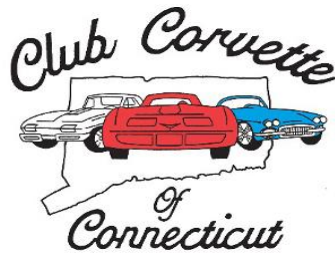


# CLUB CORVETTE OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

VETTE GAZETTE

January 2021



*Sponsored by*



CLUB CORVETTE  
OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

[www.ClubCorvettect.com](http://www.ClubCorvettect.com)

P.O. Box 120236

East Haven, CT 06512

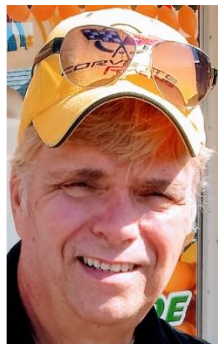


## CLUB CORVETTE OF CONNECTICUT

### 2021 CLUB CORVETTE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICERS

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Rick Wasserback</b>	<b>rickwasserback@outlook.com</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Stan Griskewicz</b>	<b>griskewicz@sbcglobal.net</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Dennis Krajewski</b>	<b>dwk1@sbcglobal.net</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Ernie Betulia</b>	<b>ernie1104@comcast.net</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>Sharon Tosetti</b>	<b>eggplantleopard@aol.com</b>
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	<b>Susan Wadyka</b>	<b>cyou@comcast.net</b>
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	<b>Jack Stacey</b>	<b>jackstacey0030@yahoo.com</b>
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	<b>Steve Widger</b>	<b>joanwidg@gmail.com</b>
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	<b>Joyce Baiardi</b>	<b>BaiardiJ@optonline.net</b>
<b>CAR SHOW</b>	<b>Ed Karedes</b>	<b>Skaredes@cox.net</b>
<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>Tony Delano</b>	<b>rcarclub08@aol.com</b>
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<b>Bob Ventresca</b>	<b>webmaster@clubcorvettect.com</b>
<b>GOOD &amp; WELFARE</b>	<b>Ann Krajewski</b>	<b>dwk1@sbcglobal.net</b>
<b>VETERANS' AFFAIRS</b>	<b>George Macary</b>	<b>gmvetteracer@aol.com</b>
<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	<b>Les Browne</b>	<b><a href="mailto:lgbrowne1109@gmail.com">lgbrowne1109@gmail.com</a></b>
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>Mary &amp; Stan Griskewicz</b>	<b>griskewicz@sbcglobal.net</b>
<b>TECH ADVISOR</b>	<b>Bob Wadyka</b>	<b>ralley71@comcast.net</b>
<b>NCM AMBASSADOR</b>	<b>George Sipprell</b>	<b>gsipprell@earthlink.net</b>
<b>NCM AMBASSADOR</b>	<b>Kurt Ryder</b>	<b>hobosvette@gmail.com</b>
<b>PHOTOGRAPHER</b>	<b>Open</b>	
<b>CLASSIFIEDS</b>	<b>Les Browne</b>	<b><a href="mailto:lgbrowne1109@gmail.com">lgbrowne1109@gmail.com</a></b>
<b>CLUB ATTIRE</b>	<b>Walt Kaercher</b>	<b>walt.kaercher@comcast.net</b>
<b>PUBLICITY</b>		
<b>&amp; ADVERTISING</b>	<b>George Macary</b>	<b>gmvetteracer@aol.com</b>
<b>FACEBOOK</b>	<b>Mike Dansereau</b>	<b>michaeldansereau@cox.net</b>
<b>YAHOO GROUP</b>	<b>Mike Dansereau</b>	<b>michaeldansereau@cox.net</b>

# 2021 Executive Board



Dennis Krajewski  
Vice President



Rick Wasserback  
President



Stan Griskewicz  
Vice President



Ernie Betulia  
Treasurer



Sharon Tosetti  
Secretary



Ed Karedes  
Car Chow Chairman



Anthony Delano  
Events Coordinator

## Directors at Large



Sue Wadyka



Steve Widger



Jack Stacey



Joyce Baiardi

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to all our members, I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. As we turn the page on a new month and a new year and a new decade, I am optimistically looking forward to 2021 as a really great year for all of us. There is a light at the end of this very long tunnel, we are almost there.

At our last E-Board meeting we decided to start planning several of our events in anticipation of relaxed social gathering guidelines and a much safer environment. Stan is speaking with the State now on reserving a pavilion for a Club picnic at Hammonasset State Park in June. I am working with Frank Bugaj on a trip to the Newport Car Museum tentatively scheduled for Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>. The 75 car museum is part of a private collection of cars from the 1950s to present with special exhibits of Corvettes, Mustangs and Cobras, Muscle cars, Mopars and finned cars. The museum will open 1 hour early for us so we will have the entire museum to ourselves with no other guests for the first hour. Joyce Baiardi is investigating options for a weekend get-away, destination unknown at this time but Rockport Ma is under consideration. Holiday party 2021?? We can only hope for the best.

Congratulations to Ernie and Jimmy Betulia for their prestigious award as a Service Provider of Excellence for their excellence of roadside delivery assistance. Guilford Texaco has twice received the Gold Award as a National Service Provider of Excellence with a member satisfaction rating of 98.3. Congratulations for a job well done Ernie & Jimmy. Ernie, Sharon, and Jimmy, along with Guilford Texaco also donated 350 toys to Toys for Tots and the Marine Corp. Reserve hosted by WTNH and Gil Simmons. We finished 2020 donating \$4900 in total to support 5 different charities. The proceeds from our annual car show are designated to support out charities, but with no car show in 2020 we decided to use our reserve funds to make donations to those we felt would benefit most. Throughout the year we donated \$900 to Foodshare & \$750 to Shoreline Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen to help those who do not have enough to eat, \$1500 to The Ronald McDonald House to help the families of children in local Ct. hospitals, \$1000 to CMAF (Amyloidosis Foundation) for research in early detection of this very serious blood disease, and \$750 to Toys for Tots to help the Marine Corp Reserve provide toys for children in Ct.

