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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Valentine's Day to all of you – it is a special day so hug someone special - twice! On February 1st we also celebrated National Freedom Day, a very important day as the joint resolution which would abolish slavery and become the 13th amendment to our constitution.

Buckle up for a busy 2025, it is only early February and our event calendar is filling up quickly. Darryl has planned several motorsports activities planned, Frank is working on a Valentine Dinner, and a member only car show, Jack is working on a St Patrick's Day parade, our Holiday Party is planned for Dec. 13th and we have a new venue for our annual club picnic this year. We are not able to return to the Branford Yacht Club this year so after a relatively exhaustive search of venues, we have decided to hold our picnic at the Ponte Club in Waterbury on July 20th. This is a very nice facility, fully catered by their staff, abundant parking, and plenty of space under the pavilion for all of us.



We welcome anyone who has an event idea and is considering hosting one of your own. Be sure to let Frank Bugaj know so that he can confirm that the date is available and that no other event for that day is in its early planning stages and has not yet been announced to the membership. Once you have an idea of what you want to do, we can use a sign-up sheet at our meetings to gauge the interest and you can decide if you want to proceed with the planning. Frank is the keeper of the Club events calendar, so please always check with Frank before you start.

A huge "thank you" to our E-Board members and Steve Widger for filling in for Lucy & me while we relax a bit and enjoy some warm weather and abundant sunshine.

Rick

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

**PLEDGE OF ALEGIENCE
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
FEBRUARY MINUTES
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MEMBER ONLY CAR SHOW
CAR SHOW
ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE
CORVETTE LADIES
CORVETTES FOR TONY
MOTORSPORTS
LAST CALL FOR 50/50**

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FUTURE EVENTS – ALL CLUBS

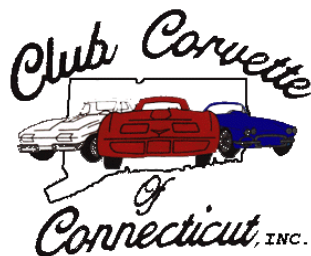
OTHER NEW BUSINESS

ALL

50/50 RAFFLE

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ADJOURN MEETING



MEMBER NEWS

HAPPY CORVETTE BIRTHDAY!



Gary Lewis	03/01	Ralph Corbo	03/02
Bernard Simons	03/02	Erila Zisa	03/02
Lori Polito	03/04	Jeff Petriccione	03/05
Marsha Cohen	03/06	John Quigley	03/06
Jim Robertson	03/07	Richard Griffith	03/08
Beth Rafferty	03/10	Bobbi Bernstein	03/11
Barbara Manello	03/11	Nick Wallick	03/15
Bob Fratangelo	03/16	Patrick McPherson	03/16
Christine Ryder	03/21	Joe Cannons	03/23
Ed Kreho	03/23	Harold Bellmore	03/24
AnnaMarie Goldberg	03/24	Dawn Flannery	03/27
Lori Moroso	03/29		

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

Burgers/Bourbons and Brews at The Brushmill by the Waterfall

Thursday evening, on January 30, 2025, the Club Corvette of Connecticut once again descended upon the lovely Brushmill by the Waterfall, in the small town of Chester, Connecticut, to once again dine upon the restaurant's chef's culinary delights. Sixteen members of the Club Corvette met up and were treated to a variety of burgers and brews ranging from the Classic cheeseburger to a delicious Veggie burger prepared by their chef. This was, once again, a great evening filled with conversations and for some, their first experience at the Brushmill for this culinary experience.

Here's some history of this restaurant for your reading pleasure.

The Brushmill property and buildings have served numerous functions over the years. In the early 1800s, two industries operated on the property: a grist and sawmill operated by Pomeroy Watrous and a woodworking shop operated by George Gladding. Interesting to note is the fact that the woodworking shop made skate blades! Subsequent owners included S. Carlos Silliman who erected a large factory and initially manufactured auger bits. He soon thereafter sold his interest in the business to C. B. Rogers. By 1859, Rogers changed to manufacturing carpet sweepers and various kinds of brushes.

George Gladding joined Rogers in his new business as the manager of the shop and in just two years had built such a business that he bought out Rogers' interest. Upon his death in 1898, the business passed to his son Calvin Gladding and in 1927 it passed again to the son of Calvin Gladding, Roger Gladding. Roger Gladding, a graduate of Clark University with a degree in engineering, took over the factory and renamed it Rogers Brush Works; he maintained the brush business at the location until the mid-1960s. The factory made wood-handled, spiral-bound brushes made of horsehair, the most common material at the time, for use as shoe, suede and bottle brushes as well as brushes for gun barrels, household radiators and carpet sweepers.

Throughout its history, the Brushmill was virtually self-sufficient. The Pattaconk flowing in the rear powered the mill through hydropower supplied by a large water wheel and an extensive internal belt and pulley system. In fact, each of the pulleys diners see overhead were functioning components of the early electrical system used to both illuminate the factory and power the machinery. The larger overhead lighting fixtures are original to the 1800s and still function as gas or electric fixtures.

The overhead electric lights are of a slightly more modern vintage but are period, nonetheless. The waterwheel, originally located in the structure at the rear of the main building, was unfortunately damaged beyond repair in the storm of 1982 that tore through much of the area. What remains, however, is the original spindle and other key elements of the original wheel. The recovered parts can be seen if you look into the wheelhouse.

(reposted with permission from the Brushmill owner)

Submitted by:

Frank Bugaj



Club Corvette goes Go-Kart Racing

11 members raced in front of a large crowd of Club Corvette spectators.

