



March 2020 CCWM Newsvetter



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Quick Notes
Club Meeting – April 1st

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President: Rene Lajeunesse
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Secretary: Sheri Anderson
Membership Dir: John Pajak

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Presidents Message:

Hello Club Members and Others:

Our next meeting is Wednesday March 4th. @ K Of C on Granby Rd. Chicopee @ 6:30 PM

Hope to see everyone there, less the snow-birds!
Hard to believe March is here.

It will not be long before our 5th. Annual All Corvette Show will be here. We have a busy year ahead and Rose and I are looking forward too many enjoyable events with everyone.

So, stay healthy, let's get through these next few winter months and get ready to start ripping off the Car Covers, Battery Tenders, and all other added articles we use to make sure our vettes are safe for the winter and get those engines revving soon.





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KEN'S CORNER!

Winter Events:

January 19 – An afternoon of pool at Frankie B's Billiards followed by dinner at the Route 20 Bar & Grille, both in Wilbraham. Organized by Steve and Mary Pajak. **Fun and Done!**

February 9 – Sunday afternoon bowling at Shaker Bowl followed by dinner at the Pizza Shoppe, both in East Longmeadow. Organized by Sheri and Guido. **Fun and done!**

March 8 – Fireplace Feast at Salem Cross Inn from 12:30 to 4:00 on Sunday afternoon. Organized by Ken Lamontagne and Richard Santoro. **This event is sold out. We have 24 members signed up.**

Winter is coming to an end and we will be springing ahead into daylight savings time on March 8. Our 2020 Club calendar is ready and we will have our Corvettes out soon.

2020 Club events Calendar:

All events through June have been finalized and are posted on our website calendar. Others will be posted as they are firmed up. As always your suggestions and comments are welcome.

New additions include Paul Koerner's C 8 seminar at Key Chevrolet on April 5, a Cruise Night at the Springfield Veterans Center on May 19, a cruise to the American Heritage Museum on May 23, and our Corvettes on Display at the Rockridge Retirement Home on June 16. More information on events and sign-up sheets for our May events will be available at our March Club meeting.

The calendar is attached.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 PM in the lower big hall at the K of C on Granby Road in Chicopee. We look forward to seeing you.





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CCWM Club-Sponsored Events Proposed for 2020

yellow = new

Mar 08 – Sunday afternoon Fireplace Feast @ Salem Cross Inn. Ken / Richard

April 5 – C-8 Seminar by Paul Koerner at Key Chevrolet Middletown, CT – Richard

May 16 – All-Corvette Show at Balise Chevrolet 10-2 PM. Rene

May 19 – Cruise night @ Friends of the Springfield Veterans Center in West Springfield – *Rene*

May 23 – Cruise to American Heritage Museum Hudson, MA 10 am – 1pm plus lunch – Ken

May 25 – Memorial Day Parade in Ludlow. Stan

May 29 – May 31 – VOCM Corvette weekend in Bar Harbor, ME (VOCM - Vettes of Coastal Maine)

June 7 – Club Cruise to NCRS Corvette Day at Larz Anderson Museum Brookline, MA 9 AM-2 PM Tom

June 14 – All Corvette Show at Ozzie's Restaurant Hinsdale, MA, Corvettes of Berkshire CC Ken

June 16 – Corvettes on Display at Rockridge Retirement Home in Northampton 5:30 – 7:30 PM Rene

June 20 – CCWM sponsored 3 Charity Car Show at K of C. Rene

June 25 – Corvette Night at Moose Club. John

July 4 – East Longmeadow Independence Day Parade ?? Stan

July 12– Annual Corvette Show & Swap Meet at Moroso Performance, Guilford, CT by Club Corvette of CT –Ken

July 18 – Corvettes on Display at Dale Frank Financial Group Client Picnic, Young Men's Club in Hadley, 11-4 Ken

July 19 – Cars and Coffee at Kringle Candle Bernardston. – *Richard*

July 19 – Breakfast and Corvettes on Display at Masonic Home, East Longmeadow. Janis

July 26 – Club picnic @ Ludlow Elks 11 AM – 4 PM Sheri

August 01 – Cruise to Isle Brewers Guild in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. – Greg & Jill Lombardi

August 16 – Buttery Brook Car Show Ken (Steve)

August 18 – Cruise Night @ Friends of the Springfield Veterans Center in West Springfield - *Rene*



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August 20-23 – Corvettes at Carlisle

