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MAY 2025

President's Letter

Hello Everyone:

It's the end of May and it feels like October. Spring and sunshine are slow to arrive this year. If anyone is like me, we are about a month and a half behind on spring clean-up. I tried beginning of May to get our cars out but the weather continues to be a factor.

We had a great trip to Canada meeting the Canadian Club. It was a well planned activity and day trip. All of their members were very friendly and accommodating. The Canadian Club brought about 50 corvettes. Lou, Bill, and John G. brought their corvettes.

It was great to see our members participate in the second Watkins Glen Festival that celebrated the 72nd Anniversary of the Corvette and the Memorial Day Parade in Lancaster. Thanks to all who attended and represented WNYCC at these events.

On June 11 is our 20th All Corvette Show. Fingers crossed for great weather that day and plenty of members to help. Judges are needed for most generations. I have a member signed up to judge the C7 group. Call or email me if you're available. Let's hope for a great turn out that day!

I know we have many activities planned for the summer months. Hope everyone gets to attend and enjoy all that is going on. Our club is VERY active with car cruises/shows, dinners, and other activities. Don't forget to sign up for the picnic on August 16. We had a great time last year.

Hopefully our members can enjoy as many activities as possible!

Until Next Time, C1-C8 they're all great!! President John

NEXT GENERAL MEETING Sat AUGUST 23, 2025 at 6:30pm

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/31 1 1	DIIXIIIE
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 Wetherby	6/15
Paul Gress	6/16
Randy Crist	6/17
Maria Gump	6/20
Diana Augspurger	6/21
Debra Gress	6/24
Doug Catlin	6/25
Mike McCann	6/28
Rich Wetherby	6/29



GET WELL WISHES

Areta Buchner (cataract surgery)
Ken LaDue (prostate cancer)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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WNYCC 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat May 31 General Meeting 630pm - Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave. Lancaster NY (Note: there are no meetings in June or July)

Mon June 2 Alden Cruise Night (Shine only) Alden Town Park, 13140 W Main St, Alden NY To participate in the police escorted car parade through Alden: 4pm Meet at Town Line Lutheran Church, 1159 Town Line Rd, Alden NY 14004 (north side of Broadway/Townline intersection). 4:30pm parade leaves church parking lot. Members who do not want to do the parade can go directly to the Alden Town Park, car cruise 5pm-8pm. Live band (Boys of Summer) at the park. Food available for purchase.

Wed June 4 Cruise Night at VFW Post - Shine only! Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave. Lancaster

Mon June 9 Lockport Cruise Night featuring Corvettes, Ida Fritz Park, 105 West Ave, Lockport Meet at the park.

Wed June 11 West Herr All Corvette Cruise (Rain Date June 12)

West Herr Chevrolet, 8040 Transit Rd, Williamsville NY 14221

Members needed to help with this cruise. Members helping should arrive by 2-230pm (show is 430-730pm). Help is needed with the following areas: Setup/Tear down, Parking, Registration, 50/50 Raffle, Basket Raffle and Judging. Members' cars will be on display only and will not be judged.

Thurs June 19 (Juneteenth Holiday) Spragues & Cuba Cheese

1230pm Meet at Tim Horton's, 7286 Olean Road, South Wales NY 14139 (2.2 miles from the end of Route 400 South) 1245pm We will caravan to Sprague's, a one-hour ride; 2pm Spragues Maple Farms, 1048 Portville-Obi Rd, Portville NY 14770. 330 Leave for Cuba Cheese, 53 Genesee St, Cuba NY 14727

Sat June 21 – Outdoor concert at the Post. Lt Col Matt Urban VFW Post 7275, 3741 Walden Ave. Lancaster NY Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the VFW Post. 2 bands, Black Horse and Boomerang. Proceeds will be used to help the Post purchase their 5th service dog to help a veteran. Bring a lawn chair, blank and snacks. Food and beverages available for purchase. No coolers.

Sat June 28 General Meeting is cancelled

Sat June 28 Wiers' Wine & Cheese Party 3pm (at capacity)

Jim & Evelyn Wier have graciously offered to host another party at their home in Elma. Everyone brings a bottle of their favorite wine and a snack, appetizer or dessert to share. The Club will buy pizza. Please bring lawn chairs. This event is limited to 45 members and is at capacity. There is a waiting list; contact Geanine to be added to the waiting list.

