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# Corvette Club of Nova Scotia



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**Your CCNS  
Executive,  
Chapter  
Representatives  
and Coordinators  
would like to  
Wish Everyone  
Happy Holidays  
and all the Best  
for a Happy,  
Healthy and  
Prosperous  
New Year**

## Christmas in January ~Party on the 9th !

Welcome to our new Chapter Representatives ~ Randy Eisnor for the South Shore Peter Arsenault for the Eastern Shore and Orrie Flick for the Halifax Chapter. Calvin Pearce is our Events Coordinator and Mike Little is our Charity Coordinator

Our Christmas Party will be held on January 9th at the East Side Billiards Room in Bayers Lake.

Welcome to new member Carmen Barry , owner of a silver 84.

## Presidents Message

Well, our season is over for 2009, what a great summer of events we had. We should all be proud of the participation from the club this year as many events had 20 or more Corvettes, with the help of the Greater Moncton Corvette Club. Our last event was no exception, we had 16 from the Corvette Club of Nova Scotia and 5 from the Greater Moncton Corvette Club.

We all met at the Bulk Barn, October 18 at 12:30 pm and after some chit-chat. Debbie gave out the directions and a sheet of questions to answer along the way. The Bulk Barn gave us a discount on candy. Since there were no places where we were going to stop for ice cream I bought everybody candy and divided it up so everyone had some to eat on our drive.

We left around 12:45 and went down to Maitland, Walton out to Brookfield and back to Truro to have supper at Pizza Delight. Along the way we stopped and gave out cards for a poker hand. The weather was great, no rain, a little cool but we expected that in October. A lot of us had never been on this route before so that made it an interesting run. Some of the views were great, the road at one point was not so great, we drove the route two weeks before and it was paved, but it was gravel for a few km's on the run, sorry for that. At supper Debbie and I checked to see who had the best two hands in poker and who had the most questions right.

The winners this year were: Gary & Marilyn who

won first for best poker hand, Mike & Tanya had second and Dan & Cindy came in third. For the Quiz, Les & Lorraine and Dwight & Libby tied. So we cut the cards for the highest card and Les and Lorraine won.

It was great to see us end the season on such a high note and I hope the club spirit will be alive and strong in the spring.

I would like to thank everyone that supported the club this year with your participation and Debbie and I look forward to next year.

From my family to yours, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brian



## Notes From the Editor

Well it has been a while since the last newsletter, but not so long since the annual meeting. Once Again, members stepped up and volunteered to help us out in 2010. I even had some offers for help with the newsletter and I thought no one would want that job.

I look forward to working with the new chapter reps, Orrie, Randy and Peter. Mike as our charities coordinator and Calvin as events coordinator.

Tim and I wish everyone all the best this holiday season and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Keep in touch, the next newsletter will be out in February.

Kim

# View from the Second Level



## Vette Facts

The 1982 Collector Edition differed from other 1982 models by the lifting rear hatch window, but it didn't come cheap. The base price was \$22,537.59. It was the first time the base price surpassed the \$20,000.00 mark.

It seems "odd" to be putting together information for the newsletter when it's freezing outside, and they're calling for snow in the forecast. Oh well.

As Brian has mentioned, there are not any changes in the executive for the 2010 season, but we do have some new members involved as chapter representatives, and others participating in other areas. To those members, I say "thank you".

The 2009 season was filled with many memorable events, and I'm looking forward to some of the new ideas that we have planned for next year. For those of you that weren't able to join us at the meeting in November, we would still like to receive

your ideas for next year.

After all the conversations I heard from several members throughout the 2009 season, I'd be very interested to find out how many of you are searching through the Auto Trader, Kijiji, etc., looking for that incredible deal to start the 2010 season. To be perfectly honest, I do it every day, waiting to find someone who has inherited or acquired a corvette and has no idea what it's worth. ( so far, no luck ) However, since this is the "Season of Giving", a C6 Z06 under the tree would make for a very happy holiday season.

I know it's difficult to think about corvettes when they are tucked away for the winter, and if you're like myself, I am spending more and more time on the Sell Off Vacations and Maritime Travel websites. Many people enjoy the winter and all the activities that go with it like skiing, skating, snowmobiling, etc.

I am **not** one of those people.

