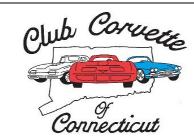
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE





None of us will ever forget, nor should we, the events on September 11, 2001. A day in history that will live on forever in our minds when the United States was attacked by terrorists. Four planes were used as weapons two against the Twin Towers and one against the Pentagon, with a fourth crashing into a field in Shanksville Pa. 2977 people died in these attacks, history claims 2996 died as they count the 19 terrorist that also died, personally I refuse to include them in any remembrance of the soles lost in that attack so I stand firmly with 2977.

Corvettes at Carlisle was widely attended after so many of us chose not to attend in 2020 due to the pandemic. Our tent just inside gate 3 was well occupied throughout the weekend as our members were also joined by members from FCO and The No Rules Corvette Club. This was a great opportunity to reunite with our old friends that we routinely see only at Carlisle. Lance Miller made several visits to our tent to chat with our members, and Elaine Kemp, a very good friend to so many of us was there with her husband Alan, arriving on MONDAY to secure their favorite spot on the fun field. Bob Wadyka's 1971 roadster, meticulously restored by Bob himself, was also honored in the 50-year anniversary salute to the 1971 Corvettes. Jack Stacey was also chosen to be a celebrity judge with the almost impossible task of selecting a single outstanding Corvette among the thousands in the Fun Field. A special thank you to Dennis & Jack for all the work they do at Carlisle shopping for beverages, snacks, coolers, and a daily replenishment of ice so that all of us can enjoy relaxing under our canopy while at Carlisle.

Mr. Dick Popilowski from The Ronald McDonald House was our guest speaker at the September meeting and detailed the endless task of raising \$1.25 million dollars annually that is needed to fund the services, free of charge, provided to the families of children being cared for at local hospitals. While we will continue to support other local charities that benefit Connecticut residents, Ronald McDonald House will be the Club's adopted charity for at least the next 2 years, and they are certainly deserving of all we can do to help them help others.

It always seems impossible until it's done. Nelson Mandela

Rick

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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 lgbrowne1109@gmail.com. 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 George Sipprell Bob Waydka

Jack Stacey Kurt Ryder

Making a charitable donation to Connecticut Foodshare



On Monday August 30th Hyla Chasnoff and Les Browne traveled to the Connecticut Foodshare facility in Wallingford to present a donation in the name of Ivan Chasnoff. We were greeted by Jason Jakubowski, the President and CEO of Foodshare and his Executive Assistant in charge of Governmental Relations Jennie Hirsch.

After a casual conversation about what was happening at Foodshare, such as the change in their name now that the Ct. Food Bank and Foodshare have merged into a single organization. Now this single organization is providing food and support for the entire state of Connecticut. Also, he did mention that the volunteer program was once again open for groups to come into the facility to help. All we need to do is go on-line and we can schedule a day of service.

We then adjourned outside to the garden and Hyla presented them with two checks totaling \$1,500.00 in Ivan's name. As Jason accepted the check, he told us how much donations such as this are needed and appreciated. He then thanked us for the club's continued support

continued support.



Anyone who knew Ivan, knew that 'Ivan could be Ivan' but when he was at his best was when he was helping someone else. This spirit was best on display on days such as when he attended one of our volunteer Days of Service, circa 2018, at the Food Bank facility. As Ivan said to me 'this truly is neighbors helping neighbors'.



On a personal note, I would like to thank all the members who made a donation and to the E-Board for voting to contribute to the donation so that we could make this happen in Ivan's name.

Submitted by: Les Browne

The Ronald McDonald House New Haven Ct. Our Adapted Charity



Recently, Club Corvette of Connecticut selected the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut located in New Haven as it's adopted charity. Earlier several members of the E-Board were given a tour of the new facilities and saw first-hand how that the charity provides families with of a sick or injured child being treated at the hospital a special "home away from home". Their enthusiasm was evident when they talked about



their visit. To educate the membership about the Ronald McDonald House (RMH), Dick Popilowski, Chief Development Officer, for the Connecticut Ronald McDonald House was invited to attend the September meeting and give us a presentation about the history and objectives of this wonderful cause.

During his presentation Dick began with the history of the current facility. The original house was a renovated Victorian home with ten beds located on Dwight Street, New Haven that opened in 1985. Over 10,500 families were served at that site. As Yale New Haven Children's Hospital expanded its pediatric services, there was a tremendous need for the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut to build a new facility. YNHH provided land directly across the street from the Children's Hospital to support the building of a new Ronald

McDonald House of Connecticut that cost \$11.35 million. \$5.9 million was raised from the community to help build the new facilities that opened in 2017. The House has eighteen guest rooms and two respite rooms. The facility has a full-time staff of six and over 125 volunteers and an annual budget of \$1.2M dollars. We ask each family to make a \$15 donation for each day that they stay at the House. No family is ever turned away if they are unable to pay. The average cost of housing a family is \$120.00 per day.

