

VETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



June 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 19 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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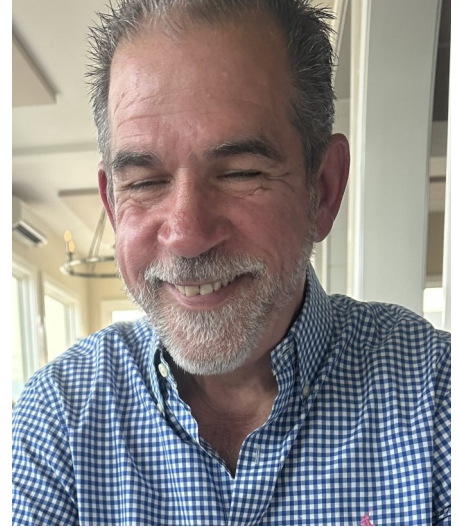
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FCO Inc. is one of the few Corvette clubs where both halves of a couple can be full-fledged members even though they only have one Corvette. We hope you contribute to FCO, Inc. by bringing new ideas and keeping the club as dynamic and interesting an 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



Well, it looks like the weather is finally breaking, and it is time to clean our cars and get on the road. It is also car show season so make sure you look at the calendar. Our first show was last month with the Western Mass Corvette Club in Chicopee Ma. We had a solid turnout for an early in the season show. Thank you to all that went. June 12-14 is Back to the Beach in Old Orchard Beach. For those that are going, I have made the reservations for dinner at 5pm Friday night. I do not know if anyone else has ever been — I have not — but hope we all have a great time.

Our show is coming together, and I am closing the door on sponsors as of June 19th. We are having a banner year with donations and special thanks to any members bringing in donations and raffle prizes. If you get a gift certificate or giftCard, please send the description to Judy Townsend so she and her crew can make up plaques.

As always, if you have ideas for rides please contact the board members so we can give your suggestion to the ride committee. We are also looking for vendors for the show so if anyone has any please contact me so we can make sure we have room .

SAVE THE WAVE

Mark

Editor's Note



Yesterday (May 30) the “feels like” temperature near the coast in Old Saybrook was 36 degrees. Who cancelled spring? Let’s hope June brings us good driving weather and temperatures that encourage eating ice cream outdoors.

If anyone is looking to buy a new C8, it appears dealers have 2026 cars in inventory. My local dealer even had a Z06. Since 2027 model year production starts soon, my guess is deals can be made.

As usual, I’m on the lookout for content for our newsletter. Pictures from cruise nights, cars and coffee, and so forth are always welcome.

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

June: Stephen King, Robert Rascoe, Gary Zemanek

July: Jeff Murtz, John Zito

Welcome to FCO

- Steve Poole: Former President, returning to the club; 2020 C8
- Marty & Sue Shenkle: C5 in Dark Bowling Green
- Steve Lubchansky: 2019 white C7 and a 2024 C8

The birthday list is an ongoing work. Contact editor Mike if there's a mistake (wrong date, we missed your birthday, misspelling, etc.) or if you don't want to publicize.

Thank You, Colonial



Jerry Ramsey presenting a plaque to Colonial Chevrolet of New London in appreciation of their generous 2026 sponsorship.



Corvette Club of Western Mass. (May 17)



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Photos: Tony LaRussa

Build Your Own C8?



Mike Giliberto writes:

I'm a LEGO fan, and this is probably a fun build, but the end result just doesn't work for me. I have seen some nice 1/18 scale die-cast models....



Corvette Humor



“for anyone who owns a Corvette, please move up to First Class. The captain is a Corvette owner.”



Source: corvetteblogger.com

Our Show

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2026

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

VETTES *at the* BEACH



HOSTED BY: FOR CORVETTES ONLY
98 NEPTUNE AVENUE, NEW LONDON, CONN.

50
YEARS

AMERICA
250



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SPECTATORS: FREE



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- Enjoy Food & Music, Raffle, Trophies, Dash Plaque, T-Shirt & Goodie Bag
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**RAIN DATE:
SEPT 20th**

CT Vettes for Vets



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13th annual CT Vettes for Vets



hosted by the
*CT Veterans Home at Rocky
Hill*



Location: CT Veterans Home in Rocky Hill

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 10am - 2pm

No entry fee, just bring a gift card for the Veterans.
Walmart, Amazon, Big Y, Stop & Shop or any other local store is great.

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

CCCT Corvette Show

31st CORVETTE SHOW August 2nd, 2026



Rain Date – August 9th

**Moroso Performance Products
Guilford, CT**

Exit 59 (Goose Lane) off I-95

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

(Entrants Accepted until 11 am)



**Ronald McDonald
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Western Massachusetts

Net Show proceeds support Club Corvette of Connecticut's Adopted Charity for 2026*
Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut & Western Massachusetts

CORVETTE – Judged Class	\$25	CORVETTE – Fun Field	\$15
GENERAL ADMISSION	\$5	CORVETTES - For Sale	\$25
SHOW SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP	\$50	CHILDREN UNDER 12	FREE
VENDOR SPOTS AVAILABLE	\$50	PREFERRED PARKING	\$10
		(not including entry)	

Contact: Shari at CarShow@clubcorvettect.com

For more information – WWW.CLUBCORVETTECT.COM

Special Guests-Entertainment-Activities

WFSB's Renee DiNino

Rockin' Richard – D.J.
Trophies/Prizes/Raffles

Vendors
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100 T-shirts - first 100 Entrants

*Club Corvette of Connecticut's adopted charities may include other Connecticut charities as deemed by the e-board and/or membership.

Club Corvette of Connecticut sponsors



Cruise Nights

CORVETTE CRUISE NIGHTS

Free Admission

Gate City Corvette Club

Murphy's Taproom

393 Route 101, Bedford, NH

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

First Sunday of the
month all summer!

All Corvettes Welcome!

Trophies

Give-aways

50/50 Raffle



Sunday June 7th

Sunday July 5th

Sunday Aug 2nd

Sunday Sept 6th

Show off your ride
and meet other
Corvette enthusiasts!

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>June</u>	• 2: Monthly meeting • 27: Vettes for Vets (see page xx)
<u>July</u>	• 2: Monthly meeting
<u>Later in 2026</u>	• 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 Club-house on Clubhouse Lane in Old Saybrook.	



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

Member sponsoring this applicant _____ Date _____

For Corvettes Only – Membership Application– revised 9/2022



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www.corvettemuseum.org

NCM Corvette Raffles



2026 Sebring Orange Corvette Coupe 6/18/2026

Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 987

Drawing: June 18, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time

23 days 5 hrs 25 min 1 sec

2026 Sebring Orange Corvette Coupe 6/18/2026



2027 Arctic White Grand Sport Coupe 7/16/2026

Price: **\$250.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1322

Drawing: July 16, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time

51 days 5 hrs 25 min 1 sec

2027 Arctic White Grand Sport Coupe 7/16/2026



2026 Black Corvette Coupe 9/5/2026

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: September 5, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time

102 days 5 hrs 25 min 1 sec

2026 Black Corvette Coupe 9/5/2026



Corvette Raffle - Main Page (corvettemuseum.org) for more.

Member Benefit: Town Fair Tire Discount



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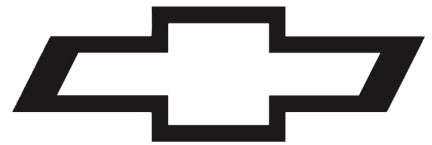
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