

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.

President's Message



We are well into spring. It's green out there and warmer every day. The Ice Breaker ride and lunch at the Black Dog went well. We are working hard to plan an active Corvette driving season. A Block Island Thursday dinner trip is planned. Car shows are set up. The Trip and Ride Committee is planning a ride or trip every other weekend. Our website is updated weekly.

I encourage all suggestions: this is your club. I want to do what members would like to do, so keep the Ideas coming in. If anyone has suggestions feel free to email, text or call me. Like I said, this is your club, help make it a better place for all.

Lastly, I'm looking for someone to help with the social media side of things. Let me know if you would like to take that on.

"Save the wave"

Bob



“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!

**April: Barry Baiardi, Mark Christiansen, Dave Stover,
Raymond Tondreau**

**May: Glenn Keegan, Jan Lind, John Pearson,
Donald Sherman, Larry Tucker, Teri Vaillancourt**

The birthday list is a work in progress. Contact editor Mike if there's a mistake (wrong date, we missed your birthday, misspelling, etc.) or if you don't want to publicize.



My Corvette Story: Glenn Keegan

My Corvette story started early. I was 4 or 5 years old. My Dad bought a new 1967 Corvette convertible. I remember riding around in the back in what we called the well. Today that would be illegal. What a great car. I wish we still owned it.

When I was fifteen my dad bought an orange 1975 Stingray. I was about to turn 16. No chance I'd get to take my driving test in it, right? WRONG. The best part: after I finished the written test, I was walking out to the parking lot with the DMV officer. He asked me what car my dad's was. I told him the orange one. I wasn't aware, but parked next to my dad's Corvette was an orange VW Beetle. The instructor walked over to get into the VW. I told him that wasn't my dad's car. The instructor had never given a test in a Corvette before. I think I passed the test right then and there; the rest was a formality!



Photo credit: Glenn Keegan



My Corvette Story: Glenn Keegan

My dad owned several more Corvettes, but of course I eventually had to have my own cars. I kept it in the Chevy family with a couple Camaro Z28's, which I really enjoyed. Then came married life and kids. I had to give up toys – for a while.

In 2008, my wife Pattie and I took a test drive in a new Roush Mustang. A few days later we took out a used 2005 Corvette. The next day Pattie said to me, "You should buy the Corvette if you want it." Folks, let me tell you if your partner gives you the green light to buy your first Corvette, don't hesitate, buy it! After I bought the Corvette. I said to Pattie, "Apparently you didn't like the Mustang." She said, "A Mustang or Camaro is nice until a Corvette shows up."

In 2014 I sold that car so we could buy our new house. In September 2019 I was able to rejoin the Corvette family when I bought my current 2014 Z51 Corvette.



Photo credit: Glenn Keegan



Donation Appreciation

New London Beautification Committee deeply appreciates the donation from For Corvettes Only, Inc. We used the donation to 1) install a drip line in the garden surrounding the deck of the Port & Starboard, 2) order over 400 annual and 10 perennial plants that will arrive in April and May for the planters and gardens that we care for at Ocean Beach Park, and 3) purchased 7 cubic yards of mulch to help retain moisture and keep the weeds down in the deck gardens. With the help of USCGA cadet volunteers, we used every inch of the mulch.

We are so glad your group enjoyed our wonderful Ocean Beach Park! We hope you'll return this season to see how much your donation has helped NLBC in its efforts to make OBP as beautiful as possible.

Here are some images of where your donation has gone so far.

DRIP LINE



Faucet



Timer



Junction box for 3 zones



Drip lines.....all over.....



.....the hillside.....YAY!



Donation Appreciation (continued)

SPREADING THE MULCH:



Dumping.....7 cubic yards of mulch



Shovel into buckets



Deliver



Make piles



Use every inch of mulch



Spread, spread, spread



Thanks!!!!



C8 Stingray Production Tops 100,000 cars



Photo credit: Chevrolet

From Corvette Blogger

Here are all the Stingray production numbers for the last four years. The total of 101,572 was a very nice surprise!

