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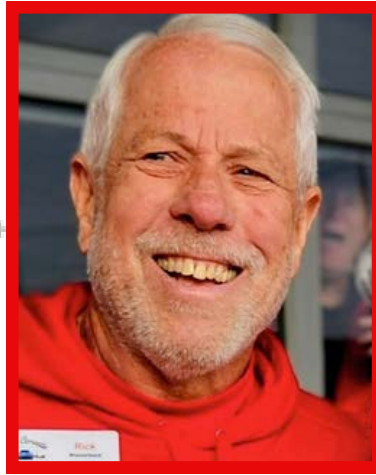
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President's Message



President's Message, January 2026

Happy New Year to all our members, I wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2026. A very special thank you to all who served on our executive board in 2025, you all worked diligently to do what we all believe was best for CCC. I also want to welcome and thank Al Cusano, Shari Bugaj, and Stewart Teichman who will be joining our executive board in 2026 and Dave Pascoe who will be taking over as publisher of our newsletter. We have much planned for the upcoming year, already in the planning stages is the annual picnic, which will be at The Ponte Club again, the holiday party at Clinton Country Club, and our fourth annual winery day at Crystal Ridge Winery. Buckle up, it's going to be a fun year!

In January I will begin my 8th year as President of our Club, thank you all so much for your cooperation and support that I have received over the years. I am proud to serve as your President and humbled by the ongoing support I receive to continue leading our Club forward in the future. I will always do what I believe is best for our Club and work diligently to make our Club enjoyable with something for everyone, and to help other less fortunate than ourselves and have fun doing it.

Thank you!

Rick

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Calendar of Events & Activities

Calendar input, by Bob Wadyka.

For Changes please contact Bob - ralley71@comcast.net

- Items shown in **RED** are official club group activities.

Any items shown in black may be changed to red if a member would like to take the lead.

January

- 13, Ladies Lunch, Corvette Ladies at 12:30 at Cafe Fiore at 420 East Main Street, Branford, CT.
- You can preview the menu at: Menu - Cafe Fiore Restaurant - Branford. They will not issue separate checks. Please RSVP to Mary Hultgren at (203) 444-5261 by Jan 9th if you will be attending.
- 17 & 18 Auto Swap Meet, Big E fairgrounds, W Springfield.

February

- Feb 14 @ 6PM (Saturday) Valentine's Day Lunch. Sammy's Italian Restaurant in Westbrook, CT. Shoot Frank an email with the word "SAMMY'S" in the subject line, and he'll put you on the list. Frank's email is: timberwolf2005@comcast.net.

March

- March 15, St Pats Parade. New Haven. Parade starts at 1:30. We'll be meeting at the Dunkin Donuts at 470 Derby Ave (RT34) West Haven around noon. I'll know our parade slot when we get closer to March. For more information, contact Jim Gurn 203-258-9014 Jbgurn49@gmail.com

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April

- Cars & Coffee Resumes at Moroso. Details to follow.

May

- May 2nd, Blood Sweat and Tears Car club and Oxford Spring Fair car show. Oxford Town Hall, 8:00am, \$10.00 May
- 17 Booth Memorial Park car show, Stratford. Info to follow.

June

- June 12-14, "Back to The Beach", Old Orchard Beach Maine.
Planning in progress, contact Dennis White for further info:
dwhite0124@yahoo.com

July

- TBD

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August

- Aug 2nd, **Club Corvette's 31st Annual Corvette Show.**
Location: Moroso Performance Products, Guilford Ct.
More info to follow. Contact: Shari Bugaj for further
info: timberwolf2005@comcast.net

September

- 10-13 **Adirondack Nationals Car Show**, Lake George NY.
<https://adirondacknationals.com/>
- 11-13 The 34th **Adirondack VetteFest Weekend** will be held in September. The Host Hotel will be The Queensbury Hotel 88 Ridge Street, Glens Falls, NY.
www.thequeensburyhotel.com Further details and registration forms will be available some time in Q1 2026 using **This Link.**

Various

- Thursdays at Parthenon Diner, Branford – Meet at 6PM for Dinner, Camaraderie and conversation.

