

VETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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CORVETTE

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.

VP & Show Co-Chair Message



Let's hope this week's Nor'easter was the end of winter, so we can get back into our cars and cruise the roads! We are all anxious to get them out. Our Icebreaker cruise is coming up — see page 10.

This year the by-laws are getting their first major revision in years. They should soon be in your inbox. Thanks to the By-laws Committee for the timely revamp. The Ride Committee is working hard to offer up a range of rides and trips with broad appeal. For example, we plan to repeat our Block Island trip, probably the third week in June. Details and sign-up will go out by the April meeting.

The end of this month will be the regional meeting of clubs in Carver, MA. Everyone brings flyers and provides a description of their shows and what will be going on. Corvette Club of CT will have their show in June at Morosa in Guilford. The Rhode Island Club's show is in August. Details to come. And, of course, our show is in September; flyer on page 11. We have seen a steady increase in participation and will need all hands-on deck. We are all ambassadors of our club so let's put our best foot forward and knock it out of the park. Gary and I will send information out soon. We urge you to sign up for this great event.

Mark Christiansen, Vice-President and Show Co-Chair



“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 Birthday!

February: Ernie Betilia, Christian Giliberto, Jim Madden,
Jerry Ramsey, Dave Stover, Ken Vaillancourt, David Win-
stead

March: Jane Fitzpatrick, Patty Keegan, Kim Pupello, Marie
Ramsey, John Waggoner

*Contact editor Mike if there's a mistake (wrong date, we missed your birth-
day, misspelling, etc.) or if you don't want to publicize.*



It's the 70th Anniversary

From *Car and Driver*:

The 2023 model year is important for the Chevrolet Corvette. Not only does this model year mark the arrival of the new Corvette Z06—propelled by a flat-plane-crank 5.5-liter V-8 pushing out 670 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque—but it is also the legendary sports car's 70th birthday, as the original C1 Corvette was first launched for the 1953 model year. To commemorate the occasion, Chevy is releasing a 70th Anniversary Edition package for 2023 Corvettes, including the new Z06.



Z06 Daytona 500 Pace Car

AA Chevrolet Corvette Z06 was the pace car for the 2023 Daytona 500 held on Sunday, February 19. This was the 15th time that the Bowtie brand led the racers for this big event.

Specifically, this Z06 is blue with a black stripe down the center of the body. This car has the Z07 Performance Package that adds parts like a carbon-fiber rear wing, Brembo carbon-ceramic brake discs, the FE7 suspension upgrade, and Michelin Pilot Cup 2R ZP tires.

Source: www.motor1.com



My Corvette Story: Ken Vaillancourt

I started as a Chevy guy when I was a kid. My first car was a 72 Nova, 250cid., 6 cylinders, 3 speed on the floor. Next came a 1969 Camaro, then a 1978 Camaro Z28. In 1996 I joined Valenti Ford as a salesman and moved up to sales manager in 2000. I left Valenti in 2020 and started at Monaco Ford in January of 2022. There I ordered the new car I wanted: a 2022 Ford Mustang GT California Special convertible with a 6-speed manual. I brought it to show my wife. She asked are you going to buy it? I said I don't know, it's \$60,000 and it's still not a Corvette, which is what I've always wanted. She then said if you want a Corvette, go get a Corvette. And that's how a 22-year Ford sales manager ended up buying a 2012 Corvette Grand Sport Convertible!



E-Ray on Ice

Chevy is really showing off the new car's AWD capabilities. The car and the driver are having some snowy fun on the famous ice rink in New York City's Rockefeller Center.



Icebreaker Cruise



Speaking of ice, FCO's icebreaker cruise is scheduled for April 16 with the Coast Guard providing back up if weather is bad. OK, they're not really, so it's weather permitting. The plan is to head to The Black Dog in Putnam, CT. We'll probably time it so that lunch is an option for those who are interested.





VETTES AT THE BEACH



Hosted by: For Corvettes Only



We'll donate **\$1000** to the charity of choice to the Club that brings the most cars to the show!



Location

Ocean Beach Park
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Spectators: Free

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For more information go to [Drive Your Car | NCM Motorsports Park](#)






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BACK**



National Corvette Museum Plant Tours

The Corvette Plant tours in Bowling Green are BACK!!

Plant tours are available when purchased with a Museum ticket (combo ticket). The cost is \$50pp; however, if you are a member of the Museum, that portion of the ticket is free: you only pay for the tour.

Some things to keep in mind when taking the tour:

Tours are only available on weekdays. No weekends. The plant runs two shifts, five days a week.

