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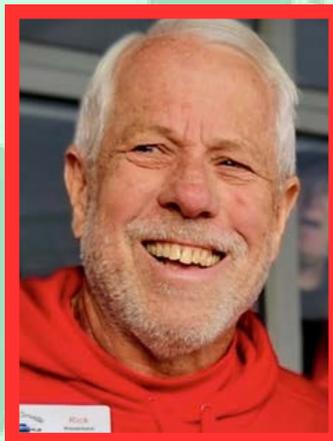
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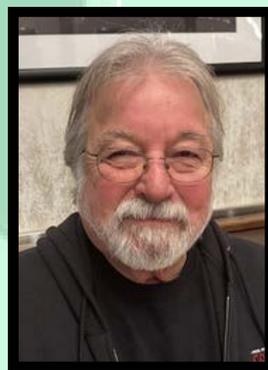
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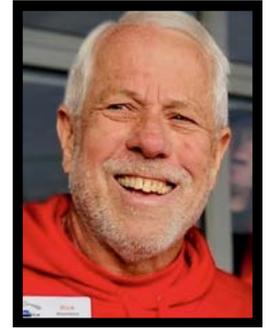
Thank you for your continued support

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Presidents Message

March 2026

Rick W



Happy St. Patrick's Day to all – a great day for all of us to be Irish and celebrate Irish culture and the patron saint of Ireland, whose death occurred in the 5th century. Spring is just around the corner, so dust off your Corvette, buckle up, and get ready for a very busy and fun year.

Darryl DelGiudice will be hosting **CORVETTE NIGHT at the Southington Drive-In** on **Tuesday, May 12th**. All makes and models of cars are welcome, and the proceeds will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House of New Haven. This was a HUGE event last year, with \$5,000 raised through the 50/50 raffle and various donations – all helping Ronald McDonald House provide a home away from home for families of children receiving treatment at local hospitals.

We had a great showing last year, as did No Rules Corvette Club and FCO. Please make every effort to attend this first fundraiser of the year for our club's adopted charity. In addition to this special event, the Southington Drive-In hosts a weekly cruise night every Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., from April through September. The first cruise night of the season is April 28th, featuring over 300 awesome cars, music, food, and a 50/50 raffle.

2026 is shaping up to be a very busy year for CCC, with a wide variety of events, weekend trips, car shows, and picnics. Also returning this year will be our Members Only Car Show. We are working on dates and locations now, so stay tuned.

Our annual car show at Moroso Performance will be held on August 2. Shari has been working diligently planning an awesome show, and we need everyone involved. This event is our #1 revenue source for funding our club charities.

Quote of the day: You miss 100% of the shots you don't take. –Wayne Gretzky

- Rick

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Club Connections

Calendar of Events & Activities

Calendar input, by Bob Wadyka

For Changes please contact Bob - ralley71@comcast.net

- Bob's Weekly **Things To-Do** email contains additional information on many events.
- Items shown in **RED** are official club group activities.
- New events are **BOLD**
- Any items shown in black may be changed to red if a member would like to take the lead.

Ongoing

- **Track Days** schedule posted on pages 20/21
- **Thursdays at Parthenon Diner**, Branford – Meet at 6PM for Dinner, Camaraderie and conversation. See Page 30.
- April-November: Sundays. Cars and Coffee @ Moroso in **Guilford**
 - Schedule on Facebook: **CT Shoreline cars & Coffee**
- May 8 & Every Friday Corvette & Friends, Car Cruise, **Monroe**

March

- **11 Ladies Lunch - Tommy Sullivans in Branford (info on page 14)**
- **15 St Patrick's Parade. New Haven. (info on page 15)**
- **21 First track day - Thompson Speedway, weather permitting.**

April

- **7th Club Membership Meeting at Parthenon Diner 7PM.**
- **3-12 New York Int. Auto Show at the Jacob K. Javits Center.**
- **12 The 38th annual Ty-Rods Spring Auto Swap Meet**
- **19 Central Car Club Spring Charity Car Show**
- **25 Tracking – ¼ mile exhibition run at Lebanon Valley**

