



CORVETTE CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND HAS A NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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\$40 MEMBERSHIP DUES SHOULD BE MAILED TO: DENNIS LANGLOIS 424 PHILLIPS HILL ROAD COVENTRY, RI 02816

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR CCRI MEMBERS!

As of the writing of this President's message, I am officially retired as a Business Owner of Express Employment in Warwick, RI. I have been a business owner for 30 years and as a National Franchise Owner for the past 16 years. Monday, January 3, 2022, I turned the keys over to a new owner.

NEW BEGINNINGS, NEW HOPE, NEW ADVENTURES. I am hoping the same for our Club, with new Socials, new hope for all of you and of course, GOOD HEALTH. The Board of Directors have decided not to have a January meeting and we will assess for February. Let's face it, it's not because of the virus, it is not because of being dictated by our Government – it is keeping our Membership safe during Flu and cold season and COVID. Since Christmas many of my friends and family are still struggling with Covid. So why not be safe rather than sorry.

SOCIALS – we have our January Breakfast Social coming up on Sunday, January 9, 2022 and we have a February breakfast coming up at Kountry Kitchen which you will see in our Newsletter here – and we have our SALEM CROSS INN happening in March. We are meeting with Activities in January and we hope to have some fun new socials ahead. The Christmas Party was beautiful, and we so missed those that couldn't attend due to illness. I am excited about starting a New Year with my extended CCRI family and I am looking forward to rides to NOWHERE!!!!

APPOINTED POSITIONS – we have some new Members joining in on our appointed positions and I am excited in having them join me in steering the Club to growing and getting Members involved within our Club.

PAUL MASSE – I am proud to say that I am now a Paul Masse owner of a beautiful Chevy Blazer Premier – I don't have it yet, but I was treated like royalty by the Team, and I cannot thank Bob Masse and Paul D. for their expertise and professionalism. It was a great Masse experience. I hope our Members will continue to support our Sponsor and visit all the Paul Masse dealerships here in Rhode Island.

MEMBERSHIP – our VP, Dennis Langlois does an amazing job with our Membership and our yearly DUES ARE DUE! I hope you will consider rejoining this amazing Club and the amazing car enthusiasts that make it what it is – please mail your checks to DENNIS LANGLOIS, at 424 Phillips Hill Road, Coventry, RI 02816 – more information here in our Newsletter.

NEW ADDRESS FOR OUR CLUB: Well I sold the business, so for now if you are paying for a Social – or sending any type of correspondence, please forward the same to my address – CORVETTE CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND – 90 Colwell Road, Burrillville, RI 02830.

Until we meet again, be safe, stay healthy and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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For a complete list of upcoming events, click here!

DAYS OF INTEREST

January 9th CCRI BREAKFAST CLUB

February 6th CCRI BREAKFAST CLUB

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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Kriss Ashing Vincent Capone Dante Caprara Jr Lori Corsi **Guenther DerManelian Rod Fischer Gregory Fox Robert Gardner Joe Gelineau Eric Haugen David Levesque Douglas Lombardi Vincent Masino Paul Masse Paul Miele Rick Paesano Peter Peterson George Picotte John Pisaturo**

APP

Jean Green Megan Mihara Lenore Duarte Kathy Ethier Sue Fagan Linda Gardrel **Elaine Gelineau Donna Guglietta Rosemary Hastings Mary Mangasarian Suzanne Desvernine Cheryl Mills** Karen Nastari Patricia Rucci Linda Tougas Linda Trainor **Frank Ricci Steven Sylven Jamie Thibeault**



If you know of any member that has become ill, under went an operation, had a death in their family, celebrating a special occasion like an anniversary or just needs some cheering-up please contact:

