



The Road to Today...

1980's

1980- Pesta's Cycle Theory of Club Participation developed – best described as many X's and O's, with X and Y axis and curves. Donated \$4400 to Spina Bifida.

Socials: Competition Meeting & Social at DeFlorville's Cabin (34 attend), Bowling (31 attend) followed by going to the "disco" until 2.30am, Wine & Cheese Party at S's (32 attend), Hay Ride at Siedel's Farm in Strongsville-included surprises: Submarine and maze (14 attend), Held a picnic followed by a funkhana, including one for the kids (20 families attend), 30 Corvettes cruised to Cedar Point, 26 Vettes cruised for ice cream then returned to W/E O's for a Good-Bye party for Schuenamans, Cruise for Mini-Golf at George's in Amherst (39 attend), Clam bake at Wakeman (55 attend), Cruise to Berea Jaycee's Haunted House (30 attend), "Pour it in the Pail" at DeFlorville's Cabin, Christmas Banquet (72 attend).

Events: Four members participated in Auto Rama, bringing home 2 1st's & 3 2nd's. Was a "Poster Party" at W/E O's to create posters and flyers for the year's events, April 19 was a work-practice day at Nelson (we worked on patching the crossover), the day after, drew 67 drivers, entry fee \$12. Speed event at Sandusky (38 entered), 2nd Annual Ed Stinn Concours (41 entered-Best of Concours-Robert Cutler, Best of Car Show-Ginny V, People's Choice-Viola Karnis), Mem Day @ Nelson (94 entered), Flashes in the Night Fun Rally (18 entrants-won by Dan S & Ernie P), Rally for the Blind (32 cars rallied, 42 kids got to participate), Funkhana @ Firestone (24 attend in the rain); The Southland "Magic Kingdom of Corvettes" show drew 93 cars; guest was WGAR's Fig Newton (Merchant's Choice-Bob K, People's Choice-Viola K), Labor Day @ Nelson (103 entrants), Tom P & Jerry K's year end rally drew 39 cars (won by George & Cheryl Kirk from Competition).

Awards-

Competition: M: Dan S; W: Ginny V
Endurance Award: Warren & Elaine O.
Social: Ernie & JoAnn P & Mike & Pauline D-Most Active Couple, Most Active Single Member – Tom G & Rick S, Most Active New Couple-Ed & Diane S, Most Helpful-Darrell & Rosemary C

East Ohio Region: Club-5th

For Sale: 1966 Convertible, 427 4 spd, all original except manifold & valve covers - \$8000 Mr. Gailitis

1981- **Membership:** Started the year with 85 members.

Socials: Competition Meeting & Social at DeFlorville's (37 attend), Bowling (48 attend), Wine & Cheese Party at Dover Chalet in Westlake (42attend), Paint Party at Wakeman, Caravan to Cedar Point (62 attend), Cruise to Georges for Ice Cream (36 attend), Family Picnic at Ledge Lake in Hinckley, Cruised for Putt-Putt (26 attend), Clam Bake at Wakeman (53 attend), Cruise to Smithville Inn for their famous chicken dinner (33 attend), Famous Person Party at DeFlorville's (26 attend), Christmas banquet at Michaud's (76 attended, the head table had 22 people!).

1981 con't. **Events:** Poker Rally (31 cars in the rain-ended at Stancatos where Ed S's Vette



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was damaged in the lot-there was an apology in the following newsletter for "language used"), Worker Party at Nelson preceded a day of Racing (where Bonnie S "flipped" in turn 1), Mem Day at Nelson (79 cars), Panic at the Pumps Economy Run (13 entered – won by Fred K & Elaine O-50.19mpg), a number of members headed to the Mohawk Hill Climb; Southland Car Show (38 cars) Ken Morgan from WZZP was the guest, Ed Stinn (54 entries & 17 vendors), Labor Day at Nelson (using the long course), Speed Event and MTT at Sandusky Speedway, Final Nelson event saw Fred K battling Chuck H for FTD, eventually loosing out by .065 sec; Sandusky Sprints speed event (20 entrants); "We Wrote It, You Run It" rally (33 entrants-won by Bob & Jeanne Kutty – Mahoning Valley; was said that registration had enough money to buy rope for rally masters Fred K and Ernie P).

