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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August was one of our busiest months ever. We had the CCRI show where Todd & Gail Loucks won a trophy for their C7 against all other cars in that generation, and our Club was awarded a trophy for Best Club Participation with 22 member cars in attendance. We also had 2 NEW members join our club that day – thanks Darryl for being such a great advocate for CCC and welcome Gerry & Tony. We also had our annual picnic at the beautiful Branford Yacht Club with 94 members attending the event. Lastly, we had 26+ cars registered for Corvettes at Carlisle with 8 of the members heading out for another 9 days on the 30th annual National Corvette Museum Caravan. A very busy month to say the least.



I think 2024 so far has been a very good year for our Club. We are growing in leaps and bounds, our event schedule is full month after month, our sponsors have been exceedingly generous, and we are having loads of fun. Our plan is to keep all of this going throughout the year – a bit more indoors as the weather changes, but lots to do every month. Thank you to all who plan events for everyone to enjoy – cruises, weekends away, ladies' lunches, and especially our event coordinator, Frank Bugaj who I also know receives a lot of help from Shari.

October is the month where we present a slate of officers to the membership to guide the club for the upcoming year. All positions, apart from the office of president, are open to any qualified member who would like to run for an office. Next year the office of president will also be open as I finish my 2-year commitment and a total of 7 years as president. You must have been a club member for 5 years and have been on the e-board for at least 1 year to run for president, so if you are interested in joining the board please contact Dee Tully with your intentions. New faces, fresh ideas, and an abundance of energy is what keeps our club going – join in and keep our Club #1 in the Northeast, we can't do it without you.

Rick

**Agenda for the
October 1st, 2024
General Membership Meeting at
Parthenon Diner
374 East Main St, Branford, Ct**

**PLEDGE OF ALEGIENCE
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
SEPTEMBER MINUTES
TREASURER'S REPORT**

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NEW BUSINESS

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CLUB CLOTHING - shirts**

**RICK
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OLD BUSINESS

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EVENTS

**KORVETTES FOR KIDS
HOLIDAY PARTY approval for club contribution
CORVETTE LADIES
UPCOMING EVENTS
LAST CALL FOR 50/50**

**JACK
RICK/DENNIS
SHARI
FRANK
STEVE**

FUTURE EVENTS – ALL CLUBS

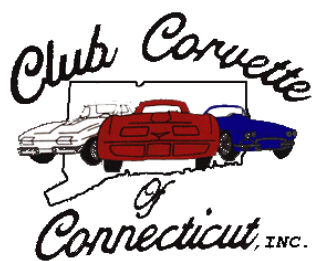
OTHER NEW BUSINESS

ALL

**ELECTIONS 2025 slate of officers
50/50 RAFFLE**

**DEE
STEVE**

ADJOURN MEETING



MEMBER NEWS

HAPPY CORVETTE BIRTHDAY!



Gene Bialek	10/06	J.D. Venables	10/06
Darryl DelGuidice	10/07	Linda Ferranti	10/07
Debby Michelotti	10/07	Steve Ludwig	10/09
Bob Wadyka	10/09	Don Byrne	10/10
Holly Miller	10/15	Grant Sanborn	10/16
Keanne San Giovanni	10/17	Annie Gloria	10/18
Kurt Ryder	10/18	Peggy Garbien	10/22
Carol Lyons	10/22	Christopher Salusri	10/22
James Usilton	10/22	Joe Cetta	10/23
Paul Lengyel	10/25	Allen Stanwix	10/25
Renee Dansereau	10/26	Dave Garbien	10/27
Joyce Ortner	10/28	Laurie White	10/28
John Mader	10/30	Dennis Krajewski	10/31
Angela Varrone	10/31		

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

Thank you.
Les Browne

THANK YOU TO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Rick Wasserback

Bob Wadyka

Frank Bugaj

Sponsor Spotlight on Trantolo & Trantolo



One of our newest sponsors is the law firm of Trantolo & Trantolo. The personal injury law firm of Trantolo & Trantolo was founded by Joseph Trantolo, Sr. in 1938 in Hartford, Connecticut. Joseph Trantolo observed social inequalities between the wealthy and less fortunate; only the affluent could afford adequate legal representation. Seeing that certain people could not obtain competent legal assistance caused him to act. Joseph Trantolo committed himself to helping defend and protect these less powerful citizens, joining forces with Waldemar Lach and Edward Krawiecki to create a firm in 1938. Their deep dedication to the public quickly earned them a respected place within the Hartford community. These three men represented a history of distinguished service in Connecticut and throughout the nation.

