

VETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Do you own a Corvette or Corvettes? Are looking for a Corvette club to join? We welcome you to cruise through our [site](#). If you like what you see, visit our Contact Us page, click on the application link at the bottom and become part of a great club! Our goal is to promote ownership of a Corvette and provide a fun, casual club from which to do it.



Proudly Celebrating 47 Years

For Corvettes Only Inc., is a relatively small Corvette club serving Southeastern Connecticut. Since 1976 our active club has connected people interested in pursuing the enjoyment of Chevrolet Corvettes. Our club encourages responsible ownership and maintenance. We organize activities, social gatherings, fun cruises and functions for both enjoyment and education of our members. FCO Inc. attends and hosts many events throughout the year and caravans to other Corvette events in the New England area.

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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.

President's Message



We ended 2022 with a great turnout to our Holiday Party. Thank you! And now, welcome to 2023.

We are gearing up for a number of events this year. Corvettes at Carlisle is Aug. 24 to 26, and our show is September 17. Please send me ride and trip ideas. This is your club, so get involved.

I know we're all looking forward to getting our cars out and hoping good weather returns soon. For those of you that would like to take your car on the track, check out *MassTuning TrackFest* on March 18 and *Track Night in America* at Lime Rock on April 27 and . I'm signed up for both,

Some of you may be spending the winter in warmer places such as Arizona and Florida, but please don't forget to put us on your calendar when you return home. We look forward to seeing you!

"Save the wave"



“For Corvettes Only” Sunshine Club

Darcy Murtz chairs our
Sunshine Club. If a club member is ill
or needs a little brightening up email Darcy at
sunshine@forcorvettesonly.com

Happy Birthdays

Membership Anniversaries

Welcome New Members

Other club newsletters often feature these items. We are considering adding them. No days or years with the birthdays. Members could choose to opt out. Let us know what you think.

