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The 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 funds for numerous Connecticut non-profit entities that support programs for military veterans in need.

March-2023

Newsletter

2023 70th Anniversary Edition



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President's Message

I can't believe that we are in March already. It seems like yesterday that it was Christmas day. Thankfully, this hasn't been much of a winter. I had the opportunity to take my Corvette for a ride twice during this "winter". If the weather that we have had this season is a product of global warming I'm all for it!

Seriously speaking, time is passing very quickly and we will have our cars back on the road soon. This year we are working hard to get the club active again. We already have our summer picnic, the Memorial Day parade in New Britain, and the "Cruise on Main" in Middletown scheduled.

We are currently looking at other events including a "kick-off event". To that end, I am pleased to announce that John Giorgio has accepted the position of Director of Social events. John organized our Christmas party and he has a lot of great ideas. I am grateful for his help and I know that his involvement is a step in the right direction for CMCC.

In other club news, our Corvette show scheduled for September is taking shape nicely. We will be asking all of our members to start to go out and look for sponsors that will provide us with cash or merchandise. Everyone must get involved not only with helping to bring in sponsors but we will need your help for both the Nomad's show and the Corvette show.

Lastly, while we are talking sponsors I am pleased to announce that Blasius Chevrolet, Cadillac has agreed to sponsor our club again for 2023. Besides being our club's Dealership Sponsor they have agreed to a level one donation for our Corvette show. Many good things are happening and I urge you to get involved. Attend our meetings, take part in the different events that come up, and enjoy the fellowship that our club can provide. I've always said that driving my Corvette is fun but joining in with my Corvette friends is even better! We can help our vets and have a good time doing it!

Be safe and stay healthy,

Gary



CLUB Information

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

CLUB Information

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

CLUB Information



February Birthday's

John Butler

Sherri Boguski

Larraine St Pierre

Linda Vasques

Sunshine

NONE REPORTED

We are looking for

NEW Members

Membership Application on last page



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.

WELCOME New Member, David Kokofsky

Cars & Coffee Events



Sunday, March 19th @ 0900-1100 (Every OTHER Sunday)

Cars & Coffee

Guilford Commons

1919 Boston Post Rd

Guilford, CT



Sunday, March 12th @ 0800-1100(EVERY SUNDAY)

Cars & Coffee

Birdhouse Coffee

765 Sullivan Ave

South Windsor, CT



Sunday, March 12th @ 0900 – 1200 (EVERY SUNDAY)

Cars & Coffee

Parking lot behind STARBUCKS

Somerset Square

140 Glastonbury Blvd

Glastonbury, CT

NCM NEWS

VETS 'N VETTES

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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

4 Reasons GM Went Hybrid Instead of Making a C8 Corvette EV

GM is killing off hybrids in favor of EVs, so why bother with the E-Ray?



Engineering Showcase

"It's just a new market opportunity for us as a company to showcase our engineering and our development of the whole architecture of C8," GM President **Mark Reuss** told **CNBC** in a recent interview. "General Motors and Chevrolet keep increasing what we're delivering for the Corvette customer."

1. Time and Effort

Indeed, there are several reasons why GM decided to move forward with the E-Ray, which is in fact a proper showcase for electrification. One of them, however, is the fact that the automaker had already invested a considerable amount of time and resources into developing the car, a process that began long before it decided to go all-electric.

Corvette News

2. Testing the Waters

On top of that, Corvette customers are a bit different than the average new car shopper, and electrification is a major yet controversial change. When you're talking about a model that's been around for over 70 years and has one of the most passionate group of fans on the planet behind it, you can't blame GM for going a bit conservative and testing the waters in terms of electrifying the Corvette.

3. Shared Platform Between All C8 Variants

The C8 was designed with the intention of using it for multiple variants - including the E-Ray - which was actually developed in conjunction with the Stingray. That means that the hybrid Corvette was already far along in the development process when GM decided to go 100 percent EV moving forward, and most notably, this also meant that the company's Bowling Green plant can build the E-Ray without any additional investments or major retooling.

4. Untapped Potential in the Package

"It's just part of our journey to what we have talked about before that there are 'electrified' and then fully electric Corvettes, and we're certainly on the road to that," said **Steve Majoros**, vice president of Chevrolet marketing. "But in the meantime, we have a lot of technology bandwidth that we can still unpack with Corvette."

