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President's Letter

Greetings Folks,

Our Installation Banquet was a great success. It was nice to gather together and see everyone. Illio DePaolo's treated us extremely well. Thank you to G9 and Maria for setting it up on such short notice. Thank you also to Evelyn for the favors. A good time was had by all.

The car show and cruise season have begun. Let's get our cars out and start enjoying what summer has to offer. The Memorial Day parade that is sponsored by the VFW Post is a go again this year. Our club will participate. Follow your emails for the time and place we will meet. Let's hope to have a good showing of members to support our fallen heroes.

Stay safe and see you soon. The monthly meeting is Saturday, May 22nd @ 6:30 PM at the the VFW. Pizza will be served.

Remember,

Fun, Friends & Fiberglass (and food too!)

Randy Crist, President



GENERAL MEETING

Sat May 22 @ 6:30pm

General Meeting - Lt Col Matt Urban
VFW Post, 3741 Walden Ave. Lancaster
Pizza served - RSVP Geanine 824-3982

Note this is the weekend before
Memorial Day Weekend

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lynn	Wells	6/1
Evelyn	Wier	6/3
Roger	Shanks	6/5
Paul	Gress	6/16
Randy	Crist	6/17
Maria	Gump	6/20
Diana	Augspurger	6/21
Debra	Gress	6/24
Aaron	Carluccio	6/26
Mike	McCann	6/28
Rose	Metzger	6/29



WELCOME - NEW MEMBER:

Patricia McKenna

CONDOLENCES:

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Frank
Martin on the loss of his wife Maryann.

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/>
(716) 691-2197

WNYCC 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Note: Due to the Pandemic, all dates are subject to change depending on area restrictions.

All Members and their guests are responsible to sign the NCCC Waiver form at all meetings and events!!!

Sat May 22 @ 630pm General Meeting at the Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post, 3741 Walden Ave. Lancaster NY
Note: this is the weekend before Memorial Day weekend. Pizza will be served - RSVP to Geanine 824-3982

Sun May 30 Franklinville Car Show - Shine only event **(See article in newsletter)**

Mon May 31 Lancaster Memorial Day Parade **(See article in newsletter)**

Sat June 5 – A Day in Hammondsport – visit the Glenn Curtiss Museum, lunch, shopping and wineries; details to follow

Mon June 7 Town of Alden Cruise Night – Shine Only - Alden Town Park, 13116 West Main St, Alden
530pm The Club will meet at the Alden Tops, 12775 Broadway, Alden NY 14004 to cruise to the park together.

Thurs June 10 - 6pm - Great Lakes Ice Cream (The Caboose) Cruise - Shine Only; Rain Date Fri June 11
3 Commerce Parkway (at Union Rd) in West Seneca; 10% discount for the driver and their passenger; please wear Club clothing, your nametag or bring your membership card

June 12-18 NCCC Convention in Cleveland

Sun June 13 - 1145am - Steak Dinner – Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave, Lancaster
\$14 Cash only - NY Strip Steak, red potatoes, corn & chef salad
The Club will eat in the Post Hall, so we need a headcount to reserve tables.

Sat June 19 - 3pm - Wine & Cheese at the Wiers' **(See article in newsletter)**
PLEASE RSVP TO GEANINE - 824-3982 or 445-8294

Sat June 26 - 630pm General Meeting at the Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post; 3741 Walden Ave. Lancaster NY (681-8387)

Thurs July 1 5-9pm (Raindate July 8) Wheels at Widewaters Cruise Night
Widewaters Restaurant, 767 Market St, Lockport NY 14086 - Live music, food, ice cream

Mon July 5 Alden Cruise – Shine Only

Sat July 24 Olcott Cruise Night

Sat July 31 Egans' Cottage at Lime Lake

Mon Aug 2 Alden Cruise – Shine Only

Wed Aug 11 All Corvette Cruise at West Herr (Rain date Wed Aug 18)

Sat Aug 14 Annual Picnic in Sheridan NY

Sat August 28 - 630pm - General Meeting at the Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post

Sun Sept 12 - noon - Chicken Dinner at the Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post

Mon Sept 13 - WNYCC Annual Fall Cruise (Rain date Sept 14) at the Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post

Sun Sept 19 Pembroke Kiwanis Car Show

Sat Sept 25 - 630pm General Meeting at the Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post

Sat Oct 23 - 630pm General Meeting at the Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post

Sat Nov 27 - 630pm General Meeting at the Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post

Sat Dec 4 - Christmas Party at the Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post

If anyone can use
them, please contact
Joe
at 716-574-8767

PROPOSED BY LAW CHANGE

Club member Mark Stephen brought to the Board's attention that we needed a refresh on our current ByLaw language. The following ByLaw change will be voted on at the May meeting.

