



# December 2020 CCWM Newsvetter



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## December 2020

Quick Notes  
Club Meeting – Canceled

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### Officers

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

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Presidents Message:

Hello Club Members and Others:

**Merry Christmas And Happy New Year To ALL!**  
I hope everyone in the club is as well as can be with all that is going on.

The club board of directors had a meeting in December and decided that we are going to try and send out the club Newsvetter every 3 months, or quarterly. Let's see how that works with almost no events taking place. We have our All Corvette Show planned for May if things do get better, which we all hope.

I want to Thank Sheri very much for her time spent on our Board Of Directors. She will be missed by us. Her future is now what she is thinking about. Her new job title. Good Luck Sheri.

Not much else to say except keep the vette warm this winter and hope 2021 is better to us.

Over & Out  
Rene Pres.(CCCWM)





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## *KEN'S CORNER!*



While preparing my car for Winter storage I began to reflect on what a lost year 2020 was. I then decided to take a closer look back focusing on what we did do rather than what we do. I was pleasantly surprised by what I found. We actually held over 20 Club events. Admittedly some were quite different as we got pretty creative. Here is a recap from past Newsvetters.

**Winter:** (Our usual line up of social events took place.)

**January 19** – An afternoon of pool at Frankie B's Billiards followed by dinner at the Route 20 Bar & Grille, both in Wilbraham. Organized by Steve and Mary Pajak.

**February 9** – Sunday afternoon bowling at Shaker Bowl followed by dinner at the Pizza Shoppe, both in East Longmeadow. Organized by Sheri and Guido.

**March 8** – Fireplace Feast at Salem Cross Inn from 12:30 to 4:00 on Sunday afternoon. Organized by Ken Lamontagne and Richard Santoro.

We held our third and last winter social on Sunday **March 8**. Twenty four of us enjoyed the Fireplace Feast at the Salem Cross Inn that afternoon. We were fortunate to get this event in before the current restrictions on social gatherings were imposed. The food and fun and friendship were great as usual. This was our third year at the Feast and we expect to do it again next year. Pictures are posted on our Club Facebook page.

**April:**

Joyce and I were out once...cruised to nowhere all by ourselves last Saturday. We saw several other single Corvettes, even one of ours from CCWM. It is certainly not the same without a destination and other members to be with. Hope you all are well and stay that way.

**May:**

Things are looking up! We managed to have a couple of Club events in May.

**On Saturday May 16** Rene organized a ride to the Collins Creamery in CT for ice cream with 9 members / 5 cars in attendance. They social distanced outdoors and enjoyed the company.

**On Memorial Day** I organized a ride to the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. We had 18 Corvettes caravan from the K of C in Chicopee to the cemetery. We slowly and quietly paraded through the cemetery paying our respects. It was quite an experience reflecting the purpose of the holiday. Thank You to all who attended!





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Some of us continued the Memorial Day ride up through Agawam to Southwick. After a coffee and rest room break we headed back home. For most of us it was our first organized ride of the season and it felt good.

## June:

On Saturday **June 20** Rene organized a ride to the Kettlebread Café in Southwick for lunch with 10 member cars in attendance. They social distanced outdoors and enjoyed the food and company.

June events included 2 mini parades and a cruise night. That cruise night was Friday June 26. It was a first for the Brimfield Winery and Cidery in Brimfield MA. Ten CCWM Corvettes drove up together and we enjoyed the evening at this beautiful venue. Music was provided by Bruce Marshall and food and drink were available. There was plenty of space for social distancing in the flat grassy field. Facilities include a large pavilion with picnic tables, and rest rooms. This could become a regular Friday night event and should get bigger and better over time. It is on for the next 2 Fridays. Let's support it!

## July:

**July 4** – Several of us participated in a well-attended Car parade in East Longmeadow organized by Tony of Body Works Unlimited.

**July 14** - we did a Corvette parade drive by in Wilbraham for member Terry's birthday.

**July 18** – Mark & Brenda Riel displayed their beautiful C-8 for Club members at the Collins Creamery in Enfield. Event was organized by Richard and Jeannine Santoro.

**July 26** – A Club cruise to Sonny's Place in Somers CT was organized by Sheri Anderson. See Sheri's scoop. Throughout the month many of us have attended local cruise nights. The Friday night cruises at the Brimfield Winery have been very popular and are scheduled to continue for the season. Some of us have been cruising together to Brimfield from Frankie B's Billiards in Wilbraham leaving at 4:30PM. This venue is great and attendance is growing. Continue to check Facebook and our website for events that might materialize on short notice.

