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Connecticut Military Corvette Club, Inc. (CMCC) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization led by an all-volunteer Board with a mission to raise funding for numerous Connecticut non-profit entities that support programs for military veterans in need.

# February-2022

## Newsletter



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# President's Message

Hello All

I am happy to report that the surgery I had done to my right foot is progressing according to schedule. My foot feels really good but is still too swollen to fit into regular shoes. My doctor said this is very normal for this type of surgery. My next medical appointment is on February 8<sup>th</sup>. I am hoping the doctor will clear me to drive.

Today is February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ground Hog Day. It's official, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow. This means we will be in winter's grip for six more weeks. On the plus side, this will give us all more time to get the dust off of our Corvettes and get them polished up for spring.

I am happy to report that through the efforts Rich Masotti, we have secured a major sponsorship from Blasius Chevrolet Cadillac. They are located at 90 Scott Road, Waterbury, CT. Further details concerning our relationship with them need to be worked. I will keep you posted as to how things progress. For those of you that might be interested, they have some Used C8 Corvettes on the lot. According to Rich, people turned them back to the dealership in anticipation of the coming out of the new Z06. 2022 C8 production is scheduled to end May of 2022.

I visited Connecticut Council of Car Clubs website. For those of you that can't wait to get started, the "First Auto Meet of 2022" is scheduled for Saturday February 5, 2022, at 111 Crystal Lake Road, Middletown, Connecticut. I would advise you to call ahead!

That's it for now. Don't forget, the next meeting is on February 15<sup>th</sup> at Barb's Pizza.

Sincerely,

Ken Nelson

CMCC Officers/BOD - 2022

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## *CLUB Information*

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - 2022

Nominating – 3 members of the Board of Directors?

Membership – VACANT

Automotive Events – VACANT

Social Events – VACANT

Finance/Budget – Ken Nelson

Charity – Rich Toman

By-Laws – Rich Toman

Sponsorship – John Butler / VACANT

Car Shows - Nomads

- Roland Morrisette

- Other – Rich St Pierre

Cruise Nights – N/A

Publicity – VACANT

Sunshine – Paul Vasques

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Newsletter – Paul Vasques

Photography – Tom Pedrotty, John Wodopian

Awards – Paul Vasques

Computer Support – Paul Vasques



## February Birthday's

Victor Straub

Billy Boguski

## Sunshine

Ken Nelson is still recovering from his foot surgery

Curtis Godfrey recovering from a bad fall

## CLUB Information

*Our after holiday party has been postponed due to the rise in COVID cases, we will try to schedule something in late February or early Spring*

# We are looking for NEW Members

*By-Laws change to allow an increase in Membership*

### ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP (Amended, 10/19/2021)

Membership requires the possession of a valid Driver's License. An awareness of the needs of veterans is essential. It is the policy of the Corporation to provide membership without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, nation of origin or marital status.

Membership in the Corporation shall be open to all current, retired, or former members of the United States Armed Forces. Ownership or lease of a Corvette is required.

**Membership is also open to any individual having an immediate family relationship to a current, retired, or former (including deceased) member of the United States Armed Forces. This relationship can be by grandparent, parent, spouse, sibling or children. Ownership or lease of a Corvette is required.**

**We WELCOME or NEW Dealership Exclusive Sponsor – Blasius Chevrolet from Waterbury, CT**

# CMCC EVENTS

## Spring Cars & Coffee



### Cars & Coffee

#### Guilford Commons

1919 Boston Post Rd

Guilford, CT

0800-1100 Every other Sunday

**Will probably start in mid-April**

**Early March depending on the weather@ 8:00 am - 11:00 am EDT**

### Cars and Coffee

#### Birdhouse Coffee

765 Sullivan Ave, South Windsor, CT

**April 10 @ 8:00 am - 11:00 am EDT**

### Caffeine and Carburetors

#### Zumbach's Gourmet Coffee

77 Pine Street, New Canaan, CT



Caffeine & Carburetors is a gathering of automotive enthusiasts. We meet at Zumbach's Gourmet Coffee in New Canaan, CT to enjoy our rides and share them with like-minded gear heads hiding in and around Connecticut and New York. Smaller, informal gatherings occur every Sunday morning throughout the year with 4 larger events in the spring,



