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Last Call for Membership Renewal

CCNS membership fees for 2020 are due no later than the first run of the year or by May 31st, whichever comes first. Given the unique situation this year, there will be no Corvette gatherings prior to May 31st and therefore no opportunity to pay your membership in person to the treasurer as has been customary in past years. As a result, we ask that you mail a cheque (payable to the Corvette Club of Nova Scotia) or e-transfer your membership fee to the treasurer's e-mail address. If you are unsure whether you have already paid for 2020 you can send an e-mail to Rick Latimer for confirmation.

While it is obvious that club activities will be restricted this year, we will continue with a club member's newsletter and salvage whatever weekends we can once restrictions are lifted. Keep in mind that the club does have ongoing operating expenses regardless of membership numbers, so your renewal is greatly appreciated. Also be advised that memberships will expire with no further notice on May 31st and your name removed from the e-mail and mailing list if not renewed.

\$35 payable to the Corvette Club of Nova Scotia

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DON'T MAKE THIS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER. Do what two thirds of the membership has already done and renew now!

Thank you from the CCNS Executive

New CCNS Members: Darren & Connie Reid, Hatchet Lake,
NS – 2006 Yellow Z06

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President's Message



Well this is a new one! Who would of guessed a world wide pandemic would decimate 2020? In the big picture our Corvette pastime doesn't garner much sympathy, but I can't help miss my club friends 😞

2020 will still go down as a monumental year in Corvette history – the evolution to mid engine! By all accounts an incredible machine that will honor the lineage of our beloved Sport Car while appealing to a new young demo.

A few of us members travelled to Toronto in Feb to attend the Canadian International Auto Show. There was both a Coupe and a Convertible C8 on display. I had seen the Coupe in Carlisle, but this was my first in-person introduction to the DropTop variant. The lines are really impressive and for the first time I considered going with the convertible, but the killer is no engine access. It's silly, but I want to see the engine in my Corvette with the carbon fiber and engine bay lights.

So let's hope by next newsletter the Bowling Green plant is back in operation and truckloads of C8s are once again rolling out of there to the many Corvette Enthusiasts in Canada & the US and around the World.

May you all be safe and have lots of time to polish your babies to a mirror shine 🍷

Ivan Hines, President
Corvette Club of Nova Scotia



2020 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Event	Host(s)
TBD	Weekend runs	
August 27-30, 2020	Corvettes at Carlisle	
September 2020	Cabot Trail	Doug Butt



To be filled in as COVID-19 determines

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.

2020 Bar Harbour Tour Postponed to 2021

VOCM appreciates your support and registration for the Bar Harbor Tour 2020. Because of our concern for all of you, and the situation we are facing with border crossings, the request for no group gathering by the town, the inability to safely continue gathering supplies and do preparation, etc. we have come to the conclusion that this year's event should be regrettably postponed until 2021. The dates will be Thursday, June 3 to Sunday, June 6. The theme will be the same.

If you have registered with us, expect an email today explaining your options on your hotel reservations and registration with us. If you wish to keep both of these on file until next year you need not contact us. Further explanations will be in your email.

The hotel is short staffed and will return calls if you leave a message. Please be patient with management as they graciously assist us with this change. If you booked with them directly, and want no changes for next season, you will be automatically moved to 2021. **You do not need to make the call to cancel 2020.** Our email to you should make everything clear.

Stay safe everyone. Next year we will be more than ready to enjoy our usual fun and camaraderie, won't we??

Ivan Hines
President
Corvette Club of Nova Scotia

Weekend Runs/Events

Weekend runs/events have been postponed until June 1st. At that time things will be re-evaluated.

In the meantime, stay safe.

When we are back up and driving; to host an event, please contact:

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Ron Fellows Corvette Performance Driving School, Nevada, USA

This article might sound like a plug for Ron Fellows Corvette Performance Driving School, and I guess in one sense it is, but it is based on my experience of attending their Corvette driving school this past January. First of all, did you know that if you purchase a new Corvette that GM significantly subsidizes the cost of this 2 day driving school? I did not. I only found out by accident since my dealership did not tell me. The regular cost of the school, including 2 nights' accommodation at the track, is approximately \$4000. GM offers up the school for \$1000 and covers 1 night accommodation for a total cost of \$1150. That's a savings somewhere north of \$2800!