Give me a sandy beach, 30 degree temperatures, and a funny umbrella drink while I'm lounging

in the pool and I'm a happy man. But since we live in Nova Scotia, I guess I better get prepared, as I know I'm in for many more months of snow and cold weather. But I also know we will be taking a break to the sunny south for a week sometime during the frigid winter, so I will try to focus on that. I think Gary and Marilyn Meade have the right idea – spend the summers in Nova Scotia and the winters in Florida. I'm sure there are others in our club that do the same thing, but I just received an email from them and I'm very jealous. They were even able to take the corvette down with them this year because of the good weather throughout November, but as they said, "it might be a different story on the return trip at the end of March".

I would also like to encourage everyone to send in anecdotes, jokes, cars they may have for sale, or just information they would like to pass on. The newsletter is a great way to communicate to the membership, and it would help keep my ramblings to a minimum.....

**Tim**

# Service Tips From the Seminars at Carlisle

By: Ferne Selig and Angela Bourgeois

\* Disclaimer: The recommendations made in this article were given to the authors during seminars sponsored by the National Corvette Museum. The detailer is the guy responsible for detailing the vettes when they leave the factory and are being delivered to the customer at the Museum. The C5/C6 technician is a certified GM mechanic, known for his extensive knowledge and experience with those year corvettes when it comes to maintenance and troubleshooting. The authors of this article, Fern Chute and Angela Bourgeois, are relaying the information to assist you. The recommendations DO NOT replace those written in your GM Service Manual.

## SERVICE TIPS:

Since we only attended the C5/C6 seminar, the below pertain to those models only - some of the comments are pretty straight forward for any vette.

Did you know that if you are parked next to a corvette or near a corvette, that your tire pressure sensors can pick up the other vettes tire pressure? Nothing to be concerned about, just check your tire pressure again once you've driven away.

When locking your gas cap in place after fill up, never click beyond a couple of clicks. The more clicks you use, the more you are wearing out the teeth and will eventually lose your required seal.

Battery torque is IMPORTANT and VITAL for computer/sensor operation of your vehicle. Torque requires 11 ft lbs (either more or less can cause damage). Battery must always be at least 12.5 volts @ 500 CCA. It is prudent to have your battery tested yearly and

probably before storage. If your battery is fully charged at 12.5 volts, you should be ok for storage of up to 7 months without charging. It is recommended that you disconnect the negative on your battery. It is not recommended that you use a trickle charge (why would you want AC power running through your computer components all winter).

A 78 Class battery is what is needed in your C5/C6.

Purchase BG44K (used in gasoline) to decarbonize your vette. Nothing else will do. This will help with lifter noise as well.

If your vette needs 1 quart of oil (the seminar was in the US) every 2,000 miles, that is normal. More than 1 quart could indicate a problem.

It is necessary to adjust convertible tops annually to avoid having them sit on the deck when up. 13mm and 15mm wrenches are needed for the adjustment. Make sure you adjust both sides equally.

The life of your tire pressure sensors is 5-7 years. They are on the rim behind valve stems.

Standard transmission - clutch fluid should be DOT-4 or higher and recommended part # is 88958860. It should be changed every 2 years or 24,000 miles and you really need to bleed through the system to

make sure you remove ALL the old fluid so that no moisture stays behind. (open up bleeder screw and pump clutch). Black clutch fluid is normal.

Brake Fluid & Clutch Fluid has a shelf life of 2 weeks once opened. So if you have any pre-opened containers lying around throw them out because they will only contaminate your systems.

Never remove the cover to check the brake fluid - that only allows moisture to enter. Check fluid level with a flashlight by shining it through the back of the container.

Manual transmission shifters will need adjusting once you are not able to shift with two fingers. If you ever forced the shifter into a gear, that will be enough to throw it out of alignment. The adjustment can be done in a relatively simple way - takes about an hour.

Nitrogen can be a waste of money for corvette owners only because you normally make adjustments to tire pressure as soon as your monitor indicates low pressure. On other vehicles, however, especially those driven during the winter months, it can be useful to maintain tire pressure and lessen tire wear.

