

VETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Do you own a Corvette, or more than one, and you're looking for a Corvette club to become part of? We welcome you to cruise through our site and if you like what you see, visit our Contact Us page and click on the application link at the bottom and become part of a great club!! Our goal is to promote the ownership of a Corvette and provide a fun, casual club from which to do it.

Proudly Celebrating 46 Years

For Corvettes Only Inc, is a relatively small corvette club serving Southeastern Connecticut since 1976, and is an active club formed to join together people interested in pursuing the enjoyment of Chevrolet Corvettes. Our club encourages responsible ownership and maintenance of Corvettes and organizes activities, socials gatherings, fun cruises, functions for both enjoyment and education of our members. FCO Inc. attends and hosts many functions throughout the year and caravans to other Corvette events in the New England area.



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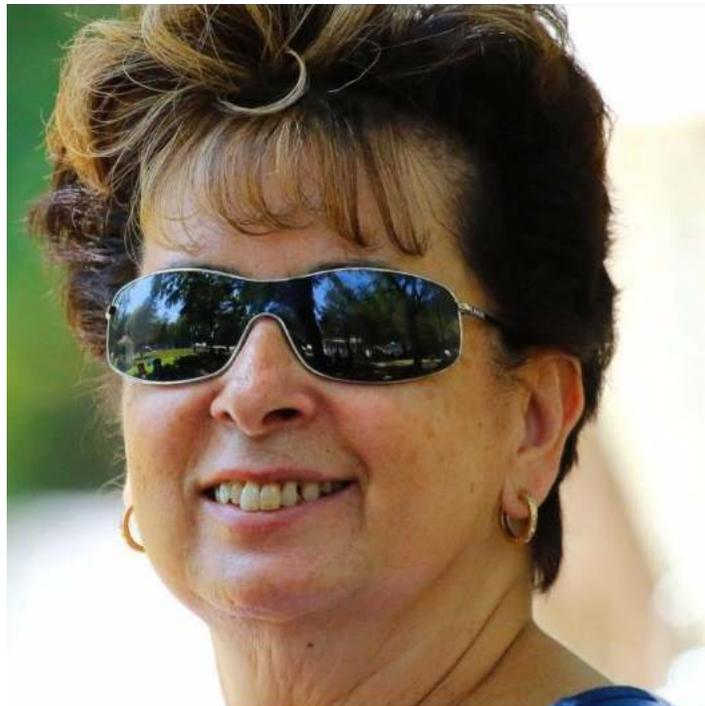
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FCO Inc. is one of the few Corvette clubs where both halves of a couple can be full-fledged members even though they only have one Corvette. We also hope that you contribute to FCO, Inc. by bringing new ideas and keeping the club as dynamic and interesting an organization as it can be. FCO Inc. is always seeking new members, as we want to help you better understand and enjoy your Corvette

2022 "For Corvettes Only" Sunshine Club



Thank you Pam Chieco for taking of the role of Chairperson of the Sunshine Club. If there is a member of the club that is ill or needs a little brightening up email Pam at sunshine@forcorvettesonly.com

Thank you Pam!!



This years show was amazing to say the least. Our host location, Ocean Beach Park in New London, Ct provided us with an amazing location with views of Long Island Sound. A perfect day all around with special thanks to Dave Sugrue from Ocean Beach, Jeff Mullen from Action Amusements , 98.7 for broadcasting live and all the other people involved from our sponsors to vendors they made for a special day. We continue to grow in this location and participation from our brother and sister clubs was nothing short of amazing. This year we tried a new idea which was a \$1000 donation to the charity of choice to the club that brought the most cars! This years recipient was the Corvette Club of Rhode Island who had us make a check to there charity Operation Stand Down . We also made the front page of the Day newspaper with a great article showing our commitment to showing off Americas sports car the Chevrolet Corvette. Have a safe and healthy off season and see you in the spring for an icebreaker ride.