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May

- 2 Blood Sweat and Tears Car club and Oxford Spring Fair car show. Oxford Town Hall, 8:00am, \$10.00.
- **12 Corvette Night at Southington Drive-In. Info on Page 18**
- 15-16 Corvette Thunder in the Glen, Watkins Glen, NY
- 17 Walnut Beach (Milford) Car Show & Beach Market. See page 19
- 17 Booth Memorial Park car show, Stratford. Info to follow.
- 24 The 15th Royals' Garage Car Show, Lime Rock Park
- 28-31 Vettes of Coastal Maine 'Bar Harbor Tour'.
 - <https://vettesofcoastalmaine.org/bar-harbor-tour/>

June

- 6 BARNUM FESTIVAL 5TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW 2026
- 7 Cars 4 Paws Car Show, Southington Drive-In.
- 7 The New England Chapter of the NCRS is proud to sponsor Corvette Day at the Larz Anderson Museum in Brookline, MA.
- **12-13, "Back to The Beach", Old Orchard Beach Maine. Planning in progress. Info ON PAGE 16-17.**
- 14 All American Corvette Club 26th Annual Car Show. Paramus, NJ.
- 19-20 NCRS Northeast Chapter Spring Meet. Brookfield, ct
- **26 Crystal Ridge Winery for fun day, Friday June 26th**
- 30 National Corvette Day

July

- **11 Oxford Center Fire House Car Show**
- **19 Club Corvette of Ct - Our Annual Picnic**
- 25 The Saratoga Automobile Museum Corvette Car Show

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
- 16 CCRI Car Show, Warwick, RI
- 23 The 41st annual Sock Hop and Car Show, Prospect.
- 27-29 The Corvettes at Carlisle 2026 event

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September

- 10-13 **Adirondack Nationals Car Show**, Lake George NY.
<https://adirondacknationals.com/>
- 13 ***For Corvettes Only*** Car Show “*Vettes at the Beach*”
Ocean Beach, New London, CT
- 13 Boardwalk Corvettes Club - Ocean City NJ Boardwalk show.
- 11-13 The 34th **Adirondack Vette Fest 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**.

