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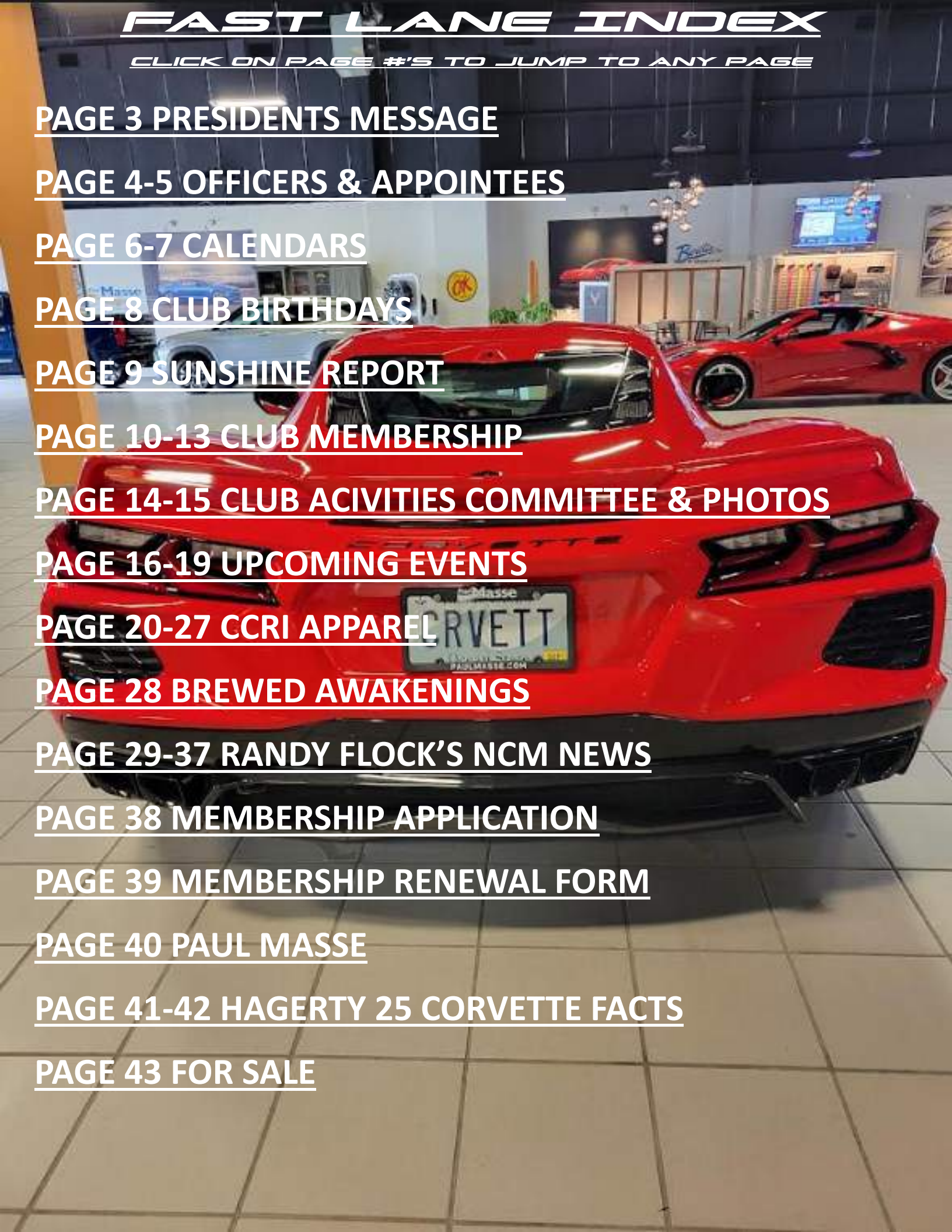
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH MAY

WELCOME TO THE KICKOFF OF OUR SEASON – 2023 CCRI MEMBERS

Here we are in the month of May with many rain showers; but that is “ok”The sun will be shining and some of us have already taken our mental therapy rides out of hibernation. Hoping this Message finds our Membership doing well and staying healthy – especially Marlene and Richard Gallo whom we miss dearly. The PIZZA PARTY/ICE CREAM KICK OFF WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS – thank you to Dennis Langlois for ordering the Pizza and bringing the necessary paper goods and water; thank you to Activities and the BOD for assisting as well – and finally to STEVE CADORET for being our SGT of ARMS and collecting names of attendance; along side our new Clergy Skip who eloquently did the Blessing of the Corvettes. IT WAS A WELL ATTENDED MEETING – and I thank you all for the Love and Support. I am so Blessed to be this Club's President and I hope we have served our members well. Missing our Sgt of Arms Douglas and Charlene – we hope to have them home from Columbia soon – Safe Travels my friends.