We are very optimistic about 2021 and anticipate being able to help more charities this year, and a special thanks to all of our E-Board members who devote their time, energy and expertise into making our Club the best it can be. Thank you all!

Be safe and save the wave!



*Rick*

# ***Agenda for the February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 WEBEX Meeting***

**OPENING COMMENTS  
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS  
DEC. MINUTES  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

**RICK  
STAN/MARY  
RICK  
ERNIE**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**SPONSORS  
CORVETTE MUSEUM  
FACEBOOK/DIGITAL PRIORITIES  
VETTE GAZETTE**

**RICK  
KURT/GEORGE  
MIKE  
LES**

## **NEW BUSINESS / EVENTS**

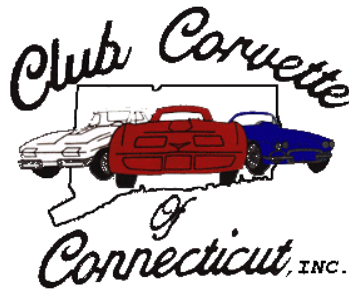
**GENERAL MEETING WEBEX  
KORVETTES FOR KIDS  
WTNH TOYS FOR TOTS  
CAR SHOW 2021  
NEWPORT CAR MUSEUM**

**RICK  
GEORGE  
STAN  
EDDIE  
RICK / FRANK**

## **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**ALL**

**ADJOURN MEETING**

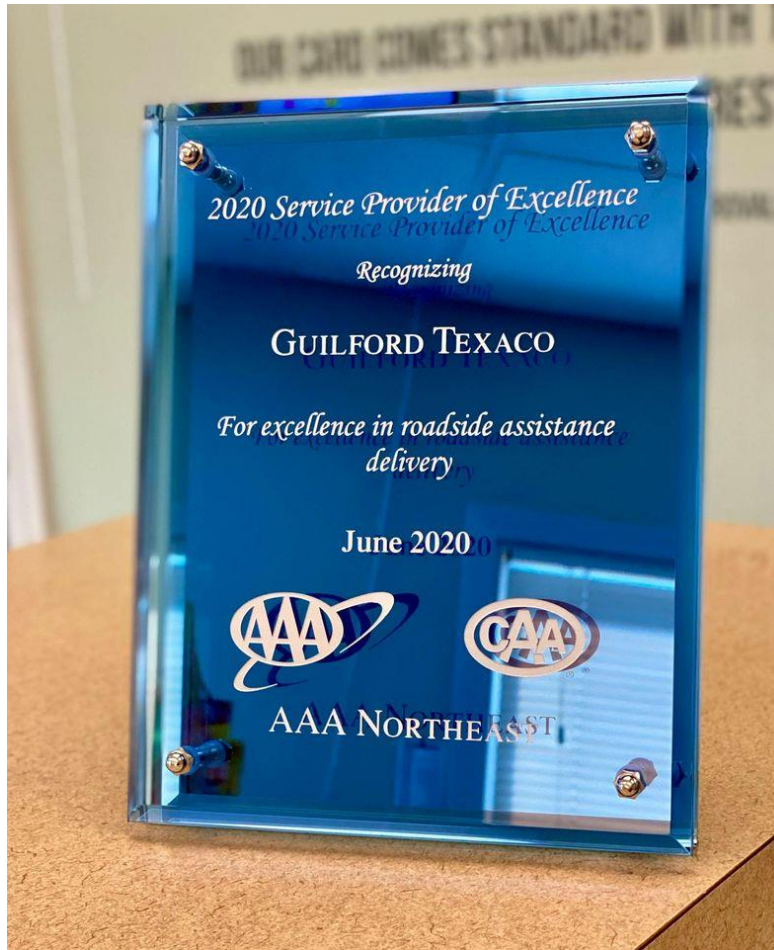


## MEMBER NEWS

# HAPPY CORVETTE BIRTHDAY !



<b>Ernie Betulia</b>	<b>02/05</b>	<b>James Holowaty</b>	<b>02/08</b>
<b>Charlotte Parisi</b>	<b>02/08</b>	<b>Allan Howard</b>	<b>02/08</b>
<b>Kori Kaercher</b>	<b>02/08</b>	<b>Frank Maltagliati</b>	<b>02/10</b>
<b>Lambros Viores</b>	<b>02/10</b>	<b>Barbara Hartman</b>	<b>02/11</b>
<b>Shari Bugaj</b>	<b>02/13</b>	<b>Frank Belo</b>	<b>02/15</b>
<b>George Macary</b>	<b>02/16</b>	<b>Robin Smeriglio</b>	<b>02/16</b>
<b>Hyla Chasnoff</b>	<b>02/17</b>	<b>Barry Latham</b>	<b>02/17</b>
<b>Teri Stanwix</b>	<b>02/17</b>	<b>Jerry Clark</b>	<b>02/20</b>
<b>Edwin Perkins</b>	<b>02/22</b>	<b>Melissa Cetta</b>	<b>02/23</b>
<b>Donna Snell</b>	<b>02/23</b>	<b>Paul Merola</b>	<b>02/27</b>
<b>Patrick Carroll</b>	<b>02/29</b>		



### **GUILFORD TEXACO- NOMINATED FOR 'BEST IN AUTO REPAIR'**

Guilford Texaco, a proud sponsor of Club Corvette of Connecticut, has been nominated by AAR for the Best in Auto Repair award. There are over 7000 shops within the AAA network and Guilford Texaco is 1 of only 3 facilities within the network nominated for his award.

The AAA Approved Auto Repair (AAR) program was created to address one of the most frequent consumer complaints in America — unsatisfactory automobile repairs.

The AAR program does this by directing members and other consumers to AAA Approved Auto Repair facilities that meet and maintain high professional standards.