Brenda Marini @ Bamarini39@gmail.com

Recipients of cards for December

Doug Lombardí

Alcides and Claire Silva

Erníe Nastarí

Karen Nastarí

Gino and Brenda Marini

Doug and Charlene Lombardí

Ray Cheney

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE AFTER JANUARY 1ST

MEMBERSHIP REMAINS AT \$40 FOR 2022

Please Contact: Dennis Langlois Membership Director 424 Phillips Hill Road Coventry, RI 02816 401-397-9837

NEMBERSHIP NEWS LET'S GIVE A CORVETTE WAVE TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

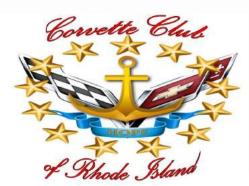
Louie & Valerie Ruggieri 60R Black, 65R Green







IF YO UWOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION ON PAGE 31





Be sure to visit our website regularly for updates, news and sign ups for all our upcoming events!

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CCRI Club Apparel

Detailing your Corvette

Over the next few pages, we're going to show you some professional-level cleaning and detailing tips that will make your Vette gleam. Better still, these techniques can be performed in your driveway with just a few simple tools and a handful of car-care products.

of Rhode Island

Celebrating 57 Years

Founded by a handful of Rhode Island Corvette Enthusiasts back in 1964, the Corvette Club of Rhode Island (CCRI) has endured for over five decades. The motivating factors for this enterprise have remained applicable to this day and are stipulated as "general purposes" in Article 2 of the club by-laws.

Join the Club

Are you the owner of a CORVETTE? CCRI has been a very active club for over fifty years. We'd love for you to join us as we celebrate the only true American Sports Car while we work with local charities, the Veterans, and more.

Join the club

Read our blog

Read our history

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ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

Elizabeth Dauphinee Linda Langlois If interested in helping activities for 2022 please contact the directors



CCRI HOLIDAY GALA















12-28-2021

Dear Dennis,

I wanted to send a special Thank you to the Corvette Club for your generosity in helping a family in need at Christmas Time. With your generous donation of gift cards, the mother of 3 kids was able to fill the Christmas tree with gifts for her 3 children. Your organization helped turn a Christmas tragedy into what I believe was a True Christmas miracle and I Thank you

Kathleen E Clark, RN

Executive Director

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TOTS FOR TOTS

Thank you to our sponsor Paul Massee, the members family and friends of the Corvette Club of Rhode Island and to our member Eddie Imondi for always going over and above - Thank you Mario Branco and all those that donated monetary checks to the cause! Mario rounded things out to give \$1000.00 donation











CCRI BREAKFAST CLUB

With Jim and Rosemary Campanini

Sunday February 6th at 10:30 There are only 20 spots for this breakfast. It's at Kountry Kitchen 10 Smith Ave Greenville RI. Open menu

People are to email Rosemary Campanini Silverlady925@cox.net



SALEM CROSS INN FIRESIDE FEAST GETAWAY WEEKEND

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

DINNER AT THE SALEM CROSS INN ON SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

AN ALA CARTE WEEKEND

Salem Cross Inn Fireside Feast is open to the first 50 people – the Feast includes a Prime Rib Dinner; or Vegetarian meal or Salmon full course dinner from appetizers, to mulled wine, to a full family style prime rib dinner. Horse Drawn Carriage rides weather permitting. The cost is \$80.00 per person nonrefundable if you book this event. Members must pay and notify Liliana V. Dolan by no later than January 5, 2022. Checks are payable to Corvette Club of Rhode Island and can be dropped off or mailed to Corvette Club of Rhode Island, 90 Colwell Rd, Burriville, RI 02830.

Hotel reservations and cost per room are still undecided at this time. Updates to be announced soon.

Bus transportation and pricing from the hotel to the Inn is still being negotiated. - (more information to come)

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ME ANYTIME

LILIANA V. DOLAN

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Harriton Women's Denim Shirt - \$42 Sizes S – 3XL Style #M550W

Port Authority Men's Denim Shirt - \$45 Sizes S – 4XL Style #S100

Merchandise sales or pick up of items at monthly meetings start at 6 pm.

