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Club Corvette of Connecticut's 2021 Car Show has been canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. See you in 2022!!!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April is named after the Greek goddess of love Aphrodite and symbolized the "opening" of its honorary flower, the daisy along with innocence and love. Time to dust off the Corvette, put the battery tender away, get out your shorts, sunglasses, and flip flops and go for a spin.

Connecticut has done a commendable job of administering the Covid 19 vaccines, and most of us are excited to get out, go places, and see our friends and family once again. Our Webex membership meetings ended with our April meeting and in May we will meet outdoor at the East Haven High School parking lot as we did last year.

This will allow us all to get together while still maintain safe distancing and wearing masks as recommended. Not an ideal situation by any means, but certainly a step up from webex. Mike Dansereau is working on a survey that will go out to all our members which is aimed primarily on finding out everyone's comfort zone in resuming "normal" meeting in the near future at Donovan's Reef. We don't want to rush into anything so we will use your responses to guide us before moving to the next step.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our car show until next year. There were just too many unknowns and the only date available in the fall fell on the last day of the Big E and the weekend cruise and car show in Ocean City. We have many members that enjoy the Ocean City show and we would not want to have them forced to make a choice between these two events. We are definitely on for 2022, part of our upcoming survey will be whether our show will be in the July as in past years, or do we try and move to a fall date. Advantages and disadvantages to both, let us know what you think.

There are several events in the planning stages and Bob Wadyka has done a great job of including as many events as he can onto our "things to do this weekend' email. If you know of any event that you think may be of interest to fellow club members, email Bob ralley71@comcast.net and he will include it in his weekly e-mail. Our Club's 30th anniversary will be here in two short years! We need to start planning now, one site we are considering is in Cooperstown NY, home of the baseball hall of fame, and the Otesaga Hotel, on the water and overlooking Leatherstocking gold course. A second in consideration is Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz NY. If you have a suggestion on a destination, let any one of us on the E-Board know what it is and we will include it for consideration. Our 20th anniversary at Mount Washington and 25th anniversary in Lake George were great successes, we are looking to do it all over again in 2023.

Lastly, we are having some issues with our website. It appears that the platform we use is no longer being supported and if it goes down, we are in trouble. We will have to switch to a new platform, and Les Browne, Mike Dansereau, Bob Vantresca and Mike Vendetto will explore all our options and help us make the right decision. Unfortunately, the change- over to a new platform is costly, but the website is our lifeline to the Corvette community and a necessity not a luxury.

Drive Safe, Ríck

AGENDA May 6, 2021 East Haven HS parking lot weather permitting

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RICK
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OTHER NEW BUSINESS

WEBSITE RESTRUCTURE - FUTURE MEETINGS SURVEY

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MEMBER NEWS

HAPPY CORVETTE BIRTHDAY!

Doug Capsalors	05/03	Jerry Breen	05/04
Ralph Malafronte	05/04	Andrew Siena	05/06
Steve Widger	05/07	Todd Loucks	05/11
Lucy Wasserback	05/11	Mike Dansereau	05/14
Liz Stella	05/18	S <mark>usan Stacey</mark>	05/18
Ken Uliano	05/18	La <mark>rry Pa</mark> pacoda	05/18
Leon Bailey	05/19	Sherry Smith	05/19
Ron Goldberg	05/22	Nina Zschunke	05/22
Margaret Palmisa	no 05/24	Scott Tully	05/31

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. Do not send them through the Club's group email.

Thank you.

Les Browne - lgbrowne1109@gmail.com

THANK YOU TO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

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Jack Stacey Frank Bugaj Ken Uliano

My First Corvette

The year was 1970 and I had just graduated from Woodrow Wilson Senior High School in Middletown, Connecticut. Like most of the guys that I had hung around with during my high school days, we all had cars that we tore down, reworked and, in our eyes, made better than what the factory provided to us for transportation. There were 1955 Chevrolets, 1963 Chevrolet Impalas, 1967 GTO's, and of course the mandatory Volkswagen Beetle. By the time our senior year in high school rolled around, things began to change in our high school parking lot. Gone was the 1955 Chevrolet, and the Impala, and the Volkswagen. The GTO was still around, but eventually as time passed, that GOAT would fade away as well.

