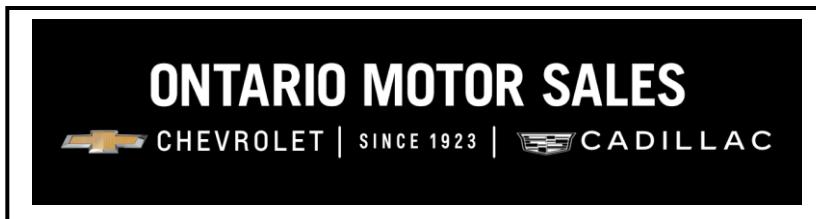


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## President's Report

May 2025



We received an interesting presentation from Dave Lambert of Silverwax at Royal Ashburn last month. We had a packed house for the dinner and then there were 12 members from the Pine Ridge Corvette Club who joined us for the event. It was nice to get the two clubs together given our common Corvette interests. Silverwax has generously donated a multitude of their products for our DreamVettes show. Thank you Dave Lambert!!!

The first cruise of the season was held on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to John Heinrichs for organizing it. The weather was good, especially compared to the day before!! It was a good decision to postpone the cruise to the Sunday.

Trim Tech will be having an Open House on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Many Corvettes from our club attend every year and I hope most of us will show up again this year. Trim Tech is a long-time sponsor of Corvettes of Durham, so it would be great to show them our appreciation by showing our Corvettes at his open house. It's always a good time.

Our next General Meeting will be at Royal Ashburn Golf Club on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Planning is well underway for our DreamVettes show on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Ontario Motor Sales. Please let me know if you'd like to generously donate a prize and if you'd like to volunteer to help with the planning of the show.

The weather finally warmed up enough that I got my Corvette on the road only to discover that it had an oil leak. So, I had to take my daily driver on the April 27<sup>th</sup> cruise. Hopefully my Vette will be good to go for the next cruise.

Cheers!

Anne Halverson



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## May Birthdays

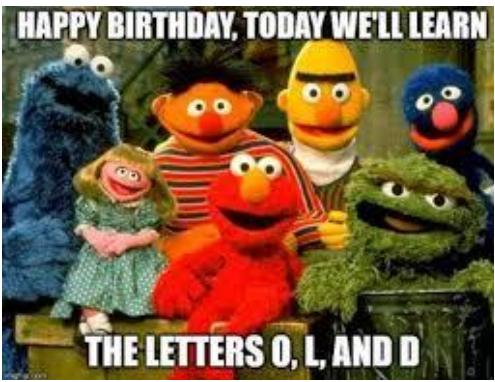
<b>Janine Giffen</b>	<b>4th</b>
<b>Annie Pappas</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>Jan Raven</b>	<b>12th</b>
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It took all week but I finally got my 'crate' engine installed.

# COD Infirmary



## *Get Well Soon Rosemary*

I had just got home from a very painful physio appointment to find flowers at my door!

What a beautiful surprise. It really gave me a boost. Thanks so much to all the members. I hope to be back to meetings and events soon!

My physio will need to be focused on getting me in and out of my car! Lol

All the best and my thanks to the club.

Rosemary Coolen

## *Get Well Soon Sam*

Hi.

Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers from COD, and for everyone's kindness, messages, and concern for Sam after his recent falls.

Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated, and cheered up Sam.

He is on the mend, and doing much better.

Hope to see you soon.

Sam and Patti.

