



# Western New York Corvette Club

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## **President's Letter**

Oh Boy! Fall is here. Didn't Summer just start? We had a great Summer and hopefully it can be extended with a great Fall. We have events coming up in the next few weeks, so stay tuned.

The Fall Cruise at the VFW was a success. There were over 175 cars registered, plus donations, basket raffle and 50/50. Thanks to all who came out to work the event, from set up, registration, basket raffle, 50/50 and judging, we could not of done it without you. The weather was definitely on our side. We exceeded last year's totals.

Remember nominations are in November for all offices. If you would like run, please throw your hat in the ring, we welcome anyone interested.

Our membership continues to grow, please extend a warm welcome to our new members.

See you at our next event.

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

Randy Crist, President

**Get Well wishes to Karen Krzyzkowski!!!**

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST  
MEMBER SARA COX!!**

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## **Happy Birthday to:**

Mary Ann Kuczmarski (10/2)  
Lou Atti (10/4)  
Nancy Egan (10/5)  
Kathy Atti (10/11)  
Mike Kreamer (10/17)  
Bob Metz (10/30)

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**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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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**Sat Sept 28 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 7pm**

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

**Sat Oct 5 Hilton Applefest Auto Show & Craft Show, Village Elementary School, 100 School Lane, Hilton NY 14468;** judging starts at 12pm to 2pm; Shine only event!!! The Club will meet at the Tim Horton's on 6393 Robinson Rd Lockport NY 14094; Leaving at 10am SHARP!! Please bring walkie talkies  
Contact Pete Ricigliano for more details at 878-4235

**Sat Oct 19 Lake Erie Wine Tour Day Trip**

NOTE: You may want to come early to eat lunch!!

1115am Meet at the Angola Rest stop off the 90

1130am Leave promptly for wineries; it is approximately a 1 hour drive to the first winery

1230pm Winery #1: Nobile Winery (\$2 for 6 tastes); it is approximately 5 minutes to the next winery

115pm Winery #2 : Mazza Chautauqua Cellars/ Five & 20 Spirits; We can taste wine, beer and whiskey here; 3 tokens for \$2 or 6 tokens for \$4; wine/beer are 1 token per taste; whiskey is 2 tokens per taste

It is approximately 30 minutes to the next winery

230pm Winery #3: Merritt Estate Winery (\$5 tasting fee that is refunded if you purchase a bottle of wine)

It is approximately 20 minutes to the restaurant

4pm Dinner at Aunt Millie's Family Restaurant & Bakery, 1024 NY 5, Irving NY 14081 (716-934-2525)

Please RSVP to Geanine

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

Nomination of officers

**Sun Nov 10 Steak Dinner @ Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY 14086 -**

The Club will meet there at 2pm. Corvettes optional. Dinner includes: 10-oz steak with 3 sides

**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**



# Adult Day Care Jamestown

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**

**Because so many photos are on the website and the size of the newsletter is getting too large, we will be limiting the number of photos we add to the newsletter. Please check out the full range of photos on the website!! Thank you to all members who continue to send us photos.**

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**NEWSLETTER SPONSORS**

The Western New York Corvette Club is looking for annual sponsors for our Club. The Club Sponsor would give us a business card or artwork with pricing as follows:

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We will send the sponsor a copy of the monthly Club newsletter. Contact Gary Milsom at 668-8054 for more info.

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**2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE BEFORE NOVEMBER 15.  
FULL MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS DUES ARE \$36.00 PER YEAR FOR AN INDIVIDUAL.  
CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO WNYCC and sent to:

Michael Kreamer  
72 Rolling Hills Drive  
Orchard Park NY 14127

If you have any questions, you can contact Mike at 716-662-4111  
Please be aware if you do not pay your dues by November 15 you will be dropped from membership in the Club.  
This is in accordance with the Club By-laws.

**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!!



## C-8 Reveal at VanBortel

On Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, eight of us converged on VanBortel in Macedon, NY to get our first glimpse of the new C-8 Corvette. It was a brilliant Sebring Orange model parked in the middle of their show room. When we arrived we were given a free ticket that had a time slot for a limited group of viewers per time. To be fair, the dealership had paid a large sum of money (we were told) and they wanted each group to be small enough so they could sit in the car and look first hand into the two storage compartments as well as the engine and other car features. Unfortunately our tickets were for about two hours after we arrived. Fortunately they rolled out the red carpet with unlimited (free) hamburgers, sausages, chips, and sodas in the interim.

