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## *President's Letter*

Hi Folks,  
Pete, John, and myself met with West Herr on Monday the 19th and everything is ready to Rock and Roll for our All Corvette Show on the 11th of August. We will need all the help we can so if anyone can get there by 2:30 or 3:00 it would be greatly appreciated. Please consider donating a basket for our Chinese Auction. Hope to see you all there.

So far the cruises and shows this summer have been well attended by our membership. I'm really pleased to see the interest in these activities. Lets keep it up.

Special congratulations to Chris Benoit for winning Best C7 Award at Corvettes of Buffalo Corvette Show at the Made in America Store on Saturday, July 24th. We had a good club showing. Thanks again for all who attended.

Till next time...

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

Randy Crist  
President



2021 NCCC Corvette Convention

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**Sat Aug 28 @ 6:30pm**

Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post  
3741 Walden Ave. Lancaster

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Patti O'Connor	8/9
Cheryl Bushley	8/16
Ray Metzger	8/20
Dave Milliken	8/20
Dave Crist	8/23
Laurie Sydorowicz	8/28



## WELCOME! - NEW MEMBERS:

Tom Szaras  
Rich Wetherby  
Ken Bushley  
Cheryl Bushley

**Check out our newest sponsor ad:**  
**Northtown Lexus**

## WNYCC mailing address:

WNYCC, P.O. Box 9  
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## **WNYCC Members**

**Clothing may be ordered from:**

## **Ad Works**

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<https://adworks.ink/>  
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## **WNYCC 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Thurs July 29 530pm - Anderson's Ice Cream Social, 4855 Transit Rd, Depew NY 14043 There is an outdoor patio, or we can bring our chairs and sit in the back of the restaurant in the grassy area. Everyone pays for their own food and ice cream. Please let Geanine know if you are going.

Sat July 31 Gathering at Joe & Nancy Egan's' Cottage at Lime Lake (See Article)  
Rain or Shine. Please RSVP to Geanine so we get a good headcount for the meat!

Sun Aug 1 Corvettes of Buffalo Caravan – contact Pete Ricigliano 634-6101 for details

Mon Aug 2 Alden Cruise – 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. Please RSVP to Geanine.

Fri Aug 6 – 5-9pm - St Gabriel's Car Super Cruise, \$5 entry fee, 5271 Clinton St, Elma NY (1/4 mile east of Transit); Food/Beer/Pop/Music/ 50-50 Raffle  
345pm - The Club will meet in the parking lot of Extreme Mattress, 3211 Transit Rd. West Seneca. 4pm SHARP Caravan to St Gab's. Gary Milsom will lead us to the cruise (830-0985)

Sat Aug 7 Olcott Cruise Night – Shine Only Rain date Sat Aug 21  
330pm Meet at Sunny's Drive In, 5780 S Transit Rd (716-433-4747), Past Rt 93, on the left side of the road, across from Tops. We will eat here and then drive out together to the cruise night which runs from 5-9pm. Please RSVP to Geanine.  
Note: Bring jackets – this is right on Lake Ontario will get chilly once the sun sets.

Wed Aug 11 All Corvette Cruise at West Herr (Rain date Wed Aug 18)  
Members, please arrive by 3pm to help setup for the Cruise.  
Please bring baskets to the show for the basket raffle.

Sat Aug 14 – noon - Annual Picnic in Sheridan NY - Rain or Shine (See article)  
Directions to follow. John Glennon & Diana Augspurger are hosting this year's picnic.

Mon Aug 16 Wurlitzer Building Cruise Night – Shine only  
908 Niagara Falls Blvd, N Tonawanda NY  
5pm Meet at Home Depot, 2065 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst NY 14228  
515 Leave for the cruise night. Mike Pabst will lead us to the cruise night (348-0602)

Sun Aug 22 – Cruise to Dinner at the Wilson Boat House Restaurant Rain or Shine  
145pm Meet at the EduKids Childhood Center at Cross Point, 600 Cross Point Parkway, Getzville NY 14068.  
2pm Leave for the restaurant. 3pm Dinner at the Wilson Boat House  
Gary Milsom will lead us to the restaurant (830-0985)

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

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

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

Sun Sept 19 11am-4pm – Reg opens 9am - 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

## WNY Corvette Club Celebrates the 4<sup>th</sup> in Lancaster

Submitted by Laurie Sydorowicz

Several members of the club kicked off the 4<sup>th</sup> early and celebrated with Village of Lancaster. Corvettes rolled in the Independence Day Parade adorned with American flags and patriotic colored balloons. The turnout along the parade route was fantastic and the streets were packed with families and people of all ages. It was fun seeing the kids get excited over the cars, waving at us and seeing their eyes light up when members gave them a treat by revving their engines. It was definitely a fun morning and a great way to kick off celebrating America's birthday.



### Gathering at Joe & Nancy Egan's Cottage at Lime Lake

Sat July 31 Rain or Shine

**Meet at noon** at the Mobil station at the end of Route 400 South and Emery Road. Joe Egan (860-2465) will lead us out to the lake.

Dinner at 4pm; Bring bathing suits to play in the water! The Egan's have kayaks, a jet ski, and a party boat. The Egan's will provide the meat (beef) for dinner. Please bring an appetizer or snacks to munch on for the afternoon or a dish for dinner or dessert, favorite beverages, and chairs. Please advise if anyone has food allergies or has vegan requests.

Please RSVP to Geanine so we get a good headcount for the meat!!!

**NOTE:** This event is limited to adults and Club members and a guest! There is a maximum capacity of 45 persons for this event.

