



10th Anniversary

"Vettes Helping Vets"

www.vettclub.org

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.

July-2022

Newsletter



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President's Message

Hello All,

Welcome to what should be the start of the "Hot and Hazy Days of Summer" Today is July 2nd and I am starting the newsletter. I hope at this point everyone has firmed their plans to Celebrate Independence Day of our country.

I want to welcome our latest new members Ron and Sue Kokofsky. They recently submitted their member application. I also want to welcome Tony and Anna Lucy Veneziano. Tony attended the June meeting. They are now officially members of the Club. Please be sure and update your email list to include all of our new members.

I want to thank everyone who participated in Middletown Cruise on Main Street. I hope I speak for everyone when I say we had lots of good conversation and good food. Our work load was lighter this year which made for an even better time. The highlight of the event for me, was being interviewed by Erin Edwards from Channel 3 Eye Witness News. The interview gave us some great coverage as a club.

Cars and Coffee events are springing up in a number places in our area. These events are great places to try to meet prospective members for our club. Please think about attending one in your area. Most are on Sunday mornings and only 2 to 4 hours. Please peruse the event list for shows and cars and coffee events. This Sunday July 3rd, there are 2 events on the schedule. They are both Cars and Coffee events. One is at the Birdhouse Café at 765 Sullivan Ave. So. Windsor. The other is at the Guilford Commons, 1919 Boston Post Road, Guilford, CT. Paul Vasques has emailed meetup times and places. The all Corvette Cruise at Arch II Sports Bar meets every Wednesday. Fish Family Farm in Bolton, CT is hosting their Fourth and July Celebration on July 4th. This is always a good time with great food.

Please keep in mind our next show is September 11, 2022 at Nomads Adventure Land in conjunction with the American Legion.

Craig Knutson is working on a cruise to one of the auto museums on Cape Cod. This should be a great time. We are always searching places to cruise to. Please submit any suggestions you might have.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 19th at Barb's Pizza, Cromwell, CT starting at 6:00PM.

Save the Wave
Ken



CLUB Information

CMCC Officers & BOD - 2022

BOARD of DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President – Ken Nelson

Vice President – Gary Coviello

Secretary – Craig Knutson

Treasurer – Ken Nelson

DIRECTORS

Director of Membership – VACANT

Director of Auto Events – VACANT

Director of Social Events – VACANT

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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Webmaster – Tom Pedrotty

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Photography – Tom Pedrotty, John Wodopian

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CLUB Information



July Birthday's

Ron Perras

Fran Poole

Randy Gookin

Gerry Wright

Edie Marcantonio

Vivian Straub

Anthony Veneziano

Dan Pace

Sunshine

Nothing to Report

We are looking for NEW Members

Membership Application on last page



*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 NEW MEMBERS; Ron & Sue Kokofsky

Cars & Coffee Events



Sunday, July 3rd, 17th & 31st @ 0900-1100

Cars & Coffee

Guilford Commons

1919 Boston Post Rd

Guilford, CT

Sunday, July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st @ 0800-1100

Cars & Coffee

Birdhouse Coffee

765 Sullivan Ave

South Windsor, CT



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Corvette News

Drive your Corvette to Work Day July 1, 2022

Drive Your Corvette to Work Day is celebrated every year on the Friday that is closest to June 30 the day the first Corvette was produced — this year it falls on July 1. The first 300 Corvettes were all Polo White convertibles with black canvas tops and red interiors and produced at the facility in Flint. Since then, millions of Corvettes have been produced. This day is perfect to travel in style to work in your precious Corvette.

HISTORY OF DRIVE YOUR CORVETTE TO WORK DAY

The Corvette has been in existence since the early 1950s and years after the first car was rolled out, it still remains a favorite for speed and acceleration. People mostly drive Corvettes on beautiful days for a joy ride. To change this, this day was started by Mike Yager, the founder of Mid America Motorworks, in 2001. He started this tradition to have as many Corvettes on the road that day to celebrate the birth anniversary of the car and transform the everyday work commute into an ode to America's sports car.