For those of you who know the type of club members who paid a visit, you may not be surprised that the food was not enough of an incentive to hold us over for two hours of waiting. Without mentioning any name, one of our group members discovered that the men's room was next to the show room and in a different wing of the building from where the tour was to begin. To my surprise, I think all eight of us could be seen viewing the vehicle first hand before our numbers were called. Not to be completely without scruples, however, I don't think any of us actually got in the way and we did not sit in the cockpit as other "legal" viewers did.

My hats off go to VanBortel for their graciousness and benevolence in feeding us and allowing us to get a very early glimpse of the amazing C-8. I am very impressed by the new generation of Vettes, but have also been impressed with my C-1, C-6, and now C-7. My only concern with the mid-engine C-8 is the lack of storage, seemingly less in the front than in the back, when the top of the car is not being stowed in the back.

For another article, look for our write-up on our Carlisle, Pennsylvania trip. Only one week later, we were surrounded there with (I think) 13 C-8's. There I experienced the roominess of the cockpit and it's driver centric design. (I'm wondering how much room it left on the passenger side?) With all seriousness, Chevrolet is to be commended for boldly improving on Americas only two seat sports car since 1953. (T-Bird, what happened?)

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Member and Aspiring Member Only





C7 Corvette Fuel Tank Leaks  
Submitted by Paul Gress

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."*

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.

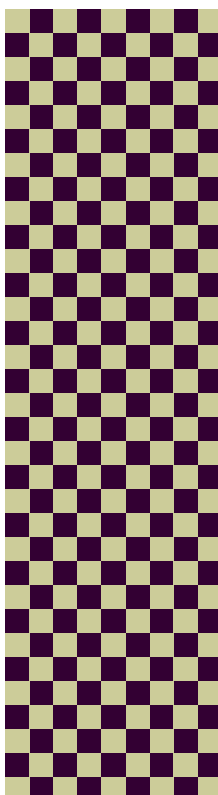
To see if your 2014-2017 Corvette is one of those with the potential issue, you can check your vehicle at [my.chevrolet.com](http://my.chevrolet.com) or call Chevrolet customer assistance (with VIN in hand) at 800-222-1020 to see if your Corvette has the new supplemental "Special Coverage #17469"

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.

## WNYCC Annual Family Picnic/Sunday Aug 11, 2019

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon for the WNYCC annual family picnic, hosted by Kathy and Lou Atti at Evangola State Park. 33 members plus guests attended. We indulged in plentiful appetizers until the prompt arrival of Chiavetta's chicken, ribs and sides, no one left hungry after the variety of desserts. After the food coma the members decided on a little activity, a nice walk to the beach (maybe for a swim), a couple games of corn hole, piñata for the little ones or just relaxing in the sun with a cold beverage or two. Everyone seemed to have a nice time. Again, thank you to Kathy and Lou for all your hard work, great venue, and awesome food (the Corvette center pieces were a hit). Submitted by Desiree Benoit