Awards:

Competition: M: Fred K; W: Elaine O

Rookies of the Year: Tom G & Diane S

East Ohio Region: Club-6th

For Sale: 1969 T-Top, 350, Auto, fender flares - \$6600 Paul

1982-

Celebrated 25th Anniversary of Club, the 25th party was organized by Ginny V & Chris P. Past and present members totaled 130. Elaine O and Roy B compiled Mako Ray Anniversary Edition.

Socials: Competition Meeting & Western Party at DeFlorville's (32 attend, Virg Tussey came as Howdy Doody), Bowling Party (42 attend), St. Patrick's Party at Hafbrau House (36 attend), Crawford Auto Museum (32 attend), Post Nelson BBQ, Cruise to Cedar Point (52 attend), Cruise to Sky Way Drive-In in Akron (42 attend), Clam Bake at Wakeman (54 attend), Halloween Party at V's (50 attend), 22 CC men gathered at V's for a night of "racing" films. Christmas Banquet at Rhinelander Restaurant at Great Northern (80 attend).

Events: Mem Day at Nelson Ledges (90 entrants), 10th Annual Ed Stinn Show (67 entries, Snoopy's Mystery Tour Rally (20 cars-won by Tom & Chris P), Speed and MTT at Sandusky Speedway (40 entrants), 15 CC members headed to Tiretown's 2day event at Mid Ohio, Great Northern Mall Show (29 entrants), worked with Tiretown to co-host a Labor Day weekend of racing at Nelson (98 entrants-also was start of club challenge-won by Tiretown), "Octoberfast" speed event at Sandusky (29 entrants), Witches Wace-last event of year at Nelson. "Great Expectations" rally (37 entrants-won by Warren & Elaine O).

Awards:

Competition: M: Dan S; W: Elaine O

Rookies of the Year: Tom Z & Elaine G

East Ohio Region: Club-5th

EO Champ Series: 5th Overall, 3rd rallies, 4th speed.

For Sale: One slightly damaged bench, could possibly be repaired or if not, could be used for firewood. Call Tom Gruhn

Wanted: One wood bench – should be sturdy, to be used for socials, call Jim DeFlorville.

We remember: Active club member Les Winemiller passes away from a heart attack.



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- 1983- **Socials:** Oldies Party (at DeFlorville's), Bowling (39 attend-best way to get everyone's attention? Yell "DRIVER'S MEETING!"), Wine & Cheese party, Cedar Point Corvette Weekend, Family Picnic at Ledge Lake in Hinckley (60 attend), Prove It Party at G's (38 attend), Clam Bake at Wakeman (53 attend), Halloween Party, Big Tom Roast (48 attend) and Christmas Banquet (76 attend).
Events: April-Econ Run (15 cars-won by Jim & Kathy Townsend Corv Chardon-50mpg), May-MTT & Low Speed at Sandusky Speedway (rain forecasted-only 16 entrants), Nelson Ledges, car show at Fairchild Chevy (30 cars-People's Choice-Gary P, Dealer's Choice-ML P, Entrant's Choice- Roy B & Warren O), 5th Annual Car Show at Ed Stinn (46 cars-People's Choice-John O, Dealer's Choice-Bob S, Entrant's Choice-Stan M), CC wins interclub trophy at Nelson event, Sweetest Day Rally (28 cars-won by Warren O & JoAnn P), CC led regional points going into the last month of competition but lost to NEOVC. 18 members attend Convention at Indy, members Cammy & Bill D won the NCCC Raffle Vette - 1984 #00001 (they are offered \$100,000 from Champion Chevrolet in CA for the car); Meetings moved from GM Training Center to Fairchild Chevy.
Awards:
Competition: M: Don V; W: Ginny V
Rookie of the Year: Tom M
East Ohio Region: Club-2nd
NCCC: Club-12th
For Sale: IMSA Style Corvette - \$5000 Doug Metcalf; '67 Vette Coupe-yellow 327-\$9750 Frank Gulitz.
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- 1984- Newsletter changed from the "Mako Ray" to "Cross-Fire". In October, Business Meeting location changed to Mama Mia's Restaurant.
Socials: "Combo" (Competition Mtg & Social), East Ohio Banquet (27 attend), Roller Skating (21 + attend), Bear Creek Steak House (13 attend), W/E O's Good-Bye party, Party on the Patio Cantonese Style Dinner (27 attend), Picnic in the Pines @ Brunswick Lakes (25 + attend), Clam Bake at Wakeman (24 attend), Train Ride to Hale Farm, Christmas Banquet.
Events: Easter Rally (28 cars-won by Don & Janice O), 12th Ann. Ed Stinn Show (40 cars-Dealer's Choice-Darryl M, Sr.), Mid Summer Fun Low Speed at Sandusky Speedway (31 entrants), 2nd Annual Concours at Fairchild Chevy, Nelson Ledges, Looney Rally (25cars-won by Ed & Diane S), -
Awards:
Competition: M: Dan S; W: Bonnie S
East Ohio Region: Club-2nd
EO Champ Series: Won Overall East Ohio Region Championship Series Overall by 6pts after a fierce battle with Tiretown- 1st Rally, 2nd Speed, 3rd Concourse
NCCC: Club-8th
For Sale: 1959 Corvette White & Grey, needs interior, paint - \$8000 Tom Rodis; 1966 Big Block \$6500 - Bob Balant.
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- 1985- In March, Business Meeting location changed to GM Plant in Parma. Fundraisers: Candy sales, Elaine G puts together CC "Cook Book".
Socials: Competition Mtg & Swim Party at Amy P's (24 attend), Bowling (27 attend), Adult Bingo (30 + attend), EO Region night at the Force (soccer) game
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(60+ EO members attend), Cleveland Zoo (24+ attend), Cruise to Vermillion, Family Picnic at Bob & Sally T's (20+ attend), Night Pool Party at T's, Clam Bake at Wakeman, CC/TTCC Night at the Cleve. Force, Halloween Party at Veselenak's, Nov Swim party at Amy P's (27 attend), Christmas Banquet (52 attend).

