



# May 2022

## Presidents Message:

Hello Club Members!



Our season is off to a good start with a very active month of April. We met with Balise to plan our 6<sup>th</sup> annual All-Corvette Show on May 21. We already have over 40 Corvettes registered. Please get yourself registered as the show field is limited to 100 cars and you don't want to miss out. Remember too that we need your help to run this event and your donations for the prize raffle at the Show. Please bring them to the May 10 Club meeting. Let's show our support to our sponsor Balise and our charity the Federation of the Blind.

We had a Directors' meeting and decided that with our new dues structure we would partially subsidize the cost of our Club social events- the Summer picnic and the Christmas Party.

We also met with representatives of the Holyoke Soldier's Home and decided to run a car show at HSH for their entertainment on Saturday September 10.

Two car events took place in April with a good turnout at each. April 10 we caravanned 8 cars to the Newport Car museum followed by lunch at the Wright Chicken Farm in RI. April 30 Rich Suomala led a large group of cars on a scenic cruise around Quabbin Reservoir with lunch at the Stone Cow Brewery.

Several new events have been added to our Club calendar and the local cruise night season gets fully underway in May. See our events calendar on our website and keep an eye on our Facebook page too.

On April 23 several of us attended a memorial service for Stan Sai joining his family and other friends to celebrate his life. There were 12 Corvettes and 19 Club members in attendance. Many good Stan stories were shared. Tom had recently added Stan's name to our Club memorial plaque and he brought it to the Service to show his family. Stan was a good member and he will be missed.

Our next meeting is on May 10 at 6:30 pm at the K of C o Granby Road in Chicopee. Please bring your gifts for the Balise show prize raffle.

Thank you for supporting our sponsor Balise.

Enjoy your Corvettes and your Club.

See you soon!

Quick Notes  
Club Meeting  
May 10th  
  
Remember your  
Face Book Page &  
Website

Officers  
President: Ken Lamontagne  
Vice President: Steve Lachowetz  
Treasurer: E J Wiley  
Secretary: Richard Suomala  
Membership Dir: John Pajak

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



The excitement continues in May, June and July with a variety of events and activities planned. Local cruise nights get fully underway with at least one every night of the week.

May 10 – Club meeting at K of C

May 14 – Car Show by NE Car Club at Mt. Carmel Society in Enfield, CT 9-2 pm.

May 21 – All- Corvette Show at Balise Chevrolet 9-2 pm.

May 25 – Cruise Night / Car Show at {palmer Motorsports Park 4pm – dusk. \$5 per person donation

May 30 – Memorial Day Parade in Ludlow. Glen

June 7 – Cruise night at Friends of the Springfield Veterans Center in West Springfield sponsored by CCWM and the New England Car Club. Rene

June 12 – Corvette Day at Larz Anderson Transportation Museum in Brookline, MA from 9 – 3 pm. Tom Patnaude

June 14 – Club meeting at K of C.

June 18 – 3 Charity Car Show at K of C from 10 – 2 pm. This is our Club's fund raiser for Donate Life New England, Friends of the Springfield Veterans and Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Register on our Club website. A work schedule and a request for raffle prizes will occur at the May 10 meeting. Rene

June 30 – Corvette Night at the Moose Family Center on Fuller Road in Chicopee 5 pm to dusk. John

July 4 – Parade in East Longmeadow with Pioneer Valley Corvette Club. Rich

July 12 – Club meeting at K of C.





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July 16 – Corvettes on Display at Dale Frank Company picnic at Young Men’s Club in Hadley from noon to 4 pm. Ken

July 31 – Club picnic at Moose Family Center in Chicopee from noon – 4pm. Sheri and John

### Local Cruise Nights 2022

Monday (April 25) – Mt Carmel Society Enfield

Monday (May 2) – Young Men’s Club Hadley

Tuesday (May 3) - Ludlow Elks

Tuesday (May 17) – Hampton Ponds Plaza

Wednesday (May 18) – K of C Chicopee

Thursday (May 12) – Moose Family Center Chicopee

Thursday (May 19) – Florence Elks

Friday (May 6) – Brimfield Winery

Friday (May 20) - BATTERY Brook Park

Friday (May 20) – Tom’s Hot Dogs Whately



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## Steve Says



April was a busy Month considering it is early season. Our run to the Newport Car Museum and lunch at the Wright's Chicken Farm was a lot of fun and a great time was had by all. As I write I'm getting ready to leave on Richard's local Corvette tour, we are expecting a big crowd and the weather looks to be a perfect touring day. I want to take a moment and thank all of you who represented our Club at the memorial for Stan Sai, Stan will be missed but not forgotten.