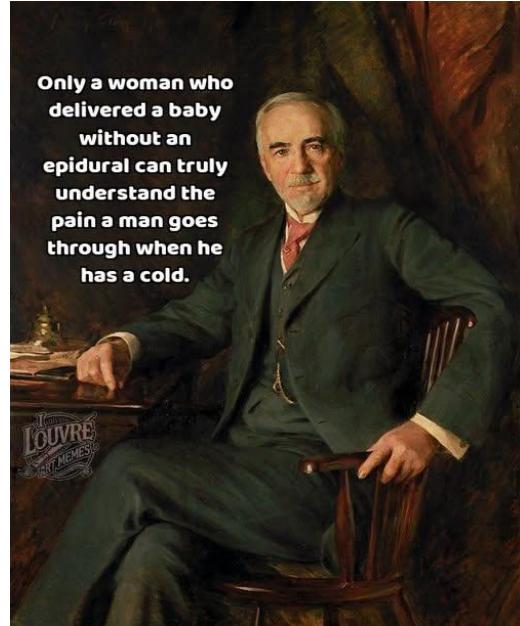
## *Get Well Soon Dave*

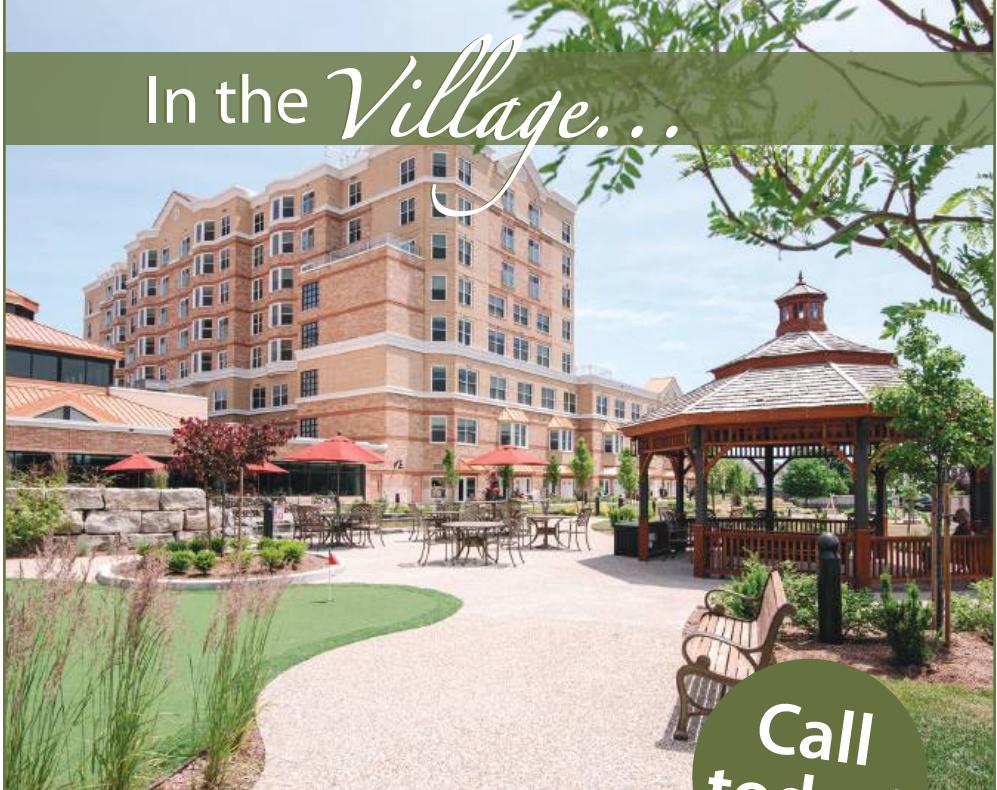
Hello Everyone,

Unfortunately, Dave Raven fell during the Easter weekend and fractured his hip and severely bruised his left arm. He was in Emergency and transferred to the hospital on Monday. He suffered a severe reaction to the pain medications which delayed him being transferred to an in-patient re-hab centre. Jan says she has no idea when he will be back on his feet.

Wishing all the best to Dave for a speedy recovery.

Only a woman who delivered a baby without an epidural can truly understand the pain a man goes through when he has a cold.





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# COD Newsworthy News



- ⊕ after discussing Cruise Etiquette the executive has decided that all cruises will contain the following...pee break, lunch, and a nap before leaving...thanks Allan.
- ⊕ Our ticket seller Barb won the 50 – 50, at the General Meeting, ticket picked by Silverwax rep Dave Lambert, how did that happen, she never wins...
- ⊕ Thanks to new CCCC sponsor Silverwax and to Dave Lambert for letting us all know about Silverwax, and how to use it...I'm sure all were in their garages the next day trying it out...
- ⊕ Get well soon to all 3 COD members on the mend.
- ⊕ Thanks to Gloria for the Port Hope Cruise write up...she had a little help...
- ⊕ Thanks to John H for organizing the cruise and the road tour.