This is an assembly plant, not a manufacturing plant.

No bags of any kind are allowed unless it is for medical purposes.

ABSOLUTELY NO CAMERAS of any type. No electronic devices are allowed.

This is a guided walking tour. It will take approximately 90 minutes to complete and you must stay within the designated areas marked on the floor.

For more information, visit the Museum website for plant tours.

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/visit/plant-tours/>

Burnout

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Thanks to Mark C. for this one!



2023 Calendar of Events

<u>April</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th: FCO meeting (Flanders Fish Market) • 16th: Icebreaker Cruise (The Black Dog, Putnam CT)
<u>May</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th: FCO meeting (Knollwood Beach Clubhouse, 1pm)
<u>September</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th: Picnic and show prep (Knollwood Beach Clubhouse) • 17th: Vettes at the Beach! (Rain date: Sep. 24)
<u>Stay tuned for more events</u>	





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
	State	State
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Alternate Phone		
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.)		
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www.corvettemuseum.org

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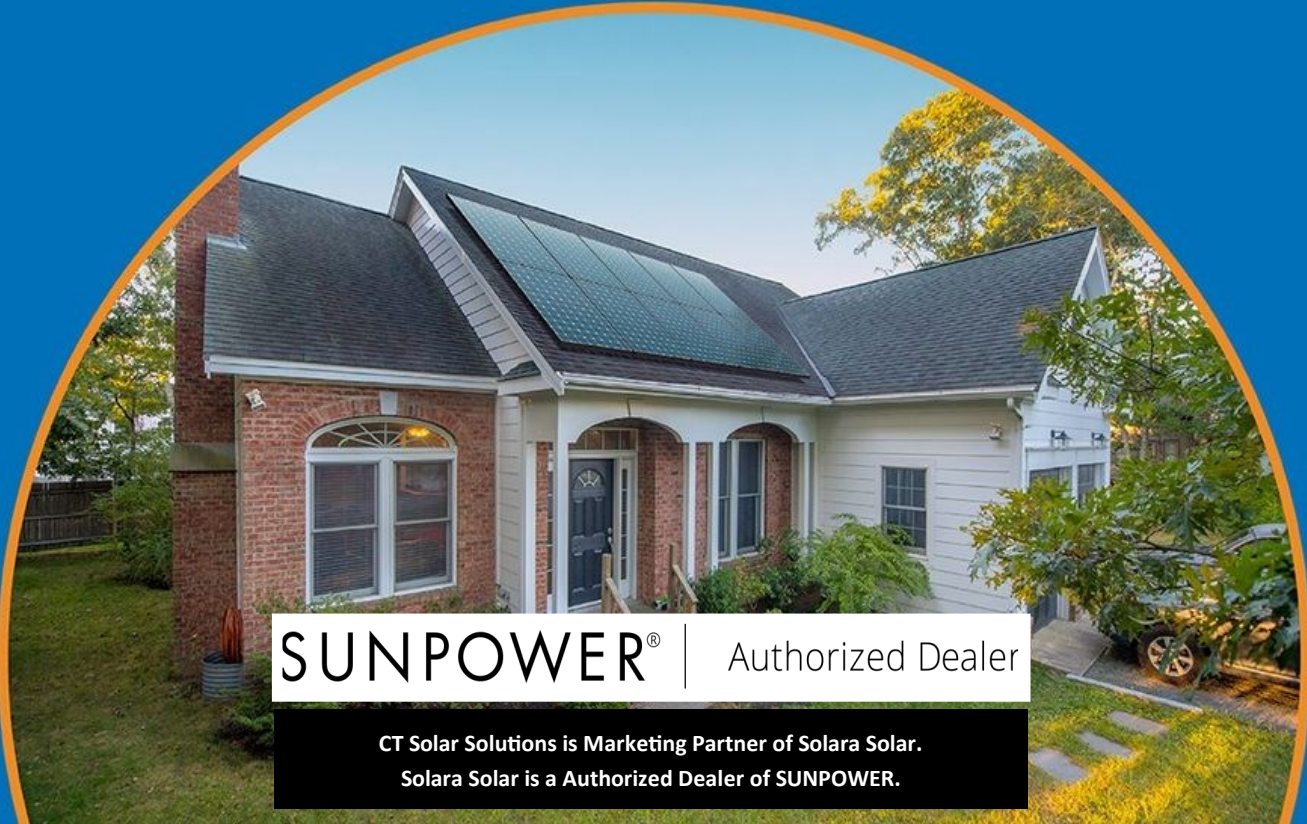
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