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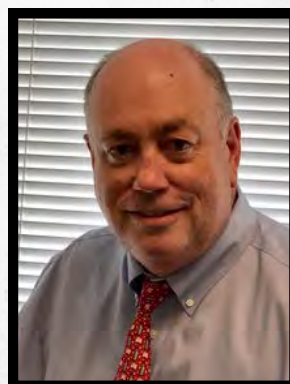
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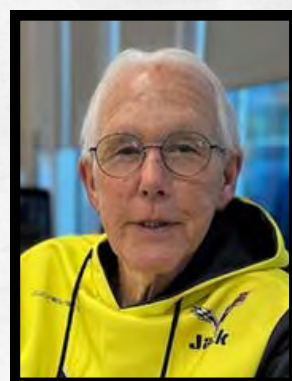
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President's Message, September 2026

Corvettes at Carlisle 2026 is now in our rear- view mirror. We had a record attendance from our Club with over 40 members attending, and also a record for Carlisle Events with over 3200 Corvettes on the show field. The weather was great, the company fantastic, with an abundance of fun and laughter, and with Darryl Delgiudice being honored as our Club Champion.

Next month we will be announcing the slate of officers for our executive board for 2027. ALL positions, with the exception of the president, are open to anyone who meets the qualifications to run for any of the positions. There is an opening for a Director at Large, the primary responsibility for this position will be promoting our club with a focus on recruiting new members to join our club using all avenues of digital marketing. New members are absolutely critical in filling e-board positions in the future and keeping our club healthy and well staffed. If you are interested in running for this position, please e-mail our club secretary Frank Bugaj timberwolf2005@comcast.net

As the car show season winds down, our friends at FCO have their show on September 13 at Ocean Beach Park in New London. This is a great location, with over 300 cars attending last year, and one of the premier car shows of the year. Last year we had 52 cars that attended, and we left with a \$1000-.00 check for the Ronald McDonald House for the best club participation.

Unfortunately, inflation has been nibbling away at our financial reserves since Covid, our income is primarily derived from our membership renewals and new member dues which have not been increased since the Club's inception in 1993. Increasing our revenue stream while controlling expenses is essential at this time to keep us financially strong for the future. We are currently working on a plan to accomplish both objectives which must be completed in October and presented to the membership at the November meeting. Lastly, when you are paying your renewal dues you can now pay by credit card at no additional cost. Access to pay by credit card is gained by clicking "COMPANY STORE" in the member's only section of our website and entering your payment information there. If you have any difficulty accessing the site or need to reset your password, please contact Al Cusano, his e-mail address is : acusano03@gmail.com

Rick

Club Corvette Birthdays

Another Lap Around the Track

September Birthdays

David Pascoe	1	Carol Teixeira	7
Maria Agostinucci	1	Brian Snell	8
Florence Jasudowicz	4	Barbara Kovac	8
Jim Amato	4	Janet Rasile	9
Joe Tomasino	4	Meranda Jutcawitz	9
Terri White Martin	4	Brian Agostinucci	10
Josh Cohn	5	Barry Baiardi	10
Josh Goldberg	5	Christopher Sarta	11
Stewart Teichman	5	Valerie Ragucci	11
Carol Browne	6	Jeff Krienke	12
Sandra Okawa	7	Robert Lyons	12
Marcia Stollman	7	Sue Frask	12
Eileen Clark	7	Donald Mason	13
Lucy Kreho	7	Dean Loucks	14
Lauren Foote	7	Dominick SanGiovanni	14

Club Corvette Birthdays

Another Lap Around the Track

September Birthdays

Jonathan Seaman

14

John Wagner

24

Gabriella Cannons

15

Gina Forlano

25

Doug Novak

16

Henri M. David Jr.

25

Patti Lombardi

16

Jeff Trombetta

25

Art Milano

18

Mike Ramirez

25

MaryAnn Chiaia

18

Susan Papacoda

26

Sal Terranova

19

Arthur Daly

27

Gary Eubanks

20

Denice Daniels

27

Cindy Loucks

21

Michael Greaney

28

Rodney Ragucci

22

Debra Tomasino

28

Roland (Ron)
Dippold

23

Joanne Ludwig

28

Kathleen Hunter

23

Dawn DiCesare

30

Frank Renwick

24

Stephanie
Fappiano

30

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Club Corvette of Connecticut Club Connections

Upcoming Events & Activities



Mike Dansereau's unique 1990 Turquoise Coupe with black leather interior. Only 589 were produced in this color combination. 9

Club Corvette of Connecticut

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**

Ongoing.

