



Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for March 2026

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Almost March! Back in the fall, I optimistically picked April 1st as the date to reinstate the insurance on our cars. But considering the cold and snow of the past couple of months, I'm starting to think that April 1st may come and go with our cars still safely tucked in the barn under their winter coats. 😞 But hope springs eternal.

Celebrations

February Birthdays

Scott Allen Mike Arbour
 Meg Smallidge Kristin Blanchette
 Virginia Daries Don Houpp

February Anniversaries

Dave Billings & Sharon Bates



March Birthdays

Sharon Bates Ruth Brunetti
 Ross Grant Chris Houmiller
 Jackie Kelly Doug Lee

March Anniversaries

(none)

2026 Events

I continue to collect information on regional car shows and other major events for our 2026 calendar. Here's what I have so far. The only event added since my last report is the Back to the Beach weekend in Old Orchard Beach. If you know of any, please send me the dates.

- ARCC's hurry-up-spring gathering, sometime in mid-March
- VOVM Bar Harbor weekend, May 28th–31st
- Back to the Beach Corvette Weekend in Old Orchard Beach, June 12-14; info at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2093732044732781>
- 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
- VOVM Bar Harbor weekend, tentatively October 23rd–25th

There's a full list of scheduled Corvette shows in New England at:

<https://www.corvetteforum.com/forums/northeast/4973673-new-england-states-2026-corvette-show-list.html>

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

ARCC's February 2026 Gathering

Thanks again to Activities Director Diane Bossert for finding another excuse for club members to gather during these waning "dark ages" of winter. And with incredible foresight, she scheduled this dinner gathering between two snowstorms! Fifteen of us—Diane, Deans, Miniers, Stackpoles, Lees, Sheas, Ed Dailide, and Kellys & son—met for dinner at ThaiConic in Ellsworth on Sunday, February 14th. The food was great, although I think the 15 of us stretched the kitchen staff to its limit. Nonetheless, we all had a good time and look forward to our next opportunity to share a meal with friends. Right now, Diane is thinking about Crazy Sumo's on the weekend before our first monthly meeting in March. Look for emails with details in early March.



Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News

One of my favorite themes for this section is probably best described as "Is that *really* a Corvette?" I recently ran across a website featuring photos of 14 out of who-knows-how many Corvette spin-offs, from the 1965 Mako Shark II whose lines we still see in the C3 to the "What the hell were they thinking?" 1954 Corvette Nomad. This photo is #3 on the list.

To see all 14 of these "Corvettes," go to <https://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/classics/offbeat-corvette-spin-off-concept-cars-that-still-turn-heads/ss-AA1Cjv7W>.



1963 Corvette Rondine Concept

Horsepower! And here's one for those of you who are into LOTS and LOTS of horsepower: Specialty Vehicle Engineering's 2026 Stage III Yenko/SC® Twin Turbocharged Corvette E-Ray. I found an article on Hemmings.com that describes their reengineered 1,564 HP beast of a Corvette. According to Hemmings, this is a "hybrid monster that produces more power than the legendary Bugatti Chiron.



You can read the full article at:

https://www.hemmings.com/stories/meet-the-yenko-1564-hp-hybrid-corvette-outmuscling-the-bugatti-chiron/?uemlid=f1d7b74e4cba343957fb6e911918fdb65f350d4bdf6fd157905a6183b4f7cbb5&utm_content=other&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EDaily%20Recurring%202026-02-18&utm_term=eDaily%20Newsletter

And finally, on a more traditional note (and I know Christmas has long ago come and gone), the official 2026 Corvette ornament is now available to be ordered from the Corvette Store. Here's the link:

https://corvettestore.com/products/2026-national-corvette-museum-collectors-ornament?mc_cid=80bf311b18&mc_eid=1ba5cdd076.



Dues are Due!

ARCC's fiscal year begins on March 1st and club dues are to be paid at or before our March meeting, now scheduled for March 25th. Annual dues for the entire year are \$17.50/person. If you do not pay your dues by our March meeting, we'll assume you are no longer interested in being a member of ARCC and we will drop you from our list.

Thoughts of Spring



Vettes long put away,
Safe from the rodents and storms.
Waiting for spring. Soon.

See you on the road,

Roger Dean

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Dean'.

ARCC President

***Our first meeting of the year is slated
for March 25th at Pat's Pizza starting at
the usual time of 5:00 pm***