However, my first introduction to the Corvette, was when the owner of that 1955 Chevy, showed up in our high school parking lot with a battleship gray, red interior 1962 Chevrolet Corvette, complete with the hardtop. The idea of a car, with a fiberglass body just blew me away and from that moment on I was hooked. The summer of 1970, three days after graduation, I found myself working for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in Middletown, CT., my first real full-time real-world job. The guys and I still hung around together, but instead of a high school parking lot, we were now meeting up with each other on Friday nights, at what today is called Washington Plaza in Middletown, right on Route 66. (No, not THAT Route 66!!). Back in our day, it was called "Top's Parking lot" and on any give Friday night you could find every type of car and hot rod and motorcycle there, revving engines, sneaking a "pop", or groups of people enjoying each other's company, or hanging out with your favorite girlfriend. Working at a fulltime job now, allowed me to consider upgrading to a newer type of vehicle. I decided that it was time to do so. I graduated from a 1964 hand me down Chevrolet Impala, to a Red 1967 Corvette Stingray convertible, with red interior and a white convertible top.



I had found this little beauty at Harte Chevrolet in Meriden, CT, sitting on the showroom floor. The car cost \$3500.00, out the door. I'll never forget the night I drove it home from that dealership. It was night, and I was in heaven when I hit the switch to roll up the headlights. She purred like a kitten all the way home and I couldn't help but "cruise" the parking lot, on my way home. I don't recall if anyone was there that particular evening, but that Friday night of that week, she made her appearance at the lot and now there were two Corvettes there. That battleship gray 1962 Corvette, and this 1967 Red Stingray Corvette.

THEN



NOW



Soon, there would be a multitude of Corvettes showing up as other guys made the leap to a fiberglass car. There was the 62, a 63 Split Window Coupe, a 64 Canary yellow convertible, with only a hardtop, no soft top, a 65 big block white Vette we called "Casper, another 65-blue convertible, and my 67 Red Corvette. The six of us would line up and park together and do what guys our age do.

We'd sit there and watch the world go by, and talk about girls, the War in Vietnam, and how it was going to affect our lives, and of course, our cars. There were always question surrounding all of us during these turbulent times. Would we get drafted? Would we enlist? Would things stay the same or would the world as we know it come crashing down all around us. Then, not to mention the occasional "race" that would happen out of the blue. One night, while we sat there in our Corvette Row, a guy from another town rolled up in his Plymouth Super Bird and challenged "the fastest of the bunch" to a race. Well, needless to say, Casper got the call, and about forty-five minutes later, we were all back in the parking lot, congratulating Casper's owner on a job well done, for winning the race and collecting some cash as a prize. I guess the kid driving that Bird, must have had deep pockets, because he called out each and every one of us in our Corvette Row that night. So, we each took turns taking this young man's allegedly hard-earned cash from him. The exception to our good fortune was the 62 Corvette, which, at the time, was suffering from leaky valve seals, shot piston rings, and well, just feeling her age, so the owner respectfully declined when a race was suggested to him. None the less, for me, born was the bond with Corvettes, and as time marched on, and the months slipped away, we found ourselves slowly drifting apart, mostly due to invitations from our Uncle Sam to come and play in his playground. Casper's owner joined the Marines, and Casper went to a new owner, the 63 Split Window's owner got drafted and I have no clue what happened to that Vette, the owner of the 64 Canary Yellow Vette, sold his Vette when he decided to get married, I believe, and the 65 Blue Convertible was sold, just because the owner no longer wanted it. My 67 Torch Red Convertible suffered a broken ring gear and was parked in my parent's side yard, when I received my draft notice, and decided to enlist into the Air Force instead. Shortly after being sent to England for what was to be a 48-month tour, I received a package from home with a note in the package from my folks. The Corvette was sold. Dad didn't want it in his yard waiting for me to return and fix it, so he found a buyer and away it went. The only survivor is the 62 Corvette, (See pictures above) which is still owned by the same owner, after all these years. Of course, this car has gone through several iterations and transformations, but it is still around, somewhere, being worked on little by little by the owner.

Since that time, I've been the proud owner of a 1969 Lemans Blue Stingray convertible, which I owned for almost nineteen years, before life got in the way, and well, off to a dealer in Indiana she went. That Vette was rebuilt, and during that rebuild, I found that the car had changed colors. It had originally been painted green, with a saddle interior. When I purchased the car, it was Lemans Blue, with blue interior. When I sold it, I had changed the interior to a black interior. One thing that Stingray taught me was how tight that engine compartment really is, and guaranteed, if you put your hands in the engine compartment, she would "bite" you. I loved that car because it taught me so much about patience and planning, and how these cars were put together. Today, we have a gorgeous 2004 C5 Convertible, Torch Red (of course), and I have to tell you, it's a million times more comfortable to ride in and has creature comforts that my 1967 Stingray could only dream about. (like Air Conditioning!! and power windows!). Do I miss the original Torch Red 67 Corvette Stingray? Yes, yes I do. Would I give up my 04 C5 for a C2 1967 Stingray? No, not at this point in my life. I don't care for "riding on an ironing board" any longer...Would I own another 67 or 69 Stingray? Sure, if I could find one that didn't cost and arm and a leg, and a first-born grandchild. But the C5,... it's a fine machine, and suits me right now. Here's one last question for all of you reading this story...... What was your first Corvette???.... Share that story!!......Aloha...F&S and BIG REDD....

