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Presidents Message:

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Quick Notes
Club Meeting
DEC 13TH

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Website

www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com

Officers

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

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This is my last NewsVetter as your President. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this Club. We have had a year filled with a variety of activities and events enjoying our cars and each other throughout New England.

Equally rewarding has been our impact on the Community; 2 Holiday Parades, 3 Car Shows, 3 Cruise theme nights, Corvettes on Display, as well as supporting events of other Clubs, etc.

At the Holyoke Soldiers Home we entertained the residents with a Car Show and honored our Founders, Rene and Rose, bidding them farewell to their Florida retirement.

With the generous support of our loyal sponsors we donated \$8800 to a variety of charities and veterans support groups. Many thanks to Balise Chevrolet, Dale Frank Financial, and Witch Enterprises, and all of you!

Your Board of Directors really stepped up this year coordinating and driving much of the work behind the scenes to make it all happen. Please thank them!

We were honored as Ludlow's Community Partner of the Year! We have been dedicated to their Memorial Day Parade for years and this year made a major donation to the Ludlow VFW's "Turkeys for Vets" program at Thanksgiving. We received recognition from the State House as well. Congratulations to all!

This was our first year with Membership dues and it turned out well. There was no net loss in membership and we did more as a result. Annual dues will continue.

We have 3 Board openings for 2023 and will hold the election at the December meeting. We are fortunate to have 4 qualified candidates for these openings. Please attend the December 13 meeting and participate in the election process.

For myself, it will be different to sit on the other side of the table at our meetings. I will continue to maintain the Club calendar and help coordinate events but I look to your increasing support to help keep this great Club progressing.

Joyce and I wish you a Happy Holiday season and a Healthy New Year!

Thank you. Ken





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KEN'S CORNER!



October events included a foliage cruise to Harpoon Brewery in Windsor, VT. Foliage was spectacular and lunch was great. Thank you Frank for leading us.

Several Club couples went to Hyannis for the weekend of October 20-23 for the New England Corvette Caravan Meet and Greet event. We had a great time cruising the Cape and socializing with other Corvette enthusiasts.

November started with our Coffee and Corvettes event at Balise Chevrolet. We met their Corvette Technician, Guy, and got answers to many of our questions. Thank you Steve Kowalczyk for hosting us.

A few of us from the Club attended Ludlow's Veterans Day Ceremony along with Steve Kowalczyk of Balise. Our Club was honored as Ludlow's Community Partner of the year and we were recognized by State representatives as well. The next day we were hosted at the Vanished Valley Brewing Company's Veterans Pig Roast for our commitment to veterans. Congratulations to all of you!

Looking Ahead:

December has plenty of activity left for the Club.

December 3 is our annual Christmas Party organized by Rich Suomala and Renee Rafuse. It promises to be another great social evening.

December 13 is our monthly Club meeting where we will elect 3 members to the Board of Directors and finalize business for the year. Please plan on attending.

December 17 we will place wreaths at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam as we did last year. Lunch is planned afterwards. Please contact Renee Rafuse through our website or sign up at the December meeting.

Looking way ahead....I am organizing a visit to Salem Cross Inn for their Fireplace Feast on Sunday afternoon March 12, 2023. Please let me know promptly if you are interested as these dates fill up fast. I need to respond by December 26, 2022. See the flyer for details.





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Steve Says



That's all folks! Time to say goodbye to another successful and productive season. Most have put their cars away for the Winter and some of us will be heading to warmer climes. As I wind up my year as your Vice-President it is an appropriate time to thank you all for your support of our great Club and remind you that Club Dues will soon be due for the 2023 season. Expect to see an e-mail mid Month that will have an easy link to renew your membership and continue the fun through 2023!

REMINDER...Our Club meeting on December 13th at the Knights of Columbus, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee is an important one. Your participation at this meeting is your opportunity to select the members who will lead us in the next season. Only members who are at the meeting can vote, so come on out and make your choices. See you there!

Mary Lee and I wish everyone a very happy Holiday season, and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! See you in the Spring of 2023 to kick off what I know will be another great season.





