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## Presidents Message:

### Quick Notes

Club Meetings  
May 5<sup>th</sup> /// June 2<sup>nd</sup>

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### Officers

President: Rene Lajeunesse  
Vice President: Ken Lamontagne  
Treasurer: Steven Lachowetz  
Secretary: Frank Cowdrey  
Membership Dir: John Pajak

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### Hello Club Members and Others:

I know. You can't wait to get the Corvette out of storage and start cruising. It has been a long year and a long winter also. Events are starting to open up but on a slow note here in Ma. Ct. seems to be opening faster than we are.

Well, some events that we cancelled or postponed for our club are. Blessing of the show cars was cancelled. Cruise at Friends Of The Springfield Vet Center was Postponed till August. Our All Corvette Show was Postponed till August 21<sup>st</sup>. We are looking forward to seeing most of our members at our show. A flyer is attached for you to print out and share with other Corvette owners.

Our board members have been working hard to try and come up with events for our club. One being we were invited to Mohegan Sun in Ct. for their Home Show. Not sure how this is working out as it is in progress as we write this Newsvetter.

Check our Facebook page for updates on this event. We have a member working on Cars & Coffee in May. We will update you if this is a go or not. Did someone say Ice Cream? Well, we have a cruise to Collins Creamry on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>.

This cruise is limited to 15 cars. Sign up is required. Flyer is attached to Newsvetter.

No information on cruise nights at K Of C on Granby Rd.. In case you did not watch the news on TV. No word yet if The Big E will open this year. But it looks good to open. If anyone has a suggestion on a cruise they would like to take charge of. Let us know so we can help you out.

**Over & Out**

**Rene Pres.CCCWM**





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



April marked the start of our 2021 season.

On April 7 we had our first Club meeting since March 2020. We had a great turnout including several new members.

On April 10 we held our first event, a Corvette caravan to the Newport car Museum in Portsmouth, R I. We had 20 Corvettes and a few family vehicles join in. After viewing the "hoods-up" display of the museum 's 75 awesome cars we enjoyed lunch nearby. Our Club visit was promoted by the museum in advance and we attracted several other Corvettes to the museum. Pictures are posted on our Facebook page.

At the April meeting I reviewed the 2021 calendar of planned events knowing Covid could impact any of these plans. Our schedule is loose and many events are postponed or cancelled already (see Rene's update). In addition, there will not be a Ludlow Memorial Day Parade again this year.

On a positive note we will support the Car Club of New England events that are coming up in May. These include Cars and Coffee on May 2 at the Monson Savings Bank in Monson from 8 to 11 am and the Car Club of New England's Annual Spring Car Show at Mount Carmel in Enfield, CT from 9 to 2 on May 15.

Cruise Nights with Bruce Marshall are starting next week at Hampton Ponds on Tuesday, Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Wednesday and Brimfield Winery on Friday. Others are expected to start later in May as well. Mark's Cruise in Granby CT begins on Monday June 7 with Corvette Night scheduled for July 19.

Covid restrictions are easing so prospects for an active season are improving.

Since the April Club meeting the Board met to select 2 new Board members from the 4 nominees. Joining the Board for the remainder of 2021 are Richard Suomola and Glen Wiley. Congratulations to Richard and Glen and thank you to Mark Riel and Daniel Sheldon.

I am pleased to announce that Sheri Anderson has reserved the Ludlow Elks for our Club Picnic on Sunday July 25 and our Christmas Party committee of Richard Suomola and Renee Rafuse has booked Tony and Penny's in Ludlow for our Christmas Party on Saturday night December 4.

Events for May, June and July are posted on our club website calendar. Sign-up sheets for upcoming events will be out at the May 5 meeting. We will continue to hold monthly Club meetings on the first Wednesday of the month every month from now through December.

Thank you!





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## CCWM Proposed Event Calendar 2021

**Red = to be determined**

May - Sep – Cruise nights a Hampton Ponds Plaza on Tuesday, Shaker Farm CC on Wednesday and Brimfield Winery on Friday.

May 2 – Cars & Coffee @ Monson Savings Bank 146 Main St. Monson, 8 AM-11 AM. Sponsored by The Car Club of New England.