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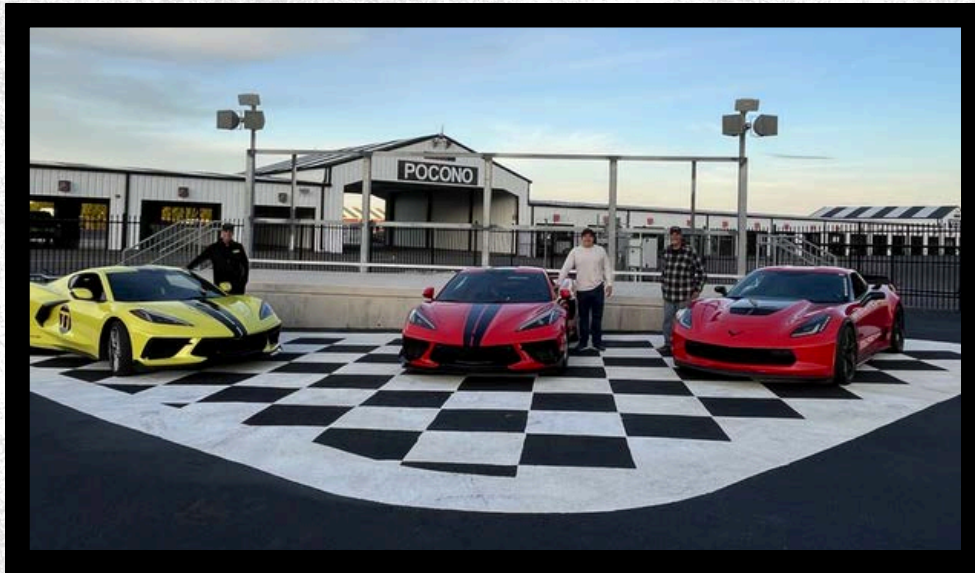
- Mobile 1 oil rebates for the DIYer's and those who have their car serviced. Rebate link:
<https://www.mobil.com/en/lubricants/promotions>
- Seaport Car Club Calendar of Events: A good reference
<https://www.ctseaportcarclub.com/carshowORCruises.htm>
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https://www.hemmings.com/events/detail?O=0&location_stateFacet=Connecticut
- New England auto shows.
<https://www.newenglandautoshows.com/calendar/>

Corvette Club of Connecticut

Track Days



By Darryl DelGuidice



Our 2025 Track Day season concluded November 14th at Thompson Speedway. Track conditions were cold with temperatures in the 40s which made grip challenging but fun. Dave Jutcawitz, John Mader, Bob Sicuranza, and myself tracked our Corvettes. We had 4 club members attend as spectators. We thank Todd Loucks, Stewart Teichman, Grant Sanbour, and Harry Hart for braving the cold weather to spectate. Harry Hart rode with me as a passenger and has a new appreciation for threshold braking.

Dave Jutcawitz, JD Venables, Mike Moskowitz, and John Mannello all tracked their Corvettes for the first time this year! Congratulations to them all! Each time we tracked at Thompson we had 10 to 20 club spectators, including members from FCO, attend to watch the action, go for a “ride along”, and participate in parade laps. Many times we all enjoyed lunch together at the track clubhouse restaurant and lounge.

Corvette Club of Connecticut *Track Days*

By Darryl DelGuidice



Last year, in addition to Thompson Speedway, we tracked at tracks that were new to us including, Watkins Glen, Pocono, and Canaan Motor Club in New Hampshire. This year we had added new tracks as well. Below is our 2026 track day schedule.