- **Track Days** schedule. See pages 13
- **Thursdays at Parthenon Diner**, Branford – Meet at 6PM for Dinner, Camaraderie and conversation. See Page 30.

September

- 4-7 Lime Rock Historic Festival weekend
- Sept 6 – Nov 22 The Four Seasons Classic Car Club is kicking off its Fall Classic Inaugural Season with Cars & Coffee at the Ansonia Nature Center – every Sunday from Sept. 6 to Nov. 22 (except Columbus Day weekend).
- 10-13 **Adirondack Nationals Car Show**, Lake George NY.
<https://adirondacknationals.com/>
- **12 Whispering Pines** (Jack is POC)
- **13 For Corvettes Only Car Show "Vettes at the Beach" at Ocean Beach, New London, CT.**
- 13 Boardwalk Corvettes Club - Ocean City NJ Boardwalk show.
- 13 Adirondack Corvette club "Shine and Show"
- **13 Annual East Haven Fall Festival Car show.** From 9:00am Until 3:00pm on the East Haven Town Green. \$10.00 Entry Fee. No Rain Date. For more info: Dominick 203-494-3702
- 11-13 The 34th **Adirondack Vette Fest Weekend**
- **17 Brushmill By The Waterfall, in beautiful Chester, CT for their Thursday night special of Burgers/Bourbon and Brews. To sign up early, please shoot me an email to "timberwolf2005@comcast.net" with the word BURGERS in the subject line....OR send me a text to 860-930-1458. Frank B.**

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Club Connections

Calendar of Events & Activities

September (Cont.)

- **19 Eastern CT Fire School Event at 10:00 am. We will be meeting at the truck/rest stop on I-91 for those who want to drive up together. Departure time will be promptly at 9:00 am. Added to the itinerary for the day will be lunch in town at the Willimantic Brewing Company. Contact Stewart for more information. stooman@aol.com, (914) 645-1000.**
- **19** at 10:00 am; Corvettes of Berkshire, 4th annual 'Corvette Car Show', Greylock Glen Center, 165 Gould Road, Adams, MA
- **26** The Bristol Mum Festival Car Show. Memorial Boulevard Magnet School (BAIMS) parking lot at 70 Memorial Blvd, Bristol, CT.
- **27** The 20th annual Beacon Falls Lion Club Car Show from 8 am (registration begins and goes until 11) to 2 p.m. (awards announced) at 65 Lancaster Drive in Beacon Falls, CT. Entry \$15, spectators \$5. (Rain date Oct. 4)

October

- **3-4** Connecticut International Auto Show at Mohegan Sun Expo Center.
- **Oct 16-17 Free State Corvette Club, Corvette Weekend in Ocean City, MD. Club Corvette of Connecticut has attended this in the past as a group event. For further info contact Todd Loucks 203-641-7403. toddgail@sbcglobal.net (see page 20)**
- **Oct 11** CJR's 13th annual Cars for Kids Automobile Show taking place on Sunday, October 11, 2026, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at CJR's Litchfield, Connecticut, campus.

December

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

Corvette Club of Connecticut

Track Days

By Darryl DelGiudice



2026 TRACK DAY SCHEDULE

- July 13th Monday - Watkins Glen – SCDA
- July 14th Tuesday - Watkins Glen – SCDA
- July 27th Monday – Monticello – MassTuning
- August 8th Saturday - Club Motorsports – Masstuning
- August 17th Monday – Monticello – MassTuning
- September 14th Monday – Monticello – MassTuning
- September 15th Tuesday - Monticello - MassTuning
- October 18th Sunday - Pocono - MassTuning
- November 6th Friday - Monticello - MassTuning
- November 8th Sunday - Monticello – MassTuning
- October 10th Saturday - Palmer Counter Clockwise – MassTuning
- November 14th Saturday – Thompson - MassTuning

Contact Darryl for information:
d.darryl@sbcglobal.net



2026

SOUTHINGTON DRIVE-IN TUESDAY NIGHT CAR CRUISE **5:00 – 8:00 PM**

FOOD, MUSIC, GAS CARD GIVE-AWAY, 50/50 RAFFLE
(ALL PROCEEDS FROM 50/50 GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES)

APRIL 28th

MAY 5th

MAY 12th (*Corvette*)

MAY 19th

MAY 26th (*Ford*)

