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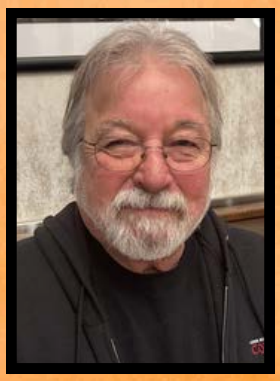
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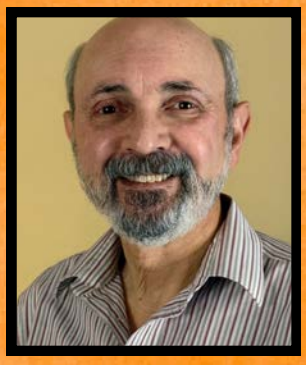
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President's Message, October 2026

October is a month of colorful change, as leaves turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange, and red. It's a time for Halloween decorations, candy corn, and cheering for favorite teams on the gridiron and at the World Series. Historically, almanacs portray October as a transitional period, marking the end of the harvest and the start of winter preparations. As A.A. Milne wrote in 1920, "The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here's to October."

It's not time to put your Corvette away yet; we still have a host of fun events during this fall season. The 38th Annual Free State Corvette Club Corvette Weekend in Ocean City, Maryland, is scheduled for October 16 and 17, 2026, featuring a large car show, boardwalk parade, and charity fundraisers.
Buckle up! December will be a very busy month for all of us. We start with the annual Tree of Hope fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House, where Club Corvette of Connecticut will be honored during the weeks-long event for our fundraising efforts. Our annual Korvettes for Kids event will take place on December 6 to benefit the State Police. There may also be an event on the evening of December 5 to help fill Corvettes with toys, hosted by our own Zoli Szabo. More details to follow as the event draws nearer.

We also have our holiday party at the Clinton Country Club on Saturday, December 12, and, finally, a tribute to our veterans with Wreaths Across America at East Lawn Cemetery in East Haven on December 19. Our club has purchased and donated wreaths to be laid on the graves of veterans who would otherwise not receive one. Last year, our club honored 100 veterans!
A huge "thank you" to Stewart Teichman for hosting a tour of the Eastern Connecticut Fire School in Willimantic. It was a very interesting day, with tours and demonstrations attended by 30 club members.
- Rick

THE PUBLISHER'S PIT STOP





Bring Club Corvette to *Your* Neighborhood!

Do you live in Tolland, Litchfield or Hartford County—or somewhere else outside our usual gathering spots? Do you sometimes wish there were more Club Corvette activities closer to home? I bet you're not the only one! We're a BIG club, and our members span the state of Connecticut—and beyond. That means there are plenty of opportunities to create events in different parts of the state.

Take a page from Frank's playbook and put together a simple gathering like the recent event at the Brushmill by the Waterfall. You don't have to plan anything elaborate. Find a restaurant near you, talk with the manager, and see if they'd be interested in hosting a small group of Corvette enthusiasts.

Need some help getting started? Ask Frank about his recent event. Then check with Rick Wasserback, our president, and get the word out through the newsletter and Bob Wadyka's "Weekly Things to Do." Stewart Teichman, our Events Coordinator, may be helpful as well.

Note: Check with Frank to deconflict dates with other club activities.

You might be surprised by the response!

So, if you've been thinking, "There's nothing happening near me," maybe it's time to make something happen near you. Your fellow Corvette members may be waiting for someone to take the first step.

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- **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



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2026 CHEVROLET 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



NEW

2026 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 RST CREW CAB

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- **Drivetrain:** Four Wheel Drive
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- **Transmission:** Automatic
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Club Corvette of Connecticut
Club Connections
Upcoming Events & Activities



Todd & Gail Loucks

2019 Arctic White C7 Grand Sport Coupe with the 7 speed manual transmission and a 2025 Torch Red C8 Hard Top Convertible.

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Club Connections

Calendar of Events & Activities

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.
- **Thursdays at Parthenon Diner**, Branford – Meet at 6:00 PM for dinner, camaraderie and conversation.

