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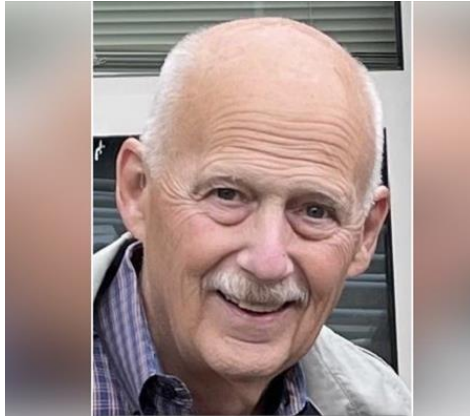


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Bob Guertin
October 24, 1947 - August 28, 2023
Godspeed my friend

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



August is often referred to as the "Sunday of Summer" as the warm breeze turns into a crisp chill, the beaches and amusements begin to close, the daylight dwindles, and the dawn of fall rolls around. August is also one of our Club's busiest months of the year. Notably, the CCRI annual car show was a huge success with Club Corvette of Connecticut receiving the honor and a check for Ronald McDonald House for \$1000.00 for best club participation in their show. Additionally, Moroso Performance held their 2nd annual car show, also a huge success, and Corvettes at Carlisle honored the late Reeves Callaway, a pioneer in the performance car industry. We also honored a great friend of the Corvette world, Elaine Kemp, for all she has done for Corvette enthusiasts for so many years. After moving to South Carolina, the annual 600 mile trip from her home to Carlisle is a 10hr plus drive, so she and Alan decided to make this their final year attending. On a sad note, we lost Bob Guertin, a former E-Board member of Club Corvette of Connecticut on August 28 after a brief illness.



We still have much planned for the remainder of 2023, our friends at FCO have their annual car show scheduled for Sept 17th at Ocean Beach Park, again awarding \$1000.00 to the charity of choice for the club that brings the most club participants to their show. Additionally, on September 23rd, Linda Ungerleider is hosting a tour of the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks offering a look into aviation history and its impact on the world today. October 20 – 22 will be our 30th anniversary weekend in Cape Cod. While much is planned for the weekend, do as little or as much as you like, we promise this will be a special weekend for all to enjoy. We will finish off 2023 with our Holiday Party on December 9th at the beautiful Clinton Country Club. The details of the event will be forthcoming shortly so mark your calendars for an enjoyable evening of fine food and great friends.

On a final note, we will be announcing a slate of officers for our executive board for 2024. We had 2 openings for Director at Large positions and have candidates for both. If you are interested in serving your Club as a board member in the future, please contact our Secretary, Dee Tully.

Rick

**Agenda for the
October 7th, 2023
General Membership Meeting at
Parthenon Diner
374 East Main St, Branford, Ct**

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

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LAST CALL FOR 50/50**

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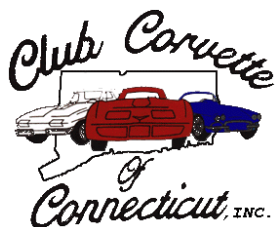
FUTURE EVENTS – ALL CLUBS

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**OTHER NEW BUSINESS
50/50 RAFFLE**

**ALL
COOKIE**

ADJOURN MEETING



MEMBER NEWS

HAPPY CORVETTE BIRTHDAY!



Monica Beaugrand	10/06	J.D. Venables	10/06
Darryl DelGuidice	10/07	Steve Ludwig	10/09
Bob Wadyka	10/09	Don Byrne	10/10
Holly Miller	10/15	Grant Sanborn	10/16
Jeanne SanGiovanni	10/17	Annie Gloria	10/18
Kurt Ryder	10/18	Donna Page	10/20
Bob Lyons	10/22	Anthony Ruggiero	10/22
James Usilton	10/22	Joe Cetta	10/23
Paul Lengyel	10/25	Allen Stanwix	10/25
Renee Dansereau	10/26	Alan Ortner	10/28
Laurie White	10/28	Roxanne Mueller	10/28
John Mader	10/30	Dennis Krajewski	10/31
Angela Varrone	10/31		

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 me. Do not send them through the Club's group email.

Thank you.

