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# Corvette Club of Nova Scotia



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Warmer and Drier than Usual  
Summer. Lots Of Time to  
Misbehave.  
Think We can Handle That Mark?**

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# Presidents Message

I bet you are as excited as I am about spring and Corvette Season being almost here. As you noticed in the last newsletter we have a lot of interesting events planned this year. We have had a couple of people ask about putting on an event so watch for changes and updates as the cruising season gets started.

I've had a few members ask about Carlisle this year and here are the questions and answers:

*How many are going this year?* Looks like 6 couples from CCNS, 3 couples from GMCC and 1 couple from RVV.

*How much to go?* Depending on fuel mileage, and if the price does not go up, you are looking at \$1500.00 US, but that does not include extras (booze, shopping, parts). What are the dates? We leave on August 25th and arrive on the afternoon of the 26th. Corvettes@Carlisle run August 26-29 (ALWAYS THE WEEKEND BEFORE LABOUR DAY). We will leave for home after the show (ends at 3pm) on the 29, or first thing Monday morning August 30 and arrive home after supper on August 31 (not sure if I want to take the extra day off). Is there a plan for next year for Corvettes @ Carlisle? At

this point I do not know as Debbie and I have already booked a cruise to Westapern Caribbean and plan on taking the Corvette to Miami to get on the cruise ship and tour Key West, depends **on \$\$\$**.

I had 6 e-mails asking me why I took the position as President again this year. All I can say is the same thing Tim said about Vice President, we did not want it to be vacant. We need a change of executives, new ideas or at least more people to host events. Debbie and I host Maritime Meet (with a bunch of help from our club) it is going to be July 24th at Stuart KIA, same location different name. We also host Bishop Landing Corvette Display on the Halifax Water front July 3rd, host picnic on August 21 and put on the end of the season event President's run Oct 24. Do you see a problem here, now don't feel sorry for us, if we did not want to do it we would not have offered to put on these events. All I'm saying is we need more members to host events so everybody has fun, after all that is what the Corvette Club of Nova Scotia is all about.

Take care and we will be seeing you on the road soon.

Brian

## Vette Facts

In 1968, total production was 28,566.

A factory-installed antitheft alarm system was offered as an option, but fewer than 400 cars were ordered with it.

# View from the Second Level



Let the cruising season begin.....

We have been fortunate to have had a mild winter which has resulted in a lot of the corvettes, and other classic vehicles, to be very visible on the roads and the local coffee shops much earlier than usual. It won't be long before the club hosts it's first event of the year. However, I have a feeling there will be some evening and weekend runs that happen long before May arrives. The salt is slowly being washed away from all the roads, and I think that once the highways are clear, all the corvettes will be coming out of storage.

Did you ever think about how lucky we all are to be owners of such incredible vehicles? I know we have all had our bad days when we get upset and frustrated about many different topics. But when you look at the big picture, wouldn't you agree that

we are very fortunate to have our cars, our families and most important – our health. There are many people who are not as fortunate. Did you know that many corvette clubs support charities throughout the year? Our club is one of those, and this year the members have chosen the IWK Children's Fund. We will be raising money at all our events this year, and when I say "we", I actually mean Mike Little. Mike is our charity organizer, so feel free to exchange ideas with him that can help us raise money. I'm sure Mike can use a helping hand, because after watching Kim at each event last year, you can never have too much assistance.

You will notice a schedule of events in this newsletter, but these are generally overviews about who has volunteered to host a run and sometimes it includes specifics, but very often it doesn't. As many members gauge their decision to attend based on their personal schedules, it is very important to have as much information as we can about an event. There-

fore I would like to ask each person responsible for an event to send me the logistics, so we can publish them in the upcoming newsletters.

There are also several weekends when there is nothing scheduled. Feel free to host an event if you have an idea for an afternoon drive. Drop me an email and I'll get the information out to the members. As in previous years, there will be our Wednesday evening runs which are hosted by Calvin. But don't limit the fun to just Wednesday's, because I'm sure there are some people that can't make it on those nights. Some people may want to just get together for a coffee on a different evening. If so, let me know where and when, and I'm sure someone would like to join you.

I'm looking forward to another exciting season.

Thank you

**Tim**



## Secretary Treasurers Report

Membership dues are now due. The dues are \$35 - the same as they have been since 1991. PLEASE check the membership list for any mistakes and let me know so I can correct them. Checks are to be made out to the Corvette Club of Nova Scotia. You can mail them to the club:

C/O Debbie Palmer  
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*Thank you*

Our car show will be at Stuart Kia (formally Stuart Pontiac), Truro on Saturday, July 24. At the meeting some members expressed interest in helping to get sponsors. As I have explained in the past, I do not accept a sponsor who is direct competition with another sponsor. ie: I will not accept another car dealer as I have Stuart's, I have Pro Cresting so I will not accept another print/cresting shop. This is something we promised all our sponsor from day one and there are no exceptions. Please read the request for sponsorship letter carefully so that you understand what is offered before you approach a perspective sponsor. As there will be more than one person looking for sponsors - the fair way to choose if we do get two sponsors that are competitors would be to take the one I receive first. So if you have a possible sponsor it is important you contact me ASAP. Brian & I have the final say on who is accepted as a sponsor. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Remember we not only accept sponsors but are in need of door prizes for the show. If you plan on helping with either of these send me an e-mail and I will send you a copy of the request letters. Remember to get what name they want on the t-shirt and if they want their phone number under their name. If they are Vette owners, a free 1 year membership is included. They also get 1 free t-shirt so please find out their size and color preference. Although we can not guarantee color as we have not finalized the design. I thank you for your help in this matter. Please remember we need info on Sponsors no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> in order to finalize everything for the t-shirt design.

