's private island in the Dominican Republic, Curacao, Aruba, two days at sea (+ departure night and arrival morning)

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From Mike Kreamer

Air travel information email

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