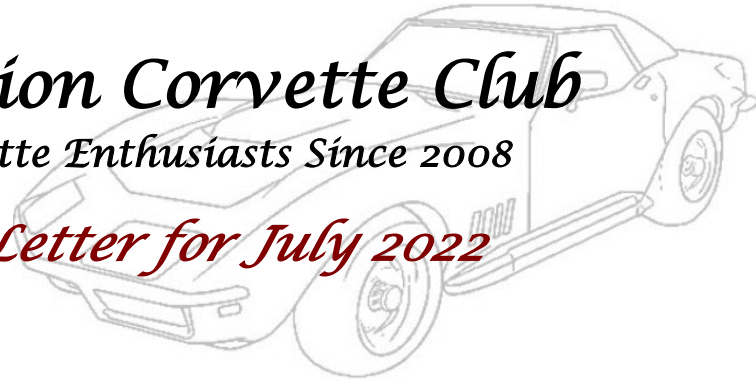




Acadia Region Corvette Club

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President's Letter for July 2022



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ARCC Members & Friends—

As Activities Director Diane Bossert wrote in a recent email, “Suddenly this year has reached warp speed.” And we agree. None of us in the Dean households (including young Cookie) can quite believe that the 4th of July has come and gone! But this realization does provide an opportunity to think about the day cruises we’ve taken so far in both Sweet Potato and Sunshine. Sunshine’s done most of the work; we’ve put about 1300 miles on her so far and another 500 or so on Sweet Potato. I think the ’72 is more fun to drive but it didn’t take Carol long at all to decide that the ’07 is *much* more comfortable for any trip longer than about an hour or so. I hope that all our club members can find time to go out and enjoy the sights in DownEast Maine... in your Corvette!

ARCC Officer Vacancy

As reported at the June meeting, Dave Coomer has had to resign from his position as Vice President and will be moving out of the area sometime around September 1st. Dave has been a valuable member of our club and we shall miss him. Now we need someone to step up and serve the remainder of his term as Vice President. Doug Lee has been leading the effort to recruit candidates and has emailed a number of you with the hope of having someone volunteer. But so far, no one has raised their figurative hand. If you might be interested but find yourself thinking “But I don’t live here full time,” you don’t have to be a full-time resident of DownEast Maine to help lead our club. As Doug said in his first email, “...we’ll be meeting via Zoom for some time so if you’re not right here in the area, you’re as close as the rest of us.” Please consider how you can help our club; I hope that we can get back to a full complement of officers before too long.

ARCC-Embroidered Apparel

As I’ve noted here before, I’ve taken over from Doug Lee as “Mr. Merchandiser” for ARCC-embroidered apparel. But the hand-off has turned out to be a bit more difficult than either of us expected. The major hiccup has been that the sales representative that Doug dealt with is no longer with the company we get our shirts, vests, and jackets from—WS Emerson in Brewer. But

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

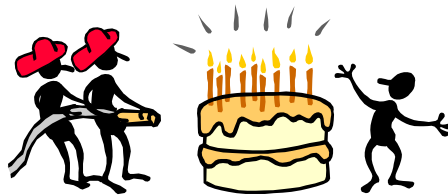
to complicate things, the replacement sales rep is only just learning about our ordering history, which means we are both learning as we go. And to make matters just a bit harder still, judging from their 2022 catalogs I think that some items we've ordered in the past may no longer be available. All is not lost, however. I am still working to get an accurate list of items that are either the same or similar to what we've ordered in the past. I expect to have a better idea of what we can order—with sizes and prices—by the July club meeting.

People & Places — Member Celebrations

July Birthdays

Cindy Blanchette
Martha Hamblen

Judy Somes
Randy Wright



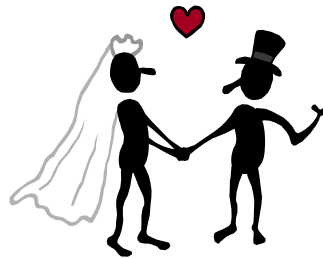
August Birthdays

Sally Howard
Shawn Kelly
Ken Minier
John Somes
Bernie Woody

Eric Judson
John Linnehan
Verronika Slaughter
Les Stackpole

July Anniversaries

Marshall & Kit Dodge
Chris & Robin Houmiller
Don & Phyllis Houp
Rick Gaspar Jr & Verronika Slaughter



August Anniversaries

Shawn & Jackie Kelly
John & Heather Linnehan

Upcoming Activities

Corvettes by the Sea. This event isn't exactly close to us here in DownEast Maine but since it had been on our calendar in the past, it is worth providing this update. The Corvette Club of Rhode Island has changed the date and venue for their club's 50th Anniversary Celebration. It was originally slated for August 13th at the Scallabrini Villa in North Kingston, RI. The new date is August 14th and the car show will be held at the Ocean Tides School in Narragansett, RI. If you want more information, or if you plan to attend, email CCRI's Liliana Dolan at ccofri@gmail.com. She'd like to know who is coming so they can keep clubs together.

Cruise-In at the Eggemoggin Country Store This popular local gathering has returned for 2022. It is held on the third Thursday of the month and the next one is on **July 21st**. ARCC members who want to travel together can gather at Reny's parking lot in Ellsworth in time for a 4:15 departure.