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# How to avoid Auto Theft

## CAA Insurance

THOUSANDS OF VEHICLES in Canada are stolen annually, continuing to raise serious concerns for car owners. “Auto theft has decreased nationally by about 17 percent, but it’s still a major issue,” says Bryan Gast, vice-president of investigative services at Équité Association. This not-for-profit is the national authority on insurance crime and fraud prevention representing the property and casualty insurance industry. Ontario and Quebec remain hotbeds for theft, but rates are rising in Alberta, where high-end vehicles like the Jeep Wrangler and Lexus RX Series are now prime targets. Sophisticated keyless entry systems have created a vulnerability that’s being exploited by modern-day car thieves. Called relay theft, the electronic signal from your car’s fob can be captured, providing access to your automobile, no key required. Vehicles are no longer stolen for joy rides or chop shops, but for export or resale, notes Gast. The good news? A layered approach can help deter thieves. CAA Insurance offers these recommendations:

- Secure your parked vehicle with a wheel lock, brake pedal lock or steering wheel lock (e.g., The Club).
  - Secure your car key fob by storing it in a Faraday box or pouch to prevent signal hacking.
- Consider a professionally installed after-market immobilizer — an electronic device that prevents a car from starting without the correct key or transponder. Certain immobilizers make it almost impossible to steal your car.
  - Lock your doors (both car and home) and park your car inside if you have a garage.
  - Enable or install multi-factor authentication capabilities in your vehicle.
  - If you own multiple vehicles, park the less valuable one closer to the street.
  - Install motion sensors and a camera on your driveway to capture any activity.
  - Cover the vehicle identification number (VIN), so it’s not visible on the dashboard.
  - Store a GPS tracker (e.g., AirTag) to track your vehicle should it be stolen.
    - Ensure items are out of sight and do not leave valuables in your car.
    - Always avoid leaving your vehicle unattended while it is running.
- CAA Insurance urges individuals to report any suspicious activity to police and avoid confrontation with thieves.

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Do not attempt to recover your stolen vehicle yourself, warns Gast. Contact law enforcement instead. And although auto theft may never be eliminated entirely, a few preventative steps can still drastically reduce the risk of your vehicle being stolen.



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## Wheel and Brake Dust Info

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Bill Mason  
Granville, OH

*Thank you for sharing your experience with your fellow readers. Yes, buying high-quality aftermarket wheels is certainly a solution to the pervasive problems with OEM wheels, but many C7 owners remain understandably unhappy about the position they find themselves in. Some want to maintain their car's original appearance and configuration, while others simply resent having to spend a significant amount of money to fix a problem that should never have escaped the factory.*

*It is, of course, possible to pay considerably less for new aftermarket wheels than you spent on your Crays, and for some owners that's a suitable compromise between staying with the problem-prone OEM rims and buying high-end forged units.*

Busting Dust

My 2017 Z51 has just under 13,000 miles, and I love driving it when it is sunny and warm here in Texas. The only thing I take issue with is the brake dust that deposits itself on my black wheels. I'll wash the car and polish the wheels with Griot's ceramic polish, go for a drive, and return home to find that the rims already have a fresh coating of dust. I keep the car covered in the garage when it's parked, so it always looks great when I take it out—except for the wheels.

I've heard that ceramic brake pads could be an answer to the dusting issue and would like your opinion. Assuming they're a good idea, do I have to swap out the rotors at the same time? Also, how will ceramic brakes change the car's braking characteristics? Is there another solution?

Tom Crawford  
Austin, TX

*You can stick with your original rotors if they are in excellent condition, and simply change from OEM pads to carbon-ceramic-compound pads. This*

*should dramatically reduce the amount of brake dust produced during normal street driving. Numerous companies, including Power Stop, Carbotech, and Hawk sell them. I do recommend that you choose a pad compound specifically engineered for ordinary street driving, and not for racing or track days. With a ceramic street compound, you will experience little to no difference in the pedal feel and stopping ability of your Corvette as compared with the OEM pads.*

### Car Search

I am trying to locate a 1964 coupe that my father-in-law built for me. Because the VIN wasn't in the format it is in today, it's difficult to find the car. Any ideas?

