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OFFICIAL L.I.C.O.A. Inc. WEB SITE: <http://www.LICOA.org>
 General Business Meetings, ***First Wednesday of the Month*** – **7:00 to 8:00 PM**

Next Meeting: February 2, 2022

NOTE MEETING LOCATION: We are back to in-person monthly meetings.

Bellmore Memorial Library, 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: The BOD meetings will be closed until further notice due to COVID-19

Why the Chips are Down

by Lloyd Rosen, Editor-in-Chief

The big story of 2021, other than the endless and ongoing story of COVID-19 (has it been two years already since we first started hearing about Coronavirus?), has been the chip shortage. We've heard about it every week, most often in the context of automobile production and supply. But maybe you're not exactly sure what they've been talking about and have been too embarrassed to ask. Thankfully, the "chips" are not Ruffles or Doritos - those remain in good supply. Exactly what are the "chips" we've been hearing about for so long, and where did they all go?

The simple answer to that first questions is "microchips". The answer to the second question is a little more complicated. So I will try to provide you with a little bit more information about chips to crunch on, but not to overwhelm you with information, I'll explain in manageable bytes (see what I did there?)

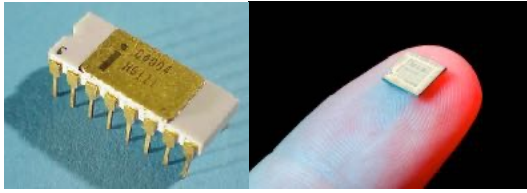
Another word for microchips is "semiconductors". If you don't already realize it, these microchips comprise the heart of every modern electronic device, and you are surrounded by them at almost every moment of your life. They live in your cell phones, televisions, kitchen appliances, home computers and tablets, coffee makers, toasters, electric razors, sonic toothbrushes and hairdryers, and virtually every other modern convenience that surrounds you. Even your credit card has a small microchip embedded in it. Without these "chips", our day-to-day lives would be very different indeed. Eliminate all of these microchips from your life, and you would feel like you were living in a Little House on the Prairie with the Ingalls. The chip shortage you've been hearing about refers to a global shortage of these microchips, impacting production of countless commercial, industrial and residential products.

Modern automobiles depend on microchips for nearly every function and feature of the vehicle, from fuel delivery and combustion (yes, electric powertrains as well), to climate control and safety equipment, to engine and transmission programming, and to power windows and turn signals. Without the thousands of microchips included in each produced unit, modern vehicles simply would not function.

The newest microchips fit 50 billion microtransistors on a fingernail-sized chip. As you can imagine, the manufacturing process of these chips is very complex and requires extremely precise conditions. But while these chips were invented in America (in 1947), the number of US manufacturers has declined severely over the decades. Thirty years ago, 37 percent of all microchips were made in America. Today, that number is approximately 10 percent.



Lloyd with his 2011 Grand Sport Convertible



**1970's vs. Today
Microchips**

Construction of a factory capable of manufacturing these chips in quantity can cost \$10 billion, far beyond the financial reach of most companies. As a result, the number of these operating facilities has been on a steady decline.

What many don't realize is that the shortage of microchips existed even before the pandemic, with factories around the world waiting three or more months for delivery of ordered microchips. The pandemic only made the situation worse. As COVID started to take hold,

many factories closed and the availability of raw materials and labor needed for the manufacture of chips began to decline around the globe. Increase in demand for consumer electronics (home computers, tablets, video game consoles and televisions) began to spike with hundreds of millions of people confined to their homes. Orders for chips began to pile up, and a backlog of demand began to grow. Currently, it can take manufacturers up to six months to fill an order for chips.

