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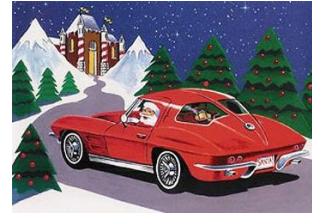
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As 2024 comes to a close, I must reflect on all the good things that we have as a Club and all that I look forward to in 2025.

First, a huge "thank you" to our sponsors, Dave McDermott Chevrolet, Trantolo & Tranfola Law Firm, Morose Performance Products, Town Fair Tire, Callaway Performance Products, DaSilva Auto Body, and The Corvette Center. Thank you for your generous support, you have helped us enormously by enabling us to help others! The Ronald McDonald House of CT is our Club's adopted charity and they are wonderful to work with as they help the families of critically ill children. Second, I thank your Board of Directors who work diligently month after month to make our Club what it is today. Our primary objective is to always do what we feel is best for our Club, and I thank them for doing exactly that.



I am looking forward to 2025 with great expectations. Todd Loucks and Darryl DelGiudice will be joining our Board, and as the culture of the Corvette Clubs changes so do we. Motorsports is now an integral part of our Club and thank you to Darryl for doing a commendable job of introducing our members to a whole new area for all of us car enthusiasts to enjoy. Billy Yoxall has volunteered to take over our newsletter and will be working with Les Browne on the intricacies of putting the letter together as well as introducing a few new ideas of his own. Our Club has grown exponentially over the last two years bringing in many new members to compliment our already incredible membership. There is an old saying, "I came for the cars, but I stayed for the people" I honestly believe this is true and feel both honored, privileged, and humbled to be your president for 2025.

Thank you all .

Rick

**Agenda for the
January 7th, 2025
General Membership Meeting at
Parthenon Diner
374 East Main St, Branford, Ct**

**PLEDGE OF ALEGIENCE
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
DECEMBER MINUTES
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FUTURE EVENTS – ALL CLUBS

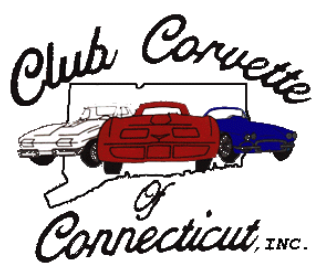
OTHER NEW BUSINESS

ALL

50/50 RAFFLE

STEVE

ADJOURN MEETING



MEMBER NEWS

HAPPY CORVETTE BIRTHDAY!



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| Joanne Milano | 01/03 | Joe Lombardi | 01/05 |
| Rita Brieger | 01/05 | Russ Grim | 01/06 |
| Chester Sposito | 01/07 | Cookie Capsalors | 01/08 |
| Bob Horwath | 01/08 | Richard Korab | 01/08 |
| Patricia Bellmore | 01/10 | George Sipprell | 01/10 |
| Lawerence Balan | 01/11 | Masry Ann Banyacsky | 01/16 |
| Michael Moskowitz | 01/16 | Linda Ungerfeider | 01/19 |
| Maggie Gugliotti | 0120 | Anthony Delano | 01/21 |
| Joseph Palmieri | 01/23 | Maria Belo | 01/24 |
| Todd Loucks | 01/24 | Jeffery Reut | 01/24 |
| Dennis White | 01/24 | Tina Mader | 01/25 |
| Kathy Ricciardi | 01/25 | Thomas Bispho | 01/29 |
| Diana Seaman | 01/30 | Keri Salustri | 01/30 |

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

Ken Uliano

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Korvettes for Kidz Toy Drive December 8th





Submitted by:
Rick Wasserkack &

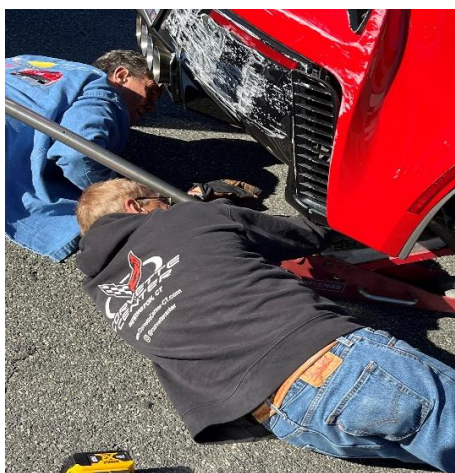
Wreaths Across America December 14th, 2024





Thank you, Ray!

