



# September 2019 CCWM Newsvetter



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## Sept 2019

Quick Notes  
Club Meeting – Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

Remember our  
Face Book Page &  
Website

### Officers

President: Rene Lajeunesse  
Vice President: Ken Lamontagne  
Treasurer: Steven Lachowetz  
Secretary: Sheri Anderson  
Membership Dir: John Pajak

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## Presidents Message:

Hello Club Members and others:

Well where did the summer go? Seems like we were just talking about the heat and all the rain we were getting. The heat is behind us now but the rain?? Who knows?

Well our big event of August was the Buttery Brook car show. That show was a success to Buttery Brook but also to our club.

Our members won the 50/50 and the big screen tv. Then our members took home lots and lots of trophies for their show car.

We also took home a club trophy for best club pre-registration. We had 34 club cars present at that show. Thank You to all that participated in this great event.

Our next club event is The Holyoke Soldiers Home Show on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Steven & I had a meeting with them, and they asked that there will NOT be any Burn Outs at this show. No smoking on the grounds and No Alcoholic beverages and No coolers allowed. You can pre-register and pay for this show from our web site.

The Soldiers Home will have coffee and water for our members that are setting up the show. Sign ups for this show will be at our next club meeting.

Our next club meeting is Tuesday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. @ 6:30 pm @ K Of C on Granby Rd. Chicopee.

Dash cards are in and I will have them at the meeting.

# Rene





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## ***KEN'S CORNER!***

### August Events:

By Ken Lamontagne

**August 4** – Corvette Club of Rhode Island held their 49<sup>th</sup> annual Corvettes by the Sea from 9-2. John and Steve led this trip. CCWM had a great turnout and we won a Club participation trophy. Several members also won individual trophies. Congratulations!

**August 18** – Buttery Brook car show. We turned out strong for this annual event put on by Club member Steve Lachowetz. See Rene's update.

**August 21 – September 1** – Ten members (5 couples) from CCWM participated in the 2019 New England Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Corvette Museum. We logged over 2600 miles and had a fun-filled 12 days. We lodged in 5 different states enjoying a variety of local attractions and activities. Those included Amish Country, Harley Davidson Steel Toe Tour, Gettysburg Battlefield Tour, Corvettes at Carlisle, Shenandoah Caverns, Skyline Drive, Back of the Dragon, Bristol Motor Speedway laps, National Corvette Museum, NCM Motor Speedway laps, NCM Concert and fireworks, Nashville Tour, and numerous banquets and social gatherings. We saw spectacular scenery, met many great people and made some new friendships. We also got to know our cars quite well. (See Sheri's Scoop.) Check our Facebook page for photos from all of the August events.

### Looking Ahead:

**September 8** - Club Cruise to Vettes and Jets at N E Air Museum. (see flyer)

We will meet at 9 am at Southgate Plaza McDonalds on Route 75 Agawam and drive over together.

**September 21** - CCWM Car show at Holyoke Soldiers Home – register on our Club website or see Steve at the September 10 Club meeting. Donations are requested for raffles. We need volunteers to work this event! (see flyer)

**September 28** – Corvettes on Display at Big E...or....Car show at St Martha's Church Enfield CT. (see flyer)

**September 29** – Vettes to Vets Bedford VA Hospital. (see flyer) We will meet at the Eastbound Service Plaza on the Mass Pike in Ludlow at 8 AM. We should arrive early enough to get the special buffet breakfast at the Marriott before the parade.





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## CCWM Events Planned for 2019

**October 13** – Club Cruise to Newport Car museum, Portsmouth, RI. Lunch at 1 PM at the nearby Coddington Brewing Co. We will leave at 8 AM from the Mass Pike eastbound Service Area in Ludlow. (see flyer)

**October 19** – Corvettes on Display at Rice Fruit Farm 12 – 3PM. Music by DJ Bruce Marshall. Donations being collected for the veterans at the Holyoke Soldiers Home. (see flyer)

**October 20** – Cruise and hayride at Westview Farms Creamery in Monson, MA. 11 AM to 3 PM. Leave Panera Bread at 11 AM, others meet up along the way. (see flyer)

Club events through October are listed on our website calendar. Check individual dates for details.

