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Newsletter

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President's Letter

Happy Holidays All....

I hope this finds everyone safe and well. The cancellation of our Christmas/ Installation party was unfortunately beyond our control. Our main concern is to keep everyone safe by following Covid protocol. We are hoping that it may be possible to have the event early next year.

The mail in election process went well thanks to Geanine setting everything up and mailing the ballots to all our members. A special thanks to Paul and Debbie Gress for tabulating and confirming all the ballot counts. The three of them did a great job for our club. I would like to thank the members for allowing me to serve another year as the President of this great club.

My congratulations to our new Board members for 2021:

Gary Milsom
Dan Kuczarski
Bob Metz

John Glennon will be serving as Vice President, Mike Kreamer as Treasurer, Geanine Sobczak as Secretary. I look forward to working with them and have every confidence that they will do a great job for the club in 2021. Special thanks to Kathy Atti, who decided not to run for re-election this year. We will miss her easy going manner and her contribution to our Board. Maybe we can get her to consider running for the Board again in the future. Well this certainly has been a year that I hope we never have to repeat with having our shows, meetings and activities cancelled. With the vaccine coming out, let's hope we will have a better 2021.

Debbie and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Remember,
Fun, Friends, & Fiberglass (and food too!)
Randy Crist, President



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:



Mike Taschetta	12/2
Teri Herberger	12/7
Karen Krzyzkowski	12/8
Robert O'Connor	12/8
Mike Williams	12/13
John Drogi	12/21
Marianne Metz	12/27
Pat Kelly	12/31

Condolences to

Mike and Mary Ann Kreamer on the passing of Mary Ann's mom.

Get Well Wishes to

Karen Krzyzkowski

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WNYCC Members

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Merry Christmas & a Happy, Healthy New Year!!



Santa says only 89 days until Spring!

Officers and Board for 2021 will be as follows:

President: Randy Crist
Vice President: John Glennon
Treasurer: Mike Kreamer
Secretary: Geanine Sobczak

Board of Directors:
Dan Kuczmarski, Bob Metz, Gary Milsom

Thank you to all who ran for the open Board of Directors positions and Congratulations to the winners!!

A big thank you to Paul & Debbie Gress who volunteered to count all the ballots.

Hello WNYCC friends!

The **St. Christopher's Christmas Toy drive** has once again been very successful... one of our BEST yet!!

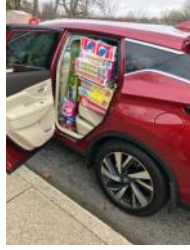
I collected \$1620 from 36 WNYCC members. We did things a bit differently this year and it resulted in more toys for the children while also helping Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post. Jim Wier, the VFW Post Commander and a member of WNYCC, purchased over \$4000 worth of toys for the VFW Post Christmas party. Unfortunately, Jim was forced to cancel the Christmas party due to Covid 19. He offered to donate the toys to me in return for the money I collected from our members. Bob and I also donated the toys that we already purchased. The director of St. Christopher's Outreach was very happy to receive such an enormous donation of toys!

We delivered the toys to the Outreach Center on Wednesday, November 18. Our SUV was overflowing with toys!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this another successful year of giving gifts to the children of St Christopher's Outreach. Thanks to the generosity of our club members, Christmas will be a lot little happier for many children who might otherwise not receive a gift for Christmas. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Stay safe and be healthy.

Patti and Bob O'Connor



FAVORITE CORVETTE RECIPES WANTED!! A great suggestion was offered (thank you Mike Kreamer) to include a recipe of the month with Corvette titles, for example, "Stingray Chocolate Chip Cookies". This would give our newsletter some extra flavor....pun intended.... We enjoy various car events throughout the year. What are some of your favorite foods to take

MEMBER CAR PICTURES AND STORIES 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 President Randy Crist. Thank you!!