Mon June 30 Wurlitzer Cruise Night featuring Corvettes

Fri July 18 St John's Car Show in Alden

Friday July 25 Grand Lady Boat Ride - Sunset Cruise 730pm-930pm (See page 4 for details)

Fri Aug 1 St Gabriel's Car Cruise

Sun Aug 3 - Sunset Bar and Grill, 3 O'Connell Island, Wilson NY 14172 (Rain or Shine Event) We will meet and caravan to the restaurant, 130pm - Lunch; 3pm – Band; This is a member only event and maximum capacity is 50 persons.

Thurs Aug 14 Akron Cruise Night featuring Corvettes

Sat Aug 16 – 12pm - Picnic at Alden Town Park – Kiwanis Shelter (See page 4 for details)

Sat Aug 23 - General Meeting 630pm

Sun Aug 31 COB Corvette Caravan (See page 7 for details)

Mon Sept 8 Fall Cruise at VFW Post (Rain Date Sept 9)

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

Sun Sept 14 Pembroke Car Show - Email Charlene Drogi to have a flyer with details emailed to you.

Sat Sept 20 Forest Lawn Cemetery (Tours #1-11:30am, #2-2pm) (See page 4 for details)

Sat Sept 27 General Meeting 630pm

Sat Oct 18 General Meeting 630pm

Sat Nov 22 General Meeting 630pm

Sat Dec 6 - Xmas Party at VFW Post

Corvettes & Warbirds: A Memorable Trip to the Hamilton Warplane Museum Article Submitted by Mark Garvelli; Photos by Mike Kreamer & John Drogi

On Sunday, May 4th, members of the WNY Corvette Club teamed up with our friends from the Niagara Corvette Club for a scenic drive to Hamilton, Ontario, where we visited the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum. Despite the gloomy weather, spirits were high as we rolled up in our vettes and were warmly greeted by the museum staff.

The tour was nothing short of fascinating. We explored a remarkable collection of historic aircraft, many of which are still fully operational. One of the highlights was learning about the Avro Lancaster—an iconic WWII bomber. Impressively, the museum is home to the only flying Lancaster in the world, a true piece of living history.

We even had the chance to step inside several of the aircraft for a cockpit view, offering a rare, hands-on glimpse into aviation history. After the tour, we enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch, which was the perfect way to wrap up an already unforgettable experience.

If you've never been to the Hamilton Warplane Museum, it's well worth the trip—an ideal day outing that combines history, camaraderie, and Corvette fun.

To learn more, visit: www.warplane.com































Memorial Day Parade Article and Photos Submitted by Paul Gress

On Monday, May 26, 2025 14 club members (7 cars) participated in the Lancaster Memorial Day parade. It started out quite cold, however by the time the Parade started, it warmed up and the sun was shining. Ed Bosiacki laid a flower on the veteran's monument during the opening ceremonies on behalf of the VFW Post. Lots of candy was thrown to the spectators. After the parade ended everybody was invited back to the VFW Post for complimentary hot dogs, beer and pop.

Respectively submitted, Paul Gress



WATKINS GLEN - CORVETTE FESTIVAL - 72nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORVETTE - May 17-19
Photos Submitted by Pete Ricigliano





















For Sale: 2016 C7 Corvette Z51 Convertible with automatic transmission. Long Beach Red exterior and Kalahari leather interior, 6.2-liter V8 engine - 460 horsepower - 465 lb-ft of torque. Asking \$53,000. Peter Kost, 716-725-4478. Feel free to call me to review the cars history and updates.

Looking to sell our Corvette. It looks great and drives like new. The automatic convertible top can be operated at speeds up to 30mph.

Several updates done at Paddock Chevrolet, including some under extended warranty. These included new brake rotors, water pump, coolant flush and change, new timing chain & gear, timing tensioner, serpentine belt, spark plugs, wires, oil pump and wire harness, rear differential, and torque tube. Tires are less than 3yrs old.

Still has Quality Drive Protec Extended warranty coverage through BMW until September 2026 which is transferable to a new owner for a \$50 fee.

Z51 Performance Package includes: Slotted brake rotors, Electronic limited-slip differential, High-performance tires and wheels

Interior: Kalahari brown Leather seats, Dual-zone automatic climate control, Bose premium audio system, Wireless Apple Car Play, Chevrolet MyLink infotainment system with navigation, Performance Data Recorder, Wind restrictor Other features include: Traction control and stability control systems, Rearview front view cameras, Front and side-impact airbags, OnStar with automatic crash response, Anti-lock braking system









WNYCC Olym-picnic!!! Saturday, August 16 - 12pm - ?

Join us for a fun day full of food, games, music, and friends in the beautiful Alden Town Park Kiwanis Shelter. This year we've added a few more games and prizes. Bring your lawn chairs and beverages.

