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President's Letter

Hello Everyone:

It is that time of the year that the weather is getting nice. Most of us have our corvettes out on the road.

If you have been watching the newsletter and emails, you will see that activities are really ramping up. We had a group travel to Canada; Frankenmuth, MI; and Watkins Glen Corvette Festival. We have car cruises and shows planned to attend. There is also talk of an "Ice Cream tour" around Western New York. Several of our members will be attending the NCCC Convention in Bowling Green, KY.

Our All Corvette Show is June 21st at West Herr Chevrolet. We need as many members as possible to help with registration, parking, judging, basket raffle, and 50/50 drawing. Don't forget to bring a donation for the basket raffle.

All in all we are an active club. No one should be bored!

Remember, your club is what you make it! Get involved!

C1-C8 they're all great!
Until next time!
John Drogi, WNYCC President



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Sat June 3, 2023 at 6:30pm

Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275,
3741 Walden Ave. Lancaster NY

*Please bring your money for the Grand Lady
Boat Cruise and Picnic to this meeting.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lynn Wells	6/1
John Szumigala	6/3
Evelyn Wier	6/3
Roger Shanks	6/5
Becky Rutkowski	6/13
Kathy Kozakowski	6/14
Kelly Koszuta	6/15
Gundula Dunne	6/16
Paul Gress	6/16
Randy Crist	6/17
Maria Gump	6/20
Diana Augspurger	6/21
Debra Gress	6/24
Mike McCann	6/28
Rose Metzger	6/29
Rich Wetherby	6/29

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kellie Weaver
Richard Cusack

GET WELL WISHES

Dan Andrusz - heart surgery

CONDOLENCES

We remember our long time member Rick Benthien who passed away on May 10 and send our deepest sympathy to Mary Raley.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jim Jager on the sudden passing of his friend and guest at Club events Karen Saunders.

Condolences to Lisa Snyder on the passing of her father, Harold Snyder Sr.

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WNYCC 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat June 3 - 6:30pm - General Meeting - Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave. Lancaster NY

Note: There will be a presentation by WNYC Heroes with Service Dogs present.

Sun June 4 - 12-4pm - Party to Celebrate the Life of Rick Benthien (see page 3)

Mon June 5 - 5-8pm - Alden Cruise Night – Shine only - Alden Town Park, 13140 W Main St, Alden NY

This cruise is the first Monday of the month; no rain date. John & Charlene Drogi are coordinating this cruise night

5pm - The Club will meet at the Alden Tops, 12775 Broadway, Alden NY 14004 to cruise to the park together. RSVP to Geanine.

Sat June 10 - Sun June 11 Northeast Classic Car Museum, 24 Rexford Street, Norwich NY 13815 (see page 6)

8am Meet at Flying J Traveling Center, 8484 Allegheny Rd, Pembroke NY 14036

Trip is about 3 1/2 hours drive – we will have rest stops along the way.

Mon June 12 Lancaster Elks Club Corvette Night, 33 Legion Pkwy, Lancaster NY 14086 – Shine Only

Sat June 17 Pierce Arrow Museum & Dinner at Chef's Restaurant (see page 3)

Mon June 19 - 5:30pm - Nina's Custard, 2577 Millersport Highway, Getzville NY 14068 – Rain or Shine event

Come have Dinner & Ice Cream

Wed June 21 West Herr All Corvette Cruise - Rain Date Thurs June 22

Members should arrive between 230pm-3pm • Bring walkie talkies set to channel 5 • Wear club clothing or something yellow

• Wear your name tag • Members' cars are on display only and will not be judged

Don't forget to bring your basket or gift cards for the Basket Raffle • If you cannot make the car cruise, please bring your basket to the June 3 meeting or contact Geanine or John.