## August:

What did occur last month was a Back the Blue (BTB) caravan through the Berkshires on Saturday August 15. Fifteen Corvettes along with a few other cars cruised from Holyoke to Lee on the Mass Pike. There we met up with a large group of motorcycles, several trucks and other vehicles for a parade through the Berkshires. We travelled through various towns covering 37 miles. This was a well-coordinated event with Police controlling traffic at key intersections in the Towns to enable the flow of our vehicles. Spectators were present throughout the route. This was a nice event on a beautiful day. Thank you Jeff Joniec for coordinating!





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Last weekend some of us also participated in a cruise night in Suffield and a cruise to Collins Creamery in Enfield. Thank you Richard and Jeannine Santoro!

## September:

Well Covid-19 really did it last month. There were no Club events in September - first time ever during the Corvette season. However, things are looking up for October.

## October:

On Sunday October 4 Stan and I organized an "Informal Gathering" for Club members at the Eastfield Mall from 1-3 PM. We had 12 Corvettes turn out including a new Ceramic colored C-8. It was a beautiful day to be out. After socializing for a while we cruised to the Mountain View in Hampden for outdoor dining enjoying the food and each other. See pix on our Facebook page..

On Saturday October 10 we held our annual Cruise and Hayride at Westview Farms Creamery in Monson. John led the group from Panera Bread in Chicopee and met up with the rest of us in Palmer. Ten Club Corvettes turned out. We had a great time enjoying the colorful view, the food and drinks, and the company. We topped it off with a leisurely hayride through the area. See pix on our Facebook page.

On Friday October 23 John and Sheri led a group to Ogunquit ME for the weekend. See Sheri's Scoop.

## November:

Frank Cowdry organized an impromptu cruise to the Stone Cow Brewery from Wilbraham on November 7. Four Corvettes and seven members participated. Thank you Frank.

Thank you to everyone who organized an event in 2020, whether it was held or not. With all this experience we will get the jump on next year's calendar.

I trust each of you were able to attend at least one of these events this year and did enjoy your Corvette and your Club. We look forward to a much more active season in 2021.

Happy Holidays!

Ken





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## **Sheri's Scoop**



December is here!!! I wish everyone much health and happiness for the holiday season and the coming year. It is sad that we couldn't get together this year for our Christmas party. This will be our last Newsvetter until March as there is not much to report. We are thinking maybe quarterly may be better but as this season opens up next year that may change.

I want to give a shout out to Frank Cowdrey who has stepped up to take over the Secretary position. I am so grateful and thankful to him and I couldn't ask for a better successor. Although not sure on his baking skills. Lol I want to say thank you to all the Board Members for the opportunity that was given to me to do it for the past several years. I am so grateful to everyone for their support during my terms. I have made a lot of great friends through the club and I will look forward to getting together with you all next year.

Work and school are keeping me pretty busy. Work is very challenging right now with the virus but our residents are staying healthy for the moment and I pray every day that it will stay that way, along with all my family and friends. This definitely has been a tough year for everyone in one way or another. My email remains the same if anyone needs to reach me for any reason.

Keep the Faith, always be Kind, and stay Healthy!!! Have a wondrous holiday season.

With much love, Sheri

## **JOHN'S MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**



Currently we have 192 members (111 primary, 78 associate, 3 honorary) with 131 Corvettes. I'm updating our membership information so if any member has a change of address or any changes, a new car etc, please email me at [pajakjo@yahoo.com](mailto:pajakjo@yahoo.com)

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and let's hope for a better 2021. Winter well and hope to see everyone at the March meeting.

Thanks  
John





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## Steve Says



With nothing to report on the financial end as we are still at a complete stand still here are some stats as to how our Club is represented on the world wide web. Our Facebook page continues to be very active and now numbers 588 members, of course, not all are Club members, but all are Corvette aficionados. Our web site continues to draw attention with the majority of our hits coming from the Canadian border down through South Jersey and West to the Ohio border, with some traffic coming from as far as Europe. The sites hit count is now at 6,418 visits, with 67.4% being new traffic and 32.6% being returning visitors. Have a great Holiday and very happy, prosperous and safe New Year!! Hopefully 2021 will see us get back to normal.





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Club Events for:

# December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		

2021 Will be better !?!





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Post your Corvette Cave pictures to our club Facebook page between October 1<sup>st</sup>. and November 30<sup>th</sup>. 2020 Post as many pictures as you wish.

The club Board Of Directors will decide the winners and post by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

Who will be the winner's ?

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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!

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I would like to thank Balise Chevrolet for being our club sponsor!

Amen  
Over & Out  
*Rene*



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## Our Charities

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



### Friends of the Springfield Vet Center.

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### Donate Life New England

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### Springfield Federation Of The Blind

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