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

April-2023 Newsletter



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President's Message

Every year around this time I start to get excited. Maybe it's the feeling of rebirth and renewal that spring seems to bestow or maybe it's the idea that "Top-down Corvette" weather will be upon us soon. This has been a great winter by all accounts but still winter!

This year I'm looking forward to spending more time with my fellow CMCC members-youand enjoying our cars while working together to support our fellow veterans in need. We are fortunate to once again have a Director of Social Events and John, along with the rest of the Board of Directors has been working to bring us an active driving season. We have many ideas and we want to get everyone involved but we need your cooperation. When an event is posted we need you to reply, yes I can attend or no I cannot attend. We want to hear from you either way. Many of our members have wanted to include our spouses / significant others in the club's activities and that is something that we are working toward. If we can all join in and play together then we will be stronger but we need to join in and work together!

Speaking of working together, our car shows are coming together. Roland once again has a good handle on the Nomads show which he does so well every year and our car show committee is working hard on our Cabela's Corvette show and as always, your help in running these shows is vital! Paul has put together a sponsor package to raise money for our Corvette show. We will be getting that out to everyone and we need your help in securing sponsors. Everyone deals with someone and it doesn't hurt to ask for a donation. The more sponsor money that we take in will allow us to keep that much more of what we bring in and that much more to donate to our veterans.

On another note; Paul does a wonderful job on our newsletter among other things. Please feel free to send him any information to add to the newsletter that might be of interest to the rest of us. On a similar note, in the past, I had attempted to collect information from our members to compile a member service directory. When I need something, especially for my Corvette, I would love a recommendation from another member. Last attempt I receive 0 replies but I would like to try again. Maybe this time I will receive some info from everyone! Being a member of a Corvette club allows us to share information which I think is a great resource!

Once again I'm looking forward to a busy summer and we can all enjoy each other's company but it takes your participation! This is YOUR club. Make it work for you!

See you soon, stay safe,

Gary

CMCC Officers and 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 John Giorgio

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN – 2023

- Nominating 3 members of the Board of Directors (TBD)
- Membership VACANT
- Automotive Events VACANT
- Social Events John Giorgio
- Finance/Budget Tom Pedrotty
- Charity Rich Toman
- By-Laws Rich Toman
- Sponsorship John Butler / VACANT
- Car Shows
- Nomads Roland Morrissette
- 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



February Birthday's

Glen Wiley

Rich Masotti

Nadine Gookin

Rich Toman

Joe Monarca

Woody Ferguson

Karen DelGiudice

Ann Butler

Debbie Ferguson

John Giorgio

Blanca Acosta

Sunshine

NONE REPORTED

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, April 16th &, 30th @ 0900-1100 (Every OTHER Sunday)

Cars & Coffee

Guilford Commons

1919 Boston Post Rd

Guilford, CT



Sunday, April 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 0900 – 1200 (EVERY SUNDAY)

Sunday, April 16th, 23rd, 30th @ 0800-1100(EVERY SUNDAY)

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Cars & Coffee

Birdhouse Coffee

765 Sullivan Ave

South Windsor, CT

Cars & Coffee

Parking lot behind STARBUCKS

Somerset Square

140 Glastonbury Blvd

Glastonbury, CT

NCM NEWS



🖈 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 <u>www.corvettemuseum.org/subscribe</u>

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN MOVED TO MAY 2023

Chevrolet Gives Z06 Allocations to Dealers Today

Finally some good news for ZO6 buyers!

Chevrolet has granted the fourth round of customer Z06 allocations to dealers on Thursday morning. We reached out to multiple dealers, both large and small, and got the good news from everyone we spoke with. Dealers will have until Friday night to get their customer orders into the order bank, and they can finalize those submitted orders before the Tuesday, April 4th deadline.

We had been nervous about customer allocations ever since GM skipped over the Z06 in February when they were originally planned for, as well as last week when we reported that no allocations were offered during the March Z06 order cycle. And because Chevy doesn't tell their dealers squat, we were only left with speculation that March 30th was sort of a "do or die" moment for final customer allocations <u>before the April 5th deadline</u>.

Now we'll be turning our attention to April to see what happens there. While there is a chance of another round of allocations for next month, Chevrolet has already said they would dealer stock orders only, which would protect Chevy from price protecting any roll-over orders into 2024 should further delays happen.

