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*Corvette Club of  
Windsor*

## NEWSLETTER

### President's Report

First of all I would like to welcome all new members to our club. I have met most of you at several car shows and other club functions which means you are getting involved in the club and getting to know more members personally.

We had some great weather for the Reaume cruise and car show, the Dan Kane car show and the Wheels on Wyandotte car show. It was good to see on an average of 15 to 20 cars at most of these shows. Rob Menzie's Corvette Depot BBQ was also well attended by our club members. Thanks again Rob for all your support to our club in the last many, many years.

Our donation day at Met Hospital was a huge success. We had a large turnout of members and their cars. We donated a total of \$6388.00 including the 50-50 draw. Hats were given

to the kids who were in treatment after we left. Jim made sure we were given a shout out on his news program that night. Thanks JIM

As your President, the last I believe 6 years, I have seen a growth in our membership and in our donations. I owe that to the members in our club getting involved and wanting to make our club better every year. We have great members who want to get involved and it is showing. THANKS .

I also would like to thank Jenny for her dinner night outs, a good way to meet new and old members.

This week will be our final meeting at the HERITAGE VILLAGE. Hope to see you there.

Christmas is just around the corner so if you have any suggestions to make our party better let me know.

Thanks BRYAN

Bryan Hansen, President.

## **New Members**

I am not aware of any new members for this Newsletter issue.

## **Club Events**

### **Sunday, August 6, 2017**

**Corvettes of Southern Ontario**, Simcoe Festival Car Show, Simcoe, ON

Nothing to report

### **Friday, August 11, 2017**

**158th Annual Comber Fair**, Comber, ON

Nothing to report

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

Corvettes America, Clarkston, MI



Here are some pictures from the Corvettes America Club show in Clarkston, MI. on Saturday, August 12th. We have joined forces with this club for some inter-activity over the past years and they fully support our show every year. This year there was a good selection from all generations of corvettes. It was a great show. Enjoy! Ron Packer







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**Friday, Sat, Sun, August 11, 12, 13, 2017**

**Essex County Steam & Gas Engine Show, MCGregor - Co-Ann Park**

Nothing to report

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

**Bothwell Car Show** Flea Market Swap Meet – Bothwell Ontario,

Nothing to report

**Saturday, August 12, 2017**

**WAMBO Car & Boat Show** Downtown Wallaceburg, ON

Nothing to report

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

**London Corvette Show**

About 130 cars at an informal show. Bob Small, Les Tellier and Ron Hillier attended. A Canadian Legion representative picked their favourite car – nothing fancy in judging.



**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

**Club BBQ - courtesy Mary and Steve Sagat**



**What a setting –  
perfect atmosphere,  
shade, trees,  
companions, great  
sausage and burgers,  
street car show .....  
and even Elvis –  
perfect !**











**Thanks again to Steve and Mary Sagat for hosting the BBQ this year!  
Great event! ... Great Job!!!**



**Editor's side note**



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**Our Club BBQ brings back memories from the ElvisFest Car Show, downtown Windsor, in 2010. Picture is of my 1928 Ford Closed Cab Pick Up and one of the**

**Elvis Tribute artists who played at the Capital Theatre that day. Obviously before my latest Corvette days.**

**Peter Roberts**

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**Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

**Dan Kane Dream Cruze Tune Up Car Show**

**Mike Giroux writes on his Vettes of Essex Kent Facebook page:** Here's some pics from the Dan Kane car show today. What a great group of cars (trucks too). A lot of us thought we were seeing cars that don't normally make the local car show circuit. Being as this is a Vette page, natch the cars here are all Vettes He-He !!!! And one Easter egg too ..... :>0 Ed's note -See if you can find the "Easter egg".



The “Easter egg” is the Z28 pic! Mike ;>) - (The red Camaro on lower right.)

Plus a few more pictures at Dan Kane by Barry Renaud







**Wednesday, August 16 to Saturday, August 19, 2017**

**Woodward Dream Cruise** - Woodward Avenue from 8 Mile Rd to Pontiac, MI

Four days of classic cars driving up and down Woodward Avenue.



**Wednesday, August 16, 2017—CANCELLED**

**Corvettes on Woodward** Drive2EndHunger

1. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Corvettes-on-Woodward-drive2endhunger>



## Thursday, August 17, 2017

**Club meeting** at Heritage Village

Bryan started the meeting by welcoming new member Tom Mallott. A financial report was presented, Membership report - we now have 67 members. Activity report reviewed upcoming car shows and Show report. It was noted that the \$6,000 cheque to the Oncology Department of the hospital will be presented the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week after Labour Day. We should have 6 to 8 cars there, plus we shall hand out hats to the kids who can wear them. The Fan Kane show was a great success – about 450 cars. Christmas party to be December 8 at Central Park Athletics banquet room. There is no charge for the room plus we get 10% credit for all food and drink purchases. It was mentioned that there will be a Corvette Caravan to the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky on August 28 – 31, 2019. Hotels are already being booked. Cars in the Ouellette Cruise Friday night are to meet on Tecumseh Road and cruise for about an hour and a half then meet at Central Park Athletics for Dinner. The “Ice Park” will have exclusive Corvette parking that night. The Club wished special thanks to Steve and Mary Sagat for hosting the wonderfully successful Club BBQ. Ron Hillier volunteered his place to host the BBQ for next year.