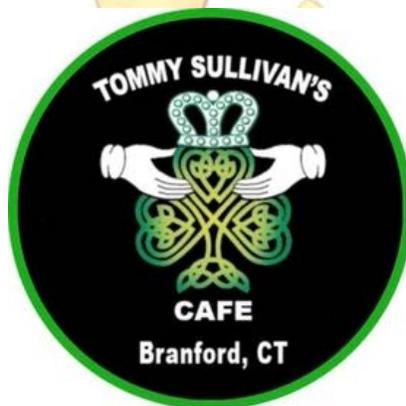
October

- **16-17 Free State Corvette Club, Corvette Weekend.**
Ocean City MD

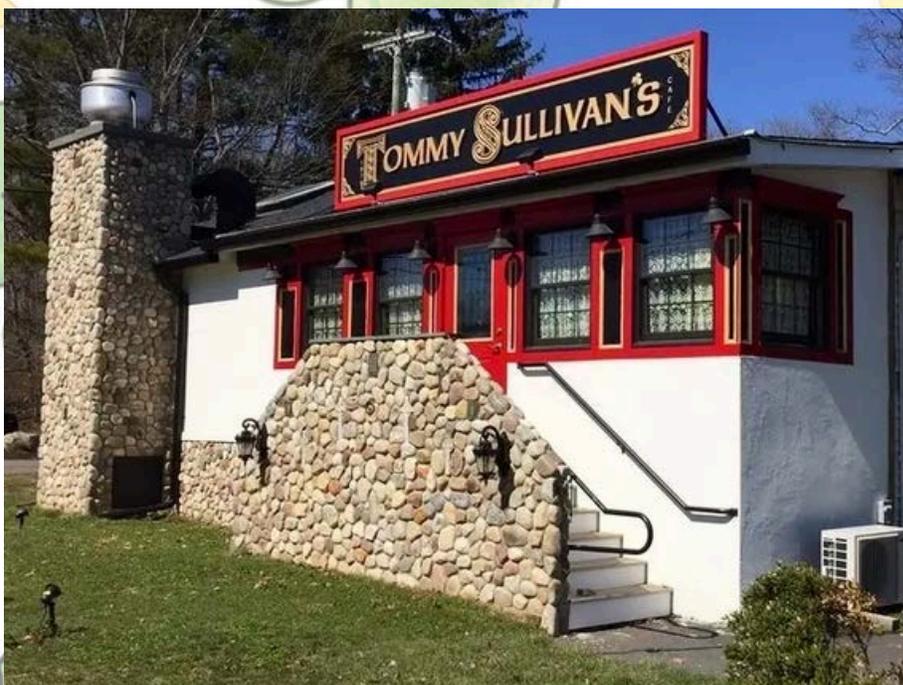
December

- **12/12/2026 Holiday Party, Clinton Country Club**

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Ladies Lunch March 11, 2026



The next Ladies Lunch will be a St Patrick's lunch at Tommy Sullivan's 240 N Main St, Branford, at 12:30 on Wed 3/11 Tommy Sullivan's Cafe. (they're closed for lunch on Tuesday). Please RSVP to Gina Forlano at 203-915-8274.

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2026 The Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade

- **Date: Sunday, March 15, 2026**
- **Meet: We will meet at the Dunkin Donuts at 470 Derby Ave (RT34) West Haven at 12:30**
- **Be prompt. Hard to navigate area after.**
- **HELP, please: We are seeking 2 Club or family members to carry the Club Banner.**
- **Contact Jim if you have ideas.**
- **Point of Contact is: Jim Gurn 203-258-9014
Jbgurn49@gmail.com**

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More information regarding the
2026 Back to the Beach Weekend at Old Orchard Beach, ME

Points of Contact:

Ken Uliano 203-414-7788 kru518@optonline.net

Dennis White 860-707-2242 dwhite0124@yahoo.com

Planned for: 6/12/2026-6/13/2026

Note: Most members will travel up a day or two before.

We're happy to announce that the Corvette display downtown and the parade will take place this year. Tentative agenda on the next page.

Old Orchard Beach Reservations at Atlantis Motel

Important Note: All attendees will need to book their own motel rooms for the weekend (2026 only).

- We spoke with Josh directly (vs the website) to make our reservations, He was very helpful and friendly and discounted our rate as members of Club Corvette of Connecticut.
- If you are planning on joining us at **Old Orchard Beach** and staying at **The Atlantis**, I would encourage to make your room reservations today/ASAP

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Here is a **tentative, scaled-back schedule for 2026** only.

Important Note: All attendees will need to book their own motel rooms for the weekend (2026 only).

Friday June 12

- Evening: Check into motels
- 6:00–7:00 PM: Fielders choice for ice cream
- 7:30 PM – ? DJ Mark (that's me!) at the Atlantis

Saturday June 13

- 9:00 AM: Meet at Aquaboggan to line up for the caravan downtown
- 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Corvette display downtown
- 12:30 PM: Parade departs downtown
- 3:00 PM: Celebration of Life for Sandie on the beach at the Atlantis
- 4:30 PM: Meet at Aquaboggan Water Park for Happy Hour and Dinner
- Cost: \$31 per person
- A few trophies will be awarded

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Corvette Night

Southington Drive-In

Submitted by Darryl

I will be hosting a Corvette Night,

(all makes are welcomed),

Tuesday evening May 12th

5pm to 8pm

at the Southington Drive-In

located at 995 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike,

Southington CT.

This is our first fundraiser of for the year to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Proceeds will be raised from sale of the 50/50 tickets and donations made that evening. Last year the 50/50 paid \$1225 to the winner. The winner immediately donated \$625 back to our charity. Also, our club members made generous cash donations that evening totaling \$695. The Southington Drive-In crew donated \$1,000 raised from previous cruise nights. FCO donated \$250. Later the board members of Club Corvette of CT voted to donate an additional \$1,205 to round up the total donation to \$5,000 for the Ronald MacDonald House.

Members of the No Rules Corvette Club and FCO attended to support this event with donations and will do so again this year.

Representatives from the Ronald McDonald House will be in attendance on Corvette Night May 12th and the following week on May 19th to accept our donation.

