



October 2021 CCWM Newsletter



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Quick Notes

Club Meeting
October 5th

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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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Presidents Message:



I will start this Newsletter by saying Thank You to our sponsors for The 3 Charity Show. Balise Chevrolet / KLM Auto / Witch Enterprises.

And a Thank You to the members that worked the show.

We had some members enter their car in the show. Thank you for your support for your club. It shows you care.

At our next meeting on Tuesday October 5th. We will hand out a check to our 3 charities from our show.

Well, here it is October. Cruise nights are done, and some car shows still left. There are trips planned for our club before we put our cars away.

At the last meeting I spoke about a Christmas Drive By at The Holyoke Soldiers Home. Well on a Friday morning I was approved. On Friday afternoon I was shut down. We can't do it there. Will we have it at another location? At the last board meeting this issue was tabled until further notice.

Over & Out

Rene Pres. CCCWM





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KEN'S CORNER!



We had another active month in September.

We continued our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month in September. **Meetings will stay on Tuesdays through October.**

September 9-11, four Club couples traveled to New Hampshire for the 2019 National Corvette Museum Caravan reunion. We met there with other Corvetters from throughout New England. On Friday we did a road rally and on Saturday the scenic trip across the Kancamagus highway to North Conway. The evening dinners included a silent auction, prize raffles and a remote guest speaker who was at ground zero on 9/11. This was another great event organized by Randy Flock of the Corvette Club of Rhode Island. He is already organizing for the 2024 Caravan. On Sunday September 12 Glen Wiley escorted four Club cars to the CT Military Corvette Club's Car Show at Nomad's in So Windsor, CT. They enjoyed the day and were able to promote our 3 Charity Show with that Club. With about 200 cars in attendance the 50/50 raffle gave \$1000 to the winner.

On Wednesday September 15 CCWM sponsored Corvette night at the K of C on Granby Road in Chicopee. Several members attended in spite of threatening weather. On Saturday September 18 we held our 3 Charity Show at the K of C. About 60 cars were in attendance and thanks to our 3 major sponsors over \$1800 was raised. Thanks to all who participated. See flyer. On Sunday September 19 over 15 member Corvettes travelled south to participate in the Vettes at the Beach car show at Ocean Beach Park in New London. This show was sponsored by the For Corvettes Only Club of CT. On Saturday September 25 four member Corvettes attended the Car Show at Saint Martha's in Enfield, CT. Turnout was low but the weather was good and member Larry Muniec won 2 trophies with his 57.

See our Club Facebook page for comments and photos of all these Club activities.

Thank you to all Club members who participate in Club events particularly those of you who work to promote and staff our two fundraising shows, the all-Corvette at Balise and the three Charity at K of C.





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Looking ahead:

October 5 – Monthly Club meeting at K of C from 6:30 to 8PM. This is a **Tuesday** meeting!

October 9 – 350th Parade in Suffield, CT led by Richard Santoro.

October 10 - Cruise and Hayride at Westview Farms Creamery in Monson. See flyer for details.

October 17 - Club foliage cruise to Windsor VT with lunch at Harpoon Brewery led by Frank Cowdrey.

October 22 -24 – Cruise to Ogunquit, ME for the Ogunquitfest weekend led by John and Sheri.

November 3 – Monthly Club meeting at K of C from 6:30 to 8PM. This is a **Wednesday** meeting.

November 6 – Coffee and Corvettes at Balise Buick GMC from 9 to 11AM. See flyer for details.

December 1 – Monthly Club meeting at K of C from 6:30 to 8PM. This is election night for 5 board members. Only primary Club members can vote, and you must be present to vote. We hope to see you there.

December 4 – Fifth annual Club Christmas Party at Tony and Penny's. See flyer for details.

December 18 – Wreath laying at Veterans cemetery in Agawam as part of Wreaths Across America day. See flyer.

Club events are posted on our Club website. See www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com for details.

Next Meeting – Tuesday October 5 at K of C in Chicopee at 6:30 pm. This is the last meeting on a Tuesday for 2021. Beginning November 3 monthly Club meetings will be on Wednesdays.





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Board of Directors: Some terms on the Club's 7 member Board of Directors expire each year. This year we have the unusual case where 5 members' terms are up. Consequently, we will be electing 5 members to the Board in December. The election process starts in September with a request for nominations. Any primary member of the Club can be nominated or self-nominated for election. Nomination forms will be available at the September 7 meeting. Nominations will close at the November 3 meeting. The election will take place at the December 1 meeting. Only primary members present at the December 1 meeting can vote. Please consider nominating a member you feel would be an asset to Board. The Board is responsible for the functioning of the Club, its operation, administration, finances, communications, documentation, etc. Descriptions of the Club Board and Offices are documented in the Club By-laws that are accessible on our Club website.

Meet our Members: We would like to start a section in this newsletter that gives members a chance to feature themselves – a place where members can post a photo of themselves and/or their Corvette and tell us a bit about themselves and their interest in Corvettes and their impressions of the Club. It can be as short as one paragraph. Please let me know if you are interested and we'll start next month. Who will be the first to be featured?

Club Communications:

I am often asked how to know what's going on and how not to miss anything. Here is my answer. 1) Attend monthly Club meetings (which are on the first Tuesday of the month now through October).

2) Read Frank's monthly Club Meeting summary sent by email.

3)*Check the Club events calendar on our website www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com

4) Follow us on the CCWM Facebook page.

5) Read the monthly Newsletter published by Art and the board.





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***Here is how to access the events calendar on the Club website**

www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com

Go to the home page of our Club website

Click on Events Calendar or click on drop down options, depending on your device

Open the Events Calendar (this calendar may be at the bottom of this page depending on your device)

Scroll across to the month you are looking for

Scroll down to the date of interest

Click on that event to pull up details. Please report any operational issues.