Several members will be at the NCCC Convention in Bowling Green and will not be available to help at the car cruise. We are going to need help with the following: Parking, Registration, 50/50 Raffle, Basket Raffle and Judging

Any questions, please text or call Geanine Sobczak 716-445-8294 or John Drogi 716-982-5527

June 24-29 NCCC Convention in Bowling Green KY, Contact Pete Ricigliano for more details at 716-634-6101 (see page 7)

Sat June 24, 2023 Meeting is Cancelled!!!!

Sat July 1 - Olcott Cruise Night - Shine Only

Mon July 3 - 5-8pm - Alden Cruise Night – Shine only - Alden Town Park, 13140 W Main St, Alden NY

Thurs July 13 Corvette Night at Uncle Joe's Diner – Shine only

Fri July 14 St John's Car Cruise

Sat July 15 The BBC Band at the Lt Col Matt Urban Post, \$10 cover charge; food and beverages available for purchase.

Thurs July 20 Corvettes of Buffalo Super Cruise (Rain Date July 27)

Sat July 29 Lime Lake at the Egans' Cottage, This event is at capacity.

Fri Aug 4 St Gabriel's Super Cruise

Sun Aug 6 Corvettes of Buffalo Corvette Caravan

Mon Aug 7 Alden Cruise Night 5-8pm – Shine only

Sat Aug 12 - 12pm - Club Picnic, Rain or Shine (see page 6)

Sun Aug 13 COB Picnic

Fri Aug 18 Grand Lady Cruise Rain or Shine, Board at 7pm, cruise is 730-930pm, \$35 per person ticket paid in advance - adults only - We need a commitment to purchase tickets. If you say you are going, the Club will purchase a ticket for you and you are responsible to pay for that ticket. There are no refunds.

Please send checks payable to WNYCC to Mike Pabst, 135 Denise Drive, Cheektowaga NY 14227 by June 3 (meeting night).

Sat Aug 19, 2023 General Meeting 630pm (one week early due to Corvettes at Carlisle)

Mon Sept 11 WNYCC Fall Cruise (Rain Date Tues Sept 12)

Sat Sept 30, 2023 General Meeting 630pm (one week late due to Post conflict)

Sat October 21, 2023 General Meeting 630pm (one week early due to Halloween)

Sat November 25, 2023 General Meeting 630pm

Christmas Party Sat Dec 2

From the Secretary's Desk

Lately I have sent out multiple emails about upcoming events. Some people apparently are not receiving these emails because they look like spam given the number of email recipients on the distribution list. If you are not receiving emails from me on a regular basis, please check your Spam file. If they are not there, please reach out to me via email, text or phone so we can figure out what is happening. I cannot try to fix the problem if I don't know this is happening.

Geanine Sobczak, WNYCC Secretary, 716-445-8294

Arrangements for Richard Benthien

It was Rick's wish that his life be celebrated with a party. Mary Raley has invited all WNYCC members to attend and celebrate Rick's life.

Sunday, June 4 from 12-4pm

Elks Club
2805 Elmwood Ave
Kenmore NY14217

You may bring an appetizer or a dessert.

Please RSVP to Geanine so Mary has a headcount.

(Note: The Club General Meeting is later that evening at the VFW Post)

Pierce Arrow Museum - Sat June 17 (Rain or Shine event)

1pm - Pierce Arrow Museum - \$20 per person

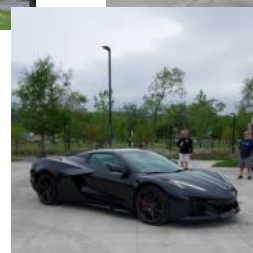
Buffalo Transportation Pierce Arrow Museum
263 Michigan Ave, Buffalo NY 14203
(Corner of Seneca St and Michigan Ave)

The world famous Thomas Flyer car is on display

3pm - Chef's Restaurant for early dinner
291 Seneca St, Buffalo NY 14204
Chef's is about 2 blocks from the restaurant

