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November 2024

VETTE NEWS









My View from the Drivers Seat Bob Joseph President

It is that time of the year where I look back on where we have come in the past year since the bulk of the Corvette season is pretty much over. I made a promise to everyone that I would strive to constantly improve by getting more members involved by creating new events. I circulated a list of suggested new events for the 2023 season. The Membership responded and volunteered to chair a few new events and they were well received and enjoyed by everyone who attended. I want to sincerely thank everyone who stepped up to chair an event and hope you will consider doing so in 2025. I will again put out a list of events at the the January meeting but this time think about and add some of your own ideas. New Members, consider chairing an event next year. There is no better way to get to know other members than to spend time working and traveling with them on a multi day driving event.

Looking forward to the rest of the year. It is hard to believe the Holiday season is just about here. All that is left on the calendar is a men's Luncheon and a Dinner cruise in November. Don't Forget to bring your deposit to the November meeting to sign up for the last event of the year, The Christmas Brunch hosted by Donna Biggie.

Norma and I want to wish everyone a Happy, safe & Blessed Thanksgiving.

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George Sparks:

Vice President



NCM AMBASSADOR REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

For those of you who "need" to know, there's exciting news the: 2024 C8 Production Stats.

* 2024 Corvette Model Year-End Production Stats:

As the 2024 Corvette model year wraps up, it was another year of innovation for America's Sports Car. With a total of 42,934 units produced in 2024, Corvette enthusiasts made their preferences heard. From the iconic Stingray to the performance-driven Z06 and the all-new E-Ray, every model showcases the power, style, and passion that defines the Corvette legacy.

2024. Production Highlights:

- Stingray Coupe: 18,139 units * Stingray Convertible: 12,803 units
- Z06 Coupe: 5,327 units * Z06 Convertible: 5,248 units
- E-Ray Coupe: 599 units * E-Ray Convertible: 818 units

See the full breakdown here:

https://www.corvettemuseum.org/2024-corvette-model-year...

If you haven't seen the "LUSTER" exhibit, it is still available until January 5, 2025

The latest exhibit, just opened October 18th, "Pop Culture and the Corvette" – starting with the sleek 1959 Stingray Racer driven by Elvis Presley in "Clambake", to Corvette-based characters like "Sideswipe" and "Crosshairs" in the Transformers film series.

Bringing your Corvette on your visit? NCM offers a "delivery" experience for all generation Corvettes. Contact: <u>rod.keller@corettemuseum.org</u> or call 270-777-4566

*information courtesy of National Corvette Museum

Please note 2025 Michelin BASH - April 24-26, 2025 (Thursday – Saturday)



There is very little new information regarding the NCCC:

Approval for the 2026 NCCC Convention in Syracuse June 19th – June 27th 2026 will be voted on after the NCCC Officers election is over and the new Board takes over. Our own Debbie Schafer is the Convention Co-Chair We already have 10 people sign up to help with the convention in 2026. If you want to help, please let me know and let me know what you want to help with?

Please let me know what you would like to see or what questions you want answered regarding the NCCC for our future newsletter.

Respectfully Tony Malagisi ajmalagisi@yahoo.com



We welcome Eric Comins, and what a great story he has. Enjoy!





Welcome New Member Eric Comins

My Corvette Story

I have wanted a Corvette since I was 10. Coveted is probably a more appropriate choice of words. I think that's when I saw "Corvette Summer." Yes, it's a cheesy, formulaic movie, but I was hooked. The sleek lines and curves, the roar of the 350 V8... There is nothing like it....a true American classic.

I remember seeing a beautiful C2 for sale up in Old Forge, NY when I was in high school or college. The owner was asking \$10K back then. It was a great deal for that beauty, but I did not have that kind of liquid assets at that age, so the dream had to wait. I assumed I would just have to wait until I retired.

Last year at this time, I had to take my everyday car to a different place for an oil change since my usual was all booked up. When I was driving there with my wife to pick up my car, I passed by a shop right next door to the shop which did my oil change that day. As I approached, I saw a beautiful sight.... A bright white '78 Corvette parked out front for sale. I turned my head back to keep staring as I drove past.