October

- Oct 11 CJR's **13th annual Cars for Kids Automobile Show** taking place on Sunday, October 11, 2026, from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at CJR's Litchfield, Connecticut, campus. Info: Annual Cars for Kids Automobile Show
- ***Oct 11 Cars and Coffee for a CAUSE***. Come help us raise funds for ***Breast Cancer Awareness*** on Oct. 11th. 9AM-12PM at **Bobby Crabtree Chevrolet**. For further info: Rick Wasserback at rickwasserback@outlook.com
- ***Oct 16–17 Free State Corvette Club, Corvette Weekend*** in Ocean City, MD. Club Corvette of Ct has attended this in the past as a group event. For further info contact Todd Loucks 203-641-7403. toddgail@sbcglobal.net (see pages 19-21)
- ***Oct 25 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Car Show***, Oak Street Beach, West Haven, 10AM-1PM, For more info, contact Jim Gurn. jbgurn49@gmail.com (See Page 17)

December

- ***Dec 6 — Club Corvette of Connecticut's Annual Toy Drive*** **for the Connecticut State Police, Korvettes for Kids at Bobby Crabtree Chevrolet, East Haven**
- ***Dec 12 Holiday Party, Clinton Country Club***


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GREATER NEW HAVEN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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CAR SHOW

GREATER NEW HAVEN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2027



~~SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026~~

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

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TRACK DAYS

BY DARRYL DELGIUDICE



2026 TRACK DAY SCHEDULE

- 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:
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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

(See the next two pages for more)


FREE STATE CORVETTE CLUB
Corvette Weekend
THE RIDE TO THE TIDE
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2026 CORVETTE WEEKEND SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

2026 CORVETTE WEEKEND SCHEDULE FRIDAY OCTOBER 16

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Registration		
On SIte Registration Pickup Pre Paid Registration Packets	11:00AM - 7:00PM	The Grand
Pickup Pre-Paid Apparel/ Purchase Apparel	11:00AM - 7:00PM	The Grand
Vendors	11:00AM - 7:00PM	The Grand
Poker Run	(Non Sanctioned)	
Check In	4:00 PM	The Grand

FREE STATE Corvette Club

2026 CORVETTE WEEKEND SCHEDULE SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Jolly Roger Registration (Parade Registration Only)		
Pre-Reg Packet PU	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration Tent
Parade Only	10:00 AM -2:00 PM	Registration Tent
Fun Shows	(NCCC Sanctioned)	
Check In	8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Registration Tent
Rags Down	11:00 AM	
Drivers Meeting	11:30 AM	Registration Tent
Judging	Until 12:30 PM	Fun Show Cars Only
Ballot Box Closes	1:00 PM	Registration Tent

Vendors

DJ Jeff Givens

2026 CORVETTE WEEKEND SCHEDULE SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Rallye	(NCCC Sanctioned)	
Check In/Teching (Rallye Cars Only)	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Rallye Tent
Drivers Meeting	9:00 AM	Rallye Tent
Cars Dispatched	9:30 AM	Rallye Tent

EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Awards Ceremony	3:00 PM	At DJ Tent

ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS MUST RETURN TO THEIR CARS BY 3:30 PM.

BOARDWALK PARADE PROCESSION BEGINS AT 4:00 PM

Free State Corvette Club

Fun Show Registered Car Clubs

Fun Show Registered by Generations

Parade Only Registered Cars and Clubs

PLEASE NOTE:
Registered Fun Show Car Clubs have the option to park by generation or with their clubs. If parked by generations they will stay with their generation cruising the boardwalk. Fun Show only registered Car Clubs will have reserved spaces based on the number of registered cars.

NO CARS WILL BE MOVED ONCE PARKED
ALL FUN SHOW CARS WILL BE JUDGED
REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY ARE PARKED

If your club is only registered for the parade you must park together prior to the parade. You will not be able to move and no spaces to be held. Parade only cars and clubs will proceed down the boardwalk after the Fun Show generation cars.