JUNE 2nd

JUNE 9th

JUNE 16th (*Mopar*)

JUNE 23rd

JUNE 30th

**** JULY 8th **** (*Chevy*)

**** JULY 15th ****

**** JULY 22nd ****

**** JULY 29th **** (*Import*)

**** AUGUST 5th ****

AUGUST 11th

AUGUST 18th (Volkswagen*)

AUGUST 25th

SEPTEMBER 1st

SEPTEMBER 8th (*Power wheels
& GM*)

SEPTEMBER 15th

SEPTEMBER 22nd (*Truck/Van*)

SEPTEMBER 29th

* DENOTES *SPECIALTY MAKE/MODEL* NIGHTS, All Cars Are Welcome*

**** DENOTES WEDNESDAY NIGHT SHOWS****

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2026

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

VETTES *at the* BEACH



HOSTED BY: FOR CORVETTES ONLY
98 NEPTUNE AVENUE, NEW LONDON, CONN.



OCEAN BEACH PARK
ADMISSION: \$20
SPECTATORS: FREE



**CALLING ALL
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- We'll donate \$1000 to the charity of choice for the club with the best participation!
- Enjoy Food & Music, Raffle, Trophies, Dash Plaque, T-Shirt & Goodie Bag
- For more info: markcjan@yahoo.com or 860.705.3473



COLONIAL



RAIN DATE:
SEPT 20th

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South Windsor American Legion Post #133 &
Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc. present . . .



Connecticut Classic Car Show



Car Entry Fee: \$10

— All Years, Makes & Models are Welcome —
FREE to the Public!



100 Bidwell Road (off of Route 5 South), South Windsor, CT
Sunday, September 13th, 2026 from 10am - 3pm
(Rain Date: Sunday September 20th, 2026)

- Over 25 unique trophies awarded!
- The Great Roadmaster Raffle: 1 pm
- Great Food Service by Nomads!
- Trophy Presentation: 2 pm
- Drivers' Choice Judging!
- 50/50 Raffle: 2:30 pm
- Brought back by popular demand DJ, Jim "Light my Fire" Morranti!

Proceeds to benefit Connecticut Veterans in need.

For more event information, or rain date updates, check our websites:

American Legion Post 133 at: www.swlegion133.org

Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc. at: www.vetclub.org

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

Club Corvette of Ct Shenanigans Recent Events and Gatherings



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Corvettes at Carlisle 2026



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Corvette Club of Rhode Island Car Show

AUGUST 16, 2026



Club Corvette of Connecticut *Corvette Club of Rhode Island Car Show* AUGUST 16, 2026



Club Corvette of Connecticut

Our Member in the Spotlight

★ *Mike Dansereau* ★



This month, we're proud to shine the spotlight on Mike Dansereau.

For the past 15 years, Mike has been a familiar face in the Club Corvette of Connecticut, bringing with him a lifelong passion for cars, racing, and the friendships that make the club special.

Mike lives in Wethersfield and works in Software Development and IT. He and his wife, Renee, a data analyst, share a love of learning and exploration. Corvettes are truly a family affair. Mike credits both his mother and his uncle, who are twins, with sharing and nurturing his enthusiasm for America's sports car.

When he's not behind the wheel, Mike stays busy with a variety of hobbies, including jigsaw puzzles, gaming, photography, astronomy, and discovering new wines. In fact, fellow members may be surprised to learn that he enjoys mowing the lawn with a glass of wine in hand!

Mike's love for Corvettes began in childhood. Growing up, his family regularly attended car shows and followed all forms of racing, as long as there was a mechanical component involved. One memory stands above the rest: at age 11, his uncle took him for a ride in a 1970 Laguna Gray Corvette with a 454 engine and side pipes. The feeling of the tires hooking up and launching forward "like a rocketship" left a lasting impression.

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OUR MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Today, Mike owns his first and only Corvette, a unique 1990 Turquoise Coupe with black leather interior. Only 589 were produced in that color combination. The car has special family significance as it was originally purchased by his mother, who walked into a Chevrolet dealership, saw the striking turquoise paint, and bought it on the spot.

Although he owns a C4, Mike's favorite Corvette generation is the C3. "It's what I grew up with," he says, calling it one of the best-looking automotive designs ever created. His dream Corvette? A 2012 Carlisle Blue Z06.

Among his favorite club memories are the weekend trips to Watkins Glen. He especially recalls a winery tour organized by Laurie and Dennis White, combining beautiful scenery, great wines, and wonderful company.