# NCM NEWS

## 2024 NEW ENGLAND CORVETTE CARAVAN UPDATE

2024 NEW ENGLAND Caravan Registration IS OPEN! Please note: National Corvette Museum registration for the 2024 Caravan is separate and will open in the fall of 2023. If you did not receive a registration form from Randy, go to the 2024 New England Caravan website and you will find it there. You will need to register with the NCM which will open one year out in Sept/Oct.

2023. There is nothing posted at this time on the NCM site. The cost is minimal depending on NCM membership or non-membership. Registration with the NCM gets you a name tag/lanyard, dash plaque, pin and participant decal. Badging gets you into seminars, entertainment areas, displays, etc. The official 2024 New England Caravan Web site is [www.corvettecaravan.com/new-endland/](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/new-endland/); and the official 2024 New England Face Book page is <https://www.facebook.com/2024-new-england-corvette-caravan341737302699241/>.

### NE Caravan Planning Update:

- ♣ All States/E. Canada have leaders except for NH and VT. Contact me if you are interested in becoming the State Leader for NH/VT. It is rewarding and you will meet many new people and have a great time.
- ♣ The logo designs are complete.
- ♣ Clothing is available for sale; items include denim shirts, polo shirts, jackets, and t-shirts.
- ♣ New England Caravan routes have been laid out.
- ♣ All hotels have been contracted with – Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA, Embassy Suites in Concord, NC, Meadowview Resort in Kingsport, TN, and the Holiday Inn in Bowling Green, KY.
- ♣ Events for each leg of the trip have been identified.
- ♣ The first MEET & GREET is being held in Nova Scotia on 14 – 16 July 2022, the Rodd Grand Yarmouth Convention Center has been booked. This event is in conjunction with the Nova Scotia Auto Show. Registration is open and the event is over half booked so if you want to attend register now.
- ♣ The second MEET & GREET will be in Hyannis, MA on October 20 – 23, 2022, and the Double Tree by Hilton Hotels has been booked. The registration for this event will open in April 2022.
- ♣ The third MEET & GREET will be in the Finger Lakes Region in the fall of 2023 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Horsehead, NY.
- ♣ A fourth MEET & GREET is currently up in the air.

♣ The kick-off for the Caravan will be in Gettysburg, PA, at the Wyndham Hotel (starting on Thursday 22 August; 2-day minimum stay), departing on Sunday 25 August for Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA (driving on part of the Blue Ridge Parkway), departing on Monday 26 August, the plan is to go to the Virginia International Speedway for track time and lunch, then on to the Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord, NC, departing on 27 August for the Meadowview Resort in Kingsport, TN, departing on 28 August for the Holiday Inn (4 day minimum stay) in Bowling Green, KY, departing on 1 September for Home. Other activities along the route will be identified over as we put them together

## 2022 Michelin NCM Bash

### April 28-30, 2022

Kickoff of the NCM onsite event season with us here in Bowling Green, KY! Returning activities include a seminar and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Enjoy guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, auctions, book signings, and the Ladies' Oasis.

Seminar schedule and a more detailed agenda will be made available as we can confirm presenter's ability to be onsite. Those that are not with us here at the Museum will be doing live interactive sessions similar to those held at the 2021 Michelin NCM Bash.

**Watch the agenda for updates including:**

Seminars featuring Bowling Green Assembly Plant, Michelin, & Mobil 1

Classroom Sessions with Corvette Expert Paul Koerner

Product demonstrations by Corvette Store Partners

Live auctions

Book signings

Guided Road Tours

Banquet Dinner

National Corvette Museum Driven Content

Online registration closes at 9:00am central time on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. All activities are open to Event Registrants only. On-line registrants will receive a hard card credential, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque. Lifetime registration is \$25pp, member registration is \$30pp and non-member registration is \$40pp.

