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Beginning with the July 6th meeting We will again be meeting at Donavan's Reef See you there!!!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE





As the month of May draws to a close with the Memorial Day weekend, now dubbed the "unofficial" start of summer, it is so important that the true meaning and significance of this day not be forgotten. Originally referred to as "Decoration Day" shortly after the Civil War, the day in May was chosen because it was the time of year when flowers would be blooming plentifully and were used to pay tribute to those fallen soldiers' graves. We must never forget why Memorial Day is so important as we pay honor and tribute to the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Military.

We begin each of our meetings with The Pledge of Aligence to our flag to show our devotion and respect to our country. For me personally, this is the most important part of our meeting, The true significance of our flag colors is important, red, white, and blue align closely to the values of America with red a symbol of strength and valor, white symbolizing purity and innocence, and blue vigilance, perseverance and justice. The 13 stripes represent each of the 13 colonies when American gained independence from Great Britain with Connecticut one of the original 13 colonies. The 50 stars not only represent the 50 states, but also a divine goal where the stripe is "symbolic of the rays of light emanating from the sun"

After almost 15 months of seclusion, face masks, hand sanitizers, elbow bumps and social distancing it does appear that the threats of Covid 19 have decreased sufficiently and we can begin resuming many of our previous activities. We have many events now in the planning stages but continue to proceed cautiously to minimize any potential problems. The majority of our members support resuming in-person meetings, so our next general membership meeting on July 6th will be back at Donovan's Reef.

Our sponsors are very special to us, a special thanks to Ernie and Jimmy Betulia at Guilford Texaco for continuing their generous sponsorship of Club Corvette of Connecticut.

"May we never forget our fallen comrades. Freedom isn't free." Sgt. Major Bill Paxton.



Drive Safe, *Ríck*

AGENDA July 6th, 2021 Donovan's Reef Restaurant The Sonar Room

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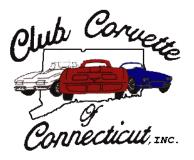
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MEMBER NEWS

HAPPY CORVETTE BIRTHDAY !

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FUTURE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

We really need your help in writing articles for the newsletter. You have responded very well with photos of events, but we also need more articles. Anyone who organizes an event should prepare a write-up for the newsletter after the event or ask someone in the group to do it. You don't have to be concerned with the spelling or grammar - I'll take care of that. That's my job as editor.

I also look forward to any tips you can contribute to the newsletter to help your fellow members. Let's try to continue the "Tips From Members" section of the Vette Gazette, similar to what you see in your car magazines. Send your inputs directly to my email <u>lgbrowne1109@gmail.com</u>. Do not send them through the Club's group email.

Thank you.

Les Browne – lgbrowne1109@gmail.com

THANK YOU TO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Rick Wasserback Jack Stacey Linda Ungerleider George Sipprell Dean Loucks Dennis Krajewski Bob Waydka Ken Uliano

Memorial Day Celebration in East Haven

For over ten years now Club Corvette of Connecticut has been driving Veterans who are not able to walk long distances to the green at East haven for the annual Memorial Day Celebration. Jack Stacey has done an outstanding job every year organizing this and pairing the veterans with members of our Club for this annual procession. This past May 31, seven Corvettes and eight members participated in this year's program. We all met that morning at Jack Stacey's house and drove down to the East Haven's Veteran center where we gathered with other dignitaries.



There we were assigned our Veteran riders and proceeded down main street behind the procession to the green. At the green Jack lead a beautiful ceremony which composed of

speeches and Patriotic music.



Thank you to the following members for helping during this Memorial Day Ceremony, Steve Ludwig, Linda Ungerleider, Berry and Joyce Baiardi, Les Browne, Kurt Ryder and Don Byrne Submitted by;

Dennis Krajewski

Memorial Day Escorting a Hero



East Haven American Legion Honor Guard

It was a privilege and pleasure to escort a remaining WWII veteran today at the East Haven Memorial Day event exquisitely executed by our own Jack Stacy. Although this hero suffered dementia, so conversation was not possible, I showed him Facebook patriotic postings of Americana medleys posted and poems. He said in a low tone..."beautiful over and over watching and little tears flowing from his eyes. If you really want to feel blessed to have a Corvette then consider joining the club to escort these heroes who fought for us to have our freedom and rights and the honor you will feel to give them a thrill to ride in America's best race car.



Linda with a Hero

Submitted by: Linda Ungerleider

Rallye for a Cure

On Saturday, May 15th, seven Club Corvette of CT cars were among the event record of



136 cars entered in the Rallye for a Cure to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). We started at New Country BMW in Hartford and traveled approximately 80 miles ending at Palmer Motorsports Park. This year we were offered the option of taking a "Country Ride" with directions but no clues to find or the usual challenging "Rallye Route". We had members participating in both routes and everyone successfully found their way to the finish. The routes took us down several roads

where the residents clearly don't see that many cars on a daily basis with at least one resident screaming at my brother, Dean, trying to find out what was going on with all of the cars slowing down in front of her house trying to find a clue. Unfortunately, we didn't have any of our teams win an award this year, as we all missed one or more clues. At the track, we were provided lunch and given the opportunity to drive three parade laps. The Palmer Motorsports track is a twisting 2.3 mile course with quite a bit of elevation change. Rick Wasserback was fortunate to catch a clear track in front of

him on the straightaway and reached 90 mph with Steve Widger following. The rest of us were stuck in our designated lines of cars and topped out in the 60-70 mph range. In addition to Rick and Lucy Wasserback and Steve and Joan Widger, we had Rallye veterans Kurt and Chris Ryder, Walt and Kori Kaercher, Anthony and Janet Rasile, Dean and Cindy Loucks and myself and Gail representing our club.





