

Club Corvette of Connecticut

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Photo: The all-new, 1250-hp C8 ZR1X

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Upcoming Events

30th Annual Club Corvette of CT Corvette Show

Join us at Moroso Performance Products on August 3rd, 2025 for our 30th annual Corvette show! Many judged categories, raffle prizes, and more! Car registration and clean-up 8:00 - 11:00 AM, judging starts at 11:00AM.

Monthly Member Meeting

August 5th at the Parthenon in Branford

Aug. 16 Moroso Charity Car Show

We are thrilled to announce our 4th Annual Charity Car Show, on August 16th! 100% of proceeds benefit The Connecticut Children's Foundation and directly supports patients and their families. As always, we'll have food, raffles, music, 50/50, shop tours, and of course tons of awesome cars! All vehicles welcome! Show vehicles must be registered by 11:00am to qualify for judging, winners announced at 1:00pm!

August 16th - rain date August 17th 8:00am - 2:00pm

Moroso Performance, 80 Carter Drive, Guilford, CT 06437

\$10/show cars, \$5/spectators, kids 12 & under FREE

Roaring 20's Antique and Classic Car Club show

At the Southington Drive-In at 995 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike in Plantsville, CT. Entry \$10, spectator donation of cash or canned good.

Aug. 17 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Corvettes at Carlisle 2025

August 21-23, 2025 CARLISLE IS ONLY 20 DAYS, 9 HOURS and 19 MINUTES away so we really need to start planning! If you are signing up to attend, PLEASE don't forget to tell them that you are with CLUB CORVETTE OF CT - if we get enough people to sign up from our club, we can - again - get a FREE TENT!! That is a HUGE savings for our club treasury.

Vettes at the Beach

September 14th, 2025 at Ocean Beach Park, New London, CT

10:00AM - 2:00PM

Club Corvette Annual Holiday Party

Saturday December 13th at The Clinton Country Club, Clinton CT

President's Message



Happy Independence Day to all our members, from 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence from Great Britain and the Liberty Bell is rung 13 times on Independence Day, once for each of the 13 colonies.

We had a great day at Crystal Ridge Winery again this year. It was a beautiful day, the wine was incredible, and the views spectacular. 60 of our members attended this year, our largest group ever, we are looking forward to hosting the event again in 2026. A special thanks to Tom Mannello, the wine maker at Crystal Ridge for joining us for the day and conducting a wine tasting of some very special wines.

Our 30th annual car show is just around the corner. With the car enthusiast culture moving away from judged shows to fun shows, we are adapting our show to the changing expectations in an effort to satisfy both types of participants. This is the one day each year that we need everyone on board to help make our show a success which enables us to raise the funds we use to support our Club's charities.

In a few short months we will compile our slate of officers to lead our club into 2026. We have several openings to fill, the position of Club Secretary – a critical position as the secretary records minutes, votes, and elections as required by our by-laws. The next is car show chairperson – we have several enthusiastic members that will be assisting and co-chairing our 2026 car show, but with so many moving parts to our show we still need additional volunteers.

I will have fulfilled my 2 -year commitment as President at the end of December, while I can run for an additional 2- year term, I think that after serving as your president for 7 years, a change in leadership would benefit the Club. The Executive Board has 11 members which is only 3.3% of all the members in our club, we do need volunteers to join us and become involved in leading our club into the future. We cannot do this without you, so please consider becoming involved.

We Came, We Saw, We Conquered, We Marched

By
F.B.Bugaj

We gathered together on a beautiful Friday morning, in Madison, to participate in the town's annual 4th of July parade. To say that the weather that day was perfect, would be an understatement. Approximately twenty five Corvettes showed up this year to participate in the parade.



Now if you've never been a participant in this parade, you're truly missing out on an experience. Let's see if I can paint a picture for you. First, imagine the parking lot of a shopping center. Big, empty space that little by little, gets filled up with marching groups of every type of organization you can imagine. All gussied up and decorated with the colors of our Nation, Red, White and Blue. There are groups from civic organizations, the Boy Scouts, Fire Departments, the Shriners in their little go kart cars, children's groups, hot rodders, you name it, it's there to march in this parade. Then there's our group. The Club Corvette of Connecticut Corvettes. Some of us have American flags waving from our windshields, others have their passengers holding Old Glory out the window as we make our way down the Main Street of Madison.