- **Onsite registrations available at the increased rates of \$30 / \$35 / \$45.**
- **No refunds or cancellations after Advance Registration closes on April 1st**
- **Make sure you are signed onto NCM e-News to get the latest on event registration and updates.**

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## CORVETTE NEWS



**Your 2023 Corvette Z06 has arrived. You are over the moon, but what should you do first? Here are six suggestions for maximum enjoyment.**

The **2023 Corvette Z06** is going to be a **game changing performance car**. It will also likely be a bit of a challenge to get one. But if you are one of the lucky ones and are actually expecting delivery of the **new Z06**, what will you do first? Taking a ton of pictures and bragging on social media is a given. I get that. But then what? What are some ways that you can make the most out of your Corvette purchase? The idea is to maximize the thrills offered by this world beating car. The thrill of the chase is fun, but let's pretend it is in your garage. Now what?

Well, while we all wait for that blessed day when the Z06 lands let's look ahead a little bit. I selected six things that I think any Z06 owner should do with their new car. Z06, six suggestions, see what I did there? Hey, it's the middle of winter, and getting to actually drive one is months away, so give me break. In this list I try to select some items that will help you spec, protect, and enjoy what could be the greatest Corvette ever made.

## Build It Right

It all starts with the build sheet. First, off there will be no bad Z06. A 1LZ Coupe with no options at all will be an amazing car by any standard. If you have the opportunity to build the car to your specification, then you should build it as you see fit. It will be tempting to just check every box for sure. But do you really need or want the Z07 package for example? It is going to be expensive, and do you really need those couple tenths of a second on the track? Plus, the carbon fiber brakes are great but not really what you want if this is going to be a heavily used track car.

If you are going to get the car to just cruise around it could go without the Z07 package. Maybe go with the convertible even. This is going to be an expensive car so you should get exactly what you want. Don't listen to my specs or anyone else on the internet. Spec the car for what you want and how you will drive it. Don't skip an option that you might regret, but don't pile things on that you will never use either. Make it your car and enjoy it your way. That is suggestion number one.

## Paint Protection Film

If you spend over six figures for a new car, especially something like the Z06, it makes no sense to not spend a couple grand protecting the paint. Do at least the whole front of the car and the rear fenders to protect from debris. This way you can feel a lot more confident driving the car and enjoying it knowing that it is protected. This is on the list as one of the first things to do because the longer you wait the greater the risk that you will be protecting damaged paint. Get some quality PPF on the Z06 as soon as you can. It is money well spent and you and the car deserve it.

## Drive It!

It is your money, and you can do whatever you want with the car. But I beg you if you get a Z06 please drive the car. This might be the best driving Corvette to ever come along. And that is saying something. EVs are popping up all over. How many more

naturally aspirated 670 horsepower flat plane crank sports cars do you think are going to be made? Enjoy this one for the driving experience. Not for some future financial gain. If you are an investor, please invest in something else and leave the Z06 to the enthusiasts that will enjoy it. You don't have to make it your daily driver or take it out in the snow. But put at least a couple thousand miles a year on it.

A local Porsche dealer has a 2016 Cayman GT4 for sale right now for \$139K. The car has ELEVEN miles on it. They sold it to the original owner who just traded it back to them. The car had an MSRP of about \$100K. Factor in taxes, tags, and insurance, then adjust for inflation and the original owner spent about \$125K. The dealer he traded it to likely gave him \$125K on the trade. So, he gained nothing in six years and missed out on driving a great sports car.

What was the point? He could have invested his money and made a hell of a lot more. This is what I call a "dead car." Meaning the next owner will also likely never drive it after paying a premium for a super low mile example. So, this is a GT4 that will never see the road. Don't let that happen to a 2023 Corvette Z06. The car is too good. It deserves to be on the road in all its glory. Please, please, please, drive your Z06.