Additional days will most likely be added. We look forward to representing Club Corvette of CT and enjoying the continued support of the Club. We will again have the opportunity for all members to participate in parade laps at most tracks. If you are not sure if tracking is for you, come to the track and rent a helmet for \$25 and go for a ride as a passenger with one of us.

We thank you all for your support!

2026 Track Day Schedule

- **April 17 - 19th Watkins Glen International**
- **May 4 Monticello in NY**
- **May 16 Palmer Mass**
- **June 16 or 17 Monticello (first day it doesn't rain)**
- **September 11 New York Safety Track**
- **October 18 Pocono 4.2 mile mega course**
- **November 6 or 8 Monticello (first day it doesn't rain)**



Club Corvette of Connecticut



Holiday Party 2025

Clinton Country Club, December 14, 2025

The Club's annual Holiday Party was once again held at the Clinton Country Club, and it was a fantastic evening. It was lovely to see so many members dressed up and ready to celebrate. A total of 65 club members attended, and the dinner menu was a hit, offering something to satisfy everyone's tastes.

Hors d'oeuvres were served during the cocktail hour, featuring enormous shrimp, about the size of a small trout. Our regular DJ, Rockin' Richard, kept the tunes flowing throughout the night, and the bar remained open all evening for everyone to enjoy.

Several members were recognized for their outstanding contributions in 2025. Sue Wadyka and Todd Loucks were honored with plaques for their dedication and work on the Club's Board of Directors. Dee Tully received a plaque for her excellent service as Club Secretary, while Mike and Renee Dansereau were acknowledged for their ongoing contributions to the Club. Lastly, George Sipprell was presented with a well-deserved plaque for his many years of service to the Club and as the Club's Corvette of Connecticut representative.

The \$20 grab bag made a return, with plenty of trading and swapping going on. As always, Santa Claus himself made an appearance, in his bright red suit, sitting in his special chair accompanied by his Elf on the Shelf. Santa distributed bottles of wine to each couple, adding a festive touch to the evening.

A big thank you to Lester and Carol Browne for generously sponsoring the party, and to all the members who attended, making it a truly merry occasion filled with love, laughter, and the magic of the season.

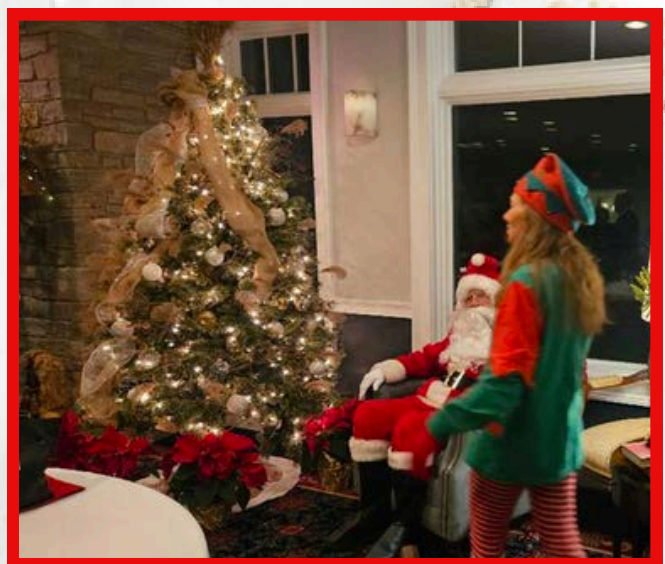
By: **Dennis Krajewski**



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CLUB CORVETTE OF CONNECTICUT WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

