



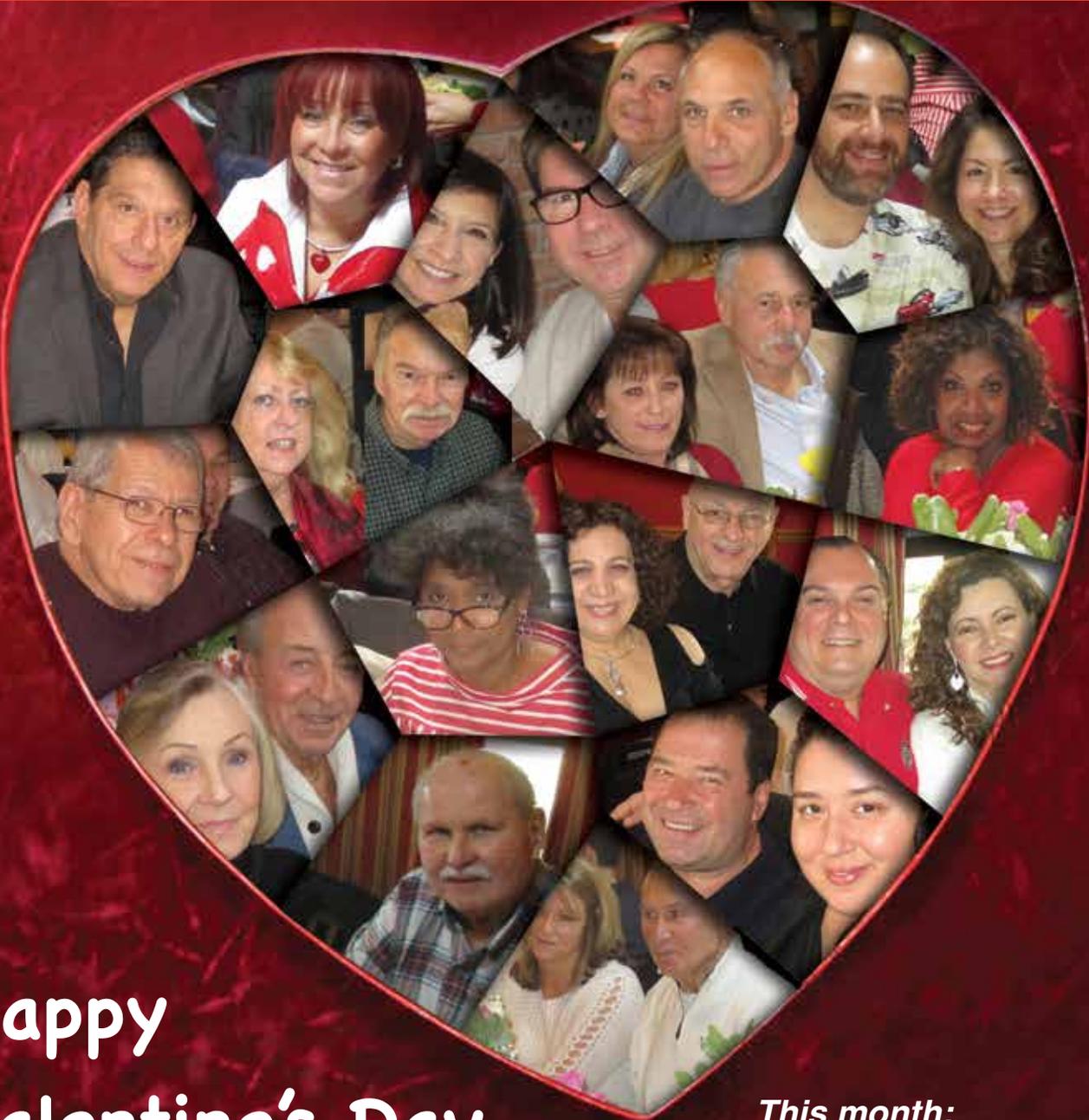
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- *Belt Tightening*
- *Escaping the Winter Blues*
- *and more!*