Through entry fees, donations, an online auction and the sale of Rallye swag, the Rallye was able to raise \$20,000 this year for JDRF. Many thanks go out to the Wright family for organizing this event and we look forward to the 2022 rallye.

Submitted by: Dean Loucks

Ivan; I hardly knew ya!!

The other day, I drove to one of my favorite Deli's, (Mattei's on RT 34 in Derby CT). If you weren't looking for it, you'd drive right by, all the locals know it well, because whatever you get there is outstanding. The reason I was there, was to pick up a few trays of food for a weekend family gathering.

Par for the pandemic course... the door was locked... no one allowed in and mask wearing was still in force. You had to call their number and the Deli owners would come to the door and look you over...

I kind of felt like I was being asked to be let into a "Speak-Easy". Well anyway, we get the greeting and the particulars out of the way and I was told to stay outside, and my food would be brought out and placed in my car...

So, after a short wait... A very friendly fella rolls out a cart with my food on it... I was about to find out that he and his wife owned the place. So after a few minutes of small talk mostly about how his business had managed to stay afloat during the pandemic, he noticed that I had on my denim long sleeve shirt with the CCC Logo on and my vette hat... (I must have looked like I just walked out of a CCC merchandise catalog⁽ⁱ⁾). Anyway... he points to the shirt and out loud, says Ivan's name, as if asking whether this was the same club that Ivan was a part of. Well immediately he sees the recognition on my face and we're off telling Ivan stories.

I've only been in the club for less than 5 years, but we had a few laughs comparing notes but after a few minutes the tone changed and you could see he was searching for the right words. He starts off by apologizing for not attending the service because he just wasn't aware Ivan had passed and only recently had become aware. He then tells me he's known Ivan ever since he started the business many moons ago and it was Ivan and Ivan's dad that sold them all the equipment for their business. A business that might not have gotten off the ground had Ivan and his dad not financed the cost of the equipment on a pay as you can basis.

He goes on to say that like any deli business, the equipment would choose to go on the "fritz" at the most inopportune times and often out of desperation, he'd call Ivan and Ivan would drop whatever he was doing and within an hour Ivan would show up and get the piece of equipment back operating...Day or night...summer or winter and be gone with a handshake and a smile.. Telling him to pay him when he could...

I write this story to remind myself that Ivan... Like most folks, was different things to different people ... and was capable of wearing many different hats... I'm kind of thinking I would have enjoyed seeing what other hats he wore.

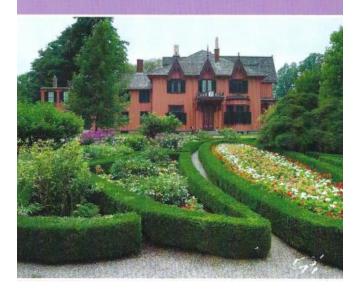
Ivan.... I hardly knew ya.

Submitted by: Ken Uliano

A Cruise to Roseland Cottage

Roseland Cottage

WOODSTOCK, CONNECTICUT



On July 14th consider a fabulous caravan to bucolic Pomfret and Woodstock CT. We will be leaving the Madison Rest Area I-95 North bound at 10am.

Our cruise will take on winding and scenic roads. Our first stop will be at the Roseland Cottage. This was the summer home for the Bowens who entertained US Presidents discussing temperance and abolishing slavery quite apprepo of the current times. We have been asked to park our Vets on the lovely grounds where they would like to take a professional photo of them. The property has the oldest bowling alley in the nation. We have requested information about a special admission for Vets, we will have more information concerning this once we hear back from them.

From Roseland Cottage we will continue to the Vanilla Bean Cafe for lunch. Everyone will order our own lunches, the prices are fair, the food is excellent. Their menu includes homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, and the best desserts. This is a biker and car favorite. Artsy exhibits. Lots of charm.

We will then tour the Pomfret School where famous movie star and other notorious people send their children to board. The stone architect and amazing vistas are renown. After our tour of the school if is your option to end your day and travel home or tour the Taylor Brooke Winery in Woodstock which is a microbrewery and winery.

For more information and details contact Linda at

pridereschool@aol.com

Submitted by: Linda Ungerleider

The Pit Stop

My Vette Story

Those of you who know me well know how fussy I am about almost everything, especially my Corvette, I even have throw-rugs alongside the cars in the garage so that you can wipe your feet before getting in the car. My love and passion for Corvettes is well known, my second passion is boats I have actually owned a boat longer that I have a car. My wife also enjoys boating and we spend quite a bit of time during the summer cruising Candlewood Lake, relaxing in the sun and having lunch of dinner out on the water.

Last fall, as the boating season was nearing an end, Lucy and I decided go out on the boat one Sunday as the weather was cooling quickly and we knew that our days on the water were numbered. As we often do, we took the Corvette and went out to enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the boat. When we returned at the end of the day, it had cooled down considerably, so I covered the boat and as I was securing the dock lines, I noticed that one of the lines was allowing the boat to get too close to the dock. I couldn't leave well enough alone and had to adjust that line, I did it 3 different times and finally got it right. When I stepped back to check it more carefully there was no dock behind me, only water and in I went, fully clothed but fortunately without my cell phone or car fob in my pocket. Lucy was already back at the car as I struggled to get myself back up on a dock that is a full 2 ft above me and a boat tied to it that keeps banging me in the head as I thrash around in the chilly water. I finally get out, soaking wet, and covered with all that green gook that collects in the water at the end of the year.