Some interesting statistics about the New Haven RMH.

- Last year, during COVID-19, over one hundred and sixty-five families stayed in the facility for 3,860 nights.
- Families traveled from fifteen states and six different countries.
- RMH saved families an estimated \$959,840 out-of-pocket lodging and food expenses.
- 82% of nights were provided free of charge to families who could not afford to contribute towards their stay.
- 65% of families stayed more than 1 week.

As mentioned earlier, the House and all of the services provided by RMH are funded through the donations made by people like us. Dick did share one anecdote with us. During the Capital Campaign to build the new Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut, the McDonald Owner Operators made a \$2 million gift by giving .02 cents for every pound of french fries that each restaurant used. Dick exclaimed: "We are deeply grateful for the wonderful gift and continuous support from our McDonald's Owner Operators; keep buying McDonald's fries; it helped us build our new Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut."

All the members are welcomed to visit the House and see first-hand how our contributions will support the children and families as the restrictions regarding COVID are relaxed. With the return of our car show we will be able to once again fully fund our charitable donation budget.

Submitted by: Les Browne

Michael Hildreth Selected 'Person of the Week'



Club member Michael Hildreth has been selected Person of the Week by Shore Publishing. Unfortunately, I was unable to get permission to reprint the article in our newsletter, but it can be read in its entirety at the link below.

 $\underline{https://www.zip06.com/profile/20210902/hildreth-helps-trolley-museum-public-invited-to-911-tribute}$

Mike has been a member of Club Corvette of Ct since 2012. He has arranged several events for the club at the museum. If we can get him to do that again in the future, I encourage all members to attend. It is a fun experience to visit the museum and take a ride on one of the historical trolley cars.

Michael kudos to you!!!!

Submitted by: Les Browne

Club Corvettes of Connecticut at Carlisle 2021



This year wasn't your "normal" Corvettes at Carlisle. So many of us did not attend in 2020 due to concerns over Covid 19 and a lot of pent-up energy was on hand for 2021. For me personally, I have attended Corvettes at Carlisle 28 times, never missing a year until 2020 and I don't anticipate missing any more. It never gets old for me, but I think I enjoy the company and comradery of the people as much if not more than the cars. Several of our newer members attended Carlisle for their first time and appeared to enjoy it thoroughly. In addition to my constant companions of Ed Yost and Steve Widger, my cousin, Mike Romanelli, a new Corvette owner and now member of CCC attended as well. He was like the proverbial 'kid in a candy store' and purchased a wide variety of accessories and beauty products for his already glistening C7. We were also graced with Ken Uliano's company, and he joined us for dinner and some laughs as he was solo this year, no doubt, a welcomed addition to our group. We were also joined this year by several members of FCO and The No Rules Corvette Club that were invited to spend some time and good conversation with us. Paul Sicuranza and his wife Paula purchased a beautiful Lime Rock Green convertible at Carlisle, Fairway Chevrolet offered free shipping so they took them up on that offer.

Each year Corvettes at Carlisle honors the 50th anniversary cars, this year the 1971 Corvettes were honored and on display. Only the best of the best is selected to participate, and Bob Wadyka's meticulously restored "hot 71" was chosen and trailered



to Carlisle for the event. Bob has done all of the work on his '71 himself right down to and including a flawless paint job. His photo album of the restoration chronicles all the work Bob did in transforming a beast into a beauty.

An additional bonus for Club Corvette is the special relationship that our Club, and especially Jack Stacey has with Lance Miller. Jack was also chosen to be a celebrity judge this year and tasked with finding the best of

the best Corvettes in the Fun Field. Each year Lance takes the time to stop by our tent and chat with the members and thank everyone for participating. This year was no exception with Lance visiting us twice over the weekend. While Corvettes at Carlisle has

changed over the years, overall, 2021 was a great year for attending, great cars, great people, and a lot of laughs.

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Submitted by: Rick Wasserback



Now it is time to go home!!! See y'all in 2022!

First Time Celebrity Judge

About a month before the scheduled Corvettes at Carlisle I received a letter inquiring if I would be a "Celebrity Judge" at this year's event. To say I was somewhat taken aback would be an understatement. I really don't know how or why I was chosen, but it was an opportunity that I was not going to let pass. There was a phone number to call to verify your acceptance and I immediately made the call to confirm both that they had the right individual and to say yes.

