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### Presidents Message:

- Quick Notes
- Club Meeting - None
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    - Web site
  - Lending Library
    - Manuals
    - Books
    - Reference
    - For sale

Hello Corvette Club Members.

Happy New Year. Rene here! Welcome to the off season. This is what makes our cars so special come May! I look at mine in the garage and I'm really starting to miss it. I mean the fun parts! Not the almost having my arm ripped off by a run away steering wheel etc....I hope all of your special friends are put away safe and sound. It was a great year. This club has grown and matured better than I could have hoped!

Thank you for your loyalty and friendship!

- Officers
- President: Rene Lajeunesse
  - Vice President: Marc Lamoureux
  - Treasurer: Steven Lachowetz
  - Secretary: Sheri Anderson
  - Membership Dir: Ken Lamontagne

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

By Ken Lamontagne

**Election of Officers** At the December meeting the membership elected Steven Lachowetz and Ken Lamontagne to new 2 year terms on the Board. They both ran unopposed. In November Sheri Anderson was appointed to fill out the remainder (2018) of Stan Sai's term on the Board. At their first new Board meeting the following Officers were appointed for 2018; President – Rene Lajeunesse, Vice President – Marc Lamoureux, Treasurer – Steven Lachowetz, Secretary - Sheri Anderson, Membership Director – Ken Lamontagne.

Please congratulate the new Board and support them throughout the year.

**Membership:** In 2017 we added 32 Primary members with 43 Corvettes. We lost 6 Primary members and 6 Associates with their 7 Corvettes for a final tally of 108 Primary members, 98 Associate members and 2 Honorary members for a year-end total of 208 members with 133 Corvettes. This was our first full year operating under our new By-laws requiring members to attend a minimum of 4 club-sponsored events during the year. We had 25 Corvette events and 8 Club meetings for a total of 33 eligible Club events. Unfortunately we have many members who have not attended any events, some only one or two. These members were notified at mid -year and some responded favorably.

At year end 35 Primary members will be dropped from our Club roster.

On the plus side we had great member turnout at most events this year. Your Board of Directors decided to recognize those members with the highest attendance record. Membership badges were presented to the top 10 at the Christmas Party. These members are role models for the rest and can attest to the enjoyment the Club provides. Hopefully everyone can find opportunities to enjoy their Corvettes and other Club members in 2018.

The Top 10 are (alphabetically)...

Dave Capriati, Roger & Janis DeGrandpre, Fred Kochanek, Steve and Mary Lee Lachowetz,  
Rene & Rose Lajeunesse, Ken & Joyce Lamontagne, Art LaPierre, Tom Patnaude,  
Ed & Pat Taddey, Glen Wiley.

Congratulations to and thank you to everyone who participated in our events. You make the Club!





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**New members** in December are Joseph and Meg Sheehan with a 2003 Coupe, Troy Copeland with a 2017 GS Coupe and Michael and Brenda Copeland, with a 2015 Coupe. **CCWM welcomes you!**

**Membership Badges** Membership badges are now available for purchase. These are black and white magnetic oval-shaped badges printed with your name and the Club's name. They are priced at \$10 each and can be ordered at the February 7, 2018 meeting.

**John Elias** We are saddened by the recent passing of John. He was an active member since February 2016. He helped out on many events including our Christmas Parties. He won several trophies with his beautiful Black 1992 coupe. He also enjoyed his motorcycle. We will miss you John. The Club made a \$50 donation to the Holyoke Soldiers Home in John's name.

**Christmas Party** On Saturday December 9 we held our second annual Club Christmas Party at the Cavalier Restaurant in Chicopee. It was attended by nearly 50 members and guests. DJ Bruce Marshall provided music, a buffet dinner was served and a host of door prizes were raffled. A good time was had by all. Thank you to those who worked on the Committee and all who donated gifts for the raffle. Also a big thank you to the staff and kitchen at the Cavalier. Another great job! If you did not make it this year plan on next year as the party is already scheduled for December 8, 2018.

### **Cruises and Events 2018;**

We are busy scheduling activities for 2018. Many of our favorites will be repeated and some new ones will be added. A draft Calendar should issue sometime in January. We welcome your suggestions. In the meantime we are considering social events for the Club during the Winter. Suggestions include 1) dinner, 2) bowling, 3) playing pool. Please let me know your interest in participating. Drop me an email with your choices 1, 2, and/or 3, and when you would want it to happen; weeknight, weekend night, weekend day, anytime.

One great event being considered is the Fireplace Feast at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield. These Feasts are held on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons January thru April.

Joyce and I have been before and it is a great time. Info is available at [www.salemcrossinn.com](http://www.salemcrossinn.com)

I suggest a date in January or February. Please let me know your interest as these Feasts fill up fast.

**Thank You and Happy New Year!**



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Club Priority Events for:  
January 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <small>Martin Luther King Day</small>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11



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## Coming Events

**BALISE**

with the Corvette Club of Western MA presents

*all 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Corvette show*

to benefit the **National Federation Of The Blind** and **The Soldiers' Home in Holyoke**  
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**Saturday**  
**5/19/18**  
10 am-2 pm  
Rain Date: 5/20

**\$10**  
Registration Fee

**QUESTIONS?**  
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## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Space is limited to 100 show cars

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Corvette Club of Western MA, Inc.  
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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 Certificate** from Balise Chevrolet to spend at Balise.



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We are already thinking about 2018. Do you have any suggestions for a cruise, destination, or an event? Get your suggestions into Ken before the end of the year so we can start planning next years events!