"No, you can't get a Corvette for your Birthday. Before you bragged to all your friends, you should've checked with me first."





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Franks Scoop



I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and got to take your cars out often. I know that the rain didn't help a lot but what can you do. Hopefully, everyone is healthy and staying safe.

I sent an email out earlier this past week reminding everyone about the Fall Foliage Cruise to the Harpoon Brewery in Windsor Vermont, and I have received several replies from members that would like to go. They have been added to the sign-up sheet. One thing that I forgot to mention in the email but did mention at the last meeting, was that like many restaurants around, they are a bit short staffed so we will be seated at tables of 8 but there will only be one (1) check per table so please bring CASH with you as they won't be taking individual credit cards or individual payments. Right now, I have 3 tables of 8 reserved and our current count is 18 people so we could take 6 more people to fill the 3rd table. We put a \$50 deposit one each table which I will get back as long as we use all three tables. So, if you have said you are planning on going, please show up. Hopefully it will be a bright, crisp fall day. The date again is SUNDAY October 17th, meeting at the Basketball Hall of fame and leaving at 9am.

Hopefully, I'll see a lot of you at the next meeting on TUESDAY October 5th.

Cheers, Frank.





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JOHN'S MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Currently we have 225 members (134 primary, 88 associate, 3 honorary) with 156 Corvettes.

Please welcome our new CCWM member Terrel Bennett driving a C7. Welcome Aboard!

If any member has a change of address or any changes, a new car etc, please email me at pajakjo@yahoo.com

Thanks
John

Steve Says



Our 3 Charity Car Show went off without a hitch, actual car counts were lower than expected due to the great amount of shows also scheduled that day, but financially it was a great success. We will distribute \$2,100.00 to the charities at our next meeting, thank you to all who participated and helped to make the day a great success! A very special thank you to our sponsors, Balise Chevrolet, Witch Enterprises and KLM Automotive for helping us produce a great show for our charities.

As our Club season wanes, I want to remind all that there are still many great events on our calendar throughout the Months of October, November and December and I hope to see many of you there. A reminder that at our October meeting, October 5, 2021 at 6:30 at the Knights of Columbus on Granby Road in Chicopee we will begin accepting nominations for election to the Board of Directors at our December meeting. This is your opportunity to help your Club going forward.





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2021 OCTOBER

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 Club Meeting at K of C | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Suffield Anniversary parade |
| 10 Hayride Westview Farms | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Club Foliage Cruise | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Ogunquitfest | 23 Ogunquitfest |
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Coming Event Flyers

Corvette Club of Western MA

Fifth Annual Christmas Party

Saturday December 4, 2021 from 6-11PM

Tony and Penny's Restaurant

18 Canterbury Street, Ludlow, MA 01058



\$25pp- Buffet Dinner- Cash Bar

Music by DJ Bruce Marshall

Door Prizes (donations appreciated)

Sign up now with Rich Suomola at mailman2180@gmail.com

Full payment expected at sign-up. Deadline is November 15, 2021

Make check payable to Corvette Club of Western MA

Mail to Steven Lachowetz, 7 Hillcrest Park, South Hadley, MA 01075





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CCWM Cruise to Westview Farms Creamery Sunday Afternoon October 10, 2021



Group 1: Leave Panera Bread on Memorial Dr. in Chicopee at 11 AM

Group 2: Meet at Pride Gas in Palmer by 11:20 AM

Both groups meet up in Palmer to arrive together at 11:45 AM

Park together as directed by Staff

Lunch at your leisure followed by small group hayrides!

Covid rules and restrictions apply!





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Corvette Club of Western Mass. Inc. Third Annual Three Charity Car Show



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR
SPONSORS FOR THEIR
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Balise Chevrolet



KLM Auto

Witch Enterprises



We are already planning for next years show
As plans progress details will be posted
<https://www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com>

Proceeds go to:
Donate Life New England
Friends of the Springfield Vet Center
Disabled American Veterans





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Wreaths Across America

Created by: jalkal@verizon.net

12pm - 2pm (Eastern Time - New York)

Sat Dec 18, 2021

Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St. Agawam, MA 01001

Help place veteran's wreaths on the headstones of American Heroes as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

We will assist in placing wreaths provided until all wreaths have been placed.

Plan to meet up and arrive together. More details to come.

Sign up at a Club meeting or contact Ken at jalkal@verizon.net

We Need You!

Help us say THANK YOU to our American Heroes by becoming a Volunteer Sponsorship Group Leader for Wreaths Across America.

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Vintage tractors, trucks,
cars, motorcycles & bicycles

Theme is ***Suffield: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow***

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 For more info eMail Parade350@SuffieldCT.gov



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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.

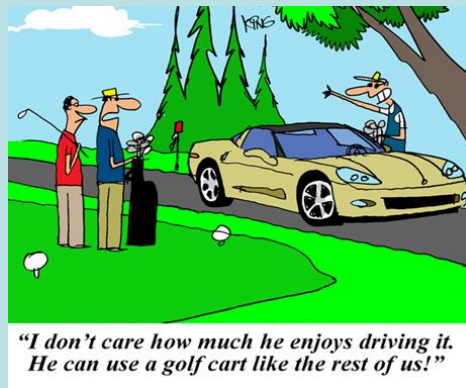
Do you have a Birthday, Anniversary we can post in our Newsletter, We are trying to get a list together for a full year. Send yours in Now.

Let us know. 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

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

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



Enjoy this fall weather and get a couple more shows in before you put the Vette away.

Over & Out
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



DAV Department of Massachusetts



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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