September 6 – Nomads Classic Car Show, South Windsor, CTMCC. Ken/ Richard

September 12- CCWM Car Show at Holyoke Soldiers Home. Steve

September 13 – Club Cruise to Jets & Vettes at New England Air Museum. Richard

September 26 – Car Show at St Martha's Church Enfield CT. 9-2PM. Dumonts

September 27 – Vettes to Vets Bedford, MA. Ken

October 3? - Corvettes on Display at Big E. Steve

October 18 – Club Foliage Cruise to VT/NH. Frank Cowdry / Dave Coutu

October 23-25 – Ogunquitfest- Halloween fest, car show, craft show and attractions in Ogunquit, ME. Sheri / John

November 01 – Cruise to? Sheri/John

November 7 – Corvettes and Coffee @ Balise GMC from 10-noon Rene

November 11- West Springfield Veterans Day Parade. Stan

December 12 – Club Christmas Party at Tony and Penny's from 6:30 PM to midnight - Kara/Sean

Other possibilities:

Gillette Castle in CT.

Brunch @ Old Sturbridge Village - Aug 9 or Oct 11. Richard

Corvette Day at Lyme Rock Park – Phil

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Sheri's Scoop

Hi Everyone!

Winter is coming to an end as quickly as it came! I know some have had their cars out with the warmer weather. We sure have been lucky. I hope I don't jinx myself. Just a reminder to everyone the new law hands free is in effect.

On a somber note, I was informed that one of our members, Ray Langevin passed on February 20th. Ray was also a member of the Old Farts Club. Ray owned a Gold 1969 C2. RIP to our friend Ray.

I want to take a moment to reflect on a Facebook post from Jeannine Santoro that all members should know about. In the process of chasing a kidnapping suspect's car, Correa and Disley's car got pretty beat up. Balise Auto Group stepped in and not only repaired their car but did a total restoration. Balise sponsors our club and we should be proud. Thank you to Balise for all that you do for our club and the community. Thank you to Jeannine for your recognition of this great deed.

A huge thanks to Guido for organizing our annual Bowling Event in February. We had a nice turnout. We filled six lanes at Shaker Bowl and we had dinner at the Pizza Shoppe afterwards. It was a fun afternoon. Thank you Guido. Good job. At next week's meeting we will see if anyone is interested to do repeat it again at the end of April.

As you will see in John's Membership Update, he and I will once again lead the trip in October for Ogunquitfest! We had a great weekend last year.

I did send out an email but I will once again ask if anyone is a member of the Ludlow Elks to reach out to me. They have a new banquet manager and it seems the costs have increased, along with the charge of the pavilion. I will once again organize the Summer picnic. I will send around a signup sheet or email to everyone once I have everything finalized.

Until next week. Be well and Peace out.

Sheri





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JOHN'S MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Currently we have 173 members (98 primary, 72 associate, 3 honorary) with 117 Corvettes.

Membership Badges are available for purchase at \$10 each. Orders will be taken at Club meetings. Payment must be made in advance.

Maintaining Club membership is easy you have to own a Corvette and attend 6 Club events during the year. All club events including meetings count toward your 6. As previously mentioned in the January Newsvetter this year we will be introducing new Top Ten participation awards! We have an action filled calendar of events coming so watch your email and check the website. Sign up early, we have several members who already attended both of our winter social events.

Sheri and I will be running the fall trip to Ogunquit Maine again this year for the annual Fall Ogunquitfest. The dates are Friday October 23 to Sunday October 25. A sign up sheet will be available at the March meeting.

Weekend Events include:

- Shopping in Kittery
- Lighthouses
- Halloween Themed Events all weekend
- Lunch on Friday
- Antique & Classic Car Show and Craft Show on Saturday
- Wine Tasting
- Wagon Rides
- Marginal Way
- Ogunquit Beach
- Dinner Friday and Saturday at TBD
- Lodging at Juniper Hill Inn





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Club Events for:

MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Club Meeting	5	6	7
8 Fireplace Feast Salem Cross	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Counts towards your 6!



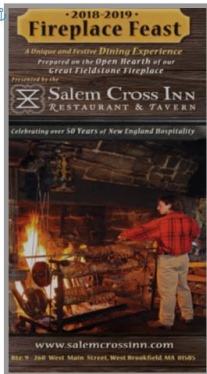
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Coming Events



Corvette Club of Western MA

Invites you to this special event on Sunday afternoon March 8, 2020.

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 \$63.00 pp.

Arrival 12:30 PM dinner 2:00 PM.

Make your reservations directly by calling the Salem Cross Inn at 508-867-2345 Tuesday thru Friday from 10 AM to 3 PM or on line at www.salemcrossinn.com.