I was shocked when my wife said, "OK, go take a look.... I know you want to!" I parked at the oil change place and ran over to gawk and marvel. The shop owner was selling it on consignment for a customer and came out to talk to me. I hadn't been that close to a Corvette in years. It was love at first sight, even though I realize that sounds a bit over the top. Other Corvette drivers understand though, I'm sure!

I am a realtor in addition to my full-time job at UB, and I had a FANTASTIC real estate summer last year. It was a whole string of pure coincidences that the Corvette found ME at that time. I had it checked out by my usual mechanic and they said it was mechanically sound. The time was right, and I had my wife's blessing, so I joined the Corvette Family in mid-August, 2023.

My mother always joked with me that if I ever used my inheritance to buy a sports car, she'd come back to haunt me. In an incredibly odd coincidence, I think she endorsed the purchase from beyond. I wanted to buy an original 1978 owner's manual and found one on eBay. There were scores of them for sale. I don't know why I selected the one I did, but when it arrived, I noticed a strange and eclectic group of stamps used by the vendor. The stamps were: Pete Seeger the folk singer, the Erie Canal, and a Peanuts comic strip stramp. I studied the strange mix of stamps and realized that when I was very young my parents took me to see Pete Seeger playing a show from a barge on the Erie Canal, and my mom always called me Charlie Brown! I was stunned. I surmised that she was on to me. In full disclosure, I did use some of the inheritance money, but most of the purchase was made with real estate earnings. It made me smile. I think that was her "stamp" of approval since I was so happy with my new purchase (and she always wanted me to be happy).



Welcome New Member Eric Comins Continued

I feel like a king driving down the road in my Corvette, which I named Camille for no apparent reason. The name just came to me. My wife laughs at all the kids who just stop in their tracks to gawk at Camille as I drive through our neighborhood, their jaws gaping. I told her that until recently, I was one of those kids!

I thoroughly enjoy the camaraderie of Corvette owners. It always makes me smile to flash the V for Vette hand symbol when I'm driving and see a fellow Corvette on the road. Occasionally I poke my head into the garage to see Camille sitting there. A year later, I still cannot believe that I have realized my boyhood dream.

Remember I said I've wanted a Corvette since I was 10? I found the exact date when she rolled off the assembly line in St. Louis, and I was actually 10 on the day she was "born!" Another coincidence? I don't think so. It's more like <u>destiny</u>!







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Submission Deadline 25th of the Month

Important Notice!

Club Dues were due at the September Meeting They are now overdue \$75.00 Couples \$50.00 Single

Any member wishing to vote in the upcoming Election must have attended 6 meetings/events In the past year and be current in their dues



HAPPY







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Fowlers Factory Tour

November 9th Classic Tour November 11th Tour w/Andre Reed 100 River Rock Drive, Buffalo For tickets visit: <u>https://fowlerschocolates.com</u>

November Dinner Cruise

November 19th 6:00pm Rizzo's Restaurant 9210 Transit Rd. E. Amherst, NY

November Men's Luncheon

November 20th 12:00 Noon Yelling Goat 205 Central Ave. Lancaster, NY 14086

Christmas Luncheon

December 8th 12:-3:00pm Creekside Banquet Facility 2669 Union Road, Buffalo 14227

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



Opening October 18, 2024

Vets 'n Vettes Presented by Mobil 1

Nov 7 @ 8:00 am - Nov 9 @ 4:00 pm



Additional events can be found on the Events page of the website.

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-Upcoming Events-



Jan-Paper Products Feb-canned meat, spaghetti & sauce Mar-laundry & personal care Apr-cereal, condiments, condensed milk May- boxed & canned dinner foods Jun-paper products Jul- canned meat, spaghetti & sauce Aug-non-perishable items (Picnic) Sep-Laundry & Personal items Oct-boxed & canned dinner food Nov-unwrapped toys



Rick Serra \$75.00 cash

Marty Link Cigar Box



GET WELL SOON



Bob Kaczmarek Barb Lipome Barb & Bob are both doing well!

> HAPPY Birtholay DAY

12th Mike Flanagan Bruce Graham
23rd Rod Reisdorf
25th Terry Decker
27th Sue Krezmien Mary Carol Plott
29th Bernadette Futch Jim Kelly
30th Len Zawadzki



2024 ELECTION PROCEDURES

Article Thirteen: Elections:

1. The attendance record for the year's meeting/activities in lieu of meetings will be recorded in the September newsletter for all members eligible to be nominated for any officer or Board position.

