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# **COD Christmas Party**



## **Corvettes of Durham Annual Christmas Party Saturday, November 29, 2025**

Our Annual Christmas Party this year will be at Wooden Sticks Golf Club, 40 Elgin Park Drive, Uxbridge. For those of you who haven't been there, it is a very nice place with good parking.

The cash bar will open at 3:00 p.m. and we have requested that the buffet be available for us starting at 4:30 p.m. so that we have lots of time for socializing and enjoying the season together.

Our 50/50 draw and ticket draws will follow dinner.

We will be in the same room as last year. Susanne is in charge of decorations (with help from Julian & Anna), so we know the room will look spectacular!

There will be pictures - lots of pictures - so you might want to "glamour" up!

Tickets are \$ 50 a person (incl. gratuity & tip). You can pay either Allan by e-transfer or me by cash or cheque at our October or November meeting.

If you are planning on donating a prize please let President Anne know. All baked goodies by our fabulous cooks are welcome!!

Final RSVP date is November 19, 2024 but the room has a maximum capacity so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

Any questions? Contact me.

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## President's Report

October 2025



September brought perfect cruising weather, club and community gatherings and continued enthusiasm from the members of Corvettes of Durham.

There were several events all happening on September 13<sup>th</sup> – Pine Ridge CC show at Boyer, car show in Buckhorn and Motofest in Stouffville. It's hard to avoid having many car events all on the same day when there's only so many weekends in the summer.

This newsletter includes pictures and an article about the CCCC-ER 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Fern Resort. Read about the many members from our club who

received participation awards, memorial awards and one of our members was inducted into the Hall of Fame. It was a big night for Corvettes of Durham!

Thanks to Frank and Jo-Anne for hosting a barbecue at their place. There was lots of food and socializing. Frank and John showed off their excellent barbecuing skills and there was a lot of food to barbecue! It was nice to Dave Raven there. We really lucked out with the weather that day!

Don't forget about our club cruise on October 4<sup>th</sup> to see the fall colours. Let John H know if you can make it.

Our next General Meeting will be at Royal Ashburn on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

This is likely the last few weeks you have to get your Corvette out for a cruise before having to put it away for the winter.

Cheers!

Anne Halverson





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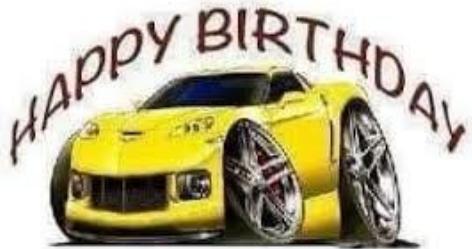
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# COD Members' Corner



## October Birthdays

Guido Colosimo	9th
Ross Mackin	12th
Louise Marchand	20th
Josie Bartlett	25th



CORVETTES OF DURHAM proudly sponsors the Oshawa Hospital Foundation R.S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre. We have donated \$54,100.00 so far.

CORVETTES OF DURHAM are now sponsoring the Durham Humane Society, we have donated \$2040.00 to date.

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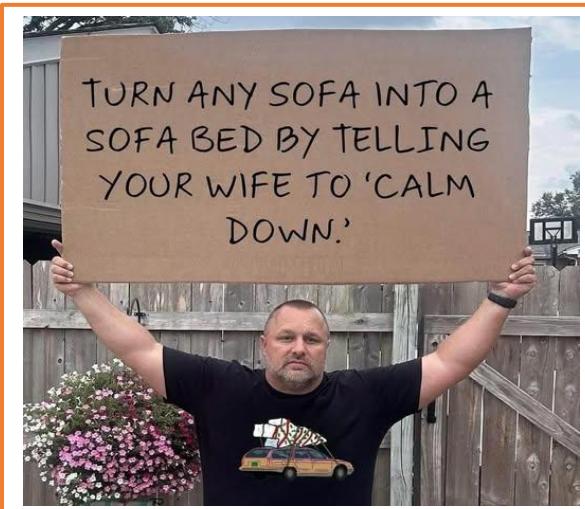
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## COD Newseworthy News



- ⊕ Congrats to John and Judy and John and Judy for their recent wedding's in Las Vegas...thank you...thank you very much...
- ⊕ Bud won the 50 – 50 at the September General Meeting...won so much he ran out and bought a 2025 Z06 !!!
- ⊕ Congrats to Ron Langlois for being inducted into the CCCC Hall of Fame
- ⊕ Congrats to John Heinrichs for winning the CCCC Brian Merkley Memorial Award.
- ⊕ Congrats to all the COD winners at the CCCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- ⊕ Thanks to Frank and JoAnne for their hospitality in hosting the COD BBQ once again.
- ⊕ I won the 50 – 50 at the BBQ...I don't understand the lack of cheering when I won...unfortunately I didn't win enough for a new Z06...
- ⊕ Don't forget the Fall Colours cruise to Bancroft on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, call John Heinrichs for details.



