

VETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



April 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 18 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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Send comments, photos, stories, etc. to michael.giliberto@verizon.net



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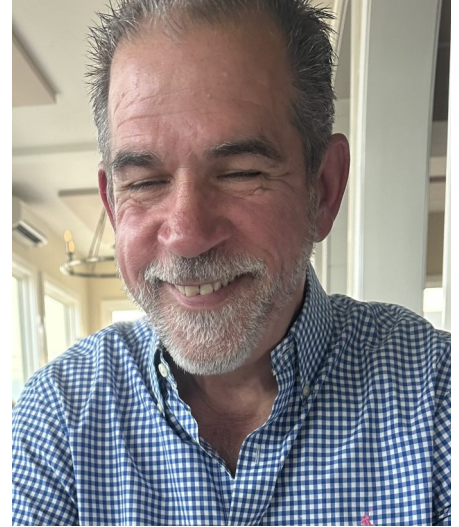
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FCO Inc. is one of the few Corvette clubs where both halves of a couple can be full-fledged members even though they only have one Corvette. We hope you contribute to FCO, Inc. by bringing new ideas and keeping the club as dynamic and interesting an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



Signs of spring have arrived. Let's hope good driving weather becomes the norm rather than the exception.

First ride of the year is our annual Icebreaker Cruise; see page 7 for details. Our first show is coming up with the Western Mass club on May 17. We need to make sure we have a good showing as they support us with a great turn out at our show every year. Also coming up is the Back to the Beach Show in Old Orchard beach. I am pleased with the great response to that trip that we have had from our club and look forward to it.

This is a big year for us as we celebrate the 50th year of FCO. Ideas are needed for events and what we can do as a club. I know I bring this up a lot, but we need donations for the show so we can really knock it out of the park. We are always looking for people to participate in the ride committee. If you are interested contact any of your board members. I would like to have a calendar ready by mid-April for rides and events. Remember this is your club so give us ideas for what you want. As always, save the wave and be safe and healthy enjoying our cars and friends in FCO.

Mark

Editor's Note



Has your 'Vette come out of hibernation? March teased us with some decent weather. It was nice enough to get me to disconnect the battery tender, take off the car cover and take a spin a couple days ago. Always a thrill to settle into the seat, rev the engine and get on the road.

As usual, I'm looking for content for this newsletter. Everyone wants to read your My Corvette Story, so send it in!

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

Happy Birthday

April: Joyce Baiardi, Mark Christiansen
May: Glenn Keegan, Rick Lind, John Pearson

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.

Icebreaker Cruise



This year's Icebreaker Cruise is scheduled for Sunday, April 19. Once again, our destination is Tullis Tap House in Griswold, CT. The restaurant is at River Ridge Golf Course. We're aiming for a 1 pm lunch. We will meet at troop E in Montville off I-395 at noon and caravan to the restaurant. Please contact Mark if you are going so we can give the restaurant a head count.



Photo: CorvetteForum

Supercharged (March 25)

