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**CAUTION
PROCEED
CAREFULLY**

This newsletter is filled with photos and stories of the 2019 New England Caravan.

If you do not want to be enticed to add this event to your bucket list – **STOP RIGHT NOW!**

New Member Joining in September

For new members joining in September, your membership fee includes 2020 membership as well! Cheques payable to the "Corvette Club of Nova Scotia" can be mailed to Rick Latimer, 249 Freshwater Trail, Dartmouth, NS B2W 0G6 or an e-transfer can be sent to Rick at r.latimer@ns.sympatico.ca.

New CCNS Members:

Steve Lyons, Argyle Head: 2003 Black Z06
David and Anne Publicover, Hammonds Plains: 1999 Magnetic Red Metallic Convertible

Now at: 116 members, of which 5 are lifetime members – 139 cars!

President's Message



First Caravan trip to Carlisle & the NCM.

We left on Aug 20th - 5 Corvettes:

Ivan - '15 Z06

Amanda - '12 Conv

Sandy & Debbie - '11 Grand Sport

Kurby & Blake - '07 Coupe

Darryl & Anita - '17 Grand Sport



We crossed the Digby ferry and drove to Bangor, ME on the first day. Next days we met up in Methuen, MA with the rest of our Atlantic Canada gang:

Rick & Nancy - '19 Z06

Peter & Terri - '15 Z06

Doug & Joan - '04 Conv

Harry & Patsy - '17 Grand Sport (NL)

Neil & Pam - '15 Coupe (NL)

Roger & Angela - '10 Grand Sport (NB)

We all set out the 3rd day on a 700km journey to Gettysburg, PA. From there we were only a 45min drive to Carlisle, PA.

We went to the show on Friday & Saturday. What a layout! Rows & rows of Vettes and Vendors. And of course the star of the show - the 2020 Corvettes. Chevrolet had 9 cars on display, four of which were available to sit in (after a wait in line!) I was able to get an autograph from Tadge Juechter (Corvette Executive Chief Engineer) and Mike StreetSpeed 717 (YouTube Vlogger) - very cool!

The next day we packed up and made the trek to Roanoke, VA - then Kingsport, TN - then onward to Bowling Green, KY.

We were lucky to be the first caravan at the museum and first shot at the Corvette Store - excellent!

Over the next 3 days we all did our own things and checked out various sights. Amanda, Sandy, Debbie and I took a day and drove down to Nashville - so much to see there, could spend a week easily.

On Friday evening some of us attended the NCM Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. They inducted lifetime Corvette enthusiast Dollie Cole, LeMans winning driver Briggs Cunningham, current Director of Design Tom Peter and at the last minute they also inducted retired NCM Executive Director Wendell Strode.

The next morning we crammed everything into the cars and 4 of us broke off from the pack and drove North towards Niagara Falls, NY. Along the way we stop in to meet Rick Corvette Conti - a gentleman who has a YouTube Channel dedicated to Corvette. Our visit became an episode on his channel.

After a night stay in Niagara Falls then in Springfield, MA, we finally made it home on September 4. It was a 16 day/ 6350 km trip that none of us will soon forget.

I also want to thank Rick and Nancy Latimer for all their planning and leader ship on this journey.

Ivan Hines

President

Corvette Club of Nova Scotia

See pages 4, 5 and 6 for more
great photos!



Wendell Strode

2019 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Event	Host(s)
June - August	Wednesday Night Cruise	Orrie Flick
Sept 11	TBC based on sunset	Calvin and Linda
Sept 18	TBC based on sunset	Pearce
Sept 22	Randy Eisnor South Shore Run	Randy and Audrey Eisnor
October 27	AGM, Courtyard & Residence Inn Dartmouth	Ivan Hines

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.

NEW WEEKLY EVENT



SHOW SHINE + DINE



★ Mustang **MONDAY** ★ Bike Night **TUESDAY**
 ★ Antique Car Night **WEDNESDAY** ★ Corvette Club **THURSDAY**



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Vernon's Diner has created "Show & Shine" nights throughout the week at Vernon's with Thursday's being branded as Corvette Night. They reserve the outer perimeter of the parking lot for the show/shiner's at the diner so if we could pass the word among our members, they would love to see the lot full of Corvette's.