GREAT JOB ERNIE & JIMMY!

## The AAA acknowledges Excellence of Guilford Texaco on their Web Site;

### Guilford Texaco, Guilford, CT

Guilford Texaco is no stranger to winning awards, having been honored with the top Gold Award as a national Service Provider of Excellence twice. Key to their success is communication, hard work and attention to detail. Owners Jim and Ernie Betulia ensure their customers have the best experience possible, from keeping them informed about their service to bringing them water during summer roadside calls. "Every member interaction is an opportunity for success," says Ernie.

Guilford is making the most of those member interactions, garnering stratospheric member satisfaction scores of 98.3!

---



## FUTURE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

We really need your help in writing articles for the newsletter. You have responded very well with photos of events, but we also need more articles. Anyone who organizes an event should prepare a write-up for the newsletter after the event or ask someone in the group to do it. You don't have to be concerned with the spelling or grammar - I'll take care of that. That's my job as editor.

I also look forward to any tips you can contribute to the newsletter to help your fellow members. Let's try to continue the "Tips From Members" section of the Vette Gazette, similar to what you see in your car magazines. Send your inputs directly to my email [lgbrowne1109@gmail.com](mailto:lgbrowne1109@gmail.com). Do not send them through the Club's group email.

Thank you.

Les Browne - [lgbrowne1109@gmail.com](mailto:lgbrowne1109@gmail.com)

## *THANK YOU TO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER*

**Rick Wasserback**

**George Sipprell**

**Bob Waydka**

## A Little Corvette Humor



"After building toys for hundreds of years, it was time to build something for myself."

Reprinted with permission from;  
Keith Cornett  
<http://www.CorvetteBlogger.com>

## Channel 8 Toys for Tots Toy Drive 2020

WTNH Channel 8 along with the Marine Corp Reserve held their annual Toys for Tots campaign this year on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. The Covid-19 pandemic forced them to abandon their traditional competition at the WTNH studio where the daytime and night time teams compete with each for the number of toys collected. This year the toys were collected on a single day at the Hamden Ct Middle School parking lot and the response was

incredible, support was so strong that the Marine Corp even had to bring in a second truck to handle the abundance of toys being donated. Car were lined up bumper to



bumper throughout the horseshoe shaped driveway and out to the road and up Dixwell Ave. waiting to have volunteers unload the toys from their cars. Ernie Betulia represented CCC and Guilford Texaco with this pickup truck loaded with 350 toys being donated on behalf of Ernie & Sharon, and also Guilford Texaco and Jimmy Betulia. I presented a check for \$750.00 on behalf of Club Corvette of Connecticut to Gil Simmons to purchase toys for the children. We were visited my many members of the WTNH team including Joe Furey, Sarah Cody, and Gil Simmons, who spent the best part of 30 minutes with us. The commanding officer for the Marine Corp. Reserve also paid us a special visit and was very thankful for the generosity of Guilford Texaco, Ernie & Sharon personally, and Club Corvette of Connecticut. Yes Dennis, this was definitely a "feel good" moment for Club Corvette.



Submitted by:  
Rick Wasserback

# **Corvette Trivia for January '21**

Answers can be found at the bottom of the Calendar of Events section of the newsletter

- 1) What car was the inspiration for the first Corvette?**
- 2) What caused the Chevrolet engineers to have 'red-faces' when the very first Corvette rolled off of the production line?**
- 3) What was unique about the 1965 hood?**
- 4) What standard piece of Corvette equipment was used as an option on another Chevrolet model? What model was this available on?**
- 5) What option was deleted from the Corvette inventory in 1985?**
- 6) What was the first year that Corvette had a real trunk since the 1962 model year?**
- 7) With the introduction of the 2005 model what feature was introduced for the 1<sup>st</sup> time?**

## The Pit Stop

**This Story is from;**

**Weekly Email Newsletter of the National Corvette  
Museum | Bowling Green, Kentucky**

**RACING NEWS**

### Farewell to Fan Favorite Fehan



On Wednesday it was announced that after 25 years, Doug Fehan is stepping down from his role as Program Manager for the Corvette Racing team. Doug was one of the architects of what would become the most successful GT race team in the world. Together, the team would take the overall win at Daytona in 2001, 8 class victories at Le Mans, 113 worldwide victories, and 13 Manufacturers Championships, which is more championships than all of their competitors COMBINED since the team started racing.

In addition to his work as Program Manager, he also served as a spokesperson for Corvette Racing where his interactions with the fans became legendary. With uncommon humor and candor, he would talk about the challenges of racing, while always emphasizing how Corvette is the best example there is today of technology transfer between race car and street car. Consequently, he saw every Corvette owner as a valuable member of the Corvette Racing team as they provided the support that fueled the team's success.

Thank you, Doug, for all that you have done for Corvette's reputation as performance icon, and for your work in making America's sports car respected all over the world. Most of all though, thank you for making us all a part of the team.

Doug is a member of the 2020 Corvette Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony is slated for April, 2020 as part of the Michelin NCM Bash.

**This Story is from;**



## Doug Fehan Didn't Retire, He Was Forced Out and I'm Mad As Hell About It

By  
**Keith Cornett**

-  
Dec 18, 2020  
4371



Photo Credit: Keith Cornett

Throughout the long history of the Chevrolet Corvette, you will find a number of individuals with larger than life personalities who worked tirelessly to improve the brand. Classic figures like Harley Earl, Zora Duntov, and Bill Mitchell all come to mind, as well as the modern-day leaders who have led Corvette into the 21st century. This week, one of those individuals was let go by GM.

That collective gut-punch came on Wednesday with the announcement that Corvette Racing's Program Manager Doug Fehan would be stepping down after 25 years of service. The official press release gives fans the impression that it was Doug's decision, but according to a report by SportsCar365.com, it turns out that retirement wasn't Doug's idea, and he refused to comment further on the issue.

I haven't spoken with Doug about this, but I do have some things to say about the matter.

