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VETTE GAZETTE

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First Look at the 2023 Corvette Z06

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General Membership MEETING MINUTES – Oct 5th, 2021 Eli's on the Hill

CALL TO ORDER – OPENING COMMENTS:

Meeting commenced at 7:05 with Dennis starting us on the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Rick had a few opening comments about the size of the group – it was a FULL HOUSE! “It’s good to see so many faces in the crowd”

Welcome To New Members: Rick mentioned that it seemed over the course of the pandemic, while other clubs lost members, we gained members.

President Rick asked for approval of September’s Minutes: All were in favor and the minutes of September’s meeting were approved unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Ernie acknowledged that the club is in good standing.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **SPONSORS:** Jack gave an update regarding our sponsors.
- **NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM:** George was here and spoke about the Corvette Raffle – he has tickets to sell! He also talked about the Corvette Lego Kit for purchase online. He had plenty of posters and pins to give out and was charming – as usual!
- **VETTE GAZETTE:** Rick asked if anyone has articles that they’ve written about any event happening during the month of October, to please send to Les so he can add it to our newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS / EVENTS:

- **ELECTION 2022:** - Rick stated that most positions have been filled but there is still an opening for the Treasurer position.
- **CLUB CLOTHING:** Rick said that there will be clothing ordered with a vast range of sizes..
- **HOLIDAY BRUNCH:** Rick announced that this year it will be a brunch at The Maritime Grill in Guilford. Details to follow.
- **FCO’s SEPTEMBER 19 “VETTES AT THE BEACH” CAR SHOW:** A newer member stood up to speak about the Car Show at Ocean Beach Park, New London. 3 members received trophies! It was a FUN day!
- **CAR SHOW 2022** – announced the date of the show at the Guilford Fairgrounds.
- **NEWPORT CAR MUSEUM** – Leaving Thursday morning, October 14 – hoping for GREAT WEATHER!!!
- **RHODES RALLYE** – Kenny and Barb Uliano gave last minute information on how they day will go. They are prepared and it sounds like FUN!!!
- **LAST CALL FOR 50/50:** Steve has been doing the 50/50 at meetings for a long time. Can someone else step up and take this off his hands and give Steve a break?
- **CAR SHOWS AND CRUISES** – Tony stood up and gave a short presentation of all upcoming events that he knows about. More info at next meeting.
- **KORVETTES FOR KIDS** – Rick announced that they are planning this FUN event – they are looking at either December 5 or December 12.
- **CC of C WINDOW CLINGS** – Sue Wadyka announced that she still has a few of these left so see her if you’re interested in getting one for your Vette.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by President Rick at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dee M. Tully

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is now upon us; the leaves are all turning, and the air is crisp and is much planned before we begin preparing our Corvettes for their long winter nap. Ken and Barb Uliano have their first ever Rhodes Rallye planned with a promise of some very interesting, one-of-a-kind prizes for the winners fresh out of Ken and Barbie's attic. The Free City Corvette weekend in Ocean City Md. should be a fantastic weekend with 22 cars making the journey to Ocean City from Club Corvette of Ct. Many of us have never attended in the past, so I think this year will be exceptional.



At our next membership meeting we will be electing our Club officers and Executive Board members for 2022. We had 4 opening on the Board for 2022 and filled 3 immediately with members eager to join the E-Board with only the treasurer position left to be filled at this time. I will begin my 4th and final year as your president and will be "retiring" in December of 2022 so the door will be open for a new president and some fresh ideas for CCC. The president can only serve up to 4 years, which is 2 terms of 2 years each and my 4th year ends next December.

We have a very busy year coming up with our 1st car show in 3 years and at a new location, huge opportunities with this upcoming show and also a lot of new challenges. All car shows are different, yet they are very much the same, we are looking to capitalize on all of the positives we see as we continue to host one of the best car shows in New England. As we have done in the past, our proceeds will be used to support our adopted charity, The Ronald McDonald House in New Haven as well as other deserving charities in Connecticut.

Having our monthly meetings at a location that can serve us well has always been a challenge. The future of Eli's on the Hill is uncertain after their lackluster performance at our last meeting. I spoke with their manager on Monday prior to our meeting to be sure they would be prepared for Tuesday, and yet they were ill prepared to take orders, prepare and serve food, and deliver timely dinner checks to our members. With so few establishments able to accommodate us and most with insufficient staffs, the challenge continues. Stay tuned for any developments prior to our November meeting.

"The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity. The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty." – Winston Churchill.

Rick

2022 Slate of Officers

Below is the nominated Slate of Officers for 2022. The election will be held during the November meeting.

