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Tidbits – sorry not **timbits**



Check out our new site:

<https://www.corvetteclubofnovascotia.ca/>

Holiday Party is tentatively planned for Jan 9th, 2021 at Hatfield Farm – more details to follow.

Club Breakfast will start on Nov 15th, 2020 at Vernon's Thunderbird Diner and every 3rd Sunday of each month. Arrival time 10:00 am.

Money votes that took place at the AGM:

- 1) 2021 membership fee has increased from \$35 to \$40
- 2) In memorium donation has increased from \$25 to \$50

Membership Numbers

113 members, 5 of which are lifetime
136 cars (including 1 C8!)

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President's Message



The Corvette 2020 season has come to an end – what there was of it! A real shame in a year that was so huge for Corvette. The C8 is an unbelievable machine in so many ways.

Between union strikes, pandemics & part delays, it's going to be a struggle to reach 20,000 cars before the 2021 models starts up.

I realized recently our 2020 C8 was produced on the last day before the plant was shut down for Covid19 – March 20th. The last VIN produced ended with 2741 – ours is 2722!

I was very proud to see earlier this spring when the pandemic started how some members were creating "challenges" such as Members Garage Tours on our Facebook page to entertain and allow a little bit of Corvette Club spirit to still rise above this unprecedented enemy.

I am also impressed to see our club membership numbers stay strong this year to spite the lack of actual club activities – over 100 members !

I personally really missed going to Bar Harbor this year. We have great friends there and they host an excellent weekend.

And of course we didn't have our annual Maritime Meet at Seafest this year. I'm looking forward to organizing the meet next summer with a few new twists.

My girls are all tucked away for the winter – dreaming of a better year in 2021.

Hope to see lots of members come out to Vernon's every 3rd Sunday of the month for the Club Breakfast – the first one is Nov 15th, bring those kiddie pajamas!

Take care.

Ivan Hines
President
Corvette Club of Nova Scotia

2020-21 Schedule of Events

(to be updated as dates and runs are known/confirmed)

Date	Event	Host(s)
Nov 15 Dec 20 Jan 17 Feb 21 March 21 April 18	Breakfast Club	Vernon's Thunderbird Diner 10:00 am
May 2	CCNS run	Orrie
May 16	CCNS run	Calvin
June 3-6	Bar Harbour	
June 18-20	Kingston Corvette Invasion II	
July 10	Lounsbury Show	
July 7-11	Moncton Nationals	
July 16-17	Maritime Meet @Seafest	Ivan Hines
August 26-28	Corvettes at Carlisle	
September 12	Annapolis Valley Run	Ian Reid

Meeting Place unless otherwise indicated:

Tim Hortons, Bedford Commons – 36 Verdi Drive. From Truro take TCH 102 to Exit 4C. Turn left at top of ramp. Straight through first lights, then right at the next light. Tim's will be on your left. From Halifax take exit 4C and turn right at the top of the ramp. Then right at the lights. It is suggested you arrive a few minutes early as times are for leaving the meeting point. Also please have enough gas so you don't need to stop the whole group to get gas. We run channel 5 on the GMRS radios.



Just a reminder that again this fall we are collecting pj's for our 2nd Annual Pyjama Drive for less fortunate children in our province this Christmas season. Our aim this year is to surpass the number we donated last year which was fifty!! We are collecting children's pyjamas/sleepers sizes preemie to 18. They must have long sleeves and long legs for the cold winter.

This year we are donating to two organizations. Our main thrust is to the Brunswick Street Mission, Halifax; as well, it is my hope that we would also be able to provide some preemie and newborn sleepers to Valley Care Pregnancy Centre, Kentville. One of our valley members received a letter from them explaining they are in need of these particular items.

I have already received several pair of pj's and cash to purchase more but we are a long way from fifty plus!! Thank you to those who have already donated! Your pyjamas can be dropped off at either the November or December breakfasts as well as to our home if you are in our area.

Let's make this a Pj drive to remember!! So many families need help at this time of year but this year there is even more need!!

Thank you very much for your support in this endeavor!!

Joan Butt
Charity Coordinator

Weekend Runs/Events

To host an event, please contact:

Contact: We are looking for a new Events Coordinator!!

If interested, contact Ivan



Vette Bios

Each Newsletter we would like to feature “your Corvette Bio” story. Where you have the opportunity to share your unique introduction into the Vette world – let us know how you came to own your first Corvette and any that followed. You can send your stories to Ivan, Darleen or any member of the Executive.

