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Welcome to Spring when a young or young at heart man's or woman's fancy turns to their Corvettes!

This year we have a very full calendar of events planned. Please see the activities page for our upcoming events.

After being involved as a member of the activities committee for the past 3 years, I have come to respect and appreciate all who volunteer to the benefit of everyone in the club.

I have been advised by some of our members that they couldn't hear what was going on at our monthly meetings due to side conversations going on by other members. Please show respect to the officers and members so that we can take care of club business. I am always happy to entertain questions from the floor, but please ask to be recognized first.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Greetings, and welcome to the April, 2019 issue of Corvette Expressions.

Now that the spring is finally here, we are starting to get our cars back on the road again. And springtime also means more activities for the club. This March was just the beginning of a lot more to come!

George and Bev. Tighelaar kicked off the fun on March 1 by hosting a night at *The Stress Factory* in New Brunswick. The comedians were great as usual, and everyone had a good time!

Bill Nagle organized a trip to *Flames Brazilian Steakhouse* in Belmar on March 10. Members had fun sampling an ample array of delicious food, especially the huge skewers of meat.

Finally, there was a trip to the *America On Wheels Auto Museum* in Allentown, PA. Thanks to Dave Schneiderman for hosting this excursion, and be sure to check out several pictures of the cool cars from the museum on page 7 of this issue.

The next Corvette Express meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3. See you then.

Yours in Corvettes, Howard Fink











Newsletter Editor

Lisa Force





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#### **Club Activities for 2019**

Activities' Committee Meeting 2/13/19; Howard and Joanna Fink, Lisa and Larry Force, Lori Kane, John Murrell, Bill and Donna Nagle, Al and Anita Quigley, Bill and Carol Zide. Absent: Dave and Lynne Schneiderman

- Sat. April 13 <u>Camden Aquarium</u>, Al and Anita Quigley
- Sat. April 27 Buttermilk Falls, Sussex County, no Vettes, Howard and Joanna Fink
- Sat. May 4 Car Show Saint John Vianney High School, Holmdel 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Sun. May 19 Bar A Show Skip Allen, Joe and Linda Fernandez
- Sat. June 8 Covered Bridges of Bucks County, Al and Anita Quigley
- Sat. June 15 Club Picnic, Beverly and George T.
- Fri. June 28 Fox Hollow Winery, Holmdel, Lisa and Larry Force
- July 19 to 23 **W. VA Road Trip**, Bill Nagle
- Sat. Aug. 3 Walk Over the Hudson State Historic Park, Poughkeepsie, NY Dave Schneiderman
- Sun . Sept. 15 Storm King State Park, NY, Bill and Carol Zide

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#### **Club Activities for 2019** (Continued)

Sept. 20 - 23 Maryland Eastern Shore trip, Bill Nagle

Oct. 12 -13 Cooperstown, NY, John Murrell and Lori Kane

Sat. Oct. 19 Amish turkey dinner and Amish cruise, Howard and Joanna Fink

Other activities and dates TBA. Subject to change.

Please mark these dates on your calendar. Your Activities Committee has put together an amazing line-up of fun things to do, and we all look forward to your participation. More information will follow as we approach each date. Sign-up sheets will be available at upcoming meetings. If you are unable to sign up at the meetings and want to attend, please contact the organizer or me. Watch for emails with details and reminders regarding each activity. Also, if you have signed up for an activity and cannot attend, please contact the organizer or me.

Thank you, Bill Nagle

Activities Chairperson cell: 908-415-1248













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## Flames Brazilian BBQ, March 10







The following article was contributed by Bill Zide. As you may or may not know, Bill was club president over twenty years ago, and has graciously offered to share some of his fond memories and "Letters from the President" from that time.



## Presidential Remembrances - 21 Years Ago...... – Bill Zide

This is the first of what I hope to be a periodic column of my remembrances from my days as Club President (1997-1998). It's hard to imagine that was over 21 years ago! This is going to be a test of whether I still have the mental acuity to coherently recall the thoughts I had at the time. I succeeded

Al Goodrich as President. It was a time when both of us had a lot more hair and in colors other than natural gray.

In handing the "ball" to me, Al did a great job recapping the accomplishments of the club in '96. I recall thinking how could I ever top what Al had done during his two terms of President. I was very humbled at the time for the trust and confidence that the club placed in myself and my fellow officers to carry on the successes of the previous years.

My first though was that it was important to share my goals for '97 so I could motivate as many members as possible to participate in the effort. In retrospect, I'm glad to see many of these goals are still very relevant to our club today.

These were the targets that I set for the club back then:

- Let's Have Fun We are a social organization with a strong interest in anything related to Corvettes. This means enjoying our hobby and the many friendships that can come from it. Much of the club's focus centers around the Activity Committee. Activities are the foundation on which we have much of our fun and camaraderie. Identifying new and interesting activities was no small order as we are not an easy bunch to satisfy! One thing that I emphasized and I'm glad is still in effect is that if any club member felt the activities were not meeting their expectations for fun, the Committee always made room for another member!
- Open Lines of Communication In a club such as ours, maintaining an open path of communication between the officers and Club members is absolutely essential. Issues need to be brought to the attention of the officers at meetings (or privately!) so they can be addressed and not grumbled about. We did a lot of grumbling in those days.....
- Expand the Success of our Shows Back then we were a "two show" Club. We had taken on the Raceway Park East Coast Show & Go in '96 in addition to our regular, dealer sponsored show at Norman Chevrolet (later Pine Belt Chevrolet on Rt 36 in Eatontown and now an Audi dealership). Back then, our goal was to grow both shows to 100 or more participating Corvettes. We reached that at Englishtown and we came close at Norman Chevrolet. It's great to see that we now have a show strategy reflecting the times and is uniquely Corvette Express's. For a few years now, we have been channeling our enthusiasm, energy and teaming spirit into the Bar A show. It is an event that can draw 100 or more Corvettes. Anyone been keeping count?
- Leveraging the Information Age In '96 the information age was a relatively new phenomena. We were just beginning to explore the ways that paper could be reduced or eliminated. E-mail services, the Internet, the World Wide Web, "Home" Pages, multi-media and digital cameras were starting to make inroads into how we live. We introduced a data base to help the membership committee and established email as the primary means of distributing the newsletter. To-day, we have a professionally printed newsletter, a dedicated, energetic editor and photo staff. This is taken for granted now-a-days and nothing escapes the eye of cell phone cameras or posts on Facebook......

Moving the club forward today takes the same mix of continued participation and active involvement of members as it did in '97. Thankfully, that has not changed. The fun still comes in sharing the journey and the adventure.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

### CORVETTES AT BAR-A (RAIN OR SHINE!)

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