No Plugs

Meanwhile, GM has no plans to produce a plug-in hybrid version of the Corvette, even though a full-blown EV is in the works. "The mission of this vehicle was performance, performance, performance," said **Mike Kociba**, lead Corvette development engineer. "Every kilogram or pound had to earn its way in from a mass standpoint. ... It hurt performance, plain and simple."

Corvette News

Corvette Buyers Guide 2023: A Corvette for (Almost) Every Budget

Shoestring budget, or money is no object, our Corvette Buyers Guide will help you find the perfect Corvette based on what you want to spend.

With used car prices starting to come back down to earth a bit, we thought we would help you out a little bit by creating a Corvette Buyers Guide to reflect 2023 pricing. There are some truly amazing cars for sale right now, from budget-friendly to concourse-quality. We scoured for sale listings to find some of the tastiest choices for every budget. We start at under \$10K and increase our budget by \$10K increments until we hit \$70K.

(Over \$70K you are into new car territory.)

Because there are so many options, we didn't include every single model and configuration you can get at every price point. Our Corvette Buyers Guide focuses on the most desirable and most available for a given budget. For example, if our search for a \$35K Corvette returned 1,000 results but only one C7, we didn't include the C7. Also, we included running and driving cars. Some might need work or have high miles, but we didn't include total basket cases. Sure, you can buy a C8 Stingray for \$20K if it is burned to the ground with only the VIN plate intact. But those are not the type of cars we are after here.

So, without further ado, let's see what Corvette is available to you.

Corvettes for Under \$10K

Let's be honest. Even with prices decreasing lately \$10K is not a lot of money to buy a Corvette in 2023. But that doesn't mean that if you have less than \$10K to spend you are out of luck. Here are the Corvettes you can put in your garage for less than \$10K.

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1978 – 1980 C3 Corvette

If you must have a C3 and only have this much to spend you can still get one. But it is not going to be an early C3. And what you find will drive and run, but it is going to be rough. These would be fun to buy and drive. And you can fix it up as time and budget allow.

1984 – 1994 C4 Corvette

For less than \$10K you can get yourself a nice C4. A coupe or convertible with 50K to 100K miles in good shape is available to you. At this price, you will likely be stuck with an automatic transmission. And no special editions such as the ZR-1 can be had. But if you are looking for a nice driver, the C4 is your answer.

Corvettes for \$10K to \$20K

If you can stretch your budget to \$20K, a LOT more options open up to you. You can of course get nicer versions of the cars we listed in the under \$10K category. But on top of that, you will be able to find newer and higher-performing Corvettes.

2005 – 2008 C6 Corvette

Believe it or not, you can score a C6 Corvette for less than 20 grand. These cars will likely have 100K+ miles on them. But they are presentable drivers that you should be able to enjoy for years to come. A 400-horsepower V8 Corvette with a manual transmission for less than \$20K is a tough deal to pass up.

Any Year C5 Corvette

In this price range you can land just about any C5 you want. We saw plenty of standard C5 Corvettes listed for sale with less than 30,000 miles on them for less than \$20K. These cars are basically still new. We even saw a few C5 Z06 Corvettes for sale in this price bracket.

Corvettes for \$20K to \$30K

This is the sweet spot. In the \$20K to \$30K range you can get a LOT of Corvette for not very much money. First of all, you can get nicer examples of all the cars we listed previously. On top of that, some special cars start to become available at this price point.

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1968 – 1974 C3 Corvette

By 1975 emissions regulations began to strangle the Corvette. But if you can swing \$30K for a car you can land a 1968 thru 1974 C3 with ease. They will have 50,000 to 100,000 miles on them, but they will be in good driver condition. They may not be the most desirable of the C3 Corvettes. But you can get a nice car with a numbers-matching 350 V8 and an automatic transmission for less than \$30K.

2005 – 2008 C6 Corvette

Are you looking for a nice driver? And early C6 can easily fit the bill for you in this price range. For between \$20K – \$30K there are hundreds of C6 Corvettes to choose from. These are the perfect Corvettes for driving and having fun. These are cars that you can buy for a reasonable sum and just have a ton of fun with. A coupe or convertible can easily be found with moderate mileage for less than 30 grand.

2003 50th Anniversary Edition

If you want something a little special how about a 50th Anniversary Edition C5 Corvette? We saw a couple of these listed for sale with low miles at this price point. Sure, it may not be the most powerful Corvette you can buy for the price. But it is a special car that will likely hold its value for years to come.

