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## *Corvette Club of Windsor*

# NEWSLETTER

### President's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the club for a very successful year. We have over 60 members and I can proudly say everyone helped in some way with all our events this year.

Starting off the season with our car show in June which we made more money than ever for our charity the Pediatric Oncology Unit at Met Hospital. We were able to donate over \$6000.00 this year bringing our total donated to around \$30,000.00 in the last 5 years. Thanks to all the volunteers at our car show, but especially Ron Packer and his group for their hard work handling the registration of over 225 cars. Chris Small, thanks for the excellent photo shots of all the cars. They were well received by all. To all the ladies, Marilyn, my wife Marg, her friend Lynn, Mae Hogan and Ron Jeffries for their great job in running the silent auction tent and door prizes. To all the other members who helped make the car show so successful, THANKS.

Denise and Ed Jones had a very successful summer party at their place for all club members. Day trips to several car shows here in the Windsor area and Michigan, the Benefit Ride for Mason, Lingenfelter, Windsor Dream Cruise starting out from Carla's place, Woodward Dream Cruise, Alpena trip with Dan and Moe, Essex for the Ron Suchiu Art show, and others were all attended by our members.

Ron Packer did an excellent news article for the Fast Past magazine. Finally Windsor gets some recognition in the magazine the last couple of years. I would also like to thank the members of the board, past and present, and the new members for all their support.

In closing, our Christmas party was a fun night for all. We had the largest attendance in many years. Thanks to those who brought toys for the Drouillard Place. They were well received by them. See thank you letter later.

I know I missed thanking someone so please forgive me and let Marg and I wish you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Bryan Hansen, President.

## Club Events

### Cancer charity event Thursday, September 8, 2016

Six members brought their rides to the Windsor Regional Hospital to support the pediatric oncology unit with more than monetary support. What a thrill for these challenged kids to “drive” a Corvette.

The following is the article published in the Windsor Star reporting on the contribution made by the Corvette Club of Windsor.



[Dalson Chen, Windsor Star](#)

[More from Dalson Chen, Windsor Star](#) Published on: September 8, 2016 (Reproduced with permission)

### Corvettes help child cancer cases at Windsor Regional Hospital

Muscle cars made for good medicine at Windsor Regional Hospital on Thursday when the [Corvette Club of Windsor](#) presented the pediatric oncology unit with more than \$6,000 in donations.

It’s the fifth year that the Corvette Club has given the unit money raised at the club’s summer car show on the riverfront.

“We have a club member who donated \$616, personally,” said Bryan Hansen, the club’s president.

The club marked the occasion on Thursday by bringing six Corvettes to the hospital’s Met Campus.

The WRH [pediatric oncology unit](#) deals with cancer cases under the age of 18. The unit is a satellite clinic of the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Some young patients and their parents were in attendance on Thursday to check out the sleek Chevrolet sports cars.



Local Corvette-owner Ed Jones was proud to bring his blue 2014 Stingray convertible (vanity plate: “Cool Top”) to the party.

“My first one was a ’76,” Jones said. “I’ve been a Corvette fan for about 40 years.”

Marilyn Fahringer brought her rebuilt white 1973 Corvette Stingray — which she’s been trying to sell.

“Want to buy my car?” Fahringer said about the shiny vehicle. “It was completely stripped down, and we re-did it. Eleven years, and we only put 1,000 miles on it. It’s a show piece.”

Members of the Corvette Club of Windsor present the Paediatric Oncology Unit Hospital with donation cheques

Asked to explain the enduring appeal of Corvettes, Fahringer praised the styling and lines of the car — and even its name. “I love that name — Stingray. It’s so smooth and elegant.”

Part of the Canadian Council of Corvette Clubs, the Corvette Club of Windsor is dedicated to celebrating “North America’s only true sports car.” The club currently has about 60 members.



Mahdi, a four-year-old, and another patient of Windsor Regional Hospital's Paediatric Oncology Unit, try out the driver's seats of various Corvettes. Picture on left - Jason Kryk / Windsor Star

## Monthly Club meeting Thursday October 20

The Club held its first monthly meeting at the newly renovated and expanded Central Park Athletics, 3400 Grand Marais Road East at Central Avenue. There were 42 members in attendance, but because the weather did not cooperate there were no Corvettes in the parking lot. Too bad, because this was the first meeting held at a facility owned by one of our club sponsors. Bryan had hoped for a nice evening so we could have shown our thanks to the owner in a special Corvette way. A nice dinner and drinks were enjoyed in the comfortable, casual family atmosphere of The Tortoise restaurant by everyone, so as part of our appreciation for the sponsorship, please pass the word about the menu, atmosphere and surroundings. The new meeting hall was not quite finished, so the meeting was held in the dining room. It will be much improved the next time we meet there. Future meetings will be shared with Heritage Village, Dan Kane and Central Park Athletics. We were pleased to be joined by Carl Dutch, 2016 President of the Corvette Club of Michigan (CCM). He spoke briefly at our meeting and was very complimentary regarding our Riverfront car show. The CCM has a very extensive website <http://www.corvetteclubmi.com/index.html> with lots of information. Check it out! In their May/June 2016 newsletter, called Slipstream, they promoted as follows:



## Upcoming events (Corvette Club of Michigan):

**CCM Autocross:** May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 at Schoolcraft [Autocross Flyer](#)

**Lingenfelter Cars & Coffee:** Saturdays from June 4<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup> 2016, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm [Lingenfelter Info](#)

**Corvette Club of Windsor Riverfront Show:** Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2016, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm [Windsor Show Flyer](#)

Below - L to R, Carl Dutch, Ken Lingenfelter, Matt McDonnell



The following is more background on Carl Dutch and the Corvette Club of Michigan by Corvette Club of Windsor members, Mary and Steve Sagat:

“We have some personal reflections of Carl Dutch, the very new President of the Corvette Club of Michigan who attended Thursday's meeting night (October 20). He is a good fit for the club and very personable. He is now in the learning curve and it's great that he has reached out to Windsor's Corvette Club for observations. Carl has also been connected with Louis Venson's V-8 Club in Detroit,

also a qualifying club for Concours.

We have known Carl during the past 3 years that we have been immersed in the summer shows connected with the Les Stanford Concours Event. This club has its emphasis on "auto cross" racing, less on esthetics of car shows and judging. We have attended this club's annual picnic/car show in late August and have been nominated twice thru their club to the concours event. Great group of Corvette People!

This club has over 200 members and their long lived past president, Joe Scafaro, was very well connected on the National level in competition. Corvette Club of Michigan has a long history back to 1958 with a lot of its memorabilia on display at Les Stanford's Dearborn dealership.

Mary & Steve Sagat”

## October Run Cruise Sunday, October 23.

It was a gorgeous fall day, a little cool at 11:00 am, but nary a cloud in the sky. Oscar's rain date of October 23 was just perfect for his **2nd Annual Oscars Run to Morpeth**. There



we were about 25 cars gathered in readiness for Oscar's "drivers meeting" at the St. Clair Beach Plaza Manning Rd. – east end of parking lot, before we took off southbound on Manning Rd. This was a nice cruise down County roads 46, 8 and 3 to Morpeth. We had been advised we would go the speed limit, maybe one or two over, and there would be stops to let the laggards catch up. One of these

stops was outside Blenheim where an impromptu stop was made, coincidentally, beside a corn field. This provided an opportunity for the men to be able to go and inspect the corn. To make everything fair with the ladies, we made another stop at Tim Horton's in Ridgetown, except they didn't have any corn.



Improvised facilities beside corn field



Improved facilities at Tim Hortons

We then continued on to the park in Thamesville which was the halfway stop for our tour. It was now two o'clock and yours truly had to leave the group here and drive straight home for an important appointment with his grandkids, a pumpkin carving contest. The main group continued back west on Highway 2, with a jog around Chatham to avoid the traffic and stop lights in town. Continue down #2, where some of the group would stop at the St. Joachim Tavern to eat. Those who didn't want to stop could follow #42 back to Manning Road or just head home.

Oscar Sullivan, the October Run organizer, has a neat street rod '35 Chevy 2 door, with a 5 litre Z28 motor and 700 R4 transmission, perfect for cruising. I asked Oscar about his event and he said this was the second year for it. He said he started this event to give the local car nuts a long distance drive before the fall when all of these cars get put away. He has certainly succeeded in this, a perfect run on a perfect day. Thank you Oscar. He said last year there were 25 cars which made it an awesome sight going down the roads. This year he started with 25 and it grew as we drove along. We picked up two cars in Woodsley, five cars in Comber and three more outside Tilbury for a total of 35 cars. There was a nice selection of old and not so old street rods, muscle cars, classics and three Corvettes. There was a silver '78 C3, a white 2000 C5 convertible and my '99 silver convertible.



Oscar Sullivan – also a Jimmy Johnson fan

Oscar wrote about his cruise as follows:

“Cruisers,

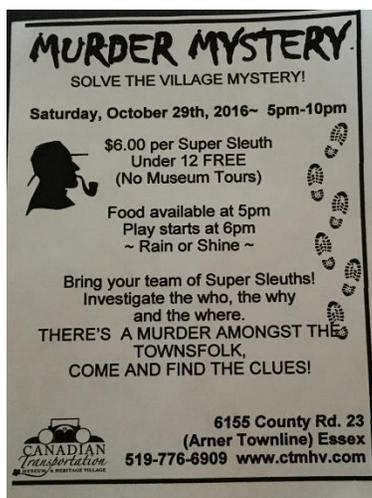
We could not have a better day for this years' cruise. There were over 20 cars that started the cruise from Manning road, with a group of cars joining the convoy in Woodslee, Comber and Tilbury. We managed to keep **35 cars** together with a couple of stops for us old peeps on the way. We even had a road detour that ended up being full of trees changing colors making it a bonus to our trip. Everyone seemed to have fun shooting the breeze at every stop. The stop in Blenheim covered a big chunk of the main road. I was the leader and had to use the phone to call the last vehicle (Mark Seguin) to check if all the cars were with us. It was an awesome sight with all these cars parked along the main road. The final stop was in St. Joachim where a dozen cars stopped for supper.