Les Browne

THANK YOU TO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Rick Wasserback

Bob Wadyka

Todd Loucks

Frank Bugaj

Ken Uliano

Jack Stacey

Dee Tully

Darryl DelGuidice

Barb Uliano

New Members



Bill Yoxall joined our club at our car show and attended his first meeting in August. He is from Guilford, a mechanical engineering major at Boston University and loves C4's. He drives a 1991 Red Coupe and attended Corvettes at Carlisle this year. He spent much of his time at Carlisle on the auto cross track



Al and Carmela Cusano attended their first meeting this month and live in Monroe. They drive a Silver 2010 Coupe. They look forward to participating in future events and are considering attending our 30th Anniversary weekend at the Cape.



Bernie and Marianne Simons are from Shelton. They have a Dark Red Metallic 1986 Coupe and a Pewter Metallic 2004 Convertible. In addition to Corvettes, Bernie enjoys boating.

Welcome to all of our new members – we are glad to have you as a member of our club.

Ladies luncheon

Our next Corvette Ladies event will be on Wednesday, September 20 for Happy Hour at 4 pm and dinner at 5 pm at Dockside Restaurant, 145 Block Island Road, Branford [Dockside Restaurant | Waterfront Dining in Branford \(docksidebranford.com\)](https://docksidebranford.com). There is a senior menu available before 5:30. They will issue separate checks.

Please RSVP by text or email to Joyce Bariardi (203) 927-7181 by September 18th - thank you Joyce! Hope we see you there!

Corvette Club of Rhode Island Car Show – August 20th, 2023



A rainy weekend the week before forced The Corvette Club of Rhode Island to cancel their show scheduled for Aug. 13 and move to their rain date of Aug 20th. The week before any car show is very stressful for all involved in the planning and executing of the show, fortunately the rain date for the CCRI show turned out to be absolutely picture perfect and very well attended by Corvette enthusiasts.

There were an estimated 250 Corvettes on the grass field all shined up and each hopeful of receiving a trophy for the best car in their generation class. Additionally, and best of all, CCRI very generously announced that they would donate \$1000.00 to the charity of the club with the greatest participation in their show. The final count I was told was 24 cars – with Club Corvette of Connecticut receiving a check for \$1000.00 for the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut – a huge surprise and an even bigger honor for us to be able to continue supporting our Club's adopted charity. I was very excited about sharing this good news with Dick Popilowski at Ronald McDonald House of the donation and have included his response with all our members.

Dick is a consummate professional and forever grateful for all we do, his response to me is below:

Just received your amazing email Rick.

Congratulations to the entire membership for their well-deserved award as Best Club participation at Corvette Club of Rhode Island's Annual Car Show. We are deeply grateful to be the recipient of the award, a \$1,000 donation to the Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut. Each of you are so special and wonderful friends. We are deeply grateful for you honoring us with your generosity. Your gifts continue to have a great impact in helping families through difficult times.

Thanks you for being there for them.

Warmest regards and thanks,

Dick

Thank Corvette Club of Rhode Island for your generosity, and a HUGE thank you to all of our members for their participation in this show, for supporting our Corvette friends at the Corvette Club of Rhode Island, and allowing Club Corvette of Connecticut to help others in need.

Submitted by:
Rick Wasserback

Carlisle 2023

My Story – Jack Stacey

Our annual trip to Corvettes at Carlisle started as usual, dark and early, on Thursday, August 24th. When I say our trip, of course I'm referring to Dennis and myself. A quick drive to Branford to pick up Dennis and load the car with the various banners we would hang at our site. First stop Heavenly Donuts in Derby. As we consumed our first cup of "wake-up" coffee a young man came sprinting in, he was driving a red C-4. He asked if we were heading to Carlisle, we replied yes. He had been driving by when he spotted the Corvette in the parking lot. Apparently, Dennis had given him the wrong address. He was a new member, 18 year old Bill Yoxol, hereafter known as Billy the Kid or just the Kid! Rich Korab joined us, and we hit the road. We picked up the Uliano.'s, Ken and Barbie, just before the entrance to 84 West. A quick note, they've reconfigured the entrance and we almost missed it.