President **Rick Wasserback**

Vice President **Mike Dansereau**

Vice President **Dennis Krajewski**

Treasurer **Walter Kaercher**

Secretary **Dee Tully**

Directors at Large **Bob Wadyka**
 Jack Stacey
 Joyce Baiardi
 Sue Wadyka

Candidate's Bio's For new members of the E-Board

Vice President - Michael Dansereau

- Joined Club Corvette of Connecticut in July 2011
- Previously Co-Managed club clothing.
- Admin for the Groups.io/Yahoo group email communications
- Planned and executed Yahoo to Groups.io conversion
- Created/Admin - public facing Facebook page for the Club Corvette
- Created/Admin - members only Club Corvette Facebook group
- Photographer/Social Media Manager for the Car Show/Events past 8 years.
- Organized club events - Wine tastings and Corvettes & Coffee
- Corvette Owned – 1990 Turquoise Metallic Coupe

Treasurer - Walter Kaercher

- Resides in Branford with wife (Kori), daughter (Haley) along with a rescue dog (Max) and cat (Rose). In addition to cars, I have an interest in boating, fishing and animal rescue.
- Grew up in West Haven and have always lived in the greater New Haven area.
- Attended UConn with a degree in Finance (1981) and MBA (1996).
- Employed in banking since 1981, and at People's United Bank since 1992. My current position is Senior Vice President - Credit Risk reporting to the Chief Credit Officer.
- I bought my first Corvette, a red Z51 3LT convertible in May 2011. In July 2016 I traded the '07 for my first new Corvette, a 2016 3LT white coupe. I reluctantly let the 2016 go in June 2021 only because of the significant increase in the value of low mileage clean Corvettes knowing I eventually wanted to purchase a C8.
- I joined Club Corvette at the 2016 car show, which I had not previously attended. Pre-pandemic I seldom missed a Club meeting and volunteered to take over the Club Clothing role. I have volunteered at the car shows in 2017-2019 and attended / participated in as many club activities as possible.
- I've built a countless number of C8 Corvettes on the Chevrolet website and plan to place an order sooner or later

Secretary - Dee Tully

Scott and I purchased XQUIZIT - our 1982 C3 Corvette in August of 2018, after a long search for the perfect car with the perfect price. Naturally, our next step was to join Club Corvette of Connecticut so we could experience Corvette FUN with more friends. Scott and I are both friends with Les Browne, a longtime member of CC of C. I know Les from the Clinton Country Club and from the Congregational Church of Clinton - where the Clinton food pantry is located. (Our common passion)

For the past 3 years, I have enjoyed hanging out with CC of C members at various car shows around the shoreline and was disappointed that our club couldn't hold our Annual Car Show in 2020 - I was really looking forward to participating in the festivities.

Meanwhile, I have been a member of the Rotary Club of Clinton since 2006. ROTARY: a like-minded, non-profit club whose motto is: "Service Above Self." Rotary clubs are both local and international and the primary focus is to fundraise to help support other charities - large and small. Since my installation into the Rotary club in 2006, I was elected Secretary the first year and have been in that position until this past July 1 - when I stepped down and was elected Vice President - my current status.

Directors at Large - Bob Wadyka

I am seeking the position of Director at Large in our upcoming election of officers. I have been an active member in good standing in Club Corvette of Ct for 20 years. Have been involved with many activities and performed many functions over that time I believe I can make a positive contribution to our club.

Some of my past experience is as follows, Car Show Judge for as long as I can remember, Car Show Classification, 50/50 Car Show Raffle, Car Show Setup and Cleanup. Editor and publisher of our weekly 'Things to Do' newsletter, Tech Advisor, and group leader for the 2019 Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green Kentucky for the club's contingent.

I look forward to being part of the Executive Board in its effort in moving our club into the future.

AGENDA November 2 , 2021

Eli's on the Hill, Branford, CT

PLEDGE OF ALEGIENCE
OPENING COMMENTS
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
SEPTEMBER MINUTES
TREASURER'S REPORT

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OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS / EVENTS

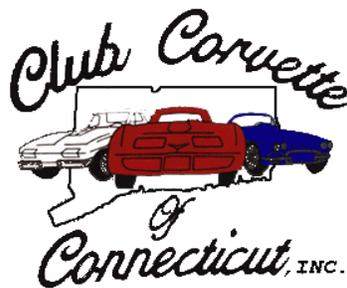
ELECTIONS 2022
CLUB CLOTHING
HOLIDAY BRUNCH
CAR SHOW 2022
RHODES RALLYE
CAR SHOWS AND CRUISES
KORVETTES FOR KIDS **Dec 5 or Dec 12**
MEMBERSHIP - RESTRUCTURE

RICK
RICK
JOYCE
EDDIE KAREDES
KENNY ULIANO
ANTHONY DELANO
RICK

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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ADJOURN MEETING



MEMBER NEWS

HAPPY CORVETTE BIRTHDAY!