Doug Fehan IS the heart and soul of Corvette Racing for fans around the world. From the very start, the program has been guided by his hand. And now GM has removed its highly effective leader of the team just as it appears, we need him the most.

From everything we are hearing about the current state of racing, and especially the state of GT racing today requires that someone of his stature is representing the interests of Corvette and General Motors, as well as the fans. GT racing programs around the world are being shut down and scaled back. As the collective racing bodies like the ACO and IMSA work to advance a future standard for manufacturers (whatever that may be), it was always comforting to know that Doug would be there fighting for us as racing fans and as Corvette owners.

But perhaps Doug's most important contribution to Corvette was his unyielding belief that racing made the street cars better. It was Doug who popularized the term "Cascade Engineering" to describe how each generation of streetcar is made better from racing, and how each generation of race car was improved because of having a better streetcar as a starting point. That Pratt & Miller made a conscious effort to not just race Corvettes, but to try and make them better by sharing data and technical expertise with Chevrolet engineers on the team is what should be remembered just as much as all the victories and championships earned over the years.

I don't profess to know what happens behind closed doors at Corvette Racing, but it appears that these major changes have been building for some time. Back in September, GM's longtime racing director Mark Kent was shifted to GM Defense and former Camaro engineer Mark Stielow took his place as the new director of Motorsports Competition and Engineering. And since that move, major changes have been happening that also included the replacement of longtime Corvette "Captain" Oliver Gavin with former Porsche driver Nick Tandy.

I can imagine that Doug's larger-than-life personality and ego have rubbed some of GM's racing management the wrong way over the years, but you can't argue with the success that has resulted. In 22 years, Doug has led Corvette Racing to 14 Team Championships, 13 Driver's and Manufacturer Championships, as well as 113 race wins for the squad including eight class wins at the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

I can also firmly say that as someone who has met and talked with all kinds of people in and out of GM that there wasn't a better brand ambassador for Corvette and other GM vehicles than Doug Fehan and anyone who has witnessed one of Doug's Corvette Corral discussions can attest to that. These are some huge shoes to fill and I hope and pray that GM Racing hasn't messed up a winning formula just for the sake of change.

Thank you, Doug, for your service to Corvette and its fans over the years. You may be gone from the team that you built, but your contributions to Corvette, GM, and sports car racing will never be forgotten.

### **Update**

Here are some additional thoughts on Fehan's departure from Corvette Racing from the [AutoExtremist](#) Peter DeLorenzo:

*This is what I say. Doug was forced out. After 25 years of molding and shaping Corvette Racing into the entity that it is today, he was summarily dismissed with little or no warning and without cause. I think the move was motivated by two things: **1. Jealousy.** GM operatives couldn't stand the fact that Doug had more credibility and a genuine connection with Corvette enthusiasts than all of them put together. Doug also represented Corvette racing to IMSA, the FIA, the ACO, the Corvette Museum and the other race teams, and he had the utmost respect from all of them. Doug tirelessly lived and breathed Corvette Racing, and he woke up every day trying to make the program better. This will prove to be a huge error on GM's part. **2. Age-ism.** They'd never say that but that had more than a little to do with it as well. This is a Bush League Bullshit decision. Doug is simply the best at what he does. Corvette Racing wouldn't be what it is today without the commitment, dedication and passion of Doug Fehan. His winning legacy and his concept of racing "the right way" will endure for many, many years to come. -PMD*

***Who do we believe??***

***Installment #6 of The History of  
Corvette Racing Series  
will resume in February***



## C8 Going Hybrid



As we have previously reported to you, Chevrolet will be releasing a new hybrid-electric variant of the C8 Corvette, titled the “E-Ray”. Unofficial reports suggest there will be an electric drive unit situated in the front cargo area of the car, and to power the electric motors, four 1.94 kWh batteries placed in the center of the C8.

It is estimated the peak power of the electric motors will be approximately 115hp and 111lb of torque and feed the front wheels. Performance is a focus and the electric motors will enable torque vectoring to the C8’s advance handling abilities. It is further reported that the E-Ray will not be able to drive on electric power only but will complement the estimated to be 600 horsepower V8 sitting in the middle of the car.

This hybrid supercar is also expected to have a slightly wider body than our current favorite C8, and wider wheels to enable more contact with the road. It’s also projected the new build will include larger brakes. It’s rumored this car will be launched in 2022 or possibly 2023, and available in both coupe and convertible formats. There is no price estimate yet for this hybrid option.



# Tom Peters, Retired GM Design Chief, Joins National Corvette Museum Team

By [Corvette Museum](#) December 17, 2020 [No Comments](#)

## Peters Named Consulting Curator of Exhibits, Starts January 2021



Tom Peters, pictured with the Corvette Stingray Concept which was also used in the second Transformers film, co-curated the Ed Roth / Rat Fink exhibit at the National Corvette Museum where the car is currently displayed.

A familiar face from General Motors is re-emerging from retirement to join the team at the National Corvette Museum. Tom Peters, former Director of Design for the GM

Performance Car Studio and 2019 Corvette Hall of Fame inductee, has joined the Museum's curatorial team effective January 2021 as Consulting Curator of Exhibits. Tom is no stranger when it comes to assisting with Museum exhibits, having co-curated 'Cartoon Creatures, Kustom Kars and Corvettes: The Art and Influence of Ed "Big Daddy" Roth', a special exhibit that officially opened in January, 2020 and continues through April, 2021.

“Sean had the thought to see if Tom would be interested in being involved with the Museum in a more official capacity after his co-curation of the Rat Fink exhibit,” shared Derek E. Moore, Director of Collections / Curator at the Museum. “Of course, his design background with GM is huge and we figured the best use of his talents would be in aiding us in the overall visual experience of our exhibits at the Museum.”

The Museum’s collections team, including Derek and Associate Curator Bob Bubnis, collaborate to develop a narrative plan and storyline for each exhibit, with plans to bring Tom into the fold to dig even deeper into the stories and the look of the exhibit.