After entering New York, we stopped at the first rest stop for a little relief. Back on the road and breakfast in PA. On the road again and heading for our destination, the Microtel in Carlisle. We noted the absence of other Corvettes on the road. We did see a C-8 at the rest stop and were passed by another C-8 along the road, but that was it. I do have to say that leading this small group was extremely easy. Each of the other cars maintained good spacing and pace.

When we arrived at the hotel, we were greeted by several other Club members, and the parking lot was quickly filling with America's Sports Car. Check in and off to the fairgrounds. Our tent was right where we expected it to be. Dennis and I made our way to the Al Knoch vendor space. After all that was my main purpose to be at Carlisle this year. My new seats were to be installed Friday morning and after several disappointments I wanted to make sure it was going to happen. For those who don't know, the seats were to be done last year, 2022. Unfortunately, on the day before we were to leave, I was admitted to the VA Hospital and didn't make it to the show. It was then determined the seats would be installed at Spring Carlisle 2023. About a week before, I was notified that the installer's father was in critical condition, and he would not be in attendance. Hopefully it was going to happen this year. I was assured that the material was here, and to bring the car down at 8:00 AM, the next day. Thursday evening ended with a number of Club members enjoying a great dinner at the Rustic Tavern. Most then returned to the hotel while Dennis and I made out annual pilgrimage to Wal-Mart to pick up snacks and drinks for the following day.

Friday was to be a busy day. We made our way to the field and set up the refreshments, drinks were put on ice, and I drove my 03 roadster down to Al Knoch's. I pulled the Vette inside their tent, and I was told to return in about 5 hours. Back up to our tent and the decorating was completed. Beside the array of banners and flags, Barbie put up a display that could only be described as "Beachy!" I was fortunate enough to be asked to be a "Celebrity Judge" again this year, and it was off to the Celebrity Luncheon, along with my guest, of course it was Dennis. We must learn not to eat such a big breakfast on this day, as for the second year we were both full and didn't partake in the buffet.

Many of you know the woman Dennis has dubbed the Corvette Lady, Elaine Kemp. For those who don't know, Elaine and her husband Alan were residents of MA until recently moving to SC. Despite the move, Elaine continues to be the source of Corvette news throughout New England. Clubs send her whatever it is they want put out and Elaine distributes it to all the Clubs. Elaine had commented earlier in the year that after 25 years, this would be her final trip to Carlisle, the distance was too great, and age was becoming a factor. Club Corvette wanted to commemorate her final trip. Elaine was also at the luncheon, and we invited her back to our tent upon completion of lunch. The Club, presented her with a plaque, honoring all she has done for all the Clubs in New England. To say she was surprised is an understatement.

Back down to the Al Knoch tent, only to be told another hour or two. I had noticed a beautiful black on black C-7 in our hotel parking lot and decided that it would be my celebrity pick. Several members reported to me that they saw my Corvette and that the installation was ongoing. At 4:30 I was notified the job was done, to say I was pleased was not quite right, I was overjoyed with the quality of work and the appearance. It was finally a reality. The rest of the day was spent walking the grounds and visiting different vendors and checking out the absolute amazing array of Corvettes. Friday night was the Chip Miller Amyloidosis Dinner. This rare disease had taken the life of Chip Miller, a founder of the event we were all enjoying. We had a table of Club Corvette members and enjoyed a very good buffet dinner accompanied by an open bar. There's an auction of Corvette memorabilia but the prices were far beyond my budget. Dinner was followed by a 2nd trip to Wal-Mart, to resupply. Back at the hotel the C-7 I had hoped to present my award to was nowhere to be found.

Saturday, our final day, was to prove as busy as Friday, perhaps even a bit busier. The fun and comradery continued at our site. Billy the Kid was a blur as he made his way back and forth between the tent and the autocross track. He was the proverbial kid in a candy store. Dennis and I began the arduous job of finding a Corvette that I felt was outstanding. After an hour or two, I came upon a C-3 Grand Sport tribute car. It was a corvette that was a father and son project and had recently been completed. The owner was thrilled with being acknowledged as a celebrity pick. Another honor that I had been given this year was something new to Carlisle this year. A huge thank you to all the members of Club Corvette of CT in naming me the Club Champion for 2023. At noon I drove my Corvette, with the new seats, toward the grandstand for a small parade. A number of Club members had made their way into the stands and were there to support me as I was greeted by Lance Miller, introduced to the crowd, and given a plaque commemorating the honor. Finally, there was to be a tribute to the late Reeves Callaway at 3:00 PM. When I first heard about this event, I contacted Lance and told him that Callaway was a sponsor of our Club, and we would very much like to be a part of the event. President Rick authorized Dennis and I to have a plaque made for presentation. We were honored to present the plaque to Peter Callaway, Reeve's son, in front of a packed audience. After the presentation it was time to break down our site and begin talks of Carlisle 2024.