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Next Meeting: March 6, 2019

MEETING LOCATION: *All general meetings take place at the Bellmore Public Library, located at 2288 Bedford Ave, Bellmore - one block south of Sunrise Highway on Bedford Avenue. PARKING IS LIMITED, and is primarily street parking.*

Board of Directors Meetings, *Third Wednesday of the Month* – ***7:00 to 9:00 PM***

Next Meeting: February 20, 2019

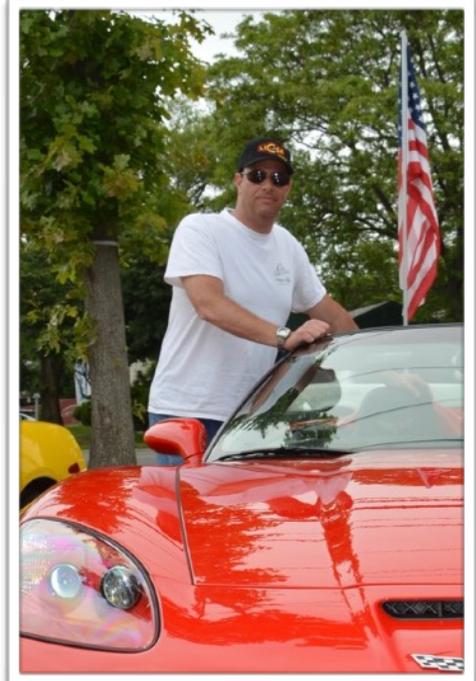
All B.O.D. meetings are scheduled to be at the Bristol, 40 Merrick Ave., East Meadow, Penthouse

Where Were You When You First Heard . . . ?

by Lloyd Rosen, Editor-in-Chief

In the predawn morning of February 13, five years ago, I was sitting in an airplane, on the sleet and snow covered tarmac at JFK, waiting for the de-icing crew to finish spraying the plane so we could depart for a vacation in Mexico with my wife and son. I was reading the news on my iPad, thanks to the free wi-fi on the plane, and was shocked by the story coming from Bowling Green - eight priceless Corvettes in the collection of the National Corvette Museum had been swallowed up by a sinkhole in the early morning hours of the previous day. I sat there thinking about the unbelievably bad coincidence that a sinkhole would suddenly appear in the exact location of the Museum's Skydome, underneath a portion of the Corvette collection. A few yards in almost any other direction, and the sinkhole would have materialized harmlessly just outside the Museum walls. Why would fate cause it to form in the precise location necessary to bring such destruction to a collection of beautiful, irreplaceable Corvettes sitting inside the building? What horrible luck! The Universe must hate Corvettes – or the Corvette Museum! But, perhaps not.

Consider the fact that the sinkhole attacked during the early morning hours before the Museum was opened for business. As a result, there were no injuries as the Museum was empty of staff and visitors, which often includes children from the local schools and communities. Had there been an injury or fatality, the Museum would have received publicity of a much different nature, and its reputation may still have been struggling to dispel the ominous cloud of doom and danger. Instead of mourning the loss of lives, the Corvette fans and general public mourned the loss of machines - beautiful and unique, but still just machines. Further, in an amazing stroke of good fortune, especially considering the massive size of this subterranean void, the Museum and its visually unique spire suffered relatively little structural damage. Had the sinkhole opened beneath a wall or supporting structure instead of the middle of a large open space in the Skydome, it may have taken a great deal longer to repair the damage and ensure the



Lloyd with his 2011 Grand Sport Convertible

stability and safety of the building. Indeed, from the outside of the Museum, there was no indication of the destruction that had occurred within its walls.