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Rich's Rhetoric



Things are winding down for 2022.

We have just enjoyed our 2022 Christmas Party at Tony & Penny's in Ludlow this past Saturday, December 3rd. we had a good turnout of 56 people. Members and associates were evenly mixed. I was surprised that we only had about 33% of our membership participate as the club was able to subsidize most of the cost for the event this year. Costing only \$10 per person was a deal.

The Secretary notes from July and August's membership meetings notes were recorded and posted.

Every good thing must come to an end. This will be my last newsletter as I am not running again for our board of directors for 2023. It has been a pleasure serving in this capacity and I am sure my replacement in this position will continue to keep accurate and current records. I plan on continuing to be an active part of the club.

Stay Safe

Rich





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JOHN'S MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sheri and I are looking forward to 2023, we will be heading back to Nova Scotia for the annual Car Cruise – Seafest Festival with the Corvette Club of Nova Scotia, Bar Harbor with the Vettes of Coastal Maine and Meet in Greet in Ogunquit Maine and Watkins Glen NY as part of the 2024 National Corvette Caravan.

We have 165 members (91 primary, 69 associate, 3 honorary club founding fathers and 2 honorary Balise) with 101 Corvettes.

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





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November Club Anniversaries

John and Catherine Sloane	6 years	
David McGarrigle	5 years	
Richard Santoro		5 years
Jeannine Santoro	1 year	
Jack and Agma Sweeney	1 year	
Russ and Marsha Ramah	1 year	
Gary Gagne		1 year

December Club Anniversaries

Michael and Brenda Copeland	5 years	
Ed Giza		1 year
Doug and Kathy Bunnell		1 year
Gil and Suzanne Rua	1 year	

Thanks

John

CCWM Membership Director





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Bob's Facebook News



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Well, it's that time of year that most of us are in the gift giving mood. What better gift to give someone, ourselves, or even our Vette than a Corvette related item.

Here are some internet suggestions that you might want to check out:

Corvette Magazine - If you don't already have a subscription, order one from their website at www.corvette-mag.com

Here's another monthly Corvette magazine: Vette Vues Magazine www.vette-vues.com You can even try a 6 month trial subscription.

Looking for Corvette clothing, accessories, etc? Check out Corvette Collection. They have a large inventory of Vette clothing and accessories. And they have a license from GM to protect their trademark. Look for them at: CorvetteCollection.com

Another great site is the National Corvette Museum. Good selection of clothing, accessories and even your window sheets. www.corvettemuseum.org

A rather unique vendor is a website named Trendy Sweety. They have items for various car brands, but have a dedicated Corvette section named Corvette Kingdom. You'll definitely find some interesting Vette items here. Go to; www.trendysweety.com

If you want to give your Corvette a gift this year, I'd suggest RPI Designs. I've had good luck with them ordering items for my Corvette. They often have sales and you can usually do well with them. I'm pleased with their service so far. You can find them at:

www.rpidesigns.com

Enjoy the holidays and don't forget to wave at other Vettes!





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NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 Coffee and Corvettes
6 End Daylight Savings	7	8 Club Meeting Elections	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Veterans Appreciation Pig Roast
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Black Friday	26
27	28	29	30			