Current ByLaw

ARTICLE THREE MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the Western New York Corvette Club shall consist of Corvette owners and enthusiasts regardless of race, color, or creed. All members must be 18 years of age or over.

Proposed ByLaw change

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1. Membership in the Western New York Corvette Club shall consist of Corvette owners and enthusiasts. All members must be 18 years of age or over. The Club will not discriminate against any member, prospective member or guest.

Geanine Sobczak
WNYCC Secretary



Wine & Cheese at the Wiers' Sat June 19 - 3pm

Jim & Evelyn Wier have graciously offered their home for this event. You are asked to bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share and either an appetizer, snack, or dessert.
The Club will buy pizza.

RSVP TO GEANINE - 824-3982 or 445-8294

Directions: Jim & Evelyn Wier's house
(681-2592) 1690 Hall Road, Elma NY 14059
From Transit Road, take Clinton Street (Rt 354) East
Travel approximately 3 miles to Bowen Rd (Elma Grille is on the corner)
Turn left on Bowen Rd (there is a traffic signal here)
Travel less than a mile and Hall Road is on your right



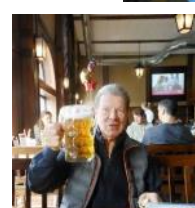
A Tiny Taste Of Europe at Pellicano Vineyard and Hofbrauhaus Saturday, April 24, 2021

On a beautiful spring day, a group of 31 smiling members and guests headed to Hamburg for some wine tasting at Pellicano Vineyards. In addition to the wine, we were able to sample some delicious authentic Italian appetizers including antipasto and even a cannoli dessert dip. Our host, Mario Pellicano and his staff couldn't have been more accommodating and welcoming, managing to get us all served in a timely fashion. The winery itself is quite beautiful and actually has a strong connection to corvettes. Fun fact: when Mario purchased the building, it had been used as a storage facility for corvettes, complete with a lift. If you're in the area, I encourage you to stop in, enjoy some of their delicious wines and homestyle Italian food. They have live music on weekends and a Sunday brunch that sells out well in advance. On occasion, they serve dinner with an ever-changing menu. Their red sauce is one of the best I've ever had, and I don't like anybody else's sauce but my own. That speaks volumes. But I digress...

Onward to Hofbrauhaus for a completely different opportunity to experience a German Beer Hall. A total of 40 members and guests made their way to downtown Buffalo to see what Hofbrauhaus was all about. Upon entering, we were greeted with the overwhelming music from the German house band. They "haus" was really rocking! After rectifying their error in our reservations, we were able to sample the fare including pretzels, bier cheese, potato salad, sausages and of course, beer. Prozit! It was fun to see the club really getting into the spirit and enjoying the surroundings that HBH had to offer.

All in all, a great day!

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Gump



Illio DiPaulo's - May 15, 2021

Installation Dinner

A great night for WNYCC to reconnect.



The National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. (NCCC) was founded in the United States as an all volunteer, non-profit organization in 1959 by a small group of Corvette owners/enthusiasts! In 2009 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary and look forward to many more years of fellowship. The purpose of NCCC was (and still is) to promote interest in Corvette ownership and operation, to publish information on the use and operation of the Corvette and to establish an organized effort to encourage others to participate in the enjoyment connected with the use and ownership of the Corvette ~ America's Sports Car!

In the early days, the number of Clubs was rather small with all of the them being located East of the Mississippi. Today, there are about 250 Clubs in 16 Regions both East and West of the Mississippi! The membership in NCCC is comprised of more than 19,000 Members and is the largest non-profit, all volunteer Corvette organization in the United States! Come join us!!

TECH TIP

Submitted by Gary Milsom

Thinking of getting a wheel alignment for your Corvette?

General Motors directs that all **Corvettes from 1997 to 2021 (C5 to C8)** should have a FULL tank of gas when a wheel alignment is being performed.



April 2021 Business Meeting

General Meeting at the Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post



WHY I THREW OUT THE \$600 BRAKE PADS ON MY NEW C8

We love the new C8 which we just took delivery of. It is everything GM said it is, and then some. A very comfortable ride, with lots of new technology. With the engine in the back it just feels, handles, and looks so different. All in a good way. And it is scary fast. On the downside for some, if you need storage space, the C8 does not have very much USABLE storage space. Storage was not a high priority for us.