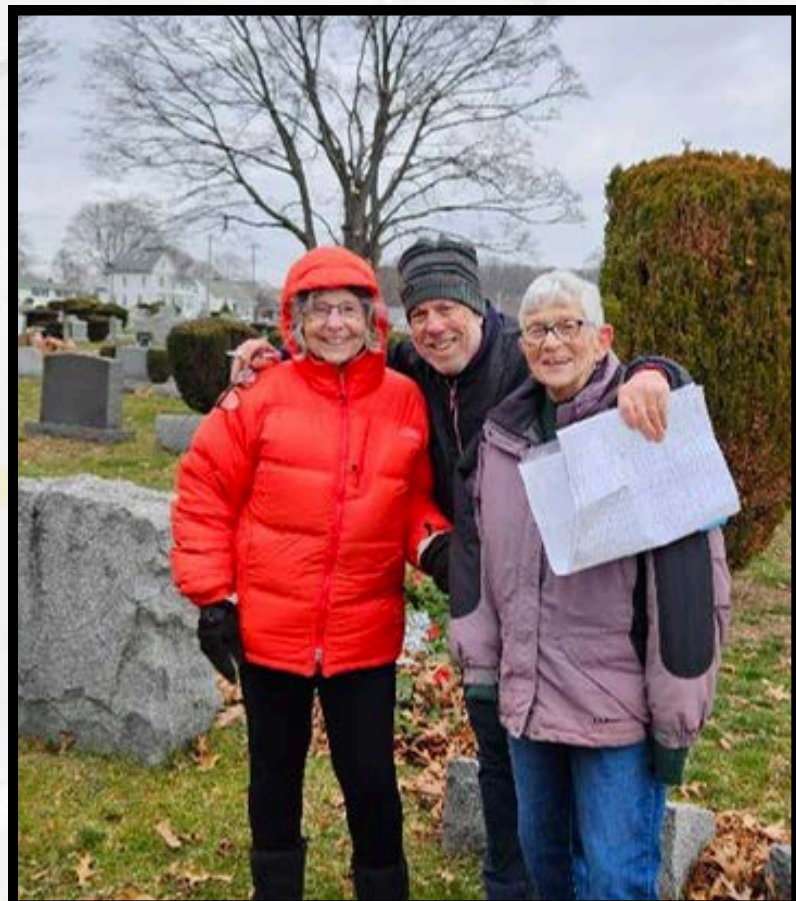
East Haven ~ Saturday, December 13, 2025

Wreaths Across America – East Haven, Connecticut

On Saturday, December 13, 2025, members of the East Haven community gathered at East Lawn Cemetery and the Town Green for the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony, honoring our nation's veterans. Volunteers placed wreaths in remembrance of the fallen and in gratitude for those who served, ensuring their sacrifices were respectfully honored and never forgotten.