Barb Uliano	11/03	Sally Dowling	11/06
Ivan Chasnoff	11/07	Carol Truitt	11/07
Larry Pouliot	11/08	Michael D'Avino	11/08
Les Browne	11/09	Nick Konon	11/09
Louis Merzacco	11/11	Darlene Guidetti	11/14
Anne Corolla	11/16	Keith Edmonds	11/16
Linda Stevens	11/16	Steve Hartman	11/18
Ed Karedes	11/21	Frank Lomdardo	11/21
Martin Merola	11/24	Walter Kaercher	11/25
Samuel Bush	11/26	Carolyn Douglas	11/27
Joan Widger	11/27	Deb Humphrey	11/29
Rich Foristall	11/29	Peter Parisi	11/29
Kevin Vincent	11/29		

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

Ronda Forristall

Ken Uliano

Renee & Mike Dansereau

Lake George Weekend

"A paradise for true car aficionados"

This two-car show event weekend happens every year on the first weekend after Labor Day. The 32nd Annual Adirondack Hot Rod Nationals is sponsored by the Albany Rods and Kustoms Club. While officially cancelled due to COVID-19 last year, thousands still showed up. The slogan was "You can't stop the Smoke Show!" Bob and Sue Wadyka have been making the trek to Lake George, NY for the past 13 years and in 2019 Bob's "HOT 71" was recognized as the "Favorite Corvette" in a show which registered about 1700 cars! Then on Sunday was the 29th Annual Adirondack Vette Fest sponsored by Adirondack Corvettes.



This year John and Sue Venables, Teresa Pestana and Dave Miller joined Rich, Rhonda, Bob and Sue at the shows. The weather was perfect, the crowds were large, the cars went from the ridiculous to the sublime. The show registered just under 1500 cars due to the COVID-19 restrictions cancelling Canadian travel. The newcomers were all amazed by the variety of cars and the ingenuity of their owners. J.D. called it a "moving show". So often we only get to see cars parked at a show. In Lake George you get to see and HEAR them perform on the street, although many of them are probably not street legal. The roar of thundering engines, open headers, the smell of gasoline and burning rubber are all hallmarks of this show. Bill Bretski has always said I under sell this show as reality

is so much more than these words. You have to experience it first hand to get the full picture.

A highlight of the show for J.D. was meeting up with Motor Trend TV's Bitchin' Rides personality Dave Kindig. Dave is owner and operator of Kindig-it Design in Salt Lake City, Utah and turns out one-of-a-kind vehicles for his clients. Many of these cars fit that description as owners have taken parts from a variety of cars to put something on the street. Their creativity is mind-blowing.

After three days of hot rods and burn outs, we took a short ride to Glen Falls, NY to attend the Adirondack Vette Fest. Bob, Sue, Rhonda and Rich have been regulars at this show since 2012. While the organizers have still not learned how to pronounce Wadyka it hasn't stopped them from awarding Bob's HOT 71 trophies over the last 6 years. In 2017 he won Best of Show here. This show, smaller this year with COVID-19 restrictions preventing the Canadian clubs from attending, (about 100 cars) consists of mostly new cars so the 71 is a real stand out at this show and garners a lot of attention. This year Sue's C8 had a lot of attention as well. It certainly lives up to its license plate Sweet 8

This year we were happy to meet up with club members Donna and Jerry Breen. They have been well and said this was only their second outing this year. They also attended the Back to the Beach show in Old Orchard Beach, Maine in June. They have missed everyone and hope to attend Ken and Barb's event in October.

Not surprisingly Bob's 71 won a Top Ten Favorite Award again this year. Getting it to fit in the car was a concern but Bob found a way. Rich and Donna both won raffle baskets but didn't have the same space issues. Proceeds from the Corvette show benefit Operation Santa Claus, Operation At Ease and the Michael J Fox Foundation. It was a successful afternoon for Club Corvette, and we are all anxious to come back next year.



1L TO R: RHONDA, RICH BOB, J.D. SUE, SUE, DAVE



BEST OF SHOW WINNER. ED K. DON'T GET ANY IDEAS ABOUT THE SIZE OF THIS TROPHY. IT'S RIDICULOUS!



BOB AND SUE WADYKA



JD AND DAVE KINDIG



CLUB CARS



JERRY AND DONNA BREEN



Donna and Rich with raffle baskets



BOB WITH TROPHY

Submitted by:
Rhonda Forristall

Trophy Winners at FCO's Vettes at the Beach Car Show



Scott & Dee Tully
1st Place for their 1982 Silver



Dennis & Laurie White
2nd Place for their 2003
Anniversary



Rick & Lucy Wasserback
2nd Place for their 1993 40th Anniversary Coupe

Kudos to all the trophy winners!!!

Newport Car Museum Cruise September 25th



On Saturday 9/29 39 members from Club Corvette of Connecticut ventured to the Car Museum in Newport RI, 20 corvettes in all, one group lead by Frank Bugaj & followed by Todd Loucks, and another lead by Rick Wasserback and followed by Dennis Krajewski. With walkie talkies in hand, we traveled nearly 100 miles on a variety of roads, and ALL managed to arrive at the museum within minutes of each other. Super job by Frank Bugaj is setting the route and especially using walkie talkies to keep us all together.