Donations to the Arthritis Society requesting the money go towards the Juvenile Arthritis Society section and to the NS SPCA were made from the Corvette Club in the sums of \$400.

We sent out a request by e-mail in December and it also appeared in the last newsletter asking for your nominations for a Charity for the club to support. 9 of you sent your nominations. 7 of the 9 said the IWK so I would say that is what we will be having for a Charity this year. Thank you for all your efforts in nominating the charities.

Bishop's Landing car show will be on Saturday, July 3 from 10 am - 2 pm.

Please remember a lot of work goes into the organizing of Maritime Meet and Bishop's Landing so PLEASE support these shows especially Maritime Meet. It would be really something special to see 50+ club Corvettes on July 24.

Thank you

*Debbie*

## 2010 First Events

### **Orries Run: Sunday May 2, 2010**

**For this first event of the season we will be making our annual trek to Bridgewater, stopping at MolandsCorvettes on the way. Meet at Coast Tire in Bedford at 11:00 am . (Across from Arby's) Route to be determined depending on road conditions.**

### **Ellery's Run to Greenfield Raceway:**

**Sunday May 16, 2010**

**Details to be determined.**

### **Peter Eastern Shore Run : Sunday May 30, 2010**

**Details to be determined.**

**Don't Forget Calvins Wednesday Night Runs will be starting soon!**



## Notes From the Editor

Here it is , our second newsletter of 2010.

Details of summer events are coming in and I am sure the schedule of events will have more details in the near future.

If you have any details about events you agreed to host, please let me know. They can always be finalized as we get closer to your event. But it would be nice to let everyone know the general idea.

We have a new toy in our house and cannot wait for all the warm weather coming our way. I must say, we have been spoiled by our fellow member Doug MacDonald and his crew. This is our third purchase from them and they always treat us very well. I must admit it was hard to see the 02 go up the road, it being our first one and all. But I am sure that Doug will find someone to take real good care of her. We have made a lot of friends since the day we bought her.

It never hurts to promote the club to fellow vette owners, as Doug did with us. They do not know what they are missing unless we tell them about it. The Membership application goes out with this edition, feel free to pass it along.

The next Newsletter goes out in mid May. Please have your submissions in to me by the 1st.

*Kim*



*Our 2010 Charity is the  
IWK Childrens Hospital*

## Car Care Tips

Before you get your Corvette out for the summer, now is a great time to give your Corvette a real good going over. Check the tires for wear and if you find a crack or something that you think is unsafe replace it. If the tires are wearing uneven get an alignment done. Don't forget to check tire pressures, including the spare tire. While you have the Corvette jacked up looking at the tires, check the bearings for wear. This is done by grabbing the tire at 6, and 12 o'clock positions and pull with one hand and push with the other hand trying to find movement in the bearing, after you do this repeat doing this at the 3 and 9 o'clock positions at each wheel. Any movement is reason for concern as there should be no movement. If you find some movement watch very carefully, watching the front end for play, rough roads and improper greasing of the fittings is very hard on the tie-rods, a-arm bushings and ball joints.

Also check the universals for wear, while the Corvette is off the ground hold one tire still and try to turn the other, watch the universals very close to see if there is any movement. Make sure the bolts that hold the universals are tight. Grease all grease fittings on the universals and front end including the hard to reach ones. Just a reminder, C-4's has a fitting on each side of the rear suspension.

This is a good time to buy a couple cans of Rust Check and spray your frame to help keep it from rusting. Be careful and spray only your frame and metal parts such as brake lines and fuel lines as fibreglass is porous and any oil on the unprotected fibreglass underside can bleed through and cause paint bubbles.

Change the oil and filter, check the radiator, hoses and belts very close and top up all fluid levels. If your rear end and or transmission fluid has not been changed in a long time this would be a good time to do it, but at the very least, make sure they are full.

Do not forget to make sure the clutch and brakes are full. Test your brakes before you take your baby out for the first time, you never know if your car has developed a hole in the line or might have air in the line. Check all your lights to make sure they work and go for a cruise.

Have a great spring and an AWESOME summer.

If your air bag light is flashing, have a professional take a look at it. Did you know that they inflate in 55 milliseconds and have a force strong enough to break your nose?

I know a woman in Truro that had her air bag light come on, so she took her car to Mackenzie's Service Centre to have it checked. They informed her she should not be driving it and to leave the car as the air bags might go off. She told them that she would drop the car off the next day as she had some errands to do. She drove across town stopped for a coffee and when she turned back on the road the air bag deployed breaking her nose. Never try working on these yourself.

If any of your service engine soon or traction control warning lights are on, take it to a garage and get it looked at. If they are always on, how are you going to know if you have a problem?

With the exchange being almost even it might be a great time to plan a trip to the States to get a set of tires. And don't forget to change some money if you are going to the US later this year, you might as well take advantage of the good exchange.

## Thanks to All our Sponsors

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(902) 893-3795 or 1-800-565-3795  
rdp1@tru.eastlink.ca

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Chem Tech Services Ltd.  
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(902) 895-1681

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Contact : Orrie Flick ~ [orrieh28@hotmail.com](mailto:orrieh28@hotmail.com)

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