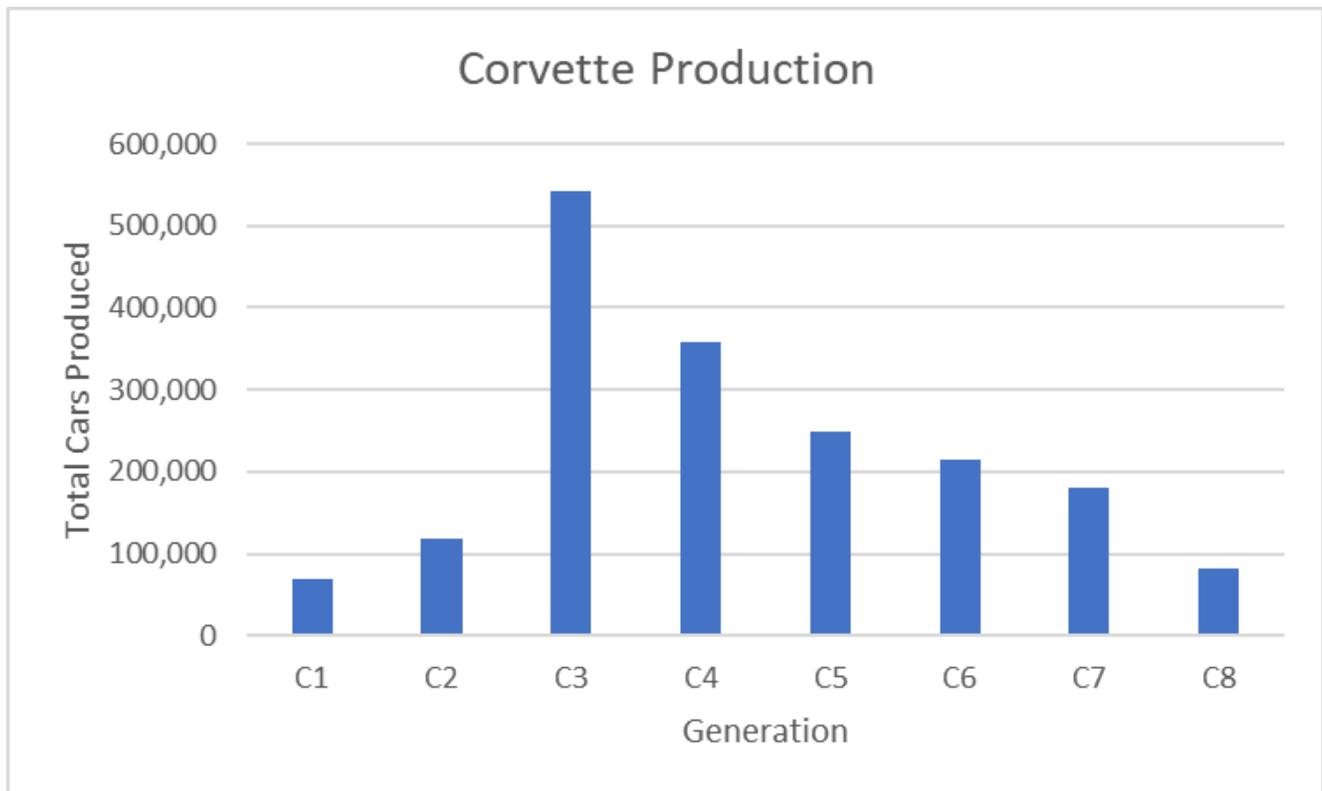


Fun Facts: Corvette Production

In 2022, 25,381 Corvettes were manufactured. The coupe continues to be slightly more popular than the convertible, 52% versus 48%. Most popular color? Torch Red again. Least popular? Caffeine. (Editor's note: I don't think I've ever seen a C8 in this color. It was less than 2% of total production.)

More than 1.8 million Corvettes have been made. C3 is far and away the volume champ.

Source: National Corvette Museum data.



Get Ready for Vettes at the Beach 2023

This year it will be September 17th (rain date: September 24th) at Ocean Beach Park in New London, CT. We look forward to this year's show, and I will be making some announcements soon.

Last year's show was an incredible event. The hard work club members did made this our most successful show ever. Let's try and increase last year's numbers and donations. Remember, the more we raise, the more we can donate to our charities. This year we will be bringing back the \$1000 donation to the charity of choice to the club that brings the most cars in.

We added a co-chair to the show, and Gary Klare has stepped up to help out. Thank you Gary and all involved. Let's hit this one out of the park!

Remember, this is YOUR show so if you have any ideas on how to make the show better please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-705-3473.

Mark Christiansen



E-Ray is coming



A few issues back the newsletter had a feature about a possible hybrid Corvette. Chevy recently confirmed that this will be a real production vehicle, not a concept car, starting with the 2024 model year. Some key takeaways:

- A 160-hp electric motor powers the front wheels, making this an all-wheel drive Vette
- Standard LT2 V8
- Combined 655 horsepower with 2.5 second 0-60 mph and 10.5 second quarter mile
- Wider than a standard C8, i.e., more like the Z06
- Not a plug-in: the electric motor's battery recharges during operation

More info here:

[The 2024 Corvette E-Ray | Electric Performance Vehicle | Chevrolet](#)



The New E-Ray



Breaking News: 2024 Z06 GTR.3

How cool-looking is this?



From Chevy's website:

Although based on the design of the street-friendly Corvette Z06 and its 5.5L engine, the GT3.R won't be street legal. The track-only race car will be modified with racing-specific equipment and will comply with FIA regulations to compete in multiple series and drive circles around the competition.





2023 Calendar of Events

<u>February</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th: FCO meeting at Flanders Fish Market
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<u>April</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD: Icebreaker Cruise
<u>September</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th: Vettes at the Beach! (Rain date: Sep. 24)

Stay tuned for more events





FOR CORVETTES ONLY

PO Box 53, Mystic, CT 06355

Membership Application

Instructions: Print form, complete, and mail to the address above or send it via email to info@forcorvettesonly.com. **PLEASE DO NOT** send in a check with the application.

Membership is limited to Corvette owners and their spouses/significant others/family members.
Annual dues are \$50 (prorated) per household.