The museum is privately owned by Maggie & Gunther Buerman. Gunther was an attorney and also the founder and CEO of the American Rock Salt Co. The museum is a 501 (C) (3) non profit organization and occupies the former Patriot Missile factory in Newport RI. The museum houses over 85 cars in 6 separate galleries that occupy the 3 acre facility. The **Corvettes**, include 3 ZR1s, a 427 tripower 1967, and a variety of other classics. **Fin** cars included a beautiful 1969 red Cadillac convertible, a 1957 Chevy as well as a Desoto Adventurer. The **Ford Shelby** display is amazing and included 302 and 429 BOSS Mustangs, a 1965 Shelby Cobra 427, a GT 40 and other classics paying homage the Carroll Shelby's race cars. The **American Muscle** display included iconic beauties from the 1960s with a 1964 GTO convertible, Camaro Z28, 1960 Chevelle 454 LS6, a hemi Cuda, and a 409 Chevy Impala. **World cars** were truly world class cars with a Lamborghini, McLaren, Jaguar, Mercedes, and a wide variety of Porsches. Lastly the **Mopar** display included the iconic Plymouth Superbird, Plymouth Roadrunner, and Hemi Cuba.

Four speed transmissions dominate the majority of this vast collection of automobiles. While there were some automatic transmissions on some of the cars, the emphasis was to collect as many cars as possible with standard transmissions. This private collection of 85+ automobiles at the Newport Car Museum focuses on seven decades of modern industrial automotive design and celebrates cars as works of art. From the 1950s to the present and certainly worth the trip to Rhode Island to view these classics.

Submitted by:
Rick Wasserback

Rhodes Rallye

Ya Just Never Know

It's Sunday morning Oct 10th and the Rhodes Rallye is in our rearview mirror. Barb and I are lounging around mulling over the events of yesterday with these huge grins on our faces and while we were doing that, Barb would remember something someone said or did, which would trigger my memory of something else and we'd both crack up laughing.

Having never done something such as this "fact finding tour", ya just never know how it might turn out. Ya never know if your friends will find it as entertaining as you hope it will be and ya never know if your initial goals will ever be understood by your friends. Basically, it touches on everyone's insecurities, but that's the magic of Club Corvette of CT. You folks are so much fun. You guys can always be counted on to take things in stride and help create happy memories and isn't that what life's all about.

So exactly what were our initial goals and how did they turn out.

1. To have fun
2. Get together and socialize
3. Show our friends the neighborhood we enjoy so much
4. Have everyone visit some of the History that is Stratford
5. To take note of some of the eateries they might find interesting enough to come back to
6. Create 4 excursions, 2 mandatory and 2 extra credit bonus excursions
7. Lastly... Have MORE FUN

As to the outcome???.. ..I'm kinda thinking we did OK. Barb and I can't thank everyone enough. Even Mother Nature cooperated☺.

SO to recap the day's events, Folks starting arriving exactly as we expected... 15 minutes early, (Note to self... Next time you plan an event, tell your friends to come a half hour later than you really want them to arrive. ☺). But seriously it was quite a sight to see all the corvettes cruising down our street. We had 4 Vettes on the lawn and 4 in the Driveway and another dozen or so lining the street. A new member, Dave Distinti showed up with his son Cameron in a red C8 as well as a very nice couple that live a few doors down the street from us, they brought their black C8. We really had the neighbors wondering what the heck was up... It's going to be fun chatting with them in the upcoming days/weeks and hear what rumors we've created.

We had about 40 or so folks in the backyard enjoying coffee and donuts and enduring gale force breezes. We started the festivities just about 10am with

the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a driver's meeting to explain all the pieces of paper in their goodie bags and manila envelopes that each team got.. and there were a bunch of paper, which included the cue sheets, answer sheets, maps, even Club Corvette Membership Applications and last but not least.. the tiniest compass you ever saw. I thought the Club Corvette of CT pencils were a nice touch. (It is amazing what Barb can find on the internet).

Shortly thereafter they were off. And as my father used to say.. that's when the "Fit hit the Shan".. And reality set in.. Barb and I thought we had it in the bag and thought we had planned for every contingency....Boy were we wrong!!!. It reminded me of something out of the Keystone Kops if anyone remembers them. I take full responsibility for the chaos, but I really thought I did a great job of explaining things during the driver's meeting... Ya just never know...

There were corvettes going this way and that way.. Who's lost.. Who's following whom.. We even had lined up a fella with a really cool C2 that he was supposed to showcase for us and use as one of the clues... Well, he just forgot to display it and that only added to the confusion. Rick even mentioned to me that he had to apologize to 2 ladies that were out for a walk because they had gone by them so many times, he was concerned they might think they were being stalked.

Weeks earlier, we had some friends do dry runs for us so we could approximate the time needed to for everyone to comfortably navigate the 2 sections of the Rallye we had planned. Those folks handled both sections of the RHODES RALLYE in about 90 minutes. SOOOOO Barb and I thought that our club members, being of superior intellect, would finish in about the same amount of time, which would leave at least another hour before we had to be at the restaurant. Which means that some ambitious teams might want to try for some bonus points by travelling to the farthest end of Stratford.... Well, ya just never know.

