

VETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



August 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 [Facebook page](#). If you like what you see, click on the application link at the bottom of the Contact Us page or go to page 21 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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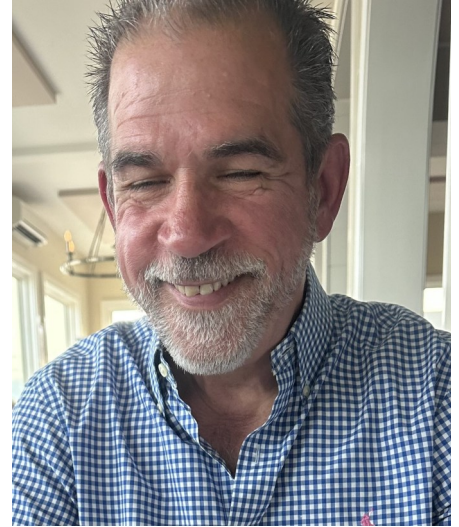
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FCO Inc. is one of the few Corvette clubs where both halves of a couple can be full-fledged members even though they only have one Corvette. We hope you contribute to FCO, Inc. by bringing new ideas and keeping the club as dynamic and interesting an 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



It is that time of year: shows are happening every week. FCO took home club participation at the Club Corvette of Connecticut's show on Aug. 2. Thank you to all that went. The Ramseys received a trophy for C8 class in the fun field. Great job, Jerry and Marie. The next big one is CCRI's show (Aug. 16). Another great club that we support so please try to make it; details will be coming out soon. Our show is coming up fast. Remember to contact Judy Townsend with raffle items (see page 7).

A few new twists this year will keep our show fresh. A new management structure takes over the park next year, so the current team does not want to bring in a lot of food as the season ends. Consequently, we'll have food trucks: Muddy Waters for coffee and pastries, bagels, etc.; Luigi's Wood Fired Pizza; Captain Scott's Lobster Truck; and Michael's Dairy Ice Cream. Special thanks to all sponsors that make our show stand out, especially our Club Sponsor Colonial Chevrolet, and major sponsors DEF Service Group, The Superior Group, Jan Electronic Supplies, Mohegan Sun and On the Waterfront. Please thank any of them you see at the show as they will be walking around. As always, Dave Sugrue and his staff at Ocean Beach Park help make this an incredible event at a great venue. Thank you also to the City of New London for supporting our event. The show not only benefits local charities, it supports local businesses since many participants go to the nearby restaurants after the show. All members are expected to work the show in some capacity so if you volunteer for, say, the road crew and it slows down try and move to help out another group. As all of you know this will be a busy day so let's put our best foot forward and make this another banner year for FCO!

Mark

Editor's Note



The main thing I have to rant about this month isn't related to weather or cars, so I'll spare you. (For the curious, it's related to selling a house in NY.)

As usual, send me pictures and any stories from cruise nights, cars and coffee, and so forth.

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

August: Lauren Bagdasarian, Carol desEnfants, Mike Giliberto, Gail
Kuster, Sue Madden

September: Barry Baiardi

Welcome to FCO

John Brown & Amy Havener

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.



Please Donate



As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of For Corvettes Only and the 250th year of the birth of our country and Independence we ask every member to help make this year's car show the best one yet!

The Raffle Table and Silent Auction are always very popular with car owners and spectators alike. We hope all club members will donate a themed gift basket, a gift card or other new items. With your support and creativity we consistently make a substantial amount of money for our charities.

Please bring your donation to the raffle table on the day of the show. If you will not be able to attend Joyce Baiardi or myself are happy to pick up at the **August or September meetings**. If you are donating a gift certificate and would like us to display please let us know in advance so we can make up a flyer.

Let's all pitch in to make our "Golden" Anniversary a show to remember!

Thank you again for your participation.

Judy Townsend



Powder Ridge (July 12)



Mike Giliberto writes:

What a beautiful day for a cruise. We met up at a park-and-ride on Rte. 154. Darcy and Jeff Murtz led the way as we traversed beautiful (and twisty) back roads all the way to Middlefield.



Powder Ridge (July 12)



Lunch/brunch and beverages at Fire At The Ridge. We started outside, but some aggressive hornets (or wasps or bees, whatever) wounded several intrepid travelers. We retreated to the interior.



Powder Ridge (July 12)



Getting ready to head home, with some planning to stop at Lyman Orchards. We all agreed it was a perfect day to be out in our Vettes.



Block Island (July 17)

All aboard for the FCO Block Island excursion .