A HUGE THANK YOU – to Rosemary and Jim Campanini for putting on a successful breakfast at Johnny's Restaurant, last month. This too was so well attended, and I truly do appreciate the continued support from these two long time Members. We love you both!

PARADE DRIVE BY – ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB – SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

The Grandmaster of the Grand Masons is retiring, and we have been asked to assist with joining them for a drink at the Alpine Country Club of May 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. My thought is that we would meet at the Shepherd of the Valley Church at 5:45 p.m. leave by 6:15 the latest and caravan over to the Alpine Country Club – where they are celebrating Robert J. Palazzo the outgoing Grandmaster of Masons in Rhode Island. Mr. Palazzo purchased a C8 from our Sponsor and Rick Simoes has been in touch with Paul Masse, Denny and now me in coordinating something to make this evening special. The Masons have paid \$500.00 check to CCRI as a 10-year membership to Robert and his wife, Valarie. We will caravan up under the awning and park in a designated area – go in for a cocktail and then I will be remaining to present his membership during the ceremonies; so, it's a secret until then. I HOPE I CAN COUNT ON SOME MEMBERS IN MAKING AN IMPRESSIVE SHOWING FOR THIS PARADE – ON THIS SATURDAY EVENING COMING UP MAY 6, 2023, AT 5:45 P.M. AT THE SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY CHURCH!

We have so many things coming up – be sure to check our website and our newsletter for all up and coming events. Until June – wishing everyone a wonderful MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AND A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL!

SAVE THE WAVE ALWAYS
WITH ANGELS ON WHEELS
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May 2023









SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2ND CCRI CLUB MEETING PIZZA PARTY!

28TH GATE CITY CAR SHOW @ Anheuser-Busch in Merrimack, NH

29TH LINCOLN AND NORTH PROVIDENCE MEMEORIAL DAY PARADE

June 2023

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4TH MOROSO CAR SHOW IN GUILFORD CT

6TH CLUB MEETING

8TH-11TH BACK TO THE BEACH OLD ORCHARD BEACH ME

14TH FIRST SUNSET CRUISE—BEAVER TAIL BY WARNER & ELIZABETH

24TH THOMPSON SPEEDWAY HOSTED BY ROGER & DEB

28TH SUNSET CRUISE HOSTED BY DAVE AND JUDY (LOCATION TBD)

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Allen Bernard

Peggy Buttenbaum

Mary Bonner

Jane Burns

Rosemary Campanini

Kathy Carlson

Kim Caswell

Guy Comastra

Scott Fugere

Fernando Goncalves

Vincent Guadalupe

Allan Howard

Lee Hughes

Linda Laychak

Randy Maine

Anna Martins

Richard Michaud

Lynne Michaud

Paul Richard

Peter Sacchetti

Jim Sapp

Donald Sherman

Karen Squillacci



SUNSHINE

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 March

John Gungle

Bruce Bouchard

Gene Laychak

Linda Gardrel

Karen Nastari

Mary Bonner

Paul Masse

Denny & Linda Langlois

David & Lenore Duarte

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

***TO BECOME A MEMBER
SEE PAGE 38 IN THIS
NEWSLETTER FOR OUR APPLICATION***

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ROBERT AND VALERIE PALAZZO





WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

George Rasta
Woonsocket, RI
1985 gray / silver
2004 white
2012 white

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

**Still Strong
in 2023!**
Corvette Club
of Rhode Island



Winterizing your Corvette

One of the most popular questions among Corvette owners is "how should I prepare my Corvette for long-term or winter storage? This age old question is just like the typical "which type of aftermarket exhaust system should I install" question. You're bound to get five hundred different answers and all of them could be different.

[Read our blog](#)

Celebrating 59 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.