“We want Tom to help build up our exhibits, tapping into his first-hand experience behind GM’s closed doors,” said Derek. “Tom can take those stories that are text on a label and help us bring them alive visually. We will look at how we can use the cars and artifacts we have to make our exhibits as much of a visual experience as they are educational – balancing the storyline with something visually interesting for our guests.” With over 18 months of leadership at the National Corvette Museum under his belt, Dr. Sean Preston, President and CEO, is excited to continue investing in exhibits and Corvette history.

“We have Corvette Racing’s Andy Pilgrim as our resident track pro at the NCM Motorsports Park, and now Tom Peters as a resident design pro at the National Corvette Museum. We are not only preserving and showcasing Corvette history, now we have a direct connection to that history – someone who was not only there to experience it, but who made that history during his career. This is truly a historic hire for the National Corvette Museum. We care deeply for the cars and artifacts in our care, but we also curate Corvette culture. Tom has a wealth of experience and understanding in both areas. He will be a welcomed addition to the already successful Curatorial and Collections team.”

“I think the Museum has a great relationship with GM but bringing Tom on board just makes those connections even stronger,” added Derek. “I’m excited to tap into his nearly 40 years of experience with the iconic automaker.”

Even General Motors is excited about the move and looking forward to how Tom’s skills can be further utilized to preserve, educate and promote the iconic Corvette.



Tom Peters, pictured with General Motors President Mark Reuss, celebrate Peters’ induction into the Corvette Hall Fame in 2019.

"I can't think of a better choice for this position than Tom Peters," said Mark Reuss, General Motors president. "His institutional knowledge of Corvette and his enthusiasm for it are unmatched. Through the years, he has played a crucial role in maintaining Corvette's status as America's Sports Car, and, as Consulting Curator of Exhibits, he will ensure the National Corvette Museum remains the ultimate caretaker of Corvette's storied history and its dynamic future."

Tom is looking forward to playing a role in the Museum's exhibits moving forward, with a combination of remote work and regularly planned stints physically working in the Museum.

"The invitation to work with the National Corvette Museum, the first thing that struck me is that it's a fabulous honor," shared Tom. "I've always felt that working with the Corvette team was not only a dream and a privilege, but an incredible adventure and I've always regarded Chevrolet and Corvette as family. This is an extension and continuation of that. Working with Chevrolet and the Corvette team becomes more than just a job, it's part of your life and lifestyle."

First up for Tom will be helping to refine the new Enthusiast exhibit area, and Damsels of Design exhibit – which was fully funded by Elfi's Silver Pearl Sisterhood, a female-led philanthropic giving society of the Museum.

"We are excited that Tom was open to this opportunity. It's really going to bring the Museum to another level with the visual design of our exhibits," added Derek.

"To me, the possibilities are wide open," said Tom. "From the viewpoint of a customer coming in, or an enthusiast, you want them to feel like they're part of the team so they experience the excitement whether it's design, engineering, racing or even how you market cars. We have the opportunity to help guests fully understand the rich heritage behind what has inspired Corvette over the years in terms of vision, design and development... the way they have evolved and influenced culture around the world."

The new Enthusiast area will be funded through the generous support of contributors to the Museum's 2020 fall giving campaign. If you've not yet made your end-of-year tax-deductible donations and would like to support this new exhibit, [click here](#) to make an online gift. Donations may also be mailed to the Museum at 350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

"Thank you to all of our amazing members and supporters," said Sean.

"Without you, we would not be able to grow and continue enhancing this Gateway to All Things Corvette. We can't wait to show you all the new exhibits."

# **National Corvette Museum Named A Top Attraction By USA Today**

By Corvette Museum July 17, 2020

The National Corvette Museum earned top honors in the 2020 USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest for Best Attraction for Car Lovers.

Twenty automotive attractions were nominated by a panel of relevant experts which includes a combination of editors from USA TODAY; editors from 10Best.com; relevant expert contributors; and sources for both these media and other Gannett properties. The public was invited to vote daily over a four-week period for their favorite. The Museum earned the most votes and subsequently was named the Best Attraction for Car Lovers for 2020.

While much of the country spent the bulk of the 2020 spring travel season sheltered at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, staff at the National Corvette Museum used that time to find new ways to engage their audience through digital content, as well as undertake a major overhaul of multiple galleries within the exhibit space of the Museum.

From March 19 through May 8 the Museum debuted 32 episodes of a new 'Vettecademy' video series geared towards school-age kids, offering at-home educational and entertaining episodes on various aspects of Corvette. The series was so popular that a 'Fully Vetted' series was also launched, offering viewers of any age an in-depth look at various stories behind America's iconic sports car. Vettecademy as well as all eleven episodes of Fully Vetted are available for viewing on the Museum's website.

In addition to sharing virtual video content, the Museum also hosted a virtual online car show, with over 1,000 entries, and a virtual Michelin NCM Bash event bringing together live seminar speakers, produced content and live Museum walk-throughs all via Zoom. The event welcomed over 500 live online viewers.

Upon reopening to the public on June 8, visitors were greeted with a new 'look' of two galleries within the Museum including a heavily remodeled and digitally enhanced E. Pierce Marshall Memorial Performance Gallery, featuring 180-degree video projection; interactive touch screen kiosks with additional photo, text and video content; integrated artifact displays; and a shiny display floor full of iconic Corvette race cars.

"Thanks to the generosity of E. Pierce Marshall Jr. we were able to completely overhaul the former performance and racing exhibit space into a state-of-the-art gallery that truly showcases important examples of high-achieving track Corvettes," shared Museum President and CEO Dr. Sean Preston. "Pierce shared a love of Corvette with his father and continues his enthusiasm as an avid Corvette Racing fan and track competitor himself. His C7.R is an exciting centerpiece to this brand-new gallery."