When I reach the car, my wife quizzically asks, "what happened to you", obviously since I was soaking wet and covered in seaweed it was apparent that I had either decided to go for a dip in the ice-cold water, or I fell in! The dilemma now was how do I drive home. I don't have a change of clothes, and I am certainly not going to sit on my leather seats in wet clothes, so I begin to formulate my plan. My wife gave me her very nice pink Cape Cod sweatshirt to put on as I was freezing and wanted to get out of the wet clothes. I am much larger than Lucy, so this sweatshirt resembles a midriff and does not cover my stomach, the sleeves barely go past my elbows, and I can only zip it up about 1/3 of the way before it starts grabbing skin. Not to mention that pink is not one of my go to colors when I dress. Now comes the interesting part, I cover the driver's seat with a towel, but I am worried about the wet shorts, so I drop my shorts in the parking lot as I am standing alongside the car. There is a condo complex that overlook the water and have a bird's eye view of my little strip show I am putting on in the parking lot.

Fortunately, I am wearing a very nice pair of new pastel blue boxer briefs that my wife had given me for my birthday. A lot of men my age still wear tighty whities – you know who you are guys, yup those BVD's and Jockeys that look like an ill-fitting speedo, and I thank my lucky stars that I wasn't wearing them that day. As I get in the car I try and press down the clutch with my bare feet, you know those metal pedals on the Corvette with the little spikes on them so that your feet don't slip off? Not meant for driving barefoot, ouch, back to the soggy sneakers. As we exit the parking lot, me in my pink ill-fitting Cape Cod sweatshirt, pastel blue boxer briefs and wet sneakers, my wife says, "wouldn't it be funny if we got stopped by the police on the way home and they saw you dressed like this?" I have to admit that it would have been hilarious, but nowhere near as funny as if we got a flat tire on the way home and I had to change the tire in this outfit. I am sure there would have been an epic traffic backup on 84 if I had. You have to be thankful for little things – good thing I wasn't wearing one of those guy thongs that day.

You have to laugh as yourself, if you don't someone will do it for you.

Submitted by: Rick Wasserback

The 2nd Time Around

I am taking a break this month from my series on Corvette Racing to tell you a story. It's not a Corvette story but it is a car story. Now if you know me, I never tell a short story, so sit back, relax, and hopefully enjoy.

Most of you know that when I came home from Vietnam, in March of 1970, there was a 1968 Corvette Roadster, with optional hardtop, waiting for me, my first Corvette. I still had a year left in the Marine Corps, so many miles were put on the car traveling back and forth between Camp LeJeune in Jacksonville, NC, and home in CT, almost every weekend. I sold the Corvette sometime in early 1972.

In August of 72, I married my best friend. I didn't own a car at this time, rather my means of transportation was a 1968 Triumph Tiger 500 motorcycle. Susan owned a 1969 VW. I was still a student at what was then, Quinnipiac College. Our routine was that I would drive Susan to work at the Phone Company in New Haven, and then head for school. In early May of 1973, while driving on I-91, heading to QC, in the vicinity of Exit 8, the motor on the VW blew. After replacing the engine with one obtained at the local junk yard, I persuaded Sue to look for a new car.

For those of you who are long time New Haven area residents, you'll recall that most of the new car dealers were located on Whalley Ave., in close proximity to one another. Our first stop was Cooley Chevrolet to look at a new Corvette. The car was pricey, I wasn't enthralled with the rubber nose, and the HP was down due to the new emissions standards.

As we exited the dealership, I spied a Porsche 356 at Branfon Porsche-Audi, diagonally across the street. It was used and the salesman offered to get the keys for a test drive. As he walked away, I heard the sound of air brakes from a car hauler. The truck was stopped in front of Somers Pontiac-Triumph, just across the street. On board were a number of Triumph TR-6's in a variety of colors, Green, Blue, Yellow, Red, Purple, and Brown. I grabbed Sue by the hand and hastily crossed a busy Whalley Ave. When approached by a salesman I immediately exclaimed, "I want the British Racing Green one!" his response was that was the only one sold, the others were all for stock. We quickly decided on the Red with Black interior. We picked up the car on Friday

afternoon, May 11, 1973. I remember the day because my oldest sister was getting married that evening. We went through the paperwork and delivery in record time and rushed home to get dressed and head to the church. I probably should have waited till the next day as my sister wasn't pleased with the number of guests who were surrounding our new car.

The TR-6 was a fun car and a joy to drive. There was one problem, Susan's VW was an automatic and she couldn't drive a standard 4 speed shift! We were living in a rural area at the time and everytime we needed something, like milk, or cigarettes, yes we were smokers then, I had to go out to the store. Finally on a Sunday afternoon we drove to the parking lot of a department store, remember the "Blue Laws," when nothing was open on Sundays? I had her start in first gear, over and over. She soon got the hang of it and was capable of driving a standard shift, except if she had to stop on a hill!

I graduated from QC in May of 1975 and attempted to make my way in the real world. I was working part-time at Macy's liquor store and was outside one evening, waiting for Sue to pick me up. I suddenly heard a car exiting the highway with a series of serious downshifts. Around the corner came a hot blonde in a tire screeching red Triumph TR-6 and I knew I had created a monster.