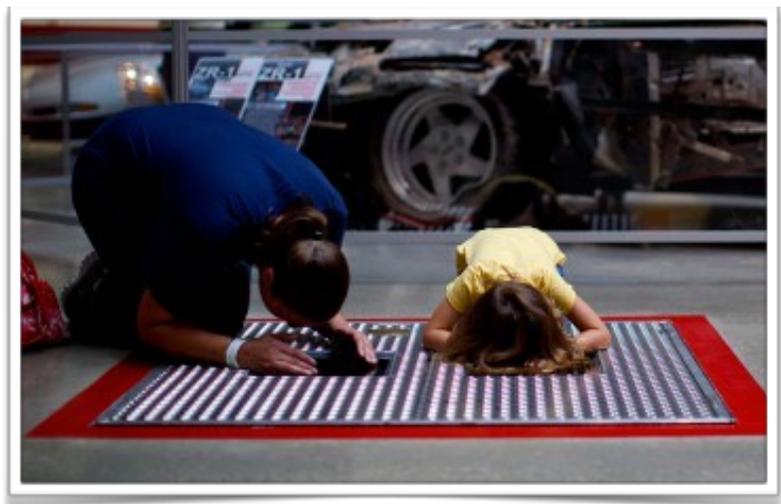
In the aftermath of this unique situation, the Corvette Museum benefitted from priceless national and international publicity like never before. The Museum received record levels of donations, and attendance figures soared. Obviously, aside from the damage to the building and part of its collection (for which I'm confident there was insurance coverage) the Museum benefitted financially from the destruction caused by Mother Nature.

As a real-life example of the adage of turning life's lemons into lemonade, the Museum turned the event into a tourist attraction of its own. Following months of news stories and video coverage of the sinkhole itself, and the recovery of the fallen from inside the cavernous void, the Museum decided to preserve a portion of the sinkhole, which today remains visible to the visitors through a windowed panel in the floor of the Skydome. As for the damaged cars, some have been restored, and some, damaged beyond repair, remain on display in the Museum in the same condition as when rescued from the depths. The Museum has recently opened a new Corvette Cave-In exhibit featuring the sinkhole, including everything from security footage of the collapse to the rescue and restoration of the cars,



and a virtual tour of the cavern. You might say the sinkhole was a blessing in disguise for the Museum. Perhaps the Universe had grander plans for the Corvette Museum.

It's hard to believe it's been five years already. I remember learning of the news like it was yesterday. Personally, I have not yet visited the Museum, but it is most definitely on my bucket list for the near future, perhaps in 2020, shortly after the factory tour reopens to the public. While I'm there reliving the events from five years ago, perhaps it will also stir up memories of my family vacation in Mexico.



President's Message

By Ed Stichweh

We start off the year a little rocky with the general meeting date rescheduled twice, once because of the weather. I can say that the LICOA ship is now on course again. The first event of the year went off without a hitch – "Valentine's Brunch" with a sellout crowd at the Black Forest Brew Haus; even though we were elbow to elbow, the consensus was everybody had a great time. I'd like to thank Chairs Richie and Jo Massa and Bobby and Joanne Yakkey for putting together this great event with place settings and gift giveaways. It takes a great deal of effort to put together an event like this.

Starting off LICOA's 60th Anniversary year, we have to reflect on the past anniversary. I joined the club as we entered our 50th Anniversary 10 years ago, and remember the buzz of energy of celebrating the LICOA's 50th with shirts, a journal, lapel pins and finishing the celebration with a dinner at The Schooner restaurant. I have the opportunity to head the 60th Anniversary committee with a list of things planned, including a late afternoon lunch/dinner at Captain Bill's restaurant Sept. 7th. We will also have lapel pins and window stickers and will also finish up with a 60th journal. Check with merchandising personal Tom and Karen Benson if you would like to purchase a keepsake. As for the journal, you will have a choice of different size photos to which you can add a caption. Check out the price sheet later in this Courier. As I remember, the 50th journal was filled with club members congratulating LICOA for making it to the half-century mark. It was a nice keepsake for a momentous achievement, so please consider doing the same with the 60th journal.

We have planned some new events for this year: Tech Session at Motorcar Classics in April, a fishing trip out of Captree in June, back by popular demand Flynn's Fire Island dinner buffet in July, 60th Anniversary lunch/dinner in September. So please check out the Courier's list of events and the club's website for latest updates for the year.

