VETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER





CORVETTE

Do you own a Corvette or Corvettes? Are looking for a Corvette club to join? Our goal is to promote Corvette ownership and provide a fun, casual club from which to do it. Please cruise through our <u>site</u>. If you like what you see, click on the application link at the bottom of the Contact Us page or go to page 14 in this newsletter and become part of a great club!



Proudly Celebrating 49 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 hope 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







Spring has sprung even though we are still seeing April showers in May. Car shows are popping up everywhere.

As you prepare to drive your Corvette, remember that power you haven't experienced since last season. Enjoy the ride, but respect the power! Always pay attention to other drivers.

Hope to see many of our friends on the road. Remember the Corvette wave, always much appreciated.

Our sponsor Colonial Chevrolet of New London is hosting our May 6th meeting. Please come to the meeting and meet the Colonial team.

Stay safe!

Jerry

Editor's Note







First, thanks for all the good wishes while I convalesce. I've got a few more weeks to go before I 'm allowed to drive a car. I hate missing these lovely spring days on the open road.

Lots of Corvette shows and events now are scheduled. Many were added this month, thanks to what Jerry and Mark picked up at the event in Carver MA. Listings start on page 12.

If you have an anecdote or story you'd like to share, please contact me. I am happy to work with you to edit your story, so feel free to send me a draft, however rough. At present, there is no backlog of "My Corvette Story" articles. Please consider writing up yours.

Editorially yours,

Mike Giliberto

michael.giliberto@verizon.net



"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

May: Rick Lind, John Pearson

June: Stephen King, Robert Rascoe, Gary Zemanek

Welcome New Members

Jim and Lisa Reid, Nick and Kristin Konon and returning members Mounir and Mona Hage.

The birthday list is a continuing 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.

The Ugly Duckling



The 1965 Corvette XP-819, nicknamed "The Ugly Duckling", was a radical concept car featuring a mid-engine layout, a departure from the traditional front-engine design of previous Corvettes. This configuration offered improved weight distribution and handling, laying the groundwork for future performance innovations. With its unconventional styling—sharp angles, a fastback roofline, and a unique rear end—the XP-819 never reached production but paved the way for the later development of mid-engine Corvettes, culminating in the C8. The car remains a key milestone in Corvette's evolution, showcasing Chevrolet's forward-thinking design and engineering.



Miami Vice 2025?



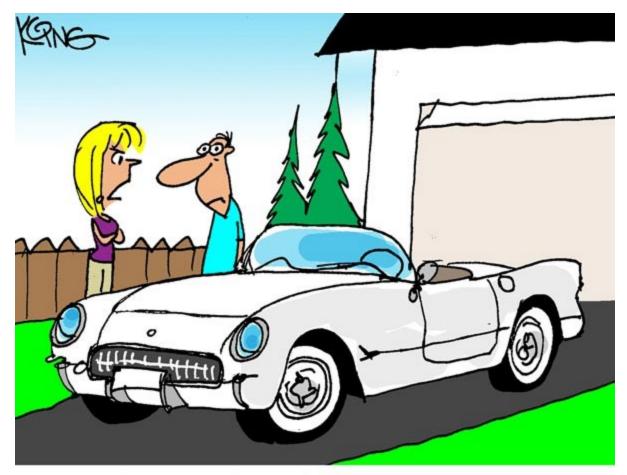
Florida Highway Patrol Adds C8 Chevy Corvette to Patrol Car Fleet

The C8 Corvette was seized from a drug dealer, and now will be used for community outreach — as well as enforcing traffic laws.



Source: Road and Track

Corvette Humor



"I realize you love driving your Corvette, but quit driving it to the end of the driveway to check the mail!"



Source: Corvette Blogger







FCO Calendar of Events

<u>May</u>	 6: Monthly meeting hosted by Colonial Chevrolet in New London 13: Ladies Day Out (tentative)
<u>June</u>	3: Monthly meeting
July	8: Monthly meeting (Knollwood)

Above calendar shows club-specific events. There will be email updates on activities such as cruises and car shows, both FCO and others.