Frank THEN



Frank NOW





Submitted by: Frank B. Bugaj

My Love Affair with the Corvette

My love affair with the Corvette is like a 3 act play.

Act 1: begins in the summer of 1959, when a friend of my Dad's pulled into our driveway in a white 2 seater car that I had never seen before except in a magazine. It was love at first sight. I asked him where he got this convertible and he quickly corrected me that it was a roadster not a convertible because it had side-curtains and not windows. After several minutes I asked my Dad for a ride to the ball field. Before my Dad could answer his friend asked if the guys would be at the field, I said yes then he asked if I would like him to take me, I looked to my Dad who simply nodded his permission. Well, when we pulled into the parking lot in that Polo White with Red leather interior roadster, I immediately became the coolest kid in town that day.

Act 2: happens in 1964, my senior year in high school. My best friend after receiving a gift from his grandmother purchased a black '63 coupe. He and I would cruise the local strip at night with the windows down and the radio turned up. We always attracted a crowd when we pulled into the McDonalds parking lot. This was almost a cool as arriving at the ball field 15 years earlier. Then came the day that my friend tossed me the keys and said take it for a ride. Well, I got to tell you that was the coolest thing that I had ever done in my young life up until then. At that moment I knew that I needed to own my own Corvette as soon as possible. Well, like a lot of guys my age. 'things' got in the way; Vietnam, marriage, kids, education, the little things in life.

For Act 3: we must fast forward to 2006, actually it started in 2005 the year of my wife's 60th birthday. She had never been to Europe, so for her birthday I took her to Paris for a week and then to Rome for a week. The next year I turned 60 and she asked me what I wanted. Well, the answer to that question was easy, a Corvette. So, we set a budget and began our search. I have always believed that real Corvettes had steel bumpers, were black and came with a convertible top. As with any search in life sometimes compromises are required with my budget the first things to go were the steel bumpers. But a black convertible was still in the game. At the start of our search, we found our option to be greatly limited. But then the day I found a black '86 convertible, it had a '93 nose and tail. The clear coat was peeling, and the seats were badly worn down to the fabric. But it was beautiful. We purchased it on the spot. After 2 years of much TLC, a new paint job and the installation of an Al Knock interior, to me it is the best looking Corvette on the road.

The epilogue is; now eleven years later driving a 1998 Triple Black Convertible; on any sunny Sunday afternoon with the top down you will find Carol and I cruise some back road along the shoreline or up into the hills of Connecticut. It is hard to imagine that life can get any better than this. Life is good.

Submitted by: Les Browne

Why Club Corvette of CT is the best and/or How I spent my Covid-19 Isolation

I know, the title is corny and too long, but as I was thinking it up, I was kinda reminded of my grammar school days and how after the Christmas break my teachers would make us write a story of what we did on the vacation. (I wonder how many of us felt the same after reading the title).

OK, so here's how this adventure started. Somewhere around the time of our Corvettes for Kids Toy run, our C5 started exhibiting a strong vibration whenever we'd get on the highway and reached any speed over 60 mph but would disappear after 5 or 10 miles only to reappear any time we took her up on the highway. Around town, she was a perfect lady... Weird huh?

Anyway, ever since we've owned our Lil' Red Corvette, I've done something to her each winter. Last winter it was reupholstering the seats. The year before that, it was sound deadening the floors, year before that, I replaced the convertible top... So, you get the idea.... But this year, I was at a loss for something to do. That was until this mysterious vibration turned up.

Our C5 came from the factory with the standard suspension, which has always been more than adequate, but I knew that there was a Z51 Suspension and the, (IN MY DREAMS), Z06 suspension. Both had better shocks and sway bars.

Now back to the "On again, Off again" vibration. I was kinda sure that the suspension upgrade wouldn't cure the problem, but then again, it couldn't hurt...right? (Whenever I do things like this, I can hear my dad's voice... "Kenny... If it ain't broke. DON'T FIX IT").

So that's the reasoning, (spelled excuse), I told Barb as to why I chose this winter's project.... SOOO After many hours on the web and in forums and getting the "best" price for genuine GM parts, we were going to upgrade to a Z51 suspension, and she was going to love it. (Trust me... I'm in Sales).