NCCC Convention in Cleveland, OH - June 13-18 2021

- ⇒ Do you have to be a member of NCCC to attend the convention?
Anyone can attend, but only NCCC members will earn points for competing in events.
- ⇒ Is there any difference in registration costs for an NCCC member versus a guest?
There is no difference in the cost for a non-member versus a member. It is the same price for everyone.
- ⇒ Are guests able to access the hospitality room?
We have a lot of great tours planned.
- ⇒ Is the only benefit (as it relates to the convention) the insurance coverage that is provided?
A person must be registered for the convention to sign up for any tours.



Ricigliano's 1972 Corvette

Back in 2010 I was planning to retire from my job as a Tool and Die maker, and was looking for a project car to work on. Nick my son found a 1972 corvette that was last driven in 1989, and checked it out for me. It wasn't running and needed a lot of work, but it was a good candidate with a great price. The 72 was the last year for 4 steal bumpers, and I thought it would be a break even project for restoration.

I started to work on it March 2011 (after it was registered and insured to make sure it was legally my car), by trying to start it, and see what still worked. My friend Rich K. came over to help me fire it up. My vette didn't come with an exhaust system, so the whole neighborhood heard it when it started. After starting it and checking it out, I decided to pull the body off the frame, rebuild the motor, and completely restore it.

It took about 2 years to finish this endeavor, plus the fun working with my son Nick to finish this big project. We must of put in about 1000 hours, plus a lot of \$\$\$\$ in new parts to complete it. After doing all the body work, my friend Steve B. put a beautiful blue paint job just after News Years.. I went to pick up the car by putting driving lights on so I could drive it home in very early January. After we put all the door glass, chrome, and interior, we took it out for a ride to get all the bugs out, and make it more road worthy. After driving and making changes, I decided to change the rear spring to a composite fiber glass spring that would give it a much better ride. One thing that I did, was to write articles with pictures for the club newsletter, explaining, why, how, and what I was doing in the pictures. This helped those members interested to what it took to finish a complete restoration..

When the car was finished, and Nick and I got everything working (even the clock), I had a lot of fun showing and driving my 72 to shows and cruise nights, Rosie my (very patient wife), and I decided to trade in our red 1965 Corvette coupe, sell her silver 2000 coupe and order a new C7 corvette. This was the time we decided to sell the 72 and just enjoy the new corvette, so now we would have only 4 vehicles on the road.

I put an ad in the 72 in the Vette Finder and got an inquiry from a guy named Gary from England through the Internet. Gary asked a lot of questions, and wanted many pictures. At first I thought it was a scam, because he lived 3500 miles across the big " POND". Then one night I got a call (Long Distance) from Gary (7:00 PM our time and 1 AM his time) asking more details on the 72. I asked him if he read all the articles in the Club newsletter for the 2 years and he said yes, and that was why he was interested in purchasing my car. We agreed on a price, but how would he get the funds to my account, and get the car shipped to him in England? Gary bought the vette sight unseen and never meeting me, by talking to me twice on the phone, and many emails. He said he would transfer the money to my bank account and make all the arrangement to ship the car to its new home. When I checked my account 2 days later I found the funds were there, so I emailed Gary that he was the new owner.

Gary made plans to transfer the car from my house to New Jersey, where they would store it until a ship could transfer it to England. The time from the first contact with me until Gary took possession of the car was 3 months. After it got to the English shore, Gary had it flat bed another 200 miles to its new home. Gary kept me updated on all the delays, and progress of the long journey. He was a little disappointed with the dirty condition when he first saw his 72, but it would clean up with a lot of TLC. Gary sent me pictures on how bad it looked at first arrival and how beautiful it looked after he buffed fixed some chips caused by the shipper. I hope and think Gary is happy after all the trouble and delays he went through to get the car he wanted for 30 years now that he has it.

I asked Gary to write an article with pictures to explain what he went through and the stress it caused him. It was fun working with Gary and we made new friends from afar. I am sure he will enjoy the 72 as much as I did, and I wish him happy motoring!

