

CLUB CORVETTE OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

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2025 E-Board
Left to Right

Todd Loucks, Rick Wasserback, Dee Tully Dennis Krajewski, Mike Dansereau, Jack Stacey, and Walt Kaercher
Missing
Darryl Delguidice, Mike Romanelli, Frank Bugaj, and Susan Wadyka

2025 CLUB CORVETTE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Rick Wasserback
VICE PRESIDENT	Dennis Krajewski
VICE PRESIDENT	Mike Dansereau
TREASURER	Walt Kaercher
SECRETARY	Dee Tully
DIRECTOR	Jack Stacey
DIRECTOR	Frank Bugaj
DIRECTOR	Mike Romanelli
DIRECTOR	Todd Loucks
CAR SHOW	Susan Wadyka
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NEWSLETTER	Les Browne
MEMBERSHIP	Cookie Capsalors
NCM AMBASSADOR	George Sipprell
CLASSIFIEDS	Les Browne
CLUB ATTIRE	Dean Loucks
DIGITAL MEDIA	Mike Dansereau

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to our members, 2024 was quite a year for CCC. We received the financial support of several additional sponsors , an event schedule throughout the year that offered something for everyone, and a substantial increase in our membership, thank you all for making 2024 a great year. Every year bring new challenges and opportunities, some years we pick grapes, and some years we drink wine, we have been picking a lot of grapes recently, but this was our year to enjoy a glass of wine, maybe even two.

The culture of car clubs is changing, the focal point is more on enjoying our cars, socializing with each other casually, and for many, motorsports. I think we are adapting to this new environment well, Darryl DelGiudice has joined our executive board this year and will be responsible for all things involving motorsports, Todd Loucks joins our board as well working primarily with club events, both organizing, planning, and executing, and Bill Yoxall will be taking over as our newsletter editor. Thank you all for stepping in and making our club one of the very best on New England.

I firmly believe that 2025 will be even better than 2024, in the planning stages already is an enjoyable day at Crystal Ridge Winery, our annual club picnic – we will be moving to a new location this year, our fantastic holiday party at Clinton Country Club – mark your calendars for December 13th, and of course, Corvettes at Carlisle. This is very important so never forget what happens at Carlisle stays at Carlisle!

Happy New Year,

Rick

**Agenda for the
February 4th, 2025
General Membership Meeting at
Parthenon Diner
374 East Main St, Branford, Ct**

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

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EVENTS

**UPCOMING EVENTS
ANNUAL PICNIC UPDATE
MOTORSPORTS UPDATE
CAR SHOW
CORVETTE LADIES
TREE OF HOPE
LAST CALL FOR 50/50**

**FRANK
DENNIS/MIKE
DARRYL
SUE
SHARI
JOYCE
STEVE**

FUTURE EVENTS – ALL CLUBS

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

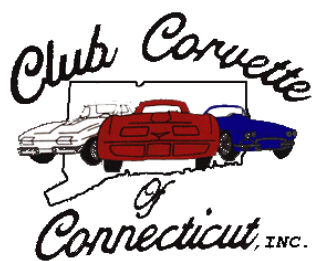
50/50 RAFFLE

ALL

STEVE

ADJOURN MEETING

DENNIS / MIKE



MEMBER NEWS

HAPPY CORVETTE BIRTHDAY!



Charlotte Parisi	02/01	Diane Simses	02/02
Kori Kaercher	02/08	Allan Howard	02/08
Frank Maltagliati	02/10	Lambros Viores	02/10
Barbara Hartman	02/11	Mary Ann Hultgren	02/12
Shari Bugaj	02/13	Ed Petrowski	02/13
Teresa Pestana	02/14	Frank Belo	02/15
Connie Saxi	02/15	Gary Gaber	02/16
Robin Smeriglio	02/16	George Macary	02/16
Teri Stanwix	02/17	Denise Tanis	02/17
Doris Griffth	02/18	Beth Casey	02/19
Diane DiMauro	02/19	Jerry Clark	02/20
Paul Fappiano	02/23	Melissa Cetta	02/23
Raymond Beaugrand	02/25	Brian Lake	02/25
Paul Nerola	02/27		

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

Cookie Capsalors

New Members



Gene Lepage

I am originally from Massachusetts. I have lived in Connecticut for almost 40 years. I served in the USAF as a C5 Galaxy Crew Chief. My interest in cars started when I was young. My father started taking me to the races at Riverside Park Speedway when I was just 5 years old. I was involved in racing from 1978 through 1993 running the Late Model Sportsman and SK Modified divisions at Stafford, Thompson, and Riverside Speedway. My career has been focused on High-Tech manufacturing, for the past 8 years I led Information Technology & Acquisitions for a global filtration, flow control, and thermal management employee-owned company based in Farmington CT with facilities in Milan Italy, and Plymouth MI. I picked up my 2025 C8 Z51 Corvette on December 12th and I can't wait for spring to enjoy the warmer weather.

I enjoy traveling (I have visited 26 countries), golf, and downhill skiing in the winter months.

I have two adult children, Mark 25, who is the Assistant Athletic Director at Stonehill College in MA, and Thomas 22, a Civil Engineer for Lockhart Engineering in Hartford.



Bob and Sue Parker

Linda and I live in Salem CT. We will have been married for 61 years this May. We have been blessed with four daughters and seven grandchildren. I am retired from Northeast Utilities and Linda is retired from the Salem school system. Linda keeps busy with Salem senior's and Church activities. I volunteer at Mystic Seaport one day each week.