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Classic Cars and Tag Sale together
Good fun for the whole family

Walnut Beach Car Show and Beach Market

Sunday, May 17th, 10 AM - 3 PM

Hundreds of vintage cars &
affordable treasures



To be a part of the tag sale or car show
email president@walnutbeachassociation

Save the date for the first ever
Car Trunk Sale and Car Show!
Sell your junk outta your trunk, and enjoy
some classic and modern cars.
Food trucks, live DJ, and more!

Sunday, May 17th, 2025
Walnut Beach Parking Lot
113 East Broadway, Milford, CT

Corvette Club of Connecticut

Track Days



By Darryl DelGiudice



Our 2025 Track Day season wrapped up on November 14th at Thompson Speedway. Conditions were brisk, with temperatures in the 40s, which made grip a challenge—but also added to the fun. Dave Jutcawitz, John Mader, Bob Sicuranza, and I took to the track for the final event of the year.

We were joined by four dedicated club spectators, and we extend our thanks to Todd Loucks, Stewart Teichman, Grant Sanbour, and Harry Hart for braving the cold to support us. Harry rode along with me for several laps and left with a newfound appreciation for threshold braking!

In addition to our regular track-day drivers—John Mader, Bob Sicuranza, and myself—2025 was an exciting year as we welcomed several members who tracked their Corvettes for the very first time. Congratulations to Dave Jutcawitz, JD Venables, Mike Moskowitz, and John Mannello on completing their first official track events!

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Track Days

By Darryl DelGiudice

Each time we visited Thompson Speedway, we had between 10 and 20 club spectators, including guests from FCO, who came out to watch the action, enjoy ride-alongs, and participate in parade laps. Many of us also gathered for lunch together at the track clubhouse restaurant and lounge, which made the days even more enjoyable.

Last year, beyond Thompson, we expanded our reach by running at several new tracks, including Watkins Glen, Pocono, and Canaan Motor Club in New Hampshire. This year, we're excited to continue that momentum with new tracks added for 2026. Below is our 2026 track day schedule, with additional dates likely to be added.

We look forward to representing Club Corvette of CT throughout the season and greatly appreciate the club's continued support. As always, most track events will again include opportunities for all members to take part in parade laps.

If you're unsure whether tracking is for you, come spend a day at the track with us—helmets can be rented for only \$25, and you're welcome to ride along as a passenger with one of our experienced members.

Thank you all for your support!

2026 Track Day Schedule

- **March 21st: First track day of the season at Thompson Speedway, weather permitting.**
- **April 17th-19th: Track Days at Watkins Glen International**
- **April 25th: Quarter Mile Exhibition Runs at Lebanon Valley NY.**
- **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)**

Free State Corvette Club Presents

CORVETTE WEEKEND

Ocean City, MD

October 16th and 17th, 2026

Presented by the Free State Corvette Club

One of the most popular weekend getaways of Club Corvette of CT members is once again happening this October. We will be traveling to Ocean City, MD to attend the Free State Corvette Club events. They are still working out final details, but they typically have a large car show, road rallye and a Corvette boardwalk parade. They have had over 700 Corvettes in the past with 500 participating in the parade. In addition to enjoying the restaurants and ice cream shops, our club usually takes a short side trip to search for the wild horses at the Assateague National Seashore.

Our hotel is The Crystal Beach Hotel, 2500 N. Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD

Most club members will be traveling down on Wednesday, October 14th and returning on Sunday, October 18th.

We have a block of rooms at a discounted rate. You can reserve a room type of your choice by using the following link:

[Club Corvette of Connecticut Booking Link](#) or by calling the reservations office at 1-800-641-0011.