Corvettes for \$30K to \$40K

The cars in this price range are still bargains. The price of an average new car today is about \$45K. So, for less than that, you can get yourself a high-performance Corvette. There are some really special cars in this list. As always, you can get nicer examples of everything we listed previously. But there are so many good choices here we had to include three in this price bracket.

2014 – 2016 C7 Corvette

At less than \$40K, you can make the leap all the way to the C7 generation. The last of the front engine Corvettes. And while these may be early C7s, they are not beaters. You can easily find a C7 Corvette Stingray with less than 75,000 miles on the clock in this price range. Not bad for a 460-horsepower sportscar that can hit 60 mph in about 4 seconds flat.

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1990 – 1992 C4 ZR-1

You will have to look a bit harder, but there are several examples of these out there for sale at this price. They are all low-mile examples that would make any Corvette collector happy. Special cars at a bargain price.

2006 – 2008 C6 Z06

These cars are out there with less than 50,000 miles on them. A 505-horsepower monster for less than \$40K. This just might be the greatest bargain in our entire Corvette Buyers Guide. Performance, collectability, looks, these cars have it all.

Corvettes for \$40K to \$50K

This is a serious budget and, as a result, you can buy some serious Corvettes. Once again nicer versions of all cars we already listed are in play here. But there are also some real cream puffs that you can put into your garage for less than \$50K.

2017 – 2019 C7 Corvette

The world of the C7 really opens up to you here. You still won't find a Z06 or ZR-1 in this range. But you have just about everything else. Coupe or Convertible. 1LT, 2LT, 3LT, Z51, it is all available to you for less than \$50K. Some of these cars will have less than 10,000 miles on them.

The Best High-Performance C4, C5 and C6 Examples

Take your choice here. Do you want a 1994 C4 ZR-1 with less than 5,000 miles on it? How about a C6 Z06 with less than 10,000 miles? Or maybe you want an immaculate C6 Grand Sport? All of this high-performance, low-mile examples can be had for your \$50K budget. You are truly spoiled for choice.

Corvettes for \$50K to \$60K

Now you are getting into big bucks territory. \$60K is a lot of money. But it also buys you a metric crap-ton of Corvette. Naturally, you can pick up nicer versions of everything we already mentioned. But your higher budget also unlocks some new tasty choices.

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2017 – 2019 C7 Grand Sport Corvette

You can snag a 2017 to 2019 Corvette Grand Sport with less than 25,000 miles on it for less than \$60K all day long. And if you prefer top-down motoring, you can get yourself a convertible version as well. This is serious machinery for about 30 percent less than what a typical new C8 will cost.

2015 – 2017 C7 Z06 Corvette

Is the Grand Sport just not enough for you? Well, if you don't mind a car with 50,000 to 75,000 miles on it, you can land a C7 Z06. That's right. A 650-horsepower, pavement-shredding Z06 that can rip to 60 mph in just over 3 seconds. The last Corvette Z06 offered a manual transmission. Can be yours for less than \$60K. What a deal.

Corvettes for \$60K to \$70K

If you have been saving your pennies for a bit longer and have up to \$70K to spend on a Corvette, then you shall be rewarded with some of the best cars out there. You are dropping a decent chunk of change now, but you are getting a lot back in return. As always, you can grab nicer examples of cars we already listed. But if you want to branch out a bit, check out the below.

2020 C8 Corvette

It might be hard to believe but you can find a 2020 C8 Corvette Stingray in this price range. There are not a lot of them, but they are out there. They have clean titles and less than 25,000 miles on them. You are looking at a basic 1LT or 2LT coupe at this price. But you are getting the latest and greatest generation Corvette out there.

1963 – 1967 C2 Corvette

If you prefer classic over new, the world of the C2 Corvette opens up to you at this price range. But if you want a nice 1966 Corvette Convertible with a 327 V8 and a manual transmission with less than 30,000 miles. Boom. Your \$70K will get you one.

Corvettes for \$70K+

Buy whatever you want! OK, not really. But when you are spending this kind of money you can order yourself a new C8 if you want. Or choose some of the best examples of the best Corvettes through the years. The Corvette world is your oyster unless you want a C7 ZR1, C8 Z06, or a highly collectible classic. We hope this Corvette Buyers Guide has helped you with your Corvette shopping journey. Now get out there and start test driving.

