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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.

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Newsletter



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President's Message

Greetings to all fellow members of the Connecticut Military Corvette Club and a very happy and healthy New Year to you and your families. While we celebrate the dawn of a New Year I think of the New Year as an opportunity to get our club rolling again. As you know I have been bestowed the honor of serving as President of CMCC. This is a position that I take very seriously. Having served as President of Candlewood Valley Corvettes for four years, I am familiar with what it takes to develop a club into a unit that functions well and its members are enthusiastic and look forward to club events. We are off to a great start!!

This year we have a full slate of officers! This hasn't been the case for the past several years. I've been looking at building a "team" for a while and we are getting there. With that I'd like to thank the officers that stepped up and accepted the challenge of helping to keep CMCC a premier Corvette club. First I'd like to thank and recognize Ken Nelson for his years of service in both the position of Treasurer and President! A special thank you to Paul Vasques for accepting the position of Vice President. Paul probably does the work of five people and we all thank him for his effort but it is his knowledge and experience as a founding member of CMCC that prompted me to urge him to take the Vice Presidency and help me out. Next, I thank Craig Knutson for staying on as Secretary. Our new Treasurer, Tom Pedrotty has been a steadfast member helping the club in several positions including handling the website. I'm very happy to have Tom on board as an officer. I am looking forward to working together with them and bringing us to the next level. We still need to fill the Directors' positions. We need a Director of Membership, a Director of Auto Events, and a Director of Social Events. I've never been comfortable standing up in front of our members and asking for volunteers to fill positions rather, I like contacting people personally to ask for their help so I will be reaching out!

I'm looking forward to 2023 being a "comeback" year for our club. COVID hit us hard in many respects. Last year we started to emerge from the shackles of COVID and we started to gain momentum which I plan to continue and build upon. We changed our bylaws concerning membership requirements and consequently we have brought in several new and enthusiastic members. I'm looking forward to reviving some things and instituting some new things. All of the successful clubs in Connecticut involve members along with family members in various events. We did this in the past and it was well received. We will be doing more in the future.

Wrapping it up I want to say that I will give the club 110% but you need to meet us halfway. If that happens we will have a great year!

Thanks for reading my "ramblings" As always, if you have any questions, comments, or ideas, you can call me anytime!

Wishing you a safe and happy New Year!

Gary



CLUB Information

CMCC Officers & BOD - 2023

BOARD of DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President – Gary Coviello

Vice President – Paul Vasques

Secretary – Craig Knutson

Treasurer – Tom Pedrotty

DIRECTORS

Director of Membership – VACANT

Director of Auto Events – VACANT

Director of Social Events – VACANT

CLUB Information

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN – 2023

Nominating – 3 members of the Board of Directors (TBD)

Membership – VACANT

Automotive Events – VACANT

Social Events – VACANT

Finance/Budget – Tom Pedrotty

Charity – Rich Toman

By-Laws – Rich Toman

Sponsorship – John Butler / VACANT

Car Shows

Nomads - Roland Morrisette

- Other – Woody Ferguson

Cruise Nights – N/A

Publicity – VACANT

Sunshine – Paul Vasques

Clothing – Ben Zaniewski

Webmaster – Greg Scholz

Facebook – Greg Scholz

Newsletter – Paul Vasques

Photography – Tom Pedrotty, John Wodopian

Awards and Computer Support - Paul Vasques

CLUB Information



January Birthday's

Craig Knutson

Tom Adams

Dave Fairbanks

Deb Perras

Julianne Knutson

Pat Miller

Bill Collette

Sunshine

Steve Ludwig recovering from an illness earlier in Nov 2022

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.

Cars & Coffee Events



Sunday, DONE FOR THE SEASON @ 0900-1100

Cars & Coffee

Guilford Commons

1919 Boston Post Rd

Guilford, CT



Sunday, 0900 - 12000

Cars & Coffee

Parking lot behind STARBUCKS

Somerset Square

140 Glastonbury Blvd

Glastonbury, CT



Sunday DONE FOR THE SEASON@ 0800-1100

Cars & Coffee

Birdhouse Coffee

765 Sullivan Ave

South Windsor, CT

NCM NEWS

VETS 'N VETTES

PRESENTED BY Mobil 1

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★

The National Corvette Museum has a long history of celebrating our military veterans, and the month of May is National Military Appreciation Month in the United States. To coordinate the Museum's acknowledgment of Military Appreciation Month, we at the National Corvette Museum are planning to move our longstanding Vets 'n Vettes celebration from November to May 11th – 13th. We are very excited to include this event in the nationwide celebration of the United States Military. For more information, please sign up for the Museum's Corvette Campus Connection at www.corvettemuseum.org/subscribe

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN MOVED TO MAY 2023

Corvette News

2023 Corvette Z06 LT6 Vibration Test Ends With Impressive Results

Even GM admitted that the 2023 Corvette Z06 LT6 engine vibrated badly during development, but it appears to have smoothed things out.



By now, we've all heard the praises of flat-plane crank engines, which sound amazing, rev to the moon, and can generate copious amounts of power – just look at the 2023 Corvette Z06 LT6 V8, for example, which is the most powerful naturally-aspirated production V8 in history. It also sounds absolutely incredible, leaving one to wonder – what, if any, are the downsides of such a powerplant? Well, even GM engineers admit that they struggled with vibrations during development, but that issue has reportedly been solved. Now, we have some video evidence to prove it, courtesy of *Mid Engine Corvette Forum*.

