

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 48 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



Hello Members ,

Yes, we still have a month more of winter to get through. At least we're getting more hours of light each day. Many of us are dreaming about waking our cars up from a long winter's nap and getting out on the open road. Some of you diehards have probably been out already! Let's hope for mild temperatures sooner rather than later.

We plan on participating in this years St. Patty's Day parade in New London on March 17th. The Ice Breaker is planned for April 14th. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

I want to thank the Board and all the folks who have made this club a great place to be a member. We have a lot planned for 2024. Keep the Ideas coming in. It's your club. The more you participate the better it is for all of us.

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

February: Ernie Betulia, Christian Giliberto, Jim Madden, Jerry Ramsey,
Arlene Stover, Ken Vaillancourt, David Winstead

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

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.

Ice Breaker Cruise

This year's ice breaker cruise is scheduled for Sunday, April 14. Our destination is Tullis Tap House in Griswold, CT. Details will be announced at club meetings and via emails.



Celebs in Vettes Quiz (1)

See if you can identify the folks shown here driving or riding in a Corvette. Answers in the next issue.



Celebs in Vettes Quiz (2)



Oh, you want hints? There are musicians, models, actors, people who are famous for being famous and one who is well known but doesn't go in any of those categories.



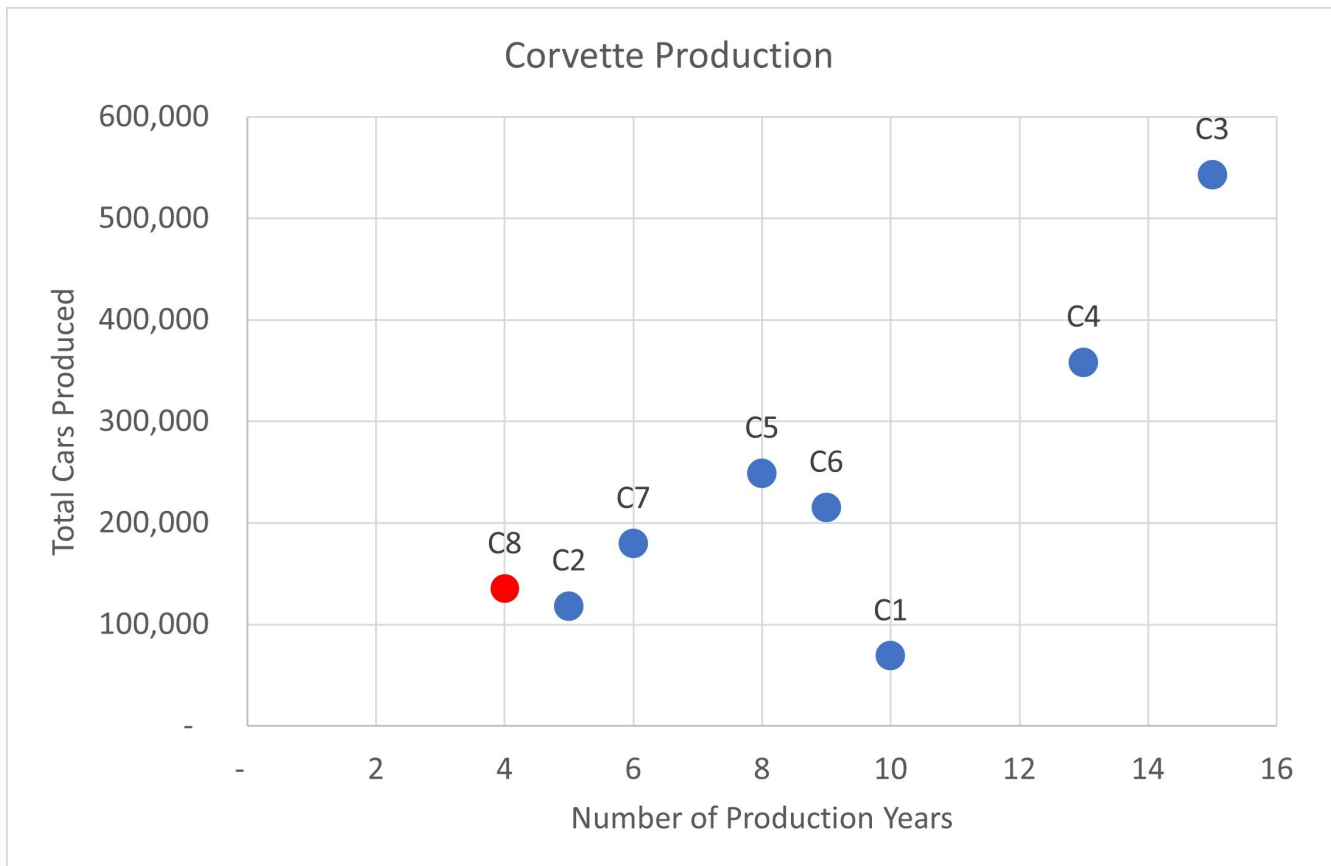
Source: www.corvsport.com

2023 Corvette Production

Chevy produced 53,875 Corvettes for the 2023 model year. This was the second highest annual production volume ever, surpassed only by 1979's 53,807. Z06s were 12% of the total, and special 70th anniversary cars, including both C8 and Z06 offerings, accounted for 10%.

Most popular color? Torch Red again, followed by Arctic White, Black and Red Mist. If you want to spot a rare bird, look for a Caffeine Brown Z06. Only 20 were noted in the production data.

The chart below shows how many cars were produced for each Corvette generation along with the number of years that generation was in production. (Yes, your editor is a data geek.) Total production varies as you'd expect: the longer the run, the more cars produced, with the exception of C1. C8 is highlighted since its run is ongoing.



Source: vette-vues.com



ZR1



Sources are telling our friends at the MidEngineCorvetteForum.com to speculate no longer as the first EX-VIN Corvette ZR1 was said to be completed on February 13th. This would be the first ZR1 prototype to be completed on the actual assembly line and not somewhere behind closed doors like the current group of cars currently being testing. An EX-VIN means the model is an experimental prototype that will eventually be destroyed following its testing.



Source: www.corvetteblogger.com

ZR1



The ZR1 will feature a 670-horsepower V-8 engine, which is an upgrade from the Z06.

Expect it to be even more ferocious, with an estimated 800+ horsepower thanks to turbochargers strapped to its 5.5-liter V-8 engine.

Power will be sent to the rear wheels, and its wide, grippy tires should translate to blisteringly quick lap times.

The beefy carbon-fiber brakes from the Z06 will likely be retained.

We predict the ZR1 will accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in under 2.5 seconds.

The ZR1 will sport race-car-inspired aerodynamics, elevating it to compete with Ferraris and Lamborghinis.

Price expected to start at \$150,000.



Source: Car & Driver.

Corvette Humor



Source: www.corvsport.com



NCM Corvette Raffles



2024 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 3/7/2024

Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1201

Drawing: March 7, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time

22 days 22 hrs 46 min 8 sec

2024 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 3/7/2024



2024 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe 3/28/2024

Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1687

Drawing: March 28, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time

43 days 21 hrs 46 min 8 sec

2024 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe 3/28/2024



2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 4/27/2024

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: April 27, 2024 3:00 PM Central Time

73 days 22 hrs 46 min 8 sec

2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 4/27/2024

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





2024 FCO Calendar of Events

<u>March</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th: monthly FCO meeting
<u>April</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd: monthly FCO meeting • 14th: Ice Breaker Cruise
<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>	



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		
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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: _____
	Signature	Signature
	Date	Date



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