Mark Christiansen

Show Chairman





Calendar of Events 2022

<p><u>October</u> 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2, 2022 - Corvette Show & Swap Meet at Guilford Fairgrounds • October 4th Club Meeting @ Flanders Fish Market • October 8th - Corvettes Cars & Coffee At Grossman Chevrolet
<p><u>November</u> 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting ready for the Toy Run & Holidays • November 1st Club Meeting @ Flanders Fish Market • November 11th - Trip to Gorham New Hampshire (See Don Chieco for details)
<p>December 2022</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 11, Holiday Party

Please stay tuned for
upcoming events in 2023



2022 FCO Club Picnic



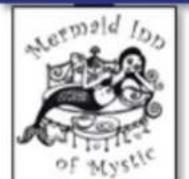
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Ginger is Rocking the Club Swag!



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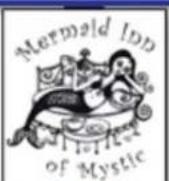
Special Thank You to the staff at Ocean Beach Park and all Club Members that participated in the 2022 Vettes At The Beach.

It takes a team to have a great event and this team knocked it out the park once again.





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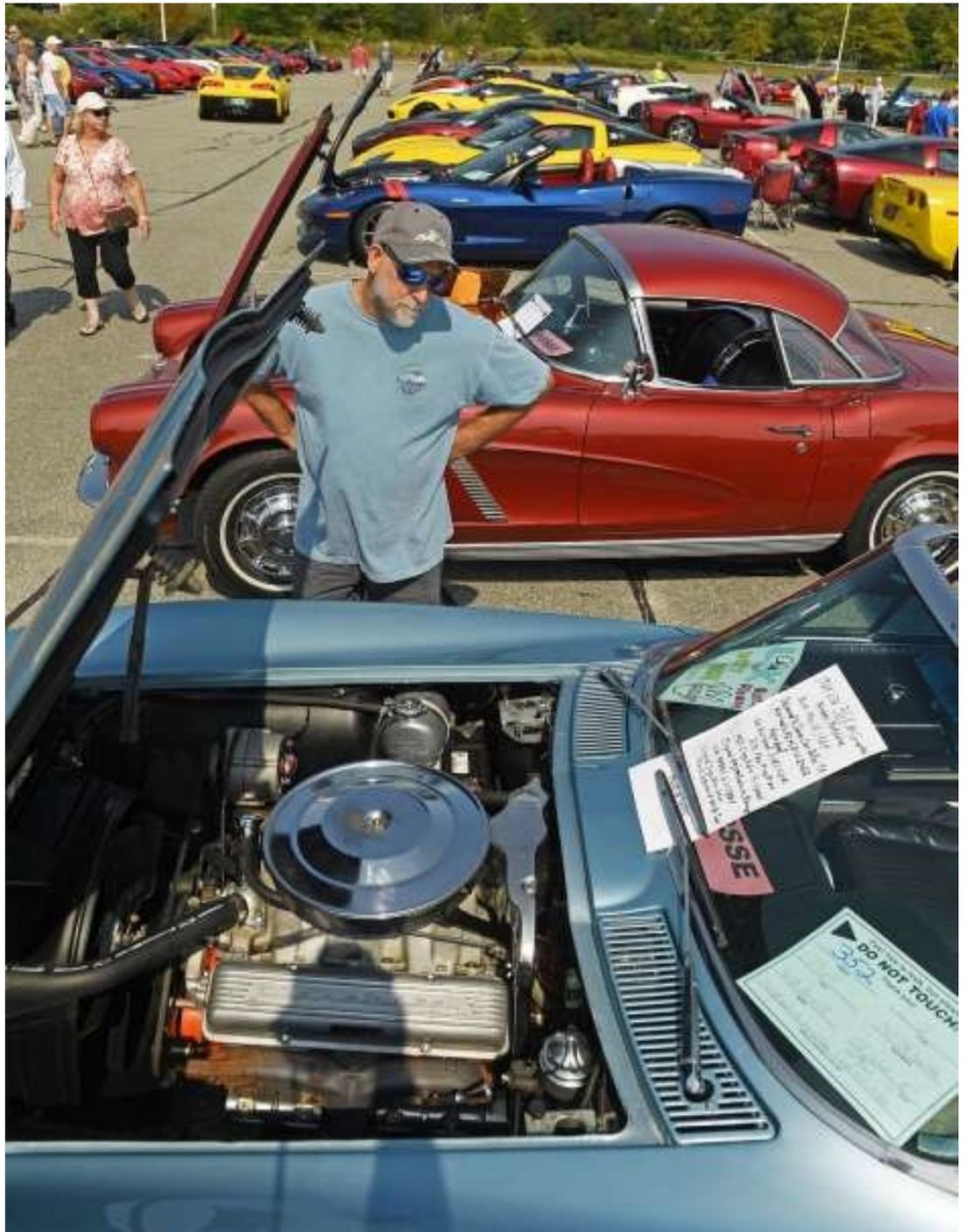