Interested in buying apparel but can't attend the meetings? Simply contact Barbara Baynes to place your order.

Email her at: barbara131jstn@gmail.com.





CCRI APPAREL IS AVAILABLE FOR ORDERING!

Merchandise can be purchased using cash or check.

Sales will begin at **6pm** on meeting nights.

Get there early to get some great deals!





CCRI Apparel News

The CCRI Men's Fall/Winter Collection

Check out the latest in CCRI menswear with these new additions to club apparel. They are wardrobe basics that are anything but basic with the warmth and comfort they will provide on those cool fall and winter days.

NOTE: All clothing items will feature the CCRI logo embroidered on the left chest.



Charles River Adirondack Fleece Pullover

A great pullover to have on hand when the cooler weather comes your way.

You'll enjoy this 100% polyester Loftex[™] anti-pill fleece. Made from a very high quality, plush poly fleece with ultra-soft nap and cozy feel. Features black contrast zipper, black contrast fleece on inside of collar for wind resistance and angled front zipper pockets, elasticized cuffs and open hem with shockcord drawstring.

Sizes XS-3XL \$50.00



Sport-Tek® Super Heavyweight Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt

On or off the field, it's the most warmth you can get out of a sweatshirt. This super heavyweight fleece is constructed for durability and comfort. It features self-fabric hood lining, rib knit cuffs, hem and side gussets with spandex and front pouch pockets.

Sizes XS-4XL \$55.00





Hanes® Long Sleeve Beefy T-Shirt

This tee shirt spells out comfort for everyday wear and is known as the best in tee shirts as far as quality. Made of USA spun cotton with doubleneedle stitching throughout and rib knit cuffs. It's thick cotton perfect for the fall and sure to last a long time.

Sizes S-3XL

\$27.00



Devon & Jones Men's Pima Piqué Long-Sleeve Polo

Welcome the fall with the long sleeve polo made of luxurious pima cotton. Features three button placket with double needle stitching on hem and additional yam in collar and cuffs for a neater appearance and greater durability. The polo also provides comfortable, shape-keeping ribbed cuffs.

Sizes S-4XL

\$45.00

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CCRI Apparel News



OGIO Endurance Sonar Full

Zip Jacket

With flat lock seams for supreme comfort, the versatile full-zip jacket contains 90% polyester that resists rips and tears. Wear the jacket as the weather gets cool or as an inner layer for the days when the weather takes a turn for the worst.

- 90/10 poly/spandex
- Zip-through cadet collar
- Ruching at collar (pleated)
 Rubber-wrapped O zipper pull
- Rubber-wrapp
 Set-in sleeves
- Mitten cuffs for warmth
- Front pockets

Sizes XS-4XL

\$70.00



OGIO Endurance Nexus

1/4 Zip Pullover

This pullover has it all with stay cool wicking, odor control, zoned ventilation, stretch, flatlock seams for comfort with reflective details. Reflective taping at front and back raglan sleeves and zipper. A comfy shirt with style and longevity.

- 88/12 Poly/spandex jersey body
- 92/8 Poly/spandex mesh panels
- Mesh at center back
- Modified raglan sleeves with thumbholes for warmth
- Slight drop tail hem

Sizes XS-4XL

\$50.00

8/2021



The CCRI Women's Fall/Winter Collection

ar newest arrivals have landed just in time for fall and winter days. Refresh your CCRI wardrobe with new styles feel-good fabrics, feel-good styles and feel-good fashion. Shop new looks for anytime, anywhere comfort.

NOTE: All clothing items will feature the CCRI logo embroidered on the left chest.



Eddie Bauer Ladies Storm Repel Soft Shell Jacket

Unsettled weather won't dampen your adventures in this sleek 3-layer soft shell with exclusive StormRepel durable water repellent (DWR) finish.