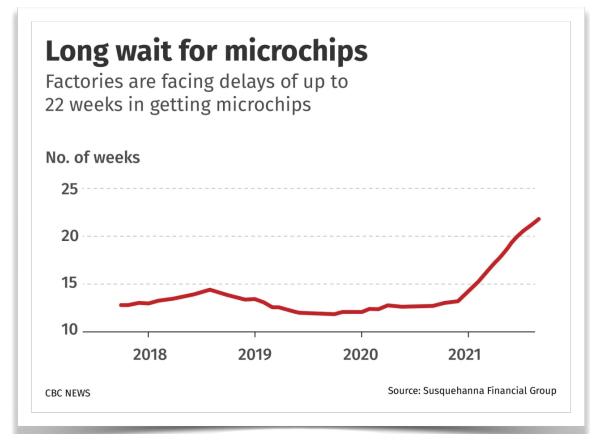
The pandemic has not been the only cause of production constraints. In February, 2021, [winter storms and power outages](#) in Texas forced some of America's only chip plants to halt production. Japan's Renesas plant, which creates almost one-third of the chips used in cars around the world, was [severely damaged by a fire](#) in March, 2021. In June, 2021, [severe drought in Taiwan](#) affected chip production due to the need for water in the manufacture of chips.

The cause of the chip shortage wasn't just with manufacturing, as distribution has also been stymied. As COVID advanced through Asia, shipping ports shut down, including the [Yantian port in China](#), through which 90 percent of the world's electronics move. Hundreds of container ships were left waiting to dock. Even when ports reopened, the backlog of orders and shipments continued due to labor shortages impacting transportation hubs. Shipping containers full of goods sat on the docks with no means to load them onto the ships.

Anticipating a long term decline in demand for new vehicles, auto manufacturers had canceled and cut back on their orders for microchips at the start of the pandemic. With reduced orders from the auto industry, chip companies retooled factories to focus on production of chips for consumer products, attempting to meet the explosive demand caused by the pandemic. As a result, a shortage of car chips ensued. The shortsighted decision by car companies to cancel chip orders has left manufacturers struggling to rebuild inventory needed for the manufacture of automobiles, trucks and SUVs. A combination of events in 2020 created the perfect storm, leading to higher demand and lower supply of the chips needed worldwide for automobile production.

Most estimates suggest that the chip shortage will continue into late 2022, and likely into 2023. Plans to increase chip production in the US are underway, but it would be years before new facilities constructed in the US by automotive chip makers such as NXP and ON Semiconductor Corporation are able to begin production of chips in a quantity sufficient to meet demand.

Hopefully, you better understand what is meant by the chip shortage and why it has been such an issue for the auto industry. If you have plans to buy a new car in the near future and you can wait, you may be wise just to put your plans on hold. If you need a new vehicle now, be prepared for empty dealer lots, and to pay a premium due to increased demand and reduced production output. In the meanwhile, sit back on the couch, turn on the new LED TV, open a fresh bag of Lay's, and enjoy the chips you already have.



President's Message

By Ed Stichweh

The end of a long road, as I look back on the last three years, we started with a great 2019. There was no way to predict the future pandemic. As we soldiered through 2020, it was clear that LICOA would have to sit this year out and hope for the best for 2021. Decisions made in 2020 for LICOA were to first keep our members safe. To keep in touch with our members, the BOD agreed to go with virtual monthly meetings using Zoom via the internet. In this manner, we kept the LICOA membership up to date and maintained some sort of continuity with monthly meetings to talk about anything Corvette.

I believe everyone on my Board was well suited for their positions – I thank you all. If anyone thinks these positions are easy, I beg the differ. As the saying goes, “before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes”, which pretty much sums up how I feel. I believe every member should give it a try. I hope we were instrumental in keeping existing members engaged as well as new members in the ownership of the first American sports car! As for membership, this year has to be put into the record books for LICOA with membership of 370 strong.

I'm pleased and, at the same time humble, to have played a small role in achieving our objective of continuing to build LICOA into a strong and vibrant organization we can be proud of for years to come. I thank you all for placing your trust in me. I know you will do the same for the incoming President.

Be safe, I'll see you soon!

Ed Stichweh



Member Messages

I want to thank each and every Board member for their service to the club for the last two years. You all did an awesome job.

Susan Perna

If ever there was a LICOA Board of Directors faced with one challenge after another, it was the 2019-2021 Board. For three years of service, the team of Ed Stichweh, Tom Donato, Gene Doyle, John DiBlasi, Dan Rodriguez, George Reich, Bob Spinicchia and Joe McCormick combined their respective skills and talents and guided LICOA through some very difficult times. LICOA has emerged stronger than ever. As an incoming member of the 2022-2023 Board, I thank the outgoing Board members and wish them well as they return to civilian life.