Dues Renewal - you have until the March general meeting to send in your renewal to keep your active status! So please take some time to go over any information that needs updating before you send it in.

In closing our condolence go out to the families of member Steve Marlin and Brad Borax's father.

Saturday Bagels and Coffee

8:00 AM

NEWS STAND DELI, 1730 Walt Whitman Road, Melville



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Valentine's Day Brunch Report

By Rich Massa, Chair

LICOA held its annual Valentine's Brunch on Sunday, February 10 at the Black Forest Brew Haus in Farmingdale. The event was sold out, and the weather cooperated, making for a fun event. There was plenty of food and soft drinks, including of course, coffee and tea.

We held a 50/50 raffle and the winner was member Steve Dondero. There were also addition tickets pulled for raffle gifts for the ladies. The candy on the tables went to the guys in attendance. The one issue we experienced was that the room was very crowded. In my effort to accommodate all that wanted to come, without of course exceeding the room capacity, the room was crowded and at times difficult to move around, but in the end based on the numerous text messages I received, people enjoyed the brunch. Thank you all for coming.

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MARK TULLEY – LICOA MEMBER

Belt Tightening on Older Cars

By Larry Szybkowski

I have been asked a few times for advice regarding tightening the V-belt on my car (a '72 C3 coupe). The "V-belt" is named for the roughly trapezoidal shape of the belt's cross-section. As many know, some of the V-belts are a real pain to tighten. Most of us who have older cars use a piece of wood, pry bar or long screwdriver to pry the accessory until the belt is tight. Most of us never realized this can cause the accessory to sit at an angle and this result in rubbing of the belt or early bearing failure.

Many years ago I had a Sears V-belt tensioning jack, which someone borrowed and never returned. It came in the usual cardboard box and contained a few different extensions. JC Whitney also sold them, but they were not as nice as the Sears unit. So a few years ago, I replaced the tool with one from MSC. As usual the quality of this imported tool was lower than the Sears unit but works well.

For the A/C unit, you may need to make an additional extension. I made a few extensions from ½" copper pipe type L as it is thicker and available. Just cut a length of ½" pipe and solder a ½" coupler at one end. This will make using the tool easier.

The process of using the tool is simple:

After loosening the bolts holding the accessories and putting the new belt in place around the pulleys, select a spacer that places the contoured ends in each of the two pulleys (one on the accessory, the other on a pulley the belt you want to tighten is on / goes around).

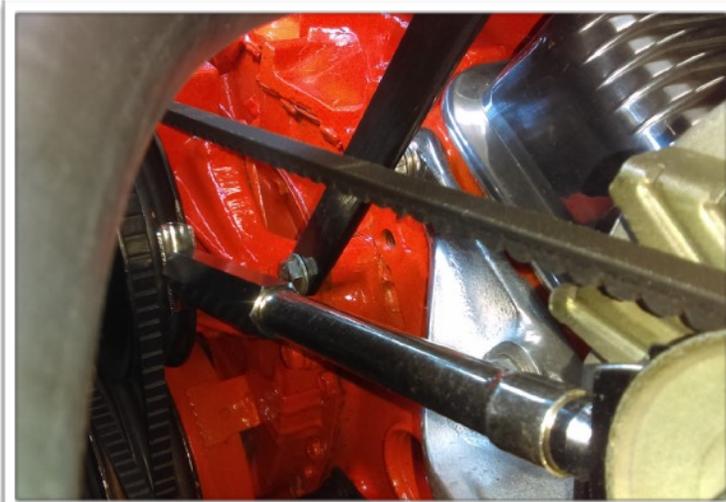
There is a spring in the head of the unit to keep it there.

Turn the nut on the head unit to expand the bar. As it expands, it will push the accessory and tighten the belt. If the nut hits the accessory flip the unit – so the head is on the opposite pulley.

Tighten the bolts holding the accessory. Loosen the nut on the unit and you're done.