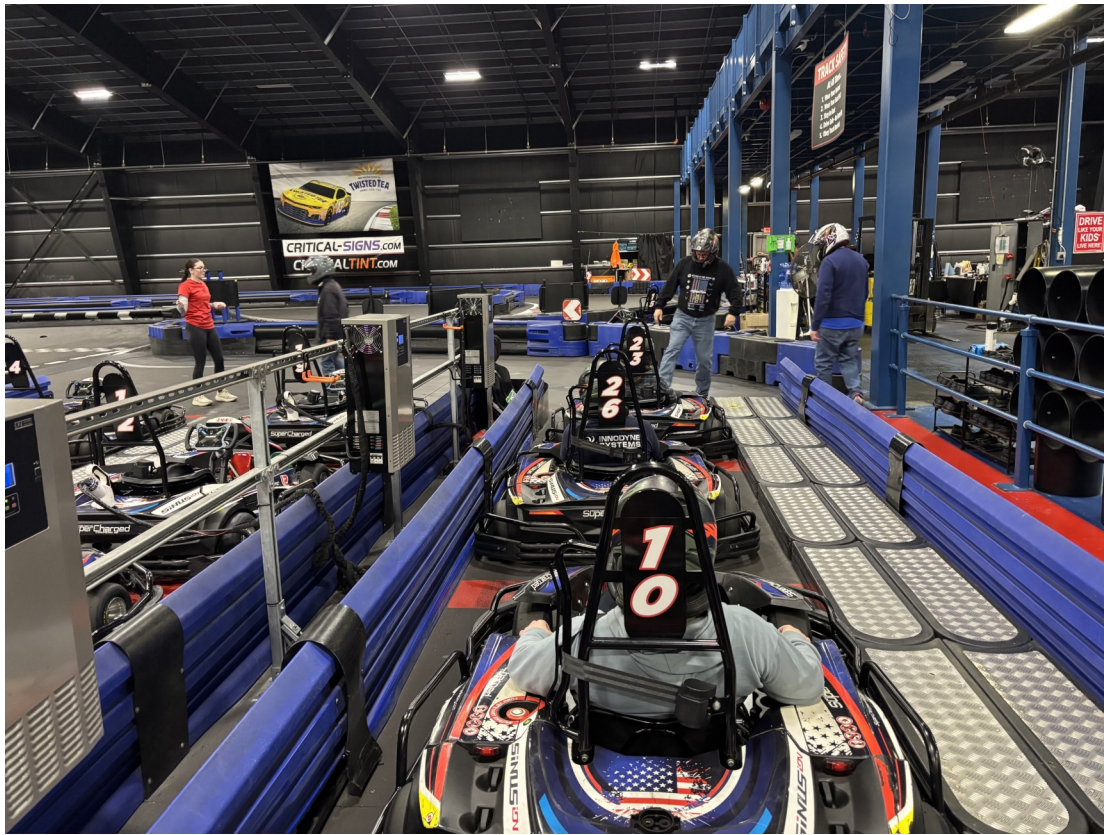


Mark Christiansen writes:

Some members went to Supercharged in Montville for go kart racing. John Bags led the club on the track. Great job for all that went. It will be something we do in the future if members want to.



Supercharged (March 25)



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Photos: John Bagdasarian

C8 Grand Sport is Coming



If you follow any of the YouTube Corvette channels (Rick Conti, C&S, Brink of Speed, etc.) you already know there will be a C8 Grand Sport for the 2027 model year. Two models, actually: a Grand Sport with a new 535-hp engine and a Grand Sport X with that same engine plus the electric motor from the ZR1X powering its front wheels.