The school is based out of the Spring Mountain Motor Resort, a 332 acre resort 1 hour west of Las Vegas, Nevada. It boasts having the longest road course in North America at 6.1 miles and is configurable to about 75 different tracks. For our particular training we used a 1.5 mile road course setup (highlighted in the picture) along



with other non-track sections of the resort for skid pad and other training. The Ron Fellows School is top notch and professional in every respect. We had an amazing ratio of 6 instructors for 12 students and they provided us with an exact match (model and transmission) of our own personal Corvette. My car was a Z06 automatic, the blue #85A in the pictures, which was dedicated for my sole use during the training. Program your seat and mirror settings and you're good for the 2 days.

Each day ran 8am to 4pm with a consistent format of classroom learning followed by driving, more classroom then driving, i.e. learn the theory then go and practise. Day 1 was predominantly training on a large expanse of asphalt including serpentine, wet figure 8's, straight drag strip acceleration with emergency braking for the 180° turn, dry rectangle pylon course and more, many with an instructor in the passenger seat to assist. Suspension mode was always set to "track" with traction and stability controls turned off. You were encouraged to push the car in this controlled environment with instructor comments like "Where else are you going to be able to aggressively find the boundaries of your Z06's traction?" I did, with a couple of unexpected 360's. At the end of some of these sessions the instructor would activate the traction/stability controls just to experience the difference. I can now say that I will never drive the Corvette in the rain without first setting the mode to "weather", it worked that well on the wet course!

Then came the track sessions, one at the end of day 1 and all of day 2. They continued in the same format... classroom/driving, but on the track it was 1 instructor and 3 cars. The instructor was never a passenger in your car. Instead they drove a lead car which had a rear view camera and screen to observe your driving and a transmitter to the student car radio to constantly provide feedback. Braking points, hitting the apex of the turn, applying gas, etc. was constantly communicated as well as all of your errors. It was very impressive how they could see everything and yet maintain speed. While not surprising, it turns out I had no clue about the fastest way around a corner. Understanding the workings of the Corvette limited slip differential (locking and unlocking) and finding the apex of a corner were particularly helpful during the classroom sessions.

And then before you could blink, the school was over. Another day of track training would have been fantastic but maybe that wouldn't have been enough either as the



adrenaline addiction built quickly. I can say that that my skill level grew with each and every session and I now feel much more comfortable managing the Z's 650 ponies in all aspects of driving. So a big two thumbs up to the Ron Fellows Corvette Performance Driving School for a job well done. If you purchase a new Corvette in the future I highly recommend utilizing GM's subsidy offer (C8 sessions have already started). You won't be disappointed. I'm smiling just thinking about it.

Rick Latimer



CCNS HELPING THE COMMUNITY

Based on the urgent needs of so many Nova Scotians who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus situation and the strong financial health of the Corvette Club of Nova Scotia, the CCNS Board of Directors passed a motion to make a onetime extraordinary donation of \$1000 to Feed Nova Scotia this month. We're sure that all of you know someone who has been negatively affected by these unique and unusual circumstances to a point where making financial ends meet is becoming increasingly difficult. More and more people, who never imagined having to use a food bank, have reluctantly resorted to using these vital outlets and the strain on these organizations is overwhelming. We are proud to see the Club give back to the community in such a time of need and hope you support our decision. We felt it was just the right thing to do.

The CCNS Board



Vette Bio's

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.

Claude Garry's Story

I have wanted a Corvette for as long as I can remember. I wanted a Red Corvette. I had mentioned this to my friends growing up. Everyone knew I wanted a Corvette. The Corvette never changed, just as the years went by, I wanted newer and newer and newer.