We're also looking forward to the end of April for the NCM Bash as we are looking for any news or direction from the Corvette Team that outlines the end of the 2023 model year and the start of the 2024s.

As I was writing this post, I also got further good news as another production record for the Z06 was hit Wednesday this week with 40 total Z06s produced! That number included 33 regular Z06s and 70 Anniversary models.

The current production count we have is 1,151 Z06s and 176 70th Anniversary models for 1,327 total Z06s produced.

Chevrolet Extends the 2023 Model Year for Corvettes to September 1st, 2024 Models Start September 5th

We got some actionable info today direct from Chevrolet as it communicates its future Corvette plans with its dealers. The big news of course is that we finally have a hard date on when the 2023 model year will end and the start of the 2024 models.

According to that information deck sent to dealers, Chevrolet will be running the <u>2023 model</u> <u>year</u> until September 1st, and then the 2024 model year Corvettes will start retail production on Tuesday, September 5th, which is the day after Labor Day.

In addition to 2024 SORP date, Chevy says the vehicle order guide will be out on July 10th, and the visualizer will go live on July 18th. There was no date yet for the start of ordering for the 2024 model year.

We still have many questions about why the model year is running until September 1st, yet, customer sold orders (SRE) for the Z06 were halted on April 5th. Dealers can still submit dealer stock orders (TRE) for any additional allocations that come in.

In other headlines, Chevy says look for the 1st E-Ray Academy Series video to be released today, April 6th, and a Chevy MyWay presentation will happen on April 20th at 11 AM ET for another Corvette Expert Sessions which will focus on the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School.

Lastly, this is the beginning of a Stingray order cycle for April, and we understand that quantities are limited. Here are the constraints for April:

Stingray

<u>Z06</u>



CORVETTE CONSTRAINTS





| | | | CHEVROLET | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Option/ Model Code | | Description | Constraint Duration | Comments | |
| | | formance Handling Package | ************************* | Supplier Restriction | |
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| 1YH07/1YH 67 | ZOE | Models | Model Year | Controlled Allocation | |
| &Q91 | | ok Gloss Black Forged minum Wheel | To Be Determined | Supplier Restriction | |
| | | D: High Wing Spoiler - Carbon sh Met Painted | To Be | Supplier Restriction | |
| | | D: Outside Mirror Caps in ible Carbon Fiber | To Be Determined | Supplier Restriction | |
| | LP0 Fib | D: Grille Insert, Visible Carbon er | To Be Determined | Supplier Restriction | |
| &5VM/5W8 | M/5W8 Visible/Painted Carbon Fiber | | | Supplier Restriction | |
| Option/Model C | ode | Description | Constraint Duration | Comments | |
| &5ZZ | | LPO: High Wing Spoiler - Carbon Flash Met Painted | To Be Determined | Supplier Restriction | |
| &5JR | | LPO: Outside Mirror Caps in Visible Carbon Fiber LPO: Grille Insert, Visible Carbon | To Be Determined | Supplier Restriction | |
| &RZ9 | | Fiber | To Be Determined | Supplier Restriction | |
| &5VM/5W8 | | Visible/Painted Carbon Fiber | To Be Determined | Supplier Restriction | |
| 1YC07/1YC67 &T0F | | Stingray Models High Wing, Carbon Flash-Painted | Model Year Model Year | Controlled Allocation | |
| &T0F &T0G | | High Wing, Visible Carbon Fiber | Model Year | Supplier Restriction | |
| &CFZ-T0F | | Ground Effects, Carbon Flash-Painted Minus T0G | Model Year | Supplier Restriction | |
| &CFV-T0G | | Ground Effects, Visible Carbon Fiber Minus T0G | Model Year | Supplier Restriction | |

Impressive: C8 Corvette Z51 Hits 191.7 MPH during Independent Testing

Equipped with the low-profile rear spoiler, this C8 Corvette Z51 once again proves why this car is a true performance bargain.

While much of the world has shifted their attention to the new 2023 Corvette Z06 recently – and for good reason – we certainly haven't forgotten about the regular old Stingray, which is still an amazing performance bargain, years after its launch. It's easy to forget that the base model is nearly as quick as the Z06, and matches up quite nicely in most other regards as well, even if it isn't quite as capable at the track. Regardless, a recent top-speed test involving a C8 Corvette Z51 conducted at the Johnny Bohmer Proving Grounds in Florida – which just so happens to be at the Kennedy Space Center and its three-mile space shuttle runway – produced some impressive results.