May will be a busy Club Month as cruise nights and the car show season kicks off. Our premiere show, the "All Corvette Show" at Balise Chevrolet will be the highlight of the Month, and I hope that all of you will turn out to raise money for our charity and show support for our corporate sponsor. Our Club could not be what it is without the generous support we receive from Balise. Our web site continues to be a very active place and I encourage you to make use of that asset whenever you can. In closing, my new C8 won an award for the best modern vehicle at the WNEU Car Show on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Shine them up and get them out there! I'll see you soon.





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## ***E J'S Money Matters***

Treasurer – As a club, we're in a very comfortable position financially to have a strong year of successful events and growth. Our big shows creep closer by the day, and we're continuing on getting the finances settled for the shows as we see more pre-registrations rolling in. We have a healthy balance in our club bank account. The club is going to continue to adapt, as we all are learning new things every day – this is going to be an exciting summer!

Motorsports Minute – For those who don't know me, I'm a huge racing fan, with Corvette Racing being my favorite team. Officially starting in 2000 with the C5.R and dominating ever since, Corvette Racing has won 15 team championships in 21 seasons. The C5.R won 4 consecutive championships (2001-2004). The C6.R won 6 total across 2 classes (2005-2008, 2012, 2013). The C7.R won 3 consecutive championships (2016-2018). The C8.R won in its debut season in 2020 and again in 2021. The common theme is victory. In future NewsVetters, I'll be touching on some of the amazing history of Corvette Racing – the dominant powerhouse of modern sports car competition.





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## Rich's Rhetoric

*Happy Spring to all members!*



The tour today to the Stone Cow Brewery was an overall success. We had 18 corvettes leaving Frankie B's at 10:30 on Saturday morning. Although it wasn't top down weather.

However, the sun was out and it was a nice 100 mile ride. We anticipated getting split up several times going through Palmer and Ware but overall, this portion of the trip was rather painless. Having walkie's positioned throughout the group worked out well.

Going through the historic covered bridge in Hardwick was exciting and the locals enjoyed our little parade. We arrived at the Stone Cow Brewery just as they opened at noon and were treated very well by the wait staff. Having had our fill of beverages and food we headed west and then south on route 202. Eight of our group split off in Belchertown to attend the car show at the Chicopee Knights of Columbus. The rest of us headed to Randall's for ice cream to conclude the day.

Thank you to Steve Lachowetz, Ken Lamontagne, and John Pajak for their assistance today in keeping us together.

Secretary notes from the April 12<sup>th</sup> membership meeting were recorded and posted on the web page. The board of directors met on the 18<sup>th</sup>. These notes have also been posted.

**RICH**





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## JOHN'S MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



It's May already and time to enjoy some local weekly Cruise Nites!

We have 138 members (76 primary, 57 associate, 3 honorary club founding fathers and 2 honorary Balise) with 85 Corvettes.

The club will be purchasing name badges for all members to be worn at our events and meetings. Please email me directly if you are in need of a badge. I will also have a sign-up sheet at our May meeting. The name badges will be ordered for both the primary and associate member.

If any member has a change of address or any changes, a new car etc., [please email](mailto:pajakjo@yahoo.com) at [pajakjo@yahoo.com](mailto:pajakjo@yahoo.com)

Please submit your \$35 annual membership dues if you haven't already. This can be done on our website.

### Summer Picnic

Annual Summer Picnic will be held Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Chicopee Moose Lodge on Fuller Road in Chicopee. The picnic will be from 12-5pm and the cost will be \$10 per person. DJ Paul will once again donate his services to us. We will be having hamburgers, cheeseburgs, hotdogs, garden salad, coleslaw, baked beans, corn on the cob and watermelon. It will be a cash bar and there will be a 50/50 raffle, games, prizes and fun. Please email me if you are interested at [sheri.corvettegirl@gmail.com](mailto:sheri.corvettegirl@gmail.com).