2023 Corvette Stingray: 26,359

2023 Corvette 70th SR: 2,798

2022 Corvette Stingray: 25,831

2021 Corvette Stingray: 26,216

2020 Corvette Stingray: 20,368

Total C8 Stingray Production: 101,572*

*Through March 1st



Guilford Cars & Coffee April 2



Photo credit: Jerry Ramsey

Cars owned by Jerry Ramsey, John Bagdasarian, John Ieronimo and Larry Tucker.



NCM Corvette Raffles



2023 Torch Red Corvette Convertible

Drawing Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 3pm CT

Tickets \$20 | 'Unlimited' Tickets



2023 Black Corvette Convertible

Drawing Saturday, May 18, 2023 at 2pm CT

Tickets \$200 | Limited to 1500 Tickets

Visit [Corvette Raffle - Main Page \(corvettemuseum.org\)](https://corvettemuseum.org) for more information.



NCM Corvette Raffles (continued)



2023 Torch Red Corvette Coupe

Drawing Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 2pm CT

Tickets \$100 | Limited to 2000 Tickets



2023 70th Anniversary Carbon Flash Coupe VIN 00001

Drawing Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 7pm CT

Tickets \$300 | Limited to 1,953 Tickets

Visit [Corvette Raffle - Main Page \(corvettemuseum.org\)](https://corvettemuseum.org) for more information.





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
98 Neptune Avenue
New London, Conn.
Admission: \$20
Spectators: Free

Fun

Food & Music
Raffle
Trophies
Dash Plaque
T-Shirt & Goodie Bag

More Information

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28th CORVETTE SHOW & SWAP MEET

June 4th, 2023

Rain date to be announced



Moroso Performance Products, 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 2023 is the Ronald McDonald House

Participants will have choice 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.

CORVETTE – Judged Class \$25.00

CORVETTE – Fun Field \$20.00

CORVETTES - For Sale \$20.00

Registration & Clean-up 8:00-11:00 am

VENDOR SWAP SPOT \$40.00

GENERAL ADMISSION \$ 5.00

CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

Judging starts 11:00 am

Special Award:

Michael J. D'Avino Award - BEST-OF-THE-BEST

For more information – WWW.CLUBCORVETTECT.COM
or contact Ed Karedes at (203) 271-3060 or skaredes@cox.net
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Club Corvette of CT sponsors:



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2023 SONHC Schedule of Events

Saturday night February 18th

Bowling night, Yankee Lanes Manchester NH

Saturday Evening March 11th

Season Kickoff Event! Puritan Back room, Manchester NH

Sunday April 23rd

Back to the Future Caravan (1st Caravan Limit 25 ppl) Hubbardston, MA

Sunday April 30th

Back to the Future Caravan (2nd Caravan limit 25 ppl) Hubbardston, MA

Friday May 12th

Aviation Museum, Londonderry NH

Sunday May 21st

Rt1, Rye Beach Portsmouth NH Caravan

Sunday May 28th

Gate City Spring Fling (Non SONHC Event)* Anheuser Bush, Merrimack NH

Thursday June 8th

Decordova Museum Caravan, Lincoln MA

Friday June 9th

NHIS Laps for Charity (road course)* Loudon NH

Sunday June 18th

Surprise Admins Choice Caravan

Thursday July 13th

NHIS Laps for charity (Oval)*

Monday July 17th

SONHC Golf Outing

Saturday July 22nd

SONHC Summer Outing, Hollis Hill Farms, Fitchburg, MA

Monday August 7th

Tuckaway Restaurant, Raymond NH

Sunday August 20th

Gunstock Mt. Caravan & Alpine Slide, Gilford NH

Friday September 1st

North Adams Ma. Caravan

Sunday September TBA

Manchester Cruise Downtown car show, Elm Street, Manchester NH *

Sunday September 17th

Kancamagus North Conway

Thursday, October 5th

Woodman's of Essex, Essex MA.