Tell them you want to be seated with the Lamontagne group on March 8, 2020. Pay by credit card, give them your email address and the tickets will be sent to you. Please let Ken know once you are reserved so I can add you to my list.

Questions: Ken Lamontagne at jalkal@verizon.net or

Richard Santoro at Richard_A_Santoro@sbcglobal.net



Cruise

Night

Tuesday

May 19th & Aug 18th

5:00pm-8:00pm

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Rain date to be determined

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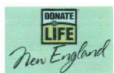
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Funds to benefit:

Donate Life New England

Friends of the Springfield Vet Center

Cystinosis Research Network



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Town of Ludlow

Memorial Day Parade May 25, 2020



CCWM Corvettes in Parade

Meet @ 8 AM Winsor St / Worcester St near Lusitano Stadium to take our position in the Parade lineup.

Any open passenger seats may be asked to accommodate a veteran for a ride-along to the Memorial site in front of the library.

We are seeking volunteers to carry our Club banner.

Contact: stansai@rocketmail.com



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SATURDAY
May 16th, 2020
10 am - 2 pm

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Space is limited to 100 show cars

Mail with \$10 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 Certificate** from Balise Chevrolet to spend at Balise.

CCWM Cruise to the American Heritage Museum / Collings Foundation

Hudson, MA on Saturday, May 23, 2020 from 10 AM to 1 PM.

The AHM is a rare collection of exhibits using authentic military vehicles and audiovisual aids covering major conflicts from the revolutionary war to the present. Major battles of WW II, Korea, Viet Nam and the middle east are realistically depicted. On our visit we will also be viewing the car barn and the aircraft hangar. Cars from the early 1900s will be on display along with aircraft from WW II, Korea and Viet Nam.

You can learn more at www.americanheritagemuseum.org and www.collingsfoundation.org.

Admission for the 3 museums is \$25 for adults, \$23 for seniors and less for children. This includes segregated parking for our Corvettes.

Please consider joining in as this is a rare opportunity to view all 3 facilities at once.



We will stop at a pub nearby for lunch.

American Heritage Museum / Collings foundation





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Please observe a moment of silence for our departed members and please say a prayer for our members in need. I know a couple members that are having a difficult time and I wish them the best and hope that everything works out ok for them.

If you or a member has a Birthday / Anniversary another life event of import let Janis know.

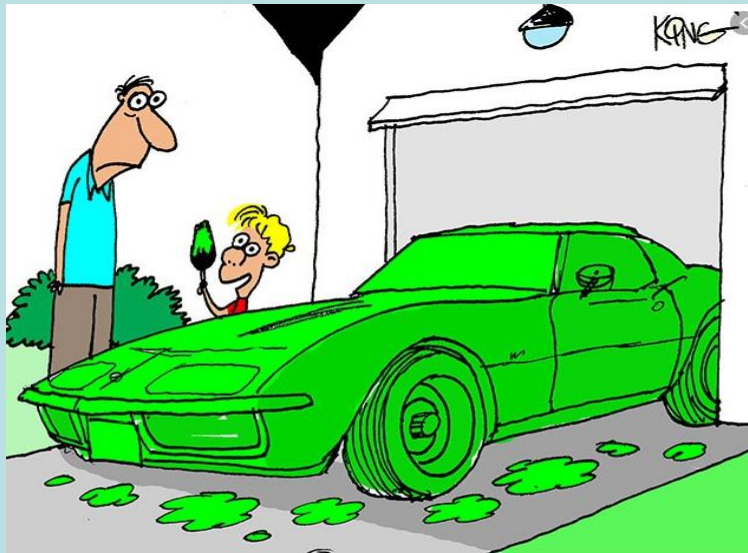
If you have a suggestion for a new event, let us know. I have a question for the members:

What would you like to see happen in our club?

If you have any suggestions, send me an e-mail so I can pass it along to the board members.

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

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



"In honor of St. Patrick's Day, I painted your car green. I knew it would leave you speechless, dad."

In Closing:

I keep looking at my car covered in the garage. I know I can't wait for spring to arrive to take it out. Remember to put that 10mm socket and wrench away where it belongs.

Next time you need it you will have it!

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
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Cystinosis Foundation

The Cystinosis Research Network's vision is the discovery of improved treatments and ultimately a cure for cystinosis. The Cystinosis Research Network (CRN) is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to advocating and providing financial support for research, providing family assistance and educating the public and medical communities about cystinosis. We are a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, Federal Tax ID 04-3323789.

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Lake Forest, IL 60045 USA Toll Free: 866-276-3669

Email: info@cystinosis.org

Springfield Federation Of The Blind

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