At our last track event at Thompson, Bob from FCO had a bit of mishap with a wall, naturally, the wall won. With a bracket rubbing against his rear tire Bob would not have been able to drive home until he resolved the issue, but without a jack and tools this was highly unlikely. Ray and his son Zach were at the track that day so I asked Ray if he had a jack so that we might be able to get Bob on his way. Without hesitation, Ray said to bring him on over. In a matter of minutes the car was jacked up, and with a portable impact wrench the rear wheel removed and the bracket repositioned so that Bob could now drive his car home. Problem solved, no flatbed required, and no ride home needed -thank you Ray for all you did to help our friend Bob in his time of need, but then again, as members of Club Corvette of Connecticut – that is what we do!



A Rookie's First Track Day or What I now Know That I Didn't Know, That I wanted to Know

There's a moment at the end of the 1973 Dirty Harry movie, Magnum Force, when Harry Callahan (played by Clint Eastwood) has just 'dispatched' the last bad guy, and he says, **"A man's got to know his limitations"**. It's a great line delivered by a great actor.

Well, that's exactly how I felt recently. And like always, there's a back story and it goes something like this.... well, No.... :-) it goes Exactly like this... Duh...

My entire life, I've been interested in cars and how they work and how much I enjoyed the freedom they gave a fella.

My first very own car was a 1964 Pontiac convertible GTO. It had a 389 C.I. with 348 H.P. And I was 16 years old and knew nothing about nothing. It was a perfect starting point for a kid who just wanted to go fast in a straight line. 3 years later I sold it and got a '69 Camaro. It had a 396 C.I. with 375 H.P. And man was she fast, 12.2 sec in the quarter mile and I knew every nut and bolt in her. Then life happens... you build a family, a career and a life far from all that and those interests get pushed to the back of your conscious Mind.

Time passes and old interests start migrating into my daydreams and I was lucky enough to find a 2000 Magnetic Red Corvette Roadster with a 5.7 L with 345 H.P. After a while I got to feel I knew her full potential. I was sure of what she was capable of and how she would respond when asked.

Now you know the back story for this article. Last September, with the help of a very special person, I found AWWWSUM. She's a 2016 DSOM Z06 convertible, with LT4 6.2L supercharged engine with 650 H.P. It's been 6 months and I still didn't feel like we've gotten to know one another. She's done everything I've ask, and better than I expected. But I just felt that she had so much more to share with me and it was my limitations as a driver, that was keeping those secrets locked up.

That's where club members, Darryl DelGuidice, John Mader and Rick Wasserback, come in. They were going to Thompson Speedway to track their cars and invited me. I originally was just going to go and watch and try to figure out what 'tracking a car' was all about. Now, don't get the wrong idea.... I'm NEVER going to be a 'Track Guy' but watching was never going to help me with ***MY LIMITATIONS***...And So... here's a good place for another quote from that Dirty Harry movie. **"I GOTS TO KNOW"**. So, I sign up to go on the track and Thompson does it right.

Track opens at 7am. They have a driver's meeting at 8:30 to go over all the basics and emphasize safety. They offer 3 separate groups. Advanced, Intermediate and Novice. Each group gets 30-minute sessions on the track. This kinda knowledge goes a long way to level off any trepidation I was having and For obvious reasons, I chose Novice and asked for an instructor which was well worth it. As you drive along the instructor is telling you about the track and where and how to turn, which I found very beneficial.

Darryl was on top of everything. He rented a garage bay space which we all used as home base, brought everything from tools to compressor to food and even a space heater, because the day started at 22 deg F. He introduced us to the organizers who made us all feel welcome.

Sooo, what did I learn on my first official track day?:

I learned how to find the apex of each turn and why it's important.

I learned that I could really hit the brakes hard without causing the brakes to lock up.

I learned that I should use the momentum of the corvette and not fight it.

I learned that Traction Control REALLY works.

Likewise for Stabilitrak.

I learned to use Touring mode on the street and Sport OR Track Mode on the track.

And I came away with a few new "tools" that, God Willing, I may never need on the Street.

But the most important thing I learned was that we each have a starting point whenever we try something new and a venue like Thompson was THE best place to initiate that education. Lastly, Well-run tracks are filled with folks very similar to well-run car clubs. Their members are diverse, fun loving, experienced, who enjoy sharing their knowledge and all ya gotta do is smile and ask the question.