May 5 – Club Meeting at K of C Chicopee 6:30 PM

May 15- Annual Spring Car Show at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society 93 Park Ave. Enfield, CT, 9 AM to 2 PM. Sponsored by The Car Club of New England.

June 3 – June 6 – Casual Corvette weekend in Bar Harbor, ME- TBD

June 5 – Cruise to Collins creamery – Rene

June 7 –Mark’s Classic Cruise Nights begin – Granby, CT

**June 24 – Corvette Night at Moose Club. John TBD**

July 19– Corvette Night at Marks Cruise in Granby, CT

**July 4 – Parade ??**

**July xx – Cars and Coffee at Kringle Candle Bernardston. – Richard**

**July xx – Corvettes on Display at Dale Frank Financial Group Client Picnic, Young Men’s Club in Hadley, 11-4 Ken**

July 25 – Club Picnic @ Ludlow Elks 12 AM – 5 PM Sheri

August 17 – Cruise Night @ Friends of the Springfield Veterans Center in West Springfield – Rene

*August 21 – All Corvette Show at Balise Chevrolet 10 am – 2 pm – Rene*

August 26-29 – Corvettes at Carlisle





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September 9-11 – National Corvette Caravan Reunion – Loon Mountain Resort, NH  
 September 18 - CCWM sponsored 3 Charity Car Show at K of C. Rene  
 Sep 19 – Car Show @ Nomads, So Windsor, CT sponsored by CT Military Corvette Club  
 September 19 - Vettes at the Beach Car Show– by For Corvettes Only – Ocean Beach Park, CT 10 AM – 3PM

September xx – Club Cruise to Jets & Vettes at New England Air Museum. Richard  
 September xx– Breakfast and Corvettes on Display at Masonic Home, East Longmeadow. Janis

September 25 – 9<sup>th</sup> annual St Martha’s Car Show, Enfield, CT 9am-  
 September 26 – Vettes to Vets Bedford, MA. Ken

October 2- Corvettes on Display at Big E. Steve

October 10/11 – Cruise and Hayride at Westview Farms Creamery / Monson, MA. Ken

October 16/17 – Club Foliage Cruise to VT/NH. Frank Cowdry / Dave Coutu

October 22-24 – Ogunquitfest- Halloween fest, car show, craft show and attractions in Ogunquit, ME. Sheri / John

November 6 – Corvettes and Coffee @ Balise GMC from 10-noon. Rene

November 11- West Springfield Veterans Day Parade. ???

December 04 – Club Christmas Party at Tony & Penny’s, Ludlow @ 6:30 PM– Richard Suomola / Renee Rafuse

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Additional Events to be considered;

American Heritage Museum, Owl’s Head Transportation Museum, Back to the Beach weekend in Old Orchard Beach, Local Car Shows; Shriners, Simsbury Fly-in, Kringle Candle, etc. Regional Cruise Nights; Hemmings, Patriot Place, etc.





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## Franks Scoop



Hey everyone,

I hope everyone is healthy and staying safe. We had a really great turnout for our first meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. It was really nice seeing everyone again. And it looks like we shouldn't have any problems for future meetings as the Governor is relaxing Covid restrictions and as long as the numbers continue in the downward direction it looks like August 1<sup>st</sup> could be the day that all gathering limits are removed. YEA!!!

I sent out the minutes of the April meeting on or around April 6<sup>th</sup>. If you didn't get a copy of it, please send your email address to me at [facsc@hotmai.com](mailto:facsc@hotmai.com) and I will add you to the mailing list.

It was nice to see 17 cars at the April meeting and with the weather getting warmer and the sand and salt being removed from the streets I hope more of you will bring your cars to the next meeting.

I'm really looking forward some of the scheduled events that are coming up. Check out Ken's report, and I'll see you at some of them!



## JOHN'S MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Currently we have 214 members (126 primary, 85 associate, 3 honorary) with 147 Corvettes.

Please welcome our new CCWM members.