[Read our history](#)

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](#)

ACTIVITIES 2023

ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

Elizabeth Dauphinee

Linda Langlois

If interested in helping activities

please contact the directors



CCRI MEMBERS VISIT BOWLING GREEN KY



LINCOLN & NORTH PROVIDENCE

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MEETING AT WEINER GENIE

80 HIGGINSON AVE LINCOLN RI

10AM

PARADE STARTS AT 11AM

NORTH PROVIDENCE PARADE WILL BE

DIRECTLY AFTER LINCOLN PARADE

Memorial Day Weekend MAY 26th - MAY 29th

2023



**A Patriotic Display of Over 7,000 Boots
Honoring Our Post 9/11 Fallen Service
Members**



FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
May 26, 27, 28: 8:00am-8:00pm
Memorial Day, May 29:
8:00 am-6:00pm

Fort Adams
90 Fort Adams Drive
Newport, Rhode Island
BOTGH.org for info

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SPRING FLING 2023

Gate City Corvette Club



Presents our **41st** Annual Corvette Show



Sunday May 28, 2023

Registration 8:00 – 11:30 AM

(Rain Date Sunday June 11, 2023)



Music, Food,
Raffles & More!
Goodie Bags
Dash Plaques

Point Judged Show
25 Classes ~ Trophies for
Show ~ Super Street ~ Street
Best of Categories

Corvette
Registration Fee:
Judged \$25.00
Non-judged \$20.00

Located on the beautiful grounds of Anheuser-Busch
221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH

Corral Parking for other Classic Vehicles \$20.00

GCCC supports the Front Door Agency & Nashua Soup Kitchen



For more information:

www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com

www.facebook.com/GATECITYCORVETTECLUB

Dean Gagne at 1-603-472-3524



THE CORVETTE CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND EST. 1964

CORVETTES

CORVETTES BY THE SEA

BY THE SEA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 2023

11AM-3PM

FOOD | MUSIC | 50\50 RAFFLE | TROPHIES | DASH PLAQUE

\$25 DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OPERATION
STAND DOWN AND RI COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

**DE LA SALLE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS OCEAN TIDES SCHOOL
635 OCEAN ROAD, NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882**

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

The club with the best participation will receive a trophy and a \$1,000 check to the charity of their choice from CCRI!



Paul Masse



CHEVROLET



Corvette Club

of Rhode Island **APPAREL**

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



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?

**Contact Louise Boulanger to place an order @
CCRIAPPAREL@AOL.COM**

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
- Set-in sleeves
- Mitten cuffs for warmth
- Front pockets

Sizes XS-4XL

\$70.00

OGIO Endurance Nexus ¼ 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

Our newest arrivals have landed just in time for fall and winter days. Refresh your CCRI wardrobe with new styles of 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

8/2021

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 double-needle stitching throughout and rib knit cuffs. It's a 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 yarn 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

8/2021

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CCRI Apparel News

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

Accessories



Wine Tote

This wine tote is made to order for those sunset cruises or CCRI's getaway weekends. It has a convenient shoulder strap, front pocket, inner divider for two smaller bottles or one large bottle.

\$23.00



Umbrella



This umbrella is perfect for when members run into rainy weather during a one day excursion or weekend getaways. It can accommodate two people, is windproof with upper flaps, includes two closure straps (upper and lower) and has a cover.

\$30.00

Cap Collection



New Era Shadow Stretch Heather Cap

96% polyester and 4% spandex with shadow stretch mesh with mid-closure stretch fit.

Sizes: S/M – M/L - XL

\$20.00

Augusta Sportswear Athletic Mesh Visor



100% Polyester athletic mesh with tricot backing. Sweatband folds down for easy embellishment.

Hook-and-loop adjustable.

\$20.00

Cap America Lightweight Low Profile Cap



Six panel structured cap and lightweight brushed cotton twill.

Fabric strap with two piece hook & loop closure.

