



November 2021 CCWM Newsvetter



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Quick Notes

Club Meeting
November 3rd

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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:



GET INVOLVED

Are you proud of our club?

Do you want to see our club go forward?

Do you want to see our club get the recognition it deserves?

Are you ready to help?

Run for a board position.

Run an activity event.

Step up to the plate now!

Everyone that I know of wants this great club to move forward. The only way it will move forward is if you help it move forward. It will not happen on its own.

This Newsvetter goes out to all the Corvette clubs in the Northeast.

We had a great summer of events. The season is almost over now.

Time to think of next season and get ready to plan ahead. This is where you come in. Volunteer now for next season and help your club out.

To the members that helped out this season. Thank You

And Thank You to the members that sponsored the 3 Charity show.

Over & Out

Rene Pres. CCCWM





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KEN'S CORNER!



October was another active month with a variety of events.

On October 9 twelve Club Corvettes participated in the Suffield, CT 350th anniversary parade along with a host of other floats, marchers, tractors, etc. We were well received by spectators who lined the parade route and cheered us on. Afterwards we gathered up for lunch at the Skyline Restaurant on Route 75. Thank you, Richard Santoro, for organizing this event.

On October 17 Frank Cowdrey led a group (15 Corvettes) on a foliage cruise to Vermont. See Frank's update for details. Thank you, Frank.

On October 22, a group of 9 Corvettes travelled to Ogunquit, Maine for the weekend. We enjoyed the ride up stopping in Kittery for shopping and lunch. We had great weather all weekend for the car show, craft fair, and general sight- seeing. Richard and Sally Suomala entered their C-3 in the show and won first place. Thank you to John and Sheri for organizing this event.

Looking Ahead:

November 3 – Monthly Club meeting at the K of C on Granby Road from 6:30 – 8 pm. This is a Wednesday meeting!

Saturday November 6 – Coffee and Corvettes at Balise Buick, GMC from 9-11am. See flyer for details. **Contact Ken** at jalkal@verizon.net so we can provide a count to Balise.

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

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

December 18 – Wreath laying at Veterans cemetery in Agawam. See flyer.

Club events are posted on our Website. See www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com





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Next Meeting: Wednesday November 3 at K of C on Granby Road in Chicopee from 6:30 – 8 pm.
Please bring your Christmas raffle donations.

Board of Directors:

Some terms on the Club's 7-member Board 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 started in September with a request for nominations. Any primary member of the Club can be nominated or self-nominated for election. Nomination forms have been available at our meetings since September. 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 meeting can vote.

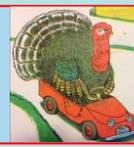
Please consider nominating a member you feel would be an asset to the Board. The Board is responsible for the functioning of the Club, its operation, administration, finances, communications, documentation, etc.

Descriptions of the Club Board and Offices are documented in the Club by-laws that are accessible on our Club website.





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Franks Scoop



It's sad to say that our season is almost over, and just about time to cover 'em up and put 'em on the tender for winter. But we did have a very enjoyable trip in October on the Fall Foliage cruise. We had 16 Cars and 30 people head up to the Harpoon Brewery in Windsor Vermont. The weather was good, the food was excellent, the beer was fantastic and the Corvette Crew that went was AWESOME!! We had a great Cruise to the Brewery and some members went to the Vermont Country Store on the way home.

Sue and I weren't able to make the trip to Ogunquitfest this year, but from the pictures that were posted on our Facebook page it looks like they had a blast!!

Don't forget that we still have the "Coffee and Corvettes" event at Balise on November 6th at 9am. Please let Ken know as soon as possible if you plan on going so he can give Balise a count.

Looking forward to the Christmas party on December 4th at Tony and Penny's. Please let Richard or Renee know if you are going and please get your money in for the meal(s). The cost is \$25.00 per person.

Well, that's it for me. Hopefully, I see you at one of the 2 remaining meetings this year. Oh yeah, the last two meeting will be back on Wednesdays!!! (Just a reminder.)

Cheers!





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JOHN'S MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



Currently we have 228 members (137 primary, 88 associate, 3 honorary) with 158 Corvettes.

Please welcome our new CCWM members Jim Ferris driving a C6, Donald & Laurie Besancon driving a C8 and EJ Wiley driving a C4. EJ has been involved with the club as an associate member and has moved up to primary.

Welcome Aboard!

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

Sheri and I would like to thank everyone who attended the Ogunquitfest Weekend in Maine. We had 9 Corvettes and 18 members cruise up with us. A good time was had by all. Check out the pictures posted on the Facebook page by Sheri, Donna and Steve. Congratulations to Rich and Sally for taking first place in the Ogunquit Antique and Classic Car Show.

Steve Says



Our season may have started out slow due to Covid-19 but we sure are ending on a high note. October has been a busy month, with our foliage tour to the Harpoon brewery in Windsor, VT (thank you Frank Cowdrey), the Trunk or Treat show benefiting Christina's House, where our Club made a substantial donation to Christina's House, a very worthwhile charity. This past weekend many of us enjoyed a long weekend adventure to Ogunquit, ME (thank you John & Sherry).

As our Club season wanes, I want to remind all that there are still great events on our calendar throughout November and December and I hope to see many of you there. Remember our upcoming meeting at the Knight's of Columbus on Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30PM, there are note worthy changes coming relating to our By-Laws and membership obligations moving forward, all the info will be presented there.

See you there.





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NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Club Meeting at K of C	4	5	6 Coffee and Corvettes at Balise
7	8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29	30				

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Meet our Members



This is a new column aimed at profiling Club members so we all can get to know each other. If you want to be featured let me know. All I need is a picture and 10 minutes of your time. Ken Lamontagne at jalkal@verizon.net

This month we are featuring Richard Suomala.

Richard first owned a Corvette in 1988. It was a 1984 and he remembers it as being short on power. He did not have it very long. In 2011 he and his son bought a 68 Firebird and they spent the next 10 years restoring it. In 2018 Richard travelled to Utah to visit a friend and spend time vacationing. While there the subject of Corvettes came up and he learned of a C-3 through his friend's son. He eventually sold the Firebird and bought that C-3. He was the fourth owner. It was a roadster with 2 tops. It had a 350 engine but was born with a 427. The second owner blew that motor. It was missing many parts but had a sound body and interior. After shipping the car back home in 2019 Richard began restoring it. It is now in drivable condition such that he and Sally were able to travel with us to Ogunquit, Maine for the weekend. The car performed well all weekend. In fact, they entered the car show on Saturday and won first place. Congratulations! Last year Richard joined the Club to enjoy the car more and to travel and socialize. He is very pleased with the Club and is disappointed that he cannot participate more. His family has a cottage on Queen Lake in Phillipston and he is there much of the time from June to September.

His motto is join up, be active and help out. Early this year he volunteered to help organize the Christmas Party with Renee Rafuse, he also accepted a 1 year appointment to the Club Board for 2021, and he is now running for a 2 year term on the Board with the hope of filling an Officer position in 2022.

Richard we thank you for joining up and pitching in!





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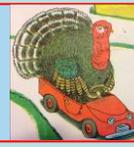


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Coming Event Flyers

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



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We are already planning for next years show
As plans progress details will be posted
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Proceeds go to:
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Friends of the Springfield Vet Center
Disabled American Veterans





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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

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>



Before you put the car to sleep for the winter. Look at the couple events left for this season.

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.

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