Casey and Alicia Mayberry driving a C6,  
Daniel and Diana Sheldon driving a C7,  
Luis Lamboy driving a C7,  
Jim Celentano driving a C6,  
Jeremy Durand driving a C4,  
Jennifer Costa driving a C3.  
Christopher Siart driving a C8

Robert Winn driving a C4,  
Renee, Joseph and Hunter Rafuse driving a C6,  
Liza Curru driving a C7,  
Steve and Sheryl Damon driving a C2,  
Heriberto and Jarell Rodriguez driving a C3 and C4,  
Christopher Wall driving a C7  
Fernando and Tiffany Dominguez driving a C4,

Welcome Aboard!

I'm updating our 2021 membership information so if any member has a change of address or any changes, a new car etc, please email me at [pajakio@yahoo.com](mailto:pajakio@yahoo.com)



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## Steve Says



I really do not have any financial info to report but hopefully that will change as we move forward, and more events open. For now, I will take off my Treasurer's hat and put on my on-line coordinator's hat.

Our Club continues to generate a tremendous amount of on-line buzz and as I write, our Facebook page now has 655 unique users. Our web site has had more than 6,900 unique visits. As a Club we have a really large Community footprint, as things open up, please be respectful and act responsibly so that our actions will always reflect favorably on our Club and our sponsor Balise Chevrolet of Springfield. Stay safe and healthy and we will see each other soon.



*"I don't care how much he enjoys driving it.  
He can use a golf cart like the rest of us!"*





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## Club Events for:

May 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Cars & Coffee @ Monson Savings Bank	3	4	May 5 – Club Meeting	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	Car Show Our Lady of Mount Carmel
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

June 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	Casual Corvette weekend Bar Harbor, ME- 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>		Cruise to Collins Creamery
6	Mark's Classic Cruise Nights	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			





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## Coming Event Flyers

# BALISE

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*in partnership with the **Corvette Club of Western Massachusetts**  
presents the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual*

# ALL CORVETTE SHOW

to benefit the National Federation of the Blind, Greater Springfield Chapter.  
In memory of Danny Cahill.



### SATURDAY

August 21st, 2021  
10 am – 2 pm

### #19

Registration Fee  
at the Gate

### QUESTIONS

Contact Rene  
major197@comcast.net

### TROPHIES

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### DASH PLAQUES

For the first 100 Corvettes to register

### LODGING

Hilton Garden Inn, (413) 886-8000







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Did someone say Ice Cream.  
**Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Meet at Basketball Hall Of Fame  
Front of Uno's  
Hall Of Fame Way, Springfield, Ma.  
Leaving at 1:00 pm Sharp



Cruise down Rt. 91 to Rt. 190  
Doing the speed limit of course  
Then to **Collins Creamery**  
Bring your face mask and a chair to sit on.



Sorry, space is limited to 15 cars  
Must wear a mask at Creamery  
And social distance  
Sign Up @ [major197@comcast.net](mailto:major197@comcast.net)

## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Save \$5 if you register before August 14, 2021.  
Space is limited to 100 show cars.

Mail with \$10 Registration Check to:  
Corvette Club of Western MA, Inc.  
31 Silver St. • Springfield, MA 01107

Please Print Clearly:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Era: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

No Alcohol, Bicycles, or Unrestrained Dogs.

In consideration of the right to participate. Entrants/participants, by execution of this entry form, release and discharge, Corvette Club of Western MA and Balise Chevrolet, organizers of this show, from all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgment, and/or claims from whatsoever.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All pre-registration entries will be entered into a drawing to win a **\$100.00 Gift Card** courtesy of Balise Chevrolet.



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Please observe a moment of silence for our departed members and please say a prayer for our members in need.

Because of health reasons. Rene & Rose will take over Sunshine on a temporary basis till Janis is feeling up to taking it back over.

Anyone that is sick, had a surgery, or just feeling good, let us know.

Do you have a Birthday, Anniversary we can post in our Newsvetter, We are trying to get a list together for a full year. Send yours in Now.

Let us know. [Major197@comcast.net](mailto:Major197@comcast.net)

If you have any suggestions for our club you would like to see happen, send me an e-mail so I can pass it along to the board. [Major197@comcast.net](mailto:Major197@comcast.net)

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

h [com/sale](#)



Drive safe and wave at a corvette when you see one coming your way.

Amen  
Over & Out  
Rene



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## Our Charities

### Holyoke Soldiers Home

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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.

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