Holiday Party





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December 11, 2024

Mr. Rick Wasserback
Club Corvette of Connecticut
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Dear Mr. Wasserback,

**Thank you for giving the gift of togetherness to families
this holiday season.**

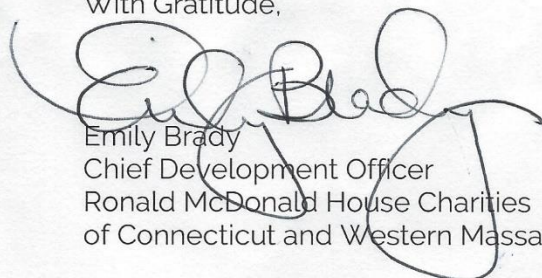
On behalf of the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts and the families we serve, thank you for your recent donation. Your gift allows our Ronald McDonald Houses and Ronald McDonald Family Room to provide supportive and comforting services to families as their children receive essential medical care at our partner hospitals. With your help, families are able to face these challenges together and focus 100% of their attention on their children.

We sincerely appreciate your donation of \$8,000.00 for 2024 and \$543.00 from the Sale of Die Cast Cars given on December 8, 2024 to support RMH of Connecticut.

Your gift provides care, comfort, and kindness through providing lodging, meals, and daily necessities in our Houses and a place to recharge and grab a snack or warm beverage in our Family Room – just steps away from a child's hospital bed. By providing these essential resources and more, our programs give parents and caregivers the ability to focus all their energy on the ill or injured children. With your support, staff and volunteers are able to give families the support to navigate the most challenging times of their lives.

On behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities of CT and Western MA families, I extend heartfelt appreciation for your generosity and compassion this holiday season.

With Gratitude,


Emily Brady
Chief Development Officer
Ronald McDonald House Charities
of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts

*Many thanks
for all of your
continued support*

*As required by the IRS, please be advised that your contribution may be tax-deductible to the extent of the law; no goods or services will be received in return. Please keep this acknowledgement as your receipt for tax purposes.

Keeping families close®

Corvette Trivia for Jan '25

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

- 1) In 1951 a group of Harley Earl's "Special Projects" crew began work on a GM sports car. Bob McLean designed a general layout for the car. What was the code name of this project?

C1- 1953 to 1962

- 2) What is the 'actual birthday', the day that the 1st production Corvette rolled off the assembly line, and Corvette production began?

C2- 1963 to 1967

- 3) What year did luxury amenities such as power steering, air conditioning, and leather seats become 1st available on a Corvette?

C3- 1968 to 1982

- 4) By today's standards what 'standard option' was offered as an orderable option for the 1st time.

C4- 1984 to 1996

- 5) In 1987 what standard piece of equipment could a Corvette be order without?

C5- 1997 to 2004

- 6) What was the first year that Corvette had a real trunk since the 1962 model year?

C6- 2005 to ..

- 7) What popular color debuted during the 2007 model year?



National Corvette Museum Event LeMans Tour

Explore France and Experience the Iconic 24 Hours of Le Mans Race Event Dates: June 7-17, 2025

Don't miss this exclusive, once-a-year opportunity. With a limited number of reservations available, secure your place early to be part of Corvette history. Create lasting memories, forge new friendships, and explore iconic destinations throughout France—all while celebrating the thrill of Corvette Racing on the world stage.



Palace of Versailles

Begin your dream vacation in the heart of Paris. A guided tour will introduce you to the city's most iconic landmarks, including the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower. On the third evening, indulge in a magical River Seine dinner cruise, taking in the beauty of Paris by night. The adventure continues the next day with a visit to the breathtaking Palace of Versailles, where history and grandeur come to life.



Mont Saint Michel

Enjoy two unforgettable nights in Normandy, where you'll visit historic landmarks like the Arrormanches Museum, the engineering marvel of Mulberry Harbor, and the awe-inspiring island of Mont Saint-Michel. These iconic sites offer a profound connection to the region's heritage and natural beauty.



Le Circuit de la Sarthe

The next three days offer an incredible blend of high-speed action at Le Circuit de la Sarthe (the Le Mans race track) and the charm of exploring the historic town of Angers. Witness Corvette Racing take on the world's finest GT cars in the legendary 24 Hours of Le Mans—an experience that defines motorsport excellence.

Have questions?

Call Melissa Comer | 270-777-4556

Please be aware that this experience involves significant walking, staircases, and similar activities. Handicap accessibility is limited in both France and Le Mans. Please note that refunds are not available after Monday, April 1, 2025. Additionally, airfare is not included in the tour fee.

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 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



January Events

- Jan 7th General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm - Parthenon Diner, 374 East Main St, Branford
- Jan 25th Tint World Tour 10:00 am at 29 Pavilions Dr. Manchester Ct. – to cruise there meet at I91 North Rest Area just before exit #20 – leaving at 9:30 Sharp
- Jan 28th E-Board Meeting - Parthenon Diner

Upcoming Events

- Feb 4th General Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm - Parthenon Diner, 374 East Main St, Branford
- Feb 25th 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.

Answer for the January '25 Trivia

1) Opel

C1- 1953 to 1962

2) Tuesday, June 30th, 1953. Corvette #1 Serial # E53F001001 rolled off the assembly line and Corvette production began.

C2- 1963 to 1967

3) The 1963 model year was the 1st year that these luxury items were available on any Corvette

C3- 1968 to 1982

4) In 1968 was the first AM/FM stereo radio was offered as an 'orderable' option

C4- 1984 to 1996

5) In 1987 you could buy a Corvette without an engine installed by the factory

C5- 1997 to 2004

6) The first Corvette to sport a real trunk since 1962 was the 1998 Corvette convertible.

C6- 2005 to ..

7) Atomic Orange debuted as a new extra cost exterior color choice for 2007.

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.
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