\$20.00

CCRI Apparel News

The Denim Shirts



Harriton Women's Denim Shirt

- 100% cotton denim
- Khaki double-needle topstitching
- Signature twill tape at neck
- Fully constructed front placket
- Signature horn-style buttons with Harriton logo and contrast thread
- Spread collar
- Garment washed for extra softness
- Subtle shade variances are a natural part of the washing process

Sizes S – 3 XL

Price: \$42.00



Port Authority Men's Denim Shirt

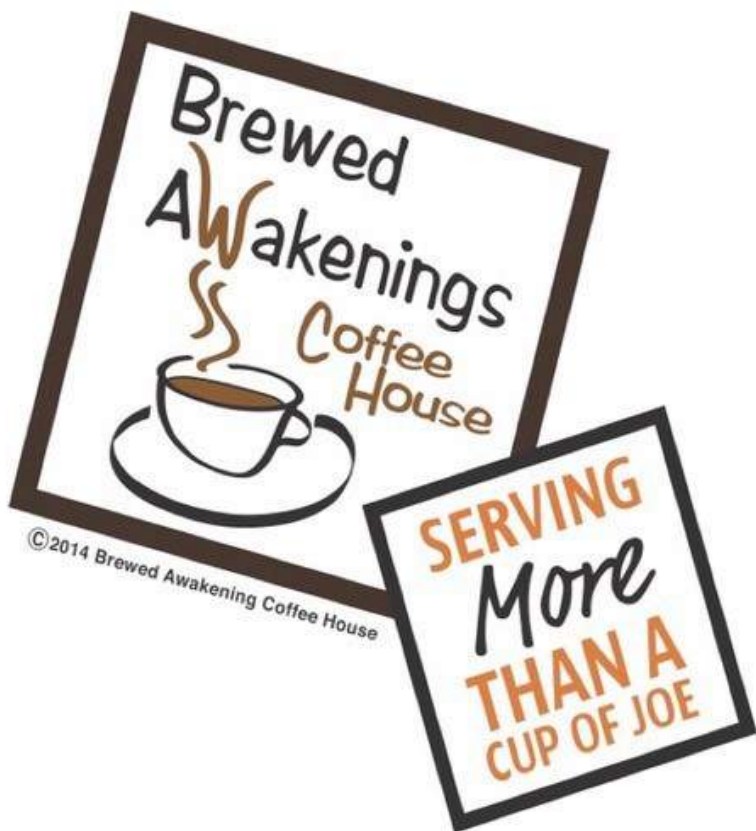
With a more substantial stonewashed fabric and extra-durable seams, this heavyweight denim shirt is built to embroider beautifully.

- 7.5-ounce, 100% cotton
- Double- and triple-needle stitching
- Button-down collar
- Horn-tone buttons
- Left chest pocket
- Rounded adjustable cuffs

Sizes XS – 4 XL

Price: \$45.00

Brewed Awakenings



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 \$65.00

- 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

Family - \$100.00 (spouse and children under 18 years old)

Senior Individual - \$750.00 (20 years) 65 and up

5 Year Renewal - \$250.00 individual/\$350.00 family

Lifetime Member - \$2,000.00

Please note, your membership benefits will begin immediately. It takes approximately four weeks to completely process your membership and mail out your material.

www.corvettemuseum.org/support/membership/



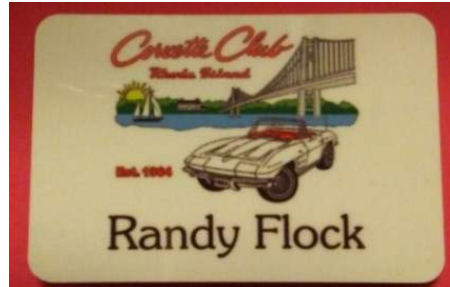
CCRI members joining the NCM for the first time will only pay \$48.75 for individual membership for the first year.

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 \$10.00 each



Your Name _____ (please print)

Pay at the Business Meeting or send a check

Make check out to: Randy Flock

(Must receive your check by 12th of each month)

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

2024 NEW ENGLAND CORVETTE CARAVAN REGISTRATION FORM

Please
Print!

This is registration for the 2024 New England Caravan activities and hotels and is NOT registration for the National Corvette Museum's 30th Celebration. You'll need to register through the NCM to be able to participate in the National Caravan and the 30th Celebration.