The top three fast times were as follows:

1. Zak Zisa
2. Ray Zisa
3. Christian Loucks

Christian Loucks just edged out his Dad Todd Loucks by 0.037 seconds for the final place on the podium!

23 Club members enjoyed lunch together at Fratelli's afterwards.

A fun day was had by all!



Corvette Trivia for February '25

Below are 2 pictures of the 1962 Corvette, this was a significant year for styling changes; although most were subtle they were significant. Can you name them?



Hint: There are 4 major styling changes that are easily seen in the 2 pictures above. There was 1 significant engineering/performance change. Plus more!



Artifact of the Month

1961 Gulf Oil Corvette & Sports Car of the Year Photos

On display at the National Corvette Museum is a famous 1961 Corvette loaned from Ted and Shannon Skokos. Painted white with blue racing stripes down the middle, this car is one of the historic racing Corvettes fielded by the Gulf Oil team. Also on exhibit is a black and white photograph from the Museum's archives of the same Corvette. The photo captures a celebratory display created by Gulf honoring the car's 1961 championship season. Seated in the Corvette are two men who were instrumental in earning that championship, [Dr. Dick Thompson](#) and [Don Yenko](#).

Yenko and Thompson were both experienced racers before joining forces with Gulf Oil. Yenko began competing in Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) events in the 1950s, and his Chevrolet dealership in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania became a well-known center for building performance cars. Thompson was a dentist in Washington, DC who caught the racing bug in 1952 and started winning SCCA championships just a few years later. Yenko's and Thompson's connection to Gulf Oil was Grady Davis, the company vice president who financed the race team. The Corvette in the photograph was delivered to Yenko's shop early in 1961 and competed in the 12 Hours of Sebring with Yenko and Ben Moore as drivers. The duo finished the race and placed third in their class.

The Gulf Oil Corvette quickly became a dominant force in SCCA B-Production racing. Yenko finished third in his first start in the Corvette but won the next five races, earning victories at tracks like Bridgehampton, Road America, and Lime Rock. However, he was disqualified from another victory when SCCA officials found the car had an aluminum flywheel. Yenko was suspended and Thompson took over driving duties for the Corvette, winning another five races and securing the B-Production championship.

In the photograph of the championship display, Thompson sits behind the wheel of the Corvette with Yenko in the passenger seat. A large banner above the car declares it the "Production 'Sports Car of the Year.'" Next to the Corvette is a record of its near-perfect SCCA B-Production season and signage honoring the championship points accumulated by Thompson and Yenko. The Gulf Oil Corvette would win a second SCCA championship in 1962, cementing its legacy as one of the most dominant racing Corvettes of its era.



Restoring & Preserving Zora Arkus-Duntov's Corvette

The National Corvette Museum is proud to preserve Corvette history, and one of the most significant vehicles in our collection is currently undergoing a full preservation & restoration—Zora Arkus-Duntov's personally owned 1974 Corvette. This is the only Corvette Zora ever purchased for himself, and during the Michelin NCM Bash (April 24-26, 2025), attendees will have the rare opportunity to see it up close as part of an Artifact Pitstop.



A Corvette Fit for the “Godfather of Corvette”

As the man who shaped Corvette into the world-class sports car it is today, Zora Arkus-Duntov spent years behind the wheel of prototype Corvettes during his time at General Motors. But upon his retirement in 1975, he finally bought his own—a fully loaded 1974 Corvette Stingray. Originally finished in Dark Green, Zora later had it repainted in a two-tone blue scheme, adding his initials—ZAD—to each door. It came equipped with a 454 cubic-inch big block engine and prototype wheels that wouldn't become a production option until 1976.

Zora regularly drove this Corvette to enthusiast events before selling it in 1989. Following his passing in 1996, the car was generously donated to the Museum in his honor, where it has remained a tribute to his legacy.



The Preservation Process

The Museum's Vehicle Preservation and Maintenance team is conducting a body-off preservation and restoration to ensure this historic Corvette is here for future generations. So far, the frame has been stripped to bare metal, treated with an anti-rust sealant, and the front and rear suspension have been restored. The engine has been rebuilt and is ready for reinstallation.

During Bash 2025, attendees will get a behind-the-scenes look at this preservation and hear directly from Vehicle Preservation Supervisor Dan Garrett and our team about the work being done to bring Zora's Corvette back to life.



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 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000

Price: **\$250.00**

March 6, 2025



2025 Black Corvette Coupe

Price: **\$100.00**

Drawing: March 27, 2025



2025 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Convertible

Price: **\$200.00**

Drawing: April 17, 2025



2025 Red Mist Corvette Z06 Convertible

Price: **\$300.00**

Drawing: April 25, 2025



2025 Arctic White Corvette Coupe

Price: \$20.00

Drawing: April 26, 2025

CLUB CORVETTE CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February Events

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

Feb 25th E-Board Meeting - Parthenon Diner

Upcoming Events

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

Mar 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 February '25 Trivia

Changes that are found on the 1962 are.

Major styling changes.

- 1. the loss of the chrome strip around the cove**
- 2. Because of the loss of the chrome strip around the cove the coves could no longer ordered in a contrasting color.**
- 3. front grilles were blacked out**
- 4. the cove spears that had been present since the '58 model year gave way to faux vents**

Other styling changes.

- 5. The background color of the hood and rear deck emblems now matched the color of the car**
- 6. new upholstery in the cockpit**

Significant Engineering changes

- 7. The venerable 283 was stroked and bored to create the now iconic 327**

The end of an era

- 8. Last year of the live rear axle, 1963 would usher in the introduction of Independent Rear Suspension (IRS)**

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

Custom Modifications for Racing
Racing Bucket Seats with Harness

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

For additional detail you can contact the seller at:

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Or

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