Sunday was a morning of wishing everyone a safe ride home, packing up, checking out, and on the road again. Corvettes at Carlisle 2023 was truly an amazing event for me

and I'm sure for all our members in attendance. I have to say it, if you haven't attended start making plans for next year. As my wife once said, "It's a once in a lifetime experience!" But I bet you go back!!

Thanks, and Peace, Jack

Submitted by:
Jack Stacey

A little 'Good Natured' Fun at Carlisle

Corvettes at Carlisle is so much fun.
So, come and have some fun

This isn't a story about Corvettes at Carlisle, although it is a story about something that happened while attending Corvettes at Carlisle. But if you're not familiar with the saying 'Revenge is a dish best served cold' and you never knew that Todd Loucks once worked for the FBI, then you might as well just skip over this article.

First a little background info would help. This story starts during the 2022 Corvettes at Carlisle. A bunch of folks from Club Corvette of Connecticut were lucky enough to reserve rooms at the Microtel Hotel. A great place with great rooms and excellent service. It offered many conveniences for their customers, (you should really check em out). One convenience that our club used each evening was this really nice 'gazebo-ish' meeting place just outside the building. You get to it, by walking the hallway past the rooms on the first floor. One couple from our group was able to score the room closest to the parking lot and closest to that gazebo-thing. That couple was Todd and Gail Loucks... a nicer couple you'll never meet... Fun Loving and helpful... a great fit for our club.

Each evening, after everyone had their dinner at various local eateries, we'd gather and chit chat about what we saw, what we bought and what we learned at Corvettes at Carlisle. All the while enjoying each other's company over music, cigars and child portions of adult beverages.

Now let me tell you a little about myself. I grew up in Bridgeport CT, which, I always felt gave me 'street smarts', but being around Barb so long, has made me see the good in people. Additionally, a kind person might say that I enjoy laughing, and I'm fun loving, a little mischievous and a bit of a rascal... A mean person's opinion???, well, I might not fare so well.

So that's the setup for what comes next. As luck would have it, the Loucks would hit the hay a bit earlier than the last few stragglers. They also had the room with the only doorbell on that floor... Well, it wasn't a true doorbell. We'd find out later it was a warning device for any occupant that might be either hearing or sight impaired... In my defense, I never knew the LED warning light was **SO** bright and flashed at such a **high** frequency OR the buzzer was so darn **obnoxious** 😞. So as everyone was retiring

each night, I'd tell them that the Loucks wanted them to ring their doorbell to say goodnight and they ALL did...**EVERY NIGHT**. (I told ya I was a rascal...but I DID tell ya that I was fun loving 😊 too). Needless to say, Today, It's a fun memory... back then... not so much.

Fast forward to Corvettes at Carlisle 2023 and just about the same folks have rooms at the Microtel. As Barb and I arrived, we find Todd and Gail in the lobby and they were quick to tell us that if we only arrived a few minutes later, they were going to ask the management to give US that infamous 1st floor room. We all had a good laugh at that. So, Todd steps up to one desk clerk to check in as I step up to the other. Both clerks start banging on their respective keyboards and Todd's person wins... and she says.... "Here ya go Mr. Loucks, Room #316" ... And he says "No... Kenny you take that

room...you were here first. We'll wait for another" ... So far, no alarm bells are going off, but they should have!!! We accept their generosity, jump in the elevator, and arrive at the 3rd floor to find our room #316 just outside the elevator....and guess what??? It had the doorbell that wasn't a doorbell, (remember I told ya that Todd worked for the FBI), Now I'm thinking "That son of a gun, he set me up!!!! And he Lied with such a straight face... "I immediately made a mental note to myself... NEVER play cards with that guy. Ya know, the world has only 2 types of problems, IMPORTANT and IMMEDIATE.