The main reason I like the unit is that it allows one person to easily tighten the V-belts and see if the pulleys line up. While the new units are not as nice and come with fewer extensions, they work well and in some places where the belt is hard to tighten it can save the day. I would suggest taking the unit apart and oiling/ greasing the threads to make it easier to turn the nut when you first get it.

After the first few times that you use it, it becomes really easy to use and you'll wonder how you ever managed without one.





LICOA Members may place free classified ads for any Corvette vehicles or Corvette-related merchandise. Send your ads and photos to Editor@LICOA.org.

FOR SALE: 2016 Z51 3LT: Arctic white convertible, 5200 miles, carbon fiber package. Stickered for \$83,500 - asking \$58,000 (price reduction!). George, 516-639-3666 (3/19)

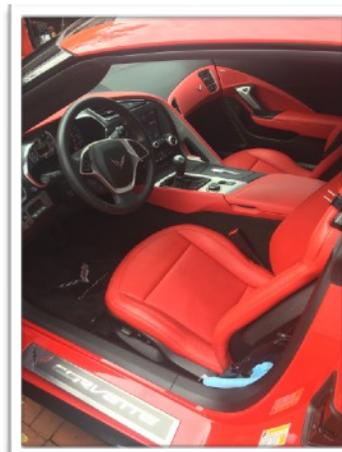


WANTED: Private Off-Street parking for my Corvette. Will consider any reasonable monthly fee. Looking in vicinity of Lynbrook, Oceanside, Rockville Centre. Prefer garage, but private driveway or off-street parking spot ok. Call Pete, 516-238-3799

FOR SALE: 2013 Grand Sport Convertible: Night Race Blue with ebony interior and top. 3 LT package, which includes power top. Heritage Package with red painted calipers and hash marks. Lloyds mats, NPP exhaust with Mild to Wild installed. Chrome wheels. Only 10K miles on this 6 spd manual beauty. Brand new Michelin Pilot Sport run flat tires with less than 500 miles on them. Asking \$40,000. Car located in Western Suffolk. Call Ed, 516-273-5822 (3/19)



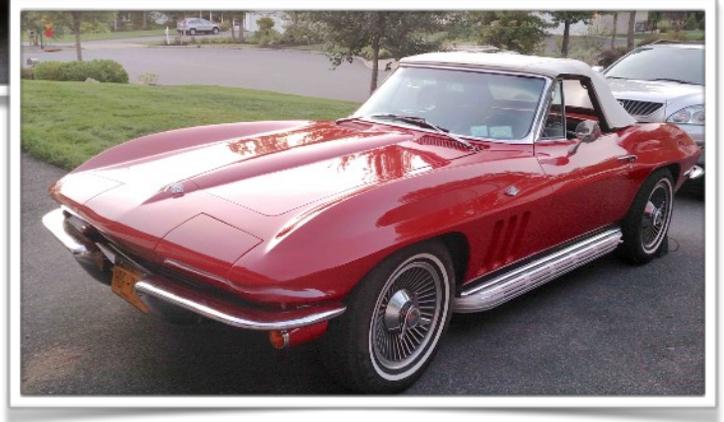
FOR SALE: 2015 Z51 Stingray: 2600 orig mi. Red w/red & black 3LT int. Many performance & trim upgrades. Asking \$50k, better than new. Contact paul@dellaquila.com or call 516-633-8653 (3/19)



FOR SALE: Corvette die-cast collection: Selling over 180 Franklin and Danbury mint Corvettes. Over \$20,000 invested, have boxes for almost all of them. Will take \$7950.00 for all. Contact Bill. Bhermanek@AOL.COM, 631-525-7110 (4/19)



FOR SALE: 1965 Corvette Convertible: red/black/white, all original, many factory options, including power windows, steering, brakes, 4-speed, side exhaust, factory cast aluminum knock-off wheels, hard top, tinted glass, and more. Runs great, passed inspection. This car is a must see! Asking \$65,000. Call Phil, 631-831-2205 (5/19)



LICOA Rally Event

An exciting LICOA Rally event is in the works, and it should be a fun activity for all. More information will be shared with the Membership as soon as possible. Look for an email blast regarding the date and time of the upcoming informational meeting. We are planning to schedule this event for late April.

