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General Business Meetings, ***First Wednesday of the Month – 7:00 to 9:00 PM***

**Next Meeting: There will be no June meeting due to COVID-19**

**NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION:** *All general meetings take place at the newly renovated North Bellmore Library, 1551 Newbridge Rd, North Bellmore, Ground Floor Meeting Room.*

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**Next Meeting: The May BOD meeting will be a closed meeting due to COVID-19**

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

## Sick and Tired

by Lloyd Rosen, Editor-in-Chief

As I write this, it is the afternoon of May 1. This morning's rain has cleared away, the sun has come out, and it's turned into a warm spring day, and not a moment too soon. April was a rainy, windy and chilly month. A bad combination for Corvette enthusiasts, indeed. It's easy to long for the good old days, when cold and rain were the only things that could ruin the all-too-short Car Show season on Long Island. But things are different now. For many years we would see the news stories of periodic designer diseases that seemed to affect only far away places. All too frequently we would hear the news from some country in Asia, with the general population going about their busy days wearing medical facial masks. Never did we imagine a day where we would be trapped in our own homes, schools closed, businesses shuttered, hospitals and morgues filled beyond capacity, no traffic on the LIE, and a shortage of those very same medical face masks. Quite simply, it sucks. There's no polite way to say it.

But if you're like me, you are sick and tired of hearing about Coronavirus and COVID19. You can't turn on the TV or the radio, open a newspaper or look at your cell phone without being bombarded with the latest statistics and told that, yet again, we would have to wait for a little longer before things would start to reopen. Wouldn't it be nice, just for a little while, for things to go back to normal? Well, there's little things you can do, and those of us lucky few, who own a Corvette, have the means to a mind-clearing respite just sitting in the garage.

With the roads on Long Island clear of usual traffic, and the price of gas at the lowest it's been in ages, the urge to get the 'Vette out is irresistible, especially on a warm Spring day.

If you haven't done it yet, go out to your car, give it a quick bath, start it up and get it out on the road. It doesn't matter where you go, just GO! We own Corvettes because we



**Lloyd with his 2011 Grand Sport Convertible**

love driving them. So take yours for a drive. Open the windows, lower the roof (if you can), turn on your favorite radio station and take a cruise. The traffic is light, so take advantage of the situation and get your beauty out on the road. And what the heck, take the better half with you. He or she could probably use the break as well after being cooped up in the house for weeks on end.

Sadly, the LICOA events calendar has been silenced for the time being. By this time of year, we would have already enjoyed several events, and would be looking forward to many more before it became time to put the Corvette back in the garage for its winter slumber. Hopefully, we will soon be able to participate in some LICOA events. The members of the Board are anxious to start up the events calendar as soon as it is safe to do so. For now, we will each have to make our own events, and enjoy our Corvettes in our own personal ways. If you do make plans to get together with other LICOA members and their cars, be safe, follow social distancing guidelines and wear face masks when in public.

To everyone who has been personally affected by this pandemic, my hopes and prayers are with you. For now, stay home, take care of yourself and your family. With any luck, we'll be able to enjoy at least some of our great LICOA events before the end of this year's season.

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# President's Message

By Ed Stichweh

So how is everybody doing? Hopefully, you and your family are staying healthy. As the warmer weather starts to come back, we still have to be vigilant and adhere to social distancing. Some of us at this point are getting a little cabin fever. I would suggest if you haven't already, take your pride and joy out for a spin - please do! That usually works for me. As mentioned in the membership letter, all LICOA events have been suspended until the end of June. We will take another look at the progress of the reopening in New York and make evaluations to start events up again for the rest of the year. I see certain organizations are showing their appreciation for the people on the front lines of this pandemic. It's nice to see people coming together (6 feet apart of course) to cheer on these selfless heroes. I'm sure you probably know someone that falls within this group. From the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds to our own LICOA member, Jim Record, with the Geico SkyTypers who circled the Statue of Liberty in recognition of our front liners, it feels good to participate in some way to honor their services. Presently the Courier, Facebook Website, and blasts, for now, will be our primary form of communication to the membership. So please monitor them for updates. The BOD continues to hold monthly Board meetings via Zoom video connection to keep LICOA on track.

As you know this year is an election year for the LICOA Board of Directors, so please consider tossing your hat in the ring and running for the Board in November for the next two years (please refer to the club by-laws for eligibility).

I received information from event Chair Bob G. that the Barrett-Jackson auction at Mohegan Sun in Connecticut has been canceled this year. As for Corvettes at Carlisle, they are still planning on keeping the event on the schedule, for now. They will have sanitizing stations in certain areas of the food court.