We started the Rallye at 10am but around 11am a few "lost souls" had wandered back to the house for a bit more socializing and another cup of Joe. That should have been the tipoff that something was amiss. Most of the remaining cars started filing in about 12:30 but a few were still in the wind. Barb and I thought better of trying to stimulate enthusiasm for the really cool Extra Credit Bonus excursions we had planned because they never would have completed them in time. So at about 12:45 we start to caravan to the restaurant where we met up with the remainder of our scattered forces. The restaurant took very good care of us and even put up partitions so we could be a tad more boisterous as we handed out the prizes.. And I'm talking GOOD prizes... (Our attic hasn't ever looked so clean)

Barb and I enjoyed ourselves so much just listening to everyone discussing what they went through trying to decipher our clues. So, we are thinking ... that maybe some time in the future, we'll do the exact same Rallye. Heck, most teams never finished, (so they wouldn't know), and those that did, never got to try the Extra Credit Bonus excursions. Besides, all our work is already done. What possibly could go wrong?... Ya just never know. 😊 😊

Submitted by:
Ken Barb Uliano

Mike & Renee's Report on the Rhodes Rallye

Ken and Barb graciously planned and hosted the Rhodes Rallye. We were lucky enough to be able to attend the event. When we first pulled up to Ken & Barbie's house, I could not believe the breath-taking views!!! WOW, to live there and wake up to that every morning! What a great place to start our event. We all gathered in their backyard chatting, drinking coffee eating donuts and Barbie generously provided, while the gorgeous views and a beautiful ocean



Around 9:45 am we got our instructions Ken, our Master of Ceremonies; we became aware that Barb was the brains of the operation. We got our information packet and goodie bag and were ready to head out on our exploration. The goodie bags were so thoughtful. They consisted of a cute little note pad, a sharpened pencil, a pencil sharpener, the cutest little compass I've ever seen and a car air freshener for those who forgot to shower that morning. I mean, what didn't these guys think of?? At 10 o'clock we took turns leaving to begin our journeys in search of the answers to our Rhodes Rallye questions. Group A went left, and Group B went right. OFF WE



WENT!!! The Rallye packet consisted of two sets of questions, one for the local section of Stratford called Lordship and one for Stratford proper. Luckily, we started in Lordship, since Mike and I were so slow we never actually made it to the 2nd leg of the larger area of Stratford.

We started off great on question 1 and thought "This is a breeze!", but then we got to question 5 and we had to keep retracing our steps over and over and over again trying to find the rest of the answers. This loop we were driving was happening all along the beach, so it was quite a view we had, and we didn't really mind the circles at all. A few times we thought

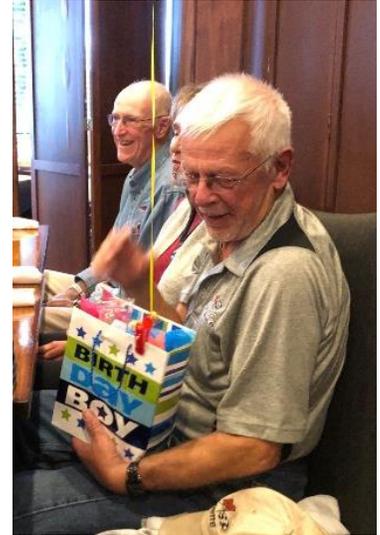


about pulling over and just walking around since it was so picturesque. We did see many other Corvettes doing the same loop de loops as us. I'm pretty sure I heard one of the locals say "Man, people who own and drive Corvettes sure are stupid and don't know where the heck they are going."

Anyway, we all tried to answer as many questions as we could and went back to the beautiful Uliano Compound on the beach to meet up again. We chatted and watched all the wind surfers play on the water while we waited for the rest of the gang.

At 1:00 pm we all cruised to the restaurant with many locals waving to us on our way!

At the restaurant we enjoyed a great meal and Ken and Barb handed out birthday gifts to all the October birthday kids and prizes to all the winners. Although we were ALL winners, and ALL got prizes, George and Valerie blew us all away with the highest score... *Cheaters!!!*



What a great time we all had and what an amazing, thoughtful event that Ken & Barb put together for us!! Thank you so much Ken & Barb!!!

Submitted by:

Renee & Mike Dansereau

Sights from the Rhodes Rallye



The Pit Stop

CRUISIN IN MY STINGRAY

Just thought I'd do something a little different this month. Now some of you may have heard this story before, some may have heard parts of the story, but I thought it would be a fun read, so here it goes!

I served with the First Marines in Vietnam and toward the end of my tour of duty, must have been about late February, early March 1970, I sent a letter home. In the letter I asked my dad to start looking for a Corvette for me. I had a friend whose father owned a used car lot and suggested he go there. I had wanted a Corvette for a long time and knew with the money I had been sending home I could afford one. Not a lot to spend your money on in the jungle! I told him I wanted the new body style, a C-3, although we didn't call them that then. I said I wanted the one that had the tops lift off, a T-Top, but again I didn't know that that was the designated term at the time.

I was monitoring the radio one evening, when a message came in, Echo 4, Sierra, Tango, Alpha, Charlie, Echo, Yankee, is going home. Doing my due diligence, I copied the message exactly as sent. Upon re-reading I realized it was me, Cpl. Stacey. I didn't tell anyone of my return date but rather decided to surprise them. After leaving Vietnam, with stops in Okinawa and California, I finally arrived in New York. For the final leg of the journey Connecticut Limousine dropped me off in what was then the Park Plaza Hotel in New Haven. It was a beautiful Saturday morning.