If you have been looking for a LICOA Corvette event which actually involves driving your Corvette, this may be the event for you!

Stay tuned for more details.

Clif Notes

By Clif Nagel, Contributing Editor

On January 30, my wife and I were going to Brooklyn on family business. It's always a pleasant trip with my wife of 45 years as we still like each other, a question that has me doubt her intelligence at times, but has made me praise her durability and kindness.

When we left the house at 3 pm, it was 38 degrees and sunny. Over the course of the next hour the weather changed drastically. We went from sun visor and sunglasses to headlights and "WHERE DID EVERYTHING GO AND WHY ARE THESE PEOPLE TRYING TO KILL US?". We suddenly found ourselves caught in a blinding snow squall with the temperature dropping like a lead balloon. Fortunately, the roads were very well salted and the traffic was crawling at 5 mph. You couldn't see the exit signs, but you knew they were there because there were cars entering the highway.

Now modern technology is a wonderful thing . . . TILL IT AIN'T. With the snow blowing from every direction with gale force winds, the snow started accumulating on my bumpers. My daily driver is a 2017 Ford Explorer. It has proximity alert sensors on the bumpers, which means when I get too close to something while parking, or someone gets too close to me, an alarm goes off. If it's a somewhat safe distance it will display a picture of the car with warning bars. The image appears somewhat like the car is emitting sound waves and they are colored green for safe, yellow for caution and red for "WTF? . . . ARE YOU EVEN LOOKING?"

The snow was starting to stick to the right front proximity sensor. The car kept warning me every 30 seconds for an hour, and I had no chance to pull over to safely remove the snow. If that wasn't enough, it also blocked the right rear sensor also. Now the inside of my car sounded like a submarine making a crash dive. Incessantly . . . non stop . . . until I could safely pull over to remove the snow. We've been real lucky this year weather wise with some members bringing their cars to the News Stand Deli on Saturday mornings, but that's out for now . . . or until a big rain washes away the salt. But don't despair. Spring training is here and April is just around the corner. Keep the rubber down and your head up.

- Z06Clif



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NCM Offers Monthly Chance to Win a New Corvette

Each month, the National Corvette Museum holds raffles, where the prize is a new Corvette with Museum Delivery and a tour of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. These raffles have proven very popular, and are a great way for the Museum to raise money. Since the introduction of the C7 Stingray, virtually every ticket for every limited entry raffle conducted by the NCM has been sold. You can purchase tickets and find more information about these raffles at the Museum's website, at the following link: raffle.corvettemuseum.org. You may also contact our own NCM Delegates (see page 2). Because of LICOA's support of the NCM, each month, we will feature one of the upcoming Corvette raffles here in the Corvette Courier. Good luck to everyone who enters! Be sure to let us know if you or someone you know wins!

Breaking News

There are no raffles currently offered as of 2/12/2019.

It appears from the Museum's website that they are no longer permitted by law to sell raffle tickets through their website to individuals located outside the State of Kentucky. Their website states that only purchasers physically located within Kentucky may make a purchase of a raffle ticket. If this does not change, it may not be financially feasible for the Museum to continue with the Corvette raffles.

We will try to provide more information as it becomes available.



Barrett-Jackson, Scottsdale 2019

By Mark Tulley, NCRS

This year was the year of the restomod and trucks at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale. A “restomod” (combining the term “restored” with “modern technology”) maintains the classic and timeless appearance of the original, but the outdated guts of the car have been replaced with the more modern, high-performance parts of today, providing improved safety, comfort and reliability. The restored Broncos and any year pickup truck, especially resto-trucks, brought very strong prices.

There were 185 Corvettes in the auction and 50 of them were restomods. The prices bid were all very high, with a [1963 custom split-window coupe](#) fetching \$385,000 and a [1967 custom convertible](#) bringing \$330,000.

