

# CLUB CORVETTE OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

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# An Open Letter to members of Club Corvette of Connecticut

To my Friends of Club Corvette of Connecticut

Beginning next month Bill Yoxall will be publishing your monthly newsletter. It has been my honor and pleasure to publish our newsletter for the last 10 years. Prior to that I learned from the best Roy Masters, AKA Santa Claus. He and I formed a partnership where for almost 10 years I would assemble the newsletter then he and Jackie would edit it before we sent it out. Over the years we have had many different stories in our newsletter some were funny, some were informative, some made me laugh, some were sad, they covered our activities from Carlisle, to parades, food runs to Harry's and Lenny and Joes, our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary trip to Mt. Washington in '93 and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary cruise to Cape Cod in '23, cruise to car shows like the Adirondack Nationals, Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations, Veterans Events and I could go on listing the different events. But the one common element for all these events was the time spent with members of Club Corvette of Connecticut. The friendships and bonds that I have made over these years have made all of the long hours I spent putting together our newsletter all worthwhile. One thing that I am proud of is the 2 national awards we received from the National Corvette Museum for our newsletter.

I wish Bill the best going forward and I truly hope that you will support him as much as you have supported me over the years.

Les Browne

## 2025 CLUB CORVETTE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICERS

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Memorial Day to all our member and a very special remembrance to all of those who gave so much so that we can live free. Fallen, but not forgotten, Memorial Day is designated as an annual day of remembrance to honor all those who died in service to the United States during peace and war.

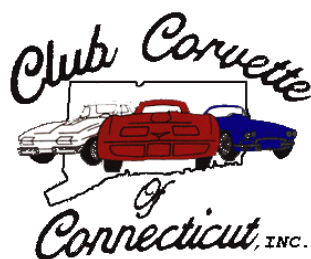
Our event schedule is in full swing, we have a major event planned each month through Labor Day as well as pop up cruises and smaller events in between. Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel the cruise to Harry's due to a rainy forecast as well as our member only car show. While the weather was okay for our Hammonasset show, we would have needed a row boat to get from the parking lot to the pavilion. Mark your calendars for Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> for a fun day once again at Crystal Ridge Winery, Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> for our annual Club picnic this year to be held at the Ponte Club in Waterbury, and our 30<sup>th</sup> annual car show at Moroso Performance on Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Cookie Capsalors will be retiring as our membership chairperson. Cookie has done an incredible job of welcoming our new members as they attend their first Club meeting. Her infectious smile is contagious, and you can't help but feel special as she greets you for the first time. Thank you, Cookie, for all you do to make our Club what it is today! Al & Carmela Cusano will be taking over as the new chairs for membership; they are very excited to get started and Cookie will help them during the transition period. Thank you, Al & Carmela for volunteering and carrying on a strong membership effort that Todd & Gail implemented, and Cookie carried on.

In a few short months we will be presenting a slate of candidates for our Executive Board to serve our club for 2026. My sincere thanks to our current board for all the work they do, it is a pleasure to work with each and every one of them and all that they do to make our Club what it is today. Dee Tully has been an incredible club secretary, but Dee will not be returning as secretary in 2026, so there will be an opening on the Executive Board for a club secretary. Additionally, my 1<sup>st</sup> 2- year term as president is over in December, so the office of president is also open in 2026. Please contact Dee Tully if you are interested in either of these 2 positions. We want our Club to continue for many more years to come, but we cannot do this without leaders. We all have a lot going on in our lives, make some room in your busy schedule for CCC and all the members that make our club what it is today, we cannot do it without you.

*Rick*



## MEMBER NEWS

# HAPPY CORVETTE BIRTHDAY!



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|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Donna Breen</b>    | <b>06/05</b> | <b>David Miller</b>    | <b>06/10</b> |
| <b>Jack Stacey</b>    | <b>06/10</b> | <b>Alan Ortnier</b>    | <b>06/10</b> |
| <b>Julian Cano</b>    | <b>06/15</b> | <b>Claire Grim</b>     | <b>06/15</b> |
| <b>Janis DeCaprio</b> | <b>06/16</b> | <b>Rosemary Fosco</b>  | <b>06/16</b> |
| <b>Angela Burr</b>    | <b>06/19</b> | <b>Gary Izzo</b>       | <b>06/16</b> |
| <b>Frank Hall</b>     | <b>06/18</b> | <b>Michael Barbaro</b> | <b>06/20</b> |
| <b>Jodi Howard</b>    | <b>06/20</b> | <b>Clare Torelli</b>   | <b>06/24</b> |
| <b>Ray Zisa</b>       | <b>06/25</b> | <b>Charles Schultz</b> | <b>06/25</b> |
| <b>Andrea Hart</b>    | <b>06/27</b> |                        |              |

