

# VETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



Winter 2026



# CORVETTE

Do you own a Corvette or Corvettes? 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 [site](#). If you like what you see, click on the application link at the bottom of the Contact Us page or go to page 20 in this newsletter and become part of a great club!



# Proudly Celebrating 50 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

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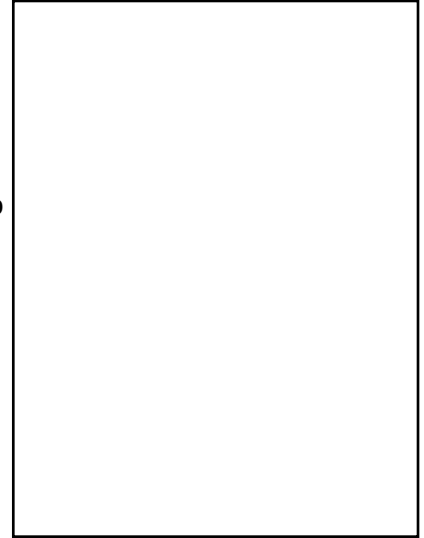
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FCO Inc. is one of the few Corvette clubs where both halves of a couple can be full-fledged members even though they only have one Corvette. We hope you contribute to FCO, Inc. by bringing new ideas and keeping the club as dynamic and interesting an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



As the New Year starts and we celebrate the 50th anniversary of FCO and the 250th anniversary of the United States I am looking forward to ideas for the club. Events do not have to be limited to rides and shows. I have noticed other clubs have done everything from cruises to trips to the islands. This is your club so look for some good ideas to keep us active this season. I would ask that we set up committees and go through committee chairs for events.

As always we need participation from club members whether to set up a ride or trip. It's important to get as many people involved as we can. I am only a call away so if you have ideas please forward them on.

May we all have a healthy year and pray for our members that have passed or are ill.

Mark

## Editor's Note



Most likely, your Vette is put away for the winter. On the occasional nice (and reasonably warm) day I wish I could take a spin, but it never seems worth having to go through multiple rounds of “get it ready/put it away”.

This issue features a brief pictorial recap of 2025. I also grabbed part of restoration project article from NCM’s website. Speaking of NCM, I just realized that it has live webcam feeds: museum deliveries, the Motorsports Park, and more. (I think you have to be a member to access these.)

As always, I’m happy to work with you to get something included in the newsletter, especially your My Corvette Story.

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  
[sunshine@forcorvettesonly.com](mailto:sunshine@forcorvettesonly.com)

## **Happy Birthday**

January: John Bagdasarian, Nancy DiMeola, Jay Wheeler

February: Ernie Betulia, Jim Madden, Jerry Ramsey

*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.*

## 2025: The Year In Pictures





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## **1993 Black Rose ZR-1**



One of the Museum’s current preservation projects is a 1993 Black Rose Corvette ZR-1—one of just 11 ZR-1s produced in this color for the 1993 model year. Its rarity alone makes it significant, but the care taken in its preservation is what ensures its legacy endures.

Final assembly is scheduled for mid January 2026, marking the last major phase of this preservation effort. Once complete, this rare Black Rose ZR-1 will stand as a carefully preserved example of Corvette’s performance heritage from the early 1990s.