1:30pm - Lunch served. Catered by Whistle Stop: Roast Beef, Italian Sausage, Macaroni salad, Red Roasted Potatoes, and Penne Pasta. Members are permitted to bring alcohol beverages.

Members are asked to bring an appetizer OR Snack OR Dessert.

Cost will be \$20 per person due by August 1 - no refunds after August 1. Make checks payable to:

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Please mail checks to:

Nancy Egan, 10837 Crump Road, Holland NY 14080

Members who need **handicap parking** at the pavilion, please contact John and Charlene Drogi prior to the picnic. **All other members must park in the parking lot (newly paved).**



Grand Lady Boat Ride - Friday July 25

Sunset Cruise 730pm-930pm Boat is docked off Ganson St (next door to Riverworks)

The cost is \$42 per person; Money is due by Saturday June 21.

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Sat Sept 20 Forest Lawn Cemetery Tour 1 at 11:30am Tour 2 at 2pm

This is a private 2-hour trolley tour for the Club. Cost is \$35 per person. **Two tours available:**

- ⇒ Tour one arrive at 11:15am to tour from 1130am-130pm with a late lunch at Mooney's.
- ⇒ Tour two arrive at 1:45pm to tour from 2-4pm with early dinner at Jovi's Italian restaurant.
- ⇒ At this time the second tour 2-4pm is at capacity.

We will be contacting members who signed up individually, as well as, those on the waiting list about this event. Please hold off on sending money for this event at this time.

NCM AMBASSADOR - MAY 2025 REPORT

GEORGE AND KAREN SPARKS

George Sparks Cell: 716-432-8799 Email: buffalogeorge@gmail.com



The latest from the National Corvette Museum

NCM Membership in this museum gives you the historical and incredible story of our Corvettes. Presently, Richard Prince's exhibit is open for viewing. To understand his works, go to:

YOUTUBE: MASTERING CORVETTE PHOTOGRAPHY WITH RICHARD PRINCE: SPEED CAPTURED EXHIBIT PREVIEW

With the Summer Season shining upon us, this would be a great opportunity to plan a trip to Bowling Green. Perhaps forming a small group together of fellow club members or enthusiasts and traveling in a caravan would be a hoot.

Karen and I cannot stress enough that you are not going to the museum to see a huge building full of Corvettes. Yes, of course, there are quite a few, but each one holds a piece of historical value. The quarterly publication "America's Sports Car" is packed with a cross-section of information, and by and of itself it is worth the price of membership. And for those of you who belong to Blue Star Museum(s), the NCM is proud to be a part of that program.

The historical artifacts and information are in full view and explained in detail. For you first timers, we suggest a guided tour so as not to miss too much. Keep in mind that Zora and his wife Elfi were very passionate about Corvette, so much so that their ashes are entombed at the National Corvette Museum. Little did they, nor Harley Earl, know that Corvette would become the "icon" it is today.

As for Corvette Assembly Plant Tours, they are few and far between. It's best to call ahead and see if they are open for "public" tours.

For those who are adventurous, there's the MSP-Motor Sports Park where you can enjoy their amazing Go-Karts and/or take your Corvette or one of theirs and do a couple of "Lead/Follow" laps.

No road-trip would be complete without a stop in Nashville, an hour further South. It's time to make your trip/reservations.

Don't forget to take plenty of pictures of your experiences/travels.

George and Karen NCM Ambassadors

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as our Treasurer will be camping during this time frame

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All Corvettes are invited to attend our Caravan & Outdoor BBQ

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

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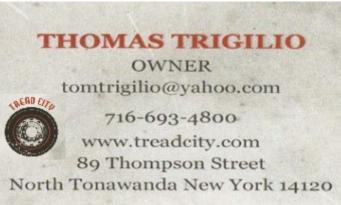
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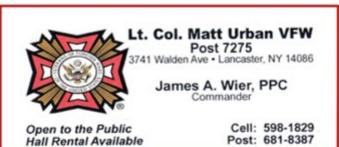
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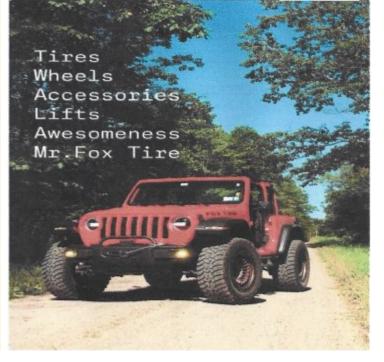
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