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# Corvette Club of Nova Scotia



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**Recognize the Great White "Furry" One?  
Hope you all have a Great Easter!**

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# Presidents Message

Gentlemen and ladies, start your engines. We are at the start of another great cruising season. As you can tell from our list of events we have another great line-up of events for you to enjoy and I hope each and everyone one of you will make at least one event this year. Keep in mind if you can only make one event please try to make Maritime Meet on Robie St. Truro at Stuart KIA, July 23. This will be our (Debbie and I) last time to host Maritime Meet as I will not be president next year. I hope you all will support it. We are looking at the same thing as last year, 10am to 12pm registration, 12-3:30 Corvette only Show & Shine with lots of door prizes, DJ and a BBQ for Special Olympics, awards at 3:30 and a free supper at 4pm at the Horsemen's Club.

But before we get too far ahead of ourselves we should look at what should be done to your Corvette before you take it out on the road for the first time in the spring.

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 fit-ting 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.

With the price of fuel this year I'm not sure if we are going to get the 71 out this year. It was suppose to be rolling thunder's year but I think gas mileage will win out, so expect to see the 85 and 03 making most if not all the runs this year. Enjoy your Corvette and have fun this year, see you May 1.

**Brian**

# View From the 2nd Level

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Hello everybody, I would like to talk this issue about the Super Show concept that we all had another briefing on at the annual Atlantic Corvette meeting that was held a week or so ago in Moncton.

The Super Show rep for our Club is Tim Gilby, he will have a lot more details on where this event will take place .In the mean time, I just wanted to touch on the concept. The Super Show event will not be ready for this summer as more planning still needs to take place , and all the clubs already have their summers planned. The show can be a stand alone show or can be hooked up to an existing event. That basically means that we run a weekend event at our existing location or

have another weekend event in NS. This show will be started by one of the clubs, an then rotated to one of the other clubs on a year by year basis. I recommended to the chairperson that the committee select a date generally speaking in the fall, in a committee meeting before the clubs plan their summers, and once that show is announced, nobody plans anything for that weekend so we can achieve max participation from all the clubs. This seemed to me at the meeting that this would be the general approach. So more to follow over the next year as more information becomes available.

There were a couple of

other items with reference to this summers events with some of the other clubs that are not yet available to announce officially yet. You can be assured that I will have those changes once I get a chance to brief our clubs executive. Then you will have all the info.

In other news our season is fast approaching it will be good to see you all again, I finally have my car all put back together again ,and ready to go.

All the best

Peter



# Editors Notes



Happy Spring Everyone!

I am sure everyone is gearing up for the new season.

I know Doug MacDonald is, because we have been talking to him about the cars he is having shipped to his store.

He has his new website up and running . Take a look at what he has at his website MacDonald' Corvettes.

[www.macdonaldcorvettes.com](http://www.macdonaldcorvettes.com)

Tim and I had our vehicles over to MacPhee's (or Steele) last week to get them ready for the road. Talk about service, I have never had so many updates on a spring tune up before. MacPhee's loaned us their board room for our annual meeting last fall. We definitely had plenty of room for everyone.

Many thanks to Maureen Kennedy for her assistance in getting the events up to date for this issue.

Things have gotten a little hectic for me and she has been a great help as our new Events Coordinator.

Check out our schedule of events, we are in for a great year again.

James and Michele Hartley have been hard at work organizing a Corvette Weekend in Shelburne this coming

July. It looks like a fun filled weekend with lots to do. I know quite a few of us are really looking forward to it. Even better it is all in support of a charity ~ **Our House Youth Wellness Program.**

Check it out on page 7.

Calvin and Brian, our website designer, have been busy. Things are looking great. The site is up and we are working on the content for this season now.

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2011 if you have not yet done so.

See you on the 1st.

*Kim*



## Upcoming May ~ June Events

### **May 1st, 2011 ~ Hosted by Tim & Kim Gilby**

**Triangle Tour ~ Chester, New Ross, Windsor & back to True North Diner  
Depart : Tim Hortons ~ Bedford Commons ~ Exit 4C HWY 102 ~ 10:00 am  
Depart Tantallon Public Library ~ 10:30 am  
Lunch at 2:00 pm.**

### **May 15th, 2011 ~ Hosted by Peter and Cynthia Arsenault**

**Depart: Coast Tire ~ Bedford ~ 1:00 pm  
Trip to Blomidon and cruise the area and then return to True North Diner  
for Dinner**

### **May 29th, 2011 ~ Hosted by Calvin & Linda Pearce**

**Depart: Coast Tire ~ Bedford ~ 1:00 pm  
Trip to Windsor and Side Tour  
Details to Follow**

### **June 5th, 2011 ~ Hosted by Peter and Cynthia Arsenault**

**Depart: Coast Tire ~ Bedford ~ 11:00 am  
Trip to Fort Ann in Annapolis Royal ,Dinner and then return home at your  
leisure**

### **Corvette Mania ~June 11th ~ MacDonald's Moncton**

**Registration - 11 am, Show - Noon - 4 pm.**

**Meet at the Lion's Park, Oxford at 9:45 am. This is located across from the  
Irving at Exit 6 on Hwy 104.**

**This event is hosted by Doug MacDonald and GMCC.**

### **June 17 to 19th, 2011 ~ Fibreglass Alley ~ Fredericton**

**Hosted By River Valley Vettes**

**For Saturday Show ~Meet at Lion's Park, Oxford at 7:45 am  
Join up with GMCC at McDonald's, Mountain Road at 8:25 am  
Contact info: Kevin at 506-454-4438 or [elmcroft@hotmail.ca](mailto:elmcroft@hotmail.ca)**

### **Kinsmen Rod to Wheels Car Show**

**June 26th, 2011 ~ New Location Boston Pizza ~ Lower Sackville  
Details to Follow**



## Saving a Few Bucks

### Tips from our President Brian Palmer

With the exchange being in our favour (4 cents better on the dollar April 1) 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.