My first thought was to call my best friend Dennis Krajewski to come pick me up and drive me home, but I quickly realized he would be working at his father's store. I started to think who would be available, and a quick run through of other friends led me to Jim Condon, a future dentist, but someone I knew would be sleeping in after a hard night of partying. I was correct! When I arrived at my front door it was answered by my father, the only one awake at that time. Naturally he was shocked and surprised to see me and began to shout, "Jackie's home!" This woke my sisters who all joined in the hugs and shouting. My mom, who was never a morning person, remained in bed. In fact, unbeknownst to me, my friend Nick, whose father owned the used car lot I mentioned earlier, was supposed to be bringing over the Corvette that was to be mine, to show the family that very day. My mother thought that was what the excitement was all about. When she finally appeared, I thought she was going to faint.

After all the excitement of my homecoming I got to see, the Corvette that would be my first. It was a 1968, LeMans blue with blue interior, a 327 c.i. 350 h.p. motor, with a 4 speed transmission. Now remember I had asked for the one with the tops that came off, well there was some confusion, and my Corvette was a convertible with the optional hardtop. Well, the "top" did come off. At this point I couldn't care less; I was a Corvette owner! Just for the record, I paid \$3,500 for this two-year-old Corvette.

Wow, c'mon now, I was now one of the coolest kids in town, but it didn't last long. I was home for 30 days and then was to report to Camp LeJeune, N.C., I still had another year left on my enlistment. About a week after my return my friend Nick, remember him, his father owned the used car lot? He shows up in a British Racing Green, 1966 Jaguar XKE, roadster. I can remember like it was yesterday, I was at a local hangout, and a number of people were admiring the Corvette, including some of the female persuasion, when Nick pulled in with the XKE and it went something like this, "Wow, this is so co....are you kidding me look at this Jag!" Well, what could I say, it was an XKE, the car Enzo Ferrari called the most beautiful car ever built!

About a week later Nick and I and a couple of young ladies were at a party. Now Nick's date was a girl I had been seeing when I entered the Marine Corps, but that's a story for another time. When we left the party, which was at an apartment on Dixwell Ave in Hamden, we pulled out onto the avenue, heading toward New Haven, and were paused at a red light. As I looked over at Nick my head became full of a song, "I was cruising in my Stingray late one night, When an XKE pulled up on the right, And rolled down the window of his shiny new Jag, And challenged me then and there to a drag!" I noticed a smile on Nick's face and he must have been thinking the same thing because he began to rev that 12 cylinder engine. I told my date to buckle up and hang on! "The street was deserted late Friday night. We were buggin each other while we sat out the light. We both popped the clutch when the light turned green. You should of heard the whine from my screamin machine." We must have traveled 2 to 3 blocks when I noticed the light at the corner of Dixwell Ave and Bassett St went yellow. I backed off and checked my rear-view mirror to see where Nick and the Jag were. What I saw were a whole lot of blue lights!

We actually nosed the cars to the curb in front of Visel's Pharmacy and I jumped out of the Vette. Now today I probably would have been shot, but back then an officer shouted, "Where do you think you're going!" I responded, "This is so cool, does anybody have a camera!" I was told to get back in my car and get my license and registration out. When the officer approached, I first tried to explain that I was in the Marine Corps, just home from Vietnam, and was to report to North Carolina in a few days. When that didn't draw me any sympathy, I blurted out the line, a variation that I still use over 50 years later, "My dad's a cop!" The tone of the police officer and the others changed immediately. I was sent off with a warning, Nick wasn't so lucky. I guess, "My dad owns a used car lot!" doesn't have the same impact!

To conclude the story Nick had to go to court. My dad, in uniform, accompanied him. They took the XKE, it started to rain, and like any British car the top leaked. They arrived at court with my dad's uniform partially soaked, he wasn't in a very good mood. As fate would have it the judge recognized my father, and all looked good for Nick. That is until the judge read over his previous driving offenses! Nick was forced to pay a small fine and had some points added to his driving record, but all in all, it could have been a whole lot worse.

We hadn't "race all the way to Dead Man's Curve" but I can say that "all the Jag could see were my six tail-lights!" Ok, so I only had four, but that's the way the song goes, you get the picture!



Submitted by:
Jack Stacey

Kansas want to destroy 1959 Corvette over bad VIN Tag



Mr. Martinez bought a classic 1959, but when he went to register it in Kansas, the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) found issues with the car's VIN number. KHP Superintendent Col. Herman Jones stated "When the owner presented this car for inspection, it was found that the Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) on the Corvette had been altered, defaced or destroyed. Pursuant to Kansas statute, such a vehicle cannot be legally registered and must be seized as contraband."



Editor's Note – After the restoration the VIN Tag was reattached using the incorrect rivets

Even though the state's attorney admits Martinez is innocent of any crime, the KHP then seized the car and has spent years in court working to destroy the Corvette under asset forfeiture laws.