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

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	4.50
	State	Zip	State	Zip
Email				
Phone				
Alternate Phone				
Birthday	(Month/Day)		(Month/Day)	
Anniversary (if applicable)	(Month/Day)		(Month/Day)	
orvette Information	Year/ Model		Year/Model	
Color(s)				
Special Features (convertible, Calloway, etc.)				
Corvette Interests		□ Rally □ Racing	Check all that apply: Show Restoration Cruise Other:	Rally Racing
	Signature	Date	Signature	Date

For Corvettes Only - Membership Application- revised 9/2022

Corvette Shows and Rides 2025

April 17-October 16 Bass Pro Shops Cruises – Patriots Place, Foxboro, MA

usjbh@comcast.net

May 6 – Sept. 30 Cruise Night – North Shore Corvettes of MA 4:00-7:00

Teresa's Grille 19 - North Reading, MA

Fsp3581@gmail.com - www.northshorecorvettes.com

May 10 All Corvette Show – 10:00-2:00 - \$20

Corvette Club of Western MA

Chicopee Moose Lodge - 244 Fuller Rd., Chicopee, MA

David Virella – 860-655-3469 – <u>davidvirella921@gmail.com</u> <u>www.corvetteclubofwesternmass.com</u>

May 17 "Blessing of the Vettes"

Corvette Mike New England – 74 N. Main St., Carver, MA – 10:00-2:00

May 19 Weekly Cruise Night 4:30 to Dusk

South Shore Corvette Club VFW – 95 Essex St., Whitman MA

Scott Delaney - 508-662-2582 - imdelaney@verizon.net

May 25 "Spring Fling" Corvette Judged Show - \$20 (rain date June 8)

Anheuser-Busch Plant – 221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH

Dean Gagne – 603-472-3524 – <u>www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com</u>

June 8 Corvette Day at Larz Anderson Museum – Brookline, MA \$20

9:00-noon

Tom Nowak - tjnowak@comcast.net

June 12-14 "Back to the Beach Weekend" – Old Orchard Beach, Maine

Corvette Display Main St., Old Orchard Beach – Saturday, June 14

Ralph Quaglietta – 508-335-0992

June 14 CT Vettes for Vets: All Corvette Show – 10:00-2:00

CT Veterans Home – Rocky Hill, CT

No entry fee. Just bring a gift card for the veterans.

All cars assemble at Rocky Hill High School. Exit 24 off Rte. 91. Go south on Rte. 99 and turn right on Parsonage St., then first left on Chapin Ave. School

is on right. Leave for CT Veterans Home at 10:00 sharp. Steve Poole — 860-908-3371 — franstevepoole@comcast.net



Corvette Shows and Rides 2025

June 21 Concours on the Village Green 8:00-3:00

Concours d'elegance

Hopedale Community House – 43 Hope St., Hopedale, MA Charles Harris 781-400-0744 – charles Harris 781-400-0744 – charles Harris 2 Tyler St., Milford, MA 01757

June 22 Cruisin' thru Time All Car Show 8:00-3:00

Formerly Medfield on the Charles

21 Beaver St., Milford, MA

Charles Harris 781-400-0744 - charris655@hotmail.com

www.cruisinthrutime.com

July 13 Joint Show (In Process)

Eastern MA Corvette Club and North Shore Corvettes of MA

Theresa's Grille 19 - North Reading, MA

More Info to Follow

July 20 VA Leeds Annual Car Show – 10:00-2:00 (rain date July 27)

Corvettes of Berkshire
Corvette Club of Western MA
Car Club of New England
421 North Main St., Leeds, MA

Tom Patnaude - cfourvette@comcast.net

August 1 Corvette Shout Out

Bay State Corvette Club

New England Dragway, Epping NH

Rocco Derrigo – 774-277-1377 – <u>www.baystatecorvetteclub.com</u>

August 3 All Corvette Judged Show – 8:00-3:00 (rain date August 10)

Club Corvette of CT

Moroso Performance Products 80 Carter Dr., Guilford, CT

Sue Wadyka – 203-605-6124 – cyou@comcast.net www.clubcorvettect.com

August 24 "Corvettes and Classics By the Sea" 10:00-2:00

Corvette Club of Rhode Island

Masonic Youth Center – 116 Long St., Warwick, RI

New Location, New Show!!

www.corvetteclubofrhodeisland.com

Liliana Dolan – 401-369-2881 – ccofri@gmail.com

Corvette Shows and Rides 2025

September 7 CT Classic Car Show – 10:00-3:00 (rain date Sept. 14) \$10

CT Military Corvette Club

South Windsor American Legion Post #133 100 Bidwell Rd (off Rte 5 South) South Windsor, CT

www.vettclub.org or www.swlegion133.org

September 9 Summer Cruise Night – 3:00-7:00 (rain date September 16)