Ask Mike what he enjoys most about CCC, and his answer is simple: "The people."

If given the chance to take a dream Corvette road trip, Mike would head straight to France. His itinerary would include Normandy, the Le Mans race, wine tasting through Bordeaux, the Loire Valley, and the Rhône region, following stages of the Tour de France along the way before relaxing in the French Alps.

For anyone considering joining a Corvette club, Mike's advice is straightforward: find a club with good people, find one that's active, and get involved. As he puts it, "Just like a Corvette is the sum of its parts, a Corvette club is the sum of its people."

Mike's enthusiasm for Corvettes, adventure, and camaraderie continues to make him a valued member of the Club Corvette of Connecticut.

Congratulations on being our Member Spotlight, Mike.

Save the Wave! 🚗 🙌

THE PUBLISHER'S PIT STOP



Just like that...

Picnics, cruise nights, Cars & Coffee events, and car shows have been amazing this year. The weather has been incredible for our many gatherings, and there are still a few more to come. As the season winds down, I'll be making an extra effort to get to the remaining activities — Vettes at the Beach at Ocean Beach Park in New London on September 13, Burgers, Bourbon and Brews (Frank B) and Corvette Weekend in Ocean City, Maryland, just to name a few. Don't let the rest of the season pass you by!

While the calendar may be easing up, our club certainly isn't. Frank and Shari are gearing up for another round of Burgers, Bourbon & Brews, The Corvette Ladies' events continue to bring great energy, Korvettes for Kids is right around the corner, and of course we're already looking forward to our infamous Holiday Party in December. Plenty to enjoy as we head into the season.

So, let's keep the momentum going. Keep your Vette shined up and ready for a strong finish to 2026. Get out, enjoy the road, take part in the events that make this club special, and share the fun with fellow members. I'll see you out there!



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September Featured Vehicles



PRE-OWNED **2023 Corvette Stingray 1LT**

Exterior: Black
Drivetrain: Rear Wheel Drive
Interior: Jet Black, Mulan leather, perforated inserts
Transmission: Automatic
Engine: 6.2L V8 DI
Fuel Econ.: 16 City / 24 Hwy
Mileage: 9,296 mi



NEW **2026 Tahoe Premier Black Widow SR**

Exterior: Polar White Tricoat
Drivetrain: Four Wheel Drive
Interior: Jet Black, perforated leather
Transmission: Automatic
Engine: 6.2L V8
Fuel Econ.: 14 City / 18 Hwy



NEW **2026 Silverado 1500 RST Crew Cab Black Widow**

Exterior: White Sands
Drivetrain: Four Wheel Drive
Interior: Jet Black, cloth seat trim
Transmission: Automatic
Engine: 6.2L EcoTec3 V8
Fuel Econ.: 15 City / 20 Hwy

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5 BEST & 5 WORST CORVETTE DAILY DRIVERS



Bowtie Daily

The Chevrolet Corvette has always occupied a unique place in the automotive world. It delivers exotic car performance at a fraction of the price, with enough cargo space and reliability to cruise the whole country. In fact, one of the Corvette's greatest strengths has long been its ability to serve double duty as both a weekend toy and a daily driver.

But not every Corvette is equally suited to the daily grind.

Over the years, Chevrolet has produced Corvettes that range from comfortable grand tourers to barely disguised race cars. Some models strike the perfect balance between performance, comfort, reliability, and usability. Others sacrifice everyday livability in pursuit of lap times, top speeds, or bragging rights. That's great if your local racetrack is your second home. It's less appealing when you're sitting in rush-hour traffic, navigating pothole-filled roads, or constantly burning through a set of tires that cost as much as a designer French Bulldog.

For this list, we're looking beyond horsepower figures and skid pad numbers. Instead, we're focusing on what it's actually like to live with these cars every day. Factors such as ride quality, visibility, practicality, reliability, maintenance costs, fuel economy, and overall comfort all matter. A Corvette that dominates at a track day isn't necessarily the Corvette you'd want to drive to work five days a week. The manual transmission that you love on a weekend drive along the backroads is a pain in the neck, crawling along rush hour traffic. These are the five best and five worst Corvette daily drivers ever built. Please note that in order to keep things at least somewhat realistic, we only included one model built before the year 2000.

[Read more](#)

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 7 pm. Casual social time and dinner at 6 pm is optional.

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374 E Main St
Branford, CT 06405