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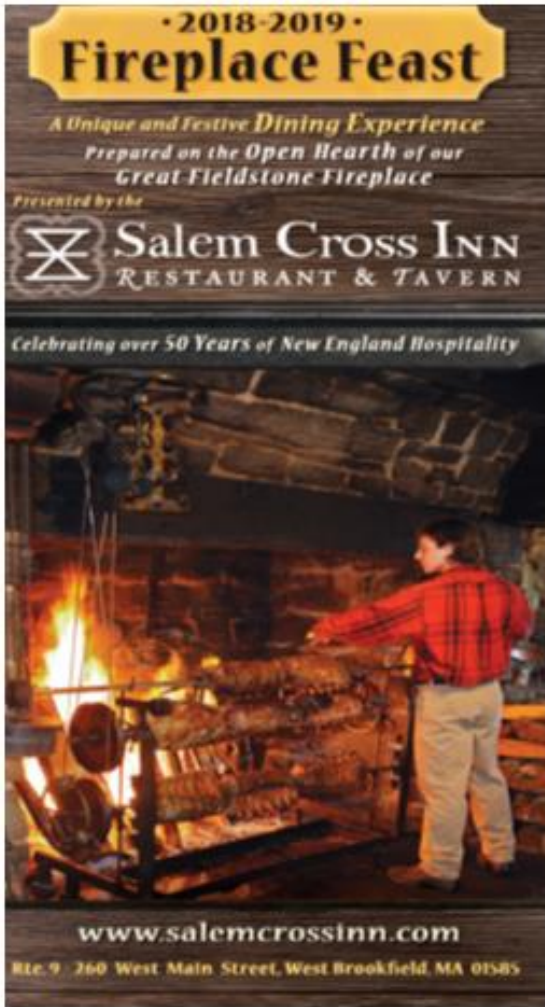
December 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 Christmas Party
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Club Meeting Elections	14	15	16	17 Wreaths Across America
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Corvette Club of Western MA

Invites you to this special event on Sunday afternoon March 12, 2023.

Come experience this open hearth dinner prepared 1700's colonial style. Ride a horse drawn carriage or sleigh over pristine pastures and browse the Inn's extensive collection of period antiques.

Enjoy a day in old New England!
Cost is \$89.00 pp.

Contact Ken at jalkal@verizon.net before December 26, 2022.





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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

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
P.O. Box 3512
Springfield, MA 01101



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NEW 2022 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 4WD LT CREW CAB

LEASE FOR

\$399/mo.

or buy for \$49,690
(Save up to \$5,000 off MSRP)



Lease a New 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD LT Crew Cab with 5.3L EcoTec3 V6 engine for \$399/mo or Save up to \$5,000 off MSRP (STOCK# G1829H, MSRP: \$64,890). SAVINGS OFFER (also valid on STOCK# G1829H) - Sale Price \$49,690, Total Savings \$5,000. Savings includes \$1,000 incentive available to Costco members (must be a member prior to 10/31/2022, not all will qualify, must register with Costco Auto Program to receive certificate with unique promo code and present it with dealer), \$500 Cyber Cash savings from GM (must register an driver, can't to receive Cyber Cash code), \$500 Red Tag Bonus Cash (to in MA \$300, Customer Cash from GM and \$200 dealer discount. Sales tax, title and registration fees, \$893 doc & title prep (add'l incl. LEASE OFFER: \$399/mo for 36 months, 10,000 mi/yr (incl. \$7787 total due at signing (incl. \$6000 down payment, first payment, doc & title prep, bank acq fees, Sales tax, title and registration fees additional. Include \$2,000 residual value (customers with a current Chevy lease in household (if not all will qualify) and \$1,000 incentive available to Costco members (must be a member prior to 10/31/2022, not all will qualify, must register with Costco Auto Program to receive certificate with unique promo code and present certificate to dealer), No security deposit required. Available to well qualified buyers, not all will qualify. ALL OFFERS: Incentives based on zip code 01105 and may vary. All incentives to dealer, cannot be combined with other offers. Offer ends 1/31/2023.

NEW 2022 BUICK ENCORE PREFERRED AWD



LEASE FOR

\$259/mo.

FOR 24 MONTHS

Lease a New 2022 Buick Encore Preferred AWD for \$259/mo (STOCK# P41642, MSRP \$29,400) \$259/mo for 24 months, 10,000 mi/yr (incl. \$9,147 total due at signing (includes \$4,000 down payment, first payment, doc & title prep, bank acq fees, Sales tax, title and registration fees additional. Includes \$1,000 incentive for customers with a current GM 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 1/31/2023.

— CORVETTE CLUB MEMBER SPECIAL —

15% OFF PARTS & LABOR For all Corvette Club of Western MA members AND their families! Any Vehicle Welcome!

Offer ends 12/31/2022. Visit us online for a complete list of sales and service specials.