Created with waterproof/breathable fabric, the outer shell has stretch and the look of your favorite sweater or heathered fleece. The brushed microfleece interior adds warmth and comfort. Features front zippered pockets and comfort fit cuff binding. Made of a 100% polyester knit shell with DWR coating bonded to a water-resistant laminated film insert and 100% polyester brushed microfleece interior.

Sizes XS-4XL \$75.00

J America Ladies Relay Crew Sweatshirt

Soft and buttery material on the inside, this sweatshirt features thick relay bands at the cuff and hem with white trim. Its contains all around great materials and washes well. Made with 60% cotton, 40% polyester sueded fleece. Perfect for the cool fall and cold weather months. It's a very comfy sweatshirt you'll want to wear often.

Sizes S-2XL

\$47.00

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Sporting new colors is our Sport-Tek Soft Shell Jacket in Royal Blue and Black Trim



This is a great lightweight jacket which can take on light rain or wind with a sleek colorblock shell and a warm microfleece interior. Very comfortable with zipper through the collar and front zippered pockets.

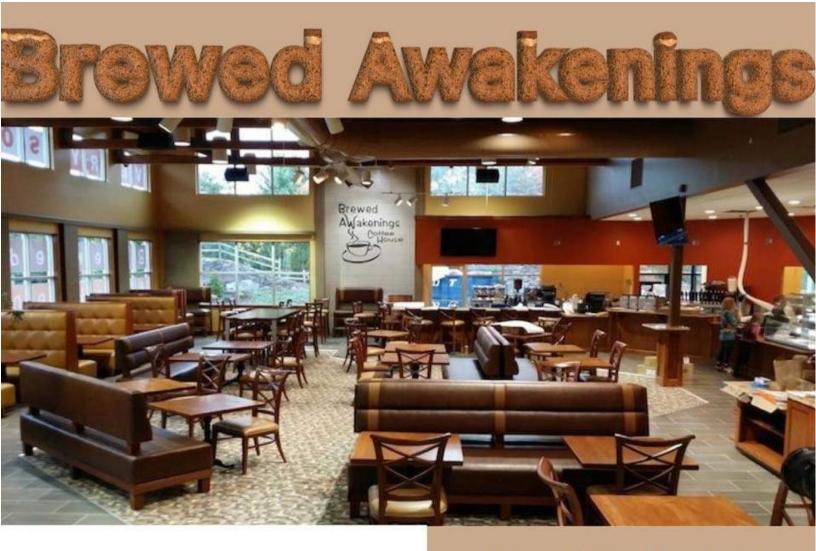
This jacket has been available in recent years with black/red trim for ladies and black/grey trim for men.

NOTE: All clothing items will feature the CCRI logo embroidered on the left chest.

Sizes XS-4XL in women and men sizes

\$65.00







A Special Thank You to the Management and Staff of Brewed Awakenings on Rt 2 in Warwick for their continued support of CCRI Members. Any member who can join us on Tuesdays at 9:00AM is welcome. Sit with a brew and have a great time. The management has extended our table to accommodate our growing numbers.



RANDY FLOCK'S NCM NEWS

Individual Member - Price \$50.00

- Membership Card
- NCM member lapel pin
- Free admission to Member
- Discount on NCM sponsored events
- Annual subscription to America's Sports Car publication
- 10% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and Catalog
- Discount on insurance from NCM insurance Agency
- Discount on car rentals and hotels
- 20% discount on CARFAX reports
- \$10.00 off membership to AIr Evac/AirMedCare Network
- Access to Members Only section of website, including Monthly Corvette Calendar Wallpaper and Special Videos



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The National Corvette Museum (NCM) is a non-profit foundation exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Membership fees and dues are tax deductible as allowed by law. Save time and a stamp by signing up online at corvettemuseum.org or send this form (and check made payable) to: National Corvette Museum, 350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101-9134 All memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable. Prices and benefits are subject to change.

