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President's Letter

Well, I'm still out with my Corvette enjoying our nice events, but the season is definitely winding down for the year. About a dozen or so from the Club just got back from a nice wine tour in the Southern Tier, with a stop at Aunt Millie's for a bite to eat. A great time was had by all. Special thanks to Geanine for planning this event. The fall foliage was beautiful.

Just a reminder that nominations for election of officers is going to be opened up at our October meeting. All offices are open and I'm hoping you will show team spirit and throw your hat in the ring.

Early dues are coming in, which is great, it helps out with the NCCC membership. This is very important for our club insurance.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

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

Randy Crist, President

Get Well wishes to Rose Ricigliano who was hospitalized with a staph infection in her shoulder!!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Dave Crist
Mark Stephen
Thomas Dziedzic
Mary Ann Kreamer

Happy Birthday to:

Cindy Shephard (11/1)
Linda Ross (11/5)
Tom Kazmierczak (11/7)
Judy Hylkema (11/13)
Desiree Benoit (11/17)
Jim Shemansky (11/23)
Charlene Drogi (11/27)
John Glennon (11/29)

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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

Sat Oct 26 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 6pm The meeting will be one hour earlier so we can attend the Crash Cadillac Dance at the VFW Post; the room at Denny's will be open at 5pm if you wish to have dinner with the meeting following at 6pm. 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 16 Bread & Wine Tour

We will cruise to the Abbey of the Genesee, home of Monk's Bread; view the mid-day Monk's prayer service; head to Tom Wahl's in Avon for lunch. Then cruise to Deer Run Winery on Conesus Lake. More details to follow.

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

Sat Jan 25 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 7pm

Sat Feb 22 General Meeting @ Denny's Restaurant, 4757 Transit Rd., Depew. 7pm

Sat Mar 7 2020 Installation Dinner at Russell's

Mar 21-29, 2020 WNYCC Caribbean Cruise

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

Mon Sept 14, 2020 Annual Fall Cruise (Rain date Tues Sept 15)

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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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!!



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.

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:

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Nomination of Officers:

At the October meeting, we are accepting nominations of officers. You must be a full member who has attended four meetings and/or events in the past year to be eligible to be nominated.

High Level Description of Positions:

President: runs meetings and appoints committees

Vice President: in absence of President, will run meetings and appoint committees; serves as Chairperson of By Laws and runs the Annual Family Picnic.

Treasurer: has care and custody of all money belonging to the Club; shall give an account of finances at the meetings;

Secretary: keep minutes and records of the Club; attend to all correspondence and present any communications to the Club

Board of Director(s)

The business of this organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of two members at large, the officers, and the past President. The Past President shall serve one year only. After one year, the Past President will no longer serve on the Board. This position will then be opened to any full member to run for the Board.

Note: the Past President Pete Ricigliano has served his one year team and therefore this position is also open so there are 3 open Board positions for 2020.



The white car in the background is at The Pierce Arrow Museum in Buffalo, but of course is not a Pierce Arrow. Instead it is one of the first Corvettes (1953) sporting a \$3,513 MSRP, and 253 cu. in, 150 hp, in-line 6 cylinder engine with automatic transmission (C-8's?). All had heaters, AM radios, plastic windows, and all were Polo White, with Sportsman Red interiors and black convertible tops. They were designed as a sport car and of the 300 produced in 1953, there are over 200 to be know in existence today. The first ones manufactured had to be manually rolled off the assembly line due to electrical issues over the poor grounding connections caused from the fiber glass bodies. Their badge, The Corvette, was found in a search of the dictionary and was a fast, easy to maneuver ship. While the initial years were iffy for GM to continue with production of the "sport car", they were challenged to stay the course and not be out done as Ford released the 2 seat "luxury" Thunderbird in 1955. The rest is incredible history for our club members and if given the chance we should all be willing to trade our newer, decked out Corvettes for one of these! (Check out the now retail values of "the white, black, and red 53's".)

Hi Everyone!!

October is flying by and the Christmas toy drive for St. Christopher's Outreach is well underway. So far I collected \$675 from 25 members. It was voted that the club treasury will no longer donate to the toy drive so this project depends on the generosity of our members.

Last year 36 members donated a total of \$1400 and we purchased toys and gifts for the children of the less fortunate families in our community. It's not too late to donate. Please text me (716-867-0860) or email me (pattio214@yahoo.com) with the amount you want to give so I can include it with the money I have now and buy more gifts. You can mail me a check or pay me at the October & November meetings. Also, if you're going on the wine cruise Saturday, October 19, I'll be there to collect any donations.

