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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.

# April-2022 Newsletter



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# President's Message

Hello All,

I hope this message finds you all doing well. At last, we are officially into spring. March teased us with a couple of semi-warm days. I did take advantage of those days to drive my Corvette to work. It was a great feeling to finally get behind the wheel. I have to admit that I did forget where some settings were like the cruise control. I kept wondering why it would not set and hold the speed. Finally, I realized that I had not turned it on!

I just got back from Corvette Center's Spring Open House. It was really great. I met up with Ray Zisa, one of the owners his son Zack and wife Erica. I also got to catch-up with a lot of the Corvette owners that I haven't seen since the end of the summer. It was a really good time and was very well attended.

The event got my blood flowing again. I just went on line and ordered terry cloth seat covers to help protect the seat in the C8. I had the same type of covers for my C7. I really recommend them and they are available for just about any generation of Corvette. I also ordered a tow hook that I hope I never have to use! Due to the C7 and C8's ground clearance, tow hooks are recommended in case you ever have to have the car loaded on to a roll back hauler.

I think the by-law change concerning membership is going to really pay-off. We already have four prospective members that seem very interested in joining. One has already submitted an application and dues and two are planning to attend the April meeting. Paul Vasques has volunteered to reach out to them about the club. So, here's hoping membership will start to pick up.

Now that COVID restrictions have eased up, I am hoping to get lunch cruises going again. All members are urged to please submit ideas for meal, wine and destination cruises. I have also been in contact with other Corvette clubs about joining in their activities.

Start rolling those Corvettes out of winter storage. Get them cleaned up and let's get rolling.

Our next meeting will be April the 19<sup>th</sup>. Meeting time is 6:00 pm with pizza, and the meeting to start at 6:30pm, our usual location, Barb's Pizza, 51 Shunpike Road, Cromwell, CT in the Shoprite Plaza.

Please notify Paul Vasques ([briwenv@att.net](mailto:briwenv@att.net)) so we can get the pizzas ordered.

Until then, "Save the Wave"

Ken

## CMCC Officers & BOD - 2022

### BOARD of DIRECTORS

#### OFFICERS

President – Ken Nelson

Vice President – Gary Coviello

Secretary – Craig Knutson

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#### 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

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Cruise Nights – N/A

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## Sunshine

Nothing to Report

# We are looking for NEW Members

Membership Application on page 26

*Our after holiday party has been postponed due to the rise in COVID cases, we will try to schedule something in the spring*

*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 1 NEW MEMBER; Anthony Veneziano and 3 perspective members; Jason Candage, Glen & Robyn Mee and one other to be named at a later date.**

# Cars & Coffee Events



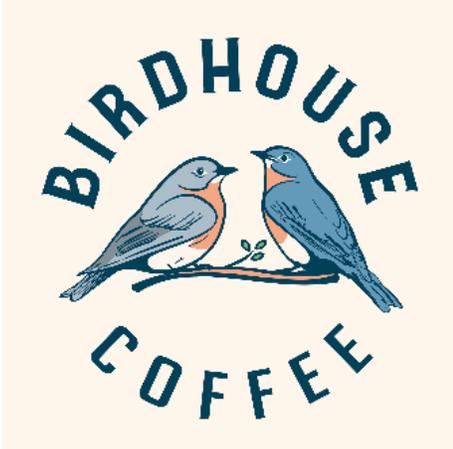
*April 24 @ 0900-1100*

**Cars & Coffee**

**Guilford Commons**

1919 Boston Post Rd

Guilford, CT



*April 24 @0800-1100*

**Cars and Coffee**

**Birdhouse Coffee**

765 Sullivan Ave

South Windsor, CT

**May 1 @ 0900**

**Cars & Coffee**

**Manchester Honda**

24 Adams St

Manchester, CT



# NCM NEWS

## **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.**

# Corvette News



## Smooth 1962 Corvette Restomod Is Packing LS2 Power, Modern Suspension

Corvette restomods are a dime a dozen these days, making it more and more difficult to stand out. This very red 1962 Corvette restomod up for grabs at [\*Bring a Trailer\*](#) accomplishes that goal in a variety of ways, starting with its smooth exterior appearance and extending to its modern powertrain and other mechanicals, with just the right amount of new stuff to accentuate the old stuff without going completely overboard, as is often the case.

