



Western New York Corvette Club

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Newsletter

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President's Letter

Hello Everyone:

I hope this finds everyone doing well. I know quite a few of our members have been sick lately. Unfortunately, Covid is still out there.

We have been having terrific weather for October and car cruises are still going on. Next week is November and it might be over 70° for November 1st. I remember snow for Halloween when we were kids.

I would like to thank everyone who brought desserts and treats to our October meeting. It was a fun night. At our meeting had nominations for officers and board members; voting will take place at the November meeting. I have been fortunate for the last 3 years to serve with a really great board and we work very well together. Sheila will be stepping down as Treasurer. Thank you to her for the great job she has done. Thank you to Nancy Egan for accepting the Treasurer nomination. I hope we can retain the current members. When you vote, please consider how the club has grown in the last 3-4 years and all the activities that we have had. We have all worked hard to make this club one of the best and try to make our meetings fun and informative.

Articles from all nominated candidates are in this months newsletter. Remember, your club is what you make it. Thank you to all our members for being part of it.

C1-C8 they're all great!!
President John

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Sat November 23, 2024 at 6:30pm

Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275,
3741 Walden Ave. Lancaster NY
Officer and Board Elections

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Cindy Shephard 11/1
- Carolyn McCann 11/4
- Thomas Kazmierczak 11/7
- Desiree Benoit 11/17
- Patricia LaDue 11/18
- Gary Watts 11/22
- James Shemansky 11/23
- Charlene Drogi 11/27
- Joseph Kowalski 11/27
- John Glennon 11/29



GET WELL WISHES

- Robert Cassenti (Stent surgery)
- Linda Forman (cataract surgery & Covid)
- Ray & Rose Metzger (Covid)
- Patti O'Connor (Covid)
- Geanine Sobczak (Covid)
- Bill Shephard (Covid)

WNYCC CLOTHING.

Cindy at C-Shore Designs
37 S. Shore Dr. Alden, NY 14004
<https://c-shoredesign.bravesites.com/>
Email: cshoreorders@gmail.com
Phone: 585-937-4127

WNYCC ENGRAVED ITEMS

Chris at IGY6 Bladesmith & Engraving
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To order - text and email are best
Email: Hntingwolf@aol.com
Phone: 716-579-4366



WNYCC 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat Nov 2 Jovi's Restaurant & Rob's Comedy Playhouse

530pm Jovi's Italian Restaurant, 2795 Delaware Ave, Kenmore NY
Dinner at max capacity

8pm Rob's Comedy Playhouse

3200 Elmwood Ave, Kenmore 14217

Sat Nov 3 VFW Post Steak Dinner – 1145am Cash only \$15

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

The Club will eat in the Post Hall so we need a headcount to reserve tables. The dinner includes steak, potatoes, corn, and chef salad

Sat Nov 23 General Meeting 630pm

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

Election of Officers

Sat Dec 7 Christmas Party -

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

No December meeting

Tentative 2025 Event Dates

Sat Mar 29 Installation Dinner

April 24-26 Bowling Green Michelin Bash

May 18&19 Watkins Glen Corvette Weekend

Due to the length of October's Newsletter, activities and articles from October will be in November Newsletter

Nomination of Officers:

At the November meeting, we will have election of Officers and Board positions. The following have been nominated or self-nominated:

President: John Drogi

Vice President: John Glennon, Peter Ricigliano

Treasurer: Nancy Egan

Secretary: Geanine Sobczak

Board member (3 positions open):

Gary Milsom

Maria Gump

Charlene Drogi

Peter Ricigliano

Please remember you must meet the criteria outline in our ByLaws to vote. Geanine Sobczak as Secretary, has sent out the list of who can vote. If your name is not on the list, you may NOT vote.

WNYCC DUES ARE DUE BY NOV 15, 2024

If you already paid your dues, THANK YOU!!

WNYCC Renewal Information:

- 1. Individual** dues are **\$36**
- 2. Couples** dues are **\$72**
- WNYCC will pay for one membership per couple in the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) if a member wishes to belong to NCCC.
- NCCC for Spouse/partner dues** to be a member of NCCC are an additional **\$10** paid by the member

Please contact Sheila Saint (716) 936-1041 if you have any WNYCC dues questions. Make checks payable to: **WNYCC** with "**Dues**" annotated on the check and mail to:

Sheila Saint, 696 Borden Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Members who wish to join NCCC should email Sheila Saint at 67bdustchevelle@gmail.com or call 716-936-1041 for an NCCC application form or any questions about NCCC membership process.

All applications should be returned to Sheila Saint, do not send anything to NCCC!

NOMINATED OFFICERS AND BOARD ARTICLES

My wife and I have been WNYCC members since 2018. We have enjoyed being part of WNYCC and getting to know the great members. If elected as President, this will be my 4th term in this role. I am very proud of the increase in members, friendships, and numerous activities that has occurred while I have been President. I strive to keep meetings interesting, informative, and respectful of members time.