### Annual Picnic in Sheridan NY

Sat Aug 14 - Rain or Shine

Arrive noon – food will be served at 1pm  
Menu: hot dogs, hamburgers, chef salad, pasta salad. Please bring an appetizer, snack or dessert to share, what you want to drink, and your chairs.

We will have a very large tent with tables to sit under.

Members: \$10 each reservation required which will be refunded to you at the picnic  
All guests: \$10 (non-refundable)  
Children under 10 are free otherwise \$10 (non-refundable)

Reservations: Please send your checks payable to WNYCC to Michael Kreamer, 72 Rolling Hills Drive, Orchard Park, NY 14127-2906 by Aug 1.

Directions to follow.

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## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENTS!!

Tom Kazmierczak and Laurie Sydorowicz; Pe'pe LaDue and Pat McKenna

Submitted by **Pe'pe LaDue**

**The Widewaters Cruise** was more than a great night with many Corvette's and friends, it was also a touching moment between two members (Tom Kazmierczak and Laurie Sydorowicz) announcing their engagement, and topped off with not just a presentation of engagement ring but also a gorgeous 57 Pontiac. Too bad my "friend" Pat McKenna was not with me to witness that. Reason being was that just 24 hours earlier, I asked Pat if she would be my "fiancée". WOW! Must be something going around.

**PS: She said yes.**



### Tom Kazmierczak and Laurie Sydorowicz get engaged - 7/15/2021

Submitted by Sheila Saint and Mike Pabst

A tale of two lovers, a car and a ring, and a few rain delays.

On July 15, after a few months of planning and two weeks of Mother Nature's not cooperating with the weather, we were finally able to see Tom propose to his soon to be queen by giving her a beautiful ring and an equally beautiful 1957 Pontiac Chieftain. This all happened at the Marvin's at WideWaters cruise night in Lockport NY.

Mike Pabst and Tom did a lot of planning and making sure that things went smoothly. Aaron Hurst, the owner of WideWaters, was gracious enough to let Mike and Tom park the car up in the little valley of trees to prevent Laurie from seeing the mighty Chieftain. Mike snuck away and put on the bow and drove the car into our area where Tom presented Laurie the car and got down on one knee to propose.

The couple was happy to be surrounded by so many friends and well-wishers. The catchphrase of the night by Miss Laurie was "Oh My God"

And the bonus, she said yes of course! We wish the lucky couple all the happiness.



### **C8 Photo shoot - (left to right) Gary, Paul, Pe'pe, Skip**



#### Club Jackets from Adworks Instructions:

~Go to [adworksink.com](http://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.



#### **Classified Ad**

4-Michlin Pilot Sport  
wheels and tires off his  
C-5 ZO6 which should  
fit any C-5.275 front  
and 295 rear. Black  
wheels. Talk to him at  
the Lake the 31st or  
give a call to Joe Eagan

## WNYCC June Business Meeting - Pictures submitted by Pete Ricigiano



## COB all Corvette Show - July 24, 2021 - Made in America Store Submitted by Pete Ricigiano Desiree & Chris Benoit 1st place C7 award



## For C8 Owners

Submitted by **Gary Milsom**

There seems to be confusion at some GM dealerships as to what is covered by the 1st year free maintenance service for your new C8.

### **Some tips:**

\* The free service must be performed within one year of vehicle delivery to the customer. A day late and you may be out of luck.

\* This service includes changing the engine oil (Mobil Dexos 2 0-40W) and oil filter, **and the transmission filter**. Some dealers are charging to change the transmission filter (no local dealers that I am aware of). *This very important service should be free.*

Changing the DCT filter properly is time consuming and must be completed by following a very specific procedure. GM reimburses the dealer 2.3 hours of labor costs to perform this one time free service. That should give you the idea that it is not so easy to do. The vehicle needs to be raised and lowered on a lift several times to perform this service on the DCT. The transmission needs to be cycled through each gear for 30 to 45 seconds in order to charge the clutch packs and it must be completed within 5 minutes or you have to start over. Only then can you check the fluid level and refill what was lost when the DCT filter was replaced, usually about 1/2 quart. If you track your car and have added the required 2 quarts of fluid, you need to go to another step and there might be additional charges for that service. For the do it yourselfers, the engine oil and filter change (be sure to read the manual on how to check engine oil level) can still be done at home if you are so inclined. As far as the DCT, take it to a GM dealer you feel is well acquainted with the C8. Remember the wave

Hi Peter:

Sorry I have been a bit distant lately but busy with work and diy. New shed up but no floors or doors yet, have to take the old shed down inside the new one. State of play with the vette is I have all the bits needed now, bar some French locking tabs for the main shaft bearing support bolts. I have bought a complete gearbox rebuild kit so I can send the box away to be gone through. Although it all works and changes gear perfectly it has this big oil leak from the bolt that rattled out and it also weeps a bit from the shift lever seals. So it will come back dry and with new bearings, synchro rings, seals and gaskets. It just makes sense to do it all as it has to come out anyway. The car is worth it. I can use it sparingly and locally til i do the job. We have a muncie box specialist a few hundred miles away so i will run it up to him. This orange vette pic was sent to me by a friend who saw it trying to cool down whilst waiting for a river ferry near plymouth. He is in the SW branch of our national vette club. Mine /ours seems to run cool as a cucumber so very reassuring

Great to hear from you Pete, glad you're well and getting out on some runs. Love my 72 and gives me so much pleasure owning it even if not driving as much yet as I hoped. But once this little issue is sorted it will be an even better car. People stop and stare, hoot or wave whenever I take her out.

Lovely to hear from you Peter, my best wishes to all the family. C2 pics sometime please. Take care, your friend, Gary.