As we go through the rest of the year planning events, the locations of the events will dictate if we have the event or not. We have to understand that most of us, if not all of us, have not been through this type of pandemic, so it might be a slow start-up to finish out the year. I will leave you with a quote from Walt Whitman: "Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you".

Be safe and we will see you soon.



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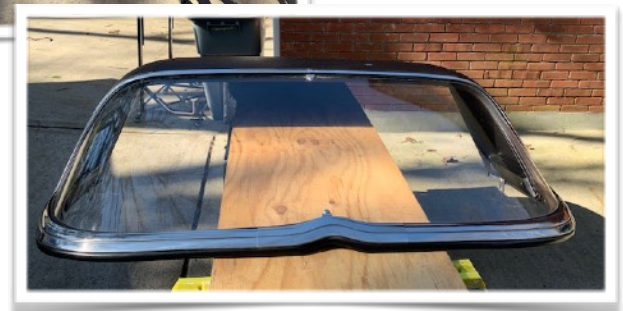
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## Clif Notes

By Clif Nagel, Contributing Editor

This is one of those rare times I find myself at a loss of words. All I can say is be safe and keep away from one another. That's tough, especially for a social club like ours where close contact is almost required. My wife and I are becoming addicted to social media. Maybe that's a good thing because it keeps us away from each other. Our kids are paying us back by delivering groceries because we are in the high risk category, especially me. We are bingeing on things we missed on TV. Who can imagine life now without a DVR?

Last Saturday, some of us we got to enjoy a video Zoom video conference Bagel meeting set up by Tom Donato. We got to "go" to Bagels on Saturday morning without leaving our kitchens. Pants were optional.

I found out this week that the inspection stickers on both my daily drivers were expired. But I also discovered that all inspections due after March 31 were suspended until further notice. That's good because there's no place open near me to do repairs or inspections. My lease expired and I was offered a month extension on it. Only problem with that is I have to pay tax on it, just like when you get a rental. I was going to buy it outright and the payments I make on any extension would come off the buyout price. I'm not sure what would happen if I didn't want the car any longer.

I'm ashamed to say the cover is still on my 'Vette. With what's going on, I have put getting the car out of its winter hibernation on the back burner. I have heard rumors that some members are venturing out alone on single car caravans to Captree. Sounds nice especially with the roads empty. Be safe, and keep safe distances.

Keep the rubber down and out of the weeds.  
Z06 Clif

## BIRTHDAYS

5/20 - Vic Ensalata	6/01 - Carl Peyser
5/21 - Stephen Berry	6/02 - Nat Piptone
5/21 - Jack Facchin	6/03 - James Healy
5/22 - James Flynn	6/05 - Richard Erdody
5/23 - John Ferrentino	6/06 - Mike Dubritz
5/24 - George Ortenzi	6/08 - Gregg Berry
5/25 - John Bureyk	6/10 - Kevin Arscott
5/25 - Lou Cioffi	6/10 - Michael Stewart
5/28 - Ted Kimlingen	6/12 - Mike Beaubian
5/29 - Sergio Srica	6/12 - Michael Vaccarelli
5/31 - Don Ventimiglia	6/12 - Paula Linwood
	6/14 - Richard Jensen

**PLEASE NOTE:** We make every effort to include all Member birthdays, and apologize if yours was missed. Please be sure to provide your birthday on your Membership renewal form. Send an email to [membership@LICOA.org](mailto:membership@LICOA.org) if you have any concerns.

# Brain Power and Horsepower Challenge

by Clif Nagel

So here we are, another month into all this quarantine stuff, and I might imagine if the weather warms up a little after we detail our rides, we might still be bored out of our collective gourds. This month we are going to use a word that disappeared for a while but was brought back for the C7, and is currently the moniker for the redesigned mid-engine C8.

How many words **of five or more letters** can you make up using only the eight letters in this month's word?

## S T I N G R A Y

I got 71 words. Give it a shot and see what you can do. For those of you who tried last month's challenge, the solutions are below.

Z06 Clif

### April Challenge Solution: C O R V E T T E

Covert	Overt	Over	Roe
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Cotter	Core	Tort	Cot
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Cover	Rote	Tote	Rot
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Terce	Tree	Veto	Tet
Trove	Veer	Ore	Or
Covet	Vote	Tee	To
Torte	Cero	Vet	
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## Some Members Have Their Say

By LICOA Members



My Trip to the Dealership with my granddaughter - So one day I take my wife's Armada to the Nissan dealership for work to be done, and I have my 6 year-old granddaughter with me. So we walk in the dealership and a service writer asks, "Can I help you?", so I went over to the counter and started to give him info on the Armada. My granddaughter (Adriana, who loves to ride in my C7) jumps in and says "Pop, is this where you have the Corvette fixed?", and I responded, "No, I bring that to another dealership."