Flamingo Parade. As Activities Director Diane Bossert recently reminded club members, the Southwest Harbor Flamingo Festival parade will be held Saturday July 9th. The parade steps out at 9:30 so we will gather in the lot of the Mount Desert Water Company (78 Seal Cove Road) before 9:00 am. Following the parade, club members are invited to a picnic at the home of Ken and Pat Minier in Southwest Harbor. *Doodle* isn't working these days so please email Diane if you plan to join the group for either or both activities, diane.bossert@gmail.com.

And now that I have your attention, there is one thing we desperately need: *volunteers to carry the ARCC banner* at the front of our contingent. We have one person but absolutely need one more; three more would be better so that one team doesn't have to carry the banner the whole way. We hope one or more of you step up to make this happen. Contact Diane Bossert at diane.bossert@gmail.com to volunteer.

2024 Corvette Caravan. I've been contacted by Bruce Cates, the President of Vettes of Coastal Main, about interest in participating in the 2024 New England Corvette Caravan to the National Corvette Museum's 30th Anniversary. Yes, it's a ways off—August 2024—but planning is well underway now. For those of you who might participate, I have the registration form and other information now but Bruce needs to know before too long who from various regional clubs will participate. There is a limit of 180 cars in the caravan and they currently have 124. If you want to sign up, or if you just want more information, contact Bruce at Catesbru@aol.com, or by phone at (207) 557-9100.

Photo Scavenger Hunt

I suspect that only a few members have taken advantage of the destination ideas presented by the 75 riddles in the photo scavenger hunt package I made available at the start of the cruising season. While I created the hunt mostly for my own amusement, many of the target locations and sites are interesting enough to justify an outing—either in your 'Vette or not. Here's a photo of Sunshine at one of the locations. Can you guess which riddle tells you about this place and what and where it is? (Here's a hint: Set aside most of a day to get there and back.)



Corvette News

World's First V8 Corvette. A June 26th article on the AutoEvolution website described the world's first V8 Corvette coming out of storage for the 2022 *Eyes on Design* car show in Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan (<http://www.eyesondesign.org/carshow>). Written by Ciprian Florea, the article describes this one-of-a-kind car in some detail. One of several prototype cars, this one was designed by Zora-Arkus Duntov and had its own code name. Florea writes, "Known as EX87, this experimental mule started life in 1954, when Chevrolet chief engineer and three-time Indy 500 winner Mauri Rose talked stock car racing legend Smokey Yunick into putting a 265-cubic-inch (4.3-liter) V8 into a Corvette. He also ditched the Powerglide automatic to make room for a close-ratio three-speed manual." After that, Duntov made additional modifications. The prototype underwent still more modifications over the years, changing hands several times until today, where it is now—part of the Lingenfelter Collection (<https://www.thelingenfeltercollection.com/>) in Brighton, Michigan.



You can find the full article and more photos at <https://www.autoevolution.com/news/world-s-first-v8-powered-chevrolet-corvette-comes-out-of-storage-flexes-big-fin-192180.html#>. You can find more about Duntov and his early Corvette concepts at <https://www.autoevolution.com/news/the-story-of-the-chevrolet-corvette-ss-duntov-s-magnesium-bodied-masterpiece-171651.html>.

An "Improvement" for the 2023 Corvette? This can only come from a corporate management listening to bean counters instead of engineers or consumers. A recent report I read in Corvette Mike's *Thundering Thursday* newsletter says that Chevrolet is removing the cylinder lock for the 2023 Corvette's rear hatch and trunk. The report says that in the new models, instead of gaining emergency access through the trunk, owners will have to use one of the other three electronic buttons (driver's side door, key fob, hatch release button) to open the rear hatch. If none of these work, there may be a problem with the latch and the dealer will have to *use a 3-inch hole-saw and drill into the hatch* so that the fasteners holding it closed can be released. (You can subscribe to Mike's newsletter at <https://corvettemike.com/subscribe-to-updates/>.) The July newsletter from the North Shore Corvettes of Massachusetts club also included an article that reported the same news, but also provided a link to the technical data from GM:

<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/docs/2023rearcompartmentlockcylinder.pdf>.

I don't know about anyone else, but this seems like a really short-sighted idea to me!

Final Thoughts... Why We Love Our Cars

I was trolling the web looking for something else (at least that's what I tell people) and came across a post by someone called the *Practical Car Guy*. Here's what he has found as the five top reasons why Corvette lovers say they love their cars.

History... 69 years of production and counting

Open Top... they let the light in

The design... fast, sleek, aggressive

Speed... fast, faster, even faster

Recognition... everyone knows (and likes) what you are driving

I'll admit to four of the five on that list, but my personal list is a bit different, two of my own and three from the Practical Car Guy's list. My #1 reason is **nostalgia** (at least with the '72), #2 is that both our cars are really **fun to drive**, #3 is the **design** (again, especially with the '72), #4 is **recognition**, and #5 is the **open top** that lets you enjoy the wind and sunshine. How about you? What are your reasons for loving your Corvette?

Don't forget: Our club's July meeting is on Wednesday, July 27th over Zoom. It will start at 7:00 pm. Look for an email invitation a few days before the meeting.



Roger Dean
President, ARCC

*If you have photos from an ARCC event—
or any other Corvette-related photos that
you think others in the club would be
interested in seeing—please send them to
me for possible inclusion in a future
President's letter.*