From Bill McNease  
Kingwood, TX

*It can be quite challenging to locate a vehicle, even when you have the VIN, but not because the format for vehicle*

# How to get rid of brake dust

Upgrading to a high-quality ceramic brake pad will limit the amount of brake dust your car produces. But if you don't feel like swapping out your pads—or at least not yet—there are other preventative measures to consider.

For instance, there are aerosol brake dust repellents you can buy. Although some people swear by these products, how well they actually work is up for debate. If you're in the market, Hot Rod magazine recommends the repellent from Armor All.

There are also rim dust shields (also known as brake dust covers) that mount between your car's rim and wheel hub. The problem is, because the covers modify your car, there's always the chance they could affect vehicle performance and safety.

Our take is this—skip the aftermarket **dust shields** altogether. If you're going to go to the trouble of taking off your wheels, you might as well upgrade your brakes to ceramic pads. Replacing semi-metallic brakes with a set of ceramic pads is a proven way to reduce brake dust.

## Cleaning your Wheels

Be sure your wheels are cool before you begin cleaning. Also, if possible, park your car out of direct sunlight. You'll want to clean one wheel at a time by doing the following:

1. Use the hose (with the spray nozzle attached) to rinse off the wheel.
2. Apply the wheel cleaner according to the instructions on the package.  
Note: Different types of wheels have different finishes (i.e., aluminum, painted, etc.). Be sure to select the correct type of cleaner for your wheels. Otherwise, you could do more harm than good.
3. Rinse the wheel to remove the cleaner.
4. Mix the car wash soap and water together inside the bucket.
5. Dip the wash mitt into the bucket, then use the mitt to scrub away any remaining brake dust.
6. If that doesn't do the trick, you can try cleaning the dust off with a soft-bristled brush. Do not use a stiff-bristled brush, as it can damage your wheels. Selecting a brush that's designed specifically for wheel cleaning is a safe bet.
7. Rinse the wheel to remove the car wash soap.
8. Dry the wheel with a clean towel.
9. Apply the wheel polish according to the instructions on the package. Once again, be sure to select the correct type of cleaner for your wheel finish.

# Schnitzel Shack

Sunday April 27th



Today was our first cruise of the year at our usual meeting spot – Taunton and Harmony Road. Around 10:15 a.m., with some of the women fighting off the cold winds (Marilyn G, Susan G, Anne H, and me) while others (Linda S) had no issue with the temp, standing in the parking lot wearing a cute, short skirt. Barb was hiding in the car keeping warm. Revving up our engines, John H led us northwards and then east in the direction of our destination. A beautiful day for a cruise and in the middle of nowhere an accident at a 4 way stop...duh! We were re-routed and still arrived at the Schnitzel Shack on time and managed to SQUEEZE into their parking lot (see pics). A few of us that shall remain nameless (all the men) urgently had to relieve themselves, even if that meant finding an area out back and the ladies taking a short trip to the gas station nearby in Anne's car...no washroom at the Restaurant. Wow – finally we felt like ourselves again!!! What a wonderful surprise when we opened up our wrapped schnitzel sandwiches – soooo delicious and soooo much of it too. And since the sunshine warmed up the afternoon from what it was in early morning, we lunched outside on the patio. It was great to see some of our "old" members – Frankie and JoAnne, Rob S, Brent and Janine and several more. I believe 16 cars were a part of our special get together and many thanks again to John H for organizing it.