When the C8 originally launched for the 2020 model year, GM touted the car's 194 mph top speed, though it did so with a bit of an asterisk – this only applies to non- $\mathbb{Z}51$ Performance Package equipped cars, as the extra drag incurred by the latter's aero bits slow it down a touch. In this case, however, the C8 Corvette Z51 still proved mighty quick, though it's also equipped with the low-profile rear spoiler, which undoubtedly helps in that regard.



Running a full 2.7 miles, conditions on this particular day are favorable as well, with 54-degree temps, albeit with 15 mph winds coming from the north, through the Corvette is traveling north to south. Regardless, it impresses in a big way by hitting 191.7 mph during that short distance before the driver has to lift – which is a shame, since the car still seems to be gaining speed by the time it runs out of tarmac.

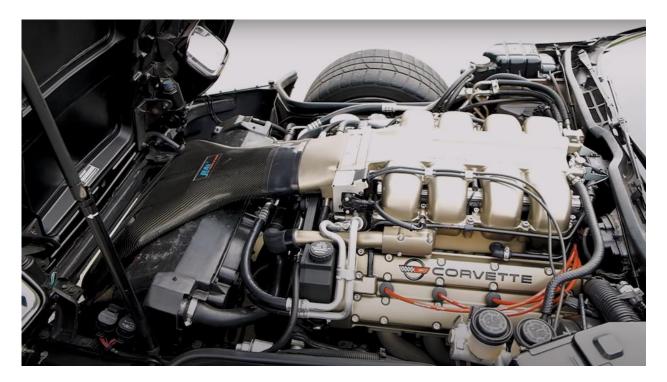
Not too shabby for a car that should theoretically be a bit slower at the top end, but this result just further proves what we already know – the C8 Stingray is an amazing performance value, a car that essentially offers more bang for the buck than any vehicle currently on sale today. So if you don't quite have the coin necessary to buy a Z06 – or you just don't feel like sitting on a waitlist for years – it's certainly a nice consolation prize.

The C4 Callaway Corvette ZR1 Supernatural Absolutely RIPS!



Callaway and the Corvette are two entities that have <u>long shared a cozy relationship</u>, with the former churning out parts and <u>entire builds</u> associated with the latter for many years now. In the days of the C4, in particular, Callaway quickly made a name for itself by churning out cars like the amazing <u>Sledgehammer</u>, which immediately became famous thanks to its incredible performance that simply <u>blew away everything in</u> <u>production</u> during the 1980s. However, <u>the ultra-rare</u> C4 Callaway Corvette ZR1 Supernatural (or CR1, as it's otherwise known) doesn't quite get as much press as some of the company's other products, and as we can see in this video from the YouTube channel *Shaneomatic91*, that's truly a shame.

While any C4 Callaway Corvette is fairly rare, a mere 43 were reportedly equipped with the Supernatural package, which was incredibly expensive at the time with a price tag north of 20k - just for that upgrade alone. As such, most of these cars are kept stored in climate-controlled facilities of some sort and driven sparingly, bringing good money at auction every time one pops up for sale. However, the owner of this 1990 Callaway Corvette ZR1 Supernatural prefers to drive his special machine, and he isn't afraid to give it the beans, either.



In addition to the wider bodywork of the ZR1, this Supernatural isn't equipped with turbochargers – something Callaway and the C4 are known for, which makes it rather unique. However, it's certainly no slouch, as the tuner increased the displacement of the stock 5.7-liter LT5 32-valve V8 and gave it ported heads, a ported intake plenum, ported injector housings, and bigger cams, which resulted in a seriously impressive output of around 500 horsepower. This particular car has upgraded headers and a center-exit exhaust, with the ability to make a bit more on the dyno, according to the owner.

Amazingly, the owner of this particular example purchased the car in a sad state and proceeded to completely rebuild it in his garage, piece by piece. Aside from letting a paint shop handle that aspect of the build, he did all the work himself, and the results are truly impressive. The work was so good, in fact, that the owner received **Reese Callaway**'s official blessing, which is worth its weight in gold, and is certainly well-deserved in our humble opinion.