Bob and I will delivered the toys to the Outreach Center November 6 or 7 so we need to complete our shopping within the next 2.5 weeks!!

Thank you for your generosity for the children who may not otherwise receive a gift for Christmas!!

Patti O'Connor 150 Patricia Drive Tonawanda, NY 14150 716-867-0850

WINTER STORAGE FOR C5, C6, C7

Shared by Gary Milsom

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 <u>facebook video</u>, 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.

Facebook Video Link:

https://www.facebook.com/corvettemechanic/posts/2201131683232997

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.

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

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SEPTEMBER 18™, 2019 SUPER CRUISE

The club's Super Cruise by all recent measures was an unqualified success. We had everything come together with little or no glitches to gripe about! The weather was outstanding, the site was mowed and in great shape for the show and club members came out strong to volunteer their services to make it all come together. Many thanks go out to so many ... from Randy & Pete for all of their car show visits throughout the summer to get the word out; the cooperative & patient VFW who we hope made record sales of food and beverages; the DJ, Rick Mejak, for his announcements at previous VFW events and at our show; attendees that generously contributed to the Buffalo Veteran's Court when they did not want to pay to register in the show; and most importantly our growing membership that showed up with raffle baskets, their own \$ contributions to our basket & 50/50 raffles, and many different services provided from parking and gate receipts, registration, raffle sales to judging.

Our records showed 177 paid car registrations plus our member's 30 or so cars and many participants who entered after our 5:45pm cut-off or who chose not to register. The VFW's count was 261 cars. An incredible \$905 in 50/50 tickets were sold as well as \$505 in basket raffle tickets – records for at least the Super Cruises in the past. The board will be presenting to the membership their recommendation for how much we will contribute, in total, to the Buffalo Veteran's Court by year-end. It is certainly a worthy cause that bears direct correlation to our facility sponsor for the show and several meetings throughout the year. It was an exciting night to see everything come together so well.

Thanks, again, to all who contributed their time, talents and dollars to this event – the Super Cruise along with the All Corvette Show make it possible to do what we do as an organization to build upon our motto of "Friends, Fun & Fiberglass".

Submitted by Michael Kreamer









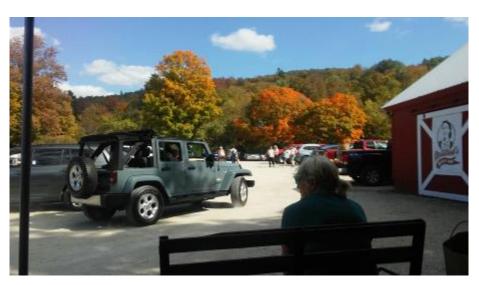




















Trip Report: Cruising Vermont

By: Diana Augspurger

It's been a few days since we've returned from Vermont. I think everyone who came along for the ride would agree it was one to remember. Before I delve into why, I want to thank Lou and Kathy Atti for putting the whole shebang together. It's no small thing arranging lodging, meals and entertainment for a large group and we sure appreciate the time and effort you put into it.



Nine couples convened at the Pembroke rest stop awash in brilliant sunshine. In fact, the whole weekend was perfect weather. So perfect that the Drogis took the drive topless.

... meaning they drove with the top down! A couple of rest stops and a nice lunch at Applebee's and we were well on our way to our destination. The drive was easy until it wasn't. Heavy traffic and a wrong turn up around Albany confused the group a bit but, interestingly, we all wound up at the same place at the same time anyway. A bit confounding to



most of us but with no deadlines to hit, it didn't really matter so we didn't waste any time puzzling it out.

We arrived at the Kitzhof around 4:30, a bit late for our cheese and cracker reception but certainly not too late to appreciate our surroundings. The Kitzhof Bed and Breakfast was built in 1958 to be just what it is, a comfortable home away from home albeit large with 23 rooms to lodge in. First impressions are a little bit Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, a little bit your old Aunt Norma's. The inn is alpine in nature, lots of wood and Bavarian themes as originally

intended.



However, over the years, a piece of used furniture crept in here and there leaving you with the feeling that it's a little forlorn as it's lost of bit of it's focus. That said, the rooms were clean and orderly with the exception of a little critter that slipped in and passed away peacefully under someone's pillow. Ok, not so pleasing to discover. In fact, downright disturbing but it was taken in good stride and chalked up to colder weather at night.

Dinner that night at the Dover Forge was a fun respite from the long day's drive. Close to the inn it had lot's of local color and a great menu. They were great sports about writing separate checks for so many couples as well.

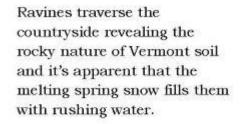


Saturday we awoke to another picture perfect driving day. After a very hearty (and tasty) breakfast and a photo shoot with the group, we took directions from our innkeeper for a great driving trail and off we went!

Not having traveled much in Vermont since I was a kid, I didn't realize how divided the state really is. South around our inn and Mount Snow ski area, everything feels very Bavarian. But once you head further north, you see a quick change to saltbox houses, Federal period architecture, farms and memorabilia from our early history. The roads wind through small villages, around and over hills, making for an exhibitating drive especially in a 'Vette.







Images of historic craftsmanship and days bygone are everywhere adding intrigue to every mile traveled as if the beautiful countryside isn't enough. You just never know what you will see.







It wouldn't be a visit to Vermont without a stop at the well known Vermont Country Store- Vermont's version of Vidler's on steroids. Not only a bricks and mortar retailer, the Vermont Country Store offers a great catalog shopping experience. Tasting stations abound within the store which has not only a fresh cheese shop, candy shop and coffee station but linens, men's and women's clothing, toys, kitchen tools and an apothecary shop. It takes a bit to see it all and to top it off, right across the street is a Christmas Shop.



Back in our cars for the final leg of our cross-state touring day. My advice, don't try to keep up with Lou Atti who definitely enjoys the speed his car delivers as it takes the curves. The closer we got, the faster he got. It is about the driving after all.













I think you'll hear a running joke in the club for months to come "Pete, did you remember Rose?" the result of his accidentally leaving her at a gas station.

Dinner on our final night was back at the bed and breakfast where the inn owner cooked while his wife served and bussed the dinner. While I think there was a question mark in most minds as to what the quality of this meal was going to be, I think everyone was pleasantly surprised by warm rolls, fresh salad, homemade broccoli soup and a main course of pot roast that was more than just a little tender. Cheesecake topped off the meal and, despite a chilly night, the group retired to the fire pit behind the inn upon completion for some convivial conversation.

Vermont has a lot to offer and we only scratched the surface. It was sad to leave on Sunday.











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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

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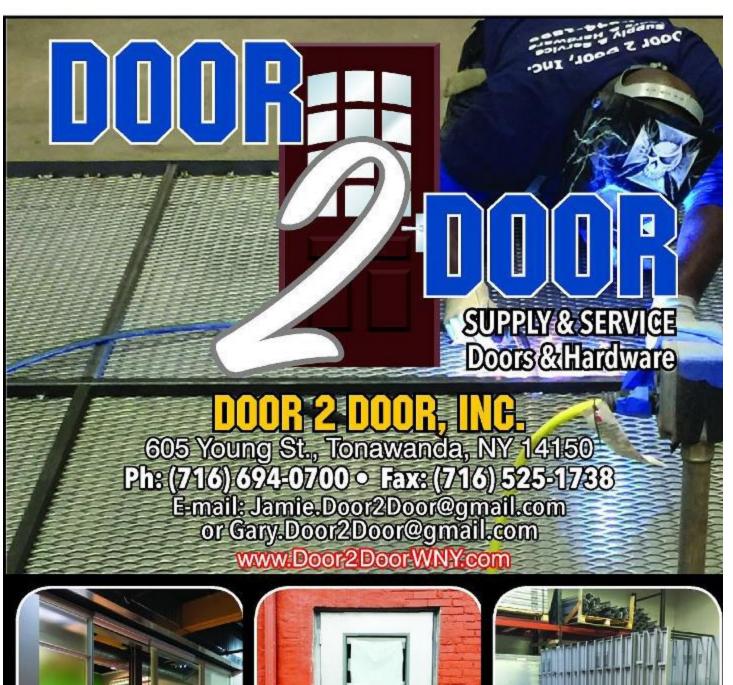
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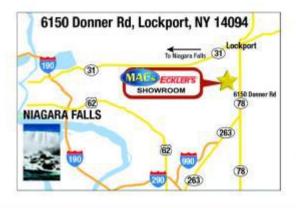








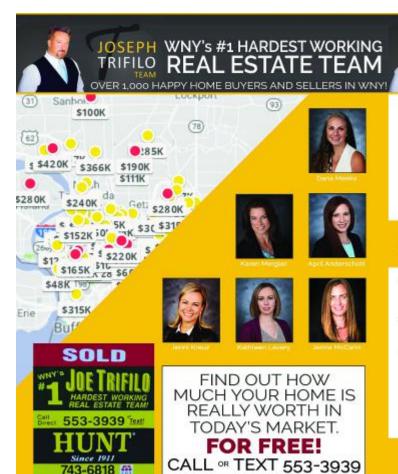






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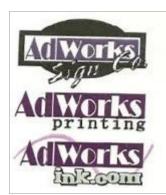
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