This is where the parade begins to take on life for all of us that have come to participate in this celebration. Once you leave that parking lot, and turn South on to Main Street, the very first thing you notice is the people. Lined up on both sides of the street, are spectators that have come to watch the parade and to cheer and applaud for all the participants. There's one big difference with our group however. Those same crowds that applaud the marching participants, switch gears and begin to shout "REV IT UP!!", to all of the Corvettes trundling down the roadway.



Much to everyone's surprise this year, a new gesture and cry out was "Flip 'em up!!", along with a waving hand gesture symbolizing the "flipping up" of our headlights....for those Corvettes prior to the C6 years, who's hidden headlights "flip up" when turned on. Leave it to the kids in the crowd to come up with something new for our Corvettes to show off, besides the distinctive sounds of our revving engines!! So there you have it, a short description of what you can expect, should you decide to come out next 4th of July and participate with the rest of us, in what has become one of our club's time honored traditions. Thanks Les....for setting this up for us all.....you da man!!!.....Aloha!!!



The 'Gem' Revisited.....

By George S. Sipprell

Last month I introduced to you...or reminded you...that we have a "Gem In Our Own Backyard". Amarante's on Morris Cove is



simply a wonderful summer venue I hope some of you will experience this season.

Well guess what? Lisa, the owner, extended us the

permission to park our Corvettes on their beautiful lawn overlooking the water. Time for a revisit!!



How great is that for a parking space? And a table with a view



any Corvette fan would love to have....don't you agree?

The weather was simply perfect again...and myself, Valerie, Ken, and Barb enjoyed some summer drinks and food and live music until the sun started to set.



Enjoy your summer everyone! See y'all in the Fall.
Cheers....George Sipprell

1,250 Horsepower Isn't The Final Word!

From Corvette Mike CA



In a recent interview with Top Gear, Corvette boss Tony Roma made it clear: the new ZR1X is “not the end of the story, it’s just the latest chapter.” The same engineering minds behind Cadillac’s Blackwing sedans are pushing the boundaries of what the C8 can do, and they’re just getting started.

The ZR1X already combines 1064 hp from its twin-turbo V8 with an additional 186 hp electric front motor, delivering all-wheel-drive grip and neck-snapping acceleration. Add in lightweight carbon fiber, 1200 lbs of downforce from its aero kit, and the Nürburgring in their sights.

But Roma hints more is coming, not just in horsepower, but in next-level weight savings and maybe even active aerodynamics to push performance even further.

<https://corvettemike.com/1250-horsepower-isnt-the-final-word/>

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<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



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.

2026 Blade Silver Corvette Coupe

Price: \$200.00

Drawing: July 31, 2025 2:00 PM
Central Time



2025 Red Mist Corvette Coupe

Price: \$20.00

Drawing: August 30, 2025 2:00
PM Central Time



2025 Arctic White Corvette Z06
Convertible

Price: \$300.00

Drawing: August 29, 2025 2:00
PM Central Time



2026 Competition Yellow
Corvette Coupe

Price: \$100.00

Drawing: September 18, 2025 2:00
PM Central Time





Happy Birthday!

Harry E. Moore III 2-Aug
Rich Besitka 3-Aug
Matthew Eisele 7-Aug
William Ogonowski 8-Aug
Richard Wasserback 19-Aug
Richard Armstrong 22-Aug
Anthony Rasile 22-Aug
Harry Hart 23-Aug
Anthony Zullo 24-Aug
Robert (Bob) Parker 27-Aug

Joann Lewis 11-Aug
Barbara Distinti 14-Aug
Jack Rafferty 17-Aug
Margaret Siena 17-Aug
Kristan Konon 19-Aug
Angela Eisele 20-Aug
Nancy Malafronte 22-Aug
Carol Horvath 27-Aug
Diane Lendroth 28-Aug
Dee Novak 29-Aug

Classifieds

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Note: Your ad must be in by the 5th 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

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

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