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“Operation Stand Down”**



Vettes On Ocean Ave.



Huge thanks to Dave Sugrue and the staff at Ocean Beach Park for your hospitality and help with Vettes at the Beach 2022. You helped make a great event . Thank you to Jeff Mullen for the rides and all involved a great day had by all



New London — More than 300 Corvettes lined Ocean Beach Park's parking lot Sunday afternoon for the "Vettes at the Beach" Corvette show.

However, there's more to the annual car show than roaring engines and impressive paint schemes.

"Corvette people are like a family," said Mark Christiansen, the vice president of For Corvettes Only Inc. and the event's organizer.

For Corvettes Only Inc., a local club of Corvette enthusiasts, invites any and all Corvette owners to put their masterpieces on display for a good cause. Private owners and other clubs alike make their way to what Christiansen called the "largest Corvette show" in southern New England. Participants pay a \$20 entry fee for the event, with 70% of proceeds benefiting charities of the club's choosing.

The club chooses five charities to contribute to once the funds are tallied and the day is done. Both Christiansen and club President Bob Sicuranza anticipated more than \$10,000 was raised between entry fees, the 50/50 raffle and gift basket raffle. In prior years, the club has made donations to Make-A-Wish, Safe Futures and local food banks. "The Corvette people are pretty special," Sicuranza said. "They really are. The camaraderie is unique." Every generation of Corvette, spanning back to the original C1 from the 1950s to today's C8, was represented. Awards were given out to the best car and runner-up from each generation, as well as a trophy for Best in Show and one for the club with the most representation at the event. The club with the largest turnout is awarded a \$1,000 check to donate to a charity of its choosing. This year it was the Corvette Club of Rhode Island.

Even those who drove away with hardware admitted that's not what the event is about.

"You put in some extra time in your car, make some changes, things like that, it's a recognition of that," said Trevor Hartman, whose 65th Anniversary C7 Corvette won best in class. "But otherwise, I think for us it's just being out here and enjoying the company of other people that have the same passion that you do."

Hartman, 49, said he's been involved with Corvettes for the last three decades. He said he started with a 1975 model when he was 19 years old. Now, he's a member of the No Rules Corvette Club, where he and other Corvette owners meet up weekly for cruise-ins, go out to dinners and get together for holiday parties, well after car show season ends.

"It's fantastic out here," Hartman said. "This is the show we look forward to every year because it's here at the beach, it's well attended, it's all Corvettes."

"Nothing seems to draw as many as this does down here at the shoreline," he added.

It was Keith Brothers' first car show and his soft-top, all original, 1965 convertible was named runner-up for the C2 generation

"I'm an older C2 guy, but I see all the new Corvettes and the amount of cars that are here today," Brothers said. "It's just like a big fraternity for everybody. It's great to see everybody to come out. It's great for the city too."

The terms "fraternity" and "family" were common responses from participants, but it could not have been more true for the father and son who collaborated to win Best in Show.

Tom Cooper, 78, and his 49-year-old son, Tom Cooper, took home the grand prize with their 1956 convertible in its first show. They said they've owned the car for 41 years and spent the last six restoring it because they "got tired at looking at it."

"Said let's do something better," Cooper recalls telling his son. "Looked just like that, only it's so much better now."

"Once in a lifetime," the younger Cooper described the experience.

