



## **2019 CVR Coffee Runs**

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Updated 6/15/19: Added Vanilla Bean run on 6/23/19

Updated 6/25/19: Early Bird Scituate Reservoir run on 7/7/19

Updated 7/28/19: Added runs on 8/11 (2 runs), 8/18 and 9/14

Updated 9/2/19:

1. Added Early Bird Coffee Run – Plainfield, CT to Vanilla Bean run on 10/13
2. Added PCA Driving Tour Standard Briefing

Updated 9/28/19: Added start time for the October 13<sup>th</sup> Early Bird Coffee Run

**Updated 10/26/19:** Rescheduled Kent Falls Coffee Run for 11/2

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### ***PCA Driving Tour Standard Briefing:***

- Safety is paramount. Driving tours are NOT competitive or high speed driving events. Each driver is responsible for operating their own vehicle safely, in all road conditions.
- It is assumed that each participating driver has a current driver's license and automobile liability insurance. PCA also provides liability insurance that covers PCA, the Region, the event organizers and each participant while on the tour. If you intentionally separate yourself from the group, you may not be covered by this insurance.

- Obey speed limits and all other traffic laws.
- The driving directions contain details about the route, rest stops and any safety concerns or areas where the tour may have to slow to maintain safety.
- No passing the tour/group leader(s). They set the pace.
- Pass non-motorized traffic and pedestrians SLOWLY, giving a wide berth.
- Leave a safe distance between cars, generally at least 2-3 seconds behind the car in front, or one car length for every 10MPH/16KPH.
- If you become separated from the group, inform the driving tour/group leader or sweeper and obey all posted speed limits and other traffic laws until you rejoin the group.
- Drive with headlights on to increase visibility to other cars.
- In an emergency, pull over, stop in a safe location, turn on emergency flashers and advise the tour/group sweeper.

*Turn by turn route paper directions will be provided at the driver's meeting. We also will be using a free GPS application that you will be able to access on your smart phone to provide a map display of the routes along with audio directions. You will need to download the app in advance. Details on how to get navigation app and request access to the routes are available on: <http://www.cvrpca.org/ontheroad.php?id=4>*

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Date	Description
4/13	<p><b>Bear Mountain 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Coffee Run by James Ball</b></p> <p><i>Starbucks in Stamford, CT to Table 9 Restaurant, Cortland Manor, NY</i></p> <p>Drivers meeting at 8:30am, on the road at 9am. There will be rest stop about 40 minutes into the drive. Total distance is approximately 70 miles to Bear Mountain and 40 miles back to start. <b>Bear Mountain Bridge toll \$1.50</b> (EZ-Pass too). Bring a GPS if you don't know the area.</p> <p>Our drive will take us to Bear Mountain and through some of the best roads I know and with views to match.</p> <p>Starting point will be at Starbucks, 1089 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905 (address for GPS) (Merritt north or south to exit 35 High Ridge Road, from south bound Merritt, right off exit, 2 traffic lights and left to High Ridge shopping center, from Merritt north bound make a right at light, go 1 lights, left to High Ridge shopping center parking lot.) Coffee, bathrooms, gas within a ½ mile.</p>

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	<p>We will end the tour at Table 9 Restaurant, 92 Roa Hook Rd, Cortland Manor, NY 10567 914-737-4959 opens at 11:30am. For lunch as a group if you are interested, each individual is responsible for paying for their lunch.</p>
6/2	<p><b>The Water Wheel Coffee Run by James Ball</b></p> <p><i>Starbucks in Stamford, CT to Parkway Diner in Stamford, CT</i></p> <p>Drivers meeting at 8:30am, on the road at 9am. There will not be a planned rest stop. Total distance is approximately 70 miles, (1 hour, 45 minutes)</p> <p>Starting point will be at Starbucks, 1089 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905 (address for GPS) (Merritt north or south to exit 35 High Ridge Road, from south bound Merritt, right off exit, 2 traffic lights and left to High Ridge shopping center, from Merritt north bound make a right at light, go 1 lights, left to High Ridge shopping center parking lot.) Coffee, bathrooms, gas within a ½ mile.</p> <p>We will end the tour at The Parkway Diner, 1066 High Ridge Rd 203-321-8606 they will save us a table in the “Back Room” to the right for lunch as a group if you are interested, each individual is responsible for paying for their lunch.</p>
6/23	<p><b>Vanilla Bean Coffee Run by Andrew Anello</b></p> <p><i>Starbucks in Mystic, CT to Vanilla Bean in Pomfret, CT to Salem valley Farms in Salem, CT</i></p> <p>Meet between 8:30 and 9:00 AM for coffee, drivers meeting at 9:00, on the road at 9:15. There will be a rest stop less than an hour into the drive. Distance to Vanilla Bean is about 52 miles; total distance including the return run is about 100 miles.</p> <p>This is a great spring warm up run, winding thru Stonington on Pequot Trail, thru the Pachaug State Forest area on Rte. 49, then following Rte. 169 to Pomfret for a great lunch at the Bean. Return route will wind south on Rtes. 198, 97, 87, and 163, and finish at the Salem Valley Farms for an ice cream dessert.</p> <p>Starting point will be Starbucks, 12 Coogan Blvd #1, Mystic, CT. From I-95, take Exit 90 onto Rte. 27 South, turn left at first light on Coogan Blvd. (towards Mystic Aquarium). In 0.2 miles, turn right on Clara Drive and right into the Starbucks Plaza. Coffee, bathrooms and gas within a 1/4 mile. We will stop for lunch at the Vanilla Bean café in Pomfret, CT, each individual is responsible for paying for their lunch.</p>
7/7	<p><b>Early Bird Scituate Reservoir Coffee Run by Rich Adua</b></p> <p>Starting point will be Starbucks, 12 Coogan Blvd #1, Mystic, CT. From I-95, take Exit 90 onto Rte. 27 South, turn left at first light on Coogan Blvd. (towards Mystic Aquarium). In 0.2 miles, turn right on Clara Drive and right into the Starbucks Plaza. Coffee, bathrooms and gas within a 1/4 mile.</p>