My wife and I talked about it over the years and one day she was driving out the 102 Highway and saw a white Corvette. She came home saying; you know everyone seems to have red, have you ever thought of a white one with say red interior? The more I thought about it, I couldn't seem to get it off my mind. From that moment on I knew it needed to be a White Grand Sport with Red interior.

I was looking for many years, but it never was the right time. Newly married, first house, kids, building new homes, buying a business, etc...

It was now October 2017 and I was at a birthday party for a friend when another friend of mine had mentioned a local dealer had a white Corvette with red interior. I looked at it immediately and knowing my prices said that's way overpriced.

So, I thought I would bring up the Auto Trader to show him what they were going for. The minute I logged in my car came up. I told my wife – this is the car.

As I dug deeper, I noticed that the car was in Newfoundland. The stars were all just aligning. I had another friend at this same party that flew down from Newfoundland. She was flying home on Monday as it was a long weekend. I asked her if she knew the dealer. She said it was across from her work and the owner of the dealership was her next door neighbor. First thing Tuesday morning the pictures of the car started rolling in from her. She said the car was in perfect condition, low mileage and rumored to have been owned by Country Music Star Alan Jackson.

I called my wife to get her thoughts. That's when she said “you work really hard and you deserve it” that's all it took. I bought it, sight unseen. Just a few pictures and the opinion of a friend.

The story of how I confirmed that the car was owned by Alan Jackson is another story in itself. It was a lot of investigation, knowing the right people and luck. Hit me up at one of our runs and I'd love to share the story with you.

When we first joined the Corvette Club we kind of were like, you own how many Corvettes? But as the years pass, I find myself wanting another one but can't bring myself to sell my very first Vette. Will I have another one?

Maybe, I guess you will have to stand by and see :0)

Claude Garry



CCNS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

In early January the CCNS executive rolled out a more formalized value proposition for CCNS sponsorship opportunities. It is a three tiered program and the details of the program can be found in the matrix below. Early pledges were good, with the ZR1 and four of the five Z06 categories being spoken for, plus a couple of the GS categories. As a result of COVID-19 uncertainties the CCNS annual car show, which provided visibility to sponsors, has been cancelled for this year making it impossible for CCNS to fulfil that portion of the value proposition to sponsors.




Considering these events, CCNS is revising the 2020 sponsor program so that any sponsor who signs on for this year will remain as a sponsor of CCNS for the 2021 season at no additional fee. Current (2019) sponsorships expire at the end of May so those who wish to renew under the new program should make payment prior to that date. Cheques made payable to the "Corvette Club of Nova Scotia" can be mailed to:

Corvette Club of Nova Scotia
Attn: Rick Latimer, Treasurer
249 Freshwater Trail
Dartmouth, NS
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If you require an invoice or have any questions about sponsorship you can contact either Ivan Hines, President or Rick Latimer, Treasurer.

Corvette Club of Nova Scotia Sponsor Program



Cost/Benefits	Annual Sponsor Levels		
			
Cost	\$750	\$500	\$250
Availability	1 (Exclusive)	5 Sponsors	Unlimited
Complimentary CCNS Membership	✓	✓	✓
Name/Logo on CCNS Website	Large	Medium	Small
Website Placement of Sponsor Logo	Front Page & Sponsor Tab	Sponsor Tab	Sponsor tab
Link from CCNS Website to Sponsor Webpage	✓	✓	✓
3 Line Sponsor Ad on CCNS Website	✓	✓	X
Name in CCNS Facebook Tab	✓	✓	✓
Name/Logo in CCNS Newsletter	✓	✓	✓
Newsletter Placement of Sponsor Logo	Front Page & Last Page	Last Page	Last Page
3 Line Sponsor Ad in CCNS Newsletter	✓	X	X
Name/Logo on Car Show Registration Form	✓	X	X
Name/Logo on Car Show Banner	Top	Middle	Bottom
Complimentary Car Show T-Shirt	✓	✓	✓

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Activities/Benefit	Car Show Activity Sponsor		
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