Source: NCM

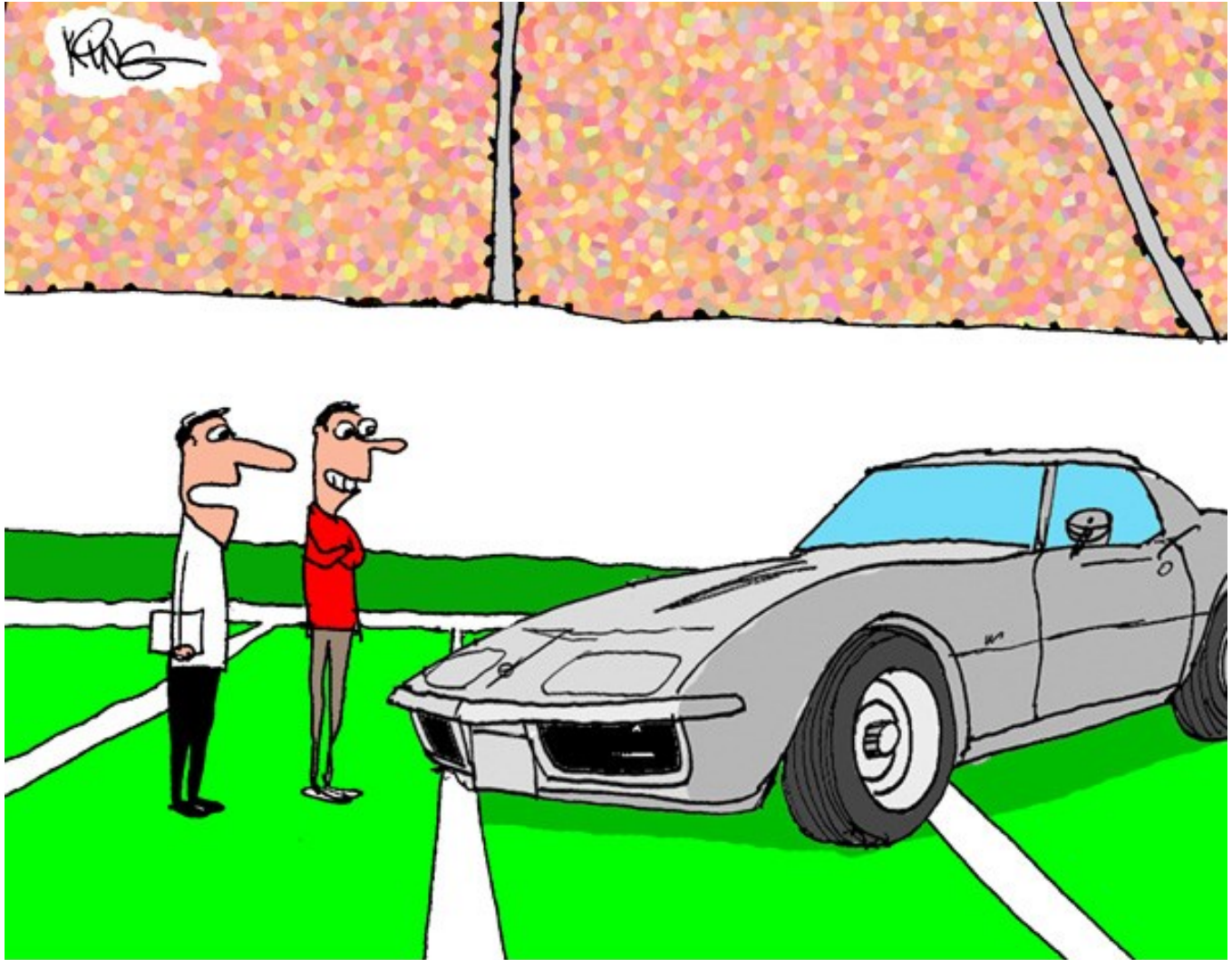
## **Back to the Beach June 2026**



The Celebration of Life in honor of Sandie Bergeron will be held in Old Orchard Beach, ME on June 12 and 13, 2026. Please note that hotel accommodations must be booked individually for that weekend. For additional details, please visit the “Back to the Beach” group’s Facebook page.



## Corvette Humor



"I have to admit, I never thought just a Corvette would make a great half-time show."



Source: [corvetteblogger.com](http://corvetteblogger.com)



## **FCO Calendar of Events**

<b><u>February</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3: Monthly meeting</li></ul>
<b><u>Later in 2026</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• September 13: Vettes At The Beach</li></ul>
<p><b>Above calendar shows club-specific events. There will be email updates on activities such as cruises and car shows, both FCO and others.</b></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 Club-house 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](mailto: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
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Address</b>	Street	Street
	City	City
	State                      Zip	State                      Zip
<b>Email</b>		
<b>Phone</b>		
<b>Alternate Phone</b>		
<b>Birthday</b>	(Month/Day)	(Month/Day)
<b>Anniversary</b> (if applicable)	(Month/Day)	(Month/Day)
<b>Corvette Information</b>	Year/ Model	Year/Model
<b>Color(s)</b>		
<b>Special Features</b> (convertible, Calloway, etc.)		
<b>Corvette Interests</b>	Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Show <input type="checkbox"/> Rally <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Racing <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Check all that apply: <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                      Date	Signature                      Date

Member sponsoring this applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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# **NCM Corvette Raffles**



**2026 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 1/22/2026**  
Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 876  
Drawing: January 22, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time  
**8 days 6 hrs 36 min 28 sec**  
2026 Red Mist Corvette Coupe 1/22/2026



**2026 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000 2/12/2026**  
Price: **\$250.00** Tickets: 1000 Available: 561  
Drawing: February 12, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time  
**29 days 6 hrs 36 min 28 sec**  
2026 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000 2/12/2026



**2026 Blade Silver Corvette Convertible 3/5/2026**  
Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1348  
Drawing: March 5, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time  
**50 days 6 hrs 36 min 28 sec**  
2026 Blade Silver Corvette Convertible 3/5/2026



**2026 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 4/25/2026**  
Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle  
Drawing: April 25, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time  
**101 days 5 hrs 36 min 28 sec**  
2026 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 4/25/2026



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

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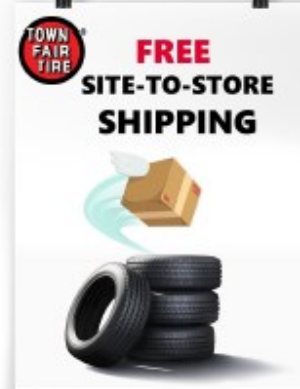
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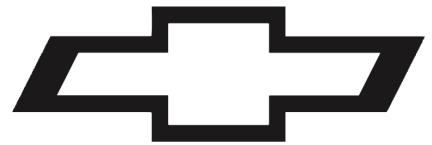
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