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	<p>This run will start a bit early to beat the traffic. Meet up between 7:00 - 7:30 am, driver's meeting at 7:30 am with departure at 7:45 am.</p> <p>The Early Bird Scituate Reservoir Coffee Run will begin in Mystic, CT, and end in Norwich, CT. We will head North out of Mystic on some very scenic roads, and then East in to Rhode Island. We will circle the Scituate Reservoir, and then head West back into CT.</p> <p>There will be a rest stop at the 61 mile mark. After a short break, will we have about 6 miles on a commercial stretch before we head south onto some more scenic and twisty roads. Final stop will be at McDonald's in Norwich. There is also Mr. Z's right next door if you care for an early lunch on your own.</p> <p>Total drive is 86 miles. Easy access to route 395 at the end of the run for returning North or South.</p>
7/14	<p><b>Westchester Loop Coffee Run by James Ball</b></p> <p><i>Starbucks in Stamford, CT to Outback / Boston Market in Wilton, CT</i></p> <p>Drivers meeting at 8:30am, on the road at 9am. There will be rest stop about 40 minutes into the drive. Total distance is approximately 72 miles.</p> <p>Our drive will take us through Westchester and Fairfield counties, past the Kensico dam and back to CT.</p> <p>Starting point will be at Starbucks, 1089 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905 (address for GPS) (Merritt north or south to exit 35 High Ridge Road, from south bound Merritt, right off exit, 2 traffic lights and left to High Ridge shopping center, from Merritt north bound make a right at light, go 1 lights, left to High Ridge shopping center parking lot.) Coffee, bathrooms, gas within a ½ mile.</p> <p>We will end the tour at Boston Market or Outbacks in Wilton, CT for lunch as a group if you are interested, each individual is responsible for paying for their lunch.</p>
8/3	<p><b>Wind Mill Coffee Run by James Ball</b></p> <p><i>Starbucks in Stamford, CT to 5 Guys in Westport, CT</i></p> <p>Drivers meeting at 8:30am, on the road at 9am. There will be rest stop about an hour into the drive. Total distance is approximately 66 miles.</p> <p>Our drive will take us through West Chester and Fairfield counties where we pass actual wind</p>

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	<p>mills in Armonk, NY. Starting point will be at Starbucks, 1089 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905 (address for GPS) (Merritt north or south to exit 35 High Ridge Road, from south bound Merritt, right off exit, 2 traffic lights and left to High Ridge shopping center, from Merritt north bound make a right at light, go 1 lights, left to High Ridge shopping center parking lot.) Coffee, bathrooms, gas within a ½ mile.</p> <p>We will end the tour at 5 Guys Burgers 534 Post Rd E, Westport, CT for lunch as a group if you are interested, each individual is responsible for paying for their lunch.</p>
8/11	<p><b>Kringle Candle Coffee Run by John Collins and Steve Tougias</b></p> <p>This one is set up nicely for those CVR members in the northern part of our region or of course, any member that would like to attend a great route in the Northern Berkshires. The start and end points are right off major highways so it is quick and easy getting to and home from almost anywhere.</p> <p><b>We start at the Dunkin Donuts at 4 Harding Ave, Ludlow, MA 01056 directly across from the Mass Pike Exit (exit 7 Ludlow).</b> There is also a Starbucks across the street for anyone with a preference. There is also some extra parking right next door where a Friendly's recently closed. We will plan to stage there. <b>Meet at 9:00 am for coffee. Drivers meeting at 9:30 and depart immediately after.</b></p> <p>The roads in this area are twisty, hilly and tight, perfect for you and your Porsche to enjoy on a Sunday morning in August. The mountain views are wonderful. Our route even takes us over an old time wooden covered bridge. We will carve through the northern Berkshire hills and alongside various rivers up into Vermont and back to the end stop at Kringle Candle which is close to route 91.</p> <p>We have a planned rest stop about half way in and will end the run at <a href="#">The Farm Table Restaurant</a>, 219 South St, Bernardston MA 01337 at the Kringle Candle complex in time for lunch if you care to join us. Each party is responsible for paying for their own lunch tab.</p> <p>Total distance is 103 miles.</p>
8/11	<p><b>Early Bird Coffee Run - Madison to Norwich by Rich Adua</b></p>