Mike Yager was quoted saying, "We understand why many owners consider their Corvette to be a special car and only drive it occasionally but we think driving your Corvette to work, at least one day a year, is an excellent way to demonstrate just how popular Corvettes are. And it is a chance for Corvette owners to meet new Corvette owners."

The Corvette was christened by Chevrolet's photographer, Myron Scott. He opened a dictionary to find a word starting with 'C,' to get a name with an alliterative effect. He chanced upon 'corvette,' which is a name for a small, fast, and easy-to-maneuver warship. To add to the Corvette's popularity, the car has also starred in a

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popular TV show from the 1960s called “Route 66.” It followed the journey of two people in their 20s traveling cross-country in a Chevy Corvette. General Motors supplied a new Corvette for each season of the show, which aired from 1960 to 1964. The show also found a place in the Corvette fan club magazine.

Over the years, the car has only become more desired and holds a special place in people’s hearts. On this day, grab the opportunity to bring your Corvette out on the road and share the love.

DRIVE YOUR CORVETTE TO WORK DAY DATES

Year	Date	Day
2022	July 1	Friday
2023	June 30	Friday

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Extremely Rare 1971 Corvette ZR2 Convertible Heads to Auction

A rare and never restored 1971 Chevrolet Corvette ZR2 Convertible will be sold at Mecum Auctions in May. As a highly original and one of only two ZR2 convertibles on the planet, it could go for over \$1 million.



One of Two on the Planet

The week of May 13-21, a rare **1971 Chevrolet Corvette ZR2 Convertible** will hit the auction block at a **Mecum Auctions** sales event. It is expected to go for a price between \$1 million and \$1.2 million. Why? Chevrolet's asking price at the time the 1971 Corvette ZR2 was released was \$7,672, which is \$54,400 today. Given that price tag, only 12 buyers made a purchase—two of which were convertibles.

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Built for Performance

Chevrolet built the 1971 Corvette ZR2 Convertible with high-performance factory components. It featured an AC/Delco ignition system and a powerful 454 LS6 V8 engine with up to 425 horsepower. The ZR2 also had an **M22 “Rock-Crusher” 4-speed manual transmission**, a high-capacity aluminum radiator, and J56 dual-pin heavy-duty power brakes.

Best-Handling Big Block

Equally equipped with F41 heavy-duty suspension with special springs, shock absorbers, and front and rear stabilizer bars, the ZR2 achieved the status of one of the **best-handling big-block** Corvettes Chevrolet manufactured. Need more evidence that the ZR2 was built to perform? The ZR2 did not come with a radio or air conditioning.

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Last Known LS6

One of the rarest big-block Corvettes in the marque's history, this ZR2 convertible is highlighted by Mecum Auctions as the last known LS6 and ZR2 car ever built by Chevrolet. The car's owner, [Ed Foss](#), claims it is also the most original ZR2 in the world. It looks to be the only one that has never been restored.



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Unbelievably Low Mileage

In addition to its uniquely original, unrestored condition, it is also the lowest mileage ZR2 known to exist. The car has been driven a mere 8,702 miles.



This rare ZR2 comes with full documentation: the **original vehicle purchase order**, **shipping invoice**, and the **original tank sticker**. Enthusiasts will be anxious to see who becomes the next lucky owner of this 1971 Corvette come May.

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Corvette Racing Finishes Runner-Up to Pfaff Porsche in Canada



[Corvette](#) Racing finished runner-up to Pfaff Motorsports in Sunday's [Chevrolet](#) Grand Prix from Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, securing an important points haul towards its GTD Pro class title bid in the process. Antonio Garcia described the two-hour, 20-minute race around the daunting 1.8-mile circuit as “perfect,” from an execution standpoint, with the No. 3 Corvette C8.R simply lacking the pace to catch and pass Pfaff's No. 9 Porsche 911 GT3 R, which led the majority of the event.