The parts arrive and the wheels come off and the shocks and sway bars go in without a hitch. Seriously, it was one of the easiest upgrades I've ever done. Now for the test ride. I throw the wheels back on and hit the highway... And as you might expect, the vibration starts after a few miles only to disappear a short ride lately.

(Here's where I'm reminded of those cartoons I watched as a kid... You know the ones where there's a good angel on one shoulder and fella with the pitchfork on the other). The optimist in me was certain that the suspension work would have fixed it. But now that it didn't, the fella with the pitchfork creeps into my head and he's saying, "Oh boy... it MUST be something Major. Something that going to activate that "corvette tax".

So, I do what I've always done after I've wasted money. I call my cousin Al Howard, (also a member of our club). Al is a great mechanic and had owned his own garage for most of his adult life only to sell it to become an auto shop teacher in one of our State Regional Technical schools, teaching the next generation of Auto Mechanics.

Al pops over and we go for a ride. Sure enough, right on cue the vibration starts up and Al goes into this 2-3-minute stream of consciousness of what would make the car vibrate. And I'm going to keep the list short:

Bad tires, Bad wheels, Bad brakes, Bad rotors, Propeller Shaft, bearings, Axles... You get the picture. Up pops that pitchfork character again and I'm sure my shaking hands only added to the vibration. Back to the house we go and get the car up on jack stands so he can get on a creeper and check it out himself. More stream of consciousness and more items added to the list.... but being the levelheaded fella, he is. He says let's try the easy stuff first. See if someone with a corvette would let you borrow their wheels and tires... Here's where our club comes into the picture like I mentioned in the title, (I bet you thought I forgot that part huh?) \bigcirc .

Barb and I get emails and texts for club members often. Usually, it's a joke or an upcoming event, just things that keep us connected. So, on one text I was talking with Jerry Breen and without even asking, he volunteers his tires and wheels and after some further discussion we develop a plan that includes replacing the rotors and pads.

Sunday comes around and Donna and Jerry come over and Jerry and I get started. After an hour or so we get the driver side disassembled and reassembled without too much foul language, but we weren't so lucky with the passenger side. It must have been 2 hours and we couldn't get the 2 brake caliper guide pin bolts to break loose. We tried everything, even a 2-foot breaker bar. (there's more to the story but that's for another time). We call it a day and have a very nice lunch with the ladies, but plan to resume later. Which means Jerry must go home without his wheels and come back at another time. I can't say enough about this guy. About a week later we start over and finish the brakes. Drop the car off the jack stands and take her for a 20-mile ride with Jerry's wheels on. Guess what??? NO Vibration... big smiles all around...so now we're cautiously optimistic. Back to the garage...Throw my wheels back on and go for the same ride... BINGO... NO MORE CALLS... WE GOT A WINNER. The vibration was gone. I wouldn't have thought it, but it was poor pads and warped rotors, that caused that vibration and many a restless night's sleep.

Not to get too sappy here but there was a time earlier in my life when I would try to fix EVERYTHING on my car and enjoyed the heck out of it, but those days, I thought, were way back in my rearview mirror. But having This car and being a member of THIS club and having all you great folks to bounce things off of and share experiences with, (especially during this awful pandemic), brings back all those Glory Days when my pockets were empty, my hands were greasy but my facing was smiling.

Thank you, Jerry Breen, thank you Al Howard and thank you Club Corvette of Connecticut.

P.S. Oh...BTW.... Anybody need a set of used sway bars, old shocks and 2 front warped rotors?

Submitted by; Ken Uliano

CORVSPORT - Ultimate Corvette

I was browsing the internet a short time ago looking for some information on the C7 Z06 that I acquired last summer. I came across the Corvsport website and found it very interesting. I asked some of our members if they subscribed to Corvsport and found that none was familiar with it. I have become a subscriber to the "best Corvette newsletter on the planet" and thought you might want to take a look at it and possibly enjoy it as much as I did.

When searching for C7 information I came across the Corvsport article entitled "2014 – 2019 C7 Corvette specs and information", "Corvette C7 Stingray – Performance Driven Function" by Scott Kolecki. Development of the C7 Corvette began shortly after the introduction of the C6 Corvette in 2005. Tom Peters and Tadge Juechter were tasked with creating this new Corvette during a time of financial hardship for the automobile industry and the potential bankruptcy of GM. With the help of GM Vice President Ed Welburn, The result is that the 2014 C7 Corvette Stingray was truly a departure from its predecessor. In fact, it only shares two parts with the previous-generation Corvette – the removable roof release lever and a filter in the air filtration system. The rest is completely new – including the frame structure, chassis, powertrain, and an all-new interior and exterior design.