Pete Ricigliano



Hello Readers:

My Name is Gary Watts, I live in the far south west of the UK in the county of Cornwall. I am sixty years old and have since my early teens dreamed of owning a C3 corvette. I had read about them books and in magazine articles, had seen a few in the flesh, had a few Hot Wheels models of them and decided one day that would be My car.

As I got older, I learned more about them and decided my favorite was the 3 year period from 70 to 72, chrome bumper cars with the gorgeous Egg Crate Grills, the vacuum wiper door, the removable rear window and the rectangular exhaust tips. Over the years as a dream became within reach, I started looking at corvettes. If I saw one advertised, My long suffering wife and young girls got used to "Dad's Road trips" - which involved me seeing a car for sale 2 or 3 hundred miles away and dragging them all up to see the car with a plan that I would buy my dream car and drive it home with them following behind.

Now most corvettes for sale in the UK had been imported a few years before, been used and then the owners realized the cost of repairing and restoring one so had decided to sell it on. Consequently, most of the cars I viewed either needed money and time spent on Mechanicals, bodywork, or interior, sometimes all three. I would get to a car and see it from across the street thinking "this is the one" only to find that the interior was trashed and needed complete replacement. Or it drove like a tractor or needed a full repaint. I never found one that I felt was just good enough all round that I could use and improve in a sort of rolling restoration.

Over twenty years, I probably looked at thirty or so corvettes, walked away from some in disgust as they were wrecks, or frustrated because they were restored and out of reach price wise. I bought various other cars to keep the Vette urges at bay including two BMW Z3 and Z4 M sports coupes and roadsters. The longing for a Chrome bumper corvette kept coming back and earlier this year I felt if I don't get one now I never will. So, after I looked at a few more, same old thing, I then decided to look at the feasibility of importing one from the USA. The benefits were much more choice of cars, but the downside was having to buy sight unseen, with all the stress and risk that bought.

Around the middle of July this year I happened to stumble across an advert on the Vettefinders website. Up popped a picture of a gorgeous looking 72 coupe, \$30,000 OBO, that translated to about 23k in GB pounds. I knew that shipping and duty would be about 4k, so the figures added up. The 72 was owned and restored by Peter Ricigliano, a past President and member of COB. When I read Peter's advert and saw the restoration pictures, I decided this was a car I could risk buying unseen because this chap obviously knows his corvettes having restored over a dozen over the years. I didn't speak to Peter initially but messaged him and asked if the car was still for sale. It was, so then over a couple of weeks Peter patiently put up with all my queries and questions. He told me I could follow the progress of the restoration by reading the COB archive of newsletters which showed what and how everything was done over nearly two years.

We talked again and built a rapport of trust and decided between us to try to get this beautiful car from the US to the UK. We concluded the financial side of the deal in early August, that was a stressful period as even though I was happy with the car, I was happy sending money to Peter, my bank would have no part in sending a large sum of money to the US for a car I had not seen, to a man I had not met, point blank refused. Anyway, after delays and failed attempts, we got the money across and Peter informed me that I was now the owner of a corvette. Very exciting but then very stressful as My corvette was 35000 miles away.

I arranged the shipping, and after a couple of missed pick up dates the car was collected at 10pm one evening and was transported to New Jersey. It sat in a warehouse for two weeks and finally was allocated a place on a boat to Southampton. I then tracked the boat and realized it went via Norfolk, Charleston, and Savannah before going back up past Newfoundland before crossing to the UK. 18 days on the boat. It finally arrived in Southampton and took a week to be unloaded and customs cleared. I collected it on 24th Oct, virtually three months since I first made contact with Peter.

