

# VETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



May 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 22 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

Front cover: FCO Icebreaker Cruise (Mark C. photo)

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## 2026 “For Corvettes Only” Board Members



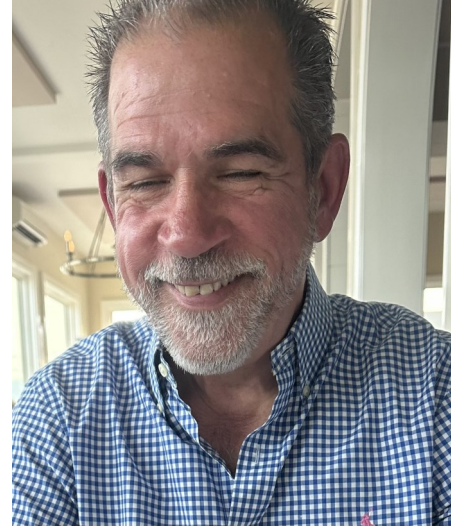
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FCO Inc. is one of the few Corvette clubs where both halves of a couple can be full-fledged members even though they only have one Corvette. We hope you contribute to FCO, Inc. by bringing new ideas and keeping the club as dynamic and interesting an 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 is upon us, and hopefully some sunny, warm weather. I want to thank the members that braved the rain and went on the icebreaker April 19th . We had a nice ride and good food at Tulli's Taphouse. Getting to see our cars out feels great..

Our first show is coming up May 17th from 10am-2pm in Chicopee, MA. This show is held by the Corvette Club of Western Mass. Please try to turn out for it: they bring a large contingent to our show every year.

I have set the date for the Block Island trip for July 9th. Details to follow as we get closer. This trip has been a club favorite over the years. We have a nice ferry ride over and have time for dinner, ice cream and a little shopping, if you desire.

I am starting to collect donations for the show for sponsorships so please reach out to anyone that you think can sponsor. The show this year will be dedicated to my father as you all know and the 250th of the United States and 50th of our club. This is a big year for us, and we need to really knock it out of the park. I would love a red, white and blue theme throughout the venue so any banner ideas will be appreciated.

The ride committee is planning a few rides to keep everyone occupied. Any ideas please forward to your board members. We are also looking for new members so if you know someone in the SECT area, please send them to our website to sign up. And as always save the wave!

Mark

## Editor's Note



Well now, it finally got warm enough to drive with the top down. No, really, there was that one warm day....yes, it really was in April 2026!

We've got signs of spring. Migratory birds have returned to the shoreline and Corvettes are on the road. Need proof of the latter? Check out this month's articles.

Finally, why haven't you sent me 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**

May: Glenn Keegan, Rick Lind, John Pearson

June: Stephen King, Robert Rascoe, Gary Zemanek

*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.*

## **Shoreline Cars & Coffee (April 12)**



Mike Giliberto writes:

The shoreline region's first Cars and Coffee of the season had a tremendous start. Hundreds of cars and pretty nice weather, even though a bit cool still. Several FCO members were there, adding to a large Vette turnout.

These events are held every other Sunday at Moroso Performance, which is just off Exit 59 on I-95. Going forward, we'll probably arrange a meet up so we can arrive as a group. Stay tuned for that and enjoy the pictures.



# Shoreline Cars & Coffee (April 12)



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Anyone seen this yellow car before?



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Photos: Mike G.

## *Icebreaker Cruise (April 19)*



Meeting up in Montville to caravan to Tulli's Taphouse on a gray day. Did it rain? Well, we got spattered a little on the way there — wipers were needed — but nothing like some of the downpours we've had.



# Icebreaker Cruise (April 19)



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Everyone arrived safely at the restaurant: no Corvettes were left behind.



But before proceeding, prove that you are human. How many Corvettes are in this picture?



## *Icebreaker Cruise (April 19)*

A couple dozen or so hungry FCO members. Food and drink all around!



Bonus question: who ordered the oyster mac and cheese? Hint: the person is in this picture.



Photos: Mark C. and Mike G.

## Corvette Humor



“Your blood came back as oil, gas and paint. Just how much time do you spend restoring that Corvette of yours?”



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

## Our Show

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2026

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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RAIN DATE:  
SEPT 20th

CCWM Corvette Show



**Corvette Club  
of Western Mass**

**ALL CORVETTE SHOW**

Charity: To be announced



May 17th, 2026



10:00am - 2:00pm



**Chicopee Moose Lodge**

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# CORVETTE

## CRUISE NIGHTS



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### Gate City Corvette Club



Murphy's Taproom  
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4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

First Sunday of the  
month all summer!

Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>

Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday Sept 6<sup>th</sup>

**All Corvettes Welcome!**

Show off your ride  
and meet other  
Corvette enthusiasts!

Trophies

Give-aways

50/50 Raffle



Enjoy outside dining & drinks  
on the deck at Murphy's Taproom

★ ASK ABOUT MEMBERSHIP IN GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB ★

## **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><b>May</b></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5: Monthly meeting</li></ul>
<u><b>June</b></u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2: Monthly meeting</li></ul>
<u><b>Later in 2026</b></u>	<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>	





## BECOME A MEMBER

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[www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)

# **NCM Corvette Raffles**



**2026 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 5/21/2026**  
Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1005  
Drawing: May 21, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time  
**16 days 1 hrs 30 min 20 sec**  
[2026 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 5/21/2026](#)



**2026 Sebring Orange Corvette Coupe 6/18/2026**  
Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1227  
Drawing: June 18, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time  
**44 days 1 hrs 30 min 20 sec**  
[2026 Sebring Orange Corvette Coupe 6/18/2026](#)



**2026 Black Corvette Coupe 9/5/2026**  
Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle  
Drawing: September 5, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time  
**123 days 1 hrs 30 min 20 sec**  
[2026 Black Corvette Coupe 9/5/2026](#)



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

## Member Benefit: Town Fair Tire Discount

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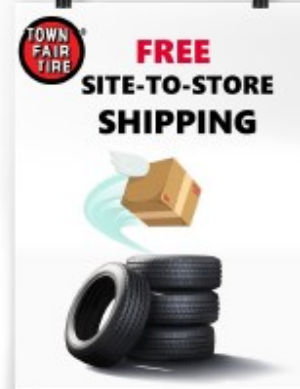
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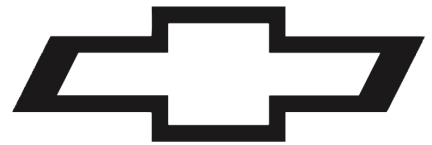
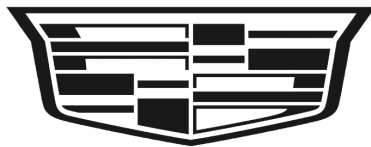
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