With 10 million hours invested in computation analysis and another 6 million hours on the combustion system, the result was a 6.2 Liter V8 with 450 hp and 450 lbs. or torque. The new LT1 was revolutionary with direct fuel injection, continuous variable valve timing and an advanced combustion system.

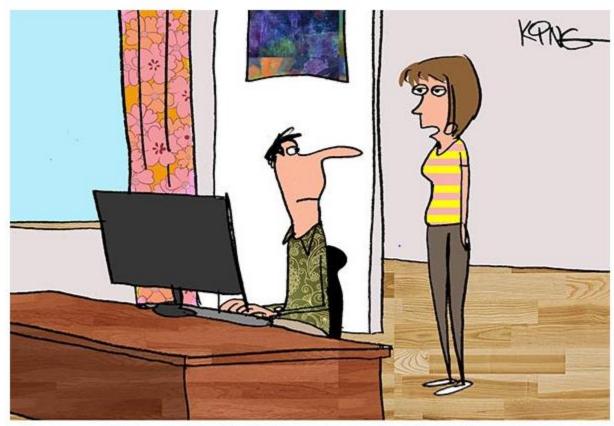
The LT1 engine can be paired with either the standard TREMEC TR 6070 seven-speed manual transmission with Active Rev Matching for more precise upshifts and downshifts. This driver-selectable feature can be easily engaged or disengaged via paddles on the steering wheel. I have to say I love the rev matching and use it all the time as it anticipates the next gear selection and electronically 'blips' the throttle to match engine speed for a seamless up or down gear change.

Corvsport covers all 8 generations with articles covering all aspects and comparison of these cars, check them out and enjoy the wealth of information they offer.

Submitted by: Rick Wasserback

Share your favorite Corvette Story next month!!!

A Little Corvette Humor



"Our neighbor is at the door.

You only washed your Corvette 5 days
this week, so he's concerned."

Well, it is Springtime after all::::

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The Pit Stop

The History of Corvette Racing will return in coming months

IMSA Race Weekend at Detroit Shifted Back One Week

Corvettes to Compete on "Home Track"

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – The Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear, the fifth event on the 2021 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship schedule, has been pushed back a week in a move that pairs it again with an IndyCar Series doubleheader as in past years. The new dates for the WeatherTech Championship weekend are June 11-12.

The WeatherTech Championship race weekend on Detroit's Belle Isle Park was initially set for June 5-6 in order to avoid a conflict with the 24 Hours of Le Mans the following week. With the iconic French endurance race postponed until August, it opened the door to shift the WeatherTech Championship race and merge the two event weekends. IMSA's top-tier series started racing on Belle Isle in 2007, with the only breaks in action coming in 2009-11 and again last year due the coronavirus pandemic.

A bonus for Detroit fans, this change allows for GT Le Mans (GTLM) cars to race in the event in a non-points capacity. It means that the two Corvette Racing Chevrolet Corvette C8.Rs will be able to compete in their home race, with General Motors headquarters at the Renaissance Center in plain view a couple miles away. It will mark the first time since 2008 that the Corvette GTs will race on their home track.

WeatherTech Championship classes competing for points at Belle Isle will be Daytona Prototype international (DPi) and GT Daytona (GTD), though GTD points will count toward the IMSA WeatherTech Sprint Cup and not for the overall season championship. While it was previously announced that the Le Mans Prototype 2 (LMP2) class would be

participating at the Motor City event, it will now be competing at a different venue which will be announced at a later date.

"With the 24 Hours of Le Mans moving to August, we were given the opportunity to continue what has become a tradition – giving race fans a weekend full of on-track action with some of the most talented sports car and open-wheel racing drivers in the world," said John Doonan, IMSA President. "We look forward to returning to Belle Isle Park June 11-12 for the IMSA Chevrolet Sports Car Classic."

WeatherTech Championship practice and qualifying will take place on Friday, June 11, with the race starting at 5 p.m. ET Saturday, June 12 and airing live on NBCSN.

1967 L88 Sells at Mecum Auctions



This rare 1 of 20 1967 Corvette L88 comes from Corvette Mike's collection and this one has the distinction of being the only one offered in Sunfire Yellow. It is the only 1967 L88 Coupe with its all original and highlydocumented motor, and Bloomington Gold Certification, NCRS Top Flight Award, a Triple Diamond Award winner, and then to top off all these coveted awards, it is the only 1967 L88 Coupe with a Duntov Mark Of Excellence Award!