In the Summer of 1977, I found myself working in sales at the afore-mentioned Cooley Chevrolet. As an employee I was given a "Demo", a car to drive. Sue had by this time acquired, are you ready, a Vega GT wagon. The Triumph was put up for sale and sold in October of that year. The new owners were a couple, a few years older than us, who lived in the same town as us, East Haven. The car was primarily to be the wife's car. The Triumph had approximately 40,000 miles on the odometer and was in great shape. Ok, let's fast forward to late summer 2013. When knocking on doors while campaigning for Mayor, I happened upon the home of the couple who had purchased the TR-6. I spoke to the husband and asked him if he still owned the car, and to my surprise he replied that they did. Of course, the next question was had they thought about selling and he told me that his wife would never sell, "her baby!"

Whenever my wife and I took a walk or rode our bikes through town, I always made a point to go by the house, just to see if I could catch a glimpse of the car. No such luck. It was funny that when driving on certain roads I would remember the feeling of the Triumph and expressed this to Sue quite often. Recently, on Earth Day to be exact, while driving past the house, or as Sue says "stalking," the house, I noticed 2 cars in the driveway and decided I was again going to knock on the door. After several anxious minutes, a woman answered. Looking at me inquisitively I said, "Cookie?" I surprised myself that I remembered her name. Somewhat confused she acknowledged. I then told her the question was, did she still own the Triumph, and she replied, "My TR-6?" And I said yes, "but it was my TR-6 first!" After her initial shock she called for her husband, Rich, and I asked if they were ready to sell yet. They pondered for a moment and then asked me to give them my phone number, which I did, and they said they'd call.

After several weeks I hadn't heard from them and assumed that they must have decided not to sell. Shortly after I received a Facebook friend request from a young lady I

didn't recognize. Normally I would just delete the request, but I noticed that it claimed we had mutual friends. When I checked out the friends, I realized they were all former students and after a closer look I realized she had also been a student. I accepted the request. Later that day I was again looking at Facebook when I saw a picture of a young child, maybe 4 or 5 years old, seated in a red Triumph TR-6, with a caption, "So glad my daughter got to take a ride in the TR-6 before it's sold." I then realized it was in the driveway of the house of the couple I had been talking with. I responded with a "nice car" and the response back was, "Can't believe this was your car and that you're buying it back!" That of course prompted a phone call where I was told they were ready to negotiate. Now I'm not going to give you the number but I will say that I'm paying approximately 6 times what they paid me, 43 years ago. Oh yeah, remember I said the mileage on the car was about 40K when I sold it? I'm getting it back with 66,000 miles. I will be taking delivery for a second time on Saturday, June 5th, can't wait. Think I'm going to apply for a vanity plate, 2ND TIME!



Life is good the 2nd Time Around!!!

Submitted by: Jack Stacey

IMSA announces Daytona 2022



- Daytona International Speedway to Celebrate Rich Legacy of Iconic Event, Jan. 29-30
- Race Begins Season for IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship
- BMW Endurance Challenge on Jan. 28 Opens IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge Season
- Roar Before the Rolex 24 Testing & Qualifying on Jan. 21-23; Scout Days Returns!

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (May 18, 2021) – The historic 60th Anniversary of the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA, North America's most prestigious sports car race that is the ultimate test of endurance, speed and skill for world-class competition, will be held on Jan. 29-30, 2022 at Daytona International Speedway to open the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season.

"We are excited to celebrate 60 years of memorable, iconic moments, and the continuation of a rich legacy with the 2022 Rolex 24 At DAYTONA," said Daytona International Speedway President Frank Kelleher. "We are looking forward to hosting fans from across the globe at the World Center of Racing for 24 hours of the most incredible sports car racing, along with an unforgettable experience at this diamond event in sports."

The inaugural Rolex 24 was a three-hour event in 1962, initially known as the Daytona Continental, with Hall of Famer Dan Gurney taking the checkered flag. Held on Daytona's world-famous 3.56-mile road course, the event has become renowned for annually attracting many of the world's finest race car drivers – from various racing disciplines – to make history against the world's best sports car racers. Historically, drivers from NASCAR, IndyCar, Formula 1 and the FIA World Endurance

Championship (WEC) have joined forces for the chance to win the coveted Rolex Oyster Perpetual Cosmograph Daytona.

Daytona International Speedway will pay tribute to noted Rolex 24 Champions with names like Andretti, Haywood, Pruett, Gordon, Foyt, to name a few – as well as the magnificent machines that carried them to victory (Porsche is the all-time overall wins leader with 18 triumphs). Wayne Taylor Racing's No. 10 Acura quartet of Filipe Albuquerque, Helio Castroneves, Alexander Rossi and Ricky Taylor are the reigning Rolex 24 At DAYTONA Champions.

The 2022 Rolex 24 At DAYTONA will again open the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season, which currently features competition in five classes: the headlining Daytona Prototype international (DPi) class (DPi), Le Mans Prototype 2 (LMP2), Le Mans Prototype 3 (LMP3), the new GTD PRO class making its world debut with factory teams and drivers and GT Daytona (GTD) for customer racing programs.

The Rolex 24 weekend kicks off on Thursday, Jan. 27 with practice sessions in all classes. On Friday, Jan. 28 – prior to the Saturday-Sunday, twice-around-the-clock Rolex 24 – the IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge season will begin with the four-hour BMW Endurance Challenge.

