# VETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



November 2025

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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 see. If you like what you see, click on the application link at the bottom of the Contact Us page or go to page 19 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.

#### Acknowledgements

Front cover: Zora's 1974 Corvette (NCM)

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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.

#### <u>President's Message</u>







I would like to thank everyone who sent well wishes and cards, a big thank you. I'm doing well, waiting on test results, and Marie is finally on the road to recovery after months in and out of the hospital. She needs to go slow and re-build her strength.

As we go into November car shows are ending and the holidays are drawing near. Voting for our new Board will happen at our Nov. 11 meeting at Flanders Fish Market. Our meeting starts at 6:30 pm, but come early and share a your meal with your friends.

In December we will join with Connecticut Corvette Club for Toys for Tots; drive date to be announced. Bring new toys in their original packaging.

Our annual Christmas Party is on Dec. 14 at On The Waterfront in New London.

Many of us will be putting our cars into storage for fall and winter. The following will be important for proper preparation: (1) gas levels in your tank should be about 1/4 full, a gas stabilizer can be added; (2) your battery should have a battery tender on it to support the electrical system; (3) tires should be off the concrete and on a ramp system or a rug and (4) car covers or a drive-in bag system with controlled air are a must. Wash and wax your car before you put it away.

No matter what the weather is, remember The Wave!

Jerry

#### **Editor's Note**







In the prior issue, I mentioned that I had a backlog of material from various outings, events, etc. that I was holding for the next newsletter. This plus some new material became "Ramblings," which will now be an ongoing section of the newsletter to document rides, anecdotes, interesting sightings, etc. (OK, the truth is, I'm lazy and having this new heading means less work to update each issue's Table of Contents.)

Big thanks to Stephen King for sharing his Corvette story. Who's next? (Good title for an album, by the way.)

As always, I'm happy to work with you to get something included in the newsletter.

Mike Giliberto

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#### "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
<a href="mailto:sunshine@forcorvettesonly.com">sunshine@forcorvettesonly.com</a>

#### **Happy Birthday**

November: Carol Jeronimo

December: John Ieronimo, Gary Klare, Patrick McPherson, Darcy Murtz, Sharon Tosetti, Judy Townsend

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.

#### Ramblings: Track Night (September 11)

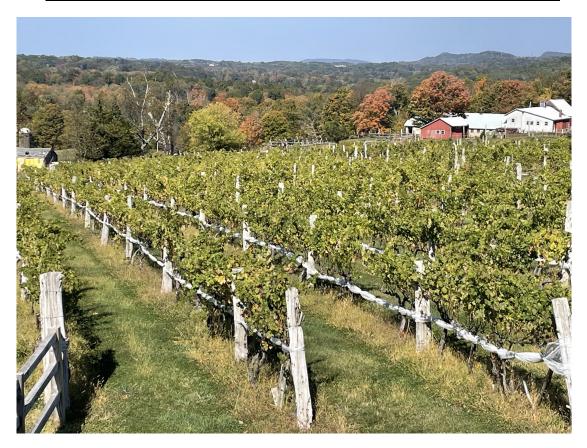


#### Rick Lind writes:

Bob Sicuranza and I at Thompson for Track Night in America. Weather was great. We and our cars came home in one piece so it was a success. High-speed driving events are exhilarating but require a high level of concentration. One slip and you are off the track and into the grass or worse, a wall. There was an individual taken away in an ambulance just prior to our last session. We survived and had a blast!



#### Ramblings: Gouveia Vineyards (October 5)



John Ieronimo reports:

Trip to Gouveia Vineyards in Wallingford. Beautiful day for a drive.





#### Ramblings: A Vette at the Ford Museum?



#### Mike Giliberto writes:

The Ford Museum in Dearborn MI is a must-see if you are in the Detroit area. It has an incredible collection of cars. Not all are Ford products. There also are planes, trains, Buckminster Fuller's Dymaxion House and a lot more.





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#### Ramblings: Herb's Country Store (October 19)







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Photos: John Ieronimo

#### Ramblings: Cars and Coffee (November 2)



End of season Sunday Cars and Coffee at Moroso Performance in Guilford. Sunny day brought out a lot of cool cars, including many Corvettes.





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Some cars that caught our eye.







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More cars that caught our eye.







Photos: John Ieronimo; Mike Giliberto

#### My Corvette Story: Stephen King



In December 2020, I was taking my required minimum distribution from my retirement accounts. I had been thinking about buying a used Corvette but didn't know much about the various models.

A friend of ours owned a 2004 convertible and offered me a chance to drive it. I was concerned it might be too low and being short the visibility might be an issue. No problem with either!

Using the internet, I discovered FCO and contacted Bob Sicuranza for some help, along with Jeff Murtz. So the hunt begins.

I set a price of around \$25,000 with flexibility on everything else. This limited the years I could consider, but I had done some research so 2007 and 2008 were possibilities.

A dealership in Wallingford was advertising a 2007 Atomic Orange convertible, standard transmission. Nice ride but 45,000+ miles, and I would be the fifth owner. I passed.



#### My Corvette Story: Stephen King

Meanwhile, my son was looking on eBay and found a 2008 Atomic Orange convertible, an automatic with only 12,000 miles with the LT3 option. I did some research on 2007 vs. 2008, and the recommendation was to spend extra money to get a 2008 because of various upgrades. Issue was that this car was in southern CA and asking \$32,000. Luckily, I had a friend who lived within half hour of where the car was, and he was willing to check it out. The pictures I had were nice, but I would feel much better if he could confirm the condition. He did: the car was in perfect shape. Offered \$31,000; deal accepted. The car was delivered on April 29, 2021. No regrets!