Sunday October 15th

Bennington VT Public House Caravan

Saturday November 11th

First Annual Toy Drive & last official caravan of the season, Location TBD

Full Field Event * Limited Field Event * Notates a non SONHC organized event



Adirondack CORVETTE Club, Inc.
www.adirondackcorvettes.com

31st Adirondack VetteFest 2023

Host Hotel for Adirondack VetteFest, The Queensbury Hotel
88 Ridge Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801

(Subject to change depending on weather conditions or other circumstances)

Friday Sept 8, 2023

REGISTRATION 2 PM – 5 PM at The Queensbury Hotel

MEET AND GREET RECEPTION with Hors d'oeuvres 4 PM – 6 PM

Friday Evening:

**FREE TIME TO ENJOY DINNER/SHOPPING IN DOWNTOWN GLENS FALLS
OR TRAVEL NORTH TO LAKE GEORGE AND WATCH THE HOT RODS CRUISE THE VILLAGE**

Saturday Sept 9, 2023

ADIRONDACK ROAD TOUR 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Cruise through the Adirondacks

Stops for Lunch Saratoga State Park (at Participants Expense)

Cruise to Saratoga Automobile Museum to see the currant Exhibition

VETTEFEST BANQUET

6 PM -7 PM Cocktail Hour with Hors d'oeuvres in the Banquet Room at The Queensbury

7 PM - 8:30 PM Banquet

50/50 and Raffle Items After Dinner

Entertainment - Trivia 8:30PM to 11:00PM

Great Prizes for the winners and runners up

Sunday Sept 10, 2023

"SHINE AND SHOW" CAR SHOW 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

On Maple Street in Glens Falls between City Park and the Queensbury Hotel

This is a "Relaxed" Car Show, NO Tech Inspection, NO Open or Closed Hood Classes

- ☛ **Trophies for the Best In Show, Ladies Choice & Top 15 Vettes as selected by ACCI Members and/or Sponsors**
- ☛ **Event Shirts provided by Mohawk Chevrolet for the first 75 cars registered**
- ☛ **Dash Plaques and Goodie Bags to the First 100 Cars Registered**
- ☛ **50/50, Door Prizes and Fabulous Raffle Items/Baskets**
- ☛ **Music provided all day by Jason Irwin from 93 WSC The Legend**

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Live Broadcast with Dan Miner & Pete Cloutier, The Morning Club on WCKM 98.5

REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration \$60 for Entire Weekend (\$70 after 8/28/23)

\$15 for Sunday Car Show ONLY (\$20 day of show)

Registration Form Available on line at www.adirondackcorvettes.com click on "VetteFest" tab For more information and the latest Schedule of Events, visit our website

Or call Bill Riddervold at 518-527-3329

Or email us at vettefest@adirondackcorvettes.com

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LODGING AND MEAL PACKAGE

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE with The Queensbury Hotel PRIOR TO AUG 10, 2023

Call 800-554-4526 or 518-792-1121 (Identify yourself with VetteFest/Adirondack Corvette Club, Inc) For Reservations online, use Group Code: Vettefest2023

**2 NIGHTS LODGING, Friday Reception and Saturday Cocktail Hour with Hors d'oeuvres, Banquet, one well drink
Gratuity, Taxes and Fees Included**

RATE FOR ENTIRE PACKAGE, PRICE PER PERSON

Single Occupancy \$463.00 Double Occupancy \$281.00

(Additional nights room only rate \$125, for 3 nights prior to or after VetteFest)



2023 FCO Calendar of Events

<u>April</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29th: Millpond Gatherings (ride and lunch)
<u>May</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th: FCO monthly meeting (Knollwood, 1pm)
<u>June</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th: FCO monthly meeting
<u>September</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th: Meeting, picnic and show prep (Knollwood) • 17th: Vettes at the Beach! (Rain date: Sep. 24)

Stay tuned for more events

Most FCO monthly meetings are held at Flanders Fish Market at 6:30 pm. Knollwood is the Knollwood Beach Clubhouse on Clubhouse Lane in Old Saybrook.