Watkins Glen Corvette Festival - Fri-Sun May 19-21

Members caravanned to Watkins Glen in anticipation of the 1st Annual Watkins Glen Corvette Festivals. Along the way, a couple stops were made to local wineries. The weather seemed questionable on Friday as some members drove there in the rain. We stayed at The Falls Motel in Montour Falls and dined Friday evening at Jerlando's. When we arrived at Chute Park where 100s of corvettes were already set up for the day. The setting was beautiful on Seneca Lake. The rain held out for most of the day. Saturday evening, we enjoyed a buffet dinner with Earl Harley's grandson as the guest speaker. He reviewed the history of the corvette and it's introduction at Watkin Glens. On Sunday, some club members viewed a movie and joined other corvettes for a parade on the original Watkins Glen road course. Pictures by Sheila Saint, Geanine Sobczak, and Charlene Drogi.



Frankenmuth Fun - submitted by Maria Gump

Frankenmuth, Michigan is a cute little Bavarian-themed town located about 300 miles from Buffalo. On Monday, May 15th, nine of our club members headed there for 3 days full of fun, food, laughter and lots of shopping! We departed from my house with Bill and Cindy Shephard in the lead with their Corvette. Bob and Patti O'Connor graciously took the rear to make sure those of us sandwiched in the middle had a safe journey through Canada. Pete and Rose Ricigliano were the first to arrive at the appointed time (yes, you read that correctly..lol)! Armed with our walkie-talkies, Karen, her lovely daughter Kelly, me and the rest of the aforementioned were off! Our first stop was Swiss Chalet (of course) and we made good time the rest of the way into Frankenmuth. Upon arrival at the hotel, we decided a nice close to the day would be dinner at the Frankenmuth Brewery, conveniently located across the street from our hotel! The next two days were spent wandering the streets of this lovely town, admiring the charming architecture, stopping at the many different varieties of shops, and enjoying the comradery of our fellow club members. The highlights included:

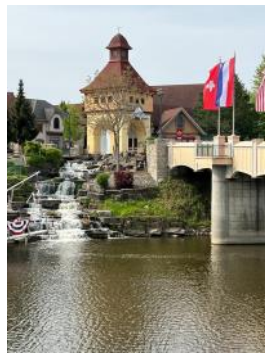
- The covered bridge
- Wine and Chocolate tasting boat tour on the Cass River
- Beignets (not German, but delicious)
- Cocktail hour together at the hotel where we all pooled our goodies and had a feast
- Dinner together at Zehnders -famous for their Chicken
- An evening together of playing L-R-C (we only got shushed once by hotel management)
- Bronners Christmas Store -huge
- Silent Night Chapel
- Christmas light display
- Shopping
- All the beautiful memories we made

All in all, it was a great time and if you've never been, it's a great little town to explore!



