



Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for December 2025

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Every year at this time when our cars have been put away for a month or more, I have the same reaction when I go to our barn for something: I find myself sighing almost audibly when I see them under cover with battery tenders glowing green in the dim light. With the winter solstice upon us and its promise of lengthening daylight hours, I can't help but think back to cruises and other events of the past year and hope the new year brings just as many good times. I hope to see more of you join our outings in 2026.

Celebrations

December Birthdays

Heather Linnehan
Kevin Crane

January Birthdays

Dick Anderson	Larry Billings
Dave Blanchard	Joe Blanchette
Don Blanchette	Betsy Cabit
John Favour	Carol Dean
Roger Dean	Chris Houmiller
Mike Serota	Barry Shepard



December Anniversaries

Ross & Anne Grant

January Anniversaries

Bethany & Kevin Crane
Roger & Carol Dean
Ruth Brunetti & Bill Fernald

2025 Christmas Party

Twenty-one club members—including four couples who belong to both ARCC and VOCM—attended our annual holiday party on December 14th. Once again, the Sea Dog brew pub in Bangor was a perfect place for our small group. It was just as pleasant as last year and certainly cozier than the Elks. The food was good and reasonably priced. In addition to the camaraderie, the highlight of the party was our annual gift exchange. The most popular gift exchange items were the several gift bags that included a bottle of wine. As the saying goes, “A good time was had by all!” Sadly, however, two long-time member couples couldn't join us because of illness. Doug Lee's recovery from back surgery is going much more slowly than expected and Don Blanchette is still battling the effects of long Covid. Please keep the Lees and Blanchettes in your thoughts this holiday season.



In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!



2026 Events

I'm starting to collect information on regional car shows and other major events for our 2026 calendar. Here's what I have so far. If you know of any, please send me the dates.

- ARCC's mid-winter "Can't Wait for Cruising Season" gathering, sometime in February
- VOCM Bar Harbor weekend, May 28th–31st
- Southwest Harbor Flamingo parade, July 11th
- Millbridge Days parade, July 25th
- Corvettes of Southern New Brunswick, Moon Glow show & poker run, September 26th & 27th, St. John, NB
- NE Corvette clubs gathering, October 23rd–25th, Ogunquit, ME
- VOCM Bar Harbor weekend, tentatively October 23rd–25th

Other Notes

Dan Ladrigan of American Iron Collision Center emailed me last month to remind everyone that they specialize in Corvette repairs and painting. They constructed a new paint facility in 2024 and now offer “show quality paint jobs.” They are on Rt. 1 in Steuben, phone 485-7705. (I wish they’d finished their paint facility earlier... before I went looking for someone to paint Sweet Potato. 😊)



Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News

This first article comes from Corvette Mike's (Anaheim, CA & Carver, MA)

“GM Tightens Corvette Anti-Flipping Rules! It looks like GM is getting tired of watching brand-new Corvettes pop up on the resale market for giant markups, especially the incoming ZR1 and ZR1X, which are already causing a frenzy.

“For years, GM has tried to slow down ‘flippers’ with short retention periods. But now they’ve removed the 6-month rule for most E-Ray and Z06 customers going forward. (Funny enough, many owners never knew the rule existed, as some dealers never had them sign the paperwork!)

“The real punch comes with the 2025–2026 ZR1 and 2026 ZR1X. GM is now putting a full 1-year ownership requirement on these cars. Sell early, and two big things happen:

1. You’re blocked from ordering future high-demand GM models.
2. The car’s warranty gets voided, all of it except the EV battery on the ZR1X.

“And yes... that also means used-car buyers need to check that the first owner kept it a full year, or they might be buying a Corvette with no warranty at all. Will any of this stop flipping? Hard to say. One dealer recently turned down \$333,000 for a 2026 ZR1, so the market clearly still has a mind of its own. As for the 1,250-hp ZR1X hypercar, allocations haven’t even started, so the hype train is still warming up!”

Then there’s this one...

“Gee, honey. I’ve misplaced our Corvette.” Not something you’d ever think possible. But it seems someone might just have said this. (OK, probably not. But it makes for a great intro to this story.) In trolling the internet this month for interesting Corvette stories, I came across one from July on Carscoops.com. It’s title? *“Abandoned ZR1 Covered in Dust Sparks Mystery in Texas Parking Garage.”* Now this is so improbable that the story could be completely fabricated, but maybe not. Speculation about the car ranges from the owner dying to the car having been stolen and dumped, or something in the middle a little less sinister. If you’d like to read the story, go to



<https://www.carscoops.com/2025/07/abandoned-zr1-covered-in-dust-sparks-mystery-in-texas-parking-garage/>.

And finally, from Corvette Mike's...



"Santa received your letter asking for a Corvette. I'm here to interview you to see if you're actually cool enough to drive such a car."



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

See you on the road,

Roger Dean

A handwritten signature in black ink.

ARCC President

There is no meeting planned for January or February. Our next gathering will be a club dinner or lunch, probably in early February. Diane will let us all know the place, date, and time. Check your email regularly to make sure you don't miss it.