Name: First _____ Last _____

Name: First _____ Last _____

Street: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Club Affiliation _____

Emergency contact information: Name _____ Phone # () _____

Wait List – Wait List – Wait List – Wait List – Wait List – Wait List – Wait List

\$475.00 couples registration fee. (U.S. Funds) - \$255.00 singles registration fee. (U.S. Funds)

Deposit of \$200.00 (U.S. Funds) due at time of registering. Balance due July 15, 2024

Make check payable to: NE 2024 NCM Caravan

Mail to: NE Caravan/Randy Flock

P.O. Box 42

East Greenwich, RI 02818

Sorry, but you are now on our wait list. We are full at this time. Fill out this registration form and when a cancellation takes place, we will contact you about payment. Do not send in a deposit with your registration form. Thanks

Registration Fee - Guarantees you a Room for all 9 nights (5 hotels) of the trip at the designated hotels. The **Gettysburg Wyndham, PA** (2 night minimum – host hotel for kick-off events), **The Hotel Roanoke, VA** (1 night), **Embassy Suites, NC** (1 night), **Meadowview Marriott, TN** (1 night). **Holiday Inn Bowling Green, KY** (4 night minimum). Hotel room registration will open 12 months out. Registration fee does NOT include cost of the rooms.

Registration Fee includes:

1. **Dinner** at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, Roanoke, VA - Sunday evening August 25, 2024.
2. **Dinner and Breakfast** at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Concord, NC - Monday evening August 26, 2024.
3. **Dinner** at Meadowview Marriott Resort, Kingsport, TN - Tuesday evening August 27, 2024.
4. **Dinner/Dance** (Cowboy Up Western Theme) at the Sloan Center - Wednesday evening August 28, 2024.
5. **New England Caravan Commemorative Route Book**
6. **New England Caravan Dash Plaque and Name Tags.**
7. **New England Caravan Tote Bag.**

Please Print Clearly

First Name

Last Name

Name as you want it to appear on your name tag: 1. _____

2. _____

Parking lot banner at the National Corvette Museum in 2019



The Corvette Club of Rhode Island will be Celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 2024.

A capital campaign to raise \$500.00 during the 2023 season is underway. Labor Day Weekend 2024 the NCM will be hosting its 30th Anniversary Celebration. Thousands of Corvettes from all over the US, Canada and abroad will descend into Bowling Green, Kentucky for the celebration. It would be fitting that the Corvette Club of Rhode Island a Lifetime/Business member of the Museum be represented with a parking lot banner in 2024. There will be a fundraising raffle at February's Social to start things off. Any monetary donation will be appreciated throughout the year. See Randy Flock at any of the business meeting.



New England Corvette Caravan – All Roads Lead to Bowling Green, KY in 2024



All the latest info. can be found on our website: www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/

Follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/httpwww.corvettecaravan.comnewengland>



2024 New England Caravan Web Site



2024 New England Facebook Page

Help support the New England Caravan and the National Corvette Museum
2024 The New England Corvette Caravan 2024

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 ¾” x 1 ½”. 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 vetteflock@cox.net



Write your plate in the box

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____





<https://www.raffle.corvettecaravan.org>



2023 Black Corvette Convertible
Price \$200.00 – 1500 Tickets
Drawing: May 18, 2023



2023 Torch Red Corvette Coupe
Price \$100.00 – 1500 Tickets
Drawing: May 18, 2023 – 2:00 PM Central Time



2023 70th Anniversary Carbon Flash Coupe Vin 00001
Price \$300.00 – 1953 Tickets
Drawing: June 29, 2023 – 7:00 PM

The National Corvette Museum is licensed by the Kentucky Department of Charitable Gaming under license number ORG0000854

At this time, we offer purchasers **located in Kentucky** the ability to purchase raffle tickets on their personal computers, mobile devices and on-site at the National Corvette Museum and NCM Motorsports Park.

To purchase a raffle ticket online, you must be at least 18 years of age and be **physically located in Kentucky** at the time of purchase. You do not have to be a resident of Kentucky to participate.

If you are not in Kentucky and will be using a credit card as your form of payment, you can use the site to interactively create an order form. The payment information will be encrypted for your protection and broken into two parts, some of which will only be on the print form.

YOU MUST HAVE ACCESS TO A PRINTER AT THE TIME THAT YOU CREATE THE ORDER.

<https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org>

Alternatively, you may download an **Order Form** from this site and type in your information before sending to the NCM for processing.



Corvette Club of Rhode Island

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(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: <https://corvetteclubofrhodeisland.com/events1/>

Club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30--currently at the

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

For further information, please contact: Membership Director: Guy Comastra 401 658-1903



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Membership dues are \$50.00 per year payable upon submission of this application for approval. If the application is not approved, the \$50.00 is fully refundable. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a GM production Corvette to apply.