I have done some performance upgrades, including a Callaway air intake, horsepower tuning and installation of Pedal Commander (PC). PC does not increase horsepower, but it claims to give instant acceleration. And it does! Horsepower is now 500 along with increased torque.

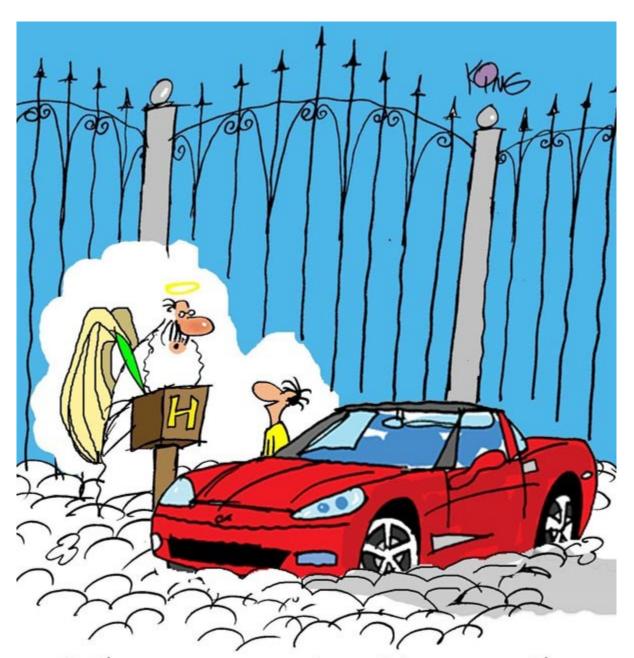
I've done some drag racing with my 1972 Olds 442 so I thought it might be fun to take the new-to-me Vette and challenge a friend of mine who has a 2021 C8. Route 11 in Colchester is perfect for this. I beat him the first time but then lost twice by a car length. I couldn't compete with his track mode and eight-speed transmission, but we had fun. (I forbade him from using Launch Control.)

For the time being, I'm holding off on more upgrades, but I may consider super charging so I can compete with the Z06 that Jeff drives!

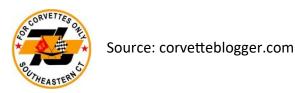




#### **Corvette Humor**



"The car can stay. You, on the hand, aren't on the list."









#### **FCO Calendar of Events**

<u>November</u>	•	11: Monthly meeting
<u>December</u>	•	TBD: Toys for Tots ride  14: Christmas Party at On The Waterfront in New London;

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.

	Mem	ber 1	Me	mber 2
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	City		City	
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orvette Information	Year/	Model	Year/Model	
Color(s)	A.			
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



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#### **NCM Corvette Raffles**



#### 2026 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 11/20/2025

Price: \$150.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 869 Drawing: November 20, 2025 2:00 PM Central Time 16 days 7 hrs 8 min 16 sec

2026 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 11/20/2025



#### 2026 Black Corvette Z06 Coupe 12/18/2025

Price: \$300.00 Tickets: 1500 Available: 1121 Drawing: December 18, 2025 2:00 PM Central Time 44 days 7 hrs 8 min 16 sec

2026 Black Corvette Z06 Coupe 12/18/2025



#### 2026 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 1/22/2026

Price: \$100.00 Tickets: 2000 Available: 1869 Drawing: January 22, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time

79 days 7 hrs 8 min 16 sec

2026 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 1/22/2026



#### 2026 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 4/25/2026

Price: \$20.00 Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: April 25, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time

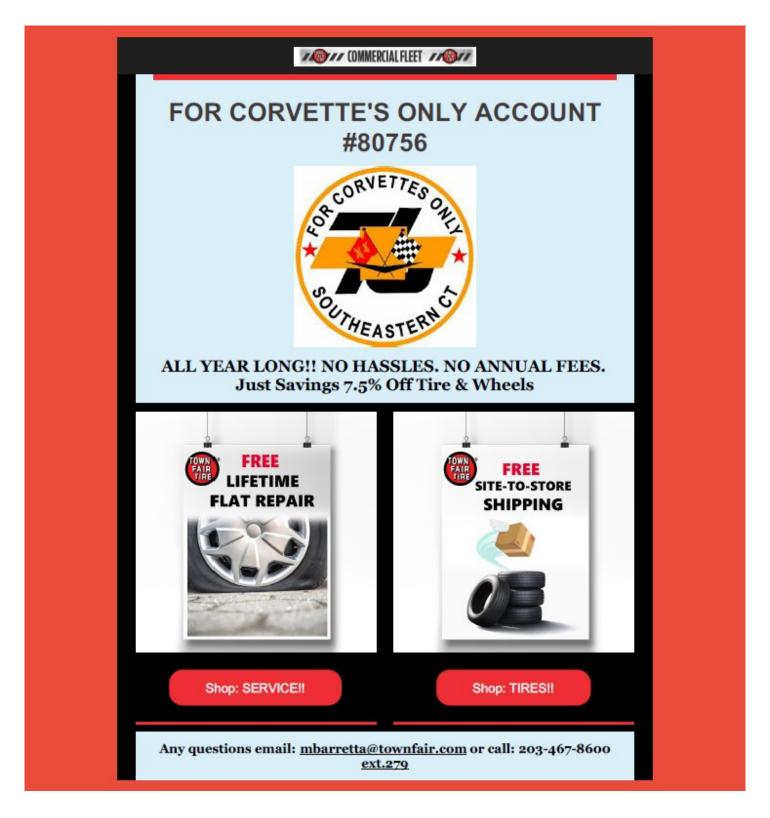
172 days 6 hrs 8 min 16 sec

2026 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 4/25/2026



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

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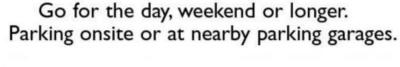








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