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Photos: Jerry Ramsey

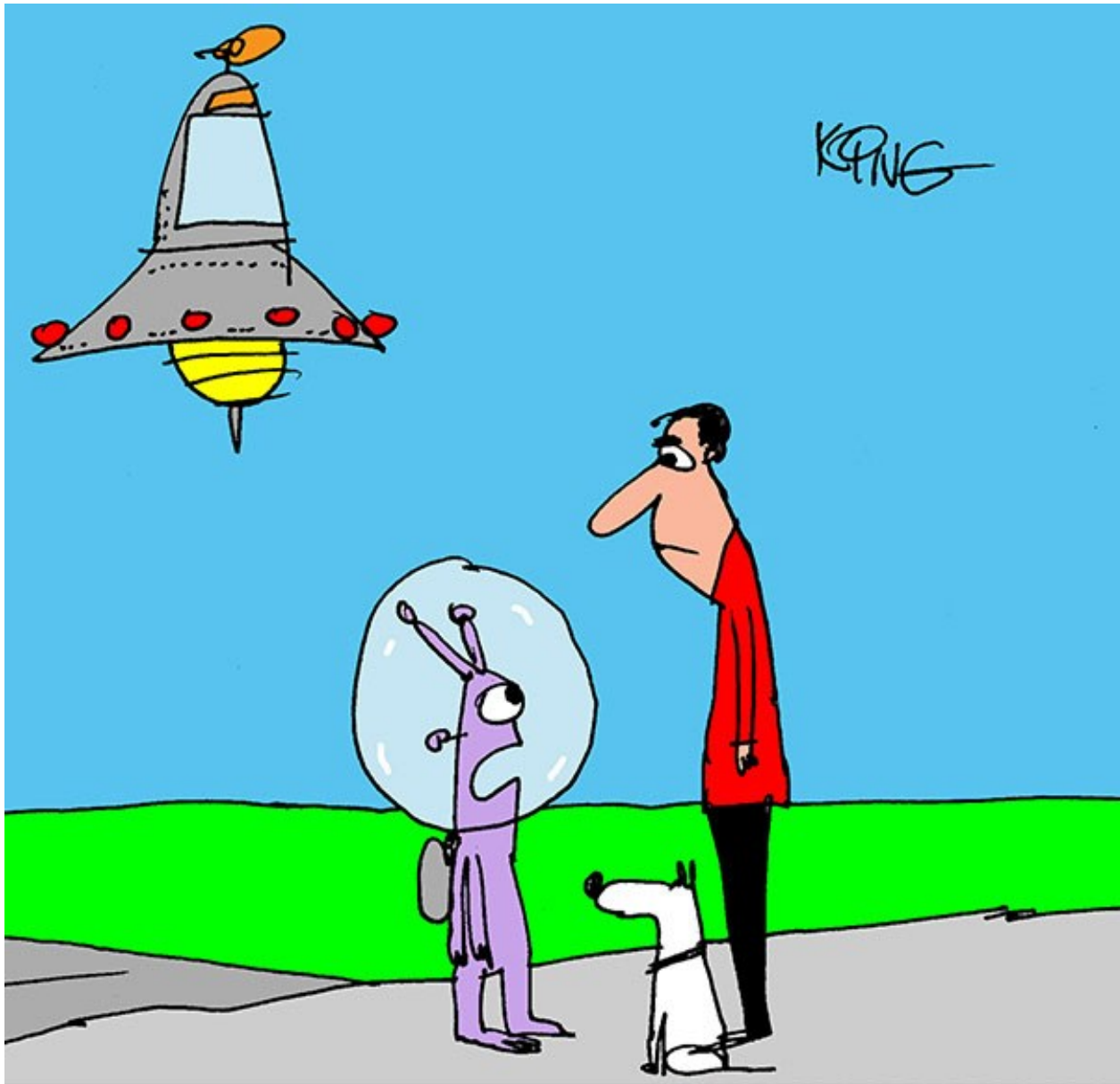
On The Road



Steve Stodolski shared this photo of a June meet up of the No Rules Corvette Club in Rocky Hill. Steve says “Every Wednesday 4 pm to 7 pm at Arch 2 Sports Bar & Grill. Big tent, good food, bring a chair.”



Corvette Humor



"After visiting your planet, I can't believe you Earthlings are smart enough to create a Corvette."



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
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YEARS

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250



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31st CORVETTE SHOW August 2nd, 2026



Rain Date – August 9th

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Exit 59 (Goose Lane) off I-95

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

(Entrants Accepted until 11 am)



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Net Show proceeds support Club Corvette of Connecticut's Adopted Charity for 2026*
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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
Food Trucks

Live Band from SchoolofRock.com
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*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 ★



FCO Calendar of Events

<u>August</u>	4: Monthly meeting (Knollwood)
<u>September</u>	5 (Saturday) @ 1pm: picnic, meeting, show prep (Knollwood) 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



2027 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 8/6/2026
Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1205
Drawing: August 6, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
9 days 4 hrs 46 min 38 sec
2027 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 8/6/2026



2027 Pitch Gray Corvette Convertible 8/27/2026
Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1143
Drawing: August 27, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
30 days 4 hrs 46 min 38 sec
2027 Pitch Gray Corvette Convertible 8/27/2026



2027 Red Mist Corvette Z06 Convertible 9/4/2026
Price: **\$300.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1225
Drawing: September 4, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
38 days 4 hrs 46 min 38 sec
2027 Red Mist Corvette Z06 Convertible 9/4/2026



2026 Black Corvette Coupe 9/5/2026
Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle
Drawing: September 5, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
39 days 4 hrs 46 min 38 sec
2026 Black Corvette Coupe 9/5/2026



2027 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 9/24/2026
Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1390
Drawing: September 24, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time
58 days 4 hrs 46 min 38 sec
2027 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 9/24/2026



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

Member Benefit: Town Fair Tire Discount



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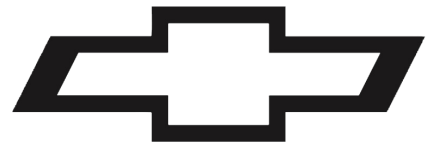
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