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President's Letter

Greetings All!

This crazy year just goes on and on. Yesterday, Monday September 14th was the day of our Fall Cruise. Pete Ricigliano and myself sat out front of the VFW for a couple of hours to turn away anyone if they came not knowing it was cancelled. We received a number of calls to see if it was still on.

A special thanks to Chris and Desiree Benoit for donating a couple of walkie talkies to the club. Pete checked them out and replaced the batteries. They work good, so if anyone needs one on a trip, let us know. Thanks Pete for checking them out.

Nominations for officers will be starting at our October meeting (special note: the October meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 28th at 6:30 PM @ VFW Post) This is due to no openings for Saturday at the Post in October. Please mark your calendar. We will serve pizza that night. Hope to see you there.

Our election of officers will be held on Saturday, November 28th at 6:30 PM @VFW Post. The floor will also be opened up for nominations again before the vote. Please consider running for office. This is your club, lets keep it moving forward with new blood and fresh ideas.

We have decided to set up a jar at the meetings for donations to the VFW Post for letting us use their hall. Like any other organization or business they have had a hard time as of late. Let's chip in and see what we can do to help out.

See you on Saturday, September 26th at 6:30 PM @VFW Post for our general meeting.

Remember: Fun, Friends, Fiberglass (and food too!)

Randy Crist, President

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Sat Sept 26 - 630pm - General Meeting
Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275
3741 Walden Ave, Lancaster NY
Note the date and time change.
No food is available but please patronize the Post for beverages. Please bring your own fold up chairs for the meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:



Mary Ann Kuczmariski	10/2
Louis Atti	10/4
Nancy Egan	10/5
Kathy Atti	10/11
Michael Kreamer	10/17
Christopher Benoit	10/23
Carol Williams	10/29
Bob Metz	10/30

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO

Diane Ruminski - passing of husband, Stan Fronckowiak. A dear friend, member and former treasurer of WNYCC who will be greatly missed.

GET WELL

Pete Ricigliano (eye surgery)
Ken (Pepe) LaDue (hip replacement surgery)

THINKING OF YOU

Our thoughts and prayers to Karen Krzyzkowski health issues.

WNYCC mailing address:

WNYCC, P.O. Box 9
West Seneca NY 14224

WNYCC Members

Clothing may be ordered from:
Ad Works

182 Central Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086
<https://adworks.ink/>
(716) 685-8077

Advanced Custom Embroidery
Amherst, NY

<http://advancedcustomemb.com/>
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Sun October 18 Dinner at the Red Osier Landmark Restaurant

6492 Main St, Stafford NY 14143, 585-343-6972

245pm Meet in the Eastern Hills Mall parking lot at the Sheridan Drive entrance to cruise out together
3pm Leave for the restaurant.

400pm Arrive at the restaurant

The Red Osier is noted for their prime rib. Checks will be by couple.

NOTE: We will be dining indoors. Corvettes optional. The Bills game is a late 8pm start that Sunday. Please RSVP to Geanine

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Sat Dec 5 Christmas Party/Installation Dinner at VFW Post 530pm

SILVER LAKE LUNCHEON



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Nomination of Officers:

If anyone is interested in being an Officer or being on the Board, please feel free to reach out to Randy or any Officer or Board member.

Note new members, you must attend 3 meetings and 3 events to become a Full Member and be eligible to run for a position.

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.

Porter on the Lake Park Cruise

On Saturday, September 5, seven corvettes had some food and some fun with our fiberglass rides! After a little confusion over some decimal points and through a few sprinkles, our little caravan took a lovely drive along the

Erie Canal and made our way to our first stop, Byes Popcorn. This popcorn is so good, a line had formed even before they opened! We then did a drive-by past a car show happening in Olcott, where we were greeted with honks and waves. From there, it was on to the park, which, for a holiday weekend was surprisingly deserted. We had a lovely shelter to enjoy our picnic lunch overlooking Lake Ontario. We all took a stroll down to the rocky beach, much to the delight of our sea glass and rock collectors. The cruise ended on a sweet note at the Silo restaurant in Lewiston where many enjoyed an ice cream treat. A great day was had by all.

Maria Gump

* Photos taken by Laurie Sydorowicz - Rumble Shots Photo - per the Board of Directors photos of members not wearing masks cannot be published in the newsletter due to Covid considerations.

Update on Club Jackets from Adworks

The WNYCC store is live.

Instructions:

- ~Go to adworksink.com,
- ~click on the 3 gray lines at top left of page,
- ~click on "Shop Now"
- ~click on WNYCC logo and type "WNYCC" for password - ALL CAPITAL LETTERS.

Then shop away. All products have mens/ladies measurement charts where necessary. PayPal CAN be used with ANY credit card even if person does not use PayPal. PayPal has the most safety, Shoppers should add shipping ONLY if they don't want to pick up here at AdWorks.

Thank you!
Dawn @ AdWorks



WNYCC CLUB FUNDRAISER

There are WNYCPC items for sale such as hats, cups, license plate frames, mugs. **WNYCC Chrome License frames are now \$10 each on sale!** This is a Club fundraiser and we are hoping all members will purchase at least one frame. Checks should be made payable to **WNYCC**. If you have already purchased a frame, thank you for supporting your Club!!

See Randy to purchase any of these items.