Joseph Trantolo, Sr. became the director of Legal Services Inc., an organization founded to provide counsel to the indigent. He was then a prosecutor at the Hartford Police Court from 1948 to 1949 and was nominated as a candidate for the State Senate.

Waldemar Lach was a municipal court judge in Newington, CT and would later serve in California as a federal judge within the Social Security system. From 1953 to 1959, Edward Krawiecki lectured at UConn Law School and represented Bristol in the State House of Representatives. The union of their efforts and reputations resulted in the creation of a law firm that would prove to be successful for generations to come.

Joseph Trantolo, Sr. passed his beliefs that fighting for clients meant more than providing successful legal advice onto his sons. It meant providing emotional support for families, stepping outside traditional legal boundaries to provide meaningful, insightful and, most importantly, effective assistance. Together with Joseph Sr., Vincent and Joe Jr. created the Connecticut Law Clinics of Trantolo & Trantolo in 1976.

Joe Jr. and Vincent came from a background in which they were dedicated to social improvement, so the progression to follow in their father's footsteps and provide passionate, professional legal representation was natural.

THE EVOLUTION OF TRANTOLO & TRANTOLO

In 1999, Vincent Trantolo co-founded the Hartford County Bar Foundation, a charitable organization whose purpose is to develop, promote, provide and/or support programs of an altruistic nature that benefit the homeless, hungry, sick, disabled, unemployed and other disadvantaged persons. He was also a pioneer in groundbreaking media and marketing innovations and impacted both the state and national legal communities.

Vincent Trantolo was able to create an indelible brand name throughout the state by effectively challenging the traditional marketing methods of the legal system, winning his argument before the Connecticut Supreme Court in the process. Joe Jr. often worked with police officers in Greater Hartford, providing essential legal advice.

In 2004, the third generation of Trantolo sons, Keith and Scott, joined the firm. They are equally committed to the family history of integrity, compassion, excellence and dedication to good old-fashioned hard work and will proudly carry this tradition well into the future.

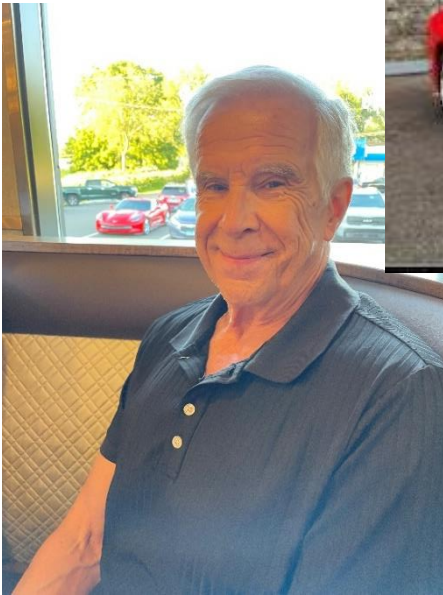
“We are trial lawyers, compassionate with those who seek our help, and relentless against those who would seek to harm them.”

These are the words of Attorney Vincent Trantolo of Avon, Connecticut, who passed away peacefully on March 25, 2024, surrounded by his family and loved ones. He was a legal visionary and an advocate for the wrongfully injured, who exemplified unwavering dedication, unparalleled expertise and an unbreakable commitment to justice. He leaves behind an indelible mark on the legal profession and the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. In the wake of this tremendous loss, Trantolo & Trantolo, LLC mourns the passing of a titan in the legal community and a cherished father, grandfather, mentor and friend. The firm is proud to carry on the enduring legacy of Attorney Vincent J. Trantolo and his commitment to justice, compassion for others and dedication to legal excellence.

Club Corvette of Connecticut is proud to have Trantolo and Trantolo as one of our major sponsors.