Corvette News

Used Car Prices are Finally Dropping as Corvette Prices Rise

America's Sports Car rounds out the Top 10 list of used car prices that are still rising, but are things about to change???

The American auto industry has survived depressions, recessions, and even a couple of World Wars. But it's hard to find a comparable period to these last three years. When the pandemic first hit and the world locked many doors in March of 2020, OEMs and car dealers struggled to sell and produce new vehicles. As the world started to open back up in 2021, demand surged while supply and distribution chains remained clogged, sending new and used car prices soaring ever since. That is, until Q4 of 2022.

According to **a new report from *iSeeCars.com***, average used car prices — which tend to follow new car pricing patterns — fell 2% in November of last year, and another 3% in December. The average used car price effectively dropped \$1,000, which is the first such decrease since June of 2020. What's particularly striking is that, as late as September 2022, the average used car price was still rising, up 8% over September 2021.

However, Corvette Fans Have to Wait for the Good News

Despite what seems like good news for auto enthusiasts looking to find a great deal, you'll never guess which American sports car is bucking the overall trend. Just kidding, you already know it's the Corvette, which saw an average used car price increase of \$7,089 between September and December of last year. That's right, to buy a slice of Kentucky-made 'Muricana in December of 2022, folks paid an average of 9.0% more than they would have just three months earlier.

The Corvette was number 10 of the top used vehicles that saw price gains in Q4 last year. The Cadillac Escalade actually topped the list, with a 14.9%, or \$9,867, September to December price increase.

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So, what's Going On with the Corvette, and Will Things Change?

Corvettes have always been special despite being mass-produced. Although many are **daily driven**, most are not. Most become well-maintained weekend toys owned by **people who know and love the brand**. And the best way to get someone to sell an old Corvette is to have them buy a new Corvette.

But **supply chain issues and production delays** have been plaguing Bowling Green for years, as we write this. This means Chevrolet wasn't able to make as many **C8 Stingrays and Z06s** as the market demanded. And GM is about to add the **E-Ray** to the production schedule as well. Also, the **C8 generation is such a radical evolution** — going mid-engine, dropping the manual transmission, and **mid-six-figure pricing** — some folks are opting to keep C5, C6, and C7 generations for longer (and perhaps, forever).

Plus, with all the talk of GM going all-electric in the next 13 or so years, lots of folks are taking a look at V8-powered American sports cars. And, let's face it, any generation Corvette is arguably the best one to get.

That said, the C8 Corvette Stingray will be heading into its fourth model year later this summer. And the more GM delivers Z06s and E-Rays, the more people will be dumping C8 Stingrays, which will likely convince others to step up from earlier generations. (And around and around we go.)

The point is that we probably should *not* expect used Corvettes to pull a Tesla Model 3 and drop by 16.8% in the near future. However, we do expect Corvettes to follow the overall market trends in the coming months. Perhaps, my friends, 2023 will finally mark the return of the used Corvette deal. But only time will tell.

You Could Always Buy a Mustang or a Camaro

However, if you're itching for a new toy, there are a few deals brewing at the moment. If you're okay with skipping a Corvette, that is. Used Chevy Camaros are down 10.4% since December 2021. And, sacrilege we know, Ford Mustang prices dropped 11.5% between September and December of last year (13.5% versus December 2021).

Sponsors



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Where Friends Send Friends

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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@sandyelectrolysiscenter.com

Sponsors



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

Upcoming Events

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

March 25, 2023 @ 10:00 am – March 26, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

Naugatuck Entertainment Facility

6 Rubber Ave

Naugatuck, CT 06770

USA

Cost: \$12

Saturday, April 15 @ 1000 (Will meet there)

Lunch at Chuck's Steak House after

North American Motor Car Tour,

20 Segar St

Danbury

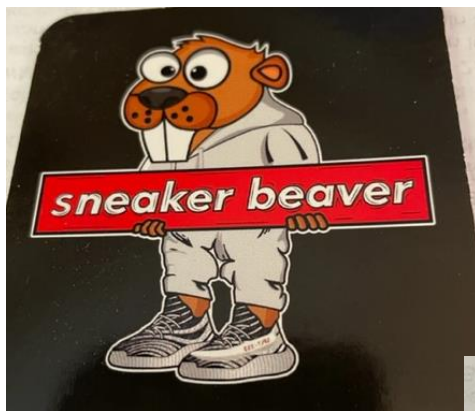


Upcoming Cruise Nights

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



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