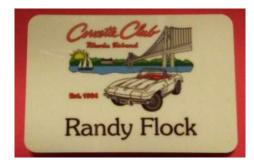
CCRI members joining the NCM for the first time will only pay \$37.50 for the first year.

The Corvette Club of Rhode Island is a Lifetime Business/Club Member

Who's who at CCRI

With over 300 members it's becoming a challenge to learn names. Help us by purchasing a name tag and wearing it to meetings, shows, socials.

Name badges are 3" x 2" with a magnetic backing and cost \$8.00 each



Your Name	(please print)

Pay at the Business Meeting or send a check

Make check out to: Randy Flock

Mail to: Randy Flock

2275 Division Rd.

East Greenwich, RI 02818

vetteflock@cox.net

Pick up at the following Business Meeting

No more mailing badges out

July 14, 15, 16, 2022 New England Caravan "Meet and Greet" Nova Scotia, Canada

Three nights of lodging at The Rodd Grand Yarmouth Convention Centre (not included in registration fee – book room on your own)

Registration itinerary:

Thursday - July 14, 2022 – Dinner (out of pocket) on The Cat ferry or on your own if you're driving. The Cat ferry departs from Bar Harbor at 4:00 PM Thursday July 14, 2022 – 3 ½ hour trip

Friday – July 15, 2022 – Breakfast at the hotel 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM (included in registration)
Friday AM – Scenic Car Cruise to points of interest.
Lunch at a Rudder's Seafood Restaurant and Brew Pub (included in registration)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM parade followed by "Meet and Greet" with appetizers (included in registration)

Saturday July 16, 2022 – Breakfast at the hotel 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM (included in registration) 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM - New England Caravan update in the breakfast room 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM - Car Show (entrance fee included in registration) 6:00 PM Boat Cruise with food and drink (included in registration fee) Fireworks at 10:00 PM

Sunday – Depart – Breakfast on your own - Cat Ferry departs at 9:00 AM for Bar Harbor (3 ½ hour ride)

Three Night Registration Cost \$280.00 USD couples and \$155.00 USD singles (does not include hotel)

Join us on this Scenic and Fun Weekend. Space is limited...first come first served. You will receive an email confirmation once we receive your registration fee. After you receive your confirmation email, book your room by calling 902-742-2446 referencing the "New England Corvette Caravan". Room rates are \$138.00 CAD plus taxes. You will book The Cat ferry on your own. You are booking the 4:00 PM ferry for Thursday July 14 and a return trip from Yarmouth, NS on Sunday July 17, 2022. Ferry Website: <u>www.ferries.ca/book/</u> Round trip fair for two passengers and car is \$550.00 CAD + taxes. Ferry reservations will open late January of 2022

Room Cancellation Policy at the Grand Rodd Hotel is 72 hours prior to arrival. New England Caravan Registration refunds will be made up to June 15, 2022. Information update and the agenda will be sent to you 30 days prior to start of event.

Return signed liability waiver form with your check

I have read and agree to all the above: Signature_____

Date

For future information contact Randy Flock at email: <u>vetteflock@cox.net</u>

You will need a Passport and Vaccination card to board the ferry or enter Canada by road. You <u>may</u> need a covid test 72 hours prior to entering₂ This will depend on the health regulations at the time. Help support the New England Caravan and the National Corvette Museum

2024 The New England Corvette Caravan 2024

Sponsorship Order Form

Yes, I would like to be a sponsor of the 2024 New England Corvette Caravan. I would like to subscribe to one or more of the following sponsorships. I understand that I am responsible for providing my ad in PDF electronic format (high definition) that it may be sized correctly. E-mail: vetteflock@cox.net

Note: Ads can be sent in any time after payment is received up to June 30, 2024.