Approximately two weeks prior to myself and other members departing for Carlisle I received my credentials. Included were a window sticker for the Fun Field, with the words Celebrity Judge written on it and a lanyard with an identification badge. Funny that Dennis pays for the Fun Field admission each year and had done so for 2021. Of course, the packet I received was at no cost. There was an information packet included as well. The packet informed that I and a guest were invited to attend a Celebrity Bruncheon, their term not mine, on Friday to receive instructions on the role and responsibilities of a judge.

Forever the awards and recognition for those chosen was held on the Sunday of the event. I knew this because several years earlier the 1978 Pace Car of Dennis had received this prestigious award. (If you get a chance ask him about the awards ceremony and the picture that was taken.) This got me to thinking that perhaps Dennis and I should extend our stay for another day and leave on Monday rather than the traditional Sunday departure day. I made a call to Carlisle Events to inquire as to what my responsibilities would be on Sunday. The answer was none, go home, there would be no events on Sunday, the event would conclude with the Saturday evening parade. Awards for celebrity picks would be done on Saturday afternoon.

Really not sure, but kind of thinking I knew what was expected, I began looking at the assembly of Corvettes, upon our arrival Thursday afternoon. On Friday my quest Dennis and myself attended the bruncheon. Once again, I found myself in awe as I was truly surrounded by Corvette celebrities. Seated under the canopy, where the event was taking place, was Kevin McKay who restored the #3 1960 Corvette that won its class at LeMans, with John Fitch at the wheel. As most of you know that Corvette is now owned by Lance Miller. We learned that Kevin was also taking on the responsibility of restoring the #1 Corvette that was part of the same Briggs Cunningham team as the #3 car. The #1 was recently sold at auction, after a lengthy court battle over ownership, to the Cunningham family. Also seated in our general vicinity were John Heinricy and Ken Lingenfelter. We chose to sit with Elaine Kemp, who many of you know is the individual who disseminates information from all the clubs throughout New England. She does this, despite the fact, that she has relocated to South Carolina. I learned that Elaine has been doing this judging thing for a quite a few years. She told us that she likes to find a Corvette owned and maintained by a woman. She also told us that she spends time talking to the individual to which she's considering given an award. This same info was also given out by Lance and Bill Miller when explaining what the responsibilities of a Celebrity Judge were. We were also told that we were to have our picks in by no later than 2:00 PM on Saturday.

I probably should have mentioned earlier that the weather in Carlisle this year was extremely hot and humid. So now my search was on to find a Corvette that jumped out at me, that made me take notice, and to make it my pick. I'm partial to the C-3's, having owned a 1968 Roadster, my first Corvette, and a 1969 Coupe, my second. I thought that that a C-3 would probably be my choice. After looking for a couple of hours, walking up and down the rows of beautiful Corvettes, I hadn't found anything that just made me say 'WOW!" Feeling the heat Dennis and I, oh yeah you didn't think I would do this without my trusted companion did you, returned to the Club site for some refreshment.

After being rested and refueled we set out again. I was determined to make my pick on this day, Friday, and not wait until Saturday. After walking a few more rows Dennis quit on me and hitched a ride on a cart back to the Club site. I decided to try a different tactic and I approached the C-2 Registry. I asked if they knew of anyone having a 1965, 396 CI, Corvette on the field. I got my license in 1965 and that was the only year in which Corvette had the 396 CI engine, and I thought that to be quite unique. Their answer was none that they knew of. The search continued. I continued on, and then suddenly, there it was, a 1969 big block, color orange, with red line tires and side pipes. As I got a closer look, the owner approached at the same time I noticed a Celebrity pick sticker was already on the windshield. The owner informed that he was chosen only fifteen minutes earlier. With beads of sweat running down my back I renewed my search. I saw a silver 69, same color as the one I had once owned, also a big block with side pipes, but it just didn't reach out and grab me. I made note of the location and moved on.

The day was getting late when arrived at the rows that housed a number of C-1's. As I walked, I spied a light blue 1958 with silver coves and a blue ragtop. This could be the one I thought. There was only one more row to walk so I figured why not check it out. The 58 would still be there if I needed to return. Only a few cars into the row I spotted a magnificent 1957 Fuelie, black with silver coves and a bright red interior. There was a

story board in front of the car which told its story. The car was purchased in 1982 and drag raced until 1992. At that point it was taken off the track and underwent a complete restoration. I approached a group of people, sitting under a canopy, and found the owner. Remembering the advice of taking time to get to know the owner, I asked him to tell me about the car. He pretty much reiterated what was on the board but he went on to say, with the exception of reupholstering the seats, he



did it all himself. I was impressed and informed him that I would like to make his beautiful Corvette my Celebrity pick. He seemed to be exceptionally pleased. After filling out the appropriate paperwork and putting the Celebrity Pick sticker on his windshield I asked if he had ever been chosen before? Hs reply was "Yeah, a few years ago Mario Andretti made my Corvette his pick!" I thought well, if Mario picked this particular Corvette, then I was in good company!!