# Corvette News

The seller has owned this 1962 Corvette restomod for a total of 14 years, and back in 2007, they took it to Street Shop in Athens, Alabama, for a total makeover. The all-red fiberglass body was later mated with a replacement powder-coated chassis, which now rolls on a set of classic polished 17-inch American Racing Torq Thrust II wheels wrapped with 225/70 Toyo Extensa HP tires. Behind those lie a set of C4 Corvette-derived disc brakes, but those aren't the only upgrades underneath.



The suspension of this C1 has been completely modernized with a host of upgrades including a Ford Mustang rack and pinion steering setup, QA1 adjustable coil overs, polyurethane suspension bushings, a larger front sway bar, and an adjustable rear camber bar and custom toe assembly.

The star of the show lies under the hood, however, where you'll find a 6.2-liter LS2 V8 that's been fitted with a custom short-ram intake, Griffin aluminum radiator, Rewarder custom headers, a FAST wiring harness, and stainless-steel fuel lines, which draw gas from a stainless steel tank. The modern V8 sends its power to the rear wheels via a Tremec TKO 600 five-speed manual transmission and a Dana 44 rear end.

# Corvette News



As for the interior, well, it looks pretty stock in its all-black guise. However, the whole thing has been redone with new threads to complement a mixture of factory and aftermarket amenities such as a Wonderbar push-button radio, Hurst shifter, analog clock, power windows, a Flaming River column, and auxiliary gauges.

Altogether, this smooth '62 Corvette represents a very nice blend of old and new without going overboard with mods, and that's precisely what makes restomods so darn popular these days.

# Corvette News

## The Story behind Corvette Racing's Rad 'Jake' Skull Logo



So what's the story behind 'Jake'? It all started in 2004, with one of Corvette Racing's truck drivers at the time, Don Male, who approached team boss Doug Fehan about putting a skull sticker on one of the cars. Fehan liked the idea and gave Male the go ahead, with the same car subsequently winning the race. Male, now convinced the skull logo was good luck, then got other ideas about the skull logo, but the sticker he used was actually copyrighted design by clothing company No Fear, so Corvette Racing needed its own version.

# Corvette News

As Fehan explains:

“One of the fellas that work’s at our boutique store in New York, Kick Design, Eddie Jabbour, says ‘Well how about we design our own?’ I said ‘Do it!’ Eddie went back and designed what is now known as Jake, that iconic skull, one of the most powerful automotive icons in the history of the automobile. ”

But how did the skull get its name? That’s where legendary Corvette marketing manager Gary Claudio steps in. Claudio allegedly named the skull logo after Jake Blues from the 1980 film The Blues Brothers – fitting seeing as the ruthless Jake character would probably identify with Corvette Racing’s ‘Take No Prisoners’ motto.



The official Jake logo we know today appeared on the Corvette Racing car in an official capacity for the first time at Le Mans in 2005, on the car’s b-pillar. It remains a popular logo among Corvette and Corvette Racing fans today.

“Jake continues to permeate what we do, say, speak, and or wear,” Fehan said. “He is our team mascot, and he will continue to grow with us. Our fans have embraced him, our fans love him, and our fans know he is an important part of our success.”

## Corvette News

# Recall Alert: C8 Corvette

[Chevrolet](#) is recalling a small number of 2021 and 2022 Chevy Corvette Stingrays because dealers need to inspect their axles.

Chevy discovered a potential problem when the rear driveshaft assembly on one 2021 Corvette shattered, immobilizing the car. GM engineers inspected the ‘Vette and found that its rear half shaft contained just four ball bearings rather than the normal six.

