

# CORVETTES of Buffalo

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January  
2025

## VETTE NEWS





# *My View from the Drivers Seat*

*Bob Joseph President*

*Goodbye to 2024, hello 2025! Whether you ring in the new year by watching the bell drop at Times Square or spending time with friends and loved ones a fresh start is always something to celebrate. We can make New Years resolutions for things that we may want to change or make a change for the future.*

*I want to take this opportunity to thank Donna & John Biggie for a great job on this years Christmas Brunch and every member who helped with their contribution to Buffalo Christmas Wishes. Christmas is a time of giving and our members always step up at this time of year.*

*I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Corvettes of Buffalo for their contribution of time in support of our events in the past year. Everything we do would not be possible without someone chairing an event or supporting someone who does. I look forward to this continuing and hopefully have some new faces in the coming year getting involved with new events.*

*We have some exciting things to look forward to and I want to thank everyone for their support of me in the past years and I am looking forward to seeing the club grow as we work together to have another successful year.*

*As a friend of mine says, "THE ROAD GOES ON FOREVER BUT THE PARTY NEVER ENDS"*

*Happy New Year!*

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BOB

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## **V. President Report**

***COB club business doesn't stop just because of the hustle and bustle of the Holidays.***

***Recently the COB Board of Directors and Officers met and welcomed the new Board Members to our first Board meeting for the upcoming new year. Immediately, after I was sworn in as VP for another year, everyone rolled up their sleeves and the Club business began. Great discussions and solutions with various opinions and viewpoints. Heated at times, but with mutual respect and understanding. The biggest topic of course is the upcoming "annual budget". Bob and Norma have worked feverishly in producing an outstanding budget that will ensure COB's future for years to come. The other good news is as of December 22<sup>nd</sup>, we start gaining more daylight and in a few short months we will be uncovering and firing up our "lovely beauties" for another Corvette Season.***

## **Ambassador Report**

***We are writing this on the first day of WINTER, along with the brisk cold weather it is the longest day of the year. Happy 2025. At least each day we will be gaining a thin slice of daylight.***

***Since our "Pride and Joy(s)" are all covered up and tucked away for the Winter, our thoughts wander away from the business of the Holidays and run toward the upcoming Summer.***

***In the current edition of the Corvette Museum's "America's Sports Car among the interesting stories and articles there's something that has intrigued me for eons. It's the "History of zero to sixty".***

***The story is several pages in length; thus, we can only whet your appetite with some tasty tidbits.***

***The idea was conceived in 1947 by Tom McCahill while he was reporting on the latest new car(s) he made a reference how fast a car reached sixty miles per hour from a standing as it "0 to 60" time. It became a benchmark in just about every automotive road test report and was frequently used in automotive advertising.***

***"Road and Track" started publication in 1947 and by March of 1951 their road tests of foreign and domestic vehicles included the "acceleration time from zero to an honest 60 mph. The first car they tested was a Millman Minx with a "0 to 60" time of.....40 seconds.***

***Today, we still talk in "seconds" but now we talk of single digits with a decimal point.***

***Our point of is to entice you and pique your interest in becoming a member of the National Corvette Museum, in addition to the quarterly "America's Sports Car" magazine there are many more interesting benefits by being a member of the NCM. **George & Karen Sparks*****

## Who is the “Father” of the Corvette?

### ZORA Arkus-Duntov

*Zachary “Zora” Arkus-Duntov (born Zachar Arkus; December 25, 1909 – April 21, 1996) was a Russian and American engineer whose work on the Chevrolet Corvette earned him the nickname “Father of the Corvette.” Zora didn’t create the Corvette, but he saved it. His vision fostered it into the car we know today. His focus was always on high performance and mid-engine design. Zora Duntov got hired by GM after seeing the Corvette prototype at the 1953 New York Motorama show, where he was impressed by its design but disappointed by its engine; he then wrote a letter to Chevrolet chief engineer Ed Cole expressing his desire to work on the car and outlining improvements he believed could be made, which so impressed Cole that he hired Duntov to join the Chevrolet engineering team.*

*He is sometimes erroneously referred to as the inventor of the Corvette; that title belongs to Harley Earl.*