The [National Corvette Restorers Society](#) (NCRS) does award confirmation for any owner claiming an NCRS award or documentation. This year there were 20 cars verified and a special decal was placed on the passenger windshield so the bidders knew which are the authentic cars. Having this decal always brings a higher price for the owner.

The restomods of all cars, 55-57 Chevy's, Camaros, Firebirds etc. brought much higher prices than the stock versions.

The restored VW Beetles which two years ago were bringing \$50,000 to \$55,000 were now auctioned in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range.

This just shows how the markets change year to year. However, there were some very good cars at reasonable prices, some way below market price. Most of these cars are auctioned earlier in the day before TV coverage begins.

The Arizona auctions in January of each year should be on all car guys' bucket list. It is frequently attended by celebrities. The experience of Scottsdale is like no other auction in the country.

If anyone has questions about NCRS or is interested in joining or attending a meeting of the Metro-Long Island [Metro-Long Island NCRS Chapter](#), please contact Mark at mtulleyliftman@gmail.com.



Corvettes are always popular at Barrett-Jackson



Gary Sinise makes an appearance at Barrett-Jackson, Scottsdale

Calendar of Events for 2019

All events subject to change

Date (R/D)	Show / Event	Location	Chairs/Co-Chairs
2/10	Valentine's Brunch	Black Forest Brew Haus	Massa R., Massa J., Yakkey J., Yakkey B.
TBA-March	VA Bagel Run	Northport VA Hospital	Capasso, Erdody, Reich
4/6	LICOA Judging Tech Session	TFCU Hauppauge	Doyle, Erdody, Allen, Spinicchia
4/13	LICOA Tech Session	Motorcar Classics, Farmingdale	Massa, Guttilla
TBA-Late April	LICOA Rally (tentative)	Closely Guarded Secret (for now)	Rosen
TBA-May	Spring Judged Show	Atlantic Chevrolet, Bay Shore	
5/5	Tobay Classic Car Show	Tobay Beach	Kalmus, Massa, Rosen
5/27	Bellmore Memorial Parade	Bellmore	Rosen, Kalmus, Fazio, Srica
TBA-June	Summer Judged Show	Huntington Chevrolet	Magalik
6/2	Centurion Cruisers Car Show	St. Anthony's HS	Massa, Albanese, Guttilla
6/8	Bristol Display	Bristol Residences, East Meadow	
6/15	Cruise to the North Fork	Riverhead	Von Urff, LaSalla, Stewart
6/29	Barrett-Jackson Bus Trip	Mohegan Sun, CT	Massa, Guttilla
7/6	Fishing Trip	Captree Boat Basin, Babylon	Reich, Albanese
7/11	Flynn's Boat Trip Dinner	Flynn's, Fire Island	Stichweh, DiBlasi
7/21 (7/28)	TFCU All-Car Show	TFCU, Hauppauge	Doyle, Allen
TBA-July or Aug	LICOA Weekend Getaway	TBA	Atchison J., Atchison P.
8/4	LICOA Annual Picnic	Syosset-Woodbury Park	Doyle, Zorn, Srica, Albanese
Aug 22-25	Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	Albanese's, Biancanello, Thomas's, Donato
9/7	60th Anniversary Luncheon	Capt. Bill's, Bay Shore	60th Committee
TBA-Sept.	Malba Car Display	Malba, Queens	Biancanello, Fazio
TBA-Sept.	Atlantic Fall Show	Atlantic Chevrolet	
TBA-Sept.	VA Car Display/Show	Northport VA Hospital	Erdody, Massa, Albanese's, Yakkey's, Reich
TBA-Oct.	Vettes & Jets	American Airpower Museum	Rosen, Kalmus, Srica, Spinicchia
TBA-Oct.	Huntington Fall Show	Huntington Chevrolet	
TBA-Dec.	VA Bagel/Holiday Gifts Run	Northport VA Hospital	Capasso, Erdody, Reich, Albanese
12/7	60th LICOA Awards Banquet	Verdi's of Westbury	Massa's, Yakkey's, Albanese's