Submitted by:

Ken Uliano

Sights from Thompson Speedway

You're in the middle of a project. Maybe, it's tinkering with your Corvette or your Lawnmower or even finishing up a woodworking project and want to paint it...and you reach for a can of Carb cleaner or Brake Part Cleaner or even a can of Spray paint.



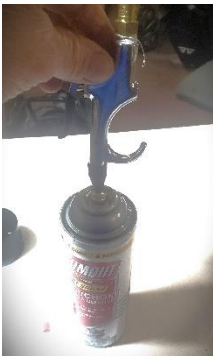
You then push the spray tip and.....NOTHING

So, what do you do? Well, if you're anything like me...The first thing you do... well, the **second** thing you do is shake the can, (use your imagination on that first thing}... Yeap... There's still liquid in there. Next maybe, you try to clean the nozzle only to realize that the can you bought 5 years ago has somehow lost all the propellant gas inside. Now what do you do? It'll probably be the same as the FIRST thing from above because now your project has got to be put on hold because a trip to Home Depot or Lowe's is necessary... OR DOES IT HAVE TO BE NECESSARY? 😊 Well, if you have an air compressor and one of these



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I'd like you to try this:



First , pull off the spray tip and insert the compressor gun nozzle. Pull the trigger and wait a few seconds. Just long enough for the compressor to recharge the can and **voilà**, You're back in business. Reinsert the spray tip and go finish that project.

Submitted by:
Ken Uliano



1990 Lionel Corvette Transport GP7 Train Set

Corvette enthusiasts know there is no shortage of products to which the sports car has lent its name. All kinds of toys, collectibles, and specialty items have used Corvettes as a theme, especially for products created by other iconic American brands. In 1999, for instance, toy designer Lionel partnered with General Motors to sell Corvette-themed train sets like this one. Donated to the National Corvette Museum by George Biederman, the set includes a locomotive, two flatbed cars, four die-cast Corvettes, and a caboose. This train is an O scale set, meaning the rolling stock is about 1:48 scale compared to a real train.

The set, called the Corvette Transport GP7, is a celebration of the Corvette's famous styling. The locomotive is red with a white cove and includes the Corvette crossed flags beneath the windows on the cab. Even the engine itself, the GP7, is a type of diesel-electric locomotive built from 1949 to 1954 by GM's Electro-Motive Division. The four die-cast Corvettes include a Polo White 1953 and Gypsy Red 1955, both from the first generation. Also along for the ride are a Torch Red 1997 and an Arctic White 1998 Corvette, representing the fifth-generation contemporary to the train set. The locomotive includes light and sound features, and the interior of the caboose even lights up as the train runs.

Although the Corvette has enjoyed a lengthy production run, Lionel's history of creating model trains is even longer. The present company traces its roots to 1900. By the 1920s, the original Lionel Corporation had become the American industry leader in producing toy trains. Lionel also encouraged department stores to make model trains part of their Christmas displays, which fostered the relationship between the holiday and train sets. Facing mounting financial difficulties by the late 1960s, the corporation began leasing the Lionel brand to another manufacturing company to produce the toy trains. The owner of the brand has changed several times since then, but the current version of Lionel continues to be a popular producer of model trains today.



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



2025 Riptide Blue Corvette E-Ray Convertible

Price: \$300.00

Drawing: January 16, 2025



2025 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 2/13/2025

Price: \$150.00

Drawing: February 13, 2025



2025 Arctic White Corvette Coupe

Price: \$20.00

Drawing: April 26, 2025

CLUB CORVETTE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



December Events

- Dec 3rd General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm - Parthenon Diner, 374 East Main St, Branford
- Dec. 8th Korvette for Kids Toy Drive to Troop 'G' in Bridgeport – Jack is making the arrangements – more details as we get closer – see flyer for details
- Dec 14th Annual Holiday Party – at the Clinton Country Club – Cocktails at 6:00 pm and will be served at 7:00 pm. See flyer for details
- Dec 24th E-Board Meeting - Parthenon Diner

Upcoming Events

- Jan 7th General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm - Parthenon Diner, 374 East Main St, Branford
- Jan 28th E-Board Meeting - Parthenon Diner

2025 Future Events

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.

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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Seller's Note: Odometer not working. Vehicle has approximately 130,000 miles.
Asking \$6,999 or Best Offer

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