Option 1 - New England Route Book - Business Ad/Club

Ad/Personal Ad Website posting

www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/

AD SIZE	COLOR AD	YES	DIMENSIONS	\$ AMOUNT
BUSINESS CARD	\$75.00		3 3/8"x 2.0"	
1/4 PAGE	\$150.00		3.5″ x 4.5″	
1/2 PAGE	\$200.00		7.3″ x 4.5″	
FULL PAGE	\$300.00		7.3″ x 9.6″	
FRONT COVER (INSIDE)*	\$500.00		7.3 "x 9.6"	Sold
BACK COVER (INSIDE)*	\$500.00		7.3 x 9.6″	Sold
BACK COVER (OUTSIDE)*	\$500.00		7.3" x 9.6"	Sold
			TOTAL	\$

Option 2 – Vanity Plate I would like to support the New England Corvette Caravan by inserting my personal vanity license plate photo in the New England Route Book @ 30.00 each. Dimensions 3/4" x 1 1/2". Your vanity plate will also be posted on our New England website: www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/ Just take a photo of your plate with your phone camera and E-mail your photo (just photo of your license plate not the whole rear end of the car – we can crop a few inches off plate surroundings) to <u>vetteflock@cox.net</u>



Please make checks payable to: NE 2024 NCM Caravan

Mail Payment to: NE Caravan / Randy Flock P. O. Box 42 East Greenwich, RI 02818

The National Corvette Museum is a 501(C)(3) non-profit foundation. The tax I.D. # is 742519972

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PHONE	E-MAIL ²⁹		

The 7th National Corvette Caravan is slated for August 29-31, 2024 2024 New England Corvette Caravan – Registration opening February 14, 2022

Randy/Judy Flock - Captain Larry/Ingrid Goelz - Captain Connecticut State Leaders - Jeff/Mary Lou Barcome Massachusetts State Leaders - Don/Cindy Mason New Hampshire State Leaders - Jeff/Alyssa Batula New York State Leaders - Dave Fournigault/Crissy Dawson Rhode Island State Leaders - Doug/Charlene Lombardi Maine State Leaders - Bruce/Debbie Cates Eastern Canada Leaders - Ivan/Amanda Hines





Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2024 and will mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary.

Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, KY for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum.



(Please mail to Membership Director's address below)

Are you the owner of a **CORVETTE?** And, are you as proud as you should be in driving the only true American sports car? If the answer to these questions is "yes", then you should be considering membership in the

Corvette Club of Rhode Island.

CCRI has been a very active club for over fifty years and we would like to extend an invitation to you as a Corvette owner to join our club and participate in its activities. We are sure you would enjoy meeting with fellow enthusiasts to share our common interests.

Our events include cruising, fund raising, parties, trips and many other competitive and social activities. Members receive a monthly newsletter, the "Vette Set Gazette" and a membership card. Club jackets and shirts are also available to members at an additional cost if requested.

It is hoped that you will accept our invitation to drop in at a monthly meeting or attend one of our events listed in the monthly newsletter, or on our website here: http://corvetteclubofrhodeisland.com/ccri-club-events/ Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00--currently at the

Shepherd of the Valley Church, 604 Seven Mile Road (off Scituate Avenue), Hope, RI

For further information, please contact: Membership Director: Dennis Langlois 401-397-9837



Membership dues are \$40.00 per year payable upon submission of this application for approval. If the application is not approved, the \$40.00 is fully refundable. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a GM production Corvette to apply.

DATE:		
NAME:	D. 0. B. (month/day ONLY):/	
CO-MEMBER:		D. 0. B. (month/day ONLY):/
STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
TELEPHONE # ()	CELL # ()
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
YEAR OF CAR(s):BODY	STYLE:ENGINE:	COLOR:
YEAR OF CAR(s): BODY	STYLE: ENGINE:	COLOR:

Applicants need not be present upon submission of application, but are requested to attend one business or social meeting previous to being voted into the Club. CCRI reserves the right to reject any application that is not in compliance with CCRI membership guidelines delineated in the Club By-Laws. Upon approval of your application, you will receive your CCRI Membership Card and a subscription to the Club's Monthly Newsletter, the "Vette Set Gazette. Dues for members, including the co-member of a duly elected member, shall be \$40.00 per calendar year.