Continuing the renovations and upgrades, the Museum also gutted the design and engineering area to create a new exhibit in collaboration with General Motors on the history of the development of the mid-engine Corvette. The “Vision Realized” exhibit features iconic prototypes and experimental vehicles including CERV-I, Astro II, XP-895 Reynolds-Aluminum Corvette, XP-819 ‘Ugly Duckling’ rear-engine, XP-987 GT two-rotor Wankel engine, and the Indy Corvette along with artifacts and a comprehensive storyline of how Corvette’s first Chief Engineer, Zora Arkus-Duntov, dreamed of one day offering a mid-engine Corvette as a production vehicle.

“The next generation Corvette has drawn the attention of not only die-hard Corvette enthusiasts, but also fans of other marques. This highly anticipated car and exhibit is something any performance car enthusiast is going to want to immerse themselves in,” shared Sean. “What’s even better is that visitors can observe as new owners take delivery of their 2020 Corvettes right here inside the Museum. It doesn’t get any more exciting than that!”

During the pandemic the Museum also debuted a new exhibit display for the 1954 ‘Entombed’ Corvette which was made possible through a donation by Robin and Mary Vann of East Tennessee. The Corvette Cave-In: Skydome Sinkhole Experience also received an upgrade to the digital technology that powers the sinkhole collapse animation, showcasing the eight Corvettes who fell victim. Finally, visitors to the Museum will browse a special exhibit: “Cartoon Creatures, Kustom Kars and Corvettes: The Art and Influence of Ed ‘Big Daddy’ Roth” featuring candy-colored fiberglass marvels of the late 50s to mid-60s as well as the subsequent vehicles they would influence, including two Corvettes used in the Transformer films.

“Our goals during the pandemic were to keep as many team members employed as possible and use the time to upgrade our visitors’ experience – taking the Museum to another level,” added Sean. “Our team worked hard to update the facility so that it reflects the look and feel of the next generation Corvette. We are excited for guests to see it for themselves.”

The Museum is open daily, 8am-5pm CT and is located in Bowling Green, Kentucky at I-65, exit 28.

# NCM CORVETTE RAFFLE

The National Corvette Museum is licensed by the Kentucky Department of Charitable Gaming under license number ORG0000854.

At this time, we offer purchasers located in Kentucky the ability to 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, you may download an Order Form from this site and send to NCM for processing.

Below are current NCM active raffles.

For additional information regarding National Corvette Museum raffles, visit the NCM Web Site



**2021 BYO Corvette or \$65,000**

Price: **\$250.00**

January 14, 2021



**2021 Red Mist Corvette Convertible**

Price: **\$150.00**

February 4, 2021





**2021 Black Corvette Coupe**

Price: **\$100.00**

February 25, 2021



**2021 Arctic White Corvette Coupe**

Price: **\$20.00**

April 24, 2021

# 2021 UPCOMING NCM EVENTS

2021 MIM – Sights & Sounds of New Orleans

March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Michelin NCM Bash

April 22-24, 2021

2021 9-Day Caribbean Cruise

May 14 @ 10:00 am – May 23

# CLUB CORVETTE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## January Events

- Jan 5<sup>th</sup>      General Membership Meeting – WebEx Conference Call - Watch your email for additional information.
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup>     E-Board Meeting – WebEx Conference Call

## Upcoming Events

- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>      General Membership Meeting – WebEx Conference Call - Watch your email for additional information.
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>     E-Board Meeting – WebEx Conference Call
- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>      General Membership Meeting – WebEx Conference Call - Watch your email for additional information.
- Mar 30<sup>th</sup>     E-Board Meeting – WebEx Conference Call

## Save these Dates

April 17<sup>th</sup> – April 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 - New England Corvette Caravan "Dash to the Bash" in 2021  
- Bash Event - April 22 – April 24 - National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY - We will be following the 2014 New England Caravan route.  
See Flyer for additional details

**July 18<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> All Corvette Show & Swap Meet – Guilford Fairgrounds – see flyer for additional details.**

Sept 9 – 11, 2021 - Loon Mountain – Lincoln, New Hampshire – See attached flyer for details

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> - Cruise to Newport Car Museum - This event has been tentatively scheduled for this date. But it is dependent upon the pandemic and the state guidelines in effect in September.

Aug 26-28 - Corvettes at Carlisle 2021, this could be a HUGE event next year! Club Corvette will have their hospitality tent for our members to enjoy just inside of gate 3. Event tickets are now on sale for \$72.00 for a 3-day pass which includes fun field parking and admission for 2 people, a \$10.00 savings over the regular price. See Carlisle Events website for fun field tickets and details. When you register be sure to show your car club affiliation with Club Corvette of Connecticut so that the Carlisle staff will provide ample parking for all Club members.

<https://www.carlisleevents.com/events/events-detail/index?id=corvettes+at+carlisle>

## Cruise Nights

**East Haven Village Family Restaurant** – Dinner every Thursday evening – Meet 6:00 pm for dinner and conversation – join us!!! - **This Event has been postponed until after we have been given the all-clear by our healthcare professionals**

**Heav'nly Donuts Corvettes**- Corvettes-Only Cruise Night, Every Thursday Night. – Starting date TBD. - **This Cruise Night has been postponed until after we have been given the all-clear by our healthcare professionals**

## **Answer for the January '21 Trivia**

- 1) The Jaguar XK120 is believed to have been the inspiration for the first Corvette.**
  
- 2) The 1<sup>st</sup> Corvette were actually 'rolled' off of the assembly line because Chevrolet had not figured out how to ground them to a fiberglass body yet and they would not start.**
  
- 3) 1965 was the 1<sup>st</sup> model year to have 2 separate hoods – the smooth small block hood and the bulge of the big block hood.**
  
- 4) The 1976 Corvette steering wheel was available as part of the 'Sport Wheel' option package for the Chevrolet Vega.**
  
- 5) 1985 was the last year that a CB radio was offered as a Corvette option**
  
- 6) The first Corvette to sport a real trunk since 1962 was the 1998 Corvette convertible.**
  
- 7) 2005 was the first year for keyless access and start.**

Have you ever experienced the Michelin NCM Bash?  
Join us... it's going to be a good one!