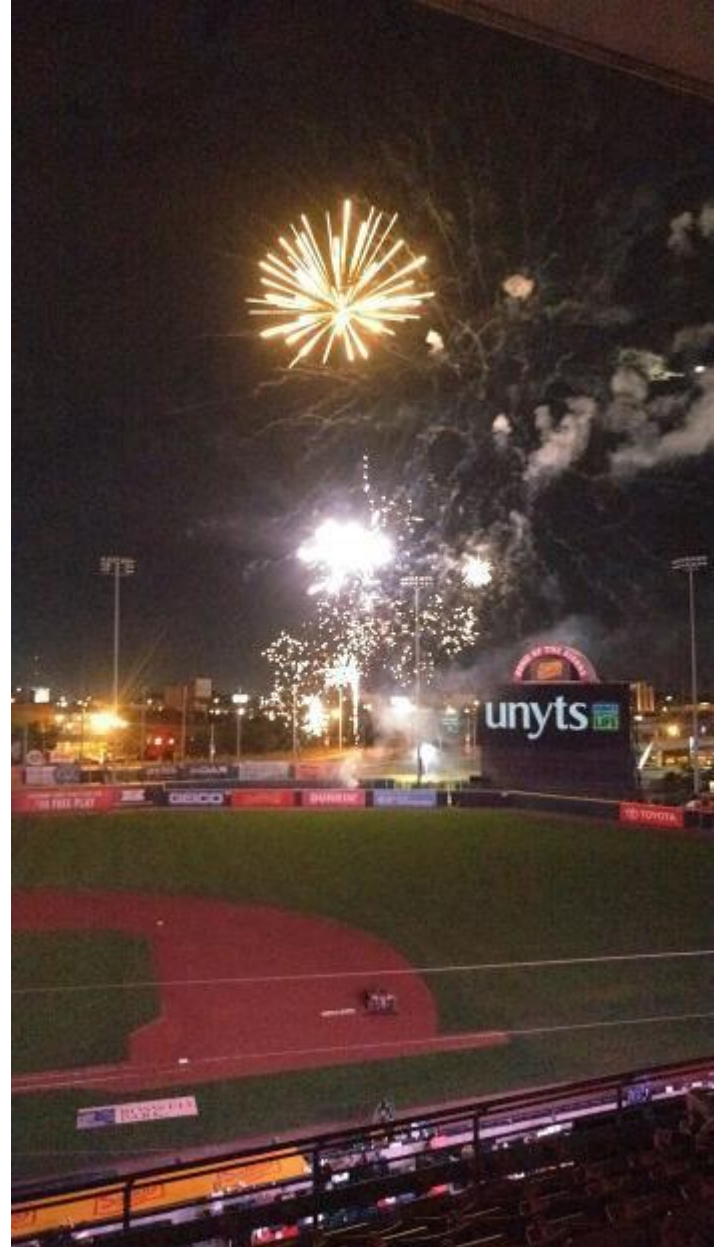




## Bison's Baseball Game Outing/Tuesday Aug 13, 2019

It began with Polish food, music and dancing before the 7:05pm Buffalo Bison home game against the Toledo Mudhens, what's a mudhen you ask? It's an American coot, what's a coot you ask? It's a white billed black duck. Now we all know. Our group of 12 snacked on peanuts, popcorn, ice cream and beverages. The weather cooperated throughout the night for the action packed slaughter of the mudhens! The Bisons had their game faces on with the 11 to 2 winning score. Finally, Sahlens field concluded with an up close view of the beautiful display of fireworks, OOOHHH, AAHHH everyone enjoyed their evening.

Submitted by Chris Benoit



## WINTER STORAGE FOR C5, C6, C7

If you store your C5, C6 or C7 Corvettes for the winter or longer, you should watch this video from Paul Koerner, a GM World Class Technician who can be found wrenching on Corvettes at [Jackson Chevrolet](#) in Middletown, CT. In his latest [facebook video](#), Paul highlights Chevrolet engineering's recommendations for storing C5, C6 and C7 Corvettes with only a quarter tank of gas. And to demonstrate why, Paul is showing a fuel system out of a 2014 Corvette with the emphasis on the fuel level module that includes the float, fuel sending unit, and fuel pump.

When you store your later model Corvette with a full tank of fuel, Paul shows how the sending unit sensor card contact point on the float would actually be submerged in fuel. That's not an issue with normal driving because the sending unit float moving up and down helps keep the contacts clean. However, should it remain submerged over long storage periods, sulfur contaminants in the fuel can change the resistance of the sending card, causing issues with the fuel system. The reason why most people were taught to fill up their tanks before a long-term storage would be to keep moisture out of the fuel tank. Paul then shows how the Corvette fuel system is a closed system designed to keep moisture out and that's why you can store your Corvette with just a quarter tank of fuel.

Go to facebook to view the video:

*Sulfur contaminated fuel level sensors due to storing Corvette with a full tank can happen and create huge expense, so do NOT STORE c5/c6/c7 with more than a 1/4 tank of fuel. Let's see why!!! Caution: 4 min video*

Submitted by  
Gary Milsom

## ST CHRISTOPHER'S 2019 TOY DRIVE

Hello Corvette friends!

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking of buying Christmas toys for the children of the St. Christopher Outreach Program.

For our new members and those who may have forgotten, I started this toy drive in 2013 by suggesting that instead of buying a \$20 exchange gift at our Christmas party, we could donate the money to buy toys for the children of St. Christopher's Outreach Program. In 2013 we collected \$760 and bought 39 gifts, and it's grown every year since. In 2018 we collected a total of \$1700 and purchased 115 gifts for children who may not have gotten anything for Christmas. The families that benefit from this program must meet certain low-income guidelines and reside in the follow zip codes: 14051, 14072, 14120, 14150, 14207, 14217, 14221, 14223, 14226, 14228.