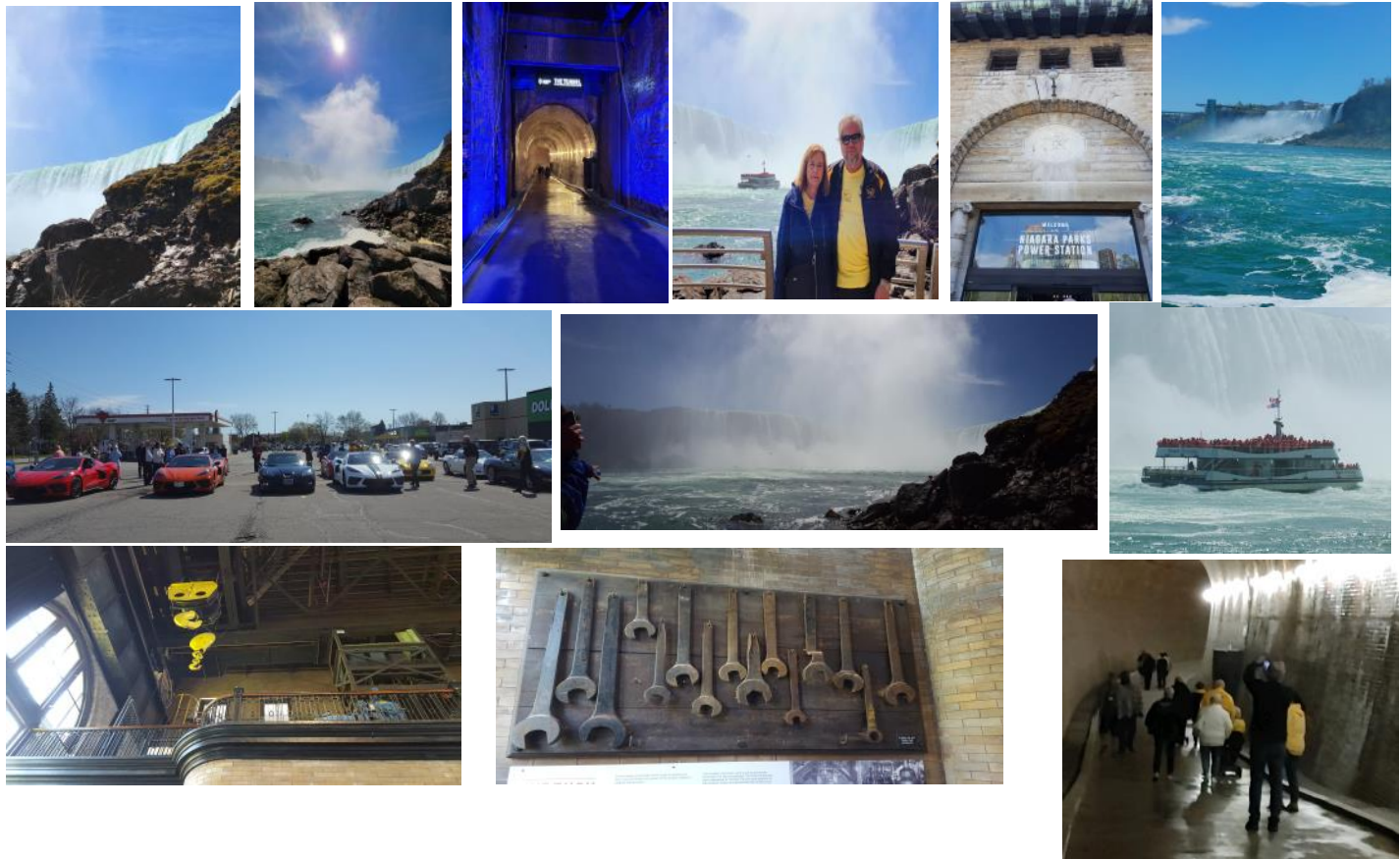
Frankenmuth Fun (continued) - submitted by Maria Gump

Thank you Maria Gump and Patti O'Connor for the amazing pictures. They were all so great, I had to include them all. Looks like those of us who did not go really missed out on an incredible trip!! Kudos to Maria for organizing this event.



Spring Cruise with the Niagara Corvette Club - Saturday, May 6

WNYCC met at the Valu Home Center Plaza to caravan together across the Peace Bridge to meet up with the Niagara Corvette Club in Niagara Falls. From there the two clubs caravanned to the Tunnel at Niagara Parks Power Station for a tour. The day was complete when both clubs enjoyed lunch at the Barrel Restaurant for Italian food. Pictures submitted by Paul Gress, Diana Augspurger, Geanine Sobczak.



WNYCC FAMILY PICNIC Saturday, Aug 12 - Noon

7560 Barnum Road, Cassadaga NY 14718

Diana Augspurger's son Chris will once again allow us to gather at his property in Sheridan, NY for our picnic. John Glennon is running the picnic and will do the grilling of hot dogs besides having a Shrimp Boil.

Please bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert, what you want to drink, chairs, swimsuits. **No pets please!**

Members will send in a \$20 reservation that will be refunded at the picnic. Guests and kids over 12 will be charged \$20 with no refund given.