## New England Corvette Caravan “Dash to the Bash” in 2021

Bash Event - April 22 – April 24, 2021 - National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY

We will be following the 2014 New England Caravan route.

Wyndham Hotel – 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA – Saturday night – April 17, 2021

Stonewall Resort – 940 Resort Dr., Roanoke, WV – Sunday night – April 18, 2021

Campbell House by Hilton – 1375 S. Broadway, Lexington, KY - Monday night – April 19, 2021

Holiday Inn University Plaza – 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY – Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21, Thursday 22 and Friday 23, 2021

Depart for home on your own Saturday April 24, 2021

Contact [vetteflock@cox.net](mailto:vetteflock@cox.net) if you are interested in participating in this event

More information to follow – Limited to 20 cars - **\$50.00 per car** OR **\$25.00 per person** registration fee





# Club Corvette of CT 28<sup>th</sup> Corvette Show & Swap Meet



2019 Best of Show



**New Larger Location**  
Guilford Fairgrounds  
Lovers Lane, Guilford, CT  
Exit 59 (Goose Lane) off I-95

**JULY 18**  
**2021**

**9am-3pm**

Celebrity Judge



Gil Simmons  
WTNH Channel 8  
Meteorologist  
'Weather Boss  
Award'

Profits from show donated  
to our adopted CT charities  
Rain date: Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>



**DAVID McDERMOTT AUTO GROUP**



For Info: Ed 203-271-3060 or Dennis 203-481-9439 or [www.clubcorvettect.com](http://www.clubcorvettect.com)

## **The New England Corvette Caravan Invites you to...**

**September  
9, 10, 11  
2021**



**...The Mountain Club on Loon - Resort and Spa**

*90 Loon Mountain Rd. Lincoln, New Hampshire*

**Join us for 3 days of Fun and Relaxation**

**Kancamagus Highway Run - Shopping North Conway -  
Mt Washington Auto Road Run - Loon Gondola Ride - Scenic  
Road Rally with Awards, Raffles and more.**

**Friday and Saturday Meals**

**OPEN to all Corvette Enthusiasts**

**A National Corvette Museum Fundraiser**

**Registration opening November 1, 2020**



## September 9, 10, 11 2021 The Mountain Club on Loon Resort and Spa

Three night lodging at The Mountain Club (**not included** in registration fee – book room on your own)

The price of the weekend includes the following:

Thursday - Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – Check-In – Social Gathering

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the Black Diamond Pub

Dinner is on you own.

Friday – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - AM Breakfast Buffet 7:30 am – 10:00 am  
in the Seasons on Loon Restaurant

Friday AM - The Fun Poker Run Begins – Lunch on your own

Friday Dinner in the Hancock Room at Resort 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Saturday –Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast Buffet 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM  
in the Seasons on Loon Restaurant

Saturday AM Cruise across Kancamagus Highway to North Co  
Shopping and Sight Seeing. Lunch on your own

Saturday Dinner in the Hancock Room 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Sunday – Depart – Breakfast on your own

Three nights (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) lodging at The Mountain Club on Loon (not included in registration fee – book room on your own) Depart on Sunday AM

**Club Room:** A traditional hotel room featuring a king-sized bed, Color-cable TV, full bath with either a whirlpool tub or a balcony, AC and coffee maker. \$145.00 (all taxes are included in the price)

**Studio Room:** A versatile and comprehensive room offering a sitting area, queen-sized Murphy bed (pulls down from the wall) and a double-sized Murphy bed, dining area with seating for four, fully equipped kitchen, color-cable TV and a full bath. \$145.00 (all taxes are included in the price)

Deposit of \$100.00 due with return of registration form. Balance due by August 1, 2021

**Three Night Cost \$ 355.00 couples and \$180.00 singles**

Join us on this very scenic and relaxing September Weekend. Space is limited...first come first served. You will receive an email confirmation once we receive your registration deposit. Book your room by calling the front desk directly **603-745-2244** or toll free at **1-800-229-7829** referencing the “**New England Corvette Caravan**” All rooms are non-smoking. Room rates are \$145.00 Club Room (**all taxes are include in price**) and Studio \$145.00 (**all taxes are included in price**). **Individual guest reservations require a deposit in the amount of one night’s room rate. Room Cancellation** made 14 days prior to arrival will incur a \$25.00 cancellation fee. If a cancellation is made with in 14 days prior to arrival, the \$25.00 cancellation fee will apply, and the deposit will be held as a credit for a future stay. **New England Caravan Registration** refunds will be made up to August 15, 2021. Information update and the agenda will be sent to you 30 days prior to start of event.

**Return signed liability waiver form with your Deposit**



I have read and agree to all of the above: Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

For further information contact Randy Flock at email: [vetteflock@cox.net](mailto:vetteflock@cox.net)

**Registration Form (Please Print)**

Name : First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check payable to: **NE 2019 NCM Caravan**

Mail to: **NE Caravan/Randy Flock**  
**P.O. Box 42**  
**East Greenwich, RI 02818**



**Loon Mountain – Lincoln, New Hampshire**

I, the undersigned, being of lawful age, do for myself, my heirs, executors, and assigns, hereby release, remise and forever discharge the 2019 New England Corvette Caravan, and or any individual, group, corporation or group of individuals co-sponsoring this event, his/her heirs, administrators, and executors of and from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, of whatever kind of nature either in law or in equity arising from or by any reason of bodily accident which may occur as a result of participation in the New England Corvette Caravan's weekend.

This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of the release are contractual and not a mere recital.

I further state that I have carefully read the forgoing release and know the contents hereof and sign the same as my own free act.