#### Driving School

Speaking of driving. I know we are all driving GODS, but I would strongly suggest a certified driving school for Z06 owners. Something like the [Ron Fellows Performance Driving School](#) would do the trick. This is a lot of car. A mid-engine Corvette with this much power has never existed before now. It would be wise to learn how to control it. Not only that, but it is also fun! Why would you not want to drive around a racetrack with a pro instructor? Even if the instruction is in a regular C8 Stingray it will still help you learn how to control the Z06. Learning is almost never this much fun, so it is really something that you don't want to miss. The car has a lot of potential and so do you. A driving school will help you get closer to the limits of each.

#### Track Days

he Z06 is a car that is a blast to drive on the street but is also totally overkill for the street. The 2023 Z06 is not even breathing hard at anything close to legal and safe street driving speeds. If you really want to see what the Z06 (and yourself) can do, then you need to get it to a track. There are a number of great organizations that put-on high-performance driving education events on all around the country. I am a certified instructor for the [National Auto Sport Association](#), so if you are in the Northeast region, you may even get me in your passenger seat. And I would love to instruct in a Z06! But there are many groups that run solid events and the idea is to just get some seat time.

You already have PPF on your car right? So, you don't have to worry about debris or road rash from the track. Just get out there and see what the 2023 Corvette Z06 is really capable of. Don't keep this beast chained up on city streets its whole life. Let it rip on a racetrack and you will then understand just how impressive this machine is.

#### Car Shows / Road Trips

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## Competition Carbon Round C8 Corvette Tail Lights

Competition Carbon has been working on a design for aftermarket circular tail lights for the C8 Corvette. It seems they've finally crafted something they're proud of and ready to release to the public. The original plan was to use shelf lights to piece together their design. However, that wasn't up to par with their standards, and they decided to make everything from scratch. Carbon fiber fills in the empty spaces left over after removing the original tail lights, which we think adds to the look of the design. There will be frosted versions offered as well, and the estimated time of availability is around 5-6 months. That puts things at May of 2022.

If you're looking for a way to elevate the exterior look of your C8 Corvette, this is a perfect option for you. Giving the rear appearance of the vehicle more aggression, it will no doubt serve to catch the attention of more people and work as a conversation piece for fellow enthusiasts.





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# Upcoming Events

**BALISE**

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*in partnership with the **Corvette Club of Western Massachusetts**  
presents the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual*

## **ALL CORVETTE SHOW**

to benefit the National Federation of the Blind, Greater Springfield Chapter.  
In memory of Danny Cahill.



**SATURDAY**

May 21st, 2022  
10 am – 2 pm

**\$20**

Registration  
Fee

**QUESTIONS**

Contact Rene  
major197@comcast.net

**TROPHIES**

33 Trophies

**DASH PLAQUES**

For the first 100 Corvettes to register

**LODGING**

Hilton Garden Inn, (413) 886-8000

**PLUS**

Blessing of the Corvettes (noon) • Food • 50/50 Raffle • DJ

Space is limited to 100 show cars.