Calvin
Events Coordinator

Weekend Runs/Events

There are a number of weekends with no runs/events planned, if anyone would be willing to offer to host a run/event just send the date/details to Calvin and we will add to the calendar.

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South Shore Run: September 22

Run details for the 22nd. Meet at Tantallon library at 10:30 for an 11:00 departure. We will follow the coast out to Hubbard's then around the Aspotogan loop and stopping at the Chester High School for a coffee and washroom break. On to Mahone Bay then Bridgewater and down to Petite Rivière to the winery for a tasting or just sit on their deck for a spell.

Then we will follow the river back to Bridgewater to Waves for supper.

If you have any questions contact Randy raeisnor@outlook.com.

Calvin
Events Coordinator



Annual General Meeting
October 27, 1- 5 pm
Courtyard & Residence Inn
Dartmouth

35 Shubie Drive, Dartmouth Crossing, NS
 The room is called "Maple-Pine"
 Any issues you like to discuss with Ivan before the meeting – email or call: Ivanhines@yahoo.ca/
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Ivan Hines
 President
 Corvette Club of Nova Scotia



Pictures tell a story



In person and up close!





2019 New England Caravan... another perspective

As Nancy & I sat back upon our return from the NCM 25th Anniversary Caravan and reflected on leading the Eastern Canada group to Bowling Green, Kentucky, it brought back a flood of great memories. Having leadership responsibilities does distract from some of the carefree fun, like spending 3 hours on the registration desk for example. And I do recall a few disappointments at the time... a very tight travel/event schedule, not having the Canadian group all sit together for the first banquet (Nancy & I were working the registration desk) and some disorganization on our entrance to the NCM. However the positive experiences now make these issues seem trivial upon reflection.

One of the great things about a trip like this is if you ask 10 different people about the highlights of their trip, you will get 10 different perspectives based on their personal preferences, activities chosen and whether or not it was their first time participating in a Caravan. For Nancy & I it was great to see the smiles on the "first timers" faces from our CCNS members and our new friends from the Newfoundland Corvette Club. That in itself was very rewarding. And this time around we took in activities that we had talked about doing on previous trips but had never gotten around to doing. These included a 2 hour tour of the Gettysburg battlefield, the Shenandoah Caverns, Mammoth Cave (the longest mapped cave in the world at 412 miles) and the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville. The trip was even further enhanced by having extra powerful two-way radios to keep in touch with our travel group (compliments of our Pres.), staying in great hotels, a day at the Corvettes at Carlisle show, viewing and sitting in the C8 Corvette, some stunning scenery and fun cruising via the Skyline Drive and Back of the Dragon, a Jefferson Starship concert, and most of all, travelling and dining with a great bunch of people.

And if that wasn't enough, I got to drive a half dozen laps on Bristol Motor Speedway. I was lucky enough to be the lead car following the pace car and I set up the performance data recorder as we started the laps. The pace car set a safe "get to know the track" speed for the first lap but then progressively got faster. After another three laps we had caught up to the back markers and there was no one in my rear view mirror. So the pace car bunched everyone up and we set out again, only on a faster pace. In this second round the pace car driver must have been happy with my driving skills and set out to give me a couple of challenging laps. The Z kept up, and even gained ground on the straights (which are very short at Bristol) but he drove away from me in the corners. This time we caught the back markers in two laps! What a rush. When I got to the hotel I downloaded the SD card to my laptop. It was interesting to see the speeds increase on every lap but also to see the ease at which the pace car left me in the corners. It convinced me that I should actually learn how to drive, so it's off to Ron Fellows Performance Driving School in February. I'll let you know in a spring newsletter how that went.

Rick Latimer
CCNS Treasurer



For those who went ahead and took a look at the newsletter anyways – ignoring the caution warning; no one had any fun at all!





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Vernon's ThunderBird Dinner

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Note from the Editor:

In order to make each edition of the newsletter interesting, we encourage all members to submit articles that you feel are worth sharing (this is your newsletter). Stories about your first corvette (or your third), or road trips you may have taken, or anything corvette related.

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