- 2. Election procedures will be published in the August newsletter for member review.
- 3. The election process for officers and board members is as follows:

a.) September Business Meeting - Nominations for office. Those members named will have the opportunity to either accept or decline each position to which they have been nominated.

b.) October Business Meeting - Nominations may be reopened by a majority vote of the members in attendance as long as the person(s) to be nominated is (are) present at this meeting. Those members named will have the opportunity to either accept or decline each position to which they have been nominated, after which nominations are closed. Individuals nominated in September and not able to appear at the October business meeting must arrange to submit their decision, in writing, to the President. If this notification is not received prior to the October meeting, the member's name will be removed from the ballot. Those "accepting" are to submit an article, to be published in the November newsletter, outlining their qualifications, accomplishments, goals, etc. for the particular office, which they desire to hold.

c.) November Business Meeting - Elections by written, secret ballot. Names of members running for, but not elected to the office of president will automatically be placed on the ballot for vice president, if he/she desires. Additionally, the names of members running for vice-president, but not elected to the office of Vice-President will automatically be placed on the ballot for Board of Directors, if he/she desires.

d.) **Proxy vote** - a vote by proxy must be submitted to an officer or Board of Director member in order to be recognized. The vote must be received in a sealed envelope.



Nominations for the board of directors



Please consider my nomination to run for the board of directors of Corvettes of Buffalo

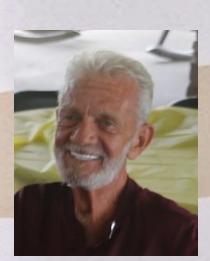
This would be my 4th year on the board, which I have continued to learn so much in the past few years working with great members. I even took some time away from Buffalo to go down the Bash this year and I keep learning more and more about corvettes. The passion I have for helping the club has hopefully been noticed. Being part of our successful caravan in the past has been a great thrill!! Without all the volunteers we have here we would not be the club we are, and you can count on me again to help our fantastic Corvettes of Buffalo organization!!! Thanks again and I would appreciate your support.

Kevin P Horan



Please consider this as my nomination to run for the Board of Directors of Corvettes of Buffalo. This past year was my first year on the Board and during that time I worked with other Board Members. I was able to offer ideas and make suggestions for events. I volunteered for club events and have organized some of the dinner cruises. I would appreciate your continued support.

Denyse Weatherbee



Please consider me for a position on the COB Board of Directors. My first year went by fast and a lot of work still needs to be done. I can work with club members and be their voice, and the members of the board to get things done. I feel I am doing my part with my wife Denyse on our monthly dinners that we all love. I would appreciate your vote and have the opportunity to serve the club as a board member for another year. Thanks to all COB members for your support

Joe Weatherbee





Please consider this as my nomination to run for the Board of Directors of the Corvettes of Buffalo.

My goal, as a present Board member, is to continue to work with the president and fellow Board members along with the chairs of committees and activities to promote the positive aspects of our club.

I manage and organize the advertising and communication with most sponsors and advertising businesses and individuals. Specifically, I notify advertisers that their year of being visual on our web page and newsletter has expired and encourage them to continue for another year.

Due to the fantastic work of Nancy Conroy and Grant Violino, I also sent out over 30 thank you notes to those that donated to the caravan this year. To kick start the season in May I organized a small caravan of members to the Ellicottville Brewing company in Little valley and then a get together for Mexican Sundaes at my Ellicottville house.

I organized a women's luncheon in the South Towns at the newly renovated Nort Star Tavern

This past year I had the pleasure of working with Barb Lipome, the registration genius, at registration tables at several events. I'm sure I will continue to enjoy the camaraderie and friendships of the club members as I attend Club activities in our Night Race Blue C7 convertible

whether continuing in the Board position or not.

I would appreciate your continued support as I seek the seat on the Board.

Terry Decker



Fellow COB Members, Please consider this my announcement to run for the board of directors of our club. I have enjoyed being on the board for this past year and feel that I have contributed to the betterment of the club. With the experience of four years under my belt, I feel I can continue to be more effective in the future. There is always more to be done and I feel that I can work with club members and the board to get things done. I would appreciate your vote and to have the opportunity to serve the club as a board member for another year. Thanks for your support.