### Harley Earl

*Harley Earl is the Father of Corvette. The Corvette was his idea pure and simple. He was influenced after World War II watching Jaguars and MG’s run road-racing courses like Watkins Glen. Harley Earl visited Watkins Glen, New York in 1951 to watch the Grand Prix of road racing. His experience at the race inspired him to design the Corvette, which went into production in 1953. He felt America needed its own sports car and he convinced GM to develop its own, inexpensive two-seater.*

*Originally code named “Project Opel”, Earl kept the Corvette program pretty much to himself. He had a special small studio with a handful of people working on it. At the time, Earl wasn’t sure which GM division ought to sell the Corvette, but he felt close to Ed Cole at Chevrolet and decided to give the “Bowtie Division” first shot. Cole was sold the first time he saw the prototype. He knew it was just what the stodgy Chevrolet division needed.*

*The Corvette debuted at Motorama in New York, January of 1953 and was an instant hit. Six months later the Corvette went into production and the rest is history.*

*\* information provided by National Corvette Museum and Ai.*



National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc.



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Tony Malagisi Governor



## *Santa Delivered my Present 2 days early*

**Tony Malagisi and Marilyn Cosby get delivery of their new 2025 Hysteria Z51 Coupe**





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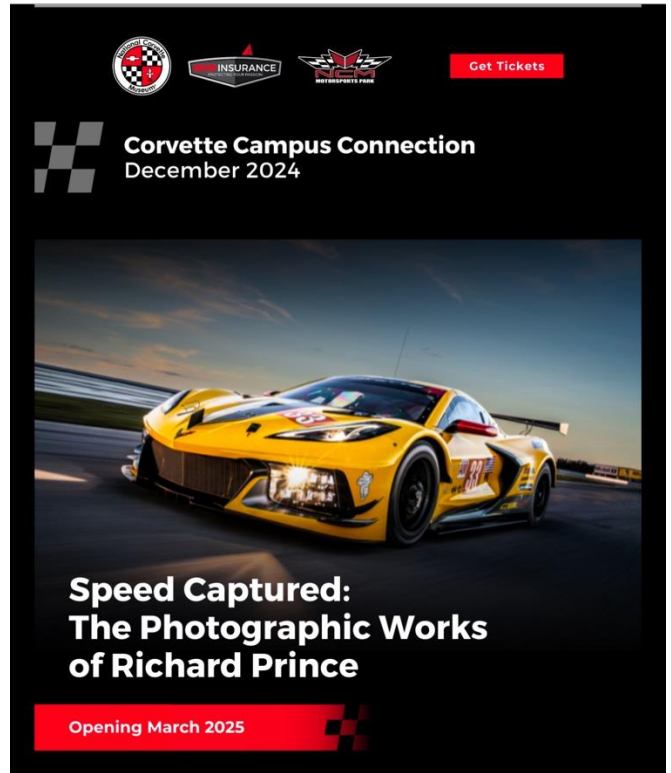
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# CORVETTES of Buffalo

Lynda Graham  
Activities Director



## Men's Luncheon

January 15<sup>th</sup> 12:-3:00pm  
Danny's South  
4300 Abbott Rd. Orchard Park, 14227

## January Dinner Cruise

January 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:00pm  
Italian Village  
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## 28th Annual Michelin NCM Bash @ National Corvette Museum

Apr 24 – Apr 26

## 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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on the Events page of the website.

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### 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

## GET WELL SOON



Joanne Brozyna



- 6<sup>th</sup> Mike Buccilli
- 7<sup>th</sup> Leon Colucci
- 7<sup>th</sup> Lorry Kwiek
- 10<sup>th</sup> Lynda Graham
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nicolet Brett
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nancy Conroy
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Juan Phillips
- 26<sup>th</sup> Denyse Weatherbee
- 29<sup>th</sup> Matt Behr
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mike Gruber

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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Merry Christmas



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# COB Christmas Brunch 2024

# 2024

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*Check out Bob & Norma's  
Story on the November 30<sup>th</sup>  
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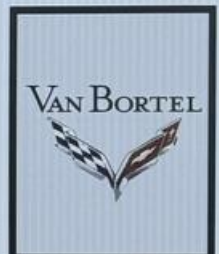


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