Now I know that many of you reading this are thinking, how in the hell did he get picked to be a Celebrity Judge! To tell the truth I was thinking the same thing and I believe so was the owner of the Corvette I chose! After careful consideration I'm not sure. There are 2 factors that may explain the how and why. First, when the Club made a recent donation to the Chip Miller Fund, while the check was made out from the Corvette Club of CT, I placed it in the envelope, attached my return address and a stamp and placed it in the mail. The only other reasonable explanation was that a letter was sent out by Club President Rick Wasserback, announcing that I had been named Liaison to Sponsors and Special Interests. Corvettes at Carlisle being one of those special interests. Whatever the reason I truly enjoyed the experience, although it was much more difficult than I expected it to be, and I hope that I have the opportunity to do it again next year!

Submitted by: Jack Stacey

The Flat Tire Experience

My wife, Chris, and I attended the 2021 edition of Corvettes at Carlisle Thursday, August 26 – Sunday August 29. We had planned on going to Corvettes at Carlisle in 2020 but of course that was altered due to Covid-19. When the opportunity came around to sign up for the 2021 event, we were hopeful it would occur and we were rewarded with a wonderful event.

There were several points of note at the 2021 Corvettes at Carlisle including the Fun Field, once again meeting both Lance Miller and Bob Miller, viewing of Bob Wadyka's 1971 yellow Corvette Convertible as part of the 1971 50th Anniversary Display, the Chip Miller Amyloidosis Foundation (CMAF) Benefit Dinner, and a flat tire on the right rear of our 2004 Corvette Coupe.

Before I get into the heart of the exciting flat tire issue I do want to mention that one of our own, Bob Wadyka was selected to enter his restored 1971 Corvette convertible in the 50th Anniversary Display. This is quite an honor. If you have not seen his car, you should definitely make a point to do so.

Chris and I had a wonderful time at Carlisle but I must say that getting a flat tire on a Corvette is a bit of a stress producer. I do carry flat repair supplies in the car. I put approximately 40,000 on the original run flats. I then decided to change over to Michelin Pilot Sport A/S non run flat tires. Those were also run for approximately 40,000 miles so I am now on my 3rd set of tires which are Michelin Pilot Sport A/S non run flat tires. The flat occurred in the right rear tire which has no more than 2,000 miles.

Chris and I went to the CMAF Benefit Dinner on Friday evening and then drove back to the hotel. We came out Saturday morning expecting to go to the Fun Field and instead the tire monitor system told me the RR tire was flat. The good thing is it did not occur on the highway or someplace other than the hotel. We went back into the motel; Chris got a 2nd cup of coffee, and I began the process to get the tire repaired. If you don't

have AAA, I highly recommend it. I joined AAA in 1976 when I got married. All my family has a membership. It is great insurance for the road. Anyway, I called AAA to start the process. What I really wanted to do is have someone come, jack up the car, remove the tire, bring it to be repaired and remount the tire on the car. I didn't think AAA could do that, but they did give me the name of a facility that might. I made a call and had to leave a message. While I waited for a return call, I called other facilities for other options. I found a facility that gave me a reasonable guarantee they would be able to fix the tire on Saturday if I could get them the tire. I decided to call AAA back, have the car towed on a flatbed to the facility and have the flat fixed. It was quite a coincidence that when I called AAA back, I got the same person I spoke to originally. She was wonderful. Very professional and gave me detail about the process and finally checked all the information to make sure it was correct. She was also knowledgeable about Corvettes. When I told her the car is red she replied, "Aren't all Corvettes Red"? The tow truck driver kept me well informed of his movements. You actually get a GPS map on your phone of his route to you. He did call me early on and asked if it would be OK for him to pick up another Corvette broken down on I-81 with a blown transmission. I could have said no as I was the next customer, but it made sense for him to pick up the car stranded on the interstate and a fellow Corvette owner at that.