For Corvettes Only Inc. has been around since 1976 and has put on numerous shows in its history. This was the second year the club held the event at Ocean Beach Park and had its largest showing to date. Sicuranza and Christiansen said it would not have been possible without the help of Dave Sugrue, to whom they gave an appreciation award to at the event's conclusion.

"We really like the venue," Sicuranza said. "We get treated real well. Everybody that comes here seems to enjoy it. It's just a good overall atmosphere."

"They really, really have helped up out to grow this event from last year to this year and we're going to continue to have it down here for years to come," Christiansen said.

28th CORVETTE SHOW & SWAP MEET

October 2nd, 2022



Celebrity Judge: Kevin Mackay
 Owner, Corvette Repair
 'The Corvette Hunter'



New Location – Expanded Swap Meet
Guilford Fairgrounds, Lovers Lane, Guilford, CT
Exit 59 (Goose Lane) off I-95
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Net proceeds from show support Connecticut charities
 CCC-adopted charity for 2022 is The Ronald McDonald House

Participants can choose to enter one of the 16 judged Show Classes or be part of the Corvette Fun Field – Trophies to be awarded in both areas. Judging *only* in the Show Classes; Fun Field trophies will be awarded by Celebrity Choice.

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2025 Electric Corvette Is the world (or you) ready for this? Rumored to be ready in 2025 with a starting price of \$100,000, compared to the base C8 gas model starting around \$62,195, it may be a hard sell for the Corvette enthusiast. A mid-engine Corvette seemed like a huge break from tradition when the C8 generation hit the market in late 2019, but already the iconic sports car is set to go through another modernization when a fully electric version is added to the lineup. Chevrolet hasn't released many details yet, but it has confirmed the Corvette EV is on the way. We expect a powerful, three- or four-motor powertrain with around 1000 horsepower and standard all-wheel drive. The two-seat interior will likely carry over from the gasoline-powered Corvette. The race is on for an allelectric sports car, with upcoming rivals such as the Dodge Challenger eMuscle and an electric version of the Porsche 718 both eyeing the same performance niche of the EV marketplace. Pricing and Which One to Buy The 1LT model is estimated at \$100,000, the 2LT model is estimated at \$110,000 and the 3LT model is estimated to start at \$120,000.

What Is The Chevy Corvette E-Ray's Name All About? To be very clear, nothing's official until Chevy tells us so. And at this early date, we have only rumors and a few scant firm details to work with. Still, this combination gives us a reasonable idea of what to expect from the gasoline-electric hybrid Corvette. For one, General Motors has held the "E-Ray" trademark since 2015. It renewed it in August 2020. Automakers hold trademarks for lots of reasons, and it doesn't always mean they intend to produce a vehicle so named. However, with the latest GM push toward electrification, the stars are aligning for an electrified C8. **Will The C8 E-Ray Be A Hybrid?** That's the rumor at the moment. We've heard the E-Ray will adopt a pair of front-mounted electric motors, which will provide low-speed motivation, as well as an extra kick in various performance scenarios. The layout would be loosely reminiscent of the recently-departed BMW i8: an internal combustion engine aft of the cabin, and two electric motors powering the front wheels. That means the E-Ray would be all-wheel drive.

What Gas Engine Will Power The Corvette E-Ray? The E-Ray is anticipated to use the stock 6.2-liter V-8 engine found in the regular C8 coupe and convertible. For such a large engine, the V-8 returns reasonable fuel economy thanks to a bevy of advanced fuel-saving features, such as Active Fuel Management (cylinder deactivation). GM could detune the engine slightly for better economy, considering the E-Ray's electric motors will likely add a good deal of power to the powertrain stable. We're confident that if an E-Ray comes to market, it'll best the stock C8's 495-hp and 470 lb-ft of torque (when equipped with the performance exhaust). We envision power numbers that slot it firmly in between the regular C8 and the high-zoot Z06. **E-Ray May Not Be The Only Hybrid C8** We've heard that the E-Ray's electric motors could be paired with a twin-turbocharged version of the Z06's flat-plane crank V-8. The resulting all-wheel-drive hybrid monster could be called the "Zora" to honor the "Father of the Corvette," GM engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov. We expect it to have more than 900 hp. In other words, it'll be a true monster of a Corvette. It'd be a smart way for GM to re-use some of the development dollars spent on the E-Ray, too, giving the C8 a variety of mix-and-match powertrain components to dial in several performance price points. Again, GM hasn't confirmed the Corvette Zora, so things may change in the future. **When Will The E-Ray Arrive?** As soon as we find out when the E-Ray is due, we'll let you know. The C8's been out for a while, and after GM's recent EV and electrification announcements, the time is certainly ripe for the company to announce the addition of the E-Ray. Unfortunately, with most auto shows canceled due to the pandemic, we can't point to a particular show that might serve as the likely reveal date.

