

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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Send comments, photos, stories, etc. to michael.giliberto@verizon.net



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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



Hello Members ,

November is here. It's been tough to keep an active schedule with all the rain we had, but all events the rain gods permitted were a lot of fun. Keep your ideas coming as we prepare for the holiday season ahead with our friends and families

Our next meeting is November 14th at Flanders Fish Market. We will have nominations for election of the 2024 board at this meeting. Our December meeting is on the 17th at our annual FCO Holiday Party. We are returning to On The Waterfront restaurant in New London, where we had a great time in 2022. Regular meetings resume in February at Flanders Fish.

Thank you all for contributing throughout the year, attending meetings on a regular basis and participating in the events that take so much time and effort to create.

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

October: Josephine Guarnacci, Rick Kross, Jan Lind

November: Carol Ieronimo

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.

Welcome New Members

Dennis and Patricia Tetreault

Gene Melanson and Jacqui Barbaree

Stephen Stodolski

Cabelas (Oct. 1)



FCO takes the trophy for best club participation



Cabelas (cont.)



Photos: Jerry Ramsey

Last Ocean Beach Cruise Night for 2023



Photos: Mark Christiansen

Newport (Oct. 22)



A cruise to Newport, RI. Ride along Ocen Drive, lunch at The Brick Alley Pub and a walk through the Pumpkin Patch. (No, we didn't see the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.) Perfect weather for this cruise.



Photos: Darcy Murtz, Mark Christiansen. John Ieronimo

Newport (cont.)



Newport (cont.)



FCO Donations



Above: to City of New London

Right: to Gridiron Club

Donation to Hole in the Wall Gang was covered in the September newsletter.



Photos: Mark Christiansen

Newly Acquired



John Ieronimo writes:

I am in the process of finishing restoration of this 1972 Corvette, which I purchased from the original owner. It's a rare bird, one of only 240 LT1s with air conditioning.



Evolution of the Mid-Engine Corvette



1960: CERV I

Mike Giliberto writes:

There was a nice article in the latest issue of *America's Sports Car* on Chevy's longstanding effort to produce a mid-engine Corvette. The article didn't have many pictures, so I assembled this sequence. (Photos grabbed from — where else? — the internet.)



1963: CERV II



Evolution of the Mid-Engine Corvette (cont.)

1964: XP-819



1968: Astro II (XP-880)

1970: XP-882



Evolution of the Mid-Engine Corvette (cont.)

1973: XP-895 (aluminum body)



1973: XP-987 (Wankel engine)

1976: Aerovette



Evolution of the Mid-Engine Corvette (cont.)

1986: Corvette Indy



1990: CERV III

2020: Finally, the C8 arrives!



NCM Corvette Raffles



2024 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe 11/16/2023
Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 921
Drawing: November 16, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time
26 days 3 hrs 5 min 21 sec
2024 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe 11/16/2023



2024 Torch Red Corvette Convertible 11/30/2023
Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1246
Drawing: November 30, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time
40 days 3 hrs 5 min 21 sec
2024 Torch Red Corvette Convertible 11/30/2023



2024 Silver Flare Corvette Coupe 12/7/2023
Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1763
Drawing: December 7, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time
47 days 3 hrs 5 min 21 sec
2024 Silver Flare Corvette Coupe 12/7/2023



2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Convertible 12/14/2023
Price: **\$175.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1882
Drawing: December 14, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time
54 days 3 hrs 4 min 30 sec
2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Convertible 12/14/2023



2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 4/27/2024
Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle
Drawing: April 27, 2024 3:00 PM Central Time
189 days 3 hrs 4 min 30 sec
2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 4/27/2024

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





2023 FCO Calendar of Events

<u>November</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14th: FCO monthly meeting
<u>December</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17th: Holiday Party 12 pm to 3 pm (On The Waterfront, New London)

Above calendar shows club-specific events. Monthly calendar with updates on activities such as cruises and car shows will be emailed.

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.



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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