When the tow truck arrived, I let the driver back the car up and put it on the truck. He obviously was very familiar with Corvettes. Even though AAA does not allow their drivers to take passengers he did offer me a ride with him to the facility if I wanted to wait for the car. I accepted. As we rode to the facility, I noticed the volume was turned down on the radio but it was tuned to Willie's Roadhouse. I said that was my favorite music, so he put up the volume and I felt like a good ole boy.

I mentioned early on that I had found a facility to repair the tire. I must mention at this point that was not an easy task. Some were closed on Saturday and others were so busy they could not guarantee to get to the car that day. The facility I found was Monroe Auto Service and Tire Center, 944 Walnut Bottom Road (you heard that right), Carlisle. The manager is AJ and he did a wonderful job in short order for \$20. I was completely satisfied with the results.

My takeaway: having a flat tire on a Corvette can be unnerving but all my experiences with AAA have been positive and there are good people out there willing to help. By the way, the first facility I called never returned my calls. Save the wave, Kurt Ryder

P.S. Three days after writing this story and four days after arriving home the tire was down to 5 lbs. of pressure, so I am now having my tire guy replace them with zero pressure tires.

Submitted by: Kurt Ryder

The Pit Stop

The ACO Just Blew Up Corvette Racing Future Le Mans Racing Plans

By Keith Cornett

Aug 22, 2021



Photo Credit: Richard Prince for Corvette Racing

One of the reasons why General Motors has been unable to clearly define the <u>future</u> <u>racing plans</u> for both Cadillac and Corvette Racing was because the organizers of Le Mans hadn't yet offered up their vision of what sports car racing would look like in 2024 and beyond.

On Friday, the ACO did just that with the announcement that the next generation GT class will be based on the GT3 specifications. However, in an effort to keep a team's operating costs as low as possible, the ACO is looking to "prevent" factory-backed teams from "officially" participating in the new class.

Richard Mille, President of the FIA Endurance Commission said one way to do that is by enforcing the driver classifications to ensure a mix of professional and amateur drivers in the new GT class.

<u>Sportscar365</u> specifically asked ACO President Pierre Fillon about how a team like Corvette Racing could participate in Le Mans in 2024 and he replied, "You have to ask the question to Corvette. They can come with amateur drivers and private teams."

Fillon says the ACO hasn't yet determined if there will be more than one GT racing class or two, as is currently the case with GTE-Pro and GTE-Am, but he reiterated that the objective is to contain costs, saying "Today GTE is very costly, and it is something we don't want" when the new class begins racing in 2024. Fillon adds, "We will have the final decision at the end of this year."

We believe that GM was set to announce Cadillac's participation in the new LMDh class on Friday, but stepped back from making it official following the ACO press conference. Currently, Toyota, Porsche, Audi, Ferrari, BMW, Acura, and Peugeot have all announced plans to go racing in the new LMDh prototype class.

While Le Mans has always been the signature event for Corvette Racing, IMSA president John Doonan says IMSA's new GTD Pro class will still offer a place for manufactures to participate in GT racing.

"We felt like it was absolutely the right time to make the transition to GT3 specifications. With GTD Pro, we still believe there's a place for manufacturer programs, works teams if you will, in GT. That's what we believe is right for the industry.

The ACO's decision not only puts Corvette Racing's future Le Mans plans in doubt, but it could cause GM to rethink its plans for a GT3 program for IMSA as well. While a move to the LMDh has most likely been discussed behind closed doors, most Corvette Racing fans we've talked with are not very enthusiastic about such a change.

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The National Corvette Museum Names Sharon Brawner As New President & CEO

BOWLING GREEN, KY, September 1, 2021 – The National Corvette Museum Board of Directors has selected Sharon Brawner to serve as President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. Brawner joins the National Corvette Museum, effective today, from Nashville, TN where she served as the longtime Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing at the Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum.

NCM Board Chairman Glenn Johnson said "We are thrilled to announce that we have hired Sharon Brawner as President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. Sharon possesses the necessary skills to expand the mission of this museum and work collaboratively across the organization to help us reach our strategic objectives. Sharon's leadership skills are proven, and we're fortunate that her career path led her to our organization."



NCM Search Committee Chair Kai Spande said of the process to find Brawner, "We teamed with a firm specializing in not-for-profit organizations to conduct a thorough, nationwide search to find the best possible candidates. There were many, but Sharon Brawner was the clear choice. Not only does Sharon have extensive experience leading one of the most successful museums in the world, but she's also a true car buff who was born and raised in Kentucky. We're looking forward to a bright future with Sharon in the driver's seat."