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

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First Corvette with V-8 power: Although the very first production Corvette hit the streets in 1953, Chevy wouldn't replace its inline six-cylinder engine until 1955. That year, Chevy debuted its new optional 265-cubic-inch small-block V-8.

First Corvette coupe: All Corvettes produced from 1953–62 were convertibles. Then the C2 Corvette debuted in 1963 with two body styles, a convertible and a coupe with the famous split rear window. It was popular. Of the 21,513 Corvettes built that year, 10,594 were split-window coupes.

First Corvette with independent rear suspension: Also in 1963, the sports car's 10th year of production, the C2 became the first Corvette with an independent rear suspension. The design incorporated a transverse leaf spring, and it has remained a part of the Corvette's suspension design for the last 55 years.

First Corvette with fuel injection: In 1957 Chevy enlarged the Corvette's small-block from 265 cubic inches to 283. Three versions were available, including the top-of-the range "Fuelie" with the Ramjet mechanical fuel injection system. It was rated at one horsepower per cubic inch, a big deal at the time, and was the first fuel-injected production Corvette.

First Corvette with disc brakes: Although the Jaguar C-Type and D-Type won the 24 Hours of Le Mans in the 1950s with disc brakes, Chevy wouldn't add the technology to the production Corvette until 1965. Four-wheel discs became standard that year, but some buyers still insisted on the drums and received a \$64.50 credit.

First big-block Corvette: Chevy also gave us the first big-block Corvette in 1965. The L78 396-cubic-inch V-8 had an iron block and heads, an aluminum intake manifold, solid lifters, and big Holley carburetor. It cost \$292.70 and was installed in 2157 Corvettes. With 425 hp it was the most powerful Corvette up to that time.

First Corvette with triple carburetion: The first production Corvette with triple carburetion was the very first Corvette in 1953. The sports car's 150-hp 235-cu-in Blue Flame Six, which remained through 1955 (it made 155 hp in its final year), drank through three one-barrel carbs. Triple carbs with three two-barrel units then returned in 1967 with the optional Tripower 427 big-blocks, the L68 rated at 400 hp and the L71 rated at 435 hp.

First Corvette with dual quads: By 1956, Belgian-born engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov was putting his fingerprints on the Corvette and increasing its performance. Although the Corvette had used multiple carburetion since 1953, in '56 came its first dual quad V-8 rated at 225 hp. It was a \$172.20 extra over the base engine with a single four-barrel carb, and most Corvettes built that year—3080 of the 3467—were equipped with the option.

First Corvette with T-tops: Every Corvette coupe built from 1968–82 had T-tops. The removable panels were fiberglass and body color until 1978, when tinted glass panels were offered as an option.

First Corvette Stingray: Sting Ray (two words) was first used on the 1963 Corvette and remained throughout the C2 generation. The C3 debuted in 1968 without the Sting Ray name, but it reappeared on the fenders of the 1969 model as one word, Stingray. It would remain there until 1976.

First Corvette with an aluminum engine block: Today every new Corvette is powered by an all-aluminum engine, but the first production Corvette to use this weight-saving technology was the 1969 ZL1 model. Chevy built two—one yellow, one white—with the all-aluminum ZL1 427 big-block. The engine was rated 430 hp, but with big port heads and 12.5:1 compression ratio everyone knew that was bull. Chevy also put this engine in 69 Camaros that year.

First Corvette with a functional hood scoop: Functional ram air systems, drawing air from outside the engine compartment to feed the engine cooler and denser air, became popular on muscle cars in the 1960s, and most systems used a hood scoop. The first Corvette with a functional hood scoop was the 1967 model with the L88 427 engine option. Only 20 were produced. The stinger scoop on the other big-block Corvettes looked the same but was not functional.

First Corvette without a trunk: It's funny to think about now, but from 1963–82 the Corvette did not have a trunk. The small cargo area behind the seats, a very tiny area in the convertibles, had to be accessed from inside the interior. Today such an inconvenience would not be tolerated, but it was for many years. On the 1982 Collector's Edition model, Chevy finally hinged the glass rear window for better access. The design remained through the C4, C5 and C6 generations.