Like 2021, the track actually will host back-to-back racing weekends with the annual Roar Before the Rolex 24 preseason test sessions on Jan. 21-23 (Friday-Sunday). Qualifying to determine the starting lineup for the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA will take place on Sunday, Jan. 23. Scout Days, a longtime tradition during the Roar Before the Rolex 24 that didn't occur earlier this year because of the pandemic, are set to return in January.

Select tickets are currently available for the Rolex 24 At DAYTONA and can be purchased online at www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com or by calling 1-800-PITSHOP. They include both 2- and 4-day infield admission packages: 2-day pass – \$60 (includes free admission to the Roar); and 4-day pass – \$110 (includes garage access and free admission to the Roar). Kids 12 and under are free. Returning guests from 2021 may also log into their account to view their renewal and take advantage of special pricing and no-interest payment plan options. The Taste of the 24, held annually on the Saturday evening after the drop of the green flag to the Rolex 24, will once again be held with the proceeds benefitting the NASCAR Foundation. It features unrivalled dining experience featuring local restaurant fare in the Midway Suites as part of the front stetch seating. Fans can stay connected with Daytona International Speedway on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for the latest speedway news.

Submitted by: George Sipprell

2021 C8 Production Halt Extended by Another Week



Image courtesy of Corvette Blogger

For over two years now, Chevrolet has had problems producing one of the most in demand Corvettes. First it was design issues, then a union strike, and when they finally came to an agreement, Covid hit. And Covid is still causing issues with suppliers leading up to this recent stoppage.

GM initially announced a shutdown for the week of May 24th to May 31st over a parts supply issue that isn't related to the worldwide microchip shortage, but the pause has now been extended through the week of May 31st, 2021. We are not sure what the shortage is, as GM is not willing to mention what parts are hindering the Corvette's production.

These delays may have an effect on the 2021 orders and push them into the 2022 model year. If this happens, some people may have to change their car color, as Sebring Orange Tintcoat, Shadow Gray Metallic, and slow-selling Zeus Bronze are being replaced with Amplify Orange Tintcoat, Hypersonic Gray Metallic, and Caffeine Metallic. (452 lb-ft).

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Corvette Powered Opening This Weekend

The National Corvette Museum is proud to announce that the Corvette Powered exhibit is opening this weekend. One of the vehicles in this exhibit is a 2015 Ridler-award winner. At first glance, it still looks much like its stock version, but it has been chopped, lowered, shortened, narrowed, and has an altered wheelbase. It was built for Canadian construction magnate Don Voth and contains a Corvette C6 drivetrain and suspension. Lastly, it holds the nickname Impostor. With these clues, do you know which vehicle this is?

NCM Corvette Racing Weekend at the AACA Museum



Today, registration for the October 15th and 16th NCM Corvette Racing Weekend at the AACA Museum is live! Those who decide to go on this trip will enjoy a weekend full of

great food and Corvette racing activities in Hershey, Pennsylvania. There will also be special guests in attendance including: Doug Fehan, Tommy Milner, and David James (DJ). Friday the 15th, attendees can participate in the Poker Run. Participants will pick cards for their poker hand at various locations during the run, and winners are announced at that evening's dinner. Saturday is Corvette Racing Day which includes a Corvette Racing Q&A Session with Doug and Tommy, Corvette Racing memories from DJ, memorabilia auction, and more!

NCM CORVETTE RAFFLE

The National Corvette Museum is licensed by the Kentucky Department of Charitable Gaming under license number ORG0000854.

At this time, we offer purchasers located in Kentucky the ability to purchase raffle tickets on their personal computers, mobile devices and on-site at the National Corvette Museum and NCM Motorsports Park.

To purchase a raffle ticket online, you must be at least 18 years of age and be physically located in Kentucky at the time of purchase. You do not have to be a resident of Kentucky to participate.

If you are not located in Kentucky, you may download an Order Form from this site and send to NCM for processing.

Below are current NCM active raffles.

For additional information regarding National Corvette Museum raffles, visit the NCM Web Site



2021 Torch Red Corvette Convertible 6/10/2021 Price: **\$200.00** Drawing: June 10, 2021 2:00 PM Central Time



2021 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 7/1/2021 Price: \$150.00 Drawing: July 1, 2021 2:00 PM Central Time



2021 Silver Flare Corvette Coupe 7/22/2021 Price: \$100.00 Drawing: July 22, 2021



2021 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 9/4/2021 Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle Drawing: September 4, 2021

2021 UPCOMING NCM EVENTS

Museum in Motion: Colorado Springs July 11 - 15, 2021

Museum in Motion: Northeast Ohio August 1-6, 2021

Le Mans Race Weekend Viewing Party August 21 - 22, 2021

27th Anniversary Celebration @ National Corvette Museum Sep 2 – Sep 4

> Museum in Motion: National Parks Tour (AZ & UT) September 19 - 25, 2021 (WAIT LIST AVAILABLE)

> > One Lap of Kentucky October

Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1 a full day at the NCM Motorsports Park Nov 4 @ 8:00 am – Nov 6 @ 4:00 pm