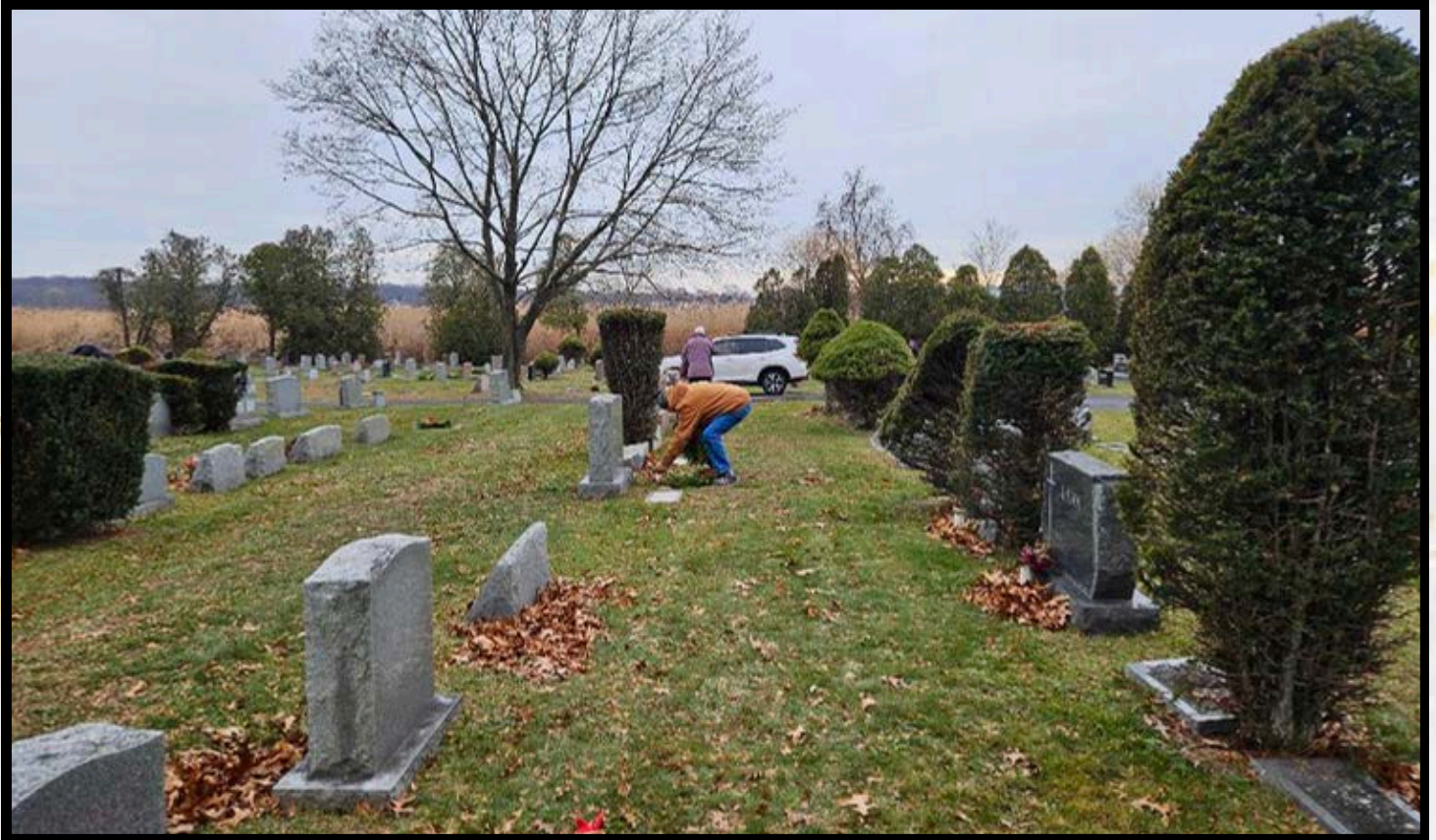
Participants:

Master of Ceremonies - Dennis Krajewski, Rick Wasserback, Jack Stacey, Mike Romanelli, George Sipprell, Cookie Capsalors, Ken Uliano, Steve and Joan Widger, and Robert, Andy, and Bob Consolator.



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East Haven ~ Saturday, December 13, 2025



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Korvettes for Kids

December 7th 2025

This was year 26 for **Club Corvette of Connecticut** collecting toys for the Ct. State Police, and our 1st year being hosted by **Bobby Crabtree Chevrolet**. The weather was nearly perfect, with 70+ cars gathered to join the Toy Drive, not only Club Corvette of Connecticut members, but we also had For Corvettes Only, No Rules, and The Connecticut Military Club joining us and making the toy drive a huge success. Bobby Crabtree was our gracious host and we were also joined by Michelle D'Amore and Emily Brady from The Ronald McDonald House of New Haven.