We hope you have enjoyed Corvette Weekend 2026.

www.FreeStateCorvetteClub.org

Shenanigans

RECENT EVENTS & GATHERINGS



Our Resident Hooligan, Frank B.

Thanks for organizing our recent event at Brushmill!

Brushmill by the Waterfall:

"Burgers, Bourbon & Brews"

Friday, September 18, 2026







Well, if you know, you know.

Twenty out of the twenty-four who signed up for the Thursday night "Burgers, Bourbons, and Brews," held at the Brushmill by The Waterfall restaurant, had what I would describe as a "wonderful night out with friends."

Yup, once again, the folks at the Brushmill provided us with a great evening out, with their tasty treats and wonderful atmosphere. As I scanned around the room, I saw smiles, people engaged in lively conversations, new members meeting seasoned members, and we even had one couple out on a "date night," which made everyone smile.

It was a night where we could sit back and watch what everyone was doing, "roam" from one conversation to another, or just sit and listen to what folks were chatting about. It really didn't matter what the conversation was about.....really. To me, it was all about watching the interactions of all these folks, smiling, and enjoying each other's company for an evening.

Oh sure, there were conversations about cars, and more specifically, Corvettes, but that wasn't the only topic of discussion going on around the room. I watched and listened to folks talk about their families and friends, and about plans being made for vacations coming up, how they were traveling, and what they were going to see while away.

I saw and met new folks who were just joining in this type of event for the very first time, and how the rest of these "seasoned" adventurers absorbed them right into this group and made them feel comfortable and at home, like they've been doing this for a long, long time together.

That's what I finally realized was happening here. The bonding and cohesiveness of everyone there just "happened." It wasn't created, it wasn't fabricated, it just "was there," in the moment.

Sure, we all belong to a club, but we are all blessed with the feeling of "belonging" to more than just a "club." We belong together, and in my humble opinion, that's what makes things like this event an even more special "night out" for us all.

See you all "next time".....

Aloha.....

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Brushmill by the Waterfall:

Burgers, Bourbon & Brews

Friday, September 18, 2026















Club Corvette of Connecticut



Fascia's
CHOCOLATES
FAMILY HANDCRAFTED SINCE 1964

Thursday, August 20th





Thirty members recently gathered for a fun evening at Fascia's Chocolates and San Marino Diner in Waterbury. A special thank you to Stu Teichman for organizing this enjoyable event for the club!

Fascia's
CHOCOLATES
SINCE 1964



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Fascia's CHOCOLATES
FAMILY HANDCRAFTED SINCE 1964

Thursday, August 20th









Club Corvette of Connecticut

Fire Training Facility Tour

Willimantic, Connecticut

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



On Saturday, September 19, 2026, Stewart Teichman put together another fabulous Club Corvette excursion, this time to the Eastern Connecticut Fire School in Willimantic, CT.

Thirty members enjoyed an informative tour of the grounds and facilities, along with demonstrations of firefighting equipment, techniques, and procedures. Nick Wallick III (CCC Member) and the crew at Eastern Connecticut Fire School could not have been more gracious or welcoming. Their knowledge, professionalism, and enthusiasm gave us a fascinating look at the training and teamwork required of those who answer the call when others need help.

Afterward, we gathered at Roberto's Log Cabin for a tasty lunch, plenty of conversation, and, of course, some great camaraderie. It was the perfect way to wrap up another terrific Club Corvette outing.

A big thank-you to Stewart for organizing the event and to the entire Eastern Connecticut Fire School crew for making us feel so welcome!

Club Corvette of Connecticut

Fire Training Facility Tour

Willimantic, CT

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026











Club Corvette of Connecticut

Fire Training Facility Tour

Willimantic, CT

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026









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Roberto's Log Cabin

383 Trumbull Hwy, Lebanon, CT

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026










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Great Job Organizing this event, Stewart Teichman
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Cars & Coffee at Whispering Pines







Our Member in the Spotlight

Todd Loucks













Club Corvette of Connecticut

Our Member in the Spotlight



Todd Loucks

It's not hard to find our **October Member Spotlight** in a crowd—Todd is usually the tallest guy in the room, and Gail is the one with the bright smile!

