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My View from the Drivers Seat Bob Joseph President

I want again to thank
Denyse Weatherbee and Mike
Buccilli for this month's work
setting up the monthly Dinner
Cruises and Men's luncheons.
As I have said before, the
planning stages for Clubs
Annual Picnic again by John
Biggie and the Christmas
Brunch hosted this year by Joe
& Denyse Weatherbee are in
the works and a Defensive
Drivers Course later this fall
arranged by Jim Kuczmarski. I
thank them all for their efforts.

Norma and I have been out of town since the February meeting visiting friends and relatives in New Orleans, Jacksonville and we are now sitting at the pool in Vero Beach as I write this so, that will be all for me this month.

Save the Wave

Bob

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The way I See It

George Sparks:

Vice President



Corvettes of Buffalo, George Sparks - VP report March 2025

The CORVETTE HOBBY and how it is changing.

The paradigm of long-term Corvette ownership is on the decline. The tradition of keeping the "Corvette" in the family is "aging out". For more info click on the link to Lyle at C&S Corvettes:

https://youtu.be/SDzlpidr-Fk?si=qJg0VSXFI_8GS_eW

NCM AMBASSADOR - March 2025 REPORT

GEORGE AND KAREN SPARKS



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- 1) "agreed value" coverage and its importance
- 2) "spare parts" coverage
- 3) Storing of your vehicle(s)
- 4) "limited use" driving, enjoy car shows, date nights, ice cream soda shops, weekend cruises or even on vacation. If you are taking it out to let everyone hear that jaw-dropper of an engine, go right ahead. Just do not expect to make it your errand driver, grocery getter, or daily commuter.

Besides, how would you strap down a bunch of 12-foot long 2x4's or that 85" Big screen TV?

On another note, if you haven't investigated the NCM 2025 Bash, click on the following link for more information.

https://www.corvettemuseum.org/museum-events/



Tony Malagisi Governor

See Tony's article that appeared in the Winter issue of Blue Bars on page 10 of this issue.



This months spotlight is on member Paul Jedrysik and his 2014 Cyber Grey Stingray. He is one of our most active members during the cruise night schedule in the WNY area.





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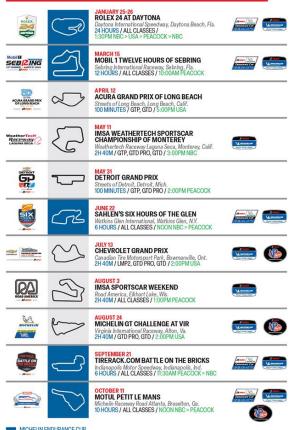
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Men's Luncheon

March 12th 12:00-2:00pm Buffalo Sports Garden 2947 Southwestern, Orchard Park, 14127

Van Bortel Cars & Coffee

March 15th Starting at 9:30 am Van Bortel Showroom

March Dinner Cruise

March 26th 6:00-8-00pm Pendelton Creek Club IMPORTANT!! Limited Menu: See Page 8 "OUT TO EAT" for info.

Drive the Glen

April 7th Watkins Glen Opening Day https://www.theglen.com/drive-theglen-5/

Additional Cruise nights can be found on the Events page of the website.

28th Annual Michelin NCM Bash @ National Corvette Museum

Apr 24 – Apr 26

https://www.corvettemuseum. org/bash/?mc_cid=ff465a0d58 &mc_eid=c59c0009ea

Drive the Dragon & Biltmore Estate @ National Corvette Museum

Apr 27 – Apr 30

2025 National Corvette Museum 31st Anniversary @ National Corvette Museum Aug 28 – Aug 30

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I had the opportunity to present plaques of appreciation to our two major sponsors, Van Bortel Corvette and Buffalo Care Care for their support in 2024. Both of which have pledged their continued support in 2025.

Thank You both to two Great Sponsors!

Men's Luncheon for February



This month's luncheon was held at the Elma town Grill with 11 members in attendance on a cold wintery day.



OUT TO EAT

This month's Dinner Cruise will be at the Pendleton Creek Pub 4385 Tonawanda Creek Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120 The date is Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

It will be a limited menu of five choices. The restaurant has requested we pre-order so that everyone will be served at the same time. If you are planning on attending, please list your entree when signing up.

The food choices are:

- 1. Greek Salad @ \$13.00
- 2. Turkey Club Wrap @ \$16.00
- 3. Reuben @ \$19.00
- 4. Double Cheeseburger @ \$19.00
- 5. Chicken Pot Pie @ \$18.00

If you sign up and can not attend, please contact Denyse Weatherbee at 716-633-3443 so she can cancel your food order. If you do not cancel or show up you will have to pay for your dinner, as the club is not going to pay for your dinner.

Denyse Weatherbee







Pictures from this months Dinner Cruise on a cold winders night

February Dinner Cruise









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https://www.corvette-mag.com/issues/176/articles/built-to-drive

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https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2025/02/18/corvette-assembly-plant-will-be-closed-during-these-upcoming-weeks/

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https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2025/02/04/kirk-bennion-is-the-other-corvette-team-member-that-was-recently-fired-from-gm/





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CORVETTES OF BUFFALO - CHARITY AND FUN

The Corvettes of Buffalo, Inc. was formed in 1981 in Buffalo, NY. The original fifteen Members formed the Club and invited eleven other Corvette enthusiasts to join for a grand total of twenty-six charter members. All members are volunteers including Officers and Board Members. Today we have a membership of 135 people and we are growing by the month.

Some of our summer Events have been the Bar Harbor Maine Cruise, Road Rallye in Historic Niagara County of NYS, Buffalo River History Cruise, Monthly Cars and Coffee Cruises, Grand Island Parade, Grand opening of Van Bortel Corvette Dealership, multiple weekly car cruises & car shows, NCM 30* Anniversary Cruise to Bowling Green.

With our Corvettes and the help from our membership we have raised money to help those in need with two big events that we hosted:

BurgerFest 2024 Car Show Story - On July 20th the COB hosted the 39th Annual Burgerfest Car Show which takes place every year on the third Saturday of July in Hamburg, NY. The hamburger was officially invented in Hamburg. NY in 1885. This is a "charity" event with 100% of the registration and ½ of the 50/50 going to a winner and the other ½ going to the KIWANIS Children's Charity. Twenty-eight COB members volunteered to assist in registration, reception, parking, and judging for the 86 vehicles registered. A total of 30 trophies were awarded in various categories: BEST in CLASS, AWARD of EXCELLENCE and KIDS CHOICE AWARD. Our COB Sponsor, Kitty Van Bortel of Van Bortel Chevrolet, made a personal appearance along with a couple of Corvettes from her vast inventory. Van Bortel Chevrolet is the largest Corvette dealership in New York State and ranked in the top 20 nationwide. With the help of many sponsors, including NCM Insurance, registration and 50/50 raffle, Corvettes of Buffalo S5490 for the KIWANIS Children's Charity. Although there were many amazing vehicles on display, it was all about the "KIDS"

Another fundraiser we held was a 100 Corvette Cruise, escorted by the Erie County Sheriffs vehicles. We cruised through the mountains south of Buffalo raising \$3500 for WNY Heroes.

In addition to enjoying the great summer events, knowing we made a Contribution for Charities was very fulfilling.









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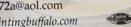
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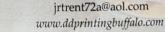


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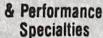






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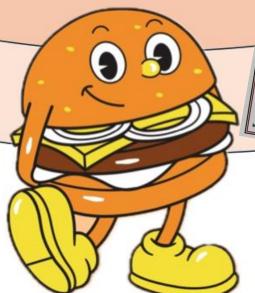


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