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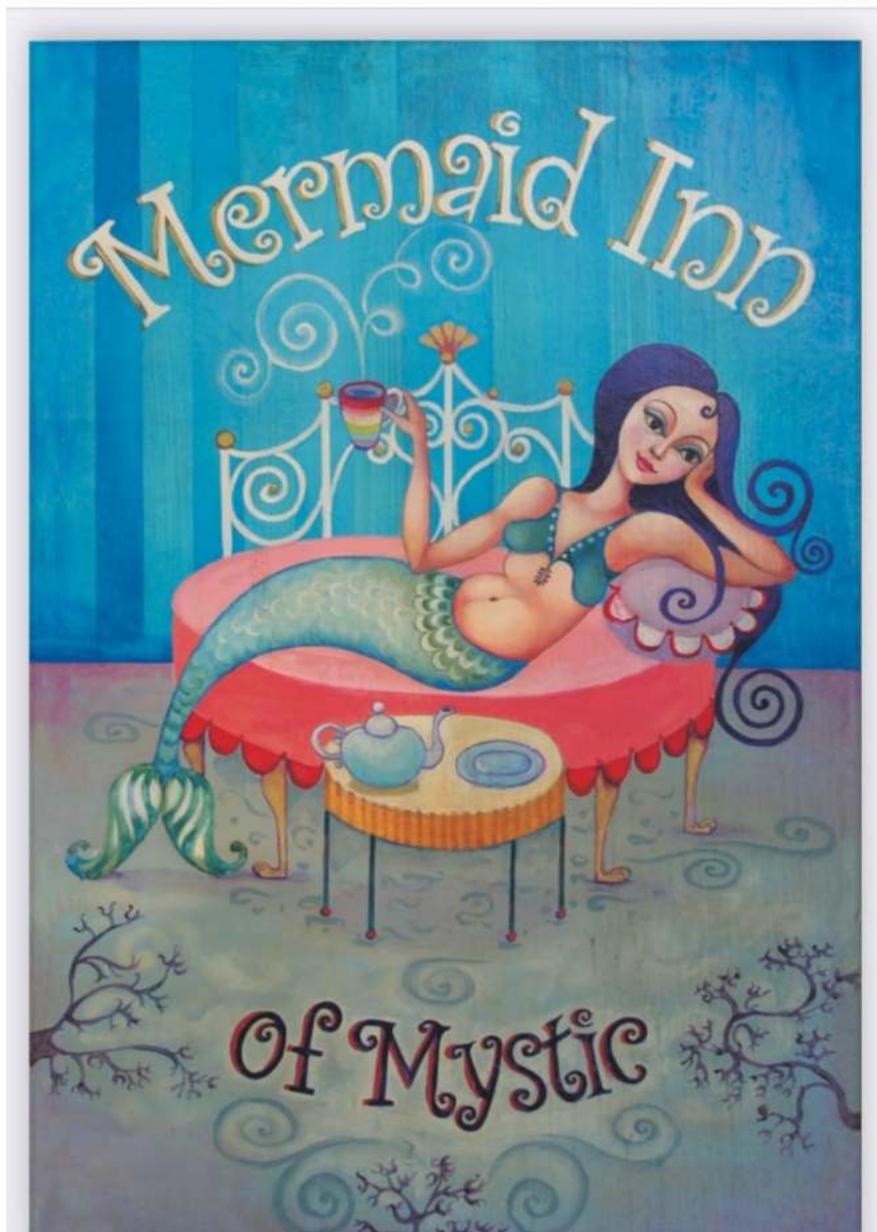