Events: Mikey & Jim's Spring Tune Up Special Rally (16 cars-won by Tom & Elaine G), Nelson Ledges, Looney II Rally (using the MQPM method – most questions per mile), Drags at Thompson (33 cars), Concours at Blaushild Chevy in Shaker Hts, Low Speed at Lorain County (25 entrants).

Awards:

Competition: M: Don V; W: Ginny V

Rookie of the Year: Jennifer F

East Ohio Region: Club-2nd (Ginny 1st, Don 2nd)

EO Champ Series:

NCCC: Club-11th

In a Mid Ohio Event Review by Charlie Johnson (TTCC):

Gene "The Pack Rat" S – Gene is known to carry enough spare parts with him to build a complete car. However, Gene doesn't feel his day is complete unless he uses most of the parts on his own car. Gene's motto is "It ain't used until it's abused." One of the last surviving, original owners of a 54 Corvette, Gene and his foxy wife Norma spent their honeymoon in the Corvette, and still have the assorted bumps, bruises and scrapes to prove it. Of course, at that time there was little else to do except go to silent movies or listen to Amos and Andy on the Wonderbar radio.

Fred "Kahuna" K – Known for his blazing starts and smoking finishes, Fred wears the name and shirt of the Hawaiian god of Weak Kidneys and Chastity. Fred was one of the pioneers of the Corvette Air Force, and his NASA designed wing has struck fear, awe, and/or repulsion in the hearts of his competitors for many years. Fast but mortal at Mid-Ohio, Fred remains invincible at Nelson Ledges.

1986-

Jan. Membership: 69 (51 NCCC)

Socials: Bunko at D/MA O's (36 attend), Host EO Banquet (33 attend), Competition Meeting @ Josefick's, Bowling Party, Cruise & Picnic at DB's (on Mem Day-33 attend), Cruise in the Goodtime II (30 attend), Swim Party at T's (13 attend), Northfield Park Harness Night (25 attend), Clam Bake at Honey-Do-Campground in Spencer (21 attend), Open House at V's (23 attend), EO Region Night at the Cleveland Force, Christmas Party at Geppetto's,

Events: Super Chevy Show at Bigelow (98 entries-25 were Vettes!), Drags at Norwalk, Speed at Lorain County Speedway, Labor Day at Nelson (77 entrants), Speed at Canton Motor Speedway, Looney III & Poker Rally (28 cars, won by Don & Janice O),

Awards:

Competition: M: Gene S; W: Ginny V

Rookies of the Year: Jim S & Janice O

Club Achievement Award: Bob T

East Ohio Region: Club-2nd (Gene 3rd, Ginny 3rd)

NCCC: Club-16th

For Sale: 1953 Corvette, Serial #125, needs engine and transmission, \$14,000 negotiable. Call Jack Krawczyk.