Lloyd Rosen



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Calendar of Events for 2022

All dates and events are subject to cancellation or change

The new Board of Directors is in the process of assembling a calendar of events for an exciting 2022. Anyone who has ideas for an event, or anyone who wishes to volunteer to Chair, Co-chair or work at any event, should contact any member of the Board as soon as possible. You may also send an email to Editor@LICOA.org.



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LICOA Awards Dinner - 2021

by Christine Rodriguez, Awards Dinner Host

As we close out 2021 and turn to a new year with a new Board, I would like to take a moment to recap this year's holiday Awards Dinner.

Catered by The Sterling in Bethpage, and hosted by Daniel and Christine Rodriguez with the help of an outstanding committee, John and Diane DiBlasi and Gregg and Jackie Von Urff, there probably are not enough words to describe how grateful Dan and I were to have such a dedicated, supportive and enthusiastic team.

The evening began with several Corvettes lined up at the entrance in front of the hall, which I believe immediately set the right tone for the evening! A special thanks to Frank Kavaler and Mike Terlato for headlining this with their beautiful Corvettes. Others were on display as well and all deserve a special thank you!

As the night began, guests were greeted by some committee members at the front entrance way and others were greeted as they entered into the grand room for a lovely cocktail hour. As soft music played in the background, guests mingled during the cocktail hour and settled in to the festive evening by eating, drinking, laughing and talking with friends.

Once the cocktail hour ended, all guests were directed into the holiday room where a sit down dinner with music, raffles, awards, gifts, giveaways and a silent auction would take place.

LICOA president, Ed Stichweh, did an excellent job announcing the list of events for the evening, thanking the holiday dinner committee, welcoming the new Board, introducing the outgoing Board and handing out awards to much deserved recipients.

As I observed the room closely, I was witness to what I believe was a very joyous and celebrated evening as people danced, sang, smiled, laughed, and joked. Our team could not have been more pleased to see everyone participating and really taking advantage of a night out on the town so to speak.

So after six-plus months of planning, the night had finally arrived, and I would like to believe that all who joined in had as nice a time as the committee could have hoped.

A big thank you to the DJ, Danny Rodriguez, for keeping everyone's feet moving and tapping as he filled the night with great music, and of course, those fun hats and tambourines that were handed out really got people going!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and I am wishing each and every one of you a very happy and healthy new year!

Once again, I would like to congratulate the new LICOA Board of Directors for the upcoming 2022/2023 election term, and look forward to an exciting two years under their direction!

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Clif Notes

By Clif Nagel, Contributing Editor

Every year, about this time when it's too cold to use our cars because of the weather and road conditions, the subject of winter projects comes to mind. Were you good boys and girls this year? Did Santa bring you that special gift, or have the Elves also come down with COVID, and now there's a supply problem.

Whatever the reason, there's plenty time to think about and order online that thing you can't live without.

Engine and exhaust mods are a little bit out of the comfort area for the typical Corvette owner, but there are some things the average guy (and gal) can tackle. Take for instance any interior upgrade. Most are designed to adhere with velcro or double sided tape. Sometimes they can just drop in to the compartment they are upgrading. I have a Vette-Bin in my C6 coupe, and it just sits behind the seats giving me more space for storing things. Other easy ones are e-brake boots, custom console box covers, stitched arm rest covers, gear shift boots and for the more adventurous, a custom steering wheel.

Installing a new steering wheel in your late model Corvette will require a bit more knowledge, and a lot of elbow grease (loosening the nut that holds the steering wheel on will require a great deal of physical effort), but the most important thing is to disconnect the battery first. If you short anything out, the airbag could deploy in your face and you'll wish Santa gave you Dental insurance for Christmas.

Don't fret, staring at your Corvette in the garage, in the meanwhile. We've been through winters before. This one will end too. Just be patient.

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Veterans Donation Drive 2021

By George Reich, VA Liaison

As 2021 came to an end and omicron began to spread across New York, it didn't stop our members from donating cash, checks, gift card and items that the VA requested for our veterans.