"As a Kentucky native and a true car enthusiast, I have long been a fan of the Corvette. I'm thrilled to be able to bring my experience in tourism, museum, and non-profit leadership to

The National Corvette Museum," said Brawner. "I'm beyond honored to accept the position of President and CEO, and I know that, together with the NCM team, we can create incredible new opportunities to continue the growth and success of this world class museum."

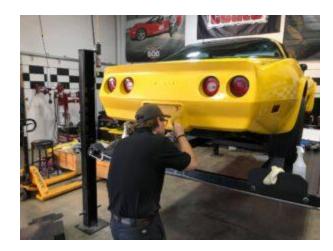
Brawner spent just shy of two decades at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum supporting its mission of preserving and interpreting the history of country music. Brawner initially joined the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum staff in 2001 as director of new business development. During her tenure at the museum, Brawner made a significant impact on many fronts. Under Brawner's direction, just since the museum's 2014 expansion, earned revenues grew over 42% through 2019. These gross revenues exceeded \$42.1 million, having grown from \$29.6 million in 2014.

In her most recent role as senior vice president of sales, marketing & IT, Brawner had day-to-day oversight of the museum's traditional revenue-producing areas including admission ticket sales, special event sales, restaurant and catering sales, product licensing, corporate sponsorships, and the Museum's retail store sales. Also operated by the museum, Brawner oversaw management of Historic RCA Studio B, the Home of 1,000 Hits, and Hatch Show Print, one of the oldest working letterpress shops in America. Additionally, Brawner led the Museum's traditional advertising, promotions and other marketing communications including the museum's website, social media outreach, and publicity efforts.

Prior to joining the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum staff, Brawner was vice president of sales, marketing and communications for the Nashville Sounds AAA Baseball team and, before that, served as the vice president of administration for the Nashville Kats Arena Football team. Early on in her career, Brawner served 10 years in the hotel and hospitality fields within the areas of sales, marketing and corporate partnerships with the likes of Opryland Hotel, Loews Anatole Hotel, Galt House Hotel and others. Brawner is a graduate of the 2019 class of Leadership Nashville and currently serves on the board of Feed America First. For 11 years, Brawner served as a board member of the Tennessee Tourism Committee and was a board member for the TransPerfect Music City Bowl. Brawner also served as an adjunct professor at Belmont University, teaching a Masters-level class on sports marketing with an emphasis on corporate sponsorships. Brawner is a native of Hodgenville, Kentucky and attended Western Kentucky University.

Brawner will assume full CEO duties effective today, September 1, 2021.

1979 Engineering Development Corvette Unveiled



Zach working on the 1979 Development Engineering Corvette.

At the National Corvette Museum's 27th Anniversary Event, Derek E. Moore, Director of Collections and Curator, joined Zach Bredfield, Preservation Intern, to discuss "Rebuilding the 1979 Engineering Development Corvette." Bredfield was the 2021 Summer Preservation Intern from McPherson College, located in Kansas. Bredfield is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Automotive Restoration with an emphasis in History. Zach, influenced by his grandfather's passion for cars, has been a Corvette fan since he was a child.

During his internship, one of the many projects he was assigned to was working on the 1979 Engineering Development Corvette. When Zach arrived at the Museum back in May, the body and frame were separated, but the cracked front fender had already been repaired. Some of the tasks Bredfield performed himself were mating the body to the chassis, fully installing all interior components, touching up the paint, wet sanding, and polishing the entire car.

The collections team set out to preserve the 1979 Corvette and not necessarily restore it. The team guided Bredfield in the preservation process, and Bredfield quickly learned that it is a different process from the restoration. This allowed him to develop stronger mechanical skills. On the last day of Bredfield internship, they were able to install a new engine. The engine used was as close as possible to the original, but they were able to use many original parts that were periodically appropriate.



1979 Development Engineering Corvette being revealed.

During Bredfield's preservation internship, he was exposed to many different opportunities. He was able to attend the Cincinnati Concours, deliver a car to Washing D.C., and attend the Keeneland Concours. He also spent time learning how to revive cars, perform car show prep, shutdown procedures, and Museum level conservation. Bredfield found it to be extremely educational and fun to be exposed to a new level of work that he had never been exposed to prior. Bredfield is now able to be a voice at his college about museums and preservation methods because of his time spent at the NCM. The preserved 1979 Corvette was unveiled during the presentation to show Zach and the team's beautiful work!

The entire seminar is available to event registrants and members on the members-only section of the website.