James Kuczmarski





Hi, I'm Paul Jedrysik and would like to add myself as a COB board member candidate 2025.

I have been an active member for 2 years and have attended and strongly participated as a volunteer in many of the events. COB is heading in a positive direction with many new members and different events being added. I believe I can add some fresh ideas and keep COB moving forward. Just to be transparent, I'm lucky enough to have become a snow-bird but will be coming back to Buffalo a few times during the winter months. I will make every effort to call into meetings when not local. Please do not let that deter from your voting decision. Thank you in advance for your vote. Go COB! Paul Jedrysik



Fellow members, I'm asking for your support and vote as I'm seeking a position on the Board of Directors for Corvettes of Buffalo; 2025. I've been a member of our club for more than 13 years. During this time, I have always taken an active role in organizing and supporting the activities of the club. In the past I've organized numerous dinner drives to various restaurants and points of interest throughout Western New York. I organized group events to the Lancaster Ohio Corvette Show, a trip through Vermont and most recently to Bar Harbor Maine. I've been the chairperson for the Summer Picnic twice previously and most recently this past summer. I was the Chairperson for our Super Cruise for 3 consecutive years and served as the Recording Secretary for 2 years. This past year I introduced an all-Corvette weekend. I learned a lot working to organize this event and if the members wish to continue with this type of event next year, I would be happy to be involved once again. We have a great club with a wonderful group of members. With your support and vote I would like to continue to contribute and will work with you to initiate fun activities and events that allow us to come together and enjoy each other's company and these great vehicles we all share.

Thank you for your consideration,

John Biggie





Hello C.O.B. members, My name is Wayne Scudder and I am running for a seat on our 2025 Board of Directors. I have been an active member sense 2013, past VP & Board member. I would appreciate your vote for a seat on our 2025 Board of Directors. Thank you for your support.

Wayne Scudder



Please consider me for a position on the COB Board of Directors. I have had the pleasure of serving on the board for several years. I also served as treasurer for 7 years, membership committee, and assisted in many caravans and car shows. I have been a member of this great club for 25 years and encourage members to get involved any way you can. You will find it rewarding! Thank you for your support

Marianne Pastore

Any Member who is eligible to vote and unable to attend the November meeting and wishes to submit an absentee ballot contact Sue Brownlee and she will provide you with one.



Nominations for COB Officers



I accept the nomination for the office of President of The Corvettes of Buffalo. I have been a member of the club for approximately 12 years and have served as Vice President and currently as President for the last 5 years. I believe the only way to keep interest high is to constantly improve by getting more members involved in creating new events. I have organized trips and dinners and have encouraged other members do so. I am looking forward to another year as your president and working with the board of directors and club members to advance the direction and growth of our club.

Bob Joseph



Nomination for Secretary: Thank you for nominating me for Secretary of Corvettes of Buffalo for 2025. I accept your nomination and will continue to fulfill the duties of secretary to the best of my ability. I enjoy taking the minutes of our meetings and posting them on COB's website. I will continue to keep any records such as attendance at COB events and any required permits. I will also continue to keep our membership list up-to-date so that members can access information about fellow Corvettes of Buffalo members. This information is also posted on our website thanks to Dan Krakowski. Any changes in members' information should be sent to my e-mail address.

Karen Rothenberger



Nomination for COB Treasurer



I want to thank everyone for their confidence in me for the last 3 years and again for their nomination to the office of treasurer of Corvettes of Buffalo.

As I have said in the past, I was the owner of a successful small business for 10 years. I had the responsibility of all duplicating equipment for a large international company including ordering and maintaining supplies and maintenance along with negotiating equipment and service contracts. Finally, at the end of my career, a crew leader at an international copy/shipping company.

In the past 12 years I have been an active member of our club, cochairing 3 consecutive successful 150 car Caravans also supporting subsequent Car Shows and Caravans. Co-chaired 2 miniature golf tournaments, a road rally and out of town weekend trips. I was also Chairman of the 40th Anniversary party.

As treasurer my duties have been custody of all monies of the club and the primary officer to sign checks and maintain bank accounts. Complete monthly financial reports for board members and presentation at business meetings. Maintain a roll book of attendance at meetings and activities to validate eligibility for elections and share information with the Membership Committee. Provide the NCCC governor a current list of membership and maintain payment of dues to the international. Assist in the formulation of the yearly budget and finally submit required tax information to the IRS.