The Kansas Justice Institute (KJI) has stepped in and is fighting to return the 1959 Corvette to Mr. Martinez. "Asset forfeiture is when the government takes a person's

property without a criminal conviction. In some cases, the person is never even charged with a crime, as was the case with Mr. Martinez,” said KJI Litigation Director Sam MacRoberts. “Asset forfeiture is bad enough, but it’s especially bad in this case because the government admits Mr. Martinez did nothing wrong.”

“When the government knows someone is innocent, they shouldn’t use their power and resources to take their property. Kansas's forfeiture laws are to blame. The United States and Kansas Constitutions do not permit the government to acknowledge a person’s innocence, on the one hand, and then with the other, declare the innocent person’s property ‘contraband’ and take it,” MacRoberts said.

Currently, the fate of the 1959 Corvette is still in the hands of the court.

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Corvette Mike



NCM Plans to Demolish Country Hearth Inn After Fire Department Training



Bowling Green, KY, September 29, 2021 – The National Corvette Museum Foundation’s acquisition of the structure at 395 Corvette Drive, formerly known as the Country Hearth Inn, allows the National Corvette Museum to create a more beautiful campus. There are no immediate plans to develop the property.

“The demolition of the structure adds to the beautification of the National Corvette Museum’s campus and also allows us to support our community by providing a training space for our local fire department and ensuring the proper recycling of the building’s materials to help protect our environment. The Museum is proud to be collaborating on this project with the Bowling Green Fire Department, International Center, and Scott and Ritter,” said Sharon A. Brawner, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum.

Before demolition of the existing structure, the Bowling Green Fire Department will use the vacant building for varying forms of training in multi-level structures. Training will begin on

Wednesday, September 29th, and continue over the next several days. There is no set start time for training to begin each day as it is up to the Shift Commander.

“The Bowling Green Fire Department is grateful for the opportunity to use the acquired structure, Country Hearth Inn, from the National Corvette Museum. Acquired structures provide great value to the BGFD. We intend on using this opportunity to improve our service to the community through multiple personnel training scenarios throughout the next three days,” said Katie McKee, Bowling Green Fire Department Public Information Officer.

The National Corvette Museum is pleased to help with the continuing education of our first responders and hopes that the potential life-saving measures can be another step towards making our community safer.

The National Corvette Museum and Scott and Ritter have decided to make the demolition more environmentally friendly by recycling the concrete and other materials. Members of the Bowling Green High School Basketball Team removed furniture, appliances, and miscellaneous items that were donated to the International Center.



“During the demolition, any recyclable materials will be removed and recycled. This does require more labor in the segregation process, but it saves volume in the landfill and helps protect our environment. The inert material, brick, concrete, etc., will also be segregated from the more deleterious materials and will be processed into a mineral aggregate and repurposed,” said Larkin Ritter of Scott and Ritter.

Demolition of the structure will begin on Monday, October 4th, at approximately 6 AM and take up to eight days, weather permitting.

Corvette Sightings



Z06 on the way to LeMans

2023 Corvette Z06 Reveal Date Announced

Earlier this summer, it was announced that the 2023 Corvette Z06 would be revealed this fall, and now we have a date! The 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 is set to be revealed on October 26, 2021.



In a press release from Detroit, the Corvette Z06 is “designed to amplify the thrill of driving.” In the save the date video, the camouflaged Z06 can be spied driving down iconic tracks. The vehicles is a supercar that performs – whether on backroads or the Autobahn or the world’s most recognizable tracks like Circuit de la Sarthe.

Runner-Up in C8.R Le Mans Debut for Corvette Racing

This past Sunday, the mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette C8.R made its 24 Hours of Le Mans debut! Corvette Racing finished on the class podium with Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor, and Nicky Catsburg winning second place in the No. 63 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette C8.R. Although the debut of the mid-engine racing Corvette came a year late, the wait was well worth it! Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President, Performance and Motorsports, shared that this second-place achievement is a "testament to the hard work and determination of our Corvette production and racing teams." Corvette Racing driver, Jordan Taylor, shared that we should be proud to come home second against some of the cars that have been running at Le Mans for the past few years.

Corvette Racing returns to action in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship on Sept. 10-12 at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, California.

Vets 'n Vettes Registration Open

In 2008 we began a tradition of honoring our veterans with a new event, Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil1. Thursday kicks off with a full day at the NCM Motorsports Park. Complimentary lunch served to all! We will celebrate Friday and Saturday with road tours, the Bowling Green Veteran's Day Parade, and lunch at the local VFW. This event offers veterans, servicemen and women and those who want to support them, a comfortable place to meet and share stories and experiences.

Event registrants will also have the opportunity to see the temporary 9/11 mobile exhibit, titled [Tunnels to Towers](#), during the week of November 3-9, 2021. This exhibit is also included in Museum admission and accessible to members visiting the Museum.

Online registration closes at 9:00 a.m. CT on Friday, October 22.