CLUB CORVETTE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June Events

- June 1st General Membership Meeting East Haven High School Parking Lot 7:00 pm Watch your email for additional information.
- June 5 Agent Orange Monument Dedication Cruise, Andover Ct. Leaving I91 rest stop north of I691 interchange at 4:00pm. Contact Kurt Ryder at hobosvet@gmail.com for further info.
- June 10-13 Back to the Beach, Old Orchard Beach, Maine. Welcome to the 17thAnnual Back to the Beach Corvette Weekend located in beautiful Old Orchard Beach, Maine Info: Back to the Beach (back2thebeach.net)
- June 29th E-Board Meeting Planned for the gazebo on the East Haven green

Upcoming Events

July 4th Madison 4th of July Parade - Parade Steps off at 10:00 AM – Formation time is 8:30 to 9:45 in the Marshaling area is in front of Stop & Shop. After that you will not be allowed into the marshaling area. Driving directions can be found on the flyer. Questions contact Les at;

lgbrowne1109@gmail.com

- July 6th General Membership Meeting We are Back!!!! We are meeting at Donavan's Reef Restaurant in Branford 7:00 pm.
- July 17th 4th Annual Captains Cove Seaport Car Show 1 Bostwick Ave. Black Rock Harbor – gates open at 9:00 am 'till 3:00 pm – see attached flyer for details
- July 18th Club Corvette of Connecticut's 28th All Corvette Show & Swap Meet Guilford Fairgrounds – Due to the Coronavirus restrictions this event has been cancelled. See y'all in 2022!
- July 27th E-Board Meeting

Save these Dates

Aug 26-28 - Corvettes at Carlisle 2021, this could be a HUGE event next year! Club Corvette will have their hospitality tent for our members to enjoy just inside of gate 3. Event tickets are now on sale for \$72.00 for a 3-day pass which includes fun field parking and admission for 2 people, a \$10.00 savings over the regular price. See Carlisle Events website for fun field tickets and details. When you register be sure to show your car club affiliation with Club Corvette of Connecticut so that the Carlisle staff will provide ample parking for all Club members.

https://www.carlisleevents.com/events/events-detail/index? id=corvettes+at+carlisle

- Sept 9 11, 2021 Loon Mountain Lincoln, New Hampshire See attached flyer for details.
- Sept 9-12 Adirondack Nationals, Lake George NY on the grounds of the Fort William Henry Hotel.

http://www.adirondacknationals.com/

Sept 10-12 Adirondack Corvette Club Vette Fest weekend at the Queensbury Hotel , Glen Falls NY.

http://adirondackcorvettes.com/vettefest.html

- Sept 19th Vettes at the Beach Hosted by For Corvettes Only, Inc. 15th Annual Corvette Show – Ocean Beach Park - 10am to 3pm Gates open at 9pm -\$20.00 per car – Rain Date Sept 26th – see flyer for additional details.
- Sept 25th Cruise to Newport Car Museum This event has been tentatively scheduled for this date. But it is dependent upon the pandemic and the state guidelines in effect in September.
- Sept 26 (Rain Date October 3) Simsbury CT 41th ANNUAL SIMSBURY FLY-IN, CAR SHOW AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL THE LARGEST EVENT OF ITS KIND IN NEW ENGLAND WILL RETURN Yes, we plan to return on Sept. 26 with our wonderful event! We'll feature displays of 700 beautiful airplanes and cars, amazing things to eat from at least 25 food trucks, and many exciting activities for the entire family. If there are any remaining Covid safety requirements at that time, be assured we will follow them. You can feel safe and comfortable at our great show. For details go to http://www.simsburyflyin.com/HOME

Oct 15-16 Ocean City Maryland Corvette Weekend on the boardwalk. It is that time of the year to book your reservation for Ocean City MD. Free State Corvette show. Date for the show is October15 & 16. Our club stays at the Crystal Beach Hotel. Most members leave Ct. On Thursday as a group. That date this year is October 14 returning home on Sunday 17. Rates for rooms are \$89:00 Thursday \$139:00 for Friday & Saturday this is our group rate. When registering be sure to mention Club Corvette of Ct. for the rate. Telephone number is 1-800-641-0011. Please let me know when you make your reservation. Susan

For additional details check out their web site at;

http://www.freestatecorvette.com/Corvette-Weekend

Oct 22-24 Greenwich Concours d'Elegance - Sunday October 24 Greenwich CT

For detail check out the web site at;

https://www.greenwichconcours.com/event/schedule

Cruise Nights

East Haven Village Family Restaurant – We are Back!!! Come join us for Dinner, Lively Conversation and Just Good Company - Dinner every Thursday evening – Meet 6:00 pm for dinner and conversation – join us!!!

Heav'nly Donuts Corvettes- Corvettes-Only Cruise Night, Every Thursday Night. – Starting date TBD. - **This Cruise Night has been postponed until after we have been given the all-clear by our healthcare professionals**

Club Corvette of Connecticut 4th of July Parade in Madison

If you want to participate, please RSVP to Les at Lgbrowne1109@gmail.com ASAP!!!

We need to give Madison a headcount this week.

Parade Steps off at 10:00 AM – Formation time is 8:30 to 9:45. After that you will not be allowed into the marshaling area.

We will be marshaling on the east end of the Stop & Shop parking lot before downtown Madison.

Directions;

From I-95 North or South;

Take Exit # 61 Madison Rt. #79 -

from the North turn left at the end of Exit Ramp

from the South turn right at the end of Exit Ramp

Southbound on Rt. # 79

At 2nd Stop light .7 miles Rt. #1 Boston Post Rd – proceed straight through the intersection around behind downtown.