My leadership experience includes President of the Kiwanis Club of Pembroke-Corfu-Darien and Alden Chamber of Commerce Board Member; also past Chamber VP for 2 years. I have been a business owner for 45 years so I understand the importance of working as a team to make quality decisions for WNYCC including sometimes difficult decisions. My goals if elected as the 2025 WNYCC President is to continue to communicate member ideas, have a thorough understanding of issues or decisions to be made, and work together with the Club Officers and Board to continue building this great Corvette club.



Sincerely, John Drogi, WNYCC President

John Glennon, WNYCC Vice President



It's been 4 years since I first joined the board of the Western New York Corvette Club. It was a bit of a learning curve for me since I had never served on a Board of Directors in the past. However, I was newly retired, eager to be involved and had plenty of time to be of assistance where needed. I'm not one for limelight therefore, the role of Vice President has been just right for me and I'm asking for your vote to allow me to keep working for you.

The key role of the Vice President is to support the President in the functions of the club. To that end, I have always been available whether it's been negotiations with West Herr for our annual event, parking the cars, trouble shooting problems or filling in where we are short. For our events, I try to arrive early and leave last so I can be that extra pair of hands.

For three years I hosted the annual picnic at my son's farm in Cassadaga where I served a varied menu each year – hot dogs and hamburgers, fried chicken and lastly a shrimp boil. This year we moved it to a closer location for those who preferred a shorter drive. I was happy to host the club at our business, Creative Storage, for a wine tasting instead. We had more than 30 people attend that event. I'm always on the lookout for new potential events.

What I love most though is being a club ambassador. I am always looking to recruit members and sponsors. I always greet new members at the meetings to make them feel comfortable and talk the club up when I'm out and about. While I can't personally take credit for our club growth, we have gone from roughly 80 members to 134 in the last 4 years. I've been very happy to be part of the team that has supported this and given the members a quality club experience. This Ezra Brooks bottle is empty but it makes a great addition to a collection. Has the original tags. Stands 15-1/2" tall.

Geanine Sobczak, WNYCC Secretary

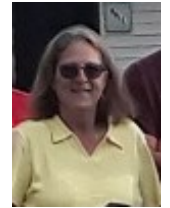


I am again running for the office of Secretary. I joined the Club when I was 24 years old at the suggestion of my brother as I was looking to purchase my first Corvette. My brother was living in Florida and he thought the guys in the Club could steer me in the right direction on purchasing a Corvette. In my 38 years in the Club, I have held every Officer and Board position.

When I was in high school, I had thoughts of being an Executive Secretary so I took two years of typing but it was the shorthand that did me in! So I turned to computers and today have 40 years in at HSBC as an IT Auditor. Needless to say my typing classes have come in very handy and actually have allowed me to become an Executive Secretary, for the President of the Club!!

Nominated for Treasurer, Nancy Egan

Hello, my name is Nancy Egan and I am running for Treasurer of the club. I have been a member since 2008. I have been active in many events and attended many meetings. Having recently retired, I feel I now have time to step up and help with the club on a more regular basis. My experience is mostly helping with my husbands business of 45 years and our personal finances. Thank you.



Nominated for Board Of Directors - Gary Milsom



As a proud member of the Western New York Corvette Club, I am enthusiastically announcing my candidacy for reelection to the Board of Directors. Over the past term, I have had the privilege of serving our vibrant community of Corvette enthusiasts, and I am eager to continue contributing to our club's growth and success. I have worked diligently to promote our club's financial health by establishing sponsorships with local businesses. Our list of sponsors has grown to an all time high over the years that I have served on the Board Of Directors. This has, and continues to support the financial health of our club and enhance our club's visibility within the Corvette community. I strongly feel that the seven members of the existing governing board have worked exceptionally well together, and along with the club membership have formed a club that is second to none. And perhaps most important of all, I will continue to work to make our club a fun place to be. I respectfully ask for your support.

Nominated for Board Of Directors - Maria Gump

It is an honor to be nominated for a position to continue my service on the board. I have been a member of the club for 6 years, and although I don't own a Corvette, I grew up loving cars, so the title Corvette Enthusiast is pretty appropriate. In my first year on the board, I have continued my role in helping set up and coordinate events with Geanine. Over this past year, our club has been involved in a wide variety of activities from car shows and car cruise nights to boat cruises, dinners and a movie night...just to name a few. We are not only a car club, but a social club as well. In my opinion, it is the best of both worlds!



In addition to my duties on the events committee, I took over the jobs of procuring name tags and t-shirts for our new members as well as contacting vendors who could provide us with a new style of jacket. I was also named Co-chairperson of registration for the NCCC convention which is to be held in Syracuse in 2026. I look forward to being the liaison between our club and NCCC and very proud of the role that WNY Corvette Club will be playing in this national convention.

I would love to continue serving on the board and serving the members of our club. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Nominated for Vice President and Board of Directors



I was nominated for VP and the Board at the October meeting and would like to serve the membership on the Board in either one position. Being an active member since 1995, and corvette lover for 54 years, I feel I will be an asset on the Board. I have served as President, VP, Board, and chair many events. I also started the Corvette Forum for more car related events and the latest I information.