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

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 15 @ 1000 (Will meet there)

Lunch at Chuck's Steak House after

North American Motor Car Tour

20 Segar St

Danbury



<u>Sunday, APRIL 16th – Cars & Cones – 4-8:30pm</u> Hank's Dairy Bar – Plainfield, CT

<u>Saturday, May 13th, Corvette Club of Western Mass – All</u> <u>Corvette Show</u>

Balise Chevrolet, Springfield, MA

10-2pm



440 Hall of Fame Ave, Springfield, MA 01105 • 413.233.4668 • balisechevroletbuickgmc.com

in partnership with the **Corvette Club of Western Massachusetts** presents the 7th Annual



\$15 PRE-REGISTRATION

Register by mail or at CorvetteClubOfWesternMA.com before May 10, 2023 and SAVE \$5

RAFFLE \$250 gift card raffle for all pre-registered entries courtesy of Balise Chevrolet

> **TROPHIES** 33 trophies

DASH PLAQUES

For all participants

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



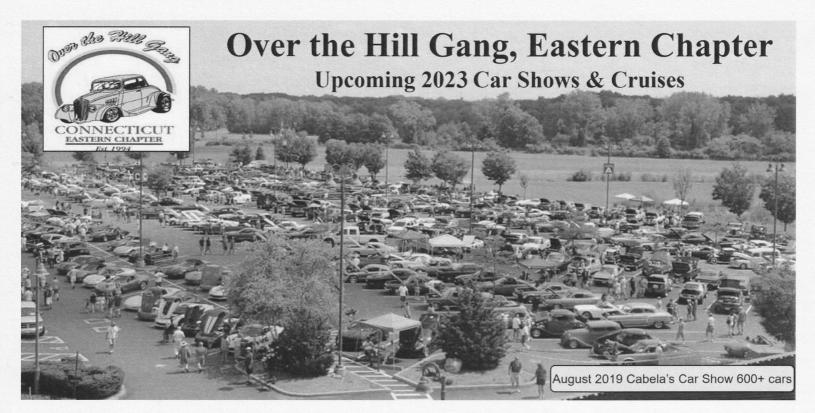
184 Day Street Newington, Ct 860-953-2994





2ND Annual Open House

| Saturda | y May 13 th |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 9 am 1 | till 1 pm |
| Rain | or Shine |
| Complementary beverage | es* & food items** provided. |
| (*Coffee/Soc | a/Water etc.) |
| (** Pastries/\ | Wraps/Snacks) |
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May 21st 10:00 am to 2:00 pm WETHERSFIELD SPRING CAR SHOW Webb School -- 51 Willow St, Wethersfield -- Rain date: May 28th

June 14th 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm MIDDLETOWN MAIN STREET Actually on Main Street -- Rain date: June 21st

July 9th 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 16th

August 6th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

CABELA'S CLASSIC CAR SHOW WE'RE BACK AT CABELAS!!!!! 475 East Hartford Blvd, East Hartford, CT 06118 -- Rain date: August 13th

October 8th 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

WETHERSFIELD POLICE CADET CAR SHOW Cove Park -- 60 State St, Wethersfield, CT 06109 -- Rain date: October 22nd



Follow us on Facebook for current information New members welcomed. <u>https://www.facebook.com/overthehillgangec/</u> Printing provided by: Minuteman Press of Hartford, CT

Upcoming Cruise Nights

<u>Thursday, April 27th – 5-8pm</u>

CT Valley Brewing Cruise Night (Bird House Coffee)

765 Sullivan Ave

South Windsor, CT

Tuesday, May 2nd - 5-8pm

Monthly Cruise on the Lawn – Hanks Dairy Bar Plainfield, CT

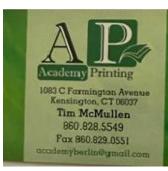
Wednesday, May 3rd - 4-8pm

No Rules CC, ALL Corvettes Cruise at Arch II Pub (Every Wed, May-Sep 27)

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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

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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 | Renewa | l Polo S | Shirt Size: |
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| Name | | S | pouse/Partner | | |
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| Branch of Service | Army Navy | Marines | Air Force | Coast Guard | _ Military Family Member _ |
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| Please check off the areas that y | ou would be most inter | ested in volunteeri | ng your time. | | |
| Social Charity Cruises | s Fund Raising_ | Clothing | Webpage | Photography Spo | onsorship Membership |
| Events Bylaw Review | Cookouts | _ E-Newsletter | General Volu | nteer Car Show | vs 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 // |