## 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**

**George Sipprell**

## ***A note from George Sipprell***

Most of you don't get to go to the National Corvette Museum as often as I do, so I thought I'd bring a little NCM/Corvette News your way. The recent BASH event had surprisingly little news on where Corvette was going in 2026. I was surprised that Tony Roma (the new Jadge Juechter) and Amy Masica (the new Harlan Charles) in their presentation were quiet on the new for 2026 interior changes. I was hoping for at least a picture if not a real X car with the real thing. Nope. We'll have to wait to actually see it up close the new display, new switch panel, new switch locations, the new "no wall" handle, the new phone charger location, and the new cup holders. They talked a lot about the ZR1 obviously and, outside the Museum, they were on display in Hysteria and Competition Yellow. But they did talk about Rapid Blue and Seawolf Gray being discontinued and wait for it, replaced with Roswell Green(alien anyone?) and the old Blade Silver! They brought a sample of Roswell painted on one of their scale models. What interior will show up for this color is anybody's guess. And why Blade Silver and not bringing back the nicer Silver Flare? Corvette nation apparently loves the flatter looking silver. Who knew? And no talk of the Grand Sport, but it is coming. It appears only wide body Corvette versions are expected to be built going forward???? The Museum had some interesting show and tells. We are now digitizing all the cars in our collection in 3D. I got to see the process being performed on a C4 Callaway. The entire car inside and out!. With the colors correct! You can print the entire car in 3D. The Museum has done 3 cars so far. Very valuable for historical writers/researchers and very valuable for restorers!

A major change has occurred where our extensive Sinkhole Exhibit was. That has been dismantled, and a permanent Sinkhole display area created where we will always have one of the 5 cars not restored on display. But the bigger news was the addition of a very elegant Hall of Fame Corridor. The Dome pictures stay in place, but this corridor gives you an up-close look at each HOF person with, eventually, interactive capability! very nice addition to the Museum experience.

For those of you that were part of the 2024 30th Anniversary Caravan, I thank you for your participation and want to let you know we provided ANOTHER check for \$10,000 to the Museum. We did that last year to remember! Really thanks to you all who road with us and thanks to Randy and Judy Flock and his Team!!! In the last three Caravans we've given over \$50,000!

To wrap this up I want to mention that our latest exhibit of Richard Prince's racing photography is just spectacular. Check out his available books....and the Sky Dome's Sky Wall, if you haven't experienced it, is simply amazing with it's new Pop Culture video running.

Submitted by:  
George Sipprell  
NCM Lifetime Member  
NCM Master Ambassador  
NCM former Member of the Board of Directors 2010-2015



# Photos from the National Corvette Museum



Submitted by:  
George Sipprell



# ***Corvette Racing Secures Laguna Seca Podium***

## ***No. 3 Corvette Z06 GT3.R clinched 3<sup>rd</sup> place***



Photo Credit: Jake Galstad

Corvette Racing powered to a podium finish at the Monterey SportsCar Championship at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca on May 11, 2025, thanks to a strong performance by Antonio Garcia and Alexander Sims in the No. 3 Corvette Z06 GT3.R. The duo clinched third place, marking their second podium in just three GTD PRO races this season.

In a rare flag-to-flag green race with no cautions, strategy and execution were critical. The No. 3 car delivered flawless pit stops and held strong despite a few close encounters while fighting through the pack.

"The Corvette felt great, and the team did a fantastic job," said Sims. "Given the pace, third was where we deserved to be. Pratt Miller had the car dialed in perfectly." said Sims.

This result also marks Corvette Racing's second consecutive podium finish at Laguna Seca, following last year's third-place by Tommy Milner and Nicky Catsburg in the No. 4 Corvette. Unfortunately, the No. 4 entry wasn't as fortunate this time, suffering from a refueling issue that impacted their performance.

Next stop: the Chevrolet Detroit Sports Car Classic, happening May 30–31, 2025. Stay tuned as Corvette Racing continues its charge in the IMSA WeatherTech Championship!