When I first set eyes on my lovely 72 it was sat dejected in a yard filthy, swirl scratches all over it, chips on a wheel arch and four heavy wheel covers dumped unwrapped on the passenger seat, I was rather dejected after seeing the love and care Peter had lavished on the car for two years not to mention the tens of thousands of dollars and a 1000 hours of his time. Anyway, we loaded the car onto a transporter and drove it the 200 miles to Cornwall, at home I washed it, checked the levels and started the engine, it sounded sweet!! I contacted Peter to inform him of its safe albeit somewhat neglected arrival. Although I was very disappointed with the lack of care shown by the shippers, I am thrilled with the car, the scratches I have polished out, I am finding my way around the car, it is everything Peter said it was, the mechanicals are either rebuilt or replaced. I love the color I will have so much enjoyment fettling and cleaning my pride and joy and going to runs and rallies. 45 year dream has come true and I couldn't have wished for a nicer car or a nicer Vendor in Pete Ricigliano. I know many of you will know the car and have seen its progress through your club meets and thought you may be interested hearing how the sale came about and where the car ended up.

Thank you for your time in reading this and thanks again to Peter for seeing this thing through. Please find attached a few pictures of its journey. Best wishes to all you corvette lovers from me and my 72 from the UK.

Collection from Southampton and first wash, couple of chips on the rear arch and a lot of swirl scratches so will give it a flat and polish over the next couple of weeks to bring the paint back to full shine.

Gary Watts, Gary Watts Removals



National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) Q & A

Bob Metz - Governor for NCCC

Q: What does Primary Non-Contributory language mean?

A: Primary Non-Contributory Insurance is when a venue, where a Sponsoring Club is holding an event at, requires a (COI) Certificate of Insurance and also requires Primary Noncontributory coverage. This means the "Sponsoring NCCC Club" has the "primary responsibility" for anything that happens the day (s) of the event at that location. This requires an additional rider to the insurance policy that Philadelphia Ins. Co. (NCCC's insurance provider) will provide you with your COI request. Philadelphia will make sure the information provided is worded so NCCC is only responsible for what the Sponsoring NCCC Club causes and not anyone else not affiliated with NCCC. Non-Contributory means the venue has no liability until all money is gone on the part of NCCC, your Club, or anyone else that may be held responsible. This is an additional rider onto the policy and there will be no charges. Multiple dates and locations cannot be included in one request. It is recommended to avoid venues requiring this coverage whenever possible.

Q: What do I do if a venue asks us to add additional Hold Harmless or Primary Non-Contributory language to the Certificate of Insurance for our event?

A: Primary Non-Contributory language, you will submit the Certificate of Insurance Request form to Legacy Insurance. Legacy will make sure the language is specific in nature that complies with what NCCC has agreed to cover. Philadelphia Insurance Co. Hold Harmless language must be requested by the Sponsoring Club on the Certificate of Insurance Request form through Legacy Insurance. Legacy will make sure the language is specific in nature that complies with what NCCC has agreed to cover. There is no additional charge for this language.

Q: What if the venue requests additional insurance coverage for the events beyond what is provided on the Certificate of Insurance?

A: You will need to inform the venue we provide no additional financial coverage beyond what is stated on the Certificate of Insurance. The COI has always clearly stated, "Certificate holder is additional insured for general liability as required by 12 written contract". Therefore, an exchange of emails documenting both the NCCC Host Club and the Venue mutually agreeing to use the specific location (Name & address), date or dates of the event, and the name of the event or events held), NCCC will be covered for the events held. Under the definition of Additional Insured as described in Question 9 below the venue will not have the ability to file a direct claim with the insurance carrier without a signed written contract, which is their responsibility to execute and not the host club.

Q: What does it mean when a venue is requesting Additional Insured from NCCC?

A: A person or organization not automatically included as an insured under an insurance policy who is included or added as an insured under the policy at the request of the named insured. Basically, this extends NCCC insurance coverage to the party being added.

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~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 CAPS

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

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**

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Sponsors will receive a copy of the monthly Club newsletter.

Contact Gary Milsom at 668-8054 for more info.