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“We finished second, and that’s all we had,” Garcia said post-race. “We pushed the winning car, but it wasn’t enough. Next race, we’ll try to go a little faster and do something different. This is what it also takes to win championships. So we need to stay in contact, and I’m sure the wins will come.”



Jordan Taylor started the race from fourth in GTD, moving up a spot as one of the frontrunners spun off at Turn 1 and keeping pace with the two leaders for the duration of his one-hour, 40-minute stint. The American then pitted for fresh fuel and tires and to hand driving duties over to Garcia, with the Spaniard driving the remaining 40 minutes to close out the race. Garcia said he may have been able to close up to the Porsche if it weren’t for two late-race caution periods, although the Pfaff team was also managing its pace throughout the closing laps.

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“I think it felt like the Porsche was showing what they had to show,” Garcia said. “Whenever we would stop saving fuel or tires, it felt like they had some in reserve. We thought that without those two yellows and a more consistent stint, maybe we would have had a chance. Up until the last yellow I was saving the tires, but on the last yellow, we knew it would be a race to the end. We both went 100 percent.”



IMSA heads to Lime Rock next for the Northeast Grand Prix.

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C8 Corvette Front Grille Screen Guards Accessory Now Available



The [C8 Corvette](#) offers impressive mid-engine performance ready to be unleashed at a moment's notice, and to keep everything running nice and cool, the exterior design incorporates large front air intakes. Of course, the size and location of these intakes means that vital cooling components could be damaged by road debris, so to mitigate the risk, [Chevy](#) is offering these new front grille screen guard accessories.

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Available from Chevrolet Accessories and provided by Scrape Armor, the protective screens fit into the air intakes located in the front bumper of the [C8 Corvette Stingray](#). The mesh grille incorporates a honeycomb design that works well with the rest of the front-end styling of the C8 Corvette, and neatly fit behind the standard intake insert. Finished in black, the screen is subtle, but should be effective at stopping any road debris kicked up ahead of the sports car as it travels down the road.

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According to GM, the C8 Corvette Front Grille Screen Guards accessory was created using CAD data and 3D-formed to perfectly match the front intakes of the sports car. The mesh allows air to pass through, while still protecting the cooling elements underneath. There's also a quick-release fastener that allows the mesh to be quickly removed for cleaning or for track use. The grille has a black powder coated aluminum finish.



The accessory package is offered with two protective screens, one for the driver's side intake, and another for the passenger's side intake. The kit also includes the hardware required for installation, tools, and instructions.

Pricing for the kit is set at \$399.95, per the [Chevy Accessories website](#). Dealer installation is listed as another \$225.

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FIVE THINGS I LIKE

ALMOST AS MUCH AS DRIVING MY CORVETTE

1. LOOKING AT MY CORVETTE.
2. TALKING ABOUT MY CORVETTE.
3. WATCHING TV PROGRAMS THAT
FEATURE PEOPLE DRIVING CORVETTES.
4. WEBSITES ABOUT CORVETTES.
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If you are interested in becoming a Sponsor or know of anyone please contact Paul, briwenv@att.net

Upcoming Events



May 15th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

WETHERSFIELD SPRING CAR SHOW

Webb School -- 51 Willow St, Wethersfield -- Rain date: May 22nd

June 15th

4:30 pm to 8:00 pm

MIDDLETOWN MAIN STREET

Actually on Main Street -- Rain date: June 22nd

July 10th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

AMERICAN LEGION POST 68 Car Show

American Legion Post -- 154 Porters Pass, Berlin, CT 06037 -- Rain date: July 17th

August 7th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

CABELAS' CLASSIC CAR SHOW

WE'RE BACK AT CABELAS!!!!!!

475 East Hartford Blvd, East Hartford, CT 06118 -- Rain date: August 14th

October 9th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

WETHERSFIELD POLICE CADET CAR SHOW

Cove Park -- 60 State St, Wethersfield, CT 06109 -- Rain date: October 23rd



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New members welcomed.