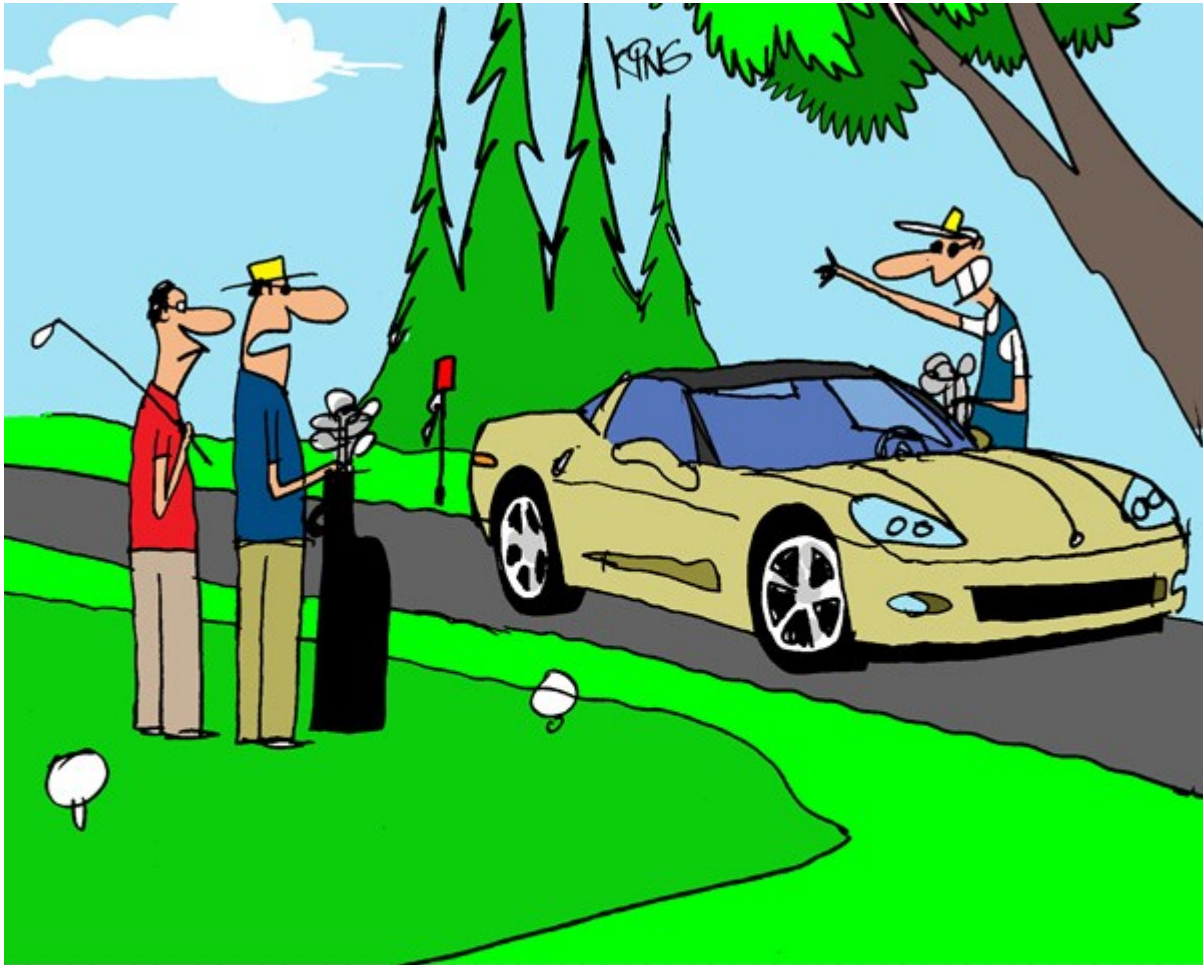
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This is an exciting addition to the C8 family. Note: The Grand Sport X likely will replace the E-Ray in the Corvette lineup. Chevy has not officially confirmed this.



Corvette Humor



*“I don’t care how much he enjoys driving it.
He can use a golf cart like the rest of us!”*



Source: corvetteblogger.com

Our Show

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2026

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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RAIN DATE:
SEPT 20th

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**Corvette Club
of Western Mass**

ALL CORVETTE SHOW

Charity: To be announced



May 17th, 2026



10:00am - 2:00pm



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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. One hotel is sold out but others are still available. You will need to sign up on the Back to the Beach site to reserve your dinner for Saturday if you have not done so already. We are leaving Friday June 12th at 9:30 am if you are interested in caravanning up with us. We will take a break about halfway for lunch to be determined.





FCO Calendar of Events

<u>April</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6: Monthly meeting (Monday, not Tuesday, this month)• 19: Icebreaker cruise
<u>May</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5: Monthly meeting
<u>Later in 2026</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 13: Vettes At The Beach

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.



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2026 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 4/16/2026
Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1404
Drawing: April 16, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
14 days 5 hrs 19 min 15 sec
[2026 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 4/16/2026](#)



2026 Black Corvette Z06 Coupe 4/24/2026
Price: **\$300.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1076
Drawing: April 24, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
22 days 5 hrs 19 min 15 sec
[2026 Black Corvette Z06 Coupe 4/24/2026](#)



2026 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 4/25/2026
Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle
Drawing: April 25, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
23 days 5 hrs 19 min 15 sec
[2026 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 4/25/2026](#)



2026 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 5/21/2026
Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1330
Drawing: May 21, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
49 days 5 hrs 19 min 15 sec
[2026 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 5/21/2026](#)



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

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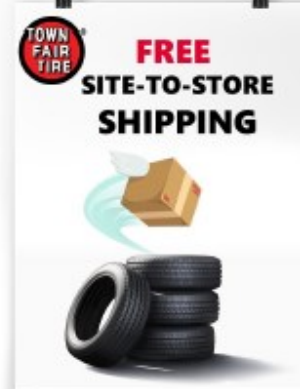
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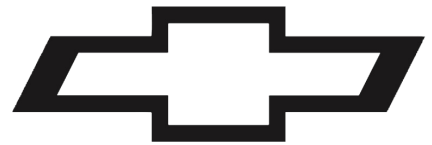
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