One of the more expensive items on your Corvette is tires. Buy yourself a good tire gauge and make sure you check the air pressure. The C5 and C6 Corvettes seem to have a bad problem with wheel alignment. If your Corvette does not handle the way it used to or if you see tire wear, get the alignment checked. This could save you many hundreds of dollars and give you a safer and more enjoyable car to drive.

If your Corvette is 30 years old or older a great way to save some money is to license it as antique. The Corvette has to have a valid inspection sticker and you have to fill out a form with all your Corvette information on it and have the secretary sign it, as you have to be in a club to get an antique plate.

The cost is \$17.50 and that registers you for the year and you never need another safety inspection done. I'm against this, but if you look at my 71 it has an antique plate on it (don't ever think it's slow just because it has antique plates on it) and the 80 has one on it. I see the value in doing this, but I don't like this idea because I think all cars that are driven on the road should be inspected every year. So if you go this route, please take your Corvette to a garage and have it looked at or you can take a good look and if anything does not look right take it to the garage for repairs.

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? 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?

#### Corvette Insurance

Well its that time of the year again, that greedy insurance agent has already booked a nice vacation and he is expecting your insurance premium to pay for it. But it does not have to be that way. One of our sponsors of our club is Gary Steeves Insurance, if your Corvette is 15 years or older you can get the Silver Wheel Plan.

The Silver Wheel Plan is specifically designed to fill insurance needs of Antique, Classic and Special interest car owners. The plan is available for non-modified vehicles, not used for regular transportation, in two Categories: Special Interest- 15 to 24 years old, policy is written on a valued form (19A) No Depreciation, all vehicles has to be appraised and the value that it is appraised for is the amount that will be paid if you write your car off. The coverage is for 12 months and there are discounts for owners of more than one vehicle.

Coverage available for Canadian Residents only, coverage applies in both Canada and the U.S.A.

There is also a No Claims Bonus of 5% per year to a maximum of 15%.

10 years continuous driving experience required.

They also have Antique & Classic insurance for vehicles 25 years and older and a Custom Wheel Plan that covers customized cars.

I can tell you from experience, I was paying \$625.00 a year, for insurance with AVIVA for my 1985 Corvette valued at \$15,000. I called Gary Steeves insurance , and since the car is 15 years or older it qualified for Special Interest, I only pay \$250.00 a year for full coverage and I now have a deductible of \$100.00 instead of the \$500.00 that I used to have. The funny thing is they use AVIVA also. Call toll free 1-800-595-3404 or Fax (506) 734-3062 to get your best deal on insurance.

You have to have your Corvette appraised and have pictures of ¾ front, ¾ back, interior and engine.



## Corvettes "R" Coming To Town

The Corvette Club of Nova Scotia (CCNS) will be in the historical towns of Shelburne Nova Scotia, July 29, 30 and 31st, 2011, hosting the first ever **Corvette's "R" Coming To Town** event.

### Schedule of Events

**July 29 (Friday)** - Car owners, sponsors, supports and mayor will come together for a meet and greet (details of location to follow). At 8:30 pm John Morgan Music will take centre stage at the Guild Hall (open outdoor concert on the waterfront)

**July 30 (Saturday) 9:30 – 12:noon Corvettes onsite @ Murray's GM Barrington location. BBQ and corvette accessories with club membership discounts .**

**12:30 – Club will proceed to the waterfront and park at designated area.** While at the waterfront there will be a guided tour of the historical Shelburne museums and dory shop.

**1:pm – Open BBQ for Club and Town** The clubs food/beverage will be provided during the BBQ as part of the event upon presenting participant ID.

**3:pm – Guided tour of Black Loyalist Cultural Centre**

**6:30 pm – Seaside Cruise followed by dinner at the Loyalist Inn. Wind the evening down with a night cap by the pool.**

**July 31, (Sunday) brunch with the club 11:am**

All proceeds generated from this event will go to Our House Youth Wellness Program. Our House is a not-for-profit program in the town of Shelburne that provides for supports/resources to youth who have a variety needs. To find out more about Our House you can google them on the Web.

Contact James & Michelle Harley: [michele.hartley@nspower.ca](mailto:michele.hartley@nspower.ca)

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## Vette Facts

Everyone knows Chevrolet did not build a convertible Corvette between model years 1976 and 1986, but if you wanted one, American Custom Industries had just the thing for you. It was even designed by none other than Zora Arkus-Duntov. Even better, at Arkus-Duntov's insistence, it was turbo charged.