New England Corvette Club

Lorenzo's Restaurant, 500 West Grove St., Middleboro, MA

Meredith Persson – <u>necorvettes@juno.com</u>

September 14 Vettes at the Beach all Corvette show

(rain date September 21) \$20 For Corvettes Only Club

Ocean Beach Park – 98 Neptune Ave., New London, CT Mark Christiansen 860-705-3473 – markcjan@yahoo.com

September 20 "Corvette Autumn" Car Show - \$20

Darling's Chevrolet, 121 Downeast Hwy, Ellsworth, Maine www.acadiavettes.org – Roger Dean 802-249-0934

September 25-27 New England Corvette Caravan Reunion

Grand Summit Hotel – Bartlett, NH

Reunion for 2014, 2019 and 2024 New England Caravan participants or any Corvette enthusiast

Randy Flock - vetteflock@cox.net - 401-269-6062

September 27 2025 Corvette Show \$30 (includes lunch for 2) – 10:00-2:00

Corvettes of Berkshire (rain date September 28) Sugar Hill Assisted Living, 45 Main St., Dalton, MA info@corvettesofberkshire.org – 413-822-3541

October 4 Corvettes vs. Mustangs

Bay State Corvette Club

New England Dragway, Epping NH

Rocco Derrigo 774-277-1377 - www.baystatecorvetteclub.com

October 12 All Vehicle Show 10:00-2:00 - \$20

Corvette Club of Western MA

Moose Lodge - 244 Fuller Rd., Chicopee MA

David Virella – 860-655-3469 – davidvirella921@gmail.com www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com

October 18 Poker Run – 9:00 (Rain or Shine) - \$25 per score sheet

Cape Cod Corvette Club

Cape Cod Visitors Center – 60 Ed Moffit Dr., Sandwich, MA

RSVP by Wednesday, October 15

Open to all cars

Dick Roy <u>r.e.roy@msn.com</u> – 508-385-3334

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- For more info: markcjaneyahoo.com or gklare0lesbcglobal.net









A 501-C-3 organization

12th annual CT Vettes for Vets

hosted by the
CT Veterans Home at Rocky
Hill

Location: CT Veterans Home in Rocky Hill

Saturday, June 14, 2025, 10am - 2pm

No entry fee, just bring a gift

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card for the Veterans.

Card for the Veterans.

Walmart, Amazon, Big Y, Stop is

Walmart, Amazon, local store is

Shop or any other local store

shop or any other local store is

Veterans choice trophies will be presented to 3 cars



Free pizza and soft drinks

For more Info contact:

Steve Poole TEL: 860 908-3371

Email: franstevepoole@comcast.net

Directions and meeting location

All cars assemble at **Rocky Hill High School**. Exit 24 off RT91, go south on RT 99 and turn right on Parsonage St. then the first left on Chapin Ave, school is on the right.

Leave for CT Veterans Home at 10:00AM sharp and caravan to Rocky Hill Veterans Home





SATURDAY MAY 17th 2025

10am-2pm

17th ANNUAL

BLESSING OF THE VETTES

74 N MAIN ST CARVER MA 02330

RAIN DATE SATURDAY MAY 24 "

WWW.CORVETTEMIKENEWENGLAND.COM







Sunday May 25, 2025

Registration 8:00 - 10:30 AM Judging begins at 11:00



Rain Date June 8, 2025

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*PREREGISTRATION for Judged Corvettes \$20.00

Make check payable to Gate City Corvette Club & mail to: 239 Pead Hill Rd **CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 18th**

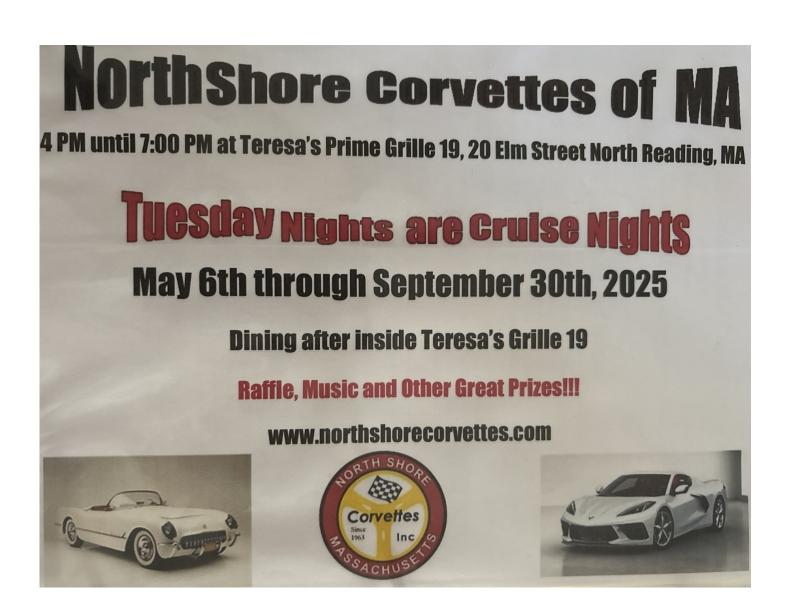
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Gate City Corvette Club Supports The American Cancer Society, Nashua Soup Kitchen & Front Door Agency



