



Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for September 2022



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ARCC Members & Friends—

Talk about some really good summer weather for outdoor activities and events! August, for the most part, lived up to expectations here in Maine. Carol and I decided to follow my advice from last month's letter and took advantage of August's generally good weather to re-explore Washington County with two trips to Calais and Machias and one trip to Alexander and Lubec. On one trip we stopped at a Subway for a sandwich and drove to the riverfront park in Calais for lunch, had a take-out lunch on the estuary in Machias on another trip, and visited the Alexander Art Trail and Monica's (with a snack bar lunch on the way) on the third. There aren't a lot of main roads in Washington County but three of them (Rts 193, 192, and 191) connect Rt 9 (the Airline Road) with Rt.1 and all three pass through some nice country. The Airline Road is a great cruising route: a well-maintained, smooth road and some very pleasant scenery—hard to keep the speed down to the posted limit. Rt 1 between Calais and Whiting is different but equally pleasant. Those two roads have to be some of the smoothest roads in the state... which I know doesn't exactly tell you much given the condition of most state roads!

Another benefit of August's weather was our first in-person club meeting after who-knows-how-many Zoom meetings. The weather was perfect for our August 24th pizza party and monthly meeting at Knowlton Park in Ellsworth. With a start time of 5:00 pm, we were about the only ones in the entire park and so didn't have to fight for space at the pavilion. It was so enjoyable that several members suggested we should really try to find a venue where we could continue to have in-person meetings... without any cost for the space. (Sorry... no photos of this momentous occasion.) Donna Shea suggested Pat's Pizza as they have two function rooms. Thanks to the efforts of both Donna and Diane, we are booked into Pat's for both the September and October meetings, starting at 5:00 pm. The only stipulation for them allowing us to use the room at no charge is that we order food, so come hungry! And we'll try to establish a Zoom connection so that our more distant members can join in. Look for details regarding our September meeting (9/28) in the reminder email I'll send out on about September 23rd.

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

ARCC-Embroidered Apparel

I am still working to settle on a supplier for ARCC-Embroidered Apparel. I reported at the August meeting that I've started a dialog with Logo Motion Embroidery in Brewer. I've met with the owner and believe they will be more responsive than our current supplier and offer the same or similar items at comparable costs. They have created a new digital file of our logo and I expect to have a trial shirt for me before our September club meeting. If all goes well, I'll create another version of our club catalog, hopefully by the time our September meeting rolls around. Stay tuned.

People & Places

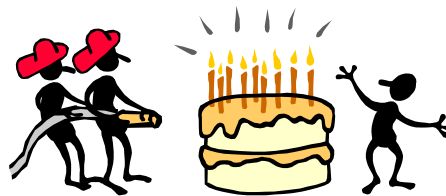
Member Celebrations

September Birthdays

Anne Grant
Shelley Sala
Kathy Wright

October Birthdays

Beth Crane
Ann Lee
Donna Shea
Franny Stackpole

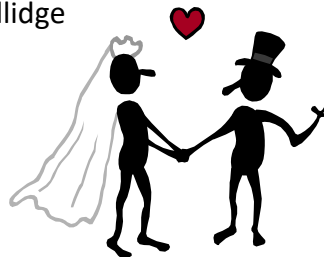


September Anniversaries

Dave Blanchard & Meg Smallidge
Jill & Rick Gaspar, Sr.
Doug & Anne Lee
Les & Franny Stackpole

October Anniversaries

Larry & Jane Billings
John & Donna Shea
Barry & Debbie Shepard



A Helping Hand: As a club we like to make a point of talking about our support of Sarah's House, a support facility for persons undergoing cancer treatment in our part of Maine. But as individuals, club members also support our community on their own, mostly in silence away from the public spotlight. One of our members, Kit Lane (Dodge) is one of these generous people. Kit volunteers for WindowDressers, a Maine nonprofit that makes lightweight, clear custom-measured window inserts in local workshops throughout the state. The objective is to help Mainers curb heating costs. Kit and other volunteers go to people's homes at no charge to measure windows and provide cost estimates for the materials. Homeowners provide the materials, then WindowDressers holds workshops at which homeowners and WindowDresser volunteers assemble the inserts for the homeowner to install. This is a low-cost solution to reducing heating costs for people who need a little extra help staying warm on cold winter days. While this story is summarized from an article in the *Ellsworth American*, it just seems appropriate to give Kit and the other volunteers some additional recognition. (if you think you might want to join Kim and the others in this worthy cause, go to the WindowDressers' website: www.windowdressers.org.)

Upcoming Activities

By the time you read this, the club outing to Timber Tina's Great Maine Lumberjack Show and the September Cars & Coffee at the Seal Cove Auto Museum will both be behind us. Photos from the Lumberjack Show on the club website. But while we are sneaking up on the end of cruising season for 2022, there are still things to do and places to go. The most significant ARCC event this month is our annual **Corvette Autumn** car show on the 16th & 17th. If you haven't registered yet, you can still register for free any time through Friday Night at our *Start Your Engines* party. Registration on the day of the show is only \$5.00 (but we'd really like to know if you are coming sooner than when you show up on Saturday). So polish up your chariot and come out to join us this coming weekend. The show flyer is on our website, www.AcadiaVettes.org. After that, since your car will likely still be clean and polished, consider heading to Ellsworth's Autumn Gold car show on the 24th.

Corvette News

In trolling the internet in search of interesting and unusual news about our favorite sports car, I came across an article about Corvettes and the NASA Apollo Moon Mission astronauts. The article, found on *MotorBiscuit.com* and written by Peter Corn, talks about a recent "barn find" and its link to the early space program. Below is the article summary. For the complete article, go to <https://www.motorbiscuit.com/strange-corvette-barn-find-rescued-field-significant-part-american-history/>.

"Strange Corvette 'Barn' Find Rescued from Field Is a Significant Part of American History. The link between the Chevrolet Corvette and Nasa's Apollo Moon missions can't be ignored. Through a stroke of genius marketing, Chevrolet forever linked the two American icons by leasing Corvettes to astronauts for \$1. Chevy wasn't allowed to give them for free, so this did the trick in connecting Corvettes and space travel in our minds forever. One of these red, white, and blue striped Apollo Corvettes was discovered rotting in a field and is now getting restored. Should we call this barn find a 'field find?' Whatever you want to call it, it is cool, rare, and a deeply significant part of American history."



Et Cetera...

Some club members have taken scavenger hunting to heart and have been diligently working their ways down my list of riddles. The Bosserts seem to have been especially hard at work and think they have identified over 40 of the targets and have sent me about a dozen photographs. A quick glance tells me that almost all are correct. Almost. I also know that the Stackpoles and Woodys have been working to decipher the riddles and identify target and locations. Carol and I have been to about half of them this year. How about you? I'll bet many of you drive by at least a dozen of them in your normal trips around Ellsworth and the surrounding areas. We'll take an accounting at the December holiday party.

Don't forget: Our club's September meeting is on Wednesday, September 28th.

This will be the resumption of regular in-person meetings, but now we will meet at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth starting at 5:00 pm. If something unforeseen happens to upset these plans, our meeting will be via Zoom starting at the usual time of 7:00 pm.

Look for an emailed reminder with final details on the 22nd or 23rd.



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 on the website and in a future President's letter.

Lagniappe...

What do you call a Corvette following a Camaro at high speeds?



Chevy Chase.