Submitted by:
Frank Bugaj

New Members



Jim Gurn moved from Florida back to Connecticut to be with his Grandchildren and I'd like to think, to rejoin Club Corvette. He was a member 10 years ago. And there is another club connection. He used to work at US Surgical with fellow club member Dave Hultgren. Dave designed molds and Jim produced them or vice versa, I forgot, His love for Corvettes came from his love of Hot Rods as a kid. He owns a 1999 red convertible. He started his own business since moving back, The Coastal Group where he recruits medical device professionals. Jim lives in Middletown. Jim was the lucky raffle winner at our September meeting and generously donated it back to the club.



Gary Gaber joined Club Corvette after meeting club member Darryl DelGiudice at Darryl's Tuesday night car show. No one can resist Darryl's enthusiasm! Gary owns 2 corvettes, a 2016 gray Z06 coupe and a 2024 black Z06 coupe which has 125 miles since August. He tried desperately to get the 2024 for a year. He was number 125 in line at a dealership in Georgia which mysteriously bumped him to number 250 without notifying him!! He found one in Pawling NY, immediately drove down and purchased it. His love for Corvettes began when his father took him to a car show in 1967, Gary lives in Southington with his wife Geraldine. He owns a bakery supply business in Southington, the same town where my parents owned a bakery years ago. I also learned that Gary and I probably met when he toured my food processing plant in New Britain. A small world isn't it.

Dinner at Sammi's Italian Restaurant in Westbrook

Hopefully everyone has had a great time this year and is back in the State. I'm planning a get together dinner at Sammi's Italian Restaurant located at 1835 Boston Post Rd, Westbrook, CT 06498 ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST at 6PM. If you are interested in meeting up there for dinner, please send me an email to "timberwolf2005@comcast.net", so I can get a headcount for them. This is the same place that we went to for lunch after the Madison 4th of July parade....for those of you that were there, so you're familiar with the restaurant. Again, we will all be meeting at Sammi's....

Please let me know by Sept 15th so I can give them a heads up and make the reservation for us all.... I'll maintain an electronic sign up sheet and mark you down as I receive your emails....

Thanks and as always, be safe out there!!! Have fun at the meeting tonight....we'll toast to you all from the Cape!!....

Frank

2024 Annual Picnic At the Branford Yacht Club



Our annual club picnic was held at the beautiful Branford Yacht Club, thank you to Dave and Deb Vallas for once again sponsoring us to hold our picnic at the pavilion. 94 of our members joined in for a day of fun with 5 of our club's past presidents in attendance. We were very pleased to have both Anna Marie Goldberg – 2nd president of CCC for 3 years and Ron Goldberg – 3rd president with us that day. Ron is the LONGEST reigning president of our club's 31 year history, holding the office of president for 9 years! Not to worry Ron, I think you will remain the "champ" for many years to come.

Submitted by:
Rick Wasserback



Corvette Club of Rhode Island Annual Car Show

The annual Corvette Club of Rhode Island car show was held in Narragansett Rhode Island with 22 member cars from Club Corvette of Connecticut participating. Gail and Todd lead our procession of Corvettes flawlessly to RI, not an easy task with the route traveled and once again, CCC was awarded a trophy for the best club participation. CCRI has always been a big supporter of our car show and we in turn support them as well. There is only 1 trophy awarded for each generation of car and Todd & Gail Loucks won the trophy for the C7 generation! Nice job Todd & Gail, I think it was the meticulously detailed engine compartment that caught the judge's attention.



2024 Corvettes at Carlisle

Corvettes at Carlisle – without a doubt one of my favorite events having attended 29 times in 30 years and having my wife Lucy accompanying me for the 1st time – may wonders never cease, she is becoming a real Corvette girl.

We had 26 cars registered this year from our Club which allowed us to have our canopy on the Fun Field at no charge, normally a \$400 cost – thank you Lance Miller & Jodi Morrison. Jack Stacey was once again a celebrity judge and I was awarded a plaque after being nominated as our club’s champion, an honor indeed.

Our own Darryl DelGiudice, a very likable person with an infectious smile can be very persuasive. We were honored to have Josh Holder – Chief Engineer for Corvette visit us on the field and sign the dashboard of John Mader’s new C8. Additionally, Darryl had You Tuber Clarence Garner join is a record a video of our members which is now on You Tube, you can check it out by following this link:

<https://youtu.be/J9RqYYRYt7I?si=jt1MKRS2mHBQi1KD>

Corvettes at Carlisle celebrated their 30th year in 2024 is the only event that celebrates a specific model of a car and is very widely attended every year. The fun that continues with an “after party” outside the Microtel under the gazebo each night with lots of laughs and great conversation and a group serenade to anyone who leaves the festivities to go to their room early.