Stop & Shop will be on your Right – Turn right at the 1^{st} driveway into the parking lot proceed to the east end of the lot

From Rt. #1 Boston Post Rd; From the North/East (Old Saybrook, Clinton);

Continue past Hammonassett State Park to Downtown Madison Go through Downtown turn left at the Wells Fargo Bank Follow the road until you see the Stop & Shop Parking lot on your right Enter the parking lot through the 1st driveway we will be on the East end of the parking lot.

From the South/West (New Haven, Guilford);

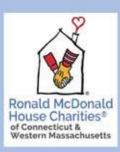
Follow Rt. #1 past the Madison Town Green on your left 100 yds on your right will be the Wells Fargo Bank – turn right Follow the road until you see the Stop & Shop Parking lot on your right Enter the parking lot through the 1st driveway we will be on the East end of the parking lot.

Club Corvette of CT 28th Corvette Show & Swap Meet

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Connecticut

9am-3pm



THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED



New Larger Location Guilford Fairgrounds Lovers Lane, Guilford, CT Exit 59 (Goose Lane) off I-95

Celebrity Judge



Gil Simmons WTNH Channel 8 Meteorologist 'Weather Boss Award' Profits from show donated to our adopted CT charities



For Info: Ed 203-271-3060 or Dennis 203-481-9439 or www.clubcorvettect.com



A message from Randy Flock

Hi Everyone,

You still have time to get in on all the fun. There are a few Studio rooms still available. New Hampshire has lifted their mask mandate and restaurant capacity will not be an issue in September. Everything looks good to go.

We tentatively have Wes Wong, retired FBI agent and the on-scene Commander during 911 to speak at Friday's dinner. Wes will reflect on that horrific day 20 years ago. Wes is also a past NCM board member and avid Corvette Racing fan and will update us on his Hershey, PA gathering in October as well as Corvette Racing's future. Also, in the works is having the past NCM Chairman of the Board to speak about what's new and up coming at the National Corvette Museum. This will take place at Saturday's dinner. And if that is not enough you will meet many of the 2024 New England Caravan Leaders and what we have in store for the NCM's 30th Anniversary Celebration...NE routes, destination hotels, tracks etc.

Yes...one more time! We even plan to have some 2024 New England Caravan apparel for sale. So, consider joining us for this fun and relaxed weekend in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Thanks, Randy

The New England Corvette Caravan Invites you to...

September 9, 10, 11 2021



...The Mountain Club on Loon - Resort and Spa 90 Loon Mountain Rd. Lincoln, New Hampshire

Join us for 3 days of Fun and Relaxation Kancamagus Highway Run - Shopping North Conway -Mt Washington Auto Road Run - Loon Gondola Ride - Scenic Road Rally with Awards, Raffles and more. Friday and Saturday Meals

> **OPEN to all Corvette Enthusiasts** A National Corvette Museum Fundraiser **Registration opening November 1, 2020**

September 9, 10, 11 2021 The Mountain Club on Loon Resort and Spa

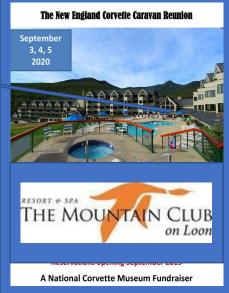
<u>Three night</u> lodging at The Mountain Club (not included in registration fee – book room on your own)

The price of the weekend includes the following: Thursday - Sept. 9th – Check-In – Social Gathering 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the <u>Black Diamond Pub</u> Dinner is on you own.

Friday – Sept. 10th - AM Breakfast Buffet 7:30 am – 10:00 am in the Seasons on Loon Restaurant

Friday AM - The Fun Poker Run Begins – Lunch on your own Friday Dinner in the Hancock Room at Resort 5:30 PM – 8:30 I Saturday –Sept. 11th - Breakfast Buffet 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM in the Seasons on Loon Restaurant

Saturday AM Cruise across Kancamagus Highway to North Co Shopping and Sight Seeing. Lunch on your own Saturday Dinner in the Hancock Room 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Sunday – Depart – Breakfast on your own



<u>Three nights (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) lodging at The Mo</u> in registration fee – book room on your own) Depart on Sunday AM

Club Room: A traditional hotel room featuring a king-sized bed, Color-cable TV, full bath with either a whirlpool tub or a balcony, AC and coffee maker. \$145.00 (all taxes are included in the price) **Studio Room:** A versatile and comprehensive room offering a sitting area, queen-sized Murphy bed (pulls down from the wall) and a double-sized Murphy bed, dining area with seating for four, fully equipped kitchen, color-cable TV and a full bath. \$145.00 (all taxes are included in the price)

Deposit of \$100.00 due with return of resgistration form. Balance due by August 1, 2021

Three Night Cost \$ 355.00 couples and \$180.00 singles

Join us on this very scenic and relaxing September Weekend. Space is limited...first come first served. You will receive an email confirmation once we receive your registration deposit. Book your room by calling the front desk directly **603-745-2244** or toll free at **1-800-229-7829** referencing the "New England Corvette Caravan" All rooms are non-smoking. Room rates are \$145.00 Club Room (all taxes are include in price) and Studio \$145.00 (all taxes are included in price). Individual guest reservations require a deposit in the amount of one night's room rate. Room Cancellation made 14 days prior to arrival will incur a \$25.00 cancellation fee. If a cancellation is made with in 14 days prior to arrival, the \$25.00 cancellation fee will apply, and the deposit will be held as a credit for a future stay. New England Caravan Registration refunds will be made up to August 15, 2021. Information update and the agenda will be sent to you 30 days prior to start of event.