The hammer price was \$2.45 million, and with the buyer's commission, the final price to bring home this rare "holy grail" Corvette was \$2,695,000.

This Sunfire Yellow L88 becomes the fourth C2 L88 to sell in recent years for over two million dollars. It's the second one to sell this year after the first production 1967 Corvette L88 famously raced by Tony Delorenzo was sold at Mecum's Kissimmee January 2021 sale for \$2.5 million.

This year's sales of the two 1967 Corvette L88s mirrors the two sales that started the run with Mecum setting the record with a Maroon L88 Convertible which sold for \$3.2 million. Barrett-Jackson would follow that sale up several months later in January 2014 with the world record sale of a Red 1967 L88 Coupe for \$3.74 million.
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Corvette Powered Exhibit Coming To NCM

What does it mean to be "Corvette Powered"?

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, visitors to the National Corvette Museum will have the opportunity to learn exactly what it means when they step into an exciting new exhibit by the same name: Corvette Powered. The exhibit will showcase vehicles, specifically midcentury non-General Motors/non-Corvette vehicles, that utilized Corvette engines and drivelines.

At a time when America's automotive industry was lacking, the small-block Chevy V8 engine changed everything. It was quickly discovered that other engines could not compete with Chevrolet's engineering of the Corvette engine. As a result, some manufacturers, rather than developing their own engine, approached Chevrolet and purchased Corvette engines or drivelines for their cars.

The use of Chevy's small-block engine within both American and European sports cars and GT cars was seemingly the answer to the problem. To honor their use of Corvette engines, the exhibit will feature a 1977 Avanti II and a 1966 Excalibur.

The 1977 Avanti II is a continuation car of the original Studebaker Avanti built in 1963-64. This 1977 Avanti II features a Corvette 350ci engine. Corvette enthusiast and Avanti fan, Bernard "Mike" Hammer, purchased the car in 2017. After buying it, Mike "trailered it home, fixed it up, and the only show (he) ever put it in got first place." Out of seventeen Avanti's entered in the show, Mike's took the top prize. The 1977 Avanti II car was graciously donated to the NCM by Mike to help tell the story of vehicles with Corvette components.

Another notable vehicle that will be on display is a 1966 Excalibur. This car is #74 of the 97 Series One Excalibur Roadsters and was also the cover car for the 1966 Excalibur sales brochure. Prior to being acquired by current owner, Myron Vernis, the car was purchased new by a Hollywood producer and theater owner. Since its initial purchase, the all-original car has only been driven 16,000 miles. This Excalibur contains full performance specifications with a 327/350 Corvette engine and a four-speed manual transmission.

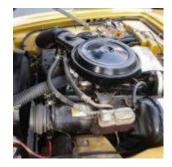
From European and American sports cars to boats and motorcycles, the Corvette engine has powered more than just Corvettes over time. As explained by Director of Collections/Curator, Derek E. Moore, "this exhibit shares a piece of Corvette history and explores the stories of unique vehicles and their use of Corvette engines." Corvette Powered replaces Cartoon Creatures, Kustom Kars and Corvettes: The Art and Influence of Ed 'Big Daddy' Roth in the Exhibit Hall. Other vehicles to see in the exhibit include a 1958 Scarab, 1967 Bizzarrini Strada, 1965 Impala built by Chip Foose, 1969 Mangusta, and more. Visitors will be able to enjoy the Corvette Powered exhibit through Bash of 2022.











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 Build Your Own Corvette or \$65,000

Price: **\$250.00**Drawing: April 23



2021 Arctic White Corvette Coupe

Price: **\$20.00**Drawing: April 24, 2021



2021 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 5/20/2021

Price: **\$100.00**Drawing: May 20, 2021

2021 UPCOMING NCM EVENTS

Michelin NCM Bash

April 22-24, 2021

2021 9-Day Caribbean Cruise

May 14 @ 10:00 am - May 23

27th Anniversary Celebration @ National Corvette Museum Sep 2 – Sep 4

Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1

a full day at the NCM Motorsports Park Nov 4 @ 8:00 am - Nov 6 @ 4:00 pm

CLUB CORVETTE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



April Events

Apr 6th General Membership Meeting – WebEx Conference Call - Watch your email for additional information.

April 17th – April 24th 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

Apr 27th E-Board Meeting – Planned for the gazebo on the East Haven green

Upcoming Events

May 4th General Membership Meeting – East Haven High School Parking Lot – 7:00 pml - Watch your email for additional information.

