

VETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



July 2023

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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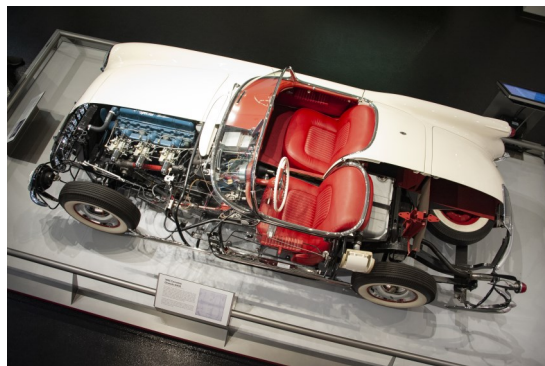


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FCO Inc. is one of the few Corvette clubs where both halves of a couple can be full-fledged members even though they only have one Corvette. We also hope that you contribute to FCO, Inc. by bringing new ideas and keeping the club as dynamic and interesting 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



July was pretty rainy. Not much was going on, but Corvette season is now in full swing. We have been working hard to keep you as busy in August as you want to be. Coming up: Powder Ridge 5th, Saltwater Winery 10th, Ladies Lunch 14th, Colchester Car Show 16th, Harkness Picnic 19th, Gillette Castle Potluck Dinner 24th, Corvettes at Carlisle 24th – 26th, Ocean Beach every Monday evening, and Moroso Cars & Coffee every other Sunday. Look for my emails with details. If you have an idea or know of an event that the Club would enjoy, let me know. We are always looking for things to do. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather. Be safe out there and enjoy!

Our next Meeting is August 1st at Flanders Fish Market

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

July: Jeff Murtz, John Zito

August: Lauren Bagdasarian, Mike Giliberto, Gail Kuster, Sue Madden,

Allison Potts, Carol desEnfants

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: Ted Eckert (Part 2)

Part 1, which appeared in the June 2023 newsletter, ended with this:

I was pretty satisfied with the bodywork I had done, until I got to the shop where I found that Mr. Billy Devine at the old Porto's body shop was more of a perfectionist than me. He said, "Young man, we need to talk."

Part 2 of Ted's Corvette Story:

Bless his heart, he took me under his wing and let me work on the car in his shop for weeks until it was right. It was the old wax on, wax off deal until he was satisfied. He taught me so much, and I gained such a good friend. Rest his soul, I just loved that guy.

Now here's a part of the story I think a lot of fussy owners can identify with. The car came out so good, and I was so excited to drive it, that I took it to run a bank errand not more than a week after the paint had set and been buffed out completely. I parked WAY out in the back of the lot where I could keep an eye on it from inside. Two minutes later I'm standing in line. A young mother pulls in right next to my car even though there were no other cars anywhere near that end of the lot. My antenna are up and my heartbeat quickens. Then her little rug-rat comes barreling out of the passenger side pushing the door hard enough to rock her car and catapult it into my door. I was furious but kept quiet because I could not tell if my car was actually hit. I checked and, sure enough, there was the chip. Perfection ruined. Baptism by fire.

In a separate incident a few weeks later, I took the car to the old Connecticut dragstrip in Colchester for a fun day of watching another Corvette club go at it on the track. Well, that day I didn't even get the car parked when a rock hidden in the tall grass snatched the muffler and tailpipe out from under the car and snapped a corner of the valance panel off with it. We ended up parking the car and put the whole mess underneath and tried not to think about how mad I was until we left. On the way out we went through the gate with my brother holding about five feet of tailpipe / muffler combo in his lap and over his shoulder while we drove right past that state trooper that mans the gates for those events. The trooper gave us a confused and disdainful just before he gives you a ticket look but must have sensed the steam coming out of my ears as he didn't say a word. After a bit more fiberglass repair it was back to Mr. Devine for a touchup.



My Corvette Story: Ted Eckert (cont.)

I started to think that car was cursed but went on to have 18 years-worth of adventures driving her all over New England and collecting enough stories to fill a book, as we all do with our toys. I've gone on to have four more Corvettes since then including an 85, 98, 78 Anniversary and currently a 2013 Grand Sport. Each has its own unique story and set of adventures, but like they say it's that first one you remember the longest and maybe fondest.



Save the wave and enjoy the ride!

(The newsletter version was condensed. If you'd like to read the full story, including more restoration details, email Ted at taeck@netzero.net.)



Block Island: July 6



Block Island: July 6 (cont.)



Photos: Mark Christiansen

Hop Culture Farms & Brew Co.

Colchester CT: Cars, cigars, whiskey and beer on July 14.



Hop Culture Farms & Brew Co. (cont.)



Hop Culture Farms & Brew Co. (cont.)



Our representatives seem quite happy to be there. We're hoping Hop Culture hosts more car shows so more of us can join the fun.



The Lamp



Donated to the monthly raffle by Joe Baldi and Kathleen McNamara. Won by Carol Ieronimo.



An American Love Affair



For the past seventy years, the Corvette has been celebrated time and again as “America’s Sports Car” by enthusiasts across the United States and around the globe. Since its introduction in 1953, this iconic sports car has fueled the passions and imaginations of countless millions, enticing many to pursue Corvette ownership as part of their personal pursuits and ambitions. It has also become an inseparable part of the “American Dream,” as synonymous as white picket fences and apple pie.

On June 30, 2023, the Corvette celebrated the seventieth anniversary – to the DAY – since the first Corvette rolled off the assembly line in Flint, Michigan. Since that fateful day, the Corvette has evolved through eight, distinct generations, has been the car of choice for athletes, celebrities, and more than a few astronauts, and has served as the subject matter for songs by Prince, the Beach Boys and more. When Mattel decided that Barbie needed a “dream car”, they didn’t look at the Mustang....NOPE, it was the Corvette from the start. And Barbie has been driving a Corvette in all its pink glory ever since.