Please make checks payable to The Corvette Club of R.I. or CCRI

Mail to Membership Director: Dennis Langlois – 424 Phillips Hill Road – Coventry, RI 02816

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25 Fun Facts about the Chevrolet Corvette

1. Haley Earl, the designer of the Corvette, initially designed his roadster under the name "Project Opel." The original target price point was a mere \$2,000.

2. There's a bit of resemblance between early Corvettes and the Jaguar XK120 due to Haley Earl drawing some inspiration from the classic Jaguar.

3. The Corvette has been produced in three different cities: Flint, Bowling Green, and St. Louis.

4. The first Corvette retailed for \$3,513 in 1953. Adjusted for inflation, that's an affordable \$31,608!

5. Myron Scott, who worked as a photographer for Chevrolet, named the Corvette after a small warship of the same designation.

6. The Corvette is the only vehicle to ever offer a legitimate "wrap-around" windshield.

7. The original Corvette logo featured the classic checkered flag crossed with the American flag. However, when designers learned that using the stars and stripes on a commercial product was illegal, the logo was changed to the traditional bow-tie emblem and a fleur de lis.

8. The Corvette has been used as the pace car of the Indianapolis 500 thirteen times, more than any other vehicle!

9. You might be surprised to learn that the 1968 LT-2 Corvette prototype is the fastest in history, completing the quarter mile in 10.86 seconds and going 0-60 in 2.8 seconds. Though the 2009 ZR1 came close with a quarter mile at 11.4 seconds, the old prototype still reigns supreme.

10. The original 1953 Corvette offered only 2 options—a heater for \$91 and an AM radio for \$145. A Corvette with all the trimmings would set you back a total of \$3,749.

11. The original Sting Ray designs were partly taken from an actual Mako Shark caught by designer Bill Mitchell while deep sea fishing.

12. In 1960, GM gave all three Mercury 7 astronauts—Alan Shepard, Gus Grissom, and Chuck Yeager—brand new Corvettes as a publicity stunt.

13. The 1953 Corvette came in only one color option: Polo White with a red interior. The last year the Polo White color was used was 1957.

14. V8 engines weren't available as an option until 1955. And in that year, 90% of all customers selected the option. Since then, all Corvettes have offered nothing but V8 engines.

15. Only one 1983 model Corvette is still known to exist, and it's on display at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. This is due to quality issues that caused GM to stop production until the problems could be solved. By the time the issues were straightened out, it was so late that the fixed Corvette was introduced as the 1984 model.

16. The Corvette boasts a family that's 2 million strong and continues to grow year after year. In fact, in 2012, Corvettes accounted for nearly 1/3 of all sports car sales in America!

17. The 2009 ZR1 was the first Corvette to be pushed over the 200 mph mark.

18. The 1963 Corvette Sting Ray Split-Window Coupe is widely regarded as the most beautiful and influential Corvette ever made.

19. The 1978 Corvette Indy 500 Pace Car was painted black and silver because it photographed better. Back then, most publications and ads were black and white.

20. Due to federal mandates, the 1980 Corvette had an 85 mph speedometer.

21. 1979 was the highest production year for the Corvette with 53,807 units built.

22. The 2014 Corvette Stingray was clocked going reverse at 53 mph—just 2 mph behind the all time record!

23. Vehicles made in 1953 were primarily constructed of steel—this made the Corvette's innovative use of fiberglass a new and exciting feature.

24. The 1963 Split Window model only existed for one year because of a disagreement between designers Bill Mitchell and Zora Arkus-Duntov.

25. A whopping 36-gallon gas tank was an available option for the Corvette from 1963 to 1967.

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