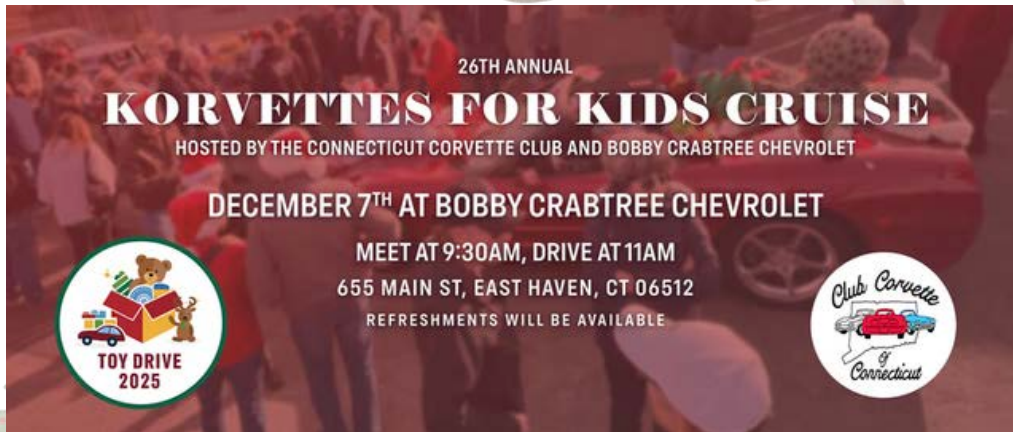
We made our annual monetary donation to The Ronald McDonald House at the toy run as we have done in the past. Club Corvette of Connecticut presented a check for \$7500.00 to Michelle and Emily, this was in addition to \$8000.00 raised throughout the year from the proceeds of Corvettes for Tony, Trees of Hope, and Best Club Participation at the FCO annual car show which brought our annual gift to \$15,500.00. Additionally, Mark Christiansen, the incoming president of FCO, also personally donated \$500.00 to Ronald McDonald House, Mark is exceedingly generous and a great friend to our Club.

The State Police did an outstanding once again getting our caravan of Corvettes from Bobby Crabtree to Troop G headquarters in Bridgeport, and the once empty conference room at the headquarters was once again overflowing with toys for children in Ct in need.

Submitted by Rick Wasserback

CLUB CORVETTE OF CONNECTICUT

Korvettes for Kids



Bobby Crabtree and the Team at Crabtree Chevrolet graciously hosted this event



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Korvettes for Kids



The Publisher's Pit Stop

By Dave Pascoe



Happy New Year, Club Corvette!

It's my pleasure to introduce myself as the newsletter publisher. I've been a member of the club for two years now. My wife, Pam, and I live in North Branford. I am a 23-year U.S. Navy veteran (Chief Petty Officer) and recently retired from teaching high school Navy JROTC in Norwalk. I miss teaching, but not the long commute! I am currently "semi-retired." Pam retired from Branford High School last year. We are blessed with 10 beautiful grandchildren—two in Connecticut and eight in Virginia.

Isn't it every high school boy's dream to own a Corvette? I fell in love at first sight with my 1995 Polo Green C4 Convertible. I truly enjoy owning a C4—the history, the heritage, and the tradition that come with it.

After volunteering to take on the newsletter—and experiencing a few fits and starts—I eventually settled on Canva as the platform to create The Vette Gazette from scratch, with guidance and support from several people, notably Les Browne and Mike Vendetto. I've enjoyed both the challenge and the opportunity to collaborate with fellow club members.

Regarding newsletter submissions, if you have articles or content you'd like to publish, the sooner you can get that material to me, the better. My goal is to publish the newsletter the Friday following the monthly meeting.

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SPONSOR SHOWCASE



Crabtree Chevrolet
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New 2025 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 2LZ



Exterior: Black

Drivetrain: Rear Wheel Drive

Interior: Adrenaline Red, Napa leather
with perforated suede microfiber inserts

Transmission: Automatic

Engine:

5.5L V8 DI high-output flat plane crank 8600 RPM redline engine



ANOTHER LAP AROUND THE TRACK

January Birthdays

1/4	Linda Parker	1/16	Michael Moskowitz
1/5	Joe Lombardi	1/16	Mary Ann Banyacsky
1/5	Howard Smith	1/19	Linda Ungerleider
1/5	Rita Brieger	1/20	Maggie Gugliotti
1/6	Russ Grim	1/23	Joseph Palmieri
1/8	Cookie Capsalors	1/24	Jeffrey Reut
1/8	Bob Horvath	1/24	Dennis White
1/8	Cookie Capsalors	1/24	Maria Belo
1/10	George Sipprell	1/24	Gail Loucks
1/10	Patricia Bellmore	1/25	Tina Mader
1/11	Lawrence Balan	1/29	Thomas Bishop
1/13	Gus Filippone	1/30	Diana Seaman