The **important** problem gave me pause, (not paws, but that would be kinda funny too). Now at this point and after a little soul searching, I came to the realization that my fun loving, has been a street going in only one direction. And right there, I made a pact with myself to change my ways and become more sensitive to how others might perceive my humor... 😊 😊 Yeah...right! 😊 Well at that moment I kinda meant it.

Now the **immediate** problem popped into my head... I imagined various folks, all weekend long, stopping by during the wee hours of the night and the obnoxious buzzer and that High Frequency LED going off and disrupting Barbie's beauty sleep not to mention putting a rather large dent in our happy marriage... SOOO I started to ask myself, what should I do?? What Should I do??? So, what do you think I did???? So right about here, I'd like a little audience participation. So, tell me...What would you have done?

Oh, and by the way... About that title... **Broccolini**. Well, it's a green vegetable similar to broccoli but with smaller florets and longer, thin stalks. It was our vegetable of the day, and I thought it was a cool word and I just like saying it...

Say it with me... "Broccolini"!

Submitted by:
Ken Uliano

The Red, White, Blue..... and Pink

Some time ago, Carlisle events announced they would be making an American flag out of corvettes at Corvettes at Carlisle 2023. In the past, Kenny and I had discussed being in the flag, and thought it would be pretty cool to be a part of, but not 2023 because we were convinced we would be driving a DSOM C-7 to the 2023 Carlisle event. We realized about June there was no DSOM C-7 in our future. At that time we tried to sign up for the flag by contacting Jody (thank you Todd), and were told that some people are no shows and we SHOULD be able to be in it (but no guarantees), be at the flag area at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday August 26th.

Todd and Gail (who signed up for the flag picture) were told to show up at 8:00 a.m. Kenny and I decided to do the same. The Uliano's left the hotel about the same time as the Loucks', but the Uliano's had to stop quickly at the CCC tent to drop off the 'pink flamingo driving a pink C-5'. The Loucks' arrived at the flag/meet slightly ahead of the Uliano's. As we pulled up, we see Gail coming over to us to give us the 'head's up' (Thank you Gail).

We arrive at the first staging area, where we were divided into sections by car color. Approximately 8:30, we were given the instructions as to how the building of the flag is accomplished. They requested red cars first. Kenny and I drove to the second staging area, where they lined us up horizontally. Did the same for the white cars (the Loucks'). Next, they called for the first 11 red cars, and off Kenny went. With staff directing each driver, they began building the Corvette Flag. Each red car was directed into place to make the bottom (red) stripe of the flag. Then they requested 11 white cars, and off Todd went. Again, each white car was directed into place to make the 2nd (white) stripe of the flag. They continue in this manner until the flag/pole is complete. The takeaways: 1. The flag is built from the bottom red stripe upward, and only the driver can be in the car when building the flag because the passenger side door is too close to the car on the right and the passenger can't get out. 2. There are 108 red and white cars to make up the stripes, 35 blue cars make up the stars, 18 cars for the pole. 3. Barb/Ken Uliano are the 3rd car from the right in the bottom red stripe, Todd/Gail Loucks' are the 3rd car from the left in the lowest white stripe, and Rich Korab is the first car on the left in the top blue row. Yes, we had 3 club members, Red, White, and Blue.



Now for the Pink.....

While Kenny and I were at the flag building, a young girl was looking at the pink decorations under the CCC tent. Dennis (Krajewski) asked if she wanted to come over and get a closer look. She did. She seemed most interested in the pink flamingo driving the pink corvette. She asked "can I touch it". Dennis told her she could. Dennis also told her if she came back in about an hour, she could meet the real Barbie and Ken. To hear Dennis tell the story (and I choose to believe), the girl kept looking over to see if Barbie and Ken had returned. When I did return (Ken was off looking for a DSOM C-7), Dennis relayed the story to me, and pointed her out. When I saw her look over, I waved for her to come over. She was only about 40 feet away, but I will always remember the vision of her running over, arms wide open ready for a hug from Barbie.