The feedback was good, but next year we will plan for more potty stops. Few peeps were snapping pics and I hope they will be shared for all to see. With that said I hope to do it again in 2017.

Thanks.

Oscar (36 Chev)”

## Murder Mystery at Heritage Village Saturday, October 29



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The cast

We missed an opportunity for a special event which was set up by Gary McGuinness and Jenny Morrow. They had invited club members to join them at Heritage Village for the Murder Mystery and dinner on Saturday, October 29. Unfortunately they did not allow enough time for members to join them, so they went by themselves. I would like to suggest we use this newsletter to let members know, well in advance, of upcoming events that we would like share in. The Murder Mystery is a play where the audience has to travel around the old buildings at Heritage Village, gather clues from the “townsfolk” in each and then try and solve the mystery.

The following is an excerpt from Through the Windshield – the official publication of the Historic Vehicle Society of Ontario:

“Wow! October went out with a ‘bang’, as we saw our last village event of the season, the Murder Mystery. It was a wildly successful event.”



Murder Mystery pictures used with permission of Curator - Canadian Transportation Museum & HV

## Monthly Club meeting Thursday November 17



How were we to know that the middle of November would be record warm days? How many of us took the insurance off our rides



and put them to bed at the end of October? That was the way it was for our monthly club meeting held at Boston Pizza, corner Manning Road and Amy Croft Drive. Boston Pizza is one of our club sponsors. Free pizza and pop before the meeting, although yours truly opted for a beer. As a new member I have



learned that the dinner before the meeting is a tradition and what with moving around to different locations is a nice touch. Ron Packer presented his Corvette Club of Windsor submission for the CCCC Fast Past fall magazine. What a fantastic job he did in just a few days. Thanks also to all the people who submitted pictures etc. Peter Roberts sent around a draft copy of his first Newsletter.

It was well received and will be a great motivator for him to continue with this project. The first Issue will be sent out in early December. When everyone was full



of pizza, the meeting was opened. There were 32 members in attendance and all of the regular meeting topics were covered by the executive. In addition three jacket samples were presented: black, red and grey. Popular

opinion decided that black was the colour of choice. The cost of the jackets was \$80.00 with name embroidered on the front and lettering on the back. Bryan was to follow up.

Thank you – Boston Pizza.

## Christmas party Friday, December 2, 2016

Gosh, we are already into December. Time for our Christmas Party. It was held again this year at the Ambassador Golf Club, where 37 attendees feasted on fresh bread and spread, salad, penne, Parisienne carrots and roast chicken. The members all brought a great selection of desserts and coffee was also served. The bar did a brisk business as well.



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underprivileged children and each guest brings an unwrapped toy for a child between one year old and sixteen. There was a terrific selection of toys for these kids through Drouillard Place. Another charity event was the guessing of how many candies were in the jar. We each had to write down our guess. Ron packer had the closest value of 323 candies when there were



actually 317. Ron's share of the money was \$120 but he generously declined his winnings and donated it all to make it \$240 to the VON Meals on Wheels. The third award was for a prize set of four pieces of luggage had an unusual twist to it.



Bryan had decreed that as eliminated from the draw. still left in the competition. Joanne Williams and Ron for it all". Joanne forced the then pulled and he was four piece luggage set.



each person's name was drawn, they were to be eliminated. The suspense grew at each name drawing for those still left. When it finally came down to only two names, Hillier were left. Bryan said they could split or "go issue and they went "for it all". Ron's name was eliminated. Joanne walked away with a brand new,



Thank you so much for the toys you brought to us today!

Please share our thanks with your club. It's wonderful to have community support. These toys will make many children happy.

*Kim Davis*

Emergency Service Manager

Drouillard Place

## Christmas Shopping



Thought you might like to see this crazy Christmas shopper in Ft. Myers, Florida. Has anyone tried this? Only works when you have a trunk rack. My opinion is trunk racks are an ugly option, but practical in this event. Thanks Ed Jones for the picture.

## New Members

Please welcome Nick and Nadia Komar and their 2016 Corvette to the club. They joined in October.

Hi all,

Just to give you a little history, I was transferred from Detroit to Windsor by Chrysler Financial in 1975.

I retired in 2001 after spending 40 years with the company and lived in Windsor & Toronto for 41 years. My wife retired as a Vice Principal from the Windsor Board and since our retirement we've traveled the world.

Hope to see you guys soon.

Regards

Nick Komar



## Club Executive

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