For more information: www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com www.facebook.com/groups/8068419389882008 Dean Gagne 1-603-472-3524









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- Trophy Presentation: 2 pm
- 50/50 Raffle: 2:30 pm
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Proceeds to benefit CT Veterans in need.

For more event information, or rain date updates, check our websites:

American Legion Post 133 at: www.swlegion133.org

CT Military Corvette Club Inc. at: www.vettclub.org







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www.corvettemuseum.org

NCM Corvette Raffles



2025 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 5/22/2025 Price: \$150.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 869 Drawing: May 22, 2025 2:00 PM Central Time 19 days 5 hrs 34 min 42 sec 2025 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 5/22/2025



2025 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000 6/19/2025
Price: \$250.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 1332
Drawing: June 19, 2025 2:00 PM Central Time
47 days 5 hrs 34 min 42 sec
2025 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000 6/19/2025



2025 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe 7/10/2025
Price: \$100.00 Tickets: 2000 Available: 1797
Drawing: July 10, 2025 2:00 PM Central Time
68 days 5 hrs 34 min 42 sec
2025 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe 7/10/2025

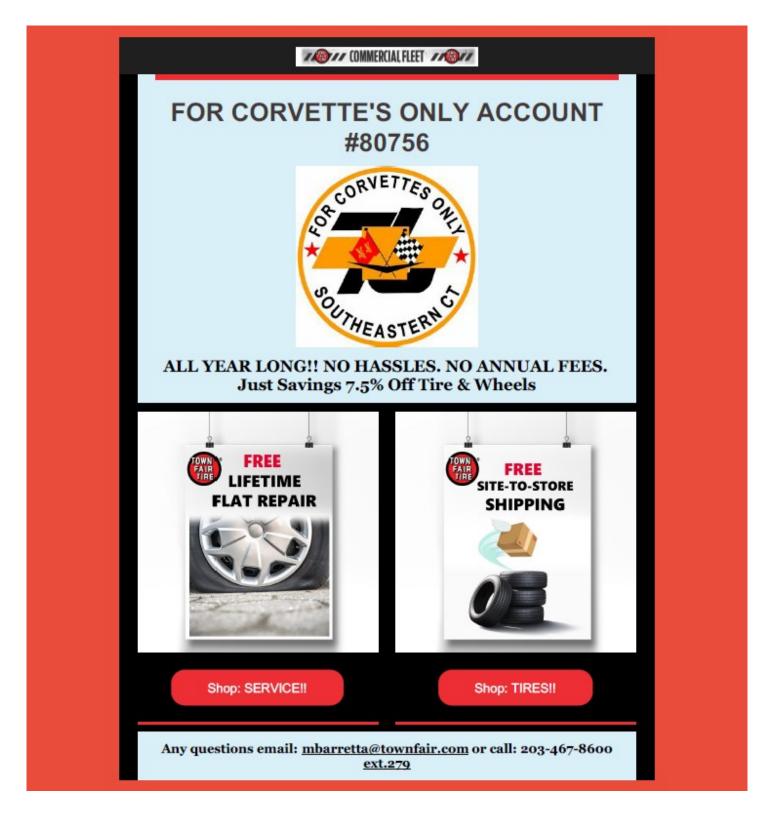


2025 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 8/30/2025
Price: \$20.00 Unlimited Raffle
Drawing: August 30, 2025 2:00 PM Central Time
119 days 5 hrs 34 min 42 sec
2025 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 8/30/2025



<u>Corvette Raffle - Main Page (corvettemuseum.org)</u> for more.

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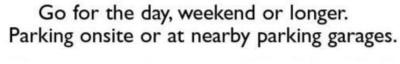








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