May 15th Rallye for a Cure, If you're looking for a "thing to do", the Rallye for a Cure to benefit juvenile diabetes is being held on May 15th this year. The route is going from Hartford to Palmer Motorsports Park in Massachusetts. The entry fee is \$100 for individual cars and they've made it easier to register and pay online with a credit card this year.

If you are interested contact Todd Loucks at;

toddgail@sbcglobal.net or (203-641-7403) if you want to go as a group.

The event website is: http://caea.net/RFAC/ for additional details refer to

the attached flyer.

May 16th - American Classic and Muscle Car Shop - Presented by The American Italian

Civic Club - 476 Boyden St. Waterbury - refer to attached flyer for details.

May 25th E-Board Meeting – Planned for the gazebo on the East Haven green

Save these Dates

- July 18th Club Corvette of Connecticut's 28th All Corvette Show & Swap Meet Guilford Fairgrounds Due to the Coronavirus restrictions, this event has been canceled. See y'all in 2022!
- 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

- Sept 9 11, 2021 Loon Mountain Lincoln, New Hampshire See attached flyer for details.
- Sept 9-12 Adirondack Nationals, Lake George NY on the grounds of the Fort William Henry Hotel.

http://www.adirondacknationals.com/

Sept 10-12 Adirondack Corvette Club Vette Fest weekend at the Queensbury Hotel , Glen Falls NY.

http://adirondackcorvettes.com/vettefest.html

- Sept 19th Vettes at the Beach Hosted by For Corvettes Only, Inc. 15th Annual Corvette Show Ocean Beach Park 10am to 3pm Gates open at 9pm \$20.00 per car Rain Date Sept 26th see flyer for additional details.
- Sept 25th 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.
- Sept 26 (Rain Date October 3) Simsbury CT
 41th ANNUAL SIMSBURY FLY-IN, CAR SHOW AND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL
 THE LARGEST EVENT OF ITS KIND IN NEW ENGLAND WILL RETURN
 Yes, we plan to return on Sept. 26 with our wonderful event! We'll feature
 displays of 700 beautiful airplanes and cars, amazing things to eat from at
 least 25 food trucks, and many exciting activities for the entire family. If

there are any remaining Covid-19 safety requirements at that time, be assured we will follow them. You can feel safe and comfortable at our great show. For details go to http://www.simsburyflyin.com/HOME

Oct 15-16 Ocean City Maryland Corvette Weekend on the boardwalk.

http://www.freestatecorvette.com/Corvette-Weekend

Oct 22-24 Sunday October 24 Greenwich CT

Save The Date

Greenwich Concours d'Elegance

https://www.greenwichconcours.com/event/schedule

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

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

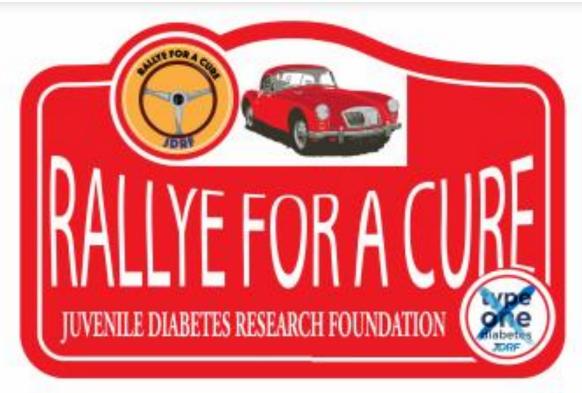
Holiday Inn University Plaza – 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY – Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21, Thursday 22 and Friday 23, 2021

Depart for home on your own Saturday April 24, 2021

Contact vetteflock@cox.net 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



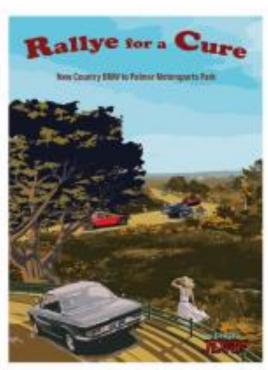


Join us for a fun-filled day following creative clues on scenic backroads from New Country BMW in Hartford to Palmer Motorsports Park. The Game-Tour-Adventure style rallye includes breakfast courtesy of New Country BMW, lunch, and laps on the track! The "Rallye for a Cure" benefits JDRF and its mission to cure, prevent, and treat Type 1 Diabetes. This event is fun for the whole family!