## Saturday, August 19, 2017

**Woodward Dream Cruise** - Woodward Avenue from 8 Mile Rd to Pontiac, MI



**Les & Barry - Woodward Dream Cruise Walkabout 2017. Here are some of the 74 pictures that they sent me.**











**Sorry about all of the Ford stuff, but Chevrolet gave up sponsorship of Dream Cruise this year to Ford. At least I'll finish with a couple of Corvettes.**



**My personal perspective on Dream Cruise** is that the Saturday show has been totally ruined. I went to Dream cruise on Saturdays starting about 2001. About half the cars parked for free along Woodward Avenue while the other half drove up and down. At that time the busiest part was between 12 Mile Rd and 14 Mile Rd. When I took my truck there thirteen years ago there would be almost exclusively show cars cruising in the two right lanes and traffic intentionally moved steadily at about 15 km/hr so the spectators could get a good look and picture taking was easy. It was a pleasure to go. However, about eight years ago big business took over. Large viewing stands were set up in front of bars and restaurants, so you could no longer drive a couple of miles and pull in for some refreshment. Parking on the side of the road or in the



large lots along the route started costing \$25 to \$35 with no “in/out” privileges. The largest deterioration of the event was caused by ordinary cars driving in the cruising lanes. Woodward Avenue is 4 lanes in each direction and there are signs requesting “Cruisers only two right lanes”. The ordinary cars in the right lanes slowed everything down. The two left lanes are set up for through traffic. It took me 6 hours to drive from 8 Mile to Pontiac and back, about 40 km round trip. That is about 6 km/hr.. I tell you no fun when you are driving a manual transmission car with a competition clutch. Six years ago I stopped going specifically to Dream Cruise and chose to go to Back to the Bricks in Flint. It runs the same week as Dream Cruise and actually has a lot more happening. I would usually leave Flint and drive down Woodward on my way home from the show on Saturday. This year at about 5:00 pm, we decided to pick up Woodward at Big Beaver and cruise down for some fun. What a mistake. The non-cruiser traffic has totally taken over. Speed is down to about 4 -6 cars through a traffic light at one time. It took us an hour to go less than 1/2 kilometer and because we were in Birmingham it was almost impossible to get out and back on I-75 south. The ordinary cars have totally wrecked what was one of the world’s best car exhibits where you could leisurely display 40,000 personal “dream car” vehicles and 1,500,000 spectators could gawk and drool at it all. It is now so painfully slow, just a great big all day traffic jam. I will never return and likely thousands of other enthusiasts will be doing the same. What a shame! Peter Roberts.

**Wednesday, August 16 to Saturday, August 19, 2017**



Back to the Bricks week long extravaganza, Flint, Michigan

Editor note - My favourite event – better than Dream Cruise – especially the Car Show on Saturday.

<https://backtothebricks.org> **For full story – see Saturday, August 19, 2017, following.**

**Friday, August 18, 2017**

**Ouellette Car Cruise**



Club cars at Windsor Dream Cruise 2017, with dinner at Central Park Athletics. Thanks to Moe and Jean for putting this together !!









**Friday, August 18, 2017**

**Meet and Greet party** at Brick Street Bar and Grille, Grand Blanc, MI. (Part of Back to the Bricks)

Back to the Bricks in Flint is a five day affair, competing directly with Woodward Dream Cruise. Rolling cruise every night down Saginaw Street from Flint to Grand Blanc. US 23 drive in movie Tuesday night, free. Largest free, outdoor concert in Michigan on Friday evening. Free hot dog lunch at Duke's Car Stereo on Friday. Swap meets Thursday and Friday. The event Enzo and I attended on Friday evening was the "Meet and Greet" party at the Brick Street Bar and Grille. 200 corvettes parked on the grass at this packed bar and restaurant.





**Saturday, August 19, 2017**

**Corvette Reunion**, Back to the Bricks car show, Flint, Michigan



The show announced on Saturday that this is now the number three show in North America.

Something here for everyone – all free. Just look through the pictures – these are just the unusual stuff.

Corvette Reunion, main car show for hot rods, customs, muscle cars etc. (covers 7 city blocks long by 4 blocks wide), Corvette only show (6 blocks north side of river) plus Buick cars display, Drag Race cars display and “cackle fest”, Antique trailer and motor home display, heavy trucks display, Model A display, “low riders”, restaurants and shops all in Downtown Flint, plus thousands of beautiful cars.

**Why the show is called back to the bricks?** This is Saginaw Street, downtown Flint, paved in brick.



The day included a spectacular flyover by three **WWII T6 fighter planes.**



Show is eleven city blocks long, four blocks wide.  
Entire downtown is shut down to regular traffic.

Gary Drago, Flint Corvette Club president, headed up this year's **Corvette Reunion** in Flint. "We had a fabulous time," he says. He described the thousands of cars parked along the route of the Corvette Reunion. "You probably won't see this in any other place in the country. Tens of thousands of people come to this event."



Unusual stuff in regular show







Kellermeyer's [DJ Racing team](#) was one of the key Corvette attractions, displaying two of the Matick Chevy/Corvette Central-sponsored racing Corvettes.

This big event “was once again a hit,” Danny Kellermeyer says.

“The Flint show attracts more than 500,000 enthusiasts, he says. “These car lovers were able to walk around and admire thousands of vehicles of every age and description.”





**Marilyn Fahringer writes - What a beautiful day in Flint today.**

**A TON of Vettes!!! Had many people come up to Enzo, Peter & us to say they come to our show & it is one of the BEST ones they attend.**



**Enzo and Karen with their trophies.**

**Marilyn also won a trophy.**



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<<< How low can you go? 20 aspect ratio tires!



What's



Alligator skin anyone? >>

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<< HD Trucks

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