Hey it's the beginning of a new year and we have OVER 200 members. Yes, 200 members!!  
Our 3<sup>rd</sup>. annual All Corvette Show now has a \$10.00 registration fee. Pre-registrations are coming in. Get yours in early.

Please drive safe over the Holidays and watch out for the other person.

Happy New Year To ALL

See you in the Spring!

Over & Out

*Rene*



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- Our Charities
  - Holyoke Soldiers Home
  - Springfield Federation Of The Blind
  - Donate Life New England
  - Cystinosis Foundation

### Corvette Club of Western MA and Jenn Loglisci Fundraise for CRN

**By Jenn Loglisci**

The Corvette Club of Western Mass., Inc. got together with me on Saturday September 16th, 2017 at Cindy's Drive In in Granby, MA to raise money and awareness for the Cystinosis Research Network. Corvette Club members from all over Western MA attended. Prior to the event flyers were placed around Western MA and information was shared on social media. Visitors of this event enjoyed food from Cindy's while looking at all the cars. I set up a table with pamphlets, the cystinosis comic books, the 2016 art calendar and past CRN newsletters. People were very interested in hearing about cystinosis, a disease they never heard of from a person living with the disease. The weather was beautiful and the DJ set the classic car mood with 50's music while sporadically announcing the purpose for the event. A raffle table was set up with prizes to a corvette dealership, car cleaning product basket, health therapy bags, gift cards and much more.

We have already booked the event again for August 18th, 2018 at the same location.

This event would not have been possible without the president of the club, my Uncle Rene Lajeunesse who helped me put this event together.




Volunteer Glen Wiley was awarded a Donate Life Outstanding Volunteer Certificate for his work with the East Hampton, MA RMV as an Ambassador and the programs he provides throughout the year with the Corvette Club of Western Massachusetts. Thank you Glen for sharing your story to encourage others to register as donors.





# December 2017 CCWM Newsletter



## TECH TALK:

( WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR SUGGESTIONS OR ARTICLES FOR PUBLISHING FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP.)

- The length of time that your Corvette sits is what really matters. Three months requires very little winterizing. Filling the fuel tank and keeping the battery charged is the extent of preparation. Planning on longer term storage? Use these guidelines:
- **PAINT:** If your Corvette is going to sit for four or more months without activity, the car should be washed to safeguard against any environmental fallout like tree sap, dead bugs etc. Some of the fallout may be acidic and damage the paint or clearcoat permanently.
- **TIRES & WHEELS:** Scrub the tires to remove any built up oxidation and apply a tire dressing once they are dried. Clean your wheels in a similar fashion to paint as brake dust, when left on wheels for extended periods, can permanently damage the wheel surface. Remember to use a clearcoat specific cleaner if your wheels are clear coated. While on the subject of tires, don't worry about flat spotting unless you have bias plies. There has been significant strides in tire composition and technology, and any flat spotting that does occur on radials will be eliminated with a nice 30 minute drive in the springtime. It is OK to keep your tires inflated to the correct pressure, and overinflating is preferred by some to reduce the tire's pliability. Just be sure to correct the pressure in the spring.
- **INTERIOR:** To prevent moisture buildup and possible mold formation, Use a desiccant like a box of Baking soda in the footwells and rear cargo areas. If desired, use silicone spray on weather stripping to keep it from bonding with other surfaces over the winter.
- **FUEL TANK:** The fuel tank should be filled to the top with winter fuel (available after October 1) and fuel stabilizer should be added.
- **BATTERY:** The battery should be kept charged throughout the entire time your Corvette is stored whether it's winter or summer. Simply connect a Battery Tender to your battery and it maintains the battery charge without any damage or concerns about overcharging or overheating your battery.
- **FLUIDS:** Make sure to top off all fluids including coolant, brake fluid, clutch and transmission, oil and fuel. Always change your oil and filter before placing a car in long-term storage as well.
- **RODENTS:** Any part of a city, suburb or rural area is open to rodent problems, and they can wreak havoc on a Corvette, particularly the plug wires. Certain brands of plug wires (including GM) consist of a vegetable based outer shell which is very appetizing to varmints. To keep them looking elsewhere for their next meal, place cotton balls with a few drops peppermint oil on them in the engine area. Just don't forget to remove them before starting the car. Regarding tail pipes, place face cloths over each and wrap rubber bands around them.
- **CAR COVERS:** Indoors or outdoors, we recommend covering a car when it will be stored for more than a few months. The type of cover you select should be based on where the car will be stored. A weatherproof cover is a solid choice for indoors or outdoors, but a cotton cover will suffice for indoor-only storage.
- **STARTING THE CAR IN WINTER:** We recommend starting your Corvette once a month throughout the winter if possible. This will help circulate the oil rather than letting it sit in the oil pan all winter, exposing cylinder walls and moving parts to possible corrosion.
- This will help keep your favorite toy in great shape for next Spring!

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*Happy New Year 2018!*



**NEW 2017  
Z06 2LZ COUPE**

### Balise Chevrolet Price

**\$81,500**

+ tax, title, reg, \$398 doc & title prep

MSRP: \$97,500  
stock# C45850

- 6.2L supercharged V8 DI engine
- 7-speed manual transmission
- Torch Red
- Jet Black leather seating surfaces w/sueded microfiber inserts

**Additional Options:** 2LZ Preferred Equipment Group, Visible Carbon Fiber Ground Effects Package, Exposed Carbon Fiber Spoiler, Removable Visible Carbon Fiber Roof Panel w/Body-Color Surround, Exposed Carbon Fiber Weave Hood Insert, Performance Data and Video Recorder, Z06 Black Aluminum Wheels