Submitted by:
Rick Wasserback

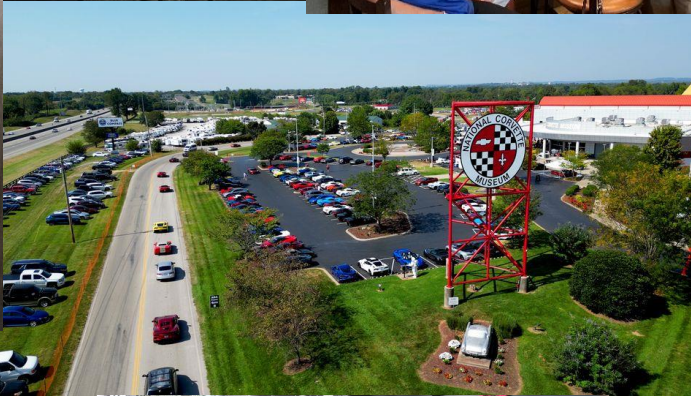


2024 Caravan

Every 5 years there is a huge caravan of Corvettes that all descend on the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green Ky for a grand celebration. The 2024 Caravan was attended by 8 of our Club members participating in a host of events joining an estimated 8500 other enthusiasts. There were events for everyone to enjoy including a tour of historic Gettysburg Pa., laps on Charlotte Motor Speedway, a visit to the Ricky Hendricks complex of events, a " Cowboy Up " dinner party, and a host of events at the Museum. Sue Wadyka had her 2004 Commemorative Edition Z06 detailed at the museum, I did not think anybody could match Sue's ability to detail a car, but they certainly did. Additionally, our members, JD and Susan Venables took a museum delivery of their black-on-black 2024 Z06 – an absolutely stunning car. George Sipprell, JD Venables, and Todd Loucks all took turns leading our group flawlessly throughout most of the 2700-mile journey. Thank you all!

A very special occasion at our first dinner – a gentleman, not with the Connecticut group, saw Cookie Capsalors name on a list of Caravan attendees and realized it that it was the Cookie that he went to high school with! A great reuniting of these 2 friends brought back together by the Caravan.

Signs from the Caravan





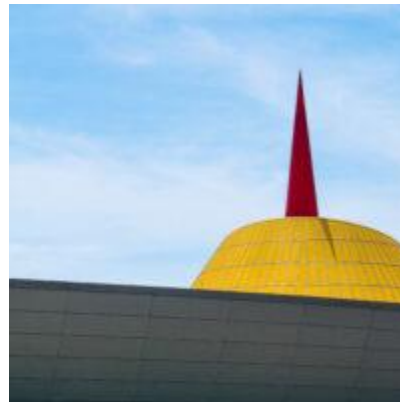
Artifact of the Month National Corvette Museum Skydome

The creation of the National Corvette Museum was a true grassroots effort. Members of the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) sought to create a technical library for preserving Corvette-related documents and literature. This idea blossomed into support for a museum, and the NCRS found valuable allies at Bowling Green Assembly and the city's Chamber of Commerce. The NCRS accepted the city's donation of about 33 acres of land along Interstate 65 near the Corvette plant. Bowling Green was on its way to becoming the center of the Corvette world.

Once the NCRS had their land for the museum, the next question was what kind of building to create. One suggestion was to shape the Museum like the Chevrolet bowtie, but this idea was scrapped when it became obvious that people would only recognize the design from overhead. Another possibility for the museum was a large, rectangular building that resembled an Incan temple. However, the idea that stuck was to create a building with a sleek, curving exterior and an industrial shine. The design represents speed, innovation, and performance, themes that characterize the history of the Corvette.

The most iconic feature of the National Corvette Museum building is the Skydome. Constructed in 1994 as part of the original Museum, the Skydome opened as the home of the "Corvette Salon" exhibit. Today, it still serves as a place for [exhibitions, receptions, and other special events](#). As plans for the Museum came together, architects wanted to add something that looked futuristic and easily recognizable. The Skydome's round shape complements the curvature of the museum building and even resembles the speedometer on a Corvette dashboard when viewed from overhead. Its bright yellow paint and dramatic height make the Museum easy to spot for travelers on I-65.