Please send checks payable to WNYCC to:

Michael Pabst, 135 Denise Drive, Cheektowaga NY 14227 - Annotate on the check for Picnic

IMPORTANT: Please indicate if you will eat the Shrimp Boil, Hot Dogs, or Both to plan for purchasing ingredients / food.

We will caravan to the picnic

11am meet at the Angola Travel plaza on the 90 West

Arrive noon – food will be served at 1pm

Menu: hot dogs, Shrimp Boil, salad and roasted vegetables

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

John Glennon (912-1731) & Diana Augspurger are hosting this year's picnic.

Sat June 10 - Sun June 11 Northeast Classic Car Museum

24 Rexford Street, Norwich NY 13815

12pm - Lunch at Wild Owl Bistro, Norwich, NY

1:30pm - tour of the museum; \$10 per person
Preferred parking across the street for Corvettes

Overnight stay at the Red Roof Inn
75 N Broad Street, Norwich NY 13815

There are currently 10 rooms on hold
(five rooms with one king bed and 5 rooms
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The hotel is located within walking distance of
downtown restaurants and shops. Car museum
is a 2 minute drive.

530pm - Dinner at Park Place Sports Bar

Lancaster Memorial Day Service & Parade - May 29

Thank you Christine Bosiacki and Pete Ricigliano for the pictures. WNYCC members met at the Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275 to caravan to the memorial ceremony at Lake Ave Veterans Park. The memorial ceremony honored military men and women who gave their lives while serving our country. Following the ceremony, 9 WNYCC member corvettes participated in the Lancaster Memorial Day parade. The VFW hosts free hot dogs, pop, and beer afterward.



DATE DAY TIME SCHEDULE LOCATION

6/24/2023 Saturday	1:00pm - 5:00pm Registration and Tech Inspection Hotel
	1:00pm - 6:00pm Corvette Mall and Hospitality Room Hotel
	6:00pm - 10:00pm Hospitality Room open to hang out Hotel
6/25/2023 Sunday	9:00am - 4:00pm Registration and Tech Inspection Hotel
	12:00pm - 5:00pm Corvette Mall and Hospitality Room Hotel
	6:00pm - 7:30pm Champions Dinner Hotel
6/26/2023 Monday	7:30pm - 10:30pm Welcome Party/Speaker/Awards/Entertainment Hotel
	8:00am - 12:00pm Concours/People's Choice Shows NCM
	8:30am - 3:30pm Tour: Country Music Hall of Fame/VIP lunch Hotel
	11:00am - 3:00pm Rallye NCM
	12:00pm - 5:00pm Corvette Mall and Hospitality Room Hotel
6/27/2023 Tuesday	7:00pm - 10:30pm Champion Celebration Party Hotel
	5:45am - 6:00pm Tour: Bourbon Trail Hotel
	8:00am - 4:00pm Drags Beech Bend
	8:00am - 3:00pm Funkhana Hotel
	10:00am - 4:00pm Tour: General Jackson Showboat Lunch Cruise Hotel
6/28/2023 Wednesday	12:00pm - 5:00pm Corvette Mall and Hospitality Room Hotel
	6:00pm - 10:30pm Ballpark Dinner/Team Spirit Party Hotel
	7:00pm - 9:00pm Valve Cover Race Hotel
	6:00am - 5:30pm Tour: Bourbon Trail Hotel
	8:00am - 5:00pm Low Speed MSP
6/29/2023 Thursday	10:00am - 4:00pm Tour: General Jackson Showboat Lunch Cruise Hotel
	12:00pm - 3:00pm Funkhana Hotel
	12:00pm - 5:00pm Corvette Mall and Hospitality Room Hotel
	8:00am - 5:00pm High Speed MSP
	8:30am - 4:30pm Tour: /Grand Ole Opry House/Ryman Auditorium Hotel

**Bowling Green, Kentucky
June 24th - 30th, 2023**


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