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# CCCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Miles of Memories – Celebrating 50 Years of the Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs – Eastern Region

The 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs – Eastern Region (CCCC-ER) was truly one to remember. With perfect fall weather and the beautiful Fern Resort as our backdrop, the weekend was set for success.

COD was proudly represented by 27 participants. After a scenic convoy cruise, four groups arrived at the resort around midday. We were welcomed with generous loot bags filled with goodies, followed by a relaxed BBQ on the pool deck overlooking picturesque Lake Couchiching.

The afternoon featured a special Zoom presentation from Dave McLellan, Chief Corvette Engineer (1975 until his retirement in 1992). While we had hoped he could attend in person, his virtual presence still brought insight and nostalgia to the event. (Full disclosure: a few of the ladies opted to skip the tech talk in favour of sunshine, adult beverages, and some chit-chat!)

The evening banquet started early to allow plenty of time for speeches, awards, and a comedy performance that kept everyone laughing.

Presentations included:

- David Swain, Grassroots Motorsports Coordinator – Canada, Imperial Oil/Mobil, and long time CCCC supporter.
- James Hodge, Brand Director for Chevrolet, General Motors Canada. (He jokingly teased the C9.....kidding) James arrived in a brand-new ZR1 in Hysteria Purple Metallic... though to some, it looked a little more blue.
- Wally Horodnyk, Founder of TFX International.

Cindy Wilcox took the stage to recognize special members, remember those we've lost, and present the coveted awards.

COD had a banner night!

Among the Top 20 Participant Series Winners for 2024 were:

- Anne Halverson
- Brian Halverson
- Brian Striemer

Carl Gomes earned second place, while John Heinrich took home first—though he barely had time to sit down before being honoured again with the Brian Merkley Memorial Award.

And the highlight of the night?

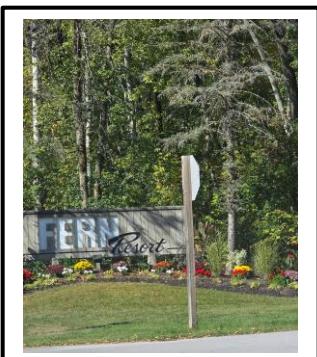
The prestigious Hall of Fame Award was presented to none other than our Ron Langlois—a well-deserved honour recognizing his tireless work with the CCCC-ER. We couldn't be prouder!

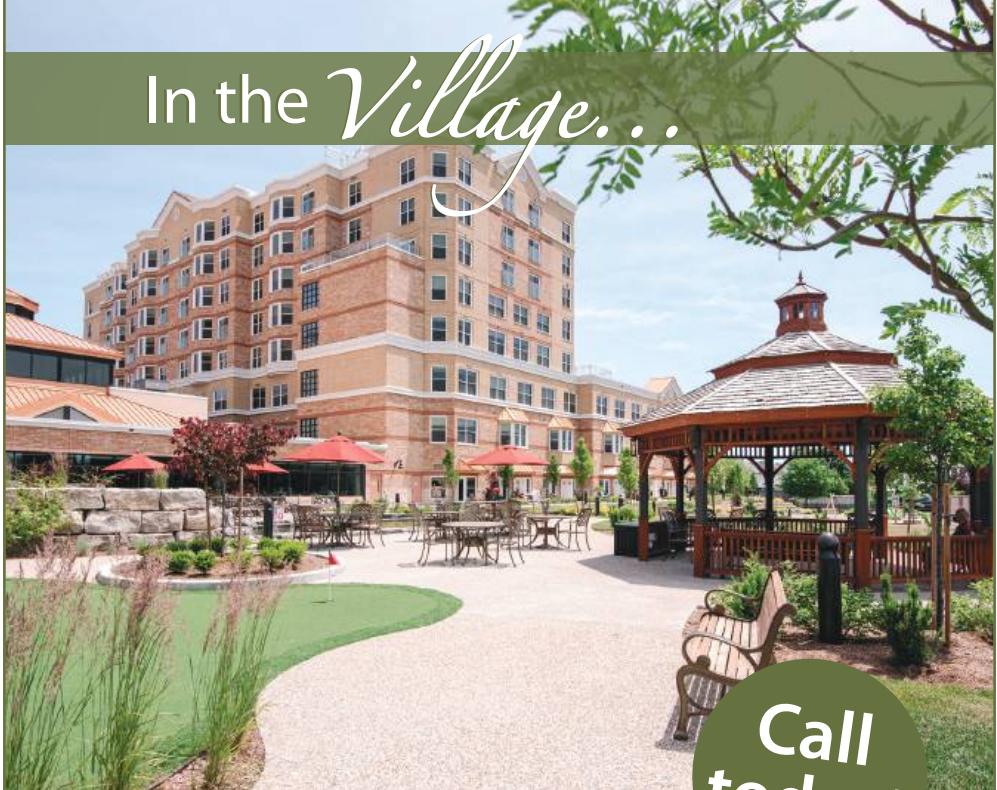
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# CCCC 50th Cont.