My goal for the coming year is to continue working with the Officers and Board members to move the club forward. Also, as I have always done, offer complete transparency of the club's finances to our members. Thank you for your continued support.

Norma Joseph



Nomination for COB Treasurer



Hello fellow COB Members. My name is Susan Blum and I'm honored to have been nominated to run for Treasurer of Corvettes of Buffalo. As a member of the club for nearly 10 years, I have actively participated in a number of club events and successfully chaired the 2022 Super Cruise.

I have worked in finance for the better part of my life. I have experience as an office manager for 5 years, responsible for accounts receivable, accounts payable, scheduling, bank deposits and reconciliations and well as preparing payroll. From there, the next 5 years were spent at an engineering firm, in collections and contract invoicing. I spent the last 20 years of my career as the Controller for a local flatbed steel hauler, There I oversaw accounts payable and receivable, oversaw invoicing, oversaw payroll for both company employees and owner operators, as well as numerous other duties. I was personally responsible for HR and negotiation of our health care contract, as well as workers comp and disability. I Was also responsible for Profit and Loss Statements, Balance Sheets, reconciliation of all accounts, as well as accounts payable and accounts receivable ledgers as well as bank statements. I prepared all quarterly and year end reports for tax filings and audits, both state and federal. In closing, I believe I have the background and the experience that will be of value to Corvettes of Buffalo, especially right now. Respectfully submitted,

Susan Blum



Nominations for COB V. President



I, George Sparks, am happy to accept your nomination for Vice President of Corvettes of Buffalo. I have a passion for all things Corvette, which extends to COB. It has been my pleasure to chair events such as dinners and drives, Picnics and Christmas parties, boat rides and baseball games and trips but most especially the private viewing premier of the James Bond movie "No Time To Die." I enjoy inviting fellow club members to our home to take a few minutes to be together and get to know one another in a casual setting. It has been my honor to represent our club as Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum. I feel it's an asset for our club to meet members of clubs from around the country to see what they are doing to improve their clubs and share ideas. I believe I have worked successfully with club members and board members alike to improve COB. I am looking forward to extending activities and Corvettes of Buffalo.

George Sparks



Hello to all C.O.B members,

My name is Mike Buccilli and I would like to be your next Vice President. In the last 20 years I have served as your President, Vice President, Board member and as was your Club Governor. I would like to continue working with the Board and officers in our club to continue moving in the right direction that will benefit all club members. If not becoming your next Vice President I would still like to remain serving you as a Board member.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Buccilli



Ladies Luncheon



Terry Decker toasted a ladies luncheon at the North Star Tavern in E. Aurora



Hilton Applefest Car Show

Frank Pastore led the Group to the festival & Dinner afterwords.



Photos courtesy Dave Spencer

CORVETTEY of Buffalo



Tavern on the Ridge Rest.

Sprague's Maple Farms

For the 3rd consecutive year George & Karen Sparks arranged for a Canadian Thanksgiving at the farm



Photos courtesy Paul Jedrysik & Dave Spencer





October's Men's Luncheon



Mike Buccilli held the monthly men's Luncheon at BSG.

Buffalo Sports Garden



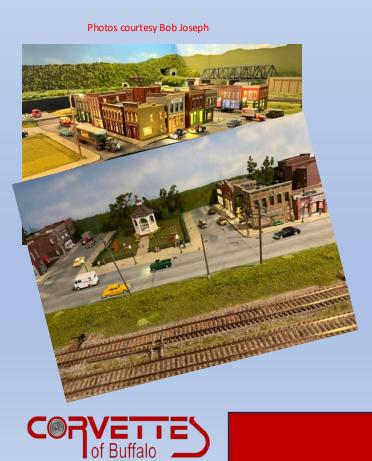
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Duke's Dinner Cruise



Denyse Weatherbee arranged this month's dinner cruise at Dukes Tavern for us to redeem our \$10.00 Caravan Gift Certificates



Annual Train Layout



Frank Pastore is proud of his "ALLEGHENY CENTRAL" train layout at his annual open house.

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Located in the Members section of the COB Website See Mike Buccilli for sizing information

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https://www.corvette-mag.com/issues/135/articles/two-clutches-no-waiting



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