Find out more and register your team today! RallyeForaCure.org

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May 15, 2021



American Classic & Muscle Car Show

Sunday May 16, 2021



Hosted by the American Italian Civic Club 476 Boyden Street, Waterbury, CT 06704



Time: 10 am to 3 pm Gates Open at 9 am Rain Date May 23, 2021



Show Car Registration \$5.00



Spectators are FREE

Delicious Food, Pavilion, Indoor Facilities, Music Provided by DJ Doug & Joann

Plenty of Parking, Scenic Picnic Area, 50/50 Raffle, Many Trophies, Driver Raffle Prizes



For More Information Contact Ken (203) 509-4654 or AJ (860) 305-6336



Club Corvette of CT 28th Corvette Show & Swap Meet





The New England Corvette Caravan Invites you to...



...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)

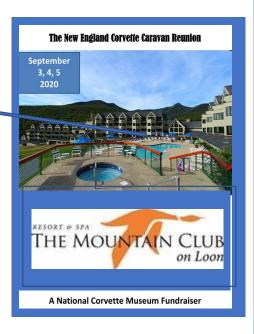
The price of the weekend includes the following: Thursday - Sept. 9^{th} - Check-In - Social Gathering 4:00~PM-6:00~PM at the Black Diamond Pub

Dinner is on you own.

Friday – Sept. $10^{\mbox{th}}$ - 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^{th} - Breakfast Buffet 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM in the Seasons on Loon Restaurant

Saturday AM - Cruise across Kancamagus Highway to North Conway 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



<u>Three nights</u> (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

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Vettes at the Beach

Hosted by For Corvettes Only, Inc. 15th Annual Corvette Show

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Rain date: Sunday, September 26, 2021



10 am - 3 pm

Gate opens at 9 am

Ocean Beach Park

98 Neptune Ave, New London, CT Minutes off I-95 (See Directions on back)

Entrance Fee \$20 per Car

Dash Plaque, Tee Shirt, and Tote to the first 225 cars Proceeds benefit local and national charities

Beach and Boardwalk on Long Island Sound Gift Baskets, 50/50, Vendors DJ, Food and Bar, Beer Tent Miniature Golf, Game Room Celebrity Judges, Trophies Real Rest Rooms

No Pets, Please

For more information contact: Bob Sicuranza, FCO President, 410-336-1296 or Mark Christiansen, FCO Vice President, 860-705-3473 or email FCO at: Info@ForCorvettesOnly.com www.ForCorvettesOnly.com

Directions to Ocean Beach Park

From I 95 South/Rhode Island

- 1. Exit 84-S; stay in LEFT lane to merge onto Rte. 32-S.
- 2. Continue straight as road changes names to Eugene O'Neill Dr. then Green St.
- 3. LEFT on Tilley St. then take immediate RIGHT onto Bank St.
- 4. LEFT onto Ocean Ave. Continue for 2.5 miles.
- 5. RIGHT onto Neptune Ave. Continue 1 block ahead into main gates of Ocean Beach Park, 98 Neptune, New London, CT.

From I 95 North/New Haven

- 1. Take US-1/Coleman St. Ramp toward Ocean Beach/New London.
- 2. Turn LEFT onto Coleman St/US-1 South.
- 3. Turn RIGHT onto Bank St/US-1.
- 4. Take first RIGHT onto Ocean Ave Continue for 2.5 miles.
- 5. RIGHT onto Neptune Ave. Continue 1 block ahead into main gates of Ocean Beach Park, 98 Neptune, New London, CT.



Classified Section



To place an ad, please contact Les Browne via e-mail: lgbrowne1109@gmail.com or call 203.494.8844. Note: Your ad must be in by the 5th 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
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Email - 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



1980 Corvette Parts for Free

The owner is restoring his 1980 Corvette L82 and he has some extra part available for anyone who can use them. He is offering them because his only option is to throw them away and he feels if he can help someone else who is searching for parts this is a much better option. Below is a partial list of items, there are many other parts that are too many to list. If you can use any of these parts,

Please contact; Peter Monks at 860.395.6466

Front and rear Bumpers
Stock Hood
Set of 4 stock wheels
Stock 350 engine complete
a turbo 350 transmission and vacuum pump.
Many interior parts – too many to list here.
Interior color is red.



Corvette Book Collection For Sale



Corvette The Sensuous American Set of 3 book per year Valued -\$40.00/set



Corvette Sports Car of America Book Valued - \$40.00



Corvette Magazines Value - \$2.00 each

Owner would like to sell entire collection as a set. Make her an offer.

No reasonable offer refused.

Contact Carol at: carol.schmidt203@gmail.com

Free set of Weather Tech C6 Floor Mats for a Member
If you can use them Ralph has a set that he does not need any longer.

You can contact Ralph Notaro at;

Phone - 203.234.1155

Or

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