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
	Zip	Zip
Email		
Phone		
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.)		
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: _____
	Signature	Signature
	Date	Date



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www.corvettemuseum.org

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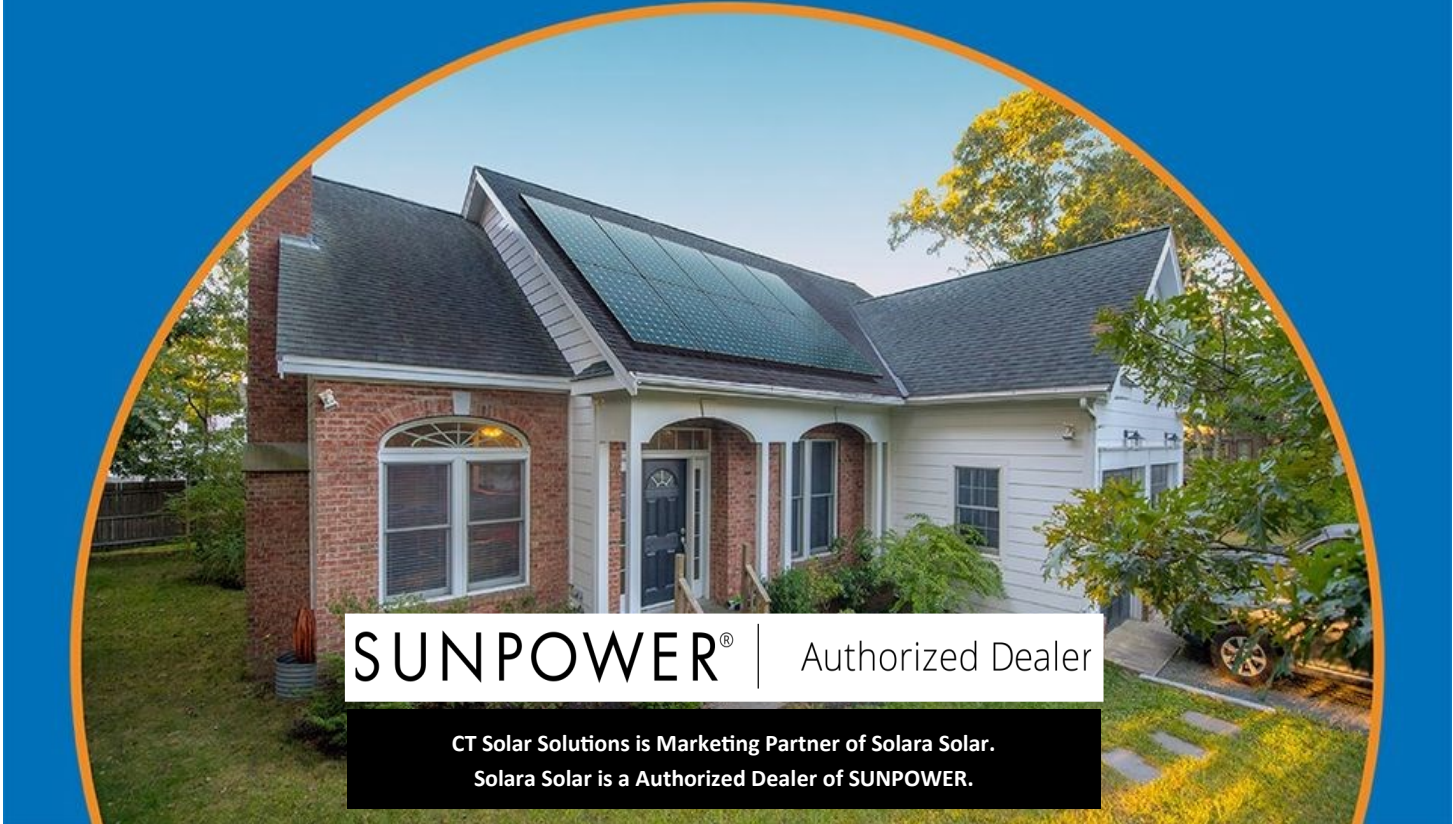
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