If it sounds like I am embellishing, I probably am, but in those few seconds, I felt so special. With a twist of irony, I happened to be wearing a new CCC tee shirt with my name on it.....and it was PINK ! My new friend Nellie gave me an American Flag which was proudly displayed under our tent. Unfortunately, Nellie left for the day before meeting Ken, but Barbie is still feeling like a million bucks. I spoke with Nellie's father later in the day (he cooks at the little restaurant next to our tent), he told me I made her day, but Nellie made a memory for Barbie that will last my lifetime.



Searching for the Tall Guy!!!

Many of us watch a lot of YouTube channels and I am no exception. One such channel is produced by a business named C & S Corvettes out of Sarasota, Florida. The "star" of their show is a guy by the name of Lyle. Now Lyle has stated many times on his channel that he is very tall. Lyle has a C5 Z06 and apparently can't fit in many Corvettes because of his height.

Once he announced that he was going to be at Corvettes at Carlisle I was determined to track him down. Many people seem to think I'm tall, but I think I'm pretty much a normal height at 6'3" with my shoes on. So, on Thursday afternoon Gail and I set out to find Lyle. He was right where he said he would be in row I, spot 75. While seated, one could tell Lyle was tall, but it wasn't until he stood up that you got the full picture. Lyle is 6'10" and told me I was lucky to have and fit in a C7. He graciously posed for a picture with me. I'm the short guy in the photo. My quest to prove that I'm really not that tall was complete!



Submitted by:
Todd Loucks 'The Short Guy'

My Carlisle Experience. Unforgettable!!!!

This was the second time my brother Dave and I attended Carlisle with Club Corvette of CT and it was a blast both times. We plan on attending every year with our club. We started out Thursday morning meeting up in Southington at 6am with Rick, Mike, Ed, Steve, John Mader, and John Pearson. We enjoyed a great breakfast together about halfway there. We proceeded to drive as a group to our next designated spot for a break. Steve was leading the way, next was Rick, followed by the three C8s. Well Rick fell back from Steve. Perhaps he was involved in a deep conversation with Mike. I don't remember who the first C8 was that decided to pass Rick and catch up to Steve but the 3 C8s motored the way up to Steve and decided to lead the way. Suddenly somehow the three C8s could not see Steve in our rear views. Of course, we observed all traffic laws and speed limits. We made our stop and excitedly arrived at the hotel to check in and headed to the Carlisle fairgrounds.

Once there I immediately headed to the GM tent to get some questions answered by the engineers. I spotted Josh Holder, the Chief Engineer for Corvette. He is the number one engineer just below Tadge. I engaged him in conversation. After complimenting he and his team on the fine job they did with C8, I shared with him that I had gone in and messed up some of my electronic settings. He proceeded to explain how I could correct the situation but must have seen the confused and puzzled look on my face. He then asked me where my car was. I told him it was up the hill, and I could drive down to him rather quickly. He told me that was not necessary and that he would walk with me up to my car and personally show me how to correct my settings. I was amazed. I must have told him several times during our walk that I couldn't believe he was actually doing this. He got in the driver's seat and I in the passenger seat and proceeded to access the settings and show me how he adjusted the settings to my preferences. Realizing this was a remarkable example of customer service I asked him if I could take a picture of him in my car. He happily obliged and even agreed to meet and greet my brother Dave, Tony, and Harry who were hanging out at our tent. This doesn't happen with any other manufacturer. Afterward we proceeded to see and enjoy all the things that make Carlisle so great.



I was unable participate in the auto cross due to my recovery from shoulder surgery this year but enjoyed watching John Mader and our new member Billy very enthusiastically drive the course.

Other highlights included attending the Chip Miller benefit dinner with some members of the club. I would really like to see more members attend this as it is for a great cause and aligns with our mission of helping others. And it is a lot of fun. Saturday evening, we did the parade downtown. (Thank you, Todd and Gail, for giving us your parade pass).

We can't wait to go to Carlisle next year!

Submitted by:

Darryl DelGuidice

My Memories of Carlisle 2023



Submitted by:
Darryl DelGuidice

Club Corvette of Connecticut Does Corvettes at Carlisle 2023



Homes for Heroes Presentation

On Sept 9th Specialist Evan Marcy, US Army, was gifted a home, mortgage free, in East Haven. Evan was injured in Afghanistan, resulting in a loss of a leg. The group 343 Rides, is made up of active and retired New York Firefighters, and has partnered with Homes for Heroes, to provide homes to injured veterans. The moniker 343 comes from the number of NY Firefighters who perished on 9/11. What made this giveaway so special is that the home in East Haven was the 343rd home to be given away. Several months of planning went into the event. I was asked to serve on the planning committee, representing the various Veteran's groups in my hometown, East Haven. As the planning continued, I stepped out of my role as Veteran advisor, and into the role of member of Club Corvette of CT. In discussions regarding transporting several veterans to the home, from the hotel they were staying at in New Haven, I offered the services of our Club, which was readily accepted.