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	<p>Starting Point is Starbucks, 613 Boston Post Rd, Madison, CT – (Please park in rear of lot for us to remain together as a group).</p> <p>Finish at Dunkin' Donuts, 154 W. Town St, Norwich, CT</p> <p>This run will start a bit early to beat the traffic. Meet up between 7:00 - 7:30 am, driver's meeting at 7:30 am with departure at 7:45 am.</p> <p>The Early Bird Madison to Norwich Coffee Run will begin in Madison, CT, and end in Norwich, CT. We will head North out of Madison on some very scenic roads, and then zig zag East into East Haddam. After a twisty drive at Devil's Hopyard, we will take a rest at Fox Hopyard Golf Course, about halfway into the run.</p> <p>We'll then dip south for a bit into Lyme, CT before chasing some curvy roads into the quiet corner of Connecticut.</p> <p>Total drive is 94 miles. Easy access to route 395 at the end of the run for returning North or South.</p>
8/17	<p><b>Just Because Coffee Run by James Ball</b></p> <p><i>Starbucks in Stamford, CT to 5 Guys in Westport, CT</i></p> <p>Drivers meeting at 8:30am, on the road at 9am. There will be rest stop about an hour into the drive. Total distance is approximately 50 miles.</p> <p>Our drive will take us on a 50ish mile run to get out and drive in Fairfield County.</p> <p>Starting point will be at Starbucks, 1089 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905 (address for GPS) (Merritt north or south to exit 35 High Ridge Road, from south bound Merritt, right off exit, 2 traffic lights and left to High Ridge shopping center, from Merritt north bound make a right at light, go 1 lights, left to High Ridge shopping center parking lot.) Coffee, bathrooms, gas within a ½ mile.</p> <p>We will end the tour at 5 Guys Burgers 534 Post Rd, Westport, CT for lunch as a group if you are interested, each individual is responsible for paying for their lunch.</p>
8/18	<p><b>Tolland County Tour Coffee Run by Andrew Anello</b></p> <p>Meet between 8:30 and 9:00 AM at the Dunkin Donuts at 83 Halls Road (US-1) in Old Lyme, next to the Citizens Bank building for coffee, drivers meeting at 9:00, on the road at 9:15 or so. There will be a rest stop about an hour into the drive. Distance to Lunch is about 78 miles; total distance including the return run is about 124 miles.</p> <p>It's a big North-South run with the northern leg heading up to Coventry on lots of country roads which should make for a great Fall drive with twisty roads and bucolic scenery. Lunch</p>

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	<p>will be at the <b>[Coventry] Lakeview Restaurant &amp; Bar</b> overlooking Coventry Lake. Return to the starting location is via different roads.</p> <p><b><i>New for 2019 is a brief detour to Gillette Castle State Park in East Haddam just before the last short tail run back to the original starting point. Bring your camera for some great vista photos of the Connecticut River, exterior castle &amp; grounds.</i></b></p> <p>Starting and ending point will be Dunkin Donuts at 83 Halls Road (US-1) in Old Lyme, next to the Citizens Bank Building. (Overflow parking available across in the plaza the street) From I-95, take Exit 70 and follow US-1, to Davis Road W, Dunkin Donuts is next to the Citizens Bank. Coffee, bathrooms, and gas within a 1/4 mile.</p>
9/14	<p><b>Northwest Passage Coffee Run by Sean Leahy</b></p> <p>It's all about driving your Porsche.....everything else is just waiting “</p> <p>Well, that's not exactly the Steve McQueen line, but who amongst us has not felt that way at one time or another – even Steve.</p> <p><b>Our point of departure will be Dan Jacob's <u>Hairy Dog Grrrange</u> , 1380 Southford Road, Southbury, CT ( if you plan to attend, kindly RSVP me, <a href="#">Sean Leahy</a>, by Wednesday September 11, so that we have a headcount for AM refreshments, courtesy of HDG. A big Thank-you to Dan!!</b></p> <p>We will convene at 8:30 AM to sign onto our journey. After a brief driver &amp; navigator meeting, we will release our itching Gypsy feet onto the road less traveled.</p> <p>Motoring on a Northwest passage thru the towns of Roxbury, Washington, &amp; Sharon, viewing old white churches, colonial homes, stone walls &amp; farms situated on rolling hills, all the while following Porsche-friendly roads.</p> <p>Our continuing scenic meander will bring us to the Empire State &amp; an invigorating “hill climb”. This may not be “The Hill” in Colorado, but all the same, it will provide some enjoys, and maybe an occasional Yikes!! At this point a pit stop will be in order. We will take a break while still in N.Y. State. Once refueled, we will begin the second leg of our foray. Returning to Connecticut and passing thru the “border towns” of Sharon &amp; Salisbury, we will enjoy the</p>