Remove any excess weight on your key chain. Over time that excess weight can cause ignition problems. It puts a strain on the ignition. (this would apply to your winter beater too)

Important website to view: [www.corvettemechanics.com](http://www.corvettemechanics.com)

*Many Thanks to Angela and Ferne for sending this in for all to use. If you want these tips and the detailing tips from the last newsletter in a format for printing and keeping with your service manual let me know and I will send it to you.*

*Kim*





## Upcoming Events and Meeting Times

### Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be at East Side Billiards, 189 Chain Lake Drive, Halifax from 6 pm - 9 pm. There will be pizza, kfc, chips and chocolate provided by the club - you are responsible for your own drinks. We have booked the KartBahn go-carts starting at 9:30 pm. They are located at 66 Otter Lake Court not far from East Side Billiards. Hope to see you there. If you are going to be late please let us know as we have to know for ordering the pizzas by 6:15.



### Scarecrow Festival

As requested we have blocked off 30 rooms at the Comfort Inn, Bridgewater for Saturday, October 2, 2010. They gave us a rate of \$89.99 +tax. If you think you will be going please book now as you can always cancel later. This information will also be released to all ACCC clubs. 2 years ago we had several members from NB come down for the weekend. you will need to call the hotel direct at 1-902- 543-1498 and tell them you are with the Corvette Club of Nova Scotia and want to put a room in your name. Please double check and make sure you get the rate offered and what their cancellation policy is (for your own records).

### Corvettes At Carlisle ~ August 27th to 29th, 2010

Please let Brian and Debbie Know if you plan to attend.

## Corvette Club of Nova Scotia Meeting

The annual meeting was held at Anixter on November 14. Most executive positions remain the same as last year, Brian Palmer as President, Tim Gilby as Vice President, Debbie Palmer Secretary/Treasurer, Kim Gilby as Editor, Orrie Flick is the new Halifax Chapter Rep and Rick Holt remains as Valley Rep. Two new positions in 2010 are Chapter Reps for the South Shore and Eastern Shore. South Shore Rep is Randy Eisnor and Eastern Shore Rep is Peter Arsenault.

Also new this year is Mike Little heading the Club's Charitable Fund Raising, so you will see Mike coming towards you with tickets help the club raise some money with the 50/50 draws. Last year Kim and her crew raised \$400.00, which the club matched, so each of our charities, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis & SPCA will get \$400.00. We would like to have some suggestions as to what you would like to have for a charity for 2010. Whichever one we get I would like to see the group work the barbeque at our club's show. Any Volunteers, ?

Also new this year we have a new position, Event Coordinator which Calvin Pearce has offered to do. He will make sure the events are on and that the editor gets the information on time for the newsletter and if you have an idea for a run this year or next year contact him. Calvin is also going to run the Wednesday Night cruises. If you have any ideas for a Wednesday Night cruise please tell Calvin.

We have some great events planned for 2010, please set some time aside for participation in the club. We have 6 weekend trips (Fredericton, Moncton, PEI, and new for this year all clubs are going to Saint Andrews for a fun weekend, Scarecrow Festival, and a weekend trip around the Cabot Trail).

This does not include the week to Carlisle for anyone that is interested in joining us in going down. We have booked a different motel in Carlisle that was new end of June 2009, 11 miles closer to the fairgrounds, has inside parking, heated inside pool, rooms are all suites with 32 inch TV's and full breakfast for \$72.00 a night. That is a saving of \$13.00 a night. We also negotiated a better price at the same motel we have used for the last 4 years in Sturbridge at \$62.99, a saving of \$7.00 thanks to going on line and using Priceline.com. This is a great site for booking groups but not so good just for yourself.

So far we have 5 from our club and 4 from N.B. We have booked 11 rooms and if you want to go please tell us ASAP.

I know it's a real challenge to have the time and money to do everything, so you will have to do what we plan to do and that is to pick what interests us the most. We are going to Las Vegas for a week in the spring and also 10 days to California plus the trip to Carlisle so time and money is a problem with us too.

There has been a lot of interest in Club hats and I had a couple of hats I had made to show at the meeting. It was decided that Betty-Mae will draw a couple of designs for hats and the club will pick which one they like best. We are looking at crossed flags and using (maybe) the NS flag and the Canadian flag with "Corvette Club of Nova Scotia" around it.