Green Events - Completed

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you, again, for a great [Editor's] article in January's Courier. As we get older, we become creatures of habit. In one little aspect of our lives, getting up and out on a Saturday morning was something that this LICOA member looked forward to. After being cooped up in the house during the week with physical therapy, doctors appointments related to my recent knee surgeries, I would always look forward to seeing the "crew" at Bagel Factory. The camaraderie with the members who attended on a weekly basis is excellent! Getting to know the ones you never really spoke to is even better.

After attending today, at the new-to-us venue [the News Stand Deli], I have a feeling I'll be looking forward to Saturday mornings for the foreseeable future. Thank you again for a great Courier and for all that you do! Happy Motoring.

Vinnie Sgroi
via email

I'm a recent member, having joined LICOA in January 2018 shortly after purchasing a year old 2016 Z-51 coupe. My wife and I are enjoying the Club and we've attended many of the shows and other

activities and we're looking forward to 2019's schedule of fun.

I look forward to seeing the Corvette Courier monthly, there's so much to learn for new Corvette owners.

I'm new to the sport, and so maybe I'm just finding things everyone already knows about but I wondered if my recent experience might be useful to other members?

I have Allstate for all our various insurance policies so when I bought the car, I added it to the other vehicles on my Allstate policy. The Corvette added about \$2400 per year to my policy.

My agent recently suggested The Hagerty Insurance Agency as an alternative to save money and got me a quote of \$1447 for the year with an agreed value of \$50K and there is no mileage limit. I applied today and received my insurance cards almost immediately via email. I asked several members about Hagerty at the Valentines brunch and none of them seemed aware that this change could save money, in my case almost \$1000 annually.

Al Ferri
via email

Thanks, Al. Could be worth looking into for some other LICOA members.



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The Cure for the Winter Doldrums

By Tom Donato

How much hot cocoa can you drink while staring out the window while muttering that you can't wait for summer? There's a limit to how many car magazines you can read, of Corvette website you can window shop, or crap you can buy online that you really don't need and will probably never use. Idle hands are the Devil's workshop, as the saying goes, so get your butt out to the garage or basement and start that project for your car you've been thinking about since the summer. It can be as simple as detailing a couple of pieces of chrome from your car that bother you every time you jump in it or open the hood. Minor improvement may be the difference between a first place trophy and being a division champion.

The hobby is about the car, and it's the little custom things that you do to the car that makes it uniquely yours. Last week, I spent six hours in the garage designing and making a filler neck for my C2 which enabled me to use a C4 Perma-Cap gas cap. (You know the kind that C7s come with where you just stick the nozzle though a spring loaded flap in the cap.) I was asked why I would make something like that, my answer was because every time I got gas I had no place to put the gas cap. If I put it on the bumper, without fail it would roll off and go under the car. If I put it on the pump, I would forget it. So I thought if I could fill the car without having to remove the gas cap, it would cure the problem.

After assembling the pieces and totaling the cost of parts to make it, I thought it was just too expensive if I wanted to replicate it for someone. So yesterday, I spent another six hours in the garage redesigning it. This time, what I made was much simpler and cost effective. Again, I discussed with a couple of the guys what I did and pretty much got the same feedback – why would you make something like this, are you going to sell it? So after the discussion was over I thought about it, I looked into

patents and how to market it. After about an hour of poking around the internet, I realized I'm not going to manufacture it for the purpose of sale. I made it because I wanted it for my own car and nobody else has it. Simple, and that's where it stands. I will be glad to show anybody what I did, and if they want help making one, I would be glad to assist.

So getting back to the reason for this article: go out to the garage and polish that part or modify something. It's the attention to detail that will make you stand apart from the other guy, making you proud to say, yup that's my car. And the next time you're asked, who did that or where did you get that from, you can say "I did it myself". Doesn't that feel good?



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