Sign-up sheets will be passed out at the September meeting.

**Communications:** We use many ways of communicating information; Email, meetings, NewsVetters, Facebook, CCWM website, at events, etc. Hopefully there is a way here that works for you.

If you don't feel informed or if you have any ideas for improving things please contact a Board member. There is a link to each of us on CCWM website under Club Directory.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM in the lower big hall at the K of C on Granby Road in Chicopee. Hope to see you there!

Ken





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## JOHN'S MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Currently we have 185 members (109 primary, 73 associate, 3 honorary) with 127 Corvettes. CCWM welcomes you and I look forward to seeing everyone as our schedule cruises on this year.

We still have some great events on our calendar before we park our cars for the season.

Membership Badges are available for purchase at \$10 each. Orders will be taken at Club meetings.

Payment must be made in advance.

Several of us just returned from a great trip out to Bowling Green where we logged 2715 miles on our cars. Great time and looking forward to 2024.

Regarding membership....our Club is easy to join and it's so easy to maintain a membership. All that is required is you own a Corvette and attend 6 events a year.

Remember why you joined the Club check out the Events Calendar and get involved. You will be glad you did.

Please reach out if anyone is interested in the Ogunquitfest trip in October, currently we have 10 cars participating.

Please welcome our new CCWM August members, Justin and Kimberly Tilton driving a C5, Ron and Lisa Peloquin driving a C6, Brenda Fydenkevez driving a C7 and Jim Friend driving a C4.

Welcome aboard!

Thanks John

## ***Sheri's Scoop***

Hi y'all-

Yes as you all know, some of us were on the 2019 New England Caravan to Bowling Green, KY. We had 10 of us that went from our club. We also had another couple join us from Chicopee that belong to a Connecticut Military Club. We have built a relationship with them and I hope that they will join our club in the future. I hope that some of you followed us on Facebook as I posted daily of our adventures. Our trip was jam packed with lots of trips, cruises, dinner parties, LRC in the lobby, concerts, fireworks and track times. We booked this trip two years ago and now I cannot believe that we are heading back home now. It was a great trip and it was amazing to see all the Corvettes come together to caravan and see them everywhere we went by the hundreds. It was very cool! But the best part of the trip for me was being with our group of friends and the memories I will cherish and laughs that we had. It is not all about the cars it is about our corvette community and the friendships we have built from that. I thank you to everyone that we were with the last twelve days - This trip was amazing. Thank you for all the fun and laughs we had. I had a great time and I am sad that the trip ended but I will look forward to many other adventures together.





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Next week Tuesday, September 10th is our meeting at the K of C. Hope to see you there.

Holyoke Soldiers Home car show is coming quick September 21st. One of the biggest parts of us raising money for the home is the raffles. Please if you can donate anything for the raffles, it will be very much appreciated. You can bring to the meeting, the day of the show or if you contact one of the Board members we can arrange to pick it up.

Don't forget those of you unable to make the meeting Jets and Vettes at the New England Air Museum is Sunday, September 8th. Saturday, September 28th is St. Martha's Church in Enfield, CT for their 8th Annual Car show and Sunday, September 29th is Vettes to Vets Day at the Bedford VA Hospital meeting at the Marriott Hotel in Billerica, MA. See the website for details.

Drive safe and see you all soon.



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Club Events for:

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Jets &amp; Vettes</i>	9	10 <b>Club Meeting</b>	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>CCWM Car Show</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>CCWM @ Big E</b>
29 <i>Vettes to Vets Bedford</i>	30					

Counts towards your 6!

All the local cruise nights are Coming to their last nights!  
If you see another member be sure to say hello!





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## Coming Events

**NEW ENGLAND AIR MUSEUM**  
36 Perimeter Rd.  
Windsor Locks, CT

**Present:**  
**Jets & Vettes!**

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 10am to 4pm



**Proceeds to Support Aircraft Restoration**  
*All years and models of Chevrolet Corvettes Welcome!*

Fee for cars: \$25 cash only, includes driver, passenger, museum admission and a matted 5" X 7" photo of your car with a jet!

Registration 8:30am - 11:00am!