The service writer interjects and asks, "You have a Corvette?". I responded "Yes." My granddaughter quickly interrupts and says "NO, I have a Corvette. He's just my driver." Gotta love them grandkids.

Duane Heskin

Every day listening to the radio and seeing TV, the reality is real. People are dying all over the world from the virus. We must all take necessary steps to protect not only our family, but elderly as well. Elderly people are much more susceptible to this horrible disease. Going for a drive whenever I can helps alleviate these troubled times, at least for a while. Please wear your masks when outside and keep your distance. One day this will pass, and although life may never be the same again, at least we can say we did our part to try and control the spread. I for one, am looking forward to seeing our club members and participating in shows again. Everybody, please stay safe and we will get through this together and be a stronger nation when this has ended.

Pete Slavaska

If I put one more coat of wax on my Corvette, it won't fit in my garage. 🤔

Philip Inguanta

I just wanted to let everyone know about our beautiful granddaughter, Vittoria Vitucci. She attended NYU in Shanghai for the past 4 years to earn her degree. She came home in the beginning of December, and due to the crisis of the world, she could not return. She has been doing her classes online since then. She was supposed to graduate in Shanghai this May, with our family (part of us). Now due to everything, there will be no ceremony or formal event for her. It's a shame, not just for her, but for all the seniors who worked so hard all those years, including the high school seniors.

We are so proud of her, and wanted all LICOA members to know. She also was awarded the Fulbright Scholarship named after Senator Fullbright for her work. She is supposed to go to Japan to teach English to Japanese students. I don't know when that will happen. It's supposed to be in August. Congratulatinos again to Vittoria, and to her parents, Donna (my daughter) and Paul.

Stay safe and well.

Tom & Karen Benson



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Dear LICOA Members,

We are living through unprecedented times. Lives and livelihoods have been turned upside down due to the viral pandemic. While there may be reason for cautious optimism for a return to normalcy, our “new normal” may be unlike anything we have ever seen. As in each of our individual daily lives we modify our behaviors to cope with the “new reality”, so too with our organization.

The Board of Directors of LICOA has been monitoring unfolding events. We have been regularly video- conferencing as we attempt to be proactive to our new reality and how it may impact the near term activities of LICOA. Decisions will have to be made without the benefit and luxury of our member’s input at General Membership Meetings.

We want you to know that any decisions the Board of Directors make will be made with these three thoughts in mind:

1. The Safety and Welfare of LICOA Members
2. The Mission of LICOA
3. The Financial Stability of LICOA

We will attempt to seek advice from a broad array of members as we make our decisions. We will disseminate the decisions using our website, email, Facebook and Newsletter.

As of this writing:

- 1.All General Membership Meetings are suspended indefinitely
2. All planned activities for the month of June are Cancelled

The Board of Directors will be reviewing our situation on a timely basis and will adjust our actions according to circumstances.

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# Calendar of Events for 2020

All events subject to change

Date (R/D)	Show / Event	Location	Chairs/Co-Chairs
2/9	Valentine's Brunch	Capt. Bill's	Massa R. & J., McCormack J. & N.
Canc'd	Open House	Motorcar Classics, Farmingdale	Massa, Guttilla
Canc'd	Defensive Driving Course	N. Bellmore Library	Donato
Canc'd	VA Easter Run	Northport VA Hospital	Reich, Capasso, Albanese
Canc'd	LICOA Judging Tech Session	TFCU Hauppauge	Doyle, Erdody, Spinicchia
Canc'd	Vanderbilt All-Car Show	Vanderbilt Museum, Centerport	Donato, Srica, Rosen, Rodriguez, McCormick
Canc'd	LICOA Gold Coast Scavenger hunt	Closely Guarded Secret (for now)	Rosen, Donato
Canc'd	Bellmore Memorial Parade	Bellmore	Rosen, Kalmus, Fazio, Srica
Canc'd	Spring Judged Show	Atlantic Chevrolet, Bay Shore	
Canc'd	Centurion Cruisers Car Show	St. Anthony's HS	Massa, Albanese, Guttilla
Canc'd	Cruise to the North Fork	Riverhead	Von Urff, LaSalla
Canc'd	Barrett-Jackson Bus Trip	Mohegan Sun, CT	Massa, Guttilla
Jul 24-26	LICOA Weekend Getaway	TBA	Atchison, Reich
8/2	LICOA Annual Picnic	Lido Beach Park	Donato, Spinicchia
Aug 27-29	Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	Donato
9/13	Malba Car Display	Malba, Queens	Biancaniello, Fazio
9/20	VA Car Display/Show	Northport VA Hospital	Reich
10/10	Tobay Classic Car Show	Tobay Beach	Kalmus, Massa, Rosen
12/6	LICOA Awards Dinner	Chateau La Mer, Lindenhurst	Rodriguez, C. & D.
TBA	Bristol Display	Bristol Residences, East Meadow	
TBA	Flynn's Boat Trip Dinner	Flynn's, Fire Island	
TBA	Atlantic Fall Show	Atlantic Chevrolet	
TBA	Vettes & Jets	American Airpower Museum	Rosen, Kalmus, Srica, Spinicchia