We are looking at January 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 at a date for the Christmas Party. I thought we had a great party the last couple of years with Pool, free meal and go-carts but it was expressed that not everybody liked that and it is time for a change. I agree, so your input is important to come up with a plan for our Christmas party. I suggested the Horsemen Club in Truro, same place we had the meal after Maritime Meet this year, lots of room, pool tables, darts, big screen TV and we could have some games from our past to play- checkers, crokinole, crib, no one liked this idea. Another suggestion was going for a sleigh ride. We have to come up with something real soon so we can book it.

Winter is not even here yet, but Debbie and I can hardly wait for the first run of 2010, take care, see you January 9<sup>th</sup>.



# Bargain Hunter



**For Sale :** 1981 corvette 350 , automatic, beige in color with new carpet, seats show little wear, paint is very good, lots of new parts. A great daily driver, car is all original, one glass roof is cracked in one corner. \$10,000 firm. **Call:** Kevin Kynock @902- 679-3019.

**For Sale :** Full set of 2000 brushed aluminum wheels in very good condition. I will be asking \$550 for the full set. **Call:** Russ @ (902) 827- 3527

**For Sale :** 2007 C6 LS2 Coupe 6sp automatic with 23,800km, spare set of stock 18" & 19" rims included, Asking \$43,000 {make an offer }

**Contact:** Chris Estabrooks ~ estabrc@hotmail.com



**For Sale :** a nearly new set of mufflers 1997-2003, 4 rims for a 98, 2x17 and 2x18 rims. Any reasonable offer. Same for mufflers plus pipes from manifold to x frame. If someone is interested they can either call me or come out and see the equipment.

**Contact:** Ellery Oicle ~ike\_sara59@hotmail.com or (902) 876-7914 (H )and (902) 233-7906 ©

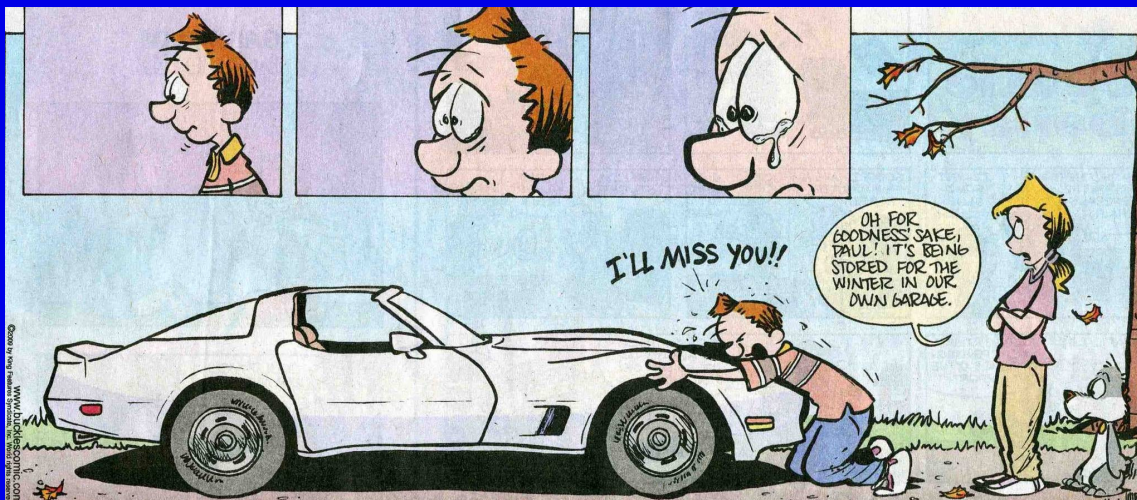
**For Sale:** 2006 Monterey Red Convertible, dual color interior, 6 speed standard transmission, with eighteen thousand kilometers..This Car is exceptionally clean and well maintained ...

**Contact:** Leon at 506-532-4356, Shediac area,, after 6.00 pm....

**For Sale:** CCNS Club Jacket , XLarge, without logo on back. Only name and car embroidered. Which can be removed easily. \$76.00 **Contact:** Chuck @ chuckdar@accesscable.net

**For Sale:** 2007 Z06, completely loaded, chrome rims, black on black with titanium interior package, new rubber, 20,000 km, garage kept and extremely well looked after, many extras. \$65,000 obo.

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