<https://www.facebook.com/overthehillgangeec/>

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Upcoming Events

Ted Aub Memorial Car Show

Saturday, July 23rd, 2022

10^{AM} – 3^{PM}

Madison Town Green

Rain Date: July 30th, 2022



**SHOW CARS \$10 ENTRY
GOODIE BAGS (FIRST 150)
TROPHIES & RAFFLE
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Contact Bill Raccio for Sponsorships & More Info: wraccio@outlook.com

Trophies Sponsored by:



Please follow all COVID guidelines
in effect at time of show.

Upcoming Events

Corvettes & Coffee

Saturday – July 23, 2022

9am-Noon

Sponsored By:



Location: 300 Middlesex Ave, Old Saybrook, CT

FREE DONUTS & COFFEE

(Corvettes ONLY)



Upcoming Cruise Nights

July

Wednesday, July 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th – No Rules CC Arch II Pub Cruise, 4-8pm

632 Cromwell Ave, Rocky Hill, CT

“EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT”

Saturday, July 2nd, and 16th – The Bristol Auto Club LTD 2022 Cruise Nights

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday, May 7 to Oct 1 5pm to 9 pm

Downtown Bristol

Saturday, July 9th - The Connecticut Street Legends Saturday Cruisin' Classics Cruise Night Event

Saturday, Aug 13th and Sept 10th. 5:00pm to 8:00

Mid-state Air Compressor 1492 Berlin Turnpike, Berlin Ct 06037

Upcoming Cruise Nights

July

Monday, July 11th, 18th & 25th – Birdhouse Coffee / CT Valley Brewing Cruise Night, 5-9pm

Every Monday Night, Theme Nights & Live Entertainment, Food/Beer

765 Sullivan Ave, South Windsor, CT

Monday, July 11th, 18th & 25th – Fish Farm Cruise Night, 5-8pm

Every Monday Night, Food, Ice Cream, 50/50

20 Dimock Ln, Bolton, CT

Advertise Your Business



Advertisement Rates/Year

Business Card - \$50

1/4 Page - \$75

1/2 Page - \$100

Full Page - \$150

For Sale

OEM 2017 GS BREMBO Brake Pad's Front/Rear with 6k miles
\$125.00



Contact, Paul @ 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)

\$75.00

2 – 245/40/18 – 2 – 285/35/19



Contact, Paul @ briwenv@att.net

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

Membership Requirements:

Membership shall be open to current/retired or former military persons in possession of a valid driver's license with a genuine interest in Corvettes and who own a Corvette, and will abide by the constitution of the corporation.

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.

Additionally, the candidate must:

- 1) Fill-out the application for membership form.
- 2) Sign the acknowledgement of risk and hold harmless agreement.
- 3) Mail your Application and \$50 check, payable to CMCC, Inc., to Ken Nelson, 45 Robin Rd, Farmington, CT 06032

Note:

Members are encouraged to attend as a minimum 2 meeting, 2 events and a mandatory yearly meeting usually held in December. (Events are defined as club sponsored or endorsed car shows, road trips, cruise nights, socials and parades) Annual dues: \$50 (The spouse/partner of each member shall fall under his/her membership if they reside in the same household).

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 _____

Branch of Service Army ____ Navy ____ Marines ____ Air Force ____ Coast Guard ____ Military Family Member _____

Email _____

Corvette Year: _____ Coupe ____ Convertible ____ Plate# _____ Color _____

2nd Corvette Year: _____ Coupe ____ Convertible ____ Plate# _____ Color _____

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

Social ____ Charity ____ Cruises ____ Fund Raising ____ Clothing ____ Webpage ____ Photography ____ Sponsorship ____ Membership ____

Events ____ Bylaw Review ____ Cookouts ____ E-Newsletter ____ General Volunteer ____ Car Shows ____ Other: _____

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

Printed Name / Date