I will start collecting donations at the September meeting 9/28 and will accept cash or checks made out to me (Patricia O'Connor) and I will keep everyone updated on my total collected and number of toys purchased. I never post individual donation amounts or names of those who donated. This is comparable to passing around the collection plate. You can also mail checks to me @ 150 Patricia Dr, Tonawanda NY 14150.

The toys must be delivered before November 8 as the director, Cindy Vanderbrook must have them the week before Thanksgiving and I will be out of town the 2 weeks prior to Thanksgiving. Please text (716-867-0850) or email me (pattio214@yahoo.com) if you'd like to let me know what you plan to give for the toys. I plan to start shopping in a couple weeks. I will advise the club members what day the toys will be donated, and if you would like to join please let me know!

I will be at the September and October meetings if you have any questions and to collect your donations for Toys for the Children. For some this may be the only gift they receive for Christmas.

Thank you for your generosity in making a great Christmas for many unfortunate children!

Patti O'Connor  
150 Patricia Drive  
Tonawanda NY 14150  
716-867-0850 (cell phone)



## Corvettes at Carlisle 2019

Every year Rosie and I travel to Corvettes at Carlisle to be part of the 5000 Corvettes weekend . This is an event that has many venders that sell clothing, tires, Corvettes, and all kinds of Corvette vintage and new parts. There are seminars on C-1 to C-8 for problems we would have with our cars. For the women there is also a large ladies' tent for health care products with arts and crafts .This is the place that I used to get most of the missing or replacement parts to restore my 1972 Corvette.

Carlisle is about 250 miles from Buffalo and is mostly highway that makes a nice ride in our C7 Corvette. We started our trip Thursday morning and only ran into only a little traffic to make it to our hotel around 2:00. When we check in Bob M, Ted B, Randy and his brother were there to greet us. Some members from COB went to the fairgrounds for early registration and before checking into the hotel. Rosie and I decided to have dinner and just enjoy the hotel.

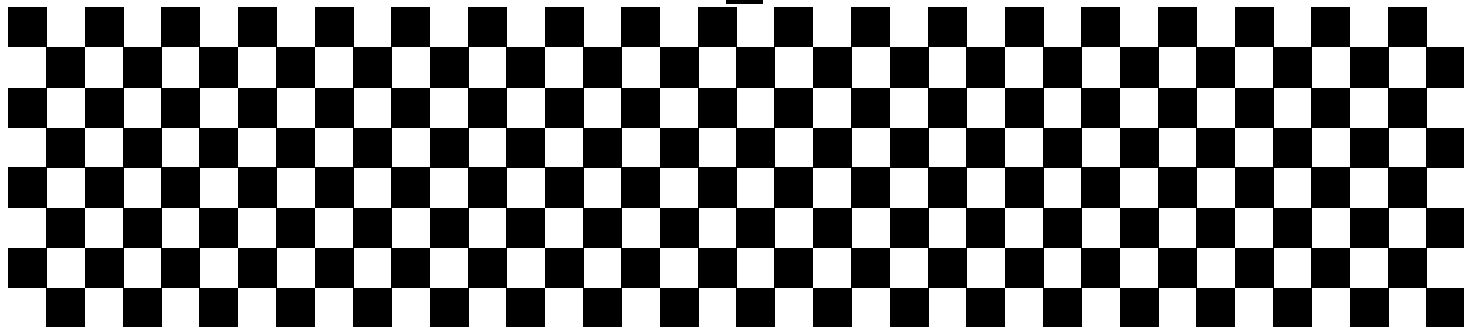
Friday we went to the fairground where Gary M was in the NCCC area. When we pulled in they gave our car a safety inspection and let us park .At that time the NCCC Club was serving lunch at a great price (free). Next we checked in with NCCC for goody bags with T shirts in them. Randy set up a tent so we could keep out of the sun and get ready to check the 100s of venders. The weather was very pleasant at a sunny 75 when it normally is in the 90s. We walked around for 4 hours and went back to the tent to tell everyone about what we saw and bought. I did find parts for my 72 and my son's 1966 Corvette. We missed the C 1 to C8 seminars because they were held earlier. After a full day we went back to the hotel for dinner.