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	<p>vistas of our background as our trek continues to unfold. As time passes but does not pass away, we will journey to a luncheon destination.</p> <p>Please Note: lunch will be on our own. We will gather in a central location in the Litchfield Commons. Options in the immediate area include: <a href="#">@ The Corner</a>, <a href="#">The Village Restaurant</a>, <a href="#">The Saltwater Grill</a>, <a href="#">Ollie's Pizza</a>, and <a href="#">The West Street Grille</a>.</p> <p>In the event of inclement weather I will reschedule the event. Any questions feel free to email me <a href="#">Sean Leahy</a>.</p>
9/21	<p><b>Zig Zag Coffee Run by James Ball</b></p> <p><i>Starbucks in Stamford, CT to 5 Guys in Stamford, CT</i></p> <p>Drivers meeting at 8:30am, on the road at 9am. There will be rest stop about an hour into the drive. Total distance is approximately 40 miles.</p> <p>Our drive will take us through lower Fairfield County past the mansions of Greenwich, and the back country.</p> <p>Starting point will be at Starbucks, 1089 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905 (address for GPS) (Merritt north or south to exit 35 High Ridge Road, from south bound Merritt, right off exit, 2 traffic lights and left to High Ridge shopping center, from Merritt north bound make a right at light, go 1 lights, left to High Ridge shopping center parking lot.) Coffee, bathrooms, gas within a ½ mile.</p> <p>We will end the tour at 5 Guys Burgers 1221 High Ridge Rd, Stamford, CT 06905 (203) 817-0141 for lunch as a group if you are interested, each individual is responsible for paying for their lunch.</p>
10/13	<p><b>Early Bird Coffee Run – Plainfield, CT to Vanilla Bean by Rich Adua</b></p> <p>Starting Location – Baker's Dozen, 767 Norwich Road, Plainfield, CT</p>



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	<p>Finishing Location – The Vanilla Bean Cafe, 450 Deerfield Road, Pomfret Center, CT</p> <p>Meet at 7:00 am - 7:30 am for coffee and conversation, drivers meeting at 7:30 am, departure at 7:45 am.</p> <p>Early risers will be treated to a route that will take us East into Rhode Island, searching for the perfect twisty road. We'll search out the best roads on the Western side of the state, before we head back into Connecticut towards Putnam and Thompson. We'll briefly touch into Massachusetts before returning South to Pomfret and The Vanilla Bean Café for a late breakfast or an early lunch. This route will include rural routes as well as a large sampling of roads less traveled.</p> <p>Total distance is approximately 125 miles. There will be a rest stop at Dunkin' Donuts approximately 60 miles into the run. Be sure to fill up your tank before the start as there are few opportunities other than at the 60-mile mark. Gas and other food choices less than .5 miles away from the start.</p> <p>This Coffee Run may be subject to change based on Fall weather and would be rescheduled accordingly.</p> <p>Look forward to seeing you at the run.</p>
<p><del>10/27</del> 11/2</p>	<p><b>Kent Falls Coffee Run by James Ball</b></p> <p><i>Starbucks in Stamford, CT to Kent Pasta &amp; Grill in Kent, CT (~92 miles)</i></p> <p>Drivers meeting at 8:30am, on the road at 9am. There will be rest stop about an hour into the drive.</p> <p>Our drive will take us through Northwest Connecticut and Eastern New York</p> <p>Starting point will be at Starbucks, 1089 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905 (address for GPS) (Merritt north or south to exit 35 High Ridge Road, from south bound Merritt, right off exit, 2 traffic lights and left to High Ridge shopping center, from Merritt north bound make a right at light, go 1 lights, left to High Ridge shopping center parking lot.) Coffee, bathrooms, gas within a ½ mile.</p> <p>We will end the tour at Kent Pasta &amp; Grill for lunch as a group if you are interested, each individual is responsible for paying for their lunch.</p>