On December 18, in the pouring rain, approximately 20 LICOA members stopped by the Long Island Expressway rest area and dropped off additional items for our veterans. I want to thank Kenny Schnabel and Tony Vitale, who not only assisted in the collection, but also helped by setting up a makeshift overhang that Tony brought to help protect all of us from the rain.

On December 20, Gino Albanese, Tony Vitale, Regina Vitale and I presented, in front of building 92 at the VA hospital in Northport, to Katie Poppe, Acting Chief of Recreation Therapy, Laura Merring and Lynda Page, the following items collected by our fellow LICOA members:

- 3 brand new XBOXES \$980.73
- 1 used XBOX with 18 Games
- \$338 Cash / Checks
- \$250 Stop & Shop Gift Cards
- \$155 Apple Gift Cards
- \$80 Visa Gift Cards
- 2 Jackets
- 21 Sweaters
- 6 Long Sleeve Shirts
- 1 Set of underwear and long Johns
- 6 Hats
- 5 pairs of Gloves
- 16 pairs of Socks
- 83 Assorted Composition, Coloring, Math Media Books
- 13 Sets of Pens, Pencils Marker Pens

To say that I'm proud of this year's contributions to our veterans would be an understatement. Once again, one member of LICOA who is our biggest contributor every year, who wishes to remain anonymous, purchased one of four XBOX's for \$326.81 for our Veterans. The son of a friend of mine donated another XBOX in his grandfather's name, with 18 games as well. As a disabled American veteran myself, who utilizes the services of the Northport Veterans Hospital, I want to personally thank each and every LICOA member personally for your generous and thoughtful donations.

Hopefully, in 2022, we will once again be able to not only resume hosting a car show at the VA hospital, but also personally deliver gifts to the veterans in their rooms.





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

FREE - TO FIRST CALLER: One-Piece Plexiglass roof panel for C3 Corvette mounting hardware not included It's free for anyone who wants it, first call gets it.

Mike Vaccarelli: 917-545-6132 (1/22).



FREE FOR THE TAKING: 1963 Corvette 327 300 horsepower engine block with heads. Will need a rebuild. Call: 516-946-9658 (1/22).

FOR SALE: 1981 Corvette, Beige ext. (unusual color) - Camel int. - 91,380 miles

Fun car, still turns heads. Paint good, very few cracks on body. Tires good. Carpet normal wear, drivers seat 2 rips, passenger seat perfect. One set of show mats, 2 owners manual included. Have receipts and log for all work done. Had car over 15 yrs.

Has: new window motors and switches, Replaced front springs, new water pump, Dyno mufflers, replaced differential, new master cylinder, replaced radiator

Needs: repair drivers T-Top liner, tops need painting, valve cover gaskets, rear motor mounts, repair driver door lock, A/C not working, has compressor, radio worked for yrs. not working (maybe loose wire) have new speakers. **Call June:** 347-744-0819 (1/22).



FOR SALE: Used Carbon Fiber Mamba Cold Air Intake For 2005 - 2013 C6 Corvettes with MAF change for the LS2, Direct bolt on with or without reprogramming for the LS3 and LS7 Z06 motors! Coupling and filter included

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All reasonable offers considered! Ed Bradley, EMRA Rep., 516-710-3601 (3/22).



Governor's Report

by George Reich

I would like to begin my final article as your Governor, by wishing all LICOA members and their families a Healthy and Happy 2022. As we're all well aware of the destruction and loss of life in Bowling Green, Kentucky and its surrounding areas, we as a Corvette club and fellow Americans can show our generosity by donating to [TeamWKYReliefFund.ky.gov](https://www.teamwkyrelief.com) or the charity of your choice.

By the time you read this article, the last membership meeting of the present Board of Directors will have taken place. This Board has served LICOA for the past three years, through a pandemic, a resignation of a Board member and many other challenges. Many of which LICOA hasn't encountered since its inception in 1959.

It has been my honor serving as the First Alternate for the first two years, the Assistant Membership Chairmen, the VA Chairman and your Governor for the past year. I wish the best of luck to my fellow outgoing Board members. As I assume my newly elected position as the President of LICOA in the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and admiration to our current LICOA President Ed Stichweh. He has been an inspiration to me and the entire club. I plan to build on Ed's and the entire Board's accomplishments.