Judging by *No Rules Corvette Club*  
DJ, Food by *Kane's Market* (cash only)  
Coffee & Specialty Donuts by *Donut Crazy*

50/50 Raffle with a chance to win a 32" TV! Proceeds for Hole in the Wall Gang  
Rain date: September 15, 2019

Any make, model, year Welcome  
**Corvette Club of Western Mass. Inc.**  
Is Proud to Present:  
**2019 CAR, TRUCK & BIKE SHOW**



**At:**  
**Holyoke Soldiers Home**  
110 Cherry St.  
Holyoke, MA

**Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**10AM to 3PM**  
**Rain Date**  
**Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Entry Donation: \$10**

Music by Bruce Marshall of 97.7  
Top 25 Awards

More info at [www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com](http://www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com)

Music, Food & Raffles  
Proceeds to benefit  
The Holyoke Soldiers Home

Corvette Club of Western Mass. Inc is sponsored by Balise Chevrolet

**K of C Council #14600**

**8th Annual Car Show**  
St. Martha Church 214 Brainard Rd. Enfield, CT



Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 9 AM – 2 PM Registration 9 AM – 11 AM  
Rain Date Oct. 5th

\$15 per vehicle to benefit St. Martha School  
People's Choice & Judging in Five Categories

- >>>Early Classics to 1947<<<
- >>>1948 to 1967<<<
- >>>1968 to 1982<<<
- >>>1983 to 2003<<<
- >>>2004 to Present<<<

Trophies & Door Prizes!

Contact: Mike Dumont 860-741-2363 John Plonski 860-916-1683




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## Coming Events

HONOR OUR VETERANS BY JOINING US AT

### THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VETTES TO VETS DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019  
GOLD ★ STAR MOTHER'S DAY



**Date:** Sunday, September 29, 2019 ~ Rain or Shine

**Event Time:** 7:30 am - 3:00 pm (Registration at hotel only from 7:30 - 11:15 followed by a drivers meeting and parade info)

**Meal at:** Marriott Hotel - 270 Concord Rd., Billerica, MA (Same location as last year)

The hotel is offering **fantastic rates** - \$101/night! Call the Marriott at 978-670-7500 and mention Vettes to Vets when reserving your room. (Reserve your room by **Sept 9th** to guarantee this special rate. Room cancellation policy is 7 days prior to arrival) The hotel is offering a special rate on our VZV Saturday evening buffet for \$25/pp (doors open at 5pm) and Sunday Breakfast for \$12/pp. Both meal rates include tax and gratuity.



**Directions:**  
From the South, take 128/95 to Rte 3 North to Concord Rd, exit 27. Left at end of ramp, left at 2nd light toward Marriott Hotel/Gentronics/Millpore. Follow road to back side of Marriott Hotel

From the North, take Rte 3 South to Concord Rd, exit 27. Left at end of ramp, left at next light toward Marriott Hotel/Gentronics/Millpore. Follow road to back side of Marriott Hotel

**Show Site:**  
Bedford Veterans Hospital, Bedford, MA - Join us at the Marriott for a fun morning and cruise to the Bedford Veterans Hospital together.

**Over 700 Corvettes came out last year to show their respect and support for our Veterans!**

- Veteran's Choice Trophy presented to one lucky car.
- One Commemorative Pin given to every car.
- Honor Guard - Music - Chow Line

There is no admission fee, but we ask each car to prepare a 'goodie bag' of items (see reverse) that will make the Veterans comfortable on a daily basis. Please bring an American flag to wave on the caravan to the hospital.

Come and show your appreciation to those who served!

More info: Karen Blandini 781-658-1810

visit [www.vettesovets.org](http://www.vettesovets.org) or [facebook.com/vettesovets](https://www.facebook.com/vettesovets)