If elected I will listen to the membership and pass it to the Board. I also plan to help out with newsletter articles, and pictures, and help where needed because I have the energy and time.

Your vote would be a appreciated.
Pete Ricigliano

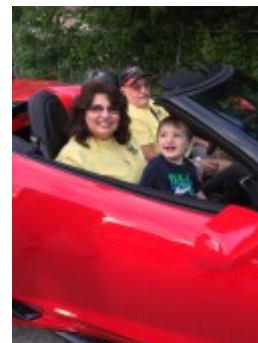
Nominated for Board Of Directors - Charlene Drogi

It has been a privilege serving on the Board of Directors for the past year. I am honored to be nominated for another term on the Board of Directors. Some of my duties include maintaining the club roster, coordinating t-shirt order, and together with my husband, John, organizing the 2024 club picnic. I have been a member of WNYCC since 2018 and editor of the newsletter since 2020. I have strived to make the newsletter a fun and interesting publication to read.

My leadership experience has included belonging to multiple bargaining units and committees in my employment, participating in nursing leadership organizations, being a member and holding past officer positions in the PCD Kiwanis Club. John and I also coordinate multiple car cruises.

If elected my goals are:

- to promote WNYCC's motto "friends, fun, fiberglass"
- work with the Officers and Board to manage club activities, bylaws, and finances
- to make all members feel welcome



IMMACULATE DETAIL TECH NIGHT - AUG 13

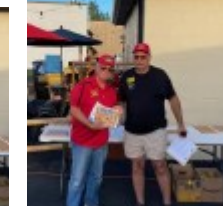
Approximately 20 members attended a tech night at Immaculate Detail Shop on Erie St. in Lancaster. Brian and his cousin talked about the products and processes they use. The silver Lexus shown below was ceramic coated in 2018. Everyone seemed to enjoy information. The club provided subs, chips, and drinks.



WNYCC Fall Super Cruise - September 11

Contributed by Ed & Chris Bosiacki

Many members came out for a beautiful night of fun at the VFW for the Super Cruise. Positive feedback was received from many participants. Thank you to all the members who sponsored awards!



NCM AMBASSADOR REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

For those of you who “need” to know, there’s exciting news the: 2024 C8 Production Stats.

* 2024 Corvette Model Year-End Production Stats:

As the 2024 Corvette model year wraps up, it was another year of innovation for America’s Sports Car. With a total of 42,934 units produced in 2024, Corvette enthusiasts made their preferences heard. From the iconic Stingray to the performance-driven Z06 and the all-new E-Ray, every model showcases the power, style, and passion that defines the Corvette legacy.

2024 Production Highlights:

- Stingray Coupe: 18,139 units * Stingray Convertible: 12,803 units
- Z06 Coupe: 5,327 units * Z06 Convertible: 5,248 units
- E-Ray Coupe: 599 units * E-Ray Convertible: 818 units

See the full breakdown here:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/2024-corvette-model-year...>

If you haven’t seen the “LUSTER” exhibit, it is still available until January 5, 2025

The latest exhibit, just opened October 18th, “Pop Culture and the Corvette” – starting with the sleek 1959 Stingray Racer driven by Elvis Presley in “Clambake”, to Corvette-based characters like “Sideswipe” and “Crosshairs” in the Transformers film series.

Bringing your Corvette on your visit? NCM offers a “delivery” experience for all generation Corvettes. Contact: rod.keller@corvettemuseum.org or call 270-777-4566

*information courtesy of National Corvette Museum

Please note 2025 Michelin BASH - April 24-26, 2025 (Thursday – Saturday)



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Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
August 17 to 22, 2025
For more Convention information:

[https://](https://www.corvettesnccc.org/2025Convention/Convention2025.php)
[www.corvettesnccc.org/2025Convention/](https://www.corvettesnccc.org/2025Convention/Convention2025.php)
[Convention2025.php](https://www.corvettesnccc.org/2025Convention/Convention2025.php)
New NCCC website:
<https://www.corvettesnccc.org/>

Sat Dec 7 Christmas Party at the VFW Post

Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275
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5pm Arrival
6pm Buffet from Carmen’s Catering: The menu is ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, glazed carrots, and salad.

Feel free to bring desserts!!
There will be an optional \$20 unisex gift exchange.

The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for guests.
Please make checks payable to WNYCC and send to: Sheila Saint, 696 Borden Rd, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Money is due by Nov 23 (meeting night)
There will be no refunds



WNYCC MUG - Only \$8 Mugs will be available at meetings to purchase.



License Plate Holders
MORE license plate holders are available! \$10 each.



Contact President John Drogi to purchase.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The Western New York Corvette Club welcomes annual sponsor ads for the Club Newsletter and Website. The Sponsor provides a business card or artwork with pricing as follows:

AS OF 8/2024 PRICING FOR NEW ADS / UPON RENEWAL:

Quarter Page Newsletter Ad and Ad w/Link on Website **\$75**

Sponsors receives a copy of the WNYCC monthly newsletter.

Contact Gary Milsom at 668-8054 for more information