Print Name	/	Signature	/	Date
_____	/	_____	/	_____
_____	/	_____	/	_____

# Classified Section



To place an ad, please contact Les Browne via e-mail: [lgbrowne1109@gmail.com](mailto:lgbrowne1109@gmail.com) or call 203.494.8844.  
Note: Your ad must be in by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. Six months free for Club members.

**1998 Triple Black Corvette Convertible,  
automatic, Lambo Doors, Custom Rims and Exhaust  
Mileage – 90K**

**Asking \$10,000 or make an offer**

**For additional details contact Alan at;**

**Cell – 954.882.2724**

**Or**

**Email - [asayewitz@ AOL.com](mailto:asayewitz@AOL.com)**



**For Sale - Set of 4 Factory Tires Pilot Super Sport Cup 2 and Wheels for a 2017 C7 Grand Sport with the Z07 performance package. After purchasing the car, I decided to replace these tires with a better rain tire. They have only been used for 2 track days since new.**

**The Front are 285/30zR19 (94Y) and the Rears are 335/25 ZR20**

**MSRP for both front and rear is \$4674.38 - asking \$3505.78**

**Contact Nick for additional details**

**Phone: 817-781-5466 (Texas area code, but I live in CT now)**

**e-mail: [glowacki.nick@gmail.com](mailto:glowacki.nick@gmail.com)**



**1979 L82 T-Top Coupe - Vin #: 1Z8749S437470**

**Odometer mileage: 80,138**

**Exterior color: Silver - Interior color: Dark Blue – leather seats**

**Car restoration includes complete exterior paint, undercarriage restoration, and engine restoration (blueprint) - mileage since engine blueprint 8,000**

**Asking \$15,000 Or Best Offer**

**For additional information contact Ben Robinson at 860.313.1302 or [bjrob21@gmail.com](mailto:bjrob21@gmail.com)**



**This car was donated to Corpus Christi School in Wethersfield. They are selling it as a fund raiser for the school.**



# **McDermott Chevrolet #1 Corvette Dealer in Connecticut**



**We Are McDermott Auto Group!  
#McDermottStrong**

# McDermott Chevrolet Corvettes

[www.davemcdermottchevrolet.com](http://www.davemcdermottchevrolet.com)

<b>Pre Owned 2000 Corvette Convertible</b>	<b>\$19,998.00</b>	<b>Silver Metallic</b>	<b>Only 48,000 miles! A must see!</b>
<b>Pre Owned 2020 Corvette Stingray Coupe 3LT</b>	<b>\$99,995.00</b>	<b>Torch Red</b>	<b>Only 970 miles on this baby! Come drive the ultimate!!!</b>



***Waiting for the arrival of the 2021 C8's in the first  
quarter!***

Kevin Syombathy    General Manager  
Jake Ray            Sales Manager  
Ryan Savage        Pre-Owned Manager

Kaitlin McDermott    Internet Sales Manager  
Phone:                203-466-1000  
Email: [kmcdermott@mcdermottauto.net](mailto:kmcdermott@mcdermottauto.net)  
[www.davemcdermottchevrolet.com](http://www.davemcdermottchevrolet.com)

*#experiencetheMcDermottdifference*

*#letusbeyourcarfamily*



**3 1/2" PATCHES ARE AVAILABLE**

They have an iron-on backing or they can be sewn on for a more permanent application. The cost is \$3.00 each.

See Sue Wadyka at a meeting or an event if you would like to purchase one of these patches.



# MEMBER SERVICES

Members who have businesses or professional services are listed here:



**MARK OF EXCELLENCE  
AWARD WINNER**

**Joseph Cetta**  
*Director - Fixed Operations*

**DAVE McDERMOTT  
CHEVROLET, INC.**  
655 MAIN ST  
EAST HAVEN, CT 06512  
[jrcvette@aol.com](mailto:jrcvette@aol.com)


Phone (203) 466-1560  
Fax (203) 466-1562



*Gulfport*  
**TEXACO**

Auto & Truck, Foreign & Domestic Repairs  
24 Hour Towing, Local & Long Distance  
[www.gulfporttexaco.mechanixnet.com](http://www.gulfporttexaco.mechanixnet.com)

James Betulla | President  
2293 Boston Post Rd | Gulfport, CT 06437  
[caseyg.jillfordtexaco@comcast.net](mailto:caseyg.jillfordtexaco@comcast.net) | (203) 453-4961 Ext. 10



Office (203) 468-2777  
Fax (203) 467-4299

**TOM HENNESSEY**  
[thomashennessey@forbespremiumfuel.com](mailto:thomashennessey@forbespremiumfuel.com)

119 Commerce Street  
East Haven, CT 06512

**Ray Zisa**



**CORVETTE  
CENTER**  
[www.corvettecenter-ct.com](http://www.corvettecenter-ct.com)  
860-953-2994



**AMBASSADOR**

**George S. Sipprell** | **Master Ambassador**  
**Club Corvette of Connecticut**  
4 Featherbed Lane, Branford, CT 06405-6113  
203-481-4866 H 203-747-9618 C  
[gsipprell@earthlink.net](mailto:gsipprell@earthlink.net)  
[www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)

**SML Printing Press Service LLC**  
*Installation and Repair  
Preventative Maintenance  
30 Years Experience with Heidelberg*

*Steve Ludwig*  
Fully Insured

203.640.5091  
[SMLPressService@gmail.com](mailto:SMLPressService@gmail.com)

Al Howard

**H & H Stump  
Grinding LLC**



Stump Grinding ✂ Debris Removal ✂ Grading and Seeding

Call 203.305.4222  
860.868.0485



**Vendetto**  
MARKETING SOLUTIONS

**Michael C. Vendetto**

Vendetto Marketing Solutions LLC  
33 Jerimoth Drive • Branford CT 06405  
203 208 2880 office • 860 501 3792 mobile  
[mike@vendetto-marketing.com](mailto:mike@vendetto-marketing.com) • [www.vendetto-marketing.com](http://www.vendetto-marketing.com)