Gloria Chalmers



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		<b>VINTAGE GRAND PRIX</b> <b>JUNE 13-15 2025</b> CANADIAN TIRE MOTOSPORT PARK	<b>VARAC Vintage Grand Prix</b> A long-time Father's Day weekend tradition featuring open and closed-wheel race cars from the past six decades of motorsports <a href="#">(More Info)</a>
		<b>CHEVROLET GRAND PRIX</b> <b>JULY 11-13 2025</b> CANADIAN TIRE MOTOSPORT PARK	<b>Chevrolet Grand Prix</b> Canada's biggest sports car event is the highlight of our season, featuring the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship <a href="#">(More Info)</a>
		<b>SUPERBIKE DOUBLEHEADER</b> <b>AUGUST 8-10 2025</b> CANADIAN TIRE MOTOSPORT PARK	<b>Superbike Doubleheader Weekend</b> Featuring the Bridgestone Canadian National Superbike Championship <a href="#">(More Info)</a>
		<b>LABOUR DAY WEEKEND SPRINTS</b> <b>AUGUST 29-31 2025</b> CANADIAN TIRE MOTOSPORT PARK	<b>CTMP Labour Day Weekend Sprints</b> Featuring the NASCAR Canada Series and the Trans Am Series presented by Pirelli <a href="#">(More Info)</a>

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# COD 2025 Calendar



## Red-CCCC

## Black-Various Shows

## Blue-COD events

Date	Event	Contact	Location	Time
May 10th	Spring Cruise	John Heinrichs	Rice Lake	TBA
May 14th	TrimTech	Anne Halverson	Oshawa	4:00pm
May TBA	Spring Fling	WBCC	Wasaga Beach	TBA
May 21st	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Royal Ashburn	5:30pm
May 24th	Slabtown Cruise	John Heinrichs	Uxbridge	TBA
June 8th	Windsor Waterfront	Ron Langlois	Windsor	9:00am
June 8th	Applewood R. H.	Ken Gordon	Peterborough	8:30am
June 14th	Boyer Chev	Ron Langlois	Ajax	9:00am
June 18th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Royal Ashburn	5:30pm
June ?	Fowlers Corners	John Heinrichs	Fowlers Corners	TBA
June 21st	Steering for Steer Friends		Markham Fair Grounds	9am-
June 22nd	DreamVettes	Anne Halverson	Ontario Motor Sales	8am-
July 4/5th	Vettefest	John Heinrichs	Bayfield	TBA
July 11-13	IMSA		CTMP (Mosport)	All Day
July 12th	Lakeside Motors	John Heinrichs	Bobcaygeon	TBA
July 16th	General Meeting	Anne Halverson	Big 'M' Pickering	5:00pm
July 19th	Summer Cruise	John Heinrichs	Campbellford	TBA
July 26th	COD 25th	Susanne Ralph	Greenwood Conservation Ajax	
Aug 5th	Hot August Nites	John Heinrichs	Orillia	TBA
Aug 16th	Minden Cruise	John Heinrichs	Minden	TBA
Sept 14th	Summers End	Ron Langlois	Oshawa	9:00am
Nov 29th	Christmas Party	Jan Raven	Wooden Sticks	TBA



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## **COD Cruise dates 2025**

Sat April 26	Schnitzel Shack	Port Hope
Sat May 10	McGillicafey's Pub	Rice Lake
Sat May 24	Slabtown	Uxbridge
Sun June 8	Applewood Retirement	Peterborough
Sun June 15	Calvary Baptist Church	Oshawa
Sun June 22	DreamVettes	Oshawa
Sat July 5	VetteFest	Bayfield
Sat July 12	Lakeside Motors Cars & Coffee	Bobcaygeon
Sat July 19	Campbellford Cruise	Campbellford
Sat July 26	COD 25th celebration	Ajax
Sat Aug 16	Deep Bay Rd	Minden
Sat Sept 6	Aspira kawartha lakes Retirement rain date Sept 7	Bobcaygeon
Sun Sept 14	Pineridge end of season Food trucks	Oshawa
Sept 21/22	CCCC 50th celebration	Fern Resort

**Fall colours cruise TBD**

## **Cruise events**

Friday nights	DeStefano Funeral Home	Oshawa
Friday nights	NoFrills Queens common	Whitby
Thursday nights	Fowlers Corner	Peterborough
Saturday nights	Canadian Tire	Ajax
Sun July 20	Cars on Kent	Lindsay
Fri Aug 22	Kars on King	Oshawa
Sun Aug 24	Autofest	Uxbridge