



Corvette Club of Vermont Annual Events



The Corvette Club of Vermont proudly sponsors many member activities throughout the year. The following offers a brief description of many of our annual events.

Parade of Vettes

This is the main event of our summer. The Corvette Club of Vermont, in conjunction with Lakes Region Corvettes out of the Lake Winnepesaukee, NH area, take turns sponsoring a weekend event that includes plenty of driving, eating, and laughing. This event always takes place the first weekend in June and numbers as many as 40 Corvettes. Not bad for two states as small as Vermont and New Hampshire. We tend to find a place off the beaten path and enjoy a weekend away from it all. In years past we have staged out of areas such as Jay Peak, VT; Loon Mountain, NH; and the Adirondack Region of NY. One requirement of our destination is plenty of curvy roads for good driving! The event starts on Friday, usually around lunchtime, and ends after lunch on Sunday. Most people end the weekend a couple of pounds heavier than they began because of all the great food. We include driving, games, and social activities, as well as time to unwind and relax. Prizes are given out during games and fun is had by all. Past games have included card games such as Hi-Low, Wheel of Fortune type games, trivia games, and even a high stakes auction where a picnic basket was once sold for "hundreds of thousands of dollars"!!!

Parade of Vettes is quite a spectacle when you imagine 40 Corvettes driving in parade fashion through the rolling countryside of the Northeast. It's always a pleasure to see people stop and stare. The event has grown many a-~~friendship~~ friendship between the sister clubs in VT and NH. We look forward to this weekend with much anticipation every year and registration always sells out. The biggest challenge is outdoing ourselves year after year.

Registration is limited to current members of the Corvette Club of VT and Lakes Region Corvettes. If you're not a member, please join, and if you live outside of VT or NH, what are you waiting for, its time to move!

Corvette Raffle

Another of our main events is the Corvette Raffle. Every year for over 30 years, the Corvette Club of Vermont has sponsored a raffle in which a brand new Corvette is the prize. Only 100 tickets are sold, so the odds of winning are truly spectacular. The tickets sell out every year and there is a waiting list. You can see why... The evening begins with a steak dinner. The end of dinner is signified by the distribution of chocolate éclairs! Immediately following the dinner is the raffle. One hundred numbered balls are thrown into a sock, and one by one they are pulled out and eliminated. If you're unfortunate enough to be pulled out early, the best you can hope for is to win one of our monetary prizes throughout the raffle. Those ticket holders who remain in the top ten buckle down for an exciting race across the finish line! The top five ticket holders are asked to come stand front and center and they are painfully eliminated one... by... one...! The tension runs high and most break a sweat at this point if still in the game. The game culminates with one lucky winner taking home a brand new Corvette!

Cody Night

In conjunction with the Corvette Raffle is Cody Night. Two weeks before the Raffle, the sponsoring dealership invites the Club to come to the dealership to view the raffle car. They provide hotdogs and chips, as well as cold soda. They open up their dealership and welcome us with open arms. So why is it called Cody Night? The name of the sponsoring dealership is Cody Chevrolet Cadillac in Montpelier, VT, and if it wasn't for their partnership, we would not be able to make this event happen. Please visit Cody Chevrolet's website at www.codychevrolet.com.

Fourth of July

Every year on the 4th of July, two of our members, Jack and Carol, invite us to their home in Randolph, VT to partake in their hometown Fourth of July parade, followed by a scrumptious BBQ. One of the highlights of this small town parade is the showing of Corvettes who participate in the parade. An additional highlight is the Corvette Marshall who leads the way for the Corvettes along the parade route in our very own Corvette go kart! This car is a hit with children and adults alike. Jack and Carol's home is on the parade route, so those that choose to watch the parade from the sidelines get a front row view of our friends who joined the parade. Luck has been on our side the past few years and the Vermont weather has cooperated. After the parade, we enjoy a leisurely afternoon enjoying Jack and Carol's home and the company of our friends.

Progressive Dinner

What is this event all about, you may be asking yourself... Well that would be an excellent question. According to www.dictionary.com, there are no less than 11 definitions for progressive. In the case of this event, it is best described as "going forward or onward; passing successively from one member of a series to the next; proceeding step by step." And of course each step is characterized by FOOD! This event is typically hosted by various members of the Club, but we have also had each course catered. Traditionally, we begin the journey at a member's home enjoying appetizers. You would think we would have learned by now not to eat too many appetizers because it spoils our dinner (who knew Mom was right?), but we do it year after year. From the first home, with our bellies already full, we drive to a restaurant for the main course – a full fledged dinner. You would think that would be enough, but oh no... From dinner, we proceed directly to someone else's house for dessert. Do not pass go, do not collect \$100! Hurry, they may run out of whoopie pies!!!! We end the evening having eaten way too much. If you looked closely you'd surely find someone's pants unbuttoned. The Vermont Club likes to eat; we've even coined a term for "Corvette Expand-a-Pants" which are usually needed after a day of eating! Rumor has it, when you first put the pants on, they say "Corvette" on the waistband. By the time dessert is over, the waistband reads "Corvette Club of Vermont"!!! This is one of the most highly attended events of our season and it usually takes place around the end of July or early August. We get the best of both worlds – a pleasant summer drive and lots of food.

Run What You Brung

This event is relatively new in the Corvette Club repertoire, but it has proven to be a hit and is sure to be a mainstay for years to come. This event usually takes place toward the end of July and is held at Silver Lake in Barnard, VT. Silver Lake is a VT State Park and has all the amenities of a State Park, including a lake for water sports. We reserve the pavilion for shelter from the sun or rain (we've had both) and grill up burgers and dogs on the charcoal grill. Everyone brings a dish to share. What makes in Run What You Brung? I was just getting there! Our Club is made of enthusiasts of all kinds. Run What You Brung gives people an opportunity to enjoy another of their automotive hobbies while still enjoying the company of the Corvette Club. The idea is that you drive whatever you'd like! We tend to have a contingent of Harleys, muscle cars, classics, and even some family wagons. We once had a member dare show up with a Viper; her family is still trying to locate her, please don't mention our names!

Miscellaneous

Throughout the summer we also do a variety of day drives on both Saturdays and Sundays. We'll ride for any reason and don't often need much of an excuse. Themes range from foliage rides, poker runs, ice cream runs, etc. We've been known to do everything from go-kart challenges to hiking up fire towers atop mountains. And of course there is the one thing that is present at all rides – food and fun! It wouldn't be a day with the Corvette Club of VT if you didn't eat at last once and later stop for ice cream, all while laughing your heart out.

The winter in Vermont tends to be long and dreadful. We try to get together at least once a month just to keep the home fires burning. In December, we host a pot luck dinner with a Yankee Swap. This is always a fun time, as you never know what is going to be the hot item or two every year. It's amazing to watch grown men fight over cashews! We also host a Holiday Party every year in January. This allows the holiday season to begin unwinding and the New

Year to get started. This also is one of our larger annual events. No Corvettes can be seen aside from the famous picture show that is always on display, but nothing helps get through a Vermont winter like good food and a warm visit with friends. To get us to the driving season, which typically begins in May, we hold a monthly pot luck dinner at someone's home. This allows us to keep in touch as the winter months drag on and build up anticipation for the upcoming season. We do lose a lot of members to the southern states during this time, but they always come back!