In consultation with the supplier that built the shafts, GM engineers narrowed the risk down to half shafts built on certain dates. So, the company has recalled those cars — 18 in all — to replace both left and right half shafts.

Recall repairs are always free. Check whether your car has ever been recalled at our [recall center](#).

<https://www.kbb.com/recall/>

# 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



Principal Sponsors  
Fran & Steve



If you are interested in becoming a Sponsor or know of anyone please contact Paul, [briwenv@att.net](mailto:briwenv@att.net)

# Upcoming Events

**CABIN FEVER RETURNS IN 2022**  
**Custom Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show April 2nd & 3rd, 2022**  
CUSTOM CARS, CLASSIC CARS, RACE CARS, MOTORCYCLES, DEALERS, VENDORS,  
CLUB DISPLAYS, SPECIALTY VEHICLES, DJ MUSIC, FAMILY FUN, ENTERTAINMENT & MORE!  
Naugatuck Entertainment Facility  
6 Rubber Avenue Naugatuck, Connecticut.

For more information on Sponsorship Opportunities, Vendor Space, Club Space or other opportunities to participate call Don at 860-354-5110 or email Don at: ddc14@aol.com or visit us online at [www.ctcruiseneews.com](http://www.ctcruiseneews.com)

GENERAL ADMISSION \$12.00 / CHILDREN 8-13 \$5.00 / CHILDREN UNDER 8 FREE / PLENTY OF FREE PARKING  
SATURDAY HOURS: 10AM TO 7PM / SUNDAY HOURS: 9AM TO 5PM

Connecticut Cruise NEWS Haymond Law FERRARI'S APPLIANCE

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

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

WHERE:

Naugatuck Entertainment Facility

6 Rubber Ave

Naugatuck, CT 06770

COST: \$12

# Upcoming Events

April 25, 2022

The DooWop Cruisers **Monday Cruise Nights**

**Every Monday 5pm til dark**

Washington Commons

Washington St., North Haven, CT



# Upcoming Events

Monday, April 25, 2022

Monday Nights at Mt Carmel

**Every Monday 5-8pm**

Mt Carmel Banquet Hall

93 Park Ave, Enfield, CT

**Monday Nights At  
Mt. Carmel**  
Mount Carmel  
BANQUET HALL  
**93 PARK AVE. ENFIELD, CT**  
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 5:00-8:00PM  
**FRESH FOOD, 50/50 RAFFLE, FREE ADMISSION**  
MUSIC BY DJ KEVIN CRANE  
AUTOMOTIVE & VENDOR SWAP SPACES  
**PARKING BY LEGENDARY MARK'S CREW**  
ALL YEARS AND MAKES WELCOME

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# Upcoming Cruise Nights

## MAY

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Cars & Coffee @ Manchester Honda, 9-12pm  
24 Adams St., Manchester, CT

Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Birdhouse Coffee Cruise Night, 5-9pm  
765 Sullivan Ave, South Windsor, CT  
**“EVERY MONDAY NIGHT”**

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hanks Dairy Bar Monthly Cruise, 5-8pm  
1006 Norwich Rd, Plainfield, CT

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – No Rules CC Arch II Pub Cruise, 4-8pm  
632 Cromwell Ave, Rocky Hill, CT  
**“EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT”**

# 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  
\$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



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

For Sale

1999 Corvette Convertible



Marc 860-877-3914 

Contact Marc@ 860-877-3914

For Sale

2003(C5) Z06 Wheels and Tires \$400

Tires –

Goodyear Eagle F1, 265/40/17 – Front

Goodyear Eagle F1, 295/35/18 - Rear



Contact Marc@ 860-877-3914

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:

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service Army \_\_\_ Navy \_\_\_ Marines \_\_\_ Air Force \_\_\_ Coast Guard \_\_\_

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

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