Richard Petty Motorsports Visits the NCM



This week, the National Corvette Museum welcomed NASCAR legend Richard Petty of Richard Petty Motorsports and driver Erik Jones for a tour of the NCM. Jones, a long time Corvette fan, currently owns four Corvettes: a 1962, 1965, 1969, and a 2019 ZR1. This was Jones' first visit to the NCM! Members of the Museum can read more about Jones and his Corvette collection in the Jan/Feb/March Issue of America's Sports Car Magazine. Not a member? Sign up today to ensure that you get a copy!

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

Don't forget for your raffle needs.

You can always contact George Sipprell



gsipprell@gmail.com

He has tickets for sale!!!



2022 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 9/23/2021

Price: **\$150.00**Drawing: September 23, 2021



2022 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe 10/21/21

Price: **\$100.00**Drawing: October 21, 2021



2022 Build Your Own Corvette or \$70,000 Price: **\$250.00**

Drawing: November 11, 2021



2022 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 4/30/2022

Price: **\$20.00**Drawing: April 30, 2022

2021 UPCOMING NCM EVENTS

One Lap of Kentucky October

Corvette Racing Weekend by Michelin Oct. 15-16

<u>Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1</u> a full day at the NCM Motorsports Park

Nov 4 @ 8:00 am – Nov 6 @ 4:00 pm

2022 9-Day Caribbean Cruise Apr 15 – Apr 24

CLUB CORVETTE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September Events

- Sept 7th General Membership Meeting –**Eli's on the Hill in Branford** 7:00 pm.
- 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 19^{th} Vettes at the Beach Hosted by For Corvettes Only, Inc. 15^{th} Annual Corvette Show Ocean Beach Park 10am to 3pm Gates open at 9pm \$20.00 per car Rain Date Sept 26^{th} 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 quidelines in effect in September.

For additional details and information Contact Rick @

rickwasserback@outlook.com

(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

Upcoming Events

Oct 5th General Membership Meeting –**Eli's on the Hill in Branford** – 7:00 pm.

Oct 9th Rhodes Rallye – See flyer for details

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

Oct 26th E-Board Meeting

Save these Dates

Dec 5th Korvettes for Kids Toy Drive – Rain date – Dec. 12th – additional details to follow

Dec 19th Holiday Brunch - Maritime Grill Guilford Ct.

Oct. 22nd, 2022 – Club Corvette of CT present – The all Corvette Car Show – Guilford Fairgrounds – additional details will follow.

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. – Re-starting date TBD.

The New England Corvette Caravan Invites you to...



...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

The New England Corvette Caravan Reunion

The Mountain

Friday BBQ and Saturday Dinner Buffet Reservations opening September 2019

A National Corvette Museum Fundraiser

<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 Black Diamond Pub

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 PM 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 Conv 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

Three nights (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) lodging at The Mounregistration fee – book room on your own) Depart on Sunday AM

Club Room: A traditional hotel room featuring a king-sized bed, Color capic TV, ron both will return 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

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Vettes at the Beach

For Corvettes Only, Inc.

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 <u>Directions</u> on back)



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.



Club Corvette of Connecticut



Come join us as we cruise to the Newport Car Museum

September 25, 2021 Admission \$15 for Club members and Seniors, PAID IN ADVANCE

Upon arrival the museum will provide us with a roped off parking area, they have also agreed to give us early bird access to the museum by allowing us to enter 1 hour early.

There are over 75 museum quality cars for us to see. The museum is broken up into distinct themed displays: Corvette, Ford Shelby, Mopar, American Muscle – then and now, World Cars, and Finned cars (Cadillacs Chevys etc.). Everyone is welcome to try their skill in the driving simulator. There are 8 simulators, and we are allowed up to 5 minutes each person, so everyone should have an opportunity to test their skills.

This will be a rain or shine event. Bad weather: daily drivers welcome. It is worth the trip.

A group lunch has not been planned, so take your time at the museum and once you have completed your tour you can choose from 4 restaurants that the Museum recommended or anywhere else you may choose to go. There are no sidewalks on the roads by the museum so you will have to drive to each of the restaurants. The restaurants are listed on the back of this flyer.

Admission for Club members and Seniors is \$15 per person. To expedite entrance into the museum we are requesting that all admissions be paid in advance. Please make your checks payable to Club Corvette of Connecticut.

For questions or additional details contact Rick @

rickwasserback@outlook.com

Newport Car Museum trip Sept 25, 2021

Barbara (gift shop) Maggie & Gunther (owners of museum)

\$15 pp for seniors to enter Museum.

There are **no** sidewalks in front of the museum so walking to restaurants is not an option.

Best Restaurants around the museum - all close BY car.