Despite its name, the Skydome is not technically a dome. The structure consists of a conical base with the top portion of the cone removed, creating a sloped surface. Architects refer to this type of shape as a frustum. A red spire pierces the Skydome through the top of the frustum, reaching 128 feet high. As a feature of the Museum's award-winning architecture, the Skydome captures the excitement that makes Corvette, America's Sports Car, known worldwide.



NCM CORVETTE RAFFLE

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

Purchasers located in Kentucky can 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 and will be using a credit card as your form of payment, you can use the NCM website to interactively create an order form. The payment information will be encrypted for your protection and broken into two parts, some of which will only be on the printed form. You must have access to a printer at the time that you create the order.

You may enter the NCM's Interactive Mode here:

<https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org>

Alternatively, you may download the NCM's Raffle Ticket Request Form at

<https://www.clubcorvettect.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/RaffleTicketOrderForm.pdf>

Type your information in the available fields, print the completed form and mail it, with your payment, to the NCM.

Below are current NCM active raffles.

Don't forget for your raffle needs.

You can always contact George Sipprell at: gsipprell@gmail.com



2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe
Price: \$100.00
Drawing: Sep 19, 2024



2025 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000
Price: \$250.00
Drawing: Oct 24, 2024 2:00 PM



2025 Arctic White Corvette Coupe
Price: **\$20.00**
Drawing: April 26, 2025

CLUB CORVETTE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September Events

- Sept 3rd General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm - Parthenon Diner, 374 East Main St, Branford
- Sept 15 For Corvettes Only, 17th Annual 'Vettes at Ocean Beach Park', 98 Neptune Avenue, New London, CT. See attached flyer.
- <http://forcorvettesonly.com/>
- Sept 21st *Dinner at Sammi's Italian Restaurant located at 1835 Boston Post Rd, Westbrook, CT 06498 . If you are interested in meeting up there for dinner, contact Frank at;*
timberwolf2005@comcast.net
- Sept 24th E-Board Meeting - Parthenon Diner

Upcoming Events

Oct 1st General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm - Parthenon Diner, 374 East Main St, Branford

Oct 2nd – 6th Cruise to Matkins Glen – this cruise is being hosted by Dennis White (dwhite0124@yahoo.com) and his lovely wife Laurie – they are planning on going for a ride to check out the route and accommodations – they will be providing additional information when they return

Oct 29th E-Board Meeting - Parthenon Diner

2024 Future Events

Nov 5th General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm - Parthenon Diner, 374 East Main St, Branford

Nov 26th E-Board Meeting - Parthenon Diner

Dec 14th Annual Holiday Party – at the Clinton Country Club – Cocktails at 6:00 pm and will be served at 7:00 pm.

Cruise Nights

Dinner at the Parthenon Diner – Come join us for dinner and conversation on Thursday nights at 6:00 pm Parthenon Diner 374 E Main St. Branford, CT – this will continue each Thursday evening unless Covid should spike again.

Classified Section



To place an ad, please contact Les Browne

Note: Your ad must be in by the 5th of each month. Six months free for Club members.

2013 Corvette 427 Convertible

2013 60th Anniversary Design. 1SG package. Carbon fiber package. It has a six speed manual transmission.

Car has only 11,000 miles on it

Asking - \$65,000.00

For additional detail you can contact the seller at:

Owen Flannery

Cell - 860.250.9137

Or

Email - owen@belltownmotors.com



1979 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray

This 1979 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray is powered by an 8-cylinder gasoline engine paired with an automatic transmission. This Chevy Corvette is shown with a red exterior and a black interior. Runs very well. Gutted and restored in 2005 including tires, brakes, suspension, steering, autometer mechanical gauges, weight reduction, etc. (all receipts available). Working high/low/brake/blinker lights and fully street legal. AM/FM/CD radio, no heat or AC. New battery, filters, oil, and plugs.

Features

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Racing Bucket Seats with Harness

Seller's Note: Odometer not working. Vehicle has approximately 130,000 miles.
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For additional detail you can contact the seller at:
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2019 Grand Sport OEM rims for sale

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