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GM was well aware of the problems that Ford faced with its own naturally-aspirated 5.2-liter Voodoo V8, which was used in the latest-gen Mustang Shelby GT350, and wanted to avoid the same fate. Much like The Blue Oval, The General actually witnessed an oil filter spin off the engine due to extreme vibrations during testing, after which it quickly lost oil pressure and turned into a very expensive paperweight.

Obviously, this sort of news is rather concerning for anyone that's purchasing or considering one of these cars. GM has even said that the 2023 Corvette Z06 LT6 powerplant's vibrations are part of the experience of driving this glorious machine, which isn't exactly comforting. However, as we can see in this "glass of water" test, the engine's vibrations don't appear to be bad by any measure.

A member of the *Mid Engine Corvette Forum* performed this simple test after taking delivery of their new Z06 convertible recently, placing a glass of water on top of the engine to demonstrate that it's actually pretty darn smooth. He also revved it up a few times to show that even while accelerating or driving, that remains the case, though he doesn't take the car to its lofty redline.

Regardless, the water barely moves at all, which should put this particular concern to rest. Of course, we also haven't heard any complaints from owners about vibrations, but then again, this car is so new and being built in such limited numbers that it'll likely be a while before those sorts of things surface.

Corvette News

Are Corvette Resto-mods the Future of Classics



Corvette resto-mods, also known as restoration-modification projects, involve taking a classic Chevrolet Corvette and updating it with modern technology and performance enhancements. These types of projects have become increasingly popular in recent years, as more and more enthusiasts look to combine the style and nostalgia of vintage Corvettes with the convenience and reliability of newer cars.

The first thing to consider when embarking on a Corvette resto-mod project is which generation of Corvette to start with. The Corvette has been in continuous production since 1953, and each generation has its own unique characteristics and appeal. Some popular choices for resto-mod projects include the [C2 Corvette](#) (produced from 1963 to 1967), known for its distinctive split rear window and potent V8 engines, and the [C3 Corvette](#) (produced from 1968 to 1982), which was the first Corvette to feature a fully independent suspension and is famous for its shark-like appearance.

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Finding the Right Balance of Corvette Resto-Mods

Once you've decided on a starting point, the next step is to decide what kind of modifications you want to make. Some common updates include installing a more powerful engine, adding modern suspension and brakes, and updating the interior with new seats, gauges, and infotainment systems. Another popular modification is to convert the car from its original fuel type (usually gasoline) to run on electricity, using a conversion kit. This can greatly increase the car's performance and efficiency, as well as reduce its environmental impact.

One of the biggest challenges of a Corvette resto-mod project is finding the right balance between maintaining the original character of the car and adding modern touches. This can be especially difficult if you're starting with a rare or valuable [vintage Corvette](#), as you don't want to compromise its value or authenticity. One way to address this issue is to choose updates that are subtle and don't alter the car's overall [appearance](#) too much, such as upgrading the suspension and brakes or installing a newer, more efficient engine.

Corvette News



Building Corvette Resto-Mods will Hit You In the Pocketbook

Another important factor to consider is cost. Restomod projects can get [expensive](#), especially if you're starting with an older or rare Corvette. It's important to set a budget beforehand and stick to it as closely as possible. You may also want to consider purchasing a less expensive base car and using it as a donor vehicle, rather than starting with a more valuable or [collectible Corvette](#). If you're considering taking on a Corvette resto-mod project, it's important to do your research and plan carefully. Make a list of the modifications you want to make, and then research the parts and services you'll need to complete the project. You may also want to seek out the advice of other enthusiasts or professional mechanics, as they can often provide valuable insights and tips for successful resto-mod projects.

Final Thoughts on Corvette Resto-Mods

Finally, be prepared for the possibility that things may not go as smoothly as planned. Restomod projects can be time-consuming and labor-intensive, and it's not uncommon for unforeseen problems to arise. However, with patience, perseverance, and a little bit of luck, the end result can be a one-of-a-kind, modernized classic that you can be proud to call your own.

Sponsors



Blasius Chevrolet
Where Friends Send Friends

90 Scott Road
Waterbury, CT 06705
blasiuschevrolet.com
(203) 437-4141



Sandy's Electrolysis Center LLC.
Permanent Hair Removal

*218B River Rd.
Unionville Ct 06085
860-990-5295
email: sandy@sandyselectrolysiscenter.com*

Sponsors



If you are interested in becoming a Sponsor or know of anyone please contact Paul, briwenv@att.net

Upcoming Events

KICK-OFF BRUNCH IN APRIL - TBD

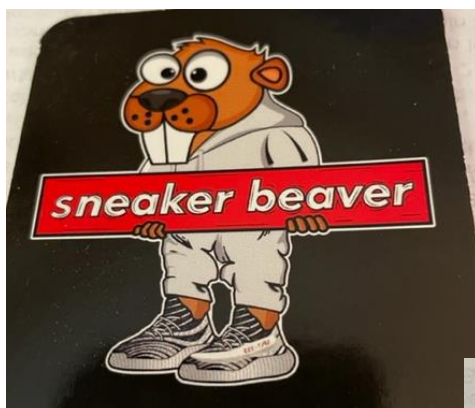


Upcoming Cruise Nights

SEE YOU IN MAY 2023



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
\$100.00



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)

\$50.00

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 Tom Pedrotty, 8 Comfield Dr, So. Windsor, CT 06074

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