Gulf Stream Bar (closest) sandwiches and burgers – New England cooking 1 Lagoon Rd, at Safe Harbor Marina, Portsmouth RI 401-293-0930

Fieldstone (close) seafood, salads, wraps 980 East Main Rd, Portsmouth RI, 401-293-5200

Coddingtons – brewhouse and pub type cuisine, specializing in ales and lagers 210 Coddington Hwy, Middletown, RI 401-847-6690

15 Point Rd Restaurant Upscale dining, waterfront on Sakonnet River 15 Point Rd., Portsmouth RI 401-683-3138

Rhodes Rallye 2021 October 9th

Many years ago, one of my favorite teachers taught me that any informative story must contain a few key elements. They are Who, What, Where, When, Why and How. So, lets apply them to our "Rhodes" Rallye.

The **Who** would be Barb and Ken Uliano.

The <u>What</u>, as it pertains to our Rhodes Rallye. Well it's going to be a Scavenger Hunt of sorts and hopefully a Fun Filled Fact Finding Tour, (tongue twister intended).

The <u>Where</u>, starts out from our home at 486 Riverdale Dr. Stratford CT 06615 but our plan is to have you meander through our town, from Forrest to Shore. Stratford, like many towns, has neighborhoods that acquired unique/quirky names and our neighborhood is no different. It's called LORDSHIP, (We encourage you to check out Lordshiphistory.com).

The <u>When</u> is Saturday October 9, 2021 and hopefully we won't be needing a rain date but just in case. the rain date would be the following day, Sunday October 10. There will be coffee and donuts starting at 9:15 or so and we're hoping to have a staggered start around 10ish.

The <u>Why</u> is simple. WHY NOT!!!! We deserve a little fun after the last 18 months we've gone through. However, a more definitive answer would be that Stratford is a town rich in history and her districts and neighborhoods are full of interesting things if you only knew where to look and that's what Barb and I would like you to get from this short 2+ hour tour. Hopefully we'll whet your appetite to come visit us again.

The **How** is going to be the fun part. Depending upon when you'll arrive, there will be coffee and donuts in our backyard. The earliest arrivals can park on our front lawn if you wish, (Barb's idea...not mine), and everyone else can park along the street.... I can't wait to see what the neighbors are going to think... But don't worry about the no parking signs. ©.

As we are enjoying our morning coffee, Barb and I will be explaining the nuts and bolts of the Rallye, so come early. We've broken it up into 3 separate sections and each will have they're own CUE sheet. They are:

- Lordship
- Stratford proper
- "OTHER"

More than likely, no one will be able to complete all 3 sections, so you'll have a decision to make... Do you do the low hanging fruit and stay close to the starting point OR journey to the far end of town and wander back gathering the higher point totals... It's your decision to make... But don't lose sight of our original goal of just having fun, wandering through some strange town with your S.O. as your co-pilot ... working as a team and calmly enjoying each other's company... Does it get any better than that???

Another option is to fly solo, with the wind in your hair and not a care in the world... Life's good. If none of those options suit you... we can always use "marshals" at key locations to keep our merry brood from wandering too far afield. If you'd like to be a marshal, let us know a day or 2 beforehand.

All 3 will have destinations that have point values assigned. Those closer to the starting point will have lessor value while the farther ones will offer a higher value. The car with the highest point totals wins. Again, this is supposed to be fun so we suggest you come up with some interesting TEAM NAMES. Remember there WILL be prizes awarded. I'm talking GOOD prizes, the Very Best things Barb and can find in our attic. (BTW all awards MUST leave the premises by close of business day. I really don't want to bring them back into the attic)

This isn't a race, so speed won't be a factor or encouraged. You might even think to use your flashers for some of it. Dress comfortably and sneakers will be a good idea because you will probably need to get in and out of the cars for some items. Lastly, and somewhere between 12:30 and 1pm, we will meet at a nearby restaurant that can safely accommodate our rolling artwork and our discerning palates. That place to be identified the day of the Rallye.

For additional details or if you have questions contact Ken Uliano

Classified out Cara Section



To place an ad, please contact Les Browne via e-mail: lgbrowne1109@gmail.com or call 203.494.8844.

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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

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Contact Nick for additional details

Phone: 817-781-5466 (Texas area code, but I live in CT now)

e-mail: glowacki.nick@gmail.com



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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Due to the expansive selection and wide variety of sizes, we no longer carry an inventory of Club clothing. Our Club logo is on file with Galli Clothing and you can order Club apparel from Galli and have it shipped directly to your home, or you can pick it up in Ocean City if you are attending. Galli will not be at Corvettes at Carlisle for 2021. To order your apparel contact Galli at;

galliapprl@aol.com or 845-226-7305 or http://gallishirts.com/



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