Club Corvette of CT point of contact: Todd Loucks

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Valentines Day Dinner

at Sammy's

February 14th



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Valentines Day Dinner

at Sammy's

February 14th



Club Corvette Birthdays

Another Lap Around the Track April Birthdays

Joe Chiaia	4/1/2026	Debbie Welles	4/16/2026
Veronica Hart	4/1/2026	Gene Lepage	4/16/2026
Marianne Simons	4/2/2026	Pamela Amato	4/16/2026
Jill Lesser	4/4/2026	Denise "Dee" Tully	4/18/2026
David Hultgren	4/5/2026	Frank Bugaj	4/19/2026
Cindy Mason	4/7/2026	Joyce Baiardi	4/19/2026
Marc Stella	4/7/2026	Brenda Whitman	4/21/2026
George Lockwood	4/9/2026	Gerry Casey	4/24/2026
Karen DelGuidice	4/10/2026	Andrea Merola	4/28/2026
Mark Vandale	4/10/2026	Geraldine Gaber	4/28/2026
William Tanis	4/12/2026	Kevin Miller	4/29/2026
Rich Lombardo	4/14/2026	Rhonda Forristall	4/29/2026
George Abraham	4/15/2026	Steven Smullin	4/30/2026
Louis Gloria	4/15/2026	Tony Gugliotti	4/30/2026

The Publisher's Pit Stop

By Dave Pascoe



Are you a bit of a procrastinator? I can be at times — but less so when it comes to maintenance for my 30+ year-old C4. Or at least I'd like to think so!

Now is the perfect time to start planning your spring maintenance plan for your Corvette. There are many variables when it comes to what maintenance you choose to do, and this is simply a reminder. Do your research to determine what's right for you and your car(s).

There are several common points to consider. At the top of the list are the battery and fluids. Check tire pressure, belts, and hoses. How are your brake pads and rotors looking? Our sponsor, **Corvette Center**, took care of my A/C last year.

Have you been thinking about new tires but kept putting it off? **Town Fair Tire**, another one of our sponsors, can hook you up! Check the date codes on your tires — experts suggest replacement at 6–7 years. Mine were 17 years old and still had decent tread... but that's exactly the issue!

What about the items you meant to take care of last year — but didn't? Is your battery ready for another season? How about your windshield wipers? Have you changed your transmission and differential fluids? What about your coolant or thermostat?

This is just a reminder to research and develop a maintenance list appropriate for you and your Corvette (and your other vehicles, too). I usually take my 1995 C4 out around mid-March, so maintenance is definitely on my mind.

Good luck — and have a great Corvette season!



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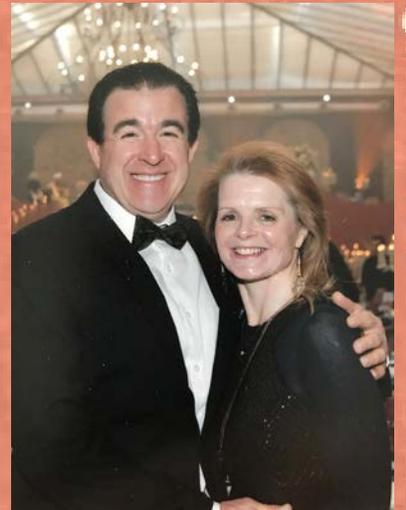
The 2026 Collector's Ornament Has Arrived

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OUR MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT



*Meet our very own Tracking Expert,
Mr. Darryl Delgiudice, and his wife Karen.*



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OUR MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT - MARCH

Our Member in the Spotlight this month is ***Darryl DelGiudice***. He's been married to his wife, Karen, for 27 years – which, in racing terms, proves he understands commitment and long-term performance. Darryl grew up in Southington and lived there his entire life before moving to Prospect in 2023.

A former respiratory therapist, Darryl now works in pharmaceutical sales, but horsepower has always been his real passion. In 1999, he attended the three-day competition course at Skip Barber Racing School, and it was game on. He raced go-karts competitively for 12 years, capturing seven championships – apparently, second place wasn't his style.

In 2021, he and Karen purchased their first Corvette, a 2022 Stingray, and joined the club in March 2022. Darryl quickly became active in shows and cruises and now helps run the weekly Southington Drive-In cruise, where Tuesday nights often top 300 cars. He loves the camaraderie and supporting charitable causes – and yes, a well-detailed engine bay doesn't hurt.