Youtube Video of RH Drive Corvette being Built



Here is a peak behind the scenes at the Bowling Green production plant in Kentucky USA, where the Right-Hand-Drive C8 is now being proudly built. It's exciting for the Corvette to be offered as a worldwide product and expand their customer base.

Click on the link below to view

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLdaT5b52YQ>

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

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You can always contact George Sipprell

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Drawing: December 2, 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

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

2022 9-Day Caribbean Cruise

Apr 15 – Apr 24

CLUB CORVETTE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September 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 October 15 & 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

Upcoming Events

- Nov 2nd General Membership Meeting – **Eli's on the Hill in Branford** – 7:00 pm.
- Nov 25th Happy Thanksgiving**
- Nov 30th 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 – All Corvette Car Show – Guilford Fairgrounds – additional details will follow.

Aug. 29- 31st, 2024 - 7th National Corvette Caravan to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. Registration opens Feb. 14th, 2022, for additional details and caravan contacts refer to the attached flyer

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Heav'nly Donuts Corvettes- Corvettes-Only Cruise Night, Every Thursday Night. – Re-starting date TBD.



Club Corvette of Connecticut

22nd Annual Korvettes for Kids Cruise

When: Sunday December 5th
Rain Date: Sunday December 12th

Meeting: 10:00 AM McDermott Chevrolet
Leaving: 11:00 AM SHARP!!!

‘Have Unwrapped Toys Will Travel’

Again, this year we will be led by Santa and a State Police escort down I-95 to Troop ‘G’ in Bridgeport. Last year, the club made many children happy during the holidays and filled over 50 Corvettes with toys which were then delivered by the State Police to children throughout the area during the holiday season. This year let’s try to break that record.

We welcome all Corvette owners who are not members of Club Corvette of Connecticut to participate and bring their Corvette filled with unwrapped toys and join our caravan.

Come join the holiday fun!!!!

**If you have any questions call George for details
203.315.8661**

The 7th National Corvette Caravan is slated for August 29-31, 2024

2024 New England Corvette Caravan – Registration opening February 14, 2022

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Connecticut State Leaders - Jeff/Mary Lou Barcome

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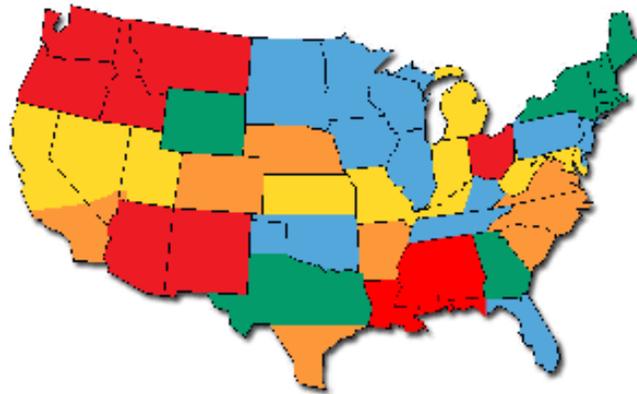
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New York State Leaders - Dave Fournigault/Crissy Dawson

Rhode Island State Leaders - Doug/Charlene Lombardi

Maine State Leaders - Bruce/Debbie Cates

Eastern Canada Leaders - Ivan/Amanda Hines



*Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. **Hosted only once every five years**, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2024 and will mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary.*

Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, KY for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum.

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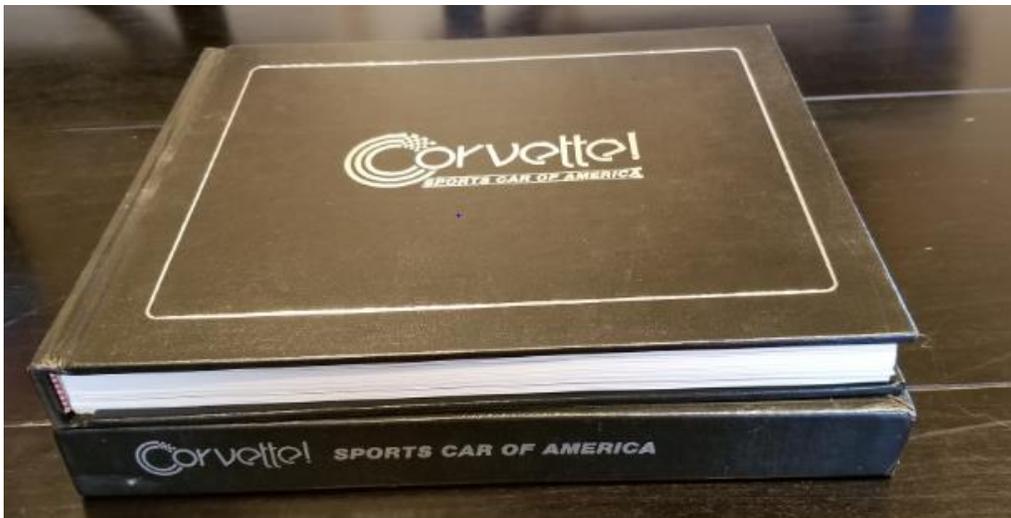
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