ANOTHER LAP AROUND THE TRACK

February Birthdays

2/1	Charlotte Parisi	2/15	Frank Belo
2/2	Diane Simses	2/15	Nick DeLuise
2/5	William Zarillo	2/16	Gary Gaber
2/5	Pat Wagner	2/16	George Macary
2/6	Julianna Riccio	2/16	Robin Smeriglio
2/8	Kori Kaercher	2/17	Denise Tanis
2/10	Frank Maltagliati	2/17	Teri Stanwix
2/10	Lambros Viores	2/19	Beth Casey
2/11	Barbara Hartman	2/19	Diane DiMauro
2/12	Mary Ann Hultgren	2/23	Paul Fappiano
2/13	Shari Bugaj	2/23	Melissa Cetta
2/14	Teresa Pestana	2/25	Raymond Beaugrand
		2/27	Paul Merola

Club Corvette of Connecticut

Welcome New Members



For December

12/8 Zoltan Szabo

12/17 Howard Smith



Zoltan Szabo is a retired Bridgeport Fire Fighter and the proud owner of this 2016 Laguna Blue Stingray.

Howard, from Trumbull, owns "a few" Corvettes, including this gorgeous 2017 C-7.

Club Corvette of Connecticut

Welcome New Members



For December (cont.)



Richard and Laura Piacentini, from Clinton, are new to the Corvette Life. Rich is a National Sales Manager for a uniform manufacturer. They purchased their C6 in November and are new to Club Corvette as of December. They're attracting Lots of attention with their red hot **2012 Crystal Red Grand Sport Coupe!**

To all of our newest Members - Welcome!

Garage Sale

Members' Classified Ads

Non run flat KUMHO tires
\$50 Each
Contact: Al Cusano (203) 414-4638

245/40 ZR18 97W	285/35 ZR19 99W
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Club Corvette of Connecticut

Member in the Spotlight

Dave Hultgren (Blue Shirt)



Our first Member in the Spotlight is **David Hultgren**. Dave is married to Mary Ann and they live in East Haven. They have been club members for about two years and are the proud owners of a “classic” 1985 C4 Corvette.

Dave is employed at Medtronic in North Haven as a Principal Tooling Engineer and plans to retire within the next five years or so.

He purchased his 1985 Corvette Coupe (Z51) in October 2023 and proudly considers himself a “car guy.” As he approaches retirement, Dave began looking for a hobby he could truly sink his teeth into. He decided to enter the Corvette hobby, purchasing a classic Corvette Coupe. He found the car locally and became its third owner. Dave was especially pleased that the Corvette came with service records from the second owner, another Connecticut resident who split time between Connecticut and Florida. Despite being nearly 40 years old, the car has just over 70,000 miles.

Since purchasing the car, Dave has completed several repairs and upgrades, including a Viper keyless entry system, windshield, targa top, new brakes and tires, starter, front hood and rear hatch struts. He upgraded the under-hood and cabin lighting to LED and converted the A/C to R134. Most recently, Dave completed the dreaded heater-core replacement.

A passionate C4 owner, Dave enjoys tinkering with his Corvette and meeting up with fellow C4 enthusiasts, including Dave Pascoe and Tom Hansen and anyone who also owns a C4. He regularly attends car shows, Cars & Coffee events, and various meet-ups.

Club Corvette of Connecticut Membership Information

Become a Member Today!

Membership info via our website

<https://www.clubcorvettect.com/>

Join online or by mailing an application

General membership meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM. Casual social time and dinner at 6PM is optional.

Place: Parthenon Diner Restaurant,
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