Return signed liability waiver form with your Deposit

I have read and agree to all of the above: Signature_____ Date_____

For further information contact Randy Flock at email: <u>vetteflock@cox.net</u>

Registration Form (Please Print)

Name : First	Last	
Name: First	Loct	
Street:	City:	
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Home Phone:		
Email:		

Make Check payable to: NE 2019 NCM Caravan-

Mail to: NE Caravan/Randy Flock P.O. Box 42 East Greenwich, RI 02818



Loon Mountain – Lincoln, New Hampshire – September 9, 10, 11 2021

I, the undersigned, being of lawful age, do for myself, my heirs, executors, and assigns, hereby release, remise and forever discharge the 2019 New England Corvette Caravan, and or any individual, group, corporation or group of individuals co-sponsoring this event, his/her heirs, administrators, and executors of and from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, of whatever kind of nature either in law or in equity arising from or by any reason of bodily accident which may occur as a result of participation in the New England Corvette Caravan's weekend.

This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of the release are contractual and not a mere recital.

I further state that I have carefully read the forgoing release and know the contents hereof and sign the same as my own free act.



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15th Annual Corvette Show

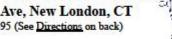
Sunday, September 19, 2021

Rain date: Sunday, September 26, 2021



10 am - 3 pm Gate opens at 9 am

Ocean Beach Park



98 Neptune Ave, New London, CT Minutes off I-95 (See Directions on back)

Entrance Fee \$20 per Car

Dash Plaque, Tee Shirt, and Tote to the first 225 cars Proceeds benefit local and national charities

Beach and Boardwalk on Long Island Sound Gift Baskets, 50/50, Vendors DJ, Food and Bar, Beer Tent Miniature Golf, Game Room Celebrity Judges, Trophies Real Rest Rooms

No Pets, Please

For more information contact: Bob Sicuranza, FCO President, 410-336-1296 or Mark Christiansen, FCO Vice President, 860-705-3473 or email FCO at: Info@ForCorvettesOnly.com

Directions to Ocean Beach Park

From I 95 South/Rhode Island

- 1. Exit 84-S; stay in LEFT lane to merge onto Rte. 32-S.
- 2. Continue straight as road changes names to Eugene O'Neill Dr. then Green St.
- 3. LEFT on Tilley St. then take immediate RIGHT onto Bank St.
- 4. LEFT onto Ocean Ave. Continue for 2.5 miles.
- 5. RIGHT onto Neptune Ave. Continue 1 block ahead into main gates of Ocean Beach Park, 98 Neptune, New London, CT.

From I 95 North/New Haven

- 1. Take US-1/Coleman St. Ramp toward Ocean Beach/New London.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto Coleman St/US-1 South.
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto Bank St/US-1.
- 4. Take first RIGHT onto Ocean Ave Continue for 2.5 miles.
- 5. RIGHT onto Neptune Ave. Continue 1 block ahead into main gates of Ocean Beach Park, 98 Neptune, New London, CT.



Seymour CT Lions, Inc. SUMMER SUMMER CRUSE NIGHTS 2021

Every Thursday starting May 6th through September 23rd Tri-Town Plaza, 814 Derby Ave., Seymour Facebook @SeymourCTLions Melissa 203-430-9356



To place an ad, please contact Les Browne via e-mail: lgbrowne1109@gmail.com or call 203.494.8844. Note: Your ad must be in by the 5th of each month. Six months free for Club members.

1998 Triple Black Corvette Convertible, automatic, Lambo Doors, Custom Rims and Exhaust Mileage – 90K Asking \$10,000 or make an offer For additional details contact Alan at; Cell – 954.882.2724 Or Email - asayewitz@AOL.com



For Sale - Set of 4 Factory Tires Pilot Super Sport Cup 2 and Wheels for a 2017 C7 Grand Sport with the Z07 performance package. After purchasing the car, I decided to replace these tires with a better rain tire. They have only been used for 2 track days since new.

The Front are 285/30zR19 (94Y) and the Rears are 335/25 ZR20

MSRP for both front and rear is \$4674.38 - asking \$3505.78 Make me an Offer!!

Contact Nick for additional details Phone: 817-781-5466 (Texas area code, but I live in CT now) e-mail: <u>glowacki.nick@gmail.com</u>



Corvette Book Collection For Sale



Corvette The Sensuous American Set of 3 book per year Valued -\$40.00/set



Corvette Sports Car of America Book Valued - \$40.00



Corvette Magazines Value - \$2.00 each

Owner would like to sell entire collection as a set. Make her an offer. No reasonable offer refused. Contact Carol at: carol.schmidt203@gmail.com

2019 Chevrolet Corvette 2dr Z06 Coupe w/2LZ

Torch Red exterior color - 6,164 miles Automatic transmission VIN #: 1G1YS2D66K5600785

In addition to the standard package features, the car has 2 front cameras, the performance data and video recorder, two tone seats (red and black) and red seatbelts. Ceramic coating was also applied to the entire car.

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Contact Dimitar for additional details. Phone: (203) 329-9665 Email: <u>sredec@outlook.com</u>





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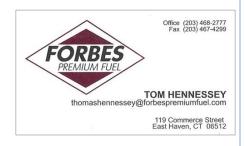
See Sue Wadyka at a meeting or an event if you would like to purchase one of these patches.

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