Stay safe and stay strong as we move forward into 2022.



2022 C8 Production

As of 1/07/22 – 11,023 C8's
MY '22 production to end 5/06

- The 122 customers whose C8's were tornado damaged & scrapped are getting replacement cars, 'prioritized' into the January production cycle
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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. 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!

2022 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 2 pm CT



Car Features include:

- 6.2 Liter V8 High-Output 495 Horsepower Engine
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- Front License Plate Bracket
- Corvette Museum Delivery



Tickets are \$150 each and the raffle has 1500 tickets.



MEETING MINUTES



January 5, 2022

LICOA GENERAL MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING: Ed Stichweh, John DiBlasi, Gene Doyle, George Reich

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

PRESIDENT: Opened the meeting at 7:07PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed thanked the Board for their 3 years of service to the club. Toys for Tots are looking for sponsors for their scholarship program. The awards dinner was great

VICE PRESIDENT: Absent

SECRETARY: 371 membership renewals have been mailed out. Anyone who has not received their renewal can contact the secretary and he will email them the form. There will not be a vote for the By-Law proposal because it was rescinded

TREASURER: All bills have been paid and the financials are up to date. The current Board is turning over \$6427.00 to the new board to start 2022

GOVERNOR: Nothing to report

REPORTS OF APPOINTED POSITIONS

INTERNET: Is up and running. The club will be staying with Network Solutions and not going with GoDaddy because of the cost. There will a new LICOA design for the website

MEMBERSHIP: There are 371 members at this time and there will be two new members in February

NEWSLETTER: Lloyd working on the January newsletter. Please send a notice to the Editor if you are not receiving the Courier, and send in articles that you would like to have published

SENIOR JUDGE: Nothing to report

GOOD/WELFARE: Vinny Capasso's brother in law passed away, and if you can give Bob Guttilla a call, he will be getting a new pacemaker

MERCHANDISE: Manny Cappello reported there is not much left in merchandise - 1 hat and a couple of T-shirts

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: Absent

CLUB HISTORIAN: Absent

SHOW COORDINATOR: Rich Massa said we may be able to go to Motor Car Classics in March depending on how the virus goes - he will keep the club updated

VA LIASON: George thanked all the club members who contributed this year to the VA for Christmas. We were able to donate the Xbox's they asked for as well as many gift cards

NCM DELEGATE: Jim said the factory is up and running. There was \$200 million of damage, and 120 new C8's taken from the assembly line were scrapped. On May 6, the factory will switch to 2023 production, including Z06's. They are committing 25% of 2023 production to Z06 coupes and convertibles. The current total target production for 2023 is around 40,000 cars

OLD BUSINESS

Awards dinner was chaired by Christine Rodriguez, and she did an outstanding job. Also on the committee was John and Diane DiBlasi, and Greg and Jackie Von Urff. John DiBlasi said it was the women who did all the work, and they deserve the credit for planning and working the dinner

NEW BUSINESS

VALENTINE BRUNCH at Capt. Bill's on February 6 has a limit of 75 people. If you want to go, don't wait to get your check in to Rich Massa. See event flyer in this month's Courier for registration.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Submitted By:

Gene Doyle

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1/16 - Al Banke	1/27 - Louis Farino	2/8 - George Seifert
1/17 - William Bulmer	1/27 - Ben Roberts	2/10 - Vincent Amato
1/17 - Eric Heischober	1/31 - Zack Hanan	2/14 - Joe Chiarelli
1/18 - William Hermanek		2/14 - Frank Kavalier
1/22 - Tom Kuefner	2/2 - John Kritis	2/14 - Al Koenig
1/24 - Frank Sarli	2/5 - Mike Cohen	2/15 - Norman Blumstein
1/25 - Tom Daly	2/8 - Neil Greenberg	

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

5 Years:
George Pavlounis

10 Years:
Tom Santamaria

25 Years:
Robert Welsh

Be sure to join us for the



Valentine's Day Brunch
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