Source: www.corvsport.com

LEGO Corvette



Well, this is one way to own a '61 Stingray. You gotta build it yourself, though. Or hire a young LEGO genius!

This is a LEGO ICONS set that will be available later this summer.

Photo: LEGO



NCM Corvette Raffles

NOT ACTUAL COLOR



2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 8/10/2023
Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 929
Drawing: August 10, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time
28 days 20 hrs 28 min 48 sec
2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 8/10/2023



2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 9/1/2023
Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1341
Drawing: September 1, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time
50 days 20 hrs 28 min 48 sec
2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 9/1/2023



2024 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 9/2/2023
Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle
Drawing: September 2, 2023 3:00 PM Central Time
51 days 21 hrs 28 min 48 sec
2024 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 9/2/2023

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





2023 FCO Calendar of Events

<u>August</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st: 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)
<p>Above calendar shows club-specific events. Monthly calendar with updates on activities such as cruises and car shows will be emailed.</p> <p>FCO monthly meetings are usually held at Flanders Fish Market in East Lyme. Most folks come for dinner before the business meeting, which starts at 6:30 pm. Knollwood is the Knollwood Beach Clubhouse on Clubhouse Lane in Old Saybrook.</p>	

Shows and Events

FCO, fellow clubs, sponsors all have events coming up.

See this month's Presidents Message for more.





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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Southern NH Club

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)

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CORVETTES

CORVETTES BY THE SEA

BY THE SEA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 2023
11AM-3PM

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\$25 DONATION

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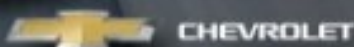
DE LA SALLE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS OCEAN TIDES SCHOOL
635 OCEAN ROAD, NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

The club with the best participation will receive a trophy and a \$1,000 check to the charity of their choice from CCRI!



Paul Masse





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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Join over 38,000 Corvette enthusiasts from across the globe by becoming a member of the National Corvette Museum! Membership categories: individuals (\$65/yr.), families (\$100/yr.), and businesses/clubs (\$250/yr.). Lifetime memberships are available, with a special rate for seniors 65+ (\$750 for 20 years).



www.corvettemuseum.org

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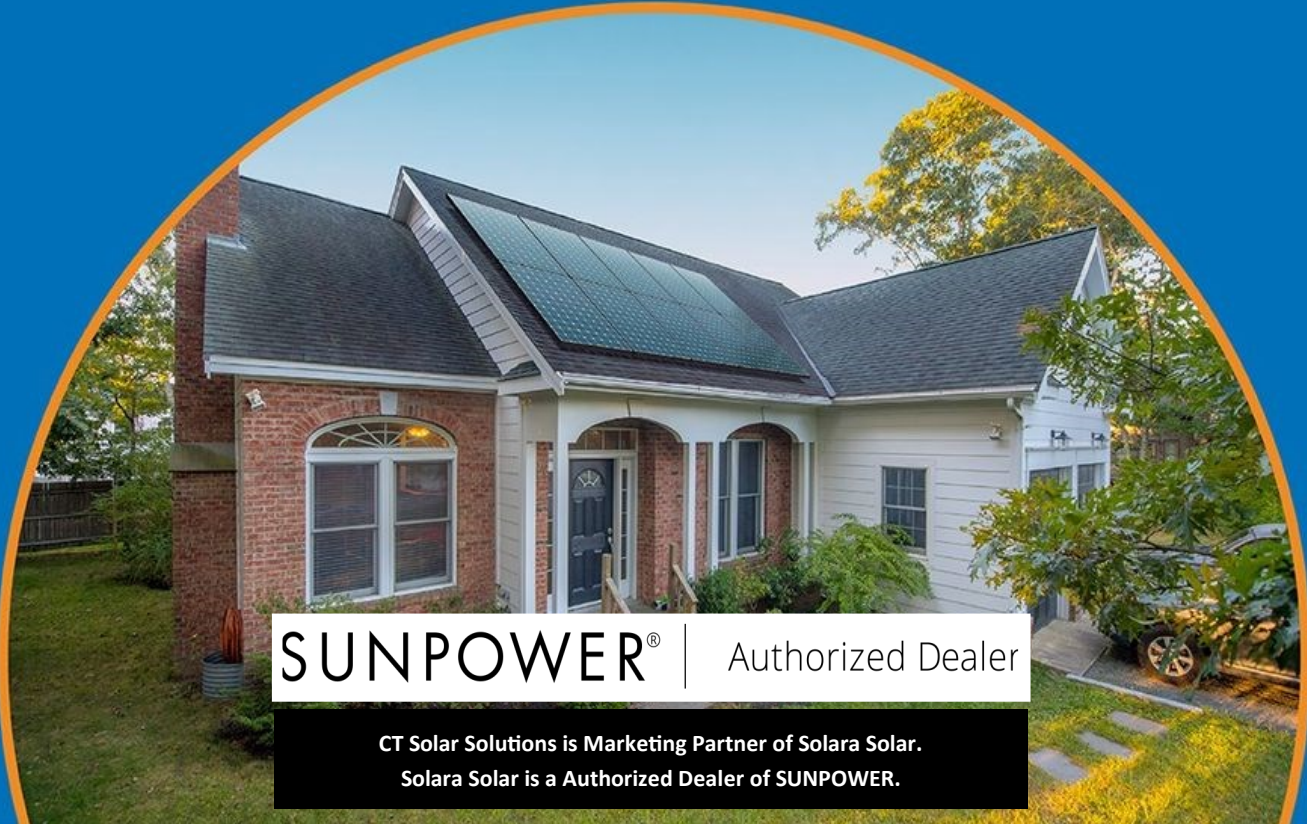
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