Todd and Gail, who call Wallingford home, have been active members of Club Corvette of Connecticut since February 2019.

Todd has had quite a career. After college, he earned his pilot's license and developed a lifelong love of aviation. He then spent 30 years in federal service, including 19 years with the FAA as an ***Air Traffic Controller***. In fact, Todd was working the inflight radio position in Connecticut during the tragic events of September 11, 2001. He later continued his career with the ***FBI and IRS*** Criminal Investigation Division before retiring.

Todd and Gail's story is also a modern-day love story. They met online in the early days of internet dating. As Todd puts it, "She found me, and I'm glad she did!" And Corvette owners might be especially envious to learn that Gail doesn't just tolerate Todd's Corvette habit—she actually encourages it!

The couple has a son, Christian, who works as a Biotechnology Associate at the Yale University Center for Genome Analysis.

Todd's interests go well beyond Corvettes. His passion for aviation remains strong, even though he no longer flies. He's also a Yankees and Giants fan, enjoys golf, and apparently has some very definite opinions about music. More on that later!

Todd's Corvette journey began when he spotted a C4 sitting along the side of the road and thought it looked like it might be fun to own. That roadside encounter eventually led to four Corvettes over the years.

Today, Todd and Gail have two Corvettes in the garage: a 2019 Arctic White C7 Grand Sport Coupe with the 7-speed manual transmission and a 2025 Torch Red C8 Hard Top Convertible. Previous Corvettes included a 1986 White C4 Coupe and a 2019 Arctic White C7 Stingray Coupe.

Club Corvette of Connecticut

Our Member in the Spotlight



Todd Loucks

One of Todd's favorite Corvette memories was the 2024 Corvette Caravan, especially touring the Bowling Green Assembly Plant and sharing the experience with fellow Corvette enthusiasts. He doesn't necessarily have a favorite generation, saying he feels fortunate to own both a C7 and a C8 and appreciates what each has to offer.

When asked about his favorite Club Corvette memory, Todd didn't hesitate: "Darryl letting me track his car." Beyond the cars and events, though, it's the camaraderie that Todd values most. Whether it's a cruise, car show, or social gathering, he enjoys spending time with people who share his passion for Corvettes.

If Todd could point a Corvette anywhere tomorrow, he'd head for the Pacific Northwest, where scenic roads and spectacular scenery would make for one heck of a road trip.

And now for a few important facts about Todd. He doesn't drink coffee—or any other hot beverage. He also has a serious dislike for Jimmy Buffett's music, which may or may not affect his standing at future club gatherings! His favorite TV show is The Andy Griffith Show, which he's watched countless times, and his favorite movie is Duel, Steven Spielberg's 1971 thriller.

We're fortunate to have Todd and Gail as part of the Club Corvette of Connecticut family. Be sure to say hello when you see them at an upcoming event—and if you want to talk Corvettes, aviation, road trips, or classic TV, Todd is always ready for a conversation.

Thanks, Todd and Gail, for being part of Club Corvette of Connecticut!

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Corvette Racing Weekend - October 15-17, 2026

Join the Corvette Racing community in Hershey, Pennsylvania, for a weekend bringing together the drivers, engineers, and fans behind Corvette's racing legacy. Hosted by Wes Wong, this annual fundraiser features special guests Tommy Milner, Doug Fehan, Paul Koerner, Richard Prince, Michelin's Lee Willard, Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports, and more. The weekend includes a welcome happy hour, optional Gettysburg Poker Run and Q&A, meet-and-greet, and Saturday's Corvette Racing Seminar, auction, and autograph session.

CORVETTE FORUM



5 Reasons to Buy a C6 Corvette

vs.

5 Reasons to Buy a C7 Corvette

The C7 Corvette is newer, faster, and more refined, but there are several reasons why the C6 generation Corvette is still a better buy all these years later.

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

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