I ordered our car with the Z51 performance package which includes Brembo brake pads designed for track use. These high performance pads are great for track use. They have lots of stopping power and can withstand the high temperatures generated on the racetrack. I have read that they will only last two or three full days of hard use on the track. Replacement cost has been reported to be well over \$1000. If you do some shopping, you can find outlets that will sell these pads for about \$600 a set. Still a lot of money, and then they have to be installed. By the way if you do choose to track your car, the brake fluid needs to be replaced with a high temperature fluid and don't forget to install the brake cooling kit. In addition to their high cost these brake pads have another disadvantage. They are "dirty". Drive a day or two and take a look at your wheels, calipers, and rear fender. Touch these parts with your hand and it will be covered in black brake dust. I like a clean car and have no plans any time soon to track my car. So, they had to go. I chose to replace them with ceramic pads similar to the brakes on my daily driver.

Replacing brakes on the C8 as well as some other generations is relatively simple. Replacing the rear pads was as simple as replacing a light bulb. The pads are easily replaced without removing the calipers. The front pads took a bit longer. For some reason GM glues the front pads to the caliper pistons. There are four pistons in each caliper. So, unlike the rear pads which are not glued to the caliper pistons, the front calipers need to be removed from the car. Not difficult, but it does take more time and effort. A special tool is needed for this that may not be available at your local auto parts store. A 9mm torx socket. With the caliper removed from the car, the pads can be easily unglued from the caliper pistons. The new replacement pads do not need to be glued to the pistons. For this reason, future front pad replacement would be as easy as the rear pad replacement.

The battery needs to be DISCONNECTED when the pads are being replaced. This is because the C8 has a brake by wire system. Brake boost is via an electric motor. The cars computer system performs a brake system test whenever it chooses. If the test is preformed while the pads are removed from the caliper, the caliper pistons would be force-ably (3000 psi) blown out of the caliper along with a whole lot of brake fluid. This would be a very bad thing. The neighbors would probably hear some foul language.

I decided to have a kind of "brake party". Mike was invited to the party and working together we replaced the pads. My brother Dale, Maria and Sheila also were invited to the "party" and helped. The new pads work fine with no brake dust. I would not use them on a racetrack but would choose to use the Brembo pads (I really did not toss them). All in all, this was an interesting experience. It really is nice to have friends that like to party.

Gary Milsom



Club Jackets from Adworks 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 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.

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**
- 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.

17th Annual

Corvette Caravan

Rain or Shine!

All Corvettes are invited to attend our Caravan & Outdoor BBQ

Sunday, August 1st, 2021 – 8:30 AM to 3 PM

Hosted By:

CORVETTES
of Buffalo
www.corvettesofbuffalo.com



COB Escorted Caravan
Gathering at Made in America Store
1000 w. Maple Ct. Elma, NY at 8:30 AM
BBQ Luncheon to Follow

Tents Welcome

Pre-Registration is Required – Limited to 100 Corvettes

Assembly & check in
8:30am
Drivers Meeting: 9:45 am
Departure at 10:00 am

Portion of Proceeds
To Benefit



Coffee & Donuts from
Paula's Donuts

Weidner BBQ
Meet & greet 12 noon
Luncheon-- 12:30 pm

Door Prizes
50/50 Split

Registration Includes: Coffee & Donuts, Event Plaque & Luncheon

Mail registration form & check payable to: Corvettes of Buffalo

C/O Jim Kuczmarski 170 N. Harvest St. Williamsville NY 14221 *** **NO Later than July 17, 2021**

Note: Confirmation of your registration will be done by E-Mail.

Cancelled check is your receipt of registration, unless you pay by cash.

Name (s) : _____ Address: _____

Phone : _____ Club/ Group: _____ Year & Color of Corvette: _____

Signed: _____ E-Mail _____

Registration: Corvette & Driver \$45.00 \$ _____

Passenger \$25.00 \$ _____

Event Polo Shirt S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, \$25.00 ea. \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

**Corvettes of Buffalo will
adhere to all current COVID-19
Rules & Regulations.**

Please complete this form and mail it along with your check. This form must be signed and submitted. Participants assume all risks and liabilities for their actions and their vehicles. By signing this form I release Made in America Store, Weidner BBQ and Corvettes of Buffalo from any-and-all liability.



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