The next morning, we were up bright and early for a group photo—52 Corvettes, in every colour, vintage and new, lined the driveway in a stunning display of Corvette history and pride. After a delicious brunch, it was time to say farewell to old friends and new, wrapping up a weekend that perfectly celebrated five decades of Corvette community, camaraderie, and shared passion. Here's to many more miles of memories! 🏁

Anita Halverson / Anne Halverson





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## Zora's Only Corvette Takes Center Stage at NCM



The National Corvette Museum has unveiled Zora Arkus-Duntov's only personally owned Corvette—a custom 1974 Stingray—after a meticulous multi-year restoration. Preserved exactly as Zora left it, the car debuts as the star exhibit of the Museum's 31st Anniversary celebration, honoring the "Godfather of the Corvette" and his lasting impact on America's sports car.

## Rare 2012 Corvette ZR1 Centennial Edition Hits the Market

One of only 206 built, this 2012 Corvette ZR1 Centennial Edition celebrates Chevrolet's 100th anniversary in Carbon Flash Metallic with unique badging, suede-trimmed interior, and red accents. Powered by a 638-hp supercharged LS9 V8, it sprints to 60 mph in 3.5 seconds and tops out at 205 mph. Sold for \$96,500 USD!



## Corvette CX and CX.R Concept Cars



MONTEREY, Calif. – Today, Chevrolet gave car enthusiasts and racing fans a glimpse of the high-performance future. Two Corvette concept cars, the Corvette CX and CX.R Vision Gran Turismo, debuted at The Quail, a Motorsports Gathering. While not intended for production, the pair will serve as inspiration to inform Corvette design language for years to come. Drawing on more than 70 years of performance innovation, these Corvette concepts honor the heritage of America's sports car—and propel it into the future.



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# C8 Fire Risk Recall

It was reported last week that GM issued a voluntary recall for 2023 to 2026 model-year Corvette models over a fire risk while owners fuel up their sports car. The recall specifically applies to the 2023-2026 Z06 equipped with the 670-horsepower 5.5L V8 LT6 engine and the 2025-2026 ZR1 with its twin-turbo 5.5L V8 LT7 engine generating 1,064 horsepower.

According to campaign number 25V536 from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and GM recall number N252514930, the total number of affected Corvette units is 23,656.

The problem stems from the left-side radiator/fan combination found in the LT6 and LT7 engines. In rare cases, excess fuel spilled into the fuel-filler pocket can leak down on an ignition source.

Naturally, this increases the risk of a fire.

GM's fix for affected Corvette Z06 and ZR1 models involves installing an insert or shield to divert fuel that may have spilled into the fuel-filler pocket away from any ignition source. The fuel-filler pocket is the only component affected by the recall, and every unit recalled will receive the fix.

GM provided the following statement to GM Authority:

"General Motors is voluntarily recalling model year 2023-2026 Chevrolet Corvette Z06s and 2025-2026 Corvette ZR1s in North America to resolve an excess fuel spillage issue during refueling. This is a rare occurrence, and malfunctioning filling station pumps appear to be a contributing factor. The safety of our customers is the highest priority for the entire GM team, and we're working to remedy this matter as quickly as possible."

## Picton BBQ



9 Corvettes and 3 steel cars cruised down to Picton for the COD annual BBQ at the DiLorenzo Farm. No one got lost but we did manage to piss a few locals off for driving too slow... don't they know who we are? Entertainment was provided by the 2 chefs showing how well they could burn meat. Lots of food and interesting discussions took place while trying to keep the wasps away. A huge COD thank you to Frankie and JoAnne for their hospitality and a wonderful time.

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# COD 2025 Calendar



Red-CCCC

Black-Various Shows

Blue-COD events

Date	Event	Contact	Location	Time
Sept 27th	Picton BBQ	Anne Halverson	Frank and Joanne's	12 noon
Oct 4th	Fall Cruise	John Heinrichs	Bancroft	TBA
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	COD General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Royal Ashburn	5:30pm
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	COD General Meeting	Anne Halverson	TBA	5:30pm
Nov 29th	Christmas Party	Jan Raven	Wooden Sticks	TBA
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas	Santa	Everywhere	All day



It was part of who you were Bud... not now...