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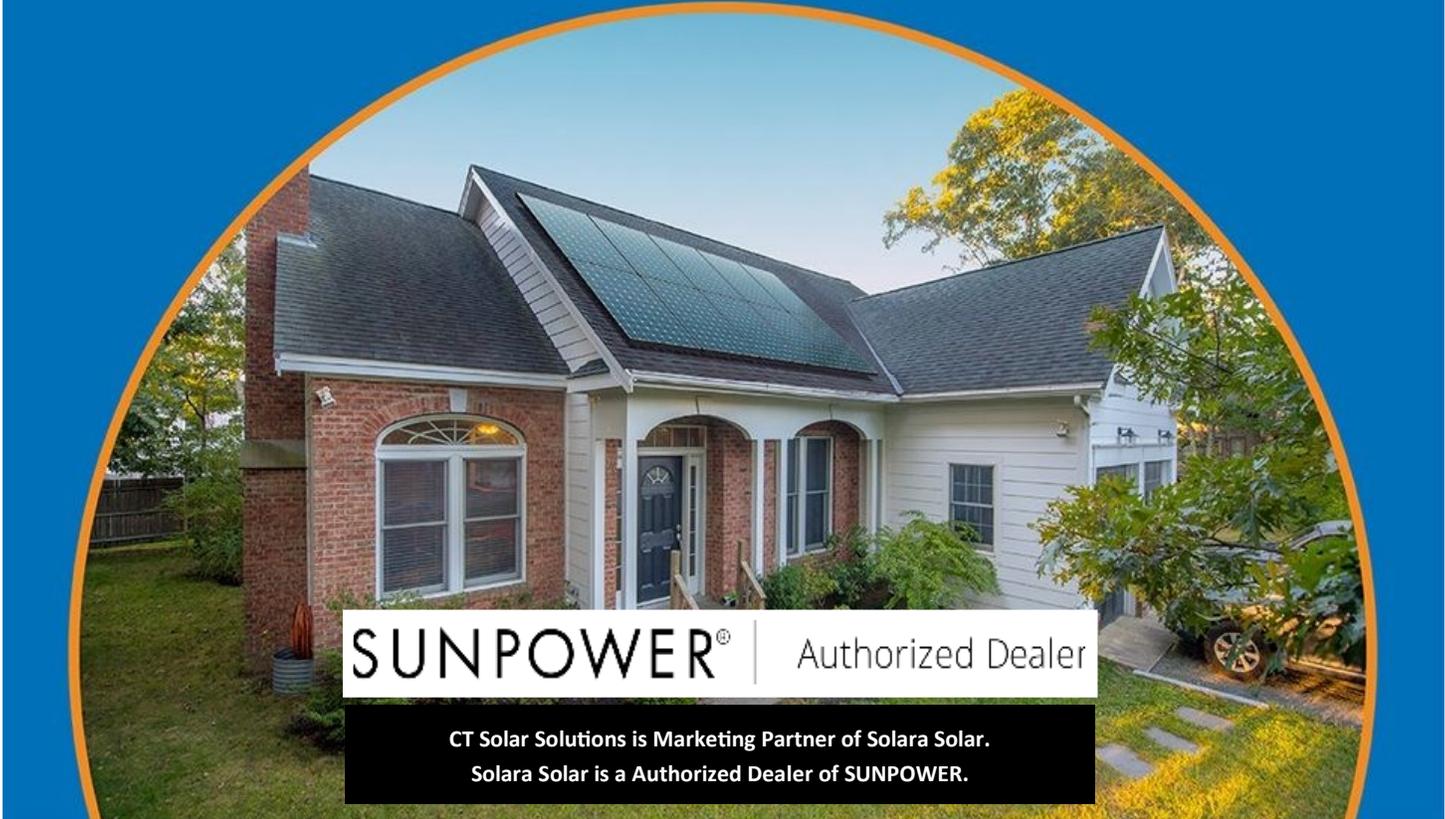
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