On the morning of the event, six Corvettes showed up at my home. Five of the Corvettes were needed to pick up and transport veterans to the home. One Corvette was sent to the Irish American Club, where all the organizations taking place were meeting. It was hoped that this Corvette would carry a local veteran unable to march in the procession. There were several color guards representing various American Legion Posts, from across the state, as well as the East Haven Police Dept. Color Guard, who was selected to "Present the Colors."

I was fortunate to be the driver of specialist Marcy. Evan had not seen the home up to this time and he was nervous and anxious not knowing what to expect. The home had been completely rehabilitated. It was furnished and had been landscaped. Evan was to be the last to arrive. He and the other vets were met by members of the Homes for Heroes crew, as well as East Haven Mayor Joe Carfora, Senator Richard Blumenthal, Governor Ned Lamont, and Lt. Governor Susan Bysewicz. The ceremony was extremely emotional, and tears were shed throughout the crowd.

I want to thank Club members Rick Wasserback, Steve Widger, Jeff Petriccione, Anthony DeLano, and Dennis Krajewski for taking the time to honor Specialist Marcy and the other veterans on this day.

Peace, Jack

Submitted by;
Jack Stacey



Artifact of the Month Dan Binks Autographed Helmet

Dan Binks was no stranger to professional auto racing. Back in the 1980s, he was Tommy Kendall's crew chief when Kendall dominated IMSA's GTU division in a Mazda RX-7. Binks had also worked on Jack Roush's NASCAR team during the 1990s. By March 2003, he faced a new challenge. The 12 Hours of Sebring would be his first race as crew chief and tire changer on the Corvette Racing No. 3 car.

The helmet that Binks wore on that memorable day is our August Artifact of the Month. Painted yellow to match the car, the famous Corvette crossed flags appear prominently on the front of the helmet. A checkered flag pattern swoops around the sides to the back, leaving just enough room for an American flag emblem and grinning skull and crossbones above the nickname "Big Daddy." Complete with a set of goggles, this helmet is generously on loan from Binks himself. He joins John Amgwert and David Wickman in the Corvette Hall of Fame class of 2023.



Binks used this helmet from his first race at Sebring through the end of the 2008 ALMS season at Laguna Seca. It bears the markings of a long career in motorsports. Along with the usual dents, scuffs, and scratches, the helmet displays an impressive set of

autographs. They include racing legends Jackie Stewart and Phil Hill, motorsports journalist Chris Economaki, and astronaut Bruce Melnick.

Binks and the No. 3 Corvette team won that race at Sebring. After the No. 4 Corvette dropped out in the 11th hour with a gearbox problem, the No. 3 took over the lead in the GTS class and led the rest of the way. It was the first victory for Binks on the Corvette team, but far from the last. He remained the crew chief of the No. 3 until his retirement in 2020, becoming one of the most respected members of Corvette Racing. Binks is celebrated today for his mechanical skills and efficient pit stop coordination. His

helmet is a unique piece of Corvette racing history, and a reminder of how races are often won in the pits."



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Week 3: October 9th - 14th, 2023

Week 4: October 16th - 21st, 2023



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September 24th - September 30th, 2023

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July Events

- Oct 3rd General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm - Parthenon Diner, 374 East Main St, Branford
- Oct 20th Oct 22nd - 30th Anniversary Club weekend – on Cape Cod – staying in the Hilton Doubletree in Hyannis
- Oct 31st E-Board Meeting - Parthenon Diner

Upcoming Events

- Nov 7th General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm - Parthenon Diner, 374 East Main St, Branford
- Nov 23rd Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 28th E-Board Meeting - Parthenon Diner

2023 Future Events

- Dec 3rd Korvettes for Kids
- Dec 9th Club holiday Party

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