## Artifact of the Month Cadillac DPi-VR race Car and Photos

On November 30, 2016, General Motors unveiled its newest sports prototype race car, the Cadillac DPi-V.R. The 600-horsepower racing machine marked Cadillac's return to prototype racing for the first time since 2002. Some of the car's features include Brembo brakes, performance wheels, and vertical lighting elements—all inspired by Cadillac's line of V-Performance automobiles. The Cadillac DPi-V.R competed in North American endurance racing events from 2017 to 2022. Its successor, the Cadillac V-Series.R, debuted the following season as the brand's next-generation prototype racer. One of the Cadillac DPi race cars is currently on exhibit at the National Corvette Museum, along with a photograph captured by Richard Prince. Prince's photograph features the automobile on display, along with four other Cadillac prototype race cars, on the high banks of Daytona International Speedway in 2022. Prince typically handles preseason photography for Cadillac and Corvette Racing each year before Daytona's 24-hour race in late January. The photograph shows all five cars in motion, moving at speeds around 50–60 miles per hour.

Capturing an image like this one presents significant challenges for a photographer, even one with decades of experience like Prince. First, the photographer must coordinate with teams and racing officials to reserve track time. The drivers of each car receive instructions regarding where they should be positioned and how fast they need to go. For this image, Prince shot out the open door of a minivan while tethered to the vehicle in a full safety harness. This setup allowed him to make adjustments by giving additional directions to a representative of the race teams, who relayed instructions via radio to the drivers of the cars and the minivan. Although he used a gyro stabilizer system to help steady the camera, he noted that bumps in the track and the turning of the vehicles made it difficult to hold the camera still.

Prince's goal was to get the cars in focus while capturing enough blur in the road surface and surroundings to create a sense of motion. He calls this photograph a winner due to the pleasing composition of the race cars, the centering of the Daytona branding on the wall, the framing created by the wall and double yellow lines, and the overall sharpness of the image.



# NCM CORVETTE RAFFLE

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

Purchasers located in Kentucky can 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 and will be using a credit card as your form of payment, you can use the NCM website to interactively create an order form. The payment information will be encrypted for your protection and broken into two parts, some of which will only be on the printed form. You must have access to a printer at the time that you create the order.

You may enter the NCM's Interactive Mode here:

**<https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org>**

Alternatively, you may download the NCM's Raffle Ticket Request Form at

**<https://www.clubcorvettect.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/RaffleTicketOrderForm.pdf>**

Type your information in the available fields, print the completed form and mail it, with your payment, to the NCM.

Below are current NCM active raffles.

Don't forget for your raffle needs.

You can always contact George Sipprell at: [gsipprell@gmail.com](mailto:gsipprell@gmail.com)



**2025 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000 6/19/2025**

Price: **\$250.00**

Drawing: June 19, 2025



**2025 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe**

Price: **\$100.00**

Drawing: July 10, 2025



**2025 Torch Red Corvette Convertible**

Price: **\$200.00**

Drawing: July 31, 2025



**2025 Red Mist Corvette Coupe**

Price: **\$20.00**

Drawing: August 30, 202



# CLUB CORVETTE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## May Events

- May 6<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm - Parthenon Diner, 374 East Main St, Branford
- May 10 - Club Corvette of Connecticut Members Only Car Show - Hammonasset State Park, Madison CT. Bring your favorite ride, it does not have to be a Corvette!!
- May 13 - Corvette Night at Southington Drive-In / Tony Delano Memorial – at the Southington CT Drive In. A tribute to the late CCC member Tony Delano, ALL proceeds will be donated to The Ronald McDonald House of CT. All makes of cars are welcome. A copy of the flyer is attached.
- May 27<sup>th</sup> E-Board Meeting - Parthenon Diner

## Upcoming Events

- Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm - Parthenon Diner, 374 East Main St, Branford
- Jun 12-15 - Back to the Beach, Old Orchard Beach
- Jun 14 - Rallye for a Cure - 13<sup>th</sup> annual to find a cure for Type I diabetes, Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> with laps at Palmer Motorsport Park, Palmer Ma. Register on The Rallye For a Cure website.
- Jun 14 - Vette for Vets Show
- Jun 27 - Crystal Ridge Winery Cruise South Glastonbury, CT from 3:30 until the wine is gone!!
- Jun 30 - National Corvette Day - "Drive your Corvette"

## 2025 Future Events

July 4<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Madison – we will be meeting in the marshalling area from 8:30 am to 9:45 in the Stop & Shop parking lot after that time you will not be allowed to cross Rt #1 to enter the parking lot. The parade starts at 10:00 am. Questions reach out to Les Browne.