Green Events - Completed

Red Events - Canceled/Postponed due to Coronavirus

**CO-CHAIRS AND EVENT HELPERS NEEDED! CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER**

## 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. You must purchase the tickets by mail, or in person at the Museum. For more information about current raffles, and to download and print the mail order form, click the following link: [raffle.corvettemuseum.org](http://raffle.corvettemuseum.org). You may also contact our own NCM Delegate (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!

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- Corvette Museum Delivery

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# A Ray of Hope from a Curly Headed Little Girl

by Randy Broger

How many of us can ever forget the face of that tough little girl with the shiny red curls? Even when dealt a hard hand, she never gives up. She is still waiting for tomorrow to come. A ray of sunshine shows up and the story goes on.

Most of us started driving and got our first car more than a few years ago when we turned sixteen, eighteen, or thereabouts. Now some forty or fifty years later, the sun finally came out to shine on our first Corvette. Once we have fulfilled that dream, we want to be with other folks who have had the same experience. We want to be with folks who have a similar love for the object of our passion sitting in the garage. We want to be together to share our joy, to tell our stories and to listen to the stories of others. We want to plan our car shows, prepare our social events, and even meet at the Bagel Shop on Saturday mornings.

It has been seven or eight weeks since we've been thrust into a situation that very few of us have even thought was possible. Many of us have been and are being forced to stay home. Businesses are shut down, our work places have been closed, and even our recreational activities have been canceled. In many cases, we are cooped up with our entire family, closer and longer than ever before. We want our family to be safe and to be well. We want them to be protected from the problem that is devastating our world. We now have an opportunity to get to know our families as never before. What are some of the things that have been on our minds that we haven't had the time to talk about? How do we get up in the morning knowing it is still here and there is no cure?

Well let me tell you, Annie has the right attitude. She tells us in no uncertain terms: "The sun'll come out tomorrow; Bet your bottom dollar that tomorrow, there'll be sun. Just thinkin' about tomorrow, clears away the cobwebs and the sorrow, til there's none." What an outlook. What a gal. No wonder we all love her.

So what do we finally see happening in our world? Our world is still a mess. World leaders, including our own, are still fighting. Each is pointing fingers, blaming one another. Every time I turn on the news, the anger just seems to get stronger. I can't believe they don't see what they are doing to one another and to us.

Towards the end of last year's show season, we were at Atlantic Chevrolet. One of my neighbors in the show came over to me and we started talking. We were discussing what a sad situation the country and the world is in. And this was well before all this stuff around us happened. What can we do? Where can we go? In the end we both agreed on a simple thought that has been around for quite a while. And Annie had it right all along. "The sun'll come out tomorrow. So ya gotta hang on 'til tomorrow, come what may. Tomorrow, tomorrow! I love ya tomorrow! You're always just a day away!"

Until then, we need to get ready. We need to be sure our 'Vettes are shinier than ever. We need to know that our families are stronger than ever. And we need to hope that tomorrow, the world will be a better place.



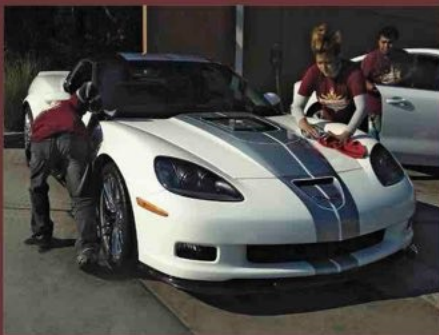
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