### Items Needed by Men and Women Veterans

- No food please!
- Bottled Water
- Gift cards are most helpful to: Walmart, Target, Stop & Shop, Whole Foods, Market Basket, Party City, Dollar Tree, Amazon
- Men's clothing: **New** sweatpants / sweatshirts (especially front zip) white socks, white undershirts (LG, XL & XXL), underwear (briefs), sweaters, washable slippers, sneakers with Velcro laces, hats, gloves, Winter or Spring jackets, scarves, sports team ball caps
- Women's clothing: **New** socks, washable slippers, sweaters, jogging or warm-up suits, colored T-shirts, walking shorts, hats, gloves, scarves, belts, Winter or Spring jackets
- Overnight bags/suitcases
- Shampoo / Conditioner (No hotel sizes)
- 3 in 1 Body wash liquid soap (No hotel sizes)
- Baby shampoo (No hotel sizes)
- Electric razors (rechargeable, new only)
- Electric pre-shave lotion - alcohol free
- Cosmetics
- Hand and body lotion
- Hair brushes / combs
- Portable electronics (ipod, CD players, earphones, headphones, etc)

### Check donations are accepted as well.

Please make checks payable to Vettes to Vets and note 'GPF 9001' in the memo section of the check.



15th Annual Vettes to Vets Event 2018

### CCWM Day at Newport Car Museum

1847 W Main Road, Portsmouth, RI 02871

[www.newportcarmuseum.org](http://www.newportcarmuseum.org)

Sunday October 13, 2019 from 10 AM - 1 PM

Lunch at Coddington Brewing Co afterwards

210 Coddington Highway, Middletown, RI 02842

[www.coddbrew.com](http://www.coddbrew.com)



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At:  
**Rice Fruit Farm**  
757 Main St.  
Wilbraham, Ma.  
Saturday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>  
Noon to 3PM

Awards to top 3 vehicles Donated by: CCWM  
Back in Time \$1.00 Root Beer Floats

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There will be a set up for  
**donations to:**  
**The Holyoke Soldiers Home**  
Board Games / New Clothing /  
Toiletries  
As well as \$\$\$ donations

50's and 60's music by:  
**DJ Bruce Marshall**  
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Please observe a moment of silence for our departed members and please say a prayer for our members in need. I know a couple members that are having a difficult time and I wish them the best and hope that everything works out ok for them.

If you or a member has a Birthday / Anniversary another life event of import let Janis know. If you have a suggestion for a new event, let us know. I have a question for the members:

What would you like to see happen in our club?

If you have any suggestions, send me an e-mail so I can pass it along to the board members.

Have you seen the new Club store? If not you should check it out. Lots of great stuff!

<https://corvetteclub.itemorder.com/sale>



In Closing:  
No burn out please!

Over & Out  
Your Pres.  
Rene





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## Our Charities

### Holyoke Soldiers Home

Established in 1952, the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke is a multifaceted health care facility available to eligible veterans of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
110 Cherry Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

[\(413\) 532-9475](tel:4135329475)



### Friends of the Springfield Vet Center.

We are an organization that offers social, recreational and educational programs to the combat Veterans and their families at the Springfield Vet Center. If you would like to volunteer for the Friends of the Springfield Vet Center, please call 413-737-5167 or join us at the Springfield Vet Center at 95 Ashley Ave in West Springfield on Thursday mornings at 11am.

### Donate Life New England

New England Donor Services is an independent, not-for-profit agency whose mission is to save and improve lives through the recovery of organs and tissue for transplantation. The organization is responsible for donation in nearly two hundred hospitals and serves fourteen organ transplant centers in the six New England states. Last year, our work resulted in over 1,000 organ transplants and tens of thousands of tissue transplants. Donate Life New England project is to raise awareness of the continued need for donated organs and tissues and to encourage individuals to register as donors.

New England Donor Services      60 First Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451  
(800) 446-6362      [www.NEDS.org](http://www.NEDS.org)



### Cystinosis Foundation

The Cystinosis Research Network's vision is the discovery of improved treatments and ultimately a cure for cystinosis. The Cystinosis Research Network (CRN) is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to advocating and providing financial support for research, providing family assistance and educating the public and medical communities about cystinosis. We are a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, Federal Tax ID 04-3323789.

302 Whytegate Court      Phone: 847-735-0471      Fax: 847-235-2773  
Lake Forest, IL 60045 USA      Toll Free: 866-276-3669  
Email: [info@cystinosis.org](mailto:info@cystinosis.org)



### Springfield Federation Of The Blind

The Greater Springfield Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Massachusetts provides support to members and friends, participates in fund-raising and public awareness activities, advocates for the needs of blind people in the area.

Federation Of The Blind Greater Springfield Chapter  
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