Corvettes at Carlisle is another highlight. Darryl enjoys talking with engineers and finding ways to squeeze more performance from his Corvette. The track is his happy place, especially at Watkins Glen and Pocono. With retirement two years away, he and Karen plan to travel – and Darryl plans to “casually” visit a few legendary road courses along the way. Strictly sightseeing, of course.

Darryl and Karen also share a deep love of dogs. They raised and trained two Miniature Schnauzers as certified therapy dogs, visiting nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and schools for years. After losing them three years ago, they now dog-sit for about a dozen pups – including a few from club members – treating each like family.

Currently serving on the club's board as ***Director of Tracking***, Darryl encourages members to step out of their comfort zones and onto the grid. He considers it an honor to serve and values the friendships he's built. For DARRYL, it's not just about the cars – it's about the people... even if the cars are pretty spectacular.

Club Corvette of Connecticut



People join Club Corvette of CT for a lot of reasons, but most of them come down to sharing the experience of owning and enjoying the car with others who feel the same way. Here are some of the most common reasons:

1. Friendship and Socializing
2. Organized Drives and Events
3. Learning and Sharing Knowledge
4. Supporting Charities and Community Events
5. Pride of Ownership
6. Just Plain Fun



Members of Club Corvette of CT gather at the Parthenon Diner 374 E Main St, Branford, CT 06405 for their weekly Thursday get-together. This standing event is open to ALL Club members, so if you have nothing to do on a Thursday and are tired of staying home watching Jeopardy on TV, come on down and join us.

Members usually arrive around five o'clock for good food, great conversation, and plenty of laughs. It's a relaxed and friendly way to catch up with fellow Corvette enthusiasts.

Quite often after dinner we split into two groups. The men gather at one end of the tables talking about cars, engines, sports, and the news of the day. The wives gather at the other end of the tables talking about... THE GUYS!!!!

If you're a new member, please stop by and say hello. It's a great way to meet fellow members, make some new friends, and find out what Club Corvette of CT is all about.

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Member Owned C1 & C2's

Marty's Vette's



Grant Sanborn's '66



Some of Robert Boutot Car's

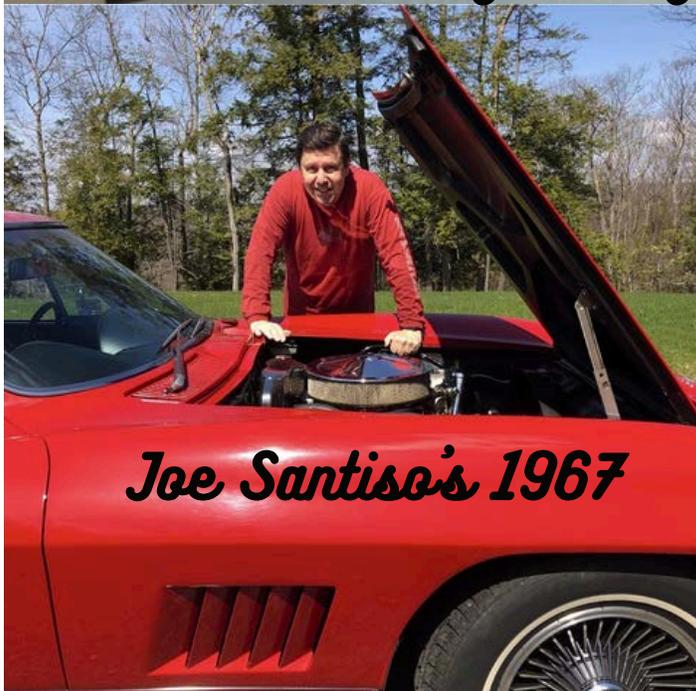


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Member Owned C1 & C2's



Ron Goldberg's Classic



Joe Santiso's 1967



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Garage Sale

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(Click this Link to our website)

As you can see by the picture above, the club's website will be under construction over the next few months. We will be updating the website with new sections along with information and pictures. During this time you will still be able to access it. Each month you will begin to see various updates. Every part of the website is being reviewed and refreshed. I will be sending out emails from time to time to the membership, for information or request pictures from club events that people may have. Once the website is completed, we will continue to update the site with various club activities and information.

Submitted by Al Cusano

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,
374 E Main St
Branford, CT 06405