July 20 - Club Corvette of Connecticut Annual Picnic - at The Ponte Club, Farmwood Road, Waterbury CT, 12:00 - 4:00

Aug 3 - Club Corvette of Connecticut Annual Show and Swap - at Moroso Performance Products, Guilford, CT August 3rd, rain date August 10th. Flyer Attached

Aug 21-23 - Corvettes at Carlisle

Aug 24 - Corvette Club of Rhode Island Annual Car Show

Dec 13 - Club Corvette Annual Holiday Party, Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> at The Clinton Country Club, Clinton CT

## Cruise Nights

**Dinner at the Parthenon Diner** – Come join us for dinner and conversation on Thursday nights at 6:00 pm Parthenon Diner 374 E Main St. Branford, CT – this will continue each Thursday evening unless Covid should spike again.





# 30th Corvette Show

Club Corvette  
Of  
Connecticut



Ronald McDonald  
House Charities  
of Connecticut &  
Western Massachusetts

To Benefit:



**Sunday  
August 3rd 2025**

Rain Date: August 10th 2025

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**Exit 59 (Goose Lane) off I-95**

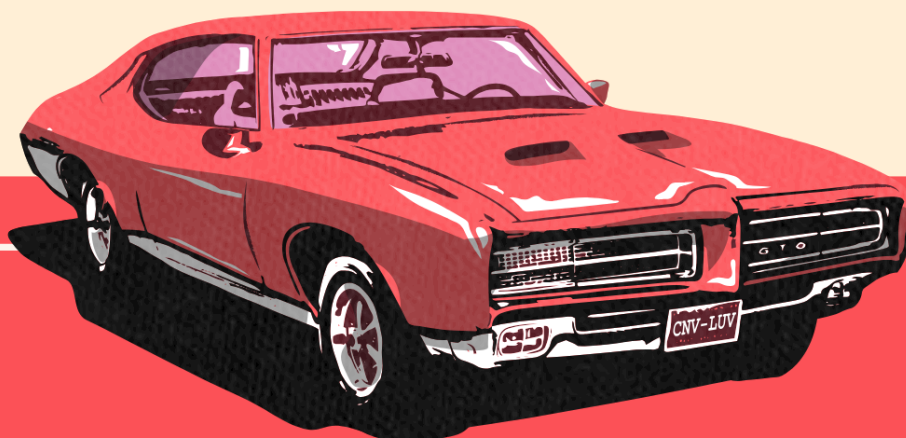
Car Registration & Clean-up: 8:00-11:00 am  
Judging starts 11:00 am





# 4TH ANNUAL CHARITY CAR SHOW

IN SUPPORT OF



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

8:00AM - 2:00PM - RAIN DATE: AUG. 17

MOROSO PERFORMANCE, 80 CARTER DRIVE, GUILFORD, CT 06437

Calling all car enthusiasts! Join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual charity car show!  
100% of proceeds benefitting Connecticut Children's Hospital!

\$10 Entry Fee for All Show Cars - Spectators \$5, Kids 12 & Under Free  
Raffles - Music - Food - Trophies - Shop Tours

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# Classified Section



To place an ad, please contact Les Browne  
Note: Your ad must be in by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. Six months free for Club members.

## 1979 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray

This 1979 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray is powered by an 8-cylinder gasoline engine paired with an automatic transmission. This Chevy Corvette is shown with a red exterior and a black interior. Runs very well. Gutted and restored in 2005 including tires, brakes, suspension, steering, autometer mechanical gauges, weight reduction, etc. (all receipts available). Working high/low/brake/blinker lights and fully street legal. AM/FM/CD radio, no heat or AC. New battery, filters, oil, and plugs.

Features  
Custom Modifications for Racing  
Racing Bucket Seats with Harness

Seller's Note: Odometer not working. Vehicle has approximately 130,000 miles.  
Asking \$6,999 or Best Offer

For additional detail you can contact the seller at:  
Home - 508-221-8569.

Or  
Email - [bkeene100@comcast.net](mailto:bkeene100@comcast.net)



## **2002 Corvette Convertible**

We don't have any pictures, but below is the information describing the car:

Automatic

Torch Red with Light Oak Interior and Convertible Top

28,950 miles

VIN# 1G1YY32G325116606

New Michelin Tires

Memory Seats

Head Up Display

CD Player

Car Cover

\$23,500 or Best Offer

Call 203-306-7130 ask for Pam

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