Saturday we arrived at the fair grounds about 11:00 just in time for pulled pork dinner ( free again ) Everyone was cleaning their car and getting them ready for judging . NCCC really takes judging very serious because they check for cleanliness and correct parts on the cars from the factory. While watching the show we noted maybe a 100 yards from our area many people looking at cars parked with other cars and trucks. What we saw was eight C-8 Corvettes that were driven in by Corvette engineers and must have been unwrapped Mules .When Rosie and I drove out of the park there was a C8 in front and behind us. We got a lot of attention leaving the grounds (check out the pictures )

Sunday was another pleasant sunny ride home. We plan to attend next year and hope more WNYCC members will join us

Submitted by Pete Ricigliano





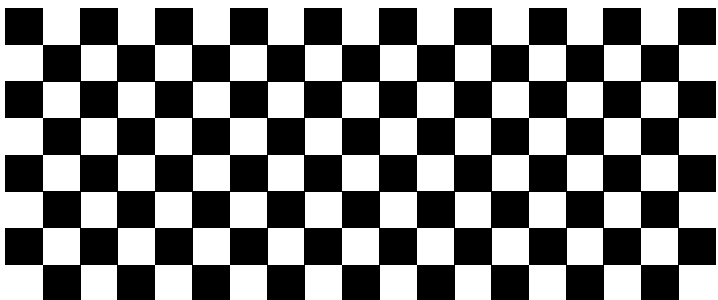


## Clarence Crosby's Corvette Cruise Night

On Monday, August 19th, 15 Corvettes graced the parking lot for a beautiful warm, sunny, summer evening of fun, friends, fiberglass and food! Dan, our host at Crosby's, treated us like royalty with reserved parking spaces and did I mention food? Not only were we given our choice of food and beverage, but the employees kept coming out with samples of their many different types of pizzas, calzones, subs and even an apple dessert. Wow! All their food is made fresh on premises which is pretty amazing!

This is a great event-one I'm hoping will continue in the future. As a thank you to Crosby's, I hope you will consider stopping by their location at 9440 Main Street, Clarence and fueling up! In addition to their great food, they sell top-tier rated Mobil gas at an extremely reasonable price. Gotta keep those engines purring..I mean roaring!

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Gump





## ELBA ONION QUEEN PARADE – JULY 13, 2019

Attached are the photos from the Elba Onion Festival from July 13, 2019. We got involved from an email that long time WNYCC member Lynn Wells, sent to all WNYCC members asking if anyone was interested in providing a co-worker of his, daughter, a classic car / corvette for the Elba Onion Festival Parade. We had nothing doing that Saturday, so we volunteered. As a footnote, her name is Danielle Harrington, who was competing with two other finalists for the crown. Needless to say, she won as is the reigning 2019 Elba Onion Festival Queen. As a footnote, it's already been arranged with her and her family, next July when her rein is up, we will be driving her in the 2020 parade as out-going Queen.

Ray & Rose Metzger





## Olcott Beach, Cruise Night - August 2, 2019



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Mobil, Sunoco, Marathon, Gulf. There are many other brands of Top Tier gas, but not in our area.  
"Google" Top Tier gas and you will see a long list.

Gary Milsom

## **New members: Have you submitted your National Council of Corvette Clubs membership application yet?**

Who should complete applications: New members of the WNYCC who haven't previously completed the National Council of Corvette Clubs application form.

Our goal is to have all applications in hand by November 15, 2019—remember that the club will pay for one membership per address for 2020 (Spouse or Companion membership is optional and at a cost to you of \$10).

If you need an application or a sample of what a completed application looks like email me at [cdrmetz@msn.com](mailto:cdrmetz@msn.com).

If you completed a NCCC application last year, do not complete one this year.

Do not submit applications to NCCC.

If you have any questions call me at 662-0734.

We are all volunteers trying to get a job done—if you haven't completed the application please take care of it today and if you have, thank you!

Completed applications can be mailed to our treasurer, Michael Kreamer, 72 Rolling Hills Drive, Orchard Park, NY 14127 or given to Mike at a monthly meeting.

**For more information of who is covered by this membership see the below link:**

[https://www.corvettesnccc.org/Insurance/insurance\\_lin\\_message\\_2016\\_OctoberWho.pdf](https://www.corvettesnccc.org/Insurance/insurance_lin_message_2016_OctoberWho.pdf)

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## WNYCC 2020 Caribbean Cruise Countdown

Just 31 weeks away...



***There is still time to book the Club's first ever Caribbean Cruise. There are still a few cabins available so plan now for this perfect guaranteed warm getaway next March (not a hurricane prone month). You'll be glad you booked this when our winter weather season bears down on WNY!***

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mike Kreamer at 662-4111 or email [oceank987@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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)

**Join your fellow members on this adventure ...**

From Mike Kreamer

***Air travel information email***

***As of 8/15/19 - 10 members***



***to be sent out in September.***

***signed up for this adventure!***

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