Corvette – an inevitable choice? Doug and Joan Butt's Story

Based on history, one just might reasonably conclude that our owning a Corvette was inevitable.... You see I, or perhaps I should say “we”, purchased our very first car just before Joan and I were married back in 1983. It was a “new to us” Chevrolet Chevette and that purchase started what was to become a tradition of owning North American made vehicle models that started with the letter “C”. During the decades to follow, we put hundreds of thousands of kms on a Mercury Capri, an Olds Custom Cruiser, and, to this day, a Chev Cavalier and a Dodge Challenger. To be fair, we also owned an Astro Van, which of course was made by Chevrolet, and a 1912 brass era Ford Model T, but that’s for another story.

So where does the Corvette fit in you ask? Well, during our final posting to Ottawa, we began to take our 2009 Challenger to a number of car enthusiast events where we would often see and admire Corvettes belonging to members of Ottawa’s Capital Corvette Club. Additionally, our neighbour owned a C4 so we had immediate access to both technical advice and further motivation. When retirement started to appear closer on the horizon, we concluded that owning a Vette would not only be enjoyable, but would also provide an activity that we could carry over into our retirement years. In the early fall of 2011, believing that the purchase selection would be greater out of Ottawa ON, vice Somerset NS, and with the able assistance of our neighbour, we began our search.

After a couple of months of looking at a variety of Vettes for sale, circumstances enabled a trip on business to the Toronto area where we knew there was a fully loaded ‘75 L-82 Coupe that looked to be in very good condition. Long story short, after a quick cab ride from the airport, an even quicker drive around the block and a MVI, we purchased her. Fortune again smiled on us and we were able to have her delivered right to our door and, shortly thereafter, we became the newest members of the Capital Corvette Club. We had a lot of fun with that Vette and I learned many things, including how to pull the dash apart to change a leaking heater core, how to replace the front and rear bumper covers as well as many of the power steering components. I also learned that keeping up with C7’s on the US Interstate took a fair bit of focused effort in a ‘75 C3; but all good fun! A couple of trips to Corvettes at Carlisle, albeit using our Challenger, only further confirmed to us that belonging to the Corvette fraternity had added something very positive to our lives.

After retiring to Nova Scotia in 2015, we decided that it was perhaps time to look at upgrading our ride as, although our C3 was performing flawlessly and was by then completely “dripless”, we could sense the possibility that some major body and frame maintenance might be in the future. As well, we wanted to be able to do some longer distance trips with the Vette and we were pretty sure that there were some additional creature comforts out there to be gained! After a short spring search we found the well cared for 2004 Coupe that we purchased and presently drive today. While perhaps not displaying the iconic lines of our C3, our C5 certainly has her own sleek form, is a very comfortable ride and can certainly come up to highway speed in exceptionally short order! There’s no question but that this was the right decision for us to have made.

In 2019, we were fortunate to be able to participate in the 25th Anniversary Corvette Caravan to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY as part of the New England Caravan. Our C5 made the trip back to her place of birth with both ease and grace, not to mention a truly impressive load of luggage and collected memorabilia! That trip, and our ongoing membership in the CCNS, generate continued great experiences as part of the Vette owners community and we eagerly look forward to more years of enjoying all of the many things that come with owning and driving a Corvette!

Doug Butt



A funny to finish the 2020 Corvette season!

There was a young fellow who was quite inventive and was always trying out new things. One day he thought he'd see just how fast a bicycle could go before it became uncontrollable. He asked his friend, who owned an old Mustang, if he could tie his bike to the bumper of his car to test his theory. His friend said, "Sure."

So the young man tied his bike to the back of the car and said to his friend: "I'll ring my bike bell once if I want you to go faster, twice if I want you maintain speed, and repeatedly if I want you to slow down."

With that, off they went. Things were going pretty well, with the car driver slowly speeding up to well over 60 mph. The young fellow on the bike was handling the speed just fine. But, all of sudden, a black Corvette came up beside them and before you knew it the fellow driving the Mustang forgot all about the fellow on the bike and took to drag racing the Corvette.

A little further down the road sat Officer John in his police cruiser, radar gun at the ready. He heard the two cars before his radar flashed 105 mph.

He called into headquarters on his radio: "Hey, you guys aren't going to believe this, but there's a Corvette and a Mustang racing out here on Highway 3, and there's a guy on a bike ringing his bell and waving his arms trying to pass them!"

Stuart Watson, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia



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