	Member 1	Member 2
Name		
Address	Street	Street
	City	City
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Birthday	(Month/Day)	(Month/Day)
Anniversary (if applicable)	(Month/Day)	(Month/Day)
Corvette Information	Year/ Model	Year/Model
Color(s)		
Special Features (convertible, Calloway, etc.)		
Corvette Interests	<u>Check all that apply:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Show <input type="checkbox"/> Rally <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Racing <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<u>Check all that apply:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Show <input type="checkbox"/> Rally <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Racing <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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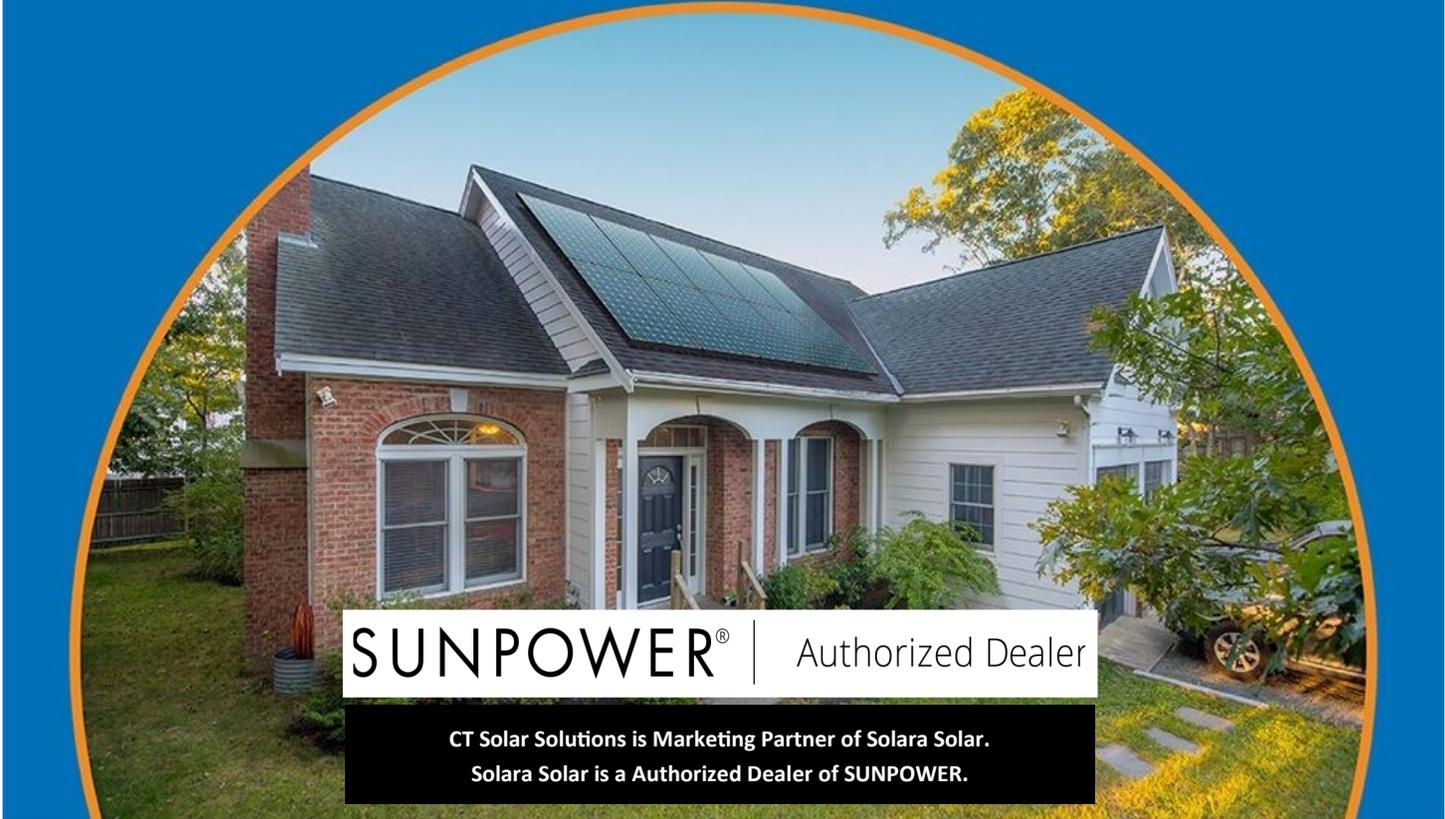
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