Thank you

Sheri





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## May Club Anniversaries

Mike Sheldon	6 years
Paul and Linda Mercier	6 years
Bill and Lisa Radner	5 years
Craig and Donna Damon	4 years
Dave and Tammy Poklewski	4 years
Peter Jensen	3 years
Rob and Virginia Schwarzenbach	3 years
Michael ad Clemence Dumont	3 years
Mike Nicora	2 years
Fred Bogalhas	1 year
Steve Teerlinck	1 year

Thanks

John

CCWM Membership Director





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## Bob's Facebook News

The Facebook page for Corvette Club of Western Massachusetts is very active and continues to get more robust every day. We currently have 493 individuals accepted on the page. I strongly encourage you to post photos and stories on our page. We always appreciate stories and photos about events that are sponsored by CCWM, but we also like to read about general informational articles about Corvettes. If you are organizing an event for the club, don't forget that you can also create an upcoming event notification that will help publicize the event. This month I want to highlight some of the sites I follow on Facebook. Because I own a C5, most of these Facebook pages deal specifically with the C5. I initially joined these pages to learn as much as I could about my car. Most people on these pages are usually quite helpful, but just be aware that you might come in contact with a couple knuckleheads. The admins are usually very good at policing the pages. As time went on, I found myself using the pages to diagnose issues I would have with the car. I'd post the issue on the page and wait for responses from the other members. 95 percent of the time I have received valuable information about my issue. With that info, I'd then go to YouTube to see what the procedure might be to correct the problem. Watching a video there would let me know if I can fix it, or bring it to a qualified mechanic. Here are some of the pages I follow. In the coming months I'll highlight pages for other generations. C5 Corvette 1997-04, C5 Modified, Corvette C5 Freaks, C5 Corvette Convertibles, C5 Corvette Owners Only, and C5 Corvette Nation. Here are a couple generic pages for all generations to get you going: Simply Corvettes and Car Shows N' Events. Car Shows N' Events deals with upcoming car shows throughout New England. Very informative. As always, if you have never used Facebook, but would like to check it out, feel free to see me at our next meeting and I'll be happy to help you get started. Enjoy your Corvette and let us know about it on our Facebook page





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Club Meeting at K of C	11	12	13	14 Car Show Mt. Carmel Society
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 All Corvette Show Balise Chevrolet
22	23	24	25 Cruise Night Car Show Palmer Motorsports Park	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Parade in Ludlow	31				





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## Coming Event Flyers

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in partnership with the **Corvette Club of Western Massachusetts**  
presents the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual

# ALL CORVETTE SHOW

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



<b>SATURDAY</b> May 21st, 2022 10 am - 2 pm	<b>\$20</b> Registration Fee	<b>QUESTIONS</b> Contact Rene major197@comcast.net
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**TROPHIES**  
33 Trophies

**DASH PLAQUES**  
For the first 100 Corvettes to register

**LODGING**  
Hilton Garden Inn, (413) 886-8000

**PLUS**  
Blessing of the Corvettes (noon) • Food • 50/50 Raffle • DJ

Space is limited to 100 show cars.



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# PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

**Pre-register before May 14, 2022  
for a chance to win a \$100 Balise Gift Card!**

**Space is limited to 100 show cars.**

Mail with \$20 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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## Three Charity Car Show Any make, model, year of Car



3 Charity Car Show

At:

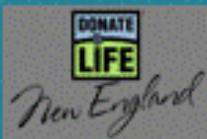
Knights of Columbus

460 Granby Rd  
Chicopee, Ma

Admission \$20

Preregister at:

<https://www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com>



Awards Presented

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Saturday June 18, 2022

10 am to 2 pm

Beer and Food available for Purchase



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# Cruise Night Tuesday



## June 7th

### 5:00pm-8:00pm



- **50/50 Raffle**
  - **RECEIVE AWARDS**
- Donated by:**  
Corvette Club & The Car Club New England

Springfield Vet Center 95 Ashley Avenue West Springfield, MA 01089

*Enjoy Food, Refreshments and Music*



**For more information  
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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)



### DAV Department of Massachusetts

We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.



### 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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Springfield, MA 01101



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### CLUB MEMBERS

- Buy your next Corvette at Balise Chevrolet and we'll donate \$500 to the Corvette Club of Western MA!
- The All Corvette Show is Saturday, May 21st, from 10 am–2 pm. \$20 registration fee for participants. General admission is free & open to the public. Free Parking.

NEW 2022 CHEVY

SILVERADO 1500 LTD  
4WD LT DOUBLE CAB

LEASE FOR  
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Lease a new 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LTD 4WD LT Double Cab with 2FL equipment group and 2.7L turbo engine for \$399/mo (STOCK# C49274, MSRP \$44,799; \$399/mo for 36 mos, 10K mi/yr. \$5287 total due at signing (includes \$3500 down payment, first payment, doc & title prep, bank acq fee), Tax & fees additional. Includes \$1750 incentive for customers with a current Chevy lease in household (not all will qualify). No security deposit required. Available to well qualified buyers, not all will qualify. Incentives based on zip code 01105 and may vary. All incentives to dealer, cannot be combined with other offers. Offer ends 5/31/2022.

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