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- 1987- **Jan. Membership:** 63 (41 NCCC)
Socials: Competition Meeting & Social (25 attend), Fish Fry & Pierogie Dinner & Bingo (39 attend), Caravan to Bear Creek Steak House in Canton (20 attend), Cruise to SkyWay & Putt-Putt (11 attend), Picnic at Tina DB' parents in Sharpsville, PA (12 attend), Clam Bake at Honey-Do-Campground, Halloween Party at Redwing Cabin, Pot Luck & Adult Game Night at D/MA O's (18 attend), Christmas Banquet at Glenn Restaurant (37 attend),
Events: Economy Run, Mem Day at Nelson (63 entered), 2nd Super Chevy Show at Bigelow (118 entries), Lab Day at Nelson, Looney IV Rally,
Awards:
Competition: M: Gene S; W: Ginny V
East Ohio Region: Club-2nd
East Ohio MVP-Ginny V
NCCC: Club-14th
- . **We remember:** Member Janice Ellis passes away
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- 1988- **Jan Membership:** 59 (44 NCCC)
Club Raffles a mini-86 Indy Pace Car Corvette to benefit Spina Bifida. Summer meetings to be held at Albion Woods in Metroparks.
Socials: Get-a-Way at Aurora Woodlands Inn (26 attend, 1 '86 Vette Purchased), Competition Meeting and Bunko Party at V's (29 attend), Whirly Ball (32 attend), Fish Fry & Pierogi Dinner & Bingo at Falling Oaks Clubhouse in Medina, Cruise to Bear Creek Steak House in Canton (34 attend-13 Vettes caravan), Goodtime II Cruise (34 attend), Pool Party at P's (27 attend), Clam Bake at D's (32 attend), Halloween Party at BIA Building in Independence, Whirly Ball II (31 attend), Christmas Banquet at Glenn Restaurant (41 attend),
Events: Mem Day at Nelson, 3rd Super Chevy Show at Bigelow Chevy (130 entrants), "Rally Haters Easy Nite Rally" (17 entered-won by Dave & Ginger Nagy from Competition), Labor Day at Nelson (Entry Fee-\$30.00), August 15-a 14 pt lead over Tiretown for EO Region, Sept 15 - 9pts behind Tiretown, Looney V Rally (19 entrants-won by Denny & Deb Murphy-TTCC), Oct 15-32 pts ahead of Tiretown, Final Points - CC-2813, TTCC-2702!
Awards:
Competition: M: Don V; W: Ginny V
Rookie of the Year: John B
East Ohio Region: Won first NCCC East Ohio Region Competition Championship
For Sale: 1962 Corvette, very good condition, motor, trans & suspension all newly rebuilt - \$13,900; 1980 White Vette, red interior, 33,000mi - \$10,000
Joe Kubica
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- 1989- 5 babies were born in 1989 to club members.
Jan Membership - 70
Socials: Russian New Year's at St. Michael Woodside Hall in Broadview Hts. (20 attend), Bowling, 3rd Annual Fish Fry and Pierogi dinner and Bunko at Falling Oaks (19 attend), Competition Meeting & Social at John B's house, Lolly the Trolley tour (16 attend), Clam Bake at D's (27 attend), Dankarona Winery in Aurora tour and dinner, Pot Luck & Fun Night at G's (16 attend), Christmas Banquet (32 attend),
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1989 con't. **Events:** Mem Day at Nelson (\$40 entry fee), Indy 500 Rally (13 cars-won by Don & Janice O), Buckeye Corvettes host a Tom Gruhn Benefit Speed Event at Canton Speedway (22 club members there to work, race, support), Lab Day at Nelson, Looney Rally-Final Chapter (21 entries-won by Don & Janice O),

Awards:

Competition: W: Janice O; M: Don O (2nd)

M&W grouped together

East Ohio Region: Club-4th

We remember: Active member Tom Gruhn passes away from leukemia. Radio traffic reports make mention of the long line of Corvettes backing up Rocky River Drive.