## Upcoming Events



CT - Naugatuck - Connecticut Indoor Cabin Fever  
Custom Car & Motorcycle Show

**WHEN:**

**April 2, 2022 @ 10:00am - April 3, 2022 @ 5:00pm**

**WHERE:**

**Naugatuck Entertainment Facility**

**6 Rubber Ave**

**Naugatuck, CT 06770**

**USA**

**COST:**

**12**

## Upcoming Events

The poster features a checkered racing flag background at the top and bottom. The main title "3rd Annual NORTHEAST MOTORSPORTS Expo" is prominently displayed in the center, with "NORTHEAST MOTORSPORTS" in large blue block letters and "Expo" in a yellow script font. To the left of the title is a logo for "MARK'S" featuring a crown and checkered flag. Below the title, it says "PRESENTED BY:" followed by logos for "MARK'S AUTO PARTS, INC. EAST GRANBY, CT" and "Trantolo & Trantolo, LLC". The dates "MARCH 11-13, 2022" are written in large blue letters on an orange background. Below the dates, the location "Eastern States Exposition, Better Living Center, West Springfield, MA" is listed. The word "Featuring..." is written in a script font above a list of vehicle types: "CLASSICS • STREETRODS • MUSCLE CARS • TRUCKS OF ALL KINDS • RACE CARS • MOTORCYCLES". Below this list is an image of a green muscle car and a blue classic car. The text "Check out our website for last year's photos!" is followed by the website "MARKSNEMOTORSPORTSEXPO.COM" in large blue letters. At the bottom, it says "Sponsorships & Vendor Booths available!" followed by contact information for Dan, Mark, Bob, and Walt, and the email "MarksNEExpo@gmail.com". The website "www.marksnemotorsportsexpo.com" is also listed, along with the Facebook handle "@MarksNEMotorsportsExpo".

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Bob 413-862-3381 or Walt 860-306-6612 or email MarksNEExpo@gmail.com  
For more information about the show, visit our website at [www.marksnemotorsportsexpo.com](http://www.marksnemotorsportsexpo.com)  
Facebook: @MarksNEMotorsportsExpo



For Sale

OEM 2017 GS BREMBO Brake Pad's Front/Rear with 6k miles  
\$150.00



Contact, Paul @ [briwenv@att.net](mailto:briwenv@att.net)

## For Sale

4 Michelin Pilot Sport AS ZP Tires for C5 with fewer than 4K miles, 2 of which have Bead issues (Can send photos)

\$150.00

2 – 245/40/18 – 2 – 285/35/19



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM  
CONNECTICUT MILITARY CORVETTE CLUB, INC (CMCC)

Membership Requirements:

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Additionally, the candidate must:

Fill-out the application for membership form.

Sign the acknowledgement of risk and hold harmless agreement.

**Mail your Application and \$50 check, payable to CMCC, Inc., to Ken Nelson, 45 Robin Rd, Farmington, CT 06032**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Polo Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day only)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Corvette Year \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe \_\_\_\_\_ Convertible \_\_\_\_\_ Plate# \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Corvette Year \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe \_\_\_\_\_ Convertible \_\_\_\_\_ Plate# \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Please check off the areas that you would be most interested in volunteering your time.

Social \_\_\_\_\_ Charity \_\_\_\_\_ Cruises \_\_\_\_\_ FundRaising \_\_\_\_\_ Clothing \_\_\_\_\_ Webpage \_\_\_\_\_ Photography \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsorship \_\_\_\_\_

Events \_\_\_\_\_ Bylaw Review \_\_\_\_\_ Cookouts \_\_\_\_\_ E-Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ General Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Car Shows \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily chosen to participate in the activities of the Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc. I recognize that the activities involve risk of injury and I agree to accept any and all risks associated with them, including but not limited to property damage or loss, minor bodily injury, severe bodily injury, and death. Furthermore, I recognize that participation in the club activities involves activities and risks incidental thereto, including but not limited to, travel to and from meetings, club events, club cruises, club classes, club car shows, and the possible reckless conduct of other participants. I am voluntarily participating in the activities with the knowledge

of the risks involved and hereby agree to accept any and all inherent risks of property damage, bodily injury, or death. In consideration of my participation in the activities and to the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to indemnify, defend and hold the Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc, its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers and assigns from and against all claims arising out of or resulting from my participation in the activities. "Claim" as used in this agreement means any financial loss, claim, suit, action, damage, or expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees, attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting there from. In addition, I hereby voluntarily hold harmless the Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc, its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers and assigns from any and all claims, both present and future, that may be made by me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns. I also understand that the Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc does not provide any medical or dental insurance or life insurance to cover bodily injury, illness or death, nor insurance for personal property damage or loss, nor insurance for liability arising out of my negligent acts or omissions; and I acknowledge that I am completely responsible for my own insurance to cover these expenses. I further understand that this acknowledgment of risk and hold harmless is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Connecticut and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, I agree that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. I agree that this acknowledgment of risk and hold harmless is effective for as long as I am a member of the Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Spouse/Partner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name / Date

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