First Corvette with a transaxle: To better balance and improve the handling of the fifth-generation Corvette, which debuted in 1997, Chevy engineers moved from a traditional transmission location, which is bolted to the engine, to a transaxle design that moves the gearbox to the rear of the car. The design has remained through the C6 and C7 generations.

First Corvette with 17-inch wheels and tires: When the C4 generation debuted in 1984, it became the first Corvette with 16-inch wheels and tires. Its Goodyear Eagle Gatorbacks (255/50ZR16) were at the time the widest tire ever fitted to a Corvette, but it wasn't long before Chevy increased the Corvette's wheel diameter to 17 inches. In 1988, Corvettes with the Z51 and Z52 suspensions and all 35th Anniversary models wore 17 x 9.5-inch aluminum wheels, which were significantly larger than the 16 x 8.5 wheels on other models. Tire size jumped to 275/40ZR17.

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First Corvette with DOHC: There has been only one production Corvette with a double overhead cam engine. [That was the ZR-1](#) produced from 1990–95. The 5.7-liter V-8, developed by Lotus and constructed by Mercury Marine, debuted with 375 hp, but quickly increased to 405 hp.

First Corvette with more than 700 hp: [Today's 2019 Corvette ZR1](#) (no hyphen) is the first production Corvette with more than 700 hp. Its supercharged 6.2-liter V-8 is rated 755 hp at 6300 rpm and 715 lb-ft of torque at 4400 rpm, making it the most powerful Corvette of all time. It's also the most expensive, with a base price of \$119,995.

First Corvette over \$20,000: With a base price of \$22,537.59, the 1982 Collector Edition Corvette became the first Corvette with an MSRP higher than \$20,000. Incredibly, when the C4 Corvette debuted two years later, it cost less than the CE with base price of \$21,800.

First Corvette Rally Wheels: Chevy's Rally Wheels became a fixture on C3 Corvettes for many years, and they are still popular today. But Rally

First Corvette with four-speed transmission: Interestingly, Corvette's first four-speed manual transmission, the T-10 manufactured by Borg Warner, was a \$188.30 option in 1957—exactly the same price as an optional two-speed Powerglide automatic. But it was worth it. Because Chevy added it to the option list late in the year, only 664 Corvettes got the four-speed. The standard transmission was a three-speed manual.

First Corvette aluminum wheels: Although the cast-aluminum knock-off wheels appeared in the promotions for the all-new 1963 Corvette, a manufacturing problem kept the wheels from being produced until 1964, when they became an option. Hubcaps over steel wheels remained standard equipment until the introduction of the Rally Wheel in 1967.

First Corvette with hideaway headlights: Designed by Larry Shinoda and Peter Brock, under the watch of GM Styling Chief Bill Mitchell, the 1963 Corvette became the first with hideaway headlamps. The feature became a fixture on Corvettes until the C6 generation debuted in 2005.

First supercharged Corvette: Superchargers have been used on the Corvette [since the 2009 ZR1](#). That year the LS9 6.2-liter V-8 made 638 hp and was the most powerful American car up to that time. It was also the first Corvette with more than 600 hp. Today the Corvette Z06 and ZR1 models have supercharged engines.

First Corvette Indy 500 pace car: [A Corvette has paced the Indianapolis 500](#) an incredible 14 times, more than any other car. But the relationship wasn't fully formed until 1978, the Corvette's 25th year of production. Chevy sold 6502 Pace Car Editions that year, and black and silver two-tone classics continue to rise in value.

First Corvette to race at Le Mans: In 1960, Sportsman racer Briggs Cunningham, a man who would eventually built and race cars of his own design, took three Corvettes to the 24 Hours of LeMans. Dressed in the traditional American racing colors of white with blue stripes, only one of the near-stock Corvettes finished, winning the big-bore GT class and placing eighth overall.



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After a summer of cruising and a few shows the car returned to F-40 for a full mechanical restoration completed early in 2015. Its original 340 HP/327 CI, solid lifter engine was rebuilt along with the transmission, rear transaxle, and steering box. All suspension components including the rear leaf springs were replaced with attention to authenticity. The generator was completely rebuilt and the engine compartment and underside of the vehicle detailed.

A full restoration of the interior of the car was completed over the winter of 2015/16 by renowned Rhode Island restoration expert, Todd Lewis of Xtreme Restorations in North Smithfield, Rhode Island. I now intend to drive and enjoy the car to include some local shows and cruise nights.