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:

Business Card size Ad in the Newsletter and Website **\$25**

Business Card size Ad in the Newsletter and Website plus link to sponsor's website **\$35**

Half page Ad in the Newsletter and Ad/Link on Website **\$50**

Full page Ad in the Newsletter and Ad/Link on Website **\$100**

Sponsors will receive a copy of the monthly Club newsletter.

Contact Gary Milsom at 668-8054 for more info.

Member car pictures and stories are always welcome.

It's great to get to know our members history of corvettes, past & present corvette projects, how you joined WNYCPC, and how you're enjoying your corvettes during this difficult time. As always, non-sanctioned event articles need to be approved through Randy Crist. Thank you!!

National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) Q & A

Bob Metz - Governor for NCCC

Q: Once a month a local restaurant hosts a “Vette-together.” Members drive individually to the social event, and at the end of the event, several drive in a convoy to a local Sonic for an after-hours get together.

A: Driving to and from the “Vette-together” would not be covered. If the “Vette-together” is an Official Club Sponsored event, then the event itself would be a covered event. However, the “After Party” would not be covered since it was impromptu.

Q: When one club who is sponsoring the sanctioned event borrows sanctions from another club to put on the events, which club carries the responsibility for liability for that event(s)?

A: The liability responsibility for “borrowed sanctions” from one club to the other is that of the “Sponsoring Club” of the event(s) and not that of the lending Club. The “Sponsoring Club” is the responsible party for planning and executing the event(s).

Q: Are timing equipment covered at events?

A: Beginning 6/1/14 it has been decided only the timing lights and/or reflectors at the start and finish lines will be covered under the following conditions: 1. Timing equipment is rented by the Host Club for their specific event. 2. There is an invoice showing the amount paid for the rental of this timing equipment. 3. A listing of the specific timing equipment will be identified on the invoice for the item or items damaged during the operation of the event. 4. A listing identifying the value of each item listed provided by the provider of the equipment will be included with any claim filed. 5. Only the items or items damaged will be considered for replacement or repair. Other items such as, timing systems, other timing devices i.e. Go-Pro units or transponders, etc. are not covered. 6. If the timing equipment is being used by the home club of the provider of the equipment for their own club events and they are not paying for the rental of that equipment, no coverage is provided.

Q: Is the sale of food items at an event covered in case of food poisoning, etc.?

A: Food items sold by the Host Club or a group from the Hosting Club or Clubs are covered by NCCC Insurance, if it is not for profit. I.e. proceeds are used for charity. If the Host Club or Clubs decide to have a vendor on premises sell food to participants, that Host Club or Clubs must confirm that vendor or vendors have their own insurance policy to cover any illness or injury from their products sold. A copy of their insurance must be provided to the Host Club or Clubs prior to allowing sale of any items. If a member decides to have an after-event party at their home and someone gets sick or drinks in excessive and causes an incident, that member’s personal liability (home owners insurance) is responsible and not NCCC insurance.

Q: Does NCCC Insurance cover members or non-members if attacked by a pet? **A:** No

Q: Can a club sponsor an individual or organization by identifying the club as a sponsor on their car, etc. by using the club logo?

A: If your club sponsors an individual or organization either by identifying you are sponsoring them and/or putting your club logo on their property, you become liable. We highly recommend you do not put yourself, your Club, your Region, or NCCC at risk by doing this.



WINTER STORAGE



Unfortunately we are approaching the time when we start to think about putting are cars away for the winter. How fast the summers go. I did an article a couple of years ago which was essentially a check list of what should be done to properly store your car for the winter months. I tried to find that article to share it again, but it is lost in a bunch of 1s and 0s. Most of us know what to do anyway and we all have our own system that we use; covers, tarps, dryer sheets, tin foil, moth balls, tire pressure, etc.

There are a lot of misconceptions, however, concerning fuel levels. So here are a few things to consider. When storing your car use a “tier one” fuel, not the cheap stuff. There is a reason why the cheap stuff is cheap. Look up what the government requirements are for an oil company to rate their fuel “tier one”. Use a “tier one” fuel of the highest octane rating, as the octane rating degrades over time. I like to use ethanol free fuel for winter storage.

And here is the big one. If you own a C5, C6, or C7, and I am guessing C8, do not store your car with a full tank of fuel. Paul Koener, who is a “world certified corvette technician”(he gave a seminar on this at Carlisle a while back) and General Motors Engineering, warns against doing this on those generations. Modern cars have sealed fuel systems. Moisture in the tank is not the issue that it used to be. Air going in and out of the fuel tank does so through a canister of activated charcoal. This greatly reduces the moisture accumulation issue. In the case of the C7, when the fuel gauge reads ¼ or less, the tank on the passenger side will be nearly empty and the tank on the driver side will be ¼ full. That will result in the sending card and wiper arm (tells the fuel gauge how much fuel there is in that tank), being exposed to the air. That’s a good thing for long term storage. If the sending card and wiper arm are left submerged in fuel for a long period of time (winter storage) sulfur deposits can form on the sending card causing it to give inaccurate or no reading at all. This will not happen when the car is used in the summer because the sending card wiper arm is constantly moving as fuel is used and this prevents sulfur from accumulating on the card.

I hope this makes sense. Again, this is what GM engineering recommends. If you look up how to winterize your car on line you will find a lot of people giving bad advice on fuel storage. I know of two club members with C7s that have had issues with fuel gauges. If the problem does not fix itself (sometimes that happens